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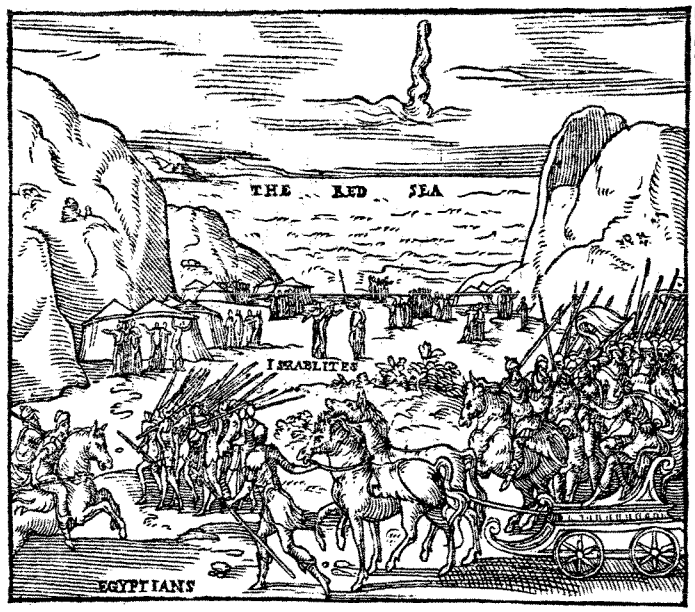
TRANSLATED ACCORding to the Ebrue and Greke, and conferred With the beſt tranſlations in diuers langages.

WITH MOSTE PROFITABLE ANNOTAtions vpon all the Lord places, and other things of great importance as may appeare in the Epiſtle to the Reader.

FEARE YE NOT. STAND STIL, AND BEHOLDE the ſaluacion of the Lord, which he will ſhewe to you this day. Exod. 14, 13.



Great are the troubles of the righteous

But the Lord deliuereth them out of all, Pſal. 34, 19.

THE LORD SHAL FIGHT FOR YOV: THEREFORE holde you your peace, Exod. 14, vers. 14.

AT GENEVA.

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The Geneva Bible was the first Bible taken to America, brought over on the Mayflower… it is the Bible upon which early America and its government was founded (certainly not the King's of England's Bible!) The Geneva Bible was also the first English Bible to break the chapters of scripture into numbered verses, and it was the first true "Study Bible" offering extensive commentary notes in the margins. It was so accurate and popular, that a half-century later, when the King James Bible came out… it retained more than 90% of the exact wording of the Geneva Bible.

Fede my ſhepe.

TO THE MOSTE VER-
TVOVS AND NOBLE QVENE ELI-
ſabet, Quene of England, France, ād Ireland, &c. Your hum ble ſubiects of the Engliſh Churche at Geneua, wiſh grace and peace from God the Father through Chriſt Ieſus our Lord.

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HOW hard a thing it is, and what great impedimentes let, to enterpriſe any worthie act, not only dailie experience ſufficiently ſheweth (moſte noble and vertuous Quene) but alſo that notable prouerbe doeth cōfirme the ſame, which admoniſheth vs, that all thīgs are hard which are faire and excellēt. And what enterpriſe can there be of greater importance, and more acceptable vnto God, or more worthie of ſinguler commendation, then the building of the Lords ‖ Temple, the ‖ houſe of God, the ‖ Church of Chriſt, whereof the ‖ Sonne of God is the head and perfection? 1. Cor. 3.17. 1. Tim. 3.14. Epheſ. 1.22. Ebr. 3.6.

When Zerubbabel went about to builde the material Temple, according to the commandement of the Lord, what difficulties and ſtayes ‖ daily aroſe to hinder his worthy indeuours, ŷ bookes of Ezra & Eſdras playnely witneſſe: how that not only he and the people of God were ſore moleſted with ‖ foreyn aduerſaries, (whereof ſome maliciouſly ‖ warred againſt them, and corrupted the Kings officers: and others craftely practiſed vnder ‖ pretence of religion) but alſo at home with domeſtical enemies, as ‖ falſe Prophetes, ‖ craftie worldlings, faint hearted ſoldiers, and ‖ oppreſſors of their brethren, who aſwel by falſe doctrine and lyes, as by ſubtil counſel, cowardies, and extortion, diſcouraged the hearte s almoſte of all: ſo that the Lords worke was not only interrupted and left of for ‖ a long tyme, but ſcarcely at the length with great labour and danger after a ‖ ſort broght to paſſe. Ezra, 4. 1. Eſdr. 2.16. Ezra 4.7 Ezra 4.2 Nehem. 6.10 Nehem. 6.18 Nehem. 5.1 Ioh. 2.20 Ezra 3.12

Which thing when we weigh aright, and conſider earneſtly how muche greater charge God hath laid vpon you in making you a builder of his ſpiritual Temple. we can not but partely feare, ‖ knowing the crafte and force of Satan our ſpiritual enemie, and the weakenes and vnabilitie of this our nature: and partely be feruent in our prayers toward God that he wolde bring to perfection this noble worke which he hath begon by you: and therefore we indeuour our ſelues by all meanes to ayde, & to beſtowe our whole force vnder your graces ſtādard, whome God hath made as our Zerubbabel for the erecting of this moſte excellent Temple, and to plant and maynteyn his holy worde to the aduancement of his glorie, for your owne honour and ſaluatiō of your ſoule, and for the ſinguler comfort of that great flocke which Chriſt Ieſus the ‖ great ſhepherd hath boght with his ‖ precious blood, and committed vnto your charge to be fed both in body and ſoule. 2. Cor. 2.13 Ebr. 13.20 1. Pet. 1.19

The enemies ẅ labour to ſtay religion.

Conſidering therefore how many enemies there are, which by one meanes or other, as the ‖ aduerſaries of Iudah and Beniamin went about to ſtay the building of that Temple, ſo labour to hinder the courſe of this building (whereof ſome are Papiſtes, who vnder pretence of fauoring Gods worde, traiterouſly ſeke to erect idolatrie and to deſtroy your maieſtie: ſome are worldlings, who as ‖ Demas haue forſake Chriſt for the loue of this worlde: others are ambicious prelats, who as ‖ Amaſiah & ‖ Diotrephes can abide none but them ſelues: and as ‖ Demetrius many practiſe ſedition to maynteyne their errors) we perſuaded our ſelues that there was no way ſo expedient and neceſſarie for the preſeruation of the one, and deſtruction of Ezra 4.1 2. Tim. 4.10 Amos 7.12 3. Iohn 9 Act. 19.24

The neceſſitie of gods worde for ŷ reformīg of religion.

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the other, as to preſent vnto your Maieſtie the holy Scriptures faithfully and playnely tranſlated according to the langages wherein thei were firſt written by the holy Goſt. For the worde of God is an euident token of Gods ‖ loue and our aſſurance of his defence, whereſoeuer it is obediently receyued: it is the trial of the ‖ ſpirits: and as the Prophet ſaieth, ‖ It is as a fyre and hammer to breake the ſtonie heartes of them that reſiſt Gods mercies offred by the preaching of the ſame. Yea it is ‖ ſharper then any two edged ſworde to examine the very thoghtes and to iudge the affections of the heart, and to diſcouer whatſoeuer lyeth hid vnder hypocriſie and wolde be ſecret from the face of God and his Churche. So that this muſt be the firſt fundacion and groundworke, according whereunto the good ſtones of this building muſt be framed, and the euil tried out and reiected.

Iohn 4.23

1. Iohn 4.1
Ier. 23.29

Ebr. 4.12

The groun de of true religion.

Now as he that goeth about to lay a fundacion ſurely, firſt taketh away ſuche impedimentes, as might iuſtely ether hurt, let or difforme the worke: ſo is it neceſſarie that your graces zeale appeare herein, that nether the craftie perſuaſion of man, nether worldly policie, or natural feare diſſuade you to roote out, cut downe and deſtroy theſe wedes and impedimentes which do not only deface your building, but vtterly indeuour, yea & threaten the ruine thereof. For when the noble ‖ Ioſias entrepriſed the like kinde of worke, among other notable and many things he deſtroyed, not only with vtter confuſion the idoles with their appertinances, but alſo burnt (in ſigne of deteſtatiō) the idolatrous prieſts bones vpon their altars, and put to ‖ death the falſe prophetes and ſorcerers, to performe ‖ the wordes of the Lawe of God: and therefore the Lord gaue him good ſucceſſe & bleſſed him wonderfully, ſo long as he made ‖ Gods worde his line and rule to followe, and enterpriſed nothing before he had inquired at the mouth of the Lord.

All impedi mētes muſt be taken away.

2. King. 23.16
2. chro. 34.5
Ioſias zeale and true obediēce to God.
Deu. 13.5
Leu. 20.6
deu. 18.11
2. Chro. 35.22

And if theſe zealous begynnings ſeme dangerous and to brede diſquietnes in your dominions, yet by the ſtorie of King ‖ Aſa it is manifeſt, that the quietnes and ‖ peace of kingdomes ſtandeth in the vtter aboliſhing of idolatrie, and in aduancing of true religion: for in his dayes Iudah lyued in reſt and quietnes for the ſpace of fyue and thirtie yere, til at length he began to be colde in the zeale of the Lord, feared the power of man, impriſoned the Prophet of God, and oppreſſed the people: then the Lord ſent him warres, & at length toke him away by death.

2. Chro. 14.5. & 15.15.
Wherein ſtandeth ȳ quietnes of kingdomes.
2. Chro. 12.8

Wherefore great wiſdome, not worldelie, but heauenly is here requred, which you grace muſt earneſtly craue of the Lord, as did ‖ Salomon, to whome God gaue an vnderſtanding heart to iudge his people aright, and to diſcerne betwene good and bad. For if God for the furniſhing of the olde temple gaue the Spirit of wiſdome & vnderſtanding to them that ſhulde be the workemen thereof, as to ‖ Bezaleel, Aholiab, and ‖ Hiram: how muche more wil he indewe your grace and other godly princes and chefe gouernours with a principal Spirit, that you may procure and commande things neceſſarie for this moſte holy Temple, foreſe and take hede of things that might hinder it, and aboliſh and deſtroy whatſoeuer might impere and ouerthrowe the ſame?

What wiſdome is requiſite for the eſtabliſhing of religion and the meanes to obteyne it.
1. King. 3.9
2. chro. 1.10
Exod. 31.1
1. King. 7.14

Moreouer the maruelous diligence and zeale of Iehoſhaphat, Ioſiah, and Hezekiah are by the ſinguler prouidence of God left as an example to all godly rulers to reforme their countreys and to eſtabliſh the worde of God with all ſpede, leſt the ‖ wrath of the Lord fall vpon them for the neglecting thereof. For theſe excellent Kings did not onely imbrace the worde promptely and ioyfully, but alſo procured earneſtly and commanded the ſame to be taught, preached and maynteyned through all their countreys and dominions, ‖ bynding them and all their ſubiectes bothe great and ſmale with ſolemne proteſtations and couenantes before God to obey the worde, and to walke after the waies of the Lord. Yea and in the daies

Diligence and zeale are neceſſarie to builde it ſpedely.
2. Chro. 34.21
2. Chro. 34.31
A ſolemne othe for ȳ mayntenāce of Gods worde.

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seruyng ‖ As it was enacted that whosoeuer wolde not seke the Lord God of Israel, shulde be slayne, whether he were smale or great, man or woman. And for the establishing hereof and performance of this solemne othe, aswel ‖ Priests as Iudges were appointed and placed through all the cities of Iudah to instruct the people in the true knollage and feare of God, and to minister iustice according to the worde, knowing that, except God by his worde dyd reigne in ‖ the heartes and soules, all mans diligence and indeuors were of none effect: for without this worde we can not discerne betwene iustice, and iniurie, protection and oppression, wisdome and foolishnes, knollage and ignorance, good and euil. Therefore the Lord, who is the chefe gouernour of his Church, willeth that nothing be attempted before we haue inquired thereof at his mouth. For seing he is our God, of duetie we must giue him this preeminence, that of our selues we entrepryse nothing, but that which he hath appointed, who only knoweth all things, and gouerneth them as may best serue to his glorie and our saluation. We oght not therefore to preuent him, or do any thing without his worde, ‖ but assone as he hath reueiled his wil, immediately to put it in execution.

Against the that obeie not Gods worde. *2.Chro.17.7. & 19.5*

What policie must be vsed for the plāting of religiō. *Deut.6.6.& 11.18*

Gods worde must go before, or els we build in vaine.

We must first cōsult with God. *Isa.30.2*

Now as concerning the maner of this building, it is not according to man, nor after the wisdome of the flesh, but of the Spirit, & according to the worde of God, whose ‖ wais are diuers from mans wais. For if it was not lawful for Moses to builde the materiall Tabernacle after any other sorte then God had shewed him by a ‖ patern, nether to prescribe any other ‖ ceremonies & lawes then suche as the Lord had expressly commāded: how can it be lawful to procede in this spiritual building any other waies, then Iesus Christ the Sonne of God, who is bothe the fundacion, head and chief corner stone thereof, hath commanded by his worde? And for asmuche as he hath established and left an order in his Churche for the building vp of his body, ‖ appointing some to be Apostles, some Prophetes, others Euangelistes, some pastors, and teachers, he signifieth that euery one according as he is placed in this body which is the Church, oght to inquire of his ministres concerning the wil of the Lord, which is reueiled in his worde. For thei are, saieth ‖ Ieremiah, as the mouth of the Lord: yea he ‖ promiseth to be with their mouth, & that their ‖ lippes shal kepe knollage, & that the trueth & the law shalbe in their mouth. For it is their office chefely to vnderstand the Scriptures & teache them. For this cause the people of Israel in matters of difficultie vsed to ‖ aske the Lord ether by the ‖ Prophets, or by the meanes of the hie ‖ Priest, who bare Vrim & Thummim, which were tokens of light & knollage, of holines & perfectiō which shulde be in the hie Priest. Therefore when Iehoshaphat toke this order in the Church of Israel, he appointed Amariah to be the chief concerning the worde of God, because he was moste expert in the law of the Lord, and colde gyue coūsel and gouerne according vnto the same. Els there is no degre or office which may haue that autoritie and priuiledge to decise concerning Gods worde, except withall he hath the Spirit of God, and sufficient knollage and iudgement to define according thereunto. And as euery one is indued of God with greater giftes, so oght he to be herein chefely heard, or at least that without the expresse worde none be heard: for he that hathe not the worde, ‖ speaketh not by the mouthe of the Lord. Agayne, what danger it is to do any thing, seme it neuer so godly or necessarie, without consulting with Gods mouth, the examples of the Israelites, ‖ deceiued hereby through the Gibeonites: and of ‖ Saul, whose intention semed good and necessarie: and of ‖ Iosiah also, who for great considerations was moued for the defence of true religion & his people, to fight against Pharaoh Necho King of Egypt, may sufficiently admonish vs.

The maner of building is as God hathe prescribed by his worde. *Isa.55.8 Exod.25.4 act.7.44 ebr.8.5 Deut.5.32 Ephes.4.11*

Of whome we must inquire concerning the wil of the Lord and knollage of his worde. *Ier.15.19 Exod.4.12 Mal 2.7. Iudg.1.1 & 20.1 1.sam.10.22 1.Sam.9.9 2.king 22.13 Exod.28.30*

What is requisite in them that must giue counsel by Gods worde. *Ier.23.16 Iosh.9.14 1.Sam.13.12 2.Chro.35.20*

Last of all (moste gracious Quene) for the aduancement of this building

The setting vp of the building.

and rearing vp of the worke, two things are neceſſarie, Firſt, that we haue a ſyu-
& ſtedfaſt faith in Chriſt Ieſus, who muſt ‖ dwel in our heartes, as the only meane
Epheſ.3.17 and aſſurance of our ſaluation: for he is the ‖ ladder that reacheth from the earth to
Gen.28.12 *ioh.1.15* heauen: he lifteth vp his Churche and ſetteth it in the heauenly places: he maketh
1.Pet.2.5 vs ‖ lyuely ſtones and buildeth vs vpon him ſelfe: he ioyneth vs to him ſelfe as the me
2.Cor.12.12 bres and body to the head: yea he maketh him ſelfe and his Churche one ‖ Chriſt.
The next is, that our faith bring forthe good fruites, ſo that our godly conuerſa-
2.Pet.1.10 tion may ſerue vs as a witnes to ‖ confirme our election, and be an example to all
Epheſ.4.1 others to ‖ walke as apperteyneth to the vocation whereunto thei are called: leſt
Rom.2.12 the worde of God be ‖ euil ſpoken of, and this building be ſtayed to growe vp to a
iuſt height, which cā not be without the great prouocatiō of Gods iuſte vengeance
and diſcouraging of many thouſandes through all the worlde, if thei ſhulde ſe that
our life were not holy and agreable to our profeſsion. For the eyes of all that feare
2.Theſſ.1.7 God in all places beholde your countreyes as an ‖ example to all that beleue, and the
prayers of all the godly at all tymes are directed to God for the preſeruatiō of your
maieſtie. For conſidering Gods wonderful mercies toward you at all ſeaſons, who
2.Tim.3.15 hath pulled you out of the mouthe of the lyons, and how that from your ‖ youth
you haue bene broght vp in the holy Scriptures, the hope of all men is ſo increaſed,
that thei cā not but looke that God ſhulde bring to paſſe ſome wōderful worke by
your grace to the vniuerſal comfort of his Churche. Therefore euen aboue ſtrēgth,
you muſt ſhewe your ſelfe ſtrong and bolde in Gods matters: and thogh Satan lay
all his power and craft together to hurt and hinder the Lordes building: yet be you
aſſured that God wil fight from heauen againſt this great ‖ dragon, the ancient ſer-
Reuel.12.9 pent, which is called the deuil and Satan, til he haue accompliſhed the whole wor-
Epheſ.4.27 ke and made his Churche ‖ glorious to him ſelfe, without ſpot or wrincle. For al-
beit all other kingdomes and monarchies, as the Babylonians, Perſians, Grecians &
Romains haue fallen & taken end: yet the Churche of Chriſt euen vnder the Croſſe
hath from the begynning of the worlde bene victorious, and ſhalbe euerlaſtingly.
Trueth it is, that ſometyme it ſemeth to be ſhadowed with a cloude, or driuen
with a ſtormie perfection, yet ſuddenly the beames of Chriſt the ſunne of iuſtice
ſhine and bring it to light and libertie. If for a tyme it lie couered with aſhes, yet it
is quickely kindeled agayne by the wynde of God's Spirit: thogh it ſeme drowned
in the ſea, or parched and pyned in the wildernes, yet God giueth euer good ſucceſſe.
for he puniſheth the enemies, and deliuereth his, nourriſheth them and ſtil preſerueth
the vnder his wyngs. This Lord of lordes & King of kings who hath euer
defended his, ſtrengthē, cōfort and preſerue your maieſtie, that you may be able to
builde vp the ruines of God's houſe to his glorie, the diſcharge of your conſcience,
and to the comfort of all them that loue the comming of Chriſt Ieſus our Lord.
From Geneua. 10. April. 1560.

THE FIRST BOKE OF

Moſés, called * Geneſis.

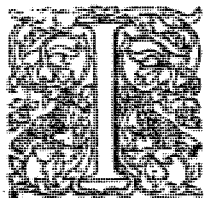
* This worde ſignifieth the beginning and generacion of the creatures.

THE ARGUMENT.

MOSES in effect declareth the things, which are here chefly to be conſidered: Firſt, that the worlde & all thngs therein were created by God, & that man being placed in this great tabernacle of the worlde to beholde Gods wonderful workes, & to praiſe his Name for the infinite graces, wherewith he had endued him, fel willingly from God through diſobedience: who yet for his owne mercies ſake reſtored him to life, & confirmed him in the ſame by his promes of Chriſt to come, by whome he ſhulde ouercome Satan, death and hel. Secondely, that the wicked, vnmindeful of Gods moſte excellent benefites, remained ſtil in their wickednes, & ſo falling moſte horribly from ſinne to ſinne, prouoked God (who by his preachers called them continually to repentance) at length to deſtroye the whole worlde. Thirdly, he aſſureth vs by the examples of Abraham, Iſhak, Iaakob & the reſt of the Patriarkes, that his mercies neuer faile them, wiome he chuſeth to be his Church, and to profeſſe his Name in earth, but in all their afflictions and perſecutions he euer aſſiſteth them, ſendeth comforte, & deliuereth them. And becauſe the beginning, increaſe, preſeruacion and ſucceſſe thereof might be onely attributed to God, Moſés ſheweth by the examples of Kain, Iſhmaél, Eſaú and others, which were noble in mans iudgement, that this Church dependeth not on the eſtimacion and nobilite of the worlde: and alſo by the fewenes of them, which haue at all times worſhiped him purely according to his worde, that it ſtandeth not in the multitude, but in the poore and deſpiſed, in the ſmale flocke and litle nomber, that man in his wiſdome might be confounded, & the Name of God euer more praiſed.

CHAP. I.

1 God created the heauen & the earth, 3 The light & the darkenes, 8 The firmamēt. 9 He ſeparateth the water from the earth 16 He createth the ſunne, the moone, & the ſtarres. 21 He createth the fiſh, birdes, beaſtes. 26 He createth man and giueth him rule ouer all creatures, 29 And prouideth nourriture for man and beaſt.



IN THE a beginning * God created ỹ heauen and the earth.

And the earth was b without forme & voyde, and c darkenes was vpon the depe, & the Spirit of God d moued vpon the waters.

Then God ſaid, *Let there be light: and there was e light.

And God ſawe ỹ light that it was good, and God ſeparated the light from the darkenes.

And God called the light, Day, and the darkenes, he called Night. ‖ So the euenīg and the morning were the firſt day.

¶ Againe God ſaid, *Let there be a" firmament in the middes of the waters: and let it ſeparate the waters from the waters.

Then God made the firmament, & parted the waters, which were f vnder the firmament, from the waters which were *aboue the firmament, and it was ſo.

And God called the firmament, g Heauen. ‖ So the euening and the morning were the ſeconde day.

¶ God ſaid againe, *Let the waters vnder the heauē be gathered into one place, & let the drye land appeare. and it was ſo.

And God called the drye land, Earth, & he called ỹ gathering together of the waters, Seas: & God ſawe that it was good.

Then God ſaid, h Let the earth budde forthe the budde of the herbe, that ſedeth ſede, the fruteful tre, w̄ beareth frute according to his kinde, which *maie haue* his ſede in it ſelf vpon the earth. & it was ſo.

And the earth broght forthe the budde of the herbe, that ſedeth ſede accordīg to his kinde, alſo the tre that yeldeth frute, w̄ hathe his ſede in it ſelfe according to his kinde: & God i ſawe that it was good.

‖ So the euening and the morning were the third daie.

¶ And God ſaid, *Let there be k lightes in the firmament of the heauen, to l ſeparate the daie from the night, & let them be for m ſignes, and for ſeaſons, and for daies and yeres.

And let them be for lightes in the firmament of the heauen to giue light vpō the earth. and it was ſo.

God then made two n great lightes: the greater light o to rule the daie, & the leſſe light to rule ỹ night: he *made* alſo ỹ ſtarres.

And God ſet them in the firmament of the heauen, to ſhine vpon the earth,

And to *rule in the daie, & in the night, and to ſeparate the light from the darkenes: and God ſawe that it was good.

‖ So the euening and the morning were the fourth daie.

Afterwarde God ſaid, Let the waters bring forthe in abundāce *euerie* p creping thing that hathe " life: & let the foule flie vpon the earth in the " open firmament of the heauen.

Then God created the great whales, & euerie thing liuing & mouing, w̄ the q waters broght forthe in abundance, accordīg to their kinde, & euerie fethered foule according to his kinde: & God ſawe that it was good.

a.i.

a First of all, & before that anie creature was, God made heauen and earth of nothing. *Pſal 33.6. & 136.5 eccleſ. 18.1. act. 14,15 & 17.24.*

b As a rude lumpe. & without anie creature in it: for the waters couered all.

c Darkenes couered ỹ depe waters: for as yet ỹ light was not created.

d He maintened this cōfuſe heape by his ſecret power. *Ebr. 11,3.*

e The light was made before either ſunne or moone was created: therefore we muſt not attribute that to ỹ creatures that are Gods inſtruments, w̄ onely apperteineth to God.

‖ The 1. day. *Pſal. 33.6. & 136,5 iere. 10, 12. & 51,15.*

*Or, ſpreading out, & ayre.

f As the ſea & riuers, from thoſe waters that are in the cloudes, which are vpholden by Gods power, leſt they ſhulde ouerwhelme the worlde. *Pſal. 148,4*

g That is, the region of the ayre, and all ỹ is aboue vs.

‖ The 2. day. *Pſal. 33.7. & 89,12:*

h So that we ſe it is the onely power of Gods worde that maketh ỹ earth fruteful, which els naturally is barren.

i This ſentence is ſo oft repeated, to ſignifie ỹ God made all his creatures to ſerue to his glorie, & to the profit of man: but for ſinne thei were acurſed, yet to ỹ elect, by Chriſt they are reſtored & ſerue to their welth.

‖ The 3. day. *Pſal 136,7. deut. 4,19.*

k By ỹ lightes he meaneth ỹ ſunne, the moone and the ſtarres.

l Which is ỹ artificial day, frō the ſunne riſing to the going downe.

m Of things apperteining to natural and political ordres and ſeaſons.

n To wit, the ſunne and the moone: & here he ſpeaketh as man iudgeth by his eye: for els the moone is leſſe thē the planete Saturnus.

o To giue ſufficiēt light, as inſtruments appointed for ỹ ſame, to ſerue to mās vſe. *Iere. 31,35.*

‖ The 4. day.

p As fiſh and wormes which glide, ſwimme or crepe.

"Ebr. the ſoule of life.

"Ebr face of the firmament.

q The fiſh & foules had both one beginning, wherein we ſe that nature giueth place to Gods wil, for as ſhe is made to the one ſorte is made to flie aboue in the ayre, & the other to ſwimme beneth in the water.

22 Then God [r] bleſſed them, ſaying, Bring forthe frute and multiplie, and fil the waters in the ſeas & let the foule multiplie in the earth.

23 ‖So the euening & the morning were the fifte day.

24 ¶Moreouer God ſaid, Let the earth bring forthe the "liuing thing according to his kinde, cattel, & that which crepeth, & the beaſt of the earth, according to his kinde. and it was ſo.

25 And God made ỹ beaſt of the earth according to his kinde, and the cattel according to his kinde, & euerie creping thing of ỹ earth according to his kinde: & God ſawe that it was good.

26 Furthermore God ſaid, [t] Let vs make man in our [t] image according to our likenes, and let them rule ouer the fiſh of the ſea, and ouer the foule of the heauen, and ouer the beaſtes, & ouer all the earth, and ouer euerie thing that crepeth & moueth on the earth.

27 *Thus God created the man in his image: in the image of God created he him: he created them *male and female.

28 And God [u] bleſſed them, and God ſaid to them, *Bring forthe frute and multiplie, and fil the earth, and ſubdue it, and rule ouer the fiſh of the ſea and ouer the foule of the heauen, & ouer euerie beaſt that moueth vpon the earth.

29 And God ſaid, Beholde, I haue giuen vnto you [x] euerie herbe bearig ſede, which is vpon all the earth, & euerie tre, wherein is the frute of a tre bearing ſede: * *that* ſhalbe to you for meat.

30 Likewiſe to euerie beaſt of the earth, and to euerie foule of the heauen, & to euerie thing that moueth vpon the earth, which hathe life in it ſelfe, euerie grene herbe *ſhalbe* for meat. and it was ſo.

31 *And God ſawe all that he had made, & lo, it was very good. ‖So the euening and the morning were the ſixt day.

CHAP. II

God reſteth the ſeuenth day, and ſanctifieth it. 15 He ſetteth man in the garden. 22 He createth the womā. 24 Mariage is ordeined.

1 THus the heauens and the earth were finiſhed, & all the [a] hoſte of them.

2 For in the ſeuenth day God ended his worke which he had made, * & the ſeuenth daye he [b] reſted from all his worke, which he had made.

3 So God bleſſed the ſeuenth day, & [c] ſanctified it, becauſe that in it he had reſted from all his worke, which God had created and made.

4 ¶Theſe are the "generacions of the heauens & of the earth, when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heauens,

5 And euerie [e] plant of the field, before it was in the earth, and euerie herbe of the field, before it grewe: for the Lord God had not cauſed it to [d] raine vpō the earth, nether *was there* a man to til the grounde,

6 But a myſt went vp from the earth, and watred all the earth.

7 ¶The Lord God alſo made the mā [e] of the duſt of the grounde, and breathed in his face breath of life, and the man was a liuing ſoule.

8 And the Lord God plāted a garden Eaſtwarde in [f] Eden, and there he put the man whome he had made.

9 (For out of the grounde made the Lord God to growe euerie tre pleaſant to the ſight, and good for meat: the [g] tre of life alſo in the middes of the garden, [h] and the tre of knowledge of good and of euil.

10 And out of Eden went a riuer to water the garden, and from thence it was deuided, and became into foure heades.

11 The name of one [i] * Piſhón: the ſame compaſſeth the whole land [i] of Hauilāh, where [i] golde.

12 And the golde of that land is good: there [i] is alſo "bdelium, and the onix ſtone.

13 And the name of the ſecōde riuer [i] Gihón: the ſame compaſſeth the whole land of [f] Cuſh.

14 The name alſo of ỹ third riuer [i] [g] Hiddékel: this goeth towarde the Eaſtſide of "Aſſhúr: and the fourth riuer is "Peráth)

15 ¶Then the Lord God toke the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, that he might [k] dreſſe it and kepe it.

16 And the Lord God [l] commanded the man, ſaying, Thou ſhalt eat freely of euerie tre of the garden,

17 But as touching the tre of knowledge of good and euil, thou ſhalt not eat of it: for "whenſoeuer thou eateſt thereof, thou ſhalt dye the [m] death.

18 Alſo the Lord God ſaid, It is not good that the man ſhulde be him ſelfe alone. I wil make him an helpe "mete for him.

19 So the Lord God formed of the earth euerie beaſt of the field, and euerie foule of the heauen, & broght *them* vnto the [n] mā to ſe how he wolde call *thē*: for howſoeuer the man named the liuing creature, ſo was the name thereof.

20 The man therefore gaue names vnto all cattel, and to the foule of the heauen, and to euerie beaſt of the field: but for Adám founde he not an helpe mete for him.

21 ¶Therefore the Lord God cauſed an heauie ſlepe to fall vpon the man. & whiles he ſlept, he toke one of his rybbes and cloſed vp the fleſh in ſteade thereof.

22 And the rybbe which the Lord God had taken from the man, "made he a [o] woman, and broght her to the man.

23 Then

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r That is, by the vertue of his worde he gaue power to his creatures to ingendre.

‖The 5 day.

"Ebr. ſoule of life.

Chap.1.5. & 9.6. 1.cor.11.7 coloſ.3.10.

ſ God comanded the water and the earth, to brīg forthe other creatures: but of man he ſaith, Let vs make: ſignifying ỹ God taketh counſel with his wiſdome & vertue, purpoſing to make an excellent worke aboue all the reſt of his creacion.

t This image and likenes of God in man is expounded Epheſ 4.24: where it is write, ỹ man was created after God in righteouſnes & true holines, meaning by theſe two wordes all perfection, as wiſdome, trueth, innocencie, power, &c.

Wiſdo.2.23. eccleſ.17.1. Matt.19.4.

u The propagacion of man is the bleſsing of God, Pſal. 128.

Chap.8.17. & 9.1.

x Gods great liberalitie to man taketh away all excuſe of his ingratitude.

Chap.9.3. Exod.3.17. eccleſ.39.21. mar.7.37.

‖The 6 day.

a That is, the innumerable abundance of creatures in heauē & earth.

Exod.20.11. & 31.17. ebr.4.4.

b For he had now finiſhed his creacion, but his prouidence ſtil watcheth ouer his creatures, and gouerneth thē.

c Appointed it to be kepe holy, that man might therein conſider ỹ excellencie of his workes & Gods goodnes towards him.

"Or, *the original & beginnīg.*

d God onely openeth the heauens and ſhutteth thē, he ſendeth drought and raine according to his good pleaſure.

e He ſheweth whereof mans bodye was created, to the intent that mā ſhulde not glorie in the excellēcie of his owne nature.

f This was the name of a place, as ſome thike, in Meſopotamia, moſte pleaſant & abundant in all things.

g Which was a ſigne of the life receaued of God.

h That is, of miſerable experiēce, which came by diſobeying God.

Eccle.24.35.

i Which Hauilāh is a cōtrey ioyning to Perſia Eſtwarde & enclineth towarde the Weſt.

"Or, *precious ſtone, or perle.*

Plinie ſayth it is the name of a tre.

"Or, *Ethiopia.*

"Or, *tygris.*

"Or, *Aſſyria.*

"Or, *Euphrates.*

k God wolde not haue man ydle, thogh as yet there was no nede to labour.

l So that man might knowe there was a ſouereigne Lord, to whome he owed obediēce.

"*Ebr. in the day*

m By this death he meaneth the ſeparacion of man frō God, who is our life and chief felicitie: and alſo that our diſobediēce is the cauſe thereof.

"*Ebr. before him.*

n By meaning them to come & ſubmit thē ſelues to Adám.

"*Ebr. hayle.*

o Signifying, that mankinde was perfit, when ỹ womā was created, & before was like an vnperfit buylding.

1 Cor 11,8.

23 Then the man ſaid, * This now is bone of my bones, and fleſh of my fleſh. She ſhalbe called "woman, becauſe ſhe was taken out of man.

"Or, Manner, becauſe ſhe cōmeth of man: for in Ebr Iſh, is man, and Iſhah the woman.

24 *Therefore ſhal man leaue p his father and his mother, and ſhal cleaue to his wife, and they ſhalbe one fleſh.

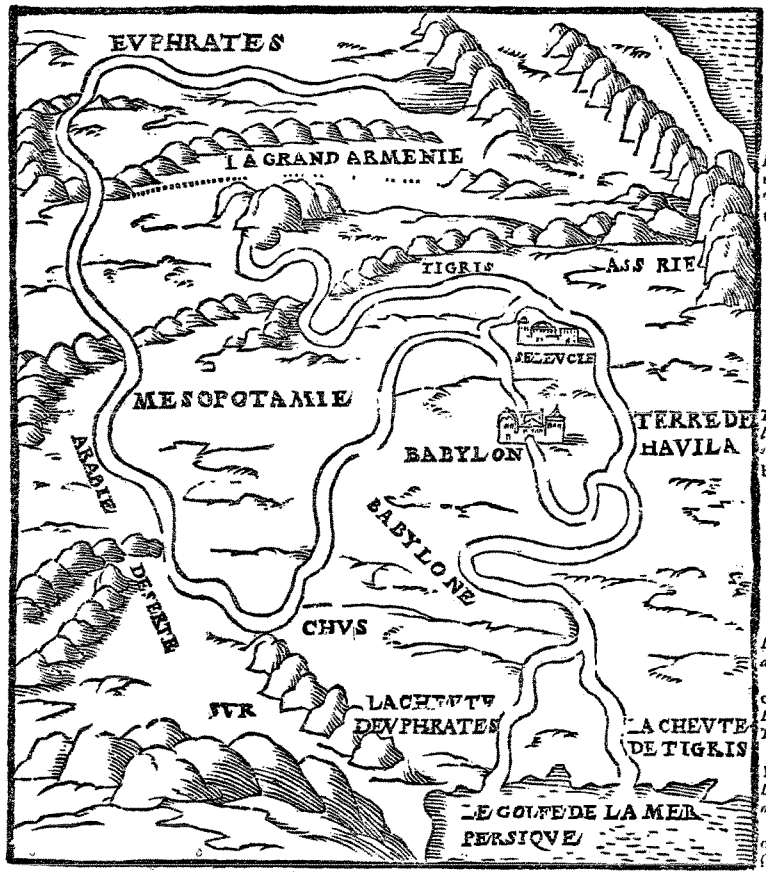
Mat 19,5. mar 10,7. 1 cor 6,16. ephes 5,31

p So that mariage requireth a greater duetie of vs towarde ẽ wiues, thē otherwiſe we are bounde to ſhewe to our parents.

25 And they were bothe naked, the man & his wife, and were not q aſhamed.

q For before ſinne entred, all things were honeſt and comely.

THE SITVACION OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN.



La grand Armenie
'Or, Armenia the great

Terre de Hauilàh
'Or, land of Hauilàh

La cheute d Euphrates.
Or, the fall of Euphrates.

La cheute de Tygris
Or, the fall of Tygris

Le golfe de la mer Perſique
Or, the golfe of the Perſian ſea

Becauſe mencion is made in the tenth verſe of this ſeconde chapter of the riuer that watered the garden, we muſte note that Euphrates and Tygris called in Ebrewe, Perath and Hiddékel, were called but one riuer whē they ioyned together, els they had foure heades: that is, two at their ſprings, & two where they fell into the Perſian ſea. In this countrey and moſte plentiful land Adám dwelt, and this was called Paradiſe: that is, a garden of pleaſure, becauſe of the frutefulnes and abundance thereof. And whereas it is ſaid that Pishón compaſſeth the land of Hauilàh, it is meant of Tygris, which in ſome place, as it paſſed by diuers places, was called by ſundry names, as ſome time Diglito, in other places Paſitygris, & of ſome Phaſin or Tiſhón. Likewiſe Euphrates towarde the countrey of Cuſh or Ethiopia, or Arabia was called Gihon. So that Tygris and Euphrates (which were but two riuers and ſome time when they ioyned together, were called after one name) were according to diuers places called by theſe foure names, ſo that they might ſeme to haue bene foure diuers riuers.

CHAP. III.

The argument.

The womā ſeduced by the ſerpēt, 6 Entiſeth her houſbād to ſinne. 14 They thre are puniſhed. 15 Chriſt is promiſed. 19 Man is duſt. 22 Man is caſt out of paradiſe.

Wiſdo 2,25

NOw *the ſerpent was more a ſubtil 1
then anie beaſt of the field, which ỹ Lord God had made: and he b ſaid to the woman, Yea, hathe God in dede ſaid, Ye ſhal not eat of euerie tre of the garden?

a As Satan cā change him ſelfe into an Angel of light, ſo did he abuſe the wiſdome of the ſerpent to deceaue man

b God ſuffered Satan to make the ſerpent his inſtrument and to ſpeake in him.

2 And the woman ſaid vnto the ſerpēt, We eat of the frute of the trees of the garden, 3 But of the frute of the tre, which is in the middes of the garden, God hathe ſaid, Ye ſhal not eat of it, nether ſhal ye touche it, c leſt ye dye.

c In douting of Gods threatning ſhe yelded to Satan.

4 Then *the ſerpent ſaid to the woman, Ye d ſhal not dye at all,

d This is Satans chiefeſt ſubtiltie, to cauſe vs not to feare Gods threatenings

5 But God doeth knowe, that when ye ſhal eat thereof, your eyes ſhalbe opened, & ye ſhalbe as gods, e knowing good and euil.

e As though he ſhulde ſay, God doeth not forbid you to eat of the frute, ſaue that he knoweth that if you ſhulde eat thereof, you ſhulde be like to him

Eccleſ 25, 33. 1 tim 2,14.

6 So the woman (ſeing that the tre was good for meat, and that it was pleaſant to the eyes, & a tre to be deſired to get knowledge) toke of the frute thereof, and did * eat, and gaue alſo to her houſband with her, and he f did eat.

f Not ſo much che to pleaſe his wife, as moued by ambition at her perſuaſion

7 Then the eyes of them bothe were opened, & they g knewe that they were naked, and they ſewed figtre leaues together, and made them ſelues "breeches.

g They began to fele their miſerie, but they ſoght not to God for remedie

8 ¶Afterwarde they heard the voyce of

"Ebr things to girde about thē ſelfe their priuities.

2 Cor 11,3.

the Lord God walking in the garden in the *coole of the day, and the man and his wife h hid them ſelues from the preſence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called to the man, and ſaid vnto him, Where art thou?

10 Who ſaid, I heard thy voyce in the garden, and was afraied: becauſe I was i naked, therefore I hid my ſelf.

11 And he ſaid, Who tolde thee, that thou waſt naked? Haſt thou eaten of the tre, whereof I cõmanded thee that thou ſhuldeſt not eat in no caſe?

12 Then the man ſaid, The woman which thou k gaueſt *to be* with me, ſhe gaue me of the tre, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God ſaid to the woman, Why haſt thou done this? And the womã ſaid, l The ſerpent beguyled me, and I did eat.

14 ¶ Then the Lord God ſaid to the ſerpẽt, m Becauſe thou haſt done this, thou art curſed aboue all cattel, and aboue euerie beaſt of the field: vpon thy belly ſhalt thou go, and n duſt ſhalt thou eat all the dayes of thy life.

15 I wil alſo o put enimitie betwene thee and the womã, & betwene thy ſede & her ſede. He ſhal breake thine p head, & thou ſhalt q bruiſe his heele.

16 ¶ Vnto the woman he ſaid, I wil greately increaſe thy r ſorowes, & thy conceptiõs. In ſorowe ſhalt thou bring forth childrẽ, and thy deſire *ſhal be ſubiect* to thine houſband, and he ſhal* rule ouer thee.

17 ¶ Alſo to Adám he ſaid, Becauſe thou haſt obeied the voyce of thy wife, and haſt eaten of the tre (whereof I cõmãded thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not eat of it) ſ curſed *is* the earth for thy ſake: in ſorowe ſhalt thou eat of it all the dayes of thy life.

18 t Thornes alſo, and thyſtles ſhal it bring forthe to thee, and thou ſhalt eat the herbe of the field.

19 In the ſweat of thy face ſhalt thou eat bread, til thou returne to the earth: for out of it waſt thou taken, becauſe thou art duſt, and to duſt ſhalt thou returne.

20 (And the man called his wiues name Heuáh, becauſe ſhe was the mother of all liuing)

21 Vnto Adám alſo and to his wife did the Lord God u make coates of ſkinnes, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the Lord God ſaid, x Beholde, the man is become as one of vs, to knowe good and euil. And now leſt he put forthe his hand, and y take alſo of the tre of life and eat and liue for euer,

23 Therefore ỹ Lord God ſent him forthe from the garden of Eden, to til the earth, whence he was taken.

24 Thus he caſt out man, and at the Eaſtſide of the garden of Eden he ſet the Cherubíms, and the blade of a ſworde ſhaken, to kepe the waye of the tre of life.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The generacion of mankinde. 8 Káin killeth Hábel 23 Lameth a tyrant encourageth his feareful wiues. 26 True religion is reſtored.

1 AFterwarde the man knewe Heuáh his wife, which a cõceiued & bare Káin, & ſaid, I haue obteined a man b by ỹ Lord.

2 And againe ſhe broght forthe his brother Hábel, and Hábel was a keper of ſhepe, & Káin was a tiller of the grounde.

3 ¶ And in proceſſe of time it came to paſſe, that Káin broght an c oblacion vnto the Lord of the frute of the grounde.

4 And Hábel alſo him ſelfe broght of the firſt frutes of his ſhepe, and of the fat of them, and the Lord had reſpect vnto *Hábel, and to his offring,

5 But vnto Káin and to his offring he had no d regarde: wherefore Káin was exceding wroth, & his countenance fel downe.

6 Then the Lord ſaid vnto Káin, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance caſt downe?

7 If thou do wel, ſhalt thou not be e accepted? and if thou doeſt not wel, ſinne lieth at the f dore: alſo vnto thee his g deſire *ſhal be ſubiect*, and thou ſhalt rule ouer him.

8 ¶ Then Káin ſpake to Hábel his brother. And * when they were in the field, Káin roſe vp againſt Hábel his brother, and ſlewe him.

9 Then the Lord ſaid vnto Káin, Where is Hábel thy brother? Who anſwered, I cã not tel. h Am I my brothers keper?

10 Againe he ſaid, What haſt thou done? the i voyce of thy brothers blood cryeth vnto me from the grounde.

11 Now therefore thou art curſed k frõ the earth, ẃ hathe opened her mouth to receiue thy brothers blood from thine hand.

12 When thou ſhalt til the grounde, it ſhal not henceforthe yelde vnto thee her ſtrength: a l vagabonde and a rennegate ſhalt thou be in the earth.

13 Then Káin ſaid to the Lord, m *My puniſhment is greater, then I can beare.

14 Beholde, thou haſt caſt me out this day from the earth, and from thy face ſhal I be hid, and ſhalbe a vagabonde and a rennegate in the earth, & whoſoeuer findeth me, ſhal ſlaye me.

15 Then the Lord ſaid vnto him, Douteles whoſoeuer ſlayeth Káin, he ſhalbe n puniſhed ſeuen folde. And ỹ Lord ſet a o marke vpon Káin, leſt anie man finding him ſhulde kil him.

16 Then Káin went out from the preſence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod tow ard the Eaſtſide of Eden.

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*o Or, winde.
h The ſinfull conſciẽce feeleth Gods preſence
i His hypocriſie appeareth in that he hid ỹ cauſe of his nakednes, & was the tranſgreſsion of Gods commãdement
k His wickednes & lacke of true repentãce appeareth in this ỹ he burdeneth God ẃ his faute, becauſe he had giuẽ hi a wife.
l In ſtead of confeſſing her ſinne, ſhe increaſeth it by accuſing the ſerpent
m He aſked ỹ reaſon of Adã and his wife, becauſe he wolde bring them to repentance, but he aſketh not the ſerpẽt, becauſe he wolde ſhewe him no mercie
n As a vile & contemptible beaſt, Iſa 65. 25.
o He chiefly meaneth Satã, by whoſe motion & craft ỹ ſerpent deceiued ỹ woman
p That is, the power of ſinne and death
q Satan ſhal ſting Chriſt & his members, but not ouercome them
r The Lord comforteth Adám by the promes of the bleſſed ſede, & alſo puniſheth ỹ body for the ſinne, which ỹ ſoule ſhulde haue bene puniſhed for. ỹ the ſpirit hauing conceiued hope of forgiuenes, might liue by faith
1 Cor. 14. 34.
ſ The tranſgreſsiõ of Gods cõmandement was the cauſe ỹ bothe mankinde and all other creatures were ſubiect to the curſe.
t Theſe are not ỹ natural frutes of the earth, but procede of ỹ corruption of ſinne.
u Or gaue thẽ knowledge to make thẽ ſelues coates
x By this derision he reprocheth Adãs miſerie, wherevnto he was fallen by ambition
y Adám depriued of life loſt alſo the ſigne thereof.

a Mans nature, the ſtate of mariage, & Gods bleſsing were not vtterly aboliſhed through ſinne, but the qualitie or conditiõ thereof was changed
b That is, according to the Lords promes, as chap 3. 15: ſome read, I *o* the Lord, as reioycing for ỹ ſonne, ẃ ſhe had borne, whõme ſhe wolde offer to ỹ Lord as the firſt frutes of her birth
c This declareth that the father inſtructed his childrẽ in ỹ knowledge of God, and alſo how God gaue thẽ ſacrifices to ſignifie their ſaluatiõ: albeit they were deſtitute of the ſacrament of the tre of life.
Ebr 11. 4.
d Becauſe he was an hypocrite and offred onely for an outwarde ſhew without ſincerite of heart
e Bothe thou and thy ſacrifice ſhalbe acceptable to me
f Sinne ſhal ſtil tormẽt thy conſcience
g The dignitie of ỹ firſt borne is giuen to Káin ouer Hábel
Wiſd 10. 3. mat. 23. 35. 1 ioh 3. 12. iud 11.
h This is the nature of the reprobate whẽ they are reproued of their hypocriſie, enẽ to neglect God and deſpite him
i God reuengeth ỹ wrõgs of his Saints, thogh none cõplaine: for the iniquitie itſelfe cryeth for vengeance
k The earth ſhalbe a witnes againſt thee which mercifully receiued that blood, ẃ thou moſte cruelly ſhed.
l Thou ſhalt neuer haue reſt: for thine heart ſhalbe in continual feare & care.
m He burdeneth God as a cruel iudge, becauſe he did puniſh him ſo ſharpely
o Or, my ſinne is greater then can be pardoned.
n Not for the loue he bare to Káin, but to ſuppreſſe murther.
o A viſible ſigne of Gods iudgement that others ſhulde feare.

17 Káin alſo knewe his wife, which cóceiued and bare Henóch: and he buylt a p citie and called the name of the citie by the name of his ſonne, Henóch.

p Thinking thereby to be ſure & to haue leſſe occaſion to feare Gods iudgements againſt him.

18 And to Henóch was borne Irád, and Irád begate Mehuiaél, and Mehuiaél begate Methuſhaél, and Methuſhaél begate Lámech.

19 ¶And Lámech toke to him q two wiues: the name of the one *was* Adáh, and the name of the other Zilláh.

q The lawful inſtitucion of marriage, ẅ is ẏ two ſhulde be one fleſh, was *firſt* corrupt in ẏ houſe of Káin by Lámech

20 And Adáh bare Iabál, who was the r father of ſuche as dwel in the tentes, and of ſuche as haue cattel.

r *Or, firſt ſnuffer.*

21 And his brothers name *was* Iubál, who was the father of all that playe on the harpe and s organes.

s *Or, flutes and pipes.*

22 And Zilláh alſo bare Tubal-káin, who wroght cunningly euerie craft of braſſe and of yron: and the ſiſter of Tubal-káin *was* Naamáh.

23 Then Lámech ſaid vnto his wiues Adáh and Zilláh, Heare my voyce, *ye* wiues of Lámech: hearken vnto my ſpeche: t for I wolde ſlaye a man in my woũde, & a yong man in mine hutt.

t His wiues ſeing that all mẽ hated him for his cruelte, were afraied. therefore he braggeth ẏ there is none ſo lufty that were able to riſiſt, although he were alreadẏ wounded

24 If Káin ſhulbe auenged ſeuen folde, truely Lámech, u ſeuentie times ſeuen folde.

u He mocked at Gods ſufferãce in Káin, ieſtig as thogh God wolde ſuffre none to puniſh him, & yet giue him licẽce to murther others

25 ¶And Adám knewe his wife againe, and ſhe bare a ſonne, and ſhe called his name Sheth: for God, *ſaid ſhe*, hathe appointed me another ſede for Hábel, becauſe Káin ſlewe him.

26 And to the ſame Sheth alſo there was borne a ſonne, and he called his name Enóſh. Then began men to x call vpon the Name of the Lord.

x In theſe dayes God began to moue ẏ hearts of the godlie to reſtore religion, ẅ along time by ẏ wicked had bene ſuppreſſed

CHAP. V.

1 The genealogie. 5 Age and deathe of Adám. 6 His ſucceſſion vnto Nóah and his children.

THis is the a boke of the generacions of Adám. In the day that God created Adám, in the b lickenes of God made he him,

a *Or, rehearſal of the ſtocke*

b Read Chap 1,26

2 Male and female created he thẽ, & bleſſed them, and called their name c Adám in the day that they were created.

b By giuing them both one name, he noteth the inſeparable cõiunction of mã and wife

c A ſwel concerning his creation, as his corruption *1 Chro.1,1.*

3 ¶Now Adám liued an hũdreth and thirtie yeres and begate a childe in his owne d lickenes after his image, and called his name Sheth.

c He proueth Adams generation by thẽ, which came of Sheth, to ſhewe which is ẏ true Church, and alſo what care God had ouer the ſame from the beginning, in that he continued euer his graces toward it by a continual ſucceſſion

4 *And the dayes of Adám, after he had begotten Sheth, were eight hundreth yeres, and he begate ſonnes and daughters.

5 So all the dayes that Adám liued, were nine hundreth and thirtie yeres: and he dyed.

6 And e Sheth liued an hundreth, and fyue yeres, and begate Enóſh.

d Sheth liued an hundreth, and fyue yeres, and begate Enóſh.

7 And Sheth liued, after he begate Enóſh, eight hundreth and ſeuen yeres, and begate ſonnes and daughters.

8 So all the dayes of Sheth were f nine hũdreth and twelue yeres: & he dyed.

e The chief cauſe of long life in the firſt age was the multiplicatiõ of mankinde, that according to Gods commandement at the beginning the worlde might be increaſed with people, which might vniuerſally praiſe his Name.

9 ¶Alſo Enóſh liued ninety yeres & begate Kenán.

10 And Enóſh liued, after he begate Kenán, eight hundreth and fiftene yeres, and begate ſonnes and daughters.

11 So all the daies of Enóſh were nine hundreth and fiue yeres: and he dyed.

12 ¶Likewiſe Kenán liued ſeuentie yeres, and begate Mahalaleél.

13 And Kenán liued, after he begate Mahalaleél, eight hundreth and fourty yeres, & begate ſonnes and daughters.

14 So all the dayes of Kenán were nine hũdreth and ten yeres: and he dyed.

15 ¶Mahalaleél alſo liued ſixty & fiue yeres and begate Iéred.

16 Alſo Mahalaleél liued, after he begate Iéred, eight hundreth and thirty yeres, & begate ſonnes and daughters.

17 So all the dayes of Mahalaleél were eight hundreth ninety and fiue yeres: and he dyed.

18 ¶And Iéred liued an hundreth ſixty and two yeres, and begate Henóch.

19 Then Iéred liued, after he begate Henóch, eight hundreth yeres, and begate ſonnes and daughters.

20 So all the dayes of Iéred were nine hundreth ſixty and two yeres: & he dyed.

21 ¶* Alſo Henóch liued ſixty and fiue yeres, and begate Methuſhélah. *Eccl 44,15. ebr.11,5.*

22 And Henóch g walked with God, after he begate Methuſhélah, thre hundreth yeres, and begate ſonnes and daughters.

f That is, he led an vpright & godlie life.

23 So all the daies of Henóch were thre hũdreth ſixty and fiue yeres.

24 And Henóch walked with God, and he was no more *ſene*: for h God toke him away.

g To ſhewe ẏ there was a better life prepared, & to be a teſtimonie of the immortalitie of ſoules & bodies As to inquire where he became, is mere curioſitie.

25 Methuſhélah alſo liued an hundreth eighty and ſeuen yeres, and begate Lámech.

26 And Methuſhélah liued, after he begate Lámech, ſeuen hundreth eighty and two yeres, and begate ſonnes and daughters.

27 So all the dayes of Methuſhélah were nine hundreth ſixty and nine yeres: and he dyed.

28 ¶Then Lámech liued an hũdreth eighty and two yeres, and begate a ſonne,

29 And called his name Nóah, ſaying, This ſame ſhal i comfort vs concerning our worke and ſorowe of our hands, as touching the earth, which the Lord hathe curſed.

h Lámech had reſpect to the promes, Chap. 3,15, and deſired to ſe the deliuerer, ẅ ſhulde be ſent, & yet ſawe but a figure thereof. he alſo ſpake this by the Spirit of prophecie, becauſe Nóah deliuered the Church, and preſerued it by his obedience.

30 And Lámech liued, after he begate Nóah, fiue hundreth ninety and fiue yeres, and begate ſonnes and daughters.

31 So all the dayes of Lámech were ſeuẽ hundreth ſeuenty and ſeuen yeres: and he dyed.

32 And Nóah was fiue hundreth yere olde. And Nóah begate Shem, Ham and Iápheth.

CHAP. VI.

3 God threateneth to bring the flood. 5 Man is altogether corrupt. 18 Nóah is preserued in the Arke, which he was commanded to make.

1 SO when men began to be multiplied vpon the earth, and there were daughters borne vnto them,

2 Then the [a] sonnes of God sawe the daughters [b] of men that they were [c] faire, and they toke them wiues of all that they liked.

3 Therefore the Lord said, My Spirit shal not alway [d] striue with man, because he is but flesh, & his dayes shal be an [e] hundreth and twentie yeres.

4 There were [f] gyantes in the earth in those dayes: yea, and after that the sonnes of God came vnto the daughters of mẽ, and they had borne them children, these were mightie men, which in olde time were men of [f] renoume.

5 ¶When the Lord sawe that the wickednes of man was great in the earth, and all the imaginacions of the thoghts of his *heart were onely euil continually,

6 Then it [g] repẽted the Lord, that he had made man in the earth, and he was sorie in his heart.

7 Therefore the Lord said, I wil destroye from the earth the man, whome I haue created, from man [h] to beast, to the creping thing, & to the foule of the heauen: for I repent that I haue made them.

8 But Nóah [i] founde grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9 ¶These are the "generacions of Nóah. Nóah was a iuste and vpright man in his time, *and* walked with God.

10 And Nóah begate thre sonnes, Shem, Ham and Iápheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God: for the earth was filled with [k] crueltie.

12 Then God loked vpõ the earth, and beholde, it was corrupt: for all flesh had corrupt his way vpon the earth.

13 And God said vnto Nóah, "An end of all flesh is come before me: for the earth is filled with "crueltie through them: and beholde, I wil destroye them with the earth.

14 ¶Make thee an Arke of "pine trees: thou shalt make "cabines in the Arke, and shalt pytch it within and without with pytch.

15 And [o] thus shalt thou make it: The lẽgth of the Arke shalbe thre hundreth cubites, the breadth of it fiftie cubites, and the height of it thirtie cubites.

16 A windowe shalt thou make in the Arke, and in a cubite shalt thou finish it aboue, and the dore of the Arke shalt thou set in the side thereof: thou shalt make it with the [l] lowe, seconde and third *roume*.

17 And I, beholde, I wil bring a flood of waters vpon the earth to destroye all flesh, wherein is [y] breath of life vnder the heauen: all that is in the earth shal perish.

18 But with thee wil I [m] establish my couenant, & thou shalt go into the Arke, thou, and thy sonnes, and thy wife, and thy sonnes wiues with thee.

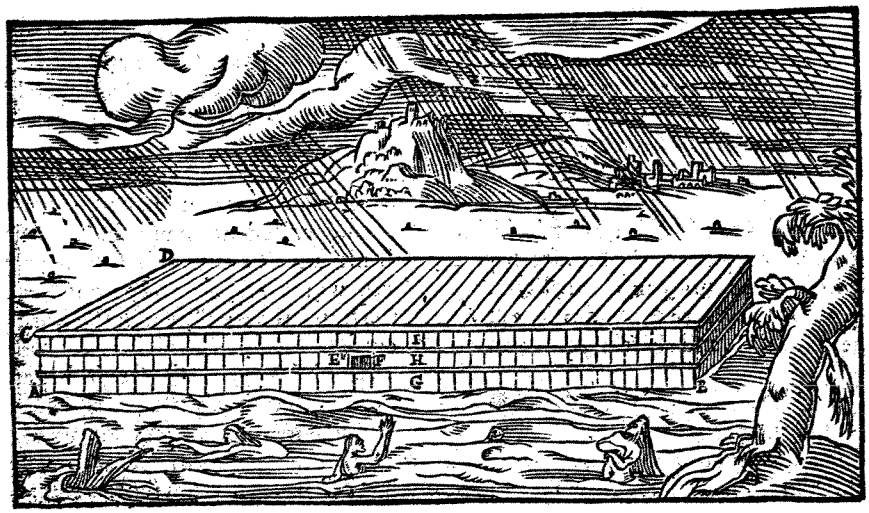
19 And of euerie liuing thing, of all flesh two of euerie sorte shalt thou cause to come into the Arke, to kepe *them* aliue with thee: they shalbe male and female.

20 Of the foules after their kinde, and of the cattel after their kinde, of euerie creping thing of the earth after his kinde, two of euerie sorte shal come vnto thee, that thou maiest kepe *them* aliue.

21 And take thou with thee of all meat that is eatẽ: & thou shalt gather it to thee, that it may be meat for thee & for them.

22 *Nóah therefore did according vnto all, that God commanded him: *euen* [n] so did he.

a The childrẽ of thẽ godlie, which begã to degenerate.
b Those that came of wicked parents as of Kain.
c Having more respect to their beautie, & to worldely considerations, then to their maners, and godlines
d Because mã colde not be wõne by Gods lenitie and lõg sufferãce, whereby he stroue to ouercome him, he wolde no longer stay his vengeãce.
e Which terme God gaue man to repent before he wolde destroy the earth, 1 Pet. 3. 20.
f Or, tyrants.
g Which vsurped autoritie ouer others & did degenerate from ỹ simplicitie, wherein their fathers liued.
Chap. 8. 21. Mat. 15. 19.
g God doeth neuer repent, but he speaketh after our capacitie, because he did destroy him, & in that, as it were, did disauowe him to be his creature.
h God declareth how muche he detesteth sinne, seing the punishment thereof extẽdeth to the brute beastes.
i God was mercifull vnto him.
*Or, historie.
k Meaning ỹ all were giuen to the contẽpt of God and oppression of their neighbours.
"Or, I wil destroy mankinde.
"Or, oppression & wickednes.
"Ebr. Gopher.
"Ebr. nestes.
o Or, of this measure.
l That is, of thre heightes, as appeareth in this figure.
m To the intẽt that in this great enterprise & mockings of the whole worlde thou maist be confirmed, that thy faith faile not.
n That is, he obeyd Gods cõmandements in all points.
*Ebr. 11. 7.



A. B. The length thre hundreth cubites
A. C. The breadth fifty
D. E. The height thirty
E. The windowe a cubite long.
F. The dore.
G. H. I. The thre heightes.

CHAP. VII.

1 Nóah and his entre into the Arke. 20 The flood deſtroyeth all the reſt vpon the earth.

1 AND the Lord ſaid vnto Nóah, Entre thou and all thine houſe into the Arke: for thee haue I ſene *[a] righteous before me in this age.

2 Of euerie [b] cleane beaſt thou ſhalt take to thee by ſeuens, the male and his female: but of vncleane beaſtes by couples, ỹ male and his female.

3 Of the foules alſo of the heauen by ſeuens, male and female, to kepe ſede aliue vpon the whole earth.

4 For ſeuen dayes hence I wil cauſe it raine vpon the earth fourty dayes & fourty nights, and all the ſubſtance that I haue made, wil I deſtroye from of the earth.

5 *Nóah therefore did according vnto all that the Lord commanded him.

6 And Nóah *was* ſix hundreth yeres olde, when the flood of waters was vpon the earth.

7 ¶So Nóah entred and his ſonnes, & his wife, and his ſonnes wiues with him into the Arke, becauſe of the waters of the flood.

8 Of the cleane beaſtes, and of the vncleane beaſtes, and of the foules, & of all that crepeth vpon the earth,

9 There [c] came two & two vnto Nóah into the Arke, male & female, as God had commanded Nóah.

10 And ſo after ſeuen dayes the waters of the flood were vpon the earth.

11 ¶In the ſix hundreth yere of Noahs life in the [d] ſeconde moneth, the ſeuententh day of the moneth, in the ſame day were all the [e] fountaines of the great depe broken vp, and the windowes of heauen were opened,

12 And the raine was vpon the earth fourty dayes and fourty nights.

13 In the ſelfe ſame day entred Nóah with Shem, & Ham and Iápheth, the ſonnes of Nóah, and Noahs wife, and the thre wiues of his ſonnes with thē into the Arke.

14 They and euerie beaſt after his kinde, & all cattel after their kinde, & euerie thing that crepeth and moueth vpon the earth after his kinde, & euerie foule after his kinde, *euen* euerie birde of euerie fether.

15 For they came to Nóah into the Arke, two and two, [f] of all fleſh wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they entring in, came male & female of all fleſh, as God had cōmanded him: and the Lord [g] ſhut him in.

17 Then the flood was fourty dayes vpon the earth, and the waters were increaſed, & bare vp ỹ Arke, which was lifte vp aboue the earth.

18 The waters alſo waxed ſtrong, and were increaſed excedingly vpon the earth, and the Arke went vpon the waters.

19 The waters "preuailed ſo excedingly vpon the earth, that all the high mountaines, that are vndet the whole heauen, were couered.

20 Fiftene cubites vpwarde did the waters preuaile, when the mountaines were couered.

21 *Then all fleſh perifhed that moued vpon the earth, bothe foule and cattel and beaſt, & euerie thing that crepeth & moueth vpon the earth, and euerie man.

22 Euerie thing in whoſe noſtrels the ſpirit of life did breathe, whatſoeuer they were in the drye land, they dyed.

23 So [h] he deſtroyed euerie thing that was vpon the earth, from man to beaſt, to the creping thing, and to the foule of the heauen: they were euen deſtroyed from the earth. and Nóah onely [i] remained, & they that were with him in the Arke.

24 And the waters preuailed vpon the earth an hundreth and fiftie dayes.

CHAP. VIII.

13 The flood ceaſeth. 16 Nóah is commanded to come forthe of the Arke with his. 20 He ſacrificeth to the Lord. 22 God promiſeth that all things ſhal continue in their firſt ordre.

1 NOw God [a] remembred Nóah & [b] euerie beaſt, & all the cattel that was with him in the Arke: therefore God made a winde to paſſe vpon the earth, and the waters ceaſed.

2 The fountaines alſo of the depe & the windowes of heauen were ſtopped & the raine from heauen was reſtrained,

3 And the waters returned from aboue the earth, going and returning: and after the end of the hundreth and fiftieth day the waters abated.

4 And in the ſeuenth moneth, in the ſeuententh day of the moneth, the Arke "reſted vpon the mountaines of "Ararát.

5 And the waters were going & decreaſing vntil the [d] tenth moneth: in the tenth moneth, & in the firſt day of the moneth were the toppes of the mountaines ſene.

6 ¶So "after fourty dayes, Nóah opened ỹ windowe of the Arke, which he had made,

7 And ſent forthe a ‖rauen, which went out going forthe and returning, vntil the waters were dryed vp vpon the earth.

8 Againe he ſent a ‖doue from him, that he might ſe if the waters were diminiſhed from of the earth.

9 But the doue founde no reſt for the ſole of her foote: therefore ſhe returned vnto him into the Arke (for the waters *were* vpon the whole earth) & he [e] put forthe his hand, & toke her, and pulled her to him into the Arke.

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2. Pet. 2, 5.

a In reſpect of the reſt of the worlde, & becauſe he had a deſire to ſerue God and liue vprightly.

b Which might be offred in ſacrifice, whereof ſix were for breed and the ſeuēth for ſacrifice.

Mat. 24, 37. luk. 17, 26. 1 pet. 3, 20.

c God compelled them to preſēt thē ſelues to Noah, as they did before to Adám, when he gaue them names, Chap. 2, 19.

d Which was about the beginning of Maie, when all things did moſte floriſh.

e Bothe ỹ waters in ỹ earth did ouerflowe, and alſo the cloudes powred downe.

f Euerie liuīg thig that God woulde haue to be preſerued on earth, came into the Arke to Nóah.

g So ỹ Gods ſecret power defended him againſt the rage of ỹ mightie waters.

"Ebr. waxed very mightie.

Wiſd. 10, 4. eccleſ. 39, 28.

h That is, God.

i Learne what it is to obey God onely, & to forſake the multitude, 1. Pet. 3, 20.

a Not that God forgetteth his at any time, but when he ſendeth ſuccour, then he ſheweth that he remēbreth them.

b If God remēber euerie brute beaſt, what ought to be the aſſurāce of his childrē?

c Which contemed parte of September & parte of October.

"Or, ſtayed.

"Or, Armenia.

d Which was the moneth of Decemoer.

"Ebr. at the end of fourty dayes.

‖The rauen is ſent forthe & returneth.

‖He ſendeth the doue.

e It is like, ỹ the rauen did flie to and fro, reſting on the Arke, but came not in to it, as the doue that was taken in.

10 And he abode yet other ſeuen dayes, and againe he ſent forthe the doue out of the Arke.

11 And the doue came to him in the euenig, & lo, in her [e] mouthe *was* an [f] oliue leafe that ſhe had pluct: whereby Nóah knewe that ỹ waters were abated from of ỹ earth.

12 Notwithſtanding he waited yet other ſeuen dayes, & ſent forthe the doue, which returned not againe vnto him any more.

13 ¶And in the ſix hundreth and one yere, in the firſt *date* of the [g] firſt moneth the waters were dryed vp from of the earth: & Nóah remoued the couering of the Arke & loked, & beholde, the vpper parte of the grounde was drye.

14 And in the ſeconde moneth, in the ſeuen and twentieth day of the moneth was the earth drye.

15 ¶Then God ſpake to Nóah, ſaying,

16 [h] Go forthe of ỹ Arke, thou & thy wife, & thy ſonnes & thy ſonnes wiues w̃ thee.

17 Bring forthe with thee euerie beaſt that is with thee, of all fleſh, *bothe* foule and cattel, & euerie thing that crepeth & moueth vpon the earth, that they maie bredc abundantly in the earth, * & bring forthe frute and increaſe vpon the earth.

18 So Nóah came forthe, and his ſonnes, & his wife, and his ſonnes wiues with him.

19 Euerie beaſt, euerie creping thing, & euerie foule, all that moueth vpõ the earth after their kindes went out of the Arke.

20 ¶Then Nóah [i] buylt an altar to ỹ Lord and toke of euerie cleane beaſt, & of euerie cleane foule, and offred burnt offrings vpon the altar.

21 And the Lord ſmelled a [k] ſauour of reſt, & ỹ Lord ſaid in his heart, I wil henceforthe curſe the ground no more for mãs cauſe: for the imagination of mans *heart is euil, *euen* frõ his youth: nether wil I ſmite anie more all things liuing, as I haue done.

22 Hereafter [l] ſede time & haruеſt, & colde & heate, & ſommer and winter, & daie & night ſhal not ceaſe, ſo long as the earth remaineth.

CHAP. IX.

1 The confirmatiõ of mariage 3 Permiſſiõ of meates 6 The power of the ſworde. 14 The rainebowe is the ſigne of Gods promes 21 Nóah is drunken & mocked of his ſonne, whome he curſeth. 29 The age & death of Nóah.

AND God [a] bleſſed Nóah & his ſõnes, and ſaid to them, Bring forthe frute, and multiplie, and repleniſh the earth.

2 Alſo the [b] feare of you, and the dread of you ſhalbe vpon euerie beaſt of the earth, and vpon euerie foule of the heauen, vpon all that moueth on the earth, & vpõ all the fiſhes of the ſea: into your hand are they deliuered.

3 Euerie [c] thing that moueth & liueth, ſhalbe meat for you: as ỹ * grene herbe, haue I giuen you all things.

4 [*d] But fleſh with the life thereof, *I meane*, with the blood thereof, ſhal ye not eat.

5 [e] For ſurely I wil require your blood, wherein your liues *are*: at the hand of euerie beaſt wil I require it: and at the hand of man, *euen* at the hand of a mãs [m] brother wil I require the life of man.

6 Whoſo * ſhedeth mans blood, [f] by man ſhal his blood be ſhed: for in the [g] image of God hathe he made man.

7 But bring ye forthe frute and multiplie: growe plẽtifully in the earth, and increaſe therein.

8 ¶God ſpake alſo to Nóah & to his ſonnes with him, ſaying,

9 Beholde, I, euen I eſtabliſh my [h] couenãt with you, and with your [i] ſede after you,

10 And with euerie liuing creature that is with you, with the foule, with the cattel, & with euerie beaſt of the earth with you, from all that go out of the Arke, vnto euerie beaſt of the earth.

11 * And my couenant wil I eſtabliſh with you, that from henceforthe all fleſh ſhal not be rooted out by the waters of the flood, nether ſhal there be a flood to deſtroye the earth any more.

12 Then God ſaid, This is the token of the couenant which I make betwene me and you, & betwene euerie liuing thing, that is with you vnto perpetual generacions.

13 I haue ſet my [k] bowe in the cloude, and it ſhalbe for a ſigne of the couenãt betwene me and the earth.

14 And when * I ſhal couer the earth with a cloude, and the bowe ſhal be ſene in the cloude,

15 Then wil I remẽber my [l] couenãt, which is betwene me and you, & betwene euerie liuing thing in all fleſh, & there ſhalbe no more waters of a flood to deſtroy all fleſh.

16 Therefore ỹ bowe ſhalbe in the cloude, ỹ I may ſe it, & remember the euerlaſting couenant betwene God, and euerie liuing thing in all fleſh that is vpon the earth.

17 God ſaid yet to Nóah, [m] This is the ſigne of the couenant, which I haue eſtabliſhed betwene me and all fleſh that is vpon the earth.

18 ¶Now the ſonnes of Nóah going forthe of the Arke, were Shem & Ham & Iápheth. And Ham is the father of Canáan.

19 Theſe are the thre ſonnes of Nóah, and of them was the [n] whole earth ouerſpred.

20 [o] Nóah alſo began *to be* an houſband mã and planted a vineyarde.

21 And he drõke of ỹ wine & was [o] dronkẽ, & was vncouered in ỹ middes of his tent.

22 And when Ham the father [p] of Canáan ſawe the nakednes of his father, [q] he tolde his two brethren without.

23 Then toke Shem and Iápheth a garmẽt, and

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[e] Or, *bill*

[f] Which was a figne that ỹ waters were muche dimmiſhed: for the olives growe not on the hie mountaines.

[g] Called in Ebrewe Abib, cõteining parte of March & parte of April.

[h] Nóah declareth his obedience in yt he wolde not departe out of the Arke without Gods expreſſe commãdement, as he did not entre in without the ſame *Chap 7,22. & 8,1.*

[i] For ſacrifices, which were as an exerciſe of their faith, whereby they vſed to giue thankes to God for his benefites

[k] Or, *a ſweete ſauour*

[l] That is, thereby he thewed him ſelfe appeaſed, and his angre to reſt *Chap 6,5. mat 15,19.*

[l] The ordre of nature deſtroyed by the flood is reſtored by Gods promes

[a] God increaſed them with frute, & declared vnto them his counſel as touching ỹ repleniſhing of the earth

[b] By the vertue of this cõmandement beaſtes rage not ſo muche againſt man as they wolde, yea and many ſeme to his vſe thereby

[c] By this permiſſion man may with a good conſcience vſe ỹ creatures of God for his neceſſitie *Chap 3,19.*

Leu 17,14.

[d] That is, liuing creatures & the fleſh of beaſtes that are ſtrãgled: & hereby all cruelte is forbidden

[e] That is, I wil take vengeãce for your blood

[m] Or, *neighbour* *Mat 26,52. reuel 13,10.*

[f] Not onely by the magiſtrate, but oft times God raiſeth vp one murtherer to kil another

[g] Therefore to kil man is to deface Gods image, and ſo murte is not onely done to man, but to God

[h] To aſſure you that the worlde ſhalbe no more deſtroyed by a flood

[i] The childrẽ which are not yet borne, are comprehẽded in Gods couenant made w̃ their fathers *Iſa 54,9.*

[k] Hereby we ſe that ſignes or ſacraments ogh̃t not to be ſeparate from the worde *Eccleſ 43,12.*

[l] When men ſhal ſe my bowe in ỹ heauen, then ſhal I knowe that I haue not forgotten my couenant with them

[m] God doeth repeat this the oftener to confirme Noahs faith ſo muche more

[n] This declareth what was the vertue of Gods bleſſing, when he ſaid, Increaſe and bring forthe, Chap 1,28

[o] Or, *Noe to begã againe*

[o] This is ſet before our eies to ſhewe what an horrible thing drõkennes is

[p] Of whome came the Cananites that wicked natiõs who were alſo curſed of God

[q] In deriſiõ & contempt of his father

and put it vpon bothe their ſhulders and wēt backward, and couered the nakednes of their father with their faces backwarde: ſo thei ſawe not their fathers nakednēs.

24 Then Nóah awoke from his wine, and knewe what his yonger ſonne had done vnto him,

25 And ſaid, [r] Curſed *be* Canáan: a [ſ] ſeruant of ſeruantes ſhal he be vnto his brethren.

26 He ſaid moreouer, Bleſſed *be* the Lord God of Shem, and let Canáan be his ſeruant.

27 God [t] perſuade Iápheth, that he may dwel in the tentes of Shem, and let Canáan be his ſeruant.

28 ¶And Nóah liued after ỹ flood thre hūdreth and fifty yeres.

29 So all the dayes of Nóah were nine hūdreth and fifty yeres: and he dyed.

CHAP. X.

The increaſe of mankinde by Nóah and his ſonnes. 10 The begynning of cities, contreis and nations.

1 NOw theſe are the [a] generacions of ỹ ſonnes of Nóah, Shem, Ham & Iápheth: vnto whome ſonnes were borne after the flood.

2 The ſonnes of Iápheth *were* Gómer and Magóg, and [b] Madái, and Iauán, and Tubál and Méſhech, and Tirás.

3 And the ſonnes of Gómer, Aſhkenáz, and Ripháth and Togarmáh.

4 Alſo ỹ ſonnes of Iauán, Eliſháh and Tarſhíſh, Kittím, and Dodanim.

5 Of theſe were the [c] yles of the Gentiles deuided in their landes, euerie man after his tongue, *and* after their families in their nacions.

6 ¶Moreouer ỹ ſōnes of Ham *were* [d] Cuſh, and Mizráim, and Put, and Canáan.

7 And the ſonnes of Cuſh, Sebá and Hauiláh, and Sabtáh, and Raamáh, and Sabtechá: alſo the ſonnes of Raamáh *were* Shebá and Dedán.

8 And Cuſh begate Nimród, who began to be [e] mighty in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hūter before the Lord. wherfore it is ſaid, [f] As Nimród ỹ mighty hunter before the Lord.

10 And the beginning of his kingdome was Babél, and Erech, and Accád, and Calnéh, in the land [g] of Shinár.

11 Out of that land came Aſſhúr, & buylded Niniuéh, and the [ſ] citie Rehobóth, and Cálah:

12 Réſen alſo betwene Niniuéh and Cálah: this is a great citie.

13 And Mizráim begate [h] Ludím, and Anamím, and Lehabím, and Naphtuhim.

14 Pathruſím alſo, and Caſluhím (out of whome came the Philiſtíms) and [ſ] Caphtoríms.

15 ¶ Alſo Canáan begate Zidón his firſt borne, and Heth,

16 And Iebuſí, and Emorí, and Girgaſhí,

17 And Hiuí, and Aíki, and Siní,

18 And Aruadí, and Zemarí, & Hamathí: & afterwarde were the families of ỹ Canaanites ſpred abroad.

19 Then the border of the Canaanites was from Zidón, as thou commeſt to Gerár vntil Azzáh, & as thou goeſt vnto Sodóm, and Gomoráh, and Admáh, & Zeboiím, euen vnto Lásha.

20 Theſe are ỹ ſonnes of Ham according to their families, according to their tongues in their coūtries *and* in their nacións.

21 ¶Vnto [i] Shem alſo the father of all the ſonnes [k] of Eber, and elder brother of Iápheth were children borne.

22 *The ſonnes of Shem *were* Elám and Aſſhúr, and Arpachſhád, and Lud, and Arám.

23 And the ſonnes of Arám, Vz & Hul, and Géther and Maſh.

24 Alſo Arpachſhád begate Shélah, and Shélah begate Eber.

25 Vnto Eber alſo were borne two ſonnes: the name of the one *was* Péleg: for in his dayes was the earth [l] diuided: & his brothers name *was* Ioktán.

26 Then Ioktán begate Almodád and Shéleph, & Hazarmáueth, and Iérah,

27 And Hadorám, & Vzál, and Dickláh,

28 And Obál, & Abimaél, and Shebá,

29 And Ophír, and Hauiláh, and Iobáb. all theſe *were* the ſonnes of Ioktán.

30 And their dwelling was from Meſhá, as thou goeſt vnto Sephár a mount of the Eaſt.

31 Theſe are ỹ ſonnes of Shem according to their families, according to their tongues, in their countreis and nacions.

32 Theſe are the families of the ſonnes of Nóah, after their generacions amōg their people: and [ſ] out of theſe were the nacions diuided in the earth after the flood.

CHAP. XI.

6 The buylding of Babél was the cauſe of the confuſion of tongues. 10 The age and generacion of Shem vnto Abrám. 31 Abrams departure from Ur with his father Térah, Sarái & Lot. 32 The age and death of Térah.

1 THen the whole earth was of one [x] lan guage and one ſpeache.

2 And [a] as [b] they went from the [c] Eaſt, they founde a plaine in the land of [d] Shinár, & there they abode.

3 And they ſaid one to an other, Come let vs make brycke, and burne it in the fire. So thei had brycke for ſtone, and ſlyme had they in ſteade of morter.

4 Alſo they ſaid, Go to, let vs [e] buylde vs a citie and a tower, whoſe toppe *may reach* vnto the heauen, that we may get vs a name, leſt we be ſcatred vpon ỹ whole earth.

5 But the Lord [f] came downe, to ſe the citie & tower, which ỹ ſonnes of men buylded.

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r He pronoūceth as a Prophet the curſe of God againſt all thē, that honour not their parents: for Ham and his poſteritie were accurſed

ſ That is, a moſte vile ſlaue

t Or, enlarge, or, cauſe to increace

t He declareth that the Gentiles, which came of Iápheth & were ſeparated from the Church, ſhulde be ioyned to the ſame by the perſuaſion of Gods Spirit and preaching of the Goſpel

a Theſe generatiōs are here recited partely to declare the maruelous increaſe in ſo ſmale a time, and alſo to ſet forthe their great forgerfulnes of Gods graces toward their fathers

b Of Madái, & Iauán came the Medes and Grekes

c The Iewes ſo call all cōtreis wher are ſeparated frō thē by ſea, as Grecia, Italie, &c wher were giuen to the childrē of Iapheth, of whome came the Gentiles.

d Of Cuſh & Mizráim came the Ethiopiās & Egyptians

e Meaning, a cruel oppreſſor & tyrant

f His tyrannie came into a prouerbe as hated bothe of God and man: for he paſſed not to commit crueltie euē in Gods preſēce.

g For there was an other citie in Egypt called alſo Babél

ſ Or, the ſtretes of the citie.

h Of Lud came the Lydians

ſ Or, the Cappadocians.

i In his ſtock the Church was preſerued therfore Moſes leaueth of ſpeaking of Iápheth and Ham, and intreateth of Shem more at large

k Of whome came the Ebrewes or Iewes

1 *Chro.* 1. 17.

l This diuiſion came by the diuerſitie of languages, as appeareth. chap. 11. 9.

ſ Or, of theſe came diuers nacions

Wiſd. 10. 5.

a In the yere an hundreth and thirtie after the flood.

b To wit, Nimród and his companie

c That is, frō Armenia, where the Arke ſtaied.

d Which was afterward called Caldea.

e They were moued wt pride and ambition, thinking to preſerue their own glorie to Gods honour.

f Meaning, ỹ he declared by effect that he knewe their wicked entreprife: for Gods power is eſterie where.

g God speaketh this in derisiō because of their foolish persuasion & enterprise.

6 And the Lord said, g Beholde, the people is one, & they all haue one language, & this they beginne to do, nether can they now be stopped from whatsoeuer they haue imagined to do.

h He speaketh, as though he toke counsel with his owne wisdome and power: to wit, with the Sōne and holy Goost: signifying the greatnes and certeintie of ỹ punishement.

7 Come on, h let vs go downe, and i there confounde their language, that euerie one perceiue not an others speache.

i By this great plague of the confusion of tōgues, appeareth Gods horrible indgemēt against mans pride and vaine glorie.

8 So the Lord scatred them from thence vpon all the earth, and they left of to buylde the citie.

9 Therfore the name of it was called "Babél, because the Lord did there confounde the language of all the earth: frō thence then did the Lord scater them vpon all the earth.

*Or, confusion.

2. Chro. 1, 17.

k He returneth to ỹ genealogie of Shem, to come to the historie of Abrám, wherein the Church of God is described, which is Moses principal purpose.

10 ¶* These are the generacions k of Shem: Shem was an hūdreth yere olde, and begate Arpachshád two yere after the flood.

11 And Shē liued, after he begate Arpachshád, fiue hundreth yeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

12 Also Arpachshád liued fiue and thirty yeres, and begate Shélah.

13 And Arpachshád liued, after he begate Shélah, foure hundreth and thre yeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

14 And Shélah liued thirty yeres, and begate Eber.

15 So Shélah liued, after he begate Eber, foure hundreth and thre yeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

16 Likewise Eber liued foure and thirty yeres, and begate Péleg.

17 So Eber liued, after he begate Péleg, foure hundreth and thirty yeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

18 And Péleg liued thirty yeres, and begate Reú.

1. Chro. 1, 19.

19 * And Péleg liued, after he begate Reú, two hundreth and nine yeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

20 Also Reú liued two and thirty yeres, & begate Serúg.

21 So Reú liued after he begate Serúg, two hundreth and seuen yeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

22 Moreouer Serúg liued thirty yeres, and begate Nahór.

23 And Serúg liued, after he begate Nahór, two hundreth yeres, and begate sonnes & daughters.

24 And Nahór liued nine & twenty yeres, and begate Térah.

25 So Nahór liued, after he begate Térah, an hūdreth and ninetene yeres, and begate sonnes and daughters.

1. Chro. 1, 26. Iosh. 24, 2.

l He maketh mencio first of Abram, not because he was the first borne, but for the historie, which properly appertaineth vnto him.

26 * So Térah liued seuentie yeres, & begate Abrám, Nahór, and Harán.

27 ¶ Now these are ỹ generacios of Térah: Térah begate l Abrám, Nahór, & Harán: and Harán begate Lot.

28 Then Harán dyed before Térah his father in the land of his natiuitie, in Vr of "the Caldees.

"Hebr. Casdim.

29 So Abrám and Nahór toke them wiues. the name of Abrams wife was Sarái, and the name of Nahors wife Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcán, and the father of m Iscáh.

m Some thinke that this Iscáh was Saráh.

30 But Sarái was barren, *and* had no childe.

31 Then n Térah toke Abrám his sonne, & Lot the sonne of Harán, his sonnes sonne, and Saráh his daughter in lawe, his sonne Abrams wife: and they departed together from Vr of the Caldees, to * go into the land of Canáan, and they came to o Harán, and dwelt there.

n Albeit the oracle of God came to Abram, yet the honour is giuen to Térah, because he was ỹ father. Iosh. 24, 2. nehe. 9, 7. iudi. 5, 6. act. 7, 4.

o Which was a citie of Mesopotamia.

32 So the dayes of Térah were two hundreth and fiue yeres, and Térah dyed in Harán.

Act. 7, 3.

a From the flood to this time were thre hundreth thre score and thre yere.

CHAP. XII.

1 Abrám by Gods commandement goeth to Canáan. 3. Christ is promised. 7 Abram buyldeth altars for exercise and declaration of his faith among the infidelies. 10 Because of the derthe he goeth into Egypt. 15 Pharaoh taketh his wife, and is punished.

1 FOr the Lord had said vnto Abrám, * a Get thee out of thy countrey, and frō thy kindred, and frō thy fathers house vnto b the land that I wil shewe thee.

b In appointing him no certeine place he proueth so muche more his faith & obedience.

2 And I wil make of thee a great nacion, and wil blesse thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be c a blessing.

c The worlde shal recouer by thy sede, which is Christ, the blessīg which they lost in Adám.

3 I wil also blesse them that blesse thee, & curse them that curse thee, & in thee shal all families of the earth be blessed.

d Meaning, as wel seruāts as cattel.

4 So Abrám departed, euen as the Lord spake vnto him, and Lot went with him. (And Abrám was seuenty and fiue yere olde, when he departed out of Harán)

e He wandred to and fro in ỹ lād before he colde finde a settling place: thus God exerciseth the faith of his children.

5 Then Abrám toke Sarái his wife, & Lot his brothers sonne, and all their substance that they possessed, & the d soules that they had gotten in Harán, and they departed, to go to the land of Canaan. and to the land of Canáan they came.

*Or, ete grone.

f Which was a cruel and rebellious natiō, by whome God kept his in a continual exercise.

6 ¶ So Abrám e passed through ỹ land vnto ỹ place of Shechém, and vnto the "plaine of Morēh (and the f Canaanite was then in the land)

g It was not ynough for hī to worship God in his heart, but it was expedient to declare by outward profession his faith before men, whereof this altar was a signe.

7 And the Lord appeared vnto Abrám, and said, Vnto thy sede wil I giue this lād. And there buylded he an g altar vnto the Lord, which appeared vnto him.

h Because of the troubles that he had amōg that wicked people.

8 Afterward remouing h thence vnto a mountaine Eastward from Beth-él, he pitched his tent hauing Beth-él on the West side, & Haái on ỹ East: and there he buylt an i altar vnto the Lord, and called on the name of the Lord.

i And so serued ỹ true God & renoūced all idolatrie.

9 k Againe Abrám wēt forthe going & iourneing towarde the South.

k Thus ỹ children of God may loke for no rest in this worlde, but must waite for ỹ heauēlie rest and quietnes.

10 ¶ Then there came a l famine in the lād: therfore Abrám went downe into Egypt to soiourne there. for there was a great famine

l This was a newe trial of Abrams faith: wherby we se that the end of one afflictiō is ỹ beginning of an other.

famine in the land.

11 And when he drewe nere to entre into Egypt, he said to Sarái his wife, Beholde now, I knowe that thou art a faire woman to loke vpon:

12 Therfore it wil come to passe, that whē the Egyptians se thee, they will say, She is his wife: so wil they kil me, but they wil kepe thee aliue.

m By this we maie learne not to vse vnlaufull meanes, nor to put others in danger to saue our selues read verse twentie albeit it maie appeare ỹ Abrā feared not so much death, as that, if he should die with out issue, Gods promes should not haue takē place: wherein appeared a weake faith.

13 Say, I pray thee, ỹ thou art my m sister, that I may fare wel for thy sake, and that my "life may be preserued by thee.

" Ebr. that my soule maie liue.

14 ¶Now, when Abrám was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman: for she was very faire.

15 And the princes of Pharaóh sawe her, and commended her vnto Pharaóh: so the woman was n taken into Pharaohs house:

n To be his wife

16 Who intreated Abrám wel for her sake, and he had shepe, and beues, and he asses, and men seruantes and maide seruantes, and she asses, and camelles.

17 But the Lord o plagued Pharaóh and his house with great plagues, because of Sarái Abrams wife.

o The Lord toke ỹ defence of this poore stranger against a mightie Kīg: and as he is euer careful ouer his, so did he preserue Sarái.

18 Then Pharaóh called Abrám and said, Why hast ỹ done this vnto me? Wherfore didest thou not tel me, that she was thy wife?

19 Why saidest thou, She is my sister, that I shulde take her to be my wife? Now therfore beholde thy wife, take *her* and go thy way.

p To the entēt ỹ none shulde hurt him ether in his persone or goods.

20 And Pharaóh gaue men p commandemēt concerning him: and they conueied him forthe, and his wife, and all ỹ he had.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Abrám departeth out of Egypt. 11 Lot departeth from him. 13 The wickednes of the Sodomites. 14 The promes made to Abram is renued. 18 Abram buyldeth an altar to the Lord.

a His great riches gotte in Egypt hindred him not to folowe his vocation.

1 THen a Abrám went vp from Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, & Lot with him towarde the South.

2 And Abrám *was* very riche in cattel, in siluer and in golde.

b He calleth ỹ place by that name, which was after giuē vnto it. chap. 28,19. *Chap.12,7.*

3 And he wēt on his iourney frō the South toward b Beth-él, to the place where his tent had bene at the beginning, betwene Beth-él and Haái,

4 Vnto ỹ place of the * altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abrám called on the Name of the Lord.

c This incōmodite came by their riches, ẅ brake friendeship, and as it were, the bond of nature. *Chap.36,7.*

5 ¶Lot also, who wēt with Abrám, had shepe cattel and tentes,

6 So that the land colde not c beare them, that they might dwel together: for their * substance was great, so that they colde not dwel together.

d Who seing their rotencio might blaspheme God and destroie them.

7 Also there was debate betwene the herdmen of Abrams cattel, & the herdmen of Lots cattel. (and the d Canaanites & the Perizzites dwelled at that time in ỹ lād)

8 Then said Abrám vnto Lot, Let there be no e strife, I pray thee, betwene thee & me, nether betwene mine herdmen and thine herdmen: for we be brethren.

e He curteth of the occasion of contēcion: therfore the cuil ceaseth.

9 Is not the whole lād before thee? departe I pray thee frō me: if thou wilt f take ỹ left hand, then I wil go to the right: or if thou go to the right hand, then I wil take the left.

f Abrám refigneth his owne right to bie peace.

10 So when Lot lifted vp his eies, he sawe ỹ all the plaine of Iordén was watered euerie where: (*for* before the Lord destroyed Sodóm and Gomoráh, *it was* as the g garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou goest vnto Zóar)

g Which was ī Edē, chap. 2,10

11 Thē Lot chose vnto him all ỹ plaine of Iordén and toke his iourney frō the East: & they departed the h one from ỹ other.

h This was done by Gods prouidence, that onely Abram and his sede might dwel in the lād of Canáan.

12 Abrám dwelled in the land of Canáan, and Lot abode in the cities of the plaine, and pitched his tent euen to Sodóm.

13 Now the men of Sodóm *were* wicked & exceading i sinners against the Lord.

i Lot thinking to get paradise found hel.

14 ¶Thē ỹ Lord said vnto k Abrám, (after that Lot was departed from him) Lift vp thine eies now, and loke from the place, where ỹ art, Northward, and Southward, and Eastward, and Westward:

k The Lord cōforted him, lest he shulde haue taken thoght for the departure of his nepheu.

15 For all * the land, which thou seest, wil I giue vnto thee and to thy sede for l euer,

Chap.12.7.& 15.1. & 26.4. deu 34.4.

16 And I wil make thy sede, as the dust of ỹ earth: so that if a man can nomber ỹ dust of the earth, then shal thy sede be nōbred.

l Meanig, a lōg time, and til ỹ comming of Christ, as Exo. 21,6. deu 15,17. 1 Sam 2,20 and spiritually this is referred to the true children of Abrám, borne according to ỹ promes. & not according to ỹ flesh, which are heires of the true land of Canáan.

17 Arise, walke through the land, in the length thereof, and bredth thereof: for I wil giue it vnto thee.

18 Then Abrám remoued his tent, and came and dwelled in the plaine of Mamré, which is in Hebrón, & buylded there an altar vnto the Lord.

CHAP. XIIII.

12 In the ouerthrowe of Sodóm Lot is taken prisoner. 16 Abram deliuereth him. 18 Melchi-zedek commeth to mete him. 23 Abrā wolde not be enriched by the King of Sodom.

AND in the daies of Amraphél King of a Shinár, Arióch King of Ellasár, Chedor-laómer King of Elám, and Tidál King of the b nations:

a That is, of Babilon: by Kings here meaning thē, that were gouernors of cities.

2 *These men* made warre with Berá King of Sodóm, & with Birshá King of Gomoráh, Shináb King of Admáh, and Shemebér King of Zeboim, and the King of Belá which is Zóar.

b Of a people gathered of diuers coūtries.

3 All these c ioyned together in the vale of d Siddim, which is the d salte Sea.

c Ambicion is the chief cause of warres among princes. d Or, *of the labored fielded.*

4 Twelue yeres were they subiect to Chedor-laómer, but in ỹ thirtenthe yere they rebelled.

d Called also ỹ dead Sea, or ỹ lake Asphaltite nere vnto Sodóm and Gomoráh.

5 And in the fourtenth yere came Chedor-laómer, & the Kings that were with him, & smote the Rephaims in Ashteróth kar-

náim, and the Zuzíms in Ham, and the Emims in [d] Shauéh Kiriathaim.

[d] Or, plaine

6 And the Horites in their mount Seir, vnto the plaine of Parán, [w] is by [y] wildernes.

7 And they returned and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadésh, and [e] smote all [y] coūtrie of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelled in Hazezon-tamár.

[e] Or, ouerthrewe

8 Then went out the King of Sodom, & the King of Gomoráh, & [y] King of Admáh & [y] King of Zeboím, & the King of Béla, [w] is Zóar: and they ioyned battel with them in the vale of Siddím:

9 *To wit,* with Cheder-laómer King of Elám, and Tidál King of nacions, and Amraphél King of Shinár, and Arióh King of Ellasár: foure Kings against fiue.

10 Now the [c] vale of Siddím was ful of slyme pittes, and [y] Kings of Sodóm and Gomoráh fled [f] & fel there: and [y] residue fled to the mountaine.

[c] And afterward was ouer whelmed with water and so was called the salt Sea.
[f] Or, were diſcomfited.

11 Then they toke all the substance of Sodóm and Gomoráh, and all their vitailes and went their waie.

12 They [g] toke Lot also Abrams brothers sonne and his substance (for he dwelt at Sodóm) and departed.

[g] The godlie are plagued manie times with the wicked: therfore their companie is dangerous.

13 ¶ Then came one that had escaped, and tolde Abrám the Ebrewe, which dwelt in [y] plaine of Mamré the Amorite, brother of Eshcól, and brother of Anér, which were [g] confederat with Abrám.

[g] God moued them to ioyne with Abrám, and preserued him frō their idolatrie and superstitions.

14 When Abrám heard that his brother was taken, [h] he broght forthe of them that were borne and broght vp in his house, three hūdreth & eightene, & pursued thē vnto Dan.

[h] Or, armed.

15 Thē he, & his seruantes diuided them selues against thē by night, & smote them and pursued them vnto Hobáh, which is on the left side of [i] Damascus,

[i] Ebr. Dāmések.

16 And he recouered all the substance, and also broght againe his brother Lot, and his goods, & the women also and [y] people.

17 ¶ After that he returned frō the slaughter of Chedor-laómer and of the Kings that were with him, came the King of Sodóm forthe to mete him in the valley of Shauéh, which is the [k] Kings dale.

[k] 2. Sam. 18, 18.

18 And [l] Melchi-zédek King of Shalém [m] broght forthe bread and wine; & he was a Priest of the moste high God.

[l] Ebr. 7, 3.
[m] For Abrám and his soldiors refection, & not to offer sacrifice.

19 Therfore he [n] blessed him, saying, Blessed *art thou,* Abrám, of God moste high possessor of heauen and earth,

[n] In that Melchi-zedek fed Abrám, he declared him selfe to represent a King: & in [y] he blessed him, the high Priest.

20 And blessed *be* the moste high God, [w] hathe deliuered thine ennemies into thine hand. [o] And *Abrám* gaue him tithe of all.

[o] Ebr. 7, 8.

21 Then the King of Sodóm said to Abrám, Giue me the [p] personnes, and take [y] goods to thy selfe.

[p] Ebr. soules.

22 And Abrám said to the King of Sodóm, [q] I haue lift vp mine hand vnto the Lord the moste high God possessor of heauen and earth,

[q] Or, I haue sworne.

23 "That I wil not take of all that is thine, so muche as a threde or shoulachet, lest [y] shuldest saie, I haue made Abrám riche,

[r] Ebr. If I take frō thee a threde &c. read 1 Sam. 14, 44.

24 [s] Saue onely that, which the yong men haue eaten, and the partes of the men [w] wēt with me, Anér, Eshcol, and Mamré: let them take their partes.

[s] He wolde not [y] his liberalitie should be hurtful vnto others

CHAP. XV.

1 The Lord is Abrams defence and rewarde. 6 He is iustified by faith. 13 The seruitude and deliuerance out of Egypt is declared. 18 The land of Canáan is promised the fourth time.

1 AFter these things, [y] worde of [y] Lord came vnto Abrám in a [a] visiō, saying, Feare not, Abrám, I am thy buckler, *and* thine exceading [b] great rewarde.

[a] Or, the Lord spake to Abram
Rom. 12, 6.
Psal 16, 6.
[b] His feare was not onely left he shulde not haue children, but left the promes of the blessed sede shulde not be accomplished in him

2 And Abrám said, [c] O Lord God, what wilt thou giue me, seing I go childeles, and the stuarde of mine house *is* this Eliézer of Damascus?

3 Againe Abrám said, Beholde, to me thou hast giuen no sede: wherfore lo, a seruant of mine house shalbe mine heire.

4 Then beholde, the worde of [y] Lord came vnto him, saying, He shal not be thine heire, but one that shal come out of thine owne bowelles, he shalbe thine heire.

5 Moreouer he broght him forthe and said, [d] Loke vp now vnto heauen, & tel the starres, if thou be able to nombre them: and he said vnto him, So shal thy sede be.

Rom. 4, 18.
Rom. 4, 3.
Iam. 2, 2
Gal. 3, 6.
Chap. 11, 28.

6 And *Abrám* [e] beleued the Lord, and he counted that to him for righteousnes.

b This is a particular motion of Gods Spirit, which is not lawful for all to follow in asking signes: but was permitted to some by a peculiar motion, as to Gideon, and Ezechiáh.

7 Againe he said vnto him, I am the Lord, that broght thee out of [f] Vr of the Caldees, to giue thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, O Lord God, [g] whereby shal I knowe that I shal inherit it?

9 Then he said vnto him, Take me an heyfer of thre yeres olde, and a she goate of thre yeres olde, and a ramme of thre yeres olde, a turtel doue also and a pigion.

c This was [y] olde custome in making couenāts, Ierem. 34, 18: to the which God added these condicions, [y] Abrams posterite shulde be as torne in peces, but after thei shulde be coupled togeather: also that it shulde be assalted, but yet deliuered.

10 So he toke all these vnto him, & [h] diuided them in the middes, and laied euerie pece one against an other: but the birdes diuided he not.

11 Then foules fel on the carkases, and Abrám droue them awaie.

12 And when the sunne went downe, there fel an heauie slepe vpon Abrám: & lo, [i] a verie feareful darcknes fel vpon him.

[i] Ebr. a feare & great darckenes. Act. 7, 6.

13 Then he said to Abrám, [k] Knowe this of a suretie, that thy sede shal be a stranger in a land, that is not theirs, [l] foure hundreth yeres, and shal serue them: and they shal entreate them euil.

d Counting frō the birthe of Izhák to their departure out of Egypt which declareth that God wil suffer his to be afflicted in this worlde,

14 Notwithstanding the nacion, whome they shal serue, wil I iudge: and afterward shal they come out with great substance.

15 But [y] shalt go vnto thy fathers in peace, *and* shalt be buryed in a good age.

16 And in the [m] fourthe generacio they shal come

[l] Or, after foure hundreth yeres,

come hether againe: for the e wickednes of the Amorites is not yet ful.

17 Alſo when the ſunne went downe, there was a darckenes: & beholde, a ſmoking furnace, and a firebrãde, which went betwene thoſe peces.

18 *In that ſame day the Lord made a couenant with Abrám, ſaying, Vnto thy ſede haue I giuen this land, * from the riuer of Egypt vnto the great riuer, the riuer" Euphrates.

19 The Kenites, & the Kenizites, & ỹ Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, & the Rephaims,

21 The Amorites alſo, & the Canaanites & the Girgaſhites, and the Iebuſites.

e Thogh God ſuffre the wicked for a time, yet his vẽgeance falleth vpõ them, whẽ the meaſure of their wickednes is ful

Cha 13,7 13, 15 26,4.deut. 4,4. 1.King.4,21. 2.chro 9,26. "Ebr Perath

CHAP. XVI.

Sarái being barren, giueth Hagái to Abrám. 4 Which cõceiueth & deſpiſeth her dame: 6 And being il handled fleeth. 7 The Angel comforteth her. 11,12 The name and maners of her ſonne. 13 She calleth vpon the Lord, whome ſhe findeth true.

a It ſemeth that ſhe had reſpect to Gods promes, which colde not be accompliſhed without iſſue

1 NOw a Sarái Abrams wife bare him no children, and ſhe had a maide an Egyptian, Hagái by name.

b She faileth in binding Gods power to the commõ ordre of nature, as though God colde not giue her children in her olde age. "Ebr be buylded by her

2 And Sarái ſaid vnto Abrám, Beholde now, the Lord hathe b reſtrayned me from childe bearing. I pray thee go in vnto my maide: it may be ỹ I ſhal "receiue a childe by her. And Abrám obeied the voice of Sarái.

3 Then Sarái Abrams wife toke Hagár her maide the Egyptian, after Abrám had dwelled ten yere in the land of Canáan, and gaue her to her houſband Abrám for his wife.

4 ¶And he wẽt in vnto Hagár, & ſhe conceiued. and when ſhe ſawe ỹ ſhe had conceiued, her dame was c deſpiſed in her eies.

c This puniſhmẽt declareth what thet ganne that attẽpt any thing againſt the worde of God "Ebr mine vnrighteouſnes vpon thee

5 Then Sarái ſaid to Abrám, "Thou doeſt me wrõg. I haue giuen my maide into thy boſome, and ſhe ſeeth that ſhe hathe cõceiued, and I am deſpiſed in her eies: ỹ Lord iudge betwene me and thee.

"Or, power

6 Then Abrám ſaid to Sarái, Beholde, thy maide *is* in thine "hand: do with her as it pleaſeth thee. Thẽ Sarái delt roughly with her: wherfore ſhe fled from her.

d Which was Chriſt, as appeareth verſe 10 & chap 18, 21

7 ¶But the d Angel of the Lord founde her beſide a fountayne of water in the wildernes by the fountaine in the way to Shur,

8 And he ſaid, Hagár Sarais maide, whence comeſt thou? and whether wilt thou go? And ſhe ſaid, I flee from my dame Sarái.

e God reiecteth none eſtate of people in their miſeries, but ſendeth them cõfort.

9 Thẽ the Angel of ỹ Lord ſaid to her, e Returne to thy dame, and humble thy ſelfe vnder her handes.

10 Againe the Angel of the Lord ſaid vnto her, I wil ſo greatly encreaſe thy ſede, that it ſhal not be nõbred for multitude.

11 Alſo the Angel of the Lord ſaid vnto her, Se, thou art with childe, and ſhalt beare a ſõne, and ſhalt call his name Iſhmaél: for the Lord hathe heard thy tribulation.

12 And he ſhal be a" wilde man: his hand *ſhalbe* againſt euerie man, and euerie mãs hãd againſt him. * and f he ſhal dwel in the preſence of all his brethren.

"Or, ſeuere and cruel, or, as a wilde aſſe. Chap.25,17. f That is, the Iſhmaelites ſhalbe a peculiar people by them ſelues & not a portion of an other people

13 Then ſhe called the name of the Lord, that ſpake vnto her, Thou God lokeſt on me: for ſhe ſaid, g Haue I not alſo here loked after him that ſeeth me?

g She rebuketh her owne dulnes and acknowledgeth Gods graces, who was preſent with her euery where.

14 *Wherfore the well was called, "Beér-lahái-roí. lo, *it is* betwene Kadéſh & Béred.

Chap.24,62 "Or, the well of the liuing and ſeing me.

15 ¶And Hagár bare Abrám a ſonne, and Abrám called his ſonnes name, which Hagár bare, Iſhmaél.

16 And Abrám *was* foure ſcore and ſixe yere olde, when Hagár bare him Iſhmaél.

CHAP. XVII.

Abrams name is changed to confirme him in the promes. 8 The land of Canáan is the firſt time promiſed. 12 Circũciſion is inſtituted. 15 Sarái is named Saráh. 18 Abrahã prayeth for Iſhmaél. 19 Izhák is promiſed.

1 WHen Abrám was ninety yere olde and nine, the Lord appeared to Abrám, and ſaid vnto him, I am God "all ſufficient. * walke before me, and be thou "vpright,

"Or, almighty Chap 5,22 "Or, without hypocriſie.

2 And I wil make my couenant betwene me and thee, and I wil multiply thee exceadingly.

3 Then Abrám fel on his face, and God talked with him, ſaying,

4 Beholde, I *make* my couenant with thee, & thou ſhalt be a a father of manie naciõs,

a Not only according to ỹ fleſhe, but of a farre greater multitude by faith, ro.4,17.

5 Nether ſhal thy name anie more be called Abrám, but thy name ſhalbe b Abrahám: * for a father of manie nacions haue I made thee.

b The changing of his name is a ſeale to confirme Gods promes vnto him Rom.4,17.

6 Alſo I wil make thee exceading fruteful, and wil make nacions of thee: yea, Kings ſhal procede of thee.

7 Moreouer I wil eſtabliſh my couenant betwene me and thee, and thy ſede after thee in their generacions, for an * euerlaſting couenant, to be God vnto thee and to thy ſede after thee. Chap 13,11.

8 And I wil giue thee and thy ſede after thee the land, wherin thou art a ſtranger, euen all the lãd of Canáan, for an euerlaſting poſſeſſion, and I wil be their God.

c Circumciſiõ is called the couenãt, becauſe it ſignifieth the couenãt & hathe the promes of grace ioyned to it; which phraſe is commune to all ſacraments Act.7,8.

9 ¶Againe God ſaid vnto Abrahám, Thou alſo ſhalt kepe my couenant, thou, and thy ſede after thee in their generacions.

10 c This is my couenant, which ye ſhal kepe betwene me and you, and thy ſede after thee, * Let euerie man childe among you be circumciſed:

d That priuie parte is circũciſed to ſhewe that all that is begotten of mã is corrupt and muſt be mortified Rom.4,11.

11 That is, ye ſhal circumciſe the d foreſkin of your fleſh, and it ſhal be a * ſigne of the couenant betwene me and you.

12 And euerie mã childe of eight daies olde among you, ſhalbe circũciſed ih your

generaciõs, aſwel he that is borne in *thine* houſe, as he that is bogh̄t with money of any ſtranger, which is not of thy ſede.

13 He that is borne in thine houſe, and he that is bogh̄t with thy money, muſt nedes be circumciſed: ſo my couenant ſhal be in your fleſh for an euerlaſting couenant.

14 But the vncircumciſed [e] man childe, in whoſe fleſh the foreſkinne is not circumciſed, euen that perſonne ſhal be cut of frõ his people, *becauſe* he hathe brokẽ my couenant.

15 ¶ Afterward God ſaid vnto Abrahám, Saráy thy wife ſhalt thou not call Saráy, but [f] Saráh *ſhalbe* her name.

16 And I wil bleſſe her, & wil alſo giue thee a ſonne of her, yea, I wil bleſſe her & ſhe ſhalbe *the mother* of nations: Kings *alſo* of people ſhal come of her.

17 Thẽ Abrahám fel vpõ his face, & [f] laughed, & ſaid in his heart, Shal a childe be borne vnto him, that is an hundreth yere olde? and ſhal Saráh that is ninety yere olde beare?

18 And Abrahám ſaid vnto God, *Oh, that Iſhmaél might liue in thy ſight.

19 Thẽ God ſaid, Saráh thy wife ſhal beare thee a ſonne in dede, & thou ſhalt call his name Izhak: & I wil eſtabliſh my couenant with him for an [g] euerlaſting couenãt, *and* with his ſeede afte him.

20 And as cõcerning Iſhmaél, I haue heard thee: lo I haue bleſſed him, and wil make him fruteful, and wil multiplie him "exceadingly: twelue princes ſhal he beget, and I wil make a great nacion of him.

21 But my couenant wil I eſtabliſh with Izhák, which Saráh ſhal beare vnto thee, ỹ next* vere at this ſeaſon.

22 And [h] he left of talking with him, and God went vp from Abrahám.

23 ¶ Then Abrahám toke Iſhmaél his ſonne and all that were borne in his houſe, & all that was bogh̄t with his money, *that is*, euery man childe among the men of Abrahams houſe and [h] he circumciſed the foreſkinne of their fleſh in that ſelf ſame day, as God had commanded him.

24 Abrahám alſo him ſelfe was ninety yere olde & nine, when the foreſkinne of his fleſh was circumciſed.

25 And Iſhmaél his ſonne was thirtene yere olde, when the foreſkinne of his fleſh was circumciſed.

26 The ſelfe ſame day was Abrahám circumciſed, and Iſhmaél his ſonne:

27 And all the men of his houſe, *both* borne in his houſe, and bogh̄t with money of the ſtrãger, were circumciſed with him.

e Albeit womẽ were not circumciſed, yet were they partakers of Gods promes: for vnder the mankinde all was conſecrated & here is declared, that whoſoeuer cõtẽneth ỹ ſigne, deſpiseth alſo the promes

Or, dame, or, princeſſe

f Which proceded of a ſoden ioye, and not of infidelitie

Chap 18,10. and 21,2.

g The euerlaſting couenant is made with the childrẽ of the Spirit: and with the childrẽ of the fleſhe is made ỹ temporal proms, as was promiſed to Iſhmaél

"Or greatly greatly

Chap 21,2.

h Thei were wel inſtructed which obeied to be circumciſed without reſiſtance: wherby is declared ỹ maſters in their houſes ought to be as preachers to their families, that from the hieſt to ỹ loweſt they may obey the wil of God.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Abrahám receiueth thre Angels into his houſe. 10 Izhak is promiſed againe. 12 Sarah laugheth. 18 Christ is promiſed to all nations. 19 Abraham taught his familie to knowe God. 21 The deſtruction of Sodom is declared vnto Abraham. 23 Abraham prayeth for them.

1 AGaine the Lord* appeared vnto him in the [i] plaine of Mamré, as he ſate in his tent dore about the heate of the day.

Ebr 18,2.

[i] *Or, oke grone*

2 And he lift vp his eies, and loked: and lo, thre [a] men ſtode by him, and when he ſawe *them*, he ran to mete them from the tent dore, & bowed him ſelfe to the grounde.

a That is, thre Angels in mans ſhape.

3 And he ſaid, [b] Lord, if I haue now found fauour in thy ſight, go not, I praie thee, from thy ſeruant.

b Speaking to one of them, in whome appeared to be moſt maieſtie: for he thoght thei had bene men

4 Let a litle water, I pray you, be broght, and [c] waſh your fete, and reſt your ſelues vnder the tre.

c For men vſed because of the great heat to go bare fote in thoſe parties

5 And I wil bring a morſel of bread, that you may cõfort your heartes, afterwarde ye ſhal go your waies: for therefore are ye [d] come to your ſeruant. And they ſaid, Do euen as thou haſt ſaid.

d As ſent of God, that I ſhulde do my ducti to you

6 Then Abrahám made haſte into the tẽt vnto Saráh, and ſaid, Make ready at once thre "meaſures of fine meale: knede it, and make cakes vpon the herthe.

" *Ebr Seim*

7 And Abrahám ran to ỹ beaſtes, & toke a tender and good calfe, and gaue it to the ſeruant, who haſted to make it ready.

8 And he toke butter & milke, and the calfe, which he had prepared, and ſet before them, and ſtode him ſelfe by them vnder the tre, and [e] thei did eat.

e For as God gaue them bodies for a time, ſo gaue he thẽ ỹ faculties thereof, to walke, to eat and drincke, & ſuche like.

9 ¶ Thẽ thei ſaid to him, Where is Saráh thy wife? And he anſwered, Beholde, *ſhe is* in the tent.

10 And he ſaid, * I wil certeinly come againe vnto thee according to ỹ time [f] of life: and lo, Saráh thy wife ſhal haue a ſonne and Saráh heard in the tẽt dore, which was behinde him.

Chap 17, 19. and 21,2 ro 9,9

[f] That is, whẽ ſhe ſhalbe deliuered, or whẽ the childe ſhal come into this life

11 (Now Abrahám and Saráh *were* olde & ſtriken in age, *and* it ceaſed to be with Saráh after the maner of women)

12 Therfore Saráh [g] laughed within her ſelfe, ſaying, After I am waxed olde, * & my lord alſo, ſhal I haue luſt?

g For ſhe rather had reſpect to the order of nature, then beleued the promes of God

1 Pet 3,6.

13 And ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Abrahám, Wherfore did Saráh thus laugh, ſaying, Shal I certeinly beare a childe, which am olde?

14 (Shal anie thig be "hard to the Lord? at ỹ time appointed wil I returne vnto thee, *euen* according to the time of life, and Saráh ſhal haue a ſonne.)

"*Or hid.*

15 But Saráh denied, ſaying, I laughed not: for ſhe was afraied. And he ſaid, It is not ſo: for thou laughedſt.

16 ¶ Afterward ỹ mẽ did riſe vpõ thẽce & loked toward Sodóm: and Abrahám wẽt with them to bring them on ỹ waie.

h Iehouáh the Ebrewe worde, which we call Lord, ſheweth that this Angel was Chriſt: for this worde is onely applied to God.

17 And the [h] Lord ſaid, Shal I hide from Abrahám that thing which I do,

18 Seig ỹ Abrahám ſhalbe in dede a great and a mightie nacion, & *all the naciõs of the

Chap 12,13. and 22,17.

the earth ſhal be bleſſed in him?

19 For I knowe him [a] ỹ he wil commande his ſonnes and his houſholde after him, that thei kepe the waie of the Lord, to do righteouſnes and iudgement, that the Lord maie bring vpon Abrahám that he hathe ſpoken vnto him.

20 Then the Lord ſaid, Becauſe the crie of Sodóm and Gomoráh is great, and becauſe their ſinne is exceading grieuous,

21 I wil [k] go downe now, and ſe whether thei haue done altogether according to ỹ [l] crie, which is come vnto me: and if not, *that* I maie knowe.

22 And ỹ men turned thence & went toward Sodóm: but Abrahám ſtode yet before the Lord.

23 Thẽ Abrahám drewe nere, & ſaid, Wilt ỹ alſo deſtroie ỹ righteous with ỹ wicked?

24 If there be fiftie righteous within the citie, wilt thou deſtroie & not ſpare the place for ỹ fiftie righteous that are therein?

25 Be it farre frõ thee frõ doing this thing, to ſlay the righteous with the wicked: & that the righteous ſhulde be euen as the wicked, be it farre from thee. ſhal not the iudge of all the worlde [n] do right?

26 And the Lord anſwered, If I ſhal finde in Sodóm [m] fifty righteous within ỹ citie, thẽ wil I ſpare all the place for their ſakes.

27 Then Abrahám anſwered and ſaid, Beholde now, I haue begonne to ſpeake vnto my Lord, and I am [n] but duſt and aſſhes.

28 If there ſhal lacke fiue of fiftie righteous, wilt ỹ deſtroie all the citie for fiue? And he ſaid, If I finde there fiue and fourty, I wil not deſtroie it.

29 And he yet ſpake to him againe, and ſaid, What if there ſhalbe founde fourtie? Then he anſwered, I wil not do it for fourties ſake.

30 Againe he ſaid, Let not my Lord now be angry ỹ I ſpeake, What if thirtie be foũde there? Then he ſaid, I wil not do it, if I finde thirtie there.

31 Moreouer he ſaid, Beholde, now I haue begõne to ſpeake vnto my Lord, What if twentie be founde there? And he ãſwered, I wil not deſtroie it for twenties ſake.

32 Then he ſaid, Let not my Lord be now angrie, & I wil ſpeak but this [o] once, What if ten be founde there? And he anſwered, I wil not deſtroie it for tens ſake.

33 ¶ And ỹ Lord went his waie when he had left communing with Abrahám, & Abrahám returned vnto his place.

CHAP. XIX

¶ 3 Lot receiueth two Angels into his houſe. 4 The filthy luſtes of the Sodomites 16 Lot is deliuered 24 Sodõ is deſtroied 26. Lots wife is made a piller of ſalt 33. Lots daughters lye with their father, of whome come Moab and Ammón.

AND in ỹ euening their came two [a] Angels to Sodóm: and Lot ſate at the gate of Sodóm, & Lot ſawe *them*, & roſe vp to mete them, and he bowed him ſelfe with his face to the grownd:

2 And he ſaid, Se my Lords, I praie you turne in now into your ſeruants houſe, & tarie all night, and * waſh your fete, and ye ſhal riſe vp early and go your waies. Who ſaid, Naie, but we wil abide in the ſtrete all night.

3 Then [b] he preaſed vpon them earneſtly, and thei turned into him, and came to his houſe, and he made them a feaſt, and did bake vnleauened bread, and thei [c] did eat.

4 But before thei went to bed, the men of the citie, *euen* the men of Sodóm compaſſed the houſe round about from the yong to the olde, [d] all the people from *all* quarters.

5 Who cryig vnto Lot ſaid to him, Where are ỹ men, which came to thee this night? bring them out vnto vs that we maie knowe them.

6 Then Lot went out at ỹ dore vnto them, and ſhut the doore after him,

7 And ſaid, I praie you, my brethren, do not *ſo* wickedly.

8 Beholde now, I haue two [e] daughters, ẅ haue not knowen man: thẽ wil I bring out now vnto you, and do to them as ſemeth you good: onely vnto theſe men do nothing. [f] for therfore are thei come vnder the ſhadowe of my rofe.

9 Then thei ſaid, Awaie hence. and thei ſaid, He is come alone as a ſtranger, & ſhal he iudge and rule? we wil now deale worſe with thee then with them. So thei preaſed ſore vpon Lot * him ſelfe, & came to breake ỹ dore.

10 But the men put forthe their hand & pulled Lot into the houſe to them and ſhut to the dore.

11 * Then thei ſmote the men that were at the dore of ỹ houſe with blindenes bothe ſmale and great, ſo that thei were wearie in [p] ſeking the dore.

12 ¶ Then the men ſaid vnto Lot, Whome haſt thou yet here? ether ſonne in lawe or thy ſonnes, or thy daughters, or whatſoeuer thou haſt in the citie, bring it out of this place.

13 For we [g] wil deſtroie this place, becauſe the * crie of them is great before ỹ Lord, and the Lord hathe ſent vs to deſtroie it.

14 Then Lot went out and ſpake vnto his ſonnes in lawe, which [q] maried his daughters, & ſaid, Ariſe, get you out of this place: for the Lord wil deſtroie the citie: but he ſemed to his ſonnes in lawe as thogh he had mocked.

15 ¶ And when ỹ morning aroſe, the Angels haſted Lot, ſaying, Ariſe, take thy wife and thy two daughters [r] which are here, leſt ỹ be deſtroied in the puniſhmẽt of the citie.

I He ſheweth that fathers oght bothe to knowe Gods iudgements & to declare them to their children

k God ſpeaketh after the faſion of mẽ: that is, I wil entre into iudgement with good aduis.

l For our ſins crie for vengeance thogh none accuſe vs

m Ebr do iudgement?

n God declareth that his iudgements were done of great mercie, foraſmuche as all were ſo corrupt, that not onely fiue, but ten righteous men colde not be founde there: and alſo that the wicked are ſpared for the righteous ſake

o Hereby we learne, that ỹ nerer we approche vnto God, the more doeth our miſerable eſtate appeare, and the more are we humbled.

p If God refuſed not the praier for the wicked Sodomites, euen to ỹ ſixt requeſt, how muche more wil he graunte the praiers of the godlie for ỹ afflicted Church?

a Wherein we ſe Gods prouident care in preſeruing his: albeit he reueileth not him ſelfe to all alike. for Lot had but two Angels and Abrahám thre.

b That is, he praied them ſo inſtantly.

c Not for ỹ thei had neceſſitie, but becauſe ỹ time was not yet come that thei wolde reueile them ſelues

d Nothing is more dangerous, then to dwel where ſinne reigneth: for it corrupteth all.

e He deſerueth praiſe in defending his gueſtes, but he is to be blamed in ſeking vnlauful meanes

f That I ſhulde preſerue them from all iniurie.

2 Pet. 2. 7.

Wiſd. 19. 16.

p Ebr. finding.

g This proueth that the Angels are miniſters, aſwel to execute Gods wrath, as to declare his fauour

q Chap. 18. 20.

r Or, ſhulde be marie

r Ebr which are founde.

16 And *as* he [h] prolonged the time, * the men caught bothe him & his wife, and his two daughters by the handes (ỹ Lord being merciful vnto him) & they broght him forthe, & ſet him without the citie.

17 ¶ And when they had broght thē out, *the Angel* ſaid: eſcape for thy life: loke not behinde thee, nether tarie thou in all the plaine: eſcape into the mountaine, leſt thou be deſtroied.

18 And Lot ſaid vnto them, Not ſo, I praie thee, my Lord.

19 Beholde now, thy ſeruant hathe founde grace in thy ſight, and thou haſt magnified thy mercie, which thou haſt ſhewed vnto me in ſauing my life: and I can not eſcape in the mountaine, leſt *some* euil take me, and I die.

20 Se now this citie hereby to flee vnto, which is a litle one: Oh let me eſcape thither: is it not a [k] litle one, & my ſoule ſhal liue?

21 Then he ſaid vnto him, Beholde, I haue receiued "thy requeſt alſo cōcerning this thing, that I wil not ouerthrowe this citie, for the which thou haſt ſpoken.

22 Haſte thee, ſaue thee there: for I cā do [l] nothig til thou be come thether. Therfore ỹ name of ỹ citie was called [m] Zóar.

23 ¶ The ſunne did riſe vpon the earth, whē Lot entred into Zóar.

24 Then the Lord * rained vpon Sodóm and vpon Gomoráh brimſtone, and fire from the Lord out of heauen,

25 And ouerthrewe thoſe cities and all the plaine, & all the inhabitāts of the cities, and that that grewe vpon the earth.

26 ¶ Now his wife behīde him loked backe, and was turned in to a [n] piller of ſalt.

27 ¶ And Abrahám riſing vp early in ỹ morning *went* to ỹ place, where he had ſtand before the Lord, and loking toward Sodóm and Gomoráh and toward all the land of the plaine:

28 Beholde, he ſawe the ſmoke of the land mounting vp as the ſmoke of a fornace.

29 ¶ But yet when God deſtroied the cities of the plaine, God thoght vpon Abrahā, and ſent Lot out from the middes of the deſtructiō, whē he ouerthrewe the cities, wherein Lot dwelled.

30 ¶ Then Lot went vp frō Zóar, and dwelt in the mountaine with his two daughters: for he [o] feared to tarie in Zóar, but dwelt in a caue, he, and his two daughters.

31 And the elder ſaid vnto ỹ yonger, Our father is olde, and there is not a man in the [p] earth to come in vnto vs after the maner of all the earth.

32 Come, we wil make our father [q] drinke wine, and lye with him, that we maie preſerue ſede of our father.

33 So thei made their father drinke wine ỹ night, and the elder went and laie with her father: but he perceiued not, nether when ſhe laie downe, nether when ſhe roſe vp.

34 And on the morow the elder ſaid to the yonger, Beholde, yeſter night laie I with my father: let vs make him drinke wine this night alſo, and go thou *and* lye with him, ỹ we maie "preſerue ſede of ō father.

35 So thei made their father drinke wine ỹ night alſo, and the yonger arōſe, and laie with him, but he perceiued not, when ſhe laie downe, nether when ſhe roſe vp.

36 Thus were [r] bothe the daughters of Lot with childe by their father.

37 And the elder bare a ſonne, & ſhe called his name Moáb: the ſame is the father of ỹ [s] Moabites vnto this daie.

38 And the yonger bare a ſonne alſo, and ſhe called his name [t] Ben-ammi: the ſame is ỹ father of ỹ Ammonites vnto this daie.

CHAP. XX.

1 Abrahám dwelleth as a ſtranger in the land of Gerár. 2 Abimélech taketh awaie his wife. 3 God reprouеth the King. 9 And the King, Abrahā. 11 Sarah is reſtored with great giftes. 17 Abrahám praieth, and the King and his are healed.

1 AFterwarde Abrahám departed thence toward the South countrie and dwelled betwene Cadéſh & [a] Shur, and ſoiourned in Gerár.

2 And Abrahám ſaid of Sarah his wife, [b] She is my ſiſter. Thē Abimélech King of Gerár ſent and toke Sarah.

3 But God came to Abimélech in a dreame by night and ſaid to him, Beholde, [c] thou art but dead, becauſe of the womā, which thou haſt taken: for ſhe is a mans wife.

4 (Notwithſtanding Abimélech had not yet come nere her) And he ſaid, Lord, wilt thou ſlaie euen [d] the righteous nacion?

5 Said not he vnto me, She is my ſiſter? yea, and ſhe her ſelfe ſaid, He is my brother: with vpright [e] minde, and [f] innocēt hāds haue I done this.

6 And God ſaid vnto him by a dreame, I knowe ỹ thou dideſt this euen with an vpright minde, & I [g] kept thee alſo that thou ſhuldeſt not ſinne againſt me: therfore ſuffred I thee not to touche her.

7 Now then deliuer ỹ man his wife againe: for he is a [h] Prophet, & he [i] ſhal praye for thee ỹ thou mayeſt liue: but if thou deliuer her not āgaine, be ſure ỹ thou ſhalt die the death, thou, & all that thou haſt.

8 Then Abimélech riſing vp early in the morning called all his ſeruātes, and tolde all theſe things "vnto them, and the men were ſore afraide.

9 Afterward Abimélech called Abrahám, and ſaid vnto him, What haſt thou done vnto vs? and what haue I offended thee, that thou haſt broght on me and on my [k] kingdome *this* great ſinne? thou haſt done things vnto me that oght not to be done.

10 So

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h The mercie of God ſtriueth to ouercome mans ſlownes in following Gods calling. *Wiſd.10,6.*

i He willed hi to flee from Gods iudgements, and not to be ſorie to depart from ỹ riche countrei and ful of vaine pleaſures.

k Thogh it be litle, yet it is great ynough to ſaue my life: wherī he offendeth in chooſing another place then the Angel had appointed him.

"Ebr. thy face.

l Becauſe Gods commandemēt was to deſtroie the citie and to ſaue Lot.

m Which before was called Belāh, cha.14, 2.

**Deu.29,23. iſai 13,19. ierem 50,40. ezech.16,49. ezr.11,8. amo.4,11. luk.17,29. iude 7.*

n As touching the bodie onely: & this was a notable mōnumēt of Gods vengeance to all them that paſſed that way.

o Hauing before felt Gods mercie, he durſt not prouoke him againe by continuing among the wicked

p Meaning, in the countrei, which ỹ Lord had now deſtroied

q For except he had bene ouercome w wine, he wolde neuer haue done ỹ abominable act.

"Ebr. kepe alīue

r Thus God permitted him to fall moſte horribly in ỹ ſolitarie mōtaynes, whome the wickednes of Sodóm colde not ouercome

s Who as they were borne in moſte horrible inceſt, ſo were they and their poſteritie vile and wicked

t That is, ſōne of my people: ſignifying, that thei rather reioyced ī their ſinne, then repented for the ſame.

a Which was toward Egypt.

b Abrahám had now twiſe fallē into this faute: ſuche is mans frailtie.

c So greatly God deteſteth the breache of mariage.

d The infideles confeſſed that God wold not puniſh but for iuſt occaſion: therfore whenſoeuer he puniſheth, ỹ occaſion is iuſt.

e As one failing by ignorance, and not doing euil of purpoſe.

f Not thinkig to do any man harme.

g God by his holie Spirit reteineth thē that offend by ignorāce, that thei fall not into greater inconuenience.

h That is, one, to whome God reueileth him ſelf familiarly.

i For ỹ prayer of ỹ godlie is of force towards God.

"Ebr in their eares

k The wickednes of the King bringeth Gods wrath vpon ỹ whole realme.

10 So Abimélech said vnto Abrahám, What sawest ỹ that ỹ hast done this thig?
11 Then Abrahám answered, Because I thoght *thus*, Surely ỹ [l] feare of God *is* not in this place, and they wil slay me for my wiues sake.
12 Yet in very dede she is my [m] sister: for she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, & she is my wife.
13 Now when God caused me to wandre out of my fathers house, I said thē to her, This is thy kindenes that ỹ shalt shewevn to me in all places where we come, * Say thou of me, He is my brother.
14 Then toke Abimélech shepe & beues, & men seruantes, and women seruantes, and gaue them vnto Abrahám, and restored him Saráh his wife.
15 And Abimélech said, Behold, my land *is* [o] before thee: dwel where it pleaseth thee.
16 Likewise to Saráh he said, Beholde, I haue giuen thy brother a thousand peces of siluer: beholde, he is ỹ [n] vaile of thine eies to all that are with thee, and to all *others*: and she was [o] thus reproued.
17 ¶ Then Abrahám praied vnto God, & God healed Abimélech, and his wife, and his maid seruants: and they bare children.
18 For ỹ Lord [p] had shut vp euerie wōbe of ỹ house of Abimélech, because of Saráh Abrahams wife.

CHAP. XXI.

Izhák is borne. 9 Ishmaél mocketh Izhák. 14 Hagár is cast out with her sonne. 17 The Angel comforteth Hagár. 22 The couenāt betwene Abimélech & Abrahā.

1 NOw ỹ Lord visited Saráh, as he had said, and did vnto her * according as he had promised.
2 For * Saráh conceiued, & bare Abrahám a sonne in his [a] olde age, at the same season that God tolde him.
3 And Abrahám called his sonnes name that was borne vnto him, which Saráh bare him, Izhák.
4 Then Abrahám circumcised Izhák his sonne, when he was eight daies olde, * as God had commanded him.
5 So Abrahám was an hundreth yere olde, whē his sonne Izhák was borne vnto him.
6 ¶ Thē Saráh said, God hathe made me to reioyce: all that heare wil reioyce w̄ me.
7 Againe she said, [b] Who wolde haue said to Abrahám, that Saráh shulde haue giuen children sucke? for I haue borne him a sonne in his olde age.
8 Then the childe grewe & was weaned: & Abrahám made a great feast the same day that Izhák was weaned.
9 ¶ And Saráh sawe ỹ sonne of Hagár the Egyptiā (which she had borne vnto Abrahám) [c] mocking.
10 Wherefore she said vnto Abrahám, Cast out this bond woman and her sonne: for the sonne of this bond woman shal not be heire with my sonne Izhák.
11 And this thing was very grieuous in Abrahams sight, because of his sonne.
12 ¶ But God said vnto Abrahám, Let it not be grieuous in thy sight for the childe, and for thy bond womā: in all that Saráh shal saie vnto thee, heare her voice: for in Izhák shal thy sede be [d] called.
13 As for ỹ sonne of ỹ bond womā, I wil make hī [e] a nacīō also, because he is thy sede.
14 So Abrahám arose vp early in the morning, and toke bread, and a bottel of water, and gaue it vnto Hagár, putting it on her shulder and the childe *also*, and [f] sent her away: who departing wandred in the wildernes of Beer-shéba.
15 And when the water of the bottel was spēt, she cast ỹ childe vnder a certeine tre.
16 Then she went and sate her ouer against *him* a farre of about a bowe shote: for she said, I wil not se the death of the childe. and she sate downe ouer against *him*, and lift vp her voyce and wept.
17 Then God [g] heard the voyce of the childe, and the Angel of God called to Hagár from heauen, and said vnto her, What aileth thee, Hagár? feare not, for God hathe heard ỹ voyce of the childe where he is.
18 Arise, take vp ỹ childe, and holde him in thine hand: for I wil make of him a great people.
19 And God [h] opened her eies, & she sawe a well of water so she went and filled the bottel with water, & gaue ỹ boye drinke.
20 So God was [i] with the childe & he grewe and dwelt in the wildernes, and was an [o] archer.
21 And he dwelt in the wildernes of Parán, and his mother toke him a wife out of the land of Egypt.
22 ¶ And at that same time Abimélech and Phichól his chief captaine spake vnto Abrahám, saying, God *is* with thee in all ỹ thou doest.
23 Now therefore sweare vnto me here by God, that thou wilt not [p] hurt me, nor my children, nor my childrens children: thou shalt deale with me, and with ỹ countrie, where thou hast bene a strāger, according vnto the kīdenes that I haue shewed thee.
24 Then Abrahám said, I wil [k] sweare.
25 And Abrahám rebuked Abimélech for a well of water, w̄ Abimlechs seruants had violently taken away.
26 And Abimélech said [l] I knowe not who hathe done this thing: also thou toldest me not, nether heard I *of it* but this daie.
27 Then Abrahám toke shepe, and beues, and gaue them vnto Abimélech: and they two made a couenant.
28 And Abrahám set seuen lambes of the

He sheweth that no honestie can be hoped for, where the feare of God is not
m By sister, he meaneth his cosingermain, & by daughter, Abrahams nece for so the Ebrewes vse these words
Chap 12,13.
o *Or, is at thy commaundemēt*
n Such an head, as with whome thou maist be preserued from all dangers
o God caused this heathen King to reproue her, because she dissembled, since God had giuen her a housband, as her vaile and defense
p Had taken away frō the gift of conceiuing
Chap 17, 19. & 18,10 Act. 7,8. gal 4,23. ebr 11,11.
a Therefore ỹ miracle was greater
Chap 17, 12.
b She accuseth her selfe of ingratitude that she did not beleue the Angel
c He derided Gods promes made to Izhák, which ỹ Apostle calleth persecutiō. Gal 4,29.
d The promised sede shalbe couted frō Izhák and not from Ishmaél. Rom 9,7. ebr 11,18
e The Ishmaelites shal come of him
f True faithre nōceth all natural affectiōs to obey Gods cōmandemēt
g For his promes sake made to Abrahám, and not because ỹ child had discretion and iudgemēt to pray.
h Except God open our eies, we can nether se, nor vse the meanes which are before vs.
i As touching outwarde thigs God caused him to prosper
o *Or, set in the bowe and was an hunter.*
p *Ebr deale falsly with me, or lye.*
k So ỹ it is a lawful thig to take an othe in matters of importance, for to iustifie the trueth and to assure others of our sincerite
l Wicked Seruants do many euils vnknowē to their masters.

flocke by them ſelues.

29 Then Abimélech ſaid vnto Abrahám, What meane theſe ſeuen lambes, which thou haſt ſet by them ſelues?

30 And he anſwered, Becauſe thou ſhalt receiue of mine hand *theſe* ſeuen lambes, ỹ it may be a witnes vnto me, that I haue digged this well.

31 Wherefore the place is called "Beer-ſhéba, becauſe there thei bothe ſware.

"Or, well of the vow, or, of ſeuē, meaning ſeuen

32 Thus made they [m] couenant at Beer-ſhéba: afterward Abimélech & Phichól his chief captaine roſe vp, & turned againe vnto the land of the Philiſtíms.

m Thus we ſe that ỹ godlie, as touchig out warde things, may make peace with ỹ wicked ỹ knowe not the true God

33 ¶ And Abrahám planted a groue in Beer-ſhéba, and [n] called there on the Name of the Lord, the euerlaſting God.

n That is, he worſhiped God in all points of true religion

34 And Abrahám was a ſtranger in the Philiſtíms land a long ſeaſon.

CHAP. XXII.

1.2 The faith of Abrahám is proued in offring his ſonne Izhák. 8 Izhák is a figure of Chriſt. 20 The generation of Nahór Abrahams brother, of whome cõmeth Rebekáh.

1 AND after theſe thīgs God did *proue Abrahám, & ſaid vnto hī, Abrahám. Who anſwered, "Here am I.

Ebr. 11,17.

"Ebr. Lo, I.

2 And he ſaid, Take now thine onely ſonne Izhák whome thou loueſt, & get thee vnto the lande of [a] Moriáh, and [b] offre him there for a burnt offring vpon one of the mountaines, which I wil ſhewe thee.

a Which ſignifieth the feare of God, in the which place he was honoured: and Salomõ afterward buylt the temple

b Herein ſtode ỹ chiefeſt point of his tẽtation, ſeinghe was commanded to offre vp him in whome God had promiſed to bleſſe all the nations of the worlde.

3 Then Abrahám roſe vp early in the morning, and ſadled his aſſe, and toke two of his ſeruants with him, and Izhák his ſonne, and cloue wood for the burnt offring, and roſe vp and went to the place, which God had tolde him.

4 ¶ Then ỹ third day Abrahám lift vp his eies, and ſawe the place a farre of,

5 And ſaid vnto his ſeruants, Abide you here w̃ the aſſe: for I & the childe wil go yõder & worſhip, & [c] come againe vnto you.

c He doubted not, but God wolde accompliſh his promes thogh he ſhulde ſacrifice his ſonne.

6 Then Abrahám toke the wood of ỹ burnt offring, & laied it vpon Izhák his ſonne, & he toke the fire in his hand, & the knife: and they went bothe together.

7 Then ſpake Izhák vnto Abrahám his father, & ſaid, My father. And he anſwered, Here am I, my ſonne. And he ſaid, Behold de the fire & the wood, but where is the lambe for the burnt offring?

8 Thẽ Abrahám anſwered, My ſonne, God wil [d] prouide him a lambe for a burnt offring: ſo they went bothe together.

d The onely way to ouercome all tentations is to reſt vpõ Gods prouidence.

9 Whẽ they came to ỹ place w̃ God had ſhewed hī, Abrahám buylded an altar there, & couched ỹ wood, & [e] boud Izhák his ſõne *& laied him on ỹ altar vpon ỹ wood.

e For it is like yhis father had declared to him Gods cõmandemẽt whereunto he ſhewed him ſelf obedient

Iam.2,21.

10 And Abrahám ſtretching forthe his hand, toke the knife to kil his ſonne.

11 But ỹ Angel of the Lord called vnto him from heauẽ, ſaying, Abrahám, Abrahám. And he anſwered, Here am I.

12 Then he ſaid, Lay not thine hand vpon the childe, nether do anie thing vnto him: for now I [f] knowe that thou feareſt God, ſeing for my ſake [g] thou haſt not ſpared thine onely ſonne.

f That is, by thy true obedience thou haſt declared thy liuelie faith

13 And Abrahám lifting vp his eies, loked: & beholde, there was a ram behinde *him* caught by ỹ hornes in a buſhe. then Abraham wẽt & toke the ram & offred him vp for a burnt offring in ỹ ſtede of his ſonne.

g Or, and haſt not withholden thine onelie ſonne from me.

14 And Abrahám called the name of that place, [h] Iehouáh-iireh. as it is ſaid this day, In the mount wil the Lord [i] be ſene.

h Or, The Lord wil ſe, or prouide

i The name is changed, to ſhewe ỹ God doth no both ſe & prouide ſecretly for his, and alſo euidently is ſene and felt in time cõueniẽt

15 ¶ And the Angel of the Lord cryed vnto Abrahám from heauen the ſeconde time,

16 And ſaid, By [k] my ſelfe haue I ſworne (ſaith ỹ Lord) becauſe thou haſt done this thīg, & haſt not ſpared thine onely ſonne,

k Signifiing, that there is no greater thẽ he.

17 Therefore wil I ſurely bleſſe thee, and wil greatly multiplie thy ſede, as ỹ ſtarres of the heauen, and as ỹ ſãde which is vpon the ſeaſhore, and thy ſede ſhal poſſeſſe the [l] gate of his ennemies.

l Or, holdes

18 *And in thy ſede ſhal all ỹ naciõs of the earth be bleſſed, becauſe thou haſt obeied my voyce.

Chap 12,3. & 18,18. eccleſ.44,25. act.3,25. gal.3,8.

19 Then turned Abrahám againe vnto his ſeruants, and they roſe vp and went together to Beer-ſhéba: and Abrahám dwelt at Beer-ſhéba.

20 ¶ And after theſe thīgs one tolde Abrahám, ſayīg, Beholde Milcáh, ſhe hathe alſo borne children vnto thy brother Nahór:

21 *To wit*, Vz his eldeſt ſonne, & Buz his brother, & Kemuél the father of [m] Arám,

m Or, of the Syrians.

22 And Chéſed and Hazó, & Pildáſh, & Iidláph, and Bethuél.

23 And Bethuél begate Rebekáh: theſe eight did Milcáh beare to Nahór Abrahams brother.

24 And his [n] cõcubine called Reumáh, ſhe bare alſo Tébah, & Gáhan & Tháhaſh & Maachán.

n Concubine is oftentimes taken in the good parte for thoſe women which were inferior to the wines.

CHAP. XXIII.

2. Abrahám lamenteth the death of Saráh 4 He bieth a field, to bury her, of the Hittites. 13 The equitie of Abrahám. 19 Saráh is buryed in Machpelah.

1 WHen Saráh was an hũdreth twenty and ſeuen yere olde ("ſo long liued ſhe)

"Ebr. the yeres of the life of Sarah

2 Then Saráh dyed in Kiriath-arbã: the ſame is Hebrón in the land of Canáan. & Abraham came to mourne for Saráh and to wepe for her.

a That is whẽ he had mourned: ſo ỹ godlie may mourne, if their paſſe not meaſure: and ỹ natural affection is cõmendable

3 ¶ Then Abrahám [a] roſe vp fro ỹ ſight of his corps, & talked w̃ the "Hittites, ſaying,

"Ebr. ſonnes of Heth

4 I am a ſtranger, & a foriner among you, giue me a poſſeſsion of buryal with you, that I may bury my dead out of my ſight.

b That is, godlie or excellẽt. for ỹ Ebrewes ſo ſpeake of all things that are notable, becauſe all excellencie cometh of God.

5 Then the Hittites anſwered Abrahám, ſaying vnto him,

6 Heare vs, my Lord: thou art a prince [b] of God among vs: in the chiefeſt of our ſepulchres

chres bury thy dead: none of vs ſhal forbid thee his ſepulchre, but thou maieſt bury thy dead *therein*.

7 Then Abrahám ſtode vp, & bowed him ſelfe before the people of the land of the Hittites.

8 And he communed with them, ſaying, If it be "your minde, ỹ I ſhal bury my dead out of my ſight, heare me, and intreat for me to Ephrón the ſonne of Zóhar,

9 That he wolde giue me ỹ caue of Machpeláh, which he hathe in the end of his field: ỹ he wolde giue it me for as muche "money as it is worthe, for a poſſeſsion to bury in among you.

10 (For Ephrón dwelt among ỹ Hittites) Then Ephrón the Hittite anſwered Abrahám in the audience of all the Hittites ỹ c went in at the gates of his citie, ſaying,

11 No, my lord, heare me: the field giue I thee, and the caue, that therein is, I giue it thee: *euen* in the preſence of the ſonnes of my people giue I it thee, to bury thy dead.

12 Then Abrahám d bowed him ſelf before the people of the land,

13 And ſpake vnto Ephrón in the audience of the people of the coũtrey, ſaying, Seing ỹ *wilt giue it*, I praye thee, heare me, I wil giue ỹ price of the field: receiue it of me, and I wil bury my dead there.

14 Ephrón then anſwered Abrahám, ſaying vnto him,

15 My Lord, hark ẽ vnto me: ỹ land *is worthe* four hũdreth e ſhekels of ſiluer: what *is* ỹ betwene me & thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16 So Abrahám hearkened vnto Ephrón, & Abrahám weyed to Ephrón the ſiluer, which he had named, in the audience of the Hittites, *euen* foure hũdreth ſiluer ſhekels of currant money among marchãtes.

17 ¶ So ỹ field of Ephrón *which was* in Machpeláh, & ouer against Mamré, *euen* ỹ field & the caue ỹ was therein, and all the trees ỹ were in the field, which were in all the borders roundabout, was made ſure

18 Vnto Abrahám for a poſſeſsion, in the ſight of the Hittites, *euen* of all that f went in at the gates of his citie.

19 And after this, Abrahám buryed Saráh his wife in the caue of the field of Machpeláh ouer against Mamré: the ſame is Hebrón in the land of Canáan.

20 Thus bothe the field and the caue, ỹ is therein, was made ſure vnto Abrahám for a poſſeſsion of buryal g by the Hittites.

CHAP. XXIIII.

2 Abrahám cauſeth his ſeruant to ſweare to take a wife for Izhák in his owne kinred. 12 The ſeruant prayeth to God. 34 His fidelitie towarde his maſter. 50 The friends of Rebekáh commit the matter to God. 58 They aſke her conſent and ſhe agreeth. 67 And is maryed to Izhák.

1 NOw Abrahám was olde, *and* "ſtriken in yeres, and the Lord had bleſſed Abrahám in all things.

2 Therefore Abrahám ſaid vnto his eldeſt ſeruant of his houſe, which had the rule ouer all that he had, * a Put now thine hand vnder my thigh,

3 And I wil make thee b ſweare by the Lord God of ỹ heauen, & God of ỹ earth, that thou ſhalt not take a wife vnto my ſonne of the daughters of the Canaanites amõg whome I dwel.

4 But thou ſhalt go vnto my c countrie, & to my kinred, & take a wife vnto my ſonne Izhák.

5 And the ſeruant ſaid to him, What if the woman wil not come w me to this land? ſhal I bring thy ſonne againe vnto the lãd from whence thou cameſt?

6 To whome Abrahám anſwered, Beware ỹ ỹ bring not my ſonne d thether againe.

7 ¶ The Lord God of heauen, who toke me from my fathers houſe, & from ỹ lãd where I was borne, and that ſpake vnto me, & that ſware vnto me, ſaying, * Vnto thy ſede wil I giue this land, he ſhal ſend his Angel before thee, and thou ſhalt take a wife vnto my ſonne from thence.

8 Neuertheles if the womã wil not followe thee, then ſhalt thou be "diſcharged of this mine othe: onely bring not my ſonne thether againe.

9 Then the ſeruant put his hand vnder the thigh of Abrahám his maſter, & ſware to him for this matter.

10 ¶ So the ſeruant toke ten camels of the camels of his maſter, and departed: for he *had* all his maſters goods in his hãd, & ſo he aroſe, and went to "Aram Naharáim, vnto the e citie of Nahór.

11 And he made his camels to "lie downe without the citie by a well of water, at euen about the time that women come out to drawe water.

12 And he ſaid, O f Lord God of my maſter Abrahám, I beſeche thee, "ſend me good ſpede this day, and ſhewe mercie vnto my maſter Abrahám.

13 Lo, I ſtand by the well of water, whiles the mẽs daughters of this citie come out to drawe water.

14 g Grant that ỹ maide, to whome I ſaie, Bowe downe thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drinke: if ſhe ſay, Drinke, and I wil giue thy camels drinke alſo: may be ſhe ỹ thou haſt ordeined for thy ſeruant Izhák: & thereby ſhal I knowe ỹ thou haſt ſhewed mercie on my maſter.

15 ¶ Now yer he had left ſpeaking, beholde, h Rebekáh came out, the daughter of Bethuél, ſonne of Milcáh the wife of Nahór Abrahams brother, and her pitcher vpon her ſhuldre.

16 (And the maide was very faire to loke vpon, a virgine and vnknowen of man) &

a Which ceremonie declared ỹ ſeruants obedience towards his maſter, and ỹ maſters power ouer the ſeruãt.
b This ſheweth that an othe may be required in a lawful cauſe.
c He wolde not ỹ his ſonne ſhulde mary out of the godlie familie: for the inconuenients ỹ come by marying with the vngodlie are ſet forthe in ſondrie places of the Scriptures
d Leſt he ſhulde loſe the inheritance promiſed *Cha 12,7. & 13,15. & 15, 18, & 26,4.*
e The comẽ ſhekel is about 20 pẽce, ſo thẽ 400 ſhekels mount to 33 li 6 ſhill & 8 pence, after 5 ſhill ſterl. the once.
f That is, all the people cõfirmed ỹ ſale.
g The ſeruant moued by Gods Spirit deſired to be aſſured by a ſigne, whether God proſpered his iourney or no.
h God giueth good ſucceſſe to all things ỹ are vndertaken for the glorie of his Name and according to his words.

"Ebr in your ſoule
"Or, double caue, becauſe one was within an other
"Ebr in full fil uer
"Ebr in the audience of the ſonnes of Heth
"Ebr in the eares of the ſonnes of my people
"Ebr weyed
"Ebr paſſed ouer
"Or, Meſopotamia, or, Syria of the two floodes Tygris and Euphrates.
"Ebr to lie downe
"Ebr to bowe their knees
"Or, cauſe me to meete.
"Ebr ſtriken in dayes.

ſhe i went downe to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came vp.

17 Then the ſeruant ran to mete her, and ſaid, Let me drincke, I praye thee a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And ſhe ſaid, Drinke "ſyr: and ſhe haſted, & let downe her pitcher vpon her hand & gaue him drinke.

19 And when ſhe had giuen him drinke, ſhe ſaid, I wil drawe water for thy camels alſo vntil thei "haue dronken ynough.

20 And ſhe powred out her pitcher into the troogh ſpedely, and ranne againe vnto the well to drawe water, and ſhe drewe for all his camels.

21 So the man wondred at her, and helde his peace, to wit, whether the Lord had made his iourney proſperous or not.

22 And when the camels had left drinking, the man toke a golden "k abillement of l halfe a *ſhekel* weight, & two bracelettes for her hãds, of tẽ ſhekels weight of golde:

23 And he ſaid, Whoſe daughter art thou? tel me, I praie thee, Is there roume in thy fathers houſe for vs to lodge in?

24 Then ſhe ſaid to him, I am ỹ daughter of Bethuél the ſonne of Milcáh whome ſhe bare vnto Nahór.

25 Moreouer ſhe ſaid vnto him, We haue lytter alſo and prouander ynough, and roume to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed him ſelfe and worſhipped the Lord,

27 *And ſaid, Bleſſed *be* the Lord God of my maſter Abrahám, ẅ hathe not withdrawen his mercie m and his trueth from my maſter: *for* whẽ I was in ỹ waie, ỹ Lord broght me to my maſters brethrẽs houſe.

28 And the maide ran & tolde them of her mothers houſe according to theſe wordes.

29 ¶ Now Rebekáh had a brother called Labán, & Labán ran vnto ỹ mã to the well.

30 For when he had ſene the earings & the bracelettes in his ſiſters hands, & when he heard the wordes of Rebekáh his ſiſter, ſaying, Thus ſaid the man vnto me, then he went to the man, & lo n he ſtode by the camels at the well.

31 And he ſaid, Come ī ỹ bleſſed of ỹ Lord: wherfore ſtandeſt ỹ without, ſeing I haue prepared the houſe, & roume for ỹ camels?

32 ¶ Then ỹ man came into ỹ houſe, and o he vnſadeled the p camels and broght lytter & prouander for the camels, and water to waſhe his fete, & the mens fete that were with him.

33 Afterward the meat was ſet before him: but he ſaid, I q wil not eat, vntil I haue ſaid my meſſage: And he ſaid, Speake on.

34 Then he ſaid, I am Abrahams ſeruant,

35 And the Lord hathe r bleſſed my maſter wonderfully, that he is become great: for hẽ hathe giuen him ſhepe, and beues, & ſiluer, and golde, and men ſeruantes, & maide ſeruantes, and camels, and aſſes.

36 And Saráh my maſters wife hathe borne a ſonne to my maſter, whẽ ſhe was olde, & vnto him hathe he giuẽ all that he hathe.

37 Now my maſter made me ſweare, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not take a wife to my ſonne of the daughters of the f Canaanites, in whoſe land I dwel:

38 But thou ſhalt go vnto my t fathers houſe and to my kinred, and take a wife vnto my ſonne.

39 Then I ſaid vnto my maſter, What if the woman wil not followe me?

40 Who anſwered me, The Lord, before whome I walke, wil ſend his Angel with thee, and proſper thy iourney, and thou ſhalt take a wife for my ſonne of my kĩdred and my fathers houſe.

41 Then ſhalt ỹ be diſcharged of u mine othe, when thou commeſt to my kinred: and if thei giue thee not one, thou ſhalt be fre from mine othe.

42 So I came this daie to the well, and ſaid, O Lord, the God of my maſter Abrahám, if ỹ now proſper my "iourney which I go,

43 Beholde, * I ſtand by the well of water: when a virgine commeth forthe to drawe water, & I ſaie to her, Giue me, I praie thee, a litle water of thy pitcher to drinke,

44 And ſhe ſaie to me, Drinke ỹ, and I wil alſo drawe for thy camels, let her be the wife, which the Lord hathe "prepared for my maſters ſonne.

45 And before I had made an end of ſpeakĩg in mine x heart, beholde, Rebekáh came forthe, and her pitcher on her ſhuldre, & ſhe went downe vnto the well, and drewe water. Thẽ I ſaid vnto her, Giue me drĩke, I praie thee.

46 And ſhe made haſte, and toke downe her pitcher from her *ſhulder*, and ſaid, Drinke, & I wil giue thy camels drinke alſo. So I dranke, & ſhe gaue the camels drinke alſo.

47 Then I aſked her, & ſaid, Whoſe daughter art ỹ? And ſhe anſwered, The daughter of Bethuél Nahors ſonne, whome Milcáh bare vnto him. Then I put the abillement vpon her face, and the bracelettes vpon her handes:

48 y And I bowed downe & worſhipped ỹ Lord, and bleſſed the Lord God of my maſter Abrahám, which had broght me ỹ "right waie to take my maſters brothers daughter vnto his ſonne.

49 Now therefore, if ye wil deale z mercifully and truely with my maſter, tel me: and if not, tel me that I maie turne me to the a right hand or to the left.

50 Then anſwered Labán and Bethuél, & ſaid, b This thing is proceded of the Lord: we can not therefore ſaie vnto thee, *nether* euil nor good.

5 Be-

i Here is declared ỹ God euer heareth the praiers of his, and graunteth their requeſtes

*Ebr my lord

* Ebr. haue made an end of drinking

*Or, earing

k God permitted manie things both in apparel and other things ỹ are nowe forbid: ſpecially when thei appertaine not to our mortificacion

l The golden ſhekel is here ment and not that of ſiluer.

m He beaſteth not his good fortune (as do the wicked) but acknollageth that God hath dealt mercifully with his maſter in kepig promes.

n For he waited on Gods hand, who had now heard his praier

o To wit, Labã

p The gentle intertenemẽt of ſtrangers vſed among the godlie fathers

q The fidelitie that ſeruants owe to their maſters, cauſeth them to preferre their maſters buſines to their owne neceſſitie.

r To bleſſe, ſignifieth here to enriche, or encreaſe with ſubſtance, as ỹ text in ỹ ſame verſe declarith.

f The Canaanites were accurſed & therfore the godlie colde not ſome with thẽ in marriage

t Meaning among his kiſe folkes, as ver. 40

u Which by mine autoritie I cauſed thee to make.

*Or, waie.

* Verſe 13.

* Or, ſo ſwed.

x Signifiyng ỹ this praier was not ſpokẽ by the mouth, but onely meditate in his heart.

y He ſheweth what is our duetie, when we haue receiued ante benefite of the Lord.

"Ebr. in the waie of trueth

z Yf you wfrely & faithfully giue your daughter to my maſters ſonne.

a That is, ỹ I maie prouide els where.

b So ſone as thei perceiue that it is Goda ordinance thei yelde.

51 Beholde, Rebekáh is "before thee. take her & go, that ſhe maie be thy maſters ſonnes wife, euen as the Lord hathe "ſaid.

52 And when Abrahams ſeruant heard their wordes, he bowed him ſelfe towarde the earth vnto the Lord.

53 Then the ſeruāt toke forthe iewels of ſiluer, & iewels of golde, & raiment, & gaue to Rebekáh: alſo vnto her brother and to her mother he gaue giftes.

54 Afterwarde they did eat & drinke, *both* he. and the men that were with him, and taried all night. and when they roſe vp in the morning, he ſaid, *Let me departe vnto my maſter.

55 Then her brother and her mother anſwered, Let the maide abide with vs, at the leaſt "ten dayes: then ſhal ſhe go.

56 But he ſaid vnto thē, Hīdre you me not, ſeīg ỹ Lord hathe proſpered my iourney: ſend me away, ỹ I may go to my maſter.

57 Then they ſaid, We wil call the maide, and aſke c her "conſent.

58 And they called Rebekáh, and ſaid vnto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And ſhe anſwered, I wil go.

59 So they let Rebekáh their ſiſter go, and her nourſe, with Abrahams ſeruant and his men.

60 And they bleſſed Rebekáh, and ſaid vnto her, Thou art our ſiſter, growe into thouſand thouſandes, and thy ſede poſſeſſe the d gate of his ennemies.

61 ¶Then Rebekáh aroſe, and her maides, & rode vpon the camels, and followed ỹ mā & ỹ ſeruāt toke Rebekáh, & departed.

62 Now Izhák came from the way of * Beér-lahái-roí, (for he dwelt in the South countrey)

63 And Izhák went out to e pray in the field toward the euening: who lift vp his eies and loked, and beholde, the camels came.

64 Alſo Rebekáh lift vp her eies, and when ſhe ſawe Izhák, ſhe lighted downe from the camel.

65 (For ſhe had ſaid to the ſeruant, Who is yonder man, that commeth in the field to mete vs? And the ſeruāt had ſaid, It is my maſter) So ſhe toke f a vaile and couered her.

66 And the ſeruant tolde Izhák all things, that he had done.

67 Afterward Izhák broght her into the tēt of Saráh his mother, & he toke Rebekáh, & ſhe was his wife, & he loued her: ſo Izhák was "cōforted after his mothers *death*.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Abrahám taketh Keturáh to wife, and getteth many children. 6 Abrahám giueth all his goods to Izhák. 12 The genealogie of Iſhmaél. 25 The birth of Iaakób and Eſau. 30 Eſau ſelleth his birth right for a meſſe of potage.

1 NOw Abrahám had taken a him another wife called Keturáh,

2 Which bare him Zimrán, & Iokſhán, & Medán, & Mideán, & Iſhbák, and Shúah.

3 And Iokſhán begate Sheba & Dedán: * And the ſonnes of Dedán were Aſſhurím, & Letuſhím, and Leummím. *1 Chro. 1. 32.*

4 Alſo the ſonnes of Mideán *were* Epháh, & Ephér, & Hanóch, & Abidá, and Eldáah. all theſe were the ſonnes of Keturáh.

5 ¶And Abrahám gaue "all his goods to Izhák,

6 But vnto the b ſonnes of the c concubines, which Abrahám had, Abrahám d gaue gifts, and ſent them away from Izhák his ſonne (while he yet liued) Eaſtward to the Eaſt countrey.

7 And this is the age of Abrahams life, which he liued, an hundreth ſeuenty and fiue yere.

8 Thē Abrahám yelded the ſpirit, & dyed in a good age, an olde man, and of great yeres, and was e gathered to his people.

9 And his ſonnes, Izhák and Iſhmaél buryed him in the caue of Machpeláh in the field of Ephrón ſonne of Zóhai the Hittite, before Mamré.

10 Which field Abrahám boght of the Hittites, where Abrahám was buryed ẅ Saráh his wife.

11 ¶And after the death of Abrahám God bleſſed Izhák his ſonne, *and Izhák dwelt by Beér-lahái-roí.

12 ¶Now theſe are the generacions of Iſhmaél Abrahams ſonne, whome Hagár the Egyptian Sarahs handmaide bare vnto Abrahám.

13 * And theſe are ỹ names of the ſonnes of Iſhmaél, name by name, accordīg to their kinreds: the "eldeſt ſonne of Iſhmaél *was* Nebaióth, then Kedár, & Adbeél, & Mibſām,

14 And Miſhmá, & Dumáh, & Maſſá,

15 Hadár, & Temá, Ietúr, Naphíſh, & Kédemah.

16 Theſe are the ſonnes of Iſhmaél, and theſe are their names, by their townes and by their caſtels: *to wit*, twelue princes of their nations.

17 (And theſe are ỹ yeres of the life of Iſhmaél, an hundreth thirty and ſeuen yere, and he yelded the ſpirit, and dyed, & was gathered vnto his f people)

18 And they dwelt frō Hauiláh vnto Shur, that is towardes Egypt, as thou goeſt to Aſſhúr: *Iſhmaél* dwelt "s in the preſence of all his brethren.

19 ¶Likewiſe theſe are the generacions of Izhák Abrahams ſonne. Abrahám begate Izhák,

20 And Izhák was fourty yere olde, when he toke Rebekáh to wife, the daughter of Bethuél the "Aramite of Padán Arám, *and* ſiſter to Labán the Aramite.

21 And Izhák prayed vnto the Lord for his

'Or, at thy commaūdement.

"Or, ordeined.

"Ver. 56, & 59.

"Ebr dayes, or yeu

c This ſheweth that parents haue not authoritie to mary their childrē without conſent of the parties

"Ebr her mouthe.

d That is, let it be victorious ouer his ennemies: ẅ bleſsig is fully accompliſſhed in Ieſus Chriſt *Chap 16, 14. and 25, 10.*

e This was ỹ exerciſe of ỹ godlie fathers to meditate Gods promiſſes & to pray for the accōpliſhmēt thereof.

f The cuſtome was, that the ſpouſe was broght to her houſband, her head beīg couered, in toke of ſhamefastnes & chaſtitie.

"Or, had left mourning for his mother

a Whiles Saráh was yet aliue.

b For by the vertue of Gods worde he had not onely Izhák, but begate many mo

c Reade, chap. 22, 24

d To auoyde the diſſention that els might haue come becauſe of the heritage.

e Hereby the Ancients ſignified that man by death periſhed not wholy: but as the ſoules of the godlie liued after in ꝑpetual ioye, ſo the ſoules of the wicked in perpetual peine

Chap. 16, 14. and 24, 62

1 Chro. 1. 29.

"Ebr firſt borne.

f Which dwelt among the Arabians, and were ſeparat from the bleſſed ſede

"Or, hue lot fel.

g He meaneth that his lot fel to dwel among his brethren, as the Angel promiſed chap 16.

"Or, Syrian of Meſopotamie.

wife, because she was baren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekáh his wife conceiued,

22 But the children "stroue together within her: therefore she said, Seing it is so, why am
h I thus? wherefore she went to aske ỹ Lord.
23 And the Lord said to her, two nations *are* in thy wombe, and two maner of people shalbe deuided out of thy bowels, and the one people shalbe mightier then the other, and the * elder shal serue ỹ yonger.
24 ¶ Therefore when her time of deliuerãce was fulfilled, beholde, twinnes *were* in her wombe.
25 So he that came out first was red, and he was all ouer as a rough garment, and they called his name Esáu.
26 * And afterwarde came his brother out, and his hand held Esáu by the hele: therefore his name was called Iaakób. Now Izhák was three score yere olde when *Rebekáh* bare them.
27 And the boyes grewe, & Esáu *was* a cunning hunter, & "liued in ỹ fields: but Iaakób was a "plaine man, and dwelt in tẽtes.
28 And Izhák loued Esáu, for "venison *was* his meat, but Rebekáh loued Iaakób.
29 Now Iaakób sodde pottage, & Esáu came from the field and was wearie:
30 Then Esáu said to Iaakób, "Let me eat, I pray thee, of ỹ *pottage* so red, for I am weary. Therefore was his name called Edóm.
31 And Iaakób said, Sel me euen now thy birthright.
32 And Esáu said, Lo, I am almost dead, what *is* then this k birthright to me?
33 Iaakób then said, Sweare to me euẽ now. And he sware to him, *& l solde his birthright vnto Iaakób.
34 Then Iaakób gaue Esáu bread and pottage of lentiles: and he did eat and drinke and rose vp, & went his way: So Esáu cõtemned *his* birthright.

"Or, hurt one another.
h That is, ẅ childe, seing one shal destroye another.
i For that is the onely refuge in all our miseries *Rom 9.10.*
Ex 2.12, 3. Mat 1, 2.
"Ebr. a man of the field
"Or, simple and tame
"Ebr venison in his mouthe.
"Or, fede me quickly
k The reprobat esteme not Gods benefites except they fele them presently, & therfore they preferre present pleasures *Ebr 12, 16.*
l Thus ỹ wicked preferre their worldelie cõmodities to Gods spirtual graces: but ỹ childrẽ of God do the contrary.

C. HAP. XXVI.

1 God prouideth for Izhák in the famine 3 He renueth his promes 9 The king blameth him for denying his wife. 14 The Philistims hate him for his riches. 15 Stoppe his welles. 16 And driue him away. 24 God comforteth him. 31 He maketh alliance with Abimélech.

a In the land
1 of Canáan.
b Gods prouidẽce alwaies watcheth to direct ỹ waies of his childrẽ
Chap. 13, 15. & 15, 18.

AND there was a famine in the a land besides the first famine that was in the dayes of Abrahám. wherefore Izhák went to Abimélech King of the Philistims vnto Gerár.
2 For the Lord appeared vnto him, & said, b Go not downe into Egypt, *but* abide in the land which I shal shewe vnto thee.
3 Dwel in this land, & I wil be with thee, and wil blesse thee: for to thee, and to thy sede I wil giue all these *countreis: and I wil performe the othe which I sware vnto Abrahám thy father.
4 Also I wil cause thy sede to multiplie as the starres of heauen, and wil giue vnto thy sede all these countreis: & in thy sede shal all the naciõs of the earth be *blessed,
5 Because that Abrahám c obeied my voyce and kept mine "ordinance, my commandemẽtes, my statutes, and my Lawes.
6 ¶ So Izhák dwelt in Gerár.
7 And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife, & he said, She is my sister: for he d feared to say, She is my wife, lest, *said he*, the men of the place shulde kil me, because of Rebekah: for she was beautiful to the eie.
8 So after he had bene there long time, Abimélech King of the Philistims loked out at a windowe, and lo, he sawe Izhák e sporting with Rebekáh his wife.
9 Then Abimélech called Izhák, and said, Lo, she is of a suretie thy wife, & why saidest ỹ, She is my sister? To whome Izhák answered, Because I thoght *this*, It maie be that I shal die for her.
10 Then Abimélech said, Why hast thou done this vnto vs? one of the people had almost lien by thy wife, so shuldest thou haue broght f sinne vpon vs.
11 Thẽ Abimélech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man, or his wife, shal die the death.
12 Afterward Izhák sowed in that land, and founde in the same yere an "hũdreth folde by estimacion: and so ỹ Lord blessed him.
13 And the man waxed mightie, and "stil increased, til he was exceading great,
14 For he had flockes of shepe, and herdes of cattel, and a mightie household: therefore the Philistims had g enuie at him,
15 In so muche that ỹ Philistims stopped & filled vp with earth all the wells which his fathers seruants digged in his father Abrahams time.
16 Then Abimélech said vnto Izhák, Get thee from vs, for thou art mightier thẽ we a great deale.
17 ¶ Therefore Izhák departed thẽce & pitched his tent in the h valley of Gerár, and dwelt there.
18 And Izhák returning, digged the welles of water, which they had digged in the dayes of Abrahám his father: for the Philistims had stopped them after the death of Abrahám, & he gaue thẽ the same names, which his father gaue them.
19 Izhaks seruants then digged in the valley, & found there a well of "liuing water.
20 But the herd men of Gerár did striue ẅ Izhaks herd mẽ saying, The water is ours: therefore called he the name of the well "Esek, because they were at strife ẅ him.
21 Afterward they digged another well, and stroue for that also, and he called the name of it "Sitnáh.
22 Then he remoued thence, & digged an other well, for the ẅ they stroue not: therefore

c He commendeth Abrahãs obedience because Izhák shulde be the more readie to follow ỹ like: for as God made this *promes* of his free mercie, so doeth ỹ confirmation thereof *proceade* of the same fountaine.
"Ebr my keping
d Whereby we se ỹ feare and distrust is found in ỹ moste faithful
e Or shewing some familiar signe of loue, whereby it might be knowen that she was his wife.
f In all agos men were persuaded ỹ Gods vẽgeãce shulde light vpon wedlocke breakers.
"Or, an hũdreth measures.
"Ebr he went forthe going & increasing.
g The malicious enuie alwaies the graces of God in others.
h The Ebrewe worde signifieth a flood, or valley, where water at any time runneth.
"Or, springing.
"Or, Contension, strife
"Or, hatred.

fore called he the name of it [f] Rehobóth, & ſaid, Becauſe ỹ Lord hathe now made vs roume, we ſhal encreaſe vpon ỹ earth.

23 So he went vp thence to Beer-ſhéba.

24 And the Lord appeared vnto him the ſame night, and ſaid, I am the God of Abrahám thy father: feare not, for I am with thee, and wil bleſſe thee and multiplie thy ſede for my ſeruant Abrahams ſake.

25 Thē he buylt an [k] altar there, and called vpon the name of the Lord, & there ſpred his tent: where alſo Izhaks ſeruants diggēd a well.

26 ¶ Then came Abimélech to him frō Gerár, and Ahuzzáth *one* of his friends, and Phichól the captaine of his armie.

27 To whome Izhák ſaid, Wherefore come ye to me, ſeing ye hate me and haue put me awaie from you?

28 Who anſwered, We ſawe certeinly that the Lord was with thee, and we thoght *thus*, Let there be now an othe betwene vs, *euen* betwene vs and thee, and let vs make a couenant with thee.

29 Thou [l] ſhalt do vs no hurt, as we haue not touched thee, and as we haue done vn to thee nothing but good, and ſent thee awaie in peace: thou now, the bleſſed of the Lord, *do thus*.

30 Then he made them a feaſt, & thei did eat and drinke.

31 And thei roſe vp betimes in the morning, and ſware one to an other: then Izhák let them go, and thei departed from him in peace.

32 And that ſame daye Izhaks ſeruants came & tolde him of a well, which thei had digged, & ſaid vnto him, We haue found water.

33 So he called it [f] Shibáh: therefore the name of the citie is called [f] Beer-ſhéba vnto this daye.

34 ¶ Now when Eſáu was fourtie yere olde, he toke to wife Iudíth, the daughter of Beerí an Hittite, & Baſhemáth ỹ daughter of Elón an Hittite *alſo*.

35 And thei * were [g] a grief of minde to Izhák and to Rebekáh.

CHAP. XXVII.

Iaakób getteth the bleſsing from Eſáu by his mothers counſel. 38 Eſáu by weping moueth his father to pitie him. 41 Eſáu hateth Iaakób and threateneth his death. 43 Rebekáh ſendeth Iaakób awaie.

1 AND when Izhák was olde, & his eies were dimme (ſo that he colde not ſe) he called Eſáu his eldeſt ſonne, and ſaid vnto him, My ſonne. And he anſwered him, [m] I am here.

2 Then he ſaid, Beholde, I am now olde *and* knowe not the daie of my death:

3 Wherefore now, I praie thee take thine inſtruments, thy quiuer and thy bowe, & get thee to the field, that thou maieſt take me ſome veniſon.

4 Then make me ſauourie meat, ſuch as I loue, and bring it me that I maie eat, *and* ỹ my [a] ſoule maie bleſſe thee, before I dye.

5 (Now Rebekáh heard, when Izhák ſpake to Eſáu his ſonne) and Eſáu went into the field to hunt for veniſon, and to bring it.

6 ¶ Then Rebekáh ſpake vnto Iaakób her ſonne, ſaying, Beholde, I haue heard thy father talking w Eſáu thy brother, ſaying,

7 Bring me veniſon, and make me ſauourie meat, that I maie eat and bleſſe thee before the Lord, afore my death.

8 Now therefore, my ſonne, heare my voyce in that which I commande thee.

9 [b] Get thee now to the flocke, & bring me thence two good kyds of the goates, that I maie make pleaſant meat of them for thy father, ſuch as he loueth.

10 Then thou ſhalt bring it to thy father, and he ſhal eat, to the intent that he maie bleſſe thee before his death.

11 But Iaakób ſaid to Rebekáh his mother, Beholde, Eſáu my brother *is* rough, and I am ſmothe.

12 My father maie poſſibly fele me, and I ſhal ſeme [n] to him to be a [o] mocker: ſo ſhal I bring a curſe vpon me, and not a bleſſing.

13 But his mother ſaid vnto him, [p] Vpō me *be* thy curſe, my ſonne: onely heare my voyce, and go and bring me *them*.

14 So he went and fet *them*, and broght *them* to his mother: and his mother made pleaſant meat, ſuch as his father loued.

15 And Rebekáh toke faire clothes of her elder ſonne Eſáu, which were in her houſe, and clothed Iaakób her yonger ſonne:

16 And ſhe couered his hands and the ſmothe of his necke with the ſkinnes of the kyds of the goates.

17 Afterwarde ſhe put the pleaſant meat and bread, which ſhe had prepared, in the hand of her ſonne Iaakób.

18 ¶ And whē he came to his father, he ſaid, My father. Who anſwered, I am here: who art thou, my ſonne?

19 And Iaakób ſaid to his father, [d] I am Eſáu thy firſt borne, I haue done as ỹ badeſt me, ariſe, I praie thee: ſit vp and eat of my veniſon, that thy ſoule maie bleſſe me.

20 Then Izhák ſaid vnto his ſonne, How haſt thou founde it ſo quickly my ſonne? Who ſaid, Becauſe the Lord thy God broght it to mine hand.

21 Againe ſaid Izhák vnto Iaakób, Come nere now, that I maie fele thee, my ſonne, whether thou be that my ſonne Eſáu or not.

22 Then Iaakób came nere to Izhák his father, and he felt him and ſaid, The [e] voyce ỹ Iaakobs voyce, but the hāds *are* the handes of Eſáu.

[f] Or, Iuregement, Iuſtice.

[g] Or, diſobedient and rebellious.

[k] God aſſureth Izhák againſt all feare, by rehearſing the promes made to Abrahám. k To ſignifie that he wolde ſerue none other God, but the God of his father Abrahám.

[l] The Ebrewes in ſwearing begin comonly w If, & vnderſtand ỹ reſt: ỹ is that God ſhal puniſhe him that breaketh the othe: here the wicked ſhewe that thei are afraied leſt ỹ come to them w̄ thei wolde do to other.

[m] Ebr. Behe, I.

[n] Ebr. before his eies.

[o] Or, as though I wolde deceiue him

[p] Or, I wil take the danger on me.

c The aſſurance of Gods decre made her bolde.

[f] Or, the well of the othe.

[f] Or, the well of the othe.

Chap. 27. 46.

[g] Ebr. bitter.

a The carnal affectiō, which he bare to his ſonne, made him forget ỹ which God ſpake to his wife. Chap. 25. 23.

b This ſubtilte is blameworthie becauſe ſhe ſhulde haue taried til God had performed his promes.

d Although Iaakób was aſſured of this bleſſing by faith: yet he did euil to ſeke it by lies and the more becauſe he abuſeth Gods Name therunto.

e This declareth that he ſuſpected ſome thing, yet God wolde not haue his decre altred.

23 (For he knewe him not, becauſe his handes were rough as his brother Eſaus handes: wherefore he bleſſed him)

24 Again he ſaid, Art thou that my ſonne Eſáu? Who anſwered, "Yea.

Ebr. I am.

25 Then ſaid he, Bring it me hether, and I wil eat of my ſonnes veniſõ, that my ſoule may bleſſe thee. And he broght it to hī and he ate: alſo he broght him wine, and he dranke.

26 Afterwarde his father Izhák ſaid vnto him, Come nere now, and kiſſe me, my ſonne.

27 And he came nere and kiſſed him. Then he ſmelled the ſauour of his garments, & bleſſed him, and ſaid, Beholde, the ſmel of my ſonne *is* as the ſmel of a field, which ỹ Lord hathe bleſſed.

Ebr. 11, 20.

28 * God giue thee therefore of the dewe of heauen, and the fatnes of the earth, and plentie of wheat and wine.

29 Let people be thy ſeruants, and nacions bowe vnto thee: be lord ouer thy brethrē, and let thy mothers childrē honour thee. curſed *be he* that curſeth thee, and bleſſed *be he* that bleſſeth thee.

30 ¶ And when Izhák had made an end of bleſsing Iaakób, and Iaakób was ſcace gone out from the preſence of Izhák his father, then came Eſáu his brother from his hunting,

31 And he alſo prepared ſauourie meat and broght it to his father, and ſaid vnto his father, Let my father ariſe, and eat of his ſonnes veniſon, that thy ſoule may bleſſe me.

32 But his father Izhák ſaid vnto him, Who art thou? And he anſwered, I am thy ſõne, *euen* thy firſt borne Eſáu.

f In perceiuīg his errour, by appointing his heyre againſt Gods ſentence pronoũced before.

33 Then Izhák was f ſtricken with a meruelous great feare, & ſaid, Who *and* where *is* he *that* hũnted veniſon, and broght it me, and I haue eat "of all before thou cameſt? and I haue bleſſed him, therefore he ſhal be bleſſed.

"Or, ſufficiently.

34 When Eſáu heard the wordes of his father, he cryed out with a great crye and bitter, out of meaſure, and ſaid vnto his father, Bleſſe me, *euen* me alſo, my father.

35 Who anſwered, Thy brother came with ſubtiltie, and hathe taken away thy bleſſing.

g In the chap. 25. he was ſo called becauſe he helde his brother by ỹ hele, as though he wolde ouerthrowe hī: & therfore he is here called a ouerthrower, or deceyuer.

36 Then he ſaid, Was he not iuſtely called g Iaakób? for he hathe deceiued me theſe two times: he toke my birthright, and lo, now hathe he taken my bleſsing. Alſo he ſaid, Haſt thou not reſerued a bleſsing for me?

h For Izhák did this as he was the miniſter and Prophet of God.

37 Then Izhák anſwered, and ſaid vnto Eſáu, Beholde, I haue made him h thy lord, and all his brethren haue I made his ſeruantes: alſo with wheat and wine haue I furniſhed him, and vnto thee now what ſhal I do, my ſonne?

38 Thē Eſáu ſaid vnto his father, Haſt thou but one bleſsing my father? bleſſe me, "*euen* me alſo, my father: and Eſáu lifted vp his voyce, and * wept.

"Or, I am alſo (by ſonne)

Ebr. 12, 16.

39 Then Izhák his father anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, Beholde, the fatnes of the earth ſhalbe thy dwelling place, and *thou ſhalt haue* of the dewe of heauen from aboue.

40 And i by thy ſworde ſhalt thou liue, and ſhalt be thy brothers k ſeruant. But it ſhal come to paſſe, whē thou ſhalt get the maſtrie, that thou ſhalt breake his yoke from thy necke.

i Becauſe thine enneamies ſhalbe rounde about thee.

k Which was fulfilled in his poſteritie the Idumeās: who were tributaries for a time to Iſráel, and after came to libertie.

Abd. 1, 10.

41 ¶ Therefore Eſáu hated Iaakób, becauſe of ỹ bleſsing, wherewith his father bleſſed him. And Eſáu thoght in his minde, * The dayes of mourning for my father wil come ſhortely, l then I wil ſlay my brother Iaakób.

l Hypocrites onely abſteine from doing euil for feare of men.

42 And it was tolde to Rebekáh of ỹ wordes of Eſáu her elder ſonne, and ſhe ſent & called Iaakób her yonger ſonne, and ſaid vnto him, Beholde, thy brother Eſáu m is comforted againſt thee, *meaning* to kil thee:

m He harbe good hope to recouer his birthright by killing thee.

43 Now therefore my ſõne, heare my voyce: ariſe, and flee thou to Harán to my brother Labán,

44 And tary with him a while vntil thy brothers fearcenes be ſwaged,

45 And til thy brothers wrath turne away from thee, and he forget the things, which thou haſt done to him: then wil I ſend and take thee from thence: why ſhulde I be n depriued of you bothe in one day?

n For ỹ wicked ſonne wil kil the godlie: & ỹ plague of God wil afterward light on ỹ wicked ſõne. *Chap. 26, 35.*

46 Alſo Rebekáh ſaid to Izhák, * I am weary of my life, for the o daughters of Heth. If Iaakób take a wife of the daughters of Heth like theſe of the daughters of the land, p what auaileth it me to liue?

o Which were Eſaus wiues.

p Hereby ſhe perſuaded Izhák to agre to Iaakobs departing.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Izhák forbiddeth Iaakób to take a wife of the Canaanites. 6 Eſáu taketh a wife of the daughters of Iſhmaél againſt his fathers wil. 12 Iaakób in the way to Harán ſeeth a ladder reaching to heauen. 14 Chriſt is promiſed. 20 Iaakób aſketh of God onely meat and clothing.

1 THen Izhák called Iaakób and a bleſſed him, and charged him, and ſaid vnto him, Take not a wife of the daughters of Canáan.

a This ſecõde bleſsing was to cõfirme Iaakobs faith, leſt he ſhuld thinke ỹ his father had giuen it without Gods motion.

2 Ariſe, * get thee to * Padán Arám to the houſe of Bethuél thy mothers father, and thence take thee a wife of the daughters of Labán thy mothers brother.

Oze. 12, 12.

Chap. 24, 10.

3 And God "all ſufficiēt bleſſe thee, & make thee to encreaſe, & multiplie thee, that thou maieſt be a multitude of people,

"Or, all mighty.

4 And giue thee the bleſsing of Abrahám, *euen* to thee & to thy ſede with thee, that thou maieſt inherit the lād (wherein thou art a b ſtrāger) which God gaue vnto Abrahám.

b The godlie fathers were put in minde continually, ỹ they were but ſtrāgers i this worlde: to thintēt thei ſhulde lift vp their eyes to ỹ heauēs where they ſhulde haue a ſure dwellīg.

Thus

5 Thus Izhák ſent forthe Iaakób, and he went to Padán Arám vnto Labán ſonne of Bethuél the Aramite, brother to Rebekáh, Iaakobs and Eſaus mother.

6 ¶Whē Eſáu ſawe that Izhák had bleſſed Iaakób, and ſent him to Padán Arám, to fet him a wife thence, and giuen him a charge when he bleſſed him, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canáan,

7 And *that* Iaakób had obeied his father & his mother, & was gone to Padán Arám:

8 Alſo Eſáu ſeing ỹ the daughters of Canáan diſpleaſed Izhák his father,

Or, beſide his wiues

9 Then went Eſáu to Iſhmaél, & toke *vnto* ỹ wiues, *which he had*, Mahaláth the daughter of c Iſhmaél Abrahams ſonne, the ſiſter of Nabaióth, to be his wife.

c Thinkíg hereby to haue reconciled hi ſelfe to his father, but all in vaine, for he taketh not awaie the fe of the euil.

10 ¶Now Iaakób departed frō Beer-ſhéba, and went to Harán,

11 And he came vnto *a certeine* place, & taried there all night, becauſe ỹ ſonne was downe, and toke of the ſtones of the place and laied vnder his head and ſlept in the ſame place.

12 Then he dreamed, and beholde, there ſtode a d ladder vpon the earth and the top of it reached vp to heauen: and lo, the Angels of God went vp and downe by it.

d Chriſt is the ladder whereby God and mā are ioyned together, and by whome the Angels miniſtre vnto vs: all graces by him are giuen vnto vs, & we by him aſcende into heauē

13 *And beholde, the Lord ſtode aboue it, and ſaid, I am the Lord God of Abrahám thy father, & the God of Izhák: the land, vpon the which thou ſlepeſt, e wil I giue thee and thy ſede.

Chap 35.1. and 48.3.

e He felt the force of this promes onely by faith: for all his life time he was but a ſtranger in this land

14 And thy ſede ſhal be as the duſt of the earth, and thou ſhalt ſpreade abrode *to ỹ Weſt, and to the Eaſt, and to the North, and to the South, and in thee and in thy ſede ſhal all the *families of the earth be bleſſed.

Deut 12. 20. and 19.14. Chap 12. 3. and 18.18. & 22.18. and 26. 4.

15 And lo, I am with thee, & wil kepe thee whitherſoeuer thou goeſt, and wil bring thee againe into this land: for I wil not forſake thee vntil I haue performed that, that I haue promiſed thee.

16 ¶Then Iaakób awoke out of his ſlepe, and ſaid, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware.

f He was touched with a godlie feare & reuerence.

17 And he was f afraid and ſaid, How fearful is this place! this is none other but the houſe of God, and this is the gate of heauen.

18 Then Iaakób roſe vp early in the morning, and toke the ſtone that he had laied vnder his head, and ſet it vp *as* a piller, and powred oyle vpon the top of it.

g To be a remembrance onely of ỹ viſiō ſhewed vnto him

19 And he called the name of that place *Beth-él: notwithſtāding the name of the citie was at the firſt caille Luz.

Or, houſe of God

h He bindeth not God vnder this condition but acknollageth his infirmitie, and promiſeth to be thankeful

20 Then Iaakób vowed a vowe, ſaying, If h God wil be with me, and wil kepe me in this iourney which I go, and wil giue me bread to eat, and clothes to put on:

21 So that I come againe vnto my fathers houſe in ſafety, then ſhal the Lord be my God.

22 And this ſtone, w̄ I haue ſet vp *as* a piller, ſhal be Gods houſe: & of all that ỹ ſhalt giue me, wil I giue the tenth vnto thee.

CHAP. XXIX.

13 Iaakób commeth to Labán and ſerueth ſeuen yere for Rahél. 23 Leáh broght to his bed in ſtede of Rahél. 27 He ſerueth ſeuen yere more for Rahél. 32 Leáh conceiueth and beareth foure ſonnes.

1 THen Iaakób a lift vp his fete and came into the "East countrei.

a That is, he wēt forthe on his iourney

"Eb. to the land of the children of the East

2 And as he loked about, beholde there was a well in the field, b and lo, thre flockes of ſhepe lay thereby (for at that well were ỹ flockes watered) and there was a great ſtone vpon the welles mouthe.

b Thus he was directed by ỹ onely prouidēce of God who broght hī alſo to Labáns houſe.

3 And thither were all ỹ flockes gathered, and they rolled the ſtone from the welles mouthe, and watered the ſhepe, and put the ſtone againe vpon the welles mouthe in his place.

4 And Iaakób ſaid vnto them, My c brethren, whence be ye? And they anſwered, We are of Harán.

c It ſemeth ỹ in thoſe dayes ỹ cuſtome was to cāll cuētrīgers brethren.

5 Then he ſaid vnto them, Knowe ye Labán the ſonne of Nahór? Who ſaid, We knowe him.

6 Againe he ſaid vnto them, d Is he ī good helth? And they anſwered, *He is* in good helth, and beholde, his daughter Rahél commeth with the ſhepe.

d Or, is he in peace? by the w̄ worde the Ebrewes ſignifie all proſperitie

7 Thē he ſaid, Lo, *it is* yet hie day, nether *is it* time ỹ the cattel ſhulde be gathered together: watter ye the ſhepe & go fede *thē*.

8 But they ſaid, We may not vntil all the flockes be broght together, & til *that men* rolle the ſtone frō the welles mouth, that we may watter the ſhepe.

9 ¶While he talked with them, Rahél alſo came w̄ her fathers ſhepe, for ſhe kept thē.

10 And aſſone as Iaakób ſawe Rahél the daughter of Labán his mothers brother, and the ſhepe of Labán his mothers brother, thē came Iaakób nere, and rolled the ſtone from the welles mouth, and watered the flocke of Labán his mothers brother.

11 And Iaakób kiſſed Rahél, and lift vp his voyce and wept.

12 (For Iaakób tolde Rahél, that he was her fathers "brother, & that he was Rebekahs ſonne) then ſhe ran and tolde her father.

Or, nephew.

13 And whē Laban heard tel of Iaakób his ſiſters ſonne, he ran to mete him, and embraſed him and kiſſed him, & broght him to his houſe: and he tolde Labán e all theſe things.

e That is, the cauſe why he departed from his fathers houſe, & what he ſawe in ỹ way.

14 To whome Labán ſaid, Wel, thou art my f bone and my fleſh. and he abode with him the ſpace of a moneth.

f That is, of my blood and kinred.

15 ¶ For Labán ſaid vnto Iaakób, Thogh thou be my brother, ſhuldeſt thou there-

fore ſeruе me for noght? tel me, what *ſhal be* thý wages?

16 Now Labán had two daughters, the elder called Leáh, & ý yonger called Rahél.

17 And Leáh was [f] tender eyed, but Rahél was beautiful and faire.

18 And Iaakób loued Rahél, and ſaid, I wil ſeruе thee ſeuen yeres for Rahél thy yonger daughter.

19 Then Labán anſwered, It is better that I giue her thee, then that I ſhulde giue her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Iaakób ſerued ſeuen yerés for Rahél, and they ſemed vnto him but a [g] fewe daies, becauſe he loued her.

21 ¶ Then Iaakób ſaid to Labán, Giue *me* my wife that I maie go in to her: for my "teime is ended.

22 Wherefore Labán gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feaſt.

23 But [h] whé the euening was come, he toke Leáh his daughter and broght her to him, and he went in vnto her.

24 And Labán gaue his maide Zilpáh to his daughter Leáh, *to be* her ſeruant.

25 But when the morning was come, behold, it was Leah. Then ſaid he to Labán, Wherefore haſt thou done thus to me? did not I ſerue thee for Rahél? wherefore then haſt thou beguiled me?

26 And Labán anſwered, It is not the [i] maner of this place, to giue the yonger before the elder.

27 Fulfil ſeuen yeres for her, and we wil alſo giue thee this for the ſeruice, which thou ſhalt ſerue me yet ſeuen yeres more.

28 Thé Iaakób did ſo, & fulfilled her ſeuen yeres, ſo he gaue him Rahél his daughter to *be* his wife.

29 Labán alſo gaue to Rahél his daughter Bilháh his maide *to be* her ſeruant.

30 So entred he in to Rahél alſo, and loued alſo Rahél more then Leáh, and ſerued him yet ſeuen yeres mo.

31 ¶ When ý Lord ſawe that Leáh was deſpiſed, he "made her [k] fruteful: but Rahél *was* baren.

32 And Leáh conceiued and bare a ſonne, and ſhe called his name Reubén: for ſhe ſaid, Becauſe the [l] Lord hathe loked vpon my tribulacion, now therefore mine houſband wil [m] loue me.

33 And ſhe conceiued againe and bare a ſonne, and ſaid, Becauſe the Lord heard that I was hated, he hathe therefore giuen me this *ſonne* alſo, and ſhe called his name Simeón.

34 And ſhe conceiued againe and bare a ſonne, and ſaid, Now at this time wil my houſbād kepe me compañie, becauſe I haue borne him thre ſonnes: therefore was his name called Leuí.

35 Moreouer ſhe conceiued againe and bare a ſonne, ſaying, Now wil I [o] praiſe the Lord: * therefore ſhe called his name Iudáh, and "left bearing.

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4 9. Rahél and Leáh being bothe baren giue their maides vnto their houſband, and they beare him children. 15 Leáh giueth mādrakes to Rahél that Iaakob might lie with her 27 Labán is enriched for Iaakobs ſake. 43 Iaakób is made very riche.

1 AND when Rahél ſawe that ſhe bare Iaakób nó children, Rahél enuied her ſiſter, and ſaid vnto Iaakób, Giue me children, or els I dye.

2 Thé Iaakobs angre was kindeled againſt Rahél, and he ſaid, Am I in [a] Gods ſtede, which hathe withholden frō thee the frute of the wombe?

3 And ſhe ſaid, Beholde my maide Bilháh, go in to her, and ſhe ſhal beare vpon my [b] knees, & "I ſhal haue childrē alſo by her.

4 Then ſhe gaue him Bilháh her maide to wife, and Iaakób went in to her.

5 So Bilháh conceiued and bare Iaakób a ſonne.

6 Thé ſaid Rahél, God hathe giuen ſentéce on my ſide, & hathe alſo heard my voyce, and hathe giuen me a ſonne: therefore called ſhe his name, Dan.

7 And Bilháh Rahels maide conceiued againe, and bare Iaakób the ſeconde ſonne.

8 Then Rahél ſaid, With "[c] excellēt wreſtlings haue I wreſtled with my ſiſter and haue gótten the vpper hand: and ſhe called his name, Naphtalí.

9 And when Leah ſawe that ſhe had left bearing, ſhe toke Zilpáh her maide, and gaue her Iaakób to wife.

10 And Zilpáh Leahs maide bare Iaakób a ſonne.

11 Then ſaid Leáh, [d] A compañie cometh: and ſhe called his name, Gad.

12 Againe Zilpáh Leahs maide bare Iaakób another ſonne.

13 Then ſaid Leáh, Ah, bleſſed am I, for the daughters wil bleſſe me. and ſhe called his name, Aſhér.

14 ¶ Now Reubén went in the dayes of the wheat haruеſt and found [e] mandrakes in the field & broght them vnto his mother Leáh. Then ſaid Rahél to Leáh, Giue me, I pray thee, of thy ſonnes mandrakes.

15 But ſhe anſwered her, Is it á ſmale matter for thee to take mine houſbād, except thou take my ſonnes mādrakes alſo? Thé ſaid Rahél, Therefore he ſhal ſlepe with thee this night for thy ſonnes mandrakes.

16 And Iaakób came from the field in the euening, and Leáh went out tō mete him, & ſaid, Come in to me, for I haue "bogh and payed for thee with my ſonnes mandrakes: and he ſlept with her that night.

17 And God heard Leáh and ſhe cōceiued, and bare vnto Iaakób the fift ſonne.

18 Then

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f Or, blereeied

g Meaning, after that the yeres were accompliſhed.

"Hebr my daies are ful

h The cauſe why Iaakób was deceiued was, that in olde time the wife was couered with a vaile, when ſhe was broght to her houſband in ſigne of chaſtitie & ſhamefaſtnes.

i He eſteemed more the profit that he had of Iaakobs ſeruice thē other his promes or the maner of the countrie, thogh he alleged cuſtome for his excuſe

"Hebr opened her wombe

k This declareth, that oft times thei, ẅ are deſpiſed of men, are fauored of God

l Hereby appeareth, that ſhe had recours to God in her affliction

m For children are a great cauſe of mutual loue betwene man and wife.

o Or, confeſſe. Mat. 1, 2.

"Ebr ſtode from bearing.

a It is onely God that maketh barē and fruteful, and therfore I am not in faute.

b I wil receiue her childrē on my lappe, as though they were mine owne

"Ebr I ſhalbe buylded.

"Ebr wreſtlinge of God

c The arrogācie of mās nature appeareth in that ſhe cōtemneth her ſiſter, after ſhe hath receiued this benefit of God to beare children

d That is, God doeth increaſe me ẅ a multitude of children: for ſo Iaakób doeth expounde this name Gad, chap 49. 9

e Which is a kinde of herbe whoſe rote hath a certeine likenes of ý figure of a man.

"Ebr lying I haue bogh.

18 Thē ſaid Leáh, God hathe giuen *me* my rewarde, becauſe I gaue my f maide to my houſband, & ſhe called his name Iſſachár.

f In ſtede of acknolledgig her faute, ſhe boaſteth as if God had rewarded her therefore.

19 After, Leáh conceiued againe, and baie Iaakób the ſixt ſonne.

20 Thē Leáh ſaid, God hathe endued me ẅ a good dowrie: now wil mine houſbād dwel with me, becauſe I haue borne him ſix ſōnes: & ſhe called his name Zebulún.

21 After that, ſhe baie a daughter, and ſhe called her name Dináh.

22 ¶ And God remembred Rahél, and God heard hei, g and opened hei wombe.

g Or, made her fruitful

23 So ſhe conceiued and baie a ſonne, and ſaid, God hathe taken away my h rebuke.

h Becauſe fruitefulnes came of Gods bleſſing, who ſaid, Increaſe and multiplie: barnes was counted as a curſe.

24 And ſhe called his name Ioſéph, ſaying, The Lord wil giue me yet another ſonne.

25 ¶ And aſſone as Rahél had borne Ioſéph, Iaakób ſaid to Labán, Sēd me away that I may go vnto my place and to my countrey.

26 Giue *me* my wiues and my children, for whome I haue ſerued thee, and let me go: for thou knoweſt what ſeruice I haue done thee.

27 To whome Labán anſwered, If I haue now founde fauour in thy ſight, *tarie*: I haue i perceiued that the Lord hathe bleſſed me for thy ſake.

i Or, tried by experience.

28 Alſo he ſaid, Appoint vnto me thy wages, and I wil giue it *thee*.

29 But he ſaid vnto hi, Thou knoweſt, what ſeruice I haue done thee, and in what taking thy cattel hathe bene k vnder me.

k Or, with me.

30 For the litle, that thou haddeſt before I came, is increaſed into a multitude: and the Lord hathe bleſſed thee l by my comming: but now whē ſhal m I trauel for mine owne houſe alſo?

l Ebr at my foote

m The ordre of nature requireth that euerie one prouide for his owne familie

31 Then he ſaid, What ſhal I giue thee? And Iaakób anſwered, Thou ſhalt giue me nothing at all: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I wil returne, fede, *and* kepe thy ſhepe.

32 I wil paſſe through all thy flockes this day, *and* n ſeparat from them all the ſhepe with litle ſpottes and great ſpottes, & all o blacke lambes among the ſhepe, and the great ſpotted, and litle ſpotted amóg the goates: and it ſhalbe my wages.

n Or, ſeparate thou

o Or, red.

33 So ſhal my p righteouſnes anſwere for me hereafter, when it ſhal come for my rewarde before thy face, q euerie one that hathe not litle or great ſpottes among the goates, and blacke among the ſhepe, the ſame ſhalbe r theft with me.

p That which ſhal hereafter be thus ſpotted

q God ſhal teſtifie for my righteous dealing by rewarding my labours

r Or, counted theefs.

34 Then Labán ſaid, Go to, wolde God it might be according to thy ſaying.

35 Therefore ſ he toke out the ſame day the he goates that were party coloured and with great ſpottes, and all the ſhe goates with litle and great ſpottes, *and* all ſ̄ had white in thē, and all the t blacke among ſ̄ ſhepe, & put thē in ſ̄ keping of his ſonnes.

s Or, Laban.

t Or, red, or browne.

36 And he ſet thre dares iourney betwene him ſelfe and Iaakób. & Iaakób kept the reſt of Labans ſhepe.

37 ¶ Then Iaakób u toke roddes of grene popular, and of haſel, and of the cheſnut tre, and pilled white ſtrakes in them, and made the white appeare in the roddes.

u Iaakob herein vſed no deceit: for it was Gods commādement as he declareth in ſ̄ next chapter, ver 9 and 11.

38 Then he put ſ̄ roddes, which he had pilled, in the gutters *and* watering troghes, when the ſhepe came to drinke, before ſ̄ ſhepe: (for thei were in heate, when thei came to drinke)

39 And the ſhepe x were in heate before the roddes, & *afterward* broght forthe yong of party colour, and with ſmale & great ſpottes.

x Or, conceiued.

40 And Iaakób parted theſe lambes, and turned the faces of the flocke towards *theſe lambes* party coloured and all maner of blacke, among the ſhepe of Labán: ſo he put his owne flockes by them ſelues, & put them not with Labans flocke.

41 And in euerie ramming tyme of the y ſtronger ſhepe, Iaakób laied the roddes before the eies of the ſhepe in the gutters ſ̄ thei might conceiue before the roddes.

y As they ẅ toke ſ̄ ram about Septēbre, & broght for the about marche: ſo the febler in marche, & lambde in Septembre.

42 But when the ſhepe were feble, he put them not in: and ſo ſ̄ febler were Labans, and the ſtronger Iaakobs.

43 So the man encreaſed excedingly, and had manie flockes, and maide ſeruāts, and men ſeruants, and camels and aſſes.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Labans children murmure againſt Iaakób. 3 God commandeth him to returne to his countrey. 14 The care of God for Iaakób. 19 Rahél ſtealeth her fathers idoles. 25 Laban followeth Iaakób. 44 The couenant betwene Laban and Iaakób.

1 NOw he heard the a wordes of Labās ſonnes, ſaying, Iaakób hathe takē away all that was our fathers, and of out fathers goods hathe he gottē all this honour.

a The childrē vttered in wordes that ſ̄ the father diſſembled in heart. for ſ̄ couetous think ſ̄ whatſoeuer thei cā not ſnatche is pluſt frō thē

2 Alſo Iaakób behelde the countenance of Labán, z that it was not towards him as in times paſt.

z Ebr and he, and he with him. as yeſterday & ſter yeſterday.

3 And the Lord had ſaid vnto Iaakób, Turne againe into the land of thy fathers, and to thy kinred, and I wil be with thee.

4 Therefore Iaakób ſent and called Rahél and Leáh to the field vnto his flocke.

5 Thē ſaid he vnto them, I ſe your fathers countenance, that it is not toward me as it was wonte, and the b God of my father hathe bene with me.

b The God whome my father worſhipped.

6 And ye knowe that I haue ſerued your father with all my might.

7 But your father hathe deceiued me, and changed my wages c ten times: but God ſuffred him not to hurt me.

c Or, many times

8 If he thus ſaid, The ſpotted ſhalbe thy wages, thē all the ſhepe bare ſpotted: & if he ſaid thus, The partie coloured ſhal be thy reward, thē bare all ſ̄ ſhepe particoloured.

9 Thus hathe [c] God taken awaie your fathers' substance, and giuen it me.
10 ¶For in rammíng time I lifted vp mine eies and sawe in a dreame, and beholde, the he goates leaped vpō the she goates, that were partie coloured with litle and great spottes spotted.
11 And the Angel of God said to me in a dreame, Iaakób. And I answered, Lo, I am here.
12 And he said, lift vp now thine eies, and se all the he goates leaping vpon the she goates that are partie coloured, spotted with litle & great spottes: for I haue sene all that Labán doeth vnto thee.
13 [d] I am the God of Beth-él, where thou [*] anointedst ŷ piller, where thou vowedst a vowe vnto me. Now arise, get thee out of this countrei & returne vnto the land where thou wast borne.
14 Then answered Rahél and Leáh, and said vnto him, Haue we anie more portion and enheritance in our fathers house?
15 Doeth not he count vs as strangers? for he hathe [e] solde vs, and hathe eaten vp & consumed our monie.
16 Therefore all ŷ riches, which God hathe taken from our father, is ours and our childrēs: now then whatsoeuer God hathe said vnto thee do it.
17 ¶Thē Iaakób rose vp, and set his sonnes and his wiues vpon camels.
18 And he caried awaie all his flockes, and all his substance which he had gotten, *to wit*, his riches, which he had gotten in Padán Arám, for to go to Izhak his father vnto the land of Canáan.
19 When Labán was gone to shere his shepe, then Rahél stale her fathers [f] idoles.
20 Thus Iaakób "stale awaie the heart of Labán the Aramite: for he tolde him not that he fled.
21 So fled he with all that he had, & he rose vp, and passed the "riuer, and set his face toward mount Gileád.
22 The third day after was it tolde Labán, that Iaakób fled.
23 Then he toke his "brethren with him, & followed after him seuen dayes iourney, and "ouertoke him at mount Gileád.
24 And God came to Labán the Aramite in a dreame by night, and said vnto him, Take hede that thou speake not to Iaakób "ought saue good.
25 ¶Then Labán ouertoke Iaakób, & Iaakób had pitched his tent in the mount: & Labán also with his brethren pitched vpon mount Gileád.
26 Then Labán said to Iaakób, What hast thou done? "thou hast euen stollen away mine heart & caried away my daughters as thogh they had bene taken captiues ẅ the sworde.
27 Wherefore diddest thou flee so secretly & steale away from me, & diddest not tel me, that I might haue sent thee forthe with mirth & with songs, with timbrel & with harpe?
28 But thou hast not suffered me to kisse my sonnes and my daughters: now thou hast done foolishly in doing *so*.
29 I am "able to do you euil: but the [g] God of your father spake vnto me yester night, saying, Take hede that thou speake not to Iaakób ought saue good.
30 Now thogh thou wentest thy way, because thou greatly longedst after thy fathers house: *yet* wherefore hast thou stollē my gods?
31 Thē Iaakób answered, & said to Labán, Because I was afraid, & thoght that thou woldest haue taken thy daughters from me.
32 *But* with whome thou findest thy gods, "let him not liue. Serche thou before our brethren what I haue *of thine*, and take it to thee (but Iaakób wist not that Rahél had stollen them)
33 Then came Labán into Iaakobs tent, & into Leahs tent, and into the two maides tentes, but founde *them* not. so he wēt out of Leahs tent, & entred into Rahels tent.
34 (Now Rahel had takē the idoles & put them in the camels litter & sate downe vpon them) & Labán serched all the tent, but founde *them* not.
35 Then said she to her father, "My lord, be not angry that I cannot rise vp before thee: for the custome of womē is vpon me: so he serched, but found not the idoles.
36 ¶Thē Iaakob was wroth, & chode with Labán: Iaakób also answered and said to Labán, What haue I trespaced? what haue I offended, that thou hast pursued after me?
37 Seing thou hast serched all my stuffe, what hast ŷ founde of all thine housholde stuffe? put it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may iudge betwene vs bothe.
38 This twēty yere I haue bene with thee: thine ewes and thy goates haue not "cast their yong, & the rams of thy flocke haue I not eaten.
39 "Whatsoeuer was torne *of beastes*, I brought it not vnto thee, *but* made it good my self: [*] of mine hāde diddest thou require it, *were it* stollen by day or stollen by night.
40 I was in the day consumed with heat, and with frost in the night, and my "slepe departed from mine eies.
41 Thus haue I bene twenty yere in thine house, and serued thee fourtēth yeres for thy two daughters, and six yeres for thy shepe, and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

42 Except

[c] This declareth that the thing, which Iaakób did before, was by Gods cōmandement, & not through deceite.
[d] This Angel was Christ ẅ appeared to Iaakób in Bethel: & hereby appeareth he had taught his wiues ŷ feare of God: for he talketh as thogh they knewe this thing. *Chap 28.18.*
[e] For they were giuen to Iaakób in recompence of his seruice: ẅ was a kinde of sale.
[f] For so the worde here signifieth, because Labán calleth thē gods, vers 30.
[g] He was an idolater, and therfore wold not acknollage the God of Iaakób for his God

Or, stinkelker or friends.
Or, ioyned with him.
Or, went away priuely from Laban
Or, Euphrates.
Ebr. from good to euil.
Or, conueighed thy selfe away goinely.
Ebr. let not anger be in the eyes of my Lord.
Or, beast haue,
Ebr. the tenen, or take by pray.
Exod. 22.12.
Or, I slept not.
Or, straw, or, saddle.
Or, let him liue.
Ebr. power is in mine hande.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abrahám, & the [h] feare of Izhák had bene with me, ſurely thou haddeſt ſent me away now empty: *but* God behelde my tribulacion, & the labour of mine handes, & rebuked *thee* yeſter night.

[h] That is, the God whome Izhák did feare & reuerēce

43 Then Labán anſwered, & ſaid vnto Iaakób, Theſe daughters are my daughters, and theſe ſonnes are my ſonnes, and theſe ſhepe are my ſhepe, and all that thou ſeeſt, is mine, and what can I do this day vnto theſe my daughters, or to their ſonnes which they haue borne?

[i] His conſciēce reproued him of his miſbehauiour toward Iaakób and therefore moued him to ſeke peace

44 Now therefore [i] come and let vs make a couenant, I and thou, which may be a witnes betwene me and thee.

45 Then toke Iaakób a ſtone, and ſet it vp *as* a piller:

46 And Iaakób ſaid vnto his brethren, Gather ſtones: who broght ſtones, and made an heape, and they did eat there vpon the heape.

[*] Or, *The heape of witnes*

47 And Labán called it [*] Iegár-ſahaduthá, and Iaakób called it [k] Galeéd.

[k] The one nameth the place in the Syrian tongue, & the other in the Ebrewe tongue

48 For Labán ſaid, This heape is witnes betwene me & thee this day: therefore he called the name of it Galeéd. Alſo *he called it*

[*] Or, *watch towar*

49 [*] Mizpáh, becauſe he ſaid, The Lord [l] loke betwene me & thee, when we ſhalbe departed one from another,

[l] To puniſhe the treſpacer

50 If ÿ ſhalt uexe my daughters, or ſhalt take [m] wiues beſide my daughters: *there is* noman with vs, beholde, God *is* witnes betwene me and thee.

[m] Nature cōpelleth him to condemne that wife, whereunto through couetouſnes he forced Iaakób.

51 Moreouer Labán ſaid to Iaakób, Beholde this heape, & beholde, the piller, which I haue ſet betwene me and thee,

52 This heape *ſhalbe* witnes, and the piller *ſhalbe* witnes, ÿ I wil not come ouer this heape to thee, and that ÿ ſhalt not paſſe ouer this heape & this piller vnto me for euil.

53 The God of Abrahám, & the God of [n] Nahór, & ÿ God of their father be iudge betwene vs: but Iaakób ſware by the [o] feare of his father Izhák.

[n] Beholde, how the idolaters mingle the true God with their fayned gods?

[o] Meaning, by the true God whome Izhák worſhipped.

54 Then Iaakób did offre a ſacrifice vpon the mount, and called his brethren to eat [*] bread. and they did eat bread, & taried all night in the mount.

[*] Or, *meat.*

55 And early in the morning Labán roſe vp and kiſſed his ſonnes & his daughters, & [p] bleſſed them, and Labán departing, went vnto his place againe.

[p] We ſe that there is euer ſome ſede of ÿ knowlage of God in ÿ hartes of the wicked.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 God cōforteth Iaakób by his Angels. 9. 10 He praieth vnto God confeſſing his Unworthines. 13 He ſendeth preſentes vnto Eſáu. 24 28 He wreſtled with the Angel who nameth him Iſraél.

1 NOw Iaakób wēt forthe on his iourney & the Angels of God met him.

[a] He acknowlegeth Gods benefits: who for the preſeruation of his ſeruāt ſeth hoſtes of Angels.

2 And when Iaakób ſawe them, he ſaid, [a] This is Gods hoſt, & called the name of the ſame place [*] Mahanáim.

[*] Or, *Tentes*

3 Then Iaakób ſent meſſengers before him to Eſáu his brother, vnto the land of Seír into the countrey of Edóm:

4 To whome he gaue commandemēt, ſaying, Thus ſhal ye ſpeake to my [b] lord Eſáu: Thy ſeruant Iaakób ſaith thus, I haue bene a ſtranger with Labán & taried vnto this time.

[b] He reuereced his brother in worldlie things, becauſe he chiefely loked to be preferred to ÿ ſpiritual promes.

5 I haue beues alſo & aſſes, ſhepe, & men ſeruantes, and women ſeruantes, and haue ſent to ſhewe my lord, that I may finde grace in thy ſight.

6 ¶ So the meſſengers came againe to Iaakób, ſaying, We came vnto thy brother Eſáu, and he alſo commeth againſt thee and foure hundreth men with him.

[c] Albeit he was cōforted by the Angels, yet the infirmitie of ÿ fleſhe doeth appeare.

7 Then Iaakób was [c] greatly afraid, and was ſore troubled, & deuided the people that was with him, and the ſhepe, and the beues, and the camels into two cōpanies.

8 For he ſaid, if Eſáu come to the one companie and ſmite it, the other companie ſhal eſcape.

¶ Moreouer Iaakób ſaid, O God of my father Abrahám, and God of my father Izhák: Lord, which ſaideſt vnto me, Returne vnto thy countrei & to thy kinred, and I wil do thee good,

[*] Ebr *I am leſſe then all thy mercies.*

10 I am not [*] worthie of the leaſt of all the mercies & all the trueth, which thou haſt ſhewed vnto thy ſeruant: For w my [d] ſtaffe came I ouer this Iordén, and now haue I gotten two bandes.

[d] That is, poore, & without all prouiſion.

11 I pray thee, Deliuer me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Eſáu: for I feare him, leſt he wil come and ſmite me, & the [e] mother vpon the children.

[e] Meaning, he wil put all to deathirhus prouerbe commeth of them which kille the burde together with her yong ones

12 For ÿ ſaideſt, I wil ſurely do thee good, and make thy ſede as the ſand of the ſea, which can not be nōbred for multitude.

13 ¶ And he taried there the ſame night, & toke of that which came to hand, a [f] preſente for Eſáu his brother:

[f] Not diſtruſting Gods aſſiſtance, but vſing ſuch meanes as God had giue him.

14 Two hūdreth ſhe goates and twenty he goates, two hundreth ewes and twentie rammes:

15 Thirty milche camels with their colres, fourtie kine, & ten bullockes, twētie ſhe aſſes and ten foles.

16 So he deliuered them into the hand of his ſeruātes, euerie droue by them ſelues, & ſaid vnto his ſeruants, Paſſe before me, and put a ſpace betwene droue & droue.

17 And he commanded the formeſt, ſaying, If Eſáu my brother mete thee, and aſke thee, ſaying, Whoſe *ſeruant* art thou? & whither goeſt thou? and whoſe are theſe before thee?

18 Then thou ſhalt ſay, *they be* thy ſeruant Iaakobs: it is a preſent ſent vnto my lord Eſáu: and beholde, he him ſelfe alſo is behinde vs.

19 So likewise commanded he the seconde & the third, & all that followed the droues, saying, After this maner, ye shal speake vnto Esáu, when ye finde him.
20 And ye shal say moreouer, Beholde, thy seruant Iaakób *commeth* after vs (for he thoght, I g wil appease his wrath with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I wil se his face: it may be that he wil "accept me)
21 So went the present before him: but he taried that night with the companie.
22 And he rose vp the same night, and toke his two wiues, and his two maides, and his eleuē children, & went ouer the forde Iabbók.
23 And he toke them, & sent them ouer the riuer, & sent ouer that he had.
24 ¶ Whē Iaakób was left him selfe alone, there wrestled a h man with him vnto the breaking of the day.
25 And he sawe that he colde not i preuaile against him: therefore he touched ỹ hollow of his thigh, & the holow of Iaakobs thigh was losed, as he wrestled with him.
26 And he said, Let me go, for ỹ morning appeareth. Who answered, *I wil not let thee go except thou blesse me.
27 Then said he vnto him, What is thy name? And he said, Iaakób.
28 Then said he, *Thy name shal be called Iaakób no more, but Israél: becausе thou hast had k power with God, thou shalt also preuaile with men.
29 Then Iaakób demāded, saying, Tel me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore now doest thou aske my name? And he blessed him there.
30 And Iaakób called the name of the place, Peniél: for, *said he*, I haue sene God face to face, and my "life is preserued.
31 And the sunne rose to him as he passed Peniél, and he l halted vpon his thigh.
32 Therefore the children of Israél eat not of the sinew that shranke in the holow of the thigh, vnto this day: becausе he touched the sinew that shranke in the holow of Iaakobs thigh.

g He thoght it no losse to departe ỹ these goods, so the mēt he might follow the vocatiō wherūto God called him
"*Ebr receiue my face.*
h That is, God in forme of man
i For God assaileth his ẅ the one hand, & vpholdeth them with the other
Ozé. 12, 4.
Chap. 35. 10.
k God gaue Iaakób bothe power to ouercome & also ỹ praise of the victorie.
"*Or, soule.*
l The faithful so ouercome their tētatiōs, that they fele the smart thereof, to the intēt that they shulde not glorie, but i their humilitie

CHAP. XXXIII.

4. Esáu and Iaakób mete and are agreed. 11. Esáu receiueth his gifts. 19 Iaakob byeth a possession, 20. And buyldeth an altar.

1 AND as Iaakób lift vp his eies, and loked, beholde, Esáu came, and with him foure hundreth men: and he a deuided the children to Leáh, and to Rahél, and to the two maides.
2 And he put the maides, & their children formost, and Leáh and her children after, and Rahél, and Iosēph hindermost.
3 So he went before thē and b bowed him selfe to the grounde seuen times, vntil he came nere to his brother.
4 Then Esáu ran to mete him and embraced him, and fel on his necke and kissed him, and they wept.
5 And he lift vp his eies, and sawe the women, and the children, and said, Who are these with thee? And he answered, *They are* ỹ childrē whome God of his grace hathe giuen thy seruant.
6 Then came ỹ maides nere, they, and their children, and c bowed them selues.
7 Leáh also with her children came nere and made obeisance. and after Iosēph & Rahél drewe nere and did reuerence.
8 Then he said, What meanest thou by all this droue, which I met? Who answered, *I haue sent it*, that I maie finde fauour in ỹ sight of my lord.
9 And Esáu said, I haue ynough, my brother: kepe that thou hast to thy selfe.
10 But Iaakób answered, Nay, I pray thee: if I haue founde grace now in thy sight, then receiue my present at mine hand: for d I haue sene thy face, as thogh I had sene the face of God, becausе thou hast accepted me.
11 I praie thee take my "blessing, that is broght thee: for God hathe had mercie on me, & therefore I haue all things: so he e compelled him, and he toke it.
12 And he said, Let vs take our iourney & go, and I wil go before thee.
13 Then he answered him, My lord knoweth, that the children *are* tendre, and the ewes & kine with yong vnder mine hād: & if they shulde ouerdriue them one day, all the flocke wolde dye.
14 Let now my lord go before his seruāt, and I wil driue softly, according to the passe of the cattel, which is before me, and as the children be able to endure, vntil f I come to my lord vnto Seír.
15 Then Esáu said, I wil leaue thē some of my folke with thee. And he answered, What *nedeth* this? let me finde grace in the sight of my lord.
16 ¶ So Esáu returned, *and went* his way that same day vnto Seír.
17 And Iaakób went forwarde towarde Succóth, & buylt him an house, and made boothes for his cattel: therefore he called the name of the place "Succóth.
18 ¶ And they warde, Iaakób came safe to Shechém a citie, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from "Padan Arám, and pitched before the citie.
19 And there he bought a parcel of grouńde, where he pitched his tent, at the hand of the sonnes of Hamór Shechems father, for an hundreth "pieces of money.
20 And he set vp there an altar, and called g it, The mightie God of Israél.

c Iaakób and his familie are the image of ỹ Church vnder the yoke of tyrants, ẅ for feare are brought to subiection.
d In that that his brother imbraced him so louingly, cōtrary to his expectation, he accepted it ās a plaine signe of Goos presence
"*Or, gift.*
e By earnest intreatie.
f He promised that ẅ (as seemeth) his minde was not to performe.
"*Or, straw.*
"*Or, Mesopotamia.*
"*Or, lambes, or, money ỹ marked*
g He calleth the signe the thing, which it signifieth, in token ỹ God had mightely deliuered him.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

2 Dináh is rauished. 3 Hamór asketh her in mariage for

for his sonne. 22 The Shechemites are circumcised at the request of Iaakobs sonnes, and the persuasion of Hamór 25 The whoredome is reuenged. 28 Iaakób reproueth his sonnes.

1 THen Dináh the daughter of Leáh, which she bare vnto Iaakób, [a]wēt out to se the daughters of that countrey.

a This example teacheth that to much libertie is not to be giuen to youthe

2 Whome when Shechém the sonne of Hamór the Hiuite lord of that coūtrie sawe, he toke her, and lay w̄ her, & [b] defiled her.

b Ebr. humbled her

3 So his heart claue vnto Dináh ȳ daughter of Iaakób: and he loued the maide, & [c] spake kindely vnto the maide.

c Ebr. spake to the heart of the maide

4 Thē said Shechém to his father Hamór, saying, [d] Get me this maide to wife.

d This sheweth that the consent of parēts is requisite in mariage, seing the very infideles did also obserue it as a thing necessarie

5 (Now Iaakób heard that he had defiled Dináh his daughter, and his sonnes were with his cattel in ȳ field: therefore Iaakób helde his peace, vntil they were come)

6 ¶ Then Hamór the father of Shechém went out vnto Iaakób to commune with him.

7 And when the sonnes of Iaakób were come out of the field and heard it, it grieued the men, & they were very angrie, because he had wroght [e] vilennie in Israél, in that he had liē with Iaakobs daughter: [f] which thing ought not to be done.

e Or, folie.

f Ebr. and it shal not be so do ne

8 And Hamór cōmuned with them, saying, The soule of my sonne Shechém longeth for your daughter: giue her him to wife, I pray you.

9 So make [g] affinitie w̄ vs: giue your daughters vnto vs, and take our daughters vnto you,

g Or, mariages.

10 And ye shal dwel with vs, and the land shal be before you: dwel, and do your busines in it, and haue your possessions therein.

11 Shechém also said vnto her father and vnto her brethren, [h] Let me finde fauour in your eies, and I wil giue whatsoeuer ye shal appoint me.

h Or, grant my request.

12 [i] Aske of me abundantly bothe dowrie and giftes, & I wil giue as ye appoint me, so that ye giue me the maide to wife.

i Ebr multiply greatly the dowry.

13 Thē the sonnes of Iaakób answered Shechém and Hamór his father, talking among them selues deceitfully, because he had defiled Dináh their sister,

14 And they said vnto them, [k] We can not do this thing, to giue our sister to an vncircumcised man: for that were a [l] reproue vnto vs.

k They made the holy ordinance of God a meane to cōpasse their wicked purpose.

l As it is abomination for them that are baptized to ioine with infideles.

15 But in this wil we consent vnto you, if ye wil be as we *are*, that euerie mā childe among you be [m] circumcised:

m Their faute is the greater, in that they make religion a cloke for their craft.

16 Then wil we giue our daughters to you, and we wil take your daughters to vs, and wil dwel with you, and be one people.

17 But if ye wil not hearken vnto vs to be circumcised, then wil we take our daughter & departe.

18 Now their wordes pleased Hamór, and Shechém Hamors sonne.

19 And the yong man deferde not to do the thig because he loued Iaakobs daughter: he was also the moste set by of all his fathers house.

20 ¶ Then Hamór and Shechém his sonne went vnto the [n] gate of their citie, & communed with the men of their citie, saying,

n For the people vsed to assemble there, and iustice was also ministred

21 These men are [o] peaceable with vs: & ȳ they may dwel in the land, and do their affaires therein (for beholde, the land hathe roume ynough for them) let vs take their daughters to wiues, and giue them our daughters.

o Thus many pretēd to speake for a publike profit, whē they onlv speake for their owne priuate game and commoditie.

22 Onely herein wil ȳ men consent vnto vs for to dwel with vs, and to be one people, if all the men children among vs be circūcised as they are circumcised.

23 Shal not [p] their flockes and their substāce and all their cattel be ours? onely let vs consent *herein* vnto thē, and they wil dwel with vs.

p Thus they lacke no kinde of persuasion, which preferre their owne cōmodities before the common welth.

24 And vnto Hamór, & Shechém his sonne hearkened all that went out of the gate of his citie: and all the men children were circumcised, *euen* all that went out of the gate of his citie.

25 And on the third day (when thei were sore) two of the sonnes of Iaakób, [q] Simeón and Leuí, Dinahs brethren toke eithei of them his sworde & went into the citie boldely, and [r] slewe euerie male.

q For they were the chief of the cōpanie.

Chap. 49, 6.

r The people are punished with their wicked princes.

26 Thei slewe also Hamór and Shechém his sonne with the [s] edge of the sworde, & toke Dináh out of Shechems house, and went their way.

s Ebr mouthe of the sworde.

27 *Againe* the *other* sonnes of Iaakób came vpon the dead, and spoiled the citie, because they had defiled their sister.

28 Thei toke their shepe, and their beues, and their asses, and whatsoeuer was in the citie, and in the fields.

29 Also they caried away captiue and spoiled all their goods, and all their children and their wiues, and all that was in the houses.

30 Then Iaakób said to Simeón and Leuí, Ye haue troubled me, & made me [t] stinke among the inhabitants of the land, *aswel* the Canaanites, as the Perizzites, and I being fewe in nombre, they shal gather them selues together against me, and slay me, *and* so shal I, and my house be destroied.

t Or, to be abhorred.

31 And they answered, Shulde he abuse our sister as a whore?

CHAP. XXXV.

1 Iaakób at Gods commādement goeth vp to Beth-el. 2 He reformeth his housholde 8 Deboráh dyeth. 12 The land of Canaan is promised him. 18 Rahél dyeth in labour 22 Reubén lieth with his fathers cōcubine. 30 The death of Izhák.

1 THen a God ſaid to Iaakób, Ariſe, go vp to Beth-él & dwel there, & make there an altar vnto God, that appeared vnto thee,* whē thou fleddeſt from Eſáu thy brother.

a God is euer at hand to ſuccour his in their troubles.

Chap. 28,13.

2 Then ſaid Iaakób vnto his houſholde & to all that were with him, Put away the ſtrāge gods that are among you, & b clenſe your ſelues, and change your garments:

b That by this outwarde act they thuld ſhe we their inwarde repentance.

3 For we wil riſe and go vp to Beth-él, and I wil make an altar there vnto God, which heard me in the day of my tribulacion, & was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gaue vnto Iaakób all the ſtrange gods, which were in their hands, and all their c earings which were in their eares, and Iaakób hid them vnder an oke, which was by Shechém.

c For therein was ſome ſigne of ſuperſtition as in tablets & Agnus dei.

5 Then they went on their iourney, and the d feare of God was vpon the cities, that were round about them: ſo that thei did not followe after the ſonnes of Iaakób.

d Thus, notwithſtanding ỹ inconuenience ỹ came before, God deliuered Iaakób.

6 ¶So came Iaakób to Luz, which is in the land of Canáan: (the ſame is Beth-él) he and all the people that was with him.

Chap. 28,19.

7 And he buylt there an altar, & * had called the place, The God of Beth-él, becauſe that God appeared vnto him there, whē he fled from his brother.

8 Then Deboráh Rebekahs nourſe dyed, and was buryed beneth Beth-él vnder an oke: and he called the name of it e Allón bachúth.

e Or, oke of lamentation.

9 ¶Againe God appeared vnto Iaakób, after he came out of Padán Arám, and bleſſed him.

10 Moreouer God ſaid vnto him, Thy name is Iaakób: thy name ſhal be no more called Iaakób, but * Iſrael ſhalbe thy name: and he called his name Iſraél.

Chap. 32,28.

11 Againe God ſaid vnto him, I am God f all ſufficiēt. growe, & multiplie: a nation & a multitude of natiōs ſhal ſprīg of thee, and Kings ſhal come out of thy loynes.

f Or, almighty.

12 Alſo I wil giue ỹ land, which I gaue to Abraham and Izhák, vnto thee: & vnto thy ſede after thee wil I giue that land.

13 So God g aſcended from him in the place where he had talked with him.

g As God is ſaid to deſcend, when he ſheweth ſome ſigne of his preſence: ſohe is ſaid to aſcēde, when ỹ viſion is ended.

14 And Iaakób ſet vp a piller in the place where he talked with him, a piller of ſtone, and powred drinke offring thereon: alſo he powred oyle thereon.

15 And Iaakób called the name of the place, where God ſpake with him, Beth-él.

16 ¶Then they departed from Beth-él, & whē there was h about halfe a daies iourney of grounde to come to Ephráth, Rahél trauailed, and in trauailing ſhe was in peril.

h The Ebrewe worde ſignifieth as muche grounde as one may go frō hayte to hayte, & is takē for halfe a days iourney.

17 And when ſhe was in peines of her labour, the midwife ſaid vnto her, Feare not: for thou *ſhalt haue* this ſonne alſo.

18 Then as ſhe was about to yelde vp the goſte (for ſhe dyed) ſhe called his name Ben-oní, but his father called him Beniamín.

19 Thus dyed Rahél, & was buryed in the way to Ephráth, which is Beth-léhem.

20 And Iaakób ſet a i piller vpon her graue: This is the piller of Rahels graue vnto this day.

i The ancient fathers vſed this ceremonie to teſtifie their hope of the reſurrection to come, which was not generally reuciled.

21 ¶Thē Iſraél went forwarde, & pitched his tent beyonde Migdal-éder.

22 Now, when Iſraél dwelt in that land, Reubén went, and k laye * with Bilháh his fathers concubine, and it came to Iſraels eare. And Iaakób had twelue ſonnes.

k This teacheth that the fathers were not choſen for their merites, but by Gods onely mercies, whoſe electiō by their fautes was not chaūged

Chap. 48,5.

23 The ſonnes of Leáh: Reubén Iaakobs eldeſt ſonne, and Simeón, & Leuí, & Iudáh, & Iſſachár, & Zebulún.

24 The ſonnes of Rahél: Ioſéph and Beniamín.

25 And ỹ ſonnes of Bilháh Rahels maide: Dan and Naphtalí.

26 And the ſonnes of Zilpáh Leahs maide: Gad and Aſhér. theſe are the ſonnes of Iaakób, which were borne him in Padán Arám.

27 ¶ Then Iaakób camē vnto Izhák his father to Mamré a citie of Arbáh: this is Hebrón, where Abrahám and Izhák were ſtrangers.

28 And the dayes of Izhák were an hundreth and foure ſcore yeres.

29 And Izhák gaue vp the goſte and dyed, and was * gathered vnto his people, being olde and ful of daies: & his ſonnes Eſáu and Iaakób buryed him.

Chap. 25,8.

CHAP. XXXVI.

2 The wiues of Eſáu. 7 Iaakób and Eſáu are riche. 9 The genealogie of Eſáu. 24 The finding of mules.

1 NOw theſe are the a generations of Eſáu, which is Edóm.

a This genealogie declareth that Eſáu was bleſſed temporally, & that his fathers bleſſing toke place in worldlie things.

2 Eſáu toke his wiues of the b daughters of Canáan: Adáh the daughter of Elón an Hittite, and Aholibamáh the daughter of Anáh, the daughter of Zibeón an Hiuite,

b Beſides thoſe wiues wher of is ſpoken, chap 26,34.

3 And *toke* Baſemáth Iſhmaels daughter, ſiſter of Nebaióth.

1.Chro.1,35.

4 And * Adáh bare vnto Eſáu, Elipház: & Baſemáth bare Reuél.

5 Alſo Aholibamáh bare Ieúſh, & Iaalám, and Kórah: theſe are the ſonnes of Eſáu which were borne to him in the land of Canáan.

6 So Eſáu toke his wiues and his ſonnes, & his daughters, & all the ſoules of his houſe, and his flockes, and all his cattel, and all his ſubſtance, which he had gotten in the land of Canáan, & c went into *an other* countrei from his brother Iaakób.

c Herein appeareth Gods prouidence, which cauſeth the wicked to giue place to the godlie ỹ Iaakób might enioye Canáā according to Gods promes.

7 For their riches were ſo great that they colde not dwel together, & the land, wherein they were ſtrangers, colde not receiue them becauſe of their flockes.

8 There-

Ioſh.24.4. 8 *Therefore dwelt Eſáu in moũt Seír: this Eſáu is Edóm.

9 ¶So theſe are the generaciõs of Eſáu father of "Edóm in mount Seír.

"Or, the Edomites

10 Theſe are the names of Eſaus ſonnes: *Elipház, the ſonne of Adáh, the wife of Eſáu, & Reuél the ſonne of Baſhemáth, the wife of Eſáu.

1.Chro 1.35.

11 And the ſonnes of Elipház were Temán, Omár, Zephó, and Gatám, and Kenáz.

12 And Timná was concubine to Elipház Eſaus ſonne, & bare vnto Elipház, Amalék: theſe be the ſonnes of Adáh Eſaus wife.

13 ¶And theſe are ỹ "ſonnes of Reuél: Náhath, and Zérah, Shammáh, and Mizzáh: theſe were the ſonnes of Baſhemáth Eſaus wife.

"Or, nephewes.

14 ¶And theſe were ỹ ſonnes of Aholibamáh the daughter of Anáh, "daughter of Zibeón Eſaus wife: for ſhe bare vnto Eſáu, Ieúſh, and Iaalám, and Kórah.

"Or, niece.

15 ¶Theſe were "d Dukes of the ſonnes of Eſáu: the ſonnes of Elipház, the firſt borne of Eſáu: duke Temán, duke Omár, duke Zephó, duke Kenáz,

"Or, chiefmen

d It Gods promes be ſo ſure towardes thẽ, which are not of his houſhold, how muche more wil he performe the ſame to vs?

16 Duke Kórah, duke Gatám, duke Amalék: theſe are ỹ dukes *that came* of Elipház in the land of Edóm: theſe were the "ſonnes of Adáh.

"Or, nephewes.

17 ¶And theſe are the ſonnes of Reuél Eſaus ſonne: duke Náhath, duke Zérah, duke Shammáh, duke Mizzáh: theſe are the dukes *that came* of Reuél in the land of Edóm: theſe are the "ſonnes of Baſhemáth Eſaus wife.

"Or, nephewes.

18 ¶Likewiſe theſe were the ſonnes of Aholibamáh Eſaus wife: Duke Ieúſh, duke Iaalám, duke Kórah: theſe dukes *came* of Aholibamáh, the daughter of Anáh Eſaus wife.

19 Theſe are the children of Eſáu, & theſe are the dukes of thẽ: This *Eſáu* is Edóm.

1 Chro 1.38.

20 ¶*Theſe are the ſonnes of Seír the Horite, which e inhabited the land *before*, Lotán, and Shobál, and Zibeón, and Anáh.

e Before that Eſáu did there inhabit.

21 And Diſhón, and Ezer, and Diſhán: theſe are the dukes of the Horites, the ſonnes of Seír in the land of Edóm.

22 And the ſonnes of Lotan were, Horí & Hemám, and Lotans ſiſter *was* Timná.

23 And the ſonnes of Shobál were theſe: Aluán, and Manáhath, and Ebál, Shephó, And Onám.

24 And theſe are the ſonnes of Zibeón: bothe Aiáh, & Anáh: this was Anáh that founde f mules in the wildernes, as he fed his father Zibeons aſſes.

f Who not cõtented with thoſe kides of beaſtes, which God had created, found out the mõſtruous generacion of mules betwene the aſſe and the mare.

25 And the children of Anáh were theſe: Diſhón & Aholibamáh, the daughter of Anáh.

26 Alſo theſe are the ſonnes of Diſhán: Hemdán, & Eſhbán, & Ithrán, & Cherán.

27 The ſonnes of Ezer are theſe: Bilhán, & Zaauán, and Akán.

28 The ſonnes of Diſhán are theſe: Vz, and Arán.

29 Theſe are the dukes of the Horites: duke Lotán, duke Shobál, duke Zibeón, duke Anáh,

30 Duke Diſhón, duke Ezer, duke Diſhán: theſe be the dukes of the Horites, after their dukedomes in the land of Seír.

31 ¶And theſe are ỹ g Kings that reigned in the lãd of Edóm, before there reigned *any* King ouer the children of Iſraél.

g The wicked riſe vp ſodẽly to honour, and periſh as quickely, but the inheritance of the childrẽ of God cõtinueth euer pſal 101. 28.

32 Thẽ Béla the ſonne of Beór reigned in Edóm, and the name of his citie *was* Dinhábah.

33 And when Béla dyed, Iobáb the ſonne of Zérah of Bozrá reigned in his ſtede.

34 When Iobáb alſo was dead, Huſhám of the lãd of Temaní reigned in his ſtede.

35 And after the death of Huſhám, Hadád the ſonne of Bedád, which ſlewe Midián in the field of Moáb, reigned in his ſtede, and the name of his citie *was* Auíth.

36 When Hadád was dead, then Samláh of Maſrekáh reigned in his ſtede.

37 When Samláh was dead, Shaúl of h Rehobóth by the riuer, reigned in his ſtede.

h Which citie is by the riuer Euphrátes

38 When Shaúl dyed, Baal-hanán the ſonne of Achbór reigned in his ſtede.

39 And after the death of Baal-hanán the ſonne of Achbór, Hadád reigned in his ſtede, and the name of his citie *was* Páu: & his wiues name Mehetabél the daughter of Matréd, the "daughter of Mezaháb.

"Or, niece

40 Then theſe are the names of the dukes of Eſáu according to their families, their places *and* by their names: duke Timná, duke Aluáh, duke Iethéth,

41 Duke Aholibamáh, duke Eláh, duke Pinón,

42 Duke Kenáz, duke Temán, duke Mibzár,

43 Duke Magdiél, duke Irám: theſe be the dukes of Edóm, according to their habitacions, in the land of their inheritance. This Eſáu is the father of i Edóm.

i Of Edóm came the Idumeans.

CHAP. XXXVII.

2 Ioſeph accuſeth his brethren. 5 He dreameth and is hated of his brethren. 28 They ſel him to the Iſhmaelites. 34 Iaakób bewaileth Ioſeph.

1 IAakób now dwelt in the land, wherein his father was a ſtranger, in the lãd of Canáan.

2 Theſe are the a generacions of Iaakób, *when* Ioſéph was ſeuententh yere olde: he kept ſhepe with his brethrẽ, & the childe was with the ſonnes of Bilháh, and with the ſonnes of Zilpáh, his fathers wiues. And Ioſéph broght vnto their father their euil "b ſaying.

a That is, the ſtorie of ſuche thigs as came to him and his familie, as chap 5.1

"Or, ſlander.

b He cõplained of the euil wordes & iniuries, which they ſpake & did againſt hi.

3 Now Iſraél loued Ioſéph more then all his ſonnes, becauſe he begate him in his

olde age, and he made him a coate of many *colours.

*Or, pieces.

4 So when his brethren ſawe that their father loued him more then all his brethrē, then thei hated him, and colde not ſpeake peaceably vnto him.

c God reueiled to him by a dreame, what ſhulde come to paſſe.

5 ¶ And Ioſéph c dreamed a dreame, and tolde his brethren, who hated him ſo muche the more.

6 For he ſaid vnto thē, Heare, I pray you, this dreame which I haue dreamed.

7 Beholde now, we were binding ſheues in ỹ middes of the field: & lo, my ſhefe aroſe and alſo ſtode vpright, & beholde, your ſheues compaſſed rounde about, and did reuerence to my ſhefe.

8 Then his brethren ſaid to him, What, ſhalt thou reigne ouer vs, and rule vs? or ſhalt thou haue altogether dominiō ouer vs? And thei d hated him ſo muche the more, for his dreames, & for his wordes.

d The more ỹ God ſheweth him ſelfe fauorable to his, ỹ more doeth the malice of ỹ wicked rage againſt them.

9 ¶ Againe he dreamed an other dreame, & tolde it his brethren, & ſaid, Beholde, I haue had one dreame more, and beholde, the ſunne and the moone and eleuen ſtarres did reuerence to me.

10 Then he tolde it vnto his father & to his brethren, and his father e rebuked him, & ſaid vnto him, What is this dreame, which thou haſt dreamed? ſhal I, & thy mother, and thy brethren come in dede and fall on the grounde before thee?

e Not deſpiſing the viſion, but ſeking to appeaſe his brethren

11 And his brethren enuied him, but his father *f noted the ſaying.

*Or, kept diligently

f He knewe that God was autor of the dreame, but he vnderſtode not the meaning

12 ¶ Then his brethren went to kepe their fathers ſhepe in Shechém.

13 And Iſraél ſaid vnto Ioſéph, Do not thy brethren kepe in Shechém? come & I wil ſend thee to them.

14 And he anſwered him, I am here. Then he ſaid vnto him, Go now, ſe whether it be wel with thy brethren, and how the flockes proſper, and bring me worde againe. ſo he ſent him from the vale of Hebrón, and he came to Shechém.

15 ¶ Then a man founde him: for lo, he was wandring in the field, and the man aſked him, ſaying, What ſekeſt thou?

16 And he anſwered, I ſeke my brethren: tel me, I pray thee, where they kepe *ſheep*.

17 And the man ſaid, Thei are departed hence: for I heard them ſay, Let vs go vnto Dothán. Then went Ioſéph after his brethren, and found them in Dothán.

18 And when thei ſaw him a far of, euen before he came at them, thei g conſpired againſt him for to ſlaie him.

g The holy Goſt couereth not mens faultes, as do vaine writers ẅ make vice vertue.

19 For thei ſaid one to an other, Beholde, this *dreamer commeth.

*Or, maiſter of dreames.

20 Cóme now therefore, & let vs ſlaie him, and caſt him into ſome pit, & we wil ſay, A wicked beaſt hathe deuoured him: thē we ſhal ſe, what wil come of his dreames.

21 *But whē Reubén heard *that*, he deliuered him out of their hands, & ſaid, "Let vs not kil him.

*Chap. 42.22.

"Ebr let vs not ſmite hīm life.

22 Alſo Reubén ſaid vnto them, Shed not blood, *but* caſt him into this pit that is in the wildernes, & lay no hand vpon him. *Thus he ſaid*, that he might deliuer him out of their hand, and reſtore him to his father againe.

23 ¶ Now when Ioſéph was come vnto his brethrē, thei ſtript Ioſéph out of his coat, his particoloured coate ỹ was vpon him.

24 And thei toke him, & caſt h hī into a pit, & the pit *was* empty, without water in it.

h Their hypocriſie appeareth in this ỹ thei feared mā more then God: & thoght it was not murther, if thei ſhed not his blood: or els had an excuſe to couer their faute.

25 Then thei ſat them downe to eat bread: and thei lift vp their eies and loked, and beholde, there came a company of Iſhmeelites from Gileád, and their camels ladē with ſpicerie, and roſen, and myrrhe, and were going to carie it downe into Egypt.

26 Thē Iudáh ſaid vnto his brethrē, What auaileth it, if we ſlaie our brother thogh we kepe his blood ſecret?

27 Come and let vs ſel him to the Iſhmeelites, and let not our hands be vpon him: for he is our brother & our fleſh: and his brethren obeied.

28 Thē the* Midianites marchāt men paſſed by, and thei drewe forthe, and lift Ioſéph out of the pit, and ſolde Ioſéph vnto the i Iſhmeelites for twentie *pieces* of ſiluer: who broght Ioſéph into Egypt.

*Wiſd. 10.13. *pſal. 105.17.*

i Moſes writing accordig to the opinion of thē, which toke the Midianites and Iſhmeelites to be bothe one, doeth here cō founde their names: as alſo appeareth verſ. 36 and chap. 39.1 or els he was firſt offred to ỹ Midianites, but ſolde to the Iſhmeelites

k To wit, the meſſengers ẅ were ſent.

29 ¶ Afterward Reubén returned to ỹ pit, and beholde, Ioſéph *was* not in the pit: thē he rent his clothes,

30 And returned to his brethrē, & ſaid, The childe is not *yōder*, & I, whether ſhal I go?

31 And thei toke Ioſephs coate, and killed a kid of the goates, and depped the coate in the blood.

32 So thei ſent that particoloured coate, k and thei broght it vnto their father, & ſaid, This haue we foūde: ſe now, whether it be thy ſonnes coate, or no.

33 Then he knew it and ſaid, *It is* my ſonnes coat: a wicked beaſt hathe* deuoured him: Ioſéph is ſurely torne in pieces.

*Chap 44.28.

34 And Iaakób rēt his clothes, & put ſackcloth about his loynes, & ſorowed for his ſonne a long ſeaſon.

35 Then all his ſonnes & all his daughters roſe vp to cōforte him, but he wolde not be comforted, but ſaid, "Surely I wil go downe into ỹ graue vnto my ſōne mourning: ſo his father wept for him.

"Or, I wil mourne for him ſo lōg as I liue.

36 And the Midianites ſolde him into Egypt vnto Potiphár l an Eunuche of Pharaohs, *and* his "chief ſtuarde.

l Which worde doeth not alwaie ſignifie him, ỹ is geilèd, but alſo him that is ſome high dignitie

"Or, captaine of the garde.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

2 The mariage of Iudáh. 29 The treſpaſſe of Er and Onán, and the vengeance of God that came thereupō. 18 Iudáh lyeth with his daughter in lawe Tamár. 29.30 The birth of Phároz and Zárah.

And

a Moſes deſcribeth ỹ genealogie of Iudáh becauſe the Meſsias ſhuld come of him.

1 AND at that time a Iudáh went downe from his brethren, and turned in to a man called Hiráh an Adullamite.

2 And Iudáh ſawe there the daughter of a man called * Shuáh a b Canaanite: and he toke her *to wife*, and went in vnto her.

1. Chro. 2. 3.

b Which affinitie notwithſtanding was condemned of God

3 So ſhe conceiued and bare a ſonne, & he called his name Er.

Nom 26, 9.

4 * And ſhe conceiued againe, and bare a ſonne, and ſhe called his name Onán.

5 Moreouer ſhe bare yet a ſonne, whome ſhe called Sheláh: and *Iudáh* was at Chezíb when ſhe bare him.

6 Thé Iudáh toke a wife to Er his firſt borne *ſonne* whoſe name *was* Tamár.

Nom. 26, 19.

7 *Now Er ỹ firſt borne of Iudáh was wicked in the ſight of the Lord, therefore the Lord ſlewe him.

8 Then Iudáh ſaid to Onán, Go in vnto thy brothers wife, and do the office of a kinſman vnto her, & raiſe c vp ſede vnto thy brother.

c This ordre was for ỹ preſeruation of ỹ ſtocke, that ỹ childe begotten by the ſeconde brother ſhulde haue ỹ name and inheritance of ỹ firſt. Which is in the new Teſtament abolished.

9 And Onán knewe ỹ the ſede ſhulde not be his: therefore when he wẽt in vnto his brothers wife, he ſpilled it on the groũde, leſt he ſhulde giue ſede vnto his brother.

10 And it was wicked in the eies of ỹ Lord, which he did: wher fore he ſlewe hĩ alſo.

11 Then ſaid Iudáh to Tamar his daughter in lawe, d Remaine a widowe in thy fathers houſe, til Sheláh my ſonne growe vp (for he thoght *thus*, Leſt he die aſwel as his brethren) So Tamár went & dwelt in her fathers houſe.

d For ſhe colde not mary in any other familie ſo long as Iudáh wolde reteine her in his.

12 ¶ And in proceſſe of time alſo the daughter of Shuáh Iudahs wife dyed. Then Iudáh, when he "had left mourning, went vp to his ſhepe ſheiers to Timnáh, he, and his neighbour Hiráh the Adullamite.

"*Ebr. was comforted.*

13 And it was tolde Tamár, ſaying, Beholde, thy father in lawe goeth vp to Timnáh, to ſhere his ſhepe.

14 Then ſhe put her widowes garmentes of from her, & couered *her* with a vaile, and wrapped her ſelfe, & ſate downe in "Pethán-enáim, w̃ is by the way to Timnáh, becauſe ſhe ſawe ỹ Sheláh was growen, & ſhe was not giuẽ vnto him to wife.

"*Or, in the dore of the fontaines: or, where were two waies.*

15 When Iudáh ſawe her, he iudged her an whore: for ſhe had couered her face.

16 And he turned to the way, towards her, & ſaid, Come, I pray thee, let me lye with thee. (for he e knewe not that ſhe was his daughter in lawe) And ſhe anſwered, What wilt thou giue me for to lie w̃ me?

e God had wonderfully blinded him ỹ he colde not knowe her by her talke

17 Then ſaid he, I wil ſend thee a kid of ỹ goates from the flocke. & ſhe ſaid, *Wel*, if thou wilt giue me a pledge, til ỹ ſend it.

18 Then he ſaid, What is the pledge that I ſhal giue thee? And ſhe anſwered, Thy ſignet, & thy "cloke, and thy ſtaffe that is in thine hand. So he gaue it her, and lay by her, and ſhe was with childe by him.

"*Or, tyre of thine head.*

19 Then ſhe roſe, and went & put her vaile frõ her & put on her widowes raymẽt.

20 Afterward Iudáh ſent a kid of the goates by the hãd of his f neighbour ỹ Adullamite, for to receiue his pledge from the womans hand: but he founde her not.

f That his wickednes might not be knowẽ to others.

21 Then aſked he the mẽ of that place, ſaying, Where is ỹ whore, *that ſate* in Enáim by ỹ way ſide? And they anſwered, There was no whore here.

22 He came therefore to Iudáh againe, & ſaid, I cã not finde her, & alſo the mẽ of ỹ place ſaid, There was no whore there.

23 Then Iudáh ſaid, Let her take it to her, leſt we be "g ſhamed: beholde, I ſent this kid, and thou haſt not founde her.

"*Ebr in contẽpt.*

g He feareth man more thẽ God.

24 ¶ Now after thre moneths, one tolde Iudáh, ſaying, Tamár thy daughter in lawe hathe played the whore, and lo, with playing the whore, ſhe is great with childe. Then Iudáh ſaid, Bring ye her forthe and let her be h burnt.

h We ſe that ỹ lawe, which was written in mans hart, taught them that whoredome ſhulde be punished with death: albeit no lawe as yet was giuen.

25 When ſhe was broght forthe, ſhe ſent to her father in law, ſaying, By the man, vnto whome these thigs *pertein*, am I with childe: & ſaid alſo, Loke. I praye thee, whoſe these are, the ſeale, & ỹ cloke, and ỹ ſtaffe.

i That is, ſhe oght rather to accuſe me thẽ I her.

26 Then Iudáh knewe *them*, and ſaid, She is i more righteous thẽ I: for *ſhe hath done it* becauſe I gaue her not to Sheláh my ſonne. So he laye with her k no more.

k For ỹ horour of ỹ ſinne cõdẽned him.

27 ¶ Now, whẽ the time was come that ſhe ſhulde be deliuered, beholde, there *were* twinnes in her wombe.

28 And when ſhe was in trauel, *the one* put out his hand: & the midwife toke and bounde a red *threde* about his hand, ſaying, This is come out firſt.

29 But when he l plucked his hãd backe againe, lo, his brother came out, & *the midwife* ſaid, How haſt m thou broken the breache vpõ thee? & his name was called *Phárez.

l Their hainous ſinne was ſignified by this monſtruous birth

m Or the ſeparation betwene thee & thy brother.

1 Chro. 2. 4. mat. 1, 3.

30 And afterwarde came out his brother ỹ *had* the red *threde* about his hand, and his name was called Zárah.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 Ioſéph is ſolde to Potiphár. 2 God proſpereth him 7 Potiphars wife tempteth him 13, 20 He is accuſed & caſt in priſon 21 God ſheweth him fauour.

1 NOw Ioſéph was broght downe into Egypt: & Potiphár a an Eunuche of Pharaohs (*and his* chief ſtuard an Egyptian) boght him at the hand of the Iſhmeelites, which had broght him thether.

a Read chap. 37, 36.

2 And the Lord b was with Ioſéph, and he was a man that proſpered and was in the houſe of his maſter the Egyptian.

b The fauour of God is the founteine of all proſperitie.

3 And his maſter ſawe that the Lord *was* with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to proſper in his hand.

4 So Ioſéph founde fauour in his ſight, & ſerued him: and he made him c ruler of his houſe, and put all that he had in his hand.

c Becauſe God proſpered him and for he made religion to ſerue his profite.

5 And frō that time that he had made him ruler ouer his houſe & ouer all that he had, the Lord [d] bleſſed the Egyptiās houſe for Ioſephs ſake: & the bleſsing of the Lord was vpon all that he had in ỹ houſe, and in the field.

[d] The wicked are bleſſed by ỹ companie of the godlie.

6 Therefore he left all ỹ he had in Ioſephs hād, [e] & toke accompte of nothīg, *that was* w̄ him, ſaue onely of the bread, which he did eat. And Ioſéph was a faire perſonne, and wel fauoured.

[e] For he was aſſured ỹ all things ſhulde proſper wel: therfore he ate and dranke & toke no care

7 ¶ Now therefore after theſe thīgs, his maſters wife caſt her eyes vpon Ioſeph, and ſaid, [f] Lye with me.

[f] In this word he declareth ỹ ſomme whereunto all her flatteries did tend

8 But he refuſed & ſaid to his maſters wife, Beholde, my maſter knoweth not what *he hathe* in the houſe with me, but hathe cō mitted all that he hathe to mine hand.

9 There is no man greater in this houſe then I: nether hathe he kept any thing frō me, but only thee, becauſe thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickednes & *ſo* ſinne againſt [g] God?

[g] The feare of God preſerued him againſt her continual tēptatiōs.

10 And albeit ſhe ſpake to Ioſéph day by day, yet he hearkened not vnto her, to lye with her, *or* to be in her companie.

11 Then on a certeine day *Ioſeph* entred into the houſe, to do his buſines: & there was no man of the houſholde in the houſe:

12 Therefore ſhe caught him by his garment, ſayīg, Slepe w̄ me: but he left his garment in her hand and fled, & got him out.

13 Now when ſhe ſawe that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled out,

14 She called vnto the men of her houſe, and tolde them, ſaying, Beholde, he hathe broght ī an Ebrewe vnto vs [o] to mocke vs: who came into me for to haue ſlept with me: but I [h] cryed with a loude voyce.

[o] Or, *to do vs vilennie and ſhame*

[h] This declareth that where incontinencies, thereunto is ioyned extreme impudencie and craft

15 And when he heard ỹ I lift vp my voyce and cryed, he left his garment with me, & fled away, and got him out.

16 So ſhe layed vp his garment by her, vntil her lord came home.

17 Then ſhe tolde him [o] according to theſe wordes, ſaying, The Ebrewe ſeruant, w̄ thou haſt brogt vnto vs, came into me to mocke me.

[o] Or, *after this maner.*

18 But aſsone as I lift vp my voyce and cryed, he left his garmēt w̄ me, & fled out.

19 Then when his maſter heard the wordes of his wife, which ſhe tolde him, ſaying, After this maner did thy ſeruāt to me, his angre was kindled.

20 And Ioſephs maſter toke him and put him in [n] priſon, in the place where the Kings priſoners lay bounde: and there he was in priſon

[n] Ebr. *in the priſon houſe*

[i] His euil intreatement in the priſon may be gathered of the pſal 105. 18.

21 ¶ But ỹ Lord was with Ioſéph, & [n] ſhewed him mercie, and got him fauour in the ſight of the [o] maſter of the priſon.

[n] Ebr. *inclined mercie vnto him.*

[o] Or, *lord.*

22 And the keper of the priſon committed to Ioſephs hād all the priſoners that were in the priſon, and [k] whatſoeuer they did there, that did he.

[k] That is, nothing was done without his cōmandemēt.

23 And the keper of the priſon loked vnto nothing that was vnder his hand, ſeing that the Lord *was* with him: for whatſoeuer he did, the Lord made it to proſper.

CHAP. XL.

8 The interpretation of dreames is of God. 12. 19. Ioſeph expoundeth the dreames of the two priſoners. 23 The ingratitude of the butler.

1 AND after theſe thīgs, the butler of ỹ King of Egypt and his baker offended their lord the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaóh was angry againſt his two [o] officers, againſt the chief butler, and againſt the chief baker.

[o] Or, *eunuches, the worde ſignifieth them that weareth high eſtate, or, them that were geldid*

3 Therefore he put them in warde in his chief ſtuardes houſe, in the priſon *and* place where [a] Ioſéph was bounde.

[a] God worked many wonderful meanes to deliuer his.

4 And the chief ſtuarde gaue Ioſéph charge ouer them, & he ſerued them; and they continued a ſeaſon in warde:

5 ¶ And they bothe dreamed a dreame, ether of thē his dreame in one night, [b] eche one according to ỹ interpretation of his dreame, *bothe* ỹ butler & the baker of the King of Egypt, w̄ were bounde in the priſon.

[b] That is, euerie dreame had his interpretation, as the thing afterward declared.

6 And when Ioſéph came in vnto them in the morning, and loked vpon them, beholde, they were ſad.

7 And he aſked Pharaohs officers, that were with him in his maſters warde, ſaying, Wherefore [p] loke ye ſo ſadly to day?

[p] Ebr *why are your faces euil?*

8 Who anſwered him, We haue dreamed, *eche one* a dreame, & there is none to interpret the ſame. Then Ioſéph ſaid vnto thē, [c] Are not interpretations of God? tel them me now.

[c] Can not God raiſe vp ſuche as ſhal interpret ſuche things?

9 So the chief butler tolde his dreame to Ioſéph, and ſaid vnto him, In my dreame, beholde, a vine *was* before me,

10 And in the vine *were* thre branches, and as it budded, her floure came forthe: & the cluſters of grapes waxed ripe.

11 And *I had* Pharaohs cup in mine hand, & I toke the grapes, and wrong them into Pharaohs cup, and I gaue the cup into Pharaohs hand.

12 Then Ioſéph ſaid vnto him, This [d] is the interpretation of it: The thre branches are thre dayes.

[d] He was aſſured by the Spirit of God ỹ his interpretation was true.

13 Within thre dayes ſhal Pharaóh lift vp thine head, & reſtore thee vnto thine [p] office, and thou ſhalt giue Pharaohs cup into his hand after the olde maner, when ỹ waſt his butler.

[p] Ebr. *place.*

14 But haue me in remembrāce with thee, when thou art in good caſe, & ſhewe mercie, I pray thee, vnto me, and [e] make mēcion of me to Pharaóh, that thou maieſt bring me out of this houſe.

[e] He refuſed not the meanes to be deliuered, which he thoght God had appoited.

15 For I was ſtollen away by theft out of ỹ land of the Ebrewes, & here alſo haue I

done

done nothing, wherefore they ſhulde put me "in the dungeon.

"Or, in the pit.

16 And when the chief baker ſawe that the interpretaciō was good, he ſaid vnto Ioſéph, Alſo me thoght in my dreame that I had thre f white baſkets on mine head.

f That is, made of white twigges, or, as ſome read, baſkets ful of holes.

17 And in the vppermoſt baſket there *was* of all maner bakē meates for Phaiaóh: & the birdes did eat them out of the baſket vpon mine head.

g He ſheweth that the miniſters of God ought not to cōceile that, ẏ God reueileth vnto them

18 Then Ioſéph anſwered, & ſaid, g This is the interpretacion thereof: The thre baſkets are thre dayes:

19 Within thre daies ſhal Pharaóh take thine head from thee, & ſhal hang thee on a tre, and the birdes ſhal eat thy fleſh from of thee.

20 ¶ And ſo the third day, *which was* Pharaohs h birthday, he made a feaſt vnto all his ſeruantes: and he lifted vp the head of the chief butler, and the head of the chief baker among his ſeruantes.

h Which was an occaſion to appoint his officers and ſo to examine thē that were in priſon

21 And he reſtored the chief butler vnto his butlerſhip, who gaue the cup in to Phaiaohs hand,

22 But he hanged the chief baker, as Ioſéph had interpreted vnto them.

23 Yet the chief butler did not remembre Ioſéph, but forgat him.

CHAP. XLI.

26 Pharaohs dreames are expounded by Ioſéph. 40 He is made ruler ouer all Egypt. 51 He hathe two ſonnes: Manaſſéh and Ephraim. 54 The famine begimeth throughout the worlde.

"*Eb. at the end of two yeres of daies*

1 AND "two yeres after, Phaiaóh alſo a dreamed, and beholde, he ſtode by a riuer,

a This dreame was not ſo much for Pharaóh, as to be a meane to deliuer Ioſéph, and to prouide for his Church

2 And lo, there came out of the riuer ſeuen goodlie kine and fatfleſhed, and thei fed in a "medow:

"Or, flaggy place.

3 And lo, ſeuen other kine came vp after them out of the riuer, euilfauoured and leane fleſhed, and ſtode by the *other* kine vpon the brinke of the riuer.

4 And the euilfauoured and leane fleſhed kine did eat vp the ſeuen welfauoured & fat kine: ſo Phaiaóh awoke.

b All theſe meanes God vſed to deliuer his ſeruant, & to bring him in to fauour and autoritie

5 Againe he ſlept, and dreamed the b ſeconde time: and beholde, ſeuen eares of corne grewe vpon one ſtalke, ranke and goodlie.

6 And lo, ſeuē thinne eares, & blaſted with the Eaſt winde, ſprang vp after them:

c This feare was ynough to teache him, that this viſion was ſent of God

7 And the thinne eares deuoured the ſeuē ranke and ful eares. then Pharaóh awaked, and lo, *it was* a dreame.

d The wiſe of the worlde vnderſtand not Gods ſecrets, but to his ſeruantes his wil is reueiled.

8 Now when the morning came, his ſpirite was c troubled: therefore he ſent and called all the ſotheſaiers of Egypt, & all the wiſe men thereof, and Pharaóh tolde them his dreames: but d none colde interpret them to Pharaóh.

e He cōfeſſeth his faute againſt ẏ King, before he ſpeake of Ioſéph.

9 Then ſpake the chief butler vnto Pharaóh, ſaying, I e call to minde my fautes this day.

10 Pharaóh being angry with his ſeruantes, put me in waide in the chief ſtuardes houſe, *bothe* me and the chief baker.

11 The we dreamed a dreame in one night, *bothe* I, and he: we dreamed eche man according to the interpretacion of his dreame.

12 And there *was* with vs a yong man, an Ebrewe, ſeruant vnto the chief ſtuarde, whome when we tolde, he declared our dreames to "vs, to euerie one he declared according to his dreame.

"Read Chapter 40, 5.

13 And as he declared vnto vs, ſo it came to paſſe: *for* he reſtored me to mine office, and hanged him.

14 *Then ſent Pharaóh, and f called Ioſéph, and they broght him haſtely out of priſon, and he ſhaued him, and changed his raiment, and came to Pharaóh.

Pſal. 105. 20.

f The wicked ſeke to ẏ Prophets of God in their neceſſitie, whome in their proſperitie they abhorre.

15 Then Pharaóh ſaid to Ioſéph, I haue dreamed a dreame, and no man can interpret it, and I haue heard ſay of thee, *that when* thou heareſt a dreame, thou canſt interpret it.

16 And Ioſéph anſwered Pharaóh, ſaying, g Without me God ſhal "anſwer for the welth of Pharaóh.

g As though he wolde ſay, If I interpret thy dreame, it cometh of God & not of me.

"*Ebr anſwer peace.*

17 And Pharaóh ſaid vnto Ioſéph, In my dreame, beholde, I ſtode by the banke of the riuer:

18 And lo, there came vp out of ẏ riuer ſeuē fatfleſhed, and welfauoured kine, and thei fed in the medow.

19 Alſo lo, ſeuen other kine came vp after them, poore and very "euilfauoured, and leanefleſhed: I neuer ſawe the like in all the land of Egypt, for euilfauoured.

"*Ebr. naught.*

20 And the leane and euilfauoured kine did eat vp the firſt ſeuen fat kine.

21 And when they "had eaten them vp, it colde not be knowen that they had eaten them, but they were ſtil as euilfauoured, as they were at the beginning: ſo did I awake.

"*Ebr were gone into their inwarde partes.*

22 Moreouer I ſawe in my dreame, and beholde, ſeuen eares ſprang out of one ſtalke, ful and faire.

23 And lo, ſeuen eares, withered, thinne, *and* blaſted with the Eaſt winde, ſprang vp after them.

24 And the thinne eares deuoured the ſeuen good eares. Now I haue tolde the ſotheſaiers, and none can declare it vnto me.

25 ¶ Then Ioſéph anſwered Pharaóh, *Bothe* Pharaóhs dreames are one. h God hathe ſhewed Pharaóh, what he is about to do.

h Bothe his dreames tend to one end.

26 The ſeuen good kine are ſeuen yeres, & the ſeuen good eares are ſeuen yeres: this is one dreame.

27 Likewiſe the ſeuen thinne and euil fauoured kine, that came out after them, are ſeuen yeres: and the ſeuen emptie eares

blaſted with the Eaſt winde are ſeuen yeres of famine.

28 This is the thing, which I haue ſaid vnto Pharaóh, that God hathe ſhewed vnto Pharaóh, what he is aboute to do.

29 Beholde, there come ſeuen yeres of great [o] plentie in all the land of Egypt.

30 Againe, there ſhal ariſe after them ſeuen yeres of famine, ſo that all the plentie ſhalbe forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine ſhal conſume the land:

31 Nether ſhal the plentie [o] be knowē in the land, by reaſon of this famine that *ſhal come* after: for it ſhalbe exceading great.

32 And therefore the dreame was doubled vnto Pharaóh the ſecond time, becauſe the thing is eſtabliſhed by God, & God haſteth to performe it.

i 33 Now therefore let Pharaóh prouide for a man of vnderſtanding and wiſdome, & ſet him ouer the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaóh make and appoint officers ouer the lad, and take vp the fifte parte of ỹ lād of Egypt in ỹ ſeuen plenteous yeres.

35 Alſo let them gather all the fode of theſe good yeres that come, and lay vp corne vnder the hand of Pharaóh for fode, in the cities, and let them kepe *it*.

36 So the fode ſhalbe for the prouiſion of the land, againſt the ſeuen yeres of famine, which ſhalbe in the land of Egypt, that the land periſh not by famine.

37 ¶ And ỹ ſaying pleaſed Pharaóh and all his ſeruantes.

38 Then ſaid Pharaóh vnto his ſeruantes, Can we finde *ſuche* a man as this, in whome *is* the k Spirit of God?

k None ſhuld be preferred to honoury haue not gifts of God mete for the same.

39 Thē Pharaóh ſaid to Ioſéph, For as muche as God hathe ſhewed thee all this, there is no man of vnderſtanding, or of wiſdome like vnto thee.

40 *Thou ſhalt be ouer mine houſe, & at thy [l] worde ſhal all my people be armed, only in ỹ Kings throne wil I be aboue thee.

41 Moreouer Pharaóh ſaid to Ioſéph, Beholde, I haue ſet thee ouer all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaóh toke of his [p] ring from his hand, and put it vpon Ioſephs hand, and araied him in garments of fine linen and put a golden cheine about his necke.

43 So he ſet him vpon the [q] beſt charet that he had, ſaue one: & they cryed before him, [m] Abréch, and placed him ouer all the land of Egypt.

44 Againe Pharaóh ſaid vnto Ioſéph, I am Pharaóh, & without thee ſhal no man lift vp his hand or his fote in all the land of Egypt.

45 And Pharaóh called Ioſephs name [r] Zaphnáth-paaneáh: and he gaue him to wife Aſenath ỹ daughter of Poti-phérah [s] prince of On. then went Ioſéph abroad in the land of Egypt.

46 ¶ And Ioſéph *was* [n] thirty yere olde whē he ſtode before Pharaóh King of Egypt: and Ioſéph departing from the preſence of Pharaóh, went through out all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the ſeuen plenteous yeres the earth [t] broght forthe ſtore.

48 And he gathered vp all the fode of the ſeuen plenteous yeres, which were in the land of Egypt, and layed vp fode in the cities: the fode of the field, that was roūd about *euery* citie, layed he vp in the ſame.

49 So Ioſéph gathered wheat, like vnto the ſand of ỹ ſea in multitude out of meaſure, vntil he left nombring: for *it was* without nombre.

50 Now vnto Ioſéph were borne* two ſonnes (before the yeres of famine came) w Aſenáth the daughter of Poti-phérah príce of On bare vnto him. *Chap. 48,20. & 48,5.

51 And Ioſéph called the name of the firſt borne Manaſſéh: for God, *ſaid he*, hathe made me forget all my labour & all my [o] fathers houſholde.

52 Alſo he called the name of the ſeconde Ephráim: for God *ſaid he*, hathe made me fruteful in the land of mine affliction.

53 ¶ So the ſeuen yeres of the plentie that was in the land of Egypt were ended.

54 *Thē began the ſeuen yeres of famine to come, according as Ioſéph had ſaid: & the famine was in all landes, but in all the land of Egypt was [u] bread.

55 At the length all the land of Egypt was affamiſhed and the people cryed to Pharaóh for bread. And Pharaóh ſaid vnto all the Egyptians, Go to Ioſéph: what he ſaith to you, do ye.

56 When the famine was vpon all the lād, Ioſéph opened all *places*, wherein *the ſtore was* and ſolde vnto the Egyptians: for the famine waxed ſore in the land of Egypt.

57 And all countreis came to Egypt to bye corne of Ioſéph, becauſe the famine was ſore in all landes.

n His age is mencioned both to ſhewe that his autoritie came of God, and alſo that he ſuffred impriſonment & exile twelue yeres and mo

o Notwithſtanding that his fathers houſe was the true Church of God, yet ỹ compaine of the wicked & properitie cauſed him to forget it *Pſal 105,16.*

CHAP. XLII.

3 Ioſephs brethren come into Egypt to bye corne. 7 He knoweth them, and tryeth them. 24, 25 Simeón is put in priſon. 26 The other returne to their father to ſet Beniamin.

1 THen a Iaakób ſawe that there was fode in Egypt, & Iaakób ſaid vnto his ſonnes, Why b gaze ye one vpō another?

2 And he ſaid, Beholde, I haue heard that there is fode in Egypt, * Get you downe thether & bye vs fode thence, that we may liue, and not die.

3 ¶ So went Ioſephs ten brethrē downe to bye corne of the Egyptians.

4 But Bēiamin Ioſephs brother wolde not Iaakób ſend with his brethrē. for he ſaid, Leſt death ſhulde [w] befall him.

a This ſtorie ſheweth plainely that all things are gouerned by Gods prouidence for the profite of his Church

b As men deſtitute of counſel *Act. 7,12.*

5 And

o Or, abundance and fatneſſe.

p Or, they ſhal remembre no more the plentie.

q Or, fode.

r Or, came to Egypt to Ioſéph.

s Or, fode.

t Or, the expoūder of ſecrets.

u Or, priest.

v Pſal 105,21 2.mac 2,53. Act. 7,10.

w For mouthe.

l Some read, The people ſhal kiſſe thy mouthe: that is, ſhal obey thee in all thinges

m In ſigne of honour: which worde ſome expound, tender father, or father of the King, or knele downe

n Or, the figure

w Ebr. ſecunde charet.

w Ebr. were him.

5 And the ſonnes of Iſraél came to bye fode amóg them that came: for there was famine in the land of Canáan.

6 Now Ioſéph was gouerner of the land who ſolde to all the people of the lād: thé Ioſephs brethren came, and bowed their face to the grounde before him.

7 And whé Ioſéph ſawe his brethrē, he knewe them, and [c] made him ſelfe ſtrange toward them, and ſpake to them roughly, & ſaid vnto them, Whēce come ye? Who anſwered, Out of the land of Canáan, to bye vitaile.

[c] This diſſembling is not to be followed, nor any particular facts of ỹ fathers not approued by Gods worde

8 (Now Ioſéph knewe his brethren, but they knewe not him.

Chap. 37.5. 9 And Ioſéph remembred the *dreames, which he dreamed of them) and he ſaid vnto them, Ye are ſpies, *and* are come to ſe the "weakenes of the land.

"Ebr. nakednes, or, filthines.

10 But they ſaid vnto him, Nay, my lord, but to bye vitaile thy ſeruātes are come.

11 We are all one mans ſonnes: we meane truely, and thy ſeruantes are no ſpies.

12 But he ſaid vnto them, Nay, but ye are come to ſe the weakenes of the land.

13 And they ſaid, We thy ſeruantes are twelue brethren, the ſonnes of one man in the land of Canáan: and beholde, the yōgeſt *is* this day with our father, and one is not.

[o] Or, *is dead.*

14 Againe Ioſéph ſaid vnto thē, This is it that I ſpake vnto you, ſayīg, Ye are ſpies.

[d] The Egyptians, which were idolaters, vſed to ſweare by their kings life: but God forbiddeth to ſweare by any but him: yet Ioſéph dwelling amōg ỹ wicked ſmelleth of their corruptions

15 Hereby ye ſhalbe proued: [d] *by* the life of Pharaóh, ye ſhal not go hēce, except your yongeſt brother come hether.

16 Sēd one of you which may fet your brother, and ye ſhal be kept in priſon, that your wordes may be proued, whether there be trueth in you: or els *by* the life of Pharaóh ye are but ſpies.

17 So he put them in warde thre dayes.

18 Then Ioſéph ſaid vnto them the third day, This do, and liue: *for* I [e] feare God.

[e] And therefore am true and iuſt

19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bounde in your priſon houſe, & go ye, carie fode *for* the famine of your houſes:

Chap 43.5. 20 * But bring your yonger brother vnto me, that your wordes may be tried, and ỹ ye die not: and they did ſo.

[f] Affliction maketh men to acknowledge their faultes w̄ otherwiſe they wolde diſſemble

Chap. 37 21.

21 ¶ And thei ſaid one to an other, [f] We haue verely ſinned againſt our brother, in ỹ we ſawe the anguiſh of his ſoule, when he beſoght vs, and we wolde not heare *him*: therefore is this trouble come vpon vs.

[g] God will take vengeance vpō vs, & meaſure vs w̄ our owne meaſure

22 And Reubén anſwered them, ſaying, Warned I not you, ſaying, * Sinne not againſt the childe, and ye wolde not heare? and lo, his [g] blood is now required.

"Ebr. an interpreter betweene them

23 (And they were not aware that Ioſéph vnderſtode them: for he "ſpake vnto them by an interpreter)

[h] Though he ſhewed him ſelfe rigorous, yet his brotherlie affectiō remained.

24 Then he turned from them, and [h] wept, and turned to them againe, and communed with them, and toke Simeón from amōg them, and bounde him before their eyes.

25 ¶ So Ioſéph commanded that thei ſhulde fille their ſackes with wheat, and put euerie mans money againe in his ſacke, & giue them vitaile for the iourney: and thus did he vnto them.

26 And they laied their vitaile vpon their aſſes, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his ſacke for to giue his aſſe prouandre in the ynne, he eſpied his money: for lo, it was in his ſackes mouthe.

28 Then he ſaid vnto his brethren, My money is reſtored: for lo, it is euen in my ſacke. And their heart "failed them, & they were aſtonniſhed, and ſaid one to an other, What is this, *that* God hathe done vnto vs?

"Ebr. went out.

[i] Becauſe their conſcience accuſed them of their ſinne, they thoghte God wolde haue broghe thē to trouble by this money.

29 ¶ And they came vnto Iaakób their father vnto the land of Canáan, and tolde him all that had befallen them, ſaying,

30 The man, *who is* lord of the land, ſpake roughly to vs, and put vs *in priſon* as ſpies of the countrei.

31 And we ſaid vnto him, We are true mē, *and* are no ſpies.

32 We be twelue brethren, ſonnes of our father: one is "not, and the yongeſt *is* this day with our father in the lād of Canáan.

"Or, can not be founde.

33 Then the lord of the countrei ſaid vnto vs, Hereby ſhal I knowe if ye be true mē: Leaue one of your brethren with me, and take *fode* for the famine of your houſes & departe,

34 And bring your yongeſt brother vnto me, that I may knowe that ye are no ſpies, but true mē: *ſo* wil I deliuer you your brother, and ye ſhal occupie in the land.

35 ¶ And as they empted their ſackes, beholde, euerie mans bundel of money was in his ſacke: and when they and their father ſawe the būdels of their money, they were afraied.

36 Then Iaakób their father ſaid to them, Ye haue robbed me of my childrē: Ioſéph is not, and Simeón is not, and ye wil take Bēiamín: all theſe thīgs "are againſt [k] me.

"Or, light vpon me.

[k] For they ſemed not to be touched w̄ any loue towarde their brethrē, w̄ increaſed his ſorowe: & partely as appeareth he ſuſpected them for Ioſéph.

37 Then Reubén anſwered his father, ſaying, Slay my two ſōnes, if I brīg him not to thee againe: deliuer him to mine hand, and I wil bring him to thee againe.

38 But he ſaid, My ſōne ſhal not go downe w̄ you: for his brother *is* dead, & he is left alone: if death come vnto him by ỹ way, which ye go, then ye ſhal bring my graie head with ſorowe vnto the graue.

CHAP. XLIII.

13 Iaakób ſuffreth Beniamin to departe with his childrē. 23 Simeón is deliuered out of priſon. 30 Ioſéph goeth aſide and wepeth. 32 They feaſt together.

1 NOw great [a] famine *was* in the land.
2 And when they had eaten vp the vitaile, which they had broght from Egypt, their father ſaid vnto them, Turne againe, *and* bye vs a litle fode.
3 And Iudáh anſwered him, ſaying, The man charged vs by an othe, ſaying, * Neuer ſe my face, except your brother *be* with you.
4 If thou wilt ſend our brother with vs, we wil go downe, and by thee fode:
5 But if thou wilt not ſend *him*, we wil not go downe: for the man ſaid vnto vs, * Loke me not in the face, except your brother *be* with you.
6 And Iſraél ſaid, Wherefore delt ye ſo euil with me, as to tel the man, whether ye had yet a brother or no?
7 And they anſwered, The man aſked ſtraitly of [g] our ſelues and of our kinred, ſaying, Is your father yet aliue? haue ye *any* brother? And we tolde him [h] according to theſe wordes: colde we knowe certeinly ỹ he wolde ſay, Bring your brother downe?
8 Then ſaid Iudáh to Iſráel his father, Sẽd the boye with me, that we may riſe & go, and that we may liue and not dye, bothe we, and thou, and our children.
9 I wil be ſuretie for him: of mine hand ſhalt thou require him. * If I bring him not to thee, & ſet him before thee, [i] then let me beare the blame for euer.
10 For except we had made this tarying, doutles by this we had returned the ſeconde time.
11 Then their father Iſraél ſaid vnto them, If *it muſt nedes be* ſo nowe, do thus: take of the beſt frutes of the land in your veſſels, and bring the man a preſent, a litle roſen, and a litle honie, [k] ſpices and myrre, nuttes, and almondes:
12 And take [l] double money in your hand, and the money, that was broght againe in your ſackes mouthes: carie it againe in your hand, leſt it were ſome ouer ſight.
13 Take alſo your brother and ariſe, *and* go againe to the man.
14 And [m] God almightie giue you mercie in the ſight of the man, that he maie deliuer you your other brother, and Beniamín: but I ſhalbe [n] robbed of my childe, as I haue bene.
15 ¶ Thus ỹ men toke this preſent, and toke twiſe ſo muche money in their hand with Beniamín, and roſe vp, and went downe to Egypt and ſtode before Ioſéph.
16 And when Ioſéph ſawe Beniamín w̃ thẽ, he ſaid to [o] his ſtuard, Bring theſe men home and kil meat and make readie: for the men ſhal eat with me at noone.
17 And ỹ man did as Ioſéph bad, & broght the men vnto Ioſephs houſe.
18 Now when the mẽ were broght into Ioſephs houſe, thei were [p] afraied, and ſaid, Becauſe of the money, that came in our ſackes mouthes at the firſt time, are we broght, that he maie [q] pike a quarel againſt vs, and [r] laie ſome thing to our charge, and bring vs in bondage and our aſſes.
19 Therefore came thei to Ioſephs ſtuard, and communed with him at the dore of the houſe.
20 And ſaid, Oh ſyr, * we came ī dede downe hether at the firſt time to bye fode,
21 And as we came to an ynne and opened our ſackes, behold, euerie mans money was in his ſackes mouth, *euen* our money in ful weight, but we haue broght it againe in our hands.
22 Alſo other money haue we broght in ō handes to bye fode, *but* we cā not tel, who put our money in our ſackes.
23 And he ſaid, [s] Peace be vnto you, feare not: [t] your God and the God of your father hathe giuen you that treaſure in your ſackes, I had your money: and he broght forthe Simeón to them.
24 So the man led thẽ in to Ioſephs houſe, and gaue them water to waſh their fete, and gaue their aſſes prouander.
25 And thei made redy their preſẽt againſt Ioſéph came at none, (for thei heard ſaie, that thei ſhulde eat bread there)
26 When Ioſéph came home, thei broght the preſent into the houſe to him, which was in their hands, and bowed downe to the grounde before him.
27 And he aſked them of *their* [u] proſperitie, and ſaid, Is your father the olde man, of whome ye tolde me, in good health? is he yet aliue?
28 Who anſwered, Thy ſeruãt our father is in good helth, he is yet aliue: and they bowed downe, and made obeiſance.
29 And he lifting vp his eies, behelde his brother Beniamín his [x] mothers ſonne, & ſaid, Is this your yonger brother, of whome ye tolde me? And he ſaid, God be merciful vnto thee, my ſonne.
30 And Ioſéph made haſte (for his [y] affection was inflamed toward his brother, and ſoght *where* to wepe) and entred into his chambre, and wept there.
31 Afterward he waſhed his face, and came out, and refrained him ſelfe, and ſaid, Set on [z] meat.
32 And they [a] prepared for him by him ſelfe, and for them by them ſelues, and for ỹ Egyptians, which did eat with him, by them ſelues, becauſe the Egyptians might not eat bread with ỹ Ebrewes: for that was an [b] abominacion vnto the Egyptians.
33 So they ſate before him: the eldeſt according vnto his age, and the yongeſt according vnto his youthe. and the men marueiled

a This was a great tentatiõ to Iaakób to ſuffre ſo great famine in that lãd, where God had promiſed to bleſſe him
Chap. 42, 20.
Chap. 43, 20.
g Or, of our eſtate and condition.
h Eb. to the mouthe of theſe wordes: that is, that thing which he aſked vs.
Chap. 44, 32.
i Eb. I wil ſinne to thee.
k Or, ſweet ſmelles.
l Whẽ we are in neceſsitie or danger God forbiddeth not to vſe all honeſt meanes to better ỏ eſtate and condition.
m Our chief truſt ought to be in God and not in worldelie meanes.
n He ſpeaketh theſe wordes not ſo much of deſpaire, as to make his ſonnes more careful to bring againe their brother.
o Or, to the ruler of his houſe.
p So the iudgement of God preſſed their conſcience
q Eb. role him ſelfe vpon vs. r Eb. caſt him ſelfe vpon vs.
Chap. 42, 3.
s Or, you are wel. t Notwithſtãding the corruptions of Egypt, yet Ioſéph taught his familie to feare God.
u Eb. peace.
x For they two onely were borne of Rahél.
y Eb. bowels.
z Eb. bread.
a To ſignifie his dignitie.
b The nature of the ſuperſtitious is to cõdemne all other in reſpect of thẽ ſelues.

marueiled among them ſelues.

34 And thei toke meaſes frō before him, & *ſent* to thē: but Beniamins meaſe was fiue times ſo muche as anie of theirs: & thei dronke [k] & had of the beſt drinke w̄ him.

k Sometime this worde ſignifieth to be dronken, but here it is mēt, that thei had ynough, and dronke of the beſt wine

CHAP. XLIIII.

15 Ioſéph accuſeth his brother of theft. 33 Iudáh offreth hims ſelfe to be ſeruant for Beniamin.

1 AFterwarde he cōmanded his ſtuard, ſaying, Fil the mens ſackes with fode, as muche as thei can cary, and put euerie mans money in his ſackes mouthe.

2 And [a] put my cup, *I meane* the ſiluer cup, in the ſackes mouthe of the yongeſt, and his corne money. And he did according to the commandement that Ioſéph gaue *him*.

a We may not by this example vſe any vnlawful practiſes, ſeing God hathe commāded vs to walke in ſimplicitie

3 And in the "morning the men were ſent away, thei, and their aſſes.

"Ebr the morning ſhone

4 And when thei went out of the citie not farre of, Ioſéph ſaid to his ſtuard, Vp, followe after the men: & whē thou doeſt ouertake them, ſay vnto them, Wherefore haue ye rewarded euil for good?

5 Is that not *the cup*, wherein my lord drinketh [b] and in the which he doeth deuine and prophecie? ye haue done euil in ſō doing.

b Because the people thoght he colde deuine, he attributeth to him ſelfe ỹ knowledge or els he faineth that he conſulted w̄ ſothſayers for it: which ſimulation is worthy to be reproued

6 ¶ And whē he ouertoke thē, he ſaid thoſe wordes vnto them.

7 And thei anſwered him, Wherefore ſaieth my lord ſuche wordes? God forbid that thy ſeruants ſhulde do ſuche a thing.

8 Beholde, the money which we found in our ſackes mouthes, we broght againe to thee out of the land of Canáan: how then ſhulde we ſteale out of thy lordes houſe ſiluer, or golde?

9 With whome ſoeuer of thy ſeruants it be founde, let him dye, and we alſo wil be my lords bondmen.

10 And he ſaid, Now then let it be according vnto your wordes: he with whome it is founde, ſhalbe my ſeruant, & ye ſhal be "blameles.

"Or innocent

11 Then at once euerie mā toke downe his ſacke to the grounde, and euerie one opened his ſacke.

12 And he ſearched, and began at the eldeſt and left at the yongeſt: and the cup was founde in Beniamins ſacke.

c To ſignifie how greatly the thing diſpleaſed them, and how ſory thei were for it

13 Then thei [c] rent their clothes, and laded euerie man his aſſe, and went againe into the citie.

14 ¶ So Iudáh & his brethren came to Ioſéphs houſe (for he *was* yet there) and thei fel before hē on the grounde.

15 Thē Ioſéph ſaid vnto thē, What acte is this, which ye haue done? Knowe ye not that ſuche a man as I, can deuine & prophecie?

16 Then ſaid Iudáh, What ſhal we ſay vnto my lord? what ſhal we ſpeake? & how can we iuſtifie our ſelues? [d] God hathe founde out the wickednes of thy ſeruantes: beholde we *are* ſeruants to my lord, bothe we, and he, with whome the cup is founde.

d If we ſe no euident cauſe of our affliction, let vs loke to the ſecret coūſel of God, who puniſheth vs iuſtly for our ſinnes.

17 But he anſwered, God forbid, ỹ I ſhulde do ſo, *but* the man, with whome the cup is founde, he ſhalbe my ſeruant, & go ye in peace vnto your father.

18 ¶ Thē Iudáh drewe nere vnto him, and ſaid, Oh my lord, let thy ſeruant now ſpeake a worde in my lords eares, and let not thy wrath be kindled againſt thy ſeruant: for thou art euen [e] as Pharaóh.

e Equal in authoritie. or, next vnto the King

19 My lord aſked his ſeruāts, ſaying, *Haue ye a father, or a brother?* *Chap. 42.13.

20 And we anſwered my lord, We haue a father that is olde, and a yong "childe, *which he begate* in his age: and his brother is dead, & he alone is left of his mother, and his father loueth him.

"Ebr childe of hoare age

21 Now ỹ ſaideſt vnto thy ſeruants, Bring him vnto me, that I may "ſet mine eie vpon him.

"Or, that I may ſe him.

22 And we anſwered my lord, The childe can not departe from his father: for if he leaue his father, *his father* wolde dye.

23 Then ſaideſt thou vnto thy ſeruāts, *Except your yonger brother come downe with you, loke in my face no more. *Chap. 43.3.

24 So when we came vnto thy ſeruant our father, and ſhewed him what my lord had ſaid,

25 And our father ſaid vnto vs, Go againe, bye vs a litle fode,

26 Thē we anſwered, We can not go downe: *but* if our yongeſt brother "go with vs, then wil we go downe: for we may not ſe the mās face, except our yongeſt brother be with vs.

"Ebr. be with vs

27 Then thy ſeruant my father ſaid vnto vs, Ye knowe that my [f] wife bare me two *ſonnes*,

f Rahél bare to Iaakób Ioſéph and Beniamin.

28 And the one went out from me, and I ſaid, Of a ſurety he is toine in pieces, and I ſawe him not ſince.

29 Now ye take this alſo away from me: if death take him, then ye ſhal bring my gray head in ſorowe to the graue.

g Ye ſhal cauſe me to dye for ſorowe

30 Now therefore, whē I come to thy ſeruant my father, and the childe *be* not with vs (ſeing that his "life dependeth on the *childes* life)

"Ebr his ſoule is bounde in the ſoule.

31 Then when he ſhal ſe that the childe *is* not *come*, he wil dye: ſo ſhal thy ſeruants bring the gray head of thy ſeruant our father with ſorowe to the graue.

32 Doutles thy ſeruant became ſurety for the childe to my father, and ſaid, * If I bring him not vnto thee againe, thē I wil beare the blame vnto my father for euer. *Chap. 43.9.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let *me* thy ſeruant bide for the childe, *as* a ſeruant to

my lord, and let the childe go vp with his brethren.

h Meaning, he had rather remaine there prisoner, then to returne and se his father so heauines.

34 For h how can I go vp to my father, if the childe *be* not with me, onles I wolde ſe the euil that ſhal come on my father?

CHAP. XLV.

1 Ioſéph maketh him ſelfe knowen to his brethren. 3 He ſhewеth that all was done by Gods prouidẽce. 18 Pharaóh commandeth him to ſend for his father. 24 Ioſéph exhorteth his brethren to cõcorde. 27 Iaakób reioyceth.

THen Ioſéph colde not refraine him ſelfe before all that ſtode by him, but he cryed, a Haue forthe euerie mã fró me. And there taried not one with him, while Ioſéph vttered him ſelfe vnto his brethren.

a Not that he was aſhamed of his kinred, but that he wolde couer his brethrens faute.

2 And he wept & cryed, ſo that the Egyptiãs heard: ỹ houſe of Pharaóh heard alſo.

3 Then Ioſéph ſaid to his brethren, I am Ioſéph: doeth my father yet liue? But his brethren colde not anſwer him, for thei were aſtoniſhed at his preſence.

4 Againe Ioſéph ſaid to his brethren, Come nere, I pray you, to me. And thei came nere. And he ſaid, * I am Ioſéph your brother, whome ye ſolde into Egypt.

Act. 7, 13.

b This exãple teacherh, that we muſt by all meanes cõfort thẽ, which are grieuely troubled & wouded for their ſinnes. *Chap. 50, 20.*

5 Now therefore be not b ſad, nether grieued with your ſelues, that ye ſolde me hether: *for God did ſend me before you for *your* preſeruation.

6 For now two yeres of famine *haue bene* through the land, and fiue yeres *are* behinde, wherein nether *ſhal be* earing nor haruеſt.

7 Wherefore God ſent me before you to preſerue your poſteritie in this land, and to ſaue you aliue by a great deliuerance.

8 Now then you ſent not me hether, but c God, who hathe made me a father vnto Pharaóh, and lord of all his houſe, and ruler through out all the land of Egypt.

c Albeit God deteſt ſinne, yet he turneth mans wickednes to ſerue to his glorie.

9 Haſte you and go vp to my father, and tel him, Thus ſaieth thy ſonne Ioſéph, God hathe made me lord of all Egypt: come downe to me, tary not.

10 And thou ſhalt dwel in the land of Góſhen, and ſhalt be nere me, thou and thy children, & thy childrens childrẽ, & thy ſhepe, & thy beaſtes, & all that thou haſt.

11 Alſo I wil nouriſh thee there (for yet *remaine* fiue yeres of famine) leſt thou periſh through pouertie, thou & thy houſholde, and all that thou haſt.

12 And beholde, your eies do ſe, & the eies of my brother Beniamín, ỹ d my mouth ſpeaketh to you.

d That is, that I ſpeake in your owne lãgage, and haue none interpreter.

13 Therefore tel my father of all mine honour in Egypt, & of all that ye haue ſene, & make haſte, & bring my father hether.

14 Then he fel on his brother Beniamins necke, and wept, & Beniamín wept on his necke.

15 Moreouer he kiſſed all his brethren, and wept vpon them: and after warde his brethren talked with him.

16 ¶ And the "tydings came vnto Pharaohs houſe, ſo that thei ſaid, Ioſéphs brethren are come: and it pleaſed Pharaóh wel, & his ſeruants.

"Ebr. voice

17 Then Pharaóh ſaid vnto Ioſéph, Say to thy brethren, This do ye, lade your beaſtes & departe, go to ỹ lãd of Canáan,

18 And take your father, and your houſholdes, and come to me, and I wil giue you the e beſt of the land of Egypt, and ye ſhal eat of the f fat of the land.

e The moſte plẽtiful groũde.

f The chiefeſt frutes & commodities.

19 And I commande thee, Thus do ye, take you charets out of the land of Egypt for your children, and for your wiues, and bring your father and come.

20 Alſo " regard not your ſtuffe: for the beſt of all the land of Egypt is yours.

"Ebr. Let not your eie ſpare your veſſels.

21 And the children of Iſraél did ſo: and Ioſéph gaue them charets according to the commãdement of Pharaóh: he gaue them vitaile alſo for the iourney.

22 He gaue thẽ all, none except, change of raiment: but vnto Beniamín he gaue thre hundreth pieces of ſiluer, & fiue ſutes of rayment.

23 And vnto his father "likewiſe he ſent ten he aſſes laden with the beſt things of Egypt, and ten ſhe aſſes ladẽ with wheat, & bread, & meat for his father by the way.

"Or, he ſent aſmuch to wit, ſilver, as verſ. 22. & ten aſſes.

24 So ſent he his brethren away, and thei departed: and he ſaid vnto them, g Fall not out by the way.

g Seing he had remitted the faute done toward him, he wolde not ỹ thei ſhulde accuſe one an other.

25 ¶ Then thei wẽt vp from Egypt, & came vnto the land of Canáan vnto Iaakób their father,

26 And tolde him, ſaying, Ioſéph *is* yet aliue, and he alſo is gouerner ouer all the lãd of Egypt, and *Iaakobs* heart h failed: for he beleued them not.

h As one betwene hope & feare.

27 And thei tolde him all the wordes of Ioſéph, which he had ſaid vnto them: but when he ſawe the charets, which Ioſéph had ſent to cary him, then the ſpirit of Iaakób their father reuiued.

28 And Iſraél ſaid, *I haue* ynough: Ioſéph my ſonne *is* yet aliue: I wil go and ſe him yer I dye.

CHAP. XLVI.

2 God aſſureth Iaakób of his iourney into Egypt. 27 The nombre of his familie when he went into Egypt. 29 Ioſéph meeteth his father. 34 He teacheth his brethren what to anſwer to Pharaóh.

1 THen Iſraél toke his iourney with all that he had, & came to Beer-ſhéba, and a offred ſacrifice vnto the God of his father Izhák.

a Whereby he both ſignified, that he worſhipped ỹ true God, and alſo that he kept in his heart ỹ poſſeſsion of that land, frõ whẽce preſent neceſsitie droue him.

2 And God ſpake vnto Iſraél in a viſion by night, ſaying, Iaakób, Iaakób. Who anſwered, I am here.

3 Then he ſaid, I am God, the God of thy father, feare not to go downe into Egypt: for

for I wil there make of thee a great nation.

b Conducting thee by my power.
c In thy poſeritie.
d Shal ſhut thine eies when thou dieſt ẅ appertemed to him that was moſte deareſt or chief of the kined.

4 I wil b go downe with thee into Egypt, and I wil alſo c bring thee vp againe, and Ioſéph ſhal d put his hād vpō thine eies.

5 Then Iaakób roſe vp from Beer-ſhéba: and the ſonnes of Iſraél caried Iaakób their father, and their children, and their wiues in the charets, which Pharaóh had ſent to cary him.

6 And thei toke their cattel & their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canáan, and came into Egypt, *bothe* *Iaakób and all his ſede with him,

*Ioſh.24.4. *pſal.105.23. *Act.7.14.

7 His ſonnes and his ſonnes ſonnes with him, his daughters and his ſonnes daughters, and all his ſede broght he with him into Egypt.

8 ¶ And theſe are the names of the children of Iſraél, which came into Egypt, *euen* Iaakób & his ſonnes: *Reubén, Iaakobs firſt borne.

*Exod.1,1.and 6,14. *nom.26,5. *1.chro.5,1.

9 And the ſonnes of Reubén: Hanóch, and Phallú, and Hezrón and Carmí.

*Exod 6,15. *1.chro.4,24.

10 ¶ And the ſónes of *Simeón: Iemuél, & Iamín, and Ohad, and Iachín, & Zóhar, & Shaúl ỹ ſonne of a Canaanitiſh womā.

*1.Chro.6,1.

11 ¶ Alſo ỹ ſonnes of *Leuí: Gerſhón, Koháth and Merarí.

*1.Chro.2,3. *& 4,21. *chap.38.3.

12 ¶ Alſo the ſonnes of *Iudáh: Er, and Onán, and Sheláh, and Phárez, and Zérah: (but Er, and Onán dyed in ỹ land of Canáan) And the ſonnes of Phárez *were* Hezrón and Hamúl.

*1.Chro.7,1.

13 ¶ Alſo the ſonnes of *Iſſachár: Tolá, & Phuuáh, and Iob, and Shimron.

14 ¶ Alſo the ſonnes of Zebulún: Séred, & Elón, and Iahleél.

15 Theſe be the ſonnes of Leáh, which ſhe bare vnto Iaakób in Padán Arám, with his daughter Dináh. All the *ſoules of his ſónes & his daughters *were* thirty & thre.

*Or, perſons.

16 ¶ Alſo the ſonnes of Gad: Ziphión, and Haggí, Shuní, and Ezbón, Erí, and Arodí, and Arelí.

*1.Chro.7,30.

17 ¶ Alſo the ſonnes of *Aſhér: Iimnáh, & Iſhuáh, and Iſuí, and Beriáh, and Sérah their ſiſter. And the ſonnes of Beriáh: Héber, and Malchiél.

18 Theſe are ỹ childrē of Zilpáh, whome Labán gaue to Leáh his daughter: & theſe ſhe bare vnto Iaakób, *euē* ſixtene ſoules.

19 The ſonnes of Rahél Iaakobs wife *were* Ioſéph, and Beniamín.

20 ¶ And vnto Ioſéph in the lād of Egypt were borne Manaſſéh, & Ephráim, which *Aſenáth the daughter of Poti-phérah prince of On bare vnto him.

*Chap.41,50.

*1.Chro.7,6. *and 8,1.

21 ¶ Alſo ỹ ſonnes of *Beniamín: Bélah, & Bécher, & Aſhbél, Gerá, and Naamán, Ehí, & Roſh, Muppím, & Huppím, & Ard.

22 Theſe are the ſonnes of Rahél, ẅ were borne vnto Iaakób, fourtene ſoules in all.

23 ¶ Alſo the ſonnes of Dan: Huſhím.

24 ¶ Alſo the ſōnes of Nephtalí: Iahzeél, and Guní, and Iézer, and Shillém.

25 Theſe are the ſonnes of Bilháh, ẅ Labán gaue vnto Rahél his daughter, & ſhe bare theſe to Iaakób, in all, ſeuē ſoules.

26 All the *ſoules, that came with Iaakób into Egypt, which came out of his "loynes (beſide Iaakobs ſonnes wiues) *were* in the whole, thre ſcore and ſixe ſoules.

*Deut.10,22. "Ebr. thighes

27 Alſo the ſonnes of Ioſéph, which were borne him i Egypt, *were* two ſoules: *ſo that* all the ſoules of ỹ houſe of Iaakób, which came into Egypt, *are* ſeuentē.

28 ¶ Then he ſent Iudáh before him vnto Ioſéph, to "direct his way vnto Góſhen, and they came into the land of Góſhen.

"Or, to prepare him a place.

29 Then Ioſéph "made ready his charet & went vp to Góſhen to mete Iſraél his father, and preſented him ſelfe vnto him, & fel on his necke, and wept vpon his necke a "good while.

"Ebr. bounde to charet. "Ebr. yet, or ſtill.

30 And Iſraél ſaid vnto Ioſéph, Now let me dye, ſince I haue ſene thy face, *and* that thou art yet aliue.

31 Then Ioſéph ſaid to his brethren, and to his fathers houſe, I wil go vp and ſhewe Pharaóh, and tel him, My brethren and my fathers houſe, which were in the land of Canáan, are come vnto me,

32 And the men *are* e ſhepherdes, & becauſe they are ſhepherdes, they haue broght their ſhepe & their cattel, & all ỹ thei haue.

e He was not aſhamed of his father and kined, though thei were of baſſe cōdition.

33 And if Pharaóh call you, and aſke you, What is your trade?

34 Thē ye ſhal ſay, Thy ſeruants are men occupied about cattel, frō our childhode euen vnto this time, bothe we and our fathers: that ye may dwel in the lād of Góſhen: for euerie ſhepekeper is an f abomination vnto the Egyptians.

f God ſuffreth the worlde to hate his, that they may forſake the filth of ỹ worlde & cleaue to him.

CHAP. XLVII.

7 Iaakób commeth before Pharaóh, and telleth him his age. 11 The land of Goſhen is giuen him. 22 The idolatrous prieſts haue liuing of the King. 28 Iaakobs age. when he dyeth. 30 Ioſeph ſweareth to bury him with his fathers.

1 THen came Ioſéph and tolde Pharaóh, and ſaid, My father, & my brethrē, & their ſhepe, & their cattel, and all ỹ they haue, are come out of the land of Canáan, & beholde, they are in ỹ land of Góſhen.

2 And Ioſéph toke parte of his brethrē, *euē* a fiue men, & preſented thē vnto Pharaóh.

a That ỹ King might be aſſured they were come, and ſe whatmaner of people they were.

3 Thē Pharaóh ſaid vnto his brethrē, What is your trade? And thei anſwered Pharaóh, Thy ſeruants *are* ſhepherdes, bothe we and our fathers.

4 Thei ſaid moreouer vnto Pharaóh, For to ſoiourne in ỹ land are we come: for thy ſeruāts haue no paſture for *their* ſhepe, ſo ſore is the famine in the land of Canáan. Now therefore, we pray thee, let thy ſeruants dwel in the land of Góſhen.

5 Then ſpake Pharaóh to Ioſéph, ſaying, Thy father and thy brethrē are come vnto thee.

b Iosephs great modeſtie appeareth in ỹ he wolde enterpriſe nothing without the Kings cōmandement

6 The b land of Egypt is before thee: in ỹ beſt place of the land make thy father and thy brethren dwel: let them dwel in the land of Góſhen: and if thou knoweſt that there be men of actiuitie among them, make them rulers ouer my cattel.

7 Ioſéph alſo broght Iaakób his father, & ſet him before Pharaóh. And Iaakób "ſaluted Pharaóh.

"Ebr bleſſed.

8 Then Pharaóh ſaid vnto Iaakób," How olde art thou?

"Ebr how many dayes are the yeres of thy life?

9 And Iaakób ſaid vnto Pharaóh, The whole time of my *pilgrimage *is an hūdreth & thirty yeres: fewe and euil haue the dayes of my life bene, & I haue not atteined vnto the yeres of the life of my fathers, in ỹ dayes of their pilgrimages.

Ebr. 11, 9.

"Ebr bleſſed

10 And Iaakób "toke leaue of Pharaóh, & departed from ỹ preſence of Pharaóh.

11 ¶ And Ioſéph placed his father, and his brethren, and gaue them poſſeſsion in the land of Egypt, in the beſt of the land, *euen* in the land of c Rameſés, as Pharaóh had commanded.

c Which was a citie in the contrey of Goſhē Exod 1, 11

12 And Ioſéph nouriſhed his father, and his brethren, and all his fathers houſholde with bread, euen d to the yong children.

d Some read, that he fed thē as litle babes, becauſe they colde not prouide for them ſelues againſt that famine.

13 ¶ Now there was no bread in all the lād: for the famine *was* exceading ſore: ſo that the land of Egypt & the land of Canáan were famiſhed by the reaſon of ỹ famine.

14 And Ioſéph gathered all the money, that was foūde in the lād of Egypt, and in the land of Canáan, for the corne which they boght, & e Ioſéph laied vp the money in Pharaohs houſe.

e Wherein he bothe declareth his fidelitie toward the King, and his minde fre frō couetouſnes.

15 So when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canáan, then all the Egyptiās came vnto Ioſéph, and ſaid, Giue vs bread: for why ſhulde we dye before thee? for *our* money is ſpent.

16 Then ſaid Ioſéph, Bring your cattel, & I wil giue you for your cattel, if *your* money be ſpent.

17 So they broght their cattel vnto Ioſéph, & Ioſéph gaue them bread for the horſes, and for the flockes of ſhepe, and for the herdes of cattel, and for the aſſes: ſo he fed them with bread for all their cattel that yere.

18 But when the yere was ended, they came vnto him the next yere, & ſaid vnto him, We wil not hide from my lord, that ſince our money is ſpent, & my lord hathe the herdes of the cattel; there is nothing left in the ſight of my lord, but our bodies & our grounde.

f For except the grounde be tilled & ſowē, it periſheth & is, as it were dead.

19 Why ſhal we periſh in thy ſight, bothe we, and our f lande? bye vs and our lād for bread, and we and our land wil be bonde to Pharaóh: therefore giue vs ſede, ỹ we may liue and not dye, and that the land go not to waſte.

20 So Ioſéph boght all the lād of Egypt for Pharaoh: for ỹ Egyptians ſolde euerie mā his grounde becauſe the famine was ſore vpon them: ſo the land became Pharaohs.

21 And he g remoued the people vnto the cities," from one ſide of Egypt euen to the other.

g By this chāging they ſignified ỹ they had nothing of their owne, but receiued all of the Kings libe-rall litie

"Ebr ende of the border.

22 Onely the land of the Prieſtes boght he not: for the Prieſtes had an ordinarie of Pharaóh, and they did eat their ordinarie, which Pharaóh gaue thē: wherefore they ſolde not their grounde.

23 Then Ioſéph ſaid vnto the people, Beholde, I haue boght you this day and your land for Pharaóh: lo, *here is* ſede for you: ſowe therefore the grounde.

24 And of the encreaſe ye ſhal giue the fifte parte vnto Pharaóh, and foure partes ſhal be yours for the ſede of the field, and for your meat, and for them of your houſholdes, and for your children to eat.

25 Then they anſwered, Thou haſt ſaued our liues: let vs finde grace in the ſight of my lord, & we wil be Pharaohs ſeruāts.

26 Then Ioſéph made it a lawe ouer the land of Egypt vnto this day, that Pharaóh ſhulde haue the fifte *parte*, h except the land of the Prieſtes onely, ẅ was not Pharaohs.

h Pharaóh in prouiding for idolatrous prieſts, ſhalbe a condemnation to all them ẅ neglect ỹ true miniſters of Gods worde

27 ¶ And Iſraél dwelt in the lād of Egypt, in the countrey of Góſhen: and they had their poſſeſsions therein, and grewe and multiplied exceadingly.

28 Moreouer, Iaakób liued in the land of Egypt ſeuentene yeres, ſo that the whole age of Iaakób *was* an hundreth fourtie & ſeuen yere.

29 Now when the time drewe nere ỹ Iſraél muſt dye, he called his ſonne Ioſéph, and ſaid vnto him, If I haue now foūde grace in thy ſight, put thine hād now vnder my thigh, and deale mercifully and truely ẅ me: bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt,

i Hereby he proteſted ỹ he died in ỹ faith of his fathers, teaching his childrē to hope for the promiſed land

30 But when I ſhal i ſlepe with my fathers, thou ſhalt cary me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burial. And he anſwered, I wil do as thou haſt ſaid.

k He reioyced ỹ Ioſéph had promiſed him, & ſetting him ſelfe vp vpon his pillowe, praiſed God, read 1 Chro. 29 10

31 Then he ſaid, Sweare vnto me. And he ſwaie vnto him. And Iſraél k worſhipped toward the beds head.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 Ioſéph with his two ſonnes viſiteth his ſicke father. 3. Iaakób rehearſeth Gods promes. 5 He receiueth Ioſephs ſonnes as his. 19 He preferreth the yonger. 21 He prophecieth their returne to Canáan.

1 A Gaine after this, one ſaid to Ioſéph, Lo, thy father is ſicke: then he toke ẅ hī his a two ſonnes, Manaſſéh & Ephráim.

a Ioſeph moreeſteemeth ỹ his childrē ſhulde bereceiued into Iaakobs familie, ẅ was ỹ Church of God, then to enioye all the treaſors of Egypt

2 Alſo one tolde Iaakób, & ſaid, Beholde, thy ſonne Ioſéph is come to thee, and Iſ-

raél

raél toke his ſtrength vnto him and ſate vpon the bed.

*Or all ſufficiẽ. 3 Then Iaakób ſaid vnto Ioſéph, God *almightie appeared vnto me at *Luz in the land of Canáan, and bleſſed me.

Chap 28,13

4 And he ſaid vnto me, Beholde, I wil make thee fruteful, and wil multiplie thee, & wil make a great * nombre of people of thee, and wil giue this land vnto thy ſede after thee for an [b] euerlaſting poſſeſsion.

Chap. 41, 50. Ioſh. 13,7.

b Which is true in ỹ carnal Iſraél vnto the cõming of Chriſt, and in the ſpiritual for euer.

5 ¶And now thy two ſonnes, Manaſſéh & Ephráim, which are borne vnto thee in ỹ land of Egypt, before I came to thee into Egypt, ſhalbe mine, as Reubén and Simeón are mine.

6 But thy lignage, which thou haſt begotten after them, ſhalbe thine: they ſhalbe called after the names of their brethrẽ in their enheritance.

Chap 35,19. 7 Now whẽ I came frõ Padán, Rahél *dyed vpon mine hãd in the land of Canáan, by the way when *there was* but halfe a daies iourney of grounde to come to Ephráth: and I buryed her there in the way to Ephráth: the ſame *is* Beth-léhem.

8 Then Iſraél behelde Ioſephs ſonnes and ſaid, Whoſe are theſe?

9 And Ioſéph ſaid vnto his father, Thei are my ſõnes, which [c] God hathe giuẽ me here. then he ſaid, I pray thee, bring them to me, that I may bleſſe them:

c The faithful acknowledge all benefits to come of Gods free mercies

10 (For the eies of Iſraél were dim for age, ſo that he colde not *wel* ſe) Then he cauſed them to come to him, and he kiſſed them and embraced them.

11 And Iſraél ſaid vnto Ioſéph, I had not thoght to haue ſene thy face: yet lo, God hathe ſhewed me alſo thy ſede.

12 And Ioſéph toke thẽ away frõ his knees, and did reuerence *downe to the ground.

Or his face to the ground

13 Then toke Ioſéph them bothe, Ephraim in his right hand toward Iſraels left hãd, and Manaſſéh in his left hand toward Iſraels right hãd, ſo he broght *thẽ* vnto hĩ.

14 But Iſraél ſtretched out his right hand, and laid it on [d] Ephraims head, which was the yonger, and his left hand vpon Manaſſehs head (diſiecting his hands of purpoſe) for Manaſſéh *was* the elder.

d Gods iudgement is oft times contrary to mans, & he preferreth ỹ, which man deſpiſeth *Ebr. 11,21.*

15 ¶*Alſo he bleſſed Ioſéph and ſaid, The God, before whome my fathers Abrahám and Izhák did walke, the God, which hathe fed me all my life long vnto this day,

16 *bleſſe thee.* The [e] Angel, which hathe deliuered me frõ all euil, bleſſe the children, and let my [f] name be named vpon them, and the name of my fathers Abrahám and Izhák, that they may growe as fiſh into a multitude in the middes of the earth.

e This Angel muſt be vnderſtãd of Chriſt, as chap 31,13 & 32,1.

f Let them be taken as my children

17 But whẽ Ioſéph ſawe that his father laid his right hãd vpõ the head of Ephráim, it [g] diſpleaſed him: and he ſtayed his fathers hand to remoue it frõ Ephraims head to Manaſſehs head.

g Ioſéph faileth in binding Gods grace to the ordre of nature

18 And Ioſéph ſaid vnto his father, Not ſo my father, for this is ỹ eldeſt. put thy right hand vpon his head.

19 But his father refuſed, and ſaid, I knowe wel, my ſonne, I knowe wel: he ſhalbe alſo a people, & he ſhalbe great likewiſe: but his yonger brother ſhalbe greater thẽ he, and his ſede ſhalbe ful of nations.

20 So he bleſſed them that day, and ſaid, In thee Iſraél ſhal bleſſe, and ſay, God make thee as [h] Ephráim and as Manaſſéh. & he ſet Ephráim before Manaſſéh.

h In whome Gods graces ſhulde manifeſtly appeare.

21 Then Iſraél ſaid vnto Ioſéph, Beholde, I dye, and God ſhalbe with you, & bring you againe vnto the land of [i] your fathers.

i Which they had by faith in the promes

22 Moreouer, I haue giuen vnto thee one porcion aboue thy brethrẽ, which [k] I gate out of the hand of the Amorite by my ſworde & by my bowe.

k By my children, whome God ſpared for my lake

CHAP. XLIX.

1 Iaakób bleſſeth all his ſonnes by name, and ſheweth them what is to come. 29 He wil be buryed with his fathers. 33 He dyeth

1 THen Iaakób called his ſonnes, & ſaid, Gather your ſelues together, that I may tel you what ſhal come to you in the [a] laſt daies.

a When God ſhal bring you out of Egypt

2 Gather your ſelues together, & heare, ye ſonnes of Iaakób, & hearken vnto Iſraél your father.

3 ¶Reubén mine eldeſt ſonne, thou art my [b] might, & the beginning of my ſtrength, [c] the excellencie of dignitie, & the excellencie of power.

b Begotten in my youthe

c If thou hadeſt not loſt thy birthright by thine offence.

4 *Thou waſt* light as water: thou ſhalt not be excellent, becauſe thou wenteſt vp to thy fathers bed: then dideſt thou defile my bed, *thy dignitie* is gone.

5 ¶Simeón and Leuí, brethrẽ *in euil*, the *inſtrumẽts of crueltie are in their habitaciõs.

*Or, their ſwordes were inſtrumẽts of malice.

6 Into their ſecret let not my ſoule come: my [d] glorie, be not thou ioyned with their aſſemblie: for in their wrath they ſlewe a [e] man, and in their ſelfewil they digged downe a wall.

d Or tongue: meaning that he nether conſented to thẽ in worde nor thoght

e The Shechemites chap 34 26

7 Curſed be their wrath, for it was fearce, & their rage, for it was cruel: I wil [f] diuide them in Iaakób, & ſcater thẽ in Iſraél.

f For Leuí had no parte, & Simeón was vnder Iudáh Ioſ 19,1. til God gaue them the place of the Amalechites 1 Chro 4,43

8 ¶Thou Iudáh, thy brethren ſhal praiſe thee: thine hãd *ſhalbe* in ỹ necke of thine ennemies: thy fathers ſonnes ſhal [g] bowe downe vnto thee.

g As was verified in Dauid and Chriſt

9 Iudáh, *as* a lions whelpe ſhalt thou come vp from the ſpoile, my ſonne. He ſhal lie downe & couche as a lion, & as a lioneſſe. [h] Who ſhal ſter him vp?

h His ennemies ſhal ſo feare him.

10 The [i] ſceptre ſhal not departe from Iudáh, nor a lawgiuer from betwene his fete, vntil [k] Shilóh come, and the people *ſhal be* gathered vnto him.

*Or, Kingdome.

i Which is Chriſt the Meſſias, the geuer of all proſperitie who ſhal call the Gentiles to ſaluation.

11 He ſhal binde his aſſe fole vnto the

k vine, & his asses colte vnto the best vine. he shal wash his garment in wine, and his cloke in the blood of grapes.

k A countrey moste abundant with vines and pastures is promised him.

12 His eies *shalbe* red with wine, and his tethe white with milke.

13 ¶ Zebulún shal dwel by the sea side, & he *shalbe* an hauen for shippes: his border *shal be* vnto Zidón.

14 Issachár *shalbe* "l a strong asse, couching downe betwene two burdens:

"Ebr. *An asse of great bones*

l His force shalbe great, but he shal want courage to resist his enemies.

15 And he shal se that rest is good, and that the land is pleasant, and he shal bowe his shulder to beare, and shalbe subiect vnto tribute.

16 ¶ Dan m shal iudge his people as one of the tribes of Israél.

m Shal haue ẏ honour of a tribe

17 Dan shalbe a n serpẽt by the way, an adder by the path, byting the horse heles, so that his ryder shal fall backwarde.

n That is, full of subtiltie.

18 o O Lord, I haue waited for thy saluacion.

o Seing ẏ miseries that his posteritie shal de fall into, he brasteth out in prayer to God to remedie it

19 ¶ Gad, an host of mẽ shal ouercome him, but he shal ouercome at the last.

20 Cõcerning Asher, his p bread *shalbe* fat, and he shal giue pleasures for a King.

p He shal abũdance in corne & pleasãt frutes

21 ¶ Naphtalí *shalbe* a hinde let go, giuing q goodlie wordes.

q Ouercoming more by faire wordes then by force

22 ¶ Ioseph *shalbe* "r a fruteful bough, *euen* a fruteful bough by the well side: the "s male boughes shal runne vpon the wall.

"Ebr. *a sonne of increase*

"Ebr. *daughters*

r As his brethren. Potiphár, and others

23 t And the archers grieued him, and shot *against him*, and hated him.

24 But his bowe abode strong, and the hãdes of his armes were strengthened, by the hãds of the mightie *God* of Iaakób, of whome *was* the feeder *appointed by* the u sto ne of Israél,

s That is, God

25 *Euen* by the God of thy father, who shal helpe thee, & by the almightie, who shal blesse thee with heauenlie blessings frõ aboue, with blessings of ẏ depe, that lieth beneath, with blessings of the brests, & of the wombe.

26 The blessings of thy father shalbe x strõger thẽ the blessings of mine elders: vnto the end of the hilles of the worlde they shalbe on the head of Ioseph, and on the toppe of the head of him that was y separat from his brethren.

x In as muche as he was more nere to ẏ accomplishment of the promes, & it had bene more often cõfirmed

u Ether in dignitie, or whẽ he was solde from his brethren.

27 ¶ Beniamin shal rauine *as* a wolfe: in the morning he shal deuoure the prate, and at night he shal diuide the spoile.

28 ¶ All these are the twelue tribes of Israél, and thus their father spake vnto thẽ, and blessed them: euerie one of them blessed he with a seueral blessing.

29 And he charged them & said vnto thẽ, I am ready to be gathered vnto my people: *Chap 47.30.* z bury me with my fathers in the caue that is in the field of Ephrón the Hittite,

30 In the caue that is in the field of Machpeláh besides Mamré in the land of Canáan: which *caue* Abrahám bought ẅ the field of Ephrón the Hittite for a possession to bury in.

31 There thei buryed Abrahám and Saráh his wife: there thei buryed Izhák & Rebekáh his wife: and there I buryed Leáh.

32 The purchase of the field & the caue ẏ is therein, *was bought* of ẏ childrẽ of Heth.

33 Thus Iaakób made an end of giuing charge to his sonnes, and a plucked vp his fete into the bed and gaue vp the gost, & was gathered to his people.

a Whereby is signified how quietly he dyed

CHAP. L.

12 Iaakób is buryed. 19 Ioséph forgiueth his brethren. 23 He seeth his childrens children. 25 He dyeth.

1 THen Ioséph fel vpon his fathers face and wept vpon him, and kissed him.

2 And Ioséph commanded his seruantes the b phisicions, to enbaume his father, & the phisicions enbaumed Israél.

b He meaneth thẽ ẏ enbaumed the dead & buryed thẽ.

3 So fourty daies were accõplished (for so long did the daies of them that were enbaumed last) and the Egyptiãs bewailed him c seuenty daies.

c They were more exactsiue in lamẽting thẽ ẏ faithful.

4 And when the daies of his mourning were past, Ioséph spake to the house of Pharaóh, saying, If I haue now founde fauour in your eies, speak, I pray you, in ẏ eares of Pharaóh, and say,

5 My father made me * sweare, saying, Lo, I dye, bury me in my graue, which I haue made me in the lãd of Canáan: now therefore let me go, I praie thee, & bury my father and I wil come againe. *Chap 47.29.*

6 Thẽ Pharaóh said, Go vp and bury thy father, d as he made thee to sweare.

d The very infidels wolde haue others performe.

7 ¶ So Ioséph went vp to bury his father, and with him went all the seruantes of Pharaóh, *bothe* the elders of his house and all the elders of the land of Egypt.

8 Likewise all the house of Ioséph, and his brethren, and his fathers house: onely their children, and their shepe, and their cattel left they in the land of Góshen.

9 And there went vp with him bothe charets and horsemen: and they were an exceading great companie.

10 And they came to e Góren Atád, which is beyonde Iordén, and there they made a great and exceading sore lamentacion: and he mourned for his father seuẽ daies.

e *Or, the cornefloore of Atad.*

11 And whẽ the Canaanites the inhabitãts of the land sawe the mourning in Góren Atád, they said, This is a great mourning vnto the Egyptians: wherefore the name thereof was called f Abél Mizráim, which is beyonde Iordén.

f *Or, the Lamentation of the Egyptians.*

12 So his sonnes did vnto him according as he had commanded them:

13 * For his sonnes caried him into the land of Canáan, & buryed him in the caue of the field of Machpeláh, ẅ *caue* * Abrahám boght with ẏ field, to be g a place to bury in, of Ephrón ẏ Hittite besides Mamré. *Act.7.16.* *Chap.23.18.* g *Or, a possession.*

14 ¶ Then

24 ¶ Then Ioſéph returned into Egypt, he and his brethren, & all that went vp with him to bury his father, after that he had buryed his father.

25 And whē Ioſephs brethrē ſawe that their father was dead, they ſaid, [d] It may be ỹ Ioſéph wil hate vs, and wil paye vs againe all the euil, which we did vnto him.

d An euil conſcience is neuer fully at eaſe.

26 Therefore they ſent vnto Ioſéph, ſayīg, Thy father commanded before his death, ſaying,

27 Thus ſhal ye ſay vnto Ioſéph, Forgiue now, I pray thee, ỹ treſpace of thy brethrē, and their ſinne: for they rewarded thee euil. And now, we pray thee, forgiue ỹ treſpace of the ſeruants of thy fathers [e] God. And Ioſéph wept, when [*] they ſpake vnto him.

e Meaning, ỹ they which haue one God, ſhulde be ioyned in moſte ſure loue
*Or, the meſſengers

28 Alſo his brethrē came vnto him, and fel downe before his face, & ſaid, Beholde, we be thy ſeruantes.

29 To whome Ioſéph ſaid, Feare not: for am not I vnder [f] God?

f Who by the good ſucceſſe ſemeth to remit it, & therefore it ought not to be reuēged by me.

30 When ye thoght euil againſt me, God diſpoſed it to good, that he might bring to paſſe, as it is this day, and ſaue muche people aliue.

31 Feare not now therefore, I wil nouriſh you, and your children: and he comforted them, and ſpake [*] kindely vnto them.

*Ebr. to their heart.

32 ¶ So Ioſéph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his fathers houſe: and Ioſéph liued an [g] hundreth and ten yere.

g Who, notwithſtādig he bare rule in Egypt about foure ſcore yeres, yet was ioyned with ỹ Church of God in faith and religion.

33 And Ioſéph ſawe Ephraims children, euen vnto the third generacion: alſo the ſonnes of Machir the ſonne of Manaſséh were broght vp on Ioſephs knees.

34 And Ioſéph ſaid vnto his brethrē, *I am ready to dye, & God wil ſurely viſet you, and bring you out of this land vnto the land, which he ſware vnto Abrahám, vnto Izhák, and vnto Iaakób.

*Ebr. 11.22.

35 And Ioſéph toke an othe of the childrē of Iſraél, ſaying, [h] God wil ſurely viſet you, and ye ſhal cary my bones hence.

h He ſpeaketh this by the ſpirit of prophecie, exhorting his brethren, to haue ful truſt in Gods promes for their deliuerance.

36 So Ioſéph dyed, when he was an hundreth and ten yere olde: and they enbaumed him & put him in a cheſt in Egypt.

THE SECONDE BOKE of Moſés, called Exodus.

THE ARGVMENT.

AFTER that Iaakób by Gods commandemēt Gen. 46,3. had broght his familie into Egypt, where they remained for the ſpace of foure hundreth yeres, and of ſeuenty perſones grewe to an infinite nombre, ſo that the King and the countrey grudged and endeuored bothe by tyrannie and cruel ſlauery to ſuppreſſe them: the Lord according to his promes Gen. 15,14. had compaſſion of his Church & deliuered them, but plagued their ennemies in moſte ſtrāge and ſondry ſortes. And the more that the tyrānie of the wicked enraged againſt his Church, the more did his heauy iudgements increaſe againſt them, til Pharaōh & his armie were drowned in the ſame Sea, which gaue an entrie and paſſage to the childrē of God. But as the ingratitude of man is great, ſo did they immediatly forget Gods wōderful benefites: & albeit he had giuen them the Paſſouer to be a ſigne & memorial of the ſame, yet they fel to diſtruſt, & tempted God with ſondry murmurings and grudgings againſt him and his miniſters: ſometime moued with ambitiō, ſometime for lacke of drincke or meate to cōtent their luſtes, ſometime by idolatrie, or ſuche like. Wherfore God viſited them with ſharpe roddes and plagues that by his correctiōs they might ſeke to him for remedy againſt his ſcourges & earneſtly repent them for their rebelliōs & wickednes. And becauſe God loueth thē to the end, whome he hathe once begōne to loue, he puniſhed thē not according to their deſertes, but dealt with them in great mercies, and euer with newe benefites labored to ouercome their malice: for he ſtil gouerned them and gaue thē his worde & Law, bothe cōcerning the maner of ſeruing him, & alſo the forme of iudgements and ciuil policie: to the intent that thei ſhulde not ſerue God after their owne inuentions, but according to that ordre, which his heauenlie wiſdome had appointed.

CHAP. I.

a The childrē of Iaakób that came into Egypt. 8 The newe Pharaōh oppreſſeth them. 12 The prouidence of God towarde them. 15 The Kings cōmandemēt to the midwiues. 22 The ſonnes of the Ebrewes are commanded to be caſt into the riuer.

a Moſes deſcribeth the wonderful ordre that God obſerueth in performing his promes to Abrahám. Gen. 15, 14

NOw [a] theſe are ỹ names of ỹ childrē of Iſraél, ẅ came ī to Egypt (euerie man and his houſholde came *thither* ẅ Iaakób)

2 Reubén, Simeón, Leuí,

3 Iſſachár, Zebulún, and Beniamín,

4 Dan, & Naphthalí, Gad, & Aſhér.

5 So all ỹ ſoules, that came out of ỹ loynes of Iaakób, were [*] ſeuētie ſoules: Ioſéph was in Egypt already.

*Or, perſones. Gen. 46.26. deu. 10.22.

6 Now Ioſéph dyed and all his brethrē, & that whole generacion.

7 ¶ And the [*] children of Iſraél broght forthe frute and encreaſed in abundance, & were multiplied, and were exceading mightie, ſo that the [b] lād was ful of them.

*Act. 7.17.
b He meaneth the countrey of Gōſhen

8 Then there roſe vp a newe King in Egypt, who [c] knewe not Ioſéph.

c He conſidered not how God had preſerued Egypt for Ioſephs ſake.

9 And he ſaid vnto his people, Beholde, the

people of the children of Iſraél *are* greater and mightier then we.

10 Come, let vs worke wiſely with thē, leſt they multiplie, and it come to paſſe, that if there be warre, they ioyne them ſelues alſo vnto our ennemies, & fight againſt vs, and [d] get them out of the land.

[d] In to Cuaan, and ſo we ſhal loſe our commoditie

11 Therefore did they ſet taſkemaſters ouer them, to kepe them vnder with burdens: and they buylt the cities Pithóm & Raamſés for the [e] treaſures of Pharaóh.

[e] Or, corne and proviſion

12 But the more they vexed them, the more they multiplied and grewe: therefore [e] they were more grieued againſt the children of Iſraél.

e The more that God bleſſeth his, the more doeth ỹ wicked inuie them.

13 Wherefore the Egyptians by crueltie cauſed the children of Iſraél to ſerue.

14 Thus they made them weary of their liues by ſore labour in claye and in bricke, and in all worke in the field, with all maner of bondage, [*] which they laied vpon them moſte cruelly.

[*] Ebr wherewith they ſerued thē ſelues of them by crueltie

15 ¶ Moreouer the King of Egypt cōmanded the midwiues of the Ebrewe women, (of which the ones name was [f] Siphráh, and the name of the other Puáh)

f Theſe, ſeme to haue bene the chief of ỹ reſt.

16 And ſaid, When ye do the office of a midwife to the women of the Ebrewes & ſe them on their [*] ſtolles, if it be a ſonne, thē ye ſhal kil him: but if it be a daughter, then let her liue.

[*] Or ſeates wher vpon they ſate in trauel

17 Notwithſtanding the midwiues feared God, & did not as the King of Egypt cōmanded them, but preſerued aliue the mē children.

18 Then the King of Egypt called for the midwiues, & ſaid vnto thē, Why haue ye done thus, and haue preſerued aliue the men children?

19 And the midwiues anſwered Pharaóh, Becauſe the Ebrewes womē *are* not as the women of Egypt: for they are liuelie, and are deliuered yer ỹ midwife come at thē.

ỹ Their diſobediēce herein was lawful, but their diſſembling euil.

20 God therefore proſpered the midwiues, and the people multiplied & were very mightie.

21 And becauſe the midwiues feared God, therefore he [h] made them houſes.

h That is, God increaſed the families of ỹ Iſraelites by their meanes

22 Then Pharaóh charged all his people, ſaying, Euerie man childe that is borne, [i] caſt ye into the riuer, but reſerue euerie maidchilde aliue.

i When tyrāts can not preuaile by craft, then braſt forthe into open rage

CHAP. II.

2 Moſes is borne and caſt into the flagges. 5 He is taken vp of Pharaohs daughter & kept. 12 He killeth the Egyptian. 15 He fleeth and marieth a wife. 23 The Iſraelites crye vnto the Lord.

1 THen there went a [a] man of the houſe of Leuí, & toke *to wife* a daughter of Leuí,

a This Leuite was called Amrám, who matied Iochabéd, cha 6, 20.

2 And the woman conceiued & bare a ſonne: & whē ſhe ſawe that he was faire, [*] ſhe hid him thre moneths.

Act. 7, 20. Ebr 11, 23.

3 But when ſhe colde no longer hide him, ſhe toke for him an arke *made* of rede, and daubed it wᵗ ſlime & with pitch, & [b] laid the childe therein, & put *it* among ỹ bulruſhes by the riuer brinke.

b Committing hī to ỹ prouidence of God, whome ſhe colde not kepe from the rage of ỹ tyrāt.

4 Now his ſiſter ſtode a far of, to wit what wolde come of him.

5 ¶ Then the daughter of Pharaóh came downe to waſh her in the riuer, and her maidens walked by the riuers ſide: & whē ſhe ſawe the arke among the bulruſhes, ſhe ſent her maid to fet it.

7 Then ſhe opened it, and ſawe it was a childe: and beholde, the babe wept: ſo ſhe had compaſsion on it, and ſaid, This is one of the Ebrewes children.

7 Thē ſaid his ſiſter vnto Pharaohs daughter, Shal I go & call vnto thee a nurce of the Ebrewe womē to nurce thee ỹ childe?

8 And Pharaohs daughter ſaid to her, Go. So the maid went and called the [c] childes mother.

c Mans couſel cā not hindre that, which God hathe determined ſhal come to paſſe.

9 To whome Pharaohs daughter ſaid, Take this childe away, and nurce it for me, & I wil reward thee. Thē the woman toke the childe and nurced him

10 Now the childe grewe, and ſhe brought him vnto Pharaohs daughter, & he was as her ſonne, and ſhe called his name Moſés, becauſe, ſaid ſhe, I drewe him out of the water.

11 ¶ And in thoſe dayes, when Moſés was [d] growē, he went forthe vnto his brethrē, and loked on their burdens: alſo he ſawe an Egyptiā ſmiting an Ebrewe one of his brethren.

d That is, when fourtie yere olde, Act 7, 23.

12 And he loked [*] rounde about, & whē he ſawe no man, he [e] ſlew the Egyptian, and hid him in the ſand.

[*] Ebr thus & thus

e Being aſſured that God had appointed him to deliuer the Iſraelites, Act 7, 25

13 Againe he came forthe the ſeconde day, and beholde, two Ebrewes ſtroue: and he ſaid vnto him that did the wrōg, Wherefore ſmiteſt thou thy felowe?

14 And he anſwered, Who made thee a mā of authoritie & a iudge ouer vs? Thinkeſt thou to kil me, as thou killedſt the Egyptian? Then Moſes [f] feared and ſaid, Certenly this thing is knowen.

f Though by his feare he ſhewed his infirmitie yet faith coucred it Ebr 11, 27

15 Now Pharaóh heard this matter, and ſought to ſlay Moſés: therefore Moſes fled from Pharaóh, & dwelt in the land of Midián, and he ſate downe by a well.

16 And ỹ Prieſt of Midiā had ſeuē daughters, which came and drewe *water*, and filled the troghes, for to watter their fathers ſhepe.

*Or, prince

17 Then the ſhepherdes came and droue them away: but Moſés roſe vp & [*] defended them, an watered their ſhepe.

[*] Ebr ſaued thē.

18 And when they came to Reuél their [*] father, he ſaid, How are ye come ſo ſone to day?

[*] Or, grande father.

19 And they ſaid, A man of Egypt deliue-

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red vs from the hand of the ſhepherdes, & alſo drewe vs water ynough, and wattered the ſhepe.

20 Then he ſaid vnto his daughters, And where is he? why haue ye ſo left the man? g call him that he may eat bread.

g Wherein he declared a thankful minde, & wolde recompence ye benefite done vnto his *Chap 18,5.*

21 And Moſés agreed to dwel with the mā: who gaue vnto Moſés Zipporáh his daughter:

22 And ſhe bare a ſonne, * whoſe name he called Gerſhóm: for he ſaid, I haue bene a ſtranger in a ſtrange land.

23 ¶ Then in proceſſe of time, the King of Egypt dyed, & the childrē of Iſraél ſighed for the bondage and h cryed: & their crye for the bondage came vp vnto God.

h God humbleth his by afflictiōs, that they ſhulde crye vnto hī, & receiue the frute of his promes

24 Then God heard their mone, and God remembred his couenant with Abrahám, Izhák, and Iaakób.

25 So God loked vpon the children of Iſraél, and God i had reſpect vnto them.

i He iudged their cauſe: or, acknowledged ghē to be his

CHAP. III.

1 Moſés kepeth ſhepe, and God appeareth vnto him in a buſhe. 10 He ſendeth him to deliuer the children of Iſrael. 14 The name of God. 16 God teacheth him what to do.

1 WHen Moſés kept the ſhepe of Ietthró his father in lawe, Prieſt of Midian, & droue the flocke to the a backe ſide of the deſert, and came to the b Mountaine of God, c Horéb,

a Or, ſer with in the deſert
b It was ſo called after ye Lawe was giuē
b Called alſo Sinai

2 Then the Angel of the Lord appeared vnto him in a flame of fyre, out of the middes of a c buſhe: & he loked, & beholde, the buſhe burned with fyre, and the buſhe was not conſumed.

c This ſignifieth that the Church is not conſumed by ye fire of afflictions, b cauſe God is in the middes therof

3 Therefore Moſés ſaid, I wil turne aſide now, & ſe this great ſight, why the buſhe burneth not.

d Whome he called the Angel, verſ 2

4 And when the d Lord ſaw that he turned aſide to ſe, God called vnto him out of the middes of the buſhe, and ſaid, Moſés, Moſés. And he anſwered, I am here.

e Reſigne thy ſelfe vp to me, Ruth 4,7 1of 5,15

5 Then he ſaid, Come not hither, e put thy ſhooes of thy fete: for the place whereon thou ſtandeſt is f holy grounde.

f Becauſe of my preſence *Mat 22,32. act 7,32.*

6 Moreouer he ſaid, * I am the God of thy father, the God of Abrahám, the God of Izhák, & the God of Iaakób. Then Moſés hid his face: for he was g afraied to lokē vpon God.

g For ſinne cauſeth man to feare Gods iuſtice

7 ¶ Then the Lord ſaid. I haue ſurely ſene the trouble of my people, which are in Egypt, & haue heard their crye, becauſe of their h taſkemaſters: for I knowe their ſorowes.

h Whoſe cruelnes was intollerable

8 Therefore I am come downe to deliuer them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them out of that land into a good lād & a large, into a lād that i floweth with milke & hony, *euen* into the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, & the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebuſites.

i Moſe pleaſeth all things

9 k And now lo, the crye of the children of Iſraél is come vnto me, and I haue alſo ſene the oppreſsion, wherewith the Egyptians oppreſſe them.

k He heard before, but now he wolde reuenge it

10 Come now therefore, and I wil ſend thee vnto Pharaóh, that thou maieſt bring my people the children of Iſraél out of Egypt.

11 ¶ But Moſés ſaid vnto God, Who am l I, that I ſhulde go vnto Pharaóh, and that I ſhulde bring the children of Iſraél out of Egypt?

l He doth not fully diſobey God, but acknowledgeth his owne weakenes

12 And he anſwered, m Certeinly I wil be with thee: & this ſhalbe a toké vnto thee, that I haue ſēt thee, After that thou haſte broght the people out of Egypt, ye ſhal ſerue God vpon this Mountaine.

m Nether ſaue thine owne weakenes, nor Pharaohs tyrannie

13 Then Moſés ſaid vnto God, Beholde, *when* I ſhal come vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſhal ſay vnto them, The God of your fathers hathe ſent me vnto you: if thei ſay vnto me, What is his Name: what anſwere ſhal I giue them?

14 And God anſwered Moſés, I n AM THAT I AM. Alſo he ſaid, Thus ſhalt thou ſay vnto the children of Iſaaél, I AM hathe ſent me vnto you.

n The God yt haue euer bene, am & ſhalbe: ye God almightie, by whome all things haue their being, & ye God of mercie mindeful of my promes, Reuel 1,4.

15 And God ſpake further vnto Moſés, Thus ſhalt thou ſay vnto the children of Iſraél, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abrahám, the God of Izhák, and the God of Iaakób hathe ſent me vnto you: this is my Name for euer, & this is my memorial vnto all ages.

16 Go and gather the Elders of Iſraél together, & thou ſhalt ſay vnto them, The Lord God of your fathers, ye God of Abrahám, Izhák, & Iaakób appeared vnto me, & ſaid, "I haue ſurely remēbred you, & that which is done to you in Egypt.

"Or, in viſiting haue viſited.

17 Therefore I did ſay, I wil bring you out of the affliction of Egypt vnto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, & the Hiuites, and the Iebuſites, vnto a land that floweth with milke and hony.

18 Then ſhal thei obeie thy voyce, & thou and the Elders of Iſraél ſhal go vnto the King of Egypt, and ſaie vnto him, The Lord God of the Ebrewes hathe o met w vs: we pray thee now therefore, let vs go thre dayes iourney in the wildernes, that we may p ſacrifice vnto ye Lord our God.

o Or, appeared vnto vs

19 ¶ But I knowe, that the King of Egypt wil not let you go, but by ſtrong hand.

20 Therefore wil I ſtretch out mine hād and ſmite Egypt with all my wonders, w I wil do in the middes thereof: and after that ſhal he let you go.

o Becauſe Egypt was ful of idolatrie, God wolde appoint them a place where they ſhulde ſerue him purely

21 And I wil make this people to be fauored of the Egyptians: ſo that when ye go, ye ſhal not go emptie.

p This exãple may not be followed generallye: thogh it Gods cõmandemẽt thei did it iuſtly, receiuing ſome recompence of their labours.

22 p For euerie woman ſhal aſke of her neighbour, and of her *that* ſoiourneth in her houſe, iewels of ſiluer and iewels of golde & raiment, & ye ſhal put them on your ſonnes, and on your daughters, and ſhal ſpoile the Egyptians.

*Or, is where horſe ſtre ſoiourneth.

CHAP. IIII.

Moſés rod is turned into a ſerpẽt. 6 His hand is leprous. 9 The water of the riuer is turned into blood. 14 Aarón is giuen to helpe Moſés. 21 God hardeneth Pharaóh. 25 His wife circũciſeth her ſonne. 27 Aarón meeteth with Moſés, and thei come to the Iſraelites and are beleued.

a God beareth with Moſés doutig, becauſe he was not al together without faith.

4 THen Moſés anſwered, and ſaid, a But lo, thei wil not beleue me, nor hearken vnto my voyce: for thei wil ſay, The Lord hathe not appeared vnto thee.

2 And the Lord ſaid vnto him, What is ỹ in thine hãd? And he anſwered, A rod.

3 Then ſaid he, Caſt it on the grounde. So he caſt it on the grounde, and it was *turned* into a ſerpent: and Moſés fled from it.

4 Againe the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Put forthe thine hãd, and take it by the taile. Then he put forthe his hand and caught it, and it was *turned* into a rod in his hand.

b This power to worke miracles was to confirme his doctrine, & to aſſure him of his vocation.

5 *Do this* b that thei may beleue, that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abrahám, the God of Izhák, & the God of Iaakób hathe appeared vnto thee.

6 ¶And the Lord ſaid furthermore vnto him, Thruſt now thine hand into thy boſome. And he thruſt his hand into his boſome, and when he toke it out *againe*, beholde, his hand was "leprous as ſnowe.

"Or, white as ſnowe.

7 Moreouer he ſaid, Put thine hand into thy boſome againe. So he put his hãd into his boſome againe, & pluckt it out of his boſome, and beholde, it was turned againe as his *other* fleſh.

c Do the wordes confirmed by the firſt ſigne.

8 So ſhal it be, if thei wil not beleue thee, nether obey "the voyce of the firſt ſigne, yet ſhal thei beleue for the voyce of the ſeconde ſigne.

e Becauſe theſe thre ſignes ſhulde be ſufficient witneſſes to proue ỹ Moſés ſhulde deliuer Gods people

9 But if thei wil not yet beleue theſe two ſignes, nether obey vnto thy voyce, then ſhalt thou take of the c water of the riuer, and powre it vpon the drye land: ſo the water which thou ſhalt take out of the riuer, ſhalbe *turned* to blood vpon the drye land.

"Ebr. from yeſterdaye, & yer yeſterday

10 ¶But Moſés ſaid vnto the Lord, Oh my Lord, I am not eloquent, "nether at any time *haue bene*, nor yet ſince thou haſte ſpoken vnto thy ſeruant: but I am "ſlow of ſpeache and ſlow of tongue.

"Ebr heauie of mouthe.

11 Then the Lord ſaid vnto him, Who hathe giuen the mouth to man? or who hathe made the dõme, or the deafe, or himỹ ſeeth, or the blinde? haue not I the Lord?

Mat. 10, 19. & 12, 13.

12 Therefore go now, and * I wil be with thy mouth, & wil teache thee what thou ſhalt ſay.

13 But he ſaid, Oh my Lord, ſend, I pray thee, by the "hand *of him*, whome ỹ d ſhuldeſt ſend.

*Or, miniſtrie

d That is, of the Meſſias: or ſome other, that is more mete then I

14 Then the Lord was e very angry with Moſés, and ſaid, Do not I knowe Aarón thy brother the Leuite, that he him ſelfe ſhal ſpeake? for lo, he cõmeth alſo forthe to mete thee, and when he ſeeth thee, he wilbe glad in his heart.

e Though we prouoke God iuſtly to angre, yet he wil neuer reiect his

15 Therefore thou ſhalt ſpeake vnto him, & f put theſe wordes in his mouth, and I wilbe with thy mouth, and ẅ his mouth, and wil teache you what ye ogh to do.

f Thou ſhalt inſtruct him what to ſay.

16 And he ſhalbe thy ſpokeſman vnto the people: he ſhalbe, *euen* he ſhalbe as thy mouth, & thou ſhalt be to him as g God.

g Meaning as a wiſe couſelor and ful of Gods Spirit.

17 Moreouer ỹ ſhalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou ſhalt do miracles.

18 ¶Therefore Moſés went and returned to Iethró his father in lawe, & ſaid vnto him, I pray thee, let me go, and returne to my "brethren, which are in Egypt, and ſe whether thei be yet aliue. Then Iethró ſaid to Moſés, Go in peace.

*Or, kinſfolke, & lignage

19 (For the Lord had ſaid vnto Moſés in Midián, Go, returne to Egypt: for thei are all dead which went about to kil thee)

20 Then Moſés toke his wife, and his ſonnes, and "put them on an aſſe, and returned towarde the land of Egypt, & Moſés toke the h rod of God in his hand.

"Ebr cauſed them to ride.

h Whereby he wroght the miracles.

21 And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, When thou art entred and come into Egypt againe, ſe that thou do all the wonders before Pharaóh, which I haue put in thine hand: but I wil i harden his heart, and he ſhal not let the people go.

i By reteining my ſpirit and deliuerig him vnto Satan to increaſe his malice.

22 Then thou ſhalt ſay to Pharaóh, Thus ſaith the Lord, Iſraél *is* my ſonne, *euẽ* my k firſt borne.

k Meaning, moſte dere vnto him.

23 Wherefore I ſay to thee, Let my ſonne go, that he may ſerue me: if thou refuſe to let him go, beholde, I wil ſlay thy ſonne, *euen* thy firſt borne.

24 ¶And as he was by the way in the ynne, the Lord met him, and l wolde haue killed him.

l God puniſhed with ſickenes for neglecting his Sacrament.

25 Then Zipporáh toke a ſharpe knife, and m cut away the fore ſkinne of her ſonne, and caſt it at his fete, and ſaid, Thou *art* in dede a bloodie houſband vnto me.

m This acte was extraordinarie: for Moſés was ſore ſicke, and God euen the required it.

26 So "he departed frõ him. Then ſhe ſaid, O bloodie houſband (becauſe of the circumciſiõ)

"Or, the Angel.

27 ¶Then the Lord ſaid vnto Aarón, Gõ mete Moſés in the wildernes. And he wẽt and met him in the "Mount of God, and kiſſed him.

"Or, Horeb.

28 Then Moſés tolde Aarón all the wordes of the Lord, who had ſent him, and all the ſignes wherewith he had charged him.

29 ¶So went Moſés and Aarón, & gathered all the Elders of the children of Iſraél.

30 And Aarón tolde all the wordes, which the

the Lord had ſpoken vnto Moſés, and he did the miracles in the ſight of the people,

n So that Moſés had now experience of Gods promes that he ſhulde haue good ſucceſſe.

31 And the n people beleued, and when they heard that the Lord had viſited ỹ children of Iſraél, and had loked vpon their tribulacíó, they bowed downe, & worſhipped.

CHAP. V.

1 Moſés and Aarón do their meſſage to Pharaóh, who letteth not the people of Iſraél departe but oppreſſeth them more and more. 20 They crye out vpon Moſés & Aarón therefore, and Moſés complaineth to God.

1 THen afterward Moſés & Aarón went & ſaid to a Pharaóh, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, Let my people go, that they maie b celebrate a feaſt vnto me in the wildernes.

a Faith ouercommeth feare, and maketh men bolde in their vocatiõ. b And offre ſacrifice.

2 And Pharaóh ſaid, Who is the Lord, ỹ I ſhulde heare his voyce, & let Iſraél go? I knowe not the Lord, nether wil I let Iſraél go.

c Or, God hathe met vs

3 And they ſaid, c We worſhip the God of ỹ Ebrewes: we pray thee, ſuffre vs to go thre daies iournei in the deſert and to ſacrifice vnto the Lord our God, leſt " he bring vpon vs the peſtilence or ſworde.

" Ebr leſt he meete vs with peſtilence.

4 Thẽ ſaid the King of Egypt vnto them, Moſés and Aarón, why cauſe ye the people to ceaſe from their workes? get you to your burdens.

5 Pharaóh ſaid furthermore, Beholde, muche people *is* now in the land, & ye e make them leaue their burdens.

e As though ye wolde rebel.

6 Therefore Pharaóh gaue commãdemẽt the ſame day vnto the taſkemaſters of the people, and to their d officers, ſaying,

d Which were of the Iſraelites and had charge to ſe them do their worke.

7 Ye ſhal giue the people no more ſtrawe, to make bricke (as in time paſt) *but* let them go and gather them ſtraw them ſelues:

8 Notwithſtanding lay vpon them the nõbre of bricke, which they made in time paſt, diminiſh nothing thereof: for they be idle, therefore their crye, ſaying, Let vs go to offre ſacrifice vnto our God.

e The more cruelly that tyrãts rage, ỹ nerer is Gods helpe

9 e Lay more worke vpon the men, and cauſe them to do it, and let them not regarde f vaine wordes.

f Of Moſés & Aarón

10 ¶ Then went the taſkemaſters of ỹ people & their officers out, and tolde the people, ſaying, Thus ſaith Pharaóh, I wil giue you no more ſtraw.

11 Go your ſelues, get you ſtraw where ye can finde it, yet ſhal nothing of your labour be diminiſhed.

12 Then were the people ſcatred abrode throughout all the land of Egypt, for to gather ſtubble in ſtede of ſtraw.

" Ebr the worke of a day in her day

13 And the taſkemaſters haſted thẽ, ſaying, Finiſh your daies worke " euerie dayes taſke, as *ye did* when ye had ſtraw.

14 And the officers of the children of Iſraél, which Pharaohs taſkemaſters had ſet ouer them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherfore haue ye not fulfilled your taſke in making bricke yeſterday and to day, as in times paſt?

15 ¶ Thẽ the officers of the childrẽ of Iſraél came, & cryed vnto Phaiaóh, ſayĩg, Wherefore dealeſt thou thus with thy ſeruants?

16 There is no ſtraw giuen to thy ſeruants, and they ſay vnto vs, Make bricke: and lo, thy ſeruants are beaten, and f thy people is blamed.

f Or, thy people the Egyptians are in the fault.

17 But he ſaid, " Ye are to muche idle: therefore ye ſay, Let vs go to offre ſacrifice to the Lord.

" Ebr idle, ye are idle

18 Go therefore now & worke: for there ſhal no ſtraw be giuen you, yet ſhal ye deliuer the whole tale of bricke.

19 Then the officers of the children of Iſraél ſawe thẽ ſelues in an euil caſe, becauſe it was ſaid, Ye ſhal diminiſh nothing of your bricke, *nor* of euerie daies taſke,

f Or, loked ſad on them, whereby ſaid.

20 ¶ And they met Moſés & Aarón, which ſtode in their way as they came out from Pharaóh,

21 To whome they ſaid, The Lord loke vpon you and iudge: for ye haue made our ſauour to * ſtincke before Pharaóh & before his ſeruants, in that ye haue g put a ſworde in their hand to ſlay vs.

Read. Gen. 34.30.

g It is a grieuous thing to the ſeruants of God to be accuſed of euil, ſpecially of their brethren, when they do as their duetie requireth.

22 Wherefore Moſés returned to ỹ Lord, and ſaid, Lord, why haſt thou afflicted this people? wherefore haſt thou thus ſent me?

23 For ſince I came to Phãraóh to ſpeake in thy Name, he hathe vexed this people, and yet thou haſt not deliuered thy people.

CHAP. VI.

3 God renueth his promes of the deliuerance of the Iſraelites. 9 Moſés ſpeaketh to the Iſraelites, but they beleue him not. 10 Moſés and Aarón are ſent againe to Pharaóh. 14 The genealogie of Reuben, Simeón, and Leui, of whome came Moſés and Aarón.

1 THẽ the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Now ſhalt thou ſe, what I wil do vnto Pharaóh: for by a ſtrong hand ſhal he let them go, and euen " be conſtreined to driue thẽ out of his land.

" Ebr in a ſtrõg hand.

2 Moreouer God ſpake vnto Moſés, and ſaid vnto him, I am the Lord,

3 And I appeared vnto Abrahám, to Izhák, and to Iaakób by *the Name of* Almightie God: but by my Name a Iehouáh was I not knowen vnto them.

f Or, all ſufficiẽte

a Wherby he ſignifieth that he wil performe in dede ỹ which he promiſed to their fathers: for this Name declareth ỹ he is conſtant & wil performe his promes

4 Furthermore as I made my couenãt with them to giue them the land of Canáan, the lãd of their pilgremage, wherein they were ſtrangers:

5 So I haue alſo heard the groning of the children of Iſraél, whome the Egyptians kepe in bondage, & haue remembred my couenant.

6 Wherefore ſay thou vnto the childrē of Iſraél, I am the Lord, and I wil bring you out from the burdens of the Egyptians, and wil deliuer you out of their bondage, and wil redeme you in a ſtretched out arme, and in great iudgementes.

a Or, plagues.

7 Alſo I wil [b] take you for my people, and wil be your God: then ye ſhal knowe ỹ I the Lord your God bring you out from ỹ burdens of the Egyptians.

b He meaneth, as touching the outward vocatiō: for election to life euerlaſting is immutable.

8 And I wil bring you into the land which I [a] ſware that I wolde giue to Abrahám, to Izhák and to Iaakób, and I wil giue it vnto you for a poſſeſsion: I am the Lord.

a Hebr. lift vp mine hand

9 ¶ So Moſés tolde the children of Iſraél thus: but thei hearkened [c] not vnto Moſés, for anguiſh of ſpirit & for cruel bōdage.

c So hard a thing it is to ſhewe true obedience vnder the croſſe.

10 Then the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

11 Go ſpeake to Pharaóh King of Egypt, that he let the children of Iſraél go out of his land.

12 But Moſés ſpake before ỹ Lord, ſaying, Beholde, the children of Iſraél hearken not vnto me, how then ſhal Pharaóh heare me, which am of [d] vncircumciſed lippes?

d Or, barbarous and rude in ſpeache & by this worde (vncircumciſed) is ſignified the whole corruption of mans nature.

13 Then the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés and vnto Aarón, & charged them *to go* to the children of Iſraél and to Pharaóh King of Egypt, to bring the children of Iſraél out of the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ Theſe be the [e] heades of their fathers houſes: the ſonnes of Reubén the firſt borne of Iſraél *are* Hanóch and Pallú, Hezrón and Carmí: theſe are the families of Reubén.

e This genealogie ſheweth of whome Moſés and Aarón came.

15 Alſo the ſonnes of Simeón: Iemuél & Iamín, & Ohád, and Iachín, & Zóar, and Shaúl the ſonne of a Canaanitiſh womā: theſe are the families of Simeón.

16 ¶ Theſe alſo are the names of the ſonnes of Leuí in their generacions: Gerſhón & Koháth and Merarí (and the yeres of the life of Leuí *were* an hundreth [f] thirty and ſeuen yere)

f For he was 42 yere olde, when he came into Egypt, and there liued 94.

17 The ſonnes of Gerſhón *were* Libní & Shimí by their families.

18 And the ſonnes of Koháth, Amrám and Izhár, & Hebrón and Vzziél. (& Koháth liued an hundreth thirty and three yere)

19 Alſo the ſonnes of Merarí *were* Mahalí and Muſhí: theſe are the families of Leuí by their kinreds.

20 And Amrám toke Iochébed his [g] fathers ſiſter to his wife, and ſhe bare him Aarón and Moſés (and Amrám liued and hundreth thirty and ſeuen yere)

g Which kinde of mariage was after in ỹ lawe forbidden, Leuit 18, 12.

21 ¶ Alſo the ſonnes of Izhár: [h] Kórah, & Népheg, and Zichrí.

h Moſés and he were brethrēs childrē, whoſe rebellion was puniſhed, Nomb. 16, 1

22 And the ſonnes of Vzziél: Miſhaél, and Elzaphán, and Sithrí.

23 And Aarón toke Eliſhéba daughter of [i] Amminadáb, ſiſter of Nahaſhón to his wife, which bare him Nadáb, and Abihú, Eleazár and Ithamár.

i Who was a Prince of Iudáh, Nom 2, 3.

24 Alſo the ſonnes of Kórah: Aſsír, & Elkanáh, & Abiaſáph: theſe are the families of the Korhites.

25 And Eleazár Aarons ſonne toke him *one* of the daughters of Putiél to his wife, which bare him * Phinehás: theſe are the principal fathers of the Leuites through out their families. * Nom. 25, 10.

26 Theſe are Aarón and Moſés to whome the Lord ſaid, Bring the childrē of Iſraél out of the land of Egypt, according to their [k] armies.

k For their families were ſo great, ỹ they might be compared to armies.

27 Theſe are ỹ Moſés & Aarón, ẅ ſpake to Pharaóh King of Egypt, that they might bring the childrē of Iſraél out of Egypt.

28 ¶ And at that time when the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés in the land of Egypt,

29 When the Lord, *I ſay*, ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying, I am the Lord, ſpeake thou vnto Pharaóh the King of Egypt all that I ſay vnto thee,

l The diſobedience both of Moſés and of ỹ people ſheweth ỹ their deliuerance came onely of Gods free mercie.

30 Then Moſés ſaid before the Lord, Beholde, I am of [l] vncircumciſed lippes, and how ſhal Pharaóh heare me?

CHAP. VII.

ỹ God hardeneth Pharaohs heart. 10 Moſés and Aarón do the miracles of the ſerpent, and the blood: and Pharaohs ſorcerers do the like.

1 THē the Lord ſaid to Moſés, Beholde, I haue made thee Pharaohs [a] God, & Aarón thy brother ſhal be thy Prophet.

a I haue giuē thee power & autorītie to ſpeake in my name and to execute my iudgemēts vpon him.

2 Thou ſhalt ſpeake all that I commanded thee: and Aarón thy brother ſhal ſpeake vnto Pharaóh, that he ſuffre the children of Iſraél to go out of his land.

*Or ſhal ſpeake for thee (before Pharaoh)

3 But I wil harden Pharaohs heart, and multiplie my miracles and my wondres in the land of Egypt.

4 And Pharaóh ſhal not hearkē vnto you, that I may lay mine hand vpon Egypt, & bring out mine armies, *euē* my people, the childrē of Iſraél out of the lād of Egypt, by great [b] iudgements.

b To ſtrengthē Moſés faith, God promiſeth againe to puniſhe moſte ſharpely the oppreſsion of his Church.

5 Then the Egyptians ſhal know that I am ỹ Lord, when I ſtretch forthe mine hand vpon Egypt, and bring out the children of Iſraél from among them.

6 So Moſés and Aarón did as the Lord commanded them, *euen* ſo did they.

7 (Now Moſés was [c] foure ſcore yere olde, & Aarón foure ſcore and three, when thei ſpake vnto Pharaóh)

c Moſés liued in affliction & banniſhement 40 yere before he enioyed his office to deliuer Gods people.

8 ¶ And the Lord had ſpoken vnto Moſés and Aarón, ſaying,

9 If Pharaóh ſpeake vnto you, ſaying, Shewe a miracle for you, then ỹ ſhalt ſay vnto Aarón, Take thy rod & caſt it before Pharaóh, *and* it ſhal be *turned* into a [a] ſerpēt.

a Or, dragon.

10 ¶ Then went Moſés and Aarón vnto Pharaóh, and did euen as the Lord had commanded: and Aarón caſte forthe his

rod

rod before Pharaóh and before his ſeruants, and it was *turned* into a ſerpent.

11 Then Pharaóh called alſo for the wiſe men and [d] ſorcerers: and thoſe charmers alſo of Egypt did in like maner with their enchantements.

d It ſeemeth that theſe were Iannes and Iambres, read 2. Tim. 3. ſo euer the wicked maliciouſly reſiſt the truth of God.

12 For they caſt downe euerie man his rod, and thei were *turned* into ſerpents: but Aarons rod deuoured their rods.

13 So Pharaohs heart was hardened, & he hearkned not to thē, as the Lord had ſaid.

14 ¶ The Lord then ſaid vnto Moſés, Pharaohs heart is [a] obſtinat, he refuſeth to let the people go.

a Or, heavy and dul.

15 Go vnto Pharaóh in the morning, (lo, he wil come vnto the water) & thou ſhalt ſtand & mete him by [e] the riuers brinke, and the rod, which was turned into a ſerpent, ſhalt thou take in thine hand.

e To wit, the riuer Nilus.

16 And thou ſhalt ſay vnto him, The Lord God of ỹ Ebrews hath ſent me vnto thee, ſaying, Let my people go, that they may ſerue me in the wildernes: & beholde, hitherto thou woldeſt not heare.

17 Thus ſaith the Lord, In this thou ſhalt knowe that I am the Lord: beholde, I wil ſmite with the rod that is in mine hād vpon ỹ water that is in the riuer, & it ſhalbe turned to blood.

18 And the fiſh that is in the riuer ſhal dye, and the riuer ſhal ſtinke, & it ſhal [f] greue ỹ Egyptiās to drinke of ỹ water of ỹ riuer.

f Or, they ſhalbe weary, and ab horre to drinke.

19 ¶ The Lord then ſpake to Moſés, Say vnto Aarón, Take thy rod, & ſtretch out thine hand ouer the waters of Egypt, ouer their ſtreames, ouer their riuers, and ouer their pondes, and ouer all pooles of their waters, and they ſhalbe ‖ blood, and there ſhalbe blood through out all ỹ land of Egypt, bothe in *veſſels* of wood, & of ſtone.

‖ The firſt plague

20 So Moſés and Aarón did euē as the Lord commanded: * and he lift vp the rod, and ſmote the water that was in the riuer in ỹ ſight of Pharaóh, and in the ſight of his ſeruants: and all the water that was in the riuer, was turned into blood.

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21 And the [f] fiſh that was in the riuer dyed, and the riuer ſtanke: ſo that the Egyptiās colde not drinke of the water of the riuer: and there was blood through out all the land of Egypt.

f To ſignifie that it was a true miracle, and that God plagued them in that, which was moſte neceſſarie for ỹ preſeruatiō of life

22 And the enchanters of Egypt did [g] like wiſe w̄ their ſorceries: & the heart of Pharaóh was hardened: ſo ỹ he did not hearken vnto them, as the Lord had ſaid.

g In outward appearance, & after that the 7. daies were ended.

23 Then Pharaóh returned, & wēt againe into his houſe, "nether did this yet entre into his heart.

"Ebr. he ſet not his heart at all thereto.

24 All ỹ Egyptiās thē digged round about ỹ riuer *for* waters to drinke. for they colde not drinke of the water of the riuer.

25 And *this* cōtinued fully ſeuē daies after the Lord had ſmitten the riuer.

CHAP. VIII.

6 Progges are ſent. 13 Moſés praieth and they dye. 19 Lyce are ſet, whereby the ſorcerers acknowledge Gods power. 24 Egypt is plagued with noyſom flies. 30 Moſés praieth againe: 32 But Pharaohs heart is hardened.

1 AFterwarde the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Go vnto Pharaóh, and tel him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Let my people go, ỹ they may ſerue me:

2 And if thou wilt not let them go, beholde, I wil ſmite all thy coūtrey with [a] progges:

a There is nothing ſo weake, that God cā not cauſe to ouercome the greateſt power of man.

3 And the riuer ſhal ſcrall ful of frogges, which ſhal go vp and come into thine houſe: and into thy chambre, where thou ſlepeſt, and vpon thy bed, & into the houſe of thy ſeruants, and vpon thy people, and into thine ouens, and [a] into thy kneading troghes.

a Or, vpon the deigh or, into thine Sawrien.

4 Yea, the frogges ſhal climbe vp vpon thee, and on thy people, and vpon all thy ſeruants.

5 ¶ Alſo the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Say thou vnto Aarón, Stretch thine hand with thy rod vpon the ſtreames, vpon the riuers, and vpon the pōdes, and cauſe frogges to come vp vpon the land of Egypt.

6 Then Aarón ſtretched his hād vpon the waters of Egypt, and the ‖ frogges came vp, and couered the land of [b] Egypt.

‖ The ſeconde plague.
b But Gōſhen, where Gods people dwelt, was excepted.

7 And ỹ ſorcerers did likewiſe with their ſorceries, and brought frogges vp vpō the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaóh called for Moſés & Aarón, & ſaid, [c] Pray ye vnto the Lord that he may take away the frogges from me, and from my people, & I wil let the people go, that they may do ſacrifice vnto the Lord.

c Not loue, but feare cauſeth the very infideles to ſeke vnto God.

9 And Moſés ſaid vnto Pharaóh, "As concerning me, euen commande when I ſhal praye for thee, and for thy ſeruants, and for thy people, to deſtroye the frogges frō thee and from thine houſes, that they may remaine in the riuer onely.

"Ebr. Haue this honor ouer me.

10 Thē he ſaid, To morowe. And he anſwered, Be it "as ỹ haſt ſaid, that thou maieſt knowe, that there is none like vnto the Lord our God.

"Ebr. according to thy worde.

11 So the frogges ſhal departe frō thee, & from thine houſes, and from thy ſeruants, and from thy people: onely they ſhal remayne in the riuer.

12 Then Moſés and Aarón went out from Pharaóh: and Moſés cryed vnto the Lord cōcerning the frogges, which he had "ſent vnto Pharaóh.

"Or, laid vpon.

13 And the Lord did according to the ſaying of Moſés: ſo the frogges [d] dyed in the houſes, in the townes, & in the fields.

d In things of this life God oft times heareth the praiers of the iuſt for the vngodly.

14 And they gathered them togither by heapes, and the land ſtanke of *them*.

15 But whē Pharaóh ſawe that he had reſt

gueu him, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not vnto them, as the Lord had ſaid.

16 ¶ Againe the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Say vnto Aarón, Stretche out thy rod, & ſmite the duſt of the earth, that it may be *turned* to ‖ lyce throughout all the land of Egypt.

‖ The third plague.

17 And they did ſo: for Aarón ſtretched out his hand with his rod, and ſmote the duſt of the earth: and lyce came vpō man & vpon beaſt: all the duſt of the earth was lyce throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 Now ȳ enchāters aſſaied likewiſe with their enchantments to bring forthe lyce, but they [e] colde not. ſo the lyce were vpō man and vpon beaſt.

e God confoūded their wiſedome & authoritie in a thing moſte vile

19 Then ſaid ȳ enchanters vnto Pharaóh, This is [f] the finger of God. But Pharaohs heart remained obſtinat, and he hearckened not vnto them, as the Lord had ſaid.

f They acknowledged ȳ this was done by Gods power and not by ſorcerie

20 ¶ Moreouer the Lord ſaid to Moſés, Riſe vp early in ȳ morning, and ſtand before Pharaóh (lo, he wil come forthe vnto the water) & ſay vnto him, Thus ſaith ȳ Lord, Let my people go, that they may ſerue me.

21 Els, if ȳ wilt not let my people go, beholde, I wil ſend [g] ſwarmes of flies bothe vpon thee, & vpon thy ſeruants, and vpon thy people, & into thine houſes: and the houſes of the Egyptiās ſhalbe ful of ſwarmes of flies, and the grounde alſo whereon they are.

g Or, a multitude of venimous beaſts, as ſerpents, &c.

22 But the land of Góſhen, where my people are, wil I cauſe to be [h] wonderful in that day, ſo that no ſwarmes of flies ſhal be there, ȳ thou maieſt knowe that I am the Lord in the middes of the earth.

h Or, I will ſeperat.

i Or, land of Egypt

23 And I wil make a deliuerāce of my people from thy people: to morowe ſhal this miracle be.

24 And the Lord did ſo: for there came ‖ great ſwarmes of flies into the houſe of Pharaóh, and *into* his ſeruants houſes, ſo that through all the land of Egypt the earth was corrupt by the ſwarmes of flies.

‖ The fourthe plague.

25 Then Pharaóh called for Moſés and Aarón, & ſaid, Go, do ſacrifice vnto your God in this land.

26 But Moſés anſwered, It is not mete to do ſo: for *then* we ſhulde offre vnto the Lord our God *that*, *which is* an [k] abominacion vnto the Egyptians. Lo, can we ſacrifice the abominacion of the Egyptians before their eies, and they not ſtone vs?

k For the Egyptians worſhipped diuers beaſts, as the oxe, the ſhepe & ſuche like, ẅ the Iſraelites offred in ſacrifice

27 Let vs go thre daies iourney in the deſert, & ſacrifice vnto the Lord our God, as he hathe commanded vs.

28 And Pharaóh ſaid, I wil let you go, ȳ ye may ſacrifice vnto the Lord your God in the wildernes: but [l] go not farre away, pray for me.

l So ȳ wicked preſcribe vnto Gods meſſengers how farre they ſhal go

29 And Moſés ſaid, Beholde, I wil go out from thee, and pray vnto the Lord, that ȳ ſwarmes of flies may departe frō Pharaóh, from his ſeruants, and from his people tomorowe: but let Pharaóh fro hence forthe [i] deceiue no more, in not ſuffring ȳ people to ſacrifice vnto the Lord.

i He colde not iudge his heart, but yet he charged hi to do this vnfainedly

30 So Moſés went out from Pharaóh and prayed vnto the Lord.

31 And the Lord did according to ȳ ſaying of Moſés, and the ſwarmes of flies departed from Pharaóh, from his ſeruants, and frō his people, & there remained not one.

32 Yet Pharaóh [k] hardened his heart euen then alſo, & did not let the people go.

k Where God giueth not faith, no miracles can preuaile.

CHAP. IX.

1 The moraine of beaſtes 10 The plague of botches & ſores 23 The horrible haile, thundre, and the lightening. 26 The land of Góſhen euer is excepted 27 Pharaóh cōfeſſeth his wickednes 33 Moſés praieth for him, 35 Yet is he obſtinat.

1 THen the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Go to Pharaóh, and tel him, Thus ſaith ȳ Lord God of the Ebrewes, Let my people go, that they may ſerue me.

2 But if thou refuſe to let *them* go, & wilt yet holde them ſtil,

3 Beholde, the hand of the Lord is vpō thy flocke which is in the field: *for* vpon ȳ horſes, vpon the aſſes, vpon the camels, vpon the cattel, & vpō the ſhepe *ſhalbe* a ‖ mighty great moraine.

‖ The fift plague

4 And the Lord ſhal do [a] wonderfully betwene the beaſtes of Iſraél, and the beaſtes of Egypt: ſo that there ſhal nothing dye of all, ȳ *perteineth* to the childrē of Iſraél.

a He ſhal declare his heauie iudgement againſt his enemies, & his fauour toward his children.

5 And the Lord appointed a time, ſaying, Tomorowe the Lord ſhal finiſh this thing in this land.

6 So the Lord did it on the morowe, & all the cattel of Egypt dyed: but of the cattel of the children of Iſraél dyed not one.

7 Then Pharaóh [b] ſent, and beholde, there was not one of the cattel of the Iſraelites dead: and the heart of Pharaóh was obſtinat, and he did not let the people go.

b In to the lād of Góſhē, where the Iſraelites dwelled

8 ¶ And the Lord ſaid to Moſés & to Aarón, Take your handful of [c] aſſhes of the fornace, and Moſés ſhal ſprinkle them towarde the heauen in the ſight of Pharaóh,

c Or, ſmōdra.

9 And they ſhalbe *turned* to duſt in all the land of Egypt: & it ſhalbe as a ſcab breaking out into bliſters vpon man and vpon beaſt throughout all the land of Egypt.

10 Then they toke aſſhes of the fornace, and ſtode before Pharaóh: and Moſés ſprinkled them towarde the heauen, and there came ‖ a ſcab breaking out into bliſters vpon man, and vpon beaſt.

‖ The fixt plague

11 And the ſorcerers colde not ſtād before Moſés, becauſe of ȳ ſcab: for the ſcab was vpon the enchanters, & vpon all the E-

gyp-

gyptians.

11 And the Lord hardened the heart of Phaiaóh, and he hearkened not vnto thē, *as the Lord had ſaid vnto Moſés.

*Chap 4,21.

13 ¶Alſo the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Riſe vp earely in the morning, and ſtand before Phaiaóh, and tel him, Thus ſaith the Lord God of ỹ Ebrewes, Let my people go, that they may ſerue me.

14 For I wil at this time ſend all my plagues vpon [c] thine heart, and vpon thy ſeruants, & vpon thy people, that thou maieſt know that there is none like me in all the earth.

c So that thine owne conſcience ſhal cōdemne thee of ingratitude & malice

15 For now I wil ſtretche out mine hand, that I may ſmite thee & thy people with the peſtilence: & thou ſhalt periſh from the earth.

16 And in dede, *for this cauſe haue [e] I appointed thee, to [f] ſhewe my power in thee, & to declare my [d] Name throughout all the world.

Rom 9,17.

e Or, ſet thee vp

f Or, to ſhewe thee

d That is, ỹ all the world may magnifie my power in our cōming thee

17 Yet thou exalteſt thy ſelfe againſt my people, and letteſt them not go.

18 Beholde, tomorowe this time I wil cauſe to raine a mightie great haile, ſuche as was not in Egypt ſince the fundatiō thereof was laid vnto this time.

19 Send therefore now, *and* [e] gather thy cattel, and all that thou haſt in the field: *for* vpon all the men, & the beaſtes, which are founde in the field, and not broght home, the haile ſhal fall vpon them and they ſhal dye.

e Here we ſe, thogh Gods wrath be kindeled, yet there is a certein mercie ſhewed euen to his ennemies

20 Suche *then* as feared the worde of the Lord among the ſeruantes of Pharaóh, made his ſeruants & his cattel flee into the houſes:

21 But ſuche as [h] regarded not the [f] worde of the Lord, left his ſeruants, and his cattel in the field.

h Ebr ſet not his heart to

f The worde of the miniſter is called the worde of God

22 ¶And the Lord ſaid to Moſés, Stretche forthe thine hād toward heauen, that there may be haile in all the land of Egypt, vpon man and vpon beaſt, and vpon all ỹ herbes of the field in the land of Egypt.

23 Then Moſés ſtretched out his rod toward heauen, and the Lord ſent thundre & ‖ haile, and [h] lightening vpon the grounde: and the Lord cauſed haile to raine vpon the land of Egypt.

‖ The ſeuenth plague

h Ebr fire walked

24 So there was haile, & fire mingled with the haile, ſo grieuous, as there was none throughout all the land of Egypt, ſince [i] it was a nation.

i Or, ſince it was inhabited

25 And the haile ſmote throughout all the lād of Egypt all that was in ỹ field, bothe man and beaſt: alſo the haile ſmote all ỹ herbes of the field, and brake to pieces all the trees of the field.

26 Onely in the land of Góſhen (where the children of Iſraél were) was no haile.

27 Then Pharaóh ſent and called for Moſés and Aarón, and ſaid vnto them, I [g] haue now ſinned: the Lord is righteous, but I and my people are wicked.

g The wicked confeſſe their ſinnes to their condemnation, but they can not beleue to obteine remiſſion

28 Pray ye vnto ỹ Lord (for it is ynough) that there be no more [h] mightie thunders & haile, and I wil let you go, and ye ſhal tary no longer.

h Ebr. voices of God.

29 Then Moſés ſaid vnto him, Aſſone as I am out of ỹ citie, I wil ſpreade mine handes vnto the Lord, *and* the thunder ſhal ceaſe, nether ſhal there be any more haile, that thou maieſt know that the earth is the Lords.

30 Now I knowe that thou, and thy ſeruātes feare the Lord God, [k] before I pray.

k Meaning, ỹ whē they haue their requeſt, they are neuer the better.

31 (And the flaxe, and the barly were ſmitten: for the barly was eared, and the flaxe was bolled.

32 But the wheat & the rye were not ſmitten, for they were [l] hid in the grounde)

l Or, late ſowen.

33 Then Moſés went out of the citie from Pharaóh & ſpied his hands to the Lord, and the thundre and the haile ceaſed, nether rained it vpon the earth.

34 And when Pharaóh ſaw that the raine and the haile and the thundre were ceaſed, he ſinned againe, and hardened his heart *bothe* he, and his ſeruants.

35 So the heart of Pharaóh was hardened: nether wolde he let the children of Iſraél go, as the Lord had ſaid [m] by Moſés.

m By the hād of Moſes.

CHAP. X.

1 Pharaohs ſeruants counſel him to let the Iſraelites departe 13 Greſhoppers deſtroye the cōtrey. 16 Pharaóh confeſſeth his ſinne 22 Darckenes is ſent 28 Pharaóh forbiddeth Moſés to come any more in his preſence.

1 AGain the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Go to Pharaóh: for * I haue hardened his heart, & the heart of his ſeruants, that I might worke theſe my miracles [n] in the middes of his *realme*.

Chap. 4,24.

n Or, in his preſence

2 And that thou maieſt declare in the [a] eares of thy ſonne, and of thy ſonnes ſonne, what things I haue done in Egypt, & my miracles, which I haue done among them: that ye may know that I am the Lord.

a The miracles ſhulde be ſo great, ỹ they ſhuld be ſpoke of for euer where alſo we ſe ỹ ouerie of parēts toward their childrē.

3 Then Moſés and Aarón came vnto Phaiaóh, and ſaid vnto him, Thus ſaith the Lord God of the Ebrewes, How lōg wilt thou refuſe [b] to humble thy ſelfe before me? Let my people go, that they may ſerue me.

b The end of afflictions is, to humble our ſelues & true repentāce vnder the hand of God

4 But if thou refuſe to let my people go, beholde, tomorowe wil I bring [c] greſhoppers into thy coaſtes.

c Or, locuſtes.

5 And they ſhal couer the face of the earth, that a man can not ſe the earth: and they ſhal eat the reſidue which remaineth vnto you, and hathe eſcaped from the haile: & they ſhal eat all your trees that bud in the field.

6 And they ſhal fil thine houſes, & all thy ſeruants houſes, and the houſes of all the Egyptians, as nether thy fathers, nor thy fathers fathers haue ſene, ſince the time they were vpon the earth vnto this day. So he returned, and went out from Pharaóh.

7 Then Pharaohs ſeruants ſaid vnto him, How lõg ſhal he be [a] an [c] offence vnto vs? let the men go, that they may ſerue the Lord their God: wilt thou firſt knowe ỹ Egypt is deſtroyed?

8 So Moſés and Aarón were broght againe vnto Pharaóh, & he ſaid to them, Go, ſerue the Lord your God, but who are they that ſhal go?

9 And Moſés anſwered, We wil go with ỏ yong and with our olde, with our ſonnes and with our daughters, with our ſhepe and with our cattel wil we go: for we *muſt celebrate* a feaſt vnto the Lord.

10 And he ſaid vnto them, Let [d] the Lord ſo be with you, as I wil let you go and your children: beholde, for [e] euil is before your face.

11 *It ſhal* not *be* ſo: now go ye *that are* mẽ, and ſerue the Lord: for that was your deſire. Then they were thruſt out from Pharaohs preſence.

12 ¶ After, ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Stretch out thine hand vpon the land of Egypt for the greſhoppers, that they may come vpon the land of Egypt, and eat all the herbes of the land, *euen* all that the haile hathe left.

13 Then Moſés ſtretched forthe his rod vpon the land of Egypt: and the Lord broght an Eaſt winde vpon the land all that day, and all that night: and in the morning ỹ Eaſt winde broght the ‖ greſhoppers.

14 So the greſhoppers went vp vpõ all the land of Egypt, and [o] remained in all quarters of Egypt: ſo grieuous greſhoppers, like to theſe were neuer before, nether after them ſhalbe ſuche.

15 For they couered all the face of ỹ earth, ſo that the land was darcke: and they did eat all the herbes of the land, and all the frutes of the trees, which ỹ haile had left, ſo ỹ there was no grene thing left vpon the trees, nor among ỹ herbes of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

16 Therefore Pharaóh called for [f] Moſés and Aarón in haſte, and ſaid, I haue ſinned againſt the Lord your God, and againſt you.

17 And nowe forgiue me my ſinne onely this once, and pray vnto the Lord your God, that he may take away from me this death onely.

18 *Moſes* then went out from Pharaóh, and praied vnto the Lord.

19 And the Lord turned a mightie ſtrong Weſt winde, and toke away the greſhoppers, and violently caſt thẽ into the [g] red Sea, *ſo that* there remained not one greſhopper in all the coaſt of Egypt.

20 But the Lord hardened Pharaohs heart, and he did not let the children of Iſraél go.

21 ¶ Againe the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Stretch out thine hand toward heauen, ỹ there may be vpon ỹ lãd of Egypt darcknes, euen darcknes that may be [h] felt.

22 Then Moſés ſtretched forthe his hand toward heauen, and there was a ‖ blacke * darcknes in all the land of Egypt thre dayes.

23 No man ſaw an other, nether roſe vp frõ the place where he was *for* thre dayes: * but all the children of Iſraél had light where they dwelt.

24 Then Pharaóh called for Moſés and ſaid, Go, ſerue the Lord: onely your ſhepe and your cattel ſhal abide, and your children ſhal go with you.

25 And Moſés ſaid, Thou muſt giue vs alſo ſacrifices, and burnt offrings that we may do *ſacrifice* vnto the Lord our God.

26 Therefore our cattel alſo ſhal go w̃ vs: there ſhal not an [i] hoofe be left, for thereof muſt we take to ſerue the Lord our God: nether do we knowe [k] how we ſhal ſerue the Lord, vntil we come thither.

27 (But ỹ Lord hardened Pharaohs heart, and he wolde not let them go)

28 And Pharaóh ſaid vnto him, Get thee frõ me: loke thou ſe my face no more: for whenſoeuer thou commeſt in my ſight, thou ſhalt [l] dye.

29 Then Moſés ſaid, Thou haſt ſaid wel: from henceforthe wil I ſe thy face nomore.

CHAP. XI.

1 God promiſeth their departure 2 He willeth them to borrow their neighbours iewels. 3 Moſes was eſteemed of all ſaue Pharaoh. 5 He ſignifieth the death of the firſt borne.

1 NOw (the Lord had ſaid vnto Moſés, Yet wil I bring one plague more vpon Pharaóh, and vpon Egypt: after that he wil let you go hence: when he letteth you go, he ſhal [a] at once chaſe you hence.

2 Speake thou now to the people, that euerie man [n] require of his neighbour, and euerie woman of her neighbour * iewels of ſiluer and iewels of golde.

3 And the Lord gaue the people fauour in the ſight of the Egyptians: alſo * Moſés *was* verie great in the land of Egypt, in the ſight of Pharaohs ſeruants, and in the ſight of the people)

4 Alſo Moſés ſaid, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord, * About midnight wil I go out into ỹ middes

[a] Or, *ſuare*
[c] Meaning, the occaſion of all theſe euils: ſo are the godlie euer charged, as Elias was by Achab
[d] That is, I wolde ỹ Lord were no more affectioned toward you, thẽ I am minded to let you go
[e] Punishemẽt is prepared for you. Some read, Ye entend ſome miſchief.
‖ The eight plague.
[o] Or, *he cauſed thẽ to remaine*
The wicked in their miſerie ſeke to Gods miniſters for helpe, albeit they hate & deteſt thẽ
[f] Moſés
[g] The water ſeemeth red becauſe the ſand or grauel is red: ỹ Ebrewes call it ỹ Sea of bulruſhes.
[h] Becauſe it was ſo thicke.
‖ The ninthe plague
Wiſd. 17. 2.
Wiſd. 18. 1.
[i] The miniſters of God ought not to yelde one iote to the wicked, as touching their charge
[k] That is, with what beaſtes or how many.
[l] Though before he coteſſed Moſés inſt, yet gainſt his owne conſcience he threateneth to put him to death
[n] *Or, borrowe.*
Chap. 3. 22.
Ecc. 45. 1.
[a] Without any condition, but with haſte and violence
des

des of Egypt.

5 And all the firſt borne in the land of Egypt ſhal dye, frō the firſtborne of Pharaóh that ſitteth on his throne, vnto the firſtborne of the maid ſeruant, that is at [b] the mille, & all the firſt borne of beaſtes.

[b] From the hieſt to the loweſt

6 Then there ſhal be a great crye throughout all the land of Egypt, ſuche as was neuer none like, nor ſhalbe.

7 But againſt none of the children of Iſraél ſhal a dog moue his tongue, nether againſt man nor beaſt, that ye may knowe that the Lord putteth a difference betwene the Egyptians and Iſraél.

8 And all theſe thy ſeruantes ſhal come downe vnto me, and fall before me, ſaying, Get thee out, and all the people that [c] are at thy fete, & after this wil I depart. So he wēt out from Pharaóh very angry.

[c] That is, vnder thy power and gouernement

9 And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Pharaóh ſhal not heare you, [d] that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

[d] God hardeneth the hartes of ỹ reprobate, that his glorie thereby might be the more ſet forthe, rom 9. 17.

10 So Moſés and Aarón did all theſe wonders before Pharaóh: but the Lord hardened Pharaohs heart, and he ſuffred not the children of Iſraél to go out of his land.

CHAP. XII.

1 The Lord inſtituteth the Paſſeouer. 26 The fathers muſt teache their children the myſterie thereof 29 The firſt borne are ſlaine 31 The Iſraelites are driuen out of the land. 35 The Egyptians reſpoiled 37 The nombre that departeth out of Egypt. 40 How long they were in Egypt

1 THen the Lord ſpake to Moſés and to Aarón in the land of Egypt, ſaying,

2 This [a] moneth *ſhal be* vnto you the beginning of moneths: it *ſhalbe* to you the firſt [b] moneth of the yere.

[a] Called Niſan, conteinig parte of Marche & parte of April

[b] As touching the obſeruatiō of feaſtes: as for other policies, they rekoned from Septembre

3 Speake ye vnto all the Congregacion of Iſraél, ſaying, In the tenth of this moneth let euerie man take vnto him a lambe according to the houſe of the [c] fathers, a lāb for an houſe.

[c] As ỹ fathers of ỹ houſholde had great or ſmale families.

4 If the houſholde be to litle for the lambe, he ſhal take his neighbour, which is next vnto his houſe, according to the nōbre of the perſones: euerie one of you, according to his [d] eating ſhal make your compt for the lambe.

[d] He ſhal take ſo many as are ſufficient to eat the lambe.

5 Your lambe ſhalbe without blemiſh, a male of a yere olde: ye ſhal take it of the lambes, or of the kiddes.

6 And ye ſhal kepe *it* vntil the fourteenth day of this moneth: then [e] all the multitude of the Congregacion of Iſraél ſhal kil it [m] at euen.

[e] Euerie one in his houſe.

[m] *Ebr betweene the two euenings, or twilights*

7 After they ſhal take of the blood & ſtrike it on the two poſtes, and on the vpper doore poſt of the houſes where they ſhal eat it.

8 And they ſhal eat the fleſh ỹ ſame night, roſte with fyre, & vnleauened bread with ſower *herbes* they ſhal eat it.

9 Eat not thereof rawe, boiled nor ſoddē in water, but roſte with fyre, both his [f] head, his fete, and his purtenance.

[f] That is, all that may be eaten

10 And ye ſhal reſerue nothing of it vnto the morning: but that, which remaineth of it vnto the morowe, ſhal ye burne with fyre.

11 ¶ And thus ſhal ye eat it, Your loynes girded, your ſhoes on your fete, & your ſtaues in your hands, and ye ſhal eat it in haſte: *for* it is the Lords Paſſeouer.

[g] The lambe was not the Paſſeouer, but ſignified it. as ſacramēts are not the thing it ſelfe, which they do repreſent, but ſignifie it.

12 For I wil paſſe through the land of Egypt the ſame night, and wil ſmite all the firſt borne in the land of Egypt, bothe mā and beaſt, and I wil execute iudgement vpō all the [n] gods of Egypt. I *am* the Lord.

[n] Or, princes, or idoles

13 And the blood ſhalbe a token for you vpon the houſes where ye are: ſo when I ſe the blood, I wil paſſe ouer you, and the plague ſhal not be vpon you to deſtruction, when I ſmite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day ſhalbe vnto you a [h] remēbrance: and ye ſhal kepe it an holy feaſt vnto the Lord, throughout your generacions: ye ſhal kepe it holy by an ordinance [i] for euer.

[h] Of the benefite receiued for your deliuerance.

[i] That is, vntil Chriſts commīg: for then ceremonies had an end.

15 Seuē daies ſhal ye eat vnleauened bread, & in any caſe ye ſhal put away leauen the firſt day out of your houſes: for whoſoeuer eateth leauened bread from the firſt day vntil the ſeuenth day, that perſone ſhal be cut of from Iſraél.

16 And in the firſt day *ſhalbe* an holy [o] aſſemblie: alſo in the ſeuenth day ſhal be an holy aſſemblie vnto you: no woike ſhalbe done in them, ſaue about that which euerie man muſt eat: that onely may ye do.

[o] Or, calling together of the people to ſeruice God

17 Ye ſhal kepe alſo *the feaſt* of vnleauened bread: for that ſame day I wil bring your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore ye ſhal obſerue this day, throughout your poſteritie, by an ordinance for euer.

18 ¶ In the firſt *moneth* and the fourteenth day of the moneth at [k] euen, ye ſhal eat vnleauened bread vnto the one and twentieth day of the moneth at euen.

[k] For in olde time ſo they cōpted, beginnig the day at ſunne ſet til ỹ next day at ỹ ſame time

19 Seuen dayes ſhal no leauen be founde in your houſes: for whoſoeuer eateth leauened bread, that perſone ſhalbe cut of frō the Congregacion of Iſraél: whether he be a ſtranger, or borne in the land.

20 Ye ſhal eat no leauened bread: *but* in all your habitacions ſhal ye eat vnleauened bread.

21 ¶ Thē Moſés called all the Elders of Iſraél, and ſaid vnto them, Choſe out and take you for *euerie* of your houſholdes a lambe, and kil the Paſſeouer.

22 And take a * bunche of hyſſope, and dip it in the blood that is in the baſſen, & ſtrike the [p] lintel, and the [p] doore chekes with the blood that is in the baſſen, & let none of you go out at the doore of his houſe, vn-

*Ebr. 11. 28.

[p] Or, tranſome, or, vpper doore poſte

[p] Or, two ſide poſtes

til the morning.

23 For the Lord wil paſſe by to ſmite the Egyptians: and when he ſeeth the blood vpon the lintel & on the two dore chekes, the Lord wil paſſe ouer the dore, & wil not ſuffre the [l] deſtroyer to come into your houſes to plague *you*.

[l] The Angel ſent of God to kil the firſt borne

24 Therefore ſhal ye obſerue this thing as an ordinance *bothe* for thee and thy ſonnes for euer.

25 And when ye ſhal come into the [m] land, which the Lord wil giue you, as he hathe promiſed, then ye ſhal kepe this [*] ſeruice.

[m] The land of Canaan

[*] Or, ceremonie.

Ioſh.4.6.

26 *And whē your children aſke you, What ſeruice is this ye *kepe*?

27 Then ye ſhal ſay, It is the ſacrifice of the Lords Paſſeouer, which paſſed ouer the houſes of the children of Iſraél in Egypt, when he ſmote the Egyptians, and preſerued our houſes. Then the people [n] bowed them ſelues, and wor ſhipped.

[n] Thei gaue God thankes for ſo great a benefite.

28 So the children of Iſraél went, and did as the Lord had commanded Moſés and Aarón: ſo did thei.

29 ¶ Now at* midnight, the Lord ‖ ſmote all the firſtborne in the lād of Egypt, frō the firſtborne of Pharaōh that ſate on his throne, vnto the* firſtborne of the captiue that was in priſon, and all the firſtborne of beaſtes.

Chap 11.4.

‖ *The xth plague.*

Wiſd 18.5.

30 And Pharaōh roſe vp in the night, he, and all his ſeruants & all the Egyptians: and there was a great crye in Egypt: for there *was* [o] no houſe where there *was* not one dead.

[o] Of theſe houſes, wherin any firſtborne was either of mē or beaſtes.

31 And he called to Moſés and to Aarón by night, & ſaid, Riſe vp, get you out frō among my people, bothe ye, and the children of Iſraél, and go ſerue the Lord as ye haue ſaid.

32 Take alſo your ſhepe and your cattel as ye haue ſaid, and departe, and [p] bleſſe me alſo.

[p] Pray for me

33 And the Egyptiās did force the people, becauſe thei wolde ſend them out of the land in haſte: for thei ſaid, We dye all.

34 Therefore the people toke their dowe before it was leauened, *euen* their dowe bounde in clothes vpon their ſhulders.

35 And the children of Iſraél did according to the ſaying of Moſés, and thei aſked of the Egyptians * iewels of ſiluer & iewels of golde, and raiment.

Chap 3.22. & 11.2. Ioſh.24.6.

36 And the Lord gaue the people fauour in the ſight of the Egyptians: and thei [q] graūted their requeſt: ſo thei ſpoiled the Egyptians.

[q] Or, lent them

37 Then the* children of Iſraél toke their iourney from [q] Rameſés to Succōth about ſix hundreth thouſand men of fote, beſide children.

Nomb 33.3.

[q] Which was a citie in Gōſhen, Gen 47, 11.

38 And [r] a great multitude of ſundry ſortes of people went out with them, and ſhepe, and beues, & cattel in great abundance.

[r] Which were ſtrangers, and not borne of the Iſraelites.

39 And thei baked the dowe which thei broght out of Egypt, *& made* vnleauened cakes: for it was not leauened, becauſe thei were thruſt out of Egypt, nether colde they tary, nor yet prepare them ſelues vitailes.

40 ¶ So the dwelling of the childrē of Iſraél, while thei dwelled in Egypt, *was** foure hundreth and thirty yeres.

Gen 15.16. act 7.6. Gala 3.17.

41 And when the [s] foure hundreth & thirty yeres were expired, euen the ſelfe ſame day departed all the hoſtes of the Lord out of the land of Egypt.

[s] Frō Abrahās departing frō Vr in Chaldea vnto ỹ departing of ỹ children of Iſraél from Egypt, are 430 yeres.

42 It *is* a night to be kept *holy* to the Lord, becauſe he broght them out of the land of Egypt: this is that night of the Lord, which all the childrē of Iſraél muſt kepe throughout their generacions.

43 Alſo the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés and Aarón, This is the lawe of the Paſſeouer: [t] no ſtranger ſhal eat thereof.

[t] Except he be circūciſed & onely profeſſe your religion.

44 But euerie ſeruāt that is boght for money, when thou haſt circūciſed him, then ſhal he eat thereof.

45 A ſtranger or an hyred ſeruant ſhal not eat thereof.

46 *In one houſe ſhal it be eatē: thou ſhalt cary none of the fleſh out of the houſe, *nether ſhal ye breake a bone thereof.

Nombr 9.12. Iohn.19.36.

47 All the Cōgregacion of Iſraél ſhal obſerue it.

48 But if a ſtranger dwel with thee, & wil obſerue the Paſſeouer of ỹ Lord, let him circumciſe all the males, that belong vnto him, and then let him come and obſerue it, and he ſhalbe as one that is borne in the land: for none vncircumciſed perſone ſhal eat thereof.

49 One [u] law ſhalbe to him that is borne in the land, & to the ſtranger that dwelleth among you.

[u] Thei that are of ỹ houſholde of God, muſt be all ioyned in one faith and religion.

50 Then all the children of Iſraél did as the Lord commanded Moſés and Aarón: ſo did thei.

51 And the ſelfe ſame day did the Lord bring the children of Iſraél out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The firſtborne are offred to God. 3 The memorial of their deliuerance. 8.14 An exhortacion to teache their children to remembre this deliuerance. 17 Why thei are led by the wildernes. 19 The bones of Ioſeph. 21 The piller of the cloude and of the fire.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

2 *Sanctifie vnto me all the firſtborne: *that is*, euerie one that *firſt* openeth the wombe among the children of Iſraél, as wel of man as of beaſt: *for* it is mine.

Chap.22.29. & 34.19 leu 27.26. nom 3.13 & 8.16 luk 2.23. Exod 23.15.

3 ¶ Then Moſés ſaid vnto the people, *Remembre this day in the which ye came out of

out of Egypt, out of the "house of [a] bondage: for by a mightie hand the Lord broght you out from thence: therefore no leauened bread shalbe [b] eaten.

4 This day come ye out in the moneth of [c] Abib.

5 ¶Now whē the Lord hathe broght thee into the land of the Canaanites, and Hittites, and Amorites, and Hiuites, and Iebusites (which he sware vnto thy fathers, that he wolde giue thee, a land flowing with milke and hony) thē thou shalt kepe this seruice in this moneth.

6 Seuen daies shalt thou eat vnleauened bread, & the [d] seuenth day *shalbe* the feast of the Lord.

7 Vnleauened bread shalbe eaten seuen daies, & there shal no leauened bread be sene with thee, nor yet leauē be sene with thee in all thy quarters.

8 ¶And thou shalt shewe thy sonne [e] in ỹ day, saying, *This is done*, because of that which the Lord did vnto me, whē I came out of Egypt.

9 And it shal be a signe vnto thee [f] vpon thine hand, & for a remēbrance betwene thine eies, that the Lawe of the Lord may be in thy mouth: for by a strong hand the Lord broght thee out of Egypt.

10 Kepe therefore this ordinance in his season appointed from yere to yere.

11 ¶And when the Lord shal bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware vnto thee and to thy fathers, & shal giue it thee,

12 *Then ỹ shalt set a parte vnto the Lord all that *first* openeth the wombe: also euerie thing that *first* doeth opē *the wombe*, & commeth forthe of thy beast: the males *shalbe* the Lords.

13 But euerie first fole of an [g] asse, ỹ shalt redeme with a lambe: and if thou redeme him not, then thou shalt breake his necke: likewise all the first borne of man among thy sonnes shalt thou [h] bye out.

14 ¶And when thy sonne shal aske thee [i] tomorowe, saying, What is this? thou shalt then say vnto him, With a mightie hand the Lord broght vs out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

15 For when Pharaoh was hard hearted against our departing, the Lord thē slewe all the firstborne in the lād of Egypt: frō the firstborne of man euē to the firstborne of beast: therefore I sacrifice vnto ỹ Lord all the males that *first* open the wōbe, but all the firstborne of my sonnes I redeme.

16 And it shalbe as a token vpon thine hand, & as [k] frontelets betwene thine eies, that the Lord broght vs out of Egypt by a mightie hand.

17 ¶Now whē Pharaoh had let the people go, God caried thē not by the way of the Philistims countrey, [l] thogh it were nerer: (for God said, Lest ỹ people repent whē thei se [m] warre, & turne againe to Egypt)

18 But God made the people to go about by ỹ way of the wildernes of the red Sea: and the children of Israel went vp [n] armed out of the land of Egypt.

19 (And Moses toke the bones of Ioseph with him: for he had made the childrē of Israel sweare, saying, *God wil surely visite you, and ye shal take my bones away hence with you)

20 ¶So thei toke their iourney from Succoth, and camped in Etham in the edge of the wildernes.

21 *And the Lord went before thē by day in a piller of a [o] cloude to leade them the way, & by night in a piller of fyre to giue them light, that thei might go bothe by day and by night.

22 *He toke not away the piller of the cloude by day, nor the piller of fyre by night from before the people.

a Where thei were in moste cruel slaverie

b To signifie that thei had not leasure to leauin their bread

c Conteining parte of March & parte of April, when corne begā to ripe in that countrey

d Bothe the seuenth & the first day were holy, as chap. 12,16.

e When thou doest celebrat the feast of vnleauened bread.

f Thou shalt haue continual remembrance thereof, as ỹ woldest of a thing that is in thine hand or before thine eies.

Chap 22,29. & 34,19. ezech.44,30.

g This is also vnderstand of the horse and other beastes, which were not offred in sacrifice

h By offring a cleane beast in sacrifice, Leui 12,6

i Or, *here after.*

k Or, *signes of remembrance.*

l Or, *because*

m Which the Philistims wolde haue made against them by stopping them the passage.

n That is, not priuely, but openly, and as the worde doeth signifie, set in ordre by fiue and fiue *Gen 50,25 Iosh.24,32.*

o *Num.14,14. deut 1,33. psal 78,14. 1.cor.10,1*

l To defend them from the heat of the sunne *Nehe.9,19.*

CHAP. XIIII.

4.8 Pharaohs heart is hardened, and pursueth the Israelites 11 The Israelites striken with feare murmure against Moses. 21 He deuideth the Sea. 23.27 The Egyptians followe and are drowned.

1 THen the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake to the children of Israel, that thei [a] returne & campe before [b] Pi-hahiroth, betwene Migdol and ỹ Sea, ouer against *Baal-zephon: about it shal ye campe by the Sea.

3 For Pharaoh wil say of the children of Israel, Thei are tangled in the land: the wildernes hathe shut them in.

4 And I wil harden Pharaohs heart that he shal follow after you: so I wil [c] get me honour vpon Pharaoh, and vpon all his hoste: the Egyptians also shal knowe that I am the Lord: and thei did so.

5 ¶Then it was tolde the King of Egypt, that the people fled: & the heart of Pharaoh & of his seruants was turned against the people, and they said, Why haue we this done, & haue let Israel go out of our seruice?

6 And he made ready his charets, & toke his people with him,

7 And toke six hundreth chosen charets, & [d] all the charets of Egypt, and captaines ouer euerie one of them.

8 (For the Lord had hardened the heart of Pharaoh King of Egypt, and he followed after the children of Israel: but the children of Israel went out with an [e] hye hād)

9 *And the Egyptians pursued after thē, & all the horses *and* charets of Pharaoh, & his horsemen & his hoste ouertoke them camping by the Sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

a Frō towarde the countrey of the Philistims.

b So the Sea was before thē, moūtaines on other side, and the ennemie at their backe: yet thei obeyed God and were deliuered

c By punishīg his obstinat rebellion.

d Ioseph' writeth ỹ besides these charets there were 50000 horsemen, and 200000 foteemen

e With great ioye & boldenes *Iosh.24,6. 1.mac.4,8*

10 And when Pharaóh drewe nie, the children of Iſraél lift vp their eies, and beholde, the Egyptians marched afther thē, and they were ſore f afraied: wherefore the children of Iſraél cryed vnto the Lord.

f Thei, which a litle before in their déliuerance reioyced, being now in danger are afraied & murmure.

In this figure foure chief points are to be conſidered. firſt that the Church of God is euer ſubiect in this worlde to the Croſſe & to be afflicted after one ſorte or other. The ſecond, that the miniſters of God following their vocation ſhalbe euil ſpoken of, and murmured againſt, euen of them that pretend the ſame cauſe and religion that thei do. The third, that God deliuereth not his Church incontinently out of dangers, but to exerciſe their faith and pacience continueth their troubles, yea and oftentymes augmēteth them as the Iſraelites were now in leſſe hope of their liues then when thei were in Egypt. The fourth point is, that when the dangers are moſte great, then Gods helpe is moſte ready to ſuccour: for the Iſraelites had on ether ſide thē. huge rockes & mountaines, before them the Sea, behinde them moſte cruel ennemies, ſo that there was no way left to eſcape to mans iudgement.

11 And thei ſaid vnto Moſés, Haſt thou broght vs to dye in the wildernes, becauſe there were no graues in Egypt? wherefore haſt thou ſerued vs thus, to cary vs out of Egypt?

12 Did not we tel thee this thing in Egypt, ſaying, Let g vs be in reſt, that we may ſerue the Egyptians? for it had bene better for vs to ſerue the Egyptians, thē that we ſhulde dye in the wildernes.

g Suche is the impaciencie of the fleſh, that it can not abide Gods appointed time

13 Then Moſés ſaid to the people, Feare ye not, ſtand ſtil, and beholde *Or, the ſaluacion of the Lord which he wil ſhewe to you this day. For the Egyptians, whome ye haue ſene this day, ye ſhal neuer ſe them againe.

14 The Lord ſhal fight for you: therefore h holde you your peace.

h Onely put your truſt in God without grudging or douting

15 ¶ And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Wherefore i cryeſt thou vnto me? ſpeake vnto the children of Iſraél that thei go forwarde:

i Thus in tentations faith fighteth agaiſt the fleſh, and cryeth with inwarde groninges to the Lord.

16 And lift thou vp thy rod, & ſtretch out thine hand vpon the Sea & deuide it, and let the childrē of Iſraél go on drye groūde through the middes of the Sea.

17 And I, beholde I wil harden the heart of the Egyptians that thei may followe thē, and I wil get me honour vpon Pharaóh, & vpon all his hoſte, vpon his charets, & vpon his horſemen.

18 Then the Egyptians ſhal knowe that I am the Lord, when I haue gotten me honour vpon Pharaóh, vpon his charets, & vpon his horſemen.

19 (And the Angel of God, which went before the hoſte of Iſraél, remoued & went behinde them: alſo the piller of the cloude went from before them, and ſtode behinde them,

20 And came betwene the campe of the Egyptians and the campe of Iſraél: it was bothe a cloude and darckenes, yet gaue it k light by night, ſo that all the night lōg the one came not at the other)

k The cloude ſheweth light to the Iſraelites, but to the Egyptians it was darckenes, ſo that their two hoſtes colde not ioyne together. *Ioſh 4,23. pſal 114,3. Pſal.78,13. 1 cor.10,1. ebr.11,29.*

21 And Moſés ſtretched forthe his hād vpon the Sea, and the Lord cauſed the Sea to runne backe by a ſtrong Eaſt winde all the night, and made the Sea drye land: for the waters were * deuided.

22 Thē the * children of Iſraél wēt through the middes of the Sea vpon the drye grounde, and the waters were a wall vnto them on the right hand, and on their left hand.

23 And the Egyptians purſued and went after them to the middes of the Sea, *euen* all Pharaohs horſes, his charets, and his horſemen.

24 Now in the morning l watche, whē the Lord loked vnto the hoſte of the Egyptians, out of the firy and cloudy piller, he ſtroke the hoſte of the Egyptians with feare.

l Which was about the thre laſt houres of the night.

25 For he toke of their charet wheles, and thei draue them with *muche a do: ſo that the Egyptiās *euerie* one ſaid, I wil flee frō the face of Iſraél: for the Lord fighteth for them againſt the Egyptians.

*Or, heauely.

26 ¶ Then the Lord ſaid to Moſés, Stretch thine hand vpon the Sea, that the waters may retume vpon the Egyptians, vpon their charets and vpon their horſemen.

27 Then Moſés ſtretched forthe his hand vpon

vpon the Sea, and the Sea returned to his force early in the morning, & the Egyptians fled against it: but the Lord [m] ouerthrewe the Egyptiãs in the middes of the Sea.

[m] So the Lord by the water saued his, and by the water drowned his ennemies

28 So the water returned & couered ỹ charets and the horsemen, *euen* all the hoste of Pharaóh that came into the Sea after thẽ: there remained not one of them.

29 But the children of Isaél walked vpon drye land through the middes of the Sea, and the waters *were* a wall vnto them on their right hand, & on their left.

30 Thus ỹ Lord saued Israél the same day out of the hand of the Egyptians & Israél sawe ỹ Egyptiãs dead vpõ ỹ Sea bãcke.

"Or, *or hand*

31 And Isaél sawe ỹ mighty "power, which the Lord shewed vpon the Egyptians: so the people feared the Lord and beleued ỹ Lord, and his [n] seruant Moses.

[g] That is, the doctrine ẅ he taught them in the Name of the Lord

CHAP. XV.

1 20 Moses with the men and women sing praises vnto God for their deliuerance. 23 The people murmure 25 At the prayer of Moses the bitter waters are swete 26 God teacheth the people obedience.

[a] Praising God for the ouerthrowe of his ennemies and their deliuerance *Wisd. 10, 24.*

1 THẽ [a] sang *Moses & the childrẽ of Israél this song vnto the Lord, and said in this maner, I wil sing vnto the Lord: for he hathe triũphed gloriously: ỹ horse and him that rode vpõ him hathe he ouerthrowen in the Sea.

"Or, *the occasion of my song of prayse.*

2 The Lord *is* my strength and "praise, and he is become my saluaciõ He is my God, and I wil [b] prepare him a tabernacle. *he is* my fathers God, and I wil exalt him.

[b] To worship him therein

[c] In battel he ouercommeth euer

[d] Euer constãt in his promes.

3 The Lord *is* a [c] man of warre, his [d] Name *is* Iehouáh.

4 Pharaohs charets & his hoste hath he cast into the Sea: his chosen captaines also were drowned in the red Sea.

5 The depths haue couered thẽ, they sancke to the bothome as a stone.

"Or, *power.*

6 Thy "right hãd, Lord, is glorious in power: thy right hand, Lord, hathe bruised the ennemie.

[e] Those, that are ennemies to Gods people, are his ennemies

7 And in thy great glorie thou hast ouerthrowẽ them that rose against [e] thee: thou sentest forthe thy wrath, *which* consumed them as the stubble.

"Or, *in the depth of the Sea.*

8 And by ỹ blast of thy nostrels the waters were gathered, the floods stode stil as an heape, the depths congeled together in the "heart of the Sea.

9 The ennemie said, I wil pursue I wil ouertake *them*, I wil deuide the spoile, my lust shalbe satisfied vpõ them, I wil drawe my sworde, mine hand shal destroy them.

[f] For so, often times ỹ Scripture calleth the mightie men of the worlde

10 Thou bleweſt with thy winde, the Sea couered them, they sancke as lead in the mightie waters.

[g] Which oght to be prayed with all feare & reuerence

11 Who is like vnto thee, ô Lord, among the [f] gods! who is like thee *so* glorio" in holines, [g] fearful in praises, shewing wõders!

12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hãd, the earth swalowed them.

13 Thou wilt by thy mercie carye this people, *which* thou deliueredst: thou wilt bring *them* in thy strength vnto thine holy [h] habitacion.

[h] That is, into the lãd of Canáan, or into mount Zión.

14 The people shal heare & be afraied: sorowe shal come vpon the inhabitants of Palestina.

15 Then the dukes of Edóm shalbe amased, and trembling shal come vpon the great men of Moáb: all the inhabitants of Canáan shal waxe faint hearted.

16 *Feare & dread shal fall vpon them. because of the "greatnes of thine arme, they shalbe stil as a stone, til thy people passe, ô Lord: til this people passe, *which* thou hast purchased.

Deut. 2, 25. Ioſh 2, 9.

"Or, *for thy great power*

17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountaine of thine [i] inheritãce, *which is* the place *that* thou hast prepared, ô Lord, for to dwel in, *euẽ* the sanctuarie, ô Lord, *which* thine hãds shal establish.

[i] Which was mount Zión, where afterward the Temple was buylt

18 The Lord shal reigne for euer and euer.

19 For Pharaohs horses went with his charets and horsmen into the Sea, and the Lord broght the waters of the Sea vpon them: but the children of Israél went on drye land in the middes of the Sea.

20 ¶ And Miriám the propheteſſe sister of Aarón toke a timbrel in her hand, and all the women came out after her ẅ timbrels and [k] daunces.

[k] Signifiing their great ioye, which custome the Iewes obserued in certein solẽnities Iud. 11, 34 & 21, 21: but it oght not to be a cloke to couer our wanton dãces

21 And Miriám [l] answered the men, Sing ye vnto the Lord: for he hathe triũphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hathe he ouerthrowen in the Sea.

[l] By singing ỹ like song of thãkes giuing

22 Then Moses broght Israél from the red Sea, and they went out into the wildernes of Shur: and they went thre dayes in the wildernes, & founde no waters.

23 And whẽ they came to Maráh, they colde not drinke of the waters of Maráh, for they were bitter: therefore ỹ name of the place was called "Maráh.

"Or, *Bitternes.*

24 Thẽ the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shal we drinke?

25 And he cryed vnto the Lord, & ỹ Lord shewed him a * tre, *which* when he had cast into ỹ waters, the waters were swete: there he made them an ordinance & a lawe, and there he [m] proued them,

Ecclo. 38, 5.

[m] That is, God, or Moses in Gods name

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearkẽ, o *Israel*, vnto the voyce of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that, which is [n] right in his sight, and wilt giue eare vnto his commandements, and kepe all his ordinances, then wil I put none of these diseases vpõ thee, which I broght vpon the Egyptians: for I *am* the Lord that healeth thee.

[n] Which is, to do that onely that God commandeth.

27 ¶ *And they came to Elím, where *were* twelue founteines of water & seuẽtie palme trees, & they cãped there by ỹ waters.

Nom. 33, 9.

"Or, *date trees.*

CHAP. XVI.

1 The Iſraelites come to the deſert of Sin, and murmure againſt Moſés and Aarón 13 The Lord ſendeth quailes and Mãna 27 The ſeuẽth day Manna colde not be foũde. 32 It is kept for a remembrance to the poſteritie

AFterward all the Cõgregacion of ỹ children of Iſraél departed from Elím, and came to the wildernes of [a] Sin, (which is betwene Elim and Sinái) the fifteenth day of the ſeconde moneth after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole Cõgregacio of the children of Iſraél murmured againſt Moſés and againſt Aaron in the wildernes.

3 For the children of Iſraél ſaid to them, Oh ỹ we had dyed by the hand of ỹ Lord in the land of Egypt, when we ſate by ỹ fleſh [b] pottes, when we ate bread *our* bellies ful: for ye haue broght vs out into this wildernes, to kil this whole companie with famine.

4 ¶ Then ſaid the Lord vnto Moſes, Beholde, I wil cauſe bread to raine frõ heauen to you, and the people ſhal go out, & gather that ỹ is ſufficient for euerie [c] day, that I may proue them, whether they wil walke in my Lawe or no.

5 But the ſixt day they ſhal prepare that, which they ſhal bring *home*, and it ſhalbe twiſe as muche as they gather daiely.

6 Then Moſés and Aarón ſaid vnto all the children of Iſraél, At euen ye ſhal knowe, that the Lord bröght you out of the land of Egypt:

7 And in the morning ye ſhal ſe the glorie of ỹ Lord. [d] for he hathe heard your grudgings againſt the Lord: and what are we ỹ ye haue murmured againſt vs?

8 Againe Moſés ſaid, At euẽ ſhal the Lord giue you fleſh to eat, and in the morning your fil of bread: for ỹ Lord hathe heard your murmurings, which ye murmure agaĩſt him: for what are we? your murmurings *are* not againſt vs, but againſt the [e] Lord.

9 ¶ And Moſés ſaid to Aarón, Say vnto all the Cõgregacion of the childrẽ of Iſraél, Drawe nere before ỹ Lord: for he hathe heard your murmurings.

10 Now as Aarón ſpake vnto the whole Cõgregacion of the children of Iſraél, they loked toward the wildernes, and beholde, ỹ glorie of the Lord appeared*ĩ a cloude.

11 (For the Lord had ſpoken vnto Moſés, ſaying,

12 * I haue heard ỹ murmurings of the children of Iſraél: tel them *therefore*, & ſay, [f] At euen ye ſhal eat fleſh, and in the morning ye ſhalbe filled with bread, and ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord your God)

13 And ſo at euẽ the*quailes came & couered the campe: & in the morning ỹ dewe laye rounde about the hoſte.

14 * And when the dewe that was fallẽ was aſcended, beholde, a ſmale rounde thing was vpon the face of the wildernes, ſmale as the hore froſt on the earth.

15 And when the children of Iſraél ſawe it, they ſaid one to another, It is [f] MAN, for they wiſt not what it was. And Moſés ſaid vnto them, * This is the bread which the Lord hathe giuen you to eat

16 ¶ This is the thing which ỹ Lord hathe commanded: gather of it euerie man according to his eating [g] an Omer for*a mã *according* to the nombre of your perſones: euerie man ſhal take for thẽ which are in his tent.

17 And the children of Iſraél did ſo, & gathered, ſome more, ſome leſſe.

18 And when they did meaſure it with an Omer, * he that had gathered muche, had nothing ouer, & he that had gathered litle, had no [h] lacke: *ſo* euerie man gathered according to his eating.

19 Moſés then ſaid vnto them, Let no man reſerue thereof til morning.

20 Notwithſtãding thei obeid not Moſés: but ſome of them reſerued of it til morning, and it was ful of wormes, & [i] ſtanke: therefore Moſés was angry with them.

21 And they gathered it euerie morning, euerie mã accordĩg to his eating: for whẽ the heat of the ſũne came, it was melted.

22 ¶ And the ſixt day they gathered [k] twiſe ſo muche bread, two Omers for one man: then all the rulers of the Congregacion came and tolde Moſés.

23 And he anſwered thẽ, This is that, which ỹ Lord hathe ſaid, To morowe *is* the reſt of the holy Sabbath vnto the Lord: bake that *to daie* which ye wil bake, and ſethe ỹ which ye wil ſethe, and all that remaineth, lay it vp to be kept til ỹ mornĩg for you.

24 And they laied it vp til the morning, as Moſés bade, and it ſtanke not, nether was there any worme therein.

25 Then Moſés ſaid, Eat that to day: for to day *is* the Sabbath vnto the Lord: to day ye ſhal not [l] finde it in the field.

26 Six dayes ſhal ye gather it, but in ỹ ſeuẽth day *is* the Sabbath: in it there ſhalbe none.

27 ¶ Notwithſtanding, there [m] went out *ſome* of the people in the ſeuenth day for to gather, and they founde none.

28 And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, How lõg refuſe ye to kepe my commandements, & my lawes?

29 Beholde, how the Lord hathe giuẽ you the Sabbath: therefore he giueth you the ſixt day bread for two dayes: tary *therefore* euerie man in his place: let no man go out of his place the ſeuenth day.

30 So the people reſted the ſeuenth day.

31 And the houſe of Iſraél called the name of it:

a This is the eight place wherein they had camped: there is an other place called Zin, which was the 33 place, wherin they camped: and is alſo called Kadéſh Nom 33. 36

b So hard a thing it is to the fleſh not to murmure againſt God, when the belly is pinched

c To ſignifie, ỹ they ſhulde patiently depẽd vpõ Gods prouidẽce frõ day to day

d He gaue thẽ not Manna becauſe they murmured, but for his promes ſake

e He that contemneth Gods miniſters contemneth God him ſelf.

Chap 13, 21.

Ecclé 45. 4.

*Or in the twi light.

Numb 11, 31.

Numb 11, 7. Pſal 78, 24. Wiſd 16, 20.

f Which ſignifieth a portiõ, or gift alſo meat prepared Iob 6, 31.

1 Cor 10, 3.

g Which conteineth about a pottle of our meaſure

*Ebr for an head

2 Cor 8.

h God is a riche feder of all, & none cã ſuffitely cõplayne

i No creature is ſo pure, but being abuſed, it turneth to our deſtructiõ.

k Which portiõ ſhulde ſerue for the Sabbath and the day before.

l God toke away the occaſiõ from their labour, to ſignifie how holy he wolde haue the Sabbath kept.

m Their infidelitie was ſo great, that thei did expreſſly againſt Gods cõmandemẽt

of it, MAN. and it was like [a] to coriandre ſede, *but* white: and the taſte of it was like vnto wafers *made* with hony.

32 And Moſés ſaid, This is that which the Lord hathe commanded, Fil an Omer of it, to kepe it for your poſteritie: that they may ſe ỹ bread wherewith I haue fed you in wildernes, when I broght you out of the land of Egypt.

33 Moſés alſo ſaid to Aarón, Take a [o] pot and put an Omer ful of MAN therein, & ſet it before the Lord to be kept for your poſteritie.

34 As the Lord commanded Moſés: ſo Aarón laied it vp before the [p] Teſtimonie to be kept.

35 And the children of Iſraél did eat MAN * fourty yeres, vntil they came vnto a lād inhabited: they did eat MAN vntil they came to the borders of the land of Canáan.

36 The Omer *is* the tenth part of the [q] Epháh.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The Iſraelites come into Rephidim and grudge for water. 6 Water is giuen them out of the rocke. 11 Moſés holdeth vp his hands, & thei ouercome the Amalekites.

1 AND all the Congregació of the children of Iſraél departed from the wildernes of Sin, by their iourneis at the "cō mandemēt of the Lord, & camped in [a] Rephidim, where *was* no water for the people to drinke.

2 * Wherefore the people contended with Moſés, and ſaid, Giue vs water that we may drinke. And Moſés ſaid vnto them, Why contend ye with me? wherefore do ye [b] tempt the Lord?

3 So the people thirſted there for water, & the people murmured againſt Moſés, and ſaid, Wherefore haſt thou thus broght vs out of Egypt to kil vs and our children & our cattel with thirſt?

4 And Moſés cryed to the Lord, ſaying, What ſhal I do to this people? for they be almoſt ready to [c] ſtone me.

5 And ỹ Lord anſwered to Moſés, Go before the people, and take with thee of the Elders of Iſraél: and thy rod, wherewith thou * ſmoteſt the riuer, take in thine hād, and go:

6 *Beholde, I wil ſtād there before thee vpon the rocke in Horéb, & thou ſhalt ſmite on the rocke & water ſhal come out of it, that the people may drinke. And Moſés did ſo in the ſight of the Elders of Iſraél.

7 And he called the name of the place, "Maſſáh and [f] Meribáh, becauſe of the contention of the children of Iſraél, and becauſe they had tempted the Lord, ſaying, Is the Lord among vs, or no?

8 ¶ * Then came [e] Amalék and foght with Iſraél in Rephidim.

9 And Moſés ſaid to Ioſhúa, Chuſe vs out men, and go fight w̄ Amalék: tomorowe I wil ſtand on the top of the [f] hil with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Ioſhúa did as Moſés bade hī, & foght with Amalék: & Moſés, Aarón, and Hur, went vp to the top of the hil.

11 And when Moſés held vp his hand, Iſraél preuailed: but when he let his hand [g] downe, Amalék preuailed.

12 Now Moſés hāds were heauy: therefore they toke a ſtone and put it vnder him, & he ſate vpon it: and Aarón & Hur ſtaied vp his hands, the one on the one ſide, and the other on the other ſide: ſo his hands were ſteady vntil the going downe of the ſunne.

13 And Ioſhúa diſcomfited Amalék and his people with the edge of the ſworde.

14 ¶ And ỹ Lord ſaid to Moſés, Write this for a remembrance [h] in the boke, and "rehearſe it to Ioſhúa: for * I wil vtterly put out the remembrance of Amalék from vnder heauen.

15 (And Moſés buylte an altar and called the name of it, [i] Iehouáh-niſsi)

16 Alſo he ſaid, " The Lord hathe ſworne, that he wil haue warre with Amalék from generacion to generacion.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Iethró commeth to ſe Moſés his ſonne in lawe. 8 Moſés telleth him of the wonders of Egypt. 9 Iethró reioyceth and offreth ſacrifice to God. 24 Moſés obeyeth his counſel in appointing officers.

1 WHEN Iethró the * Prieſt of Midián Moſés father in lawe heard all that God had done for Moſés, and for Iſraél his people, & how the Lord had broght Iſraél out of Egypt,

2 Then Iethró the father in lawe of Moſés toke Zipporáh Moſés wife, (after he had [a] ſent her away)

3 And her two ſonnes, (whereof ỹ one was called Gerſhóm: for he ſaid, I haue bene an aliant in a ſtrange land:

4 And the name of the other *was* Eliézer: for the God of my father, *ſaid he*, *was* mine helpe, and deliuered me from the ſworde of Pharaóh)

5 And Iethró Moſés father in lawe came with his two ſonnes, & his wife vnto Moſés into the wildernes, where he camped by the [b] mount of God.

6 And he [c] ſaid to Moſés, I thy father in lawe Iethró am come to thee, & thy wife and her two ſonnes with her.

7 ¶ And Moſés wēt out to mete his father in lawe, and did obeiſance and kiſſed him, and eche aſked other of his "welfare.

n In forme & figure, but not in colour, Nom 11,7

o Of this veſſel read, Ebr 9 4

p That is, the Arke of ỹ couenant: to wit, after that the Arke was made *Ioſh.3,12. nehe.9,35. iudith 3,15.*

q Which meaſure conteined about ten pōtrels

[a] Ebr at the mouthe

a Moſés here noteth not euerie place, where they camped, as Nom 33 but onely thoſe places where ſome notable thing was done *Nom 20,4.*

b Why diſtruſt you God? why loke you not for ſuccour of him without murmuring againſt vs?

c How readie the people are for their owne matters to ſlay ỹ true prophets, and how ſlow they are to reuenge Gods cauſe againſt his enemies and falſe prophets? *Chap.7,20. Nomb 20,9. wiſd.11,4. pſal 78,15. & 105,41 1 cor 10,4*

[f] Or, Tentation [e] Or, Strife

d When in aduerſitie we thinke God to be abient, we neglect his promes & make him a lier. *Deut. 25,17. wiſd.11,3.*

e Who came of Eliphāz, ſonne of Eſáu, Gen 36,12

f That is, Horéb, which is alſo called Sinái.

g So that we ſe how dāgerous a thing it is to fainte in prayer.

h In the boke of ỹ lawe.

" *Ebr put it in the eares of Ioſhua* *Nom 24,20. 1.ſam 15,3.*

i That is, the Lord is my bāner: as he declared by holding vp his rod and his hands.

" *Ebr The hand of the Lord vpō the throne.*

Chap. 2,16.

a It may ſeme ỹ he ſent her backe to her father for her impacience, leſt ſhe ſhulde be a let to his vocation, w̄ was ſo dangerous, chap 4,25

b Horéb is called ỹ mōnt of God, becauſe God wroght many miracles there

c That is, he ſent meſſengers to ſay vnto him

" *Ebr of peace.*

and they came into the tent.

8 Then Moſés tolde his father in law all that the Lord had done vnto Pharaóh, & to the Egyptians for Iſraels ſake, *and* all the trauaile that had come vnto them by the way, and *how* the Lord deliuered thē.

9 And Iethró reioyced at all the goodnes, which the Lord had ſhewed to Iſraél, *and* becauſe he had deliuered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

d Wherby it is euident that he worſhiped the true God, and therefore Moſés refuſed not to mary his daughter.

10 Therefore Iethró ſaid, [d] Bleſſed *be* the Lord who hathe deliuered you out of the hād of ỹ Egyptians, and out of ỹ hand of Pharaóh: who hathe *alſo* deliuered the people from vnder the hand of the Egyptiās.

Chap.1.10 alſo ver 16,22. chap.5.7. chap.14,18.

11 Now I knowe that the Lord is greater then all the gods: * for as they haue dealt proudely with them, *ſo are they* [e] *recompenſed.*

e For they, ỹ drowned the children of ỹ Iſraelites, periſhed themſelues by water. f They are in ỹ place, where the ſacrifice was offred: for parte was burnt and the reſt eaten.

12 Then Iethró Moſés father in law toke burnt offringes and ſacrifices *to offre* vnto God. And Aarón and all the Elders of Iſraél came to eat bread with Moſés father in law [f] before God.

13 ¶ Now on the morowe, when Moſés ſate to iudge the people, the people ſtode aboute Moſés from morning vnto euen.

14 And when Moſés father in lawe ſawe all that he did to the people, he ſaid, What is this that thou doeſt to the people? why ſitteſt thou thy ſelfe alone, and all the people ſtand about thee from morning vnto euen?

15 And Moſés ſaid vnto his father in lawe, Becauſe the people come vnto me to ſeke [g] God.

g That is, to knowe Gods wil, and to haue iuſtice executed.

16 Whē they haue a matter, they come vnto me, and I iudge betwene one and an other, and declare the ordinances of God, and his lawes.

17 But Moſés father in law ſaid vnto him, The thing, which thou doeſt, is not wel.

Ebr. thou wilt faint and fall.

18 Thou bothe* wearieſt thy ſelfe greatly, & this people that is w̄ thee: for the thing *is* to heauie for thee: thou art not able to do it thy ſelfe alone.

Deu.1,9.

19 * Heare now my [o] voyce, (I wil giue thee counſel, and God ſhalbe with thee) be thou for the people to [h] Godward, & reporte thou the cauſes vnto God,

oOr, counſel.

h Iudge thou in harde cauſes, which can not be decided but by conſulting with God.

20 And admoniſh them of the ordinances, and of the lawes, & ſhewe them the way, wherein they muſt walke, & the worke ỹ they muſt do.

i What maner of men ought to be choſen to beare office.

21 Moreouer prouide thou among all the people [i] men of courage, fearing God, men dealing truely, hating couetouſnes: and appoint *ſuche* ouer them *to be* rulers ouer thouſandes, rulers ouer hundreths, rulers ouer fifties, and rulers ouer tens.

22 And let them iudge the people at all ſeaſons: but euerie great matter let thē bring vnto thee, & let them iudge all ſmale cauſes: ſo ſhal it be eaſier for thee, when they ſhal beare *the burden* with thee.

23 If thou do this thing, (and God *ſo* cōmāde thee) bothe thou ſhalt be able to endure, & all this people ſhal alſo go quietly to their place.

k Godlie counſel ought euer to be obeied, though it come of our inferiors for to ſuche God oftē times giueth wiſdome to humble them that are exalted.

24 So Moſés [k] obeied ỹ voyce of his father in lawe, and did all that he had ſaid:

25 And Moſés choſe men of courage out of all Iſraél, and made them heades ouer the people, rulers ouer thouſandes, rulers ouer hundreths, rulers ouer fifties, and rulers ouer tens.

26 And they iudged the people at all ſeaſons, *but* they broght the hard cauſes vnto Moſés: for they iudged all ſmale matters them ſelues.

I Read the occaſion, Numb. 10,29.

27 Afterward Moſés [l] let his father in lawe departe, and he went into his contrey.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The Iſraelites come to Sinái. 5 Iſraél is choſen from among all other nations. 8 The people promes to obey God. 12 He that toucheth the hil dyeth. 16 God appeareth vnto Moſés vpon the mount in thunder and lightening.

a Which was in ỹ begining of the monthe Siuan, conteining parte of May and parte of June.

1 IN the [a] third moneth, after the childrē of Iſraél were gone out of the land of Egypt, the ſame [b] day came they into the wildernes of Sinái.

b That they departed from Rephidim.

2 For they departed from Rephidím, and came to ỹ deſert of Sinái, & cāped in the wildernes: euen there Iſraél camped before the mount.

Act.7,38.

3 *But Moſés wēt vp vnto God, for ỹ Lord had called out of the mount vnto him, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou ſay to the houſe of [c] Iaakób, and tel the children of Iſraél,

c God called Iaakób Iſraél: therefore the houſe of Iaakób, and the people of Iſraél ſignifie onely Gods people.

4 *Ye haue ſene what I did vnto the Egyptians, and *how* I caryed you vpon [d] egles wings, and haue broght you vnto me.

Deut.29,2.

d For the egle by flying hie, is out of danger, and in caryng her birdes rather on her wings thē in her talants declareth her loue.

5 Now therefore* if ye wil heare my voyce in dede, & kepe my couenāt, thē ye ſhalbe my chief treaſure aboue all people, *thogh all the earth be mine.

Deu.5,2. Deu.10,14. pſa.24,1. 1.Pet.2,9. reu.1,6.

6 Ye ſhalbe vnto me alſo a kingdome of * Prieſtes, and an holy nation. Theſe *are* the wordes which thou ſhalt ſpeake vnto the children of Iſraél.

Chap.24,3. deu.5,27. and.26,17. ioſh.24,16.

7 ¶ Moſés then came & called for the Elders of the people, and propoſed vnto thē all theſe things, which the Lord commanded him.

8 And the people anſwered altogether, & ſaid, * All that the Lord hathe commāded, we wil do. And Moſés reported the wordes of the people vnto the Lord.

9 And ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Lo, I come vnto thee in a thicke cloude, that the people may heare, whiles I talke with thee, & that they may alſo beleue thee for euer. (for Moſés had tolde the wordes of the people vnto the Lord)

10 Moreouer the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Go

e Teache thē to be pure in heart, as they ſhewe thē ſelues outwardly cleane by waſhing

Go to the people, and e ſanctifie them to daie and to morowe, and let them waſh their clothes.

11 And let thē be ready on the third daie: for the third daie the Lord wil come downe in the ſight of all the people vpon mount Sinái:

12 And thou ſhalt ſet markes vnto the people rounde about, ſaying, Take hede to your ſelues that ye go not vp to the moũt, nor touche the bordre of it: whoſoeuer toucheth the * mount, ſhal ſurely dye.

*Or.12,20.

13 No hand ſhal touche it, but he ſhal be ſtoned to death, or ſtricken through with dartes: whether it be beaſt or man, he ſhal not liue: when the f horne bloweth long, they ſhal come vp g into the mountaine.

f Or, trumpet

g Or, towarde.

14 ¶ Then Moſés went downe from the mount vnto the people, & ſanctified the people, and they waſhed their clothes.

15 And he ſaid vnto the people, Be ready on the third daie, *and* come not at *your* f wiues.

f But giue your ſelues to prayer and abſtinẽce, that you may at this time attẽd only vpon the Lord 1. Cor. 7.5.

16 And the third daie, whē it was morning, there was thũders & lightnings, & a thicke cloude vpon the mount, & the ſound of the trumpet exceding loude, ſo that all the people, that was in the campe, was afraid.

17 Then Moſés broght the people out of the tents to mete with God, & they ſtode in the nether part of the mount.

Deu.4,11.

18 * And mount Sinái was all on ſmoke, becauſe the Lord came downe vpon it in fire, and the ſmoke thereof aſcended, as the ſmoke of a fornace, and all the mount g trembled excedingly.

g God vſed theſe fearful ſignes that his Lawe ſhuld be had in greater reuerence, and his maieſtie ſ more feared

19 And when the ſound of the trũpet blewe long, and waxed louder and louder, Moſés ſpake, and God anſwered him by h voyce.

h He gaue authoritie to Moſés by plaine wordes, that ſ people might vnderſtand hī

20 (For the Lord came downe vpon moũt Sinái on the top of the mount) and whē the Lord called Moſés vp into the top of the mount, Moſés went vp.

21 Then the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Go downe, charge ſ people, that they breake not *their boũdes, to go vp* to the Lord to gaze, leſt manie of them periſh.

22 And let the h Prieſts alſo which come to the Lord be ſanctified, leſt the Lord i deſtroye them.

h Or, ſuiters

i Or, breake out vpon them

23 And Moſés ſaid vnto the Lord, The people can not come vp into the mount Sinái: for thou haſt charged vs, ſaying, Set markes on the mountaine, & ſanctifie it.

24 And the Lord ſaid vnto him, Go, get thee downe, and come vp, thou, & Aarón with thee: but let not the k Prieſtes & the people breake *their boũdes* to come vp vnto the Lord, leſt he deſtroye them.

i Nether dignitie nor multitude haue authoritie to paſſe ſ boũdes, that Gods worde preſcribeth

25 So Moſés went downe vnto the people, and tolde them.

CHAP. XX.

2 The commandements of the firſt table 12 The commãdements of the ſeconde. 18 The people afraid are cõforted by Moſés. 23 Gods of ſiluer and golde are againe forbiden 24 Of what ſort the altar ought to be

a WHē Moſés and Aaron were gone vp, or had paſſed the bounces of the people God ſpake thus out of ſ mount Horeb, ſ all the people heard

Deu.5,6.

Pſal 81,11.

1 THen God a ſpake all theſe wordes, ſaying,

2 * I am the Lord thy God, which haue brogt thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the houſe of f bondage.

f Or, ſeruants

b To whoſe eies all thigs are open

3 Thou ſhalt haue none other gods b before me.

Leu 26,1.

Pſal 97,7.

4 * Thou ſhalt make thee no grauẽ image, nether anie ſimilitude *of things* that are in heauen aboue, nether that are in the earth beneth, nor that are in the waters vnder the earth.

c By this outwarde geſture all kinde of ſeruice & worſhip to idoles is forbidden

5 Thou ſhalt not c bowe downe to them, nether ſerue them: for I am the Lord thy God, a d ielouſe God, viſiting the iniquitie of the fathers vpon the children vpon the third *generacion* and vpon the fourth of them that hate me:

d And wil be reuenged of ſ contemners of mine honour

6 And ſhewing mercie vnto e thouſandes to them that loue me and kepe my commandements.

e So ready is he gather to ſhewe mercie then to puniſh

7 * Thou ſhalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God inf vaine: for the Lord wil not holde him giltles that taketh his Name in vaine.

Leu 19,12.

deu 5,12.

mat 5,28.

f Ether by ſwearing falſely or raſhly or cõtẽning

8 Remembre the Sabbath daie, g to kepe it holy.

g Which is by meditating the ſpiritual reſt, by hearing Gods worde, and reſting frõ worldelie trauailes

9 * Six daies ſhalt thou labour, and do all thy worke,

Chap 23,12.

ezek.20,12.

10 But the ſeuenth daie *is* the Sabbath of ſ Lord thy God: *in it* thou ſhalt not do anie worke, thou, nor thy ſõne, nor thy daughter, thy man ſeruant, nor thy maid, nor thy beaſt, nor thy ſtranger that is within thy h gates.

h Or, ſits

Gen 2,2.

11 * For in ſix daies the Lord made the heauen and the earth, the ſea, and all that in them is, & reſted the ſeuenth daie: therefore the Lord bleſſed the Sabbath daie, and hallowed it.

Deu 5,16.

mat 15,4.

ephe 6,2

12 ¶ * Honour thy i father and thy mother, that thy daies maie be proloneed vpon ſ land, k the Lord thy God giueth thee.

i By ſ which is mẽt all that haue authoritie ouer vs

Mat 5,16.

13 * Thou ſhalt not l kil.

l But loue and preſerue thy brothers life

14 Thou ſhalt not k commit adulterie.

k But be pure in heart, word and dede.

15 Thou ſhalt not l ſteale.

l But ſtudie to ſaue his goods

16 Thou ſhalt not beare falſe m witnes againſt thy neighbour.

m But further his good name, and ſpeake truelie

Rom 7,7.

17 * Thou ſhalt not n couet thy neighbours houſe, nether ſhalt thou couet thy neighbours wife, nor his man ſeruant, nor his maid, nor his oxe, nor his aſſe, nether any thing that is thy neighbours.

n Thou muſt not ſo muche as wiſhe his hinderance in anie thing

18 ¶ And all the people o ſawe the thunders, and the p lightnings, and the ſound of the trumpet, and the mountaine ſmoking. and when the people ſawe it they fled and ſtode afarre of,

o Or, heard

p Ether fire brãdes.

19 And ſaid vnto Moſes, *Talke thou with vs, and we wil hea e: but let not God talke with vs, leſt we dye.

Deut 5.24. & 18.16 ebr. 13.18.

20 Then Moſes ſaid vnto the people, Feare not: for God is come to [o] proue you, and that his feare may be before you, that ye ſinne not.

o Whether you wil obey his precepts as you promiſed, chap 19.8

21 So the people ſtode a far of, but Moſes drewe nere vnto the darckneſs where God was.

22 ¶And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſes, Thus thou ſhalt ſay vnto the children of Iſraél, Ye haue ſene that I haue talked with you from heauen.

23 Ye ſhal not make *therefore* with me gods of ſiluer, nor gods of golde: you ſhal make you none.

24 *An altar of earth [y] ſhalt make vnto me, & thereon ſhalt offre thy burnt offrings, & thy * peace offrings, thy ſhepe, & thine oxen: in all places, where I ſhal put the remembrance of my Name, I wil come vnto thee, and bleſſe thee.

Chap 27.8. & 38.7. Leui.3.1.

25 *But if thou wilt make me an altar of ſtone, thou ſhalt not buylde it of hewen ſtones: for *if* thou lift vp thy tole vpon them, thou haſt polluted [e] them.

Deut.27.5. Ioſh.8.31.

26 Nether ſhalt thou go vp by ſteppes vnto mine altar, that thy [p] filthines be not diſcouered thereon.

[e] *Ebr it, that is, the ſtone*

[p] Which might be by his ſtouping, or flyig abroad of his clothes.

CHAP. XXI.

Temporal and ciuile ordinances, appointed by God, touching ſeruitude, murthers, and wronges: the obſeruatiō whereof doeth not iuſtifie a man, but are giuen to bridel our corrupt nature, which els wolde breake out into all miſchief and crueltie.

1 NOw theſe are the lawes, which thou ſhalt ſet before them:

2 *If thou bye an Ebrewe ſeruant, he ſhal ſerue ſix yeres, and in the ſeuenth he ſhal go out fre, [a] for nothing.

Leui 25.39. deut 15.12. ierem 34.14.

[a] Paying no money for his libertie.

3 If he came [b] him ſelfe alone, he ſhal go out him ſelfe alone: if he *were* maried, thē his wife ſhal go out with him.

[b] Not hauing wife nor children

4 If his maſter hathe giuen him a wife, & ſhe hathe borne him ſonnes or daughters, the wife and her children ſhalbe her [c] maſters, but he ſhal go out him ſelf alone.

[c] Til her time of ſeruitude was expired, which might be the ſeuenth yere or the fiftieth

5 But if the ſeruant ſay thus, I loue my maſter, my wife and my children, I wil not go out fre,

6 Then his maſter ſhal bring him vnto the [d] Iudges, and ſet him to the [e] dore, or to the poſte, and his maſter ſhal bore his eare through with a nawle, & he ſhal ſerue him for [e] euer.

[d] *Ebr gods*

[e] Where the iudges ſate

[e] That is, to the yere of Iubile, which was euerie fiftieth yere

7 ¶Likewiſe if a man [f] ſel his daughter to be a ſeruant, ſhe ſhal not go out as the mē ſeruants do.

[f] Conſtreined either by pouertie, or els, if the maſter ſhuld mary her

8 If ſhe pleaſe not her maſter, who hathe betrothed her to him ſelfe, then ſhal [g] he cauſe to bye her: he ſhal haue no power to ſel her to a ſtrange people, ſeing he [e] deſpiſed her.

[g] By giuing another money to bye her of him

[e] *Or, deſloured her.*

9 But if he hathe betrothed her vnto his ſonne, he ſhal deale with her [h] according to the cuſtome of the daughters.

[h] That is, he ſhal giue her dowrie

10 If he take [i] him an other wife, he ſhal not diminiſh her fo.le, her rayment, and recompence of her virginitie.

[i] For his ſone,

11 And if he do not theſe [k] thre vnto her, thē ſhal ſhe go out fre, paying no money.

[k] Nether mary her him ſelfe, nor giue an other money to bye her, nor beſtowe her vpō his ſonne

12 ¶ * He that ſmiteth a man, and he dye, ſhal dye the death.

Leui 24.17.

13 And if a man hathe not laied waite, but [l] God hathe offred *him* into his hād, *then I wil appoīte thee a place whither he ſhal flee.

[l] Thogh a mā be killed at vnwares, yet it is Gods prouidēce, that it ſhulde ſo be

Deut 19.2.

14 But if a man come preſumpteouſly vpon his neighbour to ſlaie him with guile, thou ſhalt take him from mine [m] altar, that he may dye.

[m] The holines of the place ought not to defēd the murther.

15 ¶ Alſo he that ſmiteth his father or his mother, ſhal dye the death.

16 ¶And he that ſtealeth a man, & ſelleth him, if it be founde with him, ſhal dye the death.

17 ¶ *And he that curſeth his father or his mother, ſhal dye the death.

18 ¶When men alſo ſtriue togethe, & one ſmite another with a [n] ſtone, or with the fiſt, & he dye not, but lieth in bed,

[n] Ether far of him or nere.

19 If he riſe againe and walke without vpon his ſtaffe, then ſhal he that ſmote him go [o] quite, ſaue onely he ſhal beare his charges [p] for his reſting, and ſhal pay for his healing.

[o] By the ciuile iuſtice

[p] *Or, loſing of his time*

20 ¶ And if a man ſmite his ſeruant, or his mayd with a rod, & he dye vnder his hand, he ſhal be ſurely puniſhed.

21 But if he continue a day, or two daies, he ſhal not [p] be puniſhed: for he *is* his money.

[p] By the ciuile Magiſtrate, but before God he is a murtherer.

22 ¶Alſo if men ſtriue and hurt a woman with childe, ſo that her childe departe frō her, & [q] death followe not, he ſhal be ſurely puniſhed according as the womans houſband ſhal appoint him, or he ſhal pay as the [e] Iudges determine.

[q] Of the mother, or childe.

[e] *Or, arbiters.*

23 But if death followe, thē thou ſhalt paye life for life,

24 *[r] Eie for eie, tothe for tothe, hand for hand, fote for fote,

Leui 24.20. deut.19.20. matt 5.33.

25 Burning for burning, wonde for wōde, ſtripe for ſtripe.

[r] The executiō of this lawe onely belōged to the Magiſtrat, mat 5.38

26 ¶And if a man ſmite his ſeruant in the eie, or his maid in the eie, and hathe periſhed it, he ſhal let him go fre for his eie.

27 Alſo if he ſmite [f] out his ſeruants tothe, or his maydes tothe, he ſhal let him go out fre for his tothe.

[f] So God reuēgeth crueltie in moſte leaſt things

28 ¶If an oxe gore a man or a woman, that he dye, the* oxe ſhalbe [t] ſtoned to death, and his fleſh ſhal not be eaten, but the owner of the oxe *ſhal* go quite.

Gen 9.5.

[t] If the beaſt be punished, muche more ſhal the murtherer.

29 If the oxe were wonte to puſh in times paſt

paſt,& it hathe bene *tolde his maſter, & he hathe not kept him,and after he killeth a man or a woman,the oxe ſhal be ſtoned and his owner ſhal dye alſo.

30 If there be ſet to him a [a] ſumme of money,then he ſhal pay the raſon of his life, whatſoeuer ſhalbe laied vpon him.

31 Whether he hathe gored a ſonne,or gored a daughter,he ſhal be iudged after the ſame maner.

32 If the oxe gore a ſeruant or a mayd, he ſhal giue vnto their maſter thirty [x] ſhekles of ſiluer,and the oxe ſhalbe ſtoned.

33 ¶And when a man ſhal open a well, or when he ſhal dig a pit and couer it not, & an oxe or an aſſe fall therein,

34 The owner of the pit ſhal [y] make it good, *and* giue money to the owners thereof,but the dead *beaſt* ſhalbe his.

35 ¶And if a mans oxe hurt his neighbours oxe that he dye, then their ſhal ſel the liue oxe, & deuide the money thereof, & the dead *oxe* alſo their ſhal deuide.

36 Or if it be knowen that the oxe hathe vſed to puſh in times paſt, and his maſter hathe not kept him, he ſhal pay oxe for oxe,but the dead ſhalbe his owne.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Of theft. 5 Dommage. 7 Lending 14 Borrowing. 16 Intiſing of maides. 18 Witchcraft. 20 Idolatrie. 21 Support of ſtrangers,widows,and fatherles 25 Vſurie. 28 Reuerence to Magiſtrates.

1 IF a man ſteale an [a] oxe or a ſhepe, and kil it or ſel it, he ſhal reſtore fiue oxen for the oxe, * & foure ſhepe for the ſhepe.

2 ¶If a thefe be founde [b] breaking vp, & be ſmitten that he dye, no blood *ſhalbe ſhed* for him.

3 *But* if it be "in the day light,[c] blood *ſhalbe ſhed* for him: *for* he ſhulde make ful reſtitutiō:if he had not *wherewith*,then ſhulde he be ſolde for his theft.

4 If the theft be founde "with him,aliue, (whether it be oxe, aſſe, or ſhepe) he ſhal reſtore the double.

5 ¶If a man do hurt field, or vineyarde, and put in his beaſt to fede in another mās field,he ſhal recompence of the beſt of his owne field,& of the beſt of his owne vineyarde.

6 ¶If fyre breake out, and catche in the thornes, and the ſtackes of corne, or the ſtanding corne,or the field be cōſumed, he that kindeled the fire ſhal make ful reſtitution.

7 ¶If a man deliuer his neighbour money or ſtuffe to kepe, and it be ſtollen out of his houſe, if the thefe be found, he ſhal paye the double.

8 If the thefe be not founde, then the maſter of the houſe ſhal be broght vnto the "Iudges *to ſweare*,whether he hathe [d] put his hād vnto his neighbours good,or no.

9 In all maner of treſpaſſe, whether it be for oxen, for aſſe,for ſhepe, for rayment, or for any maner of loſt thing,which an other chalengeth to be his, the cauſe of bothe *parties* ſhal come before the Iudges, & whome the Iudges condemne, he ſhal pay the double vnto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliuer vnto his neighbour to kepe aſſe,or oxe,or ſhepe,or any beaſt, and it dye,or be "hurt, or taken away by ennemies,& no man ſe it,

11 [e] An othe of the Lord ſhalbe betwene them twaine, that he hathe not put his hand vnto his neighbours good, and the owner of it ſhal take *the othe*,& he ſhal not make it good:

12 *But if it be ſtollen from him, he ſhal make reſtitutiō vnto the owner thereof.

13 If it be torne in pieces, he ſhal bring [f] record,& ſhal not make that good, *which is* deuoured.

14 ¶And if a mā borowe *ought* of his neighbour,and it be hurt,or els dye, the owner thereof not being by,he ſhal ſurely make it good.

15 If the owner thereof be by, he ſhal not make it good:*for* if it *be* an hired thing,it [g] came for his hire.

16 ¶*And if a mā entiſe a mayd that is not betrothed,&lye with her,he ſhal endowe her,and take her to his wife.

17 If her father refuſe to giue her to him, he ſhal pay money,according to the dowrie of virgines.

18 ¶Thou ſhalt not ſuffre a witche to liue.

19 ¶Whoſoeuer lieth with a beaſt,ſhal dye the death.

20 ¶* He that offreth vnto *any* gods, ſaue vnto the Lord onely,ſhalbe ſlaine.

21 ¶*Moreouer thou ſhalt not do iniurie to a ſtranger,nether oppreſſe him: for ye were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt.

22 ¶*Ye ſhal not trouble any widowe,nor fatherles childe.

23 If thou vexe or trouble ſuche, and ſo he call and crye vnto me, I wil ſurely heare his crye.

24 Then ſhal my wrath be kindeled, and I wil kil you with the ſworde,& your [h] wiues ſhal be widowes, and your children fatherles.

25 ¶*If thou lend money to my people, *that is*,to the poore with thée, thou ſhalt not be as an vſurer vnto him: ye ſhal not oppreſſe him with vſurie.

26 If thou take thy neighbours rayment to pledge, thou ſhalt reſtore it vnto him before the ſunne go downe:

27 For that is his couering onely,& this is his garment for his ſkin: wherein ſhal he ſlepe?therefore when he [i] cryeth vnto me, I wil heare him:for I am merciful.

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*Or,teſtified to him

a By the next of the kinred of him that is ſo ſlayne

x Read Gen. 23,15

y This lawe forbiddeth not onely not to hurt,but to beware leſt any be hurt

a Ether great beaſt of the herd, or a ſmale beaſt of the flocke

2 Sam 11,6

b Breaking an houſe to entre in,or vndermining

"Ebr when the ſunne riſeth vpon him

c He ſhalbe put to death

"Ebr in his hand

"Ebr gods

d That is,whether he hathe ſtollen.

e They ſhulde ſweare by the Name of the Lord

f He ſhal ſhewe ſome parte of the beaſt

g He that hyred it ſhalbe free by paying the hire.

Deut 22,28.

Deut.13,13. 1.mac.2,24.

Leui.19,33.

Zach 7,10.

h The iuſt plague of God vpon ỹ oppreſſers.

Leui 25,37. deut 23,19. pſal.15,5.

i For colde & neceſsitie

Act 23.5. 28 ¶*Thou ſhalt not raile vpó the Iudges, nether ſpeake euil of the ruler of thy people.

k Thine abundance of thy corne, oyle & wine *Chap 13.2. & 34.19.*

29 ¶Thine k abundance & thy licour ſhalt thou not kepe backe. * The firſtborne of thy ſonnes ſhalt thou giue me.

30 Likewiſe ſhalt thou do with thine oxen and with thy ſhepe: ſeuen dayes it ſhalbe with his damme, & the eight day thou ſhalt giue it me.

Leui.22.8. ezek.44.31.

31 ¶Ye ſhalbe an holy people vnto me, *nether ſhal ye eat any fleſh that is torne of *beaſtes* in the field: ye ſhal caſt it l to the dog.

l And ſo haue nothing to do with it.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 Not to followe the multitude 13 Not to make mention of the ſtrange gods. 14 The thre ſolemne feaſtes. 20 23 The Angel is promiſed to leade the people. 25 What God promiſeth, if thes obey him 29 God wil caſt out the Canaanites by litle and litle, and why.

1 THou ſhalt not m receiue a falſe tale, nether ſhalt thou put thine hãd with the wicked, to be a n falſe witnes.

m Or, reporte a falſe tale

n Or, cruel.

2 ¶Thou ſhalt not followe a multitude to do euil, nether o agre in a controuerſie a to decline after many & ouerthrow *the trueth*.

o Ebr anſwer a Do that is godlie though few do fauour it

3 ¶Thou ſhalt not eſteme a poore man in his cauſe.

4 ¶If thou mete thine enemies oxe, or his aſſe going a ſtraye, thou ſhalt b bring him to him againe.

b If we be bõde to do good to our enemies beaſt, muche more to our enemie him ſelfe. Mat 5. 44.

5 If thou ſe thine enemies c aſſe lying vnder his burden, wilt thou ceaſe to helpe him? thou ſhalt helpe him vp againe with it.

c If God commãde to helpe vp our enemies aſſe vnder his burden, wil he ſuffre vs to caſt downe our brethren with heauie burdens?

6 ¶Thou ſhalt not ouerthrowe the right of thy poore in his ſute.

7 Thou ſhalt kepe thee farre from a falſe matter, and ſhalt not ſlay the d innocent and the righteous: for I wil not iuſtifie a wicked man.

d Whether ỹ be magiſtrate: or art commãded by the magiſtrate *Deut.16.19. eccl.20.32.*

8 ¶* Thou ſhalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the p wiſe, & peruerteth ỹ wordes of the righteous.

p Ebr. ſeing

9 ¶Thou ſhalt not oppreſſe a ſtranger: for ye knowe the e heart of a ſtranger, ſeing ye were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt.

e For in that ỹ he is a ſtrãger, his heart is ſoriful ynough *Leui 19.3 & 26.43. deut. 15.1.*

10 *Moreouer, ſix yeres thou ſhalt ſowe thy land, and gather the frutes thereof,

11 But the ſeuẽth yere thou ſhalt let it reſt and lye ſtil, that the poore of thy people may eat, and what thei leaue, the beaſtes of the field ſhal eat. In like maner thou ſhalt do with thy vineyarde, & with thine oliue trees.

Chap.20.8. deut.5.12.

12 *Six daies thou ſhalt do thy worke, and in the ſeuẽth day thou ſhalt reſt, that thine oxe, and thine aſſe may reſt, & the ſonne of thy maid and the ſtranger may be refreſhed.

f Nether by ſwearing by thẽ, nor ſpeaking of them, *Pſal 16.4 eph. 5.3.*

13 And ye ſhal take hede to all things that I haue ſaid vnto you: and ye ſhal make f no mencion of the name of other gods, nether ſhal it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 ¶Thre times thou ſhalt kepe a feaſt vnto me in the yere.

15 Thou ſhalt kepe the feaſt g of vnleauened bread: thou ſhalt eat vnleauened bread ſeuen daies, as I cõmanded thee, in the ſeaſon of the moneth of Abib: for in it thou cameſt out of Egypt: & none ſhal appeare before me emptie:

g That is, Eaſter, in remembrãce that the Angel paſſed ouer & ſpared the Iſraelites, when he ſlewe the firſtborne of the Egyptians

16 The h feaſt alſo of the harueſt of the firſt frutes of thy labours, which thou haſt ſowen in the field: and the i feaſt of gathering *frutes* in the end of the yere, when thou haſt gathered in thy labours out of the field.

h Which is, Witſontide, in token that the Law was giuẽ 50 daies after they departed from Egypt.

i This is, the feaſt of tabernacles, ſignifiing that thei dwelled 40. yere vnder the tents or the tabernacles in wildernes

17 *Theſe* thre times in the yere ſhal all thy men children appeare before the Lord Iehouãh.

18 Thou ſhalt not offre the blood of my ſacrifice with k leauened bread: nether ſhal the fat of my ſacrifice remaine vntil the morning.

k No leauened bread ſhalbe then in thine houſe.

19 The firſt of the firſt frutes of thy land thou ſhalt bring into ỹ houſe of the Lord thy God: *yet* ſhalt thou not ſeeth a kid in his l mothers milke.

l Meanig that no frutes ſhulde be take before iuſt rimes: & hereby are brideled all cruel & wantõ appetites.

20 ¶Beholde, I ſend an Angel before thee, to kepe thee in the way, and to bring thee to the place which I haue prepared.

21 Beware of him, and heare his voyce, & prouoke him not: for he wil not ſpare your miſdedes, becauſe my m Name is in him.

m I wil giue him mine authoritie, and he ſhal gouerne you in my Name

22 But if thou hearken vnto his voyce, and do all that I ſpeake, then I wil be an enemie vnto thine enemies, and wil afflict them that afflict thee.

23 For mine Angel * ſhal go before thee; and bring thee vnto the Amorites, & the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hiuites, and the Iebuſites, and I wil deſtroye them.

Chap.33.2. deut.7.21. ioſh 24.11.

24 Thou ſhalt not bowe downe to their gods, nether ſeruе them, nor do after the workes of thẽ: but n vtterly ouerthrowe them, and breake in pieces their images.

n God commãdeth his not onely not to worſhip idoles, but to deſtroye them

25 For ye ſhal ſeruе the Lord your God, & he ſhal bleſſe thy o bread and thy water, & I wil take all ſickenes away frõ the middes of thee.

o That is, all things neceſſarie for this preſent life.

26 ¶*There ſhal none caſt their frute nor be barren in thy land: the nombre of thy dayes wil I fulfil. *Deut 7.14.*

27 I wil ſend my p feare before thee, & wil deſtroy all the people amõg whome thou ſhalt go: and I wil make all thine enemies *turne* their backes vnto thee:

p I wil make them afraid at thy comming.

28 And I wil ſend hornets before thee, which ſhal driue out the Hiuites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from thy face.

29 I wil not caſt them out from thy face in one yere, leſt the land growe to a wildernes: and the beaſtes of the field multiplie againſt thee.

30 By

30 By litle and litle I wil driue them out from thy face vntil thou encreaſe, and inherite the land.

31 And I wil make thy coaſtes frō the red Sea vnto the ſea ᵠ of the Philiſtims, and from the ʳ deſert vnto the ˢ Riuer: for I wil deliuer the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and thou ſhalt driue them out from thy face.

32 *Thou ſhalt make no couenant with thē, nor with their gods:

33 Nether ſhal they dwel in thy land, leſt they make thee ſinne againſt me: for if ÿ ſerue their gods, ſurely it ſhal be thy ᵗᵗ deſtruction.

ᵠ Called the ſea of Syria or Of Arabia called deſerta
ʳ To wit, Euphrates
Chap 34,15. deu.7,2.
ᵗᵗ *Ebr offence, or ſnare.*

CHAP. XXIIII.

5 The people promiſe to obey God. 4 Moſes writeth the ciuile lawes 9,13 Moſes returneth vnto the mountaine. 14 Aarón and Hur haue the charge of the people. 18 Moſés was 40 dayes & 40 nights in the mountaine.

1 NOw he had ª ſaid vnto Moſés, Come vp to the Lord, thou, and Aarón, Nadáb, & Abihú, and ſeuenty of the Elders of Iſraél, & ye ſhal worſhip a far of.

2 And Moſés hi ſelfe alone ſhal come nere to the Lord, but they ſhal not come nere, nether ſhal the people go vp with him.

3 ¶ ᵇ Afterward Moſés came and tolde the people all the wordes of the Lord and all the ᵗᵗ lawes: and all the people anſwered with one voyce, and ſaid, *All the things which the Lord hathe ſaid, wil we do.

4 And Moſés wrote all the wordes of the Lord, and roſe vp early, and ſet vp an *altar ᵘ vnder the mountaine, and twelue pillers according to the twelue tribes of Iſraél.

5 And he ſent yong ᶜ men of the children of Iſraél, which offered burnt offrings of beues, & ſacrificed peace offrings vnto the Lord.

6 Thē Moſés toke halfe of the blood, and put it in baſens, and halfe of the blood he ſprinkled on the altar.

7 After he toke the ᵛ boke of the couenant, and read it in the audience of the people: who ſaid, All that the Lord hathe ſaid, we wil do, and be obedient.

8 Then Moſés toke the * blood, and ſprinkled it on the people, & ſaid, Beholde, the ᵈ blood of the couenant, which the Lord hathe made with you concerning all theſe things.

9 ¶ Then went vp Moſés and Aarón, Nadáb, and Abihú, and ſeuenty of the Elders of Iſraél.

10 And they ᵉ ſawe the God of Iſraél, and vnder his fete *was* as it were a ᵗᵗ worke of a Saphir ſtone, & as the verie heauen whē it is cleare.

11 And vpon the nobles of the children of Iſraél he laid not his hand: alſo they ſawe God, and ᵍ did eat & drinke.

ª When he called him vp to the mountaine to giue him ÿ lawes, beginning at the 20 chap hitherto.
ᵇ Whē he had receiued theſe lawes i mount Sinái
ᵗᵗ *Ebr iudgements*
Chap.19,8
Chap 20,24.
ᵘ *Or, at the foot of the mountaine.*
ᶜ For as yet the prieſthode was not giuen to Leui
ᵛ *Ebr. the volume of the Lawe*
1 Pet 1,2. ebr 9,19.
ᵈ Which blood ſignifieth that the couenant broken can not be ſatisfied without bloodſhedding
ᵉ As perfectly as their infirmities coude beholde his maieſtie
ᵗᵗ *Ebr bricke worke*
ᶠ He made thē not afraid, nor puniſhed them
ᵍ That is reioyced.

12 ¶ And the Lord ʰ ſaid vnto Moſés, Come vp to me into the mountaine, & be there, and I wil giue thee ⁱ tables of ſtone, and ÿ Lawe & the commandement, which I haue written, for to teache ᵏ them.

13 Then Moſés roſe vp & his miniſter Ioſhúa, & Moſés went vp into the mountaine of God,

14 And ſaid vnto the Elders, Taríe vs here, vntil we come againe vnto you: & beholde, Aarón, and Hur *are* ẅ you: whoſoeuer hathe anie matters, let him come to them.

15 Then Moſés went vp to the mount, and the cloude couered the mountaine,

16 And the glorie of the Lord abode vpon mount Sinái, & the cloude couered ˡ it ſix daies: and the ſeuenth day he called vnto Moſés out of the middes of the cloude.

17 And the ſight of the glorie of the Lord *was* like ᵐ conſuming fire on the top of the mountaine, in the eies of the children of Iſraél.

18 And Moſes entred into the middes of the cloude, & went vp to the mountaine: & Moſés was in the * mount fourty dayes and fourty nightes.

ʰ The ſecōde time
ⁱ Signifiing ÿ hardenes of our hearts, except God do write his lawes therin by his Spirit Iere 31,33 ezek 11,19 2 cor.3, 3 ebr 8,10 & 10,16
ᵏ To wit, the people
ˡ *Or, here.*
ᵐ The Lord appeareth like deuouring fire to carnall men but to them that he draweth with his Spirit, he is like pleaſant Saphir
Chap 34,28. deu.9,9.

CHAP. XXV.

2 The voluntarie gifts for the making of the Tabernacle. 10 The forme of the Arke 17 The Merciſeat. 23 The Table 31 The Cādelſtick. 40 All muſt be done according to the patern.

1 THen the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

2 ª Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, that they receiue an offring for me: of * euerie mā, whoſe heart grieueth it frely, ye ſhal take the offring for me.

3 And this is ÿ offring which ye ſhal ᵇ take of them, golde, and ſiluer, and braſſe,

4 ᵗᵗ And blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine linen, and goates *heere*.

5 And ramme ſkins coulored red, and the ſkins of badgers, and the wood ᶜ Shittím,

6 Oyle for the light, ſpices for ᵈ anointing oyle, & for the perfume of ſwete ſauour,

7 Onix ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet in the *Ephod, and in the * breſt plate.

8 Alſo they ſhal make me a ᵉ Sanctuarie, ÿ I may dwel among them.

9 According to all that I ſhewe thee, euen ſo ſhal ye make the forme of the Tabernacle, and the facion of all the inſtruments thereof.

10 ¶ They ſhal make alſo an * Arke of Shittim wood, two cubites and an haife long, & a cubite and an halfe broad, & a cubite and an halfe hie.

11 And thou ſhalt ouerlaie it with pure golde: within & without ſhalt thou ouerlaie it, and ſhalt make vpō it a ᶠ crowne of golde rounde about.

12 And thou ſhalt caſt foure rings of golde for it, and put them in the foure ᶠ corners

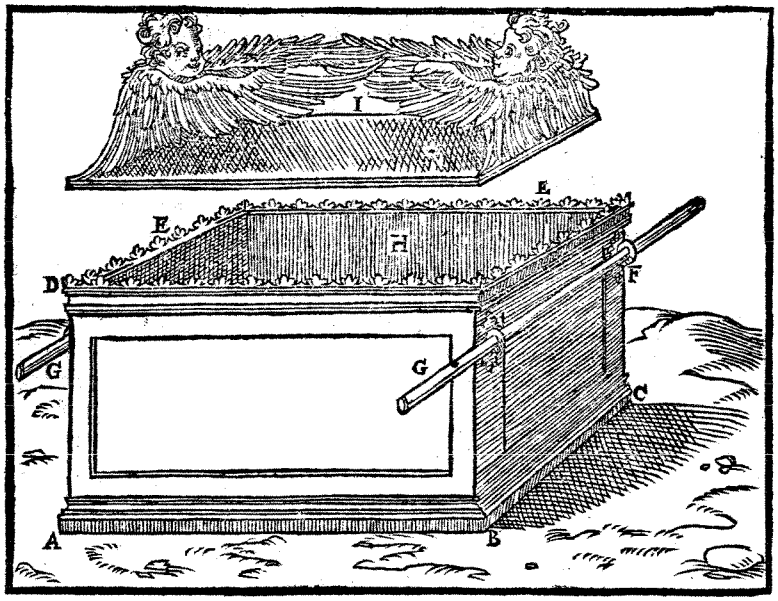
ª After the moral and iudicial lawe he grieueth them ÿ ceremonial lawe, that nothing ſhuld be left to mans inuention
Chap 35,5.
ᵇ For ÿ building and vſe of the Tabernacle
ᵗᵗ *Or ſilke*
ᶜ Which is thoght to be a kinde of cedar, which wil not rot
ᵈ Ordened for ÿ Prieſts
Chap 28,4.
Chap 26,1.
ᵉ A place bo the to offre ſacrifice and to heare ÿ Lawe.
Chap 37,1.
ᶠ *Or, a circle or a bordre.*
ᶠ *Or, feete.*

thereof: that is, two rings *ſhalbe* on ỹ one ſide of it, and two rings on the other ſide thereof.

13 And thou ſhalt make barres of Shittím wood, and couer them with golde.

14 Then thou ſhalt put the barres in the rings by the ſides of the Arke, to beare ỹ Arke with them.

THE ARKE OF THE TESTIMONIE.



A B The length, two cubites and an halfe.
B C. The breadth a cubite and an halfe.
A D The height a cubite and an halfe.
E E The golde crowne aboue the Arke.
F The foure rings of golde in the foure corners.
G The barres couered w golde to put through the rings to cary the Arke.
H The inner parte of the Arke where the Teſtimonie was put.
I The Mercie ſeate, w was the couering of the Arke: where were the two Cherubims, & whence ỹ oracle came.

15 The barres ſhal be in the rings of the Arke: they ſhal not be taken away from it.

f The ſtone tables, the rod of Aaron and Manna, which were a teſtimonie of Gods preſence.

16 So thou ſhalt put in the Arke the f Teſtimonie which I ſhal giue thee.

17 Alſo thou ſhalt make a" g Merciſeat of pure golde, two cubites and an halfe lóg, and a cubite and an halfe broad.

" Or, couering: or, propitiatorie.

g There God appeared mercifully vnto them: and this was a figure of Chriſt.

18 And thou ſhalt make two Cherubíms of golde: of worke beaten out with the hammer ſhalt thou make them at ỹ two endes of the Merciſeat.

19 And the one Cherúb ſhalt thou make at the one end, & the other Cherúb at ỹ other end: of *the matter* of the Merciſeat ſhalye make the Cherubíms, on the two endes thereof.

20 And the Cherubíms ſhal ſtretch their wings on hie, couering the Merciſeat with their wings, & their faces one to an other: to the Merciſeat ward ſhal the faces of ỹ Cherubíms be.

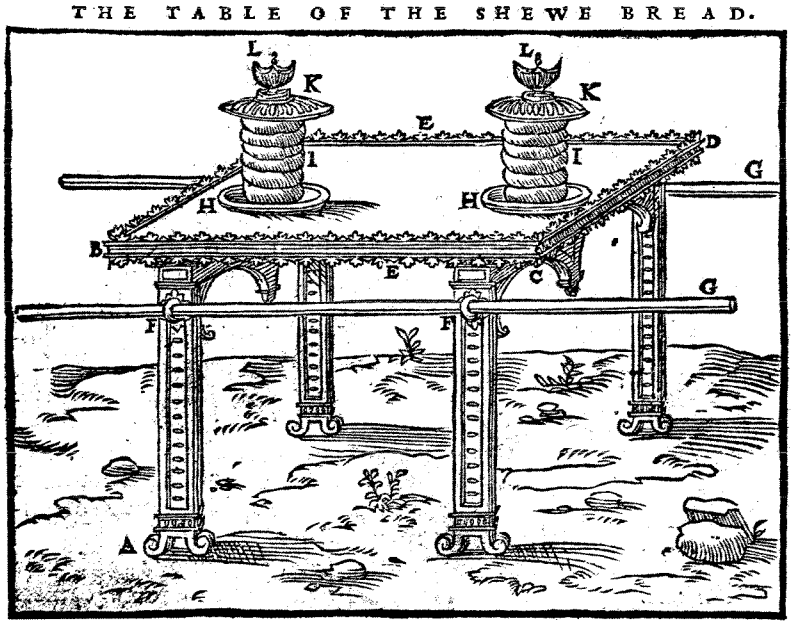
21 And thou ſhalt put the Merciſeat aboue vpon the Arke, and in the Arke thou ſhalt put ỹ Teſtimonie, which I wil giue thee,

22 And there I wil° declare my ſelfe vnto thee, and from aboue the Merciſeat * betwene the two Cherubíms, which are vpō the Arke of the Teſtimonie, I wil tel thee all things which I wil giue thee in cōmandement vnto the children of Iſraél.

° Or, wil appoint with thee.

* Nom. 7. 89.

THE TABLE OF THE SHEWE BREAD.



A B The height a cubite and an halfe.
B C The length two cubites.
C D The breadth a cubite.
E A crowne of golde aboue & beneth ſeparated the one frō the other by a border of an hand breadth thicke, w declareth that the table was an hand breadth thicke.
F The foure rings.
G The barres to cary the table, which were put through ỹ rings.
H Diſhes wherein ỹ ſhewe bread was put.
I The twelue cakes or loaues called the ſhewe bread.
K The goblets or couerings.
L The incenſe cuppes.

Chap 37.10. 23 ¶ * Thou ſhalt alſo make a table of Shittim wood, of two cubites long, & one cubite broad, and a cubite and an half hie:

24 And thou ſhalt couer it w̄ pure golde, and make thereto a crowne of golde rounde about.

25 Thou ſhalt alſo make vnto it a border of ‖ foure fingers rounde about: and thou ſhalt make a golden crowne rounde about the border thereof.

‖ Or, an hand breed

26 After, thou ſhalt make for it foure rings of golde, & ſhalt put the rings in ỹ foure corners that are in the foure fete thereof:

27 Ouer againſt the border ſhal the rings be for places for barres, to beare the Table.

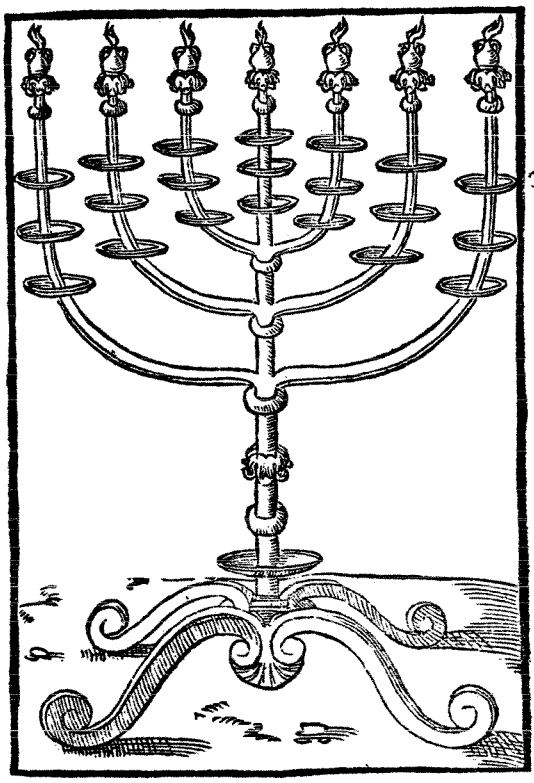
28 And thou ſhalt make the barres of Shittim wood, and ſhalt ouerlay them with golde, that ỹ Table may be borne with them.

29 Thou ſhalt make alſo h diſhes for it, and *incens* cups for it and couerings for it, and goblets, wherewith it ſhalbe couered, *euẽ* of fine golde ſhalt thou make them.

h To ſet the bread vpon

30 And thou ſhalt ſet vpō the Table ſhewbread before me continually.

THE CANDELSTICKE.



Becauſe the facion of the candelſtick is ſo plaine & euidēt, it nedeth not to deſcribe the particular partes thereof according to the ordre of lettres Onely where as it is ſaid in the 34 verſe, that there ſhalbe foure bowles or cuppes in the cādelſticke, it muſt be vnderſtād of the ſhaft or ſhāke: for there are but thre for euerie one of the other branches. Alſo the knoppes of the cādelſtick are theſe which are vnder the brāches as thei iſſue out of the ſhaft on either ſide.

Chap. 37.17. 31 ¶ * Alſo thou ſhalt make a Candelſticke of pure golde: of i worke beaten out w̄ the hāmer ſhal the Cādelſticke be made, his ſhaft, & his brāches, his bolles, his knops: and his floures ſhal be of the ſame.

i It ſhal not be molten, but beaten out of the lumpe of golde with ỹ hammer

32 Six branches alſo ſhal come out of the ſides of it: thre branches of the Candelſticke out of the one ſide of it, and thre branches of the Candelſticke out of the other ſide of it.

33 Thre bolles like vnto almondes, one knop and *one* floure in one branche: and thre bolles like almondes in the *other* brāche, one knop and *one* floure: ſo through out the ſix branches that come out of the Candelſticke.

34 And in the *ſhaft* of ỹ Candelſticke *ſhalbe* foure bolles like vnto almōdes, his knops & his floures.

35 And *there ſhalbe* a knop vnder two branches *made* thereof: & a knop vnder two brāches *made* thereof: and a knop vnder two brāches *made* thereof according to the ſix branches comming out of the Candelſticke.

36 Their knops and their branches ſhalbe thereof. all this ſhalbe one beatē worke of pure golde.

37 And ỹ ſhalt make the ſeuen lāpes thereof, & ỹ lāpes thereof ſhalt ỹ put theron, to giue light toward that that is before it.

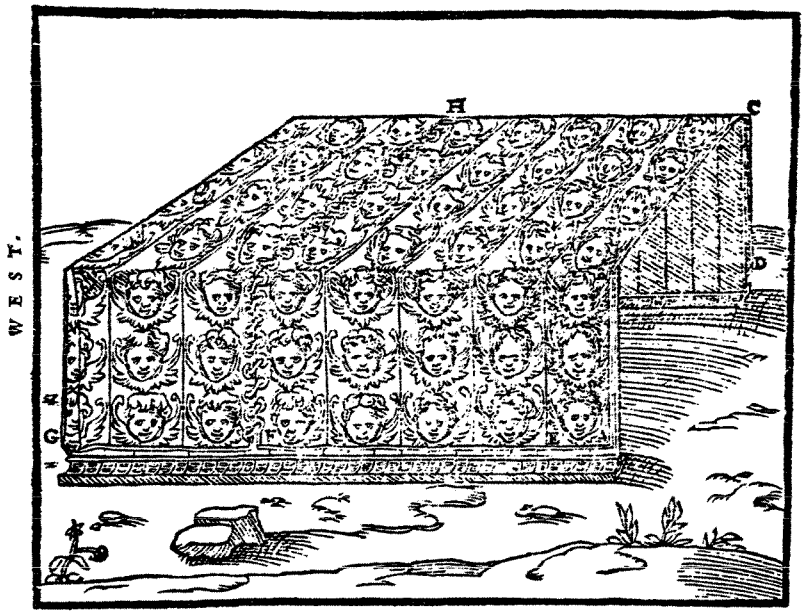
38 Alſo the ſnoffers & ſnoffediſhes thereof *ſhalbe* of pure golde.

39 Of k a talēt of fine golde ſhalt thou make it with all theſe inſtruments.

k This was ỹ talent weighe of the temple & waied 1100 pounde *1 br 8.9. act.7.44*

40 * Loke therefore that thou make *them* after their facion, that was ſhewed thee in the mountaine.

THE FIRST COVERING OF THE TABERNACLE.



SOVTHE.

A B C D The ten curtaines, which were eight and twentie cubites long of Cherubin worke
A E The breadth of a curtaine was foure cubites, and ſo the ten were fourtie cubites broad
F G Two curtaines & an halfe: ſo that ỹ whole laid together declareth that the tabernacle was thirtie cubites long and twelue broad
F H Taches or hokes to tie the curtaines together.

CHAP. XXVI.

1. *The forme of the Tabernacle and the appertinances,* 33 *The place of the Arke, of the Merciſeat, of the Table, and of the Candelſticke.*

1 AFterward thou ſhalt make the Tabernacle with ten curtaines of fine twined linen, and blewe ſilke, and purple, & ſkarlet: & in thē thou ſhalt make Cherubims of [a] broidred worke.

a That is, of moſte conning or fine worke.

2 The length of one curtaine *ſhalbe* eight and twentie cubites, & the breadth of one curtaine, foure cubites: euerie one of ỹ curtaines ſhal haue one meaſure.

3 Fiue curtaines ſhal be coupled one to another: and the *other* fiue curtains ſhalbe coupled one to an other.

4 And thou ſhalt make ſtrings of blewe ſilke vpō the edge of the one curtaine, *which is* in the ſeluedge[b] of the coupling: & likewiſe ſhalt ỹ make in ỹ edge of ỹ *other* curtaine in ỹ ſeluedge, in ỹ ſecōde couplig.

b On the ſide that the curtaines might be tied together

5 Fiftie ſtrings ſhalt thou make in one curtaine, and fiftie ſtrings ſhalt thou make in the edge of the curtaine, which is in the ſecōde coupling: ỹ ſtrings *ſhalbe* one right againſt an other.

c In tying together both the ſides

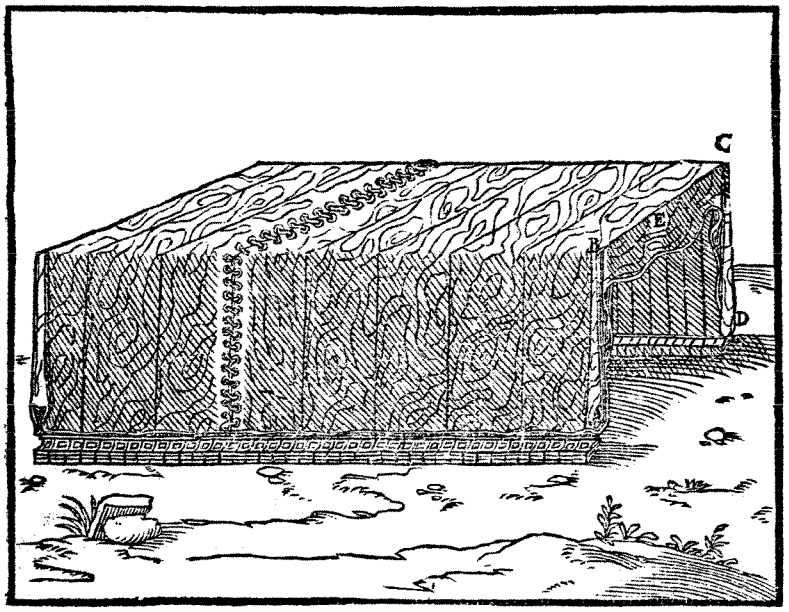
6 Thou ſhalt make alſo fiftie [d] taches of golde, and couple ỹ curtaines one to another wᵗ the taches, & it ſhalbe one [e] tabernacle.

d Or, hokes

e Or, habitacle

THE CVRTAINES OF GOATES HEERE.

NORTH.



SOVTHE.

Theſe eleuen curtaines of goates heere were put aboue the other ten, and the eleuenth hanged before the entrie of the Tabernacle, like E. Theſe alſo were 30 cubites long and the other but eight and twenty, and therefore on the Southe ſide thei were a cubite longer then the other, like A. and alſo another on the North ſide, that the boarues might be couered.

7 ¶ Alſo ỹ ſhalt make curtaines of goates heere, to be a [d] couering vpon the Tabernacle: thou ſhalt make them *to the nomber* of eleuen curtaines.

8 The length of a curtaine *ſhalbe* thirtie cubites, & the breadth of a curtaine foure cubites: the eleuen curtaines *ſhalbe* of one meaſure.

9 And thou ſhalt couple fiue curtaines by them ſelues, and the ſix curtaines by them ſelues: but thou ſhalt double the [e] ſixt curtaine vpon the fore frionte of the couering.

10 And thou ſhalt make fifty ſtrings in the edge of one curtaine in the ſelуedge of the coupling, and fifty ſtrings in the edge of the *other* curtaine in the ſeconde coupling.

11 Likewiſe thou ſhalt make fifty [f] taches of braſſe, and faſten them on the ſtrings, & ſhalt couple the couering together, that it may be one.

12 And the [g] remnant that reſteth in the curtaines of the couering, *euen* the haife curtaine that reſteth, ſhalbe left at the backe ſide of the Tabernacle,

13 That the cubite on the one ſide, and the cubite on the other ſide of that which is left in the length of the curtaines of the couering, may remaine on ether ſide of the Tabernacle to couer it.

14 Moreouer for that couering thou ſhalt make a [h] couering of rams ſkins died red, & a couering [i] of badgers ſkins aboue.

15 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt make boardes for the Tabernacle of Shittim wood to ſtand vp.

d Left raine and wether ſhulde marre it

e That is, fiue on ỹ one ſide, & fiue on the other, and the ſixt ſhulde hang ouer the dore of ỹ Tabernacle

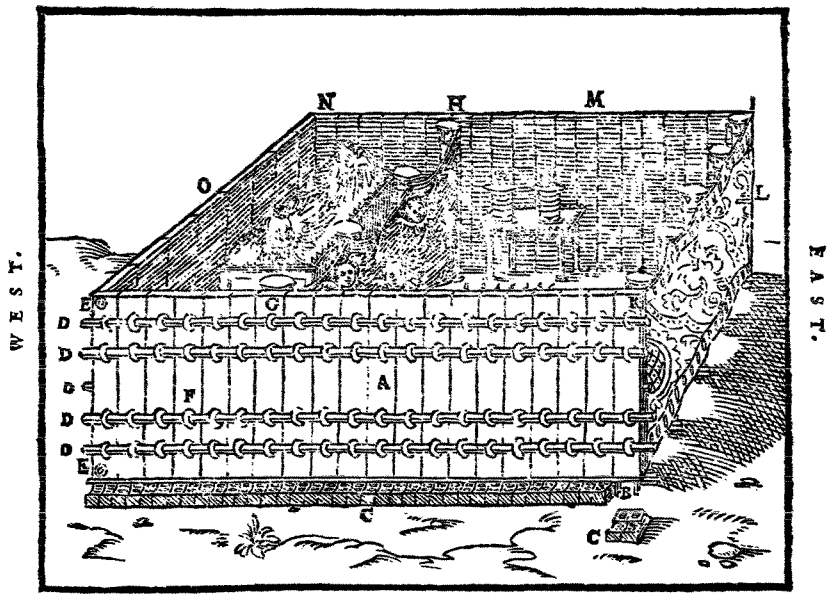
f Or, laſſe pieces, wherin were the meet vſes for the ſeruice.

g For theſe curtaines were two cubites longer the the curtaines of ỹ Tabernacle: ſo that thei were ſider by a cubite on bothe ſides.

g To be put vpon the couering, ỹ was made of goates heere

h This was ỹ thirde couering for the Tabernacle

THE TABERNACLE.



A M Twentie boardes on the Southe ſide and twentie on the North ſide

B K The length of euerie one ten cubites, & the breadth a cubite and an halfe

E K & N I Declare that all the boardes ioyned together made thirtie cubites, which was the length of the Tabernacle Ioſephus writeth that euerie boarde was an handful thicke

16 Ten cubites *ſhalle* the length of a boarde, and a cubite and an halfe cubite the breadth of one boarde.

17 Two tenons *ſhalbe* in one boarde ſet in ordre as the fete of a ladder, one againſt an other: thus ſhalt thou make for all the boardes of the Tabernacle.

18 And thou ſhalt make boardes for the Tabernacle, *euen* twentie boardes on the Southe ſide, euen ful Southe.

19 And thou ſhalt make fourtie [e] ſockets of ſiluer vnder the twentie boardes, two ſockets vnder one boarde for his two tenõs, & two ſockets vnder an other boarde for his two tenons.

20 In like maner on the other ſide of the Tabernacle towarde the North ſide *ſhalbe* twentie boardes,

21 And their fourtie ſockets of ſiluer, two ſockets vnder one boarde, and two ſockets vnder a nother boarde.

22 And on the ſide of the Tabernacle, toward the Weſt ſhalt thou make ſix boardes.

23 Alſo two boardes ſhalt thou make in the corners of the Tabernacle in ỹ two ſides.

24 Alſo thei ſhalbe [i] ioyned beneth, & like-

i The Ebrewe worde ſignifieth twinnes declaring that thei ſhulde be ſo perfect and wel ioyned as were poſsible.

wiſe thei ſhalbe ioyned aboue to a ring: thus ſhal it be for them two: thei ſhalbe for the two corners.

25 So thei ſhalbe eight boardes hauing ſockets of ſiluer, *euē* ſixtene ſockets, *that is*, two ſockets vnder one boarde, & two ſockets vnder an other boarde.

26 ¶ Then thou ſhalt make fiue barres of Shittím wood for the boardes of one ſide of the Tabernacle,

27 And fiue barres for the boardes of the other ſide of the Tabernacle: alſo fiue barres for the boardes of the ſide of the Tabernacle towarde the Weſtſide.

28 And the midle barre ſhal go through the middes of the boardes, from end to end.

29 And thou ſhalt couer the boardes with golde, and make their rings of golde, for places for the barres, and thou ſhalt couer the barres with golde.

30 So thou ſhalt rere vp the Tabernacle * according to the facion thereof, which was ſhewed thee in the mount.

Chap 25.9. & 40. ebr 8.5. act.7.44.

31 ¶ Moreouer thou ſhalt make a vaile of blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linen: thou ſhalt make it of broydred worke with Cherubims.

32 And thou ſhalt hang it vpō foure pillers of Shittím wood couered with golde, (whoſe [k] hokes ſhalbe of golde) *ſtanding* vpon foure ſockets of ſiluer.

[k] Some read, heades of the pillers

33 ¶ Afterward thou ſhalt hang the vaile [v] on the hokes, that thou maieſt bring in thither, *that is* (within ỹ vaile) the Arke of the Teſtimonie: and the vaile ſhal make you a ſeparacion betwene the Holy place and the [l] moſte Holy place.

[v] Ebr vnder the hokes: meaning that it ſhalde hang downeward from the hokes.

[l] Whereunto the hie Prieſt onely entred once a yere

34 Alſo thou ſhalt put the Merciſeat vpon the Arke of the Teſtimonie in the moſte Holy place.

35 And thou ſhalt ſet the Table [m] without the vaile, & the Candelſticke ouer againſt the Table on ỹ Southſide of the Tabernacle, and thou ſhalt ſet the Table on the Northſide.

[m] Meaning in ỹ holy place

36 Alſo thou ſhalt make an [n] hanging for the dore of the Tabernacle of blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linen wroght with nedle.

[n] This hangig or vaile was betwene the holy place & there where ỹ people were.

37 And thou ſhalt make for the hanging fiue pillers of Shittím, and couer thē with golde: their heades *ſhalbe* of golde, & thou ſhalt caſt fiue ſockets of braſſe for them.

CHAP XXVII.

1 The altar of the burnt offring. 2 The courte of the Tabernacle. 19 The lampes continually burning.

1 MOreouer thou ſhalt make ỹ [a] altar of Shittím wood, fiue cubites long and fiue cubites broade (the altar ſhalbe foure ſquare) and the height thereof thre cubites.

[a] For ỹ burnt offring.

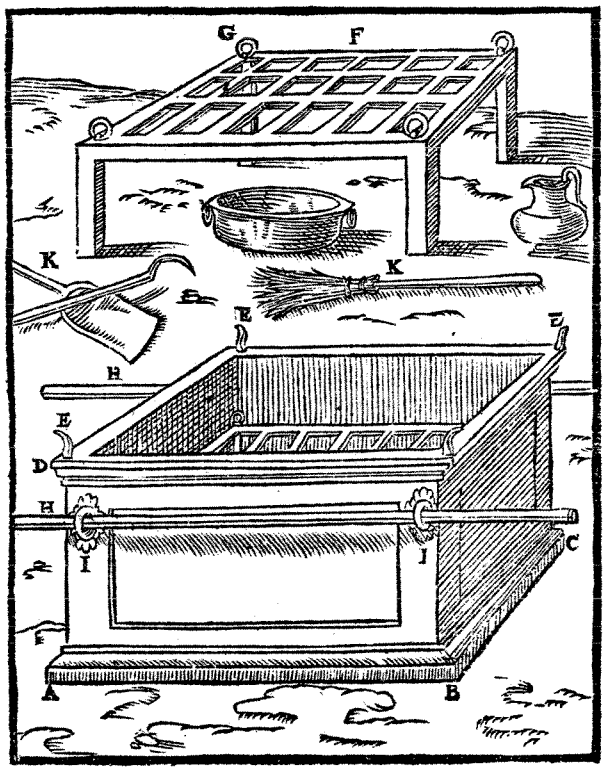
2 And thou ſhalt make it hornes in the foure corners thereof: the hornes ſhalbe of it [b] ſelfe, and thou ſhalt couer it with braſſe.

[b] Of the ſame wood & matter, not faſtened vnto it

3 Alſo thou ſhalt make his aſhpannes for his aſſhes and his beſoms, and his baſens, and his fleſhokes, & his [c] cenſers: thou ſhalt make all the inſtrumēts thereof of braſſe.

[c] Or, fire pānes.

THE ALTAR OF BVRNT OFFERING.



A B The length conteining fiue cubites.

A D The height thre cubites

B C The breadth aſmuche

E The foure hornes or foure corners.

F The grate, which was put within the altar, and whereupon the ſacrifice was burnt.

G Foure rings to lift vp the grate by, when thei auoided the aſſhes

H The barres to cary the altar.

I The rings through the which the barres were put

K Aſhpans, beſoms, fleſhokes, baſens & ſuche inſtruments apparteining to the altar.

4 And thou ſhalt make vnto it a grate *like* networke of braſſe: alſo vpon that "grate ſhalt thou make foure braſen rings vpon the foure corners thereof.

"Ebr net.

5 And thou ſhalt put it vnder the cõpaſſe of the altar beneth, that the grate may be in the middes of the altar.

6 Alſo thou ſhalt make barres for the altar, barres, *I ſay*, of Shittim wood, & ſhalt couer them with braſſe.

7 And the barres thereof ſhalbe put in the rings, the which barres ſhalbe põ the two ſides of the altar to beare it.

8 Thou ſhalt make ỹ *altar* holowe *betwene* the boardes: as *God* ſhewed thee in the mount, ſo ſhal they make it.

c This was ỹ firſt entrie into the Tabernacle, where ỹ people aboue

9 ¶Alſo thou ſhalt make the c courte of ỹ Tabernacle in the Southſide, euen ful Southe: the courte ſhal haue curtaines of fine twined linen, of an hundreth cubites long, for one ſide,

10 And it ſhal haue twentie pillers, with their twentie ſockets of braſſe: the heades of the pillers, & their d filets *ſhalbe* ſiluer.

d They were certein hopes or circles for to beautifie ỹ piller.

11 Likewiſe on the Northſide in length *thereſh ulbe* hangings of an hundreth *cubites* long, & the twẽtie pillers thereof ẇ their twentie ſockets of braſſe: the heades of ỹ pillers and the filets *ſhalbe* ſiluer.

12 ¶And the breadth of the courte on the Weſtſide *ſhal haue* curtaines of fiftie cubites, *with* their ten pillers & their ten ſockets.

13 And the breadth of the courte, Eaſtward ful Eaſt *ſhal haue* e fiftie cubites.

e Meaning curtaines of fifty cubites

14 Alſo hangings of fiftene cubites *ſhalbe* on the *one* f ſide *with* their thre pillers and their thre ſockets.

f Of the dore of the courte

15 Likewiſe on the other ſide *ſhalbe* hangings of fiftene cubites, *with* their thre pillers, and their thre ſockets.

16 ¶And in the gate of the courte *ſhalbe* a vaile of twentie cubites, of blewe ſilke, & purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linen wroght with nedle, *with* the foure pillers thereof and their foure ſockets.

17 All the pillers of the courte ſhal haue filets of ſiluer rounde about, *with* their heades of ſiluer, and their ſockets of braſſe.

18 ¶The length of the court *ſhalbe* an hundreth cubites, and the breadth fiftie "at either end, and the height fiue cubites, *and the hangings* of fine twined linen, & their ſockets of braſſe.

"Ebr fifty in fifty

19 All the veſſels of the Tabernacle for all maner ſeruice thereof, & all the g pins thereof, & all the pins of the courte *ſhalbe* braſſe.

g Or ſtakes, wherewith ỹ curtaines were faſtened to the grounde

20 ¶And thou ſhalt commande the childrẽ of Iſraél, that they bring vnto thee pure oyle oliue h beaten for the light, that the lampes may alwaye "burne.

h Suche as cõmeth from ỹ olive, when it is firſt preſſed or beaten

"Or, aſcide vp

21 In the Tabernacle of the Congregaciõ without the vaile, which is before the Teſtimonie, ſhal Aarón and his ſonnes dreſſe them from euening to morning before the Lord, for a ſtatute for euer vnto their generacions *to be obſerued* by the children of Iſraél.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 The Lord calleth Aarón & his ſonnes to the Prieſthode 4 Their garmẽts 12 29 Aarón entreth in to the Sãctuarie in the name of the children of Iſraél 30 Urim and Thummim 38 Aarón beareth the iniquitie of the Iſraelites offrings.

1 AND cauſe thou thy brother Aarón to come vnto thee and his ſonnes ẇ him, from among the children of Iſraél, that he may ſerue me in the Prieſts office: *I meane* Aarón, Nadáb, and Abihú, Eleazár, and Ithamár Aarons ſonnes.

2 Alſo ỹ ſhalt make holy garments for Aarón thy brother, a glorious & beautiful.

a Whereby his office may be knowen to be glorious & excellent

3 Therefore thou ſhalt ſpeake vnto all "cõning mẽ, whome I haue filled with the ſpirite of wiſdome, that they make Aarons garments to b conſecrate him, that he may ſerue me in the Prieſtes office.

"Ebr wiſe in heart

b Which is, to ſeparat him from the reſt.

THE GARMENTS OF THE HIGH PRIEST.

A The Ephod, or vpmoſt coate, which was like cloth of golde and was girded vnto him, wherein was the breſt plate with the twelue ſtones, which was tied aboue with two cheines to two onix ſtones and beneth with two laces.

B The robe ẇ was next vnder the Ephod, wherevnto were ioined the pomegranates and belles of golde.

C The tunicle or broydred coate, which was vnder ỹ robe and longer then it, and was alſo with out ſleues

c A ſhort and ſtreict coate without ſleeues put vpmoſt vpon his garmentes to kepe the cloſe vnto him.

4 Now theſe ſhalbe ỹ garmẽts, ẇ thei ſhal make, a breſt plate, & a Ephod, & a robe, &

a broydred coat, a mitre, & a girdle. ſo *the* ſe holy garmẽts ſhal they make for Aarón thy brother, & for his ſonnes, that he may ſerue me in the Prieſts office.

5 Therefore they ſhal take golde, & blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, & fine linen,

6 ¶ And they ſhal make the Ephod of golde, blewe ſilke, and purple, ſkarlet, & fine twined linen of broydred worke.

7 The two ſhulders thereof ſhalbe ioyned together by their two edges: ſo ſhal it be cloſed.

d Which wẽt about his vpmoſt coat.

8 And ỹ d embroydred garde of the ſame Ephod, which ſhalbe vpõ him, ſhalbe of ỹ ſelfe ſame worke and ſtuffe, *euen* of golde, blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 And thou ſhalt take two onix ſtones, and graue vpon them the names of the children of Iſraél:

10 Six names of thẽ vpon the one ſtone, & the ſix names that remaine, vpõ the ſecõde ſtone, according to e their generaciõs.

e As they were in age, ſo ſhulde they be grauen in order.

11 Thou ſhalt cauſe to graue ỹ two ſtones accordig to the names of ỹ childrẽ of Iſraél by a grauer of ſignets, ỹ worketh and graueth in ſtone, and ſhalt make them to be ſet and emboſſed in golde.

12 And thou ſhalt put the two ſtones vpon the ſhulders of the Ephod, *as* ſtones of f remẽbrance of ỹ children of Iſraél: for Aarón ſhal beare their names before ỹ Lord vpõ his two ſhulders for a remẽbrance.

f That Aarón might remembre the Iſraelites to God warde.

13 So thou ſhalt make boſſes of golde,

g Of the boſſes.

14 ¶ And two cheines of fine golde g at the ende, of wrethed worke ſhalt ỹ make them, & ſhalt faſten the wrethed cheines vpon the boſſes.

15 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt make the breſt plate of h iudgemẽt with broydred worke: like the worke of the Ephod ſhalt thou make it: of golde, blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, & fine twined linen ſhalt ỹ make it.

h It was ſo called, becauſe ỹ hie Prieſt colde not giue ſentence or iudgement without that on his bre[ſt].

16 i Foure ſquare it ſhalbe *and* double, an hand bred long and an hand bred broad.

i The deſcription of the breſt plate.

17 Then thou ſhalt ſet it ful of places for ſtones, *euen* foure rowes of ſtones: ỹ ordre *ſhalbe thus*, a *ruby, a topaze, and a *carbũcle in the firſt rowe.

*Or, ſardoine. *Or, emeraude.

18 And in the ſeconde rowe *thou ſhalt ſet* an *emeraude, a ſaphir, and a *diamond.

*Or, carbuncle. *Or, jaſper.

19 And in ỹ third rowe a turkeis, an achate, and an hematite.

*Ebr. tarſhiſh.

20 And in the fourte rowe a *chryſolite, an onix, and a iaſper: and they ſhalbe ſet in golde in their emboſſements.

21 And the ſtones ſhalbe according to the names of the childrẽ of Iſraél, twelue, according to their names, grauen as ſignets, euerie one after his name, & they ſhalbe for the twelue tribes.

22 ¶ Then thou ſhalt make vpon the breſt Plate two cheines at the endes of wrethen worke of pure golde.

23 Thou ſhalt make alſo vpõ the breſt plate two rings of golde, and put the two rings on k the two endes of the breſt plate.

k Which are vpmoſt toward the ſhulder.

24 And thou ſhalt put the two wrethẽ cheines of golde in the two rings in the endes of the breſt plate.

25 And the *other* two endes of the two wrethen *cheines*, thou ſhalt faſten in the two emboſſements, and ſhalt put *them* vpõ the ſhulders of the Ephod on ỹ foreſide of it.

26 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt make two rings of golde, which thou ſhalt put in the l two *other* endes of the breſt plate, vpon the border thereof, toward ỹ inſide of ỹ Ephod.

l Which are beneth.

27 And two *other* rings of golde thou ſhalt make, & put them on the two ſides of the Ephod, beneth in the fore parte of it ouer againſt the coupling of it vpon the broydred garde of the Ephod.

28 Thus they ſhal binde the breſt plate by his rings vnto the rings of the Ephod, w̃ a lace of blewe ſilke, that it may be *faſt* vpon the broydred garde of the Ephod, & ỹ the breſt plate be not loſed frõ ỹ Ephod.

29 So Aarón ſhal m beare the names of the childrẽ of Iſraél in the breſt plate of iudgement vpon his heart, when he goeth into the holy place, for a remembrance continually before the Lord.

m Aarón ſhal not entre into the holy place in his owne name, but in the name of all the children of Iſrael.

30 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt put in the breſt plate of iudgement the n Vrím & the Thũmím, w̃ ſhalbe vpõ Aarons heart, whẽ he goeth in before the Lord: and Aarón ſhal beare the iudgemẽt of the children of Iſraél vpon his heart before the Lord continually.

n Vrím ſignifieth light, and Thũmím perfection: declaring that the ſtones of the breſt plate were moſte cleare, and of perfect beautie: by Vrim alſo is mẽt knolage, and Thũmím holynes, ſhewing what vertues are required in the Prieſts.

31 ¶ And thou ſhalt make the robe of the Ephod altogether of blewe ſilke.

32 And the hole for his heade ſhalbe in the middes of it, hauig an edge of woué worke rounde about ỹ coller of it: ſo it ſhalbe as ỹ coller of an habergeõ that it rẽt not.

33 ¶ And beneth vpon the ſkirtes thereof ỹ ſhalt make pomgranates of blewe ſilke, & purple, & ſkarlet, round about the ſkirtes thereof and belles of golde betwene them round about:

34 *That is*, * a golden bel and a pomgranate, a golden bel and a pomgranate rounde about vpon the ſkirtes of the robe.

*Eccluſ. 45, 10.

35 So it ſhalbe vpon Aarón, when he miniſtreth, and his ſound ſhalbe heard, when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord, and when he commeth out, and he ſhal not dye.

o Holines apperteineth to the Lord for he is moſte holy, and nothig vnholy may appeare before him.

36 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt make a plate of pure golde, & graue therõ, as ſignets are grauẽ, o HOLINES TO THE LORD,

37 And ỹ ſhalt put it on a blewe ſilke lace, and it ſhalbe vpon the mitre: *euen* vpon ỹ fore fronte of the mitre ſhal it be.

p Their offrigs colde not be ſo perfect, but ſome faute wolde be therein: w̃ ſinne the hie Prieſt bare and pacified God.

38 So it ſhalbe vpon Aarons forehead, that Aarón may p beare the iniquitie of ỹ offrings

frings, which the childrē of Iſraél ſhal offre in all their holy offrigs: & it ſhalbe alwaies vpon his forehead, to make them acceptable before the Lord.

39 Likewiſe thou ſhalt embroydre the fine linen coat, and thou ſhalt make a mitre of fine linen, but thou ſhalt make a girdel of nedle worke.

40 Alſo thou ſhalt make for Aarons ſonnes coates, & thou ſhalt make thē girdels, & bonets ſhalt thou make them for glorie and comelines.

41 And thou ſhalt put them vpon Aarón thy brother, & on his ſonnes with him, & ſhalt anoynt them, and q fil their hands, and ſanctifie them, ỹ they may miniſtre vnto me in the Prieſts office.

q That is, conſecrat thē, by giuing them things to offre, and therby admit them to their office

42 Thou ſhalt alſo make them linen breches to couer their priuities: frō the loynes vnto the thighs ſhal they reache.

43 And they ſhalbe for Aarón and his ſonnes when they come into the Tabernacle *of the Cōgregacion, or when they come vnto the altar to miniſter in ỹ holy place, that they r cōmit not iniquitie, & ſo dye. *This ſhalbe* a lawe for euer vnto him and to his ſede after him.

*Or, of Witnes

r In not hiding their nakednes.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 The maner of conſecrating the Prieſts. 38 The continual ſacrifice. 45 The Lord promiſeth to dwel among the children of Iſrael.

1 THis thing alſo ſhalt thou do vnto thē when thou cōſecrateſt them to be my Prieſtes,* Take a yong calf, and two rams without blemiſh,

*Leu 9.2.

2 And vnleauened bread & cakes vnleauened tempered with oyle, & wafers vnleauened anointed with oyle: (of fine wheat flower ſhalt thou make them)

3 Thē ỹ ſhalt put thē in one baſket, & s pre ſent them in the baſket with the calf and the two rams,

s To offre thē in ſacrifice.

4 And ſhalt bring Aarón and his ſonnes vnto the dore of the Tabernacle of ỹ Cō gregacion, and waſh them with water.

5 Alſo thou ſhalt take the garments, & put vpon Aarón the tunicle, and the robe of the t Ephod, and the Ephod, and the breſt plate, and ſhalt cloſeth *m* to him with the broydred garde of the Ephod.

t Which was next vnder the Ephod

6 Then thou ſhalt put the mitre vpon his head, and ſhalt put the holy* crowne vpon the mitre.

*Chap. 28, 36.

7 And thou ſhalt take the anointing* oyle, and ſhalt powre vpon his head, and anoint him.

*Chap. 30, 23.

8 And thou ſhalt bring his ſonnes, and put coates vpon them,

9 And ſhalt girde them with girdels, *bothe* Aarón & his ſonnes: and ſhalt put the bonets on them, and the Prieſtes office ſhalbe theirs for a perpetual lawe: thou* ſhalt alſo u fil the hands of Aarón, and the hāds of his ſonnes.

*Chap 28, 41.

*Or, conſecrat them

10 After, thou ſhalt preſent the calf before the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion,* and Aarón and his ſonnes ſhal c put their hāds vpon the head of the calf.

*Leuit 1, 5.

c Signifiing that the ſacrifice was alſo offred for them, and that they did approoue it.

11 So thou ſhalt kil the calf before ỹ Lord, at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

12 Then thou ſhalt take of ỹ blood of the calf, and put it vpon the hornes of the altar with thy finger, and ſhalt powre all *the reſt* of the blood at the fote of the altar.

13 *Alſo thou ſhalt take all the fat that couereth the inwardes, and the kall, *that is* on the liuer, and the two kidneis, and the fat that is vpon thē, and ſhalt burne them vpon the altar.

*Leuit. 3, 3

14 But the fleſh of the calf, and his ſkin, and his doūg ſhalt thou burne with fire without the hoſte: it is a *ſinne offring.

*Ebr. ſinne. 2 Cor. 5, 21

15 ¶Thou ſhalt alſo take one ram, and Aarón and his ſonnes ſhal put their hands vpon the head of the ram.

16 Then thou ſhalt kil the ram, and take his blood, and ſprinkle it round about vpon the altar,

17 And thou ſhalt cut the ram in pieces, and waſh ỹ inwardes of him and his legges, & ſhalt put them vpō the pieces thereof, and vpon his head.

18 So thou ſhalt burne the whole ram vpon the altar. *for* it is a burnt offring vnto the Lord d for a ſwete ſauour: it is an offring made by fire vnto the Lord.

d Or a ſauour of reſt, which cauſeth the wrath of God to ceaſe

19 ¶And thou ſhalt take the other ram, and Aarón and his ſonnes ſhal put their hands vpon the head of the ram.

20 Then ſhalt thou kil the ram, and take of his blood & put it e vpon the lap of Aarōs eare, and vpon the lap of the right eare of his ſonnes, and vpon the thumbe of their right hand, & vpon the great toe of their right fote, and ſhalt ſprinkle the blood vpon the altar round about.

e Meaning the fore & nether parte of the eare.

21 And thou ſhalt take of the blood that is f vpon the altar, and of the anointing oyle, and ſhalt ſprinkle it vpon Aarón, and vpō his garments, and vpon his ſonnes, and vpon the garments of his ſonnes with him: ſo he ſhalbe halowed, and his clothes, and his ſonnes, and the garments of his ſonnes with him.

f Wherewith the altar muſt be ſprinkled

22 Alſo thou ſhalt take of the rams ỹ fat & the rompe, euen the fat that couereth the inwardes, and the kall of the liuer, and the two kidneis, and the fat that is vpon them, and the right ſhulder, (for it is the g ram of conſecration)

g Which is offred for the cōſecration of ỹ hie Prieſt.

23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of bread *tempered* with oyle, & one wafer, out of ỹ baſket of the vnleauened *bread* that is before the Lord.

24 And thou ſhalt put all this in the hāds of Aarón, and in the hāds of his ſonnes, and

ſhalt ſhake them to and fro before ỹ Lord.
25 Againe, thou ſhalt receiue them of their hands, and burne them vpon the altar beſides the burnt offring for a ſwete ſauour before the Lord: *for* this is an offring made by fire vnto the Lord.
26 Likewiſe thou ſhalt take the breſt of the ram of the conſecracion, which is for Aarón, and ſhalt ſhake it to [h] and fro before the Lord, and it ſhalbe thy parte.
27 And thou ſhalt ſanctifie the breſt of the ſhaken offring, & the ſhulder of the [i] heaue offring, which was ſhaken to and fro, & which was heaued vp of the ram of the conſecracion, which *was* for Aarón, and which *was* for his ſonnes.
28 And Aarón and his ſonnes ſhal haue it by a ſtatute for euer, of the children of Iſraél: for it is an heaue offring, and it ſhalbe an heaue offring of the children of Iſraél, of their [k] peace offrings, *euen* their heaue offring to the Lord.
29 ¶ And the holy garméts, which *appertayne* to Aarón, ſhalbe his ſonnes after him, to be anointed therein, and to be cõſecrat therein.
30 That ſonne that ſhalbe Prieſt in his ſtede, ſhal put them on ſeuen dayes, when he cometh into the Tabernacle of the Congregacion to miniſter in the holy place.
31 ¶ So thou ſhalt take the ram of ỹ cõſecracion, and ſethe his fleſh in the holy place.
32 *And Aarón and his ſonnes ſhal eat the fleſh of the ram, and the bread that is in ỹ baſket, at the dore of the Tabernacle of ỹ Congregacion.
33 So they ſhal eat theſe things, [l] whereby their atonemẽt was made, to cõſecrat thẽ, *and* to ſanctifie thẽ: but a ſtranger ſhal not eate *thereof*, becauſe they are holy things.
34 Now if ought of ỹ fleſh of the cõſecracio, or of ỹ bread remaine vnto the morning, then thou ſhalt burne the reſt with fire: it ſhal not be eatẽ, becauſe it is an holy thig.
35 Therefore ſhalt thou do thus vnto Aarón and vnto his ſonnes, according to all things, which I haue commanded thee: ſeuen daies ſhalt thou [n] conſecrat them,
36 And ſhalt offer euerie day a calf for a ſinne offring, for [m] reconciliation: and thou ſhalt clenſe ỹ altar, when thou haſt offred vpon it for reconciliation, & ſhalt anoint it, to ſanctifie it.
37 Seuen daies ſhalt thou clenſe the altar, and ſanctifie it, ſo the altar ſhalbe moſte holy: *and* whatſoeuer toucheth the altar, ſhalbe holy.
38 ¶ *Now this is ỹ which thou ſhalt preſent vpon the altar: *euen* two labes of one yere olde, day by day continually.
39 The one lambe thou ſhalt preſent in the morning, and the other lambe thou ſhalt preſent at euen.
40 And with ỹ one labe, [a] tenth parte of fine floure mingled w̃ the fourte parte of an [o] Hin of beaten oile, and the fourte parte of an Hin of wine, for a drinke offring.
41 And the other lambe ỹ ſhalt preſent at euen: thou ſhalt do thereto according to the offring of the morning, & according to the drinke offring thereof, *to be* a burnt offring for a ſwete ſauoure vnto the Lord.
42 *This ſhal be* a continual burnt offring in your generatiõs at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Cõgregacion before ỹ Lord, where I wil [p] make appointment with you, to ſpeake there vnto thee.
43 There I wil appoint with the children of Iſraél, and *the place* ſhalbe ſanctified by my [p] glorie.
44 And I wil ſanctifie the Tabernacle of ỹ Cõgregacion & the altar: I wil ſanctifie alſo Aarón & his ſonnes to be my Prieſts,
45 And I wil *dwel among the children of Iſraél, and wil be their God.
46 Then ſhal they knowe that I am ỹ Lord their God, that broght them out of ỹ land of Egypt, that I might dwel among them: [q] I am the Lord their God.

h This ſacrifice the Prieſt did moue toward the Eaſt, Weſt, North and South.
i So called, becauſe it was not onely ſhaké to and fro, but alſo lifted vp
k Which were offrigs of thãkes giuing to God for his benefites.
l That is, by the ſacrifices
n Ebr fil their handes
m To appeaſe Gods wrath ỹ ſinne may be pardonned
n That is, an Omer read chap 16,16.
o Which is about a pinte.
p Or, declare my ſelfe to you.
p Becauſe of my glorious preſence
q It is I the Lord, that am their God

Leu 8,31, & 20,9 mat 12, 4.
Num 28,3.

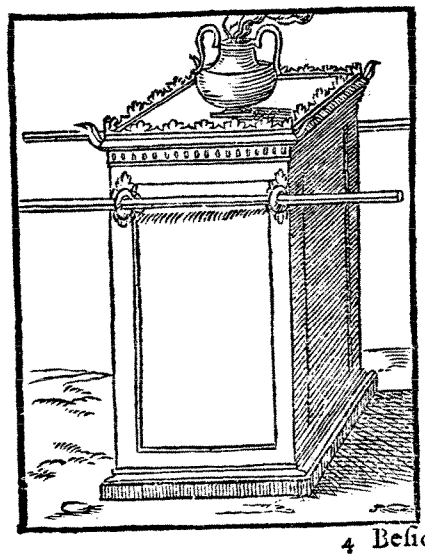
CHAP. XXX.

1 The Altar of incenſe 13 The ſumme that the Iſraelites ſhulde pay to the Tabernacle. 16 The braſen Lauer. 23 The anointing Oyle. 34 The making of the perfume.

1 FVrthermore thou ſhalt make an altar [a] for ſwete perfume, of Shittím wood thou ſhalt make it.
2 The length therof a cubite & ỹ breadth thereof a cubite (it ſhalbe foure ſquare) and the height thereof two cubites: the hornes thereof *ſhalbe* [b] of the ſame,
3 And ỹ ſhalt ouerlaie it with fine golde, *bothe* ỹ top thereof & ỹ ſides thereof roũd about, and his hornes: alſo thou ſhalt make vnto it [o] a crowne of gold roũde about.

a Vpon the w̃ the ſwete perfume was burnt. verſ 34
b Of the ſame wood & mater
o Or, a circle & border.

THE ALTAR OF SWETE PERFVME.



This altar was one cubite long, and one cubite broad, and in height was two cubites: the reſt may be vnderſtãd by the former figures.

4 Beſides this thou ſhalt make vnder this crowne two golden rings on ether ſide: *euen* on euerie ſide ſhalt thou make *them*, that thei may be as places for the barres to beare it with all.

5 The ẅ barres thou ſhalt make of Shittim wood, and ſhalt couer them ẅ golde.

c That is, in ỹ Sanctuarie, and not in the Holieſt of all.

6 After thou ſhalt ſet it c before the vaile, that is nere the Arke of Teſtimonie, before the Merciſeat that is vpon the Teſtimonie, where I wil appoint with thee.

d Meaning whē he trimmeth them, & refreſheth the oyle

7 And Aarón ſhal burne thereon ſwete incenſe euerie morning: when he d dreſſeth the lampes thereof, ſhal he burne it.

8 Likewiſe at euen, when Aarón ſetteth vp the lāpes thereof, he ſhal burne incēſe: *this* perfume *ſhalbe* perpetually before the Lord, throughout your generations.

e Otherwiſe made thē this, which is deſcribed

f But it muſt onely ſerue to burne perfume

9 Ye ſhal offre no e ſtrange incenſe thereon, nor burnt ſacrifice, nor offring, nether powre anie drinke offring f thereon.

10 And Aarón ſhal make recōciliation vpō ỹ hornes of it once in a yere ẅ the blood of the ſinne offring *in the day* of recōciliation: once in the yere ſhal he make reconciliation vpon it throughout your generations: this is moſte holy vnto the Lord.

11 ¶Afterward the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

12 *When thou takeſt the ſumme of ỹ children of Iſraél after thei nōbre, then they ſhal giue euerie man g a redemption of his life vnto the Lord, whē thou telleſt them, that there be no plague among them whē thou counteſt them.

*Num. 1.2.3.

g Wherby he teſtified ỹ he redemed his life which he had forfait, as is declared by Dauid, 2 Sam. 24.1

13 This ſhal euerie mā giue, that goeth into the nombre, half a ſhekel, after the h ſhekel of the Sanctuarie: (* a ſhekel *is* twenty geráhs) the halfe ſhekel *ſhalbe* an offring to the Lord.

h This ſhekel valued two cō mune ſhekels: & ỹ geráh valued about 2. pence after 5. ſhill ſterl. the once of ſilver. *Leu. 27.25. Num 3.47. Ezek 45.12*

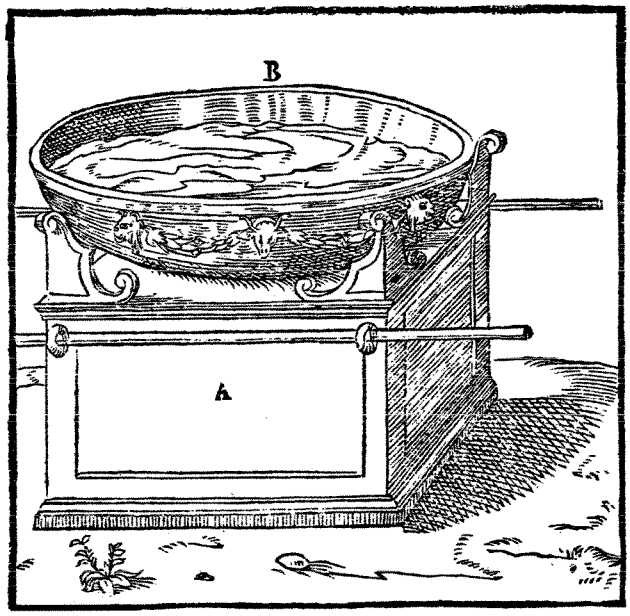
14 All that are nōbred fro twenty yere olde and aboue, ſhal giue an offring to ỹ Lord.

15 The riche ſhal not paſſe, and the poore ſhal not diminiſh from halfe a ſhekel, whē ye ſhal giue an offring vnto ỹ Lord, i for the redemption of your liues.

i That God ſhuld be merciful vnto you.

16 So thou ſhalt take the money of ỹ redēption of the children of Iſraél, and ſhalt put it vnto the vſe of the Tabernacle of ỹ Cōgregacion, that it may be a memorial vnto the children of Iſraél before ỹ Lord for the redemption of your liues.

THE LAVER OF BRASSE.



A The fundation or fote of the Lauer.

B The Lauer. Becauſe Moſés deſcribeth not the maner of this Lauer, this figure is made after the facion of Salomons, ẅ ſemeth to be moſte agreable to this, 1 King 7.38 ſaue in ſtede of wheles are put barres to beare it, as in the other figures alſo appeareth.

17 ¶Alſo ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

18 Thou ſhalt alſo make a lauer of braſſe, & his fote of braſſe to waſh, and ſhalt put it betwene ỹ Tabernacle of ỹ Congregacio & the altar, & ſhalt put water therein.

k Signifiing ỹ he that commeth to God, muſt be waſhed from all ſinne and corruption.

19 For Aarón and his ſonnes ſhal k waſh thei hands and their fete thereat.

20 When they go into the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, or when they go vnto the altar to miniſter & to make ỹ perfume of the burnt offring to the Lord, they ſhal waſh thē ſelues with water, leſt they dye.

21 So they ſhal waſh their hāds & their fete ỹ they dye not: & *this* ſhalbe to thē an ordinance l for euer, *bothe* vnto him and to his ſede throughout their generacions.

l So long as ỹ prieſthode ſhal laſt

22 ¶Alſo ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

23 Take thou alſo vnto thee, principal ſpices of ỹ moſte pure myrrhe fiue hūdreth m *ſhekels*, of ſwete cinamō halfe ſo muche, *that is*, two hundreth & fiftie, and of ſwete n calamus, two hundreth, and fiftie:

m Waying ſo muche.

n It is a kinde of reede of a very ſwete ſauour within, & is vſed in poudres & odours.

24 Alſo of caſsia fiue hundreth, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, and of oile oliue an* Hin.

25 So thou ſhalt make of it the oile of holy ointement, *euen* a moſte precious ointement after the arte of the apotecarie: this

*Chap. 29.40.

ſhalbe the oile of holy ointement.

o All things which appertein to the Tabernacle

26 And thou ſhalt anoint ỹ o Tabernacle of the Congregacion the ewith, & the Arke of the Teſtimonie:

27 Alſo the Table, and all the inſtruments therof, and the Candelſticke, with all ỹ inſtruments thereof, & the altar of incenſe:

28 Alſo the altar of burnt offring with all his inſtruments, and the lauer & his fote.

29 So thou ſhalt ſanctifie them, and they ſhalbe moſte holy: all ỹ ſhal touche them, ſhalbe holy.

30 Thou ſhalt alſo anoint Aarón and his ſonnes, and ſhalt conſecrat them, that they may miniſtre vnto me in the Prieſts office.

31 Moreouer thou ſhalt ſpeake vnto ỹ children of Iſraél, ſaying, This ſhal be an holy ointing oyle vnto me, throughout your generacions.

p Nether at their burialls nor other wiſe.

32 None ſhal anoint p más fleſh therewith, nether ſhal ye make any compoſition like vnto it: *for* it is holy, *and* ſhalbe holy vnto you.

q Ether a ſtráger, or an Iſraelite, ſaue onely the Prieſts

33 Whoſoeuer ſhal make ỹ like ointemẽt, or whoſoeuer ſhal put any of it vpon q a ſtráger, euẽ he ſhalbe cut of from his people.

r In Ebrewe, Shehéleth: ẅ is a ſwete kinde of gumme and ſhineth as the naile

34 And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Take vn to thee *theſe* ſpices, pure myrhe & r cleare gũme and galbanum, *theſe* odoures with pure frankincenſe, of eche like weight:

35 Then thou ſhalt make of them perfume compoſed after the arte of the apotecary, mingled together, pure & holy.

36 And thou ſhalt beate it to pouder, and ſhalt put of it before *the Arke* of ỹ Teſtimonie in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, where I wil make appointement with thee: it ſhalbe vnto you moſte holy.

37 And ye ſhal not make vnto you any cõpoſition like this perfume, which thou ſhalt make: it ſhalbe vnto thee holy for the

f Onely dedicat to the vſe of the Tabernacle

f Lord.

38 Whoſoeuer ſhal make like vnto that to ſmel thereto, euẽ he ſhal be cut of from his people.

CHAP. XXXI.

2 God maketh Bezaleél & Aholiáb mete for his worke. 13 The Sabbath day is the ſigne of our ſanctification. 18 The tables written by the finger of God.

1 AND ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſayíg,

a I haue choſen and made mete Chap 35. 30

2 Beholde, I a haue called by name, Bezaleél, the ſonne of Vrí, the ſonne of Hur of the tribe of Iudáh,

3 Whome I haue filled with the Spirit of God, in wiſdome, & in vnderſtanding & in knowledge & in all b workemanſhip:

b This ſheweth that hãdy crafts are the gifts of Gods Spirit, & therefore ought to be eſtemed.

4 To finde out curious workes to worke in golde, & in ſiluer, and in braſſe,

5 Alſo in the art to ſet ſtones, and to carue in timber, *and* to worke in all maner of workemanſhip.

6 And beholde, I haue ioyned with hĩ Aholiáb the ſonne of Ahiſamah of the tribe of Dan, & in the heartes of all that are c wiſe hearted, haue I put wiſdome to make all ỹ I haue commanded thee:

c I haue inſtructed them, and increaſed their knowledge.

7 *That is,* ỹ Tabernacle of ỹ Congregacíõ, and the Arke of the Teſtimonie, and the Merciſeat that ſhalbe thereupon, with all inſtruments of the Tabernacle:

8 Alſo the Table and the inſtruments thereof, and the d pure Candelſticke with all his inſtruments, and the Altar of perfume:

d So called, becauſe of the cunning and arteſed therein, or becauſe the whole was beaten out of one piece

9 Likewiſe the Altar of burnt offring with all his inſtrumẽts, and the Lauer with his fote:

10 Alſo the garmentes of the miniſtration, and the holy garmẽts for Aarón ỹ Prieſt, and the garmẽts of his ſonnes, to miniſter in the Prieſts office,

e Which onely was to annoint the Prieſts & ỹ inſtruments of the Tabernacle, and not to burne

11 And the e anointing oyle, and ſwete perfume for the Sanctuarie: according to all that I haue commãded thee, ſhal they do.

12 ¶ Afterward the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

13 Speake thou alſo vnto the children of Iſraél, & ſay, f Notwithſtading kepe ye my Sabbaths: for it is a ſigne betwene me and you in your generations, that ye may knowe that I the Lord do ſanctifie you.

f Thogh I cõmaude theſe workes to be done, yet wil I not that you breake my Sibbath daies.

14 *Ye ſhal therefore kepe ỹ g Sabbath: for it is holy vnto you: he that defileth it, ſhal dye ỹ death: therfore whoſoeuer worketh therein, the ſame perſone ſhalbe euen cut of from among his people.

Chap 20, 8. ezek. 20, 12

g God repeteth this point becauſe the whole keping of the Lawe ſtandeth in the true vſe of the Sabbath, ẅ is to ceaſe from our workes, & to obey the wil of God

15 Six dayes ſhal men worke, but in the ſeuenth day *is* the Sabbath of the holy reſt to the Lord: whoſoeuer doeth any worke in the Sabbath day, ſhal dye the death.

16 Wherefore the childrẽ of Iſraél ſhal kepe the Sabbath, that they may obſerue the h reſt through out their generations for an euerlaſting couenant.

h Or, Sabbath.

17 It is a ſigne betwene me and the children of Iſraél for euer: *for in ſix dayes ỹ Lord made the heauen and the earth, and in the ſeuenth day h he ceaſed, and reſted.

Gen. 1, 31. & 2, 2.

h From creating his creatures, but not frõ gouerníg & preſerwing them

18 Thus (when the Lord had made an end of cõmuning with Moſés vpon mount Sinái) *he gaue him two Tables i of the Teſtimonie, *euen* tables of ſtone, written with the finger of God.

Deut 9, 10.

i Whereby he declared his wil to his people.

CHAP. XXXII.

4 The Iſraelites impute their deliuerance to the calf. 7 God is appeaſed by Moſes prayer 19 Moſes breaketh the Tables 27 He ſlayeth the idolaters. 32 Moſes zeale for the people.

1 BVt when the people ſawe, that Moſés taried lõg or he came downe from ỹ moũtaine, the people gathered thẽ ſelues together againſt Aarón, & ſaid vnto him, Vp, a make vs gods to go before vs: for of this Moſés (the man that broght vs out of the land of Egypt) we knowe not what is become of him.

a The rote of idolatrie is, whẽ mẽ thinke ỹ God is not at hand, except they ſe him carnally

2 And Aarón ſaid vnto them, b Plucke of the

b Thinking ỹ they wolde rather forgo idolatrie, thẽ to reſigne their moſte precious iewels.

the golden earings, which are in the eares of your wiues, of your ſonnes, and of your daughters, and bring them vnto me.

3 Then all the people pluckte from thē [c] ſelues the golden earings, which were in their eares, and they broght *them* vnto Aarón.

4 *Who receiued them at their hands, and facioned it with the grauing tole, & made of it a [d] molten calf: then they ſaid, *Theſe be thy gods, ô Iſraél, [ẏ] broght thee out of the land of Egypt.

5 When Aarón ſawe *that*, he made an altar before it: and Aarón proclamed, ſaying, To morowe *ſhalbe* the holy day of the Lord.

6 So they roſe vp the next day in the morning, and offred burnt offrings, & broght peace offrings: alſo *the people ſate them downe to eat and drinke, and roſe vp to playe.

7 ¶ Then the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, * Go, get the downe: for thy people which thou haſt broght out of the lad of Egypt, hathe corrupted *their wayes*.

8 Thei [e] are ſone turned out of the way, which I commanded them *for* thei haue made them a molte calf, & haue worſhipped it, & haue offred the eto, ſayīg, *Theſe be thy gods, ô Iſraél, which haue broght thee out of the land of Egypt.

9 Againe the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, * I haue ſene this people, and beholde, it is a ſtifnecked people.

10 Nowe [f] therefore let me alone, that my wrath may waxe hote againſt them, for I wil conſume them: but I wil make of thee a mightie people.

11 *But Moſés praied vnto [ẏ] Lord his God, and ſaid, O Lord, why doeth thy wrath waxe hote againſt thy people, which thou haſt broght out of the lād of Egypt, with great power and with a mightie hand?

12 *Wherefore ſhal the Egyptians ſpeake, and ſay, He hathe brogt them out malicioufly for to ſlay them in the moūtaines, and to conſume them from the earth? turne from thy fearce wrath, and "change thy minde from this euil toward thy people.

13 Remembre [g] Abrahám, Izhák, & Iſraél thy ſeruants, to whome thou ſwareſt by thine owne ſelfe, and ſaideſt vnto them, *I wil multiplie your ſede, as the ſtarres of the heauen, and all this land, that I haue ſpoken of, wil I giue vnto your ſede, and thei ſhal inherit it for euer.

14 Then the Lord changed his minde from the euil, which he threatened to do vnto his people.

15 So Moſés returned and went downe from the mountaine with the two Tables of the Teſtimonie in his hād: the Tables *were* writtē on bothe their ſides, euen on [ẏ] one ſide & on the other were thei written.

16 And theſe Tables were the worke of God, and [h] this writing was the writing of God grauen in the Tables.

17 And whē Ioſhúa heard the noiſe of the people, as thei ſhowted, he ſaid vnto Moſés, *There is* a noiſe of warre in the hoſte.

18 Who anſwered, It is not the noiſe of thē that haue the victorie, nor the noiſe of thē that are ouercome: *but* I do heare the noiſe of ſinging.

19 Nowe, aſſone as he came nere vnto the hoſte, he ſawe the calf and the dancing: ſo Moſés wrath waxed hote, and he cāſt the Tables out of his hands, and brake them in pieces beneth the mountaine.

20 *After, he toke the calf, which they had made, & burned it in the fire, and ground it vnto powder, and ſtrowed it vpon the water, & made the childrē of Iſraél [i] drinke of it.

21 Alſo Moſés ſaid vnto Aarón, What did this people vnto thee, [ẏ] thou haſt broght ſo great a ſinne vpon them?

22 Thē Aarón anſwered, Let not the wrath of my lord waxe fearce: thou knoweſt this people, that thei are *euen ſet* on miſchief.

23 And thei ſaid vnto me, Make vs gods to go before vs: for we knowe not what is become of this Moſés (the man [ẏ] broght vs out of the land of Egypt.)

24 Thē I ſaid to them, Ye that haue golde, plucke it of: and thei broght it me, and I [k] did caſt it into the fire, and *thereof* came this calf.

25 Moſés therefore ſawe that the people were [l] naked (for Aarón had made them naked vnto *their* ſhame among their enemies)

26 And Moſés ſtode in the gate of the cāp, and ſaid, Who *perteineth* to the Lord? *let him come* to me. And all the ſonnes of Leuí gathered them ſelues vnto him.

27 Then he ſaid vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, Put euerie man his ſworde by his ſide: go to and fro, frō gate to gate, through the hoſte, and [1] ſlay euerie man his brother, and euerie man his companion, & euerie man his neighbour.

28 So the children of Leuí did as Moſés had commanded: and there fel of the people the ſame day about thre thouſand mē.

29 (For Moſés had ſaid, Conſecrat your hands vnto the Lord this day, euen euerie man vpon his [m] ſonne, and vpon his brother, that there may be giuen you a bleſſing this day)

30 And whē the morning came, Moſés ſaid vnto the people, Ye haue cōmitted a grieuous crime: but now I wil go vp to the Lord, if I may pacifie *him* for your ſinne.

31 Moſés therefore went againe vnto the Lord, and ſaid, Oh, this people haue ſin-

e Suche is the rage of idolaters, that they ſpare no coſt to ſatiſfie their wicked deſires *Pſal 106,19.*

d Thei ſmelled of their leuē of Egypt, where thei ſawe calues, oxē, & ſerpēts worſhipped *1.King.12,28.*

1 Cor.10,7.

e Whereby we ſe what neceſſitie we haue to pray earneſtly to God, to kepe vs in his true obedience and to ſend vs good guides *1 King 12,28 Chap 33 3 deut 9,13*

f God meweth ẏ the praiers of the godly ſtay his puniſhment *Pſal 106,23.*

Nomb 14,13

Or, blaſphemie.

Or, repent.

g That is, thy promes made to Abraham *Gen 12,7 & 13,7. & 48,16*

h All theſe repetitiōs ſhewe how excellent a thīg thei defrauded them ſelues of by their idolatrie

Deut.9,21.

i Partely to diſpite them of their idolatrie, & partely ẏ thei ſhulde haue none occaſiō to remēber it afterwarde.

k Bothe deſtitute or Gods fauour, & an occaſion to their enemies to ſpeake euil of their God

l This fact did ſo pleaſe God, that he turned the curſe of Iaakób againſt Leuí, to a bleſſing, Deut 33,9

m In reuēging Gods glorie we muſt haue no reſpect to perſone, but put of all carnal affection

ned a great sinne and haue made thē gods of golde.

32 Therefore now if thou pardone their sinne, *thy mercie shal appeare*: but if thou wilt not, I pray thee, rase me [n] out of thy boke, which thou hast written.

33 Then the Lord said to Moses, Whosoeuer hathe sinned against me, I wil put him out of my [o] boke.

34 Go now therefore, bring the people vnto the place which I commanded thee: beholde, mine Angel shal go before thee, but yet in the day of my visitacion I wil [p] viset their sinne vpon them.

35 So the Lord plagued the people, because thei caused Aarón *to make* the calf which he made.

n So muche he esteemed ỹ glorie of God, ỹ he preferred it euē to his owne saluacion.

o I wil make it knowē that he was neuer predestinate in mine eternal coūsel to life euerlasting.

p This declareth how grieuous a sinne idolatrie is, seing that at Moses prayer God wolde not fully remitte it.

CHAP. XXXIII.

2 The Lord promiseth to send an Angel before his people. 4 Thei are sad because the Lord demeth to go vp with them. 9 Moses talketh familiarely with God. 13 He prayeth for the people. 18 And desireth to se the glorie of the Lord.

1 AFterwarde the Lord said vnto Moses, Departe, [a] go vp frō hence, thou, and the people (which thou hast brought vp out of the land of Egypt) vnto the lād wh̄ I sware vnto Abrahám, to Izhák and to Iaakób, saying, *Vnto thy sede wil I giue it.

2 And * I wil send an Angel before thee & wil cast out the Canaanites, ỹ Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites:

3 To a lād, *I say*, that floweth with milke & hony: for I wil not go vp with thee, *because thou art a stifnecked people, lest I consume thee in the way.

4 And when the people heard this euil tidings, they sorowed, & no man put on his best rayment.

5 (For the Lord had said to Moses, Say vnto the children of Israél, Ye are a stifnecked people, I wil come sodenly vpon thee, and consume thee: therefore now put thy costly rayment frō thee, that I may knowe [b] what to do vnto thee.)

6 So the childrē of Israél laied their good rayment from them, *after Moses came downe* from the mount Horéb.

7 Then Moses toke *his* tabernacle, & pitched it without the hoste far of from the hoste, and called it [c] Ohel-moéd. And when anie did seke to the Lord, he wēt out vnto the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, which was without the hoste.

8 And when Moses went out vnto the Tabernacle, all the people rose vp, and stode euerie man at his tent dore, and loked after Moses, vntil he was gone into the Tabernacle.

9 And assone as Moses was entred into the Tabernacle, the cloudy piller descended and stode at the dore of the Tabernacle, and *the Lord* talked with Moses.

10 Now when all the people sawe the cloudy piller stand at the Tabernacle dore, all the people rose vp, & worshipped euerie man in his tent dore.

11 And the Lord spake vnto Moses, [d] face to face, as a man speaketh vnto his friend. After he turned againe into the hoste, but his seruant Iosh̄ua the sonne of Nun a yong man, departed not out of the Tabernacle.

12 ¶ Then Moses said vnto the Lord, Se, ỹ saiest vnto me, Lead this people fourth, & thou hast not shewed me whome thou wilt send with me: thou hast said moreouer, I knowe thee by [e] name, & thou hast also founde grace in my sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I haue founde fauour in thy sight, shewe me now thy way, that I may knowe thee, *and* that I may finde grace in thy sight: consider also that this nacion *is* thy people.

14 And he answered, My [f] presence shal go *with thee*, and I wil giue thee rest.

15 Then he said vnto him, If thy presence go not *with vs*, cary vs not hence.

16 And wherein now shal it be knowē, that I and thy people haue founde fauour in thy sight > shal it not be when thou goest with vs > so I, & thy people shal haue preeminence before all the people that are vpon the earth.

17 And the Lord said vnto Moses, I wil do this also that thou hast said: for thou hast founde grace in my sight, and I knowe thee by name.

18 Againe he said, I beseche thee, shewe me thy [g] glorie.

19 And he answered, I wil make all my [h] good go before thee, and I wil [i] proclaime the Name of the Lord before thee: * for I wil shewe [k] mercie to whome I wil shewe mercie, & wil haue compassion on whome I wil haue compassion.

20 Furthermore he said, Thou cāst not se my face, for there shal no man se me, and [l] liue.

21 Also the Lord said, Beholde, *there is* a place by [m] me, and thou shalt stāde vpon the rocke:

22 And while my glorie passeth by, I wil put thee in a cleft of the rocke, and wil couer thee with mine hand whiles I passe by.

23 After I wil take away mine hand, & thou shalt se my [n] backepartes: but my face shal not be sene.

a The land of Canaan was compassed w hilles: so thei that entred into it, must passe vp by the hilles *Gen 12,7. exod 23,27. iosh.24,11. Deu.7,21.*

Chap 32,9. deut.9,13.

b That ether may shewe mercie, if thou repent, or els punish thy rebellion.

c That is, the Tabernacle of the Cōgregaciō: so called, because the people resorted thether, when they shulde be instructed of the Lords wil.

d Moses plainely & familiarely of all others, Numb. 12,7

e I care for thee and wil preserue thee in this thy vocation

f Ebr face. Signifiyng ỹ the Israelites shulde excel through Gods fauour all other people, vers 16.

g Thy face, thy substance, and thy maiestie

h My mercie, & fatherlie care

i Read chap. 34, vers 6,7 *Rom.9,15.*

k For finding nothing in mā that cā deserue mercie, he wil frely saue his

l For Moses sawe not his face in ful maiestie, but as mans weakenes colde beare

m To mount Horéb

n So muche of my glorie as in this mortal life thou art able to se.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 The Tables are renued. 6 The description of God. 12 All felowship with idolaters is forbidden. 18 The thre feasts. 28 Moses is 40 dates in the mount. 30 His face shineth, and he couereth it with a vaile.

1 AND ỹ Lord said vnto Moses, *Hewe thee two Tables of stone, like vnto ỹ first

Deut.10,2.

firſt, and I wil write vpon the Tables the wordes that were in ỹ firſt Tables, which thou brakeſt in pieces.

2 And be ready in the morning, that thou maieſt come vp early vnto the moũt of Sinái, and "waite there for me in the top of the mount.

"Ebr ſtand to me.

3 But let no man come vp with thee, nether let anie man be ſene throughout all the mount, nether let the ſhepe nor cattel fede before this mount.

4 ¶ Thẽ Moſés [f]hewed two Tables of ſtone like vnto the firſt, and roſe vp early in ỹ morning, and went vp vnto the mount of Sinái, as the Lord had cõmanded him, & toke in his hand two Tables of ſtone.

[f]Or, poliſhed.

5 And the Lord deſcended in the cloude, and ſtode with him there, and proclaimed the Name of the Lord.

6 So the Lord paſſed before his face, and [a] cryed, The Lord, ỹ Lord, ſtrong, mercifull, and gracious, ſlow to angre, & abundant in goodnes and trueth,

a This ought to be referred to the Lord & not to Moſés proclaiming as chap 33 verſ 19

7 Reſeruing mercie for thouſands, forgiuing iniquitie, & tranſgreſsion and ſinne, and not "making *the wicked* innocent, *viſiting the iniquitie of the fathers vpon the childien, and vpon childrens childrẽ, vnto the third and fourth *generation*.

"Ebr not making innocent. *Deut 5.9. Iere 32 18.*

8 Then Moſés made haſte and bowed him ſelf to the earth, and worſhipped,

9 And ſaid, ô Lord, I praye thee, if I haue founde grace in thy ſight, that the Lord wolde now go w̃ vs (b for it is a ſtifnecked people) and pardone our iniquitie & our ſinne, and take vs for thine enheritance.

b Seing ỹ people are thus of nature, ỹ rulers haue nede to call vpõ God, that he wolde alwais be preſent with his ſpirit *Deu 5.2.*

10 And he anſwered, Beholde, * I wil make a couenant before all thy people, *and* wil do meruels, ſuche as haue not bene done in all the world, nether in all nations: and all the people amõg whome thou art, ſhal ſe the worke of ỹ Lord: for it is a terrible thing that I wil do with thee.

11 Kepe diligently that which I commande thee this day. beholde, I wil caſt out before thee the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, & the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebuſites.

Deu. 7, 22.

12 *Take hede to thy ſelf, that thou make no compact with the inhabitants of the land whither ỹ goeſt, leſt thei be the cauſe of [c] ruine among you:

c If thou folowe their wickednes, and pollute thy ſelfe w̃ their idolatrie

13 But ye ſhal ouerthrowe their altars, and breake their images in pieces, and cut downe their [d] groues,

d Which pleaſant places thei choſed for their idoles. *Chap. 20, 5. Chap 23, 24. deu. 7, 5.*

14 (For thou ſhalt bowe downe to none other god, becauſe the Lord, whoſe Name *is* *Ielous, is a ielous God)

15 Leſt thou make a * compact with the inhabitants of the land, and when they go a whoring after their gods, and do ſacrifice vnto their gods *ſome man* call thee, and thou * eat of his ſacrifice:

1. Cor. 8, 10.

16 And *leſt* thou take of their * daughters vnto thy ſonnes, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy ſonnes go a whoring after their gods.

1. King 11 2.

17 Thou ſhalt make thee no gods of [e] metal.

e As golde, ſilue, braſſe, or any thing that is molten.

18 ¶ The feaſt of vnleauened bread ſhalt ỹ kepe: ſeuẽ dayes ſhalt thou eat vnleauened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the * moneth of Abíb: for in the moneth of Abíb thou cameſt out of Egypt.

Chap. 13, 4.

19 *Euerie *male*, that *firſt* openeth ỹ wombe *ſhalbe* mine: alſo all the firſt borne of thy flocke ſhalbe reconed *mine*, *bothe* of beues and ſhepe.

Chap. 13 3. & 22, 29. Ezek. 44, 30.

20 But the firſt of the aſſe thou ſhalt bye out with a lambe: and if thou redeme *him* not, then thou ſhalt breake his necke: all the firſt borne of thy ſonnes ſhalt thou redeme, and none ſhal appeare before me [f] empty.

f With out offring ſome thing

21 ¶ Six dayes thou ſhalt worke, and in the ſeuẽth day thou ſhalt reſt: bothe in earing time, and in the harueſt thou ſhalt reſt.

22 ¶ *Thou ſhalt alſo obſerue the feaſt of wekes *in the time* of ỹ firſt frutes of wheat harueſt, and the feaſt of gathering *frutes* in [g] the end of the yere.

Chap. 23, 16.

g Which was in September, when ỹ iunne declined, which in the counte of political things thei called ỹ ende of ỹ yere.

23 ¶ Thriſe in a yere ſhal all your mẽ childrẽ appeare before ỹ Lord Iehouáh God of Iſraél.

24 For I wil caſt out the nacions before thee, and enlarge thy coaſtes, ſo that no man ſhal [h] deſire thy land, whẽ thou ſhalt come vp to appeare before the Lord thy God thriſe in the yere.

h God promiſeth to defend them & theirs, which obey his commandement.

25 Thou ſhalt not offer the blood of my ſacrifice with leauen, nether ſhal ought of the ſacrifice of the feaſt of Paſſeouer be left vnto the morning.

26 The firſt ripe frutes of thy land thou ſhalt bring vnto the houſe of the Lord thy God: *yet* ſhalt thou not [i] ſethe a kid in his mothers milke.

i Read chap. 23, 19. deu. 14, 21

27 And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Write thou theſe wordes: for after the tenoure of * theſe wordes I haue made a couenant with thee and with Iſraél.

Chap 24, 28. deu 9, 9.

28 So he was there with the Lord [k] fourtie daies and fourtie nights, *and* did nether eat bread nor drinke water: and he wrote in the Tables *the wordes of ỹ couenant, *euen* the ten "commandements.

k This miracle was to cõfirme the autoritie of the Lawe, and ought no more to be followed then other miracles

29 ¶ So when Moſés came downe frõ moũt Sinái, the two Tables of the Teſtimonie *were* in Moſés hand, as he deſcended from the mount: (now Moſés wiſt not that ỹ ſkin of his face ſhone bright, after that *God* had talked with him)

Deu 4, 13. "Or, wordes.

30 And Aarón and all the childrẽ of Iſraél loked vpon Moſés, and beholde, the ſkin of his face ſhone bright, and they were [l] afraide to come nere him.

l Read 2 Cor. 3, 7.

31 But Moſés called them: and Aarón and all the chief of the Congregacion returned vnto him: and Moſés talked with them.

32 And afterward all the childrē of Iſraél came nere, and he charged them with all that the Lord had ſaid vnto him in moūt Sinái.

33 So Moſés made an end of communing with them, * and had put a couering vpon his face.

2.Cor.3.13.

m Which was in the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion.

34 But, when Moſés came m before ỹ Lord to ſpeake with him, he toke of the couering vntil he came out: then he came out, and ſpake vnto the children of Iſraél that which he was commanded.

35 And the children of Iſraél ſawe the face of Moſés, how the ſkin of Moſés face ſhone bright: therefore Moſes put the coueting vpō his face, vntil he went to ſpeake with *God*.

CHAP. XXXV.

2 The Sabbath. 5 The free gifts are required. 21 The readines of the people to offer. 30 Bezaleél & Aholiab are praiſed of Moſés.

1 THen Moſés aſſembled all the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél, and ſaid vnto thē, Theſe are the wordes which the Lord hathe commāded, that ye ſhulde do them:

Chap 20.8.

a Wherein ye ſhal reſt from all bodelie worke.

2 *Six dayes thou ſhalt worke, but the ſeuēth day ſhal be vnto you the holy a Sabbath of reſt vnto ỹ Lord: whoſoeuer doeth *anie* worke therein, ſhal dye.

3 Ye ſhal kindle no fire throughout all your habitations vpon the Sabbath day.

4 ¶Againe, Moſés ſpake vnto all the Congregacion of ỹ children of Iſraél, ſaying, This is the thing which the Lord commandeth, ſaying,

5 Take from among you an offring vnto the Lord: whoſoeuer is of a *willing heart, let him bring this offring to the Lord, *namely* golde, and ſiluer, and braſſe:

Chap.25.2.

6 Alſo blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine linen, and goates *heere*,

7 And rams ſkins died red, and badgers ſkins with Shittím wood:

8 Alſo oyle for light, & ſpices for the anointing oyle, and for the ſwete incenſe,

9 And onix ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet in the Ephód, and in the b reſt plate.

b Read Chap. 28.3

10 And all the wiſe b hearted among you, ſhal come & make all that the Lord hathe commanded:

Chap.26.31.

11 *That is*, the* Tabernacle, the pauillion thereof, & his couering, & his taches & his boardes, his barres, his pillers & his ſockets,

12 The Arke, and the barres thereof: the Merciſeat, & the vaile that c coūereth *it*,

c Which hanged before the Merciſeat that ye colde not beſee.

13 The Table, and the barres of it, and all the inſtrumēts thereof, & the ſhewe bread:

14 Alſo the Cādelſticke of light and his inſtruments and his lampes with the oyle for the light:

15 *Likewiſe the Altar of perfume and his barres, and the anointing oyle, and the ſwete incenſe, and the vaile of the dore at the entring in of the Tabernacle,

Chap 30.1.

16 The * Altar of burnt offring with his braſen grate, his barres and all his inſtruments, the Lauer and his fote,

Chap.27.8

17 The hāgings of the courte, his pillers & his ſockets, and the vaile of ỹ gate of the courte,

18 The pins of the Tabernacle, and ỹ pins of the courte with their cordes,

19 The d miniſtring garments to miniſtre in the holy place, *and* the holy garments for Aarón the Prieſt, and the garments of his ſonnes, that they may miniſtre in the Prieſtes office.

d Suche as appertaine to ỹ ſeruice of the Tabernacle.

20 ¶Then all the Congregacion of ỹ children of Iſraél departed from the preſence of Moſés.

21 And euerie one, whoſe hearts" encouraged him, & euerie one, whoſe ſpirit made him willing, came *and* broght an offring to ỹ Lord, for the worke of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and for all his vſes, and for the holy garments.

"*Ebr. lifted him vp.*

22 Bothe men & women, as many as were fre hearted, came *and* broght " taches and earings, and rings, and bracelets, all *were* iewels of golde: and euerie one that offred an offring of golde vnto the Lord:

"*Or, bokes.*

23 Euerie man alſo, which had blewe ſilke, and purple, & ſkarlet, and fine linen, and goats *heere*, and rams ſkins died red, and badgers ſkins, broght *them*.

24 All that offred an oblatiō of ſiluer & of braſſe, broght ỹ offring vnto the Lord: & euerie one, ỹ "had Shittím wood for anie maner worke of ỹ miniſtracīō, broght *it*.

"*Eb. With whō me was found.*

25 And all the womē that were e wiſe hearted, did ſpin with their hādes, and broght the ſpun worke, *eue* the blewe ſilke, and the purple, the ſkarlet, and the fine linen.

e Which were witty and expert

26 Likewiſe all the women, f whoſe heartes were moued with knowledge, ſpun goates *heere*.

f That is, ỹ were good ſpinners.

27 And the rulers broght onix ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet in the Ephód, and in the brieſt plate:

28 Alſo ſpice, and oyle for light, and for the *anointing oyle, and for the ſwete perfume.

Chap.30.23.

29 Euerie man and woman of the childrē of Iſraél, whoſe hearts moued thē willingly to bring for all the worke which the Lord had commāded thē to make g by the hand of Moſés, broght a free offring to ỹ Lord.

g Vſing Moſes as a miniſter thereof.

30 ¶Then Moſés ſaid vnto the childrē of Iſraél, Beholde, * ỹ Lord hathe called by name Bezaleél the ſonne of Vrí, the ſonne of Hur of the tribe of Iudán,

Chap 31.2.

31 And

f Or, with the ſpirit of God.

31 And hathe filled him f with an excellent ſpirit of wiſdome, of vnderſtanding, and of knowledge, and in all maner worke,
32 To finde out curious workes, to worke in golde, and in ſiluer, and in braſſe,
33 And in grauing ſtones to ſet thē, and in karuing of wood, *euen* to make anie maner of fine worke.
34 And he hathe put in his heart that he may teache *other*: bothe he, and Aholiáb ỹ ſonne of Ahiſamách of the tribe of Dan:
35 Them hathe he filled with wiſdome of heart to worke all maner h of conning * & broydred, & nedle worke: in blewe ſilke, and in purple, in ſkarlet, and in fine linen & weauing, *euen* to do all maner of worke and ſubtile inuentions.

h Perteining to grauing, or karuing, or ſuche like. *Chap. 26, 1.*

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 The great readines of the people, inſomuche that he cōmanded thē to ceaſe. 8 The curtaines made. 19 The couerings. 20 The boardes. 31 The barres, 35 And the vaile.

1 THen wroght Bezaleél, and Aholiáb, and all "conning men, to whome the Lord gaue wiſdome, and vnderſtanding, to knowe how to worke all maner worke for the ſeruice of the a Sanctuarie, accotding to all that the Lord had cōmanded.
2 For Moſés had called Bezaleél, & Aholiáb, and all the wiſe hearted men, in whoſe hearts the Lord had giuē wiſdome, *euen* as manie as their heartes encouraged to come vnto that worke to worke it.
3 And they receiued of Moſés all ỹ offring which the children of Iſraél had broght for the worke of the ſeruice of the Sanctuarie, to make it: alſo b they broght ſtil vnto him fre gifts euerie morning.
4 So all the wiſe men, that wroght all the holy worke, came euerie man frō his worke which they wroght,
5 And ſpake to Moſés, ſaying, The people bring to c muche, *and* more then ynough for the vſe of the worke, which the Lord hathe commanded to be made.
6 Then Moſés gaue a commandemēt, and they cauſed it to be proclaimed throughout the hoſte, ſaying, Let nether man nor woman prepare anie more worke for the oblacion of the Sanctuarie. So the people were ſtayed from offring.
7 For the ſtuffe they had, was ſufficient for all the worke to make it, and to muche.
8 *All the conning men therefore among the workemen, made *for* the Tabernacle ten curtaines of fine twined linen, and of blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet: d Cherubims of broydred worke made they *vpon* them.
9 The length of one curtaine *was* twenty and eight cubites, and the breadth of one curtaine foure cubitis: *and* the curtaines were all of one ciſe.

" Ebr. wiſe in heart

a By the Sanctuarie he meaneth here all ỹ Tabernacle.

b Meaning ỹ Iſraelites.

c A rare exāple & notable to ſe the people ſo ready to ſerue God with their goods

Chap 26, 4.

d Which were fitle pictures with wingges in the forme of children.

10 And he coupled fiue curtaines together, and other fiue coupled he together.
11 And he made ſtrings of blewe ſilke by ỹ edge of one curtaine, in the ſeluedge of ỹ coupling: likewiſe he made on the ſide of the *other* curtaine in the ſeluedge in the ſeconde coupling.
12 *Fiftie ſtrings made he in the one curtaine, and fiftie ſtrings made he in the edge of the *other* curtaine, which was in the ſeconde coupling: the ſtrings were ſet one againſt an other. *Chap. 26, 10.*
13 After, he made fiftie " taches of golde, & coupled the curtaines one to an other wᵗ the taches: *ſo* was it one Tabernacle. " Or, hokes.
14 ¶Alſo he made curtaines of goates *heere* for the e couering vpon the Tabernacle: he made them *to the nomber* of eleuen curtaines. e Or, pauillion.
15 The length of one curtaine *had* thirty cubites, and the breadth of one curtaine foure cubites: the eleuen curtaines *were* of one ciſe.
16 And he coupled fiue curtaines by them ſelues, and ſix curtaines by them ſelues:
17 Alſo he made fiftie ſtrings vpon the edge of *one* curtaine in ỹ ſeluedge in the coupling, and fiftie ſtrings made he vpon the edge of the *other* curtaine in the ſeconde coupling.
18 He made alſo fiftie taches of braſſe to couple the couering that it might be one.
19 And he made a e couering vpon the pauillion of rams ſkins died red, & a couering of badgers ſkins aboue. e Theſe two were aboue ỹ couering of goates heere.
20 ¶Likewiſe he made the boardes for the Tabernacle of Shittím f wood to ſtād vp. f And to beare vp the curtaines of the Tabernacle.
21 The length of a boarde *was* ten cubites, & the breadth of one boarde *was* a cubite, and an halfe.
22 One boarde had two tenons, ſet in ordre as the fete of a ladder, one againſt an other: thus made he for all the boardes of ỹ Tabernacle.
23 So he made twētie boardes for ỹ South-ſide of the Tabernacle, euen ful South.
24 And fourtie ſockets of ſiluer made he vnder the twētie boardes, two ſockets vnder one boarde for his two tenōs, & two ſockets vnder another boarde for his two tenons.
25 Alſo for the other ſide of the Tabernacle towarde the North, he made twentie boardes,
26 And their fourtie ſockets of ſiluer, two ſockets vnder one boarde, & two ſockets vnder an other boarde.
27 Likewiſe towardes the Weſtſide of the Tabernacle he made ſix boardes. g Or towarde the ſea wᶜʰ was the ſea called mediterranē weſtward frō Ieruſalem
28 And two boardes made he in the corners of the Tabernacle, for ether ſide,
29 And they were * ioyned beneth, and likewiſe were made ſure aboue with a ring: *Chap 26, 24.*

thus he did to bothe in bothe corners.

30 So there were eight boardes and their ſixtene ſockets of ſiluer, vnder euerie boarde two ſockets.

Chap.25.27. & 30.4. 31 ¶ After, he made *barres of Shittím wood, fiue for the boardes in the one ſide of the Tabernacle,

32 And fiue barres for the boardes in the other ſide of the Tabernacle, and fiue barres for the boardes of the Tabernacle on the ſide towarde the Weſt.

33 And he made the middeſt barre to ſhote through the boardes, from the one end to the other.

34 He ouerlaied alſo the boardes with golde, and made their rings of golde for places for the barres, and couered the barres with golde.

h Which was betwene ỹ Sanctuarie and ỹ Holieſt of all. 35 ¶ Moreouer he made a h vaile of blewe ſilke, and purple, and of ſkarlet, and of fine twined linen: with Cherubims of broydred worke made he it:

36 And made thereunto foure pillers of Shittím, and ouerlaied them with golde: whoſe *hokes were alſo of golde, and he caſt for them foure ſockets of ſiluer.

*Or, heades.

i Which was betwene the court and the Sanctuarie. 37 And he made an i hanging for the Tabernacle dore, of blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linen, *and* nedle worke,

38 And the fiue pillers of it with their hokes, and ouerlaied their chapiters & their *filets with golde, but their fiue ſockets *were* of braſſe.

*Or, graued bordes.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 The Arke. 6 The Merciſeat. 10 The Table. 17 The Candelſticke. 25 The Altar of incenſe.

Chap.25.10 1 AFter this, Bezaleél made the *Arke of Shittím wood, two cubites and an halfe long, and a cubite and an halfe broade, and a cubite and an halfe hie:

a Like battelments. 2 And ouerlaied it with fine golde within and without, and made a a crowne of golde to it round about,

3 And caſt for it foure rings of golde for ỹ foure corners of it: that is, two rings for ỹ one ſide of it, and two rings for the other ſide thereof.

4 Alſo he made barres of Shittím wood, & couered them with golde,

5 And put the barres in the rings by the ſides of the Arke, to beare the Arke.

Chap.25.17. 6 ¶ And he made the * Merciſeat of pure golde: two cubites and an halfe *was* the length thereof, and one cubite and an halfe the breadth thereof.

7 And he made two Cherubims of golde, vpon the two ends of the Merciſeat: *euen* of worke beaten with the hammer made he them.

b Of the ſelf ſame matter ỹ the Merciſeat was. 8 One Cherúb on ỹ one end, and an other Cherúb on the other end: b of the Merciſeat made he the Cherubims, at the two ends thereof.

9 And ỹ Cherubims ſpred out their wings on hie, and couered the Merciſeat ẅ their wings, and their faces *were* one towardes an other: toward the Merciſeat were the faces of the Cherubims.

10 ¶ Alſo he made the Table of Shittím wood: two cubites *was* the lẽgth thereof, and a cubite the breadth thereof, and a cubite and an halfe the height of it.

11 And he ouerlaied it with fine golde, and made thereto a crowne of golde round about.

12 Alſo he made thereto a border of an hãd breadth round about, and made vpon ỹ border a crowne of golde round about. *Or, foure fiue gers.*

13 And he caſt for it foure rings of golde, and put the rings in the foure corners that *were* in the foure fete thereof.

14 Againſt the border were the rings, as places for the barres to beare the Table.

15 And he made the barres of Shittim wood, and couered them with golde to beare the Table.

Chap.25.29. 16 * Alſo he made the inſtruments for the Table of pure golde: diſhes for it, & *incẽs* cups for it, and goblets for it, & couerings for it, wherewith it ſhulde be couered.

17 ¶ Likewiſe he made the Candelſticke of pure golde: of worke beaten out with the hammer made he the Candelſticke: *and* his ſhaft, & his branche, his bolles, his knops, and his floures were of one piece.

18 And ſix branches came out of the ſides thereof: thre branches of the Cãdelſticke out of the one ſide of it, and thre branches of the Candelſticke out of the other ſide of it.

19 In one branche thre bolles made like almondes, a knop and a floure: and in an other branche thre bolles made like almõdes, a knop & a floure: *and* ſo throughout the ſix branches that proceded out of the Candelſticke.

20 And vpon the Candelſticke *were* foure bolles after the facion of almondes, the knops thereof and the floures thereof:

21 That is, vnder euerie two branches a knop *made* thereof, and a knop vnder the ſecõde branche thereof, and a knop vnder the third branche thereof, according to the ſix branches comming out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the ſame: it was all one * beaten worke of pure golde. *Chap.25.31.*

23 And he made for it ſeuen lampes with ỹ ſnuffers, & ſnufdiſhes thereof of pure gold.

c Read chap. 25.39. 24 Of a c talent of pure golde made he it, with all the inſtruments thereof.

Chap.30.34. 25 Furthermore he made the * perfume altar of Shittím wood: the length of it *was* a cubite, and the breadth of it a cubite (it was ſquare) and two cubites hie, *and* the hornes

hornes thereof was of the ſame.

26 And he couered it with pure golde, both the top and the ſides thereof round about, and the hornes of it, and made vnto it a crowne of golde round about.

27 And he made two rings of golde for it, vnder the crowne thereof in the two corners of the two ſides thereof, to put barres in for to beare it therewith.

28 Alſo he made the barres of Shittím wood, and ouerlaied them with golde.

Chap. 30, 35. 29 And he made the holy * anointing oyle, & the ſwete pure incenſe after the apotecaries arte.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 The Altar of burnt offrings. 8 The braſen Lauer. 9 The Courte. 24 The ſumme of that the people offred.

Chap 27, 1. 1 ALſo he made the altar of the burnt offring * of Shittím wood: fiue cubites *was* the length thereof, and fiue cubites the breadth thereof: *it was* ſquare and thre cubites hie.

2 And he made vnto it hornes in the foure corners thereof: the hornes thereof were of the ſame, & he ouerlaied it with braſſe.

Chap 27, 3. *Or, fyre pans 3 Alſo he made all the inſtruments of the Altar: ỹ * aſhpans, & the beſomes, and the baſins, ỹ fleſhokes, & the *censers: all the inſtruments thereof made he of braſſe.

4 Moreouer he made a braſē grate wroght like a net to the Altar, vnder the compas of it beneth in the [a] middes of it,

a So ỹ the grid yron or grate was halfe ſo hie as ỹ altar, & ſtode within it. 5 And caſt foure rings of braſſe for ỹ foure ends of the grate to put barres in.

6 And he made the baires of Shittím wood, and couered them with braſſe.

7 The which barres he put into the rings on the ſides of the altar to beare it withall, and made it holowe *within* ỹ boardes.

b R. Kimhi ſaith, that the women broght their loking glaſſes, which were of braſſe or fine metal and offred them frely vnto the vſe of the Tabernacle: ẅ was a bright thing & of great maieſtie. 8 ¶Alſo he made the Lauer of braſſe, and the fote of it of braſſe of the [b] glaſſes of ỹ women that did aſſemble and came together at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

9 ¶Finally he made ỹ courte on the South ſide ful Southe: the hangings of the courte *were* of fine twined linen, hauing an hundreth cubites.

10 Their pillers *were* twentie, & their braſen ſockets twentie: the hokes of the pillers, and their filets *were* of ſiluer.

11 And on the Northſide *the hangings were* an hundreth cubites: their pillers twentie, & their ſockets of braſſe twētie, ỹ hokes of ỹ pillers & their filets of ſiluer.

12 On the Weſtſide alſo *were* hangings of fiftie cubites, their ten pillers with their ten ſockets: ỹ hokes of the pillers and their filets of ſiluer.

13 And toward the Eaſtſide, ful Eaſt, *were hangings* of fiftie cubites.

14 The hangings of the one ſide *were* fiftene cubites, their thre pillers, and their thre ſockets:

Chap 27, 14. 15 *And of the other ſide of the courte gate on bothe ſides *were* hangings of fiftene cubites, *with* their thre pillers and their thre ſockets.

16 All the hangings of the courte round about *were* of fine twined linen:

17 But the ſockets of the pillers *were* of braſſe: the hokes of the pillers and their filets of ſiluer, and the couering of their chapiters of ſiluer: and all the pillers of the courte were hooped about with ſiluer.

18 *He made* alſo the hanging of the gate of the courte of nedle worke, blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linen euen twentie cubites long, and fiue cubites in height & breadth, "like the hāgings of the courte. "Eūr ouer a gainſt.

Chap 27, 19. 19 And their pillers *were* foure with their foure ſockets of braſſe: their hokes of ſiluer, and the couering of their chapiters, and their filets of ſiluer.

20 But all the * pins of the Tabernacle and of the courte round about *were* of braſſe.

c That the Leuites might haue the charge therof, and miniſter in the ſame, as did Eleazér and Ithamár, Nōb. 3, 4 21 ¶Theſe are the partes of the Tabernacle, *I meane*, of the Tabernacle of the Teſtimonie, which was appointed by the commandement of Moſés for the office of ỹ [c] Leuites by the hand of Ithamár ſonne to Aarón the Prieſt.

22 So Bezaleél the ſonne of Vrí the ſonne of Hur of the tribe of Iudáh, made all ỹ the Lord commanded Moſés.

d As a grauer or carpenter, chap 31, 4. 23 And with him Aholiáb ſonne of Ahiſamách of the tribe of Dan, a [d] cūning workeman and an embroyderer and a worker of nedle worke in blewe ſilke, and in purple, and in ſkarlet, and in fine linen.

24 All the golde that was occupied in all ỹ worke wroght for the holy place (which was the golde of the offring) was nine & twentie talents, and ſeuen hundreth and thirtie ſhekels, according to the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie.

25 But the ſiluer of them that were nombred in the Cōgregacion, *was* an hūdreth talēts, and a thouſand ſeuen hundreth ſeuentie and fiue ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie.

*Or, halfe a ſhekel 26 A *portion for a man, *that is*, halfe a ſhekel after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, for all them that were nombred from twentie yere olde and aboue, among ſix hundreth thouſand, and thre thouſand, & fiue hundreth and fiftie men.

27 Moreouer there were an hundreth talents of ſiluer, to caſt the ſockets of the Sanctuarie, and the ſockets of the vaile: an hundreth ſockets of an hundreth talents, a talent for a ſocket.

28 But he made the hokes for the pillers of a thouſand ſeuen hundreth and ſeuētie & fiue *ſhekels*, and ouerlaied their chapiters,

and made filets about them.

29 Alſo the braſſe of the offring *was* ſeuentie [e] talents, and two thouſand, and foure hundreth ſhekels.

30 Wherof he made ỹ ſockets to the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion and the braſen Altar, & the braſen grate which was for it, with all the inſtruments of the Altar,

31 And the ſockets of the courte roũd about, and the ſockets for the courte gate, & all the * pins of the Tabernacle, and all the pins of the courte round about.

[e] Read the weight of a talent, Chap. 25.39.

Chap. 27.19.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 The apparel of Aarón and his ſonnes 32 All that the Lord commanded, was made, and finiſhed 43 Moſés bleſſeth the people.

1 MOreouer they made [a] garments of miniſtration to miniſtrie in the San ctuarie of blewe ſilke, and purple, & ſkarlet: ther * made alſo the holy garments for Aarón, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

[a] As couerings for the Arke, ỹ Cãdelſticke, the Altars & ſuche like

Chap 31.10. & 35.19.

2 So he made the Ephód of golde, blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beate the golde into thin plates, and cut it into wiers, to worke it in the blewe ſilke & in the purple, and in the ſkarlet, & in the fine linen, with broydred worke.

4 For the which thei made ſhulders to couple together: *for* it was cloſed by the two edges thereof.

5 And the broydred garde of his Ephód that was vpon him, was of the ſame ſtuffe, and of like worke: *euen* of golde, of blewe ſilke, and purple, and ſkarlet, and fine twined linen, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

Chap. 28.9. 6 ¶ And they wroght * *two* onix ſtones cloſed in ouches of golde, and graued, as [b] ſignets are grauen, with the names of the children of Iſraél,

[b] That is, of very fine and curious workmanſhip

7 And put thẽ on the ſhulders of ỹ Ephód, *as* ſtones for a * remembrance of the children of Iſraél, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

Chap. 28.12.

8 ¶ Alſo he made the breſt plate of broydred worke like the worke of the Ephód: *to wit*, of golde, blewe ſilke, and purple, & ſkarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 They made the breſt plate double, and it was ſquare, an hand breadth long, and an hand breadth broad: *it was alſo* double.

10 And they filled it with foure rowes of ſtones. The ordre *was thus*, a ruby, a topaze, and a carbuncle in the firſt rowe.

11 And in the ſeconde rowe, an emeraude, a ſaphir, and a diamond:

[c] Or a ligure, which ſtone autors write that it commeth of the vrine of the beaſt called linx.

12 Alſo in the third rowe, [c] a turkeis, an achate, and an hematite:

13 Likewiſe in the fourte rowe, a chryſolite, an onix, and a iaſper: cloſed and ſet in ouches of golde.

14 So the ſtones *were* according to the names of the children of Iſraél, *euen* twelue [d] after their names, grauen like ſignets euerie one after his name according to the twelue tribes.

[d] That is, euerie tribe had his name written in a ſtone.

15 After, they made vpon the breſt plate cheines at the endes, of wrethen worke & pure golde.

16 They made alſo two boſſes of golde, & two golde rings, and put the two rings in the two corners of the breſt plate.

17 And they put thẽ two wrethen cheines of golde in the two rings, in the corners of the breſt plate.

18 Alſo the two *other* endes of the two wrethen cheines they faſtened in the two boſſes, and put them on the ſhulders of the Ephód vpon the fore fronte of it.

19 Likewiſe they made two rings of golde, and put them in the two *other* corners of the breſt plate vpon the edge of it, which was on the inſide of the Epnód.

20 They made alſo two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two ſides of the Ephód, beneth on the foreſide of it and ouer againſt his coupling aboue the broydred garde of the Ephód.

21 Then they faſtened the breſt plate by his rings vnto the rings of the Ephód, with a lace of blewe ſilke, that it might be *faſt* vpon the broydred garde of the Ephód, and that the breſt plate ſhulde not be loſed from the Ephód, as the Lord had cõmanded Moſés.

22 ¶ Moreouer he made the robe of the [e] Ephód of wouen worke, altogether of blewe ſilke.

[e] Which was next vnder the Ephód

23 And [f] the hole of the robe *was* in the middes of it, as ỹ coller of an habergeon, with an edge about the coller, that it ſhulde not rent.

[f] Where he ſhulde put through his head.

24 And they made vpon the ſkirtes of the robe pomegranates, of blewe ſilke, & purple, and ſkarlet, and *fine linen* twined.

25 They made alſo * belles of pure golde, & put the belles betwene the pomegranates vpon the ſkirtes of the robe rounde about betwene the pomegranates.

Chap. 28.33.

26 A bel & a pomegranate, a bel & a pomegranate round about the ſkirtes of the robe to miniſter in, as the Lord had cõmanded Moſés.

27 ¶ After, they made coates of fine linẽ, of wouẽ worke for Aarón & for his ſonnes.

28 And the mitre of fine linen, and goodlie bonnets of fine linen, and linen * breches of fine twined linen,

Chap. 28.42.

29 ¶ And the girdel of fine twined linen, & of blewe ſilke, & purple, & ſkarlet, *euen* of nedle worke, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

30 Final-

30 ¶ Finally thei made the plate for the holy crowne of fine golde, and wrote vpon it a ſuperſcription *like* to the grauing of a ſignet, * HOLINES TO THE LORD.

Chap.28,36.

31 And thei tied vnto it a lace of blewe ſilke to faſten it on hye vpon the mitre, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

32 ¶ Thus was all the worke of the Tabernacle, *euen* of the * Tabernacle of the Cógregacion finiſhed: & the children of Iſraél did according to all that the Lord had commanded Moſés: ſo did thei.

Chap 27,21.

33 ¶ Afterwarde thei broght the Tabernacle vnto Moſés, the Tabernacle & all his inſtruments, his taches, his boardes, his barres, and his pillers, and his ſockets,

34 And the couering of rámes ſkins died red, & the couerings of badgers ſkinnes, and the g couering vaile.

g So called, becauſe it hãged before ỹ mercéat & couered it frõ ſight *chap.35,12.*

35 The Arke of the Teſtimonie, and the barres thereof, and the Merciſeat,

36 The Table, with all the inſtruments thereof, and the ſhewe bread,

37 The pure Candelſticke, the lampes thereof, *euen* the lampes h ſet in ordre, and all the inſtruments thereof, and the oyle for light:

h Or, which Aaron dreſſed and refreſhed with oyle euerie morníg, *chap.30,7.*

38 Alſo the golden Altar & the anointing oyle, and the ſwete incens, and the hãging of the Tabernacle dore,

39 The braſen Altar with his grate of braſſe, his barres and all his inſtruments, the Lauer and his fote.

40 The curtaines of the court with his pillers, and his ſockets, & the hanging to the courte gate, & his cordes, and his pinnes, and all the inſtruments of the ſeruice of the Tabernacle, *called* the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

41 *Finally*, the miniſtring garments to ſerue in the Sanctuarie, & the holy garmẽts for Aarón the Prieſt, and his ſonnes garments to miniſter in the Prieſts office.

i Signifiyng ỹ in Gods matters man may nether adde nor diminiſh.

42 According to euerie point that the Lord had i commanded Moſés, ſo the children of Iſraél made all the worke.

k Praiſed God for ỹ peoples diligence and praied for thẽ.

43 And Moſés behelde all the worke, and beholde, thei had done it as the Lord had commanded: ſo had thei done: and Moſés k bleſſed them.

CHAP. XL.

The Tabernacle with the appertinances is reared vp. 34 The glorie of the Lord appeareth in the cloude couering the Tabernacle.

a After ỹ Moſés had bene 40. dates and 40 nights in ỹ mount, that is, frõ the beginning of Auguſt to the 10. of Sept. he came downe, & cauſed this worke to be done: which being finiſhed, was ſet vp in Abíb, which moneth cõteineth halfe Marche and halfe April.

THen the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

2 In the a *firſt* day of the firſt moneth in the *very* firſt *of the ſame* moneth ſhalt thou ſet vp the Tabernacle, *called* the Tabernacle of the Congregacion:

3 And thou ſhalt put therein the Arke of the Teſtimonie, and couer the Arke with the vaile.

4 Alſo thou ſhalt bring in the * Table, and ſet it in ordre as it doeth require: thou ſhalt alſo bring in the Candelſticke, and light his lampes,

Read chap. 26,35.

5 And thou ſhalt ſet the incenſe Altar b of golde before the Arke of the Teſtimonie, and put the c hanging at the dore of the Tabernacle.

b That is, the altar of perfume, or to burne incenſe on.
c This hãging or vaile was betwene the Sanctuarie and the courte.

6 Moreouer thou ſhalt ſet the burnt offrīg Altar before the dore of the Tabernacle, *called* the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

7 And thou ſhalt ſet the Lauer betwene the Tabernacle of the Congregacion & the Altar, and put water therein.

8 Then thou ſhalt appoint the courte roũd about, and hang vp the hanging at the courte gate.

9 After, thou ſhalt take the anointing oyle, and anoint the Tabernacle, and all that is therein, and halowe it with all the inſtruments thereof, that it may be holye.

10 And thou ſhalt anoint the Altar of the burnt offring, and all his inſtruments, and ſhalt ſanctifie the Altar, that it may be an altar moſte holy.

11 Alſo thou ſhalt anoint the Lauer and his fote, and ſhalt ſanctifie it.

12 Then thou ſhalt bring Aarón and his ſonnes vnto the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, & waſh them with water.

13 And thou ſhalt put vpon Aarón the holy garments, and ſhalt anoint him, & ſanctifie him that he may miniſter vnto me in the Prieſts office.

14 Thou ſhalt alſo bring his ſonnes, and clothe them with garments,

15 And ſhalt anoint them as thou diddeſt anoint their father, that thei may miniſter vnto me in the Prieſts office: for their anointing ſhal be *a ſigne*, that ỹ prieſthode d ſhalbe euerlaſting vnto thẽ throughout their generacions.

d Till bothe ỹ prieſthode and ỹ ceremonies ſhulde ende, wch was at Chriſts comming.

16 So Moſés did according to all that the Lord had commanded him: ſo did he.

17 ¶ * Thus was the Tabernacle reared vp the firſt day of the firſt moneth in e the ſeconde yere.

Nomb.7,1.
e After thei came out of Egypt, Nomb. 7,1.

18 Then Moſés reared vp the Tabernacle and faſtened his ſockets, and ſet vp the boardes thereof, and put in the barres of it, and reared vp his pillers.

19 And he ſpred the couering ouer the Tabernacle, and put the couering of that couering on hie aboue it, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

20 ¶ And he toke and put the f Teſtimonie in the Arke, and put the barres in *the rings* of the Arke, and ſet the Merciſeat on hie vpon the Arke.

f That is, the tables of the Lawe, chap. 31,18. & 34,29.

21 He broght alſo the Arke into the Tabernacle, and hanged vp the * couering vaile,

Chap.35,12.

and couered the Arke of the Teſtimonie, as the Lord had commanded Moſes,

22 ¶ Furthermore he put the Table in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion in the Northſide of the Tabernacle, without the vaile,

23 And ſet the bread in ordre before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moſes.

24 ¶ Alſo he put the Candelſticke in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion ouer againſt the Table towarde the Southſide of the Tabernacle.

f Or, ſet vp. 25 And he f lighted the lampes before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moſes.

26 ¶ Moreouer he ſet the golden Altar in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion before the vaile,

27 And burnt ſwete incēſe thereon, as the Lord had commanded Moſes.

g Betwene the Sanctuarie and the courte. 28 ¶ Alſo he hāged vp the vaile at the g dore of the Tabernacle.

29 After he ſet the burnt offring Altar *without* the dore of the Tabernacle, *called* the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, & offred the burnt offring and the ſacrifice thereon, as the Lord had cōmāded Moſes.

30 ¶ Likewiſe he ſet the Lauer betwene the Tabernacle of the Congregacion & the Altar, and powred water therein to waſh with.

31 So Moſes, and Aarón, and his ſonnes, waſhed their hands & their fete thereat.

32 When thei went into the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and when thei approched to the Altar, thei waſhed, as the Lord had commanded Moſes.

33 Finally he reared vp the courte round about the Tabernacle and the Altar, and hanged vp the vaile at the courte gate: ſo Moſes finiſhed the worke.

34 ¶ *Then the cloude couered the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and the glorie of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. *Nomb.9.15. 1.king.8.10.

35 So Moſes colde not entre into the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, becauſe the cloude abode thereon, and the glorie of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.

36 Now when the cloude aſcēded vp from the Tabernacle, the children of Iſraél went forwarde in all their iourneis.

37 But if the cloude aſcended not, then thei iourneied not til the day that it aſcended.

38 For h the cloude of the Lord *was* vpon the Tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the ſight of all the houſe of Iſraél, throughout all their iorneies.

h Thus the preſence of God preſerued & guided thē night and day til thei came to the land promiſed.

THE THIRD BOKE OF

Moſes, called * Leuiticus.

* Becauſe in this boke is cheflv intreated of ỹ Leuites, and of things perteining to their office.

THE ARGVMENT.

AS God daily by moſte ſingular benefites declared him ſelfe to be mindeful of his Church: ſo he wolde not that thei ſhulde haue anie occaſion to truſt ether in them ſelues, or to depend vpon others for lacke of temporal things, or ought that belonged to his diuine ſeruice and religion. Therefore he ordeined diuers kindes of oblations and ſacrifices, to aſſure them of forgiuenes of their offenſes. (if thei offred them in true faith and obedience) Alſo he appointed their Prieſts and Leuites, their apparel, offices, converſation and portion: he ſhewed what feaſtes thei ſhulde obſerue, and in what times. Moreouer he declared by theſe ſacrifices & ceremonies that the reward of ſinne is death, and that without the blood of Chriſt the innocent Lambe there can be no forgiuenes of ſinnes. And becauſe thei ſhulde giue no place to their owne inuentions (which thing God moſte deteſteth as appeareth by the terrible example of Nadáb and Abihú) he preſcribed euen to the leaſt things, what thei ſhulde do, as what beaſtes thei ſhulde offre and eat: what diſeaſes were contagious and to be auoyded: what ordre thei ſhulde take for all maner of filthines and pollution: whoſe companie thei ſhulde flee: what mariages were lauful: and what politike lawes were profitable. Which things declared, he promiſed fauour and bleſſing to them that kept his Lawes, and threatened his curſe to them that tranſgreſſed them.

CHAP. I.

2 Of burnt offrings for particular perſons. 3.10. & 14 The maner to offre burnt offrings aſwel of bulloks, as of ſhepe and birdes.

a Hereby Moſes declareth that he taught nothing to the people but ỹ, which he receiued of God

1 AND the a Lord called Moſes, and ſpake vnto him out of the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion, ſaying,

2 Speake vnto the childrē of Iſraél, & thou ſhalt ſay vnto thē, If anie of you offer a ſacrifice vnto the Lord, ye ſhal offer your ſacrifice of b cattel, as of bēues and of the ſhepe.

b So thei colde offre of none other ſort, but of thoſe which were commanded. ỹ *Exod.29.10.*

3 *If his ſacrifice *be* a burnt offring of the herde, he ſhal offer a male without blemiſh, preſenting him of his owne voluntary wil at the dore of the c Tabernacle of the Congregacion before the Lord.

c Meaning within ỹ court of the Tabernacle.

4 And he ſhal put his hand vpon the head of the burnt offring and it ſhalbe accepted "to *the Lord*, to be his atonement.

"*Ebr is him.*

d The Prieſt or Leuite.

5 And d he ſhal kil the bullocke before the Lord, and the Prieſtes Aarons ſonnes ſhal offer the blood, and ſhal ſprinkle it round about vpon the e altar, that is by the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

e Of the burnt offring, Exod 27,1

6 Then ſhal he fley the burnt offring and cut it in pieces.

7 So the ſonnes of Aarón the Prieſt ſhal put fire vpon the altar, and lay the wood in ordre vpon the fire.

8 Then the Prieſtes Aarons ſonnes ſhal lay the partes in ordre, the head and the "kall vpon the wood that is in the fire which is vpon the altar.

"Or, *the body of the beaſt or the fat.*

9 But the inwardes thereof and the legs thereof he ſhal waſh in water, and the Prieſt ſhal burne all on the altar: *for* it is a burnt offring, an oblatiõ made by fire, for a ſwete ſauour f vnto the Lord.

f Or a ſauour of reſt, which pacifieth the angre of the Lord

10 ¶ And if his ſacrifice for ỹ burnt offrīg *be* of the flockes (*as* of the ſhepe, or of ỹ goates) he ſhal offer a male without blemiſh,

g Read verſ 5

11 g And he ſhal kil it on the Northſide of the altar h before the Lord, & the Prieſtes Aarons ſonnes ſhal ſprinkle the blood thereof round about vpon the Altar.

h Before the altar of the Lord

"*Ebr into his pieces*

12 And he ſhal cut it in "pieces, *ſeparating* his head and his "kall, and the Prieſt ſhal lay them in ordre vpõ the wood that *lieth* in the fire which is on the altar:

"Or, *fat.*

13 But he ſhal waſh the inwardes, and the legs with water, and the Prieſt ſhal offer the whole & burne it vpon the altar: *for* it is a burnt offring, an oblatiõ made by fire for a ſwete ſauoure vnto the Lord.

14 ¶ And if his ſacrifice *be* a burnt offring to the Lord of the foules, thẽ he ſhal offer his ſacrifice of the turtle doues, or of the yong pigeons.

15 And the Prieſt ſhal bring it vnto the altar, and i wring the necke of it a ſunder, and burne it on the altar: and the blood thereof ſhal be "ſhed vpon the ſide of the altar.

i The Ebrew worde ſignifieth to pinch of with the nayle

"Or, *ſtrained, or preſſed.*

16 And he ſhal plucke out his mawe ỹ his fethers, and caſt them beſide the altar on the k Eaſtparte in the place of the aſhes.

k On the ſide of the courte gate in ỹ pãnes, which ſtode with aſhes, Exod 27,3.

17 And he ſhal cleaue it with his wings, *but* not deuide it a ſundre: and the Prieſt ſhal burne it vpon the altar vpon the wood that is in ỹ fire: *for* it is a burnt offring, an oblatiõ made by fire for a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord.

CHAP. II.

1 The meat offring is after thre ſortes: of fine floure vnbaken, 4 Of bread baken, 14 And of corne in the eare.

a Becauſe the burnt offring colde not be without the meat offring.

1 AND whẽ anie wil offer a a meat offrīg vnto the Lord, his offring ſhalbe of fine floure, and he ſhal poure oyle vpõ it, and put incenſe thereon,

2 And ſhal bring it vnto Aarons ſonnes the Prieſts, and b he ſhal take thence his handful of the floure, and of the oyle with all the incenſe, and the Prieſt ſhal burne it for a c memorial vpon the altar: *for* it is an offring made by fire for a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord.

b The Prieſt

c To ſignifie that God remẽbreth him that offreth.

3 *But the remnant of the meat offring *ſhal be* Aarõs and his ſonnes: *for* it is d moſte holy of the Lords offrings made by fire.

Eccle 7.34.

d Therefore none colde eat of it but the Prieſts

4 ¶ If thou bring alſo a meat offring baken in the oué, *it ſhalbe* an vnleauened cake of fine floure mingled with oyle, or an vnleauened wafer anointed with oyle.

5 ¶ But if thy e meat offring *be* an oblatiõ of the fryyng pan, it ſhalbe of fine floure vnleauened, mingled with oyle.

e Which is a gift offred to God to pacifie him

6 And thou ſhalt parte it in pieces, and powre oyle thereon: *for* it is a meat offring.

7 ¶ And if thy meat offring *be* an oblation *made* in the caudron, it ſhalbe made of fine floure with oyle.

8 After, thou ſhalt bring the meat offring (ỹ is made of theſe things) vnto ỹ Lord, & ſhalt preſent it vnto the Prieſt, and he ſhal bring it to the altar,

9 And the Prieſt ſhal take from the meat offring a * memorial of it, and ſhal burne it vpon the altar: *for* it is an oblation * made by fire for a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord.

Verſ 2.

Exod 29.18.

10 But ỹ which is left of the meat offring, *ſhalbe* Aarons and his ſonnes: *for it is* moſte holy of the offrings of the Lord made by fire.

11 All the meat offrings which ye ſhal offer vnto ỹ Lord, ſhalbe made without leauẽ: for ye ſhal nether burne leauen nor hony in any offring of the Lord made by fire.

12 ¶ *In* the oblation of the firſt frutes ye ſhal offer f them vnto the Lord, but they ſhal not be burnt g vpõ the altar for a ſwete ſauour.

f That is, frutes, which are ſwete as hony, ye may offer.

g But reſerued for ỹ Prieſts.

13 (All the meat offrings alſo ſhalt thou ſeaſon with * ſalt, nether ſhalt thou ſuffre the ſalt of the h couenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offring, *but* vpon all thine oblations thou ſhalt offer ſalt)

Mar 9.49.

h Which thei were bound (as by a couenãt) to vſe in all ſacrifices, Nõb. 18, 19 ezek. 43, 24: or it meaneth a ſure and pure couenant *Chap. 23.14.*

14 If then thou offer a meat offring of thy firſt frutes vnto the Lord, thou ſhalt offer for thy meat offring of thy firſt frutes * eares of corne dried by the fire, and wheat beaten out of "the grene eares.

"Or, *ful eares: for the worde ſignifieth a fruteful field.*

15 After, thou ſhalt put oyle vpon it, and laie incenſe thereon: *for* it is a meat offring.

16 And the Prieſt ſhal burne the memorial of it, *euen* of that that is beaten and of the oyle of it with all the incenſe thereof: *for* it is an offring vnto the Lord made by fire.

CHAP. III.

1 The maner of peace offrings, and beasts for the same. 17 The Israelites may neither eat fat nor blood.

a A sacrifice of thankesgiuing offred for peace & prosperitie, either generally or particularly

1 ALso if his oblation *be* a [a] peace offring, if he wil offer of ỹ droue (whether it be male or female) he shal offer suche as is without blemish, before ỹ Lord,
2 And shal put his hand vpon the head of his offring, and kil it at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion: & Aarons sonnes the Priests shal sprinckle the blood vpon the altar round about.

b One parte was burnt, an other was to the Priests, & the third to hi that offred *Exod 29. 29.*

3 So he shal offer [b] *parte* of the peace offrigs *as* a sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord, *euen* the* fat that couereth the inwardes, and all the fat that is vpon the inwardes.
4 He shal also take away the two kidneis, and the fat that is on them, and vpon* the flanks, and the kall on the liuer with the kidneis.

Or, the which kidneis are nere the flanks

5 And Aarons sonnes shal burne it on the altar with the burnt offring, which is vpō the wood, that is on the fire: *this is* a sacrifice made by fire for a swete sauour vnto the Lord.
6 ¶ Also if his oblation *be* a peace offring vnto the Lord out of the flocke, whether it be male or female, he shal offer it without blemish.

c In the peace offring it was indifferent to offre either male or female, but in ỹ burnt offring onely the male. So here can be offred no birdes, but in the burnt offring ther might all there was consumed with fire, and in the peace offring but a parte

7 If he offer a lambe for his oblation, then he shal bring it before the Lord,
8 And lay his hand vpon the head of his offring, and shal kil it before the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and Aarons sonnes shal sprinkle ỹ blood therof roūd about vpon the altar.

d The burnt offring was wholy consumed, and of ỹ offring made by fire onely the inwardes &c. were burnt: ỹ shulder & breast with the two chawes and ỹ mawe were ỹ Priests, & the rest his that offred *Vers. 4.*

9 After, of the peace offrings he shal offer [d] an offring made by fire vnto ỹ Lord: the shal take away the fat thereof, & the rumpe altogether, hard by the backe bone, & the fat that couereth the inwardes, and all the fat that is vpon the inwardes.
10 Also he shal take away the two kidneis, with the fat that is vpon them, and vpon the* flanks, & the kall vpon the liuer with the kidneis.
11 Thē the Priest shal burne it vpon the altar, *as* the meat of an offring made by fire vnto the Lord.
12 ¶ Also if his offring *be* a goat, then shal he offer it before the Lord,
13 And shal put his hand vpon the head of it, and kil it before [e] the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion, & the sonnes of Aarón shal sprinkle the blood therof vpō the altar round about.

e Meaning at the Northside of the altar, chap 1,11.

14 Thē he shal offer thereof his offring, *euē* an offring made by fire vnto the Lord, the fat that couereth the inwardes, and all the fat that is vpon the inwardes.
15 Also he shal take away the two kidneis, & the fat that is vpon them, and vpon the flanks & the kall vpon the liuer with the kidneis.
16 So the Priest shal burne them vpon the altar, *as* ỹ meat of an offring made by fire for a swete sauour: * all ỹ fat *is* the Lords. *Chap 7,25.*
17 *This shalbe* a perpetual ordināce for your generacions, through out all your dwellings, *so that* ye shal eat neither [f] fat nor * blood.

f By eating fat, was ment to be carnal, and by blood eating, was signified cruelte *Gene 9,4. chap 2,23.*

CHAP. IIII.

1 The offring for sinnes done of ignorāce, 3 For the Priest, 13 The Congregation, 22 The ruler, 27 And the priuate man.

1 MOreouer the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
2 Speake vnto the children of Israél, saying, If anie shal sinne through [a] ignorāce, in anie of the commandements of ỹ Lord (which oght not to be done) but shal do *contrarie* to anie of them,

a *Ebr a fesle.* a That is, of negligēce or ignorance, specially of the ceremonial lawe: for otherwise the punishements for crimes are appointed accoarding to the transgression, Nomb 15,22

3 If the [b] Priest that is anointed do sinne (according to the sinne of the people) thē shal he offer, for his sinne which he hathe sinned, a yong bullocke without blemish vnto the Lord for a sinne offring,
4 And he shal bring the bullocke vnto the dore of the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion before the Lord, & shal put his hād vpon the bullocks head, and [c] kil the bullocke before the Lord.

b Meaning the hie Priest

c Hereby cōfessing that he deserued the same punishment which ỹ beast suffred.

5 And the Priest that is anointed shal take of the bullocks blood, and bring it into ỹ Tabernacle of the Congregacion.
6 Then the Priest shal dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seuen times before the Lord, before the vaile of the [d] Sanctuarie.

d Which was betweene the Holiest of all & ỹ Sanctuarie.

7 The Priest also shal put *some* of the blood before the Lord, vpō the hornes of ỹ altar of swete incēs, which is in ỹ [e] Tabernacle of the Congregacion, then shal he powre * all *the rest* of the blood of the bullocke at the fote of ỹ altar of burnt offring, which is at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

e Which was in the courte: meanig by the Tabernacle ỹ Sanctuarie: & in the end of this verse it is taken for the courte.

8 And he shal take away all the fat of the bullocke for the sinne offring: *to wit*, ỹ fat that couereth the inwardes, and all the fat that is about the inwardes. *Chap.1,8.*
9 He shal take away also the two kidneis, and the fat that is vpon them, and vpon the flanks, & the kall vpon the liuer with the kidneis,
10 As it was taken away from the bullocke of the peace offrings, and the Priest shal burne thē vpon the altar of burnt offring.
11 * But the skin of the bullocke, and all his flesh, with his head, and his legs, & his inwardes, and his doung *shal he beare out.* *Exod 29,14. numb.19.5.*
12 So he shal cary the whole bullocke out of the* hoste vnto a cleane place, where ỹ ashes are powred, & shal burne him on ỹ wood in the fire: where the ashes are cast out, shal he be burnt. *Ebr 13,11.*
13 ¶ And if the [f] whole Congregacion of Israel

f The multitude [illegible] not the simple

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Chap 5.2.

Iſraél ſhal ſinne through ignorance, and the thing be * hid from the eies of the multitude, and haue done *againſt* anie of ỹ comandements of the Lord which ſhulde not be done, and haue offended:

14 When the ſinne which they haue cõmitted ſhalbe knowen, then the Congregaciõ ſhal offre a yong bullocke for the ſinne, and bring him before the Tabernacle of the Congregacion,

g For all the people colde not lay on their hands: therefore it was ſufficient that the Ancients of the people did it in ỹ name of all the Cõgregacion

15 And the g Elders of the Congregacion ſhal put their hands vpon the head of the bullocke before the Lord, and *or, the Prieſt. he ſhal kil the bullocke before the Lord,

16 Then the Prieſt that is anointed, ſhal bring of the bullocks blood into the Tabernacle of the Congregacion,

17 And the Prieſt ſhall dip his finger in the blood, and ſprinkle it ſeuen times before the Lord, *euen* before the vaile.

18 Alſo he ſhal put *ſome* of the blood vpon the hornes of the altar, which is before the Lord, ỹ is in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion: then ſhal he powre all the *reſt* of ỹ blood at ỹ fote of the altar of burnt offring, which is at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion,

19 And he ſhal take all his fat from him, & *Or, make a per fume with it. burne it vpon the altar.

20 And *the Prieſt* ſhal do with this bullocke, as he did with the bullocke for *his* ſinne: ſo ſhal he do w̃ this: ſo the Prieſt ſhal make an atonement for them, and it ſhalbe forgiuen them.

21 For he ſhal carie the bullocke without ỹ hoſte, and burne him as he burned the firſt bullocke: *for* it is an offring for the ſinne of the Congregacion.

22 ¶ When a ruler ſhal ſinne, & do through ignorance *againſt* anie of the commãdements of the Lord his God, which ſhulde not be done and ſhal offende,

23 If one ſhewe vnto him his ſinne which he hathe cõmitted, then ſhal he bring for his offring an *or, he goat without blemiſh,

*Or, the male goat of the filde

24 And ſhal lay his hand vpon the head of the goat, & kil it in h the place where he ſhulde kil the burnt offring before the Lord: *for* it is a ſinne offring.

h That is, the Prieſt ſhal kil it: for it was not lawful for anie out of ỹ office to kil ỹ beaſt.

25 Then the Prieſt ſhal take of the blood of the ſinne offring with his finger, & put it vpon the hornes of the burnt offring altar, and ſhal powre *the reſt* of his blood at the fote of the burnt offring altar,

26 And ſhal burne all his fat vpõ the altar, as the fat of the peace offring: ſo ỹ Prieſt ſhal make an i atonement for him, concerning his ſinne, and it ſhal be forgiuẽ him.

i Wherein he repreſented Ieſus Chriſt

27 ¶ Likewiſe if anie of the *or, prinate per ſone people of the land ſhal ſinne through ignorance in doing *againſt* anie of the commandements of the Lord, which ſhulde not be done, & ſhal offend,

28 If one ſhewe him his ſinne which he hathe cõmitted, then he ſhal bring for his offring *or, the female of the goates. a ſhe goat without blemiſh for his ſinne which he hathe committed,

29 k And he ſhal lay his hand vpon the head of the ſinne offring, and ſlay the ſinne offring in the place of burnt offring.

k Read verſ 24

30 Then the Prieſt ſhal take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it vpõ the hornes of the burnt offring altar, & powre all *the reſt* of the blood thereof at the fote of the altar,

31 And ſhal take away all his fat, as the fat of the peace offrings is taken away, and the Prieſt ſhal burne it vpõ the altar for a *ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord, & the Prieſt ſhal make an atonement for him, and it ſhalbe forgiuen him. Exod.29.18.

32 And if he bring a lambe for his ſinne offring, he ſhal brig a female without blemiſh,

33 And ſhal lay his l hand vpon the head of the ſinne offring, and he ſhal ſlay it for a ſinne offring in the place where he ſhulde kil the burnt offring.

l Meaning ỹ ỹ punishmẽt of his ſinne ſhulde be laid vpon that beaſt, or, that he had receiued all things of God, and offred this willingly.

34 Then the Prieſt ſhal take of the blood of the ſinne offring with his finger, and put it vpon the hornes of the burnt offring altar, & ſhal powre all *the reſt* of the blood thereof at the fote of the altar.

35 And he ſhal take away all ỹ fat thereof, as the fat of the lambe of ỹ peace offrings is taken away: then the Prieſt ſhal burne it vpon the altar m with the oblatiõs of the Lord made by fire, & the Prieſt ſhal make an atonement for him cõcerning his ſinne that he hathe committed, and it ſhalbe forgiuen him.

m Or, beſides ỹ burnt offrings, which were daily offred to the Lord.

CHAP. V.

1 Of him that teſtifieth not the trueth, if he heare another ſweare falſely. 4 Of him that voweth raſhely. 15 Of him that by ignorance withdraweth anie thing dedicate to the Lord.

1 ALſo if "anie haue ſinned, *that is*, if "he haue heard ỹ voyce of an othe, & he can be a witnes, whether he hathe ſene or a knowen of it, if he do not vtter it, he ſhal beare his iniquitie:

"Ebr. a ſoule *Or, if the iudge hathe taken an othe of anie other a Whereby it is cõmãded to beare witnes to the trueth and diſcloſe ỹ iniquitie of ỹ vngodly.

2 Ether if one touche anie vncleane thing, whether it be a cariõ of an vncleane beaſt, or a carion of vncleane cattel, or a carion of vncleane creping things, & is not ware of it, yet he is vncleane, & hathe offended:

3 Ether if he touche anie vnclennes of mã (what ſoeuer vnclennes it be, that he is defiled with) and is not ware of it, and after commeth to the knowledge of it, he hathe ſinned:

4 Ether if anie b ſweare, and pronounce w̃ his lippes to do euil, or to do good (whatſoeuer it be that a man ſhal pronoũce w̃ an othe & it be hid frõ him, & after knoweth ỹ he hathe offended in one of theſe *points*,

b Or vowe raſhely without muſt examinatiõ or the circũſtãces, & not knowing what ſhalbe ỹ iſſue of the ſame.

5 When he hathe ſinned in anie of theſe c things, then he ſhal cõfeſſe that he hathe

c Which haue bene mẽcioned before in this chapter.

sinned therein.

6 Therefore shal he bring his trespasse offring vnto the Lord for his sinne which he hathe cõmitted, *euen* a female from ỹ flocke, *beit* a lambe or a she goat for a sinne offring, and the Priest shal make an atonement for him, concerning his sinne.

7 But "if he be not able to bring a shepe, he shal bring for his trespasse which he hathe committed, two turtle doues, or two yõg pigeõs vnto the Lord, one for a sinne offring, and the other for a burnt offring.

8 So he shal bring them vnto the Priest, who shal offer the sinne offring first, and *wring ỹ necke of it a sundre, but not plucke it cleane of.

9 After he shal sprinkle of the blood of the sinne offring vpon the side of the altar, & the rest of the blood shal "be shed at the fote of the altar: *for* it is a sinne offring.

10 Also he shal offer the secõde for a burnt offring "as the maner is: so shal the Priest d make an atonement for him (for his sinne which he hathe committed) and it shal be forgiuen him.

11 ¶ But if he * be not able to bring two turtle doues, or two yong pigeõs, then he ỹ hathe sinned, shal bring for his offring, the tẽth parte of an e Ephah of fine floure for a sinne offring, he shal put none f oyle thereto, nether put anie incẽse thereon: for it is a sinne offring.

12 Then shal he bring it to the Priest and ỹ Priest shal take his hãdeful of it for the * remẽbrance thereof, and burne it vpon the altar * with the offrings of the Lord made by fire: *for* it is a sinne offring.

13 So the Priest shal make an atonemẽt for him, as touching his sinne that he hathe cõmitted in one of these *points*, and it shal be forgiuen him: and *the remnant* shal be the Priests, as the meat offring.

14 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

15 If anie persone transgresse and sinne through ignorãce g *by taking awaie* things consecrated vnto the Lord, he shal then brig for his trespasse offring vnto ỹ Lord a ram without blemish out of the flocke, *worthe* two shekels of siluer h by thy estimation after the shekel of the Sãctuarie, for a trespasse offring.

16 So he shal restore ỹ wherein he hathe offended, *in taking awaie* of the holy thing, and shal put the fift parte more thereto, & giue it vnto the Priest: so the Priest shal make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespasse offring, and it shal be forgiuen him.

17 ¶ Also if anie sinne & * do *against* anie of the commandements of the Lord, which ought not to be done, & knowe not & i sinne and beare his iniquitie,

18 Then shal he bring a ram without blemish out of the flocke, in thy estimation *worth* * *two shekels* for a trespasse offring vnto ỹ Priest: and the Priest shal make an atonemẽt for him concerning his k ignorance wherein he erred, and was not ware: so it shal be forgiuen him.

19 This is the trespasse offring for the trespasse committed against the Lord.

CHAP. VI.

6 The offring for sinnes which are done willingly. 9 The lawe of the burnt offrings. 13 The fire must abide euermore vpon the altar. 14 The lawe of the meat offring. 20 The offrings of Aarón, and his sonnes.

1 AND ỹ Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 If anie sinne and commit a trespasse against the Lord, & denie vnto his neighbour that, which was taken him to kepe, or ỹ which was put to him a of trust, or doeth by b robberie, or by violence oppresse his neighbour,

3 Or hathe found that which was lost, and denieth it, and sweareth falsely, * for anie of *these* things that a man doeth, c wherein he sinneth:

4 Whẽ, I say, he thus sinneth & trespasseth, he shal then restore the robbery that he robbed, or the thing taken by violence ỹ he toke by force, or the thing which was deliuered him to kepe, or the lost thing which he founde,

5 Or for whatsoeuer he hathe sworne falsely, he shal bothe restore it in the whole * summe, & shal adde the fift parte more thereto, *and* giue it vnto him to whome it perteineth, the same day that he offreth for his trespasse.

6 Also he shal bring for his trespasse vnto the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the * flocke in thy estimation *worthe two shekels* for a trespasse offring vnto the Priest.

7 And the Priest shal make an atonement for him before the Lord, & it shal be forgiuen him, whatsoeuer thing he hathe done, and trespassed therein.

8 ¶ Then ỹ Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

9 Cõmãde Aarón and his sonnes, saying, This is the d lawe of the burnt offring, (it is the burnt offring because it burneth vpõ the altar all the night vnto the morning, and the fire burneth on the altar)

10 And the Priest shal put on his linnẽ garment, and shal put on his linnen breches vpon e his flesh, and take away the ashes when the fire hathe consumed the burnt offring vpõ the altar, and he shal put them beside the f altar.

11 After he shal put of his garments, & put on other raiment, & cary the ashes forthe without the hoste vnto a cleane place.

12 But ỹ fire vpon ỹ altar shal burne thereõ *and* neuer be put out: wherefore the Priest shal burne wood on it euerie mornig, & lay ỹ

"Or, *if his hand can not reache, meaning for his pouertie.*

Chap.1.15.

"Or, *powred.*

"Or, *according to the lawe.*
d Or declare him to be purged of that sinne.
Vers.7.

e Which is about a pottel.
f As in the meatoffring, Chap.2.1.

Chap.2.2.
Chap.4.35.

g As touching the first frutes or tithes, due to the Priests and Leuites.
h By the estimation of the Priest, chap. 27.12.

Chap.4.2.
i That is, afterward remẽbreth that he hathe sinned when his conscience doeth accuse him.

k Els if his sinne against God come of malice he must die, Nõb.15.30.

Exod.30.13.

a To bestowe & occupie for the vse of him that gaue it.
b By anie guile or vnlaueful meanes.
Nomb.5.6.
c Wherein he can not but sin neor, wherein a mã accustometh to sinne by periurie or such like thig.

Nomb.5.7.

Chap.5.15.

d That is, the ceremonies woght to be obserued therin.

e Vpon his secret partes, Exod.28.43.

f In the asheplnes appointed for that vse.

ỹ burnt offring in ordre vpon it, & he ſhal burne thereon the fat of ỹ peace offrings.

13 The fire ſhal euer burne vpon the altar, *and* neuer go out.

Chap 2,1. numb.15,4.

14 ¶ *Alſo this is the lawe of ỹ meat offring, which Aarõs ſonnes ſhal offer in the preſence of the Lord, before the altar.

15 He ſhal euen take thence his handful of fine floure of the meat offring and of the oyle, and all the incens which *is* vpon the meat offring & ſhal burne it vpõ the altar for a ſwete ſauour, *as a* * memorial therefore vnto the Lord:

Chap.2,9.

16 But the reſt thereof ſhal Aarón and his ſonnes eat: it ſhal be eaten without leauen in ỹ holy place: in ỹ courte of the Tabernacle of the Congregaciõ they ſhal eat it.

g Or kned it leauẽ and after baken.

17 It ſhal not be g bakẽ with leauen: I haue giuen it for their porciõ of mine offrings made by fire: *for* it is as the ſinne offring and as the treſpaſſe offring.

18 All the males among the children of Aarón ſhal eat of it: It *ſhalbe* a ſtatute for euer in your generacions concerning the offrings of the Lord, made by fire:* whatſoeuer toucheth them ſhalbe holy.

Exod.29,37.

19 ¶ Againe the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,

20 This is ỹ offring of Aarón and his ſonnes, which they ſhal offer vnto the Lord in the day whẽ he is anointed: the tẽth parte of an *Epháh of fine floure, for a meat offring h perpetual: halfe of it in the morning, and halfe thereof at night.

Exod.16,36.

h So oft as the hie Priest shal be elected and anointed.

21 In the friyng pan it ſhalbe made with oyle: thou ſhalt bring it fried, *and* ſhalt offer the *baken pieces of the meat offring for a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord.

Or, fried

i His sonne that shal succede him

22 And the Prieſt that is i anointed in his ſtede, among his ſonnes ſhal offer it: *it is* ỹ Lords ordinance for euer, it ſhal be burnt altogether.

23 For euerie meat offring of ỹ Prieſt ſhal be *burnt* altogether, it ſhal not be eaten.

24 ¶ Furthermore the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,

25 Speake vnto Aarón, and vnto his ſonnes, and ſay, This is the lawe of the ſin offring, In the place where the burnt offring is killed, ſhal the ſin offring be killed before the Lord, *for* it is moſte holy.

26 The Prieſt that offreth this ſin offring, ſhal eat it: in the holy place ſhal it be eaten, in the courte of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

27 Whatſoeuer ſhal touche ỹ fleſh thereof ſhalbe holy: & when there droppeth of ỹ blood thereof vpõ a *garmẽt, ỹ ſhalt waſh ỹ whereon it droppeth in the holy place.

k Meaning the garment of ỹ Priest

28 Alſo the earthẽ pot that it is ſodden in, ſhalbe broken, but if it be ſoddẽ in a braſen pot, it ſhal bothe be ſcoured & waſhed with l water.

l Which was in the lauer, Exod.30,18

29 All the males among the Prieſts ſhal eat thereof, *for* it is moſte holy.

30 *But no ſin offrig, whoſe blood is broght in to the Tabernacle of ỹ Cõgregacion to make recõciliacion in the holy place, ſhal be eaten, *but* ſhal be burnt in the m fire.

Chap.4,5. ebr.13,11.

m Out of the campe.

CHAP. VII.

The lawe of the treſpaſſe offring. 11 Alſo of the peace offrings 23 The fat & the blood may not be eaten.

1 LIkwiſe this is the lawe of the a treſpaſſe offring, it is moſte holy.

a Which is for the smaler sinnes, & such as are cõmitted by ignorance

2 In the place b where they kil the burnt offring, ſhal they kil the treſpaſſe offring, & the blood thereof ſhal he ſprinkle roũd about vpon the altar.

b At the courte gate.

3 All the fat thereof alſo ſhal c he offer, the rũpe & the fat that couereth the inwards.

c The Prieſt

4 After he ſhal take away ỹ two kidneis, w̃ the fat that is on thẽ & vpon the flãks, and the kall on the liuer with the kidneis.

5 Then the Prieſt ſhal burne them vpõ the altar, for an offring made by fire vnto the Lord: this is a treſpaſſe offring.

6 All the males among the Prieſts ſhal eat thereof, it ſhalbe eaten in the holy place, *for* it is moſte holy.

7 As the ſin offring *is*, ſo *is* ỹ treſpaſſe offrig, one d lawe ſerueth for both, e ỹ wherewith the Prieſt ſhal make atonemẽt, ſhalbe his.

d The same ceremonies: notwithstanding that this worde treſpaſſe signifieth leſſe then ſinne

8 Alſo the Prieſt that offreth anie mans burnt offring, ſhal haue the ſkin of the burnt offring which he hathe offred.

9 And all the meat offring that is baken in the ouen, and that is dreſſed in ỹ pan, & in ỹ friyng pan, ſhalbe ỹ Prieſts ỹ offreth it.

e Meaning the reſt which is left and not burnt.

10 And euerie meat offring mingled with oyle, and that is f drie, ſhal pertein vnto all the ſonnes of Aarón, to all alike.

f Because it had no oyle nor licour.

11 Furthermore this is ỹ lawe of the peace offrigs, which he ſhal offer vnto the Lord.

12 If he offer it to g giue thãkes, thẽ he ſhal offer for his thankes offring, vnleauened cakes mingled with oyle, and vnleauened wafers anointed with oyle, and fine floure fried *with* the cakes mingled with oyle.

g Peace offrigs conteine a cõfeſsion and thanks giuing for a benefite receiued, and alſo a vowe, & fre offring to receiue a benefite.

13 He ſhal offre *alſo* his offring with cakes of leauened bread, for his peace offrings, to giue thankes.

14 And of all the ſacrifice he ſhal offre one *cake* for an heaue offring vnto the Lord, & it ſhalbe the Prieſts that ſprinkleth ỹ blood of the peace offrings.

15 Alſo the fleſh of his peace offrings, for thankes giuing, ſhalbe eaten the ſame day that it is offred: he ſhal leaue nothing thereof vntil the morning.

16 But if the ſacrifice of his offring *be* a h vowe, or a fre offring, it ſhalbe eaten ỹ ſame day that he offreth his ſacrifice: & ſo in ỹ morning ỹ reſidue thereof ſhalbe eatẽ.

h If he make a vowe to offre: for els the fleſh of the peace offrings muſt be eaten the ſame day.

17 But aſmuch of ỹ offred fleſh as remaineth vnto the third day, ſhalbe burnt with fire.

18 For if anie of ỹ fleſh of his peace offrings

be eaten in ỹ third day, he ſhal not be accepted that offreth it, nether ſhal it be reckoned vnto him, *but* ſhalbe an abominacion: therefore the perſone that eateth of it ſhal [i] beare his iniquitie.

i The ſinne, wherefore he offred ſhal remaine.

19 The fleſh alſo that toucheth anie vnclean [k] thing, ſhal not be eatē, *but* burnt with fire: but [l] of this fleſh all that be cleane ſhal eat thereof.

k After it be ſacrificed.

l Of the peace offring, that is cleane.

20 But if anie eat of the fleſh of the peace offrings that perteineth to ỹ Lord, hauing his * vnclennes vpon him, euen the ſame perſone ſhal be cut of from his people.

Chap.15,3.

21 Moreouer when anie toucheth anie vncleane thing, as the vnclennes of man, or of an vncleane beaſt, or of anie filthie abominacion, and eat of the fleſh of the peace offrings, which perteineth vnto the Lord, euē that perſone ſhal be cut of from his people.

22 ¶Againe the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying, Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay, *Ye ſhal eat no fat of beues, nor of ſhepe, nor of goates:

Chap.3,17.

24 Yet the fat of the dead beaſt, and the fat of that, which is torne *with beaſtes*, ſhalbe occupied to anie vſe, but ye ſhal not eat of it.

25 For whoſoeuer eateth the fat of ỹ beaſt, of the which he ſhal offer an offring made by fire to the Lord, euen the perſone that eateth, ſhal be cut of from his people.

Gen.9,4. chap.17,14.

26 Nether * ſhal ye eat anie blood, ether of foule, or of beaſt in all your dwellings.

27 Euerie perſone that eateth anie blood, euē the ſame perſone ſhalbe cut of from his people.

28 ¶And ỹ Lord talked w̄ Moſés, ſaying,

29 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay, He that offreth his peace offrings vnto the Lord, ſhal bring his gift vnto the Lord of his peace offrings:

m And ſhulde not ſend it by another.

30 His [m] hands ſhal bring the offrings of the Lord made by fire: *euen* the fat with the breaſt ſhal he bring, that the breaſt may be * ſhaken to and fro before the Lord.

Exod.29,24.

31 Then the Prieſt ſhal burne the fat vpon the altar, and the breaſt ſhal be Aarons & his ſonnes.

32 And the right ſhulder ſhal ye giue vnto the Prieſt for an heaue offring, of your peace offrings.

33 The ſame that offreth the blood of the peace offrings, and the fat, among the ſonnes of Aarón, ſhal haue the right ſhulder for his parte.

34 For the breaſt ſhaken to and fro, and the ſhulder lifted vp, haue I takē of the childrē of Iſraél, *euen* of their peace offrings, and haue giuē them vnto Aarón ỹ Prieſt and vnto his ſonnes by a ſtatute for euer from among the children of Iſraél.

35 ¶This is the [n] anointing of Aarón, and the anointing of his ſonnes, concerning the offrings of the Lord made by fire, in the day when he preſented them to ſerue in the Prieſts office vnto the Lord.

n That is, his priuiledge, reward and portion.

36 The which *portions* the Lord commāded to giue them in the day that he anointed them from among the children of Iſraél, by a ſtatute for euer in their generacions.

37 This is *alſo* the lawe of ỹ burnt ofiring, of the meat offring, and of ỹ ſinne offring, & of the treſpaſſe offring, and of the [o] cōſecrations, and of the peace offrings,

o Which ſacrifice was offred whē ỹ Prieſts were conſecrated, Exod. 29,22.

38 Which the Lord commanded Moſés in the mount Sinái, when he cōmanded the children of Iſraél to offer their gifts vnto the Lord in the wildernes of Sinái.

CHAP. VIII.

12 The anointing of Aarón, and his ſonnes, with the ſacrifice concerning the ſame.

1 AFterwarde the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

2 *Take Aarón and his ſonnes with him, & the garments and the * anointing oyle, and a bullocke for the ſin offring, and two rams, and a baſket of vnleauened bread,

Exod.28,4. Exod.31,24.

3 And aſſemble all the companie at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacio.

4 So Moſés did as the Lord had commanded him, and the companie was aſſembled at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion.

5 Then Moſés ſaid vnto the companie, *This is the thing which the Lord hathe commanded to do.

Exod.29,4.

6 And Moſés broght Aarón and his ſonnes, and waſhed them with water,

7 And put vpō him ỹ coat, & girded him with a girdel, and clothed him with the robe, and put the Ephód on him, which he girded with the broydred garde of the Ephód, & bonde it vnto him therewith.

8 After he put the breſt plate thereon, and put in the breſt plate * the Vrím and the Thummím.

Exod.28,30.

9 Alſo he put the mitre vpon his head, and put vpon the mitre on the fore fronte the golden plate, *and* the [a] holy crowne, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

a So called becauſe this ſuperſcriptiō, Holines to the Lord, was grauen in it.

10 (Now Moſés had taken the anointing oyle, & anointed the [b] Tabernacle, and all that was therein, and ſanctified them,

b That is, the Holieſt of all, the Sanctuarie and the coure.

11 And ſprinkled thereof vpon the altar ſeuen times, & anointed the altar and all his inſtruments, and the lauer, and his fote, to ſanctifie them)

12 *And he powred of the anointing oyle vpon Aarons head, and anointed him, to ſanctifie him.

Eccleſ.45,18. pſal.133,2.

13 After, Moſés broght Aarons ſonnes, and put coates vpon them, and girded them with girdels, and put bonets vpon their heades, as the Lord had cōmanded Moſés.

14 *Then

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Exod 29,1.

14 *Then he broght the bullocke for the sin offring, & Aarón & his sonnes put their hands vpon the head of the bullocke for the sinne offring.

15 And Moses slewe him, & toke the blood, which he put vpon the hornes of the [c] Altar round about with his finger, and purified the Altar, and powred *the rest* of the blood at the fote of the Altar: so he sanctified [d] it, to make reconciliation vpon it.

16 Then he toke all the fat that was vpon the inwardes, and the kall of the liuer and the two kidneis, with their fat, which Moses burned vpon the Altar.

17 But the bullocke and his [e] hide, and his flesh, and his doung, he burnt with fire without the hoste as the Lord had commanded Moses.

18 ¶Also he broght the ram for the burnt offring, and Aarón & his sonnes put their hands vpon the head of the ram.

19 So Moses killed it, and sprinkled the blood vpon the Altar round about,

20 And Moses cut ỹ ram in pieces, & burnt the head with the pieces, and the fat,

21 And washed the inwardes and the legs in water: so Moses burnt the ram euerie whit vpon the Altar: *for* it was a burnt offring for a swete sauour, which was made by fire vnto the Lord, as the Lord had cõmanded Moses.

Exod.29,31.

22 ¶*After, he broght ỹ other ram, the ram of consecracions, and Aarón and his sonnes laied their hãds vpon the head of the ram,

23 Which Moses [f] slewe, and toke of the blood of it, and put it vpon the lap of Aarons right eare, and vpon the thombe of his right hand, and vpon the great toe of his right fote.

24 Then Moses broght Aarons sonnes, & put of the blood on the lap of their right eares, & vpon the thumbes of their right hãds, & vpon the great toes of their right fete, and Moses sprinkled *the rest* of the blood vpon the Altar round about.

25 And he toke the fat and the rumpe, and all the fat that was vpon the inwardes, & the kall of the liuer, and the two kidneis with their fat, and the right shulder.

26 Also he toke of the basket of the vnleauened bread that was before the Lord, one vnleauened cake and a cake of oyled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and vpon the right shulder.

Exod 29,24.

27 So he put * all in Aarons hands, and in his sonnes hands, and shoke it to and fro before the Lord.

28 After, Moses toke thẽ out of their hãds, and burnt thẽ vpon the Altar for a burnt offring: *for* these were consecracions for a swete sauour which were made by fire vnto the Lord.

29 Likewise Moses toke the breast of the ram of consecracions and shoke it to and fro before the Lord: *for* it was Moses* portion, as the Lord had commanded Moses. *Exod 29,26.*

30 Also Moses toke of the anointing oyle, and of the blood which was vpon the Altar, and sprinkled it vpon Aarón, vpon his garments, and vpon his sonnes, and on his sonnes garmẽts with him: so he sanctified Aarón, his garments, and his sonnes, and his sonnes garments with him.

31 ¶Afterward Moses said vnto Aarón & his sonnes, Sethe the flesh at the dore of the [g] Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and there * eat it with the bread that is in the basket of cõsecracions, as I commanded, saying, Aarón and his sonnes shal eat it, *Exod 29,32. chap 28,9.*

32 But that which remaineth of the flesh & of the bread, shal ye burne with fire.

33 And ye shal not departe from the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion seuen daies, vntil the daies of your consecracions be at an end: * for seuen daies, *said the Lord*, shal he "consecrate you, *Exod 29,35.*

34 As [o] he hathe done this day: *so* the Lord hathe commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shal ye abide at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Cõgregacion day and night, seuen daies, and shal kepe the watch of the Lord, that ye dye not: for so I am commanded.

36 So Aarón and his sonnes did all things which the Lord had commanded by the [h] hand of Moses.

CHAP. IX.

[g] The first offrings of Aarón 22 Aarón blesseth the people. 23 The glorie of the Lord is shewed. 24 The fire commeth from the Lord.

1 AND in the [a] eight day Moses called Aarón and his sonnes, and the Elders of Israél:

2 *Then he said vnto Aarón, Take thee a yong calf for a [b] sinne offring, & a ram for a burnt offring, *bothe* without blemish, and bring *them* before the Lord.

3 And vnto the childrẽ of Israél thou shalt speake, saying, Take ye an he goate for a sinne offring, and a calf, & a lambe bothe of a yere olde, without blemish for a burnt offring:

4 Also a bullocke, and a ram for peace offrings, to offer before the Lord, & a meat offring mingled with oyle: for to day the Lord wil appeare vnto you.

5 ¶Then thei broght that which Moses commãded before the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, & all the assemblie drewe nere and stode before the [c] Lord.

6 (For Moses had said, This is the thing, which the Lord commanded that ye shulde do, and the glorie of the Lord shal ap-

c Of the burnt offring

d To offre for the sinnes of the people

e In other burnt offrings, which are not of consecracion, or offring for him selfe, ỹ Priest hatne the skinne, Chap 7,8.

f Moses did this because ỹ ỹ Priests were not yet established i their office.

h By cõmissiõ giue to Moses.

g At the dore of the courte

o Ebr fil your hands

o Or, as I haue done.

a After their cõsecraciõ: for the seuen daies before, the Priests were consecrate *Exod,29,1.*

b Aarón streth into the possessiõ of ỹ priesthode & offreth the foure principal sacrifices, the burnt offring, the sin offring, ỹ peace offrings, & ỹ meat offrig.

c Before the altar, where his glorie appeared.

peare vnto you)

7 Then Moſes ſaid vnto Aarón, Drawe nere to the Altar, & offer thy ſin offring, and thy burnt offring, and make an atonemẽt for [d] thee and for the people: offer alſo the offring of the people, and make an atonemẽt for them, as the Lord hathe commanded.

d Read for the vnderſtandings of this place, Ebr 5.3. & 7. 27.

8 ¶Aarón therefore went vnto the Altar, & killed the calf of the ſin offring, which was for him ſelf.

9 And the ſonnes of Aarón broght the blood vnto him, and he dipt his finger in the blood, and put it vpon the hornes of the Altar, & powred *the reſt* of the blood at the fote of the Altar.

10 But the fat and the kidneis and the kall of the liuer of the ſin offring, he [e] burnt vpon the Altar, as the Lord had commanded Moſes.

e That is, he laied them in ordre, and ſo thei were burnt whē the Lord ſēt downe fire.

11 The fleſh alſo and the hyde he burnt with fire without the hoſte.

12 After, he ſlewe the burnt offring, & Aarons ſonnes broght vnto him the blood, which he ſprinkled round about vpon the Altar.

13 Alſo thei broght the burnt offring vnto him with the pieces therof, and the head, and he burnt *them* vpon the Altar.

14 Likewiſe he did waſh the inwardes and the legs, and [f] burnt *them* vpon the burnt offring on the Altar.

f All this muſt be vnderſtand of the preparacion of the ſacrifices which were burnt after, verſ. 24.

15 ¶Then he offred the peoples offring, & toke a goat, which was the ſin offring for the people, and ſlewe it, and offred it for ſinne, as the firſt:

16 So he offred the burnt offring, & prepared it, according to the maner.

17 He preſented alſo the meat offring, and filled his hand therof, and * beſide the burnt ſacrifice of the morning he burnt *this* vpon the Altar.

Exod. 29, 38.

18 He ſlewe alſo the bullocke, and the ram for the peace offrigs, that was for the people, and Aarons ſonnes broght vnto him the blood, which he ſprinkled vpō the Altar round about,

19 With the fat of the bullocke, and of the ram, the rumpe, and that which couereth the inwardes and the kidneis, and the kall of the liuer.

20 So thei laied the fat vpon the breaſts, and he burnt the fat vpon the Altar.

g Of the bullocke and the ram.

21 But the [g] breaſts and the right ſhulder Aarón ſhoke to and fro before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moſes.

h Becauſe the altar was nere the Sanctuarie which was ỹ vpper end, therfore he is ſaid to come downe.

22 So Aarón lift vp his hand towarde the people, and bleſſed them, & [h] came downe from offring of the ſinne offring, and the burnt offring, and the peace offrings.

i Or praied for ỹ people. *2. Mac. 2, 11.*

23 After, Moſes and Aarón went into the Tabernacle of the Congregacion and came out, and [i] bleſſed the people, * & the glorie of the Lord appeared to all the people.

24 *And there came a fire out frō the Lord and conſumed vpon the Altar the burnt offring and the fat: ẅ when all the people ſawe, thei [o] gaue thākes, & fel on their faces.

Gen 4, 4. 1. kyng. 18, 38. 2 chro. 7, 1. 2. mac. 2, 11.

o Or, gaue a ſhoute for ioye.

CHAP. X.

2 Nadáb & Abihu, are burnt. 6 Iſraél murmeth for thē, but the Prieſts might not. 9 The Prieſts are forbidden wine.

1 BVt Nadáb and Abihú, the ſonnes of Aarón, toke ether of them his cēſor, and put fire therein, and put incens thereupon, and offred [a] ſtrange fire before the Lord, which he had not commāded them.

Nomb. 3, 4. & 26, 62. 1. chro. 24, 2.

a Not taken of the altar, ẅ was ſent from heauen, & endured til the captiuitie of Babylon.

2 Therefore a fire wēt out from the Lord, & deuoured them: ſo thei dyed before the Lord.

3 Then Moſes ſaid vnto Aarón, This is it that the Lord ſpake, ſaying, I wil be [b] ſanctified in them that come nere me, & before all the people I wil be glorified: but Aarón helde his peace.

b I wil puniſh thē that ſerue me otherwiſe thē I haue cōmāded not ſparing the chief, that ỹ people may reare and praiſe my iudgements.

4 And Moſes called Miſhaél and Elzaphán the ſonnes of Vzziél, the vncle of Aarón, and ſaid vnto them, Come nere, cary your [c] brethren from before the Sanctuarie out of the hoſte.

c Or, coſins.

5 Then thei went, & caryed them in their coates out of the hoſte, as Moſes had cōmanded.

6 After, Moſes ſaid vnto Aarón and vnto Eleazár and Ithamár his ſonnes, [d] Vncouer not your heades, nether rent your clothes, leſt ye dye, and leſt wrath come vpon all the people: but let your brethren, all the houſe of Iſraél bewaile the burning which the Lord hathe [e] kindled.

d As though ye lamented for them, preferring your carnal affection to Gods iuſt iudgement, Deut. 14, 1, & 33, 9.

e In deſtroyīg Nadáb and Abihú ỹ chief, and menacing the reſt except thei repent.

7 And go not ye out from the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, leſt ye dye: for the anointing oyle of the Lord is vpon you: and thei did according to Moſes commandement.

8 ¶And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Aarón, ſaying,

9 Thou ſhalt not drinke wine nor [f] ſtrong drinke, thou, nor thy ſonnes with thee, whē ye come into the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion, leſt ye dye: *this is* an ordinance for euer throughout your generacions,

f Or, drinke that maketh dronke.

10 That ye may put difference betwene the holy and the vnholy, and betwene the cleane and the vncleane,

11 And that ye may teache the children of Iſraél all the ſtatutes which the Lord hathe cōmanded thē by the [g] hand of Moſes.

g Or, commiſſion.

12 ¶Then Moſes ſaid vnto Aarón & vnto Eleazár and to Ithamár his ſonnes that were left, Take the meat offring that remaineth of the offrings of the Lord, made by fire, & eat it without leauen beſide the altar: for it is moſte holy:

13 And ye ſhal eat it in the holy place, becauſe it is thy duetie & thy ſonnes duetie of

of the offrings of the Lord made by fire: for ſo I am commanded.

Exod 29,34 14 Alſo * the ſhaken breaſt and the heaue ſhulder ſhal ye eat in *a* cleane place: thou, and thy ſonnes, and thy *e* daughters with thee: for thei are giuen as thy *d* duetie and thy ſonnes duetie, of the peace offrings of the children of Iſraél.

15 The heaue ſhulder, and the ſhakē breaſt ſhal they bring with the offrings made by fire of the fat, to ſhake *it* to and fro before the Lord, and it ſhalbe thine and thy ſonnes with thee by a lawe for euer, as the Lord hathe commanded.

16 ¶ * And Moſés ſoght ȳ goat that was offred for ſinne, and lo, it was burnt: therefore he was angry with Eleazár and Ithamár the ſonnes of Aarón, which were *f* left *aline*, ſaying,

17 Wherefore haue ye not eaten the ſin offring in the holy place, ſeing it is moſte holy, and *God* hathe giuen it you, to beare the iniquitie of the Cōgregaciō, to make an atonement for them before the Lord.

18 Beholde, the blood of it was not broght within the holy place: ye ſhulde haue eaten *it* in the holy place, * as I commāded.

Chap 6,26.

19 And Aarón ſaid vnto Moſés, Beholde, this day *g* haue they offred their ſin offring and their burnt offring before the Lord, and ſuche things *as thou knowest* are come vnto me: if I had eaten the ſin offring to day, ſhulde it haue bene accepted in the ſight of the Lord?

20 So when Moſés heard *it*, he was *h* contēt.

CHAP. XI.

1 Of beaſtes, fiſhes and birdes, which be cleane, and which be vncleane.

1 AFter, the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés & to Aarón, ſaying vnto them,

2 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay, * Theſe are the beaſtes which ye *a* ſhal eat, among all the beaſtes that are on the earth.

3 Whatſoeuer parteth the *b* hoofe, and is clouen foted, and chaweth the cud among the beaſtes, that ſhal ye eat:

4 But of them that chewe the cud, or deuide the hoofe onely, of them ye ſhal not eat: as the camel, becauſe he cheweth the cud, and deuideth not the hoofe, he ſhalbe vncleane vnto you.

5 Likewiſe the conie, becauſe he cheweth the cud & deuideth not ȳ hoofe, he ſhalbe vncleane to you.

6 Alſo the hare, becauſe he cheweth the cud, & deuideth not the hoofe, he ſhalbe vncleane to you.

2 Mac 6 18. 7 * And the ſwine, becauſe he parteth the hoofe and is clouen foted, but cheweth not the cud, he ſhalbe vncleane to you.

8 Of their *c* fleſh ſhal ye not eat, and their carkeis ſhal ye not touche: *for* thei ſhalbe vncleane to you.

9 ¶ Theſe ſhal ye eat, of all that are in the waters: whatſoeuer hathe finnes & ſkales in the waters, in the ſeas, or in the riuers, them ſhal ye eat.

10 But all that haue not fins nor ſkales in the ſeas, or in ȳ riuers, of all that *d* moueth in the waters & of all *e* liuing things that are in the waters, thei ſhalbe an abomination vnto you.

11 Thei, I ſay, ſhalbe an abomination to you: ye ſhal not eat of their fleſh, but ſhal abhoire their carkeis.

12 Whatſoeuer hathe not fins not ſkales in the waters, that ſhalbe abomination vnto you.

13 ¶ Theſe ſhal ye haue alſo in abominaciō amōg the foules, thei ſhal not be eaten: *for* thei are an abomination, the egle, and the *g* goſhauke, and the oſprey:

14 Alſo the vultur, and the kite after his kinde,

15 And all rauens after their kinde:

16 The oſtriche alſo, and the night crowe, and the *h* ſeamewe, and the hauke after his kinde:

17 The litle owle alſo, and the cormorant, and the great owle.

18 Alſo the *i* redſhāke and the pelicane, and the ſwanne:

19 The ſtorke alſo, the heron after his kinde, and the lapwing, and the backe:

20 Alſo euerie foule that crepeth *and* goeth vpon all foure, ſuche ſhalbe an abomination vnto you.

21 Yet theſe ſhal ye eat: of euerie foule that crepeth, *and* goeth vpon all foure which *k* haue their fete and leggs all of one to leape withall vpon the earth,

22 Of them ye ſhal eat theſe, the graſhoper after his kinde, and the *l* ſolcam after his kinde, the hargol after his kinde, and the hagab after his kinde.

23 But all *other* foules ȳ crepe & haue foure fete, thei *ſhalbe* abomination vnto you.

24 For by ſuche ye ſhalbe polluted. whoſoeuer toucheth their carkeis, ſhalbe vncleane vnto the euening.

25 Whoſoeuer alſo *m* beareth of their carkeis, ſhal waſh his clothes, and be vncleane vntil euen.

26 Euerie beaſt that hathe clawes deuided, and is *n* not clouen foted, nor cheweth the cud, ſuche ſhalbe vncleane vnto you: euerie one ȳ toucheth thē, ſhalbe vncleane.

27 And whatſoeuer goeth vpon his pawes among all maner beaſtes that goeth on all foure, ſuche ſhalbe vncleane vnto you: whoſo doeth touche their carkeis ſhalbe vncleane vntil the euen.

28 And he that beareth their carkeis, ſhal waſh his clothes, and be vncleane vntil the euen: *for* ſuche ſhalbe vncleane vnto you.

Exod 29,34
a Or, where is no vncleanes
e For ȳ breaſt and ſhulders of the peace offrings might be brought to their families ſo ȳ their daughters might eat of them, as alſo of the offrings of firſt frutes, the firſt borne, and the Eaſter lambe, read chap 22, 12
b Or, right, or portion
2 Mac 2,11.
f And not conſumed as Nadáb, & Abihú
Chap 6,26.
g That is, Nadáb, & Abihú
h Moſés bare with his infirmitie conſidering his great ſorow, but not the not leaue an example to forgiue them ȳ maliciouſly tranſgreſſe the commādement of God.
Gene 7,2. deu 14,4. act 10,14.
a Or, whereof ye may eat.
b He noteth foure ſortes of beaſtes ſome chewe the cud onely, and ſome haue onely the fote cleft: others neither chewe the cud nor haue the hoofe cleft: ȳ fourthe bothe chewe the cud and haue the hoofe deuided which may be eaten
2 Mac 6 18.
c God wolde that herby for a time thei ſhulde be diſcerned as his people from ȳ Gentiles.
d As litle fiſh ingendred of the ſlime
e As thei ẅ come of generation
g Or, gryphin, as is in the greke.
h Or, cuckow.
i Or, ſtorphorne
k Or, haue no leggs on their fete
l Theſe were certeine kindes of graſhoppers, which are not now properly knowen
m Out of the campe
n Or, hathe not the fote clouen in two

29 ¶Alſo theſe ſhalbe vncleane to you amõg the things that crepe and moue vpon the earth, the weaſel, and the mouſe, and the h frog, after his kinde:

h The grene frog that ſitteth on the baſſhes

30 Alſo the rat, and the lizard, and the chameleon, and the ſtellio, and the molle.

*Or, crocodile

31 Theſe ſhalbe vncleane to you amõg all ỹ crepe: whoſoeuer doeth touche thẽ when thei be dead, ſhalbe vncleane vntil the euẽ.

32 Alſo whatſoeuer anie of the dead carkeiſes of them doeth fall vpon, ſhalbe vncleane, whether it be veſſel of wood, or rai ment, or i ſkin, or ſacke: whatſoeuer veſſel it be that is occupied, it ſhalbe put in the water as vncleane vntil the euen, and ſo be purified.

i As a bottel or bag

33 But euerie earthẽ veſſel, whereinto anie of them falleth, whatſoeuer is with in it ſhal be vncleane, and *ye ſhal breake it.

*Chap 6.28.

34 All meat alſo that ſhalbe eaten, if anie *ſuche* water come vpon it, ſhalbe vncleane: and all drinke that ſhalbe dronke in all *ſuche* veſſels ſhalbe vncleane.

35 And euerie thing that thei carkeis fall vpon, ſhalbe vncleane: the fornais or the pot ſhalbe broken: *for* thei are vncleane, and ſhalbe vncleane vnto you.

36 Yet the fountaines & welles where there is plentie of water ſhal be cleane: but that which k toucheth their carkeiſes ſhal be vncleane.

k So muche of the water as toucheth it

37 And if there fall of their dead carkeis vpon anie ſede, which vſeth to be ſowen, it ſhal be cleane.

l He ſpeaketh of ſede, that is layed to ſtepe before it be ſowen.

38 But if anie l water be powred vpon the ſede, and there fall of their dead carkeis thereon, it ſhalbe vncleane vnto you.

39 If alſo anie beaſt, whereof ye may eat, dye, he that toucheth the carkeis thereof ſhalbe vncleane vntil the euen.

40 And he that eateth of the carkeis of it, ſhal waſh his clothes and be vncleane vntil the euen: he alſo that beareth the carkeis of it, ſhal waſh his clothes, and be vncleane vntil the euen.

41 Euerie creping thing therefore that crepeth vpon the earth ſhalbe an abomination, *and* not be eaten.

42 Whatſoeuer goeth vpon the breaſt, and whatſoeuer goeth vpon all foure, or that hathe manie fete amõg all creping things that crepe vpon the earth, ye ſhal not eat of them, for thei ſhalbe abominacion.

43 Ye ſhal not pollute your ſelues with anie thing ỹ crepeth, nether make your ſelues vncleane w them, nether defile your ſelues thereby: ye ſhal not, I ſay, be defiled by thẽ,

44 For I am the Lord your God: be ſanctified therefore, and be m holy, for I am holy, and defile not your ſelues with anie creping thing, that crepeth vpon the earth.

m He ſheweth why God did chuſe them to be his people, 1 Pet 1.15

45 For I am the Lord that broght you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God, and that you ſhulde be holy, for I am holy.

46 This is the lawe of beaſtes, & of foules, and of euerie liuing thing that moueth in the waters, and of euerie thing that crepeth vpon the earth:

47 That there may be a difference betwene the vncleane and cleane, and betwene the beaſt that may be eaten, & the beaſt that oght not to be eaten.

CHAP. XII.

2 *A lawe how women ſhulde be purged after their deliuerance.*

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay, When a woman hathe broght forthe ſede, and borne a manchilde, ſhe ſhal be vncleane a ſeuẽ daies, like as ſhe is vncleane whẽ ſhe is put a paite for her *diſeaſe.

a So as at her houſbands for that time ſhe dare not reſorte to her

*Or flowres.

3 (* And in the eight day the foreſkin of the *childes* fleſh ſhalbe circumciſed)

4 And ſhe ſhal continue in the blood of hei puriſiyng thre b and thirty daies: ſhe ſhal touche no c halowed thing, nor come in to the d Sanctuarie, vntil the time of her puriſiyng be out.

*Chap 15.19 Luk 2.22. Ioh 7.22

b Beſides the firſt ſeuen daies

c As ſacrifice or ſuche like

d That is, into the courte gate, til after fourtie daies.

5 But if ſhe beare a maide childe, then ſhe ſhalbe vncleane two e wekes, as when ſhe hathe her diſeaſe: and ſhe ſhal continue in the blood of her puriſiyng thre ſcore and ſix daies.

e Twiſe ſo lõg as if ſhe bare a man childe.

6 Now when the daies of her puriſiyng are out, (whether it be for a ſonne or for a daughter) ſhe ſhal bring to the Prieſt a lambe of one yere olde for a burnt offring, and a yong pigeon or a turtle doue for a ſin offring, vnto ỹ dore of the f Tabernacle of the Congregacion,

f Where the burnt offrings were woute to be offred.

7 Who ſhal offer it before the Lord, and make an atonement for her: ſo ſhe ſhalbe purged of the iſſue of her blood this is ỹ lawe for her ỹ hathe borne a male or female.

8 But if ſhe "be not able to bring a lãbe, ſhe ſhal bring two *turtles, or two yong pigeons: the one for a burnt offring, and the other for a ſin offring: and the Prieſt ſhal make an atonement for hei: ſo ſhe ſhalbe cleane.

"Or if her hād ſtide not ſhe worthe of a lãbe

Luk 2.24.

CHAP. XIII.

2 *What conſiderations the Prieſt oght to obſerue in iudging the leproſie.* 29 *The blacke ſpot or ſkab.* 47 *and the leprie of the garment.*

1 MOreouer the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, and to Aarón, ſaying,

2 The man that ſhal haue in the ſkin of his fleſh a ſwelling or a ſkab, or a white ſpot, ſo that in the ſkin of his fleſh a it be like ỹ plague of leproſie, then he ſhalbe broght vnto Aarón the Prieſt, or vnto one of his ſonnes the Prieſts,

a That it may be ſuſpected to be the leprie

3 And the Prieſt ſhal loke on the ſore in the ſkin of *his* fleſh: if the heere in the ſore be turned into white, and the ſore ſe-

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me to be [b] lower thē the ſkin of his fleſh, it is a plague of leproſie: therefore the Prieſt ſhal loke on him, and "pronounce him vncleane.

b That is, ſhronke in, & be lower then the reſt of the ſkin.
"Ebr. Shal pollute him.

4 But if the white ſpot be in ỹ ſkin of his fleſh, and ſeme not to be lower then the ſkin, nor the heere thereof be turned vnto white, then the Prieſt ſhal ſhut vp *him that hathe* the plague, ſeuen daies.

5 After, the Prieſt ſhal loke vpon him the ſeuenth day: & if the plague ſeme "to him to abide ſtil, and the plague growe not in the ſkin, the Prieſt ſhal ſhut him vp yet ſeuen daies more.

"Or in his eies

6 Then the Prieſt ſhal loke on him againe the ſeuenth day, and if the plague [c] be darcke, and the ſore growe not in the ſkin, then the Prieſt ſhal "pronoūce him cleane, *for* it is a ſkab: therefore he ſhal waſh his clothes, and be cleane.

c As hauing ỹ ſkin drawen together, or blackiſh.
"Ebr. ſhal clenſe him.

7 But if the ſkab growe more in the ſkin, after that he is ſene of the Prieſt, for to be purged, he ſhalbe ſene of the Prieſt yet againe.

8 Then the Prieſt ſhal conſider, and if the ſkab "growe in the ſkin, then the Prieſt ſhal pronounce him [d] vncleane: *for* it is leproſie.

"Or, be ſpred abroade.
d As touching his bodely diſeaſe for his diſeaſe was not imputed to him for ſin before God, thogh it were the puniſhement of ſinne.

9 ¶When the plague of leproſie is in a man, he ſhalbe broght vnto the Prieſt,

10 And the Prieſt ſhal ſe *him*: & if the ſwelling *be* white in the ſkin, & haue made ỹ heere white, & there be rawe fleſh in the ſwelling,

11 It is an olde leproſie in the ſkin of his fleſh: and the Prieſt ſhal pronounce him vncleane, and ſhal not ſhut him vp, for he is vncleane.

"Or, bind.

12 Alſo if the leproſie "breake out in the ſkin, and the leproſie couer all the ſkin of the plague, from his head euen to his fete, whereſoeuer the Prieſt loketh,

13 Then the Prieſt ſhal conſider: and if the leproſie couer all his fleſh, he ſhal pronoū ce ỹ plague to be [e] cleane, becauſe it is all turned into whitenes: ſo he ſhalbe cleane.

e For it is not that cotagious leprie that infecteth, but a kinde of ſkirfe, which hathe not ỹ fleſh rawe as the leproſie.

14 But if *there be* rawe fleſh on him when he is ſene, he ſhalbe vncleane.

15 For the Prieſt ſhal ſe the rawe fleſh, and declare him to be vncleane: *for* the rawe fleſh is [f] vncleane, *therefore* it is the leproſie.

f That is, declareth that ỹ fleſh is not ſounde, but is in danger to be leprous.

16 Or if the rawe fleſh change and be turned into white, then he ſhal come to the Prieſt,

17 And the Prieſt ſhal beholde him: and if the ſore be changed into white, then the Prieſt ſhal pronoūce the plague cleane, *for* it is cleane.

"Or, impoſthume.

18 ¶The fleſh alſo in whoſe ſkin there is "a bile and is healed,

19 And in the place of the bile there be a white ſwelling, or a white ſpot ſome what reddiſh, it ſhalbe ſene of the Prieſt.

20 And whē the Prieſt ſeeth it, if it appeare lower then the ſkin, and the heere thereof be changed into white, the Prieſt thē ſhal pronounce him [g] vncleane: *for* it is a plague of leproſie, broken out in the bile.

g None were exempted, but if the Prieſt pronōced him vncleane, he was put out from among ỹ people: as appeareth by Marie the propheteſſe, Nōb. 12,14, and by King Ozias. 2. Chro. 26,20.

21 But if the Prieſt loke on it and there be no white heeres therein, & if it be not lower then the ſkin, but be darcker, then the Prieſt ſhal ſhut him vp ſeuen daies.

22 And if it ſpread abroade in the fleſh, the Prieſt ſhal pronounce him vncleane, *for* it is a ſore.

23 But if the ſpot continue in his place, & growe not, it is a burning bile: therefore the Prieſt ſhal declare him to be cleane.

24 ¶If there be anie fleſh, in whoſe ſkin there is an hote burning, and the quicke fleſh of the burning haue a [h] white ſpot, ſomewhat reddiſh or pale,

h If he haue a white ſpot in that place, where the burning was, and was after healed.

25 Then the Prieſt ſhal loke vpon it: and if the heere in that ſpot be chāged into white, and it appeare lower then the ſkin, it is a leproſie broke out in the burning: therefore the Prieſt ſhal pronoūce him vncleane: *for* it is the plague of leproſie.

26 But if the Prieſt loke on it, and there be no white heere in the ſpot, and be no lower thē the *other* ſkin, but be darcker, then the Prieſt ſhal ſhut him vp ſeuen daies.

27 After, the Prieſt ſhal loke on him the ſeuenth day: if it be growen abroade in the ſkinne, then the Prieſt ſhal pronoūce him vncleane: *for* it is the plague of leproſie.

28 And if the ſpot abide in his place, not growing in the ſkin, but is darcke, it is a "riſ- "Or, ſwelling.
ſing of the burning: the Prieſt ſhal therefore declare him cleane, for it is the drying vp of the burning.

29 ¶If alſo a man or woman hathe a ſore on the head or in the beard,

30 Then the Prieſt ſhal ſe the ſore: and if it appeare lower then the ſkin, and there be in it a ſmale yelowe heere, then the Prieſt ſhal pronounce him vncleane: *for* it is a blacke ſpot, and leproſie of the head or of the beard.

i Which was not wont to be there, or els ſmaler then in any other parte of the body.

31 And if the Prieſt loke on the ſore of the blacke ſpot, and if it ſeme not lower then ỹ ſkin nor haue anie blacke heere in it, thē the Prieſt ſhal ſhut *vp him, that hathe* the ſore of the blacke ſpot, ſeuen daies.

32 After, in the ſeuenth day the Prieſt ſhal loke on the ſore: and if ỹ blacke ſpot growe not, & there be in it no yelowe heere, and the blacke ſpot ſeme not lower then the ſkin,

33 Then he ſhalbe ſhauen, but *the place* of ỹ blacke ſpot ſhal he not ſhaue: but ỹ Prieſt ſhal ſhut vp *him, that hathe* the blacke ſpot, ſeuen daies more.

34 And the ſeuenth day the Prieſt ſhal loke on the blacke ſpot: and if the blacke ſpot

growe not in the ſkin, nor ſeme lower thē the *other* ſkin, then ỹ Prieſt ſhal clēſe him, & he ſhal waſh his clothes, and be cleane.

35 But if the blacke ſpot growe abroade in the fleſh after his clenſing,

36 Then the Prieſt ſhal loke on it: and if the blacke ſpot growe in the ſkin, ỹ Prieſt ſhal not [k] ſeke for the yelowe heere: *for* he is vncleane.

k He ſhal not care whether the yelowe heere be there, or no.

37 But if the blacke ſpot ſeme to him to abide, and that blacke heere growe therein, the blacke ſpot is healed, he *is* cleane, and the Prieſt ſhal declare him to be cleane.

38 ¶Furthermore if there be manie white ſpots in ỹ ſkin of ỹ fleſh of man or womā,

39 Then the Prieſt ſhal cōſider: and if the ſpots in the ſkin of their fleſh be ſomewhat darcke and white withall, it is but a white ſpot broken out in the ſkin: *therefore* he is cleane.

40 And the man whoſe heere is fallen of his head *and* is balde, is cleane.

41 And if his head cloſe the [l] heere on the fore parte, & be balde before, he is cleane.

l By ſickenes, or anie other inconuenience.

42 But if there be in the balde head, or in the balde fore heade a white reddiſh ſore, it is a leproſie ſpringig in his balde head, or in his balde forehead.

43 Therefore the Prieſt ſhal loke vpon it, and if the riſing of the ſore be white reddiſh in his balde head, or in his balde fore head, appearing like leproſie in the ſkin of the fleſh,

44 He is a leper and vncleane: *therefore* the Prieſt ſhal pronounce him altogether vncleane: *for* the ſore *is* in his head.

45 The leper alſo in whome the plague is, ſhal haue his clothes [m] rent, and his head bare, and ſhal put a couering vpō his [n] lippes, and ſhal crye, *I am* vncleane, *I am* vncleane.

m In ſigne of ſorowe and lamentacion.

n Ether in token of mourning, or for feare of infecting others.

46 As long as the diſeaſe *ſhalbe* vpon him, he ſhalbe polluted, *for* he is vncleane: he ſhal dwel alone, * without the campe *ſhal* his habitacion *be*.

Nomb.5.2 2.kin.15.5.

47 ¶Alſo the garmēt that the plague of leproſie is in, whether it be a woollen garment or a linen garment,

48 Whether it be in the warpe or in the woofe of linen or of wollen, ether in a ſkin or in anie thing made of ſkin,

49 And if the ſore be grene or ſomewhat reddiſh in the garment or in the ſkin, or in the warpe, or in the woofe, or in anie thig that is made of [o] ſkin, it is a plague of leproſie & ſhalbe ſhewed vnto the Prieſt.

o Whether it be garment, veſſel, or inſtrument.

50 Then the Prieſt ſhal ſe the plague, and ſhut vp *it that hathe* the plague, ſeuē daies,

51 And ſhal loke on the plague the ſeuenth day: if the plague growe in the garment or in the warpe, or in the woofe, or in the ſkin or in anie thing that is made of ſkin, that plague *is* a freating leproſie and vncleane.

52 And he ſhal burne the garment, or the warpe, or the woofe, whether it be wollen or linen, or anie thing that is made of ſkin, wherein the plague is: for it is a freating leproſie, *therefore* it ſhalbe burnt in the fire.

53 If the Prieſt yet ſe that the plague [p] growe not in the garment, or in the woofe, or in whatſoeuer thing of ſkin it be,

p But abide ſtil in one place, as verſ. 37.

54 Then the Prieſt ſhal commande them to waſh the thing wherein the plague is, & he ſhal ſhut it vp ſeuen dayes more.

55 Againe the Prieſt ſhal loke on the plague, after it is waſhed: and if the plague haue not changed his [q] colour, thogh the plague ſpred no further, it is vncleane: thou ſhalt burne it in ỹ fire, *for* it is a freat inwarde, [r] whether *the ſpot* be in the bare place of the whole, or in parte thereof.

q But remaine as it did before.

r Or whether it be in anie bare place before or behinde.

56 And if the Prieſt ſe that the plague be darcker, after that it is waſhed, he ſhal cut it out of the garment, or out of the ſkin, or out of the warpe, or out of the woofe.

57 And if it appeare ſtil in the garment or in the warpe, or in the woofe, or in anie thing made of ſkin, it is a ſpreading *leprie*: thou ſhalt burne the thing wherein the plague is, in the fire.

58 If thou haſt waſhed the garment or the warpe, or ỹ woofe, or whatſoeuer thing of ſkin it be, if the plague be departed therefrom, then ſhal it be waſhed [s] the ſeconde time, and be cleane.

s To the intēt he might be ſure that the leproſie was departed and that all occaſion of infection might be take away.

59 This is the lawe of the plague of leproſie in a garment of wollen or linen, or in the warpe, or in the woofe, or in anie thing of ſkin, to make it cleane or vncleane.

CHAP. XIIII.

3 The clenſing of the leper, 34 And of the houſe that he is in.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,

2 *This is the [a] lawe of the leper in the day of his clenſing: that is, he ſhalbe broght vnto the Prieſt,

Mat.8.1. mar.1.40. luk.5.12.

a Of the ceremonie which ſhalbe vſed in his purgation.

3 And the Prieſt ſhal go out of the campe, and the Prieſt ſhal conſider *him*: and if the plague of leproſie be healed in the leper,

4 Then ſhal the Prieſt commande to take for *him* that is clenſed, two [o] ſparowes aliue and [b] cleane, and ceder wood and a ſkarlet *lace*, and hyſſope.

o Or, liuely birdes.

b Of birdes which were permitted to be eaten.

5 And the Prieſt ſhal commande to kil one of the birdes ouer [c] pure water in an earthen veſſel.

c Running water, or of a fountaine.

6 After, he ſhal take the liue ſparowe with the cedar wood, and the ſkarlet *lace*, and the hyſſope, and ſhal dip them and the liuing ſparowe in the blood of the ſparowe ſlaine, ouer the pure water,

7 And he ſhal ſprinkle vpon him, that muſt be clenſed of his leproſie, ſeuen times, and clenſe

d Signifiing ỹ he that was made cleane, was ſet at libertie, and reſtored to the companie of others.

cleanſe him, and ſhal d let go the liue ſparowe into the broade field.

8 Then he that ſhalbe clenſed, ſhal waſh his clothes, and ſhaue of all his heere, and waſh him ſelfe in water, ſo he ſhalbe cleane: after that ſhal he come into the hoſte, but ſhal tarie without his tent ſeuē dayes.

9 So in the ſeuenth day he ſhal ſhaue of all his heere, *bothe* his head, and his beard, & his eie browes: euen all his heere ſhal he ſhaue, & ſhal waſh his clothes & ſhal waſh his fleſh in water. ſo he ſhalbe cleane.

e Which hath no imperfection in any member

10 Then in the eight day he ſhal take two he lambes without e blemiſh, and an ewe lambe of an yere olde without blemiſh, and thre tenth deales of fine floure for a meat offring, mingled with oyle, f and a pinte of oyle.

f This meaſure Ebrewe is called, log, and conteineth ſix eggs in meaſure

11 And the Prieſt that maketh him cleane ſhal bring the man which is to be made cleane, and thoſe things, before the Lord, at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion.

12 Then the Prieſt ſhal take one lambe, & offer him for a treſpaſſe offring, and the pinte of oyle, and * ſhake them to and fro before the Lord.

Exod 29,24.

13 And he ſhal kil the lambe in the place where the ſinne offring and the burnt offring are ſlaine, *euen* in the holy place: for as the * ſin offring is the Prieſts, ſo is the treſpaſſe offring: *for* it is moſte holy.

Chap 7,1.

14 So the Prieſt ſhal take of the blood of the treſpaſſe offring, and put it vpon the lap of the right eare of him that ſhalbe clenſed, and vpon the thumbe of his right hand, and vpon the great toe of his right fote.

15 The Prieſt ſhal alſo take of the pinte of oyle, and powre it into the palme of his left hand,

* Ebr the finger of his right hand

16 And the Prieſt ſhal dip his "right finger in the oyle that is in his left hād, & ſprinkle of the oyle with his finger ſeuen times before the Lord.

17 And of the reſt of the oyle that is in his hand, ſhal the Prieſt put vpon the lap of the right eare of him that is to be clenſed, & vpon the thumbe of his right hand, and vpon the great toe of his right fote, " where the blood of the treſpas offring *was put.*

" Ebr vpon the blood of the treſpas offring

18 But the remnant of the oyle that is in the Prieſtes hand, he ſhal powre vpon the head of him that is to be clenſed: ſo the Prieſt ſhal make an atonemēt for him before the Lord.

19 And the Prieſt ſhal offer the ſin offring and make an atonement for him that is to be clenſed of his vnclennes: thē after ſhal he kil the burnt offring.

20 So the Prieſt ſhal offer the burnt offring & the meat offring vpon the altar: and the Prieſt ſhal make an atonement for him: ſo he ſhal be cleane.

21 But if he be poore, & " not able, then he ſhal bring one lābe for a treſpas offring to be ſhakē, for his recōciliation, & a g tenth deale of fine floure mingled with oyle, for a meat offring, with a pinte of oyle.

" Ebr his hand can not take it.

g Which is an omer, read Exod 16,16

22 Alſo two turtle doues, or two yong pigeons, as he is able, whereof the one ſhalbe a ſin offring, and the other a burnt offring,

23 And he ſhal bring them the eight day for his clenſing vnto the Prieſt at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion before the Lord.

24 Then the Prieſt ſhal take the lambe of the treſpas offring, and the pinte of oyle, and the Prieſt ſhal h ſhake them to and fro before the Lord.

h Or ſhal offre them as ỹ offring that is ſhaken to and fro

25 And he ſhal kil the lambe of the treſpas offring, & the Prieſt ſhal take of ỹ blood of the treſpas offring, and put it vpon the lap of his right eare that is to be clenſed, and vpon the thumbe of his right hand, & vpon the great toe of his right fote.

26 Alſo the Prieſt ſhal powre of the oyle into the palme of his owne "left hand.

" Ebr into the palme of the Prieſts left hand

27 So the Prieſt ſhal with his right finger ſprinkle of the oyle that is in his left hand, ſeuen times before the Lord.

28 Then the Prieſt ſhal put of the oyle that is in his hand, vpon the lap of the right eare of him that is to be clenſed, and vpon the thumbe of his right hand, and vpon the great toe of his right fote: vpon the place "of the blood of the treſpas offring.

" Or, where the blood of the treſpas offring was put, as ver 17

29 But ỹ reſt of the oyle that is in ỹ Prieſts hād, he ſhal put vpon the head of him that is to be clenſed, to make an atonement for him before the Lord.

30 Alſo he ſhal preſent one of the turtle doues, or of the yong pigeons, i as he is able:

i Whether of them he can get

31 Suche, I ſay, as he is able, the one for a ſin offring, and the other for a burnt offring " with the meat offring: ſo the Prieſt ſhal make an atonement for him that is to be clenſed before the Lord.

" Or, beſides the meat offring

32 This is the k lawe of him which hathe ỹ plague of leproſie, who is not able in his clenſing *to offre the whole.*

k This ordre is appointed for the poore man

33 ¶ The Lord alſo ſpake vnto Moſes and to Aarón, ſaying,

34 When ye be come vnto the land of Canáan which I giue you in poſſeſsion, if I l ſend the plague of leproſie in an houſe of the land of your poſſeſsion,

l This declareth that no plague nor puniſhement cōmeth to man without gods prouidence & his ſending.

35 Then he that oweth the houſe, ſhal come and tel the Prieſt, ſaying, Me thinke there is like a plague *of leproſie* in the houſe.

36 Then the Prieſt ſhal commande thē to

empty the houſe before the Prieſt go into it to ſe the plague, that all that is in the houſe be not made vncleane, and then ſhal the Prieſt go in to ſe the houſe,

37 And he ſhal marke the plague: and if the plague *be* in the walles of the houſe, and that there be [e] depe ſpots, greniſh or reddiſh, which ſeme to be lower thē the wall,

38 Then the Prieſt ſhal go out of the houſe to the dore of the houſe, and ſhal cauſe to ſhut vp the houſe ſeuen daies.

39 So ỹ Prieſt ſhal come againe the ſeuēth day: and if he ſe that the plague be increaſed in the walles of the houſe,

40 Then the Prieſt ſhal commande thē to take away ỹ ſtones wherein the plague *is*, and they ſhal caſt them into a [f] foule place without the citie.

41 Alſo he ſhal cauſe to ſcrape the houſe within round about, and powre the duſt, that they haue pared of, without the citie in [m] an vncleane place.

42 And they ſhal take other ſtones, and put thē in ỹ places of thoſe ſtones, & ſhal take other mortar, to plaiſter the houſe with.

43 But if the plague come againe and breake out in the houſe, after that he hathe taken away the ſtones, and after ỹ he hathe ſcraped and plaiſtred the houſe,

44 Then the Prieſt ſhal come and ſee: and if the plague growe in the houſe, it is a freating leproſie in the houſe: it is *therefore* vncleane.

45 And he ſhal [n] breake downe the houſe, with the ſtones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the [f] mortar of the houſe, and he ſhal carie them out of the citie vnto an vncleane place.

46 Moreouer he that goeth into the houſe all ỹ while that it is ſhut vp, he ſhalbe vncleane vntil the euen.

47 He alſo that ſlepeth in the houſe ſhal waſh his clothes: he likewiſe that eateth in the houſe, ſhal waſh his clothes.

48 But if the Prieſt ſhal come and ſe, that the plague hathe ſpred no further in the houſe, after the houſe be plaiſtered, the Prieſt ſhal pronounce that houſe cleane, for the plague is healed.

49 Then ſhal he take to purifie the houſe, two ſparowes, and cedar wood, [o] & ſkarlet *lace*, and hyſſope.

50 And he ſhal kil one ſparowe ouer pure water in an earthen veſſel,

51 And ſhal take the cedar wood, and the hyſſope, and the ſkarlet *lace* with the liue ſparowe, and dip them in the blood of the ſlaine ſparowe, and in the pure water, and ſprinkle the houſe ſeuen times:

52 So ſhal he clenſe the houſe ẅ the blood of the ſparowe and with the pure water, and with the liue ſparowe, & with the cedar wood, and with the hyſſope, and with the ſkarlet *lace*.

53 Afterwarde he ſhal let go ỹ liue ſparowe out of the "towne into ỹ "broade fieldes: ſo ſhal he make atonement for the houſe, and it ſhalbe cleane.

54 This is the lawe for euerie plague of leproſie and [*] blacke ſpot,

55 And of the leproſie of the garment, and of the houſe,

56 And of the [p] ſwelling, and of the ſkab, & of the white ſpot.

57 This is the lawe of ỹ leproſie to teache "when *a thing* is vncleane, and when it is cleane.

CHAP. XV.

2. 19 The maner of purging the vncleane iſſues bothe of mē and women. 31 The children of Iſraél muſt be ſeparate from all vnclennes.

1 MOreouer the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, and to Aarón, ſaying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, Whoſoeuer hathe an iſſue from his [a] fleſh, is vncleane, *becauſe* of his iſſue.

3 And this ſhalbe his vnclēnes in his iſſue: *when* his fleſh auoideth his iſſue, or if his fleſh be ſtopped from his iſſue, this is his [b] vnclennes.

4 Euerie bed whereon he lieth that hathe ỹ iſſue, ſhalbe vncleane, & euerie thing whereon he ſitteth, ſhalbe vncleane.

5 Whoſoeuer alſo toucheth his bed, ſhal waſh his clothes, and waſh him ſelfe in water, and ſhalbe vncleane vntil the euen.

6 And he ỹ ſitteth on anie thing, whereon he ſate that hathe the iſſue, ſhal waſh his clothes, & waſh him ſelfe in water, & ſhal be vncleane vntil the euen.

7 Alſo he that toucheth the fleſh of him that hathe the iſſue, ſhal waſh his clothes, & waſh him ſelfe in water, and ſhalbe vncleane vntil the euen.

8 If he alſo, ỹ hathe the iſſue, ſpit vpō him that is cleane, [c] he ſhal waſh his clothes, & waſh him ſelfe in water, & ſhal be vncleane vntil the euen.

9 And what [d] ſaddle ſoeuer he rideth vpon, that hathe the iſſue, ſhalbe vncleane,

10 And whoſoeuer toucheth anie thing that was vnder him, ſhalbe vncleane vnto the euen: and he that beareth thoſe *things*, ſhal waſh his clothes, and waſh him ſelfe in water, and ſhal be vncleane vntil the euen.

11 Likewiſe whomeſoeuer he toucheth ỹ hathe the iſſue (and hathe not waſhed his hands in water) ſhal waſh his clothes & waſh him ſelfe in water, & ſhal be vncleane vntil the euen.

12 [*] And the veſſel of earth that he toucheth, which hathe the iſſue, ſhalbe broken: and euerie veſſel of wood ſhalbe rinſed in water.

13 But

[e] Or, blackneſs. or hollow ſtraker.

[f] Or, polluted.

[m] Where carions were caſt, and other filth that the people might not be there with infected.

[n] That is, he ſhal commande it to be pulled downe, as ver. 40.

[f] Or, duſt.

[o] It ſemeth ỹ this was a lace or ſtring to binde ỹ hyſſope to ỹ wood, & ſo was made a ſprinkle: the Apoſtle to the Ebrewes calleth it ſkarlet wolle, Ebr. 9, 19.

[p] Or, riſing.

"Ebr. in the day of the vncleane, and in the day of the cleane.

"Ebr. cirtue.

"Ebr. on the face of the field.

Chap. 13. 30.

a Whoſe ſede ceaſeth in ſleping, or els of weakenes of nature iſſueth at his ſecret parte.

b Or ỹ thing wherefore he ſhalbe vncleane.

c On whome the vncleane man ſpat.

d The worde ſignifieth euerie thing wheron a man ſitteth.

Chap. 6. 28.

e That is, be reſtored to his olde ſtate, and be healed thereof

13 But if he that hathe an iſſue, be e clenſed of his iſſue, then ſhal he count him ſeuen daies for his clenſing, and waſh his clothes, and waſh his fleſh in pure water: ſo ſhal he be cleane.

14 Then the eight day he ſhal take vnto him two turtle doues or two yong pigeõs, and come before the Lord at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, & ſhal giue them vnto the Prieſt.

15 And the Prieſt ſhal make of the one of them a ſinne offring, and of the other a burnt offring: ſo the Prieſt ſhal make an atonement for him before the Lord, for his iſſue.

f Meaning all his bodie

16 Alſo if anie mans iſſue of ſede departe from him, he ſhal waſh all his f fleſh in water, and be vncleane vntil the euen.

17 And euerie garment, and euerie ſkin whereupõ ſhalbe iſſue of ſede, ſhalbe euen waſhed with water, & be vncleane vnto the euen.

18 If he that hathe an iſſue of ſede, do lie with a woman, thei ſhal bothe waſh them ſelues with water, and be vncleane vntil the euen.

Or, ſecret parts.

19 ¶Alſo when a woman ſhal haue an iſſue, *and* her iſſue in her g fleſh ſhalbe blood, ſhe ſhalbe put aparte ſeuen daies: & whoſoeuer toucheth hei, ſhalbe vncleane vnto the euen.

g That is, whẽ ſhe hathe her floures, whereby ſhe is ſeparat frõ her houſbãd, from the tabernacle and from touching of anie holy thing.

20 And whatſoeuer ſhe lieth vpon in h her ſeparacion, ſhalbe vncleane, and euerie thing ẏ ſhe ſitteth vpon, ſhalbe vncleane.

21 Whoſoeuer alſo toucheth her bed, ſhal waſh his clothes, and waſh him ſelfe with water, & ſhal be vncleane vnto the euen.

22 And whoſoeuer toucheth anie thĩg that ſhe ſate vpõ, ſhal waſh his clothes, & waſh him ſelfe in water, and ſhalbe vncleane vnto the euen:

23 So that whether he touche her bed, or anie thing whereon ſhe hathe ſit, he ſhalbe vncleane vnto the euen.

h If anie of her vnclennes did onely touche him in the bed: for els the man that companyed with ſuche a womã ſhulde dye, Chap 20,18

24 And if a man lie with her, and *the floures* of her ſeparacion h touche him, he ſhal be vncleane ſeuen daies, & all the whole bed whereon he lieth, ſhalbe vncleane.

i Ebr ſeparaciõ

25 Alſo when a womans iſſue of blood runneth long time beſides the time of her i floures, or when ſhe hathe an iſſue, lõger then her floures, all the daies of the iſſue of her vnclennes ſhe ſhalbe vncleane, as in the time of her floures.

i Shalbe vncleane as the bed whereon ſhe lay when ſhe had her natural diſeaſe.

26 Euerie bed whereon ſhe lieth (as long as her iſſue laſteth) ſhalbe to her as hei k bed of her ſeparacion: and whatſoeuer ſhe ſitteth vpon, ſhalbe vncleane, as her vnclennes when ſhe is put aparte.

27 And whoſoeuer toucheth theſe *things*, ſhalbe vncleane, & ſhal waſh his clothes, and waſh him ſelfe in water, & ſhalbe vncleane vnto the euen.

28 But if ſhe be clenſed of her iſſue, then ſhe ſhal k counte her ſeuen daies, & after, ſhe ſhalbe cleane.

k After the time that ſhe is recouered

29 And in the eight day ſhe ſhal take vnto her two turtles or two yong pigeons, and bring them vnto the Prieſt at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

30 And the Prieſt ſhal make of the one a ſinne offring, and of the other a burnt offring, & the Prieſt ſhal make an atonemẽt for her before the Lord, for the iſſue of her vnclennes.

l Seing ẏ God requireth of his, puritie & clennes: we cã not be his, except our filth and ſinnes be purged with the blood of Ieſus Chriſt

31 Thus ſhal ye l ſeparate the children of Iſraël from their vnclennes, that thei dye not in their vnclennes, if thei defile my Tabernacle that is among them.

32 This is the lawe of him that hathe an iſſue, & of him from whome goeth an iſſue of ſede whereby he his defiled:

33 Alſo of her that is ſicke of her floures, & of him that hathe a running iſſue, whether it be man or woman, and of him that lieth with her which is vncleane.

CHAP. XVI.

a The Prieſt might not at all times come into the moſte holy place 8 The ſcape goat 14 The purging of the Sanctuarie 17 The clenſing of the Tabernacle 21 The Prieſt confeſſeth the ſinnes of the people. 29 The feaſt of clenſing ſinnes.

1 FVrthermore the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, * after the death of the two ſonnes of Aarón, when thei came *to offer* before the Lord, and dyed: *Chap 10,1.*

2 And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſes, Speake vnto Aarón thy brother, * that he come not at a all times in to the Holy place within the vaile, before the Merciſeat, which is vpon the Arke, that he dye not: for I wil appeare in the cloude vpon the Merciſeat. *Exod 30,10. Ebr. 9,7.*

a The hie Prieſt entred into the Holieſt of all but once a yere, euen in ẏ moneth of Septẽber

3 After this *ſort* ſhal Aarón come into the Holy place: *euen* with a yong bullocke for a ſinne offring, and a ram for a burnt offring.

4 He ſhal put on the holy linen coat, and ſhal haue linen breches vpon his m fleſh, and ſhalbe girded with a linen girdel, and ſhal couer his head with a linen mitre: theſe are the holy garments: therefore ſhal he waſh his fleſh in water, when he doeth put them on.

m Or, priuitie.

5 And he ſhal take of the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél, two he goates for a ſinne offring, and a ram for a burnt offring.

6 Then Aarón ſhal offer the bullocke for his ſinne offring, * & make an atonement for him ſelfe, and for his houſe. *Ebr 9,7.*

7 And he ſhal take the two he goates, and preſent them before the Lord at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

8 Then Aarón ſhal caſt lots ouer the two

he goates: one lot for the Lord, and the other for the [b] Scape goat.

[b] In Ebrewe it is called Azazél, which some say is a mountaine nere Sinái whether this goat was sent: but rather it is called the scape goat because he was not offred, but sent into the desert, as verse 21.

9 And Aarón shal offer the goat, vpon which the Lords lot shal fall, and make him a sinne offring.

10 But the goat, on which the lot shal fall to be the Scape goat, shalbe presented aliue before the Lord, to make reconciliacion by him, & to let him go (as a Scape goat) into the wildernes.

11 Thus Aarón shal offer the bullocke for his sinne offring, & make a reconciliacion for himselfe, and for his house, and shal kil the bullocke for his sinne offring.

12 And he shal take a censer ful of burning coles from of the Altar before the Lord, & his hādful of swete incens beatē small, and bring it within the [c] vaile;

[c] The Holiest of all.

13 And shal put the incens vpon the fire before the Lord, that the [d] cloude of the incens may couer the Mercifeat that is vpon [e] the Testimonie: so he shal not dye.

[d] Or, the smoke.

[e] Or, Arke Ebr 1,13. & 10,4. Chap 4,6.

14 And he shal [*] take of the blood of the bullocke, [*] and sprinkle it with his finger vpon the Mercifeat [d] Eastward: and before the Mercifeat shal he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seuen times.

[d] That is, on the side which was toward ỹ people: for the head of the Sāctuarie stode Westward.

15 ¶ Then shal he kil the goat that is the peoples sinne offring, & bring his blood within the vaile, and do with that blood, as he did with the blood of the bullocke, & sprinkle it vpon the Mercifeat, and before the Mercifeat.

16 So he shal purge the Holy place from the vnclennes of the children of Israél, & from their trespasses of all their sinnes: so shal he do also for the Tabernacle of the Congregacion [e] placed with them, in the middes of their vnclennes.

[e] Placed amōg them which are vncleane Luk. 1,10,17.

17 *And there shal be no man in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, when he goeth in to make an atonemēt in the Holy place, vntil he come out, & haue made an atonement for him selfe, & for his housholde, and for all the Congregacion of Israél.

[f] Whereupon ỹ swete incēse & perfume was offred.

18 After, he shal go out vnto the [f] Altar that is before the Lord, & make a reconciliacion vpon it, & shal take of the blood of the bullocke, and of the blood of the goat, and put it vpon the hornes of the Altar round about:

19 So shal he sprinkle of the blood vpon it with his finger seuen times, and clense it, and halowe it from the vnclennes of the children of Israél.

20 ¶ Whē he hathe made an ēd of purging the Holy place, & the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and the altar, then he shal bring the liue goat:

21 And Aarón shal put both his hands vpō the head of the liue goat, and confesse ouer him all the iniquities of the childrē of Israél, & all their trespasses, in all their sinnes, putting thē [g] vpō the head of the goat, and shal send *him* away (by the hand of a man appointed) into the wildernes.

[g] Herein this goat is a true figure of Iesus Christ, who beareth the sinnes of the people, Ii 53,4.

22 So the goat shal beare vpon him all their iniquities into [*] the land that is not inhabited, and he shal let the goat go into the wildernes.

[*] Ebr the land of separacion.

23 After, Aarón shal come into the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and put of the linen clothes, which he put on whē he went into ỹ Holy place, & leaue thē there.

24 He shal wash also his flesh with water in [h] the Holy place, and put on his owne raiment, and come out, and make his burnt offring, and the burnt offring of the people, and make an atonement for him self, and for the people.

[h] In the court where was ỹ Lauer, Exod. 30,18.

25 Also the fat of the sinne offring shal he burne vpon the Altar.

26 And he that caryed forthe the goat, *called* the Scape goat, shal wash his clothes, and wash his flesh in water, and after that shal come into the hoste.

27 Also the bullocke for the sinne offring, and the goat for the sinne offring (whose blood was broght to make a reconciliacio in ỹ Holy place) shal one [*] cary out without the hoste to be burnt in the fire, with their skins, and with their flesh, and with their doung.

[*] Chap. 6,30. ebr 13,11.

28 And he that burneth them shal wash his clothes, and wash his flesh in water, and afterwarde come into the hoste.

29 ¶ So this shalbe an ordinance for euer vnto you: the tenth *day* of the [i] seuenth moneth, ye shal [k] humble your soules, and do no worke at all, whether it be one of ỹ same countrey or a straunger that soiourneth among you.

[i] Which was Tisri, & answereth to parte of Septēber & parte of October

[k] Meaning by abstinence and fasting Chap 23,7.

30 For ỹ [*] day shal the Priest make an atonemēt for you to clēse you: ye shal be cleane from all your sinnes before the Lord.

[*] Or, day.

31 This shalbe a [l] Sabbath of rest vnto you, and ye shal humble your soules, by an ordinance for euer.

[l] Or a rest ỹ ye shal kepe moste diligētly.

32 And the Priest [m] whome he shal anoint, and whome he shal cōsecrate (to minister in his fathers stede) shal make the atonement, and shal put on the linen clothes & holy vestments;

[m] Whome the Priest shal anoint by Gods commandemēt to succede in his fathers rowme.

33 And shal purge the holy Sanctuarie and the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, & shal clense the Altar, & make an atonemēt for the Priests, and for all the people of the Congregacion.

34 And this shalbe an euerlasting ordināce vnto you, to make an atonement for the childrē of Israél for all their sinnes [*] once a yere: and as the Lord cōmanded Moses, he did.

[*] Exod 30,10. ebr 9,7.

CHAP. XVII.

4 *All sacrifices muste be broght to the dore of the Tabernacle*

ber nacle 7 To deuils may they not offer 10 They may not eat blood.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,
2 Speake vnto Aarón, and to his ſonnes, & to all the children of Iſrael, and ſay vnto them, This is the thing which the Lord hathe [a]commanded, ſaying,
3 Whoſoeuer *he be* of the houſe of Iſraél that [b] killeth a bullocke, or lãbe, or goat in ỹ hoſte, or that killeth it out of the hoſte,
4 And bringeth it not vnto the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion to offer an offring vnto the Lord before the Tabernacle of the Lord, [c] blood ſhalbe imputed vnto that man: he hathe ſhed blood, wherefore that man ſhalbe cut of from among his people.
5 Therefore the children of Iſraél ſhal bring their offrings, which they wolde offer [d] abroad in the field, and preſent them vnto the Lord at ỹ dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion by the Prieſt, & offer thẽ for peace offrings vnto ỹ Lord.
6 Then the Prieſt ſhal ſprinkle the blood vpon the altar of the Lord before the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and burne the fat for a *ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord.
7 And they ſhal no more offer their offrigs vnto [e] deuils, after whome they haue gone a [f] whoring: this ſhalbe an ordinance for euer vnto them in their generacions.
8 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt ſay vnto them, Whoſoeuer *he be* of the houſe of Iſraél, or of the ſtrangers which ſoiourne among them, that offreth a burnt offring or ſacrifice,
9 And bringeth it not vnto the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion to offer it vnto the Lord, euẽ that man ſhal be cut of from his people.
10 ¶ Likewiſe whoſoeuer *he be* of the houſe of Iſraél or of the ſtrãgers that ſoiourne among them, that eateth anie blood, I wil euen ſet [g] my face againſt that perſone that eateth blood, & wil cut him of from among his people:
11 For the life of the fleſh is in the blood, & I haue giuen it vnto you *to offer* vpon the altar, to make an atonement for your ſoules: for this blood ſhal make an atonement for the ſoule.
12 Therefore I ſaid vnto the childrẽ of Iſraél, None of you ſhal eat blood: nether the ſtranger that ſoiourneth among you, ſhal eat blood.
13 Mo ouer whoſoeuer *he be* of thẽ children of Iſraél, or of the ſtrangers that ſoiourne among them, which by hunting taketh anie beaſt or foule that maie be [h] eatẽ, he ſhal powre out ỹ blood thereof, and couer it with duſt:
14 For the life of all fleſh is his blood, it is *ioyned* with his life: therefore I ſaid vnto the children of Iſraél, * Ye ſhal eat the blood of no [i] fleſh: for the life of all fleſh is the blood thereof: whoſoeuer eateth it, ſhal be cut of.
15 And euerie perſone that eateth it which dyeth *alone*, or that which is torne *with beaſtes*, whether it be one of the ſame coũtrey or a ſtranger, he ſhal bothe waſh his clothes, & waſhe him ſelfe in water, & be vncleane vnto ỹ euen: after he ſhalbe [k] cleane.
16 But if he waſh *them* not, nor waſh his [l] fleſh, then he ſhal beare [m] his iniquitie.

a Leſt they ſhulde practiſe that idolatrie, ỹ they had learned among the Egyptians
b To make a ſacrifice or offring thereof I do aſmuch abhorre it as though he had killed a man, as Iſa 66,3
c Blood ſhalbe imputed vnto him as though he had ſhed it
d Whereſoeuer they were moued with ſolish deuotiõ to offre it
Exod 29,18 chap 4,31.
e Meaning whatſoeuer is not the true God, 1 Cor 10 29 Psal 95,5
f For idolatrie is ſpirituall whoredome, becauſe faith toward God is broken
g I wil declare my wrath by taking vengeãce on him, as Chap 20,3.
h Which the lawe permitteth to be eaten, becauſe it is cleane.
i Or, liuing creature.
k Or, coũted cleane
l Or, himſelfe
m Or, the puniſhment of his ſinne.

CHAP. XVIII.

3 The Iſraelites ought not to follow the maners of the Egyptians and Canaanites 6 The mariages that are vnlawful

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,
2 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, I am the Lord your God.
3 After the [a] doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, ſhal ye not do: & after the maner of the land of Canáan, whither I wil bring you, ſhal ye not do, nether walke in their ordinances,
4 But do after my iudgements, & kepe mine ordinances, to walke therein: I am the Lord your God.
5 Ye ſhal kepe therefore my ſtatutes, and my iudgements, * which if a man do, he ſhal then liue in them: [b] I am the Lord.
6 ¶ None ſhal come nere to anie of ỹ [c] kinred of his fleſh to vncouer *her* ſhame: I am the Lord.
7 Thou ſhalt not vncouer the ſhame of thy father, nor the ſhame of thy mother: *for* ſhe is thy mother, thou ſhalt not diſcouer her ſhame.
8 *The ſhame of thy fathers [d] wife ſhalt ỹ not diſcouer: *for* it is thy fathers ſhame.
9 Thou ſhalt not diſcouer the ſhame of thy [e] ſiſter the daughter of thy father, or the daughter of thy mother, whether ſhe be borne at home, or borne without: thou ſhalt not diſcouer their ſhame.
10 The ſhame of thy ſonnes daughter, or of thy daughters daughter, thou ſhalt not, I ſay, vncouer their ſhame: for it is thy [f] ſhame.
11 The ſhame of thy fathers wiues daughter, begotten of thy father (*for* ſhe is thy ſiſter) ỹ ſhalt not, *I ſay*, diſcouer her ſhame.
12 * Thou ſhalt not vncouer the [g] ſhame of thy fathers ſiſter: *for* ſhe is thy fathers kinſwoman.
13 Thou ſhalt not diſcouer the ſhame of thy mothers ſiſter: for ſhe is thy mothers kinſwoman.
14 *Thou ſhalt not vncouer the ſhame of thy [h] fathers brother: *that is*, thou ſhalt not go into his wife, *for* ſhe is thine [i] ante.
15 * Thou ſhalt not diſcouer the ſhame

a Ye ſhal preſerue your ſelues from theſe abominations following, ỹ the Egyptians and Canaanites vſe
Ezek.20,11. rom 10,5. gala 3,12.
b And therefore ye ought to ſerue me alone, as my people
c That is, to lie with her, though it be vnder title of mariage
Chap 20,11.
d Which is, thy ſtepmother
e Either by father or mother, borne in mariage or otherwiſe
f Their are her children whoſe ſhame thou haſt vncouered
Chap. 20,19.
g Or, ſecreets
Chap 20,20.
h Which thine vncle doeth diſcouer
i Or, thy father brothers wife
Chap 20,21.

of thy daughter in lawe: *for* she is thy sonnes wife: *therefore* shalt thou not vncouer her shame.

16 *Thou shal not discouer ỹ shame of thy [h] brothers wife: *for* it is thy brothers shame.

17 Thou shalt not discouer the shame of ỹ wife & of her daughter, nether shalt ỹ take her sonnes daughter, nor her daughters daughter, to vncouer her shame: *for* they are *thy* kinsfolkes, & it were wickednes.

18 Also thou shalt not take a wife with her sister, during her life, to vexe *her*, in vncouering her shame vpon her.

19 *Thou shalt not also go vnto a woman to vncouer her shame, as long as she is put [k] aparte for her disease.

20 Moreouer, thou shalt not giue *thy* selfe to thy neighbours wife by carnal copulatiõ, to be defiled with her,

21 *Also thou shalt not giue thy "children to [o] offer *them* vnto [l] Mólech, nether shalt thou defile the Name of thy God: *for* I am the Lord.

22 Thou shalt not lie with the male as one lieth with a woman: *for* it is abominacion.

23 *Thou shalt not also lie with anie beast to be defiled therewith, nether shal anie woman stand before a beast, to lie downe thereto: *for* it is [p] abominacion.

24 Ye shal not defile your selues in anie of these things: for in all these the nacions are defiled, which I wil cast out before you:

25 And the land is defiled: therefore I wil [m] visit the wickednes thereof vpon it, and the land [n] shal vomet out her inhabitants.

26 Ye shal kepe therefore mine ordinances, and my iudgements, and commit none of these abominacions, *as wel* he that is of the same countrey, as the strãger that sojourneth among you.

27 (For all these abominacions haue the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled:

28 And shal not the land spue you out if ye defile it, as it [o] spued out the people ỹ were before you?)

29 For whosoeuer shal commit anie of these abominacions, the persones that do *so*, shal [p] be cut of from among their people.

30 Therefore shal ye kepe mine ordinances that ye do not anie of the abominable customes, which haue bene done before you, and that ye defile not your selues therein: *for* I am the Lord your God.

CHAP. XIX.

A repeticion of sundrie lawes and ordinances.

1 AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto all the Congregacion of the children of Israel, and say vnto them, *Ye shal be [a] holy, for I the Lord your God *am* holy.

3 ¶ Ye shal feare euerie man his mother & his father, and shal kepe my Sabbaths: *for* I am the Lord your God.

4 ¶ Ye shal not turne vnto idoles, nor make you molten gods: I am the Lord your God.

5 ¶ And when ye shal offer a peace offring vnto the Lord, ye shal offer it [b] frely.

6 *It shalbe eaten the day ye offer it, or on the morowe: & that which remaineth vntil the third day, shal be burnt in the fire.

7 For if it be eaten the third day, it shalbe vncleane, it shal not be [c] accepted.

8 Therefore he that eateth it, shal beare his iniquitie, because he hathe defiled the halowed thing of the Lord, and that persone shal be cut of from his people.

9 ¶ *When ye reape ỹ harueſt of your land, ye shal not reape euerie corner of your field, nether shalt thou gather the [q] glainings of thy haruest.

10 Thou shalt not gather the grapes of thy vineyarde *cleane*, nether gather euery grape of thy vineyarde, *but* thou shalt leaue them for the poore and for the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

11 ¶ Ye shal not steale, nether [d] deale falsely, nether lie one to another.

12 ¶ *Also ye shal not sweare by my Name falsely, nether shalt thou defile the Name of thy God: I am the Lord.

13 ¶ Thou shalt not do thy neighbour [r] wrõg, nether robbe *him*. *The worckemãs hire shal not abide with thee vntil the morning.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not curse the deafe, *nether put a stumbling blocke before the blinde, but shalt feare thy God: I am the Lord.

15 ¶ Ye shal not do vniustely in iudgement. *Thou shalt not fauour the persone of the poore, nor honour the persone of the mighty, *but* ỹ shalt iudge thy neighbour iustly.

16 ¶ Thou shalt not [e] walke *about* with tales among thy people. Thou shalt not [f] stãd against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the Lord.

17 ¶ Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart, *but* thou shalt plainely rebuke thy neighbour, "and suffre him not to sinne.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not auenge, nor be mindeful *of wrong* against the childrẽ of thy people, *but shalt loue thy neighbour as thy selfe: I am the Lord.

19 ¶ Ye shal kepe mine ordinances. Thou shalt not let thy cattel gendre with [g] *others* of diuers kides. Thou shalt not sowe thy field with mingled *sede*, nether shal a garment of diuers things, *as* of linen and wollen come vpon thee.

20 ¶ Whosoeuer also lieth and medleth with a woman that is a bonde maid, affianced to a housband, and not redemed, nor

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Chap 20,21. h Because the idolaters, among whome Gods people had dwelt & shulde dwel, were giuen to these horrible incests, God chargeth his to beware of the same

i By ieſg thine affection more bent to her sister thẽ to her.

Chap.20,18. k Or whiles she hathe her floures.

Chap 20,2. 2 kin.23,10. "Ebr. of thy sede

[o] Or, to make thẽ passe

[l] Which was an idole of ỹ Ammonites, vnto whome they burned and sacrificed their childrẽ, 2 King 23,10

Chap 20,15. [p] Or, to fusion.

[m] I wil punishe the land where such incestuous mariages & pollutions are suffred.

[n] He compareth the wicked to euil humours and surfeting, which corrupt ỹ stomacke and oppresse nature, and therefore muste be cast out by vomet

[o] Bothe for their wicked marriages, vnnatural copulations, idolatrie or spiritual whoredome with Mólech, and suche like abominacions.

[p] Ether by ỹ ciuile sworde, or by some plague that God wil send vpon suche.

Chap.11,44. & 20,7.1 pet. 1,16. [a] That is, voide of all pollution, idolatrie, and superstition bothe of soule and body.

[b] Of your owne accorde

Chap.7,16.

[c] To wit, of God.

Chap. 23,22.

[q] Or, gleanings & leasings.

[d] In that ỹ is committed to your credit

Exod. 20,7. deut.5,11. mat 5,34.

[r] Or, oppresse him by violence.

Deu. 24,15. Iob 4,15.

Deut.27.18.

Exod 23,3. deut.1,17. & 16,16. prou.24,23 sam.2,2.

[e] As a slanderer, backbiter or quarelpicker

[f] By consenting to his death, or conspiring with the wicked

"Ebr suffre not sinne vpon him.

Mat.5.45. rom 13.9. gal 5.14. iam.2.8.

[g] As a horse to leape an asse, or a mule a mare.

nor fredome giuen her, *she shalbe scourged, *but* they shal not dye, becauſe ſhe is not made fre.

*Ebr. A beating ſhalbe. Some read they ſhalbe beaten.

21 And he ſhal bring for his treſpas offring vnto the Lord, at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, a ram for a treſpas offring.

22 Then the Prieſt ſhal make an atonemẽt for him with the ram of the treſpas offring before the Lord, cõcerning his ſinne which he hath done, and pardon ſhalbe giuen him for his ſinne which he hathe committed.

23 ¶Alſo when ye ſhal come into the land, and haue planted euerie tre for meat, ye h ſhal counte the frute thereof as vncircũciſed: thre yere ſhal it be vncircumciſed vnto you, it ſhal not be eaten:

h Ye ſhal be vncleane, as y thing which is not circumciſed.

24 But in the fourth yere all the frute thereof ſhal be holy to the praiſe of the Lord.

25 And in the fift yere ſhal ye eat of the frute of it that it may *yelde to you the encreaſe thereof: I am the Lord your God.

*Or, that God may multiplie

26 ¶Ye ſhal not eat *the fleſh* with the blood, ye ſhal not vſe witch craft, nor obſerue times.

i To meaſure luckie or vnluckie daies. *Chap.21,5.*

27 *Ye ſhal not k cut round the corners of your heades, nether ſhalt thou *marre the tuftes of thy beard.

k As did the Gentiles in ſigne of mourning.

*Or, cut, or teare *Deut.14,1.*

28 *Ye ſhal not cut your fleſh for the *dead, nor make anie printe of a l marke vpon you: I am the Lord.

*Ebr. ſoule, or perſone.

l By whipping your bodies or burning markes therin. m As did the Cyprians, and Locrenſes.

29 ¶Thou ſhalt not make thy daughter commen, to cauſe her to be a m whore, leſt the land alſo fall to whoredome and the land be ful of wickednes.

30 ¶Ye ſhal kepe my Sabbaths and reuerence my Sanctuarie: I am the Lord.

31 ¶Ye ſhal not regarde them that worke w ſpirits, *nether ſothſaiers: ye ſhal not ſeke *to them* to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

w *1.Sam.28,8.*

n In token of reuerence.

32 ¶Thou ſhalt n riſe vp before the horehed, and honour the perſone of the olde man, and dread thy God: I am the Lord.

33 ¶And if a ſtranger ſoiourne with thee in your land, ye ſhal not *vexe him.

*Or, do him wrong. *Exod.22,21.*

34 *But the ſtrãger that dwelleth with you, ſhalbe as one of your ſelues, & thou ſhalt loue him as thy ſelfe: for ye were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

35 ¶Ye ſhal not do vniuſtly in iudgement, in o line, in weight, or in meaſure.

o As in meaſuring the grounde. *Prou.11,1.& 16,11.& 20,10*

36 *You ſhal haue iuſte balances, true weightes, a true p Ephah, and a true Hin. I am q Lord your God, which haue broght you out of the land of Egypt.

p By theſe two meaſures he meaneth all other of Ephah, read Exod 16,36, & of Hin Exod.29,40.

37 Therefore ſhal ye obſerue all mine ordinances, and all my iudgements, and do them: I am the Lord.

CHAP. XX.

2 They that giue of their ſede to Molech, muſt dye. 6 They that haue recours to ſorcerers. 10 The man that committeth adulterie. 11 Inceſt, or fornicacion with the kinred or affinitie. 24 Iſraél a peculiar people to the Lord.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Thou ſhalt ſay alſo to the children of Iſraél, *Whoſoeuer *he be* of the children of Iſraél, or of the ſtrãgers that dwel in Iſraél, that giueth his children vnto a Mólech, he ſhal dye the death, the people of the land ſhal ſtone him to death.

Chap.18,21.

a By Mólech he meaneth a nie kinde of idole, Chap.18 21.

3 And I b wil ſet my face againſt that man and cut him of from among his people, becauſe he hathe giuen his childrẽ vnto Mólech, for to defile my Sanctuarie, and to pollute mine holy Name.

b Read Chap. 18,21.

4 And if the c people of the land hide their eyes, *and* winke at that man when he giueth his children vnto Mólech, and kil him not,

c Though the people be negligent to do their dueti & defend Gods righte, yet he wil not ſuffre wickednes to go vnpuniſhed

5 Then wil I ſet my face againſt that man, and againſt his familie, & wil cut him of, and all that go a whoring after him to commit whoredome with Mólech, from among their people.

6 ¶If anie turne after ſuche as worke with ſpirits, & after ſothſaiers, to go a d whoring after them, then wil I ſet my face againſt that perſone, and wil cut him of from among his people.

d To eſteme ſorcerers or cõiurers is ſpirtual whoredome, or idolatrie.

7 ¶Sanctifie your ſelues therefore, *and be holy, for I am the Lord your God.

Chap.11,44. 1.pet.1,16.

8 Kepe ye therefore mine ordinances, and do them. I am the Lord which doeth ſanctifie you.

9 ¶*If *there be* anie that curſeth his father or his mother, he ſhal dye the death: *ſeing* he hathe curſed his father & his mother, e his blood *ſhalbe* vpon him.

Exod.21,17. pro.20,20. mat.15,4.

e He is worthy to dye.

10 ¶*And the man that committeth adulterie with another mans wife, becauſe he hathe committed adulterie with his neighbours wife, the adulterer and the adulteres ſhal dye the death.

Deu.22,22. ioh.8,4.

11 And the man that lieth with his fathers wife, *becauſe* he hathe vncouered his fathers *ſhame, thei ſhal bothe dye: their blood *ſhal be* vpon them.

Chap.18,8.

12 Alſo the man that lieth with his daughter in lawe, they bothe ſhal dye the death, they haue wroght *abominacion, their blood *ſhal be* vpon them.

*Or, confuſion.

13 *The mã alſo that lieth with the male, as one lieth with a woman, they haue bothe committed abominacion: they ſhal dye the death, their blood *ſhal be* vpon them.

Chap.18,22.

14 Likewiſe he that taketh a wife and her mother, f committeth wickednes: thei ſhal burne him and them with fire, that there be no wickednes among you.

f It is an execrable and deteſtable thing.

Chap.18.9. 15 *Alſo the man that lieth with a beaſt, ſhal dye the death, and ye ſhal ſlay the beaſt.
16 And if a woman come to anie beaſt, and lie therewith, then thou ſhalt kil the womā and the beaſt: they ſhal dye the death, their blood *ſhalbe* vpon them.
17 Alſo the mā that taketh his ſiſter, his fathers daughter, or his mothers daughter, and ſeeth her ſhame & ſhe ſeeth his ſhame, it is vilennie: therefore they ſhalbe cut of in the ſight "of their people, *becauſe* he hathe vncouered his ſiſters ſhame, he ſhal beare his iniquitie.
Chap.18.19. 18 *The man alſo that lieth with a woman hauing her o diſeaſe, & vncouereth her ſhame, & openeth her fountaine, and ſhe opē the fountaine of her blood, thei ſhalbe cuē both cut of from among their people.
19 Moreouer thou ſhalt not vncouer ỹ ſhame of thy mothers ſiſter, * nor of thy fathers ſiſter, becauſe he hathe vncouered his "kin: they ſhal beare their iniquitie.
20 Likewiſe the man that lieth with his fathers brothers wife, & vncouereth his vncles ſhame: they ſhal beare their iniquitie, & ſhal dye g childles.
21 So the man that taketh his brothers wife, cōmitteth filthines, *becauſe* he hathe vncouered his brothers h ſhame: they ſhal be childles.
22 ¶Ye ſhal kepe therefore all mine *ordinances & all my iudgements, and doe thē, that the land, whither I bring you to dwel therein, ſpue you not out.
23 Wherefore ye ſhal not walke in the maners of this nacion which I caſt out before you: for they haue committed all theſe things, *therefore I abhorred them.
24 But I haue ſaid vnto you, ye ſhal inherit their land, and I wil giue it vnto you to poſſeſſe it, *euen* a land that i floweth with milke & honie: I am the Lord your God, ẅ haue ſeparated you from *other* people.
Chap.11.3. deut.14.4. 25 *Therefore ſhal ye put differēce betwene cleane beaſtes and vncleane, and betwene vncleane foules and cleane: nether ſhal ye k defile your ſelues with beaſtes & foules, nor with anie *creping thing*, that ỹ groū de brīgeth forthe, which I haue ſeparated from you as vncleane.
Ver.7. 26 Therefore ſhal ye be *holie vnto me: for I the Lord am holie, and I haue ſeparated you frō *other* people, ỹ ye ſhulde be mine.
Deut.18.7. 1.Sam.28.7. 27 ¶*And if a man or woman haue a ſpirit of diuinacīō, or ſothe ſaying in them, they ſhal dye the death: they ſhal ſtone thē to death, their blood *ſhalbe* vpon them.

"Ebr. in the eies of the children of their people.
"Ebr. fleſh.
g They ſhalbe cut of from their people, & their children ſhal be taken as baſtards: and not counted amōg the Iſraelites
h Read Chap 18.16.
Chap.18.26.
Chap.18.27.
Deut.9.5.
i Ful of abundance of all things.
k By eating them contrarie to my commandement.

CHAP. XXI.

a For whome the Prieſts may lament. 6 How pure the Prieſts ought to be, bothe in them ſelues and in their familie.

1 AND the Lord ſaid vnto Moſes, Speake vnto the Prieſtes the ſonnes of Aarōn, and ſay vnto them, Let none be a defiled by the dead among his people,
2 But by his kinſemā that is nere vnto him: *to wit*, by his mother, or by his father, or by his ſonne, or by his daughter, or by his brother,
3 Or by his ſiſter a b maid, that is nere vnto him, which hathe not had a houſband: for her "he may lament.
4 He ſhal not lament for the c prince among his people, to pollute him ſelfe.
5 Thei ſhal not make * balde partes vpon their head, nor ſhaue of the lockes of their beard, nor make anie cuttīgs in their fleſh.
6 They ſhal be holy vnto their God, and not pollute the Name of their God: for the ſacrifices of ỹ Lord made by fire, *and* the bread of their God thei do offer: therefore they ſhalbe holy.
7 Thei ſhal not take to wife an whore, or d one polluted, nether ſhal they marie a woman diuorced from her houſband: for ſuche one *is* holy vnto his God.
8 Thou ſhalt e ſanctifie him therefore, for he offreth the f bread of thy God: he ſhal be holy vnto thee: for I the Lord, which ſanctifie you, am holy.
9 ¶If a Prieſts daughter fall to playe the whore, ſhe polluteth her father: *therefore* ſhal ſhe be burnt with fire.
10 ¶Alſo ỹ hie Prieſt among his brethren, (vpon whoſe head the anointing oyle was powred, and hathe conſecrated his hand to put on the garments) ſhal not g vncouer his head, nor rent his clothes,
11 Nether ſhal he go to anie "dead body, nor make him ſelfe vncleane by his father or by his mother,
12 Nether ſhal he go out of the h Sanctuarie, nor pollute the holy place of his God: for the i croune of the anointing oyle of his God *is* vpon him: I am the Lord.
13 Alſo he ſhal take a maid vnto his wife:
14 *But* a widowe, or a diuorced woman, or a polluted, *or* an harlot, theſe ſhal he not mary, but ſhal take a maid of his owne k people to wife:
15 Nether ſhal he defile his l ſede amōg his people: for I am the Lord ẅ ſanctifie him.
16 ¶And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,
17 Speake vnto Aarōn, and ſay, Whoſoeuer of thy ſede in their generacions hathe anie blemiſhes, ſhal not preace to offer the bread of his God:
18 For whoſoeuer hathe anie blemiſh, ſhal not come nere: *as* a man blinde or lame, or that hathe m a flat noſe, or that hathe anie n mīſſhapen *membre*,
19 Or a man that hathe a broken fote, or a broken hand,
20 Or *is* croke backt, or bleare eied, o or hathe a blemiſh in his eie, or be ſkirfie, or ſkabbed

a By touching the dead, lamenting, or being at their burial.
b For being maried ſhe ſemed to be cut of from his familie.
"Ebr. he may be defiled.
c Onely the Prieſt was permitted to mourne for his next kinred.
Chap.19.27.
d Which hathe an euil name or is defamed.
e Thou ſhalt counte them holy and reuerence them.
f The ſhewbread.
g He ſhal vſe no ſuche ceremonies as true mourners obſerued.
"Or, to the bewſes of the dead.
h To go to the dead.
i For by his annointing he was preferred to the other Prieſts, & therefore colde not lament the dead, leſt he ſhulde haue polluted his holy ointing.
k Not onely of his tribe but of all Iſraēl.
l By maryng anie vnchaſte or defamed woman.
m Which is deformed or bruiſed.
n As not of equal proportiō, or hauing an ombre more or leſſe.
o Or that hathe a web, or pearle.

skabbed, or haue *his* stones broken.
21 None of the sede of Aarón the Priest ỹ hathe a blemish, shal come nere to offer ỹ sacrifices of the Lord made by fire, hauing a blemish: he shal not preace to offer the p bread of his God.
22 The bread of his God, *euen* of the q moste holy, and r of the holy shal he eat:
23 But he shal not go in vnto the s vaile, nor come nere the altar, because he hathe ableimish, lest he pollute my Sanctuaries: for I am the Lord that sanctifie them.
24 Thus spake Moses vnto Aarón, and to his sonnes, and to all the childrē of Israél.

p As the shewe bread, and meat offrings
q As of sacrifice for sinne
r As of the tenthes & firste frutes
s In to the Sanctuarie

CHAP. XXII.

1 Who ought to abstaine from eating the things that were offred. 19 What oblacions shulde be offred.

1 AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
2 Speake vnto Aarón, and to his sonnes, that they be a separated from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they pollute not mine holy Name in those things, which they halowe vnto me: I am the Lord.
3 Say vnto them, Whosoeuer *he be* of all your sede among your generacions after you, that b toucheth the holy things which the childrē of Israél halowe vnto ỹ Lord, hauing his vnclennes vpon him, euē that persone shal be cut of from my sight: I the Lord.
4 *Whosoeuer also of ỹ sede of Aarón is a leper, or hathe a rūning issue, he shal not eat of the holy things vntil he be cleane: and whoso toucheth anie that is c vncleane *by reason* of the dead, or a man whose issue of sede runneth from him,
5 Or the man that toucheth anie creping thing, whereby he may be made vncleane, or a man, by whome he may take vnclennes, "whatsoeuer vnclennes he hathe,
6 The persone that hathe touched suche, shal therefore be vncleane vntil thē euen, and shal not eat of the holy things, d except he haue washed his flesh with water.
7 But when the sunne is downe, he shal be cleane, and shal afterward eat of the holy things: for it is his e fode.
8 *Of a beast that dyeth, or is rent *with beasts*, whereby he may be defiled, he shal not eat: I am the Lord.
9 Let them kepe therefore mine ordinance, lest they beare *their* sinne for it, and dye for it, if they defile it: I the Lord sanctifie them.
10 There shal no f stranger also eat of the holy thing, nether g the geste of the Priest, nether shal an hired seruant eat of the holy thing:
11 But if the Priest bie anie with money, he shal eat of it, also he that is borne in his house: they shal eat of his meat.
12 If the Priests daughter also be maried vnto a h stranger, she may not eat of the holy offrings.
13 Notwithstanding if the Priests daughter be a widow or diuorced, and haue no childē, but is returned vnto her fathers house, she shal eat of her fathers bread, as she did in her i* youth: but there shal no stranger eat thereof.
14 ¶If a man eat of the holy thing vnwittingly, he shal put the k fifte parte thereunto, and giue it vnto the Priest with the halowed thing.
15 So they shal not defile the holy things of the children of Israél, which they offer vnto the Lord.
16 Nether cause the *people* to beare the iniquitie *of their* l trespas, while they eat their holy thing: for I ỹ Lord do halow them.
17 ¶And ỹ Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
18 Speake vnto Aarón, and to his sonnes, and to all the children of Israél, and say vnto them, Whosoeuer *he be* of the house of Israél, or of the strangers in Israél, that wil offer his sacrifice for all their vowes, and for all their free offrings, m they vse to offer vnto the Lord for a burnt offring,
19 *Ye shal offer* of your free minde a male without blemish of the beues, of the shepe, or of the goates.
20 Ye shal not offer anie thing ỹ hath a blemish: for ỹ shal not be acceptable for you.
21 *And whosoeuer bringeth a peace offring vnto the Lord to accomplish his vow, or for a free offring, of the beues, or of ỹ shepe, his sacrifice shal be perfect, no blemish shalbe in it.
22 Blinde, or broken, or maimed, or hauing a n wenne, or skrurfe, or skabbed: these shal ye not offer vnto the Lord nor make an offring by fire of these vpon the altar of the Lord.
23 Yet a bullocke, or a shepe that hathe *anie *membre* superfluous, or lacking, suche maiest thou present for a free offring, but for a vowe it shal not be accepted.
24 Ye shal not offer vnto ỹ Lord that which is bruised or crushed, or broken, or cut away, nether shal ye make *an offring thereof* in your land,
25 Nether o of the hand of a strāger shal ye offer the bread of your God of anie of these, because their corrupcion *is* in them, there is a blemish in thē: *therefore* shal they not be accepted for you.
26 ¶And ỹ Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
27 Whē a bullocke, or a shepe, or a goat shal be broght forthe, it shalbe euē seuē daies vnder his damme: and from the eight day forthe, it shalbe accepted for a sacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.
28 As for the cowe or the ewe, ye shal not p kil her, and her yong *bothe* in one day.

a Meaning ỹ the Priests abstein from eating, so long as they are polluted
b To eat thereof.
c By touching anie dead thig or being at burial of ỹ dead.
d Or, washe.
e Or, bread
f Who is not of the Priests kinred
g He shal giue that and a fifte parte ouer.
h For if they did not offer for their errour, the people by their exāple might commit the like offence.
i Ye shal not receaue anie vnperfect thig of a stranger, to make it the Lords offring: which he calleth the bread of the Lord.
k Which is not of the tribe of Leui
l Some read, ỹ seruant which had his eare bored and wolde not go free, Exod. 21, 6.
m Or, vsed
n Or, wart.
o Or, maim.
p Or, vsed

Chap 15,2. *Exod 22,31.* *ezek 44,31.* *Chap.21,18.* *Deut 15,21.* *eccles 35,14.* *Deut.22,6.*

29 So when ye wil offer a thanke offring vnto the Lord, ye ſhal offer willingly.
30 The ſame day it ſhal be eaten, ye ſhal leaue * none of it vntil the morowe: I am the Lord.
Chap.7,15.
31 Therefore ſhal ye kepe my commandements and do them: for I am the Lord.
32 Nether ſhal ye [k] pollute mine holy Name, but I wil be halowed among the children of Iſraél I the Lord ſanctifie you,
33 Which haue brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord.

[k] For whoſoeuer doeth otherwiſe then God commandeth, polluteth his name.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 The feaſts of the Lord 3 The Sabbath. 5 The paſſeouer. 6 The feaſt of vnleauened bread. 10 The feaſt of firſt frutes. 16 Whitſontide. 24 The feaſt of blowing trompets. 34 The feaſt of tabernacles.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
2 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, The feaſts of the Lord which ye ſhal call the holy [o] aſſemblies, *euen* theſe are my feaſts.
3 * Six daies [p] ſhal worke be done, but in the ſeuenth day *ſhalbe* the Sabbath of reſt, an holy [p] conuocacion: ye ſhal do no worke *therein*, it is the Sabbath of the Lord, in all your dwellings.
4 ¶ Theſe are ỹ feaſts of the Lord, *and* holy conuocacions, which ye ſhal proclame in their [a] ſeaſons.
5 In the firſt moneth, *and* in the fourteenth *day* of the moneth at euening *ſhalbe* the Paſſeouer of the Lord.
6 And on the fiftenth day of this moneth *ſhalbe* the feaſt * of vnleauened bread vnto the Lord: ſeuen daies ye ſhal eat vnleauened bread.
7 In the firſt day ye ſhal haue an holy conuocacion: ye ſhal do no [b] ſeruile worke *therein*.
8 Alſo ye ſhal offer ſacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord ſeuen daies, *and* in the [c] ſeuenth day *ſhalbe* an holy conuocacion: ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *therein*.
9 ¶ And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
10 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto thē, When ye be come into the land, which I giue vnto you, and reape the harueſt thereof, thē ye ſhal bring [d] a ſheafe of the firſt frutes of your harueſt vnto the Prieſt,
11 And he ſhal ſhake the ſheafe before the Lord, that it may be acceptable for you: the morowe after the [d] Sabbath, the Prieſt ſhal ſhake it.
12 And that day when ye ſhake the ſheafe, ſhal ye prepare a lambe without blemiſh of a yere olde, for a burnt offring vnto the Lord:
13 And the meat offring thereof *ſhalbe* two [e] tenth deales of fine floure mingled with oyle, for a ſacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord of ſwete ſauour: and the drinke offring thereof the fourth part [f] of an Hin of wine.
14 And ye ſhal eat nether bread nor parched corne, nor [g] grene eares vntil the ſelfe ſame day that ye haue broght an offring vnto your God: *this ſhal be* a lawe for euer in your generacions and in all your dwellings.
15 ¶ Ye ſhal count alſo to you from the morowe after the [g] Sabbath, *euen* from the day that ye ſhal bring the ſheafe of the ſhake offring, ſeuen [g] Sabbaths, thei ſhalbe complete.
16 Vnto the morowe after the ſeuenth Sabbath ſhal ye nombre fifty daies: then ye ſhal bring a newe meat offring vnto the Lord.
17 Ye ſhal bring out of your habitacions bread for the ſhake offring: thei ſhalbe two *loaues* of two tenth deales of fine floure, *which* ſhalbe baken with [h] leauen for firſt frutes vnto the Lord.
18 Alſo ye ſhal offer with the bread ſeuen lambes without blemiſh of one yere olde, and a yong bullocke and two rams: thei ſhal be for a burnt offring vnto the Lord, with their meat offrings and their drinke offrings, for a ſacrifice made by fire of a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord.
19 Then ye ſhal prepare an he goat for a ſin offring, and two lambes of one yere olde for peace offrings.
20 And the Prieſt ſhal ſhake them to and fro with the bread of the firſt frutes before the Lord, *and* with the two lambes: thei ſhalbe holy to the Lord, for the [i] Prieſt.
21 So ye ſhal proclame the ſame day, *that* it may be an holy conuocacion vnto you: ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *therein*: *it ſhal be* an ordinance for euer in all your dwellings, throughout your generacions.
22 ¶ * And when you reape the harueſt of your land, thou ſhalt not rid cleane ỹ corners of thy fielde when thou reapeſt, nether ſhalt thou make anie aftergathering of thy harueſt, *but* ſhalt leaue them vnto the poore and to the ſtranger: I am the Lord your God.
23 ¶ And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
24 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay, In the [k] ſeuēth moneth, *and* in the firſt *day* of the moneth ſhal ye [l] haue a Sabbath, for the remembrance of [m] blowing the trompets, an holy conuocacion.
25 Ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *therein*, but offer ſacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.
26 ¶ And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
27 The * tenth alſo of this ſeuenth moneth ſhalbe a day of recōciliation: it ſhal be an holy conuocacion vnto you, and ye ſhal humble

[o] Or, conuocatiōs.
Exod 20,9.
[p] Or, ye may worke
[p] Or, aſſemblie.
[a] For the Sabbath was kept euerie weke, & theſe other were but kept once euerie yere
Exod 12,15. nom.28,17.
[b] Or bodelie labour, ſaue about that ỹ one muſte eat, Exod 12,16.
[c] The firſt day of the feaſt & ỹ ſeuenth were kept holy: in the reſt thei might worke, except anie feaſt were itermedeled, as ỹ feaſt of vnleauened bread ỹ fifteth day, & the feaſt of ſheaues the ſixteenth day
[d] That is, the ſeconde Sabbath of ỹ Paſſeouer.
[e] Which is, ỹ fift parte of an Ephah or two omers read Exod.16,16.
[f] Read Exod. 29,40
[g] Or, ful eares.
[g] That is, the ſeuēth day after the firſt Sabbath of the Paſſeouer.
[g] Or, weekes.
[h] Becauſe the Prieſt ſhulde eat them, as chap 7,13, and they ſhulde not be offred to ỹ Lord vpon the altar
[i] That is, offred to the Lord, and the reſt ſhuld be for ỹ Prieſts.
Chap 19,9. deu.24,19.
[k] That is, about the end of September.
[l] Or an holyday to ỹ Lord.
[m] Which blowing was to put them in remēbrance of the manifolde feaſts ỹ were in ỹ moneth, and of the Iubile
Chap 16 30. nom.29,7.

a By faſting. [n] humble your ſoules, & offer ſacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.

28 And ye ſhal do no worke that ſame day: for it is a day of reconciliacion, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God.

29 For euerie perſone that humbleth not him ſelfe that ſame day, ſhal euen be cut of from his people.

30 And euerie perſone that ſhal do anie worke that ſame day, the ſame perſone alſo wil I deſtroye from amõg his people.

31 Ye ſhal do no maner worke *therefore*: *this ſhalbe* a lawe for euer in your generacions, *throughout* all your dwellings.

32 This ſhalbe vnto you a Sabbath of reſt, and ye ſhal hũble your ſoules: in the ninth *day* of the moneth at euen, from [o] euen to euen ſhal ye [p] celebrate your Sabbath.

o Which cõtei neth a night and a day: yet thei take it but for their natural day

p Eby reſt your Sabbath

33 ¶ And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

34 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay, *In the fiftiẽth day of this ſeuẽth moneth *ſhalbe* for ſeuen daies the feaſt of Tabernacles vnto the Lord.

*Nomb 29,12. *Ioh 7,37.*

35 In the firſt day *ſhalbe* an holy conuocacion: ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *therein*.

36 Seuen daies ye ſhal offer * ſacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord, *and* in the eight day ſhalbe an holy conuocacion vnto you, and ye ſhal offer ſacrifices made by fire vnto the Lord: it is the [p] ſolemne aſſemblie, ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *therein*.

*Exod 29,18.

p Or a day wherein the people are ſtayed from all worke

37 Theſe are ỹ feaſtes of the Lord (which ye ſhal call holy conuocacions) to offer ſacrifice made by fire vnto ỹ Lord, *as* burnt offring, and meat offring, [q] ſacrifice, and drinke offrings, euerie one vpon his day,

q Or peace offring

38 Beſide the Sabbaths of the Lord, & beſide your gifts, and beſide all your vowes, and beſide all your free offrings, which ye ſhal giue vnto the Lord.

39 But in the fiftienth day of the ſeuenth moneth, whẽ ye haue gathered in the frute of the land, ye ſhal kepe an holy feaſt vnto the Lord ſeuen daies: in the firſt day *ſhalbe* a [r] Sabbath: likewiſe in the eight day *ſhalbe* a Sabbath.

r Or a ſolẽne feaſt

40 And ye ſhal take you in the firſt day the frute of goodlie trees, branches of palme trees, and the boughes of [s] thicke trees, & willowes of the broke, and ſhal reioyce before the Lord your God ſeuen daies.

s Or, of bowes thicke with leaues.

41 So ye ſhal kepe this feaſt vnto the Lord ſeuen daies in the yere, by a perpetual ordinance through your generacions: in the ſeuenth moneth ſhal you kepe it.

42 Ye ſhal dwel in boothes ſeuen daies: all that are Iſraelites borne, ſhal dwel in boothes,

t In the wildernes, for aſmucheas thei wolde not credit Ioſhúa and Caléb, when thei returned from ſpying the land of Canáan.

43 That your poſteritie may knowe that I haue made the children of Iſraél to dwel in [t] boothes, when I brought them out of the lãd of Egypt: I am ỹ Lord your God.

44 So Moſés declared vnto the children of Iſraél the feaſtes of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIIII.

2 The oyle for the lampes. 5 The ſhewebread 14 The blaſphemer ſhalbe ſtoned. 17 He that killeth ſhalbe killed.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

2 [a] Commande the children of Iſraél that thei bring vnto thee pure oyle oliue beaten, for the light, to cauſe the lampes to burne continually.

a Read Exod 27,20.

3 Without the vaile [b] of the Teſtimonie, in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, ſhal Aarón dreſſe them, bothe euen and morning before the Lord alwaies: *this ſhalbe* a lawe for euer through your generacions.

b Which vaile ſeparated ỹ Holieſt of all, where was ỹ Arke of the teſtimonie, frõ the Sãctuarie

4 He ſhal dreſſe the lampes vpon the * pure Candelſticke before the Lord perpetually.

*Exod 31,8.

5 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt take fine floure, & bake twelue * cakes thereof: two [c] tenth deales ſhal be in one cake.

*Exod 25,30.

c That is, two Omers: read Exod 16,16.

6 And thou ſhalt ſet them in two rowes, ſix in a rowe vpon the pure table before the Lord.

7 Thou ſhalt alſo put pure incenſe vpõ the rowes, that [d] in ſtede of the bread it may be for a remembrance, *and* an offring made by fire to the Lord.

d For it was burnt euerie Sabbath when the bread was taken away

8 Euerie Sabbath he ſhal put thẽ in rowes before the Lord euermore, *receauing them* of the childrẽ of Iſraél for an euerlaſting couenant.

9 *And the *bread* ſhalbe Aarons & his ſonnes, and thei ſhal eat it in the holy place: for it is moſte holy vntõ him of the offrings of the Lord made by fire by a perpetual ordinance.

*Exod 29,33. *chap. 6,31.* *mat.12,4.

10 ¶ And there went [e] out among the children of Iſraél the ſonne of an Iſraelitiſh woman, whoſe father was an Egyptian: & this ſonne of the Iſraelitiſh woman, and a man of Iſraél ſtroue together in the hoſte.

e Out of his tente

11 So the Iſraelitiſh womans ſonne [f] blaſphemed the Name *of the Lord*, and curſed, and thei broght him vnto Moſés (his mothers name alſo was Shelomíth, ỹ daughter of Dibrí, of the tribe of Dan)

f By ſwearing or diſpiting God

12 And thei * put him in warde, til he tolde them the minde of the Lord.

*Nomb.15,34

13 Then the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

14 Bring the blaſphemer without the hoſte, and let all that heard him, * put their hands vpon his head, and let all the Congregacion ſtone him.

*Deu.13,9. & 17,7.

15 And thou ſhalt ſpeake vnto the children of Iſraél, ſaying, Whoſoeuer curſeth his God, ſhal [g] beare his ſinne.

g Shalbe punished

16 And he that blaſphemeth the Name of

the Lord, ſhal be put to death: all the Cõgregacion ſhal ſtone him to death: aſwel the ſtranger, as he that is borne in the lãd: when he blaſphemeth the Name *of the Lord*, let him be ſlaine.

Exod.21,12. deut 19,4. 17 ¶ * He alſo that "killeth anie man, he ſhalbe put to death.

"Ebr. *ſmiteth the ſoule of anie man*

18 And he that killeth a beaſt, he ſhal reſtore it, "beaſt for beaſt.

"Ebr. *ſoule for ſoule.*

19 Alſo if a man cauſe *anie* blemiſh in his neighbour: as he hathe done, ſo ſhal it be done to him:

Exod 21,24. deut.19,21. mat.5,38. 20 * Breache for breache, eie for eie, tothe for tothe: ſuche a blemiſh as he hathe made in anie, ſuche ſhalbe repaied to him.

21 And he that killeth a beaſt ſhal reſtore it: but he that killeth a man ſhalbe ſlaine.

Exod 12,49. 22 Ye ſhal haue * one lawe: it ſhalbe aſwel for the ſtranger as for one borne in the countrey: for I am the Lord your God.

h Becauſe the puniſhment was not yet appointed by the Lawe for the blaſphemer, Moſes conſulted with the Lord, & tolde ỹ people what God commanded

23 ¶ Then h Moſes tolde the children of Iſraél, and thei broght the blaſphemer out of the hoſte, and ſtoned him with ſtones: ſo the children of Iſraél did as the Lord had commanded Moſes.

CHAP. XXV.

2 The Sabbath of the ſeuenth yere. 8 The Iubile in the fiftieth yere. 14 Not to oppreſſe their brethren. 23 The ſale, and redeming of lands, houſes and perſones.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes in mount Sinái, ſaying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, When ye ſhal come into the land which I giue you, the * land ſhal

Exod.23,10.

"Ebr. *ſhal reſt a reſt*

"kepe Sabbath vnto the Lord.

a The Iewes begã the coũt of this yere in September: for then all the frutes were gathered

3 a Six yeres thou ſhalt ſowe thy field, and ſix yeres thou ſhalt cut thy vineyard, and gather the frute thereof.

4 But the ſeuenth yere ſhalbe a Sabbath of reſt vnto the land: *it ſhall be* the Lords Sabbath: thou ſhalt nether ſowe thy field, nor cut thy vineyarde.

b By reaſon of the corne ỹ fel out of the eares the yere paſt

c Or, which thou haſt ſeparated from thy ſelfe, and conſecrated to God for the poore

d That which ỹ lãd bringeth forthe in her reſt.

5 That which groweth of it b owne accorde of thy harueſt, thou ſhalt not reape, nether gather the grapes that thou haſte c left vnlaboured: *for* it ſhalbe a yere of reſt vnto the land.

6 And the d reſt of the lãd ſhalbe meat for you, *euen* for thee, & for thy ſeruant, & for thy maid, & for thy hyred ſeruant, and for the ſtranger that ſoiourneth with thee:

7 And for thy cattel, and for the beaſtes that are in thy land ſhal all the increaſe thereof be meat.

"Or, weeke

8 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt nomber ſeuen "Sabbaths of yeres vnto thee, *euen* ſeuen times ſeuen yere: and the ſpace of the ſeuen Sabbaths of yeres wil be vnto thee nine and fourty yere.

e In the beginning of the 50. yere was the Iubile, ſo called, becauſe the ioyful tidings of libertie was publikely proclaimed by the ſounde of a cornet.

9 e Then thou ſhalt cauſe to blowe the trumpet of the Iubile in the tenth *day* of the ſeuenth moneth: euen in the day of the reconciliacion ſhal ye make the trumpet blowe, through out all your land.

f Which were in bondage

10 And ye ſhal halowe that yere, *euen* the fiftieth yere, and proclaime libertie in the land to all the f inhabitants thereof: it ſhal be the Iubile vnto you, and ye ſhal returne euerie man vnto his g poſſeſſion, and euerie man ſhal returne vnto his familie.

g Becauſe the tribes ſhulde nether haue their poſſeſſions, or families diminiſhed nor cõfounded

11 This fiftieth yere ſhalbe a yere of Iubile vnto you: ye ſhal not ſowe, nether reape that which groweth of it ſelfe, nether gather *the grapes* thereof, that are left vnlaboured.

12 For it is the Iubile, it ſhal be holy vnto you: ye ſhal eat of the increaſe thereof out of the field.

13 In the yere of this Iubile, ye ſhal returne euerie man vnto his poſſeſſion.

h By deceit or otherwiſe.

14 And whẽ thou ſelleſt ought to thy neighbour, or byeſt at thy neighbours hand, ye ſhal h not oppreſſe one another:

i If the Iubile to come be nere, thou ſhalt ſel better cheape: if it be farre of, dearer

15 *But* according to the nomber of i yeres after the Iubile thou ſhalt bye of thy neighbour: *alſo* according to the nomber of the yeres of the reuenues, he ſhal ſel vnto thee.

16 According to the multitude of yeres, thou ſhalt encreaſe the price thereof, and according to the fewnes of yeres, thou ſhalt abaſe the price of it: for the nomber of k frutes doeth he ſel vnto thee.

k And not the ful poſſeſsion of the land.

17 Oppreſſe not ye therefore anie man his neighbour, but thou ſhalt feare thy God: for I am the Lord your God.

18 ¶ Wherefore ye ſhal obey mine ordinãces, and kepe my lawes, and do them, and ye ſhal dwel in the land l in ſaftie.

l Or, *boldely without feare.*

19 And the land ſhal giue her frute, and ye ſhal eat your fil, and dwel therein in ſaftie.

20 And if ye ſhal ſay, What ſhal we eat the ſeuenth yere, for we ſhal not ſowe, nor gatherin our increaſe?

"Ebr. *I will commande*

21 I wil "ſend my bleſsing vpon you in the ſixt yere, and it ſhal bring forthe frute for thre yeres.

22 And ye ſhal ſowe the eight yere, and eat of the olde frute vntil the ninth yere: vntil the frute thereof come, ye ſhal eat the olde.

l It colde not be ſolde for euer, but muſt returne to the familie in the Iubile

23 ¶ Alſo the land ſhal not be ſolde to be l cut of *from the familie*: for the land is mine, *and* ye be but ſtrangers and ſoiourners with me.

m Ye ſhal ſel it on condiciõ that it may be redemed.

24 Therefore in all the land of your poſſeſsion ye ſhal m grante a redempcion for the land.

"Or, *kinſman*

25 ¶ If thy brother be impouerished, & ſel his poſſeſsion, thẽ his redemer ſhal come, *euen* his nere kinſman, and bye out that which his "brother ſolde.

"Ebr. *his hand hathe gotten*

26 And if he haue no redemer, but "hathe gotten and founde to bye it out,

27 Then

a Abating the money of the yeres paſt, and paying for the reſt of the yeres to come

27 Then ſhal he a counte the yeres of his ſale, and reſtore the ouerplus to the man, to whome he ſolde it: ſo ſhal he returne to his poſſeſſion.

28 But if he can not get ſufficient to reſtore to him, then that which is ſolde, ſhal remaine in the hād of him that hathe boght it, vntil the yere of the Iubile: and in the Iubile it ſhal come b out, and he ſhal returne vnto his poſſeſſion.

b Frō his hādes that boght it

29 Likewiſe if a man ſel a dwelling houſe in a walled citie, he may bye it out againe within a whole yere after it is ſolde: within a yere he may bye it out.

30 But if it be not boght out within the ſpace of a ful yere, then the houſe that is in the walled citie, ſhalbe ſtabliſhed, c as out of *from the familie*, to him that boght it, throughout his generacions: it ſhal not go out in the Iubile.

c That is, for euer read ver. 23

31 But the houſes of villages, which haue no walles rounde about them, ſhalbe eſtemed as the field of the countrie: they may be boght out againe, and ſhal d go out in the Iubile.

d Or, returne.

32 Notwithſtanding, the cities of the Leuites, *and* the houſes of the cities of their poſſeſſion, may the Leuites redeme e at all ſeaſons.

e Ebr for euer.

33 And if a mā purchaſe of the Leuites, the houſe that was ſolde, and the citie of their poſſeſſion ſhal go out in the Iubile: for ẏ houſes of the cities of ẏ Leuites are their poſſeſſion among the children of Iſraél.

¶ Where the Leuites kept their cattel

34 But the field of the f ſuburbes of their cities, ſhal not be ſolde: for it is their perpetual poſſeſſion.

35 ¶Moreouer if thy brother be impouerifhed, and g fallen in decay with thee, thou ſhalt releue him, and *as* a ſtrāger and ſoiourner, ſo ſhal he liue with thee.

g In ebr it is, if his hād ſhake: meaning if he ſtretch forthe his hand for helpe as one in miſerie

36 *Thou ſhalt take no vſurie of him, nor vantage, but thou ſhalt feare thy God, that thy brother may liue with thee.

Exod 22,25. deu 23,19 prouer 28,8. ezek 18,8 & 22,12

37 Thou ſhalt not giue him thy money to vſurie, nor lend him thy vitailes for increaſe.

38 I am the Lord your God, which haue broght you out of the lād of Egypt, to giue you the land of Canáan, *and* to be your God.

39 ¶*If thy brother alſo *that dwelleth* by thee, be impouerifhed, and be ſolde vnto thee, thou ſhalt not compel him to ſeiue as a bonde ſeruant,

Exod 21,2. deu 15,12. ver. 54,14.

40 *But* as an hyred ſeruant, and as a ſoiourner he ſhal be with thee: he ſhal ſerue thee vnto the yere of the Iubile.

41 Thē ſhal he departe from thee, *both* he, and his children with him, and ſhal returne vnto his familie, and vnto the poſſeſſion of his fathers ſhal he returne:

42 For they are my ſeruants, whome I broght out of the land of Egypt: they ſhal not h be ſolde as bonde men are ſolde.

h Vnto perpetual ſeruitude

Eph 6 9. col 4,1.

43 *Thou ſhalt not rule ouer him cruelly, but ſhalt feare thy God.

44 Thy bonde ſeruant alſo, and thy bonde maid, which thou ſhalt haue, *ſhal be* of the heathen that are i roūde about you: of thē ſhal ye bye ſeruants and maids.

i Ebr round about you

45 And moreouer of the children of the ſtrangers, that are ſoiourners among you, of them ſhal ye bye, and of their families that are with you, which they begate in your land: theſe ſhalbe your k poſſeſſion.

k For they ſhal not be boght out as the Iubile

46 So ye ſhal take them as inheritance for your children after you, to poſſeſſe them by inheritance, ye ſhal vſe their labours for euer: but ouer your brethren the children of Iſraél ye ſhal not rule one ouer another with crueltie.

47 ¶If a l ſoiourner or a ſtranger *dwelling* by thee get *riches*, and thy brother by him be impouerifhed, and ſel him ſelfe vnto the ſtranger or ſoiourner *dwelling* by thee, or to the ſtocke of the ſtrangers familie,

l Ebr If he get hād

48 After that he is ſolde, he may be boght out: one of his brethren may bye him out,

49 Or his vncle, or his vncles ſōne may bye him out, or *anie* of the kinred of his fleſh among his familie, may redeme him: ether if he can m get *ſo muche*, he may bye him ſelfe out.

m If he be able

50 Then he ſhal reken with his byer from the yere that he was ſolde to him, vnto the yere of Iubile: and the money of his ſale ſhalbe according to the nomber of n yeres: according to the time of an hyred ſeruant ſhal he be with him.

n Which remaine yet to the Iubile

51 If there be manie yeres behinde, according to them he ſhal giue againe for his deliuerance, of the money that he was boght for.

52 If there remaine but fewe yeres vnto the yere of Iubile, thē he ſhal coūte with him, and according to his yeres giue againe for his redemption.

53 He ſhalbe with him yere by yere as an hyred ſeruāt: he ſhal not rule cruelly ouer him in thy o ſight.

o Thou ſhalt not ſuffre him to intreat him rigorouſly, if ẏ knowe it.

54 And if he be not redemed thus, he ſhal go out in the yere of Iubile, he, and his children with him.

55 For vnto me the children of Iſraél *are* ſeruants: they are my ſeruants, whome I haue broght out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Idolatrie forbidden. 3 A bleſſing to them that kepe the cōmandemēts 14 The curſſe to thoſe that breake them. 42 God promiſeth to remembre his couenant.

1 YE ſhal make you none idoles nor grauen image, nether reare you vp anie *piller, nether ſhal ye ſet p anie image of ſtone in your lād to bowe downe to it: for

Exod 20,4. deu.5,8 pſal 97,7.

p Or, ſtone hauing anie images

I am the Lord your God,

Chap 19,30. 2 Ye ſhal kepe my Sabbaths, and *reuerence my Sanctuarie: I am the Lord.

Deu 28,1. 3 ¶*If ye walke in mine ordinances, and kepe my commandements, and do them,

a By promeſſing abundance of earthly things he ſtirreth the mindes to conſider the riche treaſures of ſpiritual bleſſings *Iob 11,19.*

4 I wil then ſend you [a] raine in due ſeaſon, and the land ſhal yelde her increaſe, and the trees of the field ſhal giue their frute.

5 And your threſhing ſhal reache vnto the vintage, and the vintage ſhal reache vnto ſowing time, and you ſhal eat your bread in plenteouſnes, and *dwel in your land ſafely.

6 And I wil ſend peace in the land, and ye ſhal ſlepe and none ſhal make you afraied: alſo I [b] wil rid euil beaſts out of the land, and the [b] ſworde ſhal not go through your land.

[b] Ebr, I wil cauſe the euil beaſt to ceaſe

b Ye ſhal haue no warre

7 Alſo ye ſhal chaſe your enemies, and they ſhal fall before you vpon the ſworde.

Ioſh 23,10. 8 *And fiue of you ſhal chaſe an hundreth, and an hundreth of you ſhal put ten thouſand to flight, and your enemies ſhal fall before you vpon the ſworde.

[c] Ebr I wil turne my face to you

c Perfourme that which I haue promiſed

9 For [c] I wil haue reſpect vnto you, & make you encreaſe, & multiplie you, and c eſtabliſh my couenant with you.

10 Ye ſhal eat alſo olde ſtore, and cary out olde becauſe of the newe.

Exek.37,26. 2.cor 6,16.

11 *And I wil ſet my [d] Tabernacle among you, and my ſoule ſhal not lothe you.

d I wil be daily preſent with you.

12 Alſo I wil walke among you, and I wil be your God, and ye ſhal be my people.

13 I am the Lord your God which haue broght you out of the land of Egypt, that ye ſhulde not be their bondmen, and I haue broken the [e] bondes of your yoke, and made you go vpright.

e I haue ſet you at ful libertie, where as before ye were as beaſts tied in bãdes

14 ¶*But if ye wil not obey me, nor do all theſe commandements,

Deu 28,15. lament 2,17. mal 2,2.

15 And if ye ſhal deſpiſe mine ordinances, ether if your ſoule abhorre my Lawes, ſo that ye wil not do all my commãdemẽts, but breake my [f] couenant,

f Which I made with you in choſing you to be my people

16 Then wil I alſo do this vnto you, I wil appoint ouer you [g] fearfulnes, a conſumption, and the burning ague to conſume the eies, and make the heart heauie, and you ſhal ſowe your ſede in vaine: for your enemies ſhal eat it:

[g] Or, an haſty plague.

g Read Chap. 17,10.

17 And I wil ſet [g] my face againſt you, and ye ſhal fall before your enemies, and they that hate you, ſhal reigne ouer you, * and ye ſhal flee when none purſueth you.

Prouer.28,1.

18 And if ye wil not for theſe *things* obey me, then wil I puniſh you [h] ſeuen times more, according to your ſinnes,

h That is, more extremely.

19 And I wil breake the pride of your power, and I wil make your heauen as [i] yrõ, & your earth as braſſe:

i Ye ſhal haue drought & barennes. Agge 1,10

20 And your [g] ſtrẽgth ſhalbe ſpent in vaine: nether ſhal your land giue her increaſe, nether ſhal the trees of the land giue their frute.

[g] Or, labour.

21 ¶And if ye walke [k] ſtubbernely againſt me, and wil not obey me, I wil then bring ſeuen times mo plagues vpon you, according to your ſinnes.

k Or, as ſome read, by fortune, imputing my plagues to chãce and fortune

22 I wil alſo ſend wilde beaſtes vpon you, which ſhal [l] ſpoile you, and deſtroy your cattel, and make you fewe in nomber: ſo your hye [m] wayes ſhalbe deſolate.

l Of your children 2 King 17,25

m Becauſe none dare paſſe thereby for feare of beaſtes

23 Yet if by theſe ye wil not be reformed by me, but walke ſtubbernely againſt me,

24 Then wil I alſo walke * ſtubbernely againſt you, and I wil ſmite you yet ſeuen times for your ſinnes:

2.Sam 22,27. pſal 17,26.

25 And I wil ſend a ſworde vpon you, that ſhal auenge ỹ quarel of my couenãt: and when ye are gathered in your cities, I wil ſend ỹ peſtilence among you, and ye ſhalbe deliuered into the hand of the enemie.

26 When I ſhal breake the [n] ſtaffe of your bread, then ten womẽ ſhal bake your bread in one [o] ouen, and they ſhal deliuer your bread againe by weight, and ye ſhal eat, but not be ſatiſfied.

n That is, ỹ ſtrẽgth, wherby the life is ſuſteined. Ezek 4, 16 & 5,16

o One ouen ſhalbe ſufficient for ten families.

27 Yet if ye wil not for this obey me, but walke againſt me ſtubbernely,

28 Thẽ wil I walke ſtubbernely in *mine* angre againſt you, & I wil alſo chaſtice you ſeuẽ times *more* according to your ſinnes.

29 And ye ſhal eat the fleſh of your ſonnes, and the fleſh of your daughters ſhal ye deuoure.

30 I wil alſo deſtroye your hie places, and *cut away your images, and caſt your carkeiſes vpon the [p] bodies of your idoles, & my ſoule ſhal abhorre you.

2 Chro 34,7.

p Or, carcaſes.

31 And I wil make your cities deſolate, and bring your Sanctuarie vnto noght, and [q] wil not ſmel the ſauour of your ſwete odoures.

q I wil not accept your ſacrifices.

32 I wil alſo bring the land vnto a wildernes, & your enemies, which dwel therein, ſhal be aſtoniſhed thereat.

33 Alſo I wil ſcatter you among the heathẽ, and [r] wil drawe out a ſworde after you, and your land ſhalbe waſte, and your cities ſhalbe deſolate.

r Signifiyng that none enemie can come without Gods ſending

34 Then ſhal the lãd enioye her *Sabbaths, as long as it lieth voyde, and ye ſhalbe in your enemies land: then ſhal the land reſt, and enioye her Sabbaths.

Chap.25,2.

35 All the daies that it lieth voyde, it ſhal reſt, becauſe it did not reſt in your [s] Sabbaths, when ye dwelt vpon it.

s Which I cõmaded you to kepe

36 And vpon them that are left of you, I wil ſend euen a [t] faintenes into their hearts in the land of their enemies, & the ſounde of a leafe ſhaken ſhal chaſe them, and they ſhal [f] flee as fleing from a ſworde, & they ſhal fall, no man purſuing them.

t Or, cowardnes.

f As if their enemies did chaſe them

37 They ſhal fall alſo one vpon an other, as before a ſworde, thogh none purſue them, and ye ſhal not be able to ſtand before

fore your enemies:
38 And ye shal perish among ỹ heathen, & the land of your enemies shal eat you vp.
39 And they that are left of you, shal pine away for their iniquitie, in your enemies lãds, & for the iniquities of their fathers shal they pine away with [c] them also.
40 Then thei shal confesse their iniquitie, and ỹ wickednes of their fathers for their tresp̃as, which they haue tresp̃ased against me, and also because thei haue walked stubbernely against me.
41 Therefore I wil walke stubbernely against thẽ, and bring them into the land of their enemies: so thẽ their vncircumcised hearts shal be humbled, and thẽ they shal [d] willingly beare *the punishmẽt of* their iniquitie.
42 Then I wil remembre my couenant with Iaakób, and my couenant also with Izhák, and also my couenant with Abrahám wil I remember, and wil remember the land.
43 [u] The land also *in the meane season* shalbe left of them, & shal enioye her Sabbaths while she lieth waste without them, but they shal willingly suffre *the punishment of* their iniquitie, because thei dispised my lawes, & because their soule abhorred mine ordinances.
44 Yet notwithstanding this, when they shall be in the land of their enemies, *I wil not cast them away, neither wil I abhorre them, to destroy them vtterly, nor to breake my couenant with them: for I am the Lord their God:
45 But I wil remembre for them the [x] couenant of olde when I brought them out of ỹ land of Egypt in the sight of the heathẽ that I might be their God: I am the Lord.
46 These are the ordinances, & the iudgements, & the lawes, which the Lord made betwene him, and the children of Israél in mount [y] Sinái, by the hand of Moses.

c Forasmuche as they are culpable of their fathers faultes, they shalbe punished aswel as their fathers
d Or, pay the for their sinne
u Whiles they are captiues, and without repentance
Deu 4.31 rom.11.29.
x Made to their forefathers.
y Fifty daies after they came out of Egypt

CHAP. XXVII.

2 Of diuers vowes, and the redemption of the same. 28 A thing separate from the vse of man can not be solde, nor redemed, but remaineth to the Lord.

1 MOreouer the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,
2 Speake vnto ỹ children of Israél, & say vnto them, If anie mã shal make a [a] vowe of a persone vnto ỹ Lord, by [b] thy estimatiõ,
3 Then thy estimacion shalbe *thus*: a male frõ twenty yere olde vnto sixty yere olde shalbe by thy estimacion euẽ fifty [c] shekels of siluer, after the shekel of the Sactuarie.
4 But if it be a female, then thy valuacion shalbe thirty shekels.
5 And from fiue yere olde to twenty yere olde thy valuacion shalbe for the male twẽty shekels, & for ỹ female ten shekels.
6 But from a [d] moneth olde vnto fiue yere olde, thy price of the male shalbe fiue shekels of siluer, and thy price of the female, three shekels of siluer.
7 And from sixty yere olde and aboue, if *he be* a male, then thy price shal be fiftene shekels, and for the female ten shekels.
8 But if he be poorer [e] then thou hast estemed *him*, thẽ shal he present him selfe before the Priest, & the Priest shal value him, according to the abilitie of him ỹ vowed, *so* shal the Priest value him.
9 And if *it be* a [f] beast, whereof men bring an offring vnto the Lord, all that one giueth of suche vnto the Lord, shal be holy.
10 He shal not alter it nor chãge it, a good for a bad, nor a bad for a good: and if he change beast for beast, then *both* this and ỹ, which was chãged for it, shalbe [g] holy.
11 And if *it be* anie vncleane beast, of ỹ mẽ do not offer a sacrifice vnto ỹ Lord, he shal then present the beast before the Priest.
12 And the Priest shal value it, whether it be good or bad: *and* as thou valuest it, *which art* the Priest, so shal it be.
13 But if he wil bie it againe, then he shal giue the fift parte of it more, aboue thy valuacion.
14 ¶ Also whẽ a man shal dedicate his house to be holy vnto ỹ Lord, thẽ the Priest shal value it, whether it be good or bad, & as ỹ Priest shal prise it, [m] so shal the value be.
15 But if he that sanctified it, wil redeme his house, then he shal giue thereto the fift parte of money more then thy estimacion, and it shalbe his.
16 If also a man dedicate to the Lord anie groũde of his inheritance, then shalt thou esteme it according to the [h] sede thereof: an [i] Homer of barlie sede *shalbe* at fiftie shekels of siluer.
17 If he dedicate his field *immediately* frõ ỹ yere of Iubile, it shal be worthe as thou doest estemeit.
18 But if he dedicate his field after ỹ Iubile, thẽ the Priest shal rekẽ him the money according to the yeres that remaine vnto the yere of Iubile, and it shalbe abated by thy estimacion.
19 And if he that dedicateth it, wil redeme the field, then he shal put the fift parte of the price, that thou estemedst it at, thereunto, and it shal remaine his.
20 And if he wil not redeme the field, but *the Priest* [k] sel the field to another man, it shalbe redemed nomore.
21 But the field shalbe holie to the Lord, when it goeth out in the Iubile, as a field [l] separate from commune vse: the possession thereof shalbe the Priestes.
22 If a man also dedicate vnto the Lord a field which he hathe bought, which is not of the grounde of his inheritance,
23 Thẽ the Priest shal set the price to him,

a As of his sonne or his daughter
b Which art the Priest.
c Read the value of the shekel, Exod 30, 13
d He speaketh of those vowes whereby ỹ fathers dedicated their children to God, which were not of suche force, but thei might be redemed from thẽ
e If he be not able to pay after thy valuacion.
f Which is cleane, Chap 11, 2
g That is, consecrate to the Lord
m *Ebr. so shal it stand*
h Valuing the price thereof, according to the sede that is sowen, or by, the sede ỹ it doeth yelde
i Homer is a measure conteining 10 Ephás: read of Ephá. Exod. 16, 16.
k For their owne necessitie or godlie vses
l That is, ỹ is dedicate to the Lord ỹ a cure e to him that doeth turne it to his priuate vse Nõ. 21, 2. deut 7, 2. Ios 6, 17.

Verſ 12.
m The Prieſts valuacion.

as *thou eſtemeſt it, vnto the yere of Iubile, and he ſhal giue m thy price the ſame day, *as a thing* holy vnto the Lord.
24 *But* in the yere of Iubile, the field ſhal returne vnto him, of whome it was boght: to him, *I ſay*, whoſe inheritãce ỹ land was.
25 And all thy valuacion ſhalbe according to the ſkekel of * the Sanctuarie: a ſhekel conteineth twenty gerahs.
Exod. 30, 13. nom 3, 47. ezek 45, 12.
26 ¶ *Notwithſtanding the firſt borne of ỹ beaſtes, becauſe it is the Lords firſt borne, none ſhal dedicate ſuche, be it bullocke, or ſhepe: *for* it is the n Lords.
Exod 13, 2. & 22, 29. nom. 3, 13.
n It was the Lords already
27 But if it be an vncleane beaſt, then he ſhal redeme it by thy valuacion, and giue the fift parte more thereto: & if it be not redemed, then it ſhal be ſolde, according to thy eſtimacion.
Leuit. 6, 29.
28 *Notwithſtãding, nothing ſeparate fro the cõmune vſe that a man doeth ſeparate vnto the Lord of all that he hathe (whether it be man or beaſt, or land of his inheritance) may be ſolde nor redemed: *for* euerie thing ſeperate from the cõmune vſe is moſte holy vnto the Lord.
29 Nothing ſeparate from the cõmune vſe, which ſhalbe ſeparate frõ man, ſhal be redemed, *but* o dye the death.
o It ſhal remaine without redemption.
30 Alſo all the tithe of the land *bothe* of the ſede of the ground, *and* of the frute of the trees is the Lords: *it is* holy to the Lord.
31 But if a man wil redeme *ame* of his tithe, he ſhal adde the p fift parte thereto.
p Beſides the value of the thing it ſelfe.
32 And euerie tithe of bullocke, and of ſhepe, *and* of all that goeth vnder the q rod, the tenth ſhalbe holy vnto the Lord.
q All that ỹ is nombred: that is, euerie tẽth, as he falleth by lot without acception or reſpect
33 He ſhal not loke if it be good or bad, nether ſhal he change it: els if he change it, bothe it, and that it was changed withall, ſhalbe holy, *and* it ſhal not be redemed.
34 Theſe are the cõmandements which the Lord commãded by Moſes vnto the children of Iſraél in mount Sinái.

THE FOVRTHE BOKE OF
Moſes, called* Nombers.

*So called becauſe of the diuerſitie and multitude of nombrings ỹ are here chiefly conteined.

THE ARGVMENT.

For aſmuche as God hathe appointed that his Church in this worlde ſhalbe vnder the croſſe, bothe becauſe they ſhulde learne not to put their truſt in worldely things, and alſo fele his comforte, when all other helpe faileth: he did not ſtraight way bring his people, after their departure out of Egypt, into the land which he promiſed them: but led them to and fro for the ſpace of fourtie yeres, and kept them in continual exerciſes before they enioyed it, to trye their faith, and to teache thẽ to forget the worlde and to depend on him. Which tryal did greately profit to diſcerne the wicked and the hypocrites from the faithful and true ſeruants of God, who ſerued him with pure heart, where as the other preferring their carnal affections to Gods glorie, and making religion to ſerue their purpoſe, murmured when they lacked to content their luſtes, and deſpiſed them whome God had appointed rulers ouer them. By reaſon whereof they prouoked Gods terrible iudgements againſt them, and are ſet forthe as a moſte notable example for all ages to beware how they abuſe Gods worde, preferre their owne luſtes to his wil, or deſpiſe his miniſters. Notwithſtanding God is euer true in his promes, and gouerneth his, by his holy Spirit, that ether they fall not to ſuche inconueniences, or els returne to him quickely by true repentance: and therefore he continueth his graces toward them, he giueth them ordinances and inſtructions, aſwel for religion as outward policie: he preſerueth them againſt all craft and conſpiracie, and giueth them maniſolde victories againſt their enemies. And to auoyd all controuerſies that might ariſe, he taketh away the occaſiõs, by diuiding among all the tribes, bothe the land, which they had wonne, & that alſo which he had promiſed, as ſemed beſt to his godlie wiſdome.

CHAP. I.

1 Moſes and Aarón with the twelue princes of the tribes are commanded of the Lord to nomber them that are able to go to warre. 49 The Leuites are exempted for the ſeruice of the Lord.

1 THe Lord ſpake againe vnto Moſes in ỹ wilderne of a Sinái, in the Tabernacle of the Congregaciõ, in the firſt *day* of ỹ b ſeconde moneth, in the ſeconde yere after they were come out of the land of Egypt, ſaying,
a In that place of the wildernes ỹ was nere to mount Sinái.
b Which conteineth part of April, & parte of Maie.
2 *Take ye the ſumme of all the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél, after their families, *and* houſholdes of their fathers with the nomber of their names: *to wit*, all the males, "man by man:
Exod. 30, 12.
"Ebr. by their heades.
3 From twentie yere olde and aboue, all that go forthe to the warre in Iſraél, thou and Aarón ſhal nomber them, throughout their armies.
4 And with you ſhalbe c men of euerie tribe, ſuche *as are* the heads of the houſe of their fathers.
c That is, the chiefeſt mã of euerie tribe.
5 And theſe are the names of the men that

d And aſsist you when ye nũber the people.

that ſhal[d] ſtãd with you, of *the tribe of* Reubén, Elizúr, the ſonne of Shedeúr:
6 Of Simeón, Shelumiél the ſonne of Zuriſhaddái:
7 Of Iudáh, Nahſhón the ſonne of Amminadáb:
8 Of Iſſachár, Nethaneél, the ſonne of Zuár:
9 Of Zebulún, Eliáb, the ſonne of Helón:
10 Of the children of Ioſéph: of Ephráim, Eliſhamá the ſonne of Ammihúd: of Manaſſéh, Gamliél, the ſonne of Pedahzúr:
11 Of Beniamín, Abidán the ſonne of Gideoní:
12 Of Dan, Ahiézer, the ſonne of Ammiſhaddái:
13 Of Aſhér, Pagiél, the ſonne of Ocrán:
14 Of Gad, Eliaſáph the ſonne of Deuél:
15 Of Naphtalí, Ahirá the ſonne of Enán.
16 Theſe were famous in the Congregacion, [e] princes of the tribes of their fathers, & heades ouer thouſands in Iſraél.

e Or captaines, & gouernors.

17 ¶ Thẽ Moſés and Aarón toke theſe men which are expreſſed by *their* names.
18 And they called all the Congregacion together, in the firſt *day* of the ſecõde moneth, who declared [f] their kinreds by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nomber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde and aboue, man by man.

f In ſhewing euerie mã his tribe, & his ancetors

19 As the Lord had commanded Moſés, ſo he nombred them in the wildernes of Sinái.
20 So were the ſonnes of ‖ Reubén Iſraels eldeſt ſonne by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nomber of *their* names, man by man, euerie male from twẽtie yere olde and aboue, as many as [g] went forthe to warre:

‖ Theſe are ye names of the twelue tribes, as firſt of Reuben

g Or, as were able to beare weapons

21 The nomber of them, *I ſay*, of the tribe of Reubén, *was* ſix & fourtie thouſand, & fiue hundreth.
22 Of the ſonnes of ‖ Simeón by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, the ſumme thereof by the nomber of *their* names, man by mã, euerie male from twentie yere olde and aboue, all that went forthe to warre:

‖ Simeón.

23 The ſumme of them, *I ſay*, of the tribe of Simeón *was* nine and fiftie thouſand, & thre hundreth.
24 ¶ Of the ſonnes of ‖ Gad by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nomber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde and aboue, all that went forthe to warre:

‖ Gad

25 The nomber of them, *I ſay*, of the tribe of Gad *was* fiue and fourtie thouſand, and ſix hundreth and fiftie.
26 ¶ Of the ſonnes of Iudáh by their generacios, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nomber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde and aboue, all that went forthe to warre:

‖ Iudáh.

27 The nomber of them, *I ſay*, of the tribe of Iudáh *was* threſcore & fourtene thouſand, and ſix hundreth.
28 ¶ Of the ſonnes ‖ of Iſſachár by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nomber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde & aboue, all that wẽt forthe to warre:

‖ Iſſachár

29 The nomber of them *alſo* of the tribe of Iſſachár *was* foure and fiftie thouſand and foure hundreth.
30 ¶ Of the ſonnes of ‖ Zebulún, by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nomber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde and aboue, all that went forthe to warre:

‖ Zebulún

31 The nomber of them *alſo* of the tribe of Zebulún *was* ſeuen and fiftie thouſand & foure hundreth.
32 ¶ Of the ſonnes of Ioſéph, *namely* of the ſonnes of ‖ Ephráim by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nomber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde & aboue, all that went forthe to warre:

‖ Ephráim

33 The nomber of them *alſo* of the tribe of Ephráim *was* fourtie thouſand and fiue hundreth.
34 ¶ Of the ſonnes of ‖ Manaſſéh by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nomber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde and aboue, all that went forthe to warre:

‖ Manaſſéh

35 The nomber of them *alſo* of the tribe of Manaſſéh *was* two & thirtie thouſand and two hundreth.
36 Of the ſonnes of ‖ Beniamín by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nõber of *their* names, frõ twentie yere olde & aboue, all that wẽt forthe to warre:

‖ Beniamín.

37 The nomber of them *alſo* of the tribe of Beniamin *was* fiue and thirtie thouſand and foure hundreth.
38 Of the ſonnes of ‖ Dan by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nomber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde & aboue, all that went forthe to warre:

‖ Dan.

39 The nomber of them *alſo* of the tribe of Dan *was* threſcore and two thouſand and ſeuen hundreth.
40 ¶ Of the ſonnes of ‖ Aſhér by their generacios, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers, according to the nõber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde and aboue, all that went forthe to warre:

‖ Aſhér.

41 The nomber of them *also* of the tribe of Aſhér *was* one and fourtie thouſand and fiue hundreth.

¶Naphtalí 42 ¶Of the childrē of ¶Naphtalí, by their generacions, by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers "according to the nomber of *their* names, from twentie yere olde and aboue, all that went to the warre.

43 The nomber of them *also* of the tribe of Naphtalí, *was* thre and fiftie thouſand, & foure hundreth.

Or, ſul counte 44 Theſe are the "ſummes which Moſés, & Aarón nombred, and the Princes of Iſraél: the twelue men, *which* were euerie one for the houſe of their fathers.

45 So *this* was all the ſumme of the ſonnes of Iſraél, by the houſes of their fathers, from twentie yere olde and aboue, all that wēt to the warre in Iſraél,

46 And all they were in nōber ſix hūdreth & thre thouſand, fiue hundreth and fiftie.

47 But the Leuites, after the tribes of their fathers were not nombred among g them.

g Which were warriers, but were appoited to the vſe of ſ Tabernacle.

48 For the Lord had ſpoken vnto Moſés, and ſaid,

49 Onely thou ſhalt not nomber the tribe of Leuí, nether take the ſumme of them among the children of Iſraél:

50 But thou ſhalt appoint the Leuites ouer the Tabernacle of the Teſtimonie, and ouer all the inſtruments thereof, and ouer all things that belong to it: they ſhal beare the Tabernacle, and all the inſtruments thereof, and ſhal "dwel round about the Tabernacle.

Ebr camp.

THE FIGVRE OF THE TABERNACLE ERECTED, AND OF THE TENTES PITCHED ROVNDE ABOVT IT.

A B The legth of the court, of an hundreth cubites on the Southe ſide, which in this figure is called midi. in the ſ̄ ſpace were twētie pillers of fiue cubites high, to ſ̄ ẅ were tied ſ̄ curtaines, to ſhut and cloſe vp ſ̄ court: ſ̄ North ſide called Septentrion was all alike.

C D The Weſtſide called Occident, was fiftie cubites broad, wherein were ten pillers of like height with the other, whereunto were faſtened the curtaines to cloſe that ſide The Eaſtſide alſo called Orient was fiftie cubites broad A B

Thus the court was fiftie cubites longer then it was broad The entred into the court on ſ̄ Eaſtſide and before the gate was an hanging of twentie cubites long. F G faſtened on foure pillers, and on the ſides thereof to make it cloſe, were curtaines of fiftene cubites long, E F & G H, which on euerie ſide were faſtēned on thre pillers, as this figure ſufficiētly declareth.

51 And

51 And when the Tabernacle goeth forthe, the Leuites ſhal take it downe: and when the Tabernacle is to be pitched, the Leuites ſhal ſet it vp: for the [h] ſtranger that cometh neie, ſhal be ſlaine.

h Whoſoeuer is not of the tribe of Leui

52 Alſo the children of Iſraél ſhal pitch their tents, euerie man in his campe, and euerie man vnder his ſtāderd throughout their armies.

53 But the Leuites ſhal pitch round about the Tabernacle of the Teſtimonie, leſt vengeance [i] come vpon the Congregacion of the children of Iſiaél, & the Leuites ſhal take the charge of the Tabernacle of the Teſtimonie.

i By not hauing due regard to ỹ Tabernacle of the Lord.

54 So the children of Iſraél did according to all that the Lord had commanded Moſés: ſo did thei.

CHAP. II.

2 The ordre of the tents, and the names of the captaines of the Iſraelites.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, & to Aarón, ſaying,

2 [a] Euerie man of the childrē of Iſraél ſhal campe by his ſtanderd, *and* vnder the enſigne of their fathers houſe: farre of about the Tabernacle of the Congregaciō ſhal thei pitch.

a In the twelue tribes were foure principal ſtanderds, ſo that euerie thre tribes had their ſtanderd.

3 On the Eaſtſide towarde the riſing of the ſunne, ſhal thei of the ſtanderd of the hoſte of Iudáh pitch according to their armies: & Nahſhón the ſonne of Amminadáb *ſhalbe* [n] captaine of the ſonnes of Iudáh.

n Or, *ſpirite.*

4 And his hoſte and the nomber of them *were* ſeuenty and foure thouſand and ſix hundreth.

5 Next vnto him ſhal thei of the tribe [b] of Iſſachár pitch, and Nethaneél the ſonne of Zuár *ſhalbe* the captaine of the ſonnes of Iſſachár:

b Iudáh, Iſſachár & Zebulún the ſones of Leáh were of the firſt ſtāderd.

6 And his hoſte, and the nomber thereof *were* foure and fiftie thouſand, and foure hundreth.

7 *Then* the tribe of Zebulún, and Eliáb the ſonne of Helón, captaine ouer the ſonnes of Zebulún:

8 And his hoſte, and the nomber thereof ſeuen and fiftie thouſand and foure hundreth:

9 The whole nomber of the [c] hoſte of Iudáh *are* an hundreth foure ſcore and ſix thouſand, & foure hundreth according to their armies: thei ſhal firſt ſet forthe.

c Of them ẅ were cōtemed vnder that name.

10 ¶ On the Southſide *ſhalbe* the ſtāderd of the hoſte [d] of Reubén according to their armies, & the captaine ouer the ſonnes of Reubén *ſhalbe* Elizúr the ſonne of Shedeúr.

d Reubén and Simeón ỹ ſonnes of Leáh, & Gad the ſonne of Zilpáh her maid, were of the ſeconde ſtanderd.

11 And his hoſte, and the nomber thereof ſix and fourtie thouſand & fiue hundreth.

12 And by him ſhal the tribe of Simeón pitch, and the captaine ouer the ſonnes of Simeón *ſhalbe* Shelumiél the ſonne of Zuriſhaddái:

13 And his hoſte, and the nomber of them, nine and fiftie thouſand & thre hundreth.

14 And the tribe of Gad, and the captaine ouer the ſonnes of Gad *ſhalbe* Eliaſáph the ſonne of [o] Deuél:

o Or, *Reuil.*

15 And his hoſte and the nomber of them *were* fiue and fourtie thouſand, ſix hūdreth and fiftie.

16 All the nomber of the campe of Reubén *were* an hundreth and one and fiftie thouſand, & foure hundreth and fiftie according to their armies, and thei ſhal ſet forthe in the ſeconde place.

17 ¶ Then the Tabernacle of the Congregacion ſhal go *with* the hoſte of ỹ Leuites, in the [e] middes of the campe as thei haue pitched, ſo ſhal thei go forwarde, euerie man in his ordre according to their ſtanderds.

e Becauſe it might be in equal diſtance from echeone, and all indifferently haue recours thereunto

18 ¶ [f] The ſtāderd of the cāpe of Ephráim *ſhalbe* toward the Weſt accordīg to their armies: and the captaine ouer the ſonnes of Ephráim *ſhalbe* Eliſhamá the ſonne of Ammihúd:

f Becauſe Ephraim & Manaſſéh ſupplied ỹ place of Ioſeph their father, thei are taken to be Rahels children: ſo thei & Beniamín make the third ſtanderd.

19 And his hoſte and the nomber of them *were* fourtie thouſand and fiue hundreth.

20 And by him *ſhalbe* the tribe of Manaſſéh, and the captaine ouer the ſonnes of Manaſſéh *ſhalbe* Gamliél the ſonne of Pedahzúr:

21 And his hoſte and the nomber of them *were* two & thirtie thouſand & two hundreth.

22 And the tribe of Beniamín, & the captaine ouer the ſonnes of Beniamín *ſhalbe* Abidán the ſonne of Gideoní:

23 And his hoſte, and the nomber of them *were* fiue and thirtie thouſand and foure hundreth.

24 All the nomber of the campe of Ephráim *were* an hundreth and eight thouſand and one hundreth according to their armies, and thei ſhal go in the third place.

25 ¶ The ſtanderd of the hoſte of [g] Dan *ſhalbe* toward the North according to their armies: and the captaine ouer the children of Dan *ſhalbe* Ahiézer the ſonne of Ammiſhaddái:

g Dan & Naphtali the ſonnes of Bilhá Raels maid, with Aſhér the ſonne of Zilpáh make ỹ fourth ſtanderd.

26 And his hoſte and the nomber of them *were* two & thre ſcore thouſand and ſeuen hundreth.

27 And by him ſhal ỹ tribe of Aſhér pitch, and the captaine ouer the ſonnes of Aſhér *ſhalbe* Pagiél the ſonne of Ocrán.

28 And his hoſte and the nomber of them *were* one and fourtie thouſand and fiue hundreth:

29 ¶ Thē the tribe of Naphtalí, & the captaine ouer the children of Naphtalí *ſhalbe* Ahirá the ſonne of Enán:

30 And his hoſte & the nomber of them

were thre and fiftie thousand and foure hundreth.

31 All the nomber of the hoste of Dan was an hundreth and seuen and fiftie thousand and six hundreth: thei shal go hinmoste with their standerds.

h Which were of twentie yeres and aboue

32 ¶ These are the h summes of the childrē of Israél by the houses of their fathers, all the nomber of the hoste, according to their armies, six hundreth and thre thousand, fiue hundreth and fiftie.

33 But the Leuites were not nombred amōg the children of Israél, as the Lord had commanded Mosés.

34 And the children of Israél did according to all that the Lord had commanded Mosés: so thei pitched according to their i standerds, and so thei iourneyed euerie one with his families, according to the houses of their fathers.

i For vnder euerie one of the foure prīcipal stāderds were diuers signes to kepe euerie bande in ordre.

CHAP. III.

6 The charge and office of the Leuites. 12 35. Why the Lord separated the Leuites for him self. 16 Their nomber, families and captaines. 40 The firstborne of Israél redemed by the Leuites. 47 The ouerplus redemed by money.

a Or, families & kinreds

1 THese also were the a generacions of Aarón & Mosés, in the day that the Lord spake with Mosés in mount Sinái.

2 So these are the names of the sonnes of Aarón, * Nadáb the firstborne, & Abihú, Eleazár, and Ithamár.

Exod 6,23.

3 These are the names of the sonnes of Aarón the anointed Priests, whome *Mosés* did * consecrate to minister in the Priests office.

Exod. 27,21.

Leui 10,1. chap 26,61. 1.chro 24,2

b Or, before the Altar.

Leui. 9,24.

4 * And Nadáb and Abihú dyed b before the Lord, when thei offred * strange fire before the Lord in the wildernes of Sinái, and had no children: but Eleazár and Ithamár serued in the Priests office in the

c Whiles their father lined

c sight of Aarón their father.

5 Thē the Lord spake vnto Mosés, saying,

d Offer them vnto Aarón for the vse of the Tabernacle.

6 Bring the tribe of Leuí, and d set them before Aarón the Priest that thei may serue him,

e Which appertened to ỹ executig of ỹ hie Priests cōmandement, to the ouer sight of the people, & to the seruice of the Tabernacle.

7 And take the charge with him, euen the charge of the whole Congregacion e before the Tabernacle of the Congregacion to do the seruice of the Tabernacle.

8 Thei shal also kepe all the instrumēts of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, & *haue* the charge of the children of Israél to do the seruice of the Tabernacle.

f Aarons sonnes the Priests serued in the Sanctuarie in prayīg for ỹ people & offrīg sacrifice: ỹ Leuites serued for the inferior vses of the same

9 And thou shalt giue the Leuites vnto Aarón & to his f sonnes: *for* thei are giuen him frely from among the children of Israél.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aarón and his sonnes to execute their Priests office: and the g stranger that commeth nere, shal be slaine.

g Anie that welde minister, not being a Leuite.

11 ¶ Also the Lord spake vnto Mosés, saying,

12 Beholde, I haue euē taken ỹ Leuites frō among the children of Israél for all the firstborne, that openeth the matrice amōg the children of Israél, & the Leuites shal be mine,

13 Because all the firstborne are mine: for the same day, that I smote all the firstborne in the land of Egypt, * I sanctified vnto me all the firstborne in Israél, bothe man and beast: mine thei shalbe: I am the Lord.

Exod 13,1. & 34,19. leuit 27,26. chap 8,16. luk,2,23.

14 ¶ Moreouer the Lord spake vnto Mosés in the wildernes of Sinái, saying,

15 Nomber the children of Leuí after the houses of their fathers, in their families: euerie male from a moneth olde & aboue shalt thou nomber.

16 * Then Mosés nombred them according to the worde of the Lord, as he was commanded.

Exod.6,17. chap 26 57. 1 chro.6,13. & 23,6.

17 And these were the sonnes of Leuí by their names, * Gershón, and Koháth, and Merarí.

Gen 46,11.

18 Also these are the names of the sonnes of Gershón by their families: Libní and Shimeí.

19 The sonnes also of Koháth by their families: Amrám, and Izehár, Hebrón, and Vzziél.

20 And the sonnes of Merarí by their families: Mahlí and Mushí. These are the families of Leuí, according to the houses of their fathers.

21 Of Gershón *came* the familie of the Libnites & the familie of the Shimeites: these are the families of the Gershonites.

h Onelie nōbring the male children.

22 The summe whereof (h after the nōber of all the males from a moneth olde and aboue) was counted seuen thousand and fiue hundreth.

23 ¶ The families of the Gershonites shal pitch behinde ỹ Tabernacle Westwarde.

k Or, father.

24 The captaine and k ancient of the house of the Gershonites *shalbe* Eliasáph the sonne of Laél.

l Their charge was to cary ỹ couerīgs & hangings of ỹ Tabernacle.

25 And the charge of the sonnes of Gershón in the Tabernacle of the Congregacio *shalbe* the l Tabernacle, & the pauilion, the couering thereof, & the vaile of the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion,

26 And the hanging of the courte, & the vaile of the dore of the courte, which is nere the Tabernacle, and nere the Altar round about, and the cordes of it for all the seruice thereof.

27 ¶ And of Koháth *came* the familie of the Amramites, & the familie of the Izeharites, and the familie of the Hebronites, and the familie of the Vzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites.

28 The nomber of all the males from a moneth olde & aboue was eight thousand

and

and ſix hundreth, hauing the [k] charge of ỹ Sanctuarie.

29 The families of the ſonnes of Kohath ſhal pitch on the Southſide of the Tabernacle.

30 The captaine and ancient of the houſe, *and* families of the Kohathites *ſhalbe* Elizaphán the ſonne of Vzziél:

31 And their charge *ſhalbe* the [l] Arke, and the table, and the candelſticke, and the altars, and the inſtruments of the Sanctuarie that they miniſter with, and the vaile, and all that ſerueth thereto.

32 And Eleazár the ſonne of Aarón the Prieſt *ſhalbe* [o] chief captaine of the Leuites, *hauing* the ouerſight of them that haue the charge of the Sanctuarie.

33 ¶ Of Merarí *came* the familie of the Mahlites, and the familie of the Muſhites: theſe are the families of Merarí.

34 And the ſumme of them, according to the nóber of all the males, from a moneth olde and aboue *was* ſix thouſand and two hundreth.

35 The captaine and the anciét of the houſe of the families of Merarí *ſhalbe* Zuriél the ſonne of Abihaíl: thei ſhal pitch on the Northſide of the Tabernacle.

36 And in the charge & cuſtodie of the ſonnes of Merarí *ſhalbe* [m] the boardes of the Tabernacle, and the barres thereof, & his pillers, & his ſockets, & all the inſtrumẽts thereof, and all that ſerueth thereto,

37 With the pillers of the court round about, with their ſockets, and their pins & their cordes.

38 ¶ Alſo on the foreſront of the Tabernacle toward the Eaſt, before the Tabernacle, *I ſay*, of the Cõgregacion Eaſtwarde ſhal Moſés and Aarón and his ſonnes pitch, hauing the charge of the Sanctuarie, [n] and the charge of the children of Iſraél: but the ſtranger that commeth nere, ſhalbe ſlaine.

39 The whole ſumme of the Leuites, ẅ Moſés & Aarón nombred at the commandement of the Lord throughout their families, *euen* all the males from a moneth olde & aboue, *was* two and twentie [o] thouſand.

40 ¶ And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Nomber all the firſt borne that are males amõg the children of Iſraél, from a moneth olde and aboue, and take the nomber of their names.

41 And thou ſhalt take the Leuites to me [p] for all the firſt borne of the childrẽ of Iſraél (I *am* the Lord) and the cattel of the Leuites for all the firſt borne of the cattel of the children of Iſraél.

42 And Moſés nombred, as the Lord commãded him, all the firſt borne of the children of Iſraél.

43 And all ỹ firſt borne males rehearſed by name (from a moneth olde and aboue, according to their nóber were two & twẽtie thouſand, two hundreth ſeuentie & thre.

44 ¶ And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſayíg,

45 Take the Leuites for all the firſt borne of the children of Iſraél, and the cattel of the Leuites for their cattel, & the Leuites ſhalbe mine, (I am the Lord)

46 And for the redeming of the two hundreth ſeuentie and thre, which are mo thẽ the Leuites of the firſt borne of the children of Iſraél)

47 Thou ſhalt alſo take fiue ſhekels for euerie perſone: after the weight of the Sãctuarie ſhalt thou take it: * the ſhekẽl *conteineth* twentie gerahs.

48 And ỹ ſhalt giue the money, wherewith the odde nomber of them is redemed, vnto Aarón and to his ſonnes.

49 Thus Moſés toke the redempcion of them that were redemed, being mo then the Leuites:

50 Of the [q] firſtborne of the children of Iſraél toke he the money: *euen* a thouſand thre hundreth thre ſcore and fiue *ſhekels* after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie.

51 And Moſés gaue the money of thẽ that were redemed, vnto Aarón & to his ſõnes according to the worde of the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

CHAP. IIII.

5 The offices of the Leuites, when the hoſte remoued. 46 The nóber of the thre families of Kohath, Gerſhón, and Merari.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, and to Aarón, ſaying,

2 Take the ſumme of the ſonnes of Kohath frõ among the ſonnes of Leuí, after their families, & houſes of their fathers,

3 Frõ [a] thirtie yere olde & aboue euen vntil fiftie yere olde, all that entre into the aſſemblie to do the worke in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

4 This ſhalbe the office of the ſonnes of Kohath in the Tabernacle of the Cõgregacion *about* the Holieſt of all.

5 ¶ When the hoſte remoueth, then Aarón & his ſõnes ſhal come & take downe [b] the couering vaile, & ſhal couer the Arke of the Teſtimonie therewith.

6 And they ſhal put thereon a couering of badgers ſkins, and ſhal ſpread vpon it a cloth alrogether of blewe ſilke, and put to [c] the barres thereof:

7 And vpon the * table of ſhewe *bread* they ſhal ſpread a cloth of blewe ſilke, and put thereon the diſhes, & ỹ *incens* cups, & goblets, & couerings to couer it [d] with, & the bread ſhalbe thereon continually:

8 And they ſhal ſpread vpon them a couering of ſkarlet, and couer the ſame with a couering of badgers ſkins, and put to, the barres thereof.

k Doing euerie one his ducrie in the Sanctuarie

l The chief things within the Sanctuarie were committed to the Kohathites

o Or, prince of princes.

m The woodworke & ỹ reſt of the inſtruments were cõmitted to their charge.

n That none ſhulde entre into the Tabernacle contrarie to Gods appointemẽt

o So that ỹ firſt borne of the children of Iſraél were mo by 273

p So that now the Leuites ſhulde ſatiſfie vnto the Lord for the firſt borne of Iſraél, ſaue for the 273, which were mo then the Leuites, for whome they payed money.

q Of the two hundreth ſeuẽtie & thre, ẅ were more thẽ the Leuites.

Exod 30.13. leu 27.25 chap 18.16 Ezek. 45.12.

a The Leuites were nombred after thre ſorts: firſt at a moneth olde whẽ thei were conſecrate to the Lord, next at 25 yere olde whẽ they were apoited to ſeruice in ỹ Tabernacle, & at 30 yere olde to beare the burthẽs of the Tabernacle

b Which denided the Sanctuarie from ỹ Holieſt of all.

c That is, put thẽ vpon their ſhulders to carrie it for the barres of the Arke colde neuer be remoued, Exod 25.15

Exod 25.30.

d Meaning to couer ỹ bread,

9 Then they ſhal take a cloth of blewe ſilke, and couer the * candelſticke of light with his lampes and his ſnoffers,* and his ſnoffediſhes, and all the oyle veſſels thereof, which they occupie about it.
Exod 25,14. Exod. 25,38.

10 So they ſhal put it, and all the inſtrumẽts thereof in a couering of badgers ſkins, and put it vpon the [e] barres.
e The Ebrewe worde ſignifieth an inſtrument made of two ſtaues or barres

11 Alſo vpon the golden [f] altar they ſhal ſpreade a cloth of blewe ſilke, and couer it with a couering of badgers ſkins, & put to the barres thereof.
f Which was to burne incenſe read Exod 30,1.

12 And they ſhal take all the inſtruments of the miniſterie wherewith they miniſter in the Sanctuarie, and put *them* in a cloth of blewe ſilke, and couer them with a couering of badgers ſkins, & put them on the barres.

13 Alſo they ſhal take away the aſhes from the [g] altar, & ſpread a purple cloth vpõ it,
g Of the burnt offring.

14 And ſhal put vpon it all the inſtruments thereof, which they occupie about it: the cenſers, the fleſhhokes & the beſomes, and the baſens, *euen* all the inſtruments of the altar: & they ſhal ſpread vpõ it a couering of badgers ſkins, & put to the barres of it.

15 And whẽ Aarón & his ſonnes haue made an end of couering the [h] Sanctuarie, and all the inſtruments of the Sanctuarie, at the remouing of the hoſte, afterwarde the ſonnes of Kohath ſhal come to beare it, but they ſhal not [i] touche *anie* holy thing leſt thei dye. This is the charge of the ſonnes of Kohath in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.
h That is, in folding vp the things of the Sanctuarie, as the Arke, &c.
i Before it be couered

16 ¶And to the office of Eleazár the ſonne of Aarón the Prieſt *perteineth* the oyle for the light, and the * ſwete incens and the [k] dailie meat offring, and the * anointing oyle, *with* the ouerſight of all the Tabernacle, *and* of all that therein is, *both* in the Sãctuarie & in all the inſtrumẽts thereof.
Exod 30, 34. k Which was offred at morning and euening. *Exod. 30,23.*

17 ¶And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés and to Aarón, ſaying,

18 Ye ſhal not [l] cut of the tribe of ỹ families of ỹ Kohathites from among ỹ Leuites:
l Committing by your negligence that the holy things be not wel wrapped, and ſo they by touching thereof periſh.

19 But thus do vnto them, that they may liue & not dye, when they come nere to the moſte holy things: let Aarón and his ſonnes come and appoint [m] them, euerie one to his office, and to his charge.
m Shewing what part euerie man ſhal beare.

20 But let them not go in, to ſe when the Sanctuarie is folden vp, leſt they dye.

21 ¶And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

22 Take alſo the ſumme of the ſonnes of Gerſhón, euerie one by ỹ houſes of their fathers throughout their families:

23 From thirtie yere olde and aboue, vntil fiftie yere olde ſhalt thou nõbre them, all that [n] entre into ỹ aſſemblie for to do ſeruice in ỹ Tabernacle of ỹ Congregacion.
n Which were receiued into the companie of them that miniſtred in the Tabernacle of the Congregaciõ.

24 This ſhalbe the ſeruice of the families of the Gerſhonites, to ſerue and to beare.

25 They ſhal beare ỹ curtaines of the Tabernacle, & the Tabernacle of the Cõgregacion, his couering, and the couering of badgers ſkins, that is on hie vpon it, and ỹ vaile of the [o] dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion:
o Which vaile hãged betwene ỹ Sãctuarie and the court.

20 The curtaines alſo of the court, and the vaile of the entring in of the gate of the court, [p] which is nere the Tabernacle & nere the altar round about, with their cordes, and all the inſtrumentes for their ſeruice, and all that is made for them: ſo ſhal they ſerue.
p Which court cõpaſſed bothe the Tabernacle of the Cõgregacion & ỹ altar of burnt offring.

27 At the commandement of Aarón and his ſonnes ſhal all the ſeruice of the ſonnes of ỹ Gerſhonites be done, in all their charges and in all their ſeruice, & ye ſhal appoint them to kepe all their charges.

28 This is the ſeruice of the families of ỹ ſonnes of the Gerſhonites in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, & their watch *ſhalbe* vnder the [q] hand of Ithamár the ſonne of Aarón the Prieſt.
q Vnder the charge and ouerſight.

29 ¶Thou ſhalt nomber the ſonnes of Merarí by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers:

30 From thirtie yere olde & aboue, euen vnto fiftie yere olde ſhalt thou nõber them, all that entre into the aſſemblie, to do the ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the Cõgregacion.

31 And this is their office & charge according to all their ſeruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion: the * boardes of the Tabernacle with the bares thereof, and his pillers, and his ſockets.
Exod.26,15.

32 And the pillers round about the court, with their ſockets and their pins, and their cordes, w̃ all their inſtrumentes, euen for all their ſeruice, & by [r] name ye ſhal rekẽ the inſtruments of their office & charge.
r Ye ſhal make an inuentorie of all the things, w̃ ye cõmit to their charge.

33 This is the ſeruice of the families of the ſonnes of Merarí, according to all their ſeruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregaciõ vnder the hãd of Ithamár the ſonne of Aarón the Prieſt.

34 ¶Then Moſés and Aarón and the princes of the Congregacion nombred the ſonnes of ỹ Kohathites, by their families and by the houſes of their fathers,

35 Frõ thirtie yere olde & aboue, euen vnto fiftie yere olde, all that entre into the aſſemblie for the ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

36 So the [s] nombers of them throughout their families were two thouſand, ſeuen hundreth and fiftie.
s Or The nombred of them.

37 Theſe are the nombers of the families of the Kohathites, all that ſerue in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, which Moſés and Aarón did nomber according to the commandemẽt of the Lord by the [t] hand of Moſés.
t God appointing Moſés to be ỹ miniſter & executer thereof.

38 Alſo

38 Alſo the nombers of the ſonnes of Gerſhón throughout their families and houſes of their fathers,
39 From thirtie yere olde and vpward, euen vnto fiftie yere olde: all that entre into the aſſemblie for the ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.
40 So the nombers of them by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers were two thouſand ſix hũdreth & thirtie.
41 Theſe are the nõbers of ỹ families of ỹ ſõnes of Gerſhón: of all that [z] did ſeruice in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, whome Moſés & Aarón did nõber according to the commandement of the Lord.
42 ¶ The nõbers alſo of the families of the ſonnes of Merarí by their families, & by the houſes of their fathers,
43 Frõ thirtie yere olde & vpward, euẽ vnto fiftie yere olde: all that entre into ỹ aſſemblie for the ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.
44 So the nombers of them by their families were thre thouſand, & two hundreth.
45 Theſe are ỹ ſummes of ỹ families of the ſonnes of Merari, whome Moſés & Aarón nõbred according to the commandemẽt of the Lord, by the hand of Moſés.
46 So all the nombers of the Leuites, which Moſés, & Aarón, & the princes of Iſraél nombred, by their families & by the houſes of their fathers,
47 Frõ thirtie yere olde & vpward, euen to fiftie yere olde, euerie one that came to do [u] his duetie, office, ſeruice and charge in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.
48 So the nombers of them were eight thouſand fiue hundreth and foure ſcore.
49 According to the "cõmandement of ỹ Lord by ỹ hãd of Moſés did Aarón nõber thẽ, euerie one according to his ſeruice, & according to his charge. Thus were thei of that tribe nõbred, as the Lord commãded [x] Moſés.

z Which were of competent age to ſerue therein, that is, betwene 30. and 50.
u Whoſoeuer of the Leuites that had any maner of charge in the Tabernacle
"Or, According to the mouthe, or worde
x So that Moſés nether added nor diminiſhed from that which ỹ Lord commanded him.

CHAP. V.

The Leprous & the polluted ſhalbe caſt forthe 6 The purging of ſinne 15 The tryal of the ſuſpect wife.

1 AND ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſayīg,
2 Commande the children of Iſraél ỹ they *put out of the hoſte euerie leper, and euerie one ỹ hathe * an iſſue, & whoſoeuer is defiled by * the dead.
3 Bothe male and female ſhal ye put out: [c] out of ỹ hoſte ſhal ye put thẽ, that they defile not their [a] tẽtes amõg whome I dwel.
4 And the children of Iſraél did ſo, and put thẽ out of ỹ hoſte, euen as ỹ Lord had cõmanded Moſés, ſo did ỹ childrẽ of Iſraél.
5 ¶ And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
6 Speake vnto the childrẽ of Iſraél, *Whẽ a man or woman ſhal commit anie ſinne [b] that men commit, and trãſgreſſe againſt the Lord, when that perſone ſhal treſpas,
7 Then they ſhal cõfeſſe their ſinne which thei haue done, and ſhal reſtore the dommage thereof * with his principal, and put the fift parte of it more thereto, and ſhal giue it vnto him, againſt whome he hathe treſpaſſed.
8 But if the [c] man haue no kinſman, to whome he ſhulde reſtore the dommage, the dommage ſhalbe reſtored to the Lord for the Prieſts vſe, beſides the ram of the atonement, whereby he ſhal make atonement for him.
9 And euerie offring of all the [d] holy things of the childrẽ of Iſraél, which they bring vnto the Prieſt, ſhalbe *his.
10 And euerie mans halowed things ſhal be his: *that is*, what ſoeuer ãnie man giueth the Prieſt, it ſhalbe his.
11 ¶ And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
12 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, If anie mãs [e] wife turne to euil, and commit a treſpas againſt him,
13 So that another man lie with her fleſhly, and it be hid frõ the eies of her houſbãd, and kept cloſe, and yet ſhe be defiled, and there be no witnes againſt her, nether ſhe taken with the maner,
14 "If he be moued with a ielous minde, ſo that he is ielous ouer his wife, which is defiled, or if he haue a ielous mynde, ſo that he is ielous ouer his wife, which is not defiled,
15 Then ſhal the man bring his wife to the Prieſt, and bring her offring with her, the tenth parte of an Epháh of barly meale, *but* he ſhal not powre [f] oyle vpon it, nor put incens thereon: for it is an offring of ielouſie, an offring for a remembrãce, calling the ſinne to [g] minde:
16 And the Prieſt ſhal bring her, & ſet her before the Lord.
17 Then the Prieſt ſhal take [h] the holy water in an earthẽ veſſel, and of the duſt that is in the floore of the Tabernacle, *euen* the Prieſt ſhal take it and put it into the water.
18 After, the Prieſt ſhal ſet the woman before the Lord, and vncouer the womans hẽad, and put the offring of the memorial in her hands: it is the ielouſie offring, and the Prieſt ſhal haue bitter *and* [i] curſed water in his hand,
19 And the Prieſt ſhal charge her by an othe, and ſay vnto the woman, If no man haue lien with thee, nether thou haſt turned to vnclennes from thine houſband, be ſte from this bitter *and* curſed water.
20 But if thou haſt turned from thine houſband, and ſo art defiled, and ſome man hathe lien with thee beſide thine houſband,
21 (Then the Prieſt ſhal charge the womã with an othe of curſing, and the Prieſt ſhal ſay vnto the woman) The Lord make thee to be [k] accurſed, and deteſtable for

Leuit. 13. 3.
Leu 15. 2.
Leu 21. 1.
"Or, in a place out of the hoſte
a There were thre maner tẽtes, of ỹ Lord, of ỹ Leuites, & of the Iſraelites
Leu 6. 3.
b Cõmit anie faure willigly.
Leui 6. 5.
c If he be déad, to whome the wrong is done, and alſo haue no kinſman.
d Or, things offred to the Lord, as firſtfrutes, &c
Leu 10. 12.
e By breaking the band of mariage, and playing the harlot
"Ebr If the ſpirit of ielouſie come vpon him.
f Onely in the ſinne offring, & this offring of ielouſie were nether oyle nor incenſe offred.
g Or making the ſinne knowen, and not purging it
h Which alſo is called the water of purification or ſprinkeling, read Chap 19, 9.
i It was ſo called by the effect, becauſe it declared the woman to be accurſed and turned to her deſtructiõ.
k Bothe becauſe ſhe had committed ſo hainous a faut, and forſware her ſelfe in denying the ſame.

the othe amõg thy people, & ỹ Lord cauſe thy thigh to "rott, and thy belly to ſwel:
22 And that this curſed water maie go into thy bowels, to cauſe thy belly to ſwel, and thy thigh to rott. Thẽ the woman ſhal anſwer, [l] Amen, Amen.
23 After, the Prieſt ſhal write theſe curſes in a boke, and ſhal [m] blot them out with the bitter water,
24 And ſhal cauſe the woman to drinke the bitter and curſed water, and the curſed water, *turned* into bitterneſs, ſhal entre into her.
25 Thẽ the Prieſt ſhal take the ielouſie offring out of the womans hand, & ſhal ſhake the offring before the Lord, and offer it vpon the altar.
26 And the Prieſt ſhal take *an handful* of the offring for a "memorial thereof, and burne it vpon the [n] altar, and afterward make ỹ woman drinke the water.
27 When he hathe made her drinke the water, (if ſhe be defiled and haue treſpaſſed againſt her houſbãd,) then ſhal the curſed water, *turned* into bitternes, entre into her, and her belly ſhal ſwel, and her thigh ſhal rott, & the woman ſhalbe accurſed amõg her people,
28 But if the woman be not defiled, but be "cleane, ſhe ſhal be fre and ſhal cõceiue & beare.
29 This is the lawe of ielouſie, when a wife turneth frõ her houſband & is defiled,
30 Or when a man is moued with a ielous minde being ielous ouer his wife, then ſhal he bring the woman before ỹ Lord, and the Prieſt ſhal do to her according to all this lawe,
31 And the man ſhalbe [o] fre from ſinne, but this woman ſhal beare her iniquitie.

CHAP. VI.

The lawe of the conſecracio of the Nazarites. 24 The maner to bleſſe the people.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,
2 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, When a man or a woman doeth ſeparate thẽ ſelues to vowe a vowe of a [a] Nazarite to ſeparate *him ſelfe* vnto the Lord,
3 He ſhal abſteine frõ wine & ſtrõg drinke, and ſhal drinke no ſowre wine nor ſowre drinke, nor ſhal drinke anie licour of grapes, nether ſhal eat freſh grapes nor dried.
4 As long as his abſtinence endureth, ſhal he eat nothing ỹ is made of the wine of ỹ vine, nether the kernels, nor the huſke.
5 While he is ſeparate by his vowe, the *raſure ſhal not come vpõ his head; vntil the dayes be out, in the which he ſeparateth *him ſelfe* vnto the Lord, he ſhalbe holie, and ſhal let the lockes of the heere of his head growe.
6 During the time that he ſeparateth him ſelfe vnto the Lord, he ſhal come at no [b] dead body:
7 He ſhal not make him ſelfe vncleane at the death of his father, or mother, brother, or ſiſter: for the conſecracion of his God is vpon [c] his head.
8 All the dayes of his ſeparacion he ſhalbe holy to the Lord.
9 And if anie dye ſodẽly by him, or he beware, then the [d] head of his conſecracion ſhalbe defiled, and he ſhal ſhaue his head in the day of his clenſing: in the ſeuenth day he ſhal ſhaue it.
10 And in the eight day he ſhal bring two turtles, or two yong pigeõs to the Prieſt, at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Cõgregacion.
11 Then the Prieſt ſhal prepare the one for a ſin offring, and the other for a burnt offring, & ſhal make an atonemẽt for him, becauſe he ſinned by [e] the dead: ſo ſhal he halowe his head the ſame day,
12 And he ſhal [f] conſecrate vnto the Lord the daies of his ſeparacion, and ſhal bring a lambe of a yere olde for a treſpas offrig, and the firſt [g] daies ſhalbe voyde: for his conſecracion was defiled.
13 ¶ This then is the lawe of the Nazarite: When the time of his conſecracion is out, he ſhal come to the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion,
14 And he ſhal bring his offring vnto the Lord, an he lambe of a yere olde without blemiſh for a burnt offring, and a ſhe lãbe of a yere olde without blemiſh for a ſin offring, and a ram without blemiſh for peace offrings,
15 And a baſket of vnleauened bread, of *cakes of fine floure, mingled with oyle, and wafers of vnleauened bread anoïted with oyle, with their meat offring, and their drinke offrings:
16 The which the Prieſt ſhal bring before the Lord, and make his ſin offring and his burnt offring.
17 He ſhal prepare alſo the ram for a peace offring vnto the Lord, with the baſket of vnleauened bread, and the Prieſt ſhal make his meat offring, and his drinke offring.
18 And *ỹ Nazarite ſhal ſhaue the head [h] of his conſecracio at the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and ſhal take the heere of the head of his conſecracion, and [i] put it in the fire, which is vnder the peace offring.
19 Then the Prieſt ſhal take the ſodẽ ſhulder of the ram, and an vnleauened cake out of the baſket, & a wafer vnleauened, and put them vpon the hands of the Nazarite, after he hathe ſhauẽ his cõſecracio.
20 And the Prieſt ſhal *ſhake them to and

[l] That is, be it ſo, as thou wiſheſt, as pſa 41,14 deu 27, 14
[m] Shal waſh the curſes, wch are written, in to the water in the veſſel.
"Or, perfume.
[n] Where the incẽſe was offred.
"Or, innocent.
[o] The man might accuſe his wife and not be reproued.
[a] Which ſeparated them ſelues from the world, & dedicated them ſelues to God: wch figure was accompliſhed in Chriſt.
[b] As at buriales, or mournings.
[c] In that he ſuffred his heere to growe, he ſignified ỹ he was conſecrate to God.
[d] Which lõg heere is a ſigne that he is dedicate to God
[e] By being preſent, where the dead was.
[f] Beginning at the eight day, when he is purified
[g] So that he ſhal beginne his vowe anewe.
Leu. 2, 1.
Act. 21, 24
[h] In token his vowe ended.
[i] For the heere, which was conſeciat to ỹ Lord, might not be caſt into ame prophane place.
Exod. 29, 27.
Iudg. 13, 5.
1. ſam. 1, 11.

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fio before the Lord: this is an holy thing for the Prieſt [f] beſides the ſhaken breaſt, & beſides the heaue ſhulder: ſo afterward the Nazarite may drinke wine.

[f] Or, with the breaſt

21 This is the lawe of the Nazarite, which he hathe vowed, *and* of his offring vnto the Lord for his conſecracion, [k] beſides that that he is able to bring: according to the vowe which he vowed, ſo ſhal he do after the lawe of his conſecracion.

[k] At the leaſt he ſhal do this, if he be able to offre no more

22 ¶ And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
23 Speake vnto Aarón and to his ſonnes, ſaying, Thus ſhal ye [l] bleſſe the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them,
24 The Lord bleſſe thee, an kepe thee,
25 The Lord make his face ſhine vpō thee, and be merciful vnto thee,
26 The Lord lift vp his countenance vpon thee, and giue thee peace.

[l] That is, pray for them, Eccl 36.19

27 So they ſhal put my [m] Name vpon the children of Iſraél, and I wil bleſſe them.

[m] They ſhal pray in my Name for them

CHAP. VII.

2 The heades or princes of Iſraél offre at the ſetting vp of the Tabernacle, 10 And at the dedicacion of the altar. 89 God ſpeaketh to Moſes frō the Merciſeat.

1 NOw when Moſés had finiſhed the ſetting vp of the Tabernacle, and * anointed it and ſanctified it, and all the inſtruments thereof, and the altar with all the [o] inſtrumēts thereof, and had anointed them and ſanctified them,

*Exod 40.18.

[o] Or, veſſels

2 Then the [p] princes of Iſraél, heades ouer the houſes of their fathers (they were the princes of the tribes, who were ouer them that were nombred) offred,
3 And brought their offring before ỹ Lord, ſix [a] couered charets, and twelue oxen: one chariet for two princes, and for euerie one an oxe, and they offred them before the Tabernacle.

[p] Or, captaines

[a] Like horſlitters to kepe the things, ỹ were caryed in them, from wether

4 And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
5 Take *theſe* of them, that they may be to do the [b] ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and thou ſhalt giue them vnto the Leuites, to euerie man according vnto his office.

[b] That is, to carie things & ſtuffe in

6 So Moſés toke the charets and the oxen, and gaue them vnto the Leuites:
7 Two charets and foure oxen he gaue to the ſonnes of Gerſhón, according vnto their [c] office.

[c] For their vſe to cary with

8 And foure charets and eyght oxen he gaue to ỹ ſonnes of Merari according vnto their office, vnder the hād of Ithamár the ſonne of Aarón the Prieſt.

[d] The holie things of the Sanctuarie muſt be caryed vpō their ſhulders, and not drawen with oxē, Chap 4.15

9 But to the ſonnes of Kohath he gaue none, [d] becauſe the charge of the Sanctuarie belonged to them, *which* they did beare vpon *their* ſhulders.

[e] That is, whē the firſt ſacrifice was offred thereupon by Aarón, Leuit. 9.1

10 ¶ The princes alſo offred in the [e] dedicacion for the altar in the day that it was anointed: then the princes offred their offring before the altar.
11 And ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, One prince one day, and another prince another day ſhal offer their offring, for the dedicacion of the altar.

12 ¶ So then on the firſt day did ‖ Nahſhón the ſonne of Amminadáb of the tribe of Iudáh offer his offring.

‖ The offring of Nahſhón.

13 And his offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an hundreth and thirty *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuenty ſhekels after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle, for a * meat offring,

*Leuit. 2.1.

14 An *incens* cup of golde of ten *ſhekels*, ful of incens,
15 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
16 An he goat for a ſin offring,
17 And for peace offrings, two bullockes, fiue rams, fiue he goates, & fiue lambes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Nahſhón the ſonne of Amminadáb.

18 ¶ The ſecond day ‖ Nethaneél, the ſonne of Zuár, prince of *the tribe* of Iſſachár did offer:

‖ The offring of Nethaneél.

19 Who offred for his offring a ſiluer charger of an hūdreth & thirty *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuenty ſhekels after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled wᵗʰ oyle, for a meat offring,
20 An *incens* cup of golde of ten *ſhekels*, ful of incens,
21 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
22 An he goat for a ſin offring,
23 And for peace offrings, two bullockes, fiue rams, fiue he goates, fiue lābes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Nethaneél the ſonne of Zuár.

24 ¶ The third day ‖ Eliáb the ſonne of Helón prince of ỹ childrē of Zebulún *offred*.

‖ The offring of Eliáb

25 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an hundreth and thirty *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuenty ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle, for a meat offring,
26 A golden *incens* cup of ten *ſhekels*, ful of incens,
27 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
28 An he goat for a ſin offring,
29 And for peace offrings, two bullockes, fiue rams, fiue he goates, fiue lambes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Eliáb the ſonne of Helón.

30 ¶ The fouith day ‖ Elizúr ỹ ſonne of Shedeúr prince of ỹ childrē of Reubén *offred*.

‖ The offring of Elizúr.

31 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an hū dreth and thirty *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuenty ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle, for a meat offring,
32 A goldē *incēs* cup of tē *ſhekels*, ful of incēs,

33 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
34 An he goat for a ſin offring,
35 And for a peace offring, two bullockes, fiue rams, fiue he goates, and fiue lambes of an yere olde: this was the offring of Elizúr the ſonne of Shedeúr.

‖ The offring of Shelumiél. 36 ¶ The fife day ‖ Shelumiél the ſonne of Zuriſhaddái, prince of the children of Simeón *offred*.
37 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an húdreth and thirty ſhekels weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuenty ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sãctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle for a meat offring,
38 A golden *incens* cup of ten *ſhekels* ful of incens,
39 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
40 An he goat for a ſin offring,
41 And for a peace offring, two bullockes, fiue rams, fiue he goates, fiue lãbes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Shelumiél the ſonne of Zuriſhaddái.

‖ The offring of Eliaſáph. 42 ¶ The ſixt day ‖ Eliaſáph the ſonne of Deuél prince of the children of Gad *offred*.
43 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an hundreth and thirty *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuentie ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle for a meat offring,
44 A golden *incens* cup of ten *ſhekels* ful of incens,
45 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde, for a burnt offring,
46 An he goat for a ſin offring,
47 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rams, fiue he goates, fiue lambes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Eliaſáph the ſonne of Deuél.

‖ The offring of Elíſhama. 48 ¶ The ſeuenth day ‖ Elíſhamá the ſonne of Ammiúd prince of the children of Ephráim *offred*.
49 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an húdreth, & thirtie *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuentie ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle, for a meat offring,
50 A golden *incens* cup of ten *ſhekels*, ful of incens,
51 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
52 An he goat for a ſin offring,
53 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rams, fiue he goates, fiue lambes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Elíſhamá, the ſonne of Ammiúd.

‖ The offring of Gamliél. 54 ¶ The eyght day *offred* ‖ Gamliél the ſonne of Pedazúr, prince of the children of Manaſſéh.
55 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an hundreth & thirtie *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuentie *ſhekels*, after the ſhekel of the Sãctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle for a meat offring,
56 A golden *incens* cup of ten *ſhekels*, ful of incens,
57 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
58 An he goat for a ſin offring,
59 And for a peace offring, two bullockes, fiue rams, fiue he goates, fiue lambes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Gamliél the ſonne of Pedazúr.

‖ The offring of Abidán. 60 ¶ The ninth day ‖ Abidán the ſonne of Gideoní prince of the children of Beniamín *offred*.
61 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an hundreth and thirty *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuenty ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle for a meat offring,
62 A golden *incens* cup of ten *ſhekels*, ful of incens,
63 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
64 An he goat for a ſin offring,
65 And for a peace offring two bullocks, fiue rams, fiue he goates, fiue lambes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Abidán the ſonne of Gideoní.

‖ The offring of Ahiézer. 66 ¶ The tenth day ‖ Ahiézer the ſonne of Ammiſhaddái, prince of the children of Dan *offred*.
67 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an hundreth and thirty *ſhekels* werght, a ſiluer boule of ſeuenty ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sactuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle for a meat offring,
68 A golden *incens* cup of ten *ſhekels* ful of incens,
69 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
70 An he goat for a ſin offring,
71 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rams, fiue he goates, fiue lambes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Ahiézer the ſonne of Ammiſhaddái.

‖ The offring of Pagiél, or Phegiél. 72 ¶ The eleuenth day ‖ Pagiél the ſonne of Ocrán, prince of the childrẽ of Aſhér *offred*.
73 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an hundreth and thirty *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuenty ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sãctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle for a meat offring,
74 A golden *incens* cup of ten *ſhekels*, ful of incens,
75 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde for a burnt offring,
76 An he goat for a ſin offring,
77 And for a peace offring, two bullocks, fiue rams, fiue he goates, fiue lambes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Pagiél the ſonne of Ocrán.

78 ¶ The

‖The offring of Ahirá.

78 ¶The twelueth day ‖Ahirá the ſonne of Enán, prince of the children of Naphtalí *offred.*

79 His offring *was* a ſiluer charger of an hundreth & thirtie *ſhekels* weight, a ſiluer boule of ſeuentie ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, bothe ful of fine floure, mingled with oyle, for a meat offring,

80 A golden *incens* cup of ten *ſhekels*, ful of incens,

81 A yong bullocke, a ram, a lambe of a yere olde, for a burnt offring.

82 An he goat for a ſinne offring,

83 And for peace offrings two bullockes, fiue rams, fiue he goats, fiue lambes of a yere olde: this was the offring of Ahirá, the ſonne of Enán.

f This was ỹ offring of the princes, when Aarón did dedicate the Altar.

84 This was the f dedicacion of the Altar by the princes of Iſraél, when it was anointed: twelue chargers of ſiluer, twelue ſiluer boules, twelue *incens* cups of golde,

85 Euerie charger, *conteining* an hundreth & thirtie *ſhekels* of ſiluer, and euerie boule ſeuentie: all the ſiluer veſſel *conteined* two thouſand and foure hundreth *ſhekels*, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie.

86 Twelue *incens* cups of golde ful of incēs, *conteining* ten ſhekels euerie cup, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie: all the golde of the *incens* cups *was* an hundreth and twentie *ſhekels*.

87 All the bullockes for the burnt offring *were* twelue bullockes, the rams twelue, the lambes of a yere olde twelue, with their meat offrings, and twelue he goats for a ſinne offring.

88 And all the bullockes for the peace offrings *were* foure & twentie bullockes, the rams ſixtie, the he goats ſixtie, the lambes of a yere olde ſixtie: this was the dedicatiō of the Altar, after that it was g anointed.

g By Aarón.

h That is, the Sanctuarie

89 And when Moſés wēt into the h Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion, to ſpeake with *God*, he heard the voyce of one ſpeaking vnto him from the Merciſeat, that was vpon the Arke of the Teſtimonie i betwene the two Cherubíms, and he ſpake to him.

i Aecording as he had promiſed, Exod 25,22.

CHAP. VIII.

a The ordre of the lampes 6 The purifying and offring of the Leuites. 24 The age of the Leuites, when they are receiued to ſeruice, and when thei are dimiſſed.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

2 Speake vnto Aarón, and ſay vnto him, When thou lighteſt the lampes, the ſeuen lampes ſhal giue light towarde the a forefront of the Candelſticke.

a To that parte which is ouer against ỹ Candelſticke, Exod.25,37

3 And Aarón did ſo, lighting the lampes thereof toward the forefront of the Cāndelſticke, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

4 And this was the worke of the Candelſticke, *euen* of golde beaten out with the hammer, bothe the ſhaft, and the floures thereof * was beatē out with the hammer: *Exod 25,18.*
b according to the paterne, which the Lord had ſhewed Moſés, ſo made he the Candelſticke.

b And not ſet together of diuers pieces

5 ¶And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

6 Take the Leuites from among the children of Iſraél, and purifie them.

7 And thus ſhalt thou do vnto them, when thou purifieſt them, Sprinkle c water of purificacion vpon them, & let them ſhaue all their fleſh, and waſh their clothes: ſo thei ſhalbe cleane.

c In Ebrewe, it is called the water of ſinne, becauſe it is made to purge ſinne, as Chap.19,9.

8 Then thei ſhal take a yong bullocke with his meat offring of fine floure, mingled with oyle, and another yong bullocke ſhalt thou take for a ſinne offring.

9 Then thou ſhalt bring the Leuites before the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and aſſemble d all the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél.

d That thou maieſt do this in preſence of them all.

10 Thou ſhalt bring the Leuites alſo before the Lord, & the e children of Iſraél ſhal put their hands vpon the Leuites.

e Meanig, certeine of them in the name of the whole.

11 And Aarón ſhal offer the Leuites before the Lord, as a ſhake offring of the childrē of Iſraél, that thei may execute the ſeruice of the Lord.

12 And the Leuites ſhal put their hands vpon the heades of the bullockes, and make thou the one a ſinne offring, & the other a burnt offring vnto the Lord, that thou maieſt make an atonemēt for the Leuites.

13 And thou ſhalt ſet the Leuites before Aarón and before his ſonnes, and offer them as a ſhake offring to the Lord.

14 Thus thou ſhalt ſeparate the Leuites from among the children of Iſraél, & the Leuites ſhalbe * mine. *Chap. 3,45.*

15 And afterward ſhal the Leuites go in, to ſerue in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and thou ſhalt purifie them and offer them, as a ſhake offring.

16 For thei are frely giuen * vnto me from among the children of Iſraél, for f ſuche as open anie wombe: for all the firſtborne of the children of Iſraél haue I taken thē vnto me. *Chap.3,9.*

f That is, thei that are ỹ firſt borne

17 * For all the firſtborne of the children of Iſraél are mine, bothe of man and of beaſt: ſincé the day that I ſmote euerie firſtborne in the land of Egypt, I ſanctified them for my ſelf. *Exod 13,2. luk.2,20.*

18 And I haue taken the Leuites for all the firſtborne of the children of Iſraél,

19 And haue giuen the Leuites as a gift vnto Aarón, and to his ſonnes from among the children of Iſraél, to do the ſeruice of the g children of Iſraél in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and to make

g Which ſeruice the Iſraelites ſhulde els do.

an atonement for the children of Iſraél, that there be no plague among the children of Iſraél, when the children of Iſraél come nere vnto [h] the Sanctuarie.

h Becauſe the Leuites go into the Sanctuarie in their name.

20 ¶Thē Moſés and Aarón & all the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél did with the Leuites, according vnto all that the Lord had commanded Moſés concerning the Leuites: ſo did the children of Iſraél vnto them.

21 So the Leuites were purified, and waſhed their clothes, & Aarón offred thē as a ſhake offring before the Lord, & Aarón made an atonemēt for thē, to purifie thē.

22 And after that, went the Leuites in to do their ſeruice in the Tabernacle of ỹ Cōgregacion, [i] before Aarón & before his ſonnes: as the Lord had commanded Moſés concerning the Leuites, ſo thei did vnto them.

i In their preſence, to ſerue them.

23 ¶And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

24 This alſo *belongeth* to the Leuites: from fiue and twentiē yere olde and vpwarde, thei ſhal go in, to execute *their* office in the ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion.

25 And after the age of fiftie yere, thei ſhal ceaſe from executing the [k] office, and ſhal ſerue no more:

k Suche office as was peineful, as to beare burthens and ſuche like

26 But thei ſhal miniſter [l] with their brethren in the Tabernacle of the Congregacō, to kepe things committed to their charge, but thei ſhal do no ſeruice: thus ſhalt thou do vnto the Leuites touching their charges.

l In ſinging pſalmes, inſtructing, conſeling and kepung ỹ things in ordre.

CHAP. IX.

a The Paſſeouer is commanded againe. 9 The puniſhment of him that kepeth not the Paſſeouer. 15 The cloude conducteth the Iſraelites through the wildernes.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés in the wildernes of Sinái, in the firſt moneth of the ſecōde yere, after thei were come out of the land of Egypt, ſaying,

2 The childrē of Iſraél ſhal alſo celebrate the* Paſſeouer at the time appointed thereunto.

Exod 12,1. leui.23,5. numb.28,16. deut 16,1. Exod.12,6. deut.16,6.

3 In the fourtēth day of this moneth at euē, ye ſhal kepe it in his due ſeaſon: according to [a] all the ordinances of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof ſhal ye kepe it.

a Euen in all pointes as the Lord hathe inſtitute it.

4 Then Moſés ſpake vnto the children of Iſraél, to celebrate the Paſſeouer.

5 And thei kept the Paſſeouer in the fourtenth day of the firſt moneth at euen in ỹ wildernes of Sinái: according to all that the Lord had commanded Moſés, ſo did the children of Iſraél.

6 ¶And certeine men were defiled [b] by a deadman, that thei might not kepe the Paſſeouer the ſame day: and thei came before Moſés and before Aarón the ſame day.

b By touching a corps, or being at the buriall.

7 And thoſe men ſaid vnto him, We are defiled by a dead man: wherefore are we kept backe that we may not [c] offer an offring vnto the Lord in the time thereunto appointed among the children of Iſraél?

c Or celebrate the Paſſeouer the fourteenth day of the firſt moneth.

8 Then Moſés ſaid vnto them, Stand ſtil, and I wil heare what the Lord wil cōmande concerning you.

9 ¶And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

10 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay, If anie among you, or of your poſteritie ſhalbe vncleane by the reaſon of a corps, or be in a long iourney, [d] he ſhal kepe the Paſſeouer vnto the Lord.

d And can not come where ỹ Tabernacle is, when others kepe it

11 In the fourtēth day of the [e] ſeconde moneth at euen thei ſhal kepe it: with vnleauened bread and ſowre herbes ſhal thei eat it.

e So that the vncleane, and thei that are not at home, haue a moneth longer grāted vnto them

12 They ſhal leaue none of it vnto the morning,* nor breake anie bone of it: according to all the ordinance of the Paſſeouer ſhal thei kepe it.

Exod 12,46. iohn 19,36.

13 But the man that is cleane and is not in a [f] iourney, and is negligent to kepe the Paſſeouer, the ſame perſone ſhalbe cut of from his people: becauſe he broght not the offring of the Lord in his due ſeaſon, that man ſhal beare his [g] ſinne.

f When ỹ Paſſeouer is celebrate

g Or, puniſhment of his ſinne.

14 And if a ſtranger dwel among you, and wil kepe the Paſſeouer vnto the Lord, as the ordinance of the Paſſeouer, & as the maner thereof is, ſo ſhal he do: *ye ſhal haue one lawe bothe for the ſtranger, & for him that was borne in the ſame land.

Exod.12,49.

15 ¶*And whē the Tabernacle was reared vp, a cloude couered the Tabernacle, *namely* the Tabernacle of the Teſtimonie: & at euen there was vpon the Tabernacle, as the [g] appearance of fire vntil morning.

Exod 40,34.

g Like a pilleread Exod. 13,21.

16 So it was alwaie: the cloude couered it *by day*, & the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloude was taken vp from the Tabernacle, then afterward the children of Iſraél iourneied: & in the place where the cloude abode, there the children of Iſraél pitched their tentes.

18 At the [h] commandement of the [i] Lord the children of Iſraél iourneied, and at the commandement of the Lord thei pitched: as long as the cloude abode vpō the Tabernacle,* they [k] laye ſtil.

h Who taught thē what to do by the cloude.

i Ebr. mouthe.

1.Cor.10,1.

k Ebr. camped.

19 And when the cloude taryed ſtil vpon the Tabernacle a long time, the children of Iſraél kept the [l] watch of the Lord, & iourneyed not.

l Thei waited whē the Lord wolde ſignifie either their departure, or their abode by the cloude.

20 So when the cloude abode [m] a fewe daies vpon the Tabernacle, thei abode in their tents according to the commandement of the Lord: for thei iourneyed at the commandement of the Lord.

m Ebr. daies of number.

21 And

21 And thogh the cloude abode vpon the Tabernacle from euen vnto the morning, yet *if* the cloude was taken vp in the morning, thē they iourneyed: whether by day or by night the cloude was taken vp, then they iourneyed.

22 Or if the cloude taried two dayes or a moneth, or a yere vpon the Tabernacle, abiding thereon, the children of Iſraél *abode ſtil, and iourneied not: but when it was taken vp, they iourneyed.

23 At the commandemēt of the Lord they pitched, and at the commandement of the Lord they iourneyed, keping the watch of the Lord at the commandement of the Lord by the [k] hand of Moſés.

Exod.40.36.

k Vnder the charge & gouernement of Moiés.

CHAP. X.

The vſe of the ſiluer trumpettes 11 The Iſraelites departe from Sinái 14 The captaines of the hoſte are nombred. 30 Hobáb refuſeth to go with Moſés his ſonne in lawe.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of ſiluer: of an [a] whole piece ſhalt thou make them, that thou maieſt vſe thē for the aſſembling of the Congregacion, and for the departure of the campe.

a Or of worke beaten out w the hammer.

3 And whē they ſhal blowe with thē, all the Congregacion ſhal aſſemble to thee before the dore of the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion.

4 But if they blowe with one, then the princes, *or* heads ouer the thouſands of Iſraél ſhal come vnto thee.

5 But if ye blowe an alarme, then the cāpe of thē that pitche on the [b] East parte, ſhal go forwarde.

b That is, the hoſte of Iudáh and they that are vnder his enſigne.

6 If ye blowe an alarme the ſeconde time, thē the hoſte of them ẏ lie on the [c] South ſide ſhal marche: *for* they ſhal blowe an alarme when they remoue.

c Meaning the hoſte of Reubēn

7 But in aſſembling the Congregacion, ye ſhal blowe with out an alarme.

8 And the ſonnes of Aarón the Prieſt ſhal [d] blowe the trumpets, and ye ſhal haue thē as a lawe for euer in your generacions.

d So that onely the Prieſts muſt blowe ẏ trumpets, ſo long as the Prieſthode laſted

9 And when ye go to warre in your land againſt ẏ enemie that vexeth you, ye ſhal blowe an alarme w the trūpets, and ye ſhal be remēbred before the Lord your God, and ſhal be ſaued from your enemies.

10 Alſo in the day of your [e] gladnes, and in your feaſt daies, and in the beginning of your monethes, ye ſhal alſo blowe the trūpets [f] ouer your burnt ſacrifices, and ouer your peace offrings, that they may be a remembrance for you before your God: I am the Lord your God.

e When ye reioyce that God hathe remoued anie plague

f Or, when you offer burnt offrings

11 ¶ And in the ſeconde yere, in the ſecōde moneth, *and* in the twentieth *day* of the moneth the cloude was taken vp from the Tabernacle of the Teſtimonie.

12 And the children of Iſraél departed on their [g] iourneis out of ẏ deſert of Sinái, and ẏ cloude reſted in the wildernes of Parán.

g Or, in keping this ordre in their iourneys.

13 So they [f] firſt toke their iourney at the cō mādemēt of the Lord, by ẏ hād of Moſés.

f Frō Sinái to Parán, Chap. 33.1

14 ¶* In the firſt place wēt the ſtanderd of the hoſte of the children of Iudáh, according to their armies: and * Nahſhón the ſonne of Amminadáb *was* ouer his bāde.

Chap.2.3.

Chap.1.7.

15 And ouer the bande of the tribe of the children of Iſſachár *was* Nethaneél the ſonne of Zuár.

16 And ouer the bande of the tribe of the children of Zebulún *was* Eliáb the ſonne of Helón.

17 When ẏ Tabernacle was taken downe, then the ſonnes of Gerſhón, and the ſonnes of Merarí wēt forwarde bearing [g] the Tabernacle.

g With all the appertinances thereof.

18 ¶ After, departed the ſtāderd of the hoſte of Reubén accordīg to their armies, & ouer his bāde *was* Elizúr ẏ ſōne of Shedeúr.

19 And ouer the bande of the tribe of the childrē of Simeón *was* Shelumiél the ſonne of Suriſhaddái.

20 And ouer the bande of the tribe of the children of Gád *was* Eliaſáph the ſonne of Deuél.

21 The Kohathites alſo wēt forwarde and [h] bare the * Sanctuarie, & the [i] *former* did ſet vp the Tabernacle againſt they came.

h Vpon their ſhulders *Chap 4.4.*

i The Merarites and Gerſhonites.

22 ¶ Then the ſtanderd of the hoſte of the children of Ephráim went forwarde according to their armies, and ouer his bāde *was* Eliſhamá the ſonne of Ammiúd.

23 And ouer the bande of the tribe of the ſonnes of Manaſſéh *was* Gamliél the ſonne of Pedazúr.

24 And ouer the bande of the tribe of the ſonnes of Beniamín *was* Abidán the ſonne of Gideoní.

25 ¶ Laſt, ẏ ſtāderd of the hoſte of ẏ childrē of Dan marched, [k] gatherīg all the hoſtes according to their armies: & ouer his bāde *was* Ahiézer the ſonne of Ammiſhaddái.

k Leauing none behind nor anie of ẏ former that fainted in ẏ way.

26 And ouer the bande of the tribe of the children of Aſhér *was* Pagiél the ſonne of Ocrán.

27 And ouer the bande of the tribe of the children of Naphtalí *was* Ahirá the ſonne of Enán.

28 [l] Theſe were the remouings of the children of Iſraél according to their armies, when they marched.

l This was ẏ ordre of their hoſte whē thei remoued

29 ¶ After, Moſés ſaid vnto [m] Hobáb the ſonne of Reuél ẏ Midianite, the father in lawe of Moſés, We go into the place, of [c] w ẏ Lord ſaid, I wil giue it you: Come thou with vs, and we wil do thee good: for the Lord hathe promiſed good vnto Iſraél.

m Some thinke that Reuél, Iethró, Hobáb, and Keni were all one: Kymhi ſaith ẏ Reuél was Iethros father: ſo Hobáb was Moſés father in law.

30 And he anſwered him, I wil not go: but I wil departe to mine owne countrey, and to my kinred.

31 The he ſaid, I praye thee, leaue vs not: for thou knoweſt our cāping places in the wil-
Ebr eyes vnto vs. derne: therefore ỹ maieſt be "our guide.
32 And if thou go with vs, what goodnes ỹ Lord ſhal ſhewe vnto vs, the ſame wil we ſhewe vnto thee.
n Mount Sinai, or Horeb. 33 ¶So they departed from the n mount of the Lord, thre daies iourney: and the Arke of the couenant of the Lord wēt before them in the thre daies iourney, to ſearche out a reſting place for them.
34 And the cloude of the Lord *was* vpon them by day, when they went out of the campe.
35 And when the Arke went forwarde, Moſes ſaid, *o Riſe vp, Lord, and let thine
Pſa l.68.2. o Declare thy might and power. enemies be ſcatered, and let them that hate thee, flee before thee.
36 And when it reſted, he ſaid, Returne, ô Lord, to the "manie thouſands of Iſraél.
"Ebr to the ten thouſand thouſands.

CHAP. XI.

1 The people murmureth, and is puniſhed with fire. 4 The people luſteth after fleſh. 6 They lothe Manna. 11 The weake faith of Moſes. 16 The Lord deuideth the burthen of Moſes to ſeuenty of the Ancientes. 31 The Lord ſendeth quailes. 33 Their luſt is puniſhed.

1 WHē the people became "murmurers, "it diſpleaſed the Lord: and the Lord heard it, therefore his wrath was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and * conſumed the vtmoſt parte of the hoſte.
"Ebr. as iniuſt complainers. "Ebr it was euil in the eares of the Lord. *Pſal.78.21.*
2 Then the people cryed vnto Moſes: and when Moſes prayed vnto the Lord, the fire was quenched.
oOr, burning. 3 And he called ỹ name of that place o Taberáh, becauſe the fire of the Lord burnt among them.
a Which were of thoſe ſtrāgers that came out of Egypt with them. Exod 12.38 b From God c For a ſmale price, or good cheape. 4 ¶And a nomber of a people that was among them, fel a luſting, and b turned away, and the children of Iſraél alſo wept and ſaid, Who ſhal giue vs fleſh to eat?
5 We remember the fiſh which we did eat in Egypt for c naught, the cucumbers, and the pepons, and the lekes, and the onions, and the garleke.
d For the greedy luſt of fleſh *Exod.16.31. wiſd 16.20. pſal.78.24. ioh 6.31.* 6 But now our ſoule is d dried away, we can ſe nothing but this MAN.
e Which is, a white perle or precious ſtone. 7 (The MAN alſo was as *coriāder ſede, & his coulour like the coulour of e bdeliū.
8 The people went about and gathered it, and ground it in milles, or bet it in morters, and baked it in a cauldron, and made cakes of it, and the taſte of it was like vnto the taſte of freſh oyle.
9 And when the dewe fel downe vpon the hoſte in the night, the MAN fel with it)
10 ¶Then Moſes heard the people wepe throughout their families, euerie man in the dore of his tente, and the wrath of the Lord was grieuouſly kindled: alſo Moſes was grieued.
11 And Moſes ſaid vnto ỹ Lord, Wherefore haſt thou *vexed thy ſeruant? and why haue I not founde f fauour in thy ſight, ſeing thou haſt put the charge of all this people vpon me?
Or, euil intreated f Or, wherein haue I diſpleaſed thee.
12 Haue I g conceiued all this people? or haue I begot ten them? that thou ſhuldeſt ſay vnto me, Cary them in thy boſome (as a nurſe beareth ỹ ſucking childe) vnto the h land, for the which thou ſwareſt vnto their fathers?
g Am I their father, that none may haue ỹ charge of thē but I? h Of Canáan promiſed by an othe to our fathers.
13 Where ſhulde I haue fleſh to giue vnto all this people? for they wepe vnto me, ſaying, Giue vs fleſh that we may eat.
14 I am not able to beare all this people alone, for it is to *heauie* for me.
15 Therefore if thou deale thus with me, I pray thee, if I haue founde fauour in thy i ſight, kil me, that I beholde not my miſerie.
i I had rather dye, then to ſe my grief and miſerie thus daily increaſe by their rebellion.
16 ¶Then ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Moſes, Gather vnto me ſeuenty men of the Elders of Iſraél, whome thou knoweſt, that they are the Elders of the people, & gouerners ouer them, and bring them vnto the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and let them ſtand there with thee,
17 And I wil come downe, & talke with thee there, k and take of the Spirit, which is vpon thee, and put vpon them, and they ſhal beare the burthē of the people with thee: ſo thou ſhalt not beare it alone.
k I wil diſtribute my Spirit amōg them, as I haue done to thee.
18 Furthermore thou ſhalt ſay vnto the people, l Be ſanctified againſt tomorowe, and ye ſhal eat fleſh: for you haue wept in the eares of the Lord, ſaying, Who ſhal giue vs fleſh to eat? for we were better in Egypt: therefore the Lord wil giue you fleſh, and ye ſhal eat.
l Prepare your ſelues that ye be not vncleane.
19 Ye ſhal not eat one day nor two daies, nor fiue daies, nether ten daies, nor twenty daies,
20 But a whole moneth, vntil it come out at your noſtrels, and be lotheſome vnto you, becauſe ye haue m contemned the Lord, which is n among you, and haue wept before him, ſaying, Why came we hither out of Egypt?
m Or, caſt him of, becauſe ye refuſed Manna which he appoited as moſte mete foe you n Who leadeth and gouerneth you. o Of whome I haue the charge.
21 And Moſes ſaid, Six hundreth thouſand fotemen *are there* of the people, o among whome I am: & thou ſaieſt, I wil giue thē fleſh, that they may eat a moneth long.
22 Shal the ſhepe and the beues be ſlaine for them, to finde them? ether ſhal all the fiſh of the ſea be gathered together for them to ſuffiſe them?
23 And the Lord ſayd vnto Moſes, Is *the Lords hand ſhortened? thou ſhalt ſe now whether my worde ſhal come to paſſe vnto thee, or no.
Iſa 50.2 & 59.1.
24 ¶So Moſes went out, and tolde the people the wordes of the Lord, and gathered ſeuenty men of the Elders of the people, and ſet thē round about the Tabernacle.
25 Then

25 Thē the Lord came downe in a cloude, and ſpake vnto him, and [o] toke of the Spirit, that was vpon him, and put it vpon the ſeuenty Anciēt men: and when the Spirit reſted vpon them, then they prophecied, and did not [p] ceaſe.

26 But there remained two of the men in the hoſte: the name of the one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad, and the Spirit reſted vpon them, (for they were of them that were writē, and went not out vnto the Tabernacle) & they prophecied in the hoſte.

27 Then there ran a yong man, and tolde Moſés, and ſaid, Eldád and Medád do prophecie in the hoſte.

28 And Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun the ſeruant of Moſés one of his [q] yong men, anſwered and ſaid, My lord Moſés, [r] forbid them.

29 But Moſés ſaid vnto him, Enuyeſt thou for my ſake? yea, wolde God that all the Lords people *were* Prophetes, & that the Lord wolde put his Spirit vpon them.

30 And Moſés returned into the hoſte, he and the Elders of Iſraél.

31 Then there went forthe a winde from the Lord, and * broght quailes from the Sea, and let them fall vpon the campe, a daies iourney on this ſide, & a daies iourney on the other ſide, round about the hoſte, and *they were* about two cubites aboue the earth.

32 Then the people aroſe, all that day, and all the night, and all the next day and gathered the quailes: he that gathered the leaſt, gathered ten [f] Homers ful, and they ſpred them abroade for their vſe round about the hoſte.

33 While the fleſh was yet betwene their tethe, before it was chewed, euē the wrath of the Lord was kindled againſt the people, and the Lord * ſmote the people with an exceading great plague.

34 So the name of the place was called, [o] Kibróth-hattaauáh: for there they buryed the people that fel a luſting.

35 Frō Kibróth-hattaauáh the people toke their iourney to Hazeróth, and abode at Hazeróth.

CHAP. XII.

1 Aarón and Miriám grudge againſt Moſés. 10 Miriám is ſtriken with leproſie, and healed at the prayer of Moſés.

1 AFterward Miriám and Aarón [o] ſpake againſt Moſés, becauſe of the womā of Ethiopia whome he had maried (for he had married [a] a woman of Ethiopia)

2 And they ſaid, What? hathe the Lord ſpoken but onely by Moſés? hathe he not ſpoken alſo by vs? and the Lord heard *this*.

3 (But Moſés *was* a very * [b] meke man, aboue all the men that were vpon the earth)

4 And by and by the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, & vnto Aarón, & vnto Miriám, Come out ye thre vnto the Tabernacle of the Congregacion: and they thre came forthe.

5 Then the Lord came downe in the piller of the cloude, and ſtode in the dore of the Tabernacle, & called Aarón and Miriám, and they bothe came forthe.

6 And he ſaid, Heare now my wordes, If there be a Prophet of the Lord among you, I wil be knowen to him by a [c] viſion, & wil ſpeake vnto him by dreame.

7 My ſeruāt Moſés *is* not ſo, who is faithful in [d] all mine houſe.

8 Vnto him wil I ſpeake * mouth to mouth, and by viſion, & not in darke wordes, but he [e] ſhal ſe ỹ ſimilitude of ỹ Lord. wherefore then were ye not afraied to ſpeake againſt my ſeruant, *euen* againſt Moſés?

9 Thus the Lord was very angry with thē, and departed.

10 Alſo the cloude departed from the [f] Tabernacle: & beholde, Miriám *was* leprous like ſnowe: and Aarón loked vpō Miriám, and beholde, *ſhe was* leprous.

11 Then Aarón ſaid vnto Moſés, Alas, my Lord, I beſeche thee, lay not the ſinne vpō vs, which we haue fooliſhly committed & wherein we haue ſinned.

12 Let her not, I pray thee, be as one [g] dead, of whome the fleſh is halfe conſumed, whē he commeth out of his mothers wombe.

13 Thē Moſés cryed vnto the Lord, ſaying, O God, I beſeche thee, heale her now.

14 ¶ And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, If her father had [h] ſpit in her face, ſhulde ſhe not haue bene aſhamed ſeuen dayes? let her be * ſhut out of the hoſte ſeuen dayes, & after ſhe ſhal be receiued.

15 So Miriám was ſhut out of the hoſte ſeuen dayes, and the people remoued not, til Miriám was broght in againe.

CHAP. XIII.

4 Certeine men are ſent to ſearche the land of Canáan. 24 They bring of the frute of the land. 31 Caléb comforteth the people againſt the diſcouraging of the other ſpies.

1 THen afterward the people remoued from Hazeróth, & pitched in the wildernes of [a] Paran.

2 ¶ And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

3 [b] Sēd thou men out to ſearch the land of Canáan which I giue vnto the children of Iſraél: of euerie tribe of their fathers ſhal ye ſend a man, *ſuche as are* all rulers among them.

4 Thē Moſés ſent them out of the wildernes of Parán at the commandement of ỹ Lord: all thoſe men were [o] heades of the children of Iſraél.

5 Alſo their names are theſe: of the tribe of Reubén, Shámúa the ſonne of Zaccúr:

r.iii.

[o] Or, ſeptuagint, as verſ 17

[p] From that day the Spirit of prophecie did not faile them

[q] Or, a yong mā whome he had choſen from his youthe

[r] Suche blinde zeale was in the Apoſtles, Mar 9,38. luke 9,49.

Exod 16,13. Pſal.78,26.

[f] Of Homer read Leui 27, 16 alſo it ſignifieth an heape, as Exod 8,14 iudg 15,15

[o] Pſal.78,31.

[o] Or, graues of luſt.

[o] Or, murmured

[a] Zipporáh was a Midianite, and becauſe Midián bordered on Ethiopia, it is ſometime in the Scripture cōprehended vnder this name Eccle 45,4.

[b] And ſo bare wt their grudgigs, although he knewe thē

[c] Theſe were the two ordinarie meanes.

[d] In all Iſraél which was his Church Exod.33,11.

[e] So farre as anie man was able to comprehende, wh he calleth his backe partes, Exod.33,23

[f] Frō the dore of the Tabernacle.

[g] As a childe that commeth out of his mothers belly dead, hauing as it were but the ſkin.

[h] In his diſpleaſure

Leu 13,46.

[a] That is, in Rithmá, wh was in Parán, Chap 33,18

[b] After ỹ people had required it of Moſés, as it is Deu 1,22, then ỹ Lord ſpake to Moſés ſo to do

[o] Or, rulers

6 Of the tribe of Simeón, Shaphát the ſonne of Horí:
7 Of the tribe of Iudáh, Caléb the ſonne of Iephunnéh:
8 Of the tribe of Iſſachár, Igál the ſonne of Ioſéph:
9 Of the tribe of Ephráim, 'Oſhéa the ſonne of Nun:
10 Of the tribe of Beniamín, Palti the ſonne of Raphú:
11 Of the tribe of Zebulún, Gaddiél the ſonne of Sodí:
12 Of the tribe of Ioſéph, *to wit*, of the tribe of Manaſſéh, Gaddí the ſonne of Suſí:
13 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiél the ſonne of Gemallí:
14 Of the tribe of Aſhér, Sethúr the ſonne of Michaél:
15 Of the tribe of Naphtalí, Nabbí the ſonne of Vophſí:
16 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuél the ſonne of Machí.

'Or, Ioſhúa.

c Which in nomber were twelue, according to the twelue tribes

17 Theſe are the names of the c mẽ, which Moſés ſent to ſpie out the land: and Moſés called the name of Oſhéa the ſonne of Nun Iehoſhúa.
18 So Moſés ſent them to ſpie out the land of Canáan, and ſaid vnto thẽ, Go vp this way toward the South, and go vp into the mountaines,

'Or, high country.

19 And conſider the land what it is, and the people that dwel therein, whether they be ſtrong or weake, ether few or many,
20 Alſo what the land *is* that they dwel in, whether it be d good or bad: and what cities *they be*, that they dwel in, whether they dwel in tentes, or in walled townes:

d Plentiful or baren.

21 And what the land *is*: whether it be fat or leane, whether there be trees therein, or not. And be of good courage, and bring of the frute of the land (for then *was* the time of the firſt ripe grapes)
22 ¶So they went vp, & ſearched out the land, from the wildernes of e Zin vnto Rehób, to go to Hamáth,

e Which was in the wildernes of Parán.

23 And thei aſcẽded toward the South, and came vnto Hebrón, where were Ahimán, Sheſhái and Talmái, the ſonnes of f Anák. And g Hebrón was buylt ſeuen yere before Zoán in Egypt.

f Which were a kinde of gyantes
g Declaring ỹ antiquitie thereof: alſo Abrahám, Sará, Izhák & Iaakób were buryed there. *Deu.1.34.*

24 *Thẽ they came to the riuer of Eſhcól, and cut downe thence a branche with one cluſtre of grapes, and they bare it vpon a barre betwene two, and *broght* of the pomegranates and of the figges.

'Or, the valley of Eſhcol, that is, of grapes.

25 That place was called the 'riuer Eſhcól becauſe of the cluſtre of grapes, which the children of Iſraél cut downe thence.
26 Then after fourtv daies they turned againe from ſearching of the land.
27 And they went and came to Moſés and to Aarón & vnto all the Cõgregacion of the children of Iſraél, in the wildernes of h Parán, to Kadéſh, and broght to them, and to all the Congregacion tidings, and ſhewed them the frute of the land.

h Called alſo Kadeſh-beirná

28 And they tolde i him, and ſaid, We came vnto the land whether thou haſt ſente vs, & ſurely it floweth with * milke & honie: and here is of the frute of it.

i That is, Moſés
Exod.33.3.

29 Neuertheles the people be ſtrong that dwel in the land, and the cities *are* walled and exceading great: and moreouer, we ſawe the k ſonnes of Anák there.

k Ahimán, Sheſhái, and Talmái, whome Caléb ſlewe afterward.

30 The Amalekites dwel in ỹ Southecoũtrey, and the Hittites, and the Iebuſites, and the Amorites dwel in the moũtaines, and the Canaanites dwel by the Sea and by the coſte of Iorden.
31 Then Caléb ſtilled the people 'before Moſés, & ſaid, Let vs go vp atonce, and poſſeſſe it: for vndoutedly we ſhal ouercome it.

'Or, murmuring against Moſés.

32 But the men, that went vp with him, ſaid, We be not able to go vp againſt the people: for they are ſtronger then we.
33 So they broght vp an euil reporte of the lãd which they had ſearched for the children of Iſraél, ſaying, The land which we haue gone through to ſearche it out, is a land that l eateth vp the inhabitants thereof: for all the people that we ſawe in it, are men of great ſtature.

l The gyantes were ſo cruel that they ſpoiled & killed one another, and thoſe that came to them.

34 For there we ſawe gyãtes, the ſonnes of Anák, *which come* of the gyantes, ſo that we ſemed in our ſight like greſhoppers: and ſo we were in their ſight.

CHAP. XIIII.

2 The people murmure againſt Moſés 10 They wolde haue ſtoned Caléb and Ioſhúa 13 Moſés pacifieth God by his prayer. 45 The people that wolde entre into the land, contrarie to Gods wil, are ſlaine.

1 THen all the Congregacion lifted vp their voice, and cryed: and a the people wept that night,

a Such as were affraied at the reporte of the ten ſpies.

2 And all the children of Iſraél murmured againſt Moſés and Aarón: and the whole aſſemblie ſaid vnto them, Wolde God we had dyed in the land of Egypt, or in this wildernes: wolde God we were dead.
3 Wherefore now hathe ỹ Lord broght vs into this lãd to fall vpon the ſworde? our wiues, and our children ſhal be b a praye: were it not better for vs to returne into Egypt?

b To our enemies the Canaanites.

4 And they ſaid one to another, Let vs make a captaine and returne into Egypt.
5 Then Moſés and Aarón c fel on their faces before all the aſſemblie of the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél.

c Lamẽting ỹ people & praying for them.

6 *And Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun, and Caléb the ſonne of Iephunnéh *two* of them that ſearched the land, d rent their clothes,

Eccle 46.9.
1.Mac.2.56.

d For ſorowe hearing their blaſphemie.

And

7 And ſpake vnto all the aſſemblie of the children of Iſraél, ſaying, The land which we walked through to ſearche it, is a very good land.
8 If the Lord loue vs, he wil bring vs into this land, and giue it vs, which is a land that floweth with milke and honie.
9 But rebel not ye againſt the Lord, neither feare ye the people of the land: for they are *but* [e] bread for vs: their ſhielde is departed from them, and the Lord is with vs, feare them not.

[e] We ſhal eaſely ouercome them

[f] This is the condition of thē that wolde perſuade in Gods cauſe, to be perſecuted of the multitude.

10 And all the multitude ſaid, [f] Stone thē with ſtones: but the glorie of the Lord appeared in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, before all the children of Iſrael.
11 And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, How long wil this people prouoke me, and how long wil it be, yer they beleue me, for all the ſignes which I haue ſhewed among them?
12 I wil ſmite them with the peſtilence and deſtroy them, and wil make thee a greater nacion and mightier then they.
Exod. 32.12 13 But Moſés ſaid vnto the Lord, * When the Egyptians ſhal heare it, (for thou broghteſt this people by thy power from among them)
14 Then they ſhal ſay to the inhabitants of this land, (*for* they haue heard that thou, Lord, art amōg this people, & that thou, Lord, art ſene "face to face, and that thy cloude ſtandeth ouer them, and that thou * goeſt before them by day time in a pilleı of a cloude, and in a piller of fire by night)

"Ebr eye to eye.

Exod 13.21.

[g] So that none ſhal eſcape.

15 That thou wilt kil this people as [g] one man: ſo the heathen which haue heard the fame of thee, ſhal thus ſay,
Deut 9.28. 16 Becauſe the Lord was not *able to bring this people into the land, which he ſware vnto them, therefore hathe he ſlaine them in the wildernes.
17 And now, I beſeche thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou haſt ſpoken, ſaying,
Exod 34.6. pſal 103.8. Pſal 142.2. 18 The Lord is * ſlowe to angre, and of great mercie, and * forgiuing iniquitie, and ſinne, but not making *the wicked* innocent, & * viſiting the wickednes of the fathers vpon the children, in the third and fourth *generacion*:
Exod 20.5. & 34.7.
19 Be merciful, I beſeche thee, vnto the iniquitie of this people, according to thy great mercy, and as thou haſt forgiuen this people from Egypt, euen vntil nowe.

[h] In that he deſtroied not them vtterly, But left their poſteritie and certeme to enter.

20 And the Lord ſaid, I haue forgiuen [h] it, according to thy requeſt.
21 Notwithſtanding, as I liue, all the earth ſhalbe filled with the glorie of the Lord.
22 For all thoſe men which haue ſene my glorie, and my miracles which I did in Egypt, and in the wildernes, & haue tēpted me this [i] ten times, and haue not obeied my voyce,

[i] That is, ſondrie times and often.

23 Certeinely thei ſhal not ſe the land, whereof I ſware vnto their fathers: nether ſhal anie that prouoke me, ſe it.
24 But my ſeruant * Caléb, becauſe he had another [k] ſpirit, & hathe folowed me ſtil, euen him wil I bring into the land, whether he went, and his ſede ſhal inheiit it.

Ioſh.14.6.

[k] A meke and obedient ſpirit and not rebelious.

25 Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites [l] remaine in the valley: *wherefore* turne backe tomorowe, and get you into the [m] wildernes, by the way of the red Sea.

[l] And lie in wayt for you.

[m] For I wil not defend you

26 ¶ After, the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés and to Aarón, ſaying,
27 *How long *ſhal I ſuffre* this wicked multitudē to murmure againſt me? I haue heard the murmurings of the childrē of Iſraél, which they murmure againſt me.

Pſal 106.26.

28 Tel them, As * I liue (ſaieth the Lord) I wil ſurely do vnto you, euen as ye haue ſpoken in mine eares.

Chap. 26.65. & 32.10.

29 Your carkeiſes ſhal fall in this wildernes, & all you that were *counted through all your nombers, from twentie yere olde and aboue, which haue murmured againſt me,

Deut.1.35.

30 Ye ſhal not douteles come into the lād, for the which I * lifted vp mine hand, to make you dwel therein, ſaue Caléb the ſonne of Iephunnéh, and Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun.

Gen.14.22.

31 But your children, (which ye ſaid ſhulde be a praye) them wil I bring in, and they ſhal know the land which ye haue refuſed:
32 But euen your carkeiſes ſhal fall in this wildernes.
33 And your children ſhal [n] wander in the wildernes, fourtie yeres, & ſhal beare your [o] whoredomes, vntil your carkeiſes be waſted in the wildernes.

[n] The worde ſignifieth, to be ſhepherdes, or to wander like ſhepeherdes to and fro.

[o] Your infidelitie and diſobedience againſt God

34 After the nomber of the dayes, in the which ye ſearched out the land, *euen* fourtie dayes, * euerie day for a yere, ſhal ye beare your iniquitie, for * fourtie yeres, and ye [p] ſhal fele my breache of promiſe.

Ezek.4.6. Pſal 95.10.

[p] Whether my promes be true or no.

35 I the Lord haue ſaid, Certeinely I wil do ſo to all this wicked companie, that are gathered togethet againſt me: *for* in this wildernes they ſhalbe conſumed, and there they ſhal dye.
36 And the men which Moſés had ſent to ſearche the land (which, when they came againe, made all the people to mur-

mure against him, and brought vp a slander vpon the land)

37 Euē those men that did bring vp that vile slander vpon the lād, *shal dye by a plague before the Lord.

*1.Cor.10,10. Hebr.3,16. Iude.5.

38 But Ioshúa the sonne of Nun, and Caléb the sonne of Iephunnéh, of those mē that went to search the land, shal liue.

39 ¶ Then Moses tolde these sayings vnto all the children of Israél, and the people sorowed greatly.

Deu.1,41. 40 *And they rose vp earely in the morning, and gat them vp into the top of the mountaine, saying, Lo, we be ready, to go vp to the place which the Lord hathe promised: for we haue q sinned.

q They confesse they sinned by rebelling against God, but consider not they offended in going vp without Gods commādemēt.

41 But Moses said, Wherefore transgresse ye thus the commandement of the Lord? it wil not so come wel to passe.

42 Go not vp (for the Lord is not among you) lest ye be ouerthrowen before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shal fall by ỹ sworde: for in as much as ye are turned awaie from the Lord, the Lord also wil not be with you.

r They colde not be stayed by anie meanes.

44 Yet they presumed obstinatly to go vp to the top of the mountaine: but the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, and Moses departed not out of the campe.

45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites, which dwelt in that mountaine, came downe and smote them, *and consumed them vnto Hormáh.

Deut.1,44.

CHAP. XV.

The offrings which the Israelites shulde offer whe they came into the land of Canaan. 32 The punishement of him that brake the Sabbath.

1 AND the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

2 Speake vnto the children of Israél, and say vnto them, *When ye be come into ỹ a land of your habitacions, which I giue vnto you,

Leu.23,10.

a Into the lād of Canaan.

3 And wil make an offring by fire vnto the Lord, a burnt offrīg or a sacrifice *to fulfil a vowe, or a free offring, or in your feastes, to make a *swete sauour vnto ỹ Lord of the heard, or of the flocke,

Leu.22,21. *Or, separate Exod.29,18.

4 Then *let him that offereth his offring vnto the Lord, bring a meat offring of a tenth deale of fine floure, mingled with ỹ fourth parte of an b Hin of oyle.

Leu.2,1.

b Read Exod. 29,40.

5 Also thou shalt prepare the fourthe parte of an Hin of wine to be powred on a lambe, *appointed* for the burnt offring or *anie* offring.

6 And for a ram, thou shalt for a meat offring, prepare two téth deales of fine floure, mingled with the third parte of an Hin of oyle.

7 And for a c drinke offring, thou shalt offer the third parte of an Hin of wine, for a swete sauour vnto the Lord.

c The licour was so called, because it was powred on ỹ thing that was offred.

8 And whē thou prepareſt a bullocke for a burnt offring, or for a sacrifice to fulfil a vowe or a peace offring to the Lord,

9 Thē let him offer with ỹ bullocke a meat offring of "thre téth deales of fine floure, mingled with halfe an Hin of oyle.

"Or, three Omers.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drike offring halfe an Hin of wine, for an offring made by fire of a swete sauour vnto the Lord.

11 Thus shal it be done for a bullocke, or for a ram, or for a lambe, or for a kid.

12 According to the nomber d that ye prepare offer, so shal ye do to euerie one according to their nomber.

d Euerie sacrifice of beastes must haue their meat offring & drinke offring, according to this proportion

13 All that are borne of the coūtrey, shal do these things thus, to offer an offring made by fire of swete sauour vnto the Lord.

14 And if a stranger soiourne with you, or whosoeuer be among you in your generacions, and wil make an offring by fire of a swete sauour vnto the Lord, as ye do, so he shal do.

15 *One ordinance *shalbe* bothe for you of the Congregacion, and also for the stranger that dwelleth *with you, euen* an ordinance for euer in your generacios: as you are, so shal the stranger be before the Lord.

*Exod 12,49. chap. 9,14.

16 One lawe and one maner shal serue bothe for you & for the strāger that soiourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, sayīg,

18 Speake vnto the children of Israél, and say vnto them, When ye be come into ỹ land, to the which I bring you,

19 And when ye shal eat of the bread of the lād, ye shal offer an heaue offring vnto the Lord.

20 Ye shal offer vp a cake of the first of your e dowe for an heaue offring: *as the heaue offring of the barne, so ye shal lift it vp.

e Which is made of the first corne ye gather

Leu.23,14.

21 Of the first of your dowe ye shal giue vnto ỹ Lord an heaue offring in your generacions.

22 ¶ And if ye f haue erred, & not obserued all these cōmandementes, which the Lord hathe spoken vnto Moses,

f As by ouer sight or ignorance, read Leu 4,2.

23 *Euen* all that the Lord hathe commāded you by the hand of Moses, from the first day that the Lord commanded Moses, & henceforward among your generacions.

24 And if so be that ought be committed ignorātly of the g Cōgregacion, then all the Cōgregacion shal giue a bullocke for a burnt offring, for a swete sauour vnto the Lord, with the meat offring & drinke offring thereto, according to the *maner, and an he goat for a sin offring.

g Some read, from the eyes of the Cōgregacio: that is, which is hid from the Cōgregacion. Leu.4,1.

25 And

25 And the Prieſt ſhal make an atonement for all the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél,and it ſhalbe forgiuen them:for it is ignorance: and thei ſhal bring their offring for an offring made by fire vnto the Lord, and their ſinne offring before the Lord for their ignorance.

26 Then it ſhalbe forgiuen all the Cõgregacion of the children of Iſraél, and the ſtranger that dwelleth among them: for all the people *were* in ignorance.

Leui.4,27. 27 ¶*But if anie one perſone ſinne through ignorance, then he ſhal bring a ſhe goat of a yere olde for a ſinne offring.

28 And the Prieſt ſhal make an atonement for the ignorant perſone,when he ſinneth by ignorãce before the Lord,to make reconciliacion for him:& it ſhalbe forgiuen him.

29 He that is borne among the children of Iſraél, and the ſtranger that dwelleth amõg them,ſhal haue bothe one lawe,who ſo doeth ſinne by ignorance.

** Or,with an hie hand: that is, in cõtempt of God*

30 ¶But the perſone that doeth ought "preſumptuouſly, whether he be borne in the land, or a ſtranger, the ſame blaſphemeth the Lord: therefore that perſone ſhal be cut of from among his people,

31 Becauſe he hathe diſpiſed the worde of the Lord,and hathe broken his commandemẽt:that perſone ſhalbe vtterly cut of: his [h] iniquitie ſhalbe vpon him.

h He ſhal ſuſteine the punithmẽt of his ſinne.

32 ¶And while the children of Iſraél were in the wildernes, thei founde a man that gathered ſtickes vpon the Sabbath day.

33 And thei that foũde him gathering ſtickes, broght him vnto Moſés & to Aarón, and vnto all the Congregacion,

Leui 24,12. 34 And thei put him in* warde: for it was not declared what ſhulde be done vnto him.

35 Then the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, This man ſhal dye the death:& let all the multitude ſtone him with ſtones without the hoſte.

36 And all the Congregacion broght him without the hoſte, and ſtoned him with ſtones, and he dyed,as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

37 ¶And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés,ſaying

38 Speake vnto the children of Iſrael, and byd them that thei *make them fringes vpõ ỹ borders of their garmẽts throughout their generacions, and put vpon the fringes of the borders a rybãde of blewe ſilke.

Deut 22,12. mat.23,5.

39 And he ſhal haue the fringes,that when ye loke vpon thẽ, ye may remẽber all the commandements of the Lord, & do thẽ: & that ye ſeke not after your owne hart, nor after your owne eies, after the which ye go a [i] whoring:

i By leauing Gods cõmandements and following your owne fãtaſies.

40 That ye may remember and do all my commandements, and be holy vnto your God.

41 I am the Lord your God,which broght you out of the land of Egypt,to be your God:I am the Lord your God.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The rebellion of Kórah,Dathan and Abirám. 31 Kórah and his companie periſheth 41 The people the next day murmure. 49. 14700. are ſlaine for murmuring.

1 NOw *Kórah the ſonne of Izhár,the ſonne of Koháth, the ſonne of Leui 'went a parte with Dathán, and Abirám the ſonnes of Eliáb, & On the ſonne of Péleth, the ſonnes of Reubén:

Chap 27.3. ecclc 45,22. iude 11.

'Or, toke other with him

2 And thei roſe vp "againſt Moſés, with certeine of the children of Iſraél, two hundreth and fiftie captaines of the aſſemblie,*famous in the Congregacion & men of renoume.

"Or,before Moſes.

Chap.26,9.

3 Who gathered them ſelues together againſt Moſés,and againſt Aarón, and ſaid vnto them, [a] *Ye take* to muche vpon you, ſeing all the Congregacion is holy,[b] euerie one of them, and the Lord *is* among them: wherefore then lift ye your ſelues aboue the Congregacion of the Lord?

a Or,let it ſuffice you: meaning to haue abuſed them thus long

b All are alike holy:therefore none ought to be preferred aboue other: thus the wicked reaſon againſt Gods ordinance

4 But when Moſés heard it, he fel vpon his face,

5 And ſpake to Kórah & vnto all his companie, ſaying, Tomorowe the Lord wil ſhewe who is his,and who is holy, & who ought to approche nere vnto him: & whome he hathe [c] choſen, he wil cauſe to come nere to him.

c To be the Prieſt & to offer.

6 This do *therefore*, Take you cenſers, *both* Kórah,and all his companie,

7 And put fire therein, and put incens in them before the Lord tomorowe: and the man whome the Lord doeth choſe,the ſame ſhalbe holy: [d] *ye take* to muche vpon you,ye ſonnes of Leuí.

d He laieth ỹ ſame to their charge iuſtely, wherewith thei wrõgfully charged hi.

8 Againe Moſés ſaid vnto Kórah, Heare,I pray you,ye ſonnes of Leuí.

9 Semeth it a ſmall thing vnto you that the God of Iſraél hathe ſeparated you from the multitude of Iſraél, to take you nere to him ſelf, to do the ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the Lord, and to ſtand before the Congregacion and to miniſter vnto them?

10 He hathe alſo taken thee to [e] him, and all thy brethren the ſonnes of Leui with thee, and ſeke ye the office of the Prieſt alſo?

e To ſerue in the Congregacion, as in the verſe before.

11 For which cauſe,thou, and all thy companie are gathered togethe againſt the Lord: and what is Aarón, that ye murmure againſt him?

12 ¶And Moſes ſent to call Dathán, and Abiram the ſonnes of Eliáb: who anſwered We wil not come vp.

13 Is it a ſmall thing that thou haſt broght

vs out [f] of a land that floweth with milke and hony, to kil vs in the wildernes,excepte thou make thy ſelf Lord and ruler ouer vs alſo?

14 Alſo thou haſt not broght vs vnto a lād that floweth with milke and honie,nether giuen vs inheritance of fieldes and vineyardes: wilt thou [g] put out ỹ eies of theſe men?we wil not come vp.

15 Thē Moſes waxed verie angrie, & ſaid vnto the Lord, * Loke not vnto their offring,I haue not taken ſo muche as an aſſe frō thē,nether haue I hurte anie of thē.

16 And Moſes ſaid vnto Kórah,Be thou & all thy companie [h] before the Lord: *bothe* thou,thei,and Aarón tomorowe:

17 And take euerie man his cenſor,and put incens in them, and bring ye euerie man his cenſor before the Lord,two hundreth and fiftie cenſors:thou alſo and Aarón, euerie one his cenſor.

18 So thei toke euerie man his cenſor, and put fire in them,and laied incens thereon, and ſtode in the dore of the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion with Moſes &Aarón.

19 And Kórah gathered all the [i] multitude againſt them vnto the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion:then the glorie of the Lord appeared vnto all the Cōgregacion.

20 And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes and to Aarón,ſaying,

21 Separate your ſelues frō amōg this Cōgregacion,ỹ I may conſume thē atonce.

22 And thei fel vpon their faces and ſaid, O God ỹ God of the ſpirits, [o] of all fleſh, hathe not one man *onely* ſinned, and wilt thou be wrath with all the Cōgregacion?

23 And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,

24 Speake vnto the Congregacion & ſay, Get you away frō about the Tabernacle of Kórah,Dathán and Abirám.

25 Then Moſes roſe vp, & went vnto Dathán and Abirám,and the Elders of Iſraél followed him.

26 And he ſpake vnto the Congregacion, ſaying,Departe,I pray you,frō the tentes of theſe wicked men,and touche nothing of theirs,leſt ye periſh [k] in all their ſinnes.

27 So thei gate them away frō the Tabernacle of Kórah, Dathán and Abirám on euerie ſide: and Dathán,& Abirám came out and ſtode in the dore of their tentes with their wiues,and their ſonnes,& their litle children.

28 And Moſes ſaid, Hereby ye ſhal knowe that ỹ Lord hathe ſent me to do all theſe workes: for *I haue* not *done them* of mine owne [l] minde.

29 If theſe mē dye the cōmune death of all men,or if thei be viſited after ỹ viſitaciō of all men, the Lord hathe not ſent me.

30 But if the Lord make [m] a newe thing,& the earth open her mouth, & ſwalowe thē vp w̄ all that thei haue, & thei go downe quicke into [n] ỹ pit,thē ye ſhal vnderſtād that theſe men haue prouoked the Lord.

31 ¶And aſſone as he had made an end of ſpeaking all theſe wordes,euen the groūde claue a ſunder that was vnder them,

32 And the earth * opened her mouthe,and ſwalowed them vp, with their families,& all the men that were with Kórah, and all their goods.

33 So thei & all that had, went downe aliue into the pit,& the earth couered thē: ſo thei periſhed from among the Cōgregacion.

34 And all Iſraél that were about thē,fled at the crye of thē:for thei ſaid, *Let vs flee*, leſt the earth ſwalowe vs vp.

35 But there came out a fire from the Lord, and conſumed the two hundreth and fiftie men that offred the incens.

36 ¶And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſes, ſaying,

37 Speake vnto Eleazár, the ſonne of Aarón the Prieſt,that he take vp the cenſers out of the burning,and ſkater the fire beyonde *the altar*:for thei are halowed,

38 The cenſers,*I ſay*,of theſe ſinners,*that deſtroyed* [o] them ſelues:and let them make of them broad plates for a couering of the Altar:for they offred thē before the Lord, therefore thei ſhalbe holy,and thei ſhalbe [p] a ſigne vnto the children of Iſraél.

39 Then Eleazár the Prieſt toke the braſen cēſers,which thei,that were burnt,had offred, and made broad plates of them for a couering of the Altar.

40 *It is* a remembrance vnto the children of Iſraél,that no ſtranger which is not of the ſede of Aarón, come nere to offer incens before the Lord, that he be not like [q] Kórah and his companie, as the Lord ſaid to him by the hand of Moſes.

41 ¶But on the morowe all the multitude of the children of Iſraél murmured againſt Moſes and againſt Aarón, ſaying, Ye haue killed the people of the Lord.

42 And when the Cōgregacion was gathered againſt Moſes & againſt Aarón, then thei [r] turned their faces toward the Tabernacle of the Cōgregacion:& beholde, the cloude couered it,& the glorie of the Lord appeared.

43 Then Moſes and Aarón were come before the Tabernacle of the Cōgregaciō.

44 ¶And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſes,ſayīg,

45 Get you vp from among this Congregacion:for I wil conſume them quickely: then thei fel vpon their faces.

46 And Moſes ſaid vnto Aarón, Take the cenſer and put fire therein of the [s] Altar, & put *therein* incens, & go quickely vnto the Congregacion,& make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out frō

the

[f] Thus thei ſpake contēpteouſly,preterring Egypt to Canáan.

[g] Wilt thou make thē,that ſearched ỹ lād, beleue that thei ſawe not ỹ, which thei ſawe? *Gen.4.4.*

[h] At the dore of the Tabernacle.

[i] All that were of there factiou.

[o] Or, of euerie creature.

[k] With them that haue committed ſo manie ſinnes

[l] I haue not forged thē of mine owne braine

[m] Or,ſhewe a ſtrange fight.

[n] Or, depe & dārcke places of the earth.

[o] Which were the occaſiō of their owne death.

[p] Of Gods iudgements againſt rebelli.

[q] Who preſumed aboue his vocacion.

[r] Or,fled: towrde Moſes & Aaron.

[s] For it was not lauful to take anie other fire, but the Altar of the Altar of burnt offring, Leui 10

the Lord: the plague is begonne.

47 Then Aarón toke as Moſés commãded him, and ran into the middes of the Congregacion, and beholde, the f plague was begõne among the people, & he put in incens, & made an atonemẽt for the people.

f God had begõne to punſhe ỹ people.

48 And when he ſtode betwene the dead, & thẽ that were aliue, ỹ g plague was ſtayed.

g God drewe backe his hãd & ceaſed to punſhe them.

49 So they dyed of this plague fourtene thouſand and ſeuen hundreth, beſide thẽ that dyed in the conſpiracie of Kórah.

50 And Aarón went againe vnto Moſés before the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, & the plague was ſtayed.

CHAP. XVII.

2 The twelue rods of the twelue princes of the tribes of Iſraél 9 Aarons rod buddeth, and beareth bloſſoms, to For a teſtimonie againſt the rebellious people.

h While he was in ỹ dore of the Tabernacle.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto [a] Moſés, ſaying,

2 Speake vnto the childrẽ of Iſraél, & take of euerie one of them a rod, after ỹ houſe of their fathers, of all their princes according to the familie of their fathers, *euen* twelue rods *and* thou ſhalt write euerie mans name vpon his rod.

3 And write Aarons name vpon the rod of Leuí: for euerie rod *ſhalbe* for the head of the houſe of their fathers.

4 And thou ſhalt put thẽ in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, before *the Arke* of the Teſtimonie,* where I wil declare my ſelfe to you.

Exod 25.22.

i To be the chief Priest

5 And the mans rod, whome I [i] choſe, ſhal bloſſom: and I wil make ceaſe from me the grudgings of the children of Iſraél, which grudge againſt you.

6 ¶ Then Moſés ſpake vnto the children of Iſraél, & all their princes gaue him a rod, one rod for euerie prince, according to ỹ houſes of their fathers, *euen* twelue rods, & the rod [k] of Aarón *was* amõg their rods.

k Though Iosephs tribe was deuided into two in ỹ diſtributiõ of the land, yet here it is but one, and Leui maketh a tribe

7 And Moſés laid the rods before the Lord in the Tabernacle of the Teſtimonie.

8 And when Moſés on the morowe went into the Tabernacle of the Teſtimonie, beholde, the rod of Aarón [d] for the houſe of Leuí was budded, and broght forthe buddes, & broght forthe bloſſoms & bare ripe almondes.

d To declare that God did choſe ỹ houſe of Leui to ſerue him in ỹ Tabernacle.

9 Then Moſés broght out all the rods fro before the Lord vnto all the children of Iſraél: and they loked vpon them, & toke euerie man his rod.

Ebr 9.4.

10 ¶ After, ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, * Bring Aarons rod againe before the Teſtimonie to be kept for a tokẽ to the rebellious children, & thou ſhalt cauſe their [e] murmurings to ceaſe fro me, ỹ they dye not.

e Grudging ỹ Aarón ſhulde be hie Prieſt

f The Chalde text deſcribeth thus their murmuring: We dye by the ſworde: the earth ſwalowe thye vp, ỹ peſtilẽce doeth conſume vs.

11 So Moſés did as the Lord had commãded him: ſo did he.

12 ¶ And the children of Iſraél ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying, Beholde, [f] we are dead, we periſh, we are all loſt:

13 Whoſoeuer cõmeth nere, or approcheth to the Tabernacle of the Lord, ſhal dye: ſhal we be conſumed and dye?

CHAP. XVIII.

1 7 The office of Aarón & his ſonnes. 2 With the Leuites 8 The Prieſts parte of the offrings 20 God is their portion 26 The Leuites haue the tithes, and offer the tenthes thereof to the Lord.

1 AND ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Aarón, Thou, & thy ſonnes and thy fathers houſe with thee, ſhal beare [a] the iniquitie of the Sanctuarie: bothe thou & thy ſonnes with thee ſhal beare ỹ iniquitie of your Prieſts office.

a If you treſpas in anie thing concerning the ceremonies of the Sanctuarie, or your office, you ſhalbe punished.

2 And bring alſo with thee thy brethren of the tribe of Leuí of the familie of thy father, which ſhalbe ioyned with thee, and miniſter vnto thee: but thou, and thy ſonnes with thee *ſhal miniſter* before the Tabernacle of the Teſtimonie.

3 And they ſhal [b] kepe thy charge, euen the charge of all ỹ Tabernacle: but they ſhal not come nere the inſtruments of the Sanctuarie, nor to the altar, leſt they dye, bothe they & you:

b That is, the things, which are cõmitted to thee: or, ỹ thou doeſt enioyne them.

4 And they ſhal be ioyned with thee, & kepe the charge of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion for all ỹ ſeruice of the Tabernacle: & no [c] ſtranger ſhal come nere vnto you.

c Which was not of ỹ tribe of Leui.

5 Therefore ſhal ye kepe the charge of the Sanctuarie, and the charge of the altar: ſo there ſhal fall no more wrath vpon the children of Iſraél.

6 For lo, I haue *taken your brethren ỹ Leuites fro amõg ỹ children of Iſraél, which as a gift of yours, are giuẽ vnto the Lord, to do the ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

*Chap 3.41.

7 But thou, & thy ſonnes with thee ſhal kepe your Prieſts office for all things of the altar, and within the vaile: therefore ſhal ye ſerue: for I haue made your Prieſts office [l] an office of ſeruice: therefore the ſtrãger that commeth nere, ſhal be ſlaine.

l Or, a gift.

8 ¶ Againe ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Aarón, Beholde, I haue giuen thee the keping of mine [d] offrings, of all the halowed things of the childrẽ of Iſraél: vnto thee I haue giuen them for the anointings ſake, and to thy ſonnes, for a perpetual ordinance.

d As the firſt frute, firſtborne, & ỹ tẽthes.

9 This ſhalbe thine of ỹ moſte holie thigs, *reſerued* from the [e] fire: all their offring of all their meat offring, and of all their ſin offring, and of all their treſpas offring, wh they bring vnto me, that ſhalbe moſt holy vnto thee and to thy ſonnes.

e That wh was not burned, ſhulde be the Prieſts.

10 In the moſt [f] holy place ſhalt thou eat it: euerie male ſhal eat of it. it is holy vnto thee.

f That is, in ỹ Sanctuarie, betwene ỹ coure & the Holieſt of all.

11 This alſo ſhalbe thine: the heaue offring of their gift, with all the ſhake offrings of the children of Iſraél: I haue giuen them vnto thee & to thy ſonnes & to thy

g Read Leuit. 10,14.

g daughters w̄ thee, to be a duetie for euer: all the cleane in thine houſe ſhal eat of it.

h That is, the chiefeſt, or the beſt

12 All the h fat of the oyle, and all the fat of the wine, and of the wheat, which they ſhal offer vnto the Lord for their firſt frutes, I haue giuen them vnto thee.

13 And the firſt ripe of all that is in their lād, which they ſhal bring vnto the Lord, ſhalbe thine: all the cleane in thine houſe ſhal eat of it.

Leuit. 27,28.

14 *Euerie thing ſeparate from the cōmune vſe in Iſraél, ſhal be thine.

Exod. 13,2. & 22,29. leu. 27,26. chap. 3,13.

15 All that *firſt* openeth the* matrice of anie fleſh, which they ſhal offer vnto the Lord, of man or beaſt, ſhalbe thine: but the firſt borne of man ſhalt thou redeme, and the firſt borne of the vncleane beaſt ſhalt thou redeme.

16 And thoſe that are to be redemed, ſhalt ỹ redeme from the age of a moneth, according to thy eſtimation, for the money of fiue ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the Sanctuarie, * which is twentie gerahs.

Exod. 30,13. leu. 27,25. chap. 3,47. ezek. 45,12.

17 But the firſt borne of a kowe, or the firſt borne of a ſhepe, or the firſt borne of a goat ſhalt thou not i redeme: *for* they are holy: thou ſhalt ſprinkle their blood at the altar, and thou ſhalt burne their fat: *it is* a ſacrifice made by fire for a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord.

i Becauſe they are appointed for ſacrifice.

Exod 29, 26. leui. 7,30.

18 And the fleſh of them ſhalbe thine, * as the ſhake breaſt, and as the right ſhulder ſhalbe thine.

19 All the heaue offrings of the holy things which the children of Iſraél ſhal offer vnto the Lord, haue I giuen thee, & thy ſonnes, and thy daughters with thee, to be a duetie for euer: *it is* a perpetual couenant k of ſalt before the Lord, to thee and to thy ſede with thee.

k That is, ſure, ſtable, & incorruptible

20 ¶ And the Lord ſaid vnto Aarón, Thou ſhalt haue none inheritance in their l land, nether ſhalt thou haue anie parte among them: * I am thy parte & thine inheritance among the children of Iſraél.

l Of Canaan.

Deu. 10, 9. & 18 2. ioſh. 13,14. ezek. 44,28.

21 For beholde, I haue giuē the childrē of Leuí all the tenth in Iſraél for an inheritance, for their ſeruice which they ſerue in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

22 Nether ſhal the children of Iſraél anie more m come nere ỹ Tabernacle of the Cō gregacion, leſt they ſuſteine ſinne, & dye.

m To ſerue thereins for ỹ Leuites are put in their place.

23 But the Leuites ſhal do the ſeruice in ỹ Tabernacle of ỹ Cōgregaciō, & they ſhal beare n their ſinne: *it is* a lawe for euer in your generacions, ỹ among the childrē of Iſraél they poſſeſſe none enheritance.

n If they faile in their office, they ſhalbe punished.

24 For the tithes of the children of Iſraél, which they ſhal offer as an offring vnto ỹ Lord, I haue giuen the Leuites for an inheritance: therefore I haue ſaid vnto thē, Among the childrē of Iſraél ye ſhal poſſeſſe none inheritance.

25 ¶ And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſayīg,

26 Speake alſo vnto the Leuites & ſay vnto them, When ye ſhal take of the childrē of Iſraél the tithes, w̄ I haue giuen you of thē for your inheritance, then ſhal ye take an heaue offring of that ſame for the Lord, *euen* the tenth parte of the tithe.

27 And your heaue offrīg ſhalbe rekened vnto you, as the o corne of the barne, or as the abundance of the wine preſſe.

o As acceptable as ỹ frute of your owne groūde, or vineyarde

28 So ye ſhal alſo offer an heaue offring vnto the Lord of all your tithes, which ye ſhal receiue of the children of Iſraél, and ye ſhal giue thereof the Lords heaue offring to Aarón the Prieſt.

29 Ye ſhal offer of all your p gifts all the Lords heaue offrings: of all ỹ q fat of the ſame *ſhal ye offer* the holy things thereof.

p Which ye haue receiued of the childrē of Iſraél

q Read verſ. 12.

30 Therefore thou ſhalt ſay vnto thē, Whē ye haue offred the fat thereof, then it ſhalbe counted vnto the Leuites, as the encreaſe of the corne floore, or as ỹ encreaſe of the wine preſſe.

31 And ye ſhal eat it in all r places, ye, and your houſholds: for it is your wages for your ſeruice in the Tabernacle of the Cō gregacion.

r As is in the 11 verſ

32 And ye ſhal ſ beare no ſinne by the reaſon of it, when ye haue offred the fat of it: nether ſhal ye pollute the holy t things of the children of Iſraél, leſt ye dye.

ſ Ye ſhal not be punished therefore.

t The offrings which the Iſraelites haue offred to God.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The ſacrifice of the red kowe. 9 The ſprinkling water. 11 He that toucheth the dead. 14 The man that dyeth in a tent.

1 AND the Lord ſpake to Moſés, and to Aarón, ſaying,

2 a This is the ordināce of the lawe, which the Lord hathe commāded, ſaying, Speake vnto the children of Iſraél that they bring thee a red kowe without blemiſh, wherein is no ſpot, vpon the which neuer came yoke.

a According to this lawe & ceremonie, ye ſhal ſacrifice ỹ red kowe.

3 And ye ſhal giue her vnto Eleazár the Prieſt, that he may bring her * without the hoſte, and cauſe her to b be ſlaine before his face.

Ebr. 13,11.

b By another Prieſt.

4 Then ſhal Eleazár the Prieſt take of her blood with his * finger, & ſprinkle it before the Tabernacle of the Congregacion ſeuen times,

Ebr. 9,13.

5 And cauſe ỹ kowe to be burnt in his ſight: with her * ſkin, & her fleſh, and her blood, and her doung ſhal he burne *her.*

Exod. 29,14. leu. 4,11.

6 Then ſhal the Prieſt take ceder wood, & hyſſope and ſkarlet *lace*, and caſt them in the middes of the fire where the kowe burneth.

7 Then ſhal the c Prieſt waſh his clothes, and he ſhal waſh his fleſh in water, and then come into the hoſte, and the Prieſt ſhalbe vncleane vnto the euen.

c Meaning Eleazár.

d The inferior Prieſt which led her & burned her.

8 Alſo he that d burneth her, ſhal waſh his clo-

clothes in water, and waſh his fleſh in water, and be vncleane vntil euen.

9 And a man, *that is* cleane, ſhal take vp the aſhes of the kowe, & put them without the hoſte in a cleane place: and it ſhalbe kept for the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél for [e] a ſprinkling water: it is a ſinne offring.

10 Therefore he that gathereth the aſhes of the kowe, ſhal waſh his clothes, and remaine vncleane vntil euen: and it ſhalbe vnto the children of Iſraél, and vnto the ſtranger that dwelleth among them, a ſtatute for euer.

11 He that toucheth the dead bodie of anie man, ſhalbe vncleane euen ſeuen daies.

12 He ſhal purifie him ſelfe [f] therewith the third day, and the ſeuenth day he ſhalbe cleane: but if he purifie not him ſelfe the third day, then the ſeuenth day he ſhal not be cleane.

13 Whoſoeuer toucheth the corps of anie man that is dead, and purgeth not him ſelfe, defileth ỹ Tabernacle of the Lord, & that perſone ſhalbe [g] cut off from Iſraél, becauſe the ſprinkling water was not ſprinkled vpon him: he ſhalbe vncleane, and his vnclennes *ſhal remaine* ſtil vpon him.

14 This is the lawe, When a man dyeth in a tent, all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, ſhalbe vncleane ſeuen dayes,

15 And all the veſſels that be open, which haue no "couering faſtened vpō them, ſhal be vncleane.

16 Alſo whoſoeuer toucheth one that is ſlaine with a ſworde in ỹ fielde, or a dead perſone, or a bone of a dead man, or a graue, ſhalbe vncleane ſeuen dayes.

17 Therefore for an vncleane perſone thei ſhal take of the burnt aſhes of the [h] ſin offring, and [i] pure water ſhal be put thereto in a veſſel.

18 And a [k] cleane perſone ſhal take hyſſope and dip it in the water, and ſprinkle it vpon the tent, and vpon all the veſſels, and on the perſones that were therein, and vpon him that touched the bone, or ỹ ſlaine, or the dead, or the graue.

19 And the cleane perſone ſhal ſprinkle vpon the vncleane the third day, and the ſeuenth day, and he ſhal purifie him ſelf the ſeuenth day, & [l] waſh his clothes, & waſh him ſelfe in water, & ſhalbe cleane at euē.

20 But the man that is vncleane and purifieth not him ſelfe, that perſone ſhalbe cut of from amōg the Congregacion, becauſe he hathe defiled the Sanctuarie of the Lord: and the ſprinkling water hathe not bene ſprinkled vpon him: *therefore* ſhal he be vncleane.

21 And it ſhalbe a perpetual lawe vnto thē, that he that ſprinkleth the ſprinkling water, ſhal waſh his clothes: alſo he that toucheth the ſprinkling water, ſhal be vncleane vntil euen.

22 And whatſoeuer the vncleane perſone toucheth, ſhal be vncleane: and the perſone that toucheth [m] *him*, ſhalbe vncleane vntil the euen.

e Or the water of ſeperation, becauſe that they that were ſeparate for their vnclennes, were ſprinkled therewith & made cleane, Chap 8,7 It is alſo called holy water, becauſe it was ordeined to an holy vſe, Chap 5,17

f With the ſprinkling water.

g So that he ſhulde not be eſteemed to be of the holy people, but as a polluted & excōmunicate perſone

" *Eby a couering of cloth.*

h Of the red kowe burnt for ſinne

i Water of ỹ fountaine or riuer.

k One of the Prieſts which is cleane

l Becauſe he had bene amōg them that were vncleane: or els had touched the water, as ver. 21.

m That is vncleane

CHAP. XX.

1 Miriám dyeth 2 The people murmure. 8 They haue water out of the rocke. 14 Edóm denyeth the Iſraelites paſſage. 25. 28 The death of Aarón, in whoſe rowme Eleazár ſucceedeth.

1 THen the children of Iſraél came with the whole Congregacion to the deſert of Zín in the firſt [a] moneth, and the people abode at Kadéſh: where [b] Miriám dyed, and was buryed there.

2 But there was no water for the Congregacion, and they [c] aſſembled them ſelues againſt Moſés and againſt Aarón.

3 And the people chode with Moſés, and ſpake, ſayīg, Wolde God we had periſhed, *when our brethren dyed before ỹ Lord.

4 *Why haue ye thus broght the Congregacion of the Lord vnto this wildernes, ỹ *both* we, and our cattel ſhulde dye there?

5 Wherefore now haue ye made vs to come vp frō Egypt, to bring vs into this miſerable place, *which is* no place of ſede, nor figs, nor vines, nor pomgranates? nether is there anie water to drinke.

6 Then Moſés and Aarón went from the aſſemblie vnto the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and fel vpon their faces: and the glorie of the Lord appeared vnto them.

7 ¶And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

8 Take the [d] rod, and gather thou and thy brother Aarón the Congregacion together, and ſpeake ye vnto the rocke before their eies, & it ſhal giue forthe his water, and thou ſhalt bring them water out of the rocke: ſo thou ſhalt giue the Congregacion, and their beaſtes drinke.

9 Then Moſés toke the rod frō before the Lord, as he had commanded him.

10 And Moſés and Aarón gathered ỹ Cōgregacion together before the rocke, and *Moſes* ſayd vnto them, Heare now, ye rebels: [e] ſhal we bring you water out of this rocke?

11 Then Moſés lift vp his hand, and with his rod he ſmote the rocke twiſe, and the water came out abundantly: ſo the Congregacion, and their beaſts dranke.

12 ¶Agayne the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés & to Aarón, Becauſe ye beleued me not, to [f] ſanctifie me in the preſence of the children of Iſraél, therefore ye ſhal not bring this Congregacion into the land which I haue giuen them.

13 This is the water [g] of Meribáh, becauſe the children of Iſraél ſtroue with ỹ Lord,

a This was fourtie yeres after their departure from Egypt

b Moſés and Aarons ſiſter

c Another rebellion was in Raphidim, Exod 17, and this was in Kadéſh *Chap 11,33. Exod.17,2.*

d Wherewith thou dideſt miracles in Egypt, and dideſt deuide ỹ Sea

e The puniſhment, which followed hereof, declared that Moſés & Aaron beleued not the Lords promes, as appeareth verſ 12

f That ỹ children of Iſraél ſhulde beleue and acknowledge my power, & ſo honour me

g Or, ſtrife, & contēcion.

and he [h] was ſanctified in them.

14 ¶Then Moſés ſent meſſengers from Kadéſh vnto ỹ King of [i] Edóm, ſaying, Thus ſaith thy brother Iſraél, Thou knoweſt all the trauaile that we haue had,

15 How our fathers went downe into Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time, where the Egyptians handled vs euil & our fathers.

16 But when we cryed vnto the Lord, he heard our voyce, and ſent an Angel, & hathe broght vs out of Egypt, & beholde, we are in ỹ citie Kadéſh, in thine vtmoſt border.

17 I pray thee that we may paſſe through thy countrey: we wil not go through the fieldes nor the vineyardes, nether wil we drinke of the water of the welles: we wil go by the [l] kings way, and nether turne vnto the right hand nor to the left, vntil we be paſt thy borders.

18 And Edóm anſwered him, [m] Thou ſhalt not paſſe by me, leſt I come out againſt thee with the ſworde.

19 Then the children of Iſraél ſaid vnto him, We wil go vp by the hie way: & if I and my cattel drinke of thy water, I wil then paye for it: I wil onely (without anie harme) go through on my fete.

20 He anſwered againe, Thou ſhalt not go through. Thé [n] Edóm came out againſt him with muche people, and with a mighty power.

21 Thus Edóm denied to giue Iſraél paſſage through his coútrie: wherefore Iſraél [k] turned away from him.

22 ¶And when the children of Iſraél with all the Congregacion departed from *Kadeſh, they came vnto the mount Hor.

23 And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés and to Aarón in the mount Hor nere the coſte of the land of Edóm, ſaying,

24 Aarón ſhalbe [l] gathered vnto his people: for he ſhal not entre into the land, ẅ I haue giuen vnto the children of Iſraél, becauſe ye [o] diſobeied my commandement at the water [p] of Meribáh.

25 Take *Aarón and Eleazár his ſonne, & bring them vp into the mount Hor,

26 And cauſe Aarón to put of his garmẽts & put them vpon Eleazár his ſonne: for Aarón ſhal be gathered *to his fathers*, and ſhal dye there.

27 And Moſés did as the Lord had commãded: & they went vp into the mount Hor, in the ſight of all the Congregacion.

28 And Moſés put of Aarons clothes, and put them vpon Eleazár his ſonne: *ſo Aarón dyed there in the top of the moũt: and Moſés and Eleazár came downe from of the mount.

29 When all the Congregacion ſawe that Aarón was dead, all the houſe of Iſraél wept [q] for Aarón thirtie dayes.

h By ſhewing hi ſelf almighti & maiteyning his glorie

i Becauſe Iaakób or Iſraél was Eſaus brother, who was called Edóm.

l Or, hie way.

m Or, come not

n Or, the Edimites.

k To paſſe by another way

Chap 33 37.

l Read Gen 25.8

o Or, rebelled.

p Or, ſtrife

Chap. 33.38. deut. 32.50.

Deu. 10.6. & 32.50.

q Or, mourned.

CHAP. XXI.

3 Iſraél vanquiſheth King Arád 6 The fiery ſerpentes are ſent for the rebellion of the people 24 33 Sihon and Og are ouercome in battel.

1 WHen King *Arád the Canaanite, which dwelt toward the South, heard tel that Iſraél came by the [a] waie of the ſpies, then fogbt he againſt Iſraél, and toke of them priſoners.

Chap 33.40.

a By that way which their ſpies, that ſearched the dangers, found to be moſte ſafe.

2 So Iſraél vowed a vowe vnto the Lord, and ſaid, If thou wilt deliuer *and* giue this people into mine hand, then I wil vtterly deſtroye their cities.

3 And the Lord heard the voyce of Iſraél, and deliuered *them* the Canaanites: & they vtterly deſtroyed them and their cities, & called the name of the place [r] Hormáh.

r Or, deſtruction.

4 ¶After, they departed from the mount Hor by the way of the red Sea, to [b] compaſſe the land of Edóm: and the people were ſore grieued becauſe of the way.

b For they were forbidden to deſtroy it, Deut 2.5.

5 And the people ſpake againſt God and againſt Moſés, *ſaying*, Wherefore haue ye broght vs out of Egypt, to dye in the wildernes? for *here is* nether bread nor water, and our ſoule *lotheth this light [c] bread.

Chap.11 6.

c Meaning Mãna, which they thoght did not nourith *Wiſd 16.1. 1 Cor 10.9.*

6 *Wherefore the Lord ſent [d] firy ſerpentes among the people which ſtõg the people: ſo that manie of the people of Iſraél dyed.

d For they ỹ were ſtõg therwith, were ſo inflamed with the heat thereof, that they dyed.

7 Therefore the people came to Moſés and ſaid, We haue ſinned: for we haue ſpoken againſt the Lord, and againſt thee: praye to the Lord, that he take away the ſerpents from vs: and Moſés prayed for the people.

8 And the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Make thee a firy ſerpent, and ſet it vp [e] for a ſigne, that as manie as are bitten, may loke vpon it, and liue.

e Or, vpon a pole.

9 * So Moſés made a ſerpent of braſſe, and ſet it vp for a ſigne: and when a ſerpent had bitten a man, then he loked to the ſerpent of braſſe, and [f] liued.

2 Kin.18.4. ion.3.24.

f Or, recouered.

10 *And the children of Iſraél departed thence, and pitched in Obóth.

Chap 33.47.

11 ¶And they departed from Obóth, and pitched [g] in Ije-abarím, in the wildernes, which is before Moáb on the Eaſtſide.

g Or, in the heapes of Abarim, or, hilles.

12 ¶They remoued thence, and pitched vpon the riuer of Záred.

13 ¶Thence they departed, and pitched on the other ſide of Arnón, which is in the wildernes, and commeth out of the coſtes of the Amorites: (for Arnón *is* the border of Moáb, betwene the Moabites and the Amorites)

e Which ſeemeth to be the boke of the Iudges, or as ſome thinke, a boke which is loſt

14 Wherefore it ſhalbe ſpoken in the boke of [e] the battels of the Lord, [f] what thing he did in the red Sea, and in the riuers of Arnón,

f Or, (How God deſtroyed) Vaheb (the citie) with a whirle winde, and the vallies of Arnon.

15 And *at* the ſtreame of ỹ riuers that goeth downe to ỹ dwelling of Ar, and lieth vpõ the

the border of Moáb.

16 ¶And from thence *they turned* to Beér: the ſame is the well where the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Aſſemble the people, and I wil giue them water.

17 ¶Then Iſraél ſang this ſong, "Riſe vp well, f ſing ye vnto it.

18 The princes digged this well, ỹ captaines of the people digged it, euen the g lawegiuer, with their ſtaues. And from the wildernes *they came* to Mattanáh,

19 ¶And from Mattanáh to Nahaliél, and from Nahaliél to Bamoth,

20 ¶And fró Bamóth in the valley, that is in the plaine of Moáb, to the top of Piſgáh that loketh toward Ieſhimón.

21 ¶Then Iſraél ſent meſſengers vnto Sihón, King of the Amorites, ſaying,

22 *Let me go through thy land: we wil not turne aſide into the fields, nor into the vineyardes, neither drinke of the waters of ỹ welles: we wil go by the kings way, vntil we be paſt thy countrey.

23 *But Sihón gaue Iſraél no licence to paſſe through his countrey, but Sihón aſſembled all his people, and went out againſt Iſraél into the wildernes: and he came to Iahóz, and foght againſt Iſraél.

24 *But Iſraél ſmote him with the edge of the ſworde, and conquered his land, from Arnón vnto h Iabók, *euen* vnto the childrē of Ammón: for the border of the children of Ammón *was* ſtrong.

25 And Iſraél toke all theſe cities, & dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites in Heſhbón and in all the " villages thereof.

26 For k Heſhbón was the citie of Sihón the King of the Amorites, which had foght before time againſt the King of the Moabites, and had taken all his land out of his hand, *euen* vnto Arnón.

27 Wherefore they that ſpake in prouerbes, ſay, Come to Heſhbón, let the citie of Sihón be buylt and repared:

28 For l a fire is gone out of Heſhbón, *and* a flame from the citie of Sihón, and hathe conſumed Ar of the Moabites, *and* the lords of Bamóth in Arnón.

29 Wo be to thee, Moáb: ô people of m Chemóſh, thou art vndone: he hathe ſuffred his ſonnes to be purſued, and his daughters *to be* in captiuitie to Sihón the King of the Amorites.

30 Their "empire is loſt from Heſhbón vnto Dibón, and we haue deſtroyed them vnto Nóphah, which *reacheth* vnto Medebá.

31 ¶Thus Iſraél dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moſés ſent to ſearch out Iaazér, and they toke the townes belōging thereto, and roted out the Amorites that were there.

33 ¶*And they turned and went vp toward Baſhán: & Óg the King of Baſhán came out againſt them, he, and all his people, to fight at Edréi. *Deu. 3,1. & 29,7.*

34 Then the Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Feare him not: for I haue deliuered him into thine hand & all his people, and his land: *and thou ſhalt do to him as thou dideſt vnto Sihón the King of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heſhbón. *Pſal.135,22.*

35 They ſmote him therefore, and his ſonnes, and all his people, vntil there was none left him: ſo they conquered his land.

CHAP. XXII.

1 King Balák ſendeth for Balaám to curſe the Iſraelites. 12 The Lord forbiddeth him to go. 22 The Angel of the Lord meeteth him, & his aſſe ſpeaketh. 38 Balaám proteſteth that he wil ſpeake nothing, but that which the Lord putteth in his mouthe.

1 AFter, the children of Iſraél departed and pitched in the plaine of Moáb on the a other ſide of Iordén from Ierichó.

2 ¶Now Balák the ſonne of Zippór ſawe all that Iſraél had done to the Amorites.

3 And the Moabites were ſore afraide of the people, becauſe they were manie, and Moáb "freated againſt the children of Iſraél.

4 Therefore Moáb ſaid vnto the b Elders of Midián, Now ſhal this multitude licke vp all that are rounde about vs, as an oxe licketh vp the graſſe of the field: and Balák the ſonne of Zippór *was* King of the Moabites at that time.

5 *He ſent meſſengers therefore vnto Balaám the ſonne of Beór to Pethór (which is by the c riuer of the land of the childrē of his folke) to call him, ſaying, Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which couer the face of the earth, and lie ouer againſt me. *Ioſh.24,9.*

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, *and* curſe me this people (for they are ſtronger then I) ſo it may be that I ſhal be able to ſmite thē and to driue them out of the lād: for I knowe that he, whome thou bleſſeſt, is bleſſed, and he whome thou curſeſt, ſhalbe curſed.

7 And the Elders of Moáb, and the Elders of Midián departed, hauing d *the rewarde* of the ſoothſaying in their hand, and they came vnto Balaám, & tolde him the wordes of Balák.

8 Who anſwered them, Tary here this night, and I wil giue you an anſwer, as the Lord ſhal ſay vnto me So e the princes of Moáb abode with Balaám.

9 Then God came vnto Balaám, and ſaid, What men are theſe with thee?

10 And Balaám ſaid vnto God, Balák the ſonne of Zippór, King of Moáb hathe ſent vnto me, *ſaying*,

a Being at Ierichó, it was beyonde Iordén: but where the Iſraelites were, it was on this ſide

"Or, *was vexed.*

b Which were the heades & gouerners.

c To wit, Euphrátes, vpon ỹ which ſtode this citie Pethor.

d Thinking to bribe him ỹ giftes to curſe the Iſraelites.

e Whome before he called Elders meaning, the gouerners, & after calleth thē ſeruants: that is, ſubiectes to their King.

f Ye that receiue the cōmoditie therof, giue praiſe for it.

g Moſés and Aarón heades of the people onely ſmote ỹ rocke with ỹ rod or ſtaffe, which gaue water as a well, that were depe digged.

"Or, *ſpring*

Deu.2,26. Iudg 11,19.

Deu.29,7.

Ioſh 12,2. pſal 134,11. amos 2,9

h The riuer.

i For the people were talle and ſtrong like gyāts. Deu 2.20

"Ebr. *daughters*

k For if it had bene the Moabites, the Iſraelites might not haue poſſeſſed it, Deu. 29

l Meaning, warre

m Chemóſh was the Idole of the Moabites, 1 Kin 11, 33 who was not able to defende his worſhippers, ỹ toke ỹ idole for their father

"Ebr *light.*

11 Beholde, *there is* a people come out of Egypt and couereth the face of the earth: come nowe, curse them for my sake: so it may be that I shal be able to ouercome them in battel, and to driue them out.

12 And God [f] said vnto Balaám, Go not thou with them, nether curse the people, for they are blessed.

13 And Balaám rose vp in the morning, and said vnto the princes of Balák, Returne vnto your land: for the Lord hathe refused to giue [g] me leaue to go with you.

14 So the princes of Moáb rose vp, and wēt vnto Balák, and said, Balaám hathe refused to come with vs.

15 ¶ Balák yet sent againe mo princes, and more honorable then they.

16 Who came to Balaám, and said to him, Thus saieth Balák the sonne of Zippór, [h] Be not thou stayed, I pray thee, from cōming vnto me.

17 For I wil promote thee vnto great honour, and wil do whatsoeuer thou sayest vnto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Balaám answered, and sayd vnto the seruantes of Balák, * If Balák wolde giue me his house ful of siluer and golde, I can not go beyonde the worde of the Lord my God, to do lesse or more.

19 But nowe, I pray you, tary here this night, that I may wit, what the Lord wil say vnto me [i] more.

20 And God came vnto Balaám by night, and said vnto him, If the mē come to call thee, rise vp, *and* go with them: but onely what thing I say vnto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 So Balaám rose vp early, and sadled his asse, and went with the princes of Moáb.

22 And the wrath of God was kindled, because he [k] went: & the Angel of the Lord stode in the way to be againſt him, as he rode vpon his asse, and his two seruantes *were* with him.

23 And * when the asse sawe the Angel of ỹ Lord stād in the way, and his sworde drawen in his hand, the asse turned out of ỹ waie and went into the field, but Balaám smote the asse, to turne her into the way.

24 [l] Againe the Angel of the Lord stode in a path of the vineyardes, *hauing* a wall on the one side, and a wall on the other.

25 And when the asse sawe the Angel of the Lord, she thrust her selfe vnto the wall, and dasht Balaams fote againſt the wall: wherefore he smote her againe.

26 Then the Angel of the Lord went further, and stode in a narowe place, where was no way to turne, *ether* to the right hand, or to the left.

27 And when the asse sawe the Angel of the Lord, she lay downe vnder Balaám: therefore Balaám was very wrath, and smote the asse with a staffe.

28 Then the Lord [m] opened the mouth of the asse, and she said vnto Balaám, What haue I done vnto thee, that thou hast smitten me nowe thre times?

29 And Balaám said vnto the asse, Because thou hast mocked me: I wolde there were a sworde in mine hand, for now wolde I kil thee.

30 And the asse said vnto Balaám, Am not I thine asse, which thou hast ridden vpon [n] sincē thy first time vnto this day? haue I vsed at anie time to do thus vnto thee? Who said, Nay.

31 And the Lord [o] opened the eies of Balaam, and he sawe the Angel of the Lord stāding in the way with his sworde drawē in his hand: then he bowed him selfe, and fel flat on his face.

32 And the Angel of the Lord said vnto him, Wherefore hast thou now smitten thine asse thre times? beholde, I came out to withstand thee, because *thy* [p] way is not straight before me.

33 But the asse sawe me, and turned fro me now thre times: for els, if she had not turned fro me, surely I had euē now slaine thee, and saued her aliue.

34 Then Balaám said vnto the Angel of the Lord, I haue sinned: for I wist not that thou stodest in the way [q] againſt me: now therefore if it displease thee, I wil turne [r] home againe.

35 But the Angel said vnto Balaám, Go with the men: but [s] what I say vnto thee, that shalt thou speake. So Balaám went with the princes of Balák.

36 And when Balák heard that Balaám came, he went out to mete him vnto a citie of Moáb, which is in the [t] border of Arnón, euen in the vtmost coste.

37 Then Balák said vnto Balaám, Did I not send for thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not vnto me? am I not able in dede to promote thee vnto honour.

38 And Balaám made answer vnto Balák, Lo, I am come vnto thee, & can I now say [u] anie thing at all? the worde that God putteth in my mouth, that shal I speake.

39 So Balaám went with Balák, and thei came vnto the citie of [x] Huzóth.

40 Then Balák offred bullockes, and shepe, and sent *thereof* to Balaám, and to ỹ princes that were with him.

41 And on the morow Balák toke Balaám, and brought him vp into the hie places of [y] Baál, that thence he might se the vtmost parte of the people.

f He warned him by a dreame ỹ he shulde not consent to the kings wicked requeſt

g Els he shewed him selfe willing, couetousnes had so blinded his heart.

h The wicked seke by all meanes to forther their naughty enterprises, though thei knowe that God is againſt them

Chap 24.13.

i Because he tempted God to require hi cōtrary to his cōmandement, his petition was granted, but it turned to his owne cōdemnation.

k Moued rather with couetousnes, thē to obey God.

2.Pet.2.16. Iude 11.

l The seconde time.

Or, fell

m Gaue her power to speake.

n Since thou hast bene my maſter

o For whose eyes the Lord doeth not opē, they can nether se his angre, nor his loue.

p Boebe thy heart is corrupt and thine étreprise wicked.

q *Or, before me, or, to mete me.*

r *Ebr I wil returne to me*

s Because his heart was euil his charg was renued, that he shulde not pretend ignorāce.

t Nere the place, where the Israelites camped.

u Of my selfe I can speake nothing: onely what God reueleth, ỹ wil I vtter, seme it good or bad

x *Or, of streetes: or, a populous citie.*

y Where the idole Baál was worshiped.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Balaám causeth seuē Altars to be buylt. 5 God teacheth him what to answer 8 In stede of cursing he blesseth Israél. 19 God is not like man.

1 And

1 And Balaám ſaid vnto Balák, Buylde me here ſeuen altars, and prepare me here ſeuen bullockes, and ſeuen rams.

a For among the Gentiles the Kings oft times vſed to ſacrifice, as alſo ỹ Priests

2 And Balák did as Balaám ſaid, and a Balák and Balaám offred on *euerie* altar a bullocke and a ram.

3 Then Balaám ſaid vnto Balák, Stand by the burnt offring, & I wil go, if ſo be that the Lord wil come *and* mete me: & whatſoeuer he ſheweth me, I wil tel thee: ſo he

*Or, wēt vp hier

*went for the alone.

b Appeared vnto him

4 And God b met Balaám, and *Balaám* ſaid vnto him, I haue prepared ſeuen altars, & haue offred vpon *euerie* altar a bullocke and a ram.

c Taught him what to ſay

5 And the Lord c put an anſwer in Balaãs mouth, and ſaid, Go againe to Balak, and ſay on this wiſe.

6 So when he returned vnto him, lo, he ſtode by his burnt offring, he, & all the princes of Moáb.

*Or, prophecie

7 Then he vttered his *parable, and ſaid, Balák the King of Moáb hathe broght me

*Or, Syria.

from *Aram out of the mountaines of the Eaſt, *ſaying*, Come, curſe Iaakób for my ſake: come, and d deteſt Iſraél.

d Cauſe that all men may hate & deteſt them

8 How ſhal I curſe, where God hathe not curſed? or how ſhal I deteſt, *where* ỹ Lord hathe not deteſted?

9 For frõ the top of the rocks I did ſe him, and from the hils I did beholde him: lo, the people ſhal dwel by them ſelues, and ſhal not be rekened among the e nacions.

e But ſhal haue religion & lawes a parte

10 Who can tel the f duſt of Iaakób, and the nomber of the fourth parte of Iſraél? Let me g dye the death of the righteous, and let my laſt end be like his.

f The infinite multitude, as the duſt of the earth

g The feare of Gods iudgements cauſed him to wiſh to be ioyned to the houſholde of Abrahám

11 Then Balák ſaid vnto Balaám, What haſt thou done vnto me? I toke thee to curſe mine enemies, and beholde, thou haſt bleſſed them altogether.

thus ỹ wicked haue their conſciences woũded when they conſider Gods iudgements

12 And he anſwered, and ſaid, Muſt I not take hede to ſpeake that, which the Lord hathe put in my mouth?

13 And Balák ſaid vnto him, Come, I pray thee, with me vnto an other place, whence thou maieſt ſe them, and thou ſhalt ſe but the vtmoſt parte of them, and ſhalt not ſe them all: therefore curſe thẽ out of that place for my ſake.

*Or, into the field of the that ſpied: to wit, leſt the enemy ſhalde approche.

14 ¶And he broght him into *Sede-ſophím to the top of Piſgáh and buylt ſeuen altars, & offred a bullocke, & a ram on *euerie* altar.

15 After, he ſaid vnto Balák, Stand here by thy burnt offring, and I wil mete *the Lord* yonder.

Chap 22,35. 16 And the Lord met Balaám, and *put an anſwer in his mouth, and ſaid, Go againe vnto Balák, and ſaie thus.

17 And when he came to him, beholde, he ſtode by his burnt offring, and the princes of Moáb with him: ſo Balák ſaid vnto him, What hathe the Lord ſaid?

18 And he vttered his parable, & ſaid, Riſe vp, Balák, and heare: hearken vnto me, thou ſonne of Zippór.

h Gods enemies are cõpelled to confeſſe that his gouernement is iuſte, conſtant, & without chãge or repentance.

19 h God *is* not *as* man, that he ſhulde lie, nether *as* the ſonne of man that he ſhulde repent: hathe he ſaid, and ſhal he not do it? and hathe he ſpoken, and ſhal he not accompliſh it?

20 Beholde, I haue receiued *commandement* to bleſſe: for he hathe bleſſed, & I can not alter it.

21 He ſeeth none iniquitie in Iaakób, nor ſeeth no tranſgreſsion in Iſraél: the Lord his God *is* with him, & the i ioyful ſhoute of a King *is* among them.

i Thei triũphe as victorious Kings ouer their enemies.

22 God broght them out of Egypt: their ſtrength *is* as an vnicorne.

23 For *there is* no ſorcerie in Iaakób, nor ſoothſaying in Iſraél: k according to this time it ſhalbe ſaid of Iaakób and of Iſraél, What hathe God wroght?

k Conſidering what God ſhal worke this time for the deliuerãce of his people, all the worlde ſhal wonder.

24 Beholde, the people ſhal riſe vp as a liõ, and lift vp him ſelf as a yong lion: he ſhal not lie downe, til he eat of the praie, and til he drinke the blood of the ſlaine.

25 ¶Then Balák ſaid vnto Balaám, Nether curſe, nor bleſſe them at all.

26 But Balaám anſwered, and ſaid vnto Balák, Tolde not I thee, ſaying, All that the Lord ſpeaketh, that muſt I do?

27 ¶Againe Balák ſaid vnto Balaám, Come, I pray thee, I wil bring thee vnto another l place, if ſo be it wil pleaſe God, that thou maieſt thence curſe them for my ſake.

l Thus ỹ wicked imagine of God, that that which he wil not graunte in one place, he wil do it in another.

28 So Balák broght Balaám vnto the top of Peór, that loketh toward Ieſhmón.

29 Then Balaám ſaid vnto Balák, Make me here ſeuen altars, and prepare me here ſeuen bullockes, and ſeuen rams.

30 And Balák did as Balaám had ſaid, and offred a bullocke and a ram on *euerie* altar.

CHAP. XXIIII

Balaám prophecieth of the great proſperitie that ſhulde come vnto Iſraél 17 Alſo of the cõming of Chriſt. 20 The deſtruction of the Amalekites, and of the Kenites.

1 WHen Balaám ſawe that it pleaſed the Lord, to bleſſe Iſraél, then he went not, * as certeine times before, to ſet diuinacions, but ſet his face toward the a wildernes.

Chap.23,3.

a Where the Iſraelites cãped.

2 And Balaám lift vp his eies, and loked vpõ Iſraél, which dwelt accordíg to their tribes, and the Spirit of God came vpon him.

3 * And he vttered his parable, and ſaid, Balaám the ſonne of Beór hathe ſaid, and the man, whoſe eies b were ſhut vp, hathe ſaid,

Chap.23,5.

b His eies were ſhut vp before in reſpect of ỹ cleare viſions ỹ he ſawe after: ſome read, were open.

4 He hathe ſaid, which heard the wordes of God, and ſawe the viſion of the Al-

mightie, and [c] falling *in a trance* had his eies opened.

[c] Though he laye as in a slepe, yet the eies of his mide were open

5 ¶How goodlie are thy tẽts, ô Iaakób, & thine habitacions, ô Isráél?

6 As the valleis, are thei stretched forthe, as gardẽs by the riuers side, as the [e] aloe trees, which the Lord hathe planted, as the cedars, beside the waters.

[e] Or, Mids dauntes

[d] His prosperitie and posteritie shalbe verie great

7 The [d] water droppeth out of his bucket, and his sede *shalbe* in many waters, & his King shalbe hier then [e] Agág, & his kingdome shalbe exalted.

[e] Which name was commẽ to the Kings of Amalék.

8 God broght him out of Egypt: his strength *shalbe* as an vnicorne: he shal eat the nacions his enemies, and bruise their bones, and shoote them through with his arrowes.

Gen. 49, 9. 9 * He coucheth *and* lieth downe as a yong lyon, & as a lyon: who shal stirre him vp? blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

10 Then Balák was verie angry ẅ Balaám, and [f] smote his hands together: so Balák said vnto Balaám, I sent for thee to curse mine enemies, and beholde, thou hast blessed them now thre times.

[f] In token of anger.

11 Therefore now flee vnto thy place: I thoght surely to promote thee vnto honour, but lo, the [g] Lord hathe kept thee backe from honour.

[g] Thus ỹ wicked burden God, whẽ thei cã not compas their wicked enterprises.

12 Then Balaám answered Balák, Tolde I not also thy messengers, which thou sentest vnto me, saying,

13 If Balák wolde giue me his house ful of siluer and golde, I can not passe the commandement of the Lord, to do *ether* good or bad of mine owne minde: what the Lord shal cõmãde, that same wil I speake.

14 And now beholde, I go vnto my people: come, I wil [h] aduertise thee what this people shal do to thy folké in the later daies.

[h] He gaue also wicked cõsel to cause ỹ Israelites to sinne, that thereby God might forsake them, Chap 31, 16.

15 And he vttered his parable, and said, Balaám the sonne of Beór hathe said, and the man whose eies were shut vp, hathe said.

16 He hathe said that heard the wordes of God, & hathe the knowledge of the moste high, & sawe the vision of the Almightie, and falling *in a trance* had his eies opened:

17 I shal se him, but not now: I shal beholde him, but not neie: there shal come a [i] starre of Iaakób, and a scepter shal rise of Israél, and shal smite the [k] coastes of Moáb, and destroye all the sonnes of [l] Shéth.

[i] Meaning, Christ.
[k] That is, the princes
[l] He shal subdue all that resist: for of Shéth came Noáh, and of Noáh all the worlde.

18 And Edóm shalbe possessed, and Seír shalbe a possession to their enemies: but Israél shal do valiantly.

19 He also that shal haue dominiõ *shalbe* of Iaakób, and shal destroye the remnant of the [m] citie.

[m] Of the Edomites.

20 ¶And when he loked on Amalék, he vttered his parable, and said, Amalék *was* the [n] first of the nacions: but his later end *shal come* to destruction.

[n] The Amalekites first made warre against Israél, as Chap. 14, 45.

21 And he loked on the [o] Kenites, and vttered his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling place, and [o] put thy nest in the rocke.

[o] Or, Midianites
[o] Make thy selt as strong as thou canst

22 Neuertheles, [o] the Kenite shalbe spoiled vntil Ashúr cary thee away captiue.

[o] Or, shon Kain shalt.

23 Againe he vttered his parable, and said, Alas, [p] who shal liue when God doeth this?

[p] Some read, Oh, who shal not perish, when the enemie, *that is, Antichrist*, shal set him self vp as God?

24 The shippes also shal *come* frõ the coastes of [q] Chittím and subdue Asshúr, and shal subdue Ebér, and [r] he also *shal come* to destruction.

[q] The Grecians, and Romains
[r] Meaning, Eber, or the Iewes, for rebelling against God.

25 Then Balaám rose vp, and went and returned to his place: and Balák also went his way.

CHAP. XXV.

[a] The people committeth fornicacion with the daughters of Moáb. 9 Phinehás killeth Zimri & Cozbi. 11 God maketh his couenant with Phinehás. 17 God commandeth to kil the Midianites.

1 NOw whiles Israél abode in Shittím, the people began to cõmit whoredome with the [a] daughters of Moáb:

[a] With ỹ woman.

2 Which called ỹ people vnto the sacrifice of their gods, & the people ate, & bowed downe to their gods.

3 And Israél [b] coupled him self vnto Báal Peór: wherefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against Israél:

[b] Worshipped the idole of ỹ Moabites, ẅ was in the hil Peór

4 And the Lord said vnto Mosés, * Take all the heades of the people, & hang them vp [c] before the Lord [c] against the sunne, that the indignacion of the Lords wrath may be turned from Israél.

Deut. 4, 3. Iosh. 22, 17.
[c] Or, to the Lord.
[c] Openly in ỹ sight of all

5 Then Mosés said vnto the Iudges of Israél, Euerie one slay his [d] men that were ioyned vnto Báal Peór.

[d] Let him se execucio done of them that are vnder his charge.

6 ¶And beholde, one of the children of Israél came and broght vnto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Mosés, and in the sight of all the Congregacion of the children of Israél, [e] who wept before the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

[e] Repenting ỹ thei had offended God

7 *And when Phinehás the sonne of Eleazár the sonne of Aarón the Priest sawe it, he rose vp from the middes of the Congregacion, and toke a [f] speare in his hand,

Psal 106, 30. 1. mac. 2, 54.
[f] Or, tauelin.

8 And followed the man of Israél into the tent, & thrust them bothe through: *to wit*, the man of Israél, and the womã, [f] through her belly: so the plague ceased from the children of Israél.

[f] Or, in her tent, Chald & Greke, to her secrets.

9 * And there dyed in that plague, foure & twentie thousand.

1. Cor. 10, 8.

10 Then ỹ Lord spake vnto Mosés, saying,

11 *Phinehás ỹ sonne of Eleazár, the sonne of Aarón the Priest, hathe turned mine

Psal 106, 30.

anger

anger away from the children of Iſraél, while he f was zelous for my ſake among them: therefore I haue not conſumed the children of Iſraél in my ielouſie.

f He was zealous to maintein me my glorie

Ecclé 45,24 1 mac.2,54.

12 Wherefore ſaye *to him*, Beholde,* I giue vnto him my couenant of peace,

13 And he ſhal haue it, and his ſede after him, *euen* the couenant of the Prieſts office for euer, becauſe he was zelous for his God, and hathe made an g atonement for the children of Iſraél.

g He hathe pacified Gods wrath.

14 And the name of the Iſraelite *thus* ſlayne, which was killed with the Midianitiſh woman, *was* Zimrí the ſonne of Salú, prince * of the familie of the Simeonites.

*Ebr of the house of the father

15 And the name of the Midianitiſh womã, that was ſlaine, *was* Cozbí the daughter of Zur, who *was* head ouer the people of his fathers houſe in Midián.

16 ¶Againe the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

Chap 31,2.

17 *Vexe the Midianites, and ſmite them:

h Causing you to cõmit both corporal and ſpiritual fornicacion by Balaams counſel, Chap 31,16. gen 2,14.

18 For they trouble you with their h wiles, wherewith they haue beguiled you as concerning Peór, & as concerning their ſiſter Cozbi the daughter of a prince of Midián, which was ſlaine in the day of the plague becauſe of Peór.

CHAP. XXVI.

The Lord cõmandeth to nomber the children of Iſraél in the plaine of Moáb, from twẽty yere olde & aboue. 57 The Leuites and their families 64 None of them, that were nombred in Sinai, go in to Canaan ſaue Caléb, and Ioſhua.

a Which came for their whoredome & idolatrie

1 AND ſo after the a plague, the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, & to Eleazar the ſonne of Aarón the Prieſt, ſaying,

2 Take the nomber of all the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél * from twẽty yere olde and aboue through out their fathers houſes, all that go forthe to warre in Iſraél.

Chap.1,3.

3 So Moſés & Eleazár the Prieſt ſpake vnto them in the plaine of Moáb, by Iordén b *towarde* Ierichó, ſaying,

b Where the riuer is nere to Ierichó.

4 From twenty yere olde and aboue *y^t ſhal nomber the people*, as the * Lord had cõmanded Moſés, and the children of Iſraél, whẽ they came out of the land of Egypt.

Chap.1,1.

Gen 46,9. exod 6,14. 1.chro 5 1.

5 ¶ *Reubén ỹ firſt borne of Iſraél: ỹ childrẽ of ‖Reubén were: Hanóch, of whome came* the familie of the Hanochites, *and* of Pallú the familie of the Palluites:

‖Reubén.

6 Of Heſrón, the familie of the Heſronites: of Carmí, the familie of ỹ Carmites.

7 Theſe are ỹ families of the Reubenites: and they were in nomber thre & fourtie thouſand, ſeuen hundreth and thirty.

8 And the ſonnes of Pallú, Eliáb:

9 And the ſonnes of Eliáb, Nemuél, & Dathán, and Abirám: this Dathán and Abirám were famous in the Congregacion, and * ſtroue againſt Moſés and againſt Aarón in c the aſſemblie of Kórah, whẽ they ſtroue againſt the Lord.

Chap.16,2.

c In that rebellió whereof Kórah was head.

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and ſwalowed them vp with Kórah, when the Congregacion dyed, what time the fire conſumed two hundreth and fifty men, who were d for a ſigne:

d That is, for an example ỹ other ſhulde not murmure and rebelle againſt Gods miniſters.

11 Notwithſtanding, *all* the ſonnes of Kórah dyed not.

12 ¶And the childrẽ of ‖Simeón after their families *were*: Nemuél, *of whome came* ỹ familie of the Nemuelites: of Iamín, the familie of the Iaminites: of Iachín, the familie of the Iachinites:

‖Simeón.

13 Of Zérah, the familie of the Zarhites: of Shaúl, the familie of the Shaulites.

14 Theſe are the families of the Simeonites: two and twenty thouſand and two hundreth.

15 ¶The ſonnes of ‖Gad after their families *were*: Zephón, *of whome came* ỹ familie of the Zephonites: of Haggí, the familie of the Haggites: of Shuní, the familie of the Shunites:

‖Gad.

16 Of Ozni, the familie of the Oznites: of Erí, the familie of the Erites:

17 Of Aród, the familie of the Arodites: of Arelí, the familie of the Arelites.

18 Theſe are the families of the ſonnes of Gad, according to their nombers, fourty thouſand and fiue hundreth.

19 ¶The ſõnes of ‖Iudán, Er & Onán: but Er and Onan dyed in the land of e Canáan.

‖Iudáh

e Before Iaakób went into Egypt Gen. 38,3. & 7.

20 So were the ſonnes of Iudáh after their families: of Sheláh *came* the familie of the Shelanites: of Phárez, ỹ familie of ỹ Pharzites, of Zérah, the familie of ỹ Zarhites.

21 And the ſonnes of * Pharéz *were*: of Heſrón, the familie of ỹ Heſronites: of Hamúl, the familie of the Hamulites.

Gen.46,12.

22 Theſe are the families of Iudáh, after their nombers, ſeuẽty ad ſix thouſand and fiue hundreth.

23 ¶The ſonnes of ‖Iſſachár, after their families *were*: Tolá, *of whome came* the familie of the Tolaites: of Puá, the familie of the Punites:

‖Iſſachár.

24 Of Iaſhúb ỹ familie of ỹ Iaſhubites: of Shimrón the familie of the Shimronites.

25 Theſe are the families of Iſſachár, after their nombers, thre ſcore and foure thouſand and thre hundreth.

26 ¶The ſonnes of ‖Zebulún, after their families *were*: of Séred, the familie of ỹ Sardites: of Elón, the familie of the Elonites: of Iahleél, the familie of the Iahleelites.

‖Zebuléõ

27 Theſe are the families of the Zebulunites, after their nõbers, thre ſcore thouſand and fiue hundreth.

28 ¶The ſonnes of Ioſéph, after their families *were* ‖Manaſſéh and Ephráim.

‖Manaſſes.

29 The ſonnes of Manaſſéh *were*: of * Machír, ỹ familie of ỹ Machirites: & Machír begate Gileád: of Gileád *came* ỹ familie

Ioſh 17,3.

of the Giliadites.
30 Theſe are the ſonnes of Giliád: of Iezér, the familie of the Iezerites: of Hélek, the familie of the Helekites:
31 Of Aſriél, the familie of the Aſrielites: of Shéché, the familie of the Shichmites.
32 Of Shemidá, the familie of the Shemidaites: of Hépher, the familie of the Hepherites.
Chap.27.1. 33 ¶And *Zelophehád ỹ ſonne of Hépher had no ſonnes, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehád *were* Mahláh, and Noáh, Hogláh, Milcáh and Tirzáh.
34 Theſe are the families of Manaſſéh, and the nomber of them, two and fifty thouſand and ſeuen hundreth.
‖Ephráim. 35 ¶Theſe are the ſonnes of ‖Ephráim after their families: of Shutheláh *came* ỹ familie of the Shuthalhites: of Bechéi, the familie of the Bachrites: of Táhan, the familie of the Tahanites.
36 And theſe are the ſonnes of Shutheláh: of Erán the familie of the Eranites.
37 Theſe are ỹ families of the ſonnes of Ephráim after their nõbers, two and thirtie thouſand and fiue hundreth. theſe are the ſonnes of Ioſéph after their families.
‖Beniamin. 38 ¶*Theſe are* the ſonnes of ‖Beniamín after their families: of Belá *came* the familie of the Baleites: of Aſhbél, the familie of the Aſhbelites: of Ahirám, the familie of the Ahiramites:
39 Of Shuphám, the familie of the Shuphamites: of Huphám, the familie of the Huphamites.
40 And the ſonnes of Belá were Ard and Naamán: *of Ard came* the familie of the Ardites, of Naamán, the familie of the Naamites.
41 Theſe are the ſonnes of Beniamín after their families, and their nombers, fiue and fourty thouſand and ſix hundreth.
‖Dan 42 ¶Theſe are ỹ ſonnes of ‖Dan after their families: of Shuhám *came* the familie of the Shuhamites: theſe are the families of Dan after their houſeholdes.
43 All the families of the Shuhamites *were* after their nombers, thre ſcore and foure thouſand, and foure hundreth.
‖Aſhér. 44 ¶The ſonnes of ‖ Aſhér after their families *were*: of Iimnáh, the familie of the Iimnites: of Iſuí, the familie of thẽ Iſuites: of Beriáh, the familie of the Beriites.
45 The ſonnes of Beriáh *were*, of Hebér the familie of the Heberites: of Malchiél, the familie of the Malchielites.
46 And the name of the daughter of Aſhér *was* Sárah.
47 Theſe are the families of the ſonnes of Aſhér after their nombers, thre and fifty thouſand and foure hundreth.
‖Naphtali. 48 ¶The ſõnes of ‖Naphtalí, after their families *were* of Iahzeél, the families of the Iahzeelites: of Guní, the familie of the Gunites.
49 Of Iézer, the familie of the Izrites: of Shillém, the familie of the Shillemites.
50 Theſe are the families of Naphtalí accordĩg to their houſholdes, & their nõber, fiue & fourty thouſand & foure hũdreth.
51 Theſe are the *nombers of the children of Iſraél: ſix hundreth, and one thouſand, ſeuen hnndreth and thirty. *f* This is the third time ỹ they are nombred.
52 ¶And ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
53 Vnto theſe the lãd ſhal be deuided for an inheritãce, according to ỹ nõber of *names. *Or, perſons.*
54 *To manie thou ſhalt giue the more inheritãce, and to fewe thou ſhalt giue léſſe inheritance: to euerie one according to his nomber ſhalbe giuen his inheritance. *Chap 33.54.*
55 Notwithſtãding, the land ſhal be* deuided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers thẽi ſhal inherit: *Ioſh.11.23.*
56 According to the lot ſhal the poſſeſſion thereof be deuided betwene manie & fewe.
57 ¶*Theſe alſo *are* the nõbers of the Leuites, after their families: of Gerſhón *came* the familie of the Gerſhonites: of Kohath the familie of the Kohathites: of Merarí the familie of the Merarites. *Exod.6.17.*
58 Theſe are the families of Leuí, the familie of the Libnites: the familie of ỹ Hebronites: the familie of the Mahlites: the familie of the Muſhites: the familie of the Korhites: and Kohath begate Amram.
59 And Amrãs wife was called* Iochébed the daughter of Leuí, ẅ was borne vnto Leuí in Egypt: and ſhe bare vnto Amrám Aarón, & Moſés, and Miriám their ſiſter. *Exod.2.2.& 6.20.*
60 And vnto Aarón were borne Nadab, & Abihú, Eleazár, and Ithamár.
61 *And Nadáb and Abihú dyed becauſe they offred ſtrange fire before the Lord. *Leu.10.2. chap 3.4*
62 And their nombers were thre & twenty thouſand, all males from a moneth olde and aboue: for they were not nombred among the childrẽ of Iſraél, becauſe there was none inheritance giuen them among the children of Iſraél. *1 chro.24.2.*
63 ¶Theſe are the nombers of Moſés and Eleazár the Prieſt which nombred the children of Iſraél in the plaine of Moáb, nere Iordén, *toward* Ierichó.
64 And among theſe there was not a man of them, *g* whome Moſés and Aarón the Prieſt nõbred, whẽ they tolde the childrẽ of Iſraél in the wildernes of Sinái. *g* Wherein appeareth the great power of God, that ſo wonderfully increaſed his people
65 For the Lord ſaid of them, * They ſhal dye in the wildernes: ſo there was not left a man of them, ſaue Caléb the ſonne of Iephunnéh, & Ioſhúa the ſonnẽ of Nun. *Chap 14.28. 1.cor.10.6.*

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The lawe of the heritage of the daughters of Zelophehád. 12 The land of promes is ſhewed vnto Moſés. 16 Moſés praieth for a gouerner to the people. 18 Ioſhua

18 Ioſhúa is appointed in his ſtede.

Chap 26.33. & 36.11. Ioſ 17.3.

1 THen came the daughters of * Zelophehád, the ſonne of Hépher, the ſonne of Gilead, the ſonne of Machír, the ſónne of Manaſſéh, of the familie of Manaſſéh, the ſonne of Ioſéph, (and the names of his daughters were theſe, Mahláh, Noáh, and Hogláh, and Milcáh, and Tirzáh)

2 And ſtode before Moſés, and before Eleazár the Prieſt, and before the princes, and all the aſſembly, at the dore of ỹ Tabernacle of the Congregacion, ſaying,

Chap 26.1. & 31.

3 Our father * dyed in the wildernes, and he was not among the aſſemblie of them that were aſſembled againſt ỹ Lord in the cõpanie of Kórah, but dyed in his [a] ſinne, and had no ſonnes.

[a] According as all mẽ dye, forasmuche as they are ſinners.

4 Wherefore ſhulde the name of our father be taken away from among his familie, becauſe he hathe no ſonne? giue vs a poſſeſsion among the brethren of our father.

5 Then Moſés broght their [b] cauſe before the Lord.

[b] That is, their matter to be iudged, to knowe what he ſhulde determine, as he did all hard matters

6 And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehád ſpeake right: thou ſhalt giue them a poſſeſſion to inherit among their fathers brethrẽ, and ſhalt turne the inheritance of their father vnto them.

8 Alſo thou ſhalt ſpeake vnto the children of Iſraél, ſaying, If a man dye & haue no ſonne, then ye ſhal turne his inheritance vnto his daughter.

9 And if he haue no daughter, ye ſhal giue his inheritance vnto his brethren.

10 And if he haue no brethren, ye ſhal giue his inheritance vnto his fathers brethren.

11 And if his father haue no brethren, ye ſhal giue his inheritãce vnto his next kinſeman of his familie, and he ſhal poſſeſſe it: and *this* ſhal be vnto the children of Iſraél a lawe of [c] iudgement, as the Lord hathe commanded Moſés.

[c] Meaning an ordinance to iudge by

Deu. 32.49.

12 ¶ Againe ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, * Go vp into this moũt of Abarím, and behold the land which I haue giuen vnto the children of Iſraél.

13 And when thou haſt ſene it, thou ſhalt be gathered vnto thy people alſo, * as Aarón thy brother was gathered.

Chap. 20.24.

Chap. 20.12.

14 For ye were * diſobedient vnto my worde in the deſert of Zín, in the ſtrife of the aſſemblie, to ſanctifie me in the waters before their eyes. * That is the water of [d] Meribáh in Kadéſh in the wildernes of Zin.

Exod 17.7.

[d] Or, ſtrife.

15 ¶ Then Moſés ſpake vnto the Lord, ſaying,

[d] Who as he hathe created ſo he gouerneth the hartes of all mẽ.

16 Let the Lord God of [a] the ſpirits of all fleſh appoint a man ouer the Congregacion,

17 Who may [e] go out and in before them, & lead them out and in, that the Congregacion of the Lord be not as ſhepe, which haue not a ſhepeherd.

[e] That is, gouerne them & do his duetie, as 2 chr 1.10.

18 And ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Moſés, Take thee Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun, in whome is the Spirit, and [f] put thine hands vpon him,

[f] And ſo appoint him gouernour.

19 And ſet him before Eleazár the Prieſt, and before all the Congregacion, and giue him a charge in their ſight.

20 And [g] giue him of thy glorie, that all ỹ Congregacion of the children of Iſraél may obeie.

[g] Cõmend him to ỹ people as mete for ỹ office, & appointed by God.

21 And he ſhal ſtand before Eleazár the Prieſt, who ſhal aſke counſel for him * by the [h] iudgement of Vrím before the Lord: at his worde they ſhal go out, and at his worde they ſhal come in, *bothe* he, and all the children of Iſraél with him & all the Congregacion.

Exod. 28.30.

[h] According to his office: ſignifiing that ỹ ciuile magiſtrat colde execute nothing but that ẅ he knewe to be ỹ wil of God

22 So Moſés did as the Lord had commãded him, & he toke Ioſhúa, & ſet him before Eleazár the Prieſt, and before all the Congregacion

23 Then he put his hands vpon him, & gaue him a [i] charge, as the Lord had ſpoken by the hand of Moſés.

[i] How he ſhal de gouerne hĩ ſelfe in his office

CHAP. XXVIII.

4 The daiely ſacrifice 9 The ſacrifice of the Sabbath, 11 Of the Moneth, 16 Of the Paſſeouer, 26 Of the firſt frutes.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

2 Commande the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, Ye ſhal obſerue to offer vnto me in their due ſeaſon mine offring & [a] my bread, for my ſacrifices made by fire for a ſwete ſauour vnto me.

[a] By bread, he meaneth all maner of ſacrifice

3 Alſo thou ſhalt ſay vnto them, * This is ỹ offring made by fire which ye ſhal offer vnto the Lord, two lambes of a yere olde without ſpot, dayly, for a continual burnt offring.

Exod. 29.38.

4 One lambe ſhalt thou prepare in ỹ morning, and the other lambe ſhalt thou prepare at euen.

5 * And the tẽth parte of an * Epháh of fine floure for a * meatoffring mingled with ỹ fourth parte of an * Hin of beaten oyle.

Exod 16.36. Leui 2.1. Exod. 29.40.

6 *This ſhalbe* a dailie burnt offring, as was made in ỹ moũt Siná: for a ſwete ſauour: *it is* a ſacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.

7 And the drinke offring thereof ſhe fourth parte of an Hin for one lambe in the holy place cauſe to powre the drinke offring vnto the Lord.

8 And the other lambe thou ſhalt prepare at euẽ: as the meat offring of the morning and as ỹ drinke offring thereof ſhalt thou prepare *this* [b] *for* an offring made by fire of ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord.

[b] The meat offring & drinke offring of ỹ euening ſacrifice.

9 ¶ But on the Sabbath day *ye ſhal offer* two lambes of a yere olde, without ſpot, and

two [c] tenth deales of fine floure for a meat offring mingled with oyle, & the drinke offring thereof.

[c] Of the measure Ephah.

10 *This is* the burnt offring of euerie Sabbath, beſide the [d] continual burnt offring, and drinke offring thereof.

[d] Which was offred euerie day at morning and at euening

11 ¶And in the beginning of your monethes, ye ſhal offer a burnt offring vnto the Lord, two yong bullockes, and a ram, and ſeuē lambes of a yere olde, with out ſpot,

12 And thre tenth deales of fine floure for a meat offring mingled with oyle for one bullocke, and two tenth deales of fine floure for a meat offring, mingled with oyle for one ram,

13 And a tenth deale of fine floure mingled with oyle for a meat offring vnto one lābe, for a burnt offring of ſwete ſauour *at is* an offring made by fire vnto the Lord.

[e] That is, the wine that ſhal be powred vp on the ſacrifice.

14 And their [e] drinke offrings ſhalbe halfe an Hin of wine vnto one bullocke, & the third parte of an Hin vnto a ram, and the fourth parte of an Hin vnto a lābe: this is ỹ burnt offring of euerie moneth, throughout the moneths of the yere.

15 And one he goat for a ſin offring vnto the Lord ſhalbe prepared, beſides the continual burnt offring, & his drinke offring.

Exod.12,18. & 23,15. Leu.23,5.

16 *Alſo the fourteenth day of the firſt moneth *is* the Paſſeouer of the Lord.

17 And in the fiftenth day of the ſame moneth is the feaſt: ſeuen daies ſhal vnleauened bread be eaten.

Leu.23,7.

18 In the * firſt day *ſhalbe* an holy [f] conuocacion, ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *therein.*

[f] Or ſolemne aſſemblie.

19 But ye ſhal offer a ſacrifice made by fire for a burnt offring vnto the Lord, two yong bullockes, one ram, and ſeuē lambes of a yere olde: ſe that they be without blemiſh.

20 And their meat offring *ſhal be* of fine floure mingled with oyle: thre tenth deales ſhal ye prepare for a bullocke, and two tenth deales for a ram:

21 One tenth deale ſhalt thou prepare for euerie lambe, *euen* for the ſeuen lambes.

22 And an he goat for a ſin offring, to make an atonement for you.

23 Ye ſhal prepare theſe, beſide the burnt offring in the morning, which is a continual burnt ſacrifice.

24 After this maner ye ſhal prepare through out all the ſeuen dayes, for the " maintening of the offring made by fire for a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord: it ſhal be done beſide the continual burnt offring and drinke offring thereof.

" Ebr. bread.

25 And in the ſeuenth day ye ſhal haue an holy conuocacion, *wherein* ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke.

ỹ In counting ſeuen wekes from the Paſſeouer to Witſontide, as Leuit 23,15.

26 ¶Alſo in ỹ day of your firſt frutes, when ye bring a newe meat offrīg vnto ỹ Lord, according to ỹ your wekes ye ſhal haue an holy cōuocacion, and ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *in it:*

27 But ye ſhal offer a burnt offring for a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord, two yōg bullockes, a ram, and ſeuen lambes of a yere olde,

28 And their meat offring of fine floure mingled with oyle, thre tenth deales vnto a bullocke, two tenth deales to a ram,

29 And one tenth deale vnto euerie lambe throughout the ſeuen lambes,

30 And an he goat to make an atonemēt for you:

31 (Ye ſhal do *this* beſides the cōtinual burnt offring, and his meat offring:) " ſe they be without blemiſh, with their drīke offrīgs.

" Ebr. they ſhalbe to you.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Of the thre principal feaſts of the ſeuenth moneth: to wit, the feaſt of trumpets. 7 The feaſt of reconciliacion. 12 And the feaſt of Tabernacles.

1 MOreouer in the firſt *day* of the [a] ſeuenth moneth ye ſhal haue an holy conuocacion: ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *therein:* it ſhalbe a day of blowing the trūpets vnto you.

[a] Which conteineth part of September, & parte of October *Leuit.23,24.*

2 And ye ſhal make a burnt offring for a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord: one yōg bullocke, one ram, & ſeuen lambes of a yere olde, without blemiſh.

3 And their meat offring *ſhal be* of fine floure mingled with oyle, thre tēth deales vnto the bullocke, and two tenth deales vnto the ram,

4 And one tenth deale vnto one lambe, for the ſeuen lambes,

5 And an he goat for a ſin offring to make an atonement for you,

6 Beſide the burnt offring of the [b] moneth, & his meat offring, and ỹ cōtinual [c] burnt offring, and his meat offring & the drinke offrings of the ſame, according to their maner, for a ſwete ſauour: *it is* a ſacrifice made by fire vnto the Lord.

[b] Which muſt be offred in ỹ beginning of euerie moneth.
[c] Which is for morning & euening

7 ¶ * And ye ſhal haue in the tenth *day* of ỹ ſeuenth moneth, an holy [d] cōuocacion: and ye ſhal humble your ſoules, *and* ſhal not do anie worke *therein:*

Leuit.16,30. & 23,27.

[d] Which is ỹ feaſt of reconciliacion.

8 But ye ſhal offer a burnt offring vnto the Lord for a ſwete ſauour: one yong bullocke, a ram, and ſeuen lambes of a yere olde: ſe they be without blemiſh.

9 And their meat offring ſhal be of fine floure mingled with oyle, thre tenth deales to a bullocke, & two tenth deales to a ram,

10 One tēth deale vnto euerie lābe, throughout the ſeuen lambes,

11 An he goat for a ſinoffring, (beſide ỹ ſin offring to make the atonement and the continual [e] burnt offring and the meat offring thereof) & their drinke offrings.

[e] That is, offred euerie morning & euening

12 ¶And in the fiftenth day of the ſeuēth moneth ye ſhal haue an holy [f] cōuocacio: ye ſhal

[f] Meaning the feaſt of ỹ Tabernacles.

ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *therein*, but ye ſhal kepe a feaſt vnto ỹ Lord ſeuen dayes.
13 And ye ſhal offer a burnt offring for a ſacrifice made by fire of ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord, thirtene yong bullockes, two rams, & fourtene lambes of a yere olde: they ſhalbe without blemiſh.
14 And their meat offring ſhalbe of fine floure mingled with oyle, thre tenth deales vnto euery bullocke of ỹ thirtene bullockes, two tenth deales to ether of ỹ two rams,
15 And one tenth deale vnto eche of the fourtene lambes,
16 And one he goat for a ſin offring, beſide the continual burnt offring, his meat offring and his drinke offring.
‖ The ſeconde day of ỹ feaſt of Tabernacles. 17 ¶ And the ‖ ſeconde day *ye ſhal offer* twelue yong bullockes, two rams, fourtene lambes of a yere olde without blemiſh,
18 With their meat offring & their drinke offrings for the bullockes, for the rams, & for the lambes according to their nomber, after the maner,
19 And an he goat for a ſin offring (beſide the continual burnt offring and his meat offring) and their drinke offrings.
‖ The third dame. 20 ¶ Alſo the ‖ third day *ye ſhal offer* eleuen bullockes, two rams, and fourtene lambes of a yere olde without blemiſh,
21 With their meat offring & their drinke offrings, for the bullockes, for the rams, & for the lambes, after their nomber according to the ε maner,
ε According to the ceremonies appointed thereunto. 22 And an he goat for a ſin offring, beſide the continual burnt offring, and his meat offring and his drinke offring.
‖ The fourthe day 23 ¶ And the ‖ fourth day *ye ſhal offer* tẽ bullockes, two rams, & fourtene lambes of a yere olde without blemiſh.
24 Their meat offrig & their drinke offrigs, for the bullockes, for the rams, and for the lambes according to their nomber after the maner,
25 And an he goat for a ſin offring, beſide the continual burnt offring, his meat offring and his drinke offring.
‖ The fift day. 26 ¶ In the ‖ fifth day alſo *ye ſhal offer* nine bullockes, two rams, *and* fourtene lambes of a yere olde without blemiſh,
27 And their meat offring and their drinke offrings for the bullockes, for the rams, & for the lambes according to their nomber, after the maner,
28 And an he goat for a ſin offring, beſide the continual burnt offring and his meat offring and his drinke offring.
‖ The ſixt day 29 ¶ And in the ‖ ſixt day *ye ſhal offer* eight bullockes, two rams, & fourtene lambes of a yere olde without blemiſh,
30 And their meat offring & their drinke offrings for the bullockes, for the rams, & for the lambes according to their nõber, after the maner,
31 And an he goat for a ſin offring, beſide the cõtinual burnt offrig, his meat offring and his drinke offrings.
‖ The ſeuenth day. 32 ¶ In the ‖ ſeuenth day alſo *ye ſhal offer* ſeuen bullockes, two rams & fourtene lambes of a yere olde without blemiſh,
33 And their meat offring and their drinke offrings for the bullockes, for the rams, & for the lambes according to their nomber, after their maner,
34 And an he goat for a ſin offring, beſide the continual burnt offring, his meat offring and his drinke offring.
‖ The eight day *Leui. 23. 36.* 35 ¶ In the ‖ eight day, ye ſhal haue *a ſolemne aſſemblie: ye ſhal do no ſeruile worke *therein*,
36 But ye ſhal offer a burnt offring, a ſacrifice made by fire for a ſwete ſauour vnto the Lord, one bullocke, one ram, & ſeuen lambes of a yere olde without blemiſh,
37 Their meat offring and their drinke offrings for the bullocke, for the ram, & for the lambes according to their nomber, after the maner,
38 And an he goat for a ſin offring, beſide the continual burnt offring, and his meat offring, and his drinke offring.
h Beſide ỹ ſacrifices ỹ you ſhal vowe or offer of your owne mindes. 39 Theſe things ye ſhal do vnto ỹ Lord in your feaſtes, beſide your h vowes, & your free offrings, for your burnt offrings, & for your meat offrings, & for your drinke offrings and for your peace offrings.

CHAP. XXX.

3 Concerning vowes. 4 The Vowe of the maid, 7 Of the wife. 10 Of the widow, or deuorced.

1 THen Moſes ſpake vnto the childrẽ of Iſraél according to all that the Lord had commanded *him,
2 Moſes alſo ſpake vnto the heades of the tribes a concerning the children of Iſraél, ſaying, This is the thing which the Lord hathe commanded,
3 Whoſoeuer voweth a vow vnto ỹ Lord, or ſweareth an othe to bide him *ſelfe by a bonde, he ſhal not breake his *promes, *but* ſhal do accordig to all that proceadeth out of his mouth.
4 If a woman alſo vowe a vowe vnto the Lord, & bide her ſelfe by a bõde, *being* in her fathers houſe, in ỹ time of her youth,
5 And her father heare her vowe & bõde, wherewith ſhe hathe bounde her ſelfe, and her father holde his b peace concerning her, then all her vowes ſhal ſtand & euerie bonde, wherewith ſhe hathe bounde her ſelfe, ſhall ſtand.
6 But if her c father diſalowe her the ſame daye that he heareth all her vowes & bondes, wherewith ſhe hathe bõũde her ſelfe, they ſhal not be of value, and the Lord wil forgiue her, becauſe her father diſalowed her.
*Ebr. Maſit.
a Becauſe thei might declare them to the Iſraelites.
*Ebr. his ſoule.
*Ebr. violate his worde.
b For in ſo doing, he doeth approue her.
c By not approuing or conſenting to her vowe.

7 And if ſhe haue an houſbād whē ſhe voweth or [d] pronounceth *ought* with her lippes, wherewith ſhe bindeth her ſelfe,

[d] Either by vowe, or ſolēne promiſe

8 If her houſband heard it and holdeth his peace cōcerning her, the ſame day he heareth it, then her vowe ſhal ſtand, and her bondes wherewith ſhe bindeth her ſelfe ſhal ſtand in effect.

9 But if her houſband diſalowe her the ſame day that he heareth it, then ſhal he make her vowe which ſhe hathe made, & that that ſhe hathe pronoūced with her lippes, wherewith ſhe bonde her [e] ſelfe, of none effect. and the Lord wil forgiue her.

[e] For ſhe is in ſubiectiō of her houſbād, & can performe nothing without his conſent

10 But euerie vowe of a widowe, and of her that is deuorced (wherewith ſhe hathe bōde her ſelfe) ſhal ſtand in [f] effect with her.

[f] For they are not vnder ye autoritie of ye man

11 And if ſhe vowed in her houſbandes [g] houſe, or bōde her ſelfe ſtrictly with an othe,

[g] Her houſbād being alue

12 And her houſband hathe heard it, & held his peace concerning her, not diſalowing her, then all her vowes ſhal ſtand, & euerie bonde, wherewith ſhe boūd her ſelfe, ſhal ſtand in effect.

13 But if her houſband diſanulled them, the ſame day that he heard them, nothing that proceaded out of her lippes concerning her vowes or concerning [h] her bōdes, ſhal ſtand in effect: *for* her houſband hathe diſanulled them. and the Lord wil forgiue her.

[h] *Eyther the bōdes of her ſoule*

14 *So* euerie vowe, and euerie othe *or* bonde, *made* to [h] humble the ſoule, her houſband may ſtabliſh it, or her houſband may breake it.

[h] To mortifie her ſelfe by abſtinence, or other bodely exerciſes

15 But if her houſband holde his peace cōcerning her [i] fro day to day, thē he ſtabliſheth all her vowes and all her bondes which ſhe hathe made: he hathe cōfirmed them becauſe he held his peace concerning her the ſame day that he heard *them*.

[i] And warne her not the ſame day that he heareth it, as verſ 9.

16 But if he [k] breake them after that he hathe the heard them, then ſhal he beare her iniquitie.

[k] Not ye ſame day he heard them, but ſome day after, & ſome ſhalbe imputed to him & not to her.

17 Theſe are the ordināces which the Lord commanded Moſés, betwene a man & his wife, & betwene the father and his daughter, *being* yong in her fathers houſe.

CHAP. XXXI.

Fiue Kings of Midiān & Balaám are ſlaine 18 Only the maides are reſerued alue 27 The praye is equally deuided 49 A preſent giuen of Iſraél.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

Chap.25,17. 2 *Reuenge the children of Iſraél of the Midianites, & afterward ſhalt thou be *gathered vnto thy people.

Chap 27,13. [a] As he had cōmāded, Chap. 25,17 declaring alſo that ye iniurie done againſt his people is done againſt him.

3 And Moſés ſpake to the people, ſaying, Harnes ſome of you vnto warre, and let them go againſt Midián, to execute the vengeance of the Lord [a] againſt Midián.

4 A thouſad of euerie tribe through out all the tribes of Iſraél, ſhal ye ſend to the warre.

5 So there were taken out of the thouſands of Iſraél, twelue thouſand prepared vnto warre, of euerie tribe a thouſand.

6 And Moſés ſent them to the warre, *euen* a thouſand of euerie tribe, and *ſent* [b] them with Phinehas the ſonne of Eleazár the Prieſt to the warre & the holy inſtrumēts: that is, the trumpets to blowe *were* in his hand.

[b] For his great zeale, as he is to be lord, Chap 25,11

7 And they warred againſt Midián, as the Lord had commanded Moſés, & ſlue all the males.

8 They ſlue alſo ye Kings of Midián amōg them that were ſlaine. *Euí and Rékem, & Zur, & Hur & Réba fiue kigs of Midián, and they ſlue [c] Balaám the ſonne of Beór with the ſworde:

Ioſh.13,21.

[c] The falſe prophet who gaue counſel how to cauſe ye Iſraelites to offend their God

9 But the children of Iſraél toke the womē of Midian priſoners, and their children & ſpoyled all their cattel, & all their flockes, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities, wherein they dwelt, and all their [d] villages with fire.

[d] *Or palaces & gorgious buildings.*

11 And they toke all the ſpoyle & all the praye *both* of men & beaſtes.

12 And they broght the [e] captiues and that which they had taken, and the ſpoyle vnto Moſés and to Eleazár the Prieſt, and vnto the Congregacion of the children of Iſraél, vnto the cāpe in the plaine of Moab, which was by Iordén *toward* Ieríchó.

[e] As the women & lads children.

13 ¶ Then Moſés and Eleazar the Prieſt, & all the princes of the Congregacion went out of the campe to mete them.

14 And Moſés was angry with the captaines of the hoſte, with the captaines ouer thouſands, & captaines ouer hundreds, which came from the warre and battel.

15 And Moſés ſaid vnto them, What [e] haue ye ſaued all the women?

[e] As though he ſaid, Ye ought not haue ſpared them.

16 Beholde, *theſe cauſed the children of Iſraél through the *counſel of Balaám, [f] commit a treſpas againſt the Lord, as cōcerning Peór, and there came a plague among the Congregacion of the Lord.

Chap 25,2. *2 Pet 2,15.* [f] For worshipping of Peór.

17 Now therefore, *ſlay all the males among the [g] children, & kil all the women that haue knowen man by carnal copulation.

Iudg.21,11. [g] That is, all ye mē children.

18 But all the women children that haue not knowen carnal copulation, kepe alue for your ſelues.

19 And ye ſhal remaine without the hoſte ſeuē dayes, all that haue killed any perſone, *and all that haue touched anie dead, & purifie bothe your ſelues & your priſoners the third day and the ſeuenth.

Chap.19,4.

20 Alſo ye ſhal purifie euerie garment and all that is made of ſkins & all worke of goates heere, & all things made of wood.

21 ¶ And

21 ¶ And Eleazár the Prieſt ſaid vnto the men of warre, which went to the battel, This is the ordinance *of the lawe which the Lord* commanded Moſés,

*Or, concerned in the Lawe. Chap 19.12.

22 As for golde, and ſiluer, braſſe, yron, tynne, and lead:

23 *Euen* all that may abyde the fire, ye ſhal make it go through the fire, and it ſhalbe cleane: yet, it ſhalbe [h] purified with *the water of purification: and all that ſuffreth not the fire, ye ſhal cauſe to paſſe by the [i] water.

h The third date & before it be molten *Chap 19.9.*

i It ſhalbe waſhed.

24 Ye ſhal waſh alſo your clothes the ſeuenth day, and ye ſhalbe cleane: and afterward ye ſhal come into the Hoſte.

25 ¶ And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

26 Take the ſumme of the praie that was taken, *bothe* of perſones and of cattel, thou and Eleazár the Prieſt, & the chief fathers of the Congregacion.

‖ The praie is firſt deuided equally among all

27 And deuide the praie ‖ betwene the ſoldiers that went to the warre, and all the Congregacion.

k Of the praie that falleth to the ſoldiers

28 And ỹ ſhalt take a tribute vnto the Lord of the [k] men of warre, which went out to battel: one perſone of fiue hundreth, *bothe* of the perſones, and of the beues, & of the aſſes, and of the ſhepe.

29 Ye ſhal take it of their halfe and giue it vnto Eleazár ỹ Prieſt, *as* an heaue offring of the Lord.

l The Iſraelites ẅ had not bene at warre, of euerie fiftieth paied one to the Lord: & ỹ ſoldiers, one of euerie fiue hundreth.

30 But of the halfe of the children of Iſraél thou ſhalt take [l] one, taken out of fiftie, *bothe* of the perſones, of the beues, of the aſſes, and of the ſhepe, *euen* of all the cattel: and thou ſhalt giue them vnto the Leuites, which haue the charge of the Tabernacle of the Lord.

31 And Moſés and Eleazár the Prieſt did as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

32 And ỹ bootye, *to wit*, the reſt of the praie which the men of warre had ſpoiled, was ſix hundreth ſeuentie and fiue thouſand ſhepe,

33 And ſeuentie and two thouſand beues,

34 And thre ſcore and one thouſand aſſes,

35 And two and thirtie thouſand perſones, in all of women that had "lyen by no man.

"Ebr. not known the bed of man

36 And the halfe, *to wit*, the parte of them that went out to warre touching the nomber of ſhepe, was thre hundreth ſeuen and thirtie thouſand, and fiue hundreth.

m This is the porcion that ỹ ſoldiers gaue to the Lord

37 And the [m] Lords tribute of the ſhepe was ſix hundreth and ſeuentie and fiue.

38 And the beues *were* ſix and thirtie thouſand, whereof the Lords tribute *was* ſeuentie and two.

39 And the aſſes *were* thirtie thouſand and fiue hundreth, whereof the Lords tribute *was* thre ſcore and one:

m Meaning of the maides, or virgines which had not companied with man.

40 And [n] of perſones ſixtene thouſand, whereof ỹ Lords tribute *was* two & thirtie perſones.

41 And Moſés gaue ỹ tribute of the Lords offring vnto Eleazár the Prieſt, as ỹ Lord had commanded Moſés.

o of that part which was giuẽ vnto them, in deuiding ỹ ſpoile.

42 And of the [o] halfe of the children of Iſraél, which Moſés deuided from the men of warre,

43 (For the halfe that perteined vnto the Congregacion) was thre hundreth thirtie and ſeuen thouſand ſhepe and fiue hundreth,

44 And ſix and thirtie thouſand beues,

45 And thirtie thouſand aſſes, and fiue hundreth,

46 And ſixtene thouſand perſones.

47 Moſés, I ſay, toke of the halfe that perteined vnto the [p] children of Iſraél, one taken out of fiftie, *bothe* of the perſones & of the cattel, and gaue them vnto the Leuites, which haue the charge of the Tabernacle of the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

p Which had not bene at warre.

48 ¶ Then the captaines which were ouer thouſands of the hoſte, the captaines ouer the thouſands, and the captaines ouer the hundreds came vnto Moſés:

49 And ſaid to Moſés, Thy ſeruants haue taken the ſumme of the men of warre which are vnder " our autoritie, and there lacketh not one man of vs.

"Ebr. vnder our hands

50 ¶ We haue therefore broght a preſent vnto the Lord, what euerie man founde of iewels of golde, bracelets, and cheines, rings, eare rings, and ornaments of the legs, to make an atonement for our ſoules before the Lord.

q The captaines by this free offrig acknowledge ỹ great benefit of God in preſeruing his people.

51 And Moſés and Eleazár the Prieſt toke the golde of them, *and* all wroght iewels.

52 And all the golde of ỹ offring that thei offred vp to the Lord, (of the captaines ouer thouſands and hundreds) *was* ſixtene thouſand ſeuen hundreth & fiftie ſhekels,

53 (*For* the men of warre had ſpoiled, euerie man for [r] himſelf)

r And gaue no porcion to their captaines.

54 And Moſés and Eleazár the Prieſt toke the golde of the captaines ouer the thouſands, and ouer the hundreds, and broght it into the Tabernacle of the Cõgregacion, for a [ſ] memorial of the children of Iſraél before the Lord.

ſ That ỹ Lord might remember ỹ children of Iſraél.

CHAP. XXXII.

a The requeſt of the Reubenites and Gadites, 16 And their promes vnto Moſés 20 Moſés graunteth their requeſt 33 The Gadites, Reubenites, and halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh, conquer and buylde cities on this ſide Iordén

a Reubén came of Leáh, & Gad of Zilpáh her handmaide

1 NOw the children of [a] Reubén and the children of Gád had an exceading great multitude of cattel: and they ſawe the land of Iazér, and the land of [b] Gileád, that it was an apt place for cattel.

b Which moſteine was ſo named of the heape of ſtones ỹ Iaakob made as a ſigne of the couenant betwene him & Labán, Gen 31.47

2 Then the children of Gád, and the chil-

dren of Reubén came, & ſpake vnto Moſés and to Eleazár the Prieſt, and vnto the princes of the Congregacion, ſaying,

3 *The land of* Ataróth, and Dibón, and Iazér, and Nimráh, and Heſhbón, and Elealéh, and Shebám, and Nebó, and Beón,

4 Which countrey the Lord ſmote before the Congregacion of Iſraél, *is* a land *mete* for cattel, and thy ſeruants haue cattel:

5 Wherefore, ſaid thei, If we haue founde grace in thy ſight, let this land be giuen vnto thy ſeruãts for a poſſeſſion, & bring vs not ouer Iordén.

6 And Moſés ſaid vnto the childrẽ of Gad, and to the children of Reubén, Shal your brethren go to warre and ye tary here?

7 Wherefore now [a] diſcourage ye ỹ heart of the children of Iſraél, to go ouer into the land, which the Lord hathe giuen thẽ?

8 Thus did your fathers when I ſent them from Kadéſh-barnéa to ſe the land.

9 For * when they went vp euen vnto the [b] ryuer of Eſhcól, and ſawe the land: they diſcouraged the heart of the children of Iſraél, that thei wolde not go into the lãd, which the Lord had giuen them.

10 And the Lords wrath was kindled the ſame day, and he did ſweare, ſaying,

11 [a] None of the men that came out of Egypt * from twentie yere olde and aboue, ſhal ſe the land for the which I ſware vnto Abrahám, to Izhák, and to Iaakób, becauſe thei haue not [b] wholie folowed me:

12 Except Caléb the ſonne of Iephunnéh the Kenéſite, & Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun: for thei haue cõſtantly folowed the Lord.

13 And the Lord was verie angry with Iſaél, and made them wander in the wildernes fortie yeres, vntil all the generacion that had done [c] euil in the ſight of the Lord were conſumed.

14 And beholde, ye a e riſen vp in your fathers ſteade *as* an encreaſe of ſinneful mẽ, ſtil to augment the fearce wrath of the Lord, toward Iſraél.

15 For if ye turne away frõ following him, he wil yet againe leaue *the people* in ỹ wildernes, and [d] ye ſhal deſtroye all this folke.

16 And thei went nere to him and ſaid, We wil buylde ſhepe foldes here for õ ſhepe, *and* for our cattel, and cities for our children.

17 But we our ſelues wil be ready armed *to* go before the children of Iſraél, vntil we haue broght them vnto their [e] place: but our children ſhal dwel in the defenced cities, becauſe of the inhabitants of the land.

18 We wil not returne vnto our houſes, vntil the children of Iſraél haue inherited, euerie man his inheritance.

19 Nether wil we inherit with thẽ beyõde Iordén and on that ſide, becauſe our inheritance is fallen to vs on this ſide Iordén Eaſtward.

20 ¶ * And Moſés ſaid vnto them, If ye wil do this thing, and go armed [f] before the Lord to warie: *Ioſh 1.13.*

21 And wil go euerie one of you in harnes ouer Iordén before the Lord, vntil he hathe caſt out his [g] enemies from his ſight:

22 And vntil the land be ſubdued before the Lord, then ye ſhal returne and be innocent toward the Lord, and toward Iſraél: and this land ſhalbe your poſſeſſion [h] before the Lord.

23 But if ye wil not do ſo, beholde, ye haue ſinned againſt the Lord, and be ſure, that your ſinne [i] wil finde you out.

24 Builde you *then* cities for your children and foldes for your ſhepe, and do that ye haue ſpoken.

25 Then the children of Gad & the children of Reubén ſpake vnto Moſés, ſayīg, Thy ſeruants wil do as my lord commandeth:

26 Our children, our wiues, our ſhepe, and all our cattel ſhal remaine there in the cities of Gileád,

27 But * thy ſeruants wil go euerie one armed to warre before the Lord for to fight, as my lord ſayeth. *Ioſh. 4.12.*

28 So concerning them, Moſés [k] commanded Eleazár the Prieſt, & Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Iſraél:

29 And Moſés ſaid vnto them, If the children of Gad, and the children of Reubén, wil go with you ouer Iordén, all armed to fight before the Lord, then when the land is ſubdued before you, ye ſhal giue thẽ the land of Gileád for a poſſeſſion:

30 But if thei wil not go ouer with you armed, then thei ſhal haue their poſſeſſions among you in the land of Canáan.

31 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reubén anſwered, ſaying, As the [l] Lord hathe ſaid vnto thy ſeruants, ſo wil we do.

32 We wil go armed before the Lord into the land of Canáan: that the poſſeſſion of our inheritance *may be* to vs on this ſide Iordén.

33 * So Moſés gaue vnto thẽ, *euen* to the childrẽ of Gad, & to the children of Reubén, & to half the tribe of Manaſſéh the ſonne of Ioſéph, ỹ kingdome of Sihón King of the [m] Amorites, and the kingdome of Og, King of Bashán, the land with the cities thereof and coaſtes, euen the cities of the countrey round about. *Deut 3.12. Ioſh 13.8 & 22.4.*

34 ¶ Then the children of Gad buylt Dibón, and Ataróth, and Aroér,

35 And Atróth, Shophán, and Iazér, and Iogbehah.

36 And

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a Ebr breake.

b Or, valley.

a Ebr if anie of the men.

Chap 14.28

a Or, perſeuered & continued

c Because thei murmured, nether wolde beleue their report, ẃ tolde ỹ trueth as concerning ỹ lãd.

d By your occaſion.

e In the land of Canáan.

f Before the Arke of the Lord.

g That is, the inhabitants of the land.

h The Lord wil grante you this land ẃ ye require.

i Ye ſhal aſſuredly be puniſhed for your ſinne.

k Moſés gaue charge ỹ his promes made to the Reubenites & others ſhulde be performed after his death, ſo that thei brake not their.

l That is attributed to the Lord which his meſſenger ſpeaketh

m The Amorites dwelled on bothe ſides of Iordén: but here he maketh mencion of them that dwelt on this ſide: & Ioſh 10, 12. he ſpeaketh of them that inhabited beyonde Iordén.

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36 And Beth-nim-áh, and Beth-harán, defenced cities: alſo ſhepe foldes.
37 And the child-ē of Reubén built Heſhbón, and Elealéh, & Kiriathám,
38 And Nebó, and Baal meon, and turned their names, and Sibmáh: & gaue other names vnto the cities which they built.
Gen 50.23. 39 And the childrē *of Machir the ſonne of Manaſſéh went to Gileád, & toke it & put out the Amorites that dwelt therein.
40 Then Moſés gaue Gileád vnto Machir the ſonne of Manaſſéh, and he dwelt therein.
Deut 3.14. 41 *And Iaír the ſonne of Manaſſéh wēt & toke the ſmal townes thereof, and called them [n] Hauóth Iaír.
n That is, the villages of Iair. 42 Alſo Nobáh went & toke Kenáth, with the villages thereof and called it Nobáh, after his owne name.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Two & fourtie iourneys of Iſrael are nōbred. 52 They are commanded to kil the Canaanites

a From whence they departed, and whether they came.
1 THeſe are the [a] iourneys of the childrē of Iſraél, which went out of the land of Egypt according to their bandes vnder the hand of Moſés and Aaron.
2 And Moſés wrote their going out by their iourneyes according to the commādement of the Lord: ſo theſe are the iourneies of their going out.
Exod 12.37. 3 Now they* departed frō Rameſés ỹ firſt moneth, *euen* ỹ fiftēth day of the firſt moneth, on the morowe after the Paſſeouer: & the children of Iſraél went out with an hie hand in the ſight of all the Egyptians.
4 (For the Egyptians buried all their firſt borne, which the Lord had ſmitten amōg them: vpon their [b] gods alſo the Lord did execucion.)
b Either meaning their idoles, or their men of autoritie.
5 And the children of Iſraél remoued from Rameſés, and pitched in Succóth.
Exod. 13, 20. 6 And they departed from *Succóth, & pitched in Ethám, which is in the edge of the wildernes.
c At ỹ commādement of the Lord Exo. 14.2
7 And they remoued from Ethám, & turned againe vnto [c] Pi-hahiróth, which is before Baal-zephón, and pitched before Migdól.
Exod. 15, 22. 8 And they departed from before Hahiróth, and *went through the middes of the Sea into the wildernes, and went three dayes iourney in the wildernes of Ethám, and pitched in Maráh.
Exod. 15, 27. 9 And they remoued from Maráh, and came vnto *Elím, and in Elím were twelue fountains of water, and ſeuentie palme trees, and they pitched there.
10 And they remoued from Elím, and camped by the red Sea.
Exod. 16.1. 11 And they remoued from the red Sea, & laye in the *wildernes of Sin.
12 And they toke their iourney out of the wildernes of Sín, and ſet vp their tentes in Dophkáh.
13 And they departed from Dophkáh and lay in Alúſh.
14 And they remoued from Alúſh, and lay in *Rephidim, where was no water for ỹ people to drinke. Exod 17.1.
15 And they departed from Rephidím, and pitched in the *wildernes of Sinai. Exod. 19.1.
16 And they remoued from the deſert of Sinai, and pitched* in Kibróth Hattaauáh. Chap. 11. 34.
17 And they departed frō Kibroth Hattaauáh, and lay at Hazeróth.
18 And they departed from Hazeróth, and pitched in Rithmáh.
19 And they departed from Rithmáh, and pitched at Rimmón Paréz.
20 *And they departed from Rimmón Paréz, and pitched in Libnáh. Chap. 13.3. & 13.26.
21 And they remoued from Libnáh, & pitched in Riſſáh.
22 And they iourneied from Riſſáh, & pitched in Kehelathah.
23 And they went from Kehelathah, & pitched in mount Shápher.
24 And they remoued frō mount Shápher, and lay in Haradáh.
25 And they remoued from Haradáh, and pitched in Makheloth.
26 And they remoued from Makheloth, & lay in Tahath.
27 And they departed from Tahath, & pitched in Tarah.
28 And they remoued from Tarah, & pitched in Mithkáh.
29 And they wēt from Mithkáh, & pitched in Haſhmonáh.
30 And they departed from Haſhmonáh, & lay in Moſeróth.
31 And they departed from Moſeróth, and pitched in Bene-iaakan,
32 And they remoued from Bene-iaakán, & lay in Hor-hagidgád.
33 And they went from Hor-hagidgád, & pitched in Iotbáthah.
34 And they remoued from Iotbáthah, & lay in Ebronáh.
35 And they departed from Ebronáh, and lay in Ezion-gáber.
36 And they remoued from Ezion-gaber, & pitched in the *wildernes of Zin, which is Kadéſh. Chap. 20.22.
37 And they remoued from Kadéſh, & pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the lād of Edóm.
38 *(And Aarón the Prieſt went vp into mount Hor at the commandement of the Lord; and died there, in the fourtieth yere after the children of Iſraél were come out of the land of Egypt, in the firſt day of the [d] fifth moneth. Chap 20.28. deut 32.50.
d Which ỹ Ebrewes call Ab, and anſwereth to part of Iulie & part of Auguſt.
39 And Aarón was an hundreth, & three and twētie yere olde, whē he died ī moūt Hor.

Chap.21.1. 40 And *King Arád ỹ Cananite, ẅ dwelt in the South of the land of Canáan, herard of the coming of ỹ childrē of Iſraél)

Chap.21.10. 41 And they departed from mount* Hor, and pitched in Zalmonáh.

42 And they departed from Zalmonáh, & pitched in Punón.

43 And they departed from Punón, and pitched in Oboth.

44 And they departed from Oboth, & pitched in Iie-abarím, in ỹ borders of Moáb.

Num.21.4. 45 And they depa ted from *Iim, and pitched in Dibón-gad,

46 And thei remoued from Dibón-gad, & lay in Almón-diblathaim.

47 And they remoued from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the mounteines of Abarím before Nebó.

48 And they departed from the mounteines of Abarím, and pitched in the *playne of Moáb, by Iordén *toward* Ierichó.

49 And they pitched by Iordén, from Bethieſhimóth vnto *Abel-ſhittím in the plaine of Moáb.

Chap.25.1.

50 ¶ And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés in the plaine of Moáb, by Iordén *toward* Ierichó, ſaying,

51 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, *When ye are come ouer Iordén to entre in to the land of Canáan,

Deut.7.2. Ioſh.11.11.

52 Ye ſhal then driue out all ỹ inhabitants of the land bc fore you, & deſtroy all their e pictures, and breake a ſunder all their images of metal, & plucke downe all their hie places.

e Which were ſet vp in their hie places to worſhip.

53 And ye ſhal poſſeſſe the land and dwel therein: for I haue giuen you the land to poſſeſſe it.

54 And ye ſhal inherit the land by lot according to your families: *to the more ye ſhal giue more inheritance, & to the fewer the leſſe inheritance. where the lot ſhal fall to anie mā, that ſhalbe his: according to the tribes of your fathers ſhal ye inherit.

Chap.26.53.

55 But if ye wil not driue out the inhabitants of the land before you, then thoſe ẅ ye let remaine of them, ſhal be *" prickes in your eies, and thornes in your ſides, and ſhal vexe you in the land wherein ye dwel.

Ioſh.23.13. Iudg.2.3. *Or, ſnares.

56 Moreouer, it ſhal come to paſſe, that I ſhal do vnto you, as I thoght to do vnto them.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

3 The coaſtes and borders of the land of Canáan. 17 Certeine men are aſſigned to deuide the land

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,

2 Commande the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, When ye come into the land of Canáan, this is the a land that ſhal fall vnto your inheritance: *that is,* the land of Canáan with the coaſtes thereof.

a Meaning the deſcription of the land.

3 *And your Southquarter ſhalbe from the wildernes of Zin, to the borders of Edóm: ſo that your Southquarter ſhalbe from the ſalt Sea coaſt Eaſtward:

Ioſh.15.1.

4 And the border ſhal compaſſe you from the Southe to Maaleh-akrabbím, and reache to Zin, & go out from the Southe to Kadeſh-barnéa: thence it ſhal ſtretch to Hazar-addár, and go along to Azmón.

*Or, aſcending vp of ſcorpions.

5 And the border ſhal compaſſe from Azmón vnto the b riuer of Egypt, and ſhal go out to the ſea.

b Which was Nilus, or, as ſo me thinke, Rhinocorura

6 And your Weſtquarter ſhal be the great c ſea: euen that border ſhalbe your Weſtcoaſt.

c Which is called Mediterraneum.

7 And this ſhal be your Northquarter: ye ſhal make out your border frō the great ſea *vnto* mount d Hor.

d Which is a mountcine nere Tyre & Sidón & not ỹ Hor in the wildernes, where Aaron dyed.

8 From mount Hor ye ſhal point out til it come vnto Hamáth, and the end of the coaſt ſhalbe at Zedád.

9 And ỹ coaſt ſhal reache out to Ziphrón, & go out at Hazar-enán. this ſhalbe your Northquarter.

10 And ye ſhal marke out your Eaſtquarter from Hazar-enán to Shephám.

11 And the coaſt ſhal go downe from Shephám to Ribláh, and from the Eaſtſide of Aín: and the ſame border ſhal deſcend & go out at the ſide of the Sea of e Chinnéreth Eaſtwarde.

e Which in ỹ Goſpel is called ỹ lake of Genuazereth.

12 Alſo that border ſhal go downe to Iordén, and leaue at the ſalt Sea. this ſhalbe your land with the coaſtes thereof round about.

13 ¶ Then Moſés commanded the children of Iſraél, ſaying, This is the land which ye ſhal inherit by lot, which ỹ Lord commanded to giue vnto nine tribes and halfe the tribe.

14 *For the tribe of the children of Reubén, according to the houſholdes of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad, according to their fathers houſholdes, and halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh, haue receiued their inheritance.

Chap.32.33. Ioſh.14.2.

15 Two tribes and an halfe tribe haue receiued their inheritāce on this ſide of Iordén *toward* Ierichó ful Eaſt.

16 ¶ Againe the Lord ſpake to Moſés, ſaying,

17 Theſe are the names of the men which ſhal deuide the lād vnto you: Eleazár the Prieſt, and Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun.

18 And ye ſhal take alſo a f prince of euerie tribe to deuide the land.

f One of the heades or chiefe men of euerie tribe.

19 The names alſo of the men are theſe: Of the tribe of Iudáh, Caléb the ſonne of Iephunnéh.

20 And of the tribe of the ſonnes of Simeón, Shemuél the ſonne of Ammihúd.

21 Of the tribe of Beniamín, Elidád the

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ſonne of Chiſlón.
22 Alſo of the tribe of the ſonnes of Dan, the prince Bukkí, the ſonne of Ioglí.
23 Of the ſonnes of Ioſeph: of the tribe of the ſonnes of Manaſſéh, the prince Hanniél the ſonne of Ephód.
24 And of the tribe of ỹ ſonnes of Ephrám, the prince Kemuél, ỹ ſonne of Shiphtán
25 Of the tribe alſo of ỹ ſonnes of Zebulún, he prince Elizaphán, ỹ ſonne of Parnách.
26 So of the tribe of ỹ ſonnes of Iſſachár, the prince Paltiél the ſonne of Azzán.
27 Of the tribe alſo of ỹ ſonnes of Aſhér, the prince Ahihúd the ſonne of Shelomí.
28 And of the tribe of the ſonnes of Naphtali, the prince Pedahél, the ſonne of Ammihúd.
29 Theſe are they, whome the Lord commanded to g deuide the inheritance vnto the children of Iſraél, in the land of Canáan.

g And he iudges ouer euerie piece of grounde that ſhulde fall to anie by lot, to thintét that all things might be done orderly & without contencion.

CHAP. XXXV.

Vnto the Leuites are giuen cities and ſuburbes. 11 The cities of refuge 16 The lawe of murther. 30 For one mans witnes ſhal no man be condemned.

1 AND the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés in ỹ plaine of Moáb by Iordén, *toward* Ierichó, ſaying,
2 *Commande the children of Iſraél, that they giue vnto the a Leuites of the inheritãce of their poſſeſsion, b cities to dwel in: ye ſhal giue alſo vnto the Leuites the ſuburbes of the cities round about them.
3 So they ſhal haue the cities to dwel in, & their ſuburbes ſhalbe for their cattel, and for their ſubſtance, & for all their beaſtes.
4 And the ſuburbes of the cities, which ye ſhal giue vnto the Leuites, from the wall of the citie outwarde, *ſhalbe* a thouſand cubites round about.
5 And ye ſhal meaſure without the citie of the Eaſtſide, c two thouſand cubites: and of the Southſide, two thouſand cubites: & of the Weſtſide, two thouſand cubites: & of the Northſide, two thouſand cubites: & the citie *ſhalbe* in the middes. this ſhalbe *the meaſure* of the ſuburbes of their cities.
6 And of the cities which ye ſhal giue vnto the Leuites, *there ſhalbe* ſix cities for refuge, which ye ſhal appoint, that he which killeth, may flee thither: & to them ye ſhal adde two and fourty cities mo.
7 All the cities which ye ſhal giue to ỹ Leuites, *ſhalbe* eight and fourtie cities: them *ſhal ye giue* with their ſuburbes.
8 And concerning the cities which ye ſhal giue, of the poſſeſsion of the children of Iſraél: of many ye ſhal take mo, and of fewe ye ſhal take leſſe: euerie one ſhal giue of his cities vnto the Leuites, according to his inheritance, which he inheriteth.
9 ¶ And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés, ſaying,
10 Speake vnto the children of Iſraél, and ſay vnto them, * When ye be come ouer Iordén into the land of Canáan,
11 Ye ſhal appoint you cities, to be cities of refuge for you, that the ſlayer, which ſlayeth anie perſone vnwares, may flee thither.
12 And theſe cities ſhalbe for you a refuge from the d auenger, that he which killeth, dye not, vntil he ſtand before the Cõgregacion in iudgement.
13 And *of* the cities which ye ſhal giue, ſix cities ſhal ye haue for refuge.
14 Ye ſhal appoint thre e on this ſide Iordén, and ye ſhal appoint thre cities in the land of Canáan which ſhalbe cities of refuge.
15 Theſe ſix cities ſhalbe a refuge for the children of Iſraél, and for the ſtranger, and for him that dwelleth among " you, that euerie one which killeth anie perſone vnwares, may flee thither.
16 *And if one f ſmite an other with an inſtrument of yron that he dye, he *is* a murtherer, & the murtherer ſhal dye ỹ death.
17 Alſo if he ſmite him by caſting a g ſtone, wherewith he may be ſlaine, and he dye, he is a murtherer, *and* the murtherer ſhal dye the death.
18 Or if he ſmite him with an hãd weapon of wood, wherewith he may be ſlaine, if he dye, he is a murtherer, *and* the murtherer ſhal dye the death.
19 The reuenger of the blood him ſelfe ſhal ſlay the murtherer: when he meteth him, he ſhal ſlay him.
20 But if he thruſt him *of hate, or hurle at him by laying of wait, that he dye,
21 Or ſmite him through enemitie with his hand, that he dye, he that ſmote him ſhal dye the death: *for* he is a murtherer: the reuenger of the blood ſhal ſlay the murtherer when he meteth him.
22 But if he puſhed him "vnaduiſedly, and *not of hatred, or caſt vpon him anie " thing, without laying of wait,
23 Or anie ſtone (whereby he might be ſlaine) and ſawe him not, or cauſed it to fall vpon him, and he dye, & was not his enemie, nether ſoght him anie harme,
24 Then the Congregacion ſhal iudge betwene the ſlayer & the h auenger of blood according to theſe lawes.
25 And the Congregacion ſhal deliuer the ſlayer out of the hand of the auenger of blood, and the Congregacion ſhal reſtore him vnto the citie of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he ſhal abide there vnto the death of the i hie Prieſt, which is anointed with the holy oyle.

a Becauſe they had no inheritance aſsigned them in ỹ lãd of Canáan
b God wolde haue thẽ ſcatered through all ỹ lãd, becauſe ỹ people might be preſerued by thẽ in ỹ obedíẽce of God & his lawe
c So ỹ in all were thre thouſand: and in the compaſſe of theſe two thouſand they might plant & ſowe.
Deut 4.41. Ioſh.21.3.
d Meaning, frõ the next of ỹ kinred, who ought to purſue the cauſe
e Among the Reubenites, Gadites, and halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh.
" *Ebr among them.*
Exod 21.14.
f Wittingly, and willingly.
g That is, ỹ a big and dangerous ſtone: in Ebr with a ſtone of his hand.
Deu.19.11.
" *Or, ſodenly.*
Exod 21.13.
" *Ebr. inſtrumẽt*
h That is, his next kinſmã.
i Vnder this figure is declared, ỹ our ſinnes colde not be remitted, but by the death of the hie Prieſt Ieſus Chriſt.

26 But if the ſlayer come without the borders of the citie of his refuge, whither he was fled,

27 And the reuenger of blood finde him without the borders of the citie of his refuge, and the reuenger of blood ſlay the k murtherer, he ſhal be giltles,

k By the ſentence of the iudge

28 Becauſe he ſhulde haue remained in the citie of his refuge, vntil the death of the hye Prieſt: and after the death of the hie Prieſt: the ſlayer ſhal returne vnto ỹ land of his poſſeſsion.

l A lawe to iudge murthers done, ether of purpoſe or vnadwiſedly

29 So theſe things ſhalbe a l lawe of iudgement vnto you, throughout your generacions in all your dwellings.

30 Whoſoeuer killeth anie perſone, the *iudge* ſhal ſlay the murtherer, through * witneſſes: but *one witnes ſhal not teſtifie againſt a perſone to cauſe him to die.

Deut 17.6. & 19.15 Mat 18.16. 2.cor.13 1.

31 Moreouer ye ſhal take no recompenſe for the life of ỹ murtherer, which is m worthie to die: but he ſhal be put to death.

m Which purpoſly hath cõmitted murther.

32 Alſo ye ſhal take no recompẽſe for him that is fled to the citie of his refuge, that he ſhuld come againe, and dwel in the land, before the death of the hie Prieſt.

33 So ye ſhal not pollute the land wherein ye ſhal dwel: for blood defileth the land: and the land can not be n clenſed of the blood that is ſhed therein, but by ỹ blood of him that ſhed it.

n Or murther. So God is mindful of the blood wrongfully ſhed ỹ he maketh his domme creatures to demande vengeance thereof.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye ſhal inhabite, for I dwel in the middes therof: for I the Lord dwel among the children of Iſraél.

CHAP. XXXVI.

6 An ordre for the mariage of the daughters of Zelophehád 7 The inheritance colde not be giuen from one tribe to another.

a It ſemeth ỹ ỹ tribes contended who might mary theſe daughters to haue their inheritãce: and therefore the ſonnes of Ioſéph propoſed the matter to Moſés. *Chap.27.1. Ioſh 17.3.*

1 THen a the chief fathers of the familie of the ſonnes of Gileád, the ſonne of Machír the ſonne of Manaſſéh, of the families of the ſonnes of Ioſéph, came, and ſpake before Moſés, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Iſraél,

b Meaning Moſés.

2 And ſaid, * The Lord commanded b my lord to giue the land to inherite by lot to the children of Iſraél: and my lord was commanded by the Lord, to giue the inheritance of Zelophehád our brother vnto his daughters.

3 If they be maried to anie of the ſonnes of the *other* tribes of the childrẽ of Iſraél then ſhal their inheritance be taken away from the inheritãce of our fathers, & ſhal be put vnto the inheritance of the tribe whereof they ſhalbe. ſo ſhal it be taken away from the lot of our inheritance.

4 Alſo when the c Iubile of the children of Iſraél commeth, then ſhal their inheritance be put vnto the inheritance of the tribe whereof they ſhalbe ſo ſhal their inheritance be takẽ away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

c Signifying ỹ at no time it colde returne for ỹ iubile all things returned to their owne tribes.

5 Then Moſés commanded the children of Iſraél, according to the worde of the Lord, ſaying, The tribe of the ſonnes of Ioſéph haue ſayd d wel.

d For the tribe colde not haue continued in the inheritance which was the maintenance therof ſhulde haue bene alienated to others.

6 This is the thing that the Lord hathe commanded, concerning the daughters of Zelophehád, ſaying, They ſhal be wiues, to whome they thinke beſt, onely to the familie of the tribe of their father ſhal they mary:

7 So ſhal not the inheritance of the children of Iſraél remoue from tribe to tribe, for euerie one of the children of Iſraél ſhal ioyne him ſelfe to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And euerie daughter that poſſeſſeth anie e inheritance of the tribes of the children of Iſrael, ſhal be wife vnto one of the familie of the tribe of her father: that the children of Iſraél may enioye euerie man the inheritance of their fathers.

e When there is no male to inherite.

9 Nether ſhal the inheritance go about from tribe to tribe: but euerie one of the tribes of the children of Iſraél ſhal ſticke to his owne inheritance.

10 As the Lord commanded Moſés, ſo did the daughters of Zelophehád.

11 For * Mahláh, Tirzáh, and Hogláh, and Milcáh, and Noáh the daughters of Zelophehád were maried vnto their fathers brothers ſonnes, *Chap.27.1.*

12 They were wyues *to certeine* of the families of the ſonnes of Manaſſéh the ſonne of Ioſéph: ſo their inheritance remained in the tribe of the familie of their father.

13 Theſe are the f commandements and lawes which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moſes, vnto the children of Iſraél in the plaine of Moáb, by Iordén *toward* Ierichó.

f Touching the ceremonial and iudicial lawes.

THE

THE FIFTH BOKE OF

Moſés, called* Deuteronomie.

* That is, a ſeconde lawe: ſo called, becauſe the Lawe ẅ God gaue in mount Sinái, is here repeated, as though it were a newe Law and this boke is a commentarie or expoſition of the tē cōmandemēts.

THE ARGVMENT.

The wonderful loue of God toward his Churche is lively ſet forthe in this boke. For albeit through their vngratitude and ſundry rebellions againſt God, for the ſpace of forty yeres, Deu. 9,7, they had deſerued to haue bene cut of from the nōber of his people, and for euer to haue bene deprued of the vſe of his holy worde, & ſacraments: yet he did euer preſerue his Church euen for his owne mercies ſake, and wolde ſtil haue his Name called vpon among them. Wherefore he bringeth them into the land of Canáan, deſtroyeth their enemies, giueth them their countrey, townes, and goodes, and exhorteth them by the example of their fathers (whoſe infidelitie, idolatrie, adulteries, murmurings and rebellion, he had moſte ſharpely puniſhed) to feare and obey the Lord, to embrace and kepe his lawe without adding ther vnto or diminiſhing there from. For by his worde he wolde be knowē to be their God, and they his people: by his worde he wolde gouerne his Churche, and by the ſame they ſhulde learne to obey him. by his worde he wolde diſcerne the falſe Prophet from the true, light from darknes, error from knollage, and his owne people from all other nations and infideles: teaching them thereby to refuſe and deteſt, deſtroy and aboliſh whatſoeuer is not agreable to his holy wil, ſeme it otherwiſe neuer ſo good or precious in the eyes of man. And for this cauſe God promiſed to raiſe vp Kings and gouernours for the ſetting forthe of his worde and preſeruacion of his Churche: giuing vnto them an eſpecial charge for the executing thereof: whome therefore he willeth to exerciſe them ſelues diligently in the continuall ſtudie and meditaciō of the ſame: that they might learne to feare the Lord, loue their ſubiects, abhorre couetouſnes and vice, and whatſoeuer offendeth the maieſtie of God. And as he had to fore inſtructed their fathers in all things appertening, bothe to his ſpirituall ſeruice, and alſo for the maintenance of that ſocietie which is betwene men: ſo he preſcribeth here anewe, all ſuche lawes and ordinances, which ether concerne his Diuine ſeruice, or els are neceſſarie for a comon weale: appointing vnto euerie eſtate and degre their charge and dueties: aſwel, how to rule and liue in the feare of God, as to nouriſh friendeſhip towarde their neighbours, and to preſerue that ordre which God hathe eſtabliſhed among men: threatening with all, moſte horrible plagues to them that tranſgreſſe his commandements, and promiſing all bleſſings & felicitie to ſuche as obſerue and obey them.

CHAP. I.

1 A breſe reharſal of things done before, frō Horéb vnto Kadeſh-bernea. 32 Moſes reproueth the people for their incredulite. 44 The Iſraelites are ouer come by the Amorites becauſe they fought againſt the commāndement of the Lord.

THESE be ỹ wordes which Moſés ſpake vnto all Iſrael, on [a] this ſide Iordén in the wildernes, in the plaine, [b] ouer againſt ỹ red Sea, betwene Parán & Tóphel, and Labán, and Hazeroth, and Di-zahább.

a In the coūtrey of Moáb.

b So that the wildernes was betwene ỹ Sea and this plaine of Moab.

2 *There are* eleuē daies iourney from [c] Horéb vnto Kadéſh-barnéa, by the way of mount Seír.

c In Horéb, or Sinái, forty yeres before this ỹ lawe was giuen: but becauſe all ỹ were then of age and iudgemēt were now dead, Moſés repeateth the ſame to the youth which ether thē were not borne, or had not iudgement.

3 And it came to paſſe in the firſt day of the eleuenth moneth, in the fortieth yere, that Moſés ſpake vnto the children of Iſraél accōrding vnto al that the Lord had giuē him in commandement vnto them,

4 After that he had ſlaine [d]* Sihón the King of ỹ Amorites which dwelt in Heſhbón, and Og King of Baſhán, which dwelt at Aſhtaróth in Edréi.

d By theſe examples of Gods fauour their mindes are prepared to receiue the Law. *Nom. 21, 24.*

5 On this ſide Iordén in the land of Moáb ebegā Moſés to declare this Law, ſaying,

6 The Lord our God ſpake vnto vs in [e] Horéb, ſaying, Ye haue dwelt long ynough in this mount,

e The ſeconde time.

7 Turne you and departe, and go vnto the mountaine of the Amorites, and vnto all places nere therunto: in the plaine, in the mountaine, or in the valley. bothe South ward, and to the ſea ſide, to the land of ỹ Canaanites, and vnto Lebanón: *euen* vnto the great riuer, the riuer [f]Peráth.

f Or, Euphrátes. *Gen. 15, 18.*

8 Beholde, I haue ſet the land before you: go in and *poſſeſſe that land which the Lord ſware vnto your fathers, Abrahám, Izhák, and Iaakób, to giue vnto thē and to their ſede after them.

g By the cōſel of Iethro my father in lawe. Exod. 18, 19.

9 ¶ And I ſpake [g] vnto you the ſame time, ſaying, I am not able to beare you my ſelfe alone:

h Not ſo muche by ỹ cours of nature, as miraculouſly.

10 The Lord your God hathe [h] multiplied you: & beholde, ye are this day as the ſtarres of heauen in nomber:

11 (The Lord God of your fathers make you a thouſand times ſo manie mo as ye are, and bleſſe you, as he hathe promiſed you)

i Signifying how great a burden it is, to gouerne the people.

12 How cā I alone [i] beare your cumbrance and your charge, and your ſtrife?

k Whoſe godlines and vprightnes is knowen.

13 Bring you men of wiſdome and of vnderſtanding, and [k] knowen among your tribes, and I wil make them rulers ouer you:

l Declaring what ſort of men ought to haue a publike charge, read Exod. 18. 25.

14 Then ye anſwered me & ſaid, The thing is good that thou haſt cōmanded *vs* to do.

15 So I toke the chief of your tribes [l] wiſe and knowen mē, and made thē rulers ouer

you, captaines ouer thouſands, and captaines ouer hundreds, & captaines ouer fifty, and captaines ouer ten, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your iudges that ſame time, ſaying, Heare the *controuerſies* betwene your brethren, and *iudge righteouſly betwene euerie man and his brother, and the ſtranger that is with him.

Ioh.7,24.

17 Ye ſhal haue no reſpect of perſone in iudgement, * but ſhal heare the ſmall aſwel as the great: ye ſhal not feare the face of man: for the iudgemẽt is [m] Gods: and the cauſe that is to hard for you, bring vnto me, and I wil heare it.

Leu.19,15. chap.16,19. 1.ſam.17,7. prou.24,23. eccle.42,1. ſam.2,2.

[m] And you are his lieutenants.

18 Alſo I cõmanded you the ſame time all the things which ye ſhulde do.

19 ¶ Then we departed from Horéb, and went through all that great and terrible wildernes, (as ye haue ſene) by the way of ẏ mounteine of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded vs: and we came to Kadeſh-barnéa.

[n] So that the faute was in them ſelues ẏ they dyd not ſoner poſſeſſe the inheritãce promiſed.

20 And [n] I ſaid vnto you, ye are come vnto the mounteine of the Amorites, which the Lord our God doeth giue vnto vs.

21 Beholde, the Lord thy God hathe layed ẏ lãd before thee: go vp & poſſeſſe it, as ẏ Lord ẏ God of thy fathers hathe ſaid vnto thee: feare not, nether be diſcouraged.

[o] Read Nõb. 33.1.

22 ¶ [o] Then ye came vnto me euerie one, & ſaid, We wil ſẽd mẽ before vs, to ſearche vs out the land and to bring vs worde againe, what way we muſt go vp by, and vnto what cities we ſhal come.

23 So the ſaying pleaſed me wel, and I toke twelue men of you, of euerie tribe one.

Nomb.13,24. [p] Or, valley of the cluſter of grapes.

24 *Who departed, and went vp into the mouteine, & came vnto the [p] riuer Eſhcól, and ſearched out the *land*.

25 And toke of the frute of the lãd in their hands, and broght it vnto vs, and broght vs worde againe, and [p] ſaid, It is a good land, which the Lord our God doeth giue vs.

[p] To wit, Caléb, & Ioſhúa: Moſes preferreth the better part to ẏ greater, that is, two to ten.

26 Notwithſtanding, ye wolde not go vp, but were diſobedient vnto the commandement of the Lord your God,

27 And murmured in your tentes, and ſaid, Becauſe the Lord [q] hated vs, therefore hathe he broght vs out of the land of Egypt, to deliuer vs into the hand of the Amorites, and to deſtroy vs.

[q] Suche was the Iewes vnthankfulnes, that they cõfred Gods eſpecial loue hatered.

28 Whether ſhal we go vp? our [r] brethrẽ haue diſcouraged our hearts, ſaying, The people *is* greater, and taller then we: the cities *are* great and walled vp to heauen: and moreouer we haue ſene the ſonnes of the * Anakims there.

[r] The other ten, not Caléb & Ioſhúa.

Nãb.13,29.

29 But I ſaid vnto you, Dread not, nor be afraid of them.

[f] Declaring ẏ we renoũce our owne force, & conſtantly to followe our vocation, and depend on the Lord, is ẏ true boldenes, and agreable to God.

30 The Lord your God, [f] who goeth before you, he ſhal fight for you, according to all that he did vnto you in Egypt before your eyes,

31 And in the wildernes, where thou haſt ſene how the Lord thy God bare thee, as a man doeth beare his ſonne, in all the way which ye haue gone, vntil ye came vnto this place.

32 Yet for all this ye did not beleue the Lord your God,

33 * Who went in the way before you, to ſearche you out a place to pitche your tẽtes in, in fire by night, ẏ ye might ſe what way to go, and in a cloude by day.

Exod.13,21.

34 Then the Lord heard the voyce of your wordes, and was wroth, and ſware, ſaying,

35 *Surely there ſhal not one of theſe mẽ of this froward generacion, ſe ẏ good land, which I ſware to giue vnto your fathers,

Nom.14,23.

36 Saue Caléb the ſonne of Iephũnéh: he ſhal ſe it, * and to him wil I giue the land that he hathe troden vpon, and to his children, becauſe he hathe cõſtantly followed the Lord.

Ioſh.14,6.

37 *Alſo the Lord was angry with me for your ſakes, ſaying, * Thou alſo ſhalt not go in thither,

Nom.20,12. & 27,14. Chap.3,26. & 4,21, & 34,4.

38 But Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun which ſtãdeth [t] before thee, he ſhal go in thither: incourage him: for he ſhal cauſe Iſraél to inherit it.

[t] Which miniſtreth vnto thee.

39 Moreouer, your [u] children, which ye ſaid ſhulde be a pray, and your ſonnes, which in that day had no knowledge betwene good and euil, they ſhal go in thither, and vnto them wil I giue it, and they ſhal poſſeſſe it.

[u] Which were vnder twenty yere olde, as Nomb.14,31.

40 But as for you, turne backe, & take your iourney into the wildernes by the way of the red Sea.

41 Thẽ ye anſwered and ſaid vnto me, We haue ſinnẽd againſt the Lord, [x] we wil go vp, and fight, according to all that ẏ Lord our God hathe commanded vs: and ye armed you euerie man to the warre, & were ready to go vp into the mounteine.

[x] This declareth mans nature, who wil do that which God forbiddeth, and wil not do that ẇ he cõmandeth.

42 But the Lord ſaid vnto me, Say vnto thẽ, Go not vp, nether fight, (for I am [y] not amõg you) leſt ye fall before your enemies.

[y] Signifying that man hath no ſtrength, but when God is at hand to helpe him.

43 And whẽ I tolde you, ye wolde not heare, but rebelled againſt the commandemẽt of the Lord, and were preſumpteous, and went vp into the mounteine.

44 Then the Amorites which dwelt in that mounteine came out againſt you, & chaſed you (as bees vſe to do) and deſtroyed you in Seír, *euen* vnto Hormah.

45 And when ye came againe, ye wept before the Lord, but the Lord wolde not [z] heare your voyce, nor incline his eares vnto you.

[z] Becauſe ye rather ſhewed your hypocriſie, then true repentance: rather lãmẽting ẏ loſſe of your brethren, thẽ repenting for your ſinnes.

46 So ye abode in Kadéſh a long time, according to the time that ye had remained *before*.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

1 Israël is forbidde to fight with the Edomites, 9 Moabites, 19 And Ammonites. 33 Sihón King of Heshbón is discomfited.

1 THen [a] we turned, and toke our iourney into the wildernes, by the waie of ỹ red Sea, as the Lord spake vnto me: and we compassed mount Seír [b] long time.

a They obeyed, after that God had chastised them.

b Eight and thirtie yere, as ver 14

2 And the Lord spake vnto me, saying,

3 Ye haue compassed this mountaine long ynough: turne you Northwarde.

4 And warne thou the people, saying, Ye shal go through the [c] coast of your brethren the children of Esáu, which dwel in Seír, and they shal be afraid of you: take ye good hede therefore.

c This was ỹ seconde time: for before they had caused the Israelites to returne. Nõb. 20, 21.

5 Ye shal not prouoke them: for I wil not giue you of their land so muche as a fote breadth, * because I haue giuẽ mount Seír vnto Esáu for a possession.

Gen 36, 8.

6 Ye shal bye meat of them for money to eat, and ye shal also procure water of thẽ for money to drinke.

d And giuen thee meanes wherewith ỹ maiest make recompence: also God wil direct thee by his prouidẽce, as he hathe done

7 For ỹ Lord thy God hathe [d] blessed thee in all ỹ woikes of thine hãd: he knoweth thy walking through this great wildernes, & the Lord thy God hathe bene with thee this fortie yere, *and* thou hast lacked nothing.

8 And when we were departed frõ our brethren the children of Esáu which dwelt in Seír, through the way of the [e] plaine, from Eláth, & from Ezion-gáber, we turned and went by the way of the wildernes of Moáb.

e Or, wildernes.

9 Then the Lord said vnto me, Thou shalt not [f] vexe Moáb, nether prouoke them to battel: for I wil not giue thee of their lãd for a possession, because I haue giuen Ar vnto the children [g] of Lot for a possessiõ.

f Or, besiege.

g Which were the Moabites & Ammonites.

10 The [h] Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, & many, and tall, as the Anakims.

h Signifying ỹ as these gyãts were drue out for their sinnes: so ỹ wicked whe their sinnes are ripe can not auoide Gods plagues

11 They also were taken for gyantes as the Anakims: whome the Moabites call Emims.

12 The Horims also dwelt in Seír before time, whome the children of Esáu chased out and destroyed them before them, and dwelt in their stede: as Isaél shal do vnto the land of his possession, which the Lord hathe giuen them.

13 Now rise vp, *said I*, and get you ouer the riuer * Zeréd: and we went ouer the riuer Zeréd.

Nom 21, 12.

i He sheweth hereby, that as God is true in his promes: so his threatenigs are not in vaine

14 The [i] space also wherein we came from Kadesh-barnéa vntil we were come ouer the riuer Zeréd, *was* eight and thirtie yeres, vntil all the generacion of the men of warre were wasted out from among the hoste, as the Lord sware vnto them.

k His plague & punishment to destroye all ỹ were twentie yere olde and aboue.

15 For in dede the [k] hand of the Lord was against them, to destroye them frõ amõg the hoste, til thei were consumed.

16 ¶ So when all the men of warre were consumed and dead from among the people:

17 Then the Lord spake vnto me, saying,

18 Thou shalt go through Ar the coast of Moáb this day:

19 And thou shalt come nere ouer against the children of Ammón: *but* shalt not lay siege vnto them, nor moue warre against them: for I wil not giue thee of the land of the children of Ammón *anie* possession: for I haue giuen it vnto the children of Lot for a possession.

20 That also was taken for a land [l] of gyants: *for* gyants dwelt therein a fore time, whome the Ammonites called Zamzummims:

l Who called thẽ selues Rephaims: that is, preseruers, or phisicians to heale & reforme vices: but were in dede Zamzũmims, that is, wicked & abominable.

21 A people *that was* great, & many, & tall, as the Anakims: but the Lord destroyed them before them, & thei succeded them in their inheritance, and dwelt in their stede:

22 As he did to the children of Esáu which dwel in Seír, when he destroyed the Horims before them, & thei possessed them, and dwelt in their stede vnto this day.

23 And the Auims which dwelt in Hazerím *euen* vnto [m] Azzáh, the Caphtorims which came out of Caphtor destroyed them, and dwelt in their stede.

m Or, Gaza.

24 ¶ Rise vp *therefore*, *said the Lord*: take your iourney, and passe ouer the riuer Arnón: beholde, I haue giuen into thy hand Sihón: the [n] Amorite, King of Heshbón, and his land: begin to possesse it and prouoke him to battel.

n According to his promes made to Abrahám, Gen 15, 21

25 This day wil I [o] begin to send thy feare & thy dread, vpon all people vnder the heauens, which shal heare thy fame & shal tremble and quake before thee.

o This declareth that the hearts of men are in Gods hands ether to be made faint, or bolde

26 Then I sent messengers out of the wildernes of Kedemóth vnto Sihón King of Heshbón, with wordes of peace, saying,

27 ¶ * Let me passe through thy land: I wil go by the hie way: I wil nether turne vnto the right hand nor to the left.

Nom 21, 22.

28 Thou shalt sel me meat for money, for to eat, and shalt giue me water for money for to drinke: onely I wil go through on my fote,

29 (As the [p] children of Esáu which dwel in Seír, and the Moabites which dwel in Ar, did vnto me) vntil I be come ouer Iordén, into the land which ỹ Lord our God giueth vs.

p Because nether intreaty nor exãples of others colde moue him, he colde not complaine of his iuste destructiõ

30 But Sihón the King of Heshbón wolde not let vs passe by him: for the Lord thy God had [q] hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinat, because he wolde deliuer him into thine hand, as *appeareth* this day.

q God, in his electiõ & reprobacion doeth not onelie appoint ỹ ends, but the meanes tending to the same

31 And the Lord said vnto me, Beholde, I

haue begonne to giue Sinón and his land before thee: begin to poſſeſſe and inherit his land.

Nomb.21,23. 32 *Then came out Sihón to mete vs, him ſelf with all his people to fight at Iaház.

33 But the Lord our God deliuered him *Hebr. before, vs.* "into our power, and we ſmote him, and his ſonnes, and all his people.

34 And we toke all his cities the ſame time, & deſtroyed euerie citie, mé, & [c] women, & children: we let nothing remaine.

c God had curſed Canáan & therefore he wolde not that anie of ỹ wicked race ſhulde be preſerued.

35 Onely the cattel we toke to our ſelues, & the ſpoile of the cities which we toke,

36 From Aroér, which is by the banke of the riuer of Arnón, & *from* ỹ citie that is vpó the riuer, euẽ vnto Gileád: there was not one citie that eſcaped vs: *for* the Lord our God deliuered vp all [a] before vs.

a Or, into our hand.

37 Onely vnto the land of the children of Ammón thou cameſt not, *nor* vnto anie place of the [b] riuer Iabbók, nor vnto the cities in the mountaines, nor vnto whatſoeuer the Lord our God forbade vs.

b Or, fourde.

CHAP. III.

3 Og King of Baſhán is ſlaine. 11 The bignes of his bed. 18 The Reubenites and Gadites are commanded to go ouer Iordén armed before their brethren. 21 Ioſhua is made captaine. 27 Moſes is permitted to ſe the land, but not to enter, albeit he deſired it.

THen we turned, and went vp by the way of Baſhán: *and Og King of Baſhán [a] came out againſt vs, he, and all his people to fight at Edréi.

Nomb.21,33. deut.29,7.

a Therefore beſide the cõmandement of the Lord, thei had iuſte occaſiõ of his parte to fight againſt him.

2 And the Lord ſaid vnto me, Feare him not, for I wil deliuer him, and all his people, and his land into thine hand, & thou ſhalt do vnto him, as thou dideſt vnto *Sihón King of ỹ Amorites, which dwelt at Heſhbón.

Nomb.21,24.

3 So the Lord our God deliuered alſo vnto our hand, * Og the King of Baſhan, & all his people: and we ſmote him, vntil none was left him *aliue*,

Nomb.21,33.

4 And we toke all his cities the ſame time, nether was there a citie which we toke not from them, *euen* thre ſcore cities, *and* all the countrey of Argób, the kingdome of Og in Baſhán.

5 All theſe cities *were* fenced with hie walles, gates and barres, beſide [b] vnwalled townes a great many.

b As villages & ſmale townes.

6 And we ouerthrewe them, as we did vnto Sihón King of Heſhbón, deſtroying euerie citie, *with* men, [c] women, & children.

c Becauſe this was Gods appointemẽt, therefore it may not be iudged cruel.

7 But all the cattel and the ſpoile of the cities we toke for our ſelues.

8 Thus we toke at that time out of the hãd of two Kings of the Amorites, the land that was on this ſide Iordén from the riuer of Arnón vnto mount Hermón:

9 (Which Hermón the Sidoniãs call Shirión, but the Amorites call it Shenír)

10 All the cities of the plaine and all Gileád, and all Baſhán vnto Salcháh, and Edréi, cities of the kingdome of Og in Baſhán.

11 For onelie Og King of Baſhán remained of the remnant of the gyants, [d] whoſe bed *was* a bed of yron: is it not at Rabbáth among the children of Ammón? the length thereof *is* nine cubites, and foure cubites the bredth of it, after the cubite of a man.

d The more terrible ỹ this gyant was, the greater occaſion had thei to glorifie God for ỹ victorie.

12 And this land *which* we poſſeſſed at that time, from Aroér, which is by the riuer of Arnón, and halfe mount Gileád, * and the cities thereof, gaue I vnto the Reubenites and Gadites.

Nomb.32,33.

13 And the reſt of Gileád, and all Baſhán, the kingdome of Og, gaue I vnto the half tribe of Manaſſéh: *euen* all the coũtrey of Argób with all Baſhán, which is called, The land of gyantes.

14 Iaír the ſonne of Manaſſéh toke all the countrey of Argób, vnto the coaſtes of Geſhurí, and called them after his owne name, Baſhán, Hauoth Iaír vnto [e] this day.

e Meanig whẽ he wrote this hiſtorie.

15 And I gaue *parte* of Gileád vnto Machír.

16 And vnto the Reubenites and Gadites I gaue *the reſt* of Gileád, and vnto the riuer of Arnón, halfe the riuer and the borders, euen vnto the riuer [f] Iabbók, *which is* the border of the children of Ammón:

f Which ſeperateth ỹ Ammonites from the Amorites.

17 The plaine alſo and Iordén, & the borders from Chinnéreth euen vnto the Sea of the plaine, *to wit*, the ſalt Sea [g] vnder the ſprings of Piſgáh Eaſtwarde.

g Or, at Aſhdothpiſgáh.

18 ¶ And I commanded [g] you the ſame time, ſaying, The Lord your God hathe giuen you this land to poſſeſſe it: ye ſhal go ouer armed before your brethren the children of Iſraél, all men of warre.

g That is, the Reubenites, Gadites, and halfe Manaſſeh, as Nomb 32,28.

19 Your wiues onelie, & your children, & your cattel (for I knowe ỹ ye haue muche cattel) ſhal abide in your cities, which I haue giuen you,

20 Vntil the Lord haue giuẽ reſt vnto your brethren as vnto you, and that thei alſo poſſeſſe the land, which ỹ Lord your God hathe giuen them beyond Iordén: thẽ ſhal ye * returne euerie man vnto his poſſeſſiõ, which I haue giuen you.

Ioſh.22,4.

21 ¶ *And I charged Ioſhúa the ſame time, ſaying, Thine eies haue ſene all that the [h] Lord your God hathe done vnto theſe two Kings: ſo ſhal the Lord do vnto all the kingdomes whither thou goeſt.

Nomb.27,18.

h So that the victories came not by your owne wiſdome ſtrength or multitude.

22 Ye ſhal not feare thẽ: for the Lord your God, he ſhal fight for you.

23 And I beſoght the Lord the ſame time, ſaying,

24 O Lord God, thou haſte begonne to ſhewe thy ſeruant thy greatnes and thy mightie hand: for where is there a God in heauen or in earth, that can [i] do like thy workes,

i He ſpeaketh according to ỹ common and corrupt ſpeche or them ỹ attribute that power vnto idoles ỹ onelie appertaineth vnto God.

*Or, wonders.

workes, and like thy power?
25 I pray thee let me go ouer and se the
good land that is beyond Iordén, that
goodlie [k] mountaine, and Lebanón.
26 But ỹ Lord was angry with me for your
sakes, and wolde not heare me: and ỹ Lord
said vnto me, Let it suffice thee, speake no
more vnto me of this matter.
27 [l] Get thee vp into the top of Pisgáh, and
lift vp thine eyes Westward, and Nor-
thward, and Southward, and Eastward, & beholde it with thine eyes, for thou shalt not go ouer this Iordén:
28 But charge Ioshúa, and incourage him,
and bolden him: for he shal go before this
people, and he shal deuide for inheritance
vnto them, the land which thou shalt se.
29 So we abode in the valley ouer against
Beth-Peór.

k He meaneth Zión, where ỹ temple shulde be built and God honored

l As before he sawe by the spirite of prophecie ỹ good mountaine, ẅ was Zion, so here his eyes were lifted vp aboue the ordre of nature to beholde all the plentiful lãd of Canáan.

CHAP. IIII.

1 An exhortacion to obserue the Lawe without adding thereto or diminishing. 6 Therein standeth our wisdome. 9 We must teache it to our children. 15 No image ought to be made to worship. 26 Threatenings against them that forsake the Law of God. 37 God chose the sede because he loued their fathers. 43 The three cities of refuge.

1 NOw therefore hearken, ô Israél, vnto
the ordinances and to the lawes ẅ I
teache you to [a] do, that ye may liue and
go in, & possesse the land, which the Lord
God of your fathers giueth you.
2 Ye shal [b] put nothing vnto the worde
which I commande you, neither shal ye take
ought there from, that ye may kepe the
commandements of the Lord your God
which I commande you.
3 Your [d] eyes haue sene what the Lord did
because of Baal-Peór, for all the men that
followed Baal-Peór, the Lord thy God
hathe destroyed euerie one frõ amõg you.
4 But ye that did [e] cleaue vnto ỹ Lord your
God, are aliue euerie one of you this day.
5 Beholde, I haue taught you ordinances,
and lawes, as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye shulde do euen so with in
the land whither ye go to possesse it.
6 Kepe them therefore, and do them: for
that is your [f] wisdome, and your vnder-
standing in the sight of the people, which
shal heare all these ordinances, and shal
say, [g] Onely this people *is* wise, and of vnderstanding *and* a great nacion.
7 For what nacion *is so* great, vnto whome
the gods come so nere vnto them, as the
Lord our God *is* [g] *nere vnto vs*, in all that
we call vnto him for?
8 And what nacion *is so* great, that hathe ordinãces and lawes so righteous, as all this
Lawe, which I set before you this day?
9 But take hede to thy selfe, and [h] kepe thy
soule diligently, that thou forget not the
things which thine eyes haue sene, & that
they departe not out of thine heart, all the
daies of thy life: but teache the thy sonnes, and thy sonnes sonnes:
10 *Forget not* the day that thou stodest before the Lord thy God in Horéb, when ỹ
Lord said vnto me, Gather me the people
together, and I wil cause them heare my
wordes, that they may learne to feare me
all the dayes that they shal liue vpon the
earth, and that they may teache their
children:
11 Then came you nere & [k] stode vnder the
mountaine & the mountaine [l] burnt with
fire vnto the middes of heauen, *and there*
was darcknes, cloudes and mist.
12 And the Lord spake vnto you out of the
middes of the fire, *and* ye heard the voyce
of the wordes, but sawe no similitude, saue
a voyce.
13 Then he declared vnto you his couenant
which he commanded you to [k] do, *euen*
the ten commandements, and wrote them
vpon two tables of stone.
14 ¶ And the Lord commanded me that same time, that I shulde teache you ordinãces and lawes, which ye shulde obserue in
the land, whither ye go, to possesse it.
15 Take therefore good hede vnto your
"selues: for ye sawe no [l] image in the day
that the Lord spake vnto you in Horéb
out of the middes of the fire:
16 That ye corrupt not your selues, & make you a grauen image *or* representacion
of anie figure: *whither it be* the likenes of
male or female,
17 The likenes of anie beast that is on earth
or the likenes of anie fethered foule that
flieth in the aire:
18 *Or* the likenes of anie thing that crepeth
on the earth, *or* the likenes of anie fish
that is in the waters beneth the earth,
19 And lest thou lift vp thine eyes vnto heauen, and when thou seest the sunne and the
moone and the starres with all the hoste
of heauen, shuldest be driuen to worship
them and serue them, which the Lord thy
God hathe [m] distributed to all people vnder the whole heauen.
20 But the Lord hathe take you and brought
you out of the [n] yron fornace: out of Egypt to be vnto him a people *and* inheritance, as *appeareth* this day.
21 And the Lord was angry with me for
your wordes, and sware that I shulde not
go ouer Iordén, & that I shulde not go in
vnto that good land, which the Lo d thy
God giueth thee for an inheritance.
22 For I must dye in this land, and shal not
go ouer Iordén: but [o] ye shal go ouer, and
possesse that good land.
23 Take hede vnto your selues, lèst ye for-
get the couenant of the Lord your God ẅ
he made with you, & *lest* ye make you anie
grauen image, *or* likenes of anie thing, as

[a] For this doctrine standeth not in bare knowledge, but in practise of life.
[b] Thinke not to be more wise then I am.
[c] God wil not be serued by halues, but wil haue ful obedience.
[d] Gods iudgements executed vpõ other Idolaters ought to serue for our instructiõ.
[e] And were not idolaters.

[f] Because all men naturally desire wisdome, he sheweth how to attayne vnto it.
[g] Or, surely.

[g] Helping vs, and deliuering vs out of all dangers.
[h] He addeth all these wordes to shewe that we can neuer be careful ynough to kepe the lawe of God and to teache it to our posteritie.

[k] God ioineth this condicion to his couenant.

*Exod 19,18.
[l] The law was giuen with fearefulmiracles, to declare bothe that God was the autor thereof, & also that no flesh was able to abide ỹ rigour of the same.

*Ebr fualéo.
[l] Signifying ỹ destruction is prepared for all them that make anie image to represent God.

[m] He hathe appointed thẽ for to serue mã.

[n] He hathe deliuered you out of moste miserable seruitude, and freely chosen you for his children.

[o] Mose good affectiõ appeareth in that that he, being depriued of suche an excellent treasure, doeth not enuie them that must enioye it.

the Lord thy God hathe charged thee.

p To those ỹ come not vnto him with loue and reuerence, but rebelle against him, Ebr 12,29

24 For the Lord thy God is a p consuming fire, *and* a ielous God.

q Meaning hereby all superstition and corruption of the true seruice of God.

25 ¶ When thou shalt beget children and childrens children, and shalt haue remained long in the land, if ye q corrupt your selues, and make anie grauen image, *or* likenes of anie thing, and worke euil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to prouoke him to angre,

r Thogh men wolde absolue you, yet the insensible creatures shalbe witnesses of your disobedience.

26 I r call heauen and earth to recorde against you this day, that ye shal shortely perish from the land, whereuto ye go ouer Iordén to possesse it: ye shal not prolong your daies therein, but shal vtterly be destroyed.

s So that his curse shal make his former blessings of none effect.

27 And the Lord shal s scatter you among the people, & ye shalbe left fewe in nomber among the nacions, whether the Lord shal bring you:

28 And there ye shal serue gods, *euen* the worke of mans hand, wood, & stone, which nether se, nor heare, nor eat, nor smel.

29 But if from thence thou shalt seke the Lord thy God, thou shalt finde him, if thou seke him with all thine t heart, and with all thy soule.

t Not ỹ outward shew or ceremonie, but with a trut cõfession of thy fautes.

30 When thou art in tribulacion, and all these things are come vpon thee, " at the length, if thou returne to the Lord thy God, and be obedient vnto his voyce,

" *Ebr in the later dais.*

31 (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God) he wil not forsake thee, nether destroye thee nor forget the couenant of thy fathers, which he u sware vnto them.

u To certifie them the more of the assurance of their saluacion

32 For inquire now of the daies ỹ are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man vpon the earth, and x *aske* from the one end of heauẽ vnto the other, if there came to passe suche a great thing as this, or whether anie suche like thing hathe bene heard.

x Mans negligence is partely cause that he knoweth not God

33 Did euer people heare ỹ voyce of God speakig out of the middes of a fire, as thou hast heard, and liued?

34 Or hathe God assayed to go & take him a nacion from among nacions, by y tentacions, by signes, and by wonders, and by warre, and by a mighty hand, & by a stretched out arme, and by great feare, according vnto all that the Lord your God did vnto you in Egypt before your eyes?

y By so manifest proffes ỹ none colde doute thereof

35 Vnto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest z knowe, that the Lord he is God, *and* that there is none but he alone.

z He sheweth the cause, why God wroght these miracles.

36 Out of heauẽ he made thee heare his voice to instruct thee, & vpõ earth he shewed thee his great fire, and thou hardest his voyce out of the middes of the fire.

a Frely, & not of their desertes.

37 And becaus̃e a he loued thy fathers, therefore he chose their sede after them, and hathe broght thee out of Egypt in his sight, by his mighty power,

38 To thrust out nacions greater and mightier thẽ thou, before thee, to bring thee in, *and* to giue thee their land for inheritance: as *appeareth* this day.

39 Vnderstand therefore this day, and consider in thine heart, that ỹ Lord, he is God in heauen aboue, and vpon the earth beneth: there *is* none other.

40 Thou shalt kepe therefore his ordinances, and his commandements which I cõmande thee this day, that it may b go wel with thee, and with thy childrẽ after thee, and that thou maiest prolong thy dayes vpon the earth, which the Lord thy God giueth thee for euer.

b God promiseth rewarde not for our merites, but to incourage vs, and to assure vs that our labour shal not be lost

41 ¶ Then Moses separated thre cities on this side of Iordén towarde the sonne rising:

42 That the slayer shulde flee thither, which had killed his neighbour at vnwares, and hated him not in time past, might flee, I say, vnto one of those cities, and liue:

43 *That is,* * Bézer in the wildernes, in the plaine countrey of the Reubenites: and Ramóth in Gileád among the Gadites: & Golán in Bashán among them of Manasséh. *Iosh. 20,8.*

44 ¶ So this is the lawe which Moses set before the children of Israél.

45 These are the c witnesses, and the ordinances, and the lawes which Moses declared to the children of Israél after they came out of Egypt,

c The articles and pointes of the couenant.

46 On this side Iordén, in the valey ouer against Beth-peór, in the land of Sihón King of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbón, whome Moses and the children of Israél * smote, after they were come out of Egypt: *Nomb. 21,24. chap 1,4.*

47 And they possessed his land, and the lãd of * Og King of Bashán, two Kings of the Amorites, which were on this side Iordén toward the sonne rising: * *Nomb 21,33. chap. 3,3.*

48 From Aroér, which is by the banke of the riuer Arnón, euen vnto mount Sión, which is Hermón,

49 And all the plaine by Iordén Estward, euen vnto d the Sea, of the plaine, vnder the * springs of pisgáh.

d That is, the salt Sea *Chap. 3,17.*

CHAP. V.

1 Moses is the meane betwene God and the people. 6 The Lawe is repeted 23 The people are afraide at Gods voyce. 29 The Lord wisheth that the people wolde feare him 32 They must nether decline to the right hand nor left.

1 THen Moses called all Israél, and said vnto them, Heare ô Israél the ordinãces and the lawes which I " propose to you this day, that ye may learne them, and take hede to obserue them.

" *Ebr I speake in your eares.*

2 * The Lord our God made a couenant with vs in Horéb. *Exod. 19,5.*

3 The

a Some read, God made not this couenant, that is, in ſuche ample ſort & with ſuche ſignes and wonders

3 The Lord a made not this couenãt with our fathers, *onely*, but with vs, *euen* with vs all here aliue this day.

b So plainely that you nede not to doute thereof.

4 The Lord talked with you b face to face in the mount, out of the middes of the fire.

5 (At that time I ſtode betwene the Lord and you, to declare vnto you the worde of the Lord: for ye were afraide at the ſight of the fire, & went not vp into the mount) and he ſaid,

Exod.20,2. Leu.26,1. Pſal 96,7.

6 ¶ *I am the Lord thy God, which haue broght thee out of the land of Egypt, frõ the houſe of "bondage.

*Or, ſeruants.

c God bindeth vs to ſerue him onely, without ſuperſtition and idolatrie

7 Thou ſhalt haue none c other gods before my face.

8 Thou ſhalt make thee no grauen image, *or* anie likenes *of that* ỹ is in heauen aboue, or which is in the earth beneth, or that is in the waters vnder the earth.

9 Thou ſhalt nether bowe thy ſelf vnto them, nor ſerue them: for * I the Lord thy God am a d ielous God, viſiting the iniquitie of the fathers vpon the children, euen vnto the third and fourth *generacion* of them that hate me:

Exod 34,7. Iier 32,18.

d That is, of his honour, not permitting it to be giuen to other.

10 And ſhewing mercie vnto thouſands of them that e loue me, and kepe my commandements.

e The firſt degree to kepe ỹ cõmandements is, to loue God

11 Thou ſhalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lord wil not holde him giltles, that taketh his Name in vaine.

12 Kepe the Sabbath day, to ſanctifie it, as the Lord thy God hathe cõmanded thee.

f Meaning, ſince God permitteth ſix dates to our labours, that we ought willingly to dedicate the ſeuẽth to ſerue him wholy.

13 Six dates f thou ſhalt labour, and ſhalt do all thy worke:

14 But the ſeuẽth day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: ỹ ſhalt not do anie worke *therein*, thou, nor thy ſonne, nor thy daughter, nor thy man ſeruante, nor thy maide, nor thine oxe, nor thine aſſe, nether anie of thy cattel, nor the ſtranger that is within thy gates: that thy man ſeruãt and thy maide may reſt aſwel as thou.

15 For, remember that thou waſt a ſeruant in the lãd of Egypt, and *that* the Lord the God broght thee out thence by a mighty hand and a ſtretched out arme: therefore the Lord thy God commãded thee to obſerue the Sabbath day.

g Not for a ſhewe, but vvtrue obedience, and due reuerence.

16 ¶ g Honour thy father & thy mother, as the Lord thy God hathe commãded thee that thy dates may be prolonged, and that it may go wel with thee vpon the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

Matth 5,21.

17 * Thou ſhalt not kil.

Luk.18,20.

18 * Nether ſhalt thou commit adulterie.

Rom 13,9.

19 * Nether ſhalt thou ſteale.

Rom 7,7

h He ſpeaketh not onely of ỹ reſolute vvill, but that there be no motion or affection

20 Nether ſhalt thou beare falſe witnes againſt thy neighbour.

21 * Nether ſhalt h thou couet thy neighbours wife, nether ſhalt thou deſire thy neighbours houſe, his field, nor his man ſeruant, nor his maid, his oxe, nor his aſſe, nor oght that thy neighbour hathe.

22 ¶ Theſe wordes the Lord ſpake vnto all your multitude in the mount out of the middes of the fire, the cloude & the darkenes, with a great voyce, and i added no more *thereto*: and wrote them vpon two tables of ſtone, and deliuered them vnto me.

i Teaching vs by his exãple to be conter vvith his worde & adde nothing thereto.

23 And when ye heard the voyce out of the middes of the darkenes, (for ỹ mountaine did burne with fire,) then ye came to me, all the chief of your tribes, and your Elders:

24 And ye ſaid, Beholde, the Lord our God hath ſhewed vs his glorie & his greatnes, & * we haue heard his voyce out of ỹ middes of the fire: we haue ſene this day that God doeth talke with man, and he * liueth.

Exod.19,19.

Chap. 4,33.

25 Now therefore, why ſhulde we dye: for this great fire wil conſume vs: if we heare the voyce of the Lord our God anie more, we ſhal dye.

26 For what "fleſh *was* there euer, that heard the voyce of the liuing God ſpeaking out of the middes of the fire as we *haue*, & liued?

Or, man.

27 Go thou nere and heare all that ỹ Lord our God ſaith: and declare thou vnto vs all that the Lord our God ſayeth vnto thee * and we wil heare it, and do it.

Exod 20,19.

28 Then the Lord heard the voyce of your wordes, when ye ſpake vnto me: and the Lord ſaid vnto me, I haue heard the voyce of the wordes of this people, which they haue ſpoken vnto thee: they haue wel ſaid, all that they haue ſpoken.

k He requireth of vs nothing but obediẽce, ſhewing alſo ỹ of our ſelues we are vnwilling thereunto

29 * Oh k that there were ſuch an heart in them to feare me, and to kepe all my commandementes alway: that it might go wel with them, and with their children for euer.

30 Go, ſay vnto them, Returne you into your tentes.

31 But ſtand thou here with me, & I wil tel thee all the commandements, and the ordinances, and the lawes, which thou ſhalt teache them: that they may do them in the land which I giue them to poſſeſſe it.

l Ye ſhal nether adde nor diminiſhe

32 Take hede therefore, that ye do as the Lord your God hathe commanded you: l turne not aſide to the right hand nor to the left,

33 *But* walke in all the wayes which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may m liue, and that it may go wel with you: & that ye may prolong your dayes in the land which ye ſhal poſſeſſe.

m As by obedience, God giueth vs all felicitie: ſoo of diſobeying God ꝓcede all our miſeries.

CHAP. VI.

1 An exhortation to feare God, and kepe his commandẽts. 5 Which is, to loue him with all thine heart 7 The

same must be taught to the posteritie. 16 Not to tempt God. 25 Righteousnes is coteined in the Lawe.

1 These now are the cõmandements, ordinances, and [a] lawes, which the Lord your God commanded *me* to teache *you*, that ye might do them in the land whether ye go to possesse it:

[a] Or, iudgemẽts.

2 That thou mightest [a] feare the Lord thy God, and kepe all his ordinances, and his commandements which I commãde thee, thou, and thy sonne, and thy sonnes sonne all the dayes of thy life, euen that thy dayes may be prolonged.

[a] A reuerent feare and loue of God, is the first beginning to kepe Gods cõmandemẽts.

3 Heare therefore, ô Israél, and take hede to do it, that it may go wel with thee, and that ye may increase mightely [b] in the land that floweth with milke and hony, as the Lord God of thy fathers hathe promised thee.

[b] Which hathe abundance of all things apperteining to mans life.

4 Heare, ô Israél, The Lord our God *is* Lord onely,

5 And * thou shalt loue the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule, and with all thy might.

Mat 22,37. mar 12,29. luk 10,27.

6 * And these wordes which I commande thee this day, shalbe in thine heart.

Chap.11,18.

7 And thou shalt [c] rehearse them continually vnto thy children, and shalt talke of them when thou tariest in thine house, and as thou walkest by the way, and when thou lyest, downe, and when thou risest vp:

[c] Some read, ỹ shalt whet them vpon thy children: to wit, that they may printe thẽ more depely in memorie.

8 And thou shalt binde them for a signe vpon thine hand, and they shalbe [e] as frontelets betwene thine eyes.

[e] Or, *signes of remembrance.*

9 Also thou shalt write them vpõ the [d] postes of thyne house, and vpon thy gates.

[d] That when ỹ entrest in, thou maiest remember them.

10 And when the Lord thy God hathe broght thee into the land, which he sware vnto thy fathers, Abrahám, Izhák, and Iaakób, to giue to thee, with great and goodly cities which thou buyldedst not,

11 And houses ful of all maner of goods which thou filledst not, and wels digged which thou diggedst not, vineyardes and oliue trees which thou plantedst not, and *when* thou hast eaten and art ful,

12 [e] Beware lest thou forget the Lord, which broght thee out of the land of Egypt, frõ the house of bondage.

[e] Let not welthe and ease cause thee forget Gods mercies, wherby thou wast deliuered out of miserie

13 Thou shalt feare the Lord thy God, and serue him, & shalt [f] sweare by his Name.

[f] We must feare God, serue him onely, and confesse his Name, which is done by swearing lawfully.

14 Ye shal not walke after other gods, *after anie* of the gods of the people which are round about you,

15 (For the Lord thy God is a ielous God among you:) lest the wrathe of the Lord thy God be kindeled against thee, and destroy thee from the face of the earth.

16 ¶ Ye shal not [g] tempt the Lord your God, as ye did tempt him in Massáh:

[g] By douting of his power refusing lawful meanes, & abusing his graces.

17 *But* ye shal kepe diligently the commãdemẽts of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his ordinances which he hathe commanded thee,

18 And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the [h] sight of the Lord: that thou maiest prospet, and that thou maiest go in, and possesse that good land which the Lord sware vnto thy fathers,

[h] Here he cõdemneth all mans good intentions.

19 To cast out all thine enemies before thee, as the Lord hathe said.

20 When [i] thy sonne shal aske thee in time to come, saying, What meane these testimonies, and ordinances, and lawes, which the Lord our God hathe commanded you?

[i] God requireth nor onely ỹ we serue him all our life, but also ỹ we take paine ỹ our posteritie may see forthe his glorie.

21 Then thou shalt say vnto thy sonne, We were Pharaohs bondmen in Egypt: but the Lord broght vs out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

22 And the Lord shewed signes and wonders great & euil vpõ Egypt, vpon Pharaóh, and vpon all his housholde, before our eyes,

23 And [k] broght vs out from thence, to bring vs in, and to giue vs the land which he sware vnto our fathers.

[k] Nothing ought to moue vs more to true obedience thẽ ỹ great benefites ẃ we haue receiued of God.

24 Therefore the Lord hathe commanded vs, to do all these ordinances, & to feare ỹ Lord our God, that it may go euer wel with vs, & that he may preserue vs a liue as at this present.

25 Moreouer, this shal be our [l] righteousnes before the Lord our God, if we take hede to kepe all these commandements, as he hathe commanded vs.

[l] But because none colde ful ly obey ỹ lawe, we must haue our recours to Christ to be iustified by faith.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Israelites may make no couenant with the Gentiles. 5 They must destroy the idoles 8 The election depẽdeth on the fre loue of God. 19 The experience of the power of God ought to confirme vs. 25 To auoide all occasion of idolatrie.

1 When the Lord thy God shal bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possesse it, * & shal roote out manie nacions before thee: the Hittites, and the Girgashites, & the Amorites, & the Canaanites, & the Perizzites, & the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, seuen naciõs greater and mightier then thou,

Chap.31,8.

2 And the Lord thy God shal giue them [a] before thee, then thou shalt smite them: thou shalt vtterly destroy thẽ: thou shalt make no * couenant with them, nor haue compasion on them,

[a] Into thy power.

Exod 23,32. & 34,12.

3 Nether shalt thou make mariages with them, nether giue thy daughter vnto his sonne nor take his daughter vnto thy sonne.

4 For [c] they wil cause thy sonne to turne away from me, & to serue other gods: then wil the wrath of the Lord waxe hote against you and destroy thee sodenly.

[c] Or, *anie of the.*

5 But thus ye shal deale with them, [b] Ye shal

[b] God wolde haue his seruice pure without all idolatrous ceremonies and superstitions.

ſhal ouerthrowe their altars, and breake downe their pillers, and ye ſhal cut downe their groues, & burne their grauen images with fire.

Chap 14.2. & 26.18. Exod.19.5. 1.pet.2.9.

6 *For thou art an holy people vnto the Lord thy God, *the Lord thy God hathe choſen thee, to be a precious people vnto him ſelfe, aboue all people that are vpon the earth.

7 The Lord did not ſet his loue vpon you, nor choſe you, becauſe ye were mo in nóber then anie people: for ye were the feweſt of all people:

c Frely, findig no cauſe in you more thé in others ſo to do.

8 But becauſe ỹ Lord cloued you, & becauſe he wolde kepe the othe which he had ſworne vnto your fathers, the Lord hathe broght you out by a mighty hand and deliuered you out of the houſe of bondage from the hand of Pharaóh King of Egypt,

d And ſo put difference betwene him & ſaoles

9 That thou maieſt knowe, d that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God ẅ kepeth couenant and mercie vnto them that loue him and kepe his commandements, *euen* to a thouſand generacions,

e Meanig, manifeſtly, or in this life.

10 And rewarderh e them to their face that hate him, to bring them to deſtruction: he wil not deferre to rewarde him that hateth him, to his face.

11 Kepe thou therefore the commandements, and the ordinances, and the lawes, which I commande thee this day to do them.

12 ¶ For if ye hearken vnto theſe lawes, and obſerue and do them, then the Lord thy God ſhal kepe with thee the couenant, & the f mercy which he ſware vnto thy fathers.

f This couenãt is grounded vpon his free grace: therefore in recompenſing their obedience he hathe reſpect to his mercie & not to their merites.

13 And he wil loue thee, and bleſſe thee, & multiplie thee: he wil alſo bleſſe the frute of thy wombe, and the frute of thy land: thy corne and thy wine, and thine oyle & the increaſe of thy kine, and the flockes of thy ſhepe in the land, which he ſware vnto thy fathers to giue thee.

14 Thou ſhalt be bleſſed aboue all people: *Exod.23.26.* *there ſhalbe nether male nor female barē among you, nor among your cattel.

15 Moreouer, the Lord wil take away from thee all infirmities, and wil put none of the euil diſeaſes of *Egypt (which ỹ knoweſt) vpon thee, but wil ſend them vpon all that hate thee. *Exod.9.14.*

16 Thou ſhalt therefore conſume all people which the Lord thy God ſhal giue thee: g thine eie ſhal not ſpare them, nether ſhalt thou ſerue their gods, for that ſhalbe thy *deſtruction.

g We ought not to be merciful where God cõmandeth ſeueritie *Exod 23.33.*

17 If thou ſay in thine heart, Theſe nacions are mo then I, how can I caſt them out?

18 Thou ſhalt not feare them, *but* remember what ỹ Lord thy God did vnto Pharaóh, and vnto all Egypt:

19 The great h tentacions which thine eyes ſawe, and the ſignes and wonders, and the mightie hand & ſtretched out arme, whereby the Lord thy God broght thee out: ſo ſhal the Lord thy God do vnto all the people, whoſe face thou feareſt. h Or plagues or trials, as Chap. 29.3. exod 15.26 & 16.4.

20 *Moreouer, the Lord thy God wil ſend i hornettes among them vntil they that are left, and hide them ſelues from thee, be deſtroied. *Exod 23.28. Ioſh 24.12.* i There is not ſo ſmale a creature, ẅ I wil not arme to fight on thy ſide againſt them

21 Thou ſhalt not feare them: for the Lord thy God *is* among you, a God mighty & dreadful.

22 And the Lord thy God wil roote out theſe nacions before thee by litle and litle: thou maiſt not conſume them at once, leſt the k beaſtes of the field increaſe vpó thee. k So ỹ it ſo your cõmoditie ỹ God accompliſh not his promes ſo ſone as you wolde with.

23 But the Lord thy God ſhal giue them before thee, and ſhal deſtroy them with a mighty deſtruction, vntil they be broght to noght.

24 And he ſhal deliuer their Kīgs into thine hand, and thou ſhalt deſtroy their name from vnder heauen: there ſhal no man be able to ſtand before thee, vntil thou haſt deſtroied them.

25 The grauen images of their gods ſhal ye burne with fire, *and* *couet not the ſiluer and golde, *that is* on them, nor take it vnto thee, leſt thou l be ſnared therewith: for it is an abominacion *before* the Lord thy God. *Ioſh.7.1. 2.mac 12.40.* l And be intiſed to idolatrie.

26 Bring not therefore abominacion into thine houſe, leſt thou be accurſed like it, *but* vtterly abhorre it, and counte it moſte abominable: for it is *accurſed. *Leui 27.28. Numb.21.3.*

CHAP. VIII.

2 God humbleth the Iſraelites to trie what they haue in their heart. 7 God chaſticeth them as his childrē 14 The heart ought not to be proude for Gods benefites 19 The forgetfulnes of Gods benefites cauſeth deſtruction.

1 YE ſhal kepe all the commandements ẅ I cõmande thee this day, for a to do thē: that ye may liue, & be multiplied, and go in, and poſſeſſe the land which the Lord ſware vnto your fathers. a Shewing ỹ it is not ynough to heare ỹ worde, except weexpreſſe it by exaple of life.

2 And thou ſhalt remember all the way which ỹ Lord thy God led thee this fourty yere in the wildernes, for to humble thee and to b proue thee, to knowe what was in thine heart, whether thou wolde ſt kepe his commandements or no. b Which is declared in afflictiõs, either by pacience, or by grudging againſt Gods viſitation.

3 Therefore he humbled thee, and made thee hungry, & fed thee with MAN which thou kneweſt not, nether did thy fathers knowe it, that he might teache thee that man liueth not by c bread onely, but by euerie *worde* that proceadeth out of the mouth of the Lord, doeth a man liue. c Man liueth not by meat, but by ỹ power of God, & giueth it ſtreugth to nouriſh vs

4 Thy raymēt waxed not olde vpon thee, nether did thy fote d ſwel thoſe fourtie yeres. d As they ỹ go bare foted.

5 Knowe therefore in thine heart, that as a man nourtereth his ſonne, ſo the Lord thy God e nourtereth thee.

e So ỹ his afflictiõs are ſignes of his fatherly loue towarde vs

6 Therefore ſhalt thou kepe the commandements of the Lord thy God, that thou maieſt walke in his wayes, and feare him.

7 For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a lãd in the which are riuers of water and fountaines, & *depthes that ſpring out of valeis and mountaines:

*Or, meres.

8 A land of wheat and barley, and of vineyardes, and figtrees, & pomgranates: a lãd of oyle oliue and honey:

9 A lãd wherein thou ſhalt eat bread without ſcarcetie, nether ſhalt thou lacke anie thing therein: a lãd f whoſe ſtones *are* yi õ, & out of whoſe mountains thou ſhalt digge braſſe.

f Where there are mines of metal

10 And when thou haſt eaten and filled thy ſelf, thou ſhalt g bleſſe the Lord thy God for the good land, which he hath giuen thee.

g For to receiue Gods benefites, & not to be thankful, is to cõfũe God an them.

11 Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, not keping his commandemẽts, and his lawes, and his ordinances, which I commande thee this day:

12 Leſt *when* thou haſt eaten and filled thy ſelfe, & haſt buylt goodly houſes & dwelt *therein*,

13 And thy beaſtes, and thy ſhepe are increaſed, and thy ſiluer and golde is multiplied, & all that thou haſt is encreaſed,

h By attributing Gods benefites to thine owne wiſdome & labour, or to good fortune.

14 Then thine heart h be lifted vp and thou forget the Lord thy God, which broght thee out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of bondage,

15 Who was thy guide in the great and terrible wildernes (*wherein were* firy ſerpẽts, and ſcorpions, and drought, where *was* no water, *who broght for the water for thee, out of the rocke of flinte:

*Numb. 20, 11.

*Exod. 16, 15.

16 Who fed thee in ỹ wildernes with *MAN, which thy fathers knewe not,) to humble thee, and to proue thee, that he might do thee good at thy latter end.

17 *Beware* leſt thou ſay in thine heart, My power, and the ſtrength of mine owne hãd hathe prepared me this abundance.

18 But remember the Lord thy God: for it is he which i giueth thee power to get ſubſtance to eſtabliſh his couenãt which he ſware vnto thy fathers, as *appeareth* this day.

i If things concerning this life precede onely of Gods mercie: muche more ſpirituall gifts & life euerlaſting

19 And if thou forget the Lord thy God, and walke after other gods, & ſerue them, and worſhip them, I k teſtifie vnto you this day that ye ſhal ſurely periſh.

k Or, take to witnes ỹ heauen & ỹ earth, as Chap 4, 26

20 As the naciõs which the Lord deſtroyeth before you, ſo ye ſhal periſh, becauſe ye wolde not be obedient vnto the voyce of the Lord your God.

CHAP. IX.

4 God doeth them not good for their owne righteouſnes, but for his owne ſake 7 Moſes putteth them in remembrance of their ſinnes 17 The two tables are broken. 26 Moſes prayeth for the people.

1 HEare ô Iſraél, Thou ſhalt paſſe ouer Iordén a this day, to go in & to poſſeſſe nacions greater & mightier then thy ſelfe, & cities great & walled vp to heauen,

a Meaning, ſhortely.

2 A people great and tall, *euen* the children of the Anakims, whome thou knoweſt, and *of whome* thou haſt b heard ſay, Who can ſtand before the children of Anák?

b By ỹ report of the ſpies, Nomb 13, 29.

3 Vnderſtand therefore that this day the Lord thy God is he which c goeth ouer before thee *as* a conſuming fire: he ſhal deſtroy them, and he ſhal bring them downe before thy face: ſo thou ſhalt caſt thẽ out and deſtroy them ſodenly, as ỹ Lord hathe ſaid vnto thee.

c To guide thee & gouerne thee

4 Speake not thou in thine heart (after that the Lord thy God hath caſt them out before thee) ſaying, For my d rightcouſnes ỹ Lord hathe broght me in, to poſſeſſe this land: but for ỹ wickednes of theſe nacions the Lord hathe caſt them out before thee.

d Man of him ſelfe can deſerue nothing but Gods angre, & if God ſpare anie it cõmeth of his great mercie.

5 *For* thou entreſt not to inherit their land for thy righteouſnes, or for thy vpright heart, but for the wickednes of thoſe natiõs, the Lord thy God doeth caſt thẽ out before thee, and that he might perfourme the worde which the Lord thy God ſware vnto thy fathers, Abrahám, Izhák, and Iakób.

6 Vnderſtand therefore, that the Lord thy God giueth thee not this good land to poſſeſſe it for thy righteouſnes: for thou art a e ſtifnecked people.

e Like ſtubberne oxen ỹ wil not endure their maſters yoke

7 ¶Remember, & forget not, how ỹ prouokedſt the Lord thy God to angre in the wildernes: f ſince the day that thou dideſt depart out of the land of Egypt, vntil ye came vnto this place ye haue rebelled againſt the Lord.

f He proueth by ỹ lẽgth of time, ỹ their rebelliõ was more great, & intolerable.

8 Alſo in Horéb ye prouoked the Lord to angre ſo that ỹ Lord was wroth with you, *euen* to deſtroy you.

9 When I was gone vp in to the mount, to receiue the tables of ſtone, the tables, *I ſay*, of ỹ couenãt, which the Lord made with you: and *I abode in the mõut forty dayes and fortie nightes, & I nether ate bread nor yet dranke water:

*Exod 24, 18. & 34 28.

10 *Then the Lord deliuered me two tables of ſtone, written with the g finger of God, and in them *was contained* according to all the wordes which the Lord had ſaid vnto you in the mounte out of the middes of the fire, in the day of the aſſemblie.

*Exod 31, 18.

g That is miraculouſly, & not by ỹ hand of man.

11 And when the fortie dayes and fortie nightes were ended, the Lord gaue me the two tables of ſtone, the tables, *I ſay*, of the

couc-

couenant.

Exod 32,7. 12 And the Lord ſaid vnto me, *Ariſe, get thee downe quickely from hence: for thy people which thou haſt broght out of Egypt, haue [h] corrupt *their wayes*: thei are ſone turned out of the way, which I commanded them: thei haue made thē a molten image.

[h] So ſone as man declineth from the obedience of God, his waies are corrupt.

13 Furthermore, the Lord ſpake vnto me, ſaying, I haue ſene this people, and beholde, it is a ſtifnecked people.

[i] Signifying ẏ the praiers of ẏ faithful are a barre to ſtaie Gods angre, ẏ he cōſume not all.

14 [i] Let me alone, that I may deſtroye thē, and put out their name from vnder heauē, and I wil make of thee a mightie nacion, and greater then thei be.

15 So I returned, and came downe from the Mount (& the Mount burnt with fire, and the two Tables of the couenāt *were* in my two hands)

16 Then I loked, & beholde, ye had ſinned againſt the Lord your God: *for* ye had made you a moltē calf, *and* had turned quickely out of the [k] way which the Lord had commanded you.

[k] That is, frō the Lawe wherein he declareth what is ẏ cauſe of our perdition.

17 Therefore I toke the two Tables, & caſt them out of my two hands, and brake thē before your eies.

18 And I fel downe before the Lord, fortie daies, and fortie nights, as before: I nether ate bread nor dranke water, becauſe of all your ſinnes, which ye had committed, in doing wickedly in the ſight of ẏ Lord, in that ye prouoked him vnto wrath.

19 (For I was afraied of the wrath and indignacion, wherewith the Lord was moued againſt you, *euen* to deſtroye you) yet the Lord heard me at that time alſo.

20 Likewiſe the Lord was verie angry with Aarón, *euen* to [l] deſtroye him: but at that time I praied alſo for Aarón.

[l] Whereby he ſheweth what dāger thei are in, ẏ haue auoritie, & reſiſt not wickednes

21 And I toke your ſinne, *I meane* the calfe which ye had made, and burnt him with fire, and ſtamped him and grounde him ſmale, euen vnto verie duſt: and I caſt the duſt thereof into the riuer, that deſcended out of the [m] Mount.

[m] Horēb, or Sinái. *Nomb.11,3. Exod.17,7. Nomb.11,34.*

22 Alſo *in Taberáh, and in *Maſſáh* and in Kibrothhattaauáh ye prouoked ẏ Lord to angre.

23 Likewiſe when the Lord ſent you from Kadeſh-barnéa, ſaying, Go vp, and poſſeſſe the land which I haue giuen you, thē ye [n] rebelled againſt the commandemēt of the Lord your God, and beleued him not, nor hearkened vnto his voyce.

[n] At the returne of ẏ ſpies.

24 Ye haue bene rebellious vnto the Lord, ſince the daie that I knewe you.

[o] Whereby is ſignified that God requireth earneſt continuāce in praier.

25 Then I fel downe before the Lord [o] fortie daies and fortie nights, as I fel downe *before*, becauſe the Lord had ſaid, that he wolde deſtroye you.

26 And I praied vnto the Lord, and ſaid, O Lord God, deſtroye not thy people & thine inheritance, which thou haſt redemed through thy greatnes whome ẏ haſt broght out of Egypt by a mightie hand.

27 [p] Remember thy ſeruants Abrahám, Izhák, and Iaakób: loke not to the ſtuburnes of this people, nor to their wickednes, nor to their ſinne,

[p] The godlie in their praiers groūde on Gods promes, & cōfeſſe their ſinnes.

28 Leſt the countrey, whence thou broghteſt them, ſay, *Becauſe the Lord was not able to bring them into the land which he promiſed them, or becauſe he hated them, he caried them out, to ſlaye them in the wildernes. *Nom.14,16.*

29 Yet thei are thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broghteſt out by thy mightie power, and by thy ſtretched out arme.

CHAP. X

[q] The ſeconde tables put in the Arke. 8 The tribe of Leui is dedicate to the ſeruice of the Tabernacle. 12 What the Lord requireth of him. 16 The circumciſion of the heart. 17 God regardeth not the perſone. 21 The Lord is the praiſe of Iſraél.

[q] *Exod.34,1.*

1 IN the ſame time the Lord ſaid vnto me, *Hewe thee two Tables of ſtone lyke vnto the firſt, and come vp vnto me into the Mount, and make thee an Arke of wood,

2 And I wil write vpon ẏ Tables the wordes that were vpon the firſt Tables, which thou brakeſt, and thou ſhalt put them in the Arke.

3 And I made an Arke of [a] ſhittím wood, and hewed two Tables of ſtone like vnto the firſt, and went vp into the Mountaine, and the two Tables in mine hand.

[a] Which wood is of long continuance.

4 Then he wrote vpon the Tables according to the firſt writing (the ten commādements, which the Lord ſpake vnto you in the Mount out of the middes of the fire, in the daye of the [b] aſſemblie) and the Lord gaue them vnto me.

[b] When you were aſſēbled to receiue the Lawe.

5 And I departed, and came downe frō the Mount, & put the Tables in ẏ Arke which I had made: and there thei be, as the Lord commanded me.

6 ¶ And the children of Iſraél toke their iourney from Beeróth of the children of Iaakán to [c] Moſerá, where Aarón dyed, & was buryed, and Eleazár his ſonne became Prieſt in his ſteade.

[c] This mountaine was alſo called Hor, Nomb.20,28.

7 ¶ From thence thei departed vnto Gudgodáh, and from Gudgodáh to Iotbáth a land of running waters.

8 ¶ The ſame time the Lord ſeparated the tribe of Leuí to beare the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, *and* to ſtand before the Lord, to [d] miniſter vnto him, and to bleſſe in his Name vnto this day.

[d] That is, to offer ſacrifices & to declare ẏ Lawe to the people.

9 Wherefore Leuí hathe no parte nor inheritance with his brethren: *for* the Lord is his [e] inheritance, as the Lord thy God hathe promiſed him.

[e] So God turned ẏ curſe of Iaakób, Gen. 49,7, vnto bleſſing.

10 And I taried in the Mount, as at the
firſt time, fortie daies and fortie nights,
and the Lord heard me at that time alſo,
and the Lord wolde not deſtroye thee.
11 But the Lord ſaid vnto me, Ariſe, go
forthe in the iourney before the people,
that thei may go in and poſſeſſe the land,
which I ſware vnto their fathers to giue
vnto them.
12 ¶ And now, Iſraél, what doeth the Lord
thy God f require of thee, but to feare
the Lord thy God, to walke in all his wa-
ies, and to loue him, and to ſerue the Lord
thy God with all thine heart, and with all
thy ſoule?
13 That thou kepe the commandements
of the Lord, and his ordinances, which
I commande thee this day, for thy
welth?
14 Beholde, he auen, and the heauen of hea-
uens *is* the Lords thy God, and the earth,
with all that therein is.
15 g Notwithſtanding, the Lord ſet his de-
lite in thy fathers to loue them, and dyd
choſe their ſede after them, *euen* you abo-
ue all people, as *appeareth* this day.
16 h Circumciſe therefore the foreſkin of
your heart, and harden your neks no
more.
17 For the Lord your God is God of gods,
and Lord of lords, a great God, mightie,
& terrible, which accepteth no * perſones
nor taketh rewarde:
18 Who doeth right vnto the fatherles and
widowe, and loueth the ſtranger, giuing
him fode and rayment.
19 Loue ye therefore the ſtranger: for ye
were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt.
20 * Thou ſhalt feare the Lord thy God:
thou ſhalt ſerue him, and thou ſhalt cleа-
ue vnto him, and i ſhalt ſweare by his
Name.
21 He is thy praiſe, and he is thy God, that
hathe done for thee theſe great and terri-
ble things, which thine eies haue ſene.
22 Thy fathers went downe into Egypt
* with ſeuentie perſones, & now the Lord
thy God hathe made thee, as the * ſtarres
of the heauen in multitude.

f For all our ſinnes & tranſ-greſtions God requireth nothing but to turne to him & obey him.

g Although he was Lord of heauē & earth, yet wolde he chuſe none but you.

h Cut of all your euil affe-ctiōs, Iere. 4.4

2 Chro 19.7. iob. 34.19. rom. 2.11.

Chap 6.13. mat. 4.10.

i Read Chap 6.13.

Gen. 46.27. exod. 1.5. Gen. 15.5.

CHAP. XI.

1 An exhortacion to loue God, and kepe his Lawe 10 The praiſes of Canaán. 18 To meditate continually the worde of God. 19 To teache it vnto the children. 26 Bleſſing and curſing.

1 THerefore thou ſhalt loue the Lord
thy God, and ſhalt kepe that, which
he commandeth to be kept: that is, his or-
dinances, and his Lawes, and his comma-
dements alwaie.
2 And a conſider this day (*for I ſpeake not*
to your children, which haue neither know-
ne nor ſene) the chaſtiſemēt of the Lord
your God, his greatnes, his mightie hand,
and his ſtretched out arme,
3 And his ſignes, and his actes, which he
did in the middes of Egypt vnto Pha-
raóh the King of Egypt and vnto all his
land:
4 And what he did vnto the hoſte of the
Egyptians, vnto their horſes and to their
charets, when he cauſed the waters of the
red Sea to ouerfloe them, as thei purſued
after you, and the Lord deſtroyed them
vnto this day:
5 And b what he did vnto you in the wil-
dernes, vntil ye came vnto this place:
6 And what he did vnto Dathán and Abi-
rám the ſonnes of Eliáb the ſonne of
Reubén, when the earth opened her
mouth, and ſwallowed them with their
houſeholdes and their tents, and all their
ſubſtance that " thei had in the middes of
all Iſraél.
7 For your eies haue ſene all the great ac-
tes of the Lord which he did.
8 Therefore ſhal ye kepe c all the com-
mandements, which I commande you
this day, that ye may be ſtrong, and go
in and poſſeſſe the land whether ye go to
poſſeſſe it:
9 Alſo that ye may prolong *your* daies in
the land, which the Lord ſware vnto
your fathers, to giue vnto them and to
their ſede, *euen* a land that floweth with
milke and honie.
10 ¶ For the land whether thou goeſt to
poſſeſſe it, is not as the land of Egypt, fró
whence ye came, where thou ſowedſt thy
ſede, and watereſt it with ° thy d fete as
a garden of herbes:
11 But the land whether ye go to poſſeſſe
it, *is* a land of mountaines and valleis,
& drinketh water of the raine of heauen.
12 This land doeth the Lord thy God care
for: the eies of the Lord thy God *are* al-
waies vpon it, from the beginning of the
yere, euen vnto the end of the yere.
13 ¶ If ye ſhal hearken therefore vnto my
commandements, which I commande
you this day, that ye loue the Lord your
God & ſerue him with all your heart, and
with all your ſoule,
14 I alſo wil giue raine vnto your land in
due time, e the firſt raine and the latter,
that thou maieſt gather in thy wheat, and
thy wine, and thine oyle.
15 Alſo I wil ſed graſſe in thy fields for thy
cattel, that thou maieſt eat, and haue y-
noúgh.
16 *But* beware leſt your heart f deceaue
you, and leſt ye turne aſide, and ſerue other
gods, and worſhip them,
17 And ſo ỹ angre of the Lord be kindled
againſt you, and he ſhut vp the heauen,
that there be no raine, and that your land
yelde not her frute, & ye periſh quickely
from

a Ye, which haue ſene Gods graces wt your eies, ought rather to be moued, thē your children, wt haue onely heard of thē.

b Aſwel cōcerning his benefites, as his correctiōs.

" *Hebr. was at their fete.*

c Because ye haue felt both his chaſtiſements and his benefites.

° *Or, labour.*

d As by making gutters for the water to come out of the riuer Nilus to water the land.

e In the fede time, & toward harueſt.

f By diuiſing to your ſelues fooliſh deuocioūs according to your owne fantaſies.

from the good land, which the Lord giueth you.

18 ¶ Therefore shal ye lay vp these my wordes in your heart & in your soule, & *binde them for a signe vpon your hand, ỹ they maie be as a frontelet betwene your eyes,

19 And ye shal *teache them your children, speaking of thē, when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the waie, and when thou liest downe, and when thou risest vp.

20 And thou shalt write them vpon the postes of thine house, & vpon thy gates,

21 That your dayes maie be multiplied, & the dayes of your children, in the land ẅ the Lord sware vnto your fathers to giue them, as long as g the heauens are aboue the earth.

22 ¶ For if ye kepe diligently all these commandements, which I commande you to do, *that is*, to loue the Lord your God to walke in all his waies, & to cleaue vnto hī,

23 Then wil the Lord cast out all these nacions before you, and ye shal possesse greater nacions and mightier then you.

24 *All the places where5 the soles of h your fete shal treade, shalbe yours: your coast shalbe from the wildernes and from Lebanón, and from the Riuer, *euen* the riuer Peráth, vnto the vttermost i Sea.

25 No man shal stand against you: *for* the Lord your God shal cast the feare and dread of you vpon all the lād that ye shal tread vpon, as he hathe said vnto you.

26 ¶ Beholde, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse:

27 *The blessing, if ye obey the commādements of the Lord your God which I cō mande you this day:

28 And ỹ curse, if ye wil not obey the cōmandements of the Lord your God, but turne out of the way, which I commande you this day, to go after other gods, ẅ ye haue not k knowen.

29 ¶ Whē the Lord thy God therefore hathe brogt thee into the land, whether thou goest to possesse it, then thou shalt put the *blessing vpon mount Gerizím, and the curse vpon mount Ebál.

30 Are they not beyonde Iordén on ỹ parte, l where the sunne goeth downe in the land of the Canaanites, which dwel in the plaine ouer against Gilgál, beside the groue of Moréh?

31 For ye shal passe ouer Iordén, to go in to possesse the land, which the Lord your God giueth you, and ye shal possesse it, & dwel therein.

32 Take hede therefore that ye * do all the commandements and the lawes, which I set before you this day.

CHAP. XII.

1 To destroy the idolatrous places. 5, 8 To serue God where he commandeth and as he commandeth, and not as men fantasie. 19 The Leuites must be nourished. 31 Idolaters burnt their children to their gods. 32 To adde nothing to Gods worde.

1 THese are the ordinances & the lawes, which ye shal obserue and do in the land (which the Lord God a of thy fathers giueth thee to possesse it) as long as ye liue vpon the earth.

2 *Ye shal vtterly destroy all the places wherein the nacions which ye shal possesse, serued their gods vpon the hie mountains & vpon the hilles, and vnder euerie grene tre.

3 *Also ye shal ouerthrowe their altars, & breake downe their pillers, & burne their b groues with fire: & ye shal hewe downe the grauen images of their gods, & abolish their names out of that place.

4 Ye shal c not so do vnto the Lord your God,

5 But ye shal seke the place which the Lord your God shal * chose out of all your tribes, to put his Name there, & there to dwel, and thether thou shalt come,

6 And ye shal brīg thether your burnt offrings, and your sacrifices, & your tithes, & the d offring of your hands, & your vowes, & your free offrings & the first borne of your kine & of your shepe.

7 And there ye shal eat e before the Lord your God, and ye shal reioyce in all that ye put your hād vnto, *bothe* ye, & your housholdes, becausse the Lord thy God hathe blessed thee.

8 Ye shal not do after all these things ỹ we do f here this day: *that is*, euerie man whatsoeuer semeth him good in his owne eyes.

9 For ye are not yet come to rest, & to ỹ inheritāce ẅ the Lord thy God giueth thee.

10 But when ye go ouer Iordén, & dwel in the land, which the Lord your God hathe giuen you to inherit, & *when* he hathe giuen you g rest from all your enemies rounde about, & ye dwel in saferie,

11 Then there shalbe a place which ỹ Lord your God shal chose, to cause his Name to dwel there, thether shal ye bring all that I commāde you: your burnt offrings, & your sacrifices, your tithes, and the offring of your hands, and all your * special vowes which ye vow vnto the Lord:

12 And ye shal reioyce before ỹ Lord your God, ye, & your sonnes & your daughters, & your seruants, and your maidens, and ỹ Leuite that is within your gates: * for he hathe no parte nor inheritance with you.

13 Take hede that thou offer not thy burnt offrings in euerie place that thou seest:

14 But in the place which the Lord shal h chose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offrings, and there thou shalt do all that I commande thee.

a Whereby they are admonished to seke none other God.

b Wherein they sacrificed to their idoles.

c Ye shal not serue ỹ Lord ẅ superstitiōs.

d Meaning the first frutes.

e Where his Arke shalbe.

f Not ỹ they sacrificed after their fantasies, but ỹ God wolde be serued more purely in ỹ lād of Canaan.

g It had not bene ynough to cōquer, except God had maintened thē in rest vnder his protectiō.

* Or, that which ye chose out for your vowes.

h As was declared ones by ỹ placing of ỹ Arke, as in Shiloh 243 yeres, or as some write, more thē 300 yeres, & in other places til the temple was buylt.

i Called mediterraneum.

k He reputeth ỹ malice of mē ẅ leaue that ẅ is certeine, to follow that ẅ is vncertein.

l Meaning in Samaria.

* Or, plaine.

15 Notwithſtanding thou maiſt kil and eat
fleſh in all thy gates, whatſoeuer thine
heart deſireth, according to the [i] bleſsing
of the Lord thy God which he hathe gi-
uen thee: *bothe* the vncleane and the cleane
may eat thereof, [k] as of the roe bucke, & of the hart.

16 Onely ye ſhal not eat ỹ blood, *but* powre it vpon the earth as water.

17 ¶ Thou maieſt not eat within thy gates
the [l] tithe of thy corne, nor of thy wine,
nor of thine oyle, nor ỹ firſt borne of thy
kine, nor of thy ſhepe, nether anie of thy
vowes which thou voweſt, nor thy fre ofrings, nor the offring of thine hands,

18 But thou ſhalt eat it before the Lord thy
God, in the place which ỹ Lord thy God
ſhal choſe, thou, and thy ſonne, and thy
daughter, and thy ſeruant, and thy maid,
and thē Leuite, that is within thy gates: and thou ſhalt reioyce before ỹ Lord
thy God, in all that thou putteſt thine
hand to.

19 *Beware, that thou forſake not the Leuite, as long as thou liueſt vpon the earth.

20 ¶ When the Lord thy God ſhal enlarge thy border, *as he hathe promiſed thee,
and thou ſhalt ſay, I wil eat fleſh, (becauſe
thine heart lōgeth to eat fleſh) thou maiſt
eat fleſh, whatſoeuer thine heart deſireth.

21 If the place which the Lord thy God
hathe choſē to put his Name there, be far
from thee, thē thou ſhalt kil of thy bullockes, and of thy ſhepe which the Lord hathe giuen thee, as I haue commanded thee,
& thou ſhalt eat in thy gates, whatſoeuer
thine heart deſireth.

22 Euen as the roe bucke and the hart is
eaten, ſo thou ſhalt eat them: *bothe* the vncleane & the cleane ſhal eat of thē alike.

23 Onely be [n] ſure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood [m] is the life, and ỹ maiſt
not eat the life with the fleſh.

24 *Therefore* thou ſhalt not eat it, *but* powre it vpon the earth as water.

25 Thou ſhalt not eat it, that it may go
wel with thee, and with thy children after
thee, when thou ſhalt do that which is
right in the ſight of the Lord:

26 But thine [n] holy things which thou haſt,
and thy vowes thou ſhalt take vp, and come vnto ỹ place which ỹ Lord ſhal choſe.

27 And thou ſhalt make thy burnt offrings
of the fleſh, and of the blood vpon the altar of the Lord thy God; and the blood
of thine offrings ſhal be powred vpon the
altar of the Lord thy God, & thou ſhalt
eat the fleſh.

28 Take hede, and heare all theſe wordes
which I command thee, ỹ it may go [o] wel
with thee, and with thy children after thee
for euer, when ỹ doeſt that which is good
& right in the ſight of the Lord thy God.

29 ¶ When the Lord thy God ſhal deſtroy
the nacions before thee, whether thou goeſt to poſſeſſe them, & thou ſhalt poſſeſſe
them and dwel in their land,

30 Beware, leſt thou be taken in [p] a ſnare after thē, after that they be deſtroyed before thee, & leſt thou aſke after their gods,
ſaying, How did theſe nacions ſerue their
gods, that I may do ſo likewiſe?

31 Thou ſhalt not do ſo vnto the Lord thy
God: for all abomination, which the
Lord hateth, haue they done vnto their
gods: for they haue [q] burned bothe their
ſonnes and their daughters with fire to
their gods.

32 *Therefore* whatſoeuer I commande you,
take hede you do it: *thou ſhalt put nothing thereto, nor take ought therefrom.

CHAP. XIII.

[r] The inticers to idolatrie muſt be ſlaine, ſeme they neuer ſo holy. 6 So nere of kinred or frēdſhip. 12 Or great in multitude or power.

1 IF there ariſe among you a prophet or a
dreamer of [a] dreames, (& giue thee a
ſigne or wondre,

2 And the ſigne and the wondre, which he
hathe tolde thee, come to paſſe) ſayīg, [b] Let
vs go after other gods, which thou haſt
not knowen, and let vs ſerue them,

3 Thou ſhalt not hearken vnto the wordes
of ỹ prophet, or vnto that dreamer of dreames: for ỹ Lord your God [c] proueth you,
to knowe whether ye loue the Lord your
god w̄ all your hea t, and w̄ all your ſoule.

4 Ye ſhal walke after the Lord your God &
feare him, and ſhal kepe his commandements, and hearken vnto his voyce, and ye
ſhal ſerue him, & cleaue vnto him.

5 But that prophet, or ỹ dreamer of dreames ſhal [d] be ſlaine, becauſe he hathe
ſpoken to turne you away from the Lord
your God (w̄ brought you out of the land
of Egypt, and deliuered you out of the
houſe of bōdage) to thruſt thee out of the
way, wherein the Lord thy God commāded thee to walke: ſo ſhalt thou take the
euil away forthe of the middes of thee.

6 ¶ If [e] thy brother, the ſonne of thy mother, or thine owne ſonne, or thy daughter, or the wife, *that lieth* in thy boſome, or
thy frende, which is as thine owne [f] ſoule,
entice thee ſecretly, ſaying, Let vs go and
ſerue other gods, (which thou haſt not
knowen, thou, *I ſay*, nor thy fathers)

7 *Anie* of the gods of the people which are
rownde about you, nere vnto thee or far
off from thee, from the one end of ỹ earth
vnto the other:

8 Thou ſhalt not cōſent vnto him, nor heare him, nether ſhal thine eye pitie him,
nor ſhewe mercie, nor kepe him ſecret:

9 But ỹ ſhalt euē kil him: [g] thine hād ſhal-
be firſt vpō him to put him to death, & thē
the

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i As God hathe giuen thee power & abilitie.

k Euerie one might eat at Rome aſwel ỹ beaſt appointed for ſacrifice as ỹ other.

l Meaning, whatſoeuer was offred to ỹ Lord, might not be eaten, but where he had appointed.

Eccleſ.7.32.

Gen.28.14. chap.19.8.

n Ebr. be ſtrong or conſtant.

m Becauſe the life of beaſts is in their blood.

n That which thou wilt offer in ſacrifice.

o God by promes bindeth him ſelfe to do good to thē that obey his worde.

p By following their ſuperſtitions & idolatries, & thinking to ſerue me thereby.

q They thoght nothing dere to offer to their idoles.

Chap.4.2. ioſh.1.7. prou.30,6. reue.22,18.

r The inticers to idolatrie muſt be ſlaine, ſeme they neuer ſo holy, 6 So nere of kinred or frēdſhip, 12 Or great in multitude or power.

a Which ſaith, that he hathe things reuelled vnto him in dreames.

b He ſheweth whereunto ỹ falſe prophets tend

c God ordeineth all theſe things ỹ he may be knowen.

d Being cōuict by teſtimonies & cōdemned by the iudge.

e All naturall affections muſt giue place to Gods honour.

f Whome thou loueſt as thy life.

g As ỹ witnes is charged. Chap.17.7.

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the hands of all the people.
10 And thou ſhalt ſtone him with ſtones, ỹ he dye (becauſe he hathe gone about to thruſt thee away frō the Lord thy God, which broght thee out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of bondage)
Chap.17.13. 11 That *all Iſraél may heare & feare, & do no more anie ſuche wickednes as this among you.
12 ¶ If thou ſhalt heare ſay (concerning anie of thy cities which the Lord thy God hathe giuen thee to dwel in)
**Ebr. children of Belial* 13 *Wicked men are gone out from amōg you, & haue drawen away ỹ inhabitāts of their citie, ſayīg, Let vs go & ſerue other gods, which ye haue not knowen,
h Which are appointed to ſe lautes punished. 14 Then h thou ſhalt ſeke, & make ſearche & enquire diligently: and if *it be* true, & the thing certeine, that ſuche abomination is wroght among you,
15 Thou ſhalt euē ſlaye the inhabitāts of ỹ citie with the edge of the ſworde: deſtroy it vtterly, & all that is therein, & the cattel thereof with the edge of the ſworde.
i Signifying ỹ no idolatrie is ſo execrable, nor more grieuouſly to be puniſhed, then of them which once profeſſed God 16 And i thou ſhalt gather all the ſpoile of it into the middes of the ſtrete thereof, & burne with fire the citie & all the ſpoile thereof euerie whit, vnto the Lord thy God: and it ſhalbe an heape for euer: it ſhal not be buylt againe.
k Of ỹ ſpoyle of ỹ idolatrous & curſed citie, Read Chap.7.26. 17 And there ſhal cleaue nothing of ỹ k dāned thing to thine hād, ỹ the Lord maie turne from the fearcenes of his wrath, & ſhewe thee mercie, and haue compaſsion on thee and multiplie thee, as he hathe ſworne vnto thy fathers:
18 *When thou ſhalt obey the voyce of the Lord thy God, and kepe all his commandements which I commāde thee this day, that thou do that which is right in ỹ eies of the Lord thy God.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The maners of the Gentiles in marking thē ſelues for the dead, may not be followed. 4 What meates are cleane to be eaten, and what not. 29 The tithes for the Leuite, ſtranger, fatherles, and widowe.

1 YE are the children of the Lord your God. *Ye ſhal not cut your ſelues, nor make you *anie* baldnes betwene your eies for the dead.
Leuit.19.28.
Chap.7.6. & 26.18. 2 *For thou art an holy people vnto ỹ Lord thy God, & the Lord hathe choſen thee to be a a precious people vnto him ſelfe, aboue all the people that are vpon the earth.
a Therefore ỹ oghteſt not to followe ỹ ſuperſtitions of the Gentils. 3 ¶ Thou ſhalt eat no maner of abomination.
b This ceremonial Lawe inſtructed ỹ Iewes to ſeke a ſpiritual pureties, euen in their meat & drinke. 4 b Theſe are the beaſts, which ye ſhal eat, the beſe, the ſhepe, and the goat,
5 The hart, & the roe bucke, and ỹ bugle, and the wilde goat, & the vnicorne, & the wilde oxe, and the chamois.
6 And euerie beaſt ỹ parteth the hoofe, and cleaueth ỹ clift into two clawes, and is of ỹ beaſts that cheweth ỹ cud, that ſhal ye eat.
7 But theſe ye ſhal not eat, of them that chewe the cud, and of them that deuide & cleaue ỹ hoofe *onely*: the camel, nor the hare, nor the cony: for they chewe the cud, but deuide not the hoofe: *therefore* they ſhalbe vncleane vnto you:
8 Alſo the ſwine, becauſe he deuideth the hoofe, & cheweth not the cud, ſhalbe vncleane vnto you: ye ſhal not eat of their fleſh, nor touche their dead carkeiſes.
Leuit.11.2. 9 ¶ *Theſe ye ſhal eat, of all that are in the waters: all that haue finnes and ſcales ſhal ye eat.
10 And whatſoeuer hathe no finnes nor ſcales, ye ſhal not eat: it ſhalbe vncleane vnto you.
11 ¶ Of all cleane birdes ye ſhal eat:
12 But theſe are thei, whereof ye ſhal not eat: ỹ egle, nor ỹ goſhawke, nor ỹ oſprey,
13 Nor the glead nor the kite, nor the vulture, after their kinde,
14 Nor all kinde of rauens,
15 Nor the oſtriche, nor ỹ nightcrowe, nor ỹ *ſemeaw, nor the hawke after her kinde,
**Or, cuckowe.*
16 Nether the lytle owle, nor the great owle, nor the redſhanke,
17 Nor the pellicane, nor the ſwāne, nor ỹ cormorant:
18 The ſtorcke alſo, and the heron in his kinde, nor the lapwing, nor * the backe.
Leuit.11.20
19 And euerie creping thing ỹ flieth, ſhalbe vncleane vnto you: it ſhal not be eaten.
20 *But* of all cleane foules ye may eat.
21 Ye ſhal eat of nothing that c dyeth alone, but thou ſhalt giue it vnto the d ſtranger that is within thy gates, that he may eat it: or thou maieſt ſel it vnto a ſtrāger: for thou art an holy people vnto ỹ Lord thy God. Thou ſhalt not * ſeeth a kid in his mothers milke.
c Becauſe their blood was not ſhed, but remaneth in them. *d Which is not of thy religion.* *Exod.23.19. and 34.26.*
22 Thou ſhalt e giue the tithe of all the increaſe of thy ſede, that commeth forthe of the field yere by yere.
e The tithes were ordeined for the maintenance of the Leuites, which had none inheritance.
23 And thou ſhalt eat before the Lord thy God (in the place which he ſhal choſe to cauſe his Name to dwel there) the tithe of thy corne, of thy wine, and of thine oyle, and the firſtborne of thy kyne and of thy ſhepe, that thou maieſt learne to feare the Lord thy God alway.
24 And if the way be to long for thee, ſo that thou art not able to cary it, becauſe the place is far from thee, where the Lord thy God ſhal choſe to ſet his Name, f whē the Lord thy God ſhal bleſſe thee.
f When he ſhal giue thee abilitie
25 Then ſhalt thou make it in money, and *take the money in thine hand, and go vnto the place which the Lord thy God ſhal choſe.
**Or, binde ỹ.*
26 And thou ſhalt beſtowe the money for what ſoeuer thine heart deſireth: whe-

ther it be oxe, or ſhepe, or wine or ſtrong drinke, or whatſoeuer thine heart deſireth: and ſhalt eat it there before ỹ Lord thy God, and reioyce, *bothe* thou, & thine houſholde.

g After the Prieſt hathe receiued ỹ Lords parte.

27 And the Leuite that is within thy gates, ſhalt thou not forſake: for he hathe nether parte nor inheritance with thee.

28 ¶ At the end of thre yere ỹ ſhalt [h] bring forthe all the tithes of thine encreaſe of ỹ ſame yere, & lay it vp within thy gates.

h Beſides the yerely tithes that were giuẽ to ỹ Leuites, theſe were laide vp in ſtore for ỹ poore.

29 Then the Leuite ſhal come, becauſe he hathe no parte nor inheritance with thee, & the ſtranger, and the fatherles, and the widowe, which are within thy gates, and ſhal eat, and be filled, that the Lord thy God may bleſſe thee in all the worke of thine hand which thou doeſt.

CHAP. XV.

ỹ yere of releaſing of debts. 5 God bleſſeth them that kepe his commãdements. 7 To helpe the poore. 12 The fredome of ſeruants. 19 The firſt borne of the cattel muſt be offred to the Lord.

1 AT the terme of ſeuen yeres thou ſhalt make a fredome.

2 And this is the maner of ỹ fredome: euerie [a] creditour ſhal quite the lone of his hãd ẅ he hathe lent to his neighbour: he ſhal not aſke it againe of his neighbour, nor of his brother: for *the yere* of ỹ Lords fredome is proclamed.

a He ſhal onely releaſe his debtors, ẅ are not able to pay for ỹ yere

3 Of a ſtranger thou maiſt require it: but ỹ which thou haſt with thy brother, thine hand ſhal remit:

4 [b] Saue when there ſhalbe no poore with thee: for the Lord ſhal bleſſe thee in the lãd, which the Lord thy God giueth thee, for an inheritance to poſſeſſe it:

b For if thy debtour be rich, he may be cõſtrained to pay.

5 So that thou hearken vnto the voyce of ỹ Lord thy God to obſerue & do all theſe commandements, which I commãde thee this day.

6 For ỹ Lord thy God hathe bleſſed thee, as he hathe promiſed thee: & * thou ſhalt lend vnto manie nacions, but thou thy ſelfe ſhalt not borowe, & thou ſhalt reigne ouer manie nacions, and they ſhal not reigne ouer thee.

*Chap. 28.12.

7 ¶ If one of thy brethrẽ with thee be poore [c] within anie of thy gates in thy land, ẅ the Lord thy God giueth thee, thou ſhalt not harden thine heart, nor ſhut thine hãd from thy poore brother:

*Or, anie of thy cities.

8 *But thou ſhalt open thine hãd vnto him, and ſhalt lend him ſufficient for his nede which he hathe.

*Matt. 5.42. luke 6.34.

9 Beware ỹ there be not a wicked thoght in thine heart, to ſay, The ſeuenth yere, ỹ yere of fredome is at hand: therefore "it grieueth thee to loke on thy poore brother, and thou giueſt him noght, & he crie vnto the Lord againſt thee, ſo that ſinne be in thee:

"Ebr. thyne eie be euil.

10 Thou ſhalt giue him, & let it not grieue "thine heart to giue vnto him: for becauſe of this ỹ Lord thy God ſhal bleſſe thee in all thy workes, & in all that thou putteſt thine hand to.

"Ebr. let not thine heart be euil.

11 [c] Becauſe there ſhalbe euer *ſome* poore in the land, therefore I commande thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt [d] open thine hand vnto thy brother, to thy nedie, and to thy poore in thy land.

c To trie your charitie, Mat. 26.11

d Thou ſhalt be liberal.

12 ¶ *If thy brother an Ebrewe ſel him ſelfe to thee, or an Ebrewe eſſe, and ſerue thee ſix yere, euẽ in the ſeuenth yere thou ſhalt let him go fre from thee.

*Exod. 21.2. ie. 34.14.

13 And when thou ſendeſt him out fre frõ thee, ỹ ſhalt not let him go away emptie,

14 *But* ſhalt [e] giue him a liberal reward of thy ſhepe, & of thy corne, & of thy wine: thou ſhalt giue him of that wherewith the Lord thy God hathe bleſſed thee.

e In token ỹ thou doeſt acknowledg the benefite which God hathe giuen thee by his labours.

15 And remember that thou waſt a ſeruant in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God deliuered thee: therefore I commande thee this thing to day.

16 And if he ſay vnto thee, I wil not go away from thee, becauſe he loueth thee & thine houſe, & becauſe he is wel with thee,

17 *Then ſhalt thou take a naule, and perce his eare through againſt the dore, and he ſhal be thy ſeruãt [f] for euer: and vnto thy mayd ſeruant thou ſhalt do likewiſe.

*Exod. 21.6.

f To the yere of Iubile, Leuit 25.40.

18 Let it not grieue thee, when thou letteſt him go out fre frõ thee: for he hathe ſerued thee ſix yeres, *which is* the double worthe of [g] an hired ſeruant: & the Lord thy God ſhal bleſſe thee in all ỹ thou doeſt.

g For the hired ſeruãt ſerued but thre yeres, and he ſix

19 ¶ *All the firſt borne males that come of thy cattel, & of thy ſhepe, thou ſhalt ſanctifie vnto the Lord thy God. [h] Thou ſhalt do no worke with thy firſt borne bullocke, nor ſheare thy firſt borne ſhepe.

*Exod. 34.19.

h For they are the Lords.

20 Thou ſhalt eat it before the Lord thy God yere by yere, in the place which the Lord ſhal choſe, *bothe* ỹ, & thine houſhold.

21 *But if there be anie blemiſh therein, *as if it be* lame, or blinde, or haue anie euil faut, ỹ ſhalt not offer it vnto ỹ Lord thy God,

*Leui. 22.20. chap. 17.1. eccl. 35.14.

22 *But* ſhalt eat it within thy gates: the vncleane, and the cleane *ſhal eat it* alike, [i] as the roe bucke, and as the hert.

i Thou ſhalt aſwel eat thẽ, as ỹ roe bucke, and other wilde beaſts.

23 Onely thou ſhalt not eat the blood thereof, *but* powre it vpon ỹ groũde as water.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Of Eaſter. 10 Wiſſintide. 13 And the feaſt of tabernacles. 18 What officers ought to be ordeined. 21 Idolatrie forbidden.

1 THou ſhalt kepe ỹ moneth of [a] Abib & thou ſhalt celebrate the Paſſeouer vnto the Lord thy God: for in the moneth of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee out of Egypt by night.

a Read Exod. 13.4.

2 Thou ſhalt therefore [b] offer the Paſſeouer vnto the Lord thy God, of ſhepe and bullockes * in the place where the Lord ſhal

b Thou ſhalt eat the Eaſter Lambe.

*Chap. 12.5.

shal chose to cause his Name to dwel.

Exod.12,14. 3 Thou * shalt eat no leauened bread with it: *but* seuen dayes shalt thou eat vnleauened bread therewith, *euen* the bread of c tribulacion: for thou camest out of the land of Egypt in haste, that thou maiest remember the day when thou camest out of ỹ land of Egypt, all ỹ dayes of thy life.

c Which signified that affliction, which ỹ haddest in Egypt.

4 And there shal be no leauen sene with thee in all thy coastes seuen dayes long: nether shal there remaine the night anie of the flesh vntil the morning which thou offiedst the first day at euen.

d This was chiefly accõplished, when the tẽple was buylt. 5 Thou maiest d not offer the Passeouer within anie of thy gates, which the Lord thy God giueth thee:

6 But in the place which ỹ Lord thy God shal chose to place his Name, there thou shalt offer the e Passeouer at euen, about the going downe of the sunne, in the season that thou camest out of Egypt.

e Which was instituted to put them in remẽbrãce of their deliuerãce out of Egypt: & to continue them in the hope of Iesus Christ, of whome this lãbe was a figure

7 And thou shalt roste and eat it in ỹ place which the Lord thy God shal chose, and shalt returne on the morow, and go vnto thy tentes.

8 Six dayes shalt thou eat vnleauened bread, and the seuenth day *shalbe* a solemne assemblie to the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no worke *therein.*

f Beginning at the next morning after the Passeouer, Leuit 23,15 exo. 23,4

9 ¶ Seuen wekes shalt thou f nomber vnto thee, and shalt begin to nomber the seuen wekes, when thou beginst to put the sickel to the corne:

10 And thou shalt kepe the feast of wekes vnto the Lord thy God, *euen* a fre gift of thine hãd, which thou shalt giue vnto the Lord thy God, as the Lord thy God hathe blessed thee.

Or, as thou art able, willingly.

11 And thou shalt reioyce before the Lord thy God, thou and thy sonne, and thy daughter, and thy seruant, and thy maid, and the Leuite that is within thy gates, & the stranger, and the fatherles, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which ỹ Lord thy God shal chose to place his Name there,

12 And thou shalt remẽber that thou wast a seruant in Egypt: therefore thou shalt obserue and do these ordinances.

g That is, the 15 day of the seuẽth mouth, Leu 23,34

13 ¶ Thou shalt g obserue the feast of the Tabernacles seuen daies, when thou hast gathered in thy corne, and thy wine.

14 And ỹ shalt reioyce in thy feast, thou, and thy sonne, and thy daughter, and thy seruant, and thy maid, and the Leuite, and the stranger, and the fatherles, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

15 Seuen daies shalt ỹ kepe a feast vnto the Lord thy God in the place which ỹ Lord shal chose: whẽ ỹ Lord thy God shal blesse thee in all thine increase, & in all ỹ workes of thine hãds, ỹ shalt in anie case be glad.

Exod 23,15. & 34,20. ecclesi 16 6.

16 ¶ * Thre times in the yere shal all ỹ males appeare before the Lord thy God in ỹ place which he shal chose: in ỹ feast of the vnleauened bread, & in ỹ feast of ỹ wekes, & in the feast of the Tabernalces: & they shal not appeare before the Lord empty.

17 Euerie man *shal giue* according to the gift of his h hand, and according to the blessing of the Lord thy God, which he hathe giuen thee.

h According to the abilitie that God hathe giuen him.

18 ¶ i Iudges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy cities, ẅ the Lord thy God giueth thee, throughout thy tribes: & they shal iudge ỹ people ẅ righteo⁹ iudgemẽt.

i He gaue authoritie to that people for a time to chuse them selues magistrates.

19 Wrest not thou the Lawe, nor respect anie persone, nether take rewarde: for the rewarde blindeth the eyes of the wise, & peruerteth the wordes of the iust.

20 That ẅ k is iust and right shalt thou followe, that thou maiest liue, & possesse the lãd which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

k The magistrat must constãtly follow the tenor of the Lawe, and in nothing decline from iustice.

21 ¶ Thou shalt plãt thee no groue of anie trees nere vnto the altar of the Lord thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

22 Thou shalt set thee vp no ⁶ piller, which thing the Lord thy God hateth.

Or, image.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The punishment of the idolater. 9 Hard controuersies are brought to the Priest and the iudge. 12 The contemner must dye 15 The election of the King. 16 & 17 What things he ought to auoide. 18 And what he ought to embrace.

1 THou shalt offer vnto ỹ Lord thy God no bullocke nor shepe wherein is a blemish *or* anie euil fauored thing: for that is an abominaciõ vnto ỹ Lord thy God.

a Thou shalt not serue God for factions sake, as hypocrites do.

2 ¶ If there be found amõg you in anie of thy cities, which ỹ Lord thy God giueth thee, man or b woman that hathe wrought wickednes in the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing his couenant,

b Shewing that the crime can not be excused by the frailtie of the persone.

3 And hathe gone & serued other gods, & worshipped thẽ: as the sunne, or the moone, or anie of the hoste of heauen, which I haue not c commanded,

c Whereby he condẽneth all religion and seruing of God which he hathe not commanded.

4 And it be tolde vnto thee, and thou hast heard it, then shalt thou inquire diligently: and if *it be* true, *and* the thing certeine, ỹ suche abominacion is wroght in Israél,

5 Then shalt thou bring forthe that mã, or that woman (which haue committed that wicked thing) vnto thy gates, *whether it be* man or woman, and shalt stone them with stones, til they dye.

Nom. 35,30. chap 19 15. mat 18,16. 2 cor 13,1.

6 * At ỹ mouth of two or thre witnesses shal he that is worthy of death, dye: *but* at the mouth of one witnes, he shal not dye.

7 The hands of the d witnesses shalbe first vpõ him, to kil him: and afterwarde the hands of all the e people: so thou shalt take the wicked away from among you.

d Whereby they declared that they testified ỹ trueth

e To signifie a commune consent to maintein Gods honour and true religion.

8 ¶ If there rise a matter to hard for thee in iudgement betwene blood and blood, betwene plea and plea, betwene plague and plague, in the matters of controuersie

within thy gates, then ſhalt thou ariſe,
and go vp vnto the place which the Lord
thy God ſhal choſe,

9 And thou ſhalt come vnto the Prieſts of
the Leuites, & vnto the f iudge that ſhal-
be in thoſe dayes, and aſke, and thei ſhal
ſhewe thee the ſentence of iudgement,

10 And thou ſhalt do according to ỹ thing
which they of that place (which the Lord
hathe choſen) ſhewe thee, and thou ſhalt
obſerue to do according to all that they
informe thee.

11 According to the Lawe, which they
ſhal teach thee, and according to the iud-
gemẽt which thei ſhal tel thee, ſhalt g thou
do: thou ſhalt not decline from the thing
which they ſhal ſhewe thee, *nether* to the
right hand, nor to the left.

12 And that man that wil do preſumpte-
ouſly, not hearkening vnto the Prieſt (that
ſtãdeth before the Lord thy God to h mi-
niſter there) or vnto the iudge, that man
ſhal dye, and thou ſhalt take away euil frõ
Iſraél.

13 So all the people ſhal heare and feare,
and do no more preſumpteouſly.

14 ¶When thou ſhalt come vnto the land
which the Lord thy God giueth thee, and
ſhalt poſſeſſe it, and dwel therein, if thou
ſay, I wil ſet a King ouer me, like as all
the nacions that are about me,

15 *Then* thou ſhalt make him King ouer
thee, whome the Lord thy God ſhal cho-
ſe: from among thy brethren ſhalt thou
make a King ouer thee: thou ſhalt not ſet a
i ſtranger ouer thee, ẅ is not thy brother.

16 In anie wiſe he ſhal not prepare him ma-
nie horſes, nor bring the people againe to
k Egypt for to increaſe the nõber of hor-
ſes, ſeing the Lord hathe ſaid vnto you,
Ye ſhal henſforthe go no more again that
way.

17 Nether ſhal he take him manie wiues,
leſt his heart l turne away, nether ſhal he
gather him muche ſiluer and gold.

18 And when he ſhal ſit vpon the throne of
his kingdome, then ſhal he write him this
m Lawe repeted in a boke, by the n Prieſts
of the Leuites.

19 And it ſhalbe with him, and he ſhal
read therein all dayes of his life, that he
may learne to feare the Lord his God, &
to kepe all the wordes of this Lawe, and
theſe ordinances, for to do them:

20 That his heart be not lifted vp aboue
his o brethren, and that he turne not from
the commandement, to the right hand or
to the left, *but* that he may prolong his
dayes in his kingdome, he, and his ſonnes
in the middes of Iſraél.

f Who ſhal giue ſentence as the Prieſts cõſel him by the Lawe of God.

g Thou ſhalt obey their ſentence that the controuerſie may haue an end.

h So long as he is the true miniſter of God, and pronõuceth according to his worde.

i Who is not of thy nacion, leſt he change ſtrange religion into idolatrie, and bring thee to ſeruerie

k To reuenge their iniuries, and to take thẽ of their beſt horſes, 1 King 10,28.

l From the Lawe of God.

m Meaning ỹ Deuteronomie.

n He ſhal cauſe it to be writ by them, or, he ſhal write it by their example.

o Whereby is mẽt, that Kings ought ſo to loue their ſubiects, as nature bindeth one brother to loue another.

CHAP. XVIII.

The portion of the Leuites. 6 Of the Leuite comming from another place. 9 To auoyde the abomination of the Gentiles. 15 God wil not leaue the without a true Prophet. 20 The falſe prophet ſhalbe ſlaine. 22 How he may be knowen.

1 THe Prieſts of the Leuites, *and* all the
tribe of Leuí * ſhal haue no parte nor
inheritance with Iſraél, * *but* ſhal eat the
offrings of the Lord made by fire, and his
a inheritance.

2 Therefore ſhal they haue no inheritance
amõg their brethren: *for* the Lord is their
inheritance, as he hathe ſaid vnto them.

3 ¶And this ſhalbe ỹ Prieſts duetie of the
people, that they, which offer ſacrifice,
whether *it be* bullocke or ſhepe, ſhal giue
vnto the Prieſt the b ſhulder, and the two
chekes, and the mawe.

4 The firſt frutes *alſo* of thy corne, of thy
wine, and of thine oyle, and the firſt of the
fleece of thy ſhepe ſhalt thou giue him.

5 For the Lord thy God hathe choſen him
out of all thy tribes, to ſtand and miniſter
in the Name of the Lord, him, & his ſon-
nes for euer.

6 ¶Alſo when a Leuite ſhal come out of
anie of thy cities of all Iſraél, where he
remained, and come with c all the deſire
of his heart vnto the place, which the
Lord ſhal choſe,

7 He ſhal then miniſter in the Name of ỹ
Lord his God, as all his brethren the Le-
uites, which remaine there before the
Lord.

8 They ſhal haue like porciõs to eat d be-
ſide that which commeth of his ſale of his
patrimonie.

9 When thou ſhalt come into ỹ land which
the Lord thy God giueth thee, thou ſhalt
not learne to do after the abominacions
of thoſe nacions.

10 Let none be founde among you that
maketh his ſonne or his daughter to e go
through the fire, *or* that vſeth witchcraft,
or a regarder of times, or a marker of the
flying of foules, or a ſorcerer,

11 Or * a charmer, or that counſelleth with
ſpirits, or a ſothe ſayer, or that * aſketh
counſel at the dead.

12 For all that do ſuche things *are* abomi-
nacio vnto the Lord, and becauſe of the-
ſe abominacions the Lord thy God doeth
caſt them out before thee.

13 Thou ſhalt be f vpright therefore with
the Lord thy God.

14 For theſe nacions which thou ſhalt poſ-
ſeſſe, hearken vnto thoſe that regarde the
times, & vnto ſorcerers: ᵐ as for thee, the
Lord thy God hathe not ſuffered thee ſo.

15 ¶ * The Lord thy God wil raiſe vp vnto
thee a g Prophet like vnto me, frõ amõg
you, *euen* of thy brethrẽ: vnto him ye ſhal
hearken,

16 According to all that thou deſiredſt of
the Lord thy God in Horéb, in the day of
the

a That is, the Lords parte of his inheritance.

b The right ſhulder, Num. 18,18.

c Meaning, to ſerue God vnfainedly, and not to ſeke eaſe.

d Not cõſtreined to liue of him ſelfe.

e Signifying they were purged by this ceremonie of paſſing betwene two fires.

Leu. 20,27.
1. Sam. 28,7.

f Without hypocriſie, or mixture of falſe religion.

ᵐ Ebr. *but thou not ſo*

Act. 7,37.

g Meaning a continual ſucceſſiõ of Prophets, til Chriſt ỹ end of all Propheres come.

Exod.20 19. the aſſemblie, when thou ſaideſt, * Let me heare the voyce of my Lord God no more, nor ſe this great fire anie more, that I dye not.

17 And the Lord ſaid vnto me, Thei haue wel ſpoken.

Ioſh 1,45. act 3,21 18 *I wil raiſe thē vp a Prophet from amōg their brethren like vnto thee, and wil put my wordes in his h mouth, and he ſhal ſpeake vnto them all that I ſhal commande him.

h Which promes is not onely made to Chriſt, but to all ỹ teache in his Name, Iſa 59,21.

19 And whoſoeuer wil not hearken vnto my wordes, which he ſhal ſpeake in my Name, I wil i require it of him.

i By executing punishmēt vpon him.

20 But the prophet that ſhal preſume to ſpeake a worde in my Name, which I haue not cōmanded him to ſpeake, or that ſpeaketh in the name of other gods, euen the ſame prophet ſhal dye.

21 And if thou thinke in thine heart, How ſhal we knowe the worde which the Lord hathe not ſpoken?

22 When a prophet ſpeaketh in the Name of the Lord, if the thing k followe not nor come to paſſe, that is the thing which the Lord hathe not ſpokē, *but* the prophet hathe ſpokē it preſumptuouſly: thou ſhalt not *therefore* be afrayed of him.

k Vnder this ſare note he comprehendeth all ỹ other tokēs

CHAP. XIX.

1 The frāchiſed townes 14 Not to remoue thy neighbours bondes. 16 The punishment of him that beareth falſe witnes.

Chap 12,29. 1 WHē the Lord thy God *ſhal roote out the nacions, whoſe lād the Lord thy God giueth thee, and thou ſhalt poſſeſſe them, and dwel in their cities, and in their houſes,

Exod 21,13. numb 35,9. ioſh.20,2. 2 *Thou ſhalt ſeparate thre cities for thee in the middes of thy land which the Lord thy God giueth thee to poſſeſſe it.

a Make an opē & readie way. Thou ſhalt a prepare thee the waie, & deuide the coaſtes of the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee to inherit, into thre partes, that euerie b manſlayer may flee thether.

b Which killeth againſt his wil & bare no hatred in his heart. 4 ¶ This alſo is ỹ cauſe wherefore the māſlaier ſhal flee thether, and liue: whoſo killeth his neighbour ignorantly, & hated him not in time paſſed:

5 As he that goeth vnto the wood with his neighbour to hewe wood, and his hand ſtriketh with the axe to cut downe the tre, if the head ſlip from the helue, and hitte his neighbour that he dyeth, ỹ ſame

c That murther be not cōmitted vpon murther Numb.35,12. c ſhal flee vnto one of the cities, & liue,

6 Leſt the * auenger of the blood followe after the māſlaier, while his heart is chafed, and ouertake him, becauſe the way is long, & ſlay him, although he be not d worthy of death, becauſe he hated him not in time paſſed.

d Or, ought not be iudged to death

7 Wherefore I cōmande thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt appoint out thre cities for thee.

8 And when the Lord thy God e enlargeth thy coaſtes (as he hathe ſworne vnto thy fathers) and giueth thee all the land which he promiſed to giue vnto thy fathers,

e When thou goeſt ouer Iorden to poſſeſſe the whole lād of Canaan

9 (If thou kepe all theſe commandements to do them, which I commande thee this day: *to wit*, that thou loue the Lord thy God, and walke in his waies for euer) * thē ſhalt thou adde thre cities mo for thee beſides thoſe thre,

Ioſh.20,7.

10 That innocent blood be not ſhed within thy land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee to inherit, f leſt blood be vpon thee.

f Leſt thou be punished for innocēt blood

11 ¶ But if a man hate his neighbour, and laie waite for him, and riſe againſt him, & ſmite any man that he dye, and flee vnto any of theſe cities,

12 Then the g Elders of his citie ſhal ſend and fet him thence, and deliuer him into the hands of the auenger of the blood, that he may dye.

g The Magiſtrates.

13 Thine h eie ſhal not ſpare him, but thou ſhalt put away *the crye* of innocent blood from Iſraél, that it may go wel with thee.

h Then whoſoeuer pardoneth murther, offēdeth againſt the worde of God.

14 ¶ Thou ſhalt not remoue thy neighbours marke, which thei of olde time haue ſet in thine inheritance, that thou ſhalt inherit in the lād, which the Lord thy God giueth thee to poſſeſſe it.

15 ¶ * One witnes ſhal not riſe againſt a mā for any treſpas, or for any ſinne, or for any faute that he offendeth in, * *but* at the mouth of two witneſſes or at the mouth of thre witneſſes ſhal the matter be ſtabliſhed.

Chap 17,6. mat 18,16. ioh 8,17. 2.Cor.13,1. ebr 10,28.

16 ¶ If a falſe witnes riſe vp againſt a man to accuſe him of treſpaſſe,

17 Then bothe the men which ſtriue together, ſhal ſtand before the i Lord, *euen* before the Prieſts and the Iudges, which ſhalbe in thoſe daies,

i Gods preſence is where his true miniſters are aſſembled.

18 And the Iudges ſhal make diligent inquiſition: and if the witnes be founde falſe, *and* hathe giuen falſe witnes againſt his brother,

19 * Then ſhal ye do vnto him as he had thoght to do vnto his brother: ſo thou ſhalt take euil away for the of the middes of thee.

Prou.19,5. dan.13 62.

20 And the reſt ſhal heare *this*, and feare, and ſhal hencefor the cōmit no more any ſuche wickednes among you.

21 Therefore thine eie ſhal haue no compaſsion, *but* * life for life, eie for eie, tothe for tothe, hand for hand, fote for fote.

Exod 21,23. leui.24,20. mat 5,38.

CHAP. XX.

3 The exhortacion of the Prieſt when the Iſraelites go to battel 5 The exhortacion of the officers ſhewing who ſhulde go to battel 10 Peace muſt firſt be proclamed 19 The trees that beare frute, muſt not be deſtroyed.

a Meaning, vpō iuſte occaſion: for God permitteth not his people to fight whē it ſeemeth good to them

1 WHen a thou ſhalt go forthe to warre againſt thine enemies, & ſhalt ſe horſes and charets, *and* people mo then thou, be not afraied of them: for the Lord thy God *is* with thee, which broght thee out of the land of Egypt.

2 And whē ye are come nere vnto the battel, then the Prieſt ſhal come forthe to ſpeake vnto the people,

3 And ſhal ſay vnto them, Heare, ô Iſraél: ye are come this day vnto battel againſt your enemies: * let not your hearts faint, nether feare, nor be amaſed, nor adread of them.

Chap 28,7.

b Is preſent to defend you w his grace and power.

4 For the Lord your God b goeth with you, to fight for you againſt your enemies, *and* to ſaue you.

5 ¶And let the officers ſpeake vnto ỹ people, ſaying, What man *is there* that hathe buylt a newe houſe, and hathe not c dedicate it? let him go and returne to his houſe leſt he dye in the battel, and an other man dedicate it.

c For when thei ētred firſt to dwel in an houſe, thei gaue thankes to God, acknowledging ỹ they had that benefite by his grace

6 And what man *is there* that hathe plāted a vineyard, and hathe d not eaten of the frute? let him go and returne againe vnto his houſe, leſt he dye in the battel, & another eat the frute.

d The Ebrewe worde ſignifieth to make cōmune or prophane, Leui. 19,23.

7 And what man *is there* that hathe betrothed a wife, and hathe not taken her? let him go and returne againe vnto his houſe, leſt he dye in battel, and another man take her.

8 And let the officers ſpeake further vnto the people, & ſay, * Whoſoeuer is afraied and faint harted, let him go and returne vnto his houſe, leſt his brethrens heart faint like his heart:

Iudg. 7,3.

9 And after ỹ the officers haue made an end of ſpeaking vnto the people, thei ſhal make captaines of the armie to gouerne the people.

10 ¶When thou comeſt nere vnto a citie to fight againſt it, * thou ſhalt offer it peace.

Numb. 21,22. chap. 2,26.

e If it accept peace.

11 And if it anſwer thee againe e peaceably, and open vnto thee, then let all the people that is founde therein, be tributaries vnto thee, and ſerue thee.

12 But if it wil make no peace with thee, but make warre againſt thee, then thou ſhalt beſiege it.

13 And the Lord thy God ſhal deliuer it into thine hands, and thou ſhalt ſmite all the males thereof with the edge of the ſworde.

14 Onely the women, and the children, * and the cattel, and all that is in the citie, *euen* all the ſpoile thereof ſhalt thou take vnto thy ſelf, and ſhalt eat the ſpoile of thine enemies, which the Lord thy God hathe giuen thee.

Iudg. 8,2.

15 Thus ſhalt thou do vnto all the cities, which are a great way of from thee, which are not of the cities of theſe f nacions here.

f For God had appointed that ỹ Canaanites ſhulde be deſtroyed, & made ỹ Iſraelites executers of his wil, Chap. 7,1.

16 But of ỹ cities of this people, which the Lord thy God ſhal giue thee to inherit, thou ſhalt ſaue no perſone aliue,

17 But ſhalt vtterly deſtroye them: *to wit,* the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, & the Perizzites, the Hiuites, and the Iebuſites, as the Lord thy God hathe commanded thee,

18 That they teache you not to do after all their abominacions, which thei haue done vnto their gods, and ſo ye ſhulde ſinne againſt the Lord your God.

19 ¶When thou haſt beſieged a citie long time, and made warre againſt it to take it, deſtroye not the trees thereof, by ſmiting an axe into them: for thou maieſt eat of them: therefore thou ſhalt not cut them downe to further thee in the ſiege (for the g tre of the field is mans *life*)

g Some read, For man *ſhalbe in ſtede* of the tre of ỹ field, to come out in ỹ ſiege againſt thee.

20 Onely thoſe trees, which thou knoweſt are not for meat, thoſe ſhalt thou deſtroye & cut downe, and make fortes againſt the citie that maketh warre with thee, vntil thou ſubdue it.

CHAP. XXI.

a Inquiſicion for murther 11 Of the woman taken in warre 15 The birthright can not be changed for affection 18 The diſobedient childe. 23 The bodie may not hang all night.

a This Lawe declareth how horrible a thig murther is, ſeing ỹ for one man a whole countrey ſhal be puniſhed, except a remedy be founde.

1 IF one be founde a ſlayne in the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee to poſſeſſe it, lying in the field, *and* it is not knowen who hathe ſlayne him,

2 Then thine Elders and thy Iudges ſhal come forthe, and meaſure vnto the cities that are round about him that is ſlayne:

3 And let the Elders of that citie, which is next vnto the ſlayne man, take out of the droue an heifer that hathe not bene put to labour, nor hathe drawen in the yoke.

4 And let the Elders of that citie bring the heifer vnto a [a] ſtonie b valley, which is nether eared nor ſowen, and ſtrike of the heifers necke there in the valley.

a Or, rough.
b That the blood ſhed of the innocent beaſt in a ſolitarie place, might make them abhorre the fact.

5 Alſo the Prieſts the ſonnes of Leui (whome the Lord thy God hathe choſen to miniſter, and to bleſſe in the Name of the Lord) ſhal come forthe, and by their worde ſhal all ſtrife and plague be tryed.

6 And all the Elders of that citie that came nere to the ſlayne man, ſhal waſh their hands ouer the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:

7 And ſhal teſtifie, and ſay, Our hands haue not ſhed this blood, nether haue our eies ſene it.

8 c O Lord, be merciful vnto thy people Iſraél, whome thou haſt redemed, and lay no innocent blood to ỹ charge of thy people Iſraél, & ỹ blood ſhalbe forgiuē them.

c This was the prayer, which ỹ Prieſts made in the audiēce of the people.

9 So ſhalt ỹ take away *the crye* of innocent blood

blood from thee, when thou ſhalt do that which is right in the ſight of the Lord.

10 ¶When thou ſhalt go to warre againſt thine enemies, and the Lord thy God ſhal deliuer them into thine hands, and thou ſhalt take them captiues,

11 And ſhalt ſe among the captiues a beautiful woman, and haſt a deſire vnto her, & woldeſt take her to thy wife,

12 Then thou ſhalt bring her home to thine houſe, [d] and ſhe ſhal ſhaue her head, and pare her nailes,

[d] Signifying that her former life muſt be chãged before thei colde be ioyned to the people of God

13 And ſhe ſhal put of the garment that ſhe was taken in, and ſhe ſhal remaine in thine houſe, [e] and bewaile her father & her mother a moneth lõg: and after that ſhalt thou go in vnto her, and mary her, and ſhe ſhal be thy [f] wife.

[e] As hauing renounced parents and countrey

[f] This onely was permitted in the warres: otherwiſe the Iſraelites colde not mary ſtrangers.

14 And if thou haue no fauour vnto her, then ÿ maieſt let her go whether ſhe wil, but thou ſhalt not ſel her for money, nor make marchandiſe of her, becauſe thou haſt humbled her.

15 ¶If a man haue two wiues, one loued and an other [g] hated, and they haue borne him children, bothe the loued and alſo the hated: if the firſt borne be the ſonne of the hated,

[g] This declareth that the pluralitie of wiues came of a corrupt affection.

16 Then when the time cõmeth, that he appointeth his ſonnes to be heyres of that which he hathe, he may not make the ſonne of the beloued firſt borne [*] before the ſonne of the hated, which is ÿ firſt borne:

[*] Or, *while the ſonne of the hated liueth*

17 But he ſhal acknowledge the ſonne of ÿ hated for ÿ firſt borne, & giue him [h] double porcion of all that he hathe: for he is the firſt of his ſtrength, and to [i] him belongeth the right of the firſt borne.

[h] As muche as to two of the others

[i] Except he be vnworthy, as was Reubẽ Iaakobs ſonne.

18 If anie man haue a ſonne that is ſtubburne and diſobedient, which wil not hearken vnto the voyce of his father, nor the voyce of his [k] mother, and they haue chaſtened him, and he wolde not obey them,

[k] For it is the mothers ducties alſo to inſtruct her children.

19 Then ſhal his father and his mother take him, and bring him out vnto the Elders of his citie, and vnto the gate of the place where he dwelleth,

20 And ſhal ſay vnto the Elders of his citie, This our ſonne is ſtubburne and diſobedient, *and* he wil not obey our admonicion, he is a ryotour, and a dronkard.

21 Then all the men of his citie ſhal [l] ſtone him with ſtones vnto death: ſo thou ſhalt take away euil from among you, that all Iſraél may heare it and feare.

[l] Which death was alſo appointed for blaſphemers and idolaters: ſo that to diſobey the parents is moſte horrible.

22 ¶If a man alſo haue cõmitted a treſpas worthy of death, and is put to death, & thou hangeſt him on a tre,

23 His body ſhal not remaine [m] all night vpõ ÿ tre, but thou ſhalt bury him ÿ ſame day: for the * curſe of God *is* on him that is hãged. Defile not therefore thy land, ÿ ÿ Lord thy God giueth thee to inherit.

[m] For Gods Lawe by his death is ſatiſfied, and nature abhorreth cruelte

Gal 3,13.

CHAP. XXII.

1 He commandeth to haue care of our neighbours goods. 5 The woman may not weare mans apparel, nor man the womans. 6 Of the dam and her yong birdes. 8 Why thes ſhulde haue batelments. 9 Not to mixe diuers kynds together. 13 Of the wife not being founde a virgine. 22 The puniſhement of adulterie.

1 THou * ſhalt not ſe thy brothers oxe nor his ſhepe go aſtray, and [a] withdraw the ſelfe from them, *but* ſhalt bring them againe vnto thy brother.

Exod 23,4.

[a] As though thou ſaweſt it not.

2 And if thy brother be not [b] nere vnto thee, or if thou knowe him not, then ÿ ſhalt bring it into thine houſe, and it ſhal remaine with thee, vntil thy brother ſeke after it: then ſhalt thou deliuer it to him againe.

[b] Shewing, ÿ brotherly affectiõ muſt be ſhewed, not onely to them that dwel nere vnto vs, but alſo to them which are farre of

3 In like maner ſhalt ÿ do with his aſſe, and ſo ſhalt thou do with his raiment, and ſhalt ſo do with all loſte things of thy brother, which he hathe loſte: if thou haſt found them, thou ſhalt not withdrawe thy ſelfe *from them.*

[c] Muche more art thou bõde to do for thy neighbours perſone.

4 ¶Thou ſhalt not ſe thy brothers aſſe nor his oxe fall downe by the way, and withdraw thy ſelfe from them, *but* ſhalt liſte them vp with him.

5 ¶The [d] woman ſhal not weare that which pertaineth vnto the man, nether ſhal a man put on womans raiment: for all that dõ ſo, *are* abomination vnto the Lord thy God.

[d] For that were to alter ÿ ordre of nature, & to deſpite God.

6 ¶If thou finde a birdes neſt in the way, in anie tre, or on the ground, *whether they be* yong or egges, and the dam ſitting vpõ the yong, or vpon the egges, [e] thou ſhalt not take the dam with the yong,

[e] If God deteſt cruelte done to litle birdes, how muche more to man, made according to his image?

7 *But* ſhalt in anie wiſe let the dam go and take the yong to thee, ÿ thou maieſt proſper and prolong thy dayes.

8 ¶Whẽ thou buyldeſt a newe houſe, thou ſhalt make a batelment on thy roof, that thou lay not blood vpon thine houſe, if anie man fall thence.

9 ¶Thou ſhalt not [f] ſowe thy vineyard with diuers kĩdes of ſedes, leſt thou defile the increaſe of the ſede which thou haſt ſowen, and the frute of the vineyarde.

[f] The tenor of this Lawe is, to walke in ſimplicitie, & not to be curious of newe inuentions.

10 ¶Thou ſhalt not plowe with an oxe and an aſſe together.

11 ¶Thou ſhalt not weare *a garment* of diuers ſortes, as of wollẽ and linẽ together.

12 ¶*Thou ſhalt make thee fringes vpon the foure quarters of thy veſture, whetewith thou couereſt thy ſelfe.

Nom: 15,38.

13 ¶If a man take a wife, and when he hathe lien with her, hate her,

14 And lay ſlanderous things vnto her charge, and bring vp an euil name vpon her, ſaying, I toke this wife, and when I came to her I found her not a maid,

[g] That is, be an occaſion ÿ ſhe is ſlãdred.

15 Then ſhal the [illegible] the maid and her [illegible] the ſigne [illegible] the

maides virginitie, vnto the Elders of the citie to the gate.

16 And the maides father ſhal ſay vnto the Elders, I gaue my daughter vnto this mã to wife, and he hateth her:

17 And lo, he laieth ſlanderous things vnto her charge, ſayig, I foũd not thy daughter a maid: lo, theſe *are the tokens* of my daughters virginitie: and they ſhal ſpreade ỹ [h] veſture before the Elders of the citie.

h Meaning the ſheete, wherein the ſignes of her virginitie were.

18 Thẽ the Elders of the citie ſhal take that man and chaſtice him,

19 And ſhal condemne him in an hundreth *ſhekels* of ſiluer, and giue them vnto the father [i] of ỹ maid, becauſe he hathe brought vp an euil name vpõ a maid of Iſraél: & ſhe ſhalbe his wife, & he may not put her away all his life.

i For the ſame of the childe redoundeth to ỹ ſhame of the parents: therefore he was recompẽced when ſhe was faultles.

20 ¶But if this thing be true, that the maide be not found a virgin,

21 Then they ſhal bring forthe the maide to the dore of her fathers houſe, and the men of her citie ſhal ſtone her with ſtones to death: for ſhe hathe wroght follie in Iſraél, by playing the whore in her fathers houſe: ſo thou ſhalt put euil away from among you.

Leuit.20,10. 22 ¶*If a man be found lying with a womã maried to a man, then they ſhal dye euen bothe twaine: *to wit*, the man that lay with the wife, and the wife: ſo thou ſhalt put away euil from Iſraél.

23 ¶If a maide be betrothed vnto an houſband, and a man finde her in the towne and lie with her,

24 Then ſhal ye bring them bothe out vnto ỹ gates of the ſame citie, and ſhal ſtone them with ſtones to death: the maide becauſe ſhe cryed not, *being* in the citie, and ỹ man, becauſe he hathe [g] humbled his neighbours wife: ſo thou ſhalt put away euil from among you.

g Or, defiled.

25 ¶But if a man finde a betrothed maide in the field, and force her, and lye with her, then the man that lay with her, ſhal dye alone:

26 And vnto the maide thou ſhalt do nothing, becauſe there is in the maide no [f] cauſe of death: for as when a man riſeth againſt his neighbour and wondeth him to death, ſo [k] is this matter.

f Or, no ſinne worthy death.

k Meaning, ỹ the innocent can not be puniſhed.

27 For he found her in the fields: the betrothed maide cryed, and there was no man to ſuccour her.

Exod.22,16. 28 ¶*If a man finde a maide that is not betrothed, and take her, and lye with her, & they be founde,

29 Then the man that lay with her, ſhal giue vnto the maides father fifty *ſhekels* of ſiluer: and ſhe ſhal be his wife, becauſe he hathe humbled her: he can not put her away all his life.

l He ſhal not lye with his ſtepmother: meaning hereby all other degrees forbidden. Leu.18.

30 ¶ No man ſhal [l] take his fathers wife, nor ſhal vncouer his fathers ſkirt.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 What men might not be admitted to office. 9 What they ought to auoide when they go to warre. 15 Of the fugitiue ſeruant. 17 To flee all kinds of whoredome. 19 Of vſure. 21 Of vowes. 24 Of the neighbours Vine and corne.

1 NOne that is hurt by burſting, or that hathe his priuie mẽbre cut of, [a] ſhal entre into the Congregacion of the Lord.

a Either to beare office, or to mary a wife.

2 [b] A baſtard ſhal not entre into the Congregacion of the Lord: euen to his tenth generacion ſhal he not entre into the Cõgregacion of the Lord.

b This was to cauſe them to liue chaſtely, that their poſteritie might not be reiected

3 [*] The Ammonites and the Moabites ſhal not entre into the Congregacion of the Lord: euen to their tenth generacion ſhal they not entre into the Congregacion of the Lord for euer,

Nom.22.5. Nehem.13.1.

4 Becauſe they [c] met you not with bread and water in the way, when ye came out of Egypt, and becauſe they hired againſt thee Balaám the ſonne of Beór, of Pethór in Aram-naharáim, to curſe thee.

c Hereby he condẽneth all, that further not the childrẽ of Gód in their vocatiõ.

5 Neuertheles, the Lord thy God wolde not hearken vnto Balaám, but the Lord thy God turned the curſe to a bleſſing vnto thee, becauſe the Lord thy God loued thee.

6 Thou [d] ſhalt not ſeke their peace nor their proſperitie all thy dates for euer.

d Thou ſhale haue nothing to do with them.

7 ¶Thou ſhalt not abhorre an Edomite: for he is thy brother, nether ſhalt thou abhorre an Egyptian, becauſe thou waſt a ſtranger in his land.

8 The children that are begotten [e] of thẽ in their third generacion, ſhal entre into the Congregacion of the Lord.

e If the fathers haue renounced their idolatrie, and receiued circumciſion.

9 ¶When thou goeſt out with the hoſte againſt thine enemies, kepe thee then from all wickednes.

10 ¶If there be among you anie that is vncleane by that which commeth to him by night, he ſhal go out of the hoſte, and ſhal not entre into the hoſte,

11 But at euen he ſhal waſh *him ſelfe* with water, and when the ſunne is downe, he ſhal entre into the hoſte.

12 ¶Thou ſhalt haue a place alſo without the hoſte whether thou ſhalt [f] reſorte,

f For the neceſſitie of nature.

13 And thou ſhalt haue a paddle among thy weapõs, and when thou woldeſt ſit downe without, thou ſhalt dig therewith, and returning thou ſhalt [g] couer thine excrements.

g Meaning hereby that his people ſhulde be pure bothe in ſoule and body.

14 For the Lord thy God walketh in the middes of thy campe to deliuer thee, and to giue *thee* thine enemies before thee: therefore thine hoſte ſhalbe holy, that he ſe no filthy thing in thee and turne away from thee.

15 ¶Thou ſhalt not [h] deliuer the ſeruant vnto his maſter, which is eſcaped from his maſter

h This is meant of the heathẽ who fled for their maſters cruelte and imbraced the true religion.

maſter vnto thee.

16 He ſhal dwel with thee, *euen* amõg you, in what place he ſhal choſe, in one of thy [v] cities where it liketh him beſt: thou ſhalt not vexe him.

[v] *Or gates*

17 ¶ There ſhalbe no whore of the daughters of Iſraél, nether ſhal there be a whorekeper of the ſonnes of Iſraél.

[i] Forbidding hereby that anie gaine gotten of euil things, ſhulde be applied to the ſeruice of God, Mic 1,7. *Exod 22,25. Leu 25,36.*

18 Thou ſhalt nether bring the [i] hire of a whore, nor ỹ price of a dog into the houſe of the Lord thy God for anie vowe: for euen bothe theſe *are* abomination vnto the Lord thy God.

19 ¶* Thou ſhalt not giue to vſurie to thy brother: *as* vſurie of money, vſurie of meat, vſurie of anie thing that is put to vſurie.

[k] This was permitted for a time for the hardenes of their heart

20 Vnto a [k] ſtranger thou maieſt lend vpõ vſurie, but thou ſhalt not lend vpon vſurie vnto thy brother, that the Lord thy God may [l] bleſſe thee in all that thou ſetteſt thine hand to, in the lãd whether thou goeſt to poſſeſſe it.

[l] If thou ſhewe thy charitie to thy brother, God wil declare his loue toward thee.

21 ¶ When thou ſhalt vowe a vow vnto ỹ Lord thy God, thou ſhalt not be ſlacke to pay it: for the Lord thy God wil ſurely require it of thee, and ſo it ſhulde be ſinne vnto thee.

22 But when thou abſteineſt from vowing, it ſhalbe no ſinne vnto thee.

[m] If the vowe be lawful and godly

23 That which is gone out of thy lippes, thou ſhalt [m] kepe and performe, as thou haſt vowed it willingly vnto the Lord thy God: *for* thou haſt ſpokẽ it with thy mouth.

[n] Being hired for to labour.

24 ¶ When thou cõmeſt vnto [n] thy neighbours vineyard, then thou maieſt eat grapes at thy pleaſure, as muche as thou wilt: but thou ſhalt put none in thy [o] veſſel.

[o] To bring home to thine houſe. *Mat.12,1.*

25 Whẽ thou cõmeſt into thy neighbours corne * thou maieſt plucke the eares with thine hand, but thou ſhalt not moue a ſickle to thy neighbours corne.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 Diuorcement is permitted 5 He that is newly maried is exempted from warre. 6 Of the pledge. 14 Wages muſt not be retained. 16 The good muſt not be puniſhed for the bad 17 The care of the ſtranger, fatherles and widowe.

1 WHen a mã taketh a wife, and marieth her, if ſo be ſhe finde no fauour in his eyes, becauſe he hathe eſpied ſome filthines in her, [a] then let him write her a bil of diuorcemẽt, and put it in her hand, and ſend her out of his houſe.

[a] Hereby God approueth not that light diuorcemẽt, but permitteth it to auoide further inconuenience, Matth. 19,7.

2 And whẽ ſhe is departed out of his houſe, and gone her way, and mary with an other man,

3 And if the later houſband hate her, and write her a letter of diuorcement, and put it in her hãd, and ſend her out of his houſe, or if the later man dye which toke her to wife:

Then her firſt houſband, which ſent her away, may not take her againe to be his wife, after that ſhe is [b] defiled: for that *is* abomination in the ſight of the Lord, and thou ſhalt not cauſe ỹ lãd to ſinne, which ỹ Lord thy God doeth giue thee to inherit.

[b] Seing that by dimitting her, he iudged her to be vncleane and defiled

5 ¶ When a man taketh a newe wife, he ſhal not go a warfare, [c] nether ſhalbe charged with anie buſines, but ſhalbe free at home one yere, and reioyce with his wife which he hathe taken.

[c] That they might learne to knowe one anothers conditions and ſo afterward liue in godly peace

6 ¶ No man ſhal take the nether nor ỹ vpper [d] milſtone to pledge: for this gage is *his* liuing.

[d] Nor anie thig, whereby a man getteth his liuing.

7 ¶ If anie man be found ſtealing anie of his brethren of the children of Iſraél, and maketh marchãdiſe of him, or ſelleth him, that theſe ſhal dye. ſo ſhalt thou put euil away from among you.

8 ¶ Take hede of the * plague of leproſie, that thou obſerue diligently, & do according to all that the Prieſts of the Leuites ſhal teache you: take hede ye do as I commanded them. *1 cui 13,8.*

9 Remember what the Lord thy God did vnto * Miriám by the way after that ye were come out of Egypt. *Num.12,10.*

10 ¶ When ỹ ſhalt aſke againe of thy neighbour anie thing lent, thou ſhalt not go [e] into his houſe to fet his pledge.

[e] As though ỹ wordeſt appoint what to haue, but ſhalt receiue what he may ſpare.

11 But thou ſhalt ſtand without, and the mã that borowed it of thee, ſhal bring ỹ pledge out of the dores vnto thee.

12 Furthermore if it be a poore bodie, thou ſhalt not ſlepe with his pledge,

13 *But* ſhalt reſtore him the pledge when ỹ ſunne goeth downe, ỹ he may ſlepe in his rayment, & bleſſe thee: & it ſhalbe righteouſnes vnto thee, [f] before ỹ Lord thy God.

[f] Thogh he wolde be vnthãkeful, yet God wil not forget it.

14 ¶ Thou ſhalt not oppreſſe an hired ſeruant that is nedy and poore, *nether* of thy brethren, nor of the ſtranger that is in thy land within thy gates.

15 * Thou ſhalt giue him his hire for his day, nether ſhal the ſunne go downe vpon it: for he is poore, & therewith ſuſteineth his life: leſt he crye againſt thee vnto the Lord, and it be ſinne vnto thee. *Leui.19,13. tob.4,15.*

16 ¶* The fathers ſhal not be put to death for the children, nor the children put to death for the fathers, but euerie man ſhal be put to death for his owne ſinne. *2 King 4,1. 2 chro 25,4. iere 31,29. ezech 18,20.*

17 ¶ Thou ſhalt not peruert the right of the [g] ſtranger, *nor* of the fatherles, nor take a widowes raiment to pledge.

[g] Becauſe the world diſdeineth theſe ſortes of people, therefore God hathe moſte care ouer them.

18 But remember that thou waſt a ſeruant in Egypt, & how the Lord thy God deliuered thee thence. therefore I commande thee to do this thing.

19 ¶* When ỹ cutteſt downe thine harueſt in thy field, & haſt forgotten a ſheafe in the field, thou ſhalt not go againe to fet it, *but* it ſhalbe for the ſtranger, for the fatherles, for the widow: that the Lord thy God may bleſſe thee in all the workes *Leu 19,9. & 23,22.*

of thine hands.

*Or, gathereſt thine olives.

20 Whē thou* beateſt thine oliue tre, thou ſhalt not go ouer the boughes againe, *but* it ſhalbe for the ſtranger, for ỹ fatherles, and for the widow.

*Or, the grapes of thy vineyard

21 When thou gathereſt thy * vineyard, thou ſhalt not gather the grapes cleane after thee, *but* thei ſhalbe for the ſtranger, for the fatherles and for the widow.

h God iudged thē not mindeful of his benefite, except they were beneficial vnto others.

22 And remember that thou waſt h a ſeruāt in the land of Egypt: therefore I cōmāde thee to do this thing.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The beating of the offenders. 5 To raiſe vp ſede to the kinſman. 11 In what caſe a womans hand muſt be cut of. 13 Of iuſt weights and meaſures. 19 To deſtroy the Amalekites.

1 WHen there ſhal be ſtriſe betwene men, & they ſhal come vnto iudgement, a and ſentēce ſhalbe giuen vpon them, and the righteous ſhalbe iuſtified, and the wicked condemned,

a Whether there be a plaintife or none, ỹ magiſtrates ought to trie out faultes and puniſhe according to the crime.

2 Then if ſo be the wicked be worthy to be beaten, the iudge ſhal cauſe him to lye downe, b and to be beaten before his face, according to his treſpas, vnto a certeine nomber.

b When the crime deſerueth not death

3 c Forty *ſtripes* ſhal he cauſe him to haue and not paſt, leſt if he ſhulde excede and beat him aboue that with manie ſtripes, thy brother ſhulde appeare deſpiſed in thy ſight.

c The Iewes of ſuperſtition afterward toke one awaie, 2. Cor 11,24.

4 ¶* Thou ſhalt not moſel the oxe that treadeth out the corne.

*1. Cor. 9, 9. 1. tim 5, 18.

5 ¶* If brethren dwel together, and one of thē dye & haue no childe, the wife of the dead ſhal not mary without: *that is*, vnto a ſtranger, but his d kinſman ſhal go in vnto her, and take her to wife, and do the kinſmans office to her.

*Ruth 4, 3. matt 22, 24. mar 12, 19. luk 20, 27

d The ſame the Ebrewe worde ſignifieth not ỹ natural brother, & the worde, that ſignifieth a brother, as take alſo for a kinſeman: it ſemeth that it is not ment that the natural brother ſhuld mary his brothers wife, but ſome other of ỹ kinred, ỹ was in that degre ỹ might mary.

6 And the firſt borne which ſhe beareth, ſhal ſuccede in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Iſraél.

7 And if the man wil not take his kinſe woman, then let his kinſwoman go vp to the gate vnto the Elders, and ſay, My kinſmā refuſeth to raiſe vp vnto his brother a name in Iſraél: he wil not do the office of a kinſman vnto me.

8 Thē the Elders of his citie ſhal call him, and comen with him: if he ſtand and ſay, I wil not take her,

9 Then ſhal his kinſwomā come vnto him in the preſence of the Elders, and loſe his ſhooe from his fote, & ſpit in his face, and anſwer, and ſay, So ſhal it be done vnto that man, that wil not buyld vp his brothers houſe.

e This lawe importeth, ỹ godly ſhamefastnes be preſerued: for it is an horrible thing to ſe a woman paſt ſhame.

10 And his name ſhalbe called in Iſraél, The houſe of him whoſe ſhooe is put of.

11 e When men ſtriue together, one with another, if the wife of the one come nere, for to rid her houſband out of the hands of him that ſmiteth him, and put forthe her hand, and take him by his priuities,

12 Then thou ſhalt cut of her hand: thine eie ſhal not ſpare her.

13 ¶ Thou ſhalt not haue in thy bagge two maner of " weightes, a great & a ſmall,

"Ebr, Stone and Stone

14 Nether ſhalt thou haue in thine houſe diuerſe "meaſures, a great and a ſmall:

"Ebr. Ephah & ephah: read Exod 16, 36.

15 *But* thou ſhalt haue a right & iuſt weight: a perfit & a iuſt meaſure ſhalt thou haue, that thy dayes may be lengthened in ỹ lād, which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

16 For all that do ſuche things, *and* all that do vnrighteouſly, *are* abominacion vnto the Lord thy God.

17 ¶* Remēber what Amalēk did vnto thee by ỹ way, whē ye were come out of Egypt:

*Exod. 17, 8.

18 How he met thee by the way, and ſmote the hindmoſt of you, all that were feble behind thee, when thou waſt fainted and weary, and he feared not God.

19 Therefore, when the Lord thy God hathe giuen thee reſt from all thine enemies round about in the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee for an inheritance to poſſeſſe it, *then* thou ſhalt put out the f remembrance of Amalēk from vnder heauen: forget not.

f This was partely accompliſhed by Saūl, about 450 yeres after warde.

CHAP. XXVI.

3 The offring of the firſt frutes. 5 What they muſt proteſt when they offer them. 12 The tithe of the third yere. 13 Their proteſtation in offring it. 19 To what honour God preferreth them which acknowledge him to be their Lord.

1 ALſo when thou ſhalt come into the lād which the Lord thy God giueth thee for inheritance, & ſhalt poſſeſſe it & dwel therein,

2 a Then ſhalt thou take of the firſt of all ỹ frute of the earth, and bring it out of the land that the Lord thy God giueth thee, & put it in a baſket, & go vnto the place, which the Lord thy God ſhal choſe to b place his Name there.

a By this ceremonie they acknowledged ỹ they receiued the lād of Canāan as a free gift of God.

b To be called vpō, ſerued, & worſhiped ſpiritually. Chap. 12, 5.

3 And thou ſhalt come vnto the Prieſt, ỹ ſhalbe in thoſe daies, and ſay vnto him, I acknowledge this day vnto the Lord thy God, ỹ I am come vnto the coūtrey ẅ the Lord ſware vnto our fathers for to giue vs.

4 Then the Prieſt ſhal take the baſket out of thine hand, & ſet it downe before the altar of the Lord thy God.

5 And thou ſhalt anſwer & ſay before the Lord thy God, a c Syrian *was* my father, who being ready to periſh *for hungre*, went downe into Egypt, and ſojourned there ẅ a ſmale companie, and grewe there vnto a nacīō great, mighty, d & ful of people.

c Meaning Iakōb who ſerued 20 yeres in Syria.

d Only by Gods mercie, & not by their fathers deſeruings

6 And the Egyptians vexed vs, and troubled vs, and laded vs with cruel bondage.

7 But when we e cryed vnto the Lord God of our fathers, ỹ Lord heard our voyce,

e Alledging ỹ promiſes made to our fathers, Abrahām, Izhāk, & Iaakōb.

and

and loked on our aduerſitie, and on our labour, and on our oppreſsion.

8 And the Lord brought vs out of Egypt in a mightie hand, and a ſtretched out arme, with great terriblenes, bothe in ſignes & wonders.

9 And he hathe brought vs into this place, and hathe giuen vs this land, *euen* a land that floweth with milke and hony.

e In token of a thankful heart, & mindful of this benefite.

10 And now, lo, I [e] haue brought the firſt frutes of the land which thou, ô Lord, haſt giuen me, and thou ſhalt ſet it before the Lord thy God, and worſhip before ỹ Lord thy God:

11 And thou ſhalt reioyce in all the good things which ỹ Lord thy God hathe giuen vnto thee and to thine [g] houſholde, ỹ and the Leuite, and the ſtranger that is among you.

g Signifiing ỹ God giueth vs not goods for our ſelues onely, but for their vſes alſo, which are committed to our charge.

12 ¶When thou haſt made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increaſe, the third yere, *which is* the yere of tithing, and haſt giuen it vnto the Leuite, to the ſtranger, to the fatherles and to the widowe, that they may eat within thy gates, and be ſatiſfied,

h Without hy pocriſie.

13 Then thou ſhalt [h] ſay before the Lord thy God, I haue brought the halowed thing out of mine houſe, & alſo haue giuẽ it vnto ỹ Leuites & to the ſtrangers, to the fatherles, and to the widowe, according to all thy *commandements which thou haſt commanded me: I haue [i] tranſgreſſed none of thy commandements, nor forgotten *them*.

Chap 14.27.

i Of malice & contempt.

k Or, for any neceſsitie

l By putting them to any prophane vſe.

14 I haue not eaten thereof in my [k] mourning, nor ſuffred ought to periſh [l] through vnclennes, nor giuen ought thereof for the dead, *but* haue hearkened vnto ỹ voyce of the Lord my God: I haue done [m] after all that thou haſt commanded me.

m As farre as my ſinneful nature wolde ſuffer: for els, as Dauid & Paul ſay, there is not one iuſt, Pſal 14,4, rom 3,10.

15 Loke downe from thine holy habitaciõ, *euen* from heauen, & bleſſe thy people Iſraél, and the land which thou haſt giuen vs (as thou ſwareſt vnto our fathers) the lãd that floweth with milke and honie.

16 ¶This day the Lord thy God doeth cõmande thee to do theſe ordinances, and lawes: kepe them therefore, and do them with [n] all thine heart, and with all thy ſoule.

n With a good & ſimple conſcience

17 *Thou haſt ſet vp the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walke in his wayes, and to kepe his ordinances, and his commandements, and his lawes, and to hearken vnto his voice.

Chap.7.6. & 14.2.

o Signifiing ỹ there is a mutuall bõde betweene God & his people.

18 [o] And the Lord hathe ſet thee vp this day, to be a precious people vnto him (as he hathe promiſed thee) & that thou ſhuldeſt kepe all his commandements,

19 And to make thee *high aboue all nacions (which he hathe made) in praiſe, & in name and in glorie, *& that thou ſhuldeſt be an holie people vnto the Lord thy God, as he hathe ſaid.

Chap 4.7. Chap 7.6. ver 13,11.

CHAP. XXVII.

2 They are cõmanded to write the Law vpon ſtones for a remembrãce, 5 Alſo to buylde an altar. 13 The curſings are giuen on mount Ebál

1 THen Moſes with the Elders of Iſraél [a] commanded the people, ſaying, Kepe all the commandements, which I commande you this day.

a As Gods miniſter & charged w the ſame

2 And when ye ſhal paſſe ouer Iordén vnto the land which the Lord thy God giueth thee, thou ſhalt ſet thee vp great ſtones, & plaiſter them with plaiſter,

b God wolde ỹ his Law ſhulde be ſet vp in the borders of the lãd of Canáan, that all ỹ loked thereon might know what ỹ land was dedicate to his ſeruice.

3 [b] And ſhalt write vpon thẽ all the wordes of this Lawe, when thou ſhalt come ouer, that thou maieſt go into the land w the Lord thy God giueth thee: a land that floweth with mylke and hony, as the Lord God of thy fathers hathe promiſed thee.

4 Therefore when ye ſhal paſſe ouer Iordén, ye ſhal ſet vp theſe ſtones, which I cõmande you this day in moũt Ebál, & thou ſhalt plaiſter them with plaiſter.

5 *And there ſhalt thou buyld vnto ỹ Lord thy God an altar, *euen* an altar of ſtones: ỹ ſhalt lift none [c] yron *inſtrument* vpon thẽ.

Exod 20,25. Iosh 8,31.

c The altar ſhulde not be curiouſly wrought, becauſe it ſhulde cõtinewe but for a time: for God wolde haue but one altar in Iudáh.

6 Thou ſhalt make the altar of ỹ Lord thy God of whole ſtones, and offer burnt offrings thereon vnto the Lord thy God.

7 And thou ſhalt offer peace offrings, and ſhalt eat there and reioyce before ỹ Lord thy God:

8 And thou ſhalt write vpon the ſtones all the wordes of this Lawe, [d] wel, and plainly.

d That euerie one may wel read it and vnderſtand it.

9 ¶And Moſes & the Prieſts of the Leuites ſpake vnto all Iſraél, ſaying, Take hede & heare, ô Iſraél: this day thou art become the people of the Lord thy God.

10 Thou [e] ſhalt hearken therefore vnto the voyce of the Lord thy God, and do his cõmandements and his ordinances, which I commande thee this day.

e This condiciõ God hathe boũde thee vnto, that if ỹ wilt be his people, thou muſt kepe his Lawes.

11 ¶And Moſes charged the people the ſame day, ſaying,

12 Theſe ſhal ſtand vpon moũt Gerizzím, to bleſſe the people when ye ſhal paſſe ouer Iordén: Simeón, & Leuí, & Iudáh, & Iſſachár, & [f] Ioſéph, & Beniamín.

f Meaning Ephráim & Manaſſéh

13 And theſe ſhal ſtand vpon mount Ebál to [g] curſe: Reubén, Gád, & Aſher, & Zebulún, Dan, & Naphtalí.

g Signifying, that if they wolde not obey God for loue, they ſhulde be made to obey for fear.

14 And the Leuites ſhal anſwer & ſay vnto all the men of Iſraél with a loude voyce,

15 ¶Curſed be ỹ mã ỹ ſhal make anie carued or moltẽ [h] image, *which* an abominacion vnto ỹ Lord, the worke of ỹ hãds of ỹ craftesma, & putteth it in a ſecret place: And all the people ſhal anſwer, & ſay: So be it.

h Vnder this he conteineth all ỹ corruptiõ of Gods ſeruice, & the tranſgreſsion of ỹ firſt table

16 Curſed be he that [i] curſeth his father & his mother: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

i Or, contemneth & this appertaineth to ỹ ſecõd table.

17 Curſed be he that remoueth his neighbours [k] marke: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

k He condemneth all iniuries & extorſions

18 Curſed be he that maketh the [l] blinde go out of the way: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

l Meaning, that helpeth not & conſeleth not his neighbour

19 Curſed be he that hindreth the right of the ſtranger, the fatherles, & the widowe: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

20 Curſed be he that lieth with his fathers wife: for he hathe vncouered his fathers [m] ſkirt: And all ȳ people ſhal ſay: So be it.

m In committing vilenie againſt him.

21 Curſed be he that lieth with anie beaſt: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

22 Curſed be he that lieth with his ſiſter, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

n Meaning his wiues mother.

23 Curſed be he that lieth with his [n] mother in lawe: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

24 Curſed be he that ſmiteth his neighbour [o] ſecretly: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

o For God, ȳ ſeeth in ſecret, wil reuenge it.

Exek. 22, 12. 25 *Curſed be he that taketh a rewarde to put to death innocent blood: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

Gala 3, 10. 26 *Curſed be he that confirmeth not all ȳ wordes of this Lawe, to do them: And all the people ſhal ſay: So be it.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 The promiſes to them that obey the commandements.
15 The threatenings to the contrarie.

Leu 26, 3. 1 IF *thou ſhalt obey diligently the voyce of the Lord thy God, and obſerue and do all his commandemẽts, which I commande thee this day, then the Lord thy God wil [a] ſet thee on high aboue all the nacions of the earth.

a He wil make thee the moſte excellẽt of all people.

2 And all theſe bleſsings ſhal come on thee, and [b] ouertake thee, if thou ſhalt obey the voyce of the Lord thy God.

b When thou thinkeſt thy ſelfe ſorſa ẽ c Thou ſhalt liue welthely.

3 Bleſſed ſhalt thou be in the [c] citie, & bleſſed alſo in the field.

d Thy children & ſucceſſion.

4 Bleſſed ſhalbe the frute [d] of thy body, & the frute of thy ground, and the frute of thy cattel, the increaſe of thy kine, & the flockes of thy ſheepe.

5 Bleſſed ſhalbe thy baſket and thy dough.

e All thine enterpriſes ſhal haue good ſucceſſe.

6 Bleſſed ſhalt thou be, when [e] thou comeſt in, and bleſſed alſo when thou goeſt out.

7 The Lord ſhal cauſe thine enemies that riſe againſt thee, to fall before thy face: they ſhal come out againſt thee one way, & ſhal flee before thee [f] ſeuen wayes.

f Meaning, many waies.

8 The Lord ſhal commande the bleſsing *to be* with thee in thy ſtore houſes, & in all that thou ſetteſt thine [g] hand to, and wil bleſſe thee in the land which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

g God wil bleſſe vs, if we do our duetie, & not be ydle.

9 The Lord ſhal make thee an holy people vnto him ſelfe, as he hathe ſworne vnto thee, if thou ſhalt kepe the commãdemẽts of the Lord thy God, and walke in his waies.

10 Thẽ all people of the earth ſhal ſe that ȳ Name of the Lord is [h] called vpon ouer thee, and they ſhalbe afraid of thee.

h In that he is thy God and thou art his people.

11 And the Lord ſhal make thee plenteous in goods, in the frute of thy body, & in the frute of thy cattel, and in the frute of thy ground, in the land which the Lord ſware vnto thy fathers, to giue thee.

12 The Lord ſhal open vnto thee his good treaſure, *euen* the [i] heauẽ to giue rayne vnto thy land in due ſeaſon, and to bleſſe all the worke of thine hands: and thou ſhalt lend vnto many nacions, but ſhalt not borowe thy ſelf.

i For nothing in the earth is profitable, but whẽ God ſendeth his bleſsings from heauen

13 And the Lord ſhal make thee the head, and not the [p] tayle, and thou ſhalt be aboue onely, and ſhalt not be beneth, if thou obey the commandements of the Lord thy God, which I commãde thee this day, to kepe and to do *them*.

p Or, the loweſt.

14 But thou ſhalt not decline from anie of the wordes, which I commande you this day, *either* to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to ſerue them.

15 ¶ *But if thou wilt not obey the voyce of the Lord thy God, to kepe and to do all his commandements & his ordinances, w[h] I commmande thee this day, thẽ all theſe curſes ſhal come vpon thee, and ouertake thee.

Leu 26, 14. lament. 2, 17. mala 2, 2. baru 1, 20.

16 Curſed ſhalt thou be in the towne, and curſed alſo in the field.

17 Curſed ſhal thy baſket be, & thy [q] dough.

q Or, ſtore.

18 Curſed ſhalbe ȳ frute of thy body, and ȳ frute of thy land, the increaſe of thy kine, & the flockes of thy ſheepe.

19 Curſed ſhalt thou be when thou comeſt in, and curſed alſo when thou goeſt out.

20 The Lord ſhal ſend vpon thee curſing, trouble, and [r] ſhame, in all that which thou ſetteſt thine hand to do, vntil thou be deſtroyed, and periſh quickely, becauſe of ȳ wickednes of thy workes whereby thou haſt forſaken me.

r Or, rebuke.

21 The Lord ſhal make the peſtilence cleaue vnto thee, vntil he hathe cõſumed thee from the land, whether thou goeſt to poſſeſſe it.

22 *The Lord ſhal ſmite thee with a conſumption, and with ȳ feauer, and with a burning ague, and with feruent heat, [s] and with the ſword, and with blaſting, and with the mildewe, and they ſhal purſue thee vntil thou periſh.

Leui. 26, 16.

s Or, drought.

23 And thine heauẽ that is ouer thine head, ſhalbe [k] braſſe, and the earth that is vnder thee, yron.

k It ſhal giue thee nomore moyſture, then if it were of braſſe.

24 The Lord ſhal giue thee for the raine of thy land, duſt and aſhes: *euen* from [t] heauen ſhal it come downe vpon thee, vntil thou be deſtroyed.

t Or, out of the ayre, as duſt raiſed with winde.

25 *And*

25 *And* the Lord ſhal cauſe thee to fall before thine enemies: thou ſhalt come out one way againſt them, and ſhalt flee ſeuen wayes before them, and ſhalt be [l] ſcatered through all the kingdomes of the earth.

[l] Some read, ỹ ſhalt be a terrour & feare, when thei ſhal heare how God hathe plagued thee.

26 And thy [m] caikeis ſhal be meat vnto all foules of the ayre, and vnto the beaſtes of the earth, and none ſhal fray them away.

[m] Thou ſhalt be curſed both in thy life and in thy death: for ỹ buryal is a teſtimonie of the reſurrection, & ſigne for thy wickednes ỹ ſhalt lacke

27 The Lord wil ſmite thee with ỹ botche of Egypt, and with the emeroides, & with the ſkab, and with the itche, that thou canſt not be healed.

28 And the Lord ſhal ſmite thee with madnes, and with blindnes, & with aſtonying of heart.

29 Thou ſhalt alſo grope at noone daies, as the [n] blinde gropeth in darckenes, & ſhalt not proſper in thy waies: thou ſhalt neuer but be oppreſſed with wrong, & be poulled euermore & no man ſhal ſuccour *thee*.

[n] In things moſte euident & cleare thou ſhalt lacke diſcretion & iudgement.

30 Thou ſhalt betrothe a wife, & another man ſhal lie with her: thou ſhalt buylde an houſe, and ſhalt not dwel therein: thou ſhalt plant a vineyarde and ſhalt not [o] eat the frute.

[o] Eli. make it common.

31 Thine oxe ſhal be ſlayne before thine eies, and thou ſhalt not eat thereof: thine aſſe ſhalbe violently takē away before thy face, and ſhal not be reſtored to thee: thy ſhepe ſhalbe giuen vnto thine enemies, & no man ſhal reſcue *them* for thee.

32 Thy ſonnes and thy daughters ſhalbe giuen vnto another people, and thine eies [p] ſhal ſtil loke for them, euen til they fall out, and there ſhal be no power in thine hand.

[p] When they ſhal returne from their captiuitie

33 The frute of thy land & all thy labours ſhal a people, which thou knoweſt not, eat, and thou ſhalt neuer but ſuffer wrong, and violence alway:

34 So that thou ſhalt be mad for the ſight which thine eies ſhal ſe.

35 The Lord ſhal ſmite thee in the knees, & in the thighes, with a ſore botche, that thou canſt not be healed: euen frō the ſole of thy fote vnto the top of thine head.

[q] As he did Manaſſeh, Ioachim, Zedechias & others

36 The Lord ſhal bring thee & thy [q] King (which thou ſhalt ſet ouer thee) vnto a nacion, which nether thou nor thy fathers haue knowen, and there thou ſhalt ſerue other gods: *euen* wood and ſtone,

Iere 24.9. & 25.9.

37 And thou ſhalt *be a wonder, a prouerbe & a cōmune talke among all people, whether the Lord ſhal cary thee.

Mich 6.15. Agg. 1.6.

38 * Thou ſhalt cary out muche ſede into ỹ field, and ſhalt gather but litle in: for the greſhoppers ſhal deſtroye it.

39 Thou ſhalt plante a vineyarde and dreſſe it, but ſhalt nether drinke of the wine, nor gather *the grapes*: for the wormes ſhal eat it.

40 Thou ſhalt haue oliue trees in all thy coaſtes, but ſhalt not anoint thy ſelf with the oyle: for thine oliues ſhal [r] fall.

[r] Or, be ſhaken, before tyme be ripe.

41 Thou ſhalt beget ſonnes, and daughters, but ſhalt not haue them: for thei ſhal go into captiuitie.

42 All thy trees and frute of thy lād [s] ſhal the greſhopper conſume.

[s] Vnder one kinde he conteineth all the vermine, w. deſtroye the frutes of the land. and this is an euident token of Gods curſe.

43 The ſtranger that is among you, ſhal clime aboue thee vp on hye, & thou ſhalt come downe beneth alowe.

44 He ſhal lend thee, and thou ſhalt not lend him: he ſhalbe the head, & thou ſhalt be the taile.

45 Moreouer, all theſe curſes ſhal come vpon thee, and ſhal purſue thee and ouertake thee, til thou be deſtroyed, becauſe thou obeyedſt not the voyce of the Lord thy God, to kēpe his commandements, & his ordinances, which he commanded thee:

46 And thei ſhalbe vpon [t] thee for ſignes and wonders, and vpon thy ſede for euer,

[t] Gods plagues ſhalbe euident ſignes ỹ he is offended with thee

47 Becauſe thou ſeruedſt not the Lord thy God with ioyfulnes & with a good heart for the abundance of all things.

48 Therefore thou ſhalt ſerue thine enemies which the Lord ſhal ſend vpon thee, in honger and in thurſt, and in nakednes, and in nede of all things: & he ſhal put a yoke of yron vpon thy necke vntil he haue deſtroyed thee.

49 The Lord ſhal bring a nacion vpō thee from far, *euen* from the end of the worlde, flying *ſwift* as an egle: a nacion whoſe tongue thou ſhalt not vnderſtand:

50 A nacion of a [u] fierce countenāce, which wil not regarde the perſone of the olde, nor haue compaſsion of the yong.

[u] Or, barbarous, cruel, or impudent

51 The ſame ſhal eat the frute of thy cattel, and the frute of thy land vntil thou be deſtroied, and he ſhal leaue thee nether wheat, wine, nor oyle, *nether* the [w] increaſe of thy kyne, nor the flockes of thy ſhepe, vntil he haue broght thee to noght.

[w] Or, firſtborne of thy bullockes.

52 And he ſhal beſiege thee in all thy cities, vntil thine hye and ſtrong walles fall downe, wherein ỹ truſtedſt in all the land: and he ſhal beſiege thee in all thy [w] cities throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hathe giuen thee.

[w] Or, gates.

53 *And thou ſhalt eat the frute of thy bodie: *euen* the fleſh of thy ſonnes and thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hathe giuen thee, during the ſiege and ſtraitnes wherein thine enemie ſhal incloſe thee:

Leui 26.29. 2 King 6.29. Iamen 4.10. Baruk 2.3.

54 *So that* the man (that is tender and exceding deintie among you) *ſhalbe grieued at his brother and at his wife, *that lyeth* in his boſome, & at the remnant of his children, which he hathe yet left;

Chap 13.9.

55 For feare of giuing vnto anie of them of the fleſh of his children, whome he ſhal

eat, becauſe he hathe nothing left him in that ſiege, and ſtraitnes, wherewith thine enemie ſhalbeſiege thee in all thy cities.

f As came to paſſe in ỹ dares of Iorám, King of Iſraél, 2 King. 6, 29, and when the Romains beſieged Ieruſalem.

56 The tender and deintie f woman among you, which neuer wolde venture to ſet the ſole of her fote vpon the grounde (for her ſoftnes and tẽdernes) ſhalbe grieued at her houſband, *that lyeth* in her boſome, and at her ſonne, & at her daughter,

t Hungre ſhal ſo bree her, ỹ ſhe ſhal be ready to eat her childe before it be deliuered.

57 And at her t afterbyrth (that ſhal come out from betwene her fete) and at her children, which ſhe ſhal beare: for whẽ all things lacke, ſhe ſhal eat them ſecretly, during the ſiege and ſtraitnes, wherewith thine enemie ſhal beſiege thee ī thy cities.

u For he that offendeth in one, is giltie of all, Iam 2, 10.

58 ¶If thou wilt not kepe and do u all the wordes of this Lawe (that are written in this boke) & feare this glorious & feareful Name THE LORD THY GOD,

59 Then the Lord wil make thy plagues wonderful, & the plagues of thy ſede, *euen* great plagues and of long continuance, & ſore diſeaſes, and of long durance.

60 Moreouer, he wil bring vpõ thee all the diſeaſes of Egypt, whereof thou waſt afraied, and they ſhal cleaue vnto thee.

x Declaring ỹ God hathe infinite meanes to plague the wicked, beſides them that are ordinarie or written *Chap. 10, 22.*

61 And euerie ſickenes, and euerie plague, which is not x written in the boke of this Lawe, wil the Lord heape vpon thee, vntil thou be deſtroyed.

62 And ye ſhalbe left fewe in nomber, where ye were as the * ſtarres of heauẽ in multitude, becauſe thou woldeſt not obey the voyce of the Lord thy God.

63 And as the Lord hathe reioyced ouer you, to do you good, & to multiplie you, ſo he wil reioyce ouer you, to deſtroye you, and bring you to noght, and ye ſhalbe rooted out of the land, whether thou goeſt to poſſeſſe it.

y Signifying ỹ it is a ſingular gift of God to be in a place where as we may worſhip God purely & declare our faith & religion.

64 And the Lord ſhal y ſcatter thee amõg all people, frõ the one end of the worlde vnto the other, and there thou ſhalt ſerue other gods, which thou haſt not knowen nor thy fathers, *euen* wood and ſtone.

65 Alſo amõg theſe nacions thou ſhalt finde no reſt, nether ſhal the ſole of thy fote haue reſt: for the Lord ſhal giue thee there a trembling heart, and *loking to returne* til thine eies fall out, & a ſorouful minde.

*Or, ſhal be in doubt of thy life.

66 And thy life ſhal * hang before thee, and thou ſhalt feare bothe the night and day, and ſhalt haue none aſſurance of thy life.

67 In the morning thou ſhalt ſay, Wolde God it were euening, and at euening thou ſhalt ſay, Wolde God it were morning, for the feare of thine heart, which thou ſhalt feare, and for the ſight of thine eies, which thou ſhalt ſe.

z Becauſe they were vnmindeful of that miracle, whẽ the Sea gaue place for thẽ to paſſe through.

68 And the Lord ſhal bring thee into Egypt againe with z ſhippes by the way, whereof I ſaid vnto thee, Thou ſhalt ſe it no more againe; & there ye ſhal ſel your ſelues vnto your enemies for bondemen and bonde women, & there *ſhalbe* no byer.

CHAP. XXIX.

a The people are exhorted to obſerue the cõmandements. 10 The whole people from the hieſt to the loweſt are cõprehẽded vnder Gods couenãt. 19 The puniſhmẽt of him that flatereth him ſelfe in his wickednes. 24 The cauſe of Gods wrath againſt his people.

a That is, the articles, or cõditions.

1 THeſe are the a wordes of the couenant which the Lord cõmanded Moſés to make with the children of Iſraél in the lãd of Moáb beſide the couenãt which he had made with them in b Horéb.

b At the firſt giuing of the Lawe, which was fourtie yeres before.

2 ¶And Moſés called all Iſraél, & ſaid vnto them, Ye haue ſene all that the Lord did before your eies in the land of Egypt vnto Pharaóh and vnto all his ſeruants, & vnto all his land,

c The profes of my power.

3 The c great tentacions which thine eies haue ſene, thoſe great miracles and wonders:

d He ſheweth that it is not in mãs power to vnderſtand the myſteries of God, if it be not giuen him from aboue.

4 Yet the Lord hathe not d giuen you an heart to perceiue, and eies to ſe, and eares to heare, vnto this day.

5 And I haue led you fourtie yere in the wildernes: your clothes are not waxed olde vpon you, nether is thy ſhooe waxed olde vpon thy fote.

e Made by mans arte, but manna, which is called the bread of Angels.

6 Ye haue eaten no e bread, nether dronke wine, nor ſtrong drinke, that ye might knowe, how that I am ỹ Lord your God.

7 After ye came vnto this place, and Sihón King of Heſhbón, and Og King of Baſhán came out againſt vs vnto battel, and we ſlewe them,

8 And toke their land, and gaue it for an inheritance vnto the Reubenites, and to ỹ Gadites, & to the half tribe of Manaſſéh.

Chap. 4, 6.

9 *Kepe therefore the wordes of this couenãt & do them, that ye may proſper in all that ye ſhal do.

f Who knoweth your heartes, & therefore ye may not thinke to diſſemble w̃ him.

10 Ye ſtand this day euerie one of you before the Lord your f God: your heades of your tribes, your Elders and your officers, *euen* all the men of Iſraél:

11 Your children, your wiues, & thy ſtranger that is in thy campe frõ the hewer of thy wood, vnto the drawer of thy water,

g Alluding to them, ỹ when they made a ſure couenant, deuided a beaſt in twaine, and paſt betwene the partes deuided, Gen 15. 10.

12 That thou ſhuldeſt g paſſe into the couenant of the Lord thy God, and into his othe which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day,

13 For to eſtabliſh thee this day a people vnto him ſelf, & that he may be vnto thee a God, as he hathe ſaid vnto thee, and as he hathe ſworne vnto thy fathers, Abrahám, Izhák, and Iaakób.

14 Nether make I this couenant, and this othe with you onely,

h Meaning, their poſteritie.

15 But *aſwel* with him that ſtandeth here with vs this day before ỹ Lord our God, as with him h that is not here with vs this day.

16 For ye knowe, how we haue dwelt in the land

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land of Egypt, and how we paſſed through the middes of the nacions, which ye paſſed by.

17 And ye haue ſene their abominacions & their idoles (wood, and ſtone, ſiluer & golde) which were among them,

18 That there ſhulde not be amõg you mã nor woman, nor familie, nor tribe, which ſhulde turne his heart away this day from the Lord our God, to go & ſerue the gods of theſe naciõs, & that there ſhulde not be amõg you [i] *ante* roote that bringeth fourth gall and wormewood,

[i] Suche ſinne, as the bitter frute thereof might choke & deſtroye you *Or, plaiſter.*

19 So that when he heareth the wordes of this curſe, he [j] bleſſe him ſelfe in his heart, ſaying, I ſhal haue peace, although I walke according to the ſtubbernes of mine owne heart, thus adding [k] dronkennes to thirſt.

[k] For as he ỹ is thirſty, deſireth to drinke muche, ſo he ỹ followeth his appetites, ſeketh by all meanes, & yet can not be ſatisfied.

20 The Lord wil not be merciful vnto him, but then the wrath of the Lord and his ielouſie ſhal ſmoke againſt that man, and euerie curſe that is written in this boke, ſhal light vpon him, and the Lord ſhal put out his name from vnder heauen,

21 And the Lord ſhal ſeparate him vnto euil out of all the tribes of Iſraél, according vnto all the curſes of the couenant, that is written in the boke of this Lawe.

[l] Gods plagues vpon thẽ that rebell againſt him, ſhal be ſo ſtrange, that all ages ſhalbe aſtonied

22 So that the [l] generacion to come, *euen* your children, that ſhal riſe vp after you, and the ſtranger that ſhal come from a far land, ſhal ſay, when they ſhal ſe the plagues of this land, and the diſeaſes thereof, wherewith the Lord ſhal ſmite it:

23 (*For* all that lãd *ſhal* burne with brimſtone and ſalt: it ſhal not be ſowen, nor bring fourth, nor anie graſſe ſhal growe therein, like as in the ouerthrowing of * Sodom, & Gomoráh, Admáh, & Zeboím, which the Lord ouerthrewe in his wrath and in his angre)

Gene. 19, 25.

1 King 9, 8. per. 22, 8.

24 Then ſhal all nacions ſay, *Wherefore hathe the Lord done thus vnto this land? how fearce *is* this great wrath?

25 And they ſhal anſwer, Becauſe they haue forſaken the couenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which he had made with them, when he broght them out of the lãd of Egypt,

26 And went and ſerued other gods & worſhipped them: *euen* gods which they knewe not, & [m] which had giuen them nothing,

Or, which had not giuen them a lãd to poſſeſſe

27 Therefore the wrath of the Lord waxed hote againſt this land, to bring vpon it euerie curſe that is written in this boke.

28 And the Lord hathe rooted them out of their land in angre, and in wrath, and in great indignacion, and hathe caſt them into another land, as *appeareth* this day.

29 The [m] ſecret things *belong* to the Lord our God, but ỹ things reueiled *belong* vnto vs, and to our children for euer, that we may do all the wordes of this Lawe.

m Moſes herby reproueth their curioſitie, which ſeke thoſe things ỹ are only knowen to God: & their negligẽce, that regarde not that, ẽ God hath reueiled vnto them, as the Lawe.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Mercie ſhewed when thei repent. 6 The Lord doeth circumciſe the heart. 11 All excuſe of ignorance is taken away. 19 Life and death is ſet before thẽ. 20 The Lord is their life which obey him.

1 NOw whẽ all theſe things ſhal come vpon thee, *ether* the bleſsing or the curſe which I haue ſet before thee, and ỹ ſhalt [a] turne into thine heart, among all ỹ nacions whether the Lord thy God hathe driuen thee,

a By calling to remẽbrãce, both his mercies & his plagues

2 And ſhalt returne vnto ỹ Lord thy God, and obey his voyce in all that I commãde thee this day: thou, & thy children with all thine [b] heart and with all thy ſoule,

b In true repẽtance is none hypocriſie.

3 Then ỹ Lord thy God wil cauſe thy captiues to returne, and haue compaſsion vpon thee, & wil returne, to gather thee out of all the people, where ỹ Lord thy God had ſcatered thee.

4 Thogh thou wereſt caſt vnto the vtmoſt parte of [c] heauen, from thence wil ỹ Lord thy God gather thee, & from thence wil he [d] take thee,

c Euen to the worldes end.

d And bring thee into thy countrey.

5 And the Lord thy God wil bring thee into the land which thy fathers poſſeſſed, and thou ſhalt poſſeſſe it, and he wil ſhewe thee fauour, and wil multiplie thee aboue thy fathers.

6 And the Lord thy God wil [e] circumciſe thine heart, and the heart of thy ſede, that thou maiſt loue the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy ſoule, that thou maiſt liue.

e God wil purge all thy wicked affectiõns: ỹ thing is not in thine owne power to do.

7 And the Lord thy God wil lay all theſe curſes vpon thine enemies, and on them, that hate thee, and that perſecute thee.

8 [f] Returne thou therefore, & obey the voice of the Lord, & do all his commandements, which I commande thee this day.

f If we wil haue God to worke in vs with his holy Spirit, we muſt turne againe to him by repentance.

9 And ỹ Lord thy God wil make thee plẽteous in euerie worke of thine hand, in ỹ frute of thy body, and in the frute of thy cattel, and in the frute of the land for thy welth: for ỹ Lord wil turne againe & [g] reioyce ouer thee to do thee good, as he reioyced ouer thy fathers,

g He meaneth not that God is ſubiect to theſe paſsiõs, to reioyce or to be ſad: but he vſeth this maner of ſpeache to declare the loue ỹ he beareth vnto vs.

10 Becauſe thou ſhalt obey the voyce of the Lord thy God, in keping his commãdements, & his ordinãces, which are written in the boke of this Lawe, when thou ſhalt returne vnto the Lord thy God with all thine heart & with all thy ſoule.

11 ¶ For this commandement which I commande thee this day, is [h] not hid frõ thee, nether is it farre of.

h The Law is ſo euident that none can pretẽd ignorance.

12 It is not in heauẽ, that thou ſhuldeſt ſay, *Who ſhal go vp for vs to heauen, and bring it vs, and cauſe vs to heare it, that we may do it?

Rom. 10, 6.

13 Nether is it beyonde the [i] ſea, that thou

i By heauen & ỹ ſea he meaneth places moſt farre diſtant.

shuldest say, Who shal go ouer the sea for vs, & bring it vs, and cause vs to heare it, that we may do it?

k Euen the Lawe & the Gospel. l By faith in Christ.

14 But the k worde is verie nere vnto thee: *euen* in thy mouth & in thine heart, for to l do it.

15 Behold, I haue set before thee this day life & good, death and euil.

m So that to loue & obey God, is onely life & felicitie.

16 In that I commande thee this day, m to loue the Lord thy God, to walke in his wayes, & to kepe his commandements, & his ordinances, & his lawes ỹ thou maiest

n He addeth these promises to signifie that it is for our profit ỹ we loue him, & not for his.

n liue & be multiplied, and that the Lord thy God may blesse thee in the land, whether thou goest to possesse it.

17 But if thine heart turne away, so that ỹ wilt not obey, but shalt be seduced & worship other gods, and serue them,

18 I pronounce vnto you this day that ye shal surely perish, ye shal not prolõg your dayes in the lãd whether thou passest ouer Iordén to possesse it.

Chap 4.26. 19 *I call heauen & earth to record this day against you, *that* I haue set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. therfore o chose life, that *both* thou & thy sede may liue,

o That is, loue & obey God: which thing is not in mãs power, but Gods spirit onely worketh it in his elect.

20 By louing the Lord thy God, by obeyīg his voyce, & by cleauing vnto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy dayes: that thou maist dwel in the land which the Lord sware vnto thy fathers, Abrahám, Izhák and Iaakób, to giue them.

CHAP. XXXI.

2,7 Moses preparing himselfe to dye, appointeth Iosh'a to rule the people 9 He giueth the Lawe to the Lewites, that they shulde read it to the people 19 God giueth thẽ a song as a witnes betwene him & them 23 God confirmeth Ioshúa 29 Moses sheweth them that they wil rebel after his death

1 THen Moses went & spake these wordes vnto all Israél,

2 And said vnto them, I am an hundreth & twentie yeere olde this day: I cannot moe go out & in: also ỹ Lord hathe said vnto me, *Thou shalt not go ouer this Iordén.

p I can no longer execute mine office. *Numb 20.12. chap.3.26.*

3 The Lord thy God he wil go ouer before thee: he wil destroy these nacions before thee, & thou shalt possesse them *Ioshúa, he shal go before thee, as the Lord hathe said.

Num. 27.18.

4 And the Lord shal do vnto thẽ, as he dyd to *Sihón & to Og Kings of the Amorites, & vnto their lãd whome he destroyed.

Num. 21.24.

b Into your handes.

5 And the Lord shal giue thẽ b before you that ye may do vnto them according vnto euerie *commandement, which I haue commanded you.

Chap.7.2.

*Or, be of good courage

6 Plucke *vp your hearts therefore, and be strong: dread not, nor be afrayd of them: for the Lord thy God him selfe doeth go with thee: he wil not fayle thee, nor forsake thee.

7 ¶And Moses called Ioshúa, and said vnto him in the sight of all Israél, Be of a good courage and strong: for thou shalt go with this people vnto the land which the Lord hathe sworne vnto their fathers, to giue them, and thou shalt giue it them to inherit.

c For he that must gouerne ỹ people, hathe nede to be valiant to resist vice, & constant to maintaine vertue.

8 And the Lord him selfe doeth d go before thee: he wilbe w thee: he wil not fayle thee, nether forsake thee: feare not *therefore*, nor be discomforted.

d Signifying that man can neuer be of good courage, except he be perswaded of Gods fauour & assistance.

9 ¶And Moses wrote this Lawe, and deliuered it vnto the Priestes ỹ sonnes of Leuí, (which bare the Arke of the couenant of the Lord) and vnto all the Elders of Israél,

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, *Euerie seuenth yeere *whẽ ỹ yeere of fredome *shalbe* in the feast of the Tabernacles:

Nehem 8.2. Chap 15.1.

11 When all Israél shal come to appeare e before the Lord thy God, in the place which he shal chose, thou shalt read this Lawe before all Israél that they may heare it.

e Before ỹ Arke of the couenãt, which was the signe of Gods presence, & the figure of Christ.

12 Gather the people together: men, & women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may heare, and that they may learne, and feare the Lord your God, and kepe, and obserue all ỹ wordes of this Lawe,

13 And that their children which f haue not knowen it, may heare it, and learne to feare the Lord your God, as long as ye liue in the land, whether ye go ouer Iordén to possesse it.

f Which were not borne whẽ the Lawe was giuen.

14 ¶Then the Lord said vnto Moses, Behold, thy dayes are come, that thou must dye: Call Ioshúa, & stãd ye in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion that I may giue him a *charge. so Moses & Ioshúa wẽt, and stode in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

*Or, commandement.

15 And the Lord appeared in ỹ Tabernacle, in the piller of a g cloude: & the piller of the cloude stode ouer the dore of the Tabernacle.

g In a cloude that was facioned like a piller.

16 ¶And ỹ Lord said vnto Moses, Behold, thou shalt slepe with thy fathers, and this people wil rise vp, and go a whoring after the gods of a strange land (whether they go) *to dwel* therein, & wil forsake me, and breake my couenant which I haue made with them.

17 Wherefore my wrath wil waxe hote against them at ỹ day, & I wil forsake them, & wil h hide my face frõ them: then they shalbe consumed, and many aduersities & tribulacions shal come vpon them: so then they wil say, Are not these troubles come vpon me, because God is not with me?

h That is, I wil take my fauour frõ thẽ as to turne his face toward vs, is to shewe vs his fauour.

18 But I wil surely hide my face in ỹ day, because of all the euil, which they shal cõmit, in ỹ they are turned vnto other gods.

19 Now

19 Now therefore write ye this [i] song for you, and teache it the children of Israél: put it in their mouthes, that this song may be my witnes against the children of Israél.

20 For I wil bring them into the lând (which I sware vnto their fathers) that floweth with milke and honie, and they shal eat, and fil them selues, and waxe fat: [k] then shal they turne vnto other gods, and serue them, and contemne me, & breake my couenant.

21 And then when manie aduersities and tribulacions shal come vpon them, this song shal [l] answer them to their face as a witnes: for it shal not be forgotten out of the mouthes of their posteritie: for I knowe their imaginacion, which they go about euen now, before I haue broght thẽ into the land which I sware.

22 ¶ Moses therefore wrote this song the same day and taught it the children of Israél.

23 And *God* gaue Iosh͠ua the sonne of Nun a charge, and said, *Be strong, and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israél into the land, which I sware vnto them, and I wil be with thee.

24 ¶ And when Moses had made an end of writing the wordes of this Lawe in a boke vntil he had finished them,

25 Then Moses commanded the Leuites, which bare the Arke of the couenant of ỹ Lord, saying,

26 Take the boke of this Law, and put ye it in the side of the Arke of the couenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a [m] witnes against thee.

27 For I knowe thy rebellion and thy stiffe necke: beholde, I being yet aliue with you this day, ye are rebellious against the Lord: how muche more then after my death?

28 Gather vnto me all the Elders of your tribes, and your [n] officers, that I may speake these wordes in their audience, and call heauen and earth to recorde against them.

29 For I am sure that after my death ye wil vtterly be corrupt and turne from the way, which I haue commanded you: therefore euil wil come vpon you at the length, because ye wil commit euil in the sight of ỹ Lord, by prouoking him to angre through the [o] worke of your hãdes.

30 Thus Moses spake in the audiẽce of all the Congregacion of Israél the wordes of this song, vntil he had ended them.

i To preserue you and your childrẽ frõ idolatrie, by remẽbring Gods benefites

k For this is the nature of flesh, no lõger to obey God, then it is vnder the rod

l That these euils are come vpon them, because they forsoke me.

*Iosh 1.6.

m Of thine infidelitie, whẽ ỹ shalt turne away frõ the doctrine conteined therei

n As gouerners, iudges, & magistrates

o By idolatrie, worshiping images, ỹ are the worke of your hãds.

CHAP. XXXII.

ỹ song of Moses cõtayning Gods benefites toward the people, 15 And their ingratitude toward him. 20 God menaceth them, 21 And speaketh of the vocation of the Gentiles. 46 Moses commandeth to teache the Lawe to the childrẽ. 49 God forewarneth Moses of his death.

1 HEarken, ye [a] heauẽs, and I wil speake: and let the earth heare the wordes of my mouth.

2 My [b] doctrine shal drop as the raine, *and* my speache shal stil as doeth the dewe, as the showre vpon the herbes, and as the great raine vpon the grasse.

3 For I wil publishe the Name of ỹ Lord: giue ye glorie vnto our God.

4 Perfect is ỹ worke of the [c] mighty God: for all his wayes *are* iudgement. God is true, and without wickednes: iust, & righteous is he.

5 They haue corrupted them selues toward him by their vice, not being his children, *but* a frowarde and crooked generacion.

6 Do ye so rewarde ỹ Lord, ô foolish people and vnwise? is not he thy father, that hathe boght thee? he hathe [d] made thee, and proportioned thee.

7 ¶ Remember the dayes of olde: consider the yeres of so manie generacións: aske thy father, and he wil shewe thee: thine Elders, and they wil tel thee.

8 Whẽ the most hie *God* deuided to the nacions their inheritance, when he separated ỹ sonnes of Adám, he appointed the borders of the [e] people according to the nomber of the children of Israél.

9 For the Lords porcion *is* his people: Iaakób *is* the lot of his inheritance.

10 He founde him in the land of the wildernes, in a waste, and roaring wildernes: he led him about, he taught him, *and* kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an egle steareth vp her nest, [f] flotereth ouer her birdes, stretcheth out her wings, taketh them, *and* beareth them on her wings,

12 *So* the Lord alone led him and there was no [g] strange god with him.

13 He caried him vp to the hie places of the [g] earth, that he might eat ỹ frutes of the fields, and he caused him to sucke [h] hony out of the stone and oyle out of the hard rocke:

14 Butter of kine, and milke of shepe with fat of the lambs, and rams fed in Bashán, and goates, with the fat of the graines of wheat, and the red [*] licour of the grape hast thou dronke.

15 ¶ But *he that shulde haue bene* [i] vpright, when he waxed fat, spurned with his hele: thou art fat, thou art grosse, thou art laden with fatnes: therefore he forsoke God *that* made him, and regarded not the strõg God of his saluacion.

16 They prouoked him with [k] strange *gods*: they prouoked him to angre with abominacions.

17 They offred vnto deuils, not to God, but to gods whome they knewe not: [l] newe

a As witnesses of this peoples ingratitude.

b He desireth that he may speake to Gods glorie, & that the people, as the greene grasse, may receiue the dewe of his doctrine

c The Ebrewe worde is rocke: noting ỹ God onelie is mightie, faithful, and constãt in his promes.

d Not according to ỹ cõmune creacio, but by a new creature by his Spirit

e When God by his prouidence deuided the worlde, he lẽt for a time that portiõ to the Canaanites, which shulde after be an inheritãce for all his people Israél

f To teache them to flie.

g Or, god of strãge nacion

g Meaning of the Ild of Canáan, which was hie, in respect of Egypt: that is, abũdance of all things euen in the very rockes

*Ebr blęn

i He sheweth what is the principal end of our vocacion

k By chãging his seruice for their superstitions

l Scripture calleth newe, what socuer nũ inuenteth, be the error neuer so olde,

gods that came newly vp, whome their fathers feared not.

18 Thou haſt forgotten the mightie God, *that* begate thee, & haſt forgotte God that formed thee.

19 The Lord then ſawe it, and was angry, for the prouocacion of his [m] ſonnes and of his daughters.

m He calleth the Gods children, not to honour them, but to ſhewe them from what dignitie they are fallen.

20 And he ſaid, I wil hide my face frō thē; I wil ſe what their end ſhalbe: for they are a frowarde generacion, childrē in whome is no faith.

21 They haue moued me to ielouſie with *that which is* not God: they haue prouoked me to angre with their vanities: * and I wil moue them to ielouſie with *thoſe which are* no [n] people: I wil prouoke them to angre with a fooliſh nacion.

Rom.10.19.

n Which I haue not fauoured, nor giuen my Lawes vnto them.

22 For fire is kindled in my wrath, & ſhal burne vnto the bothome of hel, & ſhal cōſume the earth with her increaſe, & ſet on fire the fundacions of the mountaines.

23 I wil ſpend plagues vpon them: I wil beſtowe mine arrowes vpon them.

24 *They ſhalbe* burnt with hunger, and conſumed with heat, and with bitter deſtruction: I wil alſo ſend the teeth of beaſtes vpon them, with the venime of ſerpents *creping* in the duſt.

25 The ſworde ſhal [o] kil them without, and in the chambers feare bothe the yong mā and the yong woman, the ſuckeling with the man of graye heere.

o They ſhalbe ſlaine bothe in the field & at home.

26 I haue ſaid, I wolde ſcatter thē abroade: I wolde make their remembrance to ceaſe from among men,

27 Saue that I feared the furie of the enemie, leſt their aduerſaries ſhulde [p] waxe proude, & leſt they ſhulde ſay, Our hye hand & not the Lord hathe done all this.

p Reioycing to ſe the godly afflicted, & attributing that to them ſelues & is wroght by Gods hād.

28 For they are a nacion voyde of counſel, nether is there *anie* vnderſtanding in thē.

29 Oh that they were wiſe, *then* they wolde vnderſtād this: they wolde [q] cōſider their later end.

q They wolde conſider & felicitie, that was prepared for them, if they had obeyed God

30 Howe ſhulde one chaſe a thouſand, and two put tē thouſād to flight, except their ſtrong God had ſolde them, & the Lord had [r] ſhut them vp?

*Or, deliuered them to their enemie.

31 For their god *is* not as our God, euen our enemies being iudges.

32 For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, & of the vines of Gomorāh: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their cluſters *be* bitter.

33 Their [s] wine *is* the poyſon of dragons, and the cruel gall of aſpes.

s The frutes of the wicked are as poyſon, deteſtable to God and dangerous for man *Eccleſ.28.2. rom.12.19. chr.10.30.*

34 Is not this laid in ſtore with me, & ſealed vp among my treaſures?

35 *Vengeance and recompenſe are mine: their fote ſhal ſlide in due time: for the daye of their deſtruction is at hand, and the things that ſhal come vpon them, make haſte.

36 For the Lord ſhal iudge his people, and [t] repent toward his ſeruants, when he ſeeth that their power is gone, and none [u] ſhut vp *in holde* nor left *abroad*.

t Or, change his minde.

u Whether ſtrōg nor weake in a maner remaine.

37 When men ſhal ſay, Where are their gods, their mightie God in whome they truſted?

38 Which did eat the fat of their ſacrifices, *and* did drinke the wine of their drinke offring? let them riſe vp, and helpe you: let him be your refuge.

39 Beholde now, for I, I am he, and there is no gods with me: * I kil, and giue life: I wounde, & I make whole: * nether is there *anie* that can deliuer out of mine hand.

1.King.2.6. Iob 13.2. Wiſd 16.13.

40 For I [x] lift vp mine hand to heauen, & ſay, I liue for euer.

x That is, I ſweare, read Gen.14.22.

41 If I whet my glittering ſworde, and mine hand take holde on iudgement, I wil execute vengeance on mine enemies, and wil rewarde them that hate me.

42 I wil make mine arrowes dronke with blood, (and my ſworde ſhal eat fleſh) for the blood of the ſlaine, & of the captiues, when I beginne to take vengeance of the enemie.

43 *Ye nations, praiſe his people: for he wil auenge the [y] blood of his ſeruants, and wil execute vengeance vpon his aduerſaries, and wil be merciful vnto his land, *and* to his people.

Rom.15.10.

y Whether ỹ blood or Gods people be ſhed for their ſinnes, or trial of their faith, he promiſeth to reuenge it.

44 ¶ Then Moſés came and ſpake all the wordes of this ſong in the audience of the people, he and [z] Hoſhéa the ſunne of Nun.

z Or, Ieſhúa.

45 When Moſés had made an end of ſpeaking all theſe wordes to all Iſraél,

46 Then he ſaid vnto them, * Set your hearts vnto all the wordes which I teſtifie againſt you this day, that ye may cōmande them vnto your childrē, that they may obſerue and do all the wordes of this Lawe.

Chap.6.6. & 11.18.

47 For it is no [a] vaine worde concerning you, but it is your life, and by this worde ye ſhal prolong your dayes in the land, whether ye go ouer Iordén to poſſeſſe it.

a For I wil performe my promes vnto you. Iſa.55.10.

48 *And the Lord ſpake vnto Moſés the ſelfe ſame day, ſaying,

Num.27.12.

49 Go vp into this mountaine of Abarím, vnto ỹ mount Nebó, which is in the land of Moáb, that is ouer againſt Icrichó: and beholde the land of Canáan, which I giue vnto ỹ children of Iſraél for a poſſeſſion,

50 And dye in the mōut which thou goeſt vp vnto, and thou ſhalt be * gathered vnto thy people, * as Aarón thy brother dyed in mōut Hor, and was gathered vnto his people,

Gen.25.8. Num.20.28. & 33.38. Num.20.12. & 27.14.

51 Becauſe ye * treſpaſſed againſt me amōg the children of Iſraél, at the waters [b] of Meribáh, at Kadéſh in the wildernes of Zin: for ye [c] ſanctified me not among the children

b Or, at ſtrife: c Ye were not earneſt and cōſtant to maintaine mine honour.

children of Iſraél.

52 Thou ſhalt therefore ſe the land before thee, but ſhalt not go thither, *I meane*, into ỹ land which I giue the childrē of Iſraél.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Moſés before his death bleſſeth all the tribes of Iſraél. 26 There is no God like to the God of Iſraél. 29 Nor anie people like vnto his.

a This bleſſing cōteineth not onely a ſimple prayer, but an aſſurance of the effect thereof

1 NOw this is the a bleſſing wherewith Moſés the man of God bleſſed the childrē of Iſraél before his death, & ſaid,

2 The Lord came from Sinái, and roſe vp from Seír vnto them, *and* appeared clearely from mount Parán, and he came with ten b thouſands of Saintes, *and* at his right hand a firy Lawe for them.

b Meaning, infinit Angels.

c Ebr his Saintes, that is the childrē of Iſraél

d As thy diſciples

3 Thogh he loue the people, *yet* c all thy Saintes are in thine hands: & they are humbled at d thy fete, to receiue thy wordes.

e To vs and our ſucceſſors.

4 Moſés commāded vs a Lawe for an e inheritāce of the Cōgregacion of Iaakób.

f Or, Moſés
g Or, Iſraél.

5 Thē f he was among the g righteous *people*, *as* King, when the heades of the people, and the tribes of Iſraél were aſſembled.

f Reubē ſhalbe one of the tribes of Gods people, though for his ſinne his honour be diminiſhed & his familie but ſmale

6 ¶Let f Reubén liue, and not dye, thogh his men be a ſmall nomber.

g Signifying that he ſhulde hardely obteine Iaakobs *p*mes Gen 49,8 *Exod.28,30.*

7 ¶And thus *he bleſſed* Iudáh, & ſaid, Heare, ô Lord, the voice of Iudáh, & bring him vnto his people: his hands ſhalbe g ſufficient for him, if thou helpe him againſt his enemies.

h He preferred Gods cloſer to all naturall affection, Exod 32,29.

8 ¶And of Leuí he ſaid, Let thy *Thúmím & thine Vrím be w thine holy one, whome thou dideſt proue in Maſſáh, *and* dideſt cauſe him to ſtriue at ỹ waters of Meribáh.

9 Who ſaid vnto his father and to his mother, h I haue not ſene him, nether knewe he his brethren, nor knewe his owne children: for they obſerued thy worde, & kept thy couenant.

10 Thei ſhal teache Iaakób thy iudgemēts, and Iſraél thy Lawe: they ſhal put incens before thy face, & the burnt offring vpon thine altar.

i He declareth that the miniſters of God haue manie enemies, & therefore naue nede to be prayed for

11 Bleſſe, ô Lord, his ſubſtance, and accept the worke of his hands: i ſmite through the loines of thē that riſe againſt him, and of them that hate him, that they riſe not againe.

k Becauſe the temple ſhulde be buylt in Zion, w was in the tribe of Beniamín, he ſheweth that God ſhulde dwel with him there

12 ¶Of Beniamín he ſaid, The beloued of the Lord ſhal k dwel in ſafety by him: *the Lord* ſhal couer him all the day long, and dwel betwene his ſhulders.

l Or, fountaines

13 ¶And of Ioſéph he ſaid, Bleſſed of the Lord is *his* land for the ſwetenes of heauē, for the dewe, and l for the depth lying beneth,

14 And for the ſwete increaſe of the ſunne, and for the ſwete increaſe of the moone,

15 And for *the ſwetenes* of the top of the ancient mountaines, and for the ſwetenes of the olde hilles,

16 And for the ſwetenes of the earth, & abūdance thereof: & the good wil of him that dwelt in the l buſhe, ſhal come vpon the head of Ioſéph, and vpon the top of the head of him that was *ſeparated *from* his brethren.

l Which was, God appearing vnto Moſés, Exod 3,2. *Gen.49,26.*

*Or, ſtrength

17 His beautie *ſhalbe like* his firſt borne bullocke, and *his hornes *as* the hornes of an vnicorne: with them he ſhal ſmite the people together, *euen* the ends of the worlde: theſe are alſo the ten thouſands of Ephráim, and theſe are the thouſands of Manaſſéh.

m In thy proſperous viages vpon the ſea, Gen 49,13

*Or, mont Zíón.

18 ¶And of Zebulún he ſaid, Reioyce, Zebulún, in thy m going out, and *thou*, Iſſhachár, in thy tentes.

n The tribe of Zebulún.

19 They ſhal call the people vnto the *mountaine: there they ſhal offer the ſacrifices of righteouſnes: for n they ſhal ſucke of the abundance of the ſea, and of the treaſures hid in the ſand.

o So that the portion of the Gadites, and others on this ſide Iordén was Gods, though it was not ſo knowē.

20 ¶Alſo of Gad he ſaid, Bleſſed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, that catcheth for his pray ỹ arme w the head.

21 And he loked to him ſelfe at the beginning, becauſe there was a porcion of the o Lawegiuer hid: yet he ſhal come with the heads of the people, to execute the iuſtice of the Lord, & his iudgements with Iſraél.

p Meaning, nere the ſea.

22 ¶And of Dan he ſaid, Dan *is* a lions whelpe: he ſhal leape from Baſhán.

23 ¶Alſo of Naphtalí he ſaid, ô Naphtalí, ſatiſfied with fauour, and filled with the bleſſing of the Lord, poſſeſſe p the Weſt and the South.

24 ¶And of Aſhér he ſaid, Aſhér *ſhalbe* bleſſed with children: he ſhalbe acceptable vnto his brethren, and ſhal dip his fote in oyle.

q Thou ſhalt be ſtrong, or thy countrey ful of metal. It ſemeth that Simeon is left out becauſe he was vnder Iudáh & his portiō of his inheritāce, Ioſh. 19.9

25 Thy ſhooes *ſhalbe* q yron and braſſe, and thy ſtrength *ſhal continue* as long as thou liueſt.

26 ¶There is none like God, ô righteous *people*, which rideth vpon the heauens for thine helpe, & on ỹ cloudes in his glorie.

27 The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and vnder *his* armes thou arte for euer: he ſhal caſt out the enemie before thee, and wil ſay, Deſtroy *them*.

r Who was plentiful in iſſue as a fountaine.

28 Thē Iſraél r the foūteine of Iaakób ſhal dwel alone in ſafety in a land of wheat & wine: alſo his heauēs ſhal drop the dewe.

29 Bleſſed art thou, ô Iſraél: who is like vnto thee, ô people ſaued by the Lord, ỹ ſhylde of thine helpe, & which is ỹ ſworde of thy glorie? therefore ſ thine enemies ſhalbe in ſubiection to thee, & thou ſhalt tread vpō their hie places.

ſ Thine enemies for feare ſhal lie & faune to be in ſubiection.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 Moſés ſeeth all the land of Canáan. 5 He dyeth. 8 Iſraél wepeth. 9 Ioſhúa ſucceedeth in Moſés rowme. 10 The praiſe of Moſés.

1 THen Moſés went from the plaine of Moáb vp into mount [a] Nebó vnto the top of Piſgáh that is ouer againſt Ierichó: and the Lord ſhewed him *all the lād of Gileád, vnto Dan,

2 And all Naphtalí and the land of Ephraim and Manaſſéh, and all the land of Iudáh, vnto the vtmoſt [b] ſea:

3 And the South, and the plaine of the valley of Ierichó, the citie of palmetrees, vnto Zoár.

4 And the Lord ſaid vnto him, * This is ỹ land which I ſware vnto Abrahám, to Izhák & to Iaakób, ſaying, I wil giue it vnto thy ſede: I haue cauſed thee to ſe it with thine eyes, but ỹ ſhalt not go ouer thither.

5 So Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord dyed there in the land of Moáb, according to ỹ worde of the Lord.

6 And [c] he buryed hī in a valley in ỹ lād of Moáb ouer againſt Beth-peór, but no mā knoweth of his ſepulchre vnto [d] this day.

7 Moſés was now an hūdreth & twēty yere olde whē he dyed: his eye was not dimme, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the children of Iſraél wept for Moſés in the plaine of Moáb thirty dayes: ſo the dayes of weping and mourning for Moſés were ended.

9 And [e] Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun was ful of the ſpirit of wiſdome: for Moſés had put his hands vpon him. And the children of Iſraél were obedient vnto him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moſés.

10 But there aroſe not a Prophet ſince in Iſraél like vnto Moſés (whome the Lord knewe [f] face to face)

11 In all the miracles and wonders which the Lord ſent him to do in the land of Egypt before Pharaóh and before all his ſeruants, and before all his land,

12 And in all that mighty [g] hand and all that great feare, which Moſés wroght in the ſight of all Iſraél.

a Which was a parte of mount Abarim, Nomb. 27.12. *Chap. 3.27. 2.mac.2.4.*

b Called, Mediterraneum.

Gen. 12.7. & 13.15.

c To wit, the Angel of the Lord, Iude 9.

d That the Iewes might not haue occaſion thereby to cōmit idolatrie.

e Hereby appeareth the fauour of God that leaueth not his Churche deſtitute of a gouernour.

f Vnto whome the Lord did reueile him ſelfe ſo plainely.

g Meaning, the power of God working by Moſés in the wildernes.

THE BOKE OF IOSHVA.

THE ARGVMENT.

IN this boke the holy Goſt ſetteth moſte liuely before our eyes the accompliſhement of Gods promes, who as he promiſed by the mouthe of Moſes, that a Prophet ſhulde be raiſed vp vnto the people like vnto him, whome he willeth to obey, Deut. 18,15: ſo he ſheweth him ſelfe here true in his promes, as at all other times, and after the deathe of Moſes his faithful ſeruant, he raiſeth vp Ioſhúa to be ruler and gouernour ouer his people, that nether they ſhulde be diſcouraged for lacke of a captaine, nor haue occaſion to diſtruſt Gods promiſes hereafter. And becauſe that Ioſhúa might be confirmed in his vocation, and the people alſo might haue none occaſion to grudge, as though he were not approued of God: he is adorned with moſte excellent gifies and graces of God, bothe to gouerne the people with counſel, and to defend them with ſtrength, that he lacked nothing which ether belonged to a valiant captaine or a faithful miniſter. So he ouercometh all difficulties and bringeth them in to the land of Canáan: the which according to Gods ordinance he deuideth among the people & appointeth their borders: he eſtabliſheth lawes and ordinances, and putteth them in remembrāce of Gods manifolde benefites, aſſuring them of his grace and fauour, if they obey God, and contrariewiſe of his plagues and vengeance, if they diſobey him. This hiſtorie doeth repreſent Ieſus Chriſt the true Ioſhúa, who leadeth vs into eternal felicitie, which is ſignified vnto vs by this land of Canáan. From the beginning of the Geneſis to the end of this boke are conteined 2597 yeres. For from Adám vnto the flood are 1656. from the flood vnto the departure of Abrahám out of Caldea, 363. and from thence to the death of Ioſeph 290. So that the Geneſis conteineth 2390. Exodus 140. the other thre bokes of Moſes 40. Ioſhúa 27. So the whole maketh 2597 yeres.

CHAP. I.

1 The Lord incourageth Ioſhúa to inuade the lād. 4 The borders and limites of the lād of the Iſraelites. 5 The Lord promiſeth to aſſiſt Ioſhua, if he obey his worde. 11 Ioſhúa commandeth the people to prepare thē ſelues to paſſe ouer Iordén. 12 And exhorteth the Reubenites to execute their charge

a The beginning of this boke dependeth on the laſt chap. of Deut, which was written by Ioſhúa as a preparatiō to his hiſtorie.

NOw after ỹ [a] death of Moſés the ſeruāt of the Lord, ỹ Lord ſpake vnto Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun, Moſés miniſter, ſaying,

2 Moſés my ſeruāt is dead: now therefore ariſe, go ouer this Iordén, thou, and all this people, vnto the land which I giue them, *that is*, to the children of Iſraél.

3 *Euerie place that the ſole of your fote ſhal tread vpon, haue I giuē you, as I ſaid vnto Moſés. *Chap. 14.9.*

4 *Frō the [b] wildernes and this Lebanón euen vnto ỹ great Riuer, the riuer [c] Peráth: all the land of the [d] Hittites, euen vnto the great [e] ſea toward the going downe of the ſunne, ſhal be your coaſt. *Deut. 11.24.*

5 There ſhal not a man be able to withſtād thee all the dayes of thy life: as I was with Moſés, ſo wil I be with thee: *I wil not leaue thee, nor forſake thee. *Ebr. 13.5.*

b Or Zin, called Kadéſh & Paran.

c Or Euphrates.

d Meaning the whole land of Canáan.

e Called, Mediterraneum.

6 Be ſtrong and of a good courage: for vnto this people ſhalt thou deuide the land for an inheritance, which I ſware vnto their fathers to giue them.

7 Onely be thou ſtrong, *and of a moſte valiant courage, that thou maieſt obſerue and do according to all the Lawe which Moſés my ſeruant hathe commãded thee: *thou ſhalt not turne away from it to the right hãd, nor to the left, that thou maieſt *prosper whethersoeuer thou goeſt.

8 Let not this boke of the Lawe departe out of thy mouth, but meditate therein day and *night, that thou maieſt obſerue & do according to all that is written therein: for then ſhalt thou make thy way proſperous, & then ſhalt thou *haue good ſucceſſe.

9 Haue not I commanded thee, ſaying, Be ſtrong and of a good courage, feare not nor be diſcouraged: for I the Lord thy God *wilbe* with thee, whethersoeuer thou goeſt.

10 ¶ Then Ioſhúa commanded the officers of the people, ſaying,

11 Paſſe through the hoſte, and commande the people, ſaying, Prepare you vitailes: for *g* after thre daies ye ſhal paſſe ouer this Iordén, to go in to poſſeſſe the land, which the Lord your God giueth you to poſſeſſe it.

12 ¶ And vnto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh ſpake Ioſhúa, ſaying,

13 *Remember the worde, which Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord commãded you, ſaying, The Lord your God hathe giuen you reſt, and hathe giuen you this *h* land.

14 ¶ Your wiues, your childrẽ, & your cattel ſhal remaine in the land which Moſés gaue you on *this ſide Iordén: but ye ſhal go ouer before your brethren armed, all that be men of warre, & ſhal helpe them,

15 Vntil the Lord haue giuen your brethrẽ reſt, aſwel as to you, & vntil their alſo ſhal poſſeſſe the land, which *ỹ* Lord your God giueth them: then ſhal ye returne vnto the land of your poſſeſſion and ſhal poſſeſſe it, which *land* Moſés the Lords ſeruant *i* gaue you on this ſide Iordén towarde the ſunne riſing.

16 Then they anſwered Ioſhúa, ſaying, All that thou haſt commanded vs, we wil do, and whethersoeuer thou ſendeſt vs, we wil go.

17 As we obeyed Moſés in all things, *k* ſo wil we obey thee: onely the Lord thy God be with thee as he was with Moſés.

18 Whoſoeuer ſhal rebelle againſt thy cõmandement, and wil not obey thy wordes in all that thou commandeſt him, let him be put to death: onely be ſtrõg & of good courage.

Or greue ſtr ne ger & ſtronger

Deut 5,32.

e He ſheweth wherein conſiſteth true proſperitie, euen to obey the wordes of God ſ Seeing that it was not poſſible to gouerne wel without cõtinual ſtudie of Gods worde

f Or gouerne wiſely.

g Meaning frõ the day ỹ this was proclaimed.

Numb 32,20.

h Which belonged to Sihõn the King of the Amorites, & Og King of Bathan

i Or, beyonde Iordẽ ſtrẽ Ieriche

k By your requeſt, but yet by Gods ſecret appointemẽt, Deut 31,21

k Then do not onely promiſe to obey him ſo lõg as God is wt him, but to helpe to punish all that rebelle against him.

CHAP. II.

1 Ioſh'a ſendeth mẽ to ſpie Ieriché, whome Rahâb hideth. 11 She confeſſeth the God of Iſraél 12 She requireth a ſigne for her deliuerance 21 The ſpies returne to Ioſhua with comfortable tidings.

1 THen Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun ſent out of *a* Shittím two men to ſpie ſecretly, ſaying, Go, vewe the land, *alſo* Ieriché: and they went, and *came into an *harlots houſe, named Rahâb, and lodged there.

2 Then reporte was made to the King of Ieriché, ſaying, Beholde, there came men hether to night, of the children of Iſraél, to ſpie out the countrey.

3 And the King of Ieriché ſent vnto Rahâb, ſaying, *b* Bring forthe the mẽ that are come to thee, *and* which are entred into thine houſe: for they be come to ſearche out all the land.

4 (But the woman had taken the two men and hid them) Therefore ſaid ſhe thus, There came men vnto me, but I wiſt not whence they were.

5 And whẽ they ſhut the gate in the darcke, the men went out, whether the men went I wote not: followe ye after thẽ quickely, for ye ſhal ouertake them.

6 (But ſhe had broght thẽ vp to the *c* roofe of the houſe, & hyd them with the ſtalkes of flaxe, which ſhe had ſpread abroade vpon the roofe)

7 And certeine men purſued after them, the way to Iordén, vnto the fourdes, and aſſone as they which purſued after them, were gone out, they ſhut the gate.

8 ¶ And before they were a ſlepe, ſhe came vp vnto them vpon the roofe,

9 And ſaid vnto the men, I knowe that the Lord hathe giuen you the land, and that the *d* feare of you is fallen vpon vs, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint becauſe of you.

10 For we haue heard, how the Lord *dryed vp the water of the read Sea before you, when you came out of Egypt, and what you did vnto the two Kings of the Amorites, that were on the other ſide Iordén, vnto *Sihón and to Og, whome ye vtterly deſtroyed:

11 And when we hearde it, our hearte *did faint, and there remained no more *courage in anie becauſe of you: for *e* the Lord your God, he is the God in heauen aboue, and in earth beneth.

12 Now therefore, I pray you, ſweare vnto me by the Lord, that as I haue ſhewed you mercie, ye wil alſo ſhewe mercie vnto my fathers houſe, and giue me a true token,

13 And that ye wil ſaue aliue my father and my mother, and my brethren, and my ſiſters, and all that they haue: & that ye wil

a Which place was in the plaine of Moab nere vnto Iordén.

Ebr 11,31. Iam 2,25.

Or, tauerners houſe, or hoſtes.

b Though the wicked ſe the hand of God vpon them, yet they repẽt not, but ſeke how they may by their power reſiſt his meanes.

c Meaning, vpon the houſes: for then their houſes were flat aboue, ſo ỹ they might do their buſines thereupõ.

d For ſo God promiſed, Deut 28,7 chap. 5,1.

Exod. 14,22.

Numb 21,24.

Or, melted.

Or, ſpirit

e Herein appeareth the great mercie of God, ỹ in this commune deſtruction he wolde draw a moſte miſerable ſinner to repẽt & confeſſe his Name.

deliuer our [f] soules from death.

[f] Or, liues.

14 And the mẽ answered her, [f] Our life for you to dye, if ye vttei not this our busines: and when the Lord hathe giuen vs the land, we wil deale mercifully and truely with thee.

[f] We warrant you on peine of our lines.

15 Then she let them downe by a corde through the windowe: for her house *was* vpon the towne wall, and she dwelt vpon the wall.

16 And she said vnto them, Go you into the [g] mountaine, lest the pursuers mete with you, & hyde your selues there thre daies, vntil the pursuers be returned: thẽ afterward may ye go your way.

[g] Which was nere vnto the citie.

17 And the men said vnto her, [h] We wil be blameles of this thine othe, which thou hast made vs sweare.

[h] We shal be discharged of our othe, if ỹ doest performe this condicion that foloweth: for so shalt ỹ & thine be deliuered.

18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt binde this corde of red threde in the windowe, whereby thou letteſt vs downe, and thou shalt bring thy father & thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy fathers housholde home to thee.

19 And whosoeuer then doeth go out at the dores of thine house into the ſtreat, [i] his blood shal be vpon his head, and we wil be gylteles: but whosoeuer shal be with thee in the house, his blood shalbe on our head, if anie hand touche him:

[i] He shal be giltie of his owne death.

20 And if thou vtter this our [k] matter, we wil be quit of thine othe, which thou hast made vs sweare.

[k] So ỹ others shulde thinke to escape by the same meanes.

21 And she answered, Accordīg vnto your wordes so be it: then she sent them away, and they departed, and she bounde the [l]ed corde in the windowe.

[l] Or, scarlet coulored.

22 ¶ And they departed, and came into the mountaine, & there abode thre daies, vntil the pursuers were returned: & the pursuers soght them throughout all the way, but founde them not.

23 So the two men returned, and descended from the mountaine, & passed [l] ouer, and came to Ioshúa the sonne of Nun, & tolde him all things that came vnto them.

[l] To wit, the riuer Iordén.

24 Also they said vnto Ioshúa, Surely the Lord hathe deliuered into our hands all the land: for euẽ all the inhabitants of the countrey faint becaus of vs.

CHAP. III.

3 Ioshúa commandeth them to departe whẽ the Arke remoueth. 7 The Lord promiseth to exalt Ioshúa before the people. 9 Ioshuas exhortacion to the people. 16 The waters parte asunder whiles the people passe.

1 THen Ioshúa rose verie early, & they remoued from Shittím, and came to [a] Iordén, he, & all the children of Israél, & lodged there, before they went ouer.

[a] Which according to the Ebrewes was in Marche, and about 40 daies after Moses death.

2 And after [b] thre daies the officers went throughout the hoste,

[b] Which time was giuen for to prepare thẽ victailes, Chap. 1, 11.

3 And commãded the people, saying, Whẽ ye se ỹ Arke of the couenant of the Lord your God, and the Priests of the Leuites bearing it, ye shal departe from your place, and go after it.

4 Yet there shalbe a space betwene you & it, about [a] two thousand cubites by measure: ye shal not come nere vnto it, that ye may knowe the way, by the which ye shal go: for ye haue not gone this way in times past.

[a] Or, a myle.

5 (Now Ioshúa had said vnto the people, * Sanctifie your selues: for tomorowe the Lord wil do wonders among you)

Leui. 20, 7. nomb. 11, 18.

6 Also Ioshúa spake vnto the Priests, saying, Take vp the Arke of the couenant, and go ouer before the people: so thei toke vp the Arke of the couenant, and went before the people.

1. sam 16, 5. chap 7, 13.

7 ¶ Then the Lord said vnto Ioshúa, This day wil I begin to magnifie thee in the sight of all Israél, which shal knowe, that * as I was with Moses, so wil I be with thee.

Chap. 1, 5.

8 Thou shalt therefore cõmãde the Priests that beare thẽ Arke of the couenant, saying, When ye are come to the brinke of the waters of Iordén, ye shal stand stil [c] in Iordén.

[c] Euen in the chanel, where ỹ ſtreame had runne, as vers. 17

9 ¶ Then Ioshúa said vnto the children of Israél, Come hether, and heare the wordes of the Lord your God.

10 And Ioshúa said, [d] Hereby ye shal knowe that the liuing God is among you, & that he wil certeinly cast out before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hiuites, and the Perizzites, and the Gergashites, and the Amorites, and the Iebusites.

[d] By this miracle in deuiding ỹ water.

11 Beholde, the Arke of the couenant of the Lord of all the worlde passeth before you into Iordén.

12 Now therefore take from among you [e] twelue men out of the tribes of Israél, out of euerie tribe a man.

[e] Which shulde set vp twelue stones in remembrance of the benefite.

13 And assone as the soles of the fete of the Priests (that beare the Arke of the Lord God the Lord of all the worlde) shal stay in the waters of Iordén, the waters of Iordén shalbe cut of: for the waters that come from aboue, * shal stand stil vpon an heape.

Psal. 114, 3.

14 ¶ Then when the people were departed from their tentes to go ouer Iordén, the Priests bearing the * Arke of the couenãt, *went* before the people.

Act 7, 45.

15 And as thei that bare the Arke came vnto Iordén, and the fete of the Priests that bare the Arke were dipped in the brinke of the water, (* for Iordén vseth to fil all his [f] bankes all the time of harueſt)

Eccl 24, 36.

[f] Because the riuer was accuſtomed at this time to be ful, the miracle is so muche ỹ greater.

16 Then the waters that came downe from aboue, stayed *and* rose vpon an heape and departed far frõ the citie of Adám, ỹ was beside Zaretán: but the *waters* that came

downe

downe towarde the Sea of the wildernes, *euen* the ſalt Sea, failed, *and* were cut of: ſo ỹ people went right ouer againſt Ierichó.

17 But the Prieſts that bare the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, ſtode drye within Iordén g ready prepared, and all the Iſraelites went ouer drye, vntil all the people were gone cleane ouer through Iordén.

g Ether tarying til the people were paſt, or, as ſome read, iuſte, as though they had bene vpõ ane drye land

CHAP. IIII.

2 God cõmãded Iosh a to ſet vp twelue ſtones in Iordén. 18 The waters returne to their olde courſe. 20 Other twelue ſtones are ſet vp in Gilgál. 21 This miracle muſt be declared to the poſteritie.

1 AND when all the people were wholly gone * ouer Iordén, (after the Lord had ſpoken vnto Ioshúa, ſaying,

Deut.27.2.

2 Take you twelue men out of the people, out of euerie tribe a man,

3 And commande you them, ſaying, Take you hence out of the middes of Iordén, out of the place where the Prieſts ſtode in a a readines, twelue ſtones, which ye ſhal take away with you, and leaue them in the b lodging, where you ſhal lodge this night)

a As Chap 3. 17

b Meaning, ỹ place where they ſhulde campe.

4 Then Ioshúa called the twelue mẽ, whome he had prepared of the children of Iſraél, out of euerie tribe a man,

5 And Ioshúa ſaid vnto them, Go ouer before the Arke of the Lord your God, euẽ through the middes of Iordén, & take vp euerie man of you a ſtone vpõ his ſhulder according vnto the nomber of the tribes of the children of Iſraél,

6 That this may be a ſigne among you, that when your c children ſhal aſke their fathers in time to come, ſaying, What *meane* you by theſe ſtones?

c God cõmãdeth, that not only we our ſelues profit by his wonderful workes, but that our poſteritie may knowe ỹ cauſe thereof & glorifie his Name.

7 Then ye may anſwer them, That the waters of Iordén were cut of before the Arke of the couenant of the Lord: *for* whẽ it paſſed through Iordén, the waters of Iordén were cut of: therefore theſe ſtones are a memorial vnto the children of Iſraél for euer.

8 Then the children of Iſraél did euẽ ſo, as Ioshúa had cõmanded, & toke vp twelue ſtones out of the middes of Iordén, as the Lord had ſaid vnto Ioshúa, according to the nõber of the tribes of the children of Iſraél, & caried thẽ away with them vnto the lodging, and layed them downe there.

d Beſides the twelue ſtones which were caried by the tribes and ſet vp in Gilgál

9 And Ioshúa ſet vp d twelue ſtones in the middes of Iordén, in the place where the fete of the Prieſts, which bare the Arke of the couenant, ſtode, and there haue they continued vnto this day.

10 ¶ So the Prieſts, which bare the Arke, ſtode in the middes of Iordén, vntil euerie thing was finiſhed that the Lord had cõmanded Ioshúa to ſay vnto the people, according to all that Moſés charged Ioshúa: then the people haſted and went ouer.

11 When all the people were cleane paſſed ouer, the Arke of the Lord went ouer alſo, and the Prieſts e before the people.

e Meaning, in the preſence or ſight of the people

12 * And the ſonnes of Reubén, & the ſonnes of Gad, and halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh went ouer before the children of Iſraél armed, as Moſés had charged them.

Numb 32.25.

13 Euen fourty thouſand prepared for warre, went before the f Lord vnto battel, into the plaine of Ierichó.

f That is, the Arke

14 That day the Lord magnified Ioshúa in the ſight of all Iſraél, & they g feared him, as they feared Moſés all dayes of his life.

g Or, reuerenced him.

15 And the Lord ſpake vnto Ioshúa, ſaying,

16 Commande the Prieſts that beare the g Arke of the Teſtimonie, to come vp out of Iordén.

g Becauſe the Arke teſtified Gods preſence, and the tables of the Law cõteined therin, ſignified Gods will toward his people.

17 Ioshúa therefore cõmanded the Prieſts, ſaying, Come ye vp out of Iordén.

18 And when the Prieſts that bare the Arke of the couenant of the Lord were come vp out of the middes of Iordén, and aſſone as ỹ ſoles of the Prieſts fete were ſet on the drye land, the waters of Iordén returned vnto their place, and flowed ouer all the bankes thereof, as they did before.

19 ¶ So the people came vp out of Iordén the tenth *day* of the h firſt moneth, and pitched in Gilgál, in the Eaſtſide of Ierichó.

h Called Abib or Niſán, cõteining parte of Marche, and parte of April.

20 Alſo the twelue ſtones, which they toke out of Iordén, did Ioshúa pitche ĩ Gilgál.

21 And he ſpake vnto the children of Iſraél ſaying, When your children ſhal aſke their fathers in time to come, and ſay, What *meane* theſe ſtones?

22 Thẽ ye ſhal ſhewe your childrẽ, and ſay, Iſraél came ouer this Iordén on drye lãd:

23 For ỹ Lord your God dryed vp the waters of Iordén before you, vntil ye were gone ouer, as the Lord your God did the red Sea, * which he dryed vp before vs, til we were gone ouer,

Exod.14.21.

24 That all the people of the i world may know that the hãd of the Lord is mightie, that ye might feare the Lord your God continually.

i Gods benefits ſerue for a further condemnation to the wicked & ſtirre vp his to reuerence him, and obey him.

CHAP. V.

1 The Canaanites are afraide of the Iſraelites 2 Circumciſion is commanded the ſeconde time. 10 The Paſſeouer is kept. 12 Manna ceaſeth. 13 The Angel appeareth vnto Ioshúa

1 NOw whẽ all ỹ Kings of the a Amorites, which were beyonde Iordén Weſtward, and all the Kings of the Canaanites, which were by ỹ Sea, heard that the Lord had dryed vp ỹ waters of Iordén before the childrẽ of Iſraél vntil they were gone ouer, their heart fainted: and there was no courage in them ane more becauſe of the children of Iſraél.

a The Amorites were on bothe ſides Iordén, where of two Kings were ſlaine already on the ſide toward Moáb

Exod.4.25.

b For now they had left in Gilgal about 40 yeres.

2 ¶ That ſame time ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Ioshúa, * Make thee ſh

returne, and circumciſe the ſonnes of Iſraél the ſecond time.

3 Then Ioſhúa made him ſharpe knyues & circumciſed the ſonnes of Iſraél in [c] the hil of the foreſkinnes.

c Gilgál was ſo called, becauſe they were there circumciſed.

4 And this is the cauſe why Ioſhúa circúciſed all the people, *euen* the males that came out of Egypt, becauſe all the men of warre were dead in the wildernes by the way after they came out of Egypt.

5 For all the people that came out were circumciſed: but all the people that were borne in the wildernes by the way after they came out of Egypt, were [d] not circúciſed.

d For they loked daily to remoue at the Lords cõmandement which thing they ỹ were newe circúciſed, colde not do without great danger

6 For the children of Iſraél walked fourty yeres in the wildernes, til all the people of the men of warre that came out of Egypt were conſumed, becauſe they obeyed not the voyce of the Lord: vnto whome the Lord ſware, that he wolde not ſhewe thẽ the land, * which the Lord had ſworne vnto their fathers, that he wolde giue vs, *euen* a land that floweth with milke and honie.

Nom. 14,23.

7 So their ſonnes whome he raiſed vp in their ſteade, Ioſhúa circumciſed: for they were vncircúciſed, becauſe they circumciſed them not by the way.

8 And when they had made an end of circúciſing all the people, they abode in the places in the cãpe til they [e] were whole.

e For their ſore was ſo grieuous, that they were not able to remoue

9 After, the Lord ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, This day I haue taken away the [f] ſhame of Egypt from you: wherefore he called the name of that place Gilgál, vnto this day.

f By bringing you into this promiſed land cõtrary to the wicked opiniõ of the Egyptians or the foreſkin, whereby you were like to the Egyptians.

10 ¶So the childrẽ of Iſraél abode in Gilgál, and kept the feaſt of the Paſſoeuer the fourteenth day of the moneth at euen in the plaine of Ierichó.

11 And they did eat of the corne of the lãd, on the morow after the Paſſeouer, vnleauened bread, and parched corne in the ſame day.

12 And the MAN ceaſed on the morowe after they had eaten of the corne of the lãd, nether had the children of Iſraél MAN anie more, but did eat of the fruite of the land of Canáan that yere.

13 ¶And when Ioſhúa was by Ierichó, he lift vp his eyes and loked: and beholde, there ſtode a * man againſt him, hauing a ſworde drawen in his hand: and Ioſhúa went vnto him, & ſaid vnto him, Art thou on our ſide, or on our aduerſaries?

Exod. 23,23.

14 And he ſaid, Nay, but *as* a captaine of the hoſte of the Lord am I now come: thẽ Ioſhúa fel on his face to the earth, and [g] did worſhip, and ſaid vnto him, What ſaith my Lord vnto his ſeruant?

g In that that Ioſhúa worſhipeth him, he acknollageth him to be God: & in that that he calleth him ſelfe ỹ Lords captaine, he declareth him ſelfe to be Chriſt.

15 And the captaine of the Lords hoſte ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, * Loſe thy ſhooe of thy foote: for the place whereon thou ſtandeſt, is holy: and Ioſhúa did ſo.

Exod. 3,5. ruth 4,7. act. 7,33.

CHAP. VI.

3 The Lord inſtructeth Ioſhúa what he ſhulde do, as touching Ierichó. 6 Ioſhúa commandeth the Prieſts and warriers what to do. 20 The walles fall. 22 Rahab is ſaued. 24 All is burnt ſaue golde and metal. 26 The curſe of him that buyldeth the citie.

1 NOw Ierichó was [a] ſhut vp, & [b] cloſed, [c] becauſe of the children of Iſraél. none might go out nor entre in.

a That none colde go out.
b That none colde come in.
c For feare of the Iſraelites.

2 And ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, Beholde, I haue giuen into thine hand Ierichó and the King thereof, *and* the ſtrong men of warre.

3 All ye therefore *that be* men of warre, ſhal compaſſe the citie, in going round about ỹ citie [d] once: thus ſhal you do ſix dayes:

d Euerie day.

4 And ſeuen Prieſts ſhal beare ſeuen trompets of [e] rams hornes before the Arke: & the ſeuenth day ye ſhal compaſſe the citie ſeuen times, and the Prieſts ſhal blowe with the trompets.

e That the cõqueſt might not be aſſigned to mãs power, but to ỹ mercie of God, which ỹ moſt weake things can ouercome that ỹ which ſeemeth moſte ſtrong.

5 And when they make a lõg *blaſt* with the rams horne, & ye heare the ſounde of the trompet, all the people ſhal ſhoute with a great ſhoute: then ſhal the wall of the citie fall downe flat, and the people ſhal aſcend vp, euerie man ſtreight before him.

6 ¶Then Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun called the Prieſts & ſaid vnto them, Take vp the Arke of the couenant, & let ſeuen Prieſts beare ſeuen trompets of rams hornes before the Arke of the Lord.

7 But he ſaid vnto the people, [f] Go and compaſſe the citie: and let him that is armed, go forthe before ỹ Arke of the Lord.

f This is chiefely ment by the Reubenites Gadites, & halfe the tribe of Manaſſeh.

8 ¶And when Ioſhúa had ſpoken vnto the people, the ſeuen Prieſts bare the ſeuen trompets of rams hornes, and went forthe before the Arke of the Lord, and blewe with the trõpets, and the Arke of the couenant of the Lord followed them.

9 ¶And the men of armes wẽt before the Prieſts, that blewe the trompets: then the [g] gathering *hoſte* came after the Arke, as they went and blewe the trompets.

g Meaning the rerewarde, wherein was ỹ ſtiderd of the tribe of Dan. Nomb 10,15.

10 (Now Ioſhúa had commãded the people, ſaying, Ye ſhal not ſhoute, nether make anie noyſe with your voice, nether ſhal a worde procede out of your mouth, vntil the day that I ſay vnto you, Shoute, then ſhal ye ſhoute)

11 So the Arke of the Lord compaſſed the citie, and went aboute it [h] once: then they returned into the hoſte, and lodged in the campe.

h For that day

12 And Ioſhúa roſe early in the morning, & the Prieſts bare the Arke of the Lord:

13 Alſo ſeuen Prieſts baie ſeuen trompets of rams hornes, and went before the Arke of the Lord, and going blewe with the trompets: and the men of armes went before them, but the [i] gathering *hoſte* came after

i The tribe of Dã was ſo called, becauſe it marched laſt, and gathered vp what ſoeuer was left of others.

after the Arke of the Lord, as they went and blewe the trompets.

14 And the ſecond day thei compaſſed the citie once, and returned into the hoſte: thus they did ſix dayes.

15 And when the ſeuēth day came, they roſe early, euē with the dawning of the day, and compaſſed the citie after the ſame maner [k] ſeuen times. onely that day they compaſſed the citie ſeuen times.

k Beſides euerie day once for the ſpace of ſix dayes

16 And when the Prieſts had blowen the trompets the ſeuēth time, Ioſhúa ſaid vnto the people, Shoute: for the Lord hathe giuen you the citie.

17 And ỹ citie ſhalbe [l] an execrable thing, *bothe* it, and all that are therein, vnto the Lord: onely Raháb the harlot ſhal liue, ſhe, and all that are with her in the houſe: for ſhe* hid the meſſengers that we ſent.

l That is, appointed wholly to be deſtroyed

Chap. 2, 4.

18 Notwithſtāding be ye ware of the execrable thing, leſt ye make your ſelues execrable, & in taking of the execrable thing, make alſo the hoſte of Iſraél * execrable, and trouble it.

Leu. 27, 21. 28. 29. Num 21, 2. deut 13 15.

19 But all ſiluer, and golde, and veſſels of braſſe, and yron ſhalbe [m] conſecrate vnto the Lord, *and* ſhal come into the Lords treaſurie.

m And therefore cā not be put to anie priuate vſe, but muſt be firſt molten, & then ſerue for the Tabernacle

20 So the people ſhouted, when they had blowen trompets: for whē the people had heard the ſounde of the trompet, they ſhouted with a great ſhoute: and the* wall fel downe flat: ſo the people went vp into the citie, euerie man ſtreight before him: * and they toke the citie.

Ebr. 11, 30. 6. Moſ. 12, 13.

21 And they vtterly deſtroyed all that was in the citie, bothe man and woman, yong, and olde, and oxe, and ſhepe, and aſſe, with the edge of the ſworde.

22 But Ioſhúa had ſaid vnto the two men that had ſpied out the countrey, Go into the harlots houſe, and bring out thence the woman, and all that ſhe hathe, * as ye ſware to her.

Chap 2, 14. ebr 11, 31.

23 So the yong men that were ſpies,* went in, and broght out Raháb, and her father and her mother, and her b: ethren, and all that ſhe had: alſo they brought out all her familie, and put them [n] without the hoſte of Iſraél.

n For it was not lauful for ſtrangers to dwel among ỹ Iſraelites, til they were purged

24 After they burnt the citie with fire, and all that was therein. onely the ſiluer and the golde, and the veſſels of braſſe and yron, they put vnto the treaſure of the [o] houſe of the Lord.

o Meaning, ỹ Tabernacle

25 So Ioſhúa ſaued Raháb the harlot, and her fathers houſholde, & all that ſhe had, & ſhe [p] dwelt in Iſraél euē vnto this day, becauſe ſhe had hid the meſſengers, which Ioſhúa ſent to ſpie out Ierichó.

p For ſhe was maried to Salmón, prince of the tribe of Iudáh, Mat 1, 5

26 ¶ And Ioſhúa ſware at ỹ time, ſaying, Curſed be the man before the Lord, that riſeth vp, and buyldeth this citie Ierichó: he ſhal lay the fundacion thereof in his eldeſt ſonne, & in his yōgeſt ſonne ſhal he ſet vp the gates of it.

q He ſhal build it to the deſtruction of all his ſtocke, & thing was fulfilled in Hiél of Beth él, 1 King 16, 34.

27 So the Lord was with Ioſhúa, and he was famous through all the worlde.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Lord is angry with Achán. 4 They of Aí put the Iſraelites to flight. 6 Ioſhúa prayeth to the Lord. 16 Ioſhúa inquireth out him that ſinned, and ſtoneth him & all his.

1 BVt the children of Iſraél committed a treſpaſſe in the [a] excommunicate thing: for* Achán the ſonne of Caimí, the ſonne of Zabdí, the ſonne of Zérah of ỹ tribe of Iudáh toke of the excōmunicate thing: wherefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled againſt the children of Iſraél.

a In taking ỹ thing was cōmanded to be deſtroied *Chap 22, 20. 1 chro 2, 7.*

2 And Ioſhúa ſent men from Ierichó to [b] Aí, which is beſide Bethauén, on the Eaſt ſide of Beth-él, and ſpake vnto them, ſaying, Go vp, and vewe the countrey. And the men went vp, and vewed Aí,

b This was a citie of the Amorites for there was another ſo called among the Ammonites, Iere 49, 3. The firſt Aí is called Aiath, Iſa. 10, 28

3 And returned to Ioſhúa, and ſaid vnto hī, Let not all ỹ people go vp, *but* let as it were two or thre thouſand mē go vp, & ſmite Aí, and make not all the people to labour thether, for they are fewe.

4 So there went vp thether of the people about thre thouſand men, & they fled before the men of Aí.

5 And the [c] men of Aí ſmote of them vpon a thirtie and ſix men: for they chaſed them from before the gate vnto Shebarím, and ſmote them in the going downe: wherefore the heartes of the people melted away like water.

c God wolde by this ouerthrowe make thē more earneſt to ſearch out and puniſh the ſinne committed.

6 ¶ Then Ioſhúa rent his clothes, and fel to the earth vpon his face before the Arke of the Lord, vntil the euentide, he, and the Elders of Iſraél, and put duſt vpon their heades.

7 And Ioſhúa ſaid, Alas, ô Lord God, wherefore haſt thou broght this people ouer Iordén, to deliuer vs into the hand of the Amorites, and to deſtroy vs? wolde God we had bene contēt to dwel on the [d] other ſide Iordén.

d This infirmitie of his faith ſheweth how we are inclined of nature to diſtruſt

8 Oh Lord, what ſhal I ſay, whē Iſraél turne their backes before their enemies?

9 For the Canaanites, and all the inhabitants of the land ſhal heare of it, and ſhal compaſſe vs, and deſtroy our name out of the earth: and what wilt thou do vnto thy mightie [e] Name?

e When thine enemies ſhal blaſpheme thee, & ſay, ỹ thou waſt not able to defend vs from them.

10 ¶ And the Lord ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, Get thee vp. wherefore lieſt thou thus vpon thy face?

11 Iſraél hathe ſinned, and they haue tranſgreſſed my couenant, which I commāded them. for thei haue euē taken of the excōmunicate thing, and haue alſo ſtollen, and diſſembled alſo, & haue put it euen with

their owne ſtuffe.

12 Therefore the childrē of Iſraél can not ſtande before their enemies, *but* haue turned their backes before their enemies, becauſe they be execrable: nether wil I be with you anie more, except ye [f] deſtroy the excommunicate from among you.

f Then, to ſuffre wickednes vnpuniſhed is, to refuſe God willingly

13 Vp *therefore*, ſanctifie the people, and ſay, Sāctifie your ſelues againſt tomorowe. for thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, *There is* an execrable thing among you, ô Iſraél, *therefore* ye can not ſtand againſt your enemies, vntil ye haue put the [g] execrable thing from among you.

g Meaning the man that toke of the thing forbidden.

14 In the morning therefore ye ſhal come according to your tribes, and the tribe which the Lord taketh, ſhal come according to the families: & the familie which the Lord ſhal take, ſhal come by the houſholds: & the houſholde which the Lord ſhal take, ſhal come man by man.

h That is, foūde gyltie, ether by lottes, or by the iudgement of Vrim, Nomb 27,21.

15 And he that is [h] taken with the excommunicate thing, ſhalbe burnt with fire, he, & all that he hathe, becauſe he hathe trāſgreſſed the couenant of the Lord, and becauſe he hathe wroght foly in Iſrael.

16 ¶ So Ioſhúa roſe vp early in ỹ morning & broght Iſraél by their tribes: & the tribe of Iudah was taken.

17 And he broght the families of Iudáh, & toke the familie of the Zarhites, and he broght the familie of the Zarhites, man by man, and Zabdí was taken.

18 And he broght his houſholde, man by man, and Achan the ſonne of Carmí, the ſonne of Zabdí, the ſonne of Zérah of the tribe of Iudáh was taken.

19 Then Ioſhúa ſaid vnto Achán, My ſonne I beſeche thee, giue glorie to the Lord God of Iſraél, and [i] make confeſſion vnto him, and ſhewme now what thou haſt done: hide it not from me.

i By declaring the trueth for God is glorified when the trueth is confeſſed

20 And Achán anſwered Ioſhúa, and ſaid, In dede, I haue ſinned againſt the Lord God of Iſraél, and thus, and thus haue I done.

k Suche a rich garnēt as the kings of Babylon did weare

21 I ſawe among the ſpoyle a goodly [k] Babyloniſh garmēt, & two hundreth ſhekels of ſiluer, and a wedge of golde of fyfty ſhekels weight, and I coueted them, and toke them: and beholde, they lye hid in the earth in the middes of my tent, & the ſiluer vnder it.

*Or, renewe

l Some read, aplate others, a rod, and ſome a tongue in this iudgement onely appertaineth to God, and to whome he wil reueile it to man ne hathe cōmanded not to punithe the childe for the fathers faute. Deut. 24,16.

22 ¶ Then Ioſhúa ſent meſſengers, which ran vnto the tent, and beholde, it was hid in his tent, and the ſiluer vnder it.

23 Therefore they toke them out of the tēt, and broght them vnto Ioſhúa, and vnto all the children of Iſraél, and layed them before the Lord.

24 Then Ioſhúa toke Achán the [l] ſonne of Zérah, and the ſiluer, & the garment and the [l] wedge of golde and his [m] ſonnes, & his daughters, and his oxen, and his aſſes, and his ſhepe, and his tent, and all that he had: and all Iſraél with him broght them vnto the valley of Achór.

25 And Ioſhúa ſaid, [n] In as muche as thou haſt troubled vs, the Lord ſhal trouble thee this day: and all Iſraél threwe ſtones at him, and burned them with fire, & ſtoned them with ſtones.

n He declareth ỹ this is Gods iudgemēt, becauſe he had offended, and cauſed others to be ſlaine.

26 And they caſt vpon him a great heape of ſtones vnto this day: and ſo the Lord turned from his fearce wrath: therefore he called the name of that place, The valley of Achór, vnto this day.

CHAP. VIII.

3 The ſiege, 19 And winning of Aí. 29 The King thereof is hanged. 30 Ioshúa ſetteth vp an altar. 32 He writeth the Lawe vpon ſtones. 35 And readeth it to all the people.

1 AFter, ỹ Lord ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, *Feare not, nether be thou faint hearted: take all the men of warre with thee and ariſe, go vp to Aí: beholde, I haue giuen into thine hād the King of Aí, and his people, and his citie, and his land. *Deut 7.18. & 21,23.*

2 And thou ſhalt do to Aí and to the King thereof, as thou didſt vnto * Ierichó and to the King thereof. neuertheles ỹ ſpoyle thereof and * the cattel thereof ſhal ye take vnto you for a pray: thou ſhalt lie in waite againſt the citie on the [a] backſide thereof. *Chap.6.21. *Deut. 20,14.*

a Meaning on the Weſtſide, as verſ 9.

3 ¶ Then Ioſhúa aroſe, and all the men of warre to go vp againſt Aí: and Ioſhúa choſe out thirtie thouſand ſtrong men, *and* valiant, and ſent them away by night.

4 And he commanded them, ſaying, Beholde, ye [b] ſhal lye in wait againſt the citie on the backſide of the citie: go not very far frō the citie, but be ye all in a readines.

b God wolde not deſtroy Aí by miracle, as Iericho, to the intent that other nations might feare ỹ power & policie of his people.

5 And I and all the people that are with me, wil approche vnto the citie: and when they ſhal come out againſt vs, as they did at the firſt time, then wil we flee before them.

6 For they wil come out after vs, til we haue broght them out of the citie: for they wil ſay, They flee before vs as at the firſt time: ſo we wil flee before them.

7 Then you ſhal riſe vp from lying in wait and [o] deſtroy the citie: for the Lord your God wil deliuer it into your hand.

*Or, doue out (the inhabitāts) of the citie.

8 And when ye haue taken the citie, ye ſhal ſet it on fire: according to the commāndement of the Lord ſhal ye do: beholde, I haue charged you.

9 ¶ Ioſhúa then ſent them forthe, and they went to lie in wait, and abode betwene Beth-él and Aí, on the Weſtſide of Aí: but Ioſhúa lodged that night [c] among the people.

c With ỹ reſt of the armie.

10 And

10 And Ioſhúa roſe vp early in ỹ morning, and [d] nombred the people: and he and the Elders of Iſraél went vp before the people *againſt* Aí.

d That is, vewed them & set them in a ray.

11 Alſo all the men of warre that were with him wēt vp & drue nere, and came againſt the citie, & pitched on the Northſide of Aí: and there was a valley betwene them and Aí.

12 And he toke about fiue thouſand men, [e] & ſet them to lie in wayt betwene Beth-él & Aí, on the Weſtſide of the citie.

e He ſent theſe fewe, that the other ỹ lay in ãbuſhe, might not be diſcoue red

13 And the people ſet all the hoſte that was on the Northſide againſt the citie, & the liers in wayte on the Weſt, againſt the citie: & Ioſhúa went the ſame night into ỹ [f] middes of the valley.

f To the intẽt that if the citie might ỹ better diſcouer his aſſaute.

14 ¶ And whe the King of Aí ſawe it, then the men of the citie haſted & roſe vp early, and went out againſt Iſraél to battel, he & all his people at the time appointed, before the plaine: for he knewe not that *ambuſh* lay in waite againſt him on the backſide of the citie.

15 Then Ioſhúa and all Iſraél [g] *as* beaten before thē, fled by the way of the wilderneſs.

g As ỹ fyrſt fled for feare

16 And all the people of the citie were called together, to purſue after them: & they purſued after Ioſhúa, and were drawen away out of the citie,

17 So that there was not a man left in Aí, nor in Beth-él, that went not out after Iſraél: and they left the citie open, & purſued after Iſraél.

18 Thē the Lord ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, [h] Stretche out the ſpeare that is in thine hand towarde Aí: for I wil giue it into thine hand: and Ioſhúa ſtretched out the ſpeare that he had in his hand, towarde the citie.

h Or, lift vp ỹ ſpeare, to ſignifie vnto them when they ſhal inuade ỹ citie.

19 And thei that lay in waite, aroſe quickly out of their place, & ran aſſone as he had ſtretched out his hand, and they entred into the citie, and toke it, and haſted, and ſet the citie on fire.

20 And the men of Aí loked behinde thē, & ſawe it: for lo, the ſmoke of the citie aſcended vp [i] to heauen, and they had no [k] power to flee this way or that way: for ỹ people that fled to the wildernes, turned backe vpon the purſuers.

i Or, ſyde the heauen
k Or, ſtaie.

21 When Ioſhúa and all Iſraél ſawe that they that lay in wait, had takē the citie, & that the ſmoke of the citie mounted vp, then they turned againe and ſlewe the mē of Aí.

22 Alſo the [l] other iſſued out of the citie againſt thē: ſo were they in the middes of Iſraél, theſe *being* on ỹ one ſide, & ỹ reſt on ỹ other ſide. & they ſlewe thē, ſo that they let none of them [m] remaine nor eſcape.

l Which came out of the ambuſhe.

Deut 7,2.

23 And the King of Aí they toke aliue, & broght him to Ioſhúa.

24 And when Iſraél had made an end of ſlaying all the inhabitãts of Aí in ỹ field, *that is*, in ỹ wildernes, where they chaſed them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the ſword, vntil they were conſumed, all the Iſraelites returned vnto Aí, & [k] ſmote it with the edge of the ſworde.

k For the fire, ỹ they had before ſet in the citie, was not to conſume it, but to ſignifie vnto Ioſhua ỹ they were entred

25 And all that fel that day, bothe of men and women, were twelue thouſand, euen all the men of Aí.

26 For Ioſhúa drewe not his hand backe againe which he had ſtretched out with the ſpeare, vntil he had vtterly deſtroyed all ỹ inhabitants of Aí.

27 *Onely the cattel & the ſpoyle of this citie, Iſraél toke for a pray vnto them ſelues, according vnto the worde of ỹ Lord, which he commanded Ioſhúa.

Nomb. 30,22.

28 And Ioſhúa burnt Aí, and made it an heape for [l] euer, & a wildernes vnto this day.

l That it ſolde neuer be buylt againe.

29 And ỹ King of Aí he hanged on a tre, vnto the euening. And aſſone as ỹ ſunne was downe, Ioſhúa cõmanded [m] that they ſhulde take his carkeis downe frõ the tre, and caſt it at the entring of the gate of the citie, and *lay thereon a great heape of ſtones, *that remaineth* vnto this day.

m According as it was commanded, Deut 21,23

Chap 7,25.

30 ¶ Then Ioſhúa buylt an altar vnto the Lord God of Iſraél, in mount Ebál,

31 As Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord had commanded the children of Iſraél, as it is written in ỹ * boke of the Lawe of Moſés, an altar of whole ſtone, ouer which no mã had lift an yron and they offred thereon burnt offrings vnto the Lord, & ſacrificed peace offrings.

Exod. 20,25. deu 27,5.

32 Alſo he wrote there vpon the ſtones, [n] a rehearſal of the Lawe of Moſés, which he wrote in the preſence of the children of Iſraél.

n Meaning the ten commandements, ỹ are the ſumme of ỹ whole Law.

33 And all Iſraél (and their Elders, and officers & their iudges ſtode on this ſide of the Arke, and on that ſide, before the Prieſts of the Leuites, which bare the Arke of the couenant of the Lord) aſwel the ſtranger, as he that is borne in the countrey: halfe of them *were* ouer againſt mount Gerizím, and halfe of them ouer againſt moũt Ebál, * as Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord had commanded before, that they ſhulde bleſſe the people of Iſraél.

Deut. 11,29. & 27,12.

34 Then afterward he red all the wordes of the Lawe, the bleſſings and curſings, according to all that is written in the boke of the Lawe.

35 There was not a worde of all that Moſés had commanded, which Ioſhúa red not before all the Congregacion of Iſraél, * aſwel *before* the women and the children, as [o] the ſtranger that was conuerſant among them.

Deut 31,12.

o So neither yong nor olde, man nor woman were excepted from hearing ỹ worde of the Lord.

CHAP. IX.

1 Diuers Kings aſſemble them ſelues againſt Ioſhúa. 3 The craft of the Gibeonites 15 Ioſhua maketh a league with them 23 For their craft they are condemned to perpetual ſeruitude.

1 AND when all the Kings ſ̄ a were beyond Iordén, in the mountaines & in thé valleis, and by all the coaſtes of the b great Sea ouer againſt Lebanón (*as* the Hittites, & ſ̄ Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hiuites, & the Iebuſites) heard thereof,

a In reſpect of the plaine of Moáb.

b The maigne Sea called Mediterraneum

2 They gathered them ſelues together, to fight againſt Ioſhúa, & againſt Iſraél with one "accord.

"Eyther one mouth or one minde.

3 ¶ *But the inhabitants of Gibeón heard what Ioſhúa had done vnto Ierichó, and to Aí.

*2. Sam. 21. 1.

4 And therefore they wroght craftely: for they went, and fained them ſelues embaſſadours and toke olde ſackes vpon their aſſes, and olde bottels for wine, bothe rent & c bounde vp,

c Becauſe they were all worne.

5 And olde ſhooes and clouted vpon their fete: alſo the raiment vpon them *was* olde, & all their prouiſion of bread was dried, & mouled.

6 So they came vnto Ioſhúa into the hoſte to Gilgál, & ſaid vnto him, and vnto the men of Iſraél, We be come from a farre countrey: now therefore make a league with vs.

d For ſ̄ Gibeonites and the Hiuites were all one people.

7 Thē the men of Iſraél ſaid vnto the d Hiuites, It may be that thou dwelleſt among vs, how then can I make a league with thee?

8 And they ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, We are thy ſeruāts. Then Ioſhúa ſaid vnto thē, Who are ye? & whence come ye?

9 And they anſwered him, From a very far countrey thy ſeruants are come for e the Name of the Lord thy God: for we haue heard e his fame & all that he hathe done in Egypt,

e Euen the idolaters for feare of death wil pretend to honor ſ̄ true God & receiue his religiō

10 And all that he hathe done to the two Kings of the Amorites that were beyond Iordén, to Sihón King of Heſhbón, & to Og King of Baſhán, which were at Aſhtaróth.

11 Wherefore our Elders, and all the inhabitants of our coūtrey ſpake to vs, ſaying, Take vitailes "with you for the iourney, & go to mete them, & ſay vnto them, We are your ſeruants: now therefore make ye a league with vs.

"Ebr. in your hand.

f The wicked lacke no art nor ſpare no lies to ſet forth their policie, when they wil deceiue ſ̄ ſeruants of God.

12 This our f bread we toke it hot with vs for vitailes out of our houſes, the day we departed to come vnto you: but now beholde, it is dried, and it is mouled.

13 Alſo theſe bottels of wine which we filled, *were* new, and lo, they be rent, and theſe our garments and our ſhooes are olde, by reaſon of the exceding great iourney.

14 ¶ And the g mē accepted *their talc* cōcerning their vitailes, & counſeled not with the mouth of the Lord.

g Some thinke that ſ̄ Iſraelites ate of their vitailes, & ſo made a league with them

15 So Ioſhúa made peace with them, & made a league with thē, that he wolde ſuffer them to liue: alſo the Princes of the Congregacion ſware vnto them.

16 ¶ But at the end of thre daies, after they had made a league with them, they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Iſraél toke their h iourney, and came vnto their cities the third day, and their cities *were* Gibeón, & Chephirāh, & Beeróth & Kiriathiearím.

h Frō Gilgāl.

18 And the children of Iſraél ſlewe them not, becauſe the Princes of the Congregacion had ſworne vnto them by the Lord God of Iſraél: wherefore all the Congregacion i murmured againſt the Princes.

i Fearing leſt for their raſhe the plague of God ſhuld haue light vpon them all.

19 Then all the princes ſaid vnto all the Congregacion We haue ſworne vnto thē by the Lord God of Iſraél: now therefore we may not touche them.

20 *But* this we wil do to them, & let them liue, leſt the wrath be vpon vs becauſe of the k othe which we ſware vnto them.

k This doeth not eſtabliſh raſh othes, but ſheweth Gods mercie toward his, ſ̄ wolde not punish thē for this cauſe.

21 And the Princes ſaid vnto them againe, Let them liue, but they ſhal hewe wood, & drawe water vnto all the Congregacion, as the Princes appoint them.

22 Ioſhúa then called them, and talked ẅ them, and ſaid, Wherefore haue ye beguiled vs, ſaying, We are verie farre from you, when ye dwel among vs?

23 Now therefore ye are curſed, and there ſhal none of you be freed frō being bondmen, and hewers of wood, and drawers of water for l the houſe of my God.

l For the vſe of the Tabernacle, & of the temple when it ſhalbe buylt *Deut. 7. 2.*

24 And they anſwered Ioſhúa and ſaid, Becauſe it was tolde thy ſeruants, that the Lord thy God had * commanded his ſeruant Moſés to giue you all the land, and to deſtroy all the inhabitants of the land out of your ſight, therefore we were exceding ſore afraid for our liues at the preſence of you, & haue done this thing:

25 And beholde now we are in thine hand: do as it ſemeth good & right in thine eies to do vnto vs.

26 Euen ſo did he vnto them, and deliuered them out of the m hand of the children of Iſraél, that they ſlewe them not.

m Who were minded to put them to death for feare of Gods wrath.

27 And Ioſhúa appointed them that ſame daie *to be* hewers of wood, & drawers of water for the Congregacion, & for the n altar of the Lord vnto this day, in ſ̄ place which he ſhulde chuſe.

n That is for ſ̄ ſacrifices.

CHAP. X.

1 Fiue Kings make warre againſt Gibeón whome Ioſhúa diſcomfiteth. 11 The Lord rained haileſtones and ſlewe manie 12 The ſunne ſtandeth at Ioſhuas prayer 26 The fiue Kings are hanged. 29 Many mo cities & Kings are deſtroyed.

1 Now

1 NOw whē Adoni-zédek King of Ieruſalém had heard how Ioſhúa had
Chap 6.17. taken Aí and had deſtroyed it, (*for* as he had done to Ierichó and to the King thereof, ſo he had done to * Aí and to the
Chap.8.3. King thereof) and how the inhabitants of Gibeón had made peace with Iſraél, and were among them,

2 Then thei feared excedingly · for Gibeón was a great citie, as one of the roial cities: for it was greater then Aí, and all the men thereof *were* mightie.

a That is, Lord of iuſtice: ſo tyrāts take to thē ſelues glorious names, when in deue thei be verie enemies againſt God and all iuſtice.

3 Wherefore a Adoni-zédek King of Ieruſalém ſent vnto Hohám King of Hebrón, and vnto Pirám King of Iarmúth, and vnto Iapía King of Lachíſh, and vnto Debír King of Eglón, ſaying,

4 Come vp vnto me, and helpe me, that we may ſmite Gibeón: for thei haue made peace with Ioſhúa and with the children of Iſraél.

5 Therefore the fiue Kings of the Amorites, the King of Ieruſalém, the King of Hebrón, the King of Iarmúth, the King of Lachíſh, *and* the King of Eglón gathered them ſelues together, & went vp, thei with all their hoſtes, & beſieged Gibeón, and made b warre againſt it.

b So enuious & wicked are, when any departe frō their bandes.

6 And the mē of Gibeón ſent vnto Ioſhúa, *euē* to the hoſte to Gilgál, ſaying, Withdrawe not thine hand frō thy ſeruants: come vp to vs quickely, and ſaue vs, and helpe vs: for all the Kings of the Amorites which dwel in the mountaines, are gathered together againſt vs.

7 So Ioſhúa aſcended from Gilgál, he, and all the people of warre with him, and all the men of might.

c Leſt Ioſhúa ſhulde haue thoght ỹ God had ſent this great power againſt him for his vnlaufull league with ỹ Gibeonites, ỹ Lord here ſtrengtheneth him.

8 ¶ And the Lord ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, c Feare them not: for I haue giuen them into thine hand: none of them ſhal ſtand againſt thee.

9 Ioſhúa therefore came vnto them ſodenly: *for* he went vp from Gilgál all ỹ night.

10 And the Lord diſcomfited them before Iſraél, & ſlewe them with a great ſlaughter at Gibeón, and chaſed them along the way that goeth vp to Beth-horón, and ſmote them to Azekáh and to Makkedáh.

11 And as thei fled frō before Iſraél, & were in the going downe to Beth-horón, ỹ Lord caſt downe great ſtones from heauē vpō them, vntil Azekáh, & thei dyed: *thei were* more that dyed with the d hayleſtones, then they whome the children of Iſraél ſlewe with the ſworde.

d So we ſe ỹ all things ſerue to execute Gods vengēce againſt the wicked.

12 ¶ Then ſpake Ioſhúa to the Lord, in the day when the Lord gaue the Amorites before the children of Iſrael, and he ſaid in the ſight of Iſraél, * Sunne, ſtaie thou in Gibeón, and thou moone, in the valley of Aialón.

Iſa.28.21. eccleſ.46.5.

13 And the ſunne abode, & the moone ſtode ſtil, vntil the people auenged them ſelues vpō their enemies: (Is not this written in the boke of e Iaſhér) ſo the ſunne abode in the middes of the heauen, and haſted not to go downe for a whole day.

e Some read, in the boke of the righteous, meaning Moſes. The Chalde texte readeth in ỹ boke of the Lawe. but it is like ỹ it was a boke thus named, ẅ is now loſt.

14 And there was no day like that before it, nor after it, that the Lord heard the voyce of a man: for the Lord f fought for Iſraél.

f By taking away ỹ enemies hearte & deſtroying them with haileſtones.

15 ¶ After, Ioſhúa returned, and all Iſraél with him vnto the campe to Gilgál:

16 But the fiue Kings fled and were hid in a caue at Makkedáh.

17 And it was tolde Ioſhúa, ſaying, The fiue Kings are foūde hyd in a caue at Makkedáh.

18 Then Ioſhúa ſaid, Roule great ſtones vpon the mouthe of the caue, and ſet men by it for to kepe them.

19 But ſtand ye not ſtil: followe after your enemies, and " ſmite all the hindemoſt, ſuffre them not to enter into their cities: for the Lord your God hathe giuen them into your hand.

" Ebr cut of all their traine, or tayle.

20 And when Ioſhúa and the children of Iſraél had made an end of ſlaying them with an exceding great ſlaughter til they were conſumed, and the reſt that remained of them were entred into walled cities,

21 Then all the people returned to the cāpe, to Ioſhúa at Makkedáh in g peace: no man moued his tongue againſt the children of Iſraél.

g Or, In ſafetie ſo that none gaue them as muche as an euil worde.

22 After, Ioſhúa ſaid, Open the mouthe of the caue, & bring out theſe fiue Kings vnto me forthe of the caue.

23 And thei did ſo, and broght out thoſe fiue Kings vnto him forthe of the caue, *euen* the King of Ieruſalém, the King of Hebrón, the King of Iarmúth, the King of Lachíſh, *and* the King of Eglón.

24 And when thei had broght out thoſe Kings vnto Ioſhúa, Ioſhúa called for all the men of Iſraél, and ſaid vnto the chief of ỹ men of warre, which went with him, Come nere, ſet your fete vpō the h neckes of theſe Kings: & thei came nere and ſet their fete vpon their neckes.

h Signifying what ſhulde become of the reſt of Gods enemies, ſeing ỹ kings them ſelues were not ſpared.

25 And Ioſhúa ſaid vnto them, Feare not, nor be faint hearted, *but* be ſtrong and of a good courage: for thus wil the Lord do to all your enemies, againſt whome ye fight.

26 So then Ioſhúa ſmote them, and ſlewe them, and hanged them on fiue trees, and thei hanged ſtil vpon the trees vntil the euening.

27 And at the going downe of the ſunne, Ioſhúa gaue commandement, that thei ſhulde take * them downe of the trees, & caſt them into the caue (wherein thei had bene hid) and thei layed great ſtones vpō the caues mouthe, *which remaine* vntil this day.

Deut 21.23. chap.8.29.

Ioshúa taketh Makkedáh

28 ¶And that same day Ioshúa toke ‖ Makkedáh and smote it with the edge of the sworde, & the King thereof destroyed he with them, and * all the soules that were therein, he let none remayne: for he did to the Kig of Makkedáh * as he had done vnto the King of Ierichó.

* Or, euery persone

Chap. 6, 21.

29 Then Ioshúa went from Makkedáh, and all Isráél with him vnto Libnáh, & fought against Libnáh.

‖ Libnáh is taken.

30 And the Lord gaue ‖ it also & the King thereof into the hād of Isráél: & he smote it with the edge of the sworde, & all the * soules ỹ were therein: he let none remaine in it: for he did vnto the King thereof, as he had done vnto the King of Ierichó.

* Or, persones.

31 ¶And Ioshúa departed from Libnáh, & all Isráél with him vnto Lachísh, and besieged it, and assalted it.

‖ Lachísh is taken.

32 And the Lord gaue ‖ Lachísh into ỹ hand of Isráél, which toke it the seconde day, and smote it with the edge of the sworde, and all the soules that were therein, according to all as he had done to Libnáh.

‖ The King of Gézer is slayne.

33 ¶Then Horám King of ‖ Gézer came vp to helpe Lachísh: but Ioshúa smote him and his people, vntil none of his remained.

‖ Eglón is taken.

34 ¶And from Lachísh, Ioshúa departed vnto ‖ Eglón, and all Isráél with him, and thei besieged it, and assalted it,

35 And they toke it the same day, & smote it with the edge of the sworde, and all the soules ỹ were therein he vtterly destroyed the same day, according to all that he had done to Lachísh.

36 Then Ioshúa went vp from Eglón, and all Isráél with him vnto Hebrón, & they fought against it.

‖ Hebrón is taken.

37 And when they had take ‖ it, they smote it with the edge of the sworde, and the King thereof, and all the cities thereof, & all the soules that were therein: he left none remaining, according to all as he had done to Eglón: for he destroyed it vtterly, and all the soules that were therein.

38 ¶So Ioshúa returned, and all Isráél with him to Debír, and fought against it.

‖ Debír is taken.

39 And when he had taken ‖ it, & the King thereof, and all the cities thereof, they smote them with the edge of the sworde, & vtterly destroyed all the soules ỹ were therein, he let none remaine: as he did to Hebrón, so he did to Debír, & to the King thereof, as he had also done to Libnáh, & to the King thereof.

40 ¶So Ioshúa smote all the hyl coūtreis, and the Southcountreis, and the valleis, and the * hil sides, & all their Kings, & let none remaine, but vtterly destroyed euery soule, as the Lord God of Isráél had commanded.

* Some read, Ashedóth, which signifieth the descentes of ỹ hilles.

41 And Ioshúa smote them from Kadeshbarnéa euen vnto Azzáh, and all the countrey of Goshén, euen vnto Gibeón.

42 And all these Kings, and their land did Ioshúa take at [k] one time, because the Lord God of Isráél fought for Isráél.

k In one battel

43 Afterwarde, Ioshúa and all Isráél with him returned vnto the campe in [l] Gilgál.

l Where ỹ Arke was, there to giue thākes for their victories.

CHAP. XI.

1 Diuers Kings and cities, and countreis ouercome by Ioshúa. 15 Ioshúa did all that Moses had commanded him. 20 God hardeneth the enemies heartes that they might be destroyed.

1 AND when Iabín King of Hazór had heard this, then he [a] sent to Lobáb King of Madón, and to the King of Shimrón, and to the King of Achsháph,

a The more ỹ Gods power appeareth, the more ỹ wicked rage against it.

2 And vnto the Kings that were by the North in the mountaines, and plaines towarde the Southside of [b] Cinneróth, and in the valleis, and in the borders of Dor Westwarde,

b Which the Euangelistes call the lake of Génezereth, or Tiberias

3 *And* vnto the Canaanites, *both*e by East, and by West, and vnto the Amorites, and Hittites, and Perizzites, and Iebusites in the mountaines, and vnto the Hiuites vnder [c] Hermón in the land of Mizpéh.

c Which was mount Sihon, as Deut. 4, 48.

4 And they came out and all their hostes with them, many people as the sand that is on the seasho.e for multitude, with horses and charets exceding many.

5 So all these Kings met together, & came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, for to fight against Isráél.

6 ¶The the Lord said vnto Ioshúa, Be not afraid for them for to morowe about this time wil I deliuer them all slayne before Isráél: thou shalt [d] hough their horses, & burne their charets with fire.

d That neither they should serue to the vse of warre, nor the Israelites shulde put their trust in them.

7 Then came Ioshúa and all the men of warre with him against them by the waters of Merom sodenly, and fel vpon them.

8 And the Lord gaue them into the hand of Isráél: and they smote them, and chased them vnto great Zidón, and vnto [e] Misrephóthmaim, and vnto the valley of Mizpéh Eastwarde, & smote them vntil thei had none remaining of them.

e Which signifieth, hot waters, or according to some, brine pittes.

9 And Ioshúa did vnto them as the Lord bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their charets with fire.

10 ¶At that time also Ioshúa turned backe, and toke Hazór, and smote the King thereof with the sworde: for Hazór beforetime was the head of all those kingdomes.

11 Moreouer thei smote all the [f] persones that were therein with the edge of the sworde, vtterly destroying *all*, leauing none aliue, and he burnt Hazór with fire.

f Bothe men, wome & children.

12 So all the cities of those Kings, and all the Kings of them did Ioshúa take, and smote thē with the edge of the sworde, & vtterly

vtterly deſtroyed them, *as Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord had commanded. *Nom 33, 52. deu 7, 2.*

13 But Iſraél burnt none of the cities that ſtode ſtil in their ſtrength, ſaue Hazór onely, that Ioſhúa burnt. g Which were ſtrong by ſituation & not hurt by warre.

14 And all the ſpoyle of theſe cities and the cattel the children of Iſraél toke for their praye, but they ſmote euerie hman with the edge of ỹ ſworde vntil they had deſtroyed them, not leauing one a liue. h All maníde.

15 ¶ As the Lord *had commanded Moſés his ſeruãt, ſo did Moſés *cõmande Ioſhúa, & ſo did Ioſhúa: he left nothīg vndone of all that the Lord had commanded Moſés. *Exod 34, 11. Deu. 7, 2.*

16 So Ioſhúa toke all this land of the mountaines, and all the South, and all the lãd of Goſhén and the lowe countrey, and the plaine, & the i mountaine of Iſraél, and the lowe countrey of the ſame, i That is, Samaria

17 From the mount k Halák, that goeth vp to Seir, euen vnto l Baal-gád in ỹ valley of Lebanón, vnder mount Hermón: and all their Kings he toke, and ſmote them, and ſlewe them. k So called, becauſe it is bare & without trees. l Or, the valley of God.

18 Ioſhúa made warre long time with all thoſe Kings,

19 Nether was there any citie that made peace with the children of Iſraél, *ſaue thoſe Hiuites that inhabited Gibeón: all *other* they toke by battel. *Chap. 9, 3.*

20 For it came of the Lord, to m harden their heartes that they ſhulde come againſt Iſraél in battel to the intent that they ſhulde deſtroy them vtterly, *and* ſhewe them no mercy, but that they ſhulde bring them to noght: as the Lord had cõmanded Moſés. m That is, to giue the ouer to the ſelues: and therefore thei colde not but rebelle againſt God & take their owne deſtruction.

21 ¶ And that ſame ſeaſon came Ioſhúa, and deſtroyed the Anakims out of the mountaines: *as* out of Hebrón, out of Debír, out of Anáb, and out of all the mountaines of Iudáh, and out of all the mountaines of Iſraél: Ioſhúa deſtroyed them vtterly with their cities.

22 There was no Anakim left in the land of the children of Iſrael: onely in Azzáh, n in Gath, and in Aſhdód were they left. n Out of the ſame came Goliat 1, 1. Sam. 17, 4.

23 So Ioſhúa toke the whole land, according to all that the Lord had ſaid vnto Moſés: and Ioſhúa gaue it for an inheritance vnto Iſrael *according to their porcions through their tribes: then the land was at reſt without warre. *Nom. 26, 53.*

CHAP. XII.

v. 7. What Kings Ioſhúa and the childeren of Iſraél killed on bothe ſides of Iordén, 24 Which were in nomber thirtie and one.

1 AND theſe are the Kings of the land, which the children of Iſraél ſmote and poſſeſſed their land, on the a other ſide Iordén toward ỹ riſing of the ſunne, frõ the riuer Arnón, vnto moút Hermón, and all the plaine Eaſtward. a From Gilgál where Ioſhua lay.

2 *Sihón King of the Amorites, that dwelt in Heſhbón, hauing dominion from Aroér, which is beſide the riuer of Arnón, and from the middle of the riuer, & from halfe Gileád vnto the riuer Iabbók, in the border of the children of Ammón. *Nom. 21, 24. deu. 3, 6.*

3 And frõ the plaine vnto the ſea of Cinneróth Eaſtward, and vnto the Sea of the o plaine, euẽ the ſalt Sea Eaſtward, the way to Bethieſhimóth, & from the South vnder the p ſprings of *Piſgáh. o Or, wildernes. p Or, hil ſides.

4 ¶ They *conquered* alſo the coaſt of Og King of Baſhán of the* remnant of the gyãtes, ẅ dwelt at Aſhtaróth, & at Edréi, *Deu. 3, 11. & 4, 49. Deu 3, 11. chap. 13, 12.*

5 And reigned in mount Hermón, and in Salcáh, and in all Baſhán, vnto the border of the Geſhurites, and the Maachathites, & halfe Gileád, euen the border of Sihón King of Heſhbón.

6 Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord, and the children of Iſraél ſmote them: * Moſés alſo the ſeruãt of the Lord gaue *their land* for a poſſeſsiõ vnto ỹ Reubenites, & vnto the Gadites, and to halfe ỹ tribe of Manaſſéh. *Nom 32, 33. deu 3, 12. chap. 13, 8.*

7 ¶ Theſe alſo are the Kings of the countrey, ẅ Ioſhúa and the children of Iſraél ſmote on this ſide Iordén, Weſtward, frõ Baal-gád in ỹ valley of Lebanón, euẽ vnto ỹ mount q Halák ỹ goeth vp to Seír, & Ioſhúa gaue it vnto ỹ tribes of Iſraél for a poſſeſsion, according to their porciõs: q Read Chap. 11. verſ 17

8 In the mountaines, and in the valleys, & in the plaines, & in the r hil ſides, & in the wildernes, & in the Southe, *where were* the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, ỹ Perizzites, ỹ Hiuites, & ỹ Iebuſites. r Or, in Aſhdóth.

9 ¶ * The King of Ierichó *was* one: * the King of Aí which is beſide Beth-él, one. *Chap. 6, 2. Chap. 8, 29.*

10 The * King of Ieruſalém, one: the King of Hebrón, one: *Chap. 10, 23.*

11 The King of Iarmúth, one: the King of Lachíſh, one:

12 The King of Eglón, one: the * King of Gezer, one: *Chap. 10, 33.*

13 The * King of Debír, one: the King of Géder, one: *Chap. 10, 39.*

14 The King of Hormáh, one: the King of Arád, one.

15 The * King of Libnáh, one: the King of Adullám, one: *Chap 10, 29.*

16 The * King of Makkedáh, one: the King of Beth-él, one: *Chap 10, 28. chap. 10, 26.*

17 The King of Tappuáh, one: the King of Hépher, one:

18 The King of Aphék, one: the King of Laſharón, one:

19 The King of Madón, one: the * King of Hazór, one: *Chap. 11, 10.*

20 The King of Shimron merón, one: the King of Achſháph, one:

21 The King of Taanach, one: the King of Megiddó, one:

22 The King of Kedéſh, one: the King of Iokneam of "Carméi, one:
23 The King of Dor, in the countrey of Dor, one: the *King of the nacions of Gilgál, one:
24 The King of Tirzáh, one. all the Kings were thirty and one.

"Hebr. vnto Carmél.
Gen. 14.2.

CHAP. XIII.

3 The borders and coaſtes of the land of Canáan 8 The poſſeſſion of the Reubenites, Gadites, and of halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh 14 The Lord is the inheritance of Leu. 22 Balaam was ſlaine.

1 NOw when Ioshúa was olde, & a ſtriken in yeres, the Lord ſaid vnto him, Thou art olde & "growen in age, & there remaineth exceding much land to be b poſſeſſed:
2 This is the land that remaineth, all the "regions of the Philiſtíms, & all Geſhurí,
3 From "Nilus which is "in Egypt, cué vnto the borders of Ekrón Northward: this is counted of the Canaanites, euen fiue lordeſhippes of the Philiſtíms, the Azzithites, and the Aſhdodites, the Eſhkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites, and ỹ Auites:
4 From the Southe, all the land of the Canaanites, and the "caue that is beſide the Sidonians, vnto Aphék, *and* to the borders of the Amorites:
5 And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanón, towarde the ſunne riſing from "Bahal-gád vnder mount Hermón, vntil one come to Hamáth.
6 All the inhabitants of the mountaines frō Lebanón vnto c Miſrephothmáim, & all the Sidonians, I wil caſt them out frō before the children of Iſraél: onely deuide thou it by lot vnto the Iſraelites, to inherit, as I haue commanded thee.
7 Now therefore deuide this land to inherit, vnto the nine tribes, and to the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh.
8 *For* with *halfe* thereof the Reubenites and the Gadites haue receiued their inheritāce, *which Moſés gaue them beyond Iordén Eaſtward, euen as Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord had giuen them,
9 From Aroér that is on the brinke of the riuer Arnón, and from the citie that is in the middes of the "riuer, and all the plaine of Medebá vnto Dibón,
10 And all the cities of Sihón King of the Amorites, which reigned in Heſhbón, vnto the borders of the childrē of Ammón,
11 And Gileád, & the borders of the Geſhurites & of the Maachathites, & all mount Hermón, with all Baſhán vnto Salcáh:
12 All the kingdome of Og in Baſhán, w reigned in Aſhtaróth and in Edréi: (who remained of the *reſt of the gyantes) for theſe did Moſés ſmite, and caſt them out.
13 But the childrē of Iſraél d expelled not ỹ Geſhurites nor the Maachathites: but ỹ Geſhurites & ỹ Maachathites dwel amōg the Iſraelites euen vnto this day.
14 Onely vnto the tribe of Leuí he gaue none inheritance, *but* the ſacrifices of the Lord God of Iſraél are e his inheritance, as he ſaid vnto him.
15 ¶Moſés then gaue vnto the tribe of the children of Reubén *inheritance*, according to their families.
16 And their coaſt was from Aroér, that is on the brinke of the riuer Arnón, & frō the citie that is in the middes of the riuer, & all the plaine which is by Medebá:
17 Heſhbón with all the cities thereof, that are in the plaine: Dibón and "Bamoth-bál, and Beth-baal-meón:
18 And Iahazáh, & Kedemóth and Mephá-ath:
19 Kiriatháim alſo, & Sibmáh, & Zereth-ſhahár in the mount of "Emek:
20 And Beth-peór, & *Aſhdoth piſgáh, & Beth-ieſhimóth:
21 And all the cities of the plaine: and all the kingdome of Sihón King of the Amorites, which reigned in Heſhbón, whome Moſés ſmote* with the Princes of Midián, Euí, and Rekém, and Zur, and Hur, and Réba, the dukes of Sihón, dwelling in the countrey.
22 And f Balaám the ſonne of Beór ỹ ſouthſayer did the children of Iſraél ſlaye with the ſworde, among them that were ſlaine.
23 And the border of the children of Reubén was Iordén with the coaſtes. this was the inheritance of the children of Reubén according to their families, with the cities and their villages.
24 ¶Alſo Moſés gaue *inheritance* vnto the tribe of Gad, *euen* vnto the children of Gád according to their families.
25 And their coaſtes were Iazér, and all the cities of Gileád and halfe the land of the children of Ammón vnto Aroér, which is before Rabbáh:
26 And from Heſhbón vnto Ramóth, Mizpéh, and Betonim and from Mahanáim vnto the borders of Debír.
27 And in the valley Beth-aram, and Beth-nimráh, and Succóth, and Zaphón, the reſt of the kingdome of Sihón King of Heſhbón, vnto Iordén and the borders euen vnto the Sea coaſt of Cinéreth, g beyonde Iordén Eaſtward.
28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad, after their families, with the cities and their villages.
29 ¶Alſo Moſés gaue *inheritance* vnto the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh: and this belonged to the halfe tribe of the children of Manaſſéh according to their families.

30 And

a Beig almoſte an hūdreth & ten yere olde.
"Hebr. commen into yeres.
b After that ỹ enemies are ouercome
"Or, borders.
"Ebr. Sihor
"Ebr. vpon the face of Egypt.
"Ebr. Mearah.
"Or, the plaine of Gad
c Read Chap. 11,8
"Or, valley.
Num. 32, 33. deu. 3, 13. chap. 22, 4.
Deu. 3, 11. chap. 12, 4.
d Because that destroyed not all as God hād cōmāded, they that remained, were ſnares & pricks to hurt thē, Nō 33, 55 chap 23, 13. iudg 2, 3
e Leuí ſhal liue by ỹ ſacrifices, Nō 18, 21,
"Or, hie places of Baal.
"Or, the valley.
Deu. 3, 17.
Num 31, 8
f So that bothe they, w obeied wicked counſel & the wicked counſeller periſhed by ỹ iuſt iudgemēt of God.
g That is, in ỹ land of Moab.

30 And their border was from Mahanáim, *euen* all Bashán, *to wit*, all the kingdome of Og King of Bashán, and all the townes of Iair which are in Bashán, threscore cities,

31 And halfe Gileád, & Ashtaróth, & Edréi, cities of the kingdome of Og in Bashán, *were giuen vnto the [h] children of Machír the sonne of Manasséh, to halfe of the children of Machír after their families.

Nom 32. 39.
h Meaning, his nephewes and posteritie.

32 These are the heritages, which Mosés did distribute in the plaine of Moáb beyonde Iordén, *towarde* Ierichó Eastwarde.

33 *But vnto the tribe of Leuí Mosés gaue none inheritance *for* the Lord God of Israél is their inheritance, * as he said vnto them.

Chap 18.7.
Nom. 18. 20.

CHAP. XIIII.

2 The land of Canáan was deuided among the nine tribes and the halfe. 6 Caléb requireth the heritage that was promised him. 13 Hebrón was giuen him.

1 THese also are the *places* which the children of Israél inherited in the lãd of Canáan, *which Eleazár the Priest, and Iosh̃úa the sonne of Nun and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israél, distributed to them,

Nom 34. 17.

2 *By the lot of their inheritance, as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Mosés, to giue to the nine tribes, and the halfe tribe.

Nom 26. 55. & 33. 54.

3 For Mosés had giuen inheritance vnto [a] two tribes and an halfe tribe, beyonde Iordén: but vnto the Leuites he gaue none inheritance among them.

a As Reubén & Gad & halfe the tribe of Manasséh.

4 For the children of Iosép were [b] two tribes, Manasséh and Ephráim: therefore they gaue no parte vnto the Leuites in the lãd, saue cities to dwel in, with the suburbes of the same for their beastes and their substance.

b So though Leui lacked, yet were there full twelue tribes by this meanes.

5 *As the Lord had commanded Mosés, so the children of Israél did whẽ they deuided the land.

Nom 35. 2.

6 ¶Then the children of Iudáh came vnto Iosh̃úa in Gilgál: and Caléb the sonne of Iephũnéh the Kenezite said vnto him, Thou knowest what the Lord said vnto Mosés the man of God, concerning [c] me and thee in Kadesh-barnéa.

c Which was, that they two onely shulde enter into the lãd, Nũ 14.24.

7 Fourty yere olde was I, when Mosés the seruant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnéa to espy the land, & I brought him worde againe, as *I thought* in mine heart.

8 But my [d] brethren that went vp with me, discouraged the heart of the people: yet I followed stil the Lord my God.

d Which were the ten other spyes.

9 Wherefore Mosés sware the same day, saying, Certeinly the land whereon thy fete haue troden, shal be thine inheritance, and thy childrens for euer, because thou hast followed constantly the Lord my God.

10 Therefore beholde now, the Lord hathe kept me aliue, as he promised: this is the fourty and fift yere since the Lord spake this thing vnto Mosés, while the children of Israél wandred in the wildernes: and now lo, I am this day fourscore and fiue yere olde:

11 And yet am as * strong at this time, as I was whẽ Mosés sent me: as strong as I was then, so strong am I now, *ether* for warre, or "for gouernement.

Eccle. 46. 11.
"Ebr is goyng and come in.

12 Now therefore giue me this mountaine whereof the Lord spake in ỹ day (for thou heardest in that daie, how the [o] Anakims *were* there, and the cities great and walled) [e] if so be the Lord wil be with me, that I may driue them out, as the Lord said.

o Or, giants.
e This he spake of modestie & not of doubting

13 Then Iosh̃úa blessed him, and gaue vnto Caléb the sonne of Iephũnéh, Hebrón for an inheritance.

14 *Hebrón therefore became ỹ inheritãce of Caléb the sonne of Iephunnéh the Kenezite, vnto this day: because he followed cõstantly the Lord God of Israél.

1. Mac. 2. 56.

15 And the name of *Hebrón *was* beforetime, Kiriath-arbá: which *Arbá* was a [f] great man among the Anakims: thus the land ceased from warre.

Chap 15. 13.
f Ether for his power or possessions.

CHAP. XV.

1 The lotte of the children of Iudáh, and the names of the cities and villages of the same. 13 Calebs portion. 18 The request of Achsáh.

1 THis then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Iudáh by their families: *euen* * to the border of Edóm and the wildernes of * Zin, Southward on the Southcoast.

Nomb. 34. 3. Nom 33. 36.

2 And their Southborder was the salt Sea coast, from [a] the point that loketh Southward.

a The Ebrewe worde signifieth tongue, whereby is ment ether the arme of the Sea that commeth into the land, or a rocke or capetha goeth into the Sea.

3 And it went out on the Southside toward Maaleth-akrabbím, and went along to Zin, and ascended vp on the Southside vnto Kadesh-barnéa, and went along to Hezrón, and went vp to Adár, and fet a compasse to Karkáa.

4 From thence went it along to Azmón, & reached vnto the riuer of Egypt, and the end of that coast was on the Westside: this shalbe your Southcoast.

5 Also the Eastborder shalbe the salt Sea, vnto the [b] end of Iordén: and the border on the North quarter from the point of the Sea, *euen* from the end of Iordén.

b Meaning the mouth of the riuer where it runneth into ỹ salt Sea.

6 And this border goeth vp to Beth hoglá, and goeth along by the Northside of Beth-arabah: so the border from thence goeth vp to the [c] stone of Bohán the sonne of Reubén.

c Which was a marke to parte their countreyes.

7 Againe this border goeth vp to Debír frõ the valley of Achór, & Northwarde,

turning toward Gilgál, that lyeth before the going vp to Adummím, which is on ỹ Southſide of the riuer: alſo this border goeth vp to the waters of [d]En-ſhémeſh, & endeth at *En-rogél.

8 Then this border goeth vp to the valley of the ſonne of Hinnóm, on the Southſide of the Iebuſites. the ſame is Ieruſalém. alſo this border goeth vp to the top of the mountaine that lieth before the valley of Hinnóm Weſtward, which is by the end of the valley of the "gyátes Northward.

9 So this border compaſſeth from the top of the mountaine vnto the founteine of ỹ water of Nephtóah, and goeth out to the cities of mount Ephrón. and this border draweth to Baalah, which is [e]Kiriath-ieárim.

10 Then this border compaſſeth from Baalah Weſtward vnto mount Seír, & goeth along vnto the ſide of mount Iearím, which is Cheſalón on the Northſide: ſo it commeth downe to Beth-ſhémeſh, and goeth to Timnáh.

11 Alſo this border goeth out vnto the ſide of Ekrón Northward: and this border draweth to Shicrón, and goeth along to mount Baaláh, & ſtretcheth vnto Iabneél: & the endes of this coaſt are to the [f] Sea.

12 And the Weſtborder *is* to the great Sea: ſo this border ſhalbe the bondes of the childrē of Iudáh round about, according to their families.

13 ¶And vnto Caléb the ſonne of Iephūnéh did Ioſhúa giue a parte amōg the childrē of Iudáh, as the Lord commanded him, *euen* *Kiriath-arbá of the father of Anák, which is Hebrón.

14 And Caléb [g] droue thence thre ſonnes of Anák, Sheſhái, and Ahimán, and Talmái, the ſonnes of Anák.

15 And he went vp thence to the inhabitāts of Debír: and the name of Debír before time *was* Kiriath-ſépher.

16 Thē Caléb ſaid, He ỹ ſmiteth Kiriath-ſépher, & taketh it, euē to him wil I giue Achſáh my daughter to wife.

17 And Othniél, the ſonne of Kenáz, the "brother of Caléb toke it: and he gaue him Achſáh his daughter to wife.

18 And as ſhe wēt in *tohm*, ſhe moued him, to aſke of her father a field: [f]& ſhe lighted of her aſſe, & Caléb ſaid vnto her, What wilt thou.

19 Thē ſhe anſwered, [g]Giue me a bleſſing: for thou haſt giuē me the South coūtrei: giue me alſo ſprīgs of water. And he gaue her ỹ ſprings aboue & the ſprīgs benethe.

20 This ſhalbe the inheritance of the tribe of ỹ children of Iudáh according to their families.

21 And the vtmoſt cities of the tribe of ỹ children of Iudáh, toward the coaſtes of Edóm Southward *were* Kabzeél, and Eder, and Iagúr,

22 And Kinah, and Dimonáh, & Adadáh,

23 And Kédeſh, and Hazór, and Ithnán,

24 Ziph, and Télem, and Bealóth,

25 And Hazór, Hadattah, & Kerióth, Heſron (which is Hazór)

26 Amám, and Shemá, and Moladáh,

27 And Hazár, Gaddáh, & Heſhmón, and Beth-pálet,

28 And Haſar-ſhuál, and Beerſhéba, and Biziothiáh,

29 Baaláh, and Iím, and Azem,

30 And Eltolád, & Cheſil, [h] and Hormáh,

31 And Ziklág, and Madmannā, and Sanſannáh,

32 And Lebaóth, and Shilhím, and Aín, & Rimmón: all *theſe* cities *are* twenty & nine with their villages.

33 ¶In the lowe countrey *were* Eſhtaól, and Zoreáh, and Aſhnáh,

34 And Zanoáh, & En-ganním, Tappúah, and Enám,

35 Iarmúth, & Adullám, Socóh, & Azekáh,

36 And Sharáim, & Adithaim, & Gederáh, and Gederothāim: fourtene cities with their villages.

37 Zenám, & Hadaſhāh, and Migdal-gád,

38 And Dileám, and Mizpéh, and Iokthéel,

39 Lachíſh, and Bozkáth, and Eglón,

40 And Cabbón, & Lahmám, & Kithlíſh,

41 And Gederóth, Beth-dagón, and Naamáh, and Makkedáh: ſixtene cities with their villages.

42 Lebnáh, and Ether, and Aſhán,

43 And Iphtáh, and Aſhnáh, and Nezíb,

44 And Keilāh, and Aczib, and Mareſhāh: nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekrón with her "townes & her villages,

46 From Ekrón, euen vntō the Sea, all that lieth about Aſhdód with their villages.

47 Aſhdód with her townes and her villages: Azzáh with her townes and her villages, vnto the [i] riuer of Egypt, and the great ſea *was their* coaſt.

48 ¶And in the mountaines *were* Shamír, and Iattír, and Socóh,

49 And Dannáh, and [k] Kiriath-ſannáth, (which is Debír)

50 And Anáb, and Aſhtemóh, and Aním,

51 And Góſhen, and Holón, & Giloh: eleuen cities with their villages.

52 Aráb, and Dumáh, and Eſhean,

53 And Ianúm, and Beth-tappuáh, and Aphekáh,

54 And Humtáh, and *Kiriath-arbá (which is Hebrón) & Zióh: nine cities with their villages.

55 Maón, Carmél, and Zíph, and Iuttáh,

56 And Izreél, and Iokdeám, and Zanóah,

57 Káin, Gibeáh, and Timnáh: ten cities with their villages.

58 Halhúl, Beth-zur, and Gedór,

59 And

[d] Or, the fountaine of the ſunne. 1. King 1,9.

"Ebr. Rephaim.

[e] Or, the citie of woods.

[f] Meaning toward Syria.

Chap. 24,28.

[g] This was done after the death of Ioſhua, Iud 1,10.

[f] Because her houſband tarried to long.

[g] Or, Graunt me this petition. Because her countrey was dry, ſhe deſired of her father a field ỹ had ſprings.

h Which before was called Zephāth, Iud. 1,17.

"Ebr. daughters

i Meaning, Nilus, as chap. 13,3.

k Which is alſo called Kiriath-ſépher, verſ. 15.

*Chap. 14,15.

59 And Maaráh, and Beth-anóth, and Eltekón ſix cities with their villages.
60 Kiriath-báal, which is Kiriath-iearím, & Rabbáh. two cities with their villages.
61 ¶In the wildernes were Beth-arabáh, Middín, and Secacáh,
62 And Nibſhán, and the f citie of ſalt, and En-gedí ſix cities with their villages.
63 Neuertheles, the Iebuſites that were the inhabitants of Ieruſalém, colde not the children of Iudáh caſt m out, but the Iebuſites dwel with the children of Iudáh at Ieruſalém vnto this day.

f Of this citie the ſalt Sea haue his name.

m That is, veterly, though they ſlewe the moſte parte, & burnt their citie Iudg 1,8

CHAP. XVI.

The lot or parte of Ephráim. 10 The Canaanite dwelled among them.

16 1 AND the lot fel to the a children of Ioſéph frō Iordén by Ierichó vnto the water of Ierichó Eaſtwarde, & to the wildernes that goeth vp from Ierichó by the mount Beth-él.
2 And goeth out from Beth-él to* Luz, and runneth alōg vnto the borders of Archiataroth,
3 And goeth downe Weſtward to the coaſte of Iphletí, vnto the coaſt of Beth-horón the nether, and to Gézer: and the ends b thereof are at the Sea.
4 So the children of Ioſeph, Manaſſeh and Ephráim c tooke their inheritance.
5 ¶Alſo the borders of the children of Ephraim according to their families, euen the borders of their inheritáce on ỹ Eaſtſide were Ataróth addár, vnto Beth-horón the vpper.
6 And this border goeth out to the Sea vnto Michmethah on the Northſide, & this border returneth Eaſtwarde vnto Taanáth ſhiló, and paſſeth it on the Eaſtside vnto Ianóhah,
7 And goeth downe from Ianóhah to Atároth, and Naarath, and cometh to Ierichó, d and goeth out at Iordén.
8 And this border goeth from Tappúah Weſtward vnto the riuer Kanáh, and the ends thereof are at the Sea: this is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephráim by their families.
9 And the e ſeparate cities for the childrē of Ephráim were among the inheritance of the children of Manaſſéh. all the cities with their villages.
10 And they caſt not out the Canaanite that dwelt in Gézer, but the Canaanite dwelleth amōg the Ephraimites vnto this day, and ſerue vnder tribute.

Genes 48,14.

a That is, to Ephraim and his children for Manaſſehs portion followeth

Iudg 1,26.

b Of their inheritance

c Severally. firſt Ephráim, and then Manaſſeh.

d Euen ſo farre the coaſts reache.

e Becauſe Ephraims tribe was farre greater then Manaſſeh therefore he had mo cities

CHAP. XVII.

The portion of the halfe tribe of Manaſséh. 3 The daughters of Zelphehad 13 The Canaanites are become tributaries 14 Manaſseh and Ephraim require a greater portion of heritage.

17 1 THIS was alſo the lot of the tribe of Manaſſeh: for he was the* firſt borne of Ioſéph, *to wit*, of Machir ỹ firſt borne of Manaſséh, *and* the father of Gileád: now becauſe he was a man of warre, he had Gileád and Baſhán.
2 And alſo* of the a reſt of the ſonnes of Manaſséh by their families, *euen* of the ſonnes of Abiézer, and of the ſonnes of Hélek, and of the ſonnes of Azriél, and of the ſonnes of Shéchem, and of the ſonnes of Hépher, and of the ſonnes of Shemidá: theſe *were* the males of Manaſséh, the ſonne of Ioſéph according to their families.
3 ¶*But Zelophehád the ſonne of Hépher, the ſonne of Gileád, the ſonne of Machír, the ſonne of Manaſséh, had no ſonnes, but daughters: and theſe are the names of his daughters, Malháh, and Noáh, Hogláh, Milcháh and Tirzáh:
4 Which came before Eleazár the Prieſt, and before Ioshúa the ſonne of Nun, and before the princes, ſaying, The Lord cōmanded Moſés to giue vs an inheritance among our b brethren: therefore according to the cōmandement of the Lord he gaue them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.
5 And there fel ten porcions to c Manaſſen, beſide the land of Gileád and Baſhán, which is on the other ſide Iordén,
6 Becauſe the daughters of Manaſséh did inherit among his ſonnes: and Manaſſehs other ſonnes had the land of Gileád.
7 ¶So the borders of Manaſſeh were from Aſhér to Michmethah ỹ lieth before Shechém, & this border goeth on ỹ right hād, euen vnto the inhabitats of En-tappúah.
8 The land of Tappúah belonged to Manaſſéh, but d Tappúah beſide the border of Manaſséh *belongeth* to the ſonnes of Ephráim.
9 Alſo this border goeth downe vnto the f riuer Kanáh Southward to the riuer. theſe cities of Ephráim *are* among the cities of Manaſséh: and the border of Manaſséh *is* on the Northſide of the riuer, and the ends of it are at the e Sea,
10 The South perteineth to Ephráim, and the North to Manaſséh, and the Sea is his border: and they met together in f Aſhér Northward, and in Iſſachár Eaſtward.
11 And Manaſséh had in Iſſachar and in Aſher, Beth-ſhean & her townes, & Ibleam, & her townes, & the inhabitants of Dor with the townes thereof, and the inhabitants of En-dó: with the townes thereof, & the inhabitants of Thaanách with her townes, & the inhabitants of Megiddó ẅ the townes of the ſame, *euen* three cōtries.
12 Yet the childrē of Manaſſéh g colde not deſtroy thoſe cities, but the Canaanites dwelled ſtil in that land.
13 Neuertheleſs, when the children of Iſraél were ſtrong, they put the Canaanites vnder tribute, but caſt thē not out wholly.

Num 26,29.

a For the other halfe tribe had their porcion beyonde Iord'e

Num 26,33. & 27,1. and 36,2.

b Among the of our tribe.

c In the land of Canáan ſine to the males, and other ſine to the daughters of Zelophehád.

d Meaning, the citie it ſelfe.

e Or, the brinke of riuer.

e That is, toward the mayne ſea.

f In the tribe of Aſhér, and tribe of Iſſachár.

g For at the firſt they lacked courage, & after agreed with them on condition, contrary to Gods commandement

14 Then the children of Ioséph ſpake vnto Ioshúa, ſaying, Why haſt thou giuen me but one lot, and one porcion to inherit, ſeing I am a great people, for as muche as the Lord hathe [h] bleſſed me hetherto?

h According to my father Iaakobs prophecie, Geneſ. 48,19.

15 Ioshúa then anſwered them, If thou be muche people, get thee vp to the wood, & cut *trees* for thy ſelfe there in the land of the Perizzites, and of the gyáts, [i] if moút Ephráim be tonarowe for thee.

i If this moút be not large ynough, why doeſt not thou get more by deſtroying Gods enemies, as he hathe cõmanded?

16 Then the children of Ioséph ſaid, The mountaine wil not be ynough for vs: and all the Canaanites that dwel in the lowe countrey haue charets of yron, aſwel they in Beth-ſheán, and in the townes of the ſame, as they in the valley of Izreél.

17 And Ioshúa ſpake vnto the houſe of Ioséph, to Ephráim, & to Manaſſéh, ſaying, Thou art a great people, and haſt great power, *and* ſhalt not haue one lot.

18 Therefore the mountaine ſhalbe thine: for it is a wood, and thou ſhalt cut it downe: and the ends of it ſhalbe thine, [k] & thou ſhalt caſt out the Canaanites, thogh they haue yron charets, *and* thogh they be ſtrong.

k So that thou ſhalt enlarge thy portion thereby.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The Tabernacle ſet in Shilóh. 4 Certeine are ſent to deuide the land to the other ſeuen tribes. 11 The lot of the children of Beniamin.

1 ANd the whole Congregacion of the children of Iſraél came together at Shilóh: for they ſet vp the [a] Tabernacle of the Congregacion there, after the land was ſubiect vnto them.

a For they had now remoued it from Gilgál and ſet it vp in Shilóh

2 Now there remained among the childrē of Iſraél ſeuen tribes, to whome [b] they had not deuided their inheritance.

b As Eleazár, Ioshúa & the heades of the tribes had done to Iudáh, Ephráim and halfe of Manaſſéh.

3 Therefore Ioshúa ſaid vnto the children of Iſraél, How long are ye ſo ſlacke to entre and poſſeſſe the land which the Lord God of your fathers hathe giuen you?

4 Giue from among you for *euerie* tribe thre men, that I may ſend them, and that they may riſe, and walke through the lād, and diſtribute it according to [c] their inheritance, and returne to me.

c That is, into ſeuen portions, to euerie tribe one.

5 And that they may deuide it vnto them into ſeuen partes, (Iudáh ſhal abide in his coaſt at the South, and the houſe of Ioséph ſhal [d] ſtand in their coaſtes at the North)

d For theſe had their inheritance already appointed.

6 Ye ſhal deſcribe the land therefore into ſeuen partes, & ſhal bring them hether to me, & I wil caſt lottes for you here before the [e] Lord our God.

e Before the Arke of the Lord.

7 But the Leuites ſhal haue no part among you: for the [f] Prieſthode of the Lord is their inheritance: alſo Gad and Reubén & halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh haue receiued their inheritāce beyōde Iordén Eaſtward, which Moſés the ſeruāt of the Lord gaue them.

f That is, the ſacrifices and offrings, Chap. 18,14.

8 ¶Then the men aroſe, and went their way: and Ioshúa charged them that went to deſcribe the land, ſaying, Depart, and go through the land, and [g] deſcribe it, and returne to me, that I may here caſt lots for you before the Lord in Shilóh.

g By writing the names of euerie cõutrey and citie.

9 So the men departed, and paſſed through the land, and deſcribed it by cities into ſeuen partes in a boke, and returned to Ioshúa into the campe at Shilóh.

10 ¶Then Ioshúa [h] caſt lots for them in Shilóh before the Lord, and there Ioshúa deuided the lād vnto the children of Iſraél, according to their porcions:

h That euerie one ſhulde be cõtēt wt Gods appointement.

11 ¶And the lot of the tribe of the childrē of Beniamín came forthe according to their families, and the coaſt of their lot lay [i] betwene the children of Iudáh, and the children of Ioséph.

i Their inheritance bordered vpon Iudah and Ioséph.

12 And their coaſt on the Northſide was from Iordén, and the border went vp to the ſide of Ierichó on the Northpaarte, & went vp through the mountaines Weſtward, and the endes thereof are in the wildernes of Beth-auén:

13 And this border goeth along from thēce to Luz, *euen* to the Southſide of Luz (the ſame is [k] Beth-él) and this border deſcendeth to Atroth-addár, nere the moút, that lieth on the Southſide of Beth-horón the nether.

k Which was in the tribe of Ephráim another Beth-él was in the tribe of Beniamín.

14 So the border turneth, and compaſſeth the corner of the Sea Southward, from the moút that lieth before Beth-horón Southward: and the ends thereof are at Kiriath-báal (which is Kiriath-iearím) a citie of the children of Iudáh: this is the Weſtquarter.

15 And the Southquarter *is* from the end of Kiriath-iearím, and this border goeth out [l] Weſtward, and cometh to the fountein of waters of Nephtóah.

l Or to the Sea.

16 And this border deſcendeth at the end of the mountaine, that lieth before the valley of Bē-hinnóm, which is in the valley of the [m] gyantes Northward, & deſcēdeth into the valley of Hinnóm by the ſide of [n] Iebuſi Southward, and goeth downe to En-rogél,

m Or, Rephāim.

n Or, Ieruſalem.

17 And compaſſeth from the North, and goeth forthe to [o] En-ſhémeſh, & ſtretcheth to Geliloth, which is toward the going vp vnto Adummím, and goeth downe to the [p] ſtone of Bóhan the ſonne of Reubén.

o Which is in the tribe of Ephráim.

p *Chap. 15,6.*

18 So it goeth alōg to the ſide ouer againſt the plaine Northward, and goeth downe into the plaine.

19 After, this border goeth along to the ſide of Beth-hogláh Northward: & the ends thereof, *that is*, of the border, reache to the point of the ſalt Sea Northward, *and* to thē [q] end of Iordén Southward: this is the Southcoaſt.

q To the very ſtreit, where the riuer runneth into ſ ſalt Sea.

20 Alſo

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20 Alſo Iordén is the border of it on the Eaſtſide: this is the inheritance of the children of Beniamín by the coaſtes thereof round about according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Beniamín according to their families, are Ierichó, and Beth-hogláh, and the valley of Kezíz,

22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaráim, and Beth-él,

23 And Auím, and Paráh, and Ophráh,

24 And Chephár, Ammonái, and Ophní, & Gabá: twelue cities with their villages.

25 Gibeón, and Ramáh, and Beeróth,

26 And Mizpéh, and Chephiráh, and Mozáh,

27 And Rékem, and Irpeél, and Taraláh,

28 And Zelá, Eléph, and Iebuſi, (which is [n] Ieruſalém) Gibeáth, *and* Kiriáth: fourteene cities with their villages: this is the inheritance of the children of Beniamín according to their families.

n Which was not wholly in the tribe of Beniamin, but part of it was alſo in ỹ tribe of Iudáh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The porcion of Simeón, 10 Of Zebulun, 17 Of Iſſachár, 24 Of Aſher. 32 Of Naphtali, 40 Of Dan 49 The poſſeſſion of Ioſhua.

1 AND the ſeconde lot came out to Simeón, *euen* for the tribe of the children of Simeón according to their families: and their inheritãce was in the [a] midſt of the inheritance of the children of Iudáh.

a According as Iakobs ꝓphecie, that he ſhulde be ſcatered among ỹ other tribes, Gen 49.7.

2 Now thei had in their inheritance, Beerſhéba, & Shéba, and Moladáh,

3 And Hazar-ſhuál, and Baláh, and Azem,

4 And Eltolád, and Bethúl, and Hormah,

5 And Ziklág, and Beth-marcabóth, and Hazar ſuſáh,

6 And Beth-lebaóth, and Sharuhén: thirtene cities with their villages.

7 Ain, Remmón, and Ether, & Aſhán: foure cities with their villages.

8 And all the villages that were round about theſe cities, vnto Baalathbeér, *and* [b] Rámath Southwarde. this is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeón according to their families.

b Ramath ſignifieth an high place.

9 Out of the porcion of the children of Iudáh *came* the inheritance of the childrẽ of Simeón: for the parte of the children of Iudah was to [b] muche for them: therefore the children of Simeón had their inheritance within their inheritance.

b But this large porciõ was giuen them by Gods prouidẽce, to declare their increaſe in time to come

10 ¶ Alſo the third lot aroſe for the children of Zebulún according to their families: and the coaſtes of their inheritãce came to Saríd,

11 And their border goeth vp [c] Weſtwarde, euen to Maraláh, and reacheth to Dabbáſheth, & meteth with the riuer that lyeth before Iokneám,

c Meaning, toward the great Sea.

12 And turneth from Saríd Eaſtwarde towarde the ſunne riſing vnto the border of Chiſlóth tabór, & goeth out to Daberáth, and aſcendeth to Iaphía,

13 And from thence goeth along Eaſtwarde towarde the ſunne riſing to Gittáh hépher to Ittáh kazín, and goeth forthe to Rimmón, and turneth to Neáh.

14 And this border compaſſeth it on the Northſide to Hannathón, and the ends thereof are in the valley of Iphtah-él,

15 And Kattáth, and Nahallál, and Shimrón, and Idaláh, and [d] Beth-léhem: twelue cities with their villages.

d There was another Beth-lehem in the tribe of Iudah

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulún according to their families: *that is*, theſe cities and their villages.

17 ¶ The fourthe lot came out to Iſſachár, *euen* for the children of Iſſachár according to their families.

18 And their coaſt was Izreélah, and Cheſullóth, and Shuném,

19 And Hapharáim, and Shión, and Anaharáth,

20 And Harabbíth, & Kiſhión, and Abez,

21 And Remóth, and [e] En-ganním, and En haddáh, and Beth-pazzéz.

e There was another citie of this name in the tribe of Iudah for vnder diuers tribes certeine cities had all one name, and were diſtincted by the tribe onely.

22 And this coaſt reacheth to Tabór, and Shahazimáth, and Beth-ſhémeſh, and the ends of their coaſt reache to Iordén: ſixtene cities with their villages.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the childrẽ of Iſſachár according to their families: *that is*, the cities, and their villages.

24 ¶ Alſo the fifte lot came out for the tribe of the children of Aſhér according to their families.

25 And their coaſt was Helcáth, and Halí, and Beten, and Achſháph,

26 And Alammélech, and Amád, & Miſheál, and came to Carmél Weſtwarde, and to Shihór libnáth,

27 And turneth towarde the ſunne riſing to Beth-dagón, and commeth to [f] Zebulún, and to the valley of Iphtah él, towarde the Northſide of Beth-emék, and Neiél, and goeth out on the left ſide of Cabúl,

f Iometh to ỹ tribe of Zebulun, wh en lay more Eaſtwarde

28 And to Ebrón, and Rehób, and Hammón, and Kanáh vnto great Zidón.

29 Then the coaſt turneth to Ramáh & to the ſtrong citie of [g] Zor, and this border turneth to Hoſáh, and the endes thereof are at the Sea from Hebél to Achzíb,

g Which was Tyrus a ſtrong citie in ỹ Sea.

30 Vmmáh alſo and Aphék, and Rehób: two and twentie cities with their villages.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Aſhér according to their families: *that is*, theſe cities and their villages.

32 ¶ The ſixt lot came out to the childrẽ of

Naphtalí, *euen* to the children of Naphtali according to their families.

b Theſe cities were in the countrey of Zaananním.

33 And their coaſt was from b Héleph, *and* from Allón in Zaananním, and Adamí nékeb, and Iabneél, euen to Lakúm, & the ends thereof are at Iordén.

34 So this coaſt turneth Weſtwarde to Aznoth tabór, and goeth out from thence to Hukkók, and reacheth to Zebulún on the Southſide, & goeth to Aſhér on the Weſtſide, and to Iudáh *by Iordén towarde the ſunne riſing.

*Or, euen vnto Iorden.

35 And the ſtrong cities *are* Ziddím, Zer, & Hammáth, Rakkáth, and ‡ Cinnéreth,

‡ Of the which § Iake of Genezaréth had his name.

36 And Adamáh, & Ramáh, and Hazór,

37 And Kédeſh, and Edréi, and En-hazór,

38 And Irón, and Migdal-él, Horém, and Beth-anáh, and Beth-ſhémeſh: nineteene cities with their villages.

39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of ỹ childrẽ of Naphtalí according to their families: *that is*, the cities & their villages.

40 ¶ The ſeuẽth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

41 And the coaſt of their inheritance was, Zoráh, and Eſhtaól, and Ir-ſhémeſh,

42 And Shaalabbín, and Aiálon, & Ithláh,

43 And Elón, and Temnáthah, and Ekrón,

44 And Elteképh, & Gibbethón, & Baaláh,

45 And Iehúd, and Bene-berák, and Gath-rimmón,

46 And Me-iarkón, and Rakkón, with the border that lyeth before k Iápho.

k Called Ioppe.

47 But the coaſtes of the children of Dan fel out *to litle* for them: therefore the childrẽ of Dan went vp to ‖ fight againſt Léſhem, and toke it, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſworde, and poſſeſſed it, and dwelt therein, and called Léſhem, * Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

‖ According as Iaakób had prophecied, Gen 49.17.

*Iud. 18.29.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families: *that is*, theſe cities and their villages.

49 ¶ When thei had made an end of deuiding the land by the coaſtes thereof, then the children of Iſraél gaue an inheritãce vnto Ioshúa ỹ ſonne of Nun among thẽ.

50 According to the worde of the Lord thei gaue him the citie which he aſked, *euẽ* * Timnath-ſeráh in mount Ephráim: and he buylt the citie and dwelt therein.

*Chap. 24.30.

Nomb. 34.17

51 *Theſe are the heritages which Eleazár the Prieſt, and Ioshúa the ſonne of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Iſraél deuided by lot in Shilóh before the Lord at the dore of ỹ Tabernacle of the Cógregació: ſo thei made an end of deuiding the countrey.

CHAP. XX.

o The Lord commandeth Ioshúa to appoint cities of refuge. 3 The uſe thereof. 7 And their names.

1 THe Lord alſo ſpake vnto Ioshúa, ſaying,

2 Speake to the children of Iſraél, and ſay, *Appoint you cities of refuge, whereof I ſpake vnto you by the hand of Moſés,

*Exod. 21.13. nomb 35.9. deut 19.2.

3 That the ſlayer ỹ killeth any perſone a by ignorance, *and* vnwittingly, may flee thether, & thei ſhal be your refuge from the auenger of blood.

a At vnwares, & bearing him no grudge.

4 And he that doeth flee vnto one of thoſe cities, ſhal ſtand at the entring of the gate of the citie, and ſhal ſhewe his cauſe "to the Elders of the citie: and thei ſhal receiue him into the citie vnto them, and giue him a place, ỹ he may dwel w̃ them.

"Ebr. in the eares of the Elders.

5 And if the b auenger of blood purſue after him, thei ſhal not deliuer the ſlayer into his hand becauſe he ſmote his neighbour ignorantly, nether hated he him beforetime:

b That is, the nereſt kinſmã of him that is ſlayne.

6 But he ſhal dwel in ỹ citie vntil he ſtand before the Congregacion in c iudgement, *or* vntil the death of the hye Prieſt that ſhalbe in thoſe daies: then ſhal the ſlayer retuine, and come vnto his owne citie, and vnto his owne houſe, *euen* vnto the citie from whence he fled.

c Til his cauſe were proued

Nomb. 35.25.

7 ¶ Then thei appointed Kédeſh in ' Galíl in mount Naphtalí, & Shechém in mount Ephráim, and Kiriath-arbá, (which is Hebrón) in the mountaine of Iudáh.

'Or, Galile.

8 And on the other ſide Iordén *towarde* Ierichó Eaſtwarde, thei appointed * Bézer in the wildernes vpon the plaine, out of ỹ tribe of Reubén, & Ramóth in Gileád, out of the tribe of Gad, and Golán in Bashán, out of the d tribe of Manaſſéh.

Deut. 4.43. chap. 20.8.

d Out of the half tribe of Manaſſeh beyonde Iordén.

9 Theſe were the cities appointed for all the children of Iſraél, and for the ſtranger that ſoiourned among them, that whoſoeuer killed any perſone ignorantly, might flee thether, & not dye by the hand of the auenger of blood, vntil he ſtode before the e Congregacion.

e Before the Iudges.

CHAP. XXI.

41 The cities giuen to the Leuites, in nõber eight & fourtie. 44 The Lord according to his promes gaue the children of Iſraél reſt.

1 THẽ came the 'principal fathers of the Leuites vnto Eleazár the Prieſt, and vnto Ioshúa the ſonne of Nun, and vnto the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Iſraél,

'Or, the chief of the fathers.

2 And ſpake vnto thẽ at Shilóh in the land of Canái, ſayīg, *The Lord cõmãded a by the hãd of Moſés, to giue vs cities to dwel in, w̃ the ſuburbes thereof for our cattel.

Nomb. 35.1.

a By Moſes, by whoſe miniſterie God ſhewed his power.

3 So the children of Iſraél gaue vnto the Leuites, out of their inheritãce at the cõmandement of the Lord theſe cities with their ſuburbes.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the b Kohathites: & the childrẽ of Aarón the Prieſt, *which* were of the Leuites, had by

b He meaneth thẽ that were Prieſts for ſome were but Leuites.

by lot, out of the tribe of Iudáh, and out of the tribe of Simeón, and out of the tribe of Beniamín c thirtene cities.

c Fuerie tribe gaue mo or fewer cities according as their inheritãce was great or little, Nom. 35,8.

5 And the reſt of the children of Kohát *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephráim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh, ten cities.

6 Alſo the children of Gerſhón *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Iſſachár, and out of the tribe of Aſhér, and out of the tribe of Naphtalí, and out of the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh in Baſhán, thirtene cities.

7 The children of Merarí according to their families *had* out of the tribe of Reubén, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulún, twelue cities.

8 So the childrẽ of Iſraél gaue by lot vnto the Leuites theſe cities with their ſuburbes, as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moſes.

9 ¶ And they gaue out of ỹ tribe of ỹ childrẽ of Iudáh, & out of the tribe of the childrẽ of Simeón, theſe cities ẅ are here named.

d For Aarón came of Kohát, and therefore the Prieſts office remained in ỹ familie.

10 And they were the childrens of d Aarón *being* of the families of the Kohathites, & of the ſonnes of Leuí, (for theirs was the firſt lot)

11 So they gaue thẽ Kiriath-arbá of the father of Anók (which is Hebrón) in the mountaine of Iudáh, with the ſuburbes of the ſame round about it.

12 (But the land of the citie, and the villages thereof, gaue they to * Caléb the ſonne of Iephunnéh to be his poſſeſſion)

Chap. 14,14. 1 chro 6,56.

e That is, the Prieſt of the familie of the Kohathites, of whome Aaron was chief.

13 ¶ Thus they gaue to the e childrẽ of Aarón the Prieſt, a citie of refuge for the ſlayer, *euen* Hebrón with her ſuburbes, & Libnáh with her ſuburbes,

14 And Iattir with her ſuburbes, and Eſhtemóa and her ſuburbes,

15 And Holón with her ſuburbes, and Debír with her ſuburbes,

16 And Aín with her ſuburbes, and Iuttáh ẅ her ſuburbes, Beth-ſhémeſh ẅ her ſuburbes: nine cities out of thoſe two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Beniamín *they gaue* Gibeón with her f ſuburbes, Géba with her ſuburbes,

f The ſuburbes were a thouſand cubites from the wall of ỹ citie rounde about, Nom. 35,4.

18 Anathóth with her ſuburbes, and Almón with her ſuburbes: foure cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aarón Prieſts, *were* thirtene cities with their ſuburbes.

20 ¶ But to the families of the children of Kohát of the Leuites, g which were the reſt of the children of Kohát (for the cities of their lot were out of the tribe of Ephráim)

g That were not Prieſts.

21 They gaue them the citie of refuge for the ſlayer, h Shechém with her ſuburbes in mounte Ephráim, and Gézer with her ſuburbes,

h Hebrón and Shechém were the two cities of refuge vnder the Kohatites.

22 And Kibzáim with her ſuburbes, & Bethhorón with her ſuburbes: foure cities.

23 And out of ỹ tribe of Dan, Eltekéh with her ſuburbes, Gibethón ẅ her ſuburbes,

24 Aialón with her ſuburbes, Gath-rimmón with her ſuburbes: foure cities.

25 And out of the i halfe tribe of Manaſſéh, Tanách with her ſuburbes, & Gath-rimmón with her ſuburbes: two cities.

i Which dwelt in Canáan.

26 All the cities for the other families of the children of Kohát *were* ten with their ſuburbes.

27 ¶ Alſo vnto the children of Gerſhón of the families of the Leuites, *they gaue* out of ỹ halfe tribe of Manaſſéh, the citie of refuge for ỹ ſlayer, k Golán in Baſhán with her ſuburbes, & Beeſhteráh with her ſuburbes: two cities.

k Golan and Kedeſh were the cities of refuge vnder the Gerſhonites.

28 And out of the tribe of Iſſachár, Kiſhón with her ſuburbes, Daberéh with her ſuburbes,

29 Iarmúth with her ſuburbes, En-ganním with her ſuburbes: foure cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Aſhér, Miſhál ẅ her ſuburbes, Abdón with her ſuburbes,

31 Helkáh with her ſuburbes, and Rehób with her ſuburbes: foure cities.

32 And out of ỹ tribe of Naphtalí, the citie of refuge for the ſlayer, Kédeſh in l Galíl with her ſuburbes, & Hammoth-dór with her ſuburbes, and Kartán with her ſuburbes: thre cities.

l Or, Gal'lee.

33 All the cities of the Gerſhonites according to their families, *were* thirtene cities with their ſuburbes.

34 ¶ Alſo vnto the families of the children of Merarí the l reſt of the Leuites, *they gaue* out of ỹ tribe of Zebulún, Iokneam with her ſuburbes, *and* Kartáh with her ſuburbes,

l They are here called the reſt, becauſe they are laſt numbred. and Merari was ỹ yongeſt brother, Geneſ. 46,11

35 Dimnáh with her ſuburbes, Nahalál with her ſuburbes: foure cities.

36 And out of ỹ tribe of Reubén, m Bézer ẅ her ſuburbes, and Iahazáh ẅ her ſuburbes,

m Bézer and Ramóth were the cities of refuge vnder the Merarites and beyonde Iorden, Chap. 20,8.

37 Kedemóth with her ſuburbes, and Mephaáth with her ſuburbes: foure cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad *they gaue* for a citie of refuge for the ſlayer, Ramóth in Gileád with her ſuburbes, and Mahanáim with her ſuburbes,

39 Heſhbón with her ſuburbes, *and* Iazér with her ſuburbes: foure cities in all.

40 So all the cities of the children of Merarí according to their families (which were the reſt of the families of the Leuites) were by their lot, twelue cities.

n Thus according to Iakobs prophecie, they were ſcattered throughout ỹ countrey, which God vſed to this end, that his people might be inſtructed in the true religion

41 *And* all the cities of the Leuites n with in the poſſeſſion of the children of Iſraél *were* eight and fourtie with their ſuburbes.

42 Theſe cities lay euerie one *ſeuerally* with their ſuburbes rounde about them, ſo

we·e all theſe cities.

43 ¶So the Lord gaué vnto Iſraél all the land, which he had ſworne to giue vnto their fathers: and they poſſeſſed it, and dwelt therein.

44 Alſo the Lord gaue them reſt round about according to all that he had ſworne vnto their fathers: and there ſtode not a man of all their enemies before them: *for* the Lord deliuered all their enemies into their hand.

Chap 23,15. 45 * There failed nothing of all the good things, which the Lord had ſaid vnto the houſe of Iſraél, *but* all came to paſſe.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Reubén, Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manaſſeh are ſent againe to their poſſeſſions. 10 They buyld an altar for a memorial. 15 The Iſraelites reproue thē. 21 Their anſwer for defenſe of the ſame.

a After that ỹ Iſraelites enioyed the land of Canáan.

1 THen a Ioſhúa called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh,

b Which was to go armed before their brethré, Nom. 32,29.

2 And ſaid vnto thē, Ye haue kept all that Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord b commāded you, and haue obeyed my voyce in all that I commanded you:

3 Ye haue not forſaken your brethren this long ſeaſon vnto this day, but haue diligently kept the commandement of the Lord your God.

4 And now the Lord hathe giuen reſt vnto your brethren as he promiſed them: therefore now returne ye and go to your tēres, to the land of your poſſeſſion, which Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord * hathe giuen you beyonde Iordén.

Nom 32,33. chap 13,8.

5 But take diligent hede, to do the commandement and Lawe, which Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord commanded you: *that is,* * that ye c loue the Lord your God, and walke in all his wayes, and kepe his commandements, and cleaue vnto him, and ſerue him with all your heart and with all your ſoule.

Deut 10,12.

c He ſheweth wherein conſiſteth the fulfilling of the Lawe.

d He commēded thē to God & prayed for them.

6 So Ioſhúa d bleſſed them and ſent them away, and they went vnto their tents.

7 ¶Now vnto *one* halfe of the tribe of Manaſſéh Moſés had giuen *a poſſeſſion* in Bashán and vnto the *other* halfe thereof gaue Ioſhúa among their brethren on this ſide Iordén Weſtward: therefore whē Ioſhúa ſent them away vnto their tētes, and bleſſed them,

8 Thus he ſpake vnto thē, ſaying, Returne with muche riches vnto your tentes, and with a great multitude of cattel, with ſiluer and with golde, with braſſe and with yron, and with g·eat abundāce of raimēt: deuide the ſpoyle of your enemies with your e brethren.

e Which remained at home and went not to the warre, Nom 31,27. 1 Sam 30,24.

9 ¶So the children of Reubén, & the children of Gad, and halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh returned, and departed from the children of Iſraél from Shilóh (which is in the land of Canáan) to go vnto the countrey of Gileád to the land of their poſſeſſion, which they had obteined, according to the worde of the Lord by the hand of Moſés.

10 ¶And when they came vnto "the borders of Iordén (which are in the land of Canáā) then the children of Reubén, and the children of Gad, & the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh, buylt f there an altar by Iordén, a great altar to ſe to.

"Ebr Gelilóth, which countrey alſo was called Canáan becauſe the Amorites dwelt ỹ there were called Canaanites

f That is, beyonde Iorden: for ſome time the whole countrey on bothe ſides of Iordén is ment by Canáan.

11 ¶Whē the children of Iſraél heard ſaie, Beholde, the children of Reubén, and the children of Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh haue buylt an altar in the forefront of the land of Canáan vpō the borders of Iordén at the paſſage of the children of Iſraél:

12 When the children of Iſraél heard it, then the whole Congregacion of the children of Iſrael gathered them together at Shilóh to go vp g to warre againſt them.

g Suche zeale was their zeale, that they wolde rather loſe their liues, then ſuffer the true religiō to be chāged or corrupted.

13 Then the children of Iſraél ſent vnto the children of Reubén, and to the children of Gad, and to the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh into the land of Gileád, Phinehás the ſonne of Eleazár the Prieſt,

14 And with him ten princes, of euerie chief houſe a prince, according to all the tribes of Iſraél. for euerie one was chief of their fathers houſholde among the h thouſandes of Iſraél.

h Or, multitude.

15 ¶So they wēt vnto the children of Reubén, and to the children of Gad, and to the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh, vnto the land of Gileád, and ſpake with them, ſaying,

16 Thus ſaith i ỹ whole Congregacion of the Lord, What tranſgreſſion is this that ye haue tranſgreſſed againſt the God of Iſraél, to turne away this day from the Lord, in that ye haue buylt you an altar for to rebel this day againſt the Lord?

i Not only of ỹ princes, but alſo of the cōmune people.

17 Haue we to litle for the wickednes * of Peór, whereof we are not k clenſed vnto this day, thogh a plague came vpon the Congregacion of the Lord?

Nom.25,4.

k Meaning, God is not fully pacified, for as muche as no punishment cā be ſufficiēt for ſuche wickednes & idolatrie

18 Ye alſo are turned away this day from the Lord: & ſeing ye rebel to day againſt the Lord, euen tomorowe he wilbe wrath with all the Congregacion of Iſraél.

19 Notwithſtanding if the lād of your poſſeſſion be l vncleane, come ye ouer vnto the land of the poſſeſſiō of the Lord, wherein the Lords Tabernacle dwelleth, and take poſſeſſion among vs: but m rebel not againſt the Lord, nor rebel not againſt vs in buylding you an altar, beſide the altar of the Lord our God.

l Iudgement

m To vſe ane other ſeruice then God hathe appointed, is to rebel againſt God, 1. Sam 15,23.

20 Did not Achán the ſonne of Zérah treſpaſſe grieuouſly in the execrable thing, & wrath fel on * all the Congregacion of Iſraél?

Chap 7,1.

Iſraél> and this man alone [m] periſhed not in his wickednes.

[m] Signifying, that if manie offred for one mans faute, for the fauce of manie all ſhulde ſuffre

21 ¶Then the children of Reubén and the children of Gad, & halfe the tribe of Manaſſeh anſwered, and ſaid vnto the heades ouer the thouſandes of Iſraél,

22 The Lord God of gods, ỹ Lord God of gods, he knoweth, and Iſraél him ſelfe ſhal knowe: if by rebellió, or by tranſgreſſion againſt the Lord *we haue done it*, ſaue thou vs not this day.

23 If we haue buylt vs an altar to returne away from the Lord, ether to offer thereó burnt offring, or meat offring, or to offer peace offrings thereon, let ỹ Lord [n] him ſelfe require it:

[n] Let him puniſhe vs.

24 And if we haue not *rather* done it for feare of *this* thing, ſaying, In time to come your children might ſay vnto our childré, What haue ye to do with the Lord God of Iſraél>

25 For ỹ Lord hathe made Iordén a border betwene vs and you, ye children of Reubén, & of Gad: therefore ye haue no parte in the Lord: ſo ſhal your children make our children [o] ceaſe from fearing the Lord.

[o] Or, to turne backe fró the ſeruice God.

26 Therefore we ſaid, We wil now go about to make vs an altar, not for burnt offring, nor for ſacrifice,

Gen. 31,48. Ioſap 24,27.

27 But for a * witnes betwene vs and you, and betwene our generacions after vs, to execute the ſeruice of the Lord before him in our burnt offrings, and in our ſacrifices, and in our peace offrings, and that your children ſhulde not ſay to our children in time to come, Ye haue no parte in the Lord.

28 Therefore ſaid we, If ſo be that they ſhulde ſo ſay to vs or to our [p] generacions in time to come, thé wil we anſwer, Behold the facion of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made, not for burnt offring nor for ſacrifice, but it is a witnes betwene vs and you.

[p] They ſignifie a wonderful care that they bare towarde their poſteritie, that they might liue in the true ſeruice of God

29 God forbid, that we ſhulde rebel againſt the Lord, and turne this day away from the Lord to buyld an altar for burnt offring, *or* for meat offring, or for ſacrifice, ſaue the altar of the Lord our God, that is before his Tabernacle.

30 ¶And when Phinehás the Prieſt, and the princes of the Congregacion and heades ouer the thouſandes of Iſraél which were with him, heard the wordes, that the children of Reubén, and children of Gad, and the children of Manaſſéh ſpake, " they were wel content.

" Ebr. it was good in their eyes.

31 And Phinehás the ſonne of Eleazár the Prieſt ſaid vnto the children of Reubén and to ỹ children of Gad, & to the childré of Manaſſéh, This day we perceiue, that ỹ Lord is [q] among vs, becauſe ye haue not done this treſpas againſt the Lord: now ye [r] haue deliuered the children of Iſraél out of the hand of the Lord.

[q] By preſerning vs & gouerning vs.

[r] Whome if ye had offended, he wolde haue puniſhed with you

32 ¶Then Phinehás the ſonne of Eleazár the Prieſt with the princes returned from the childrē of Reubén, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gileád, vnto the land of Canáan, to the children of Iſraél, and broght them anſwer.

33 And the ſaying pleaſed the children of Iſraél: and the children of Iſraél [t] bleſſed God, and [u] minded not to go againſt thē in battel, for to deſtroy the land, wherein the children of Reubén, and Gad dwelt.

[t] Or, praiſed

[u] Ebr ſaid.

34 Then the children of Reubén, and the children of Gad called the altar [x] *Ed*: for it ſhalbe a witnes betwene vs, that the Lord *is* God.

[x] Or, witnes.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Ioſhúa exhorteth the people, that they ioyne not thē ſelues to the Gentiles. 7 That they name not their idoles. 14 The promes if they feare God. 15 And threatenings, if they forſake him.

1 AND along ſeaſon after that ỹ Lord had giuen reſt vnto Iſraél from all their enemies round about, & Ioſhúa was olde, and [y] ſtriken in age,

[y] Ebr. comen in to yeres.

2 Then Ioſhúa called all Iſraél, & their Elders, and their heades, and their iudges, and their officers, and ſaid vnto them, I am olde, & ſtriken in age.

3 Alſo ye haue ſene all that the Lord your God hathe done vnto all theſe nacions [a] before you, how the Lord your God him ſelfe hathe fought for you.

[a] Your eyes bearing witnes

4 Beholde, I haue [z] deuided vnto you by lot theſe nacions that remaine, to be an inheritāce according to your tribes, from Iordén, with all the nacions that I haue deſtroyed, euē vntó ỹ great Sea [b] Weſtward.

[z] Or, ouerth rewē theſe nacions.

[b] Ebr at the ſunne ſet>

5 And the Lord your God ſhal expel [c] thē before you, & caſt them out of your ſight, and ye ſhal poſſeſſe their land, as the Lord your God hathe ſaid vnto you.

[c] Which yet remaine & are not ouercome, as Chap 13,2

6 Be ye therefore of a valiant courage, to obſerue and do all that is written in the boke of the Lawe of Moſés, * that ye turne not therefrom to the right hand nor to the left,

Deut 5,32. & 28,14.

7 Nether company with theſe nacions: *that is*, with them which are [d] left with you, nether make * mencion of the name of their gods, [e] nor cauſe to ſweare *by them*, nether ſerue them nor bowe vnto them:

[d] And not yet ſubdued

Pſal. 16,4.

[e] Let not the Iudges admit anothers ſwearing ſhal ſweare by their idoles

8 But ſticke faſt vnto the Lord your God, as ye haue done vnto this day.

9 For the Lord hathe caſt out before you great nacions and mighty, and no man hath ſtand before your face hetherto.

10 * One man of you ſhal chaſe a thouſand: for the Lord your God, he fighteth for you, as he hathe promiſed you.

Leu 26,8. deu 32,30.

11 Take good hede therefore vnto your

selues, that ye loue the Lord your God.
12 Els, if ye go backe, and cleaue vnto the
rest of these nacions: *that is*, of them that
remaine with you, and shal make mariages with them, and go vnto them, & they
to you,
13 Knowe ye for certeine, that the Lord
your God wil cast out no more of these
nacions from before you: but they shal
be a snare and destruction vnto you, and a
whip on your sides, and thornes in your
eyes, vntil ye perish out of this good
land, which the Lord your God hathe giuen you.
14 And beholde, this day do I entre into
the way of all the world, and ye knowe in
all your hearts and in all your soules,
that nothing hathe failed of all the good
things which the Lord your God promised you, *but* all are come to passe vnto you:
nothing hathe failed thereof.
15 Therefore as all good things are come
vpon you, which the Lord your God promised you, so shal the Lord bring vpon
you euerie euil thing, vntil he haue destroyed you out of this good land, which
the Lord your God hathe giuen you.
16 When ye shal transgresse the couenant of the Lord your God, which he cõmanded you, and shal go, and serue other
gods, and bowe your selues to them, then
shal the wrath of the Lord waxe hote against
you, and ye shal perish quickly out of the
good land which he hathe giuen you.

CHAP. XXIIII.

Ioshúa rehearseth Gods benefites, 14 And exhorteth the people to feare God. 25 The league renued betwene God and the people. 29 Ioshua dyeth. 32 The bones of Ioseph are buryed 33 Eleazár dyeth.

AND Ioshúa assembled *againe* all the
tribes of Israel to Shechém, & called the Elders of Israél, and their heades,
and their iudges, and their officers, & they
presented them selues before God.
2 Then Ioshúa said vnto all the people,
Thus saith the Lord God of Israél, Your
fathers dwelt beyonde the flood in olde
time, *euen* Térah the father of Abrahám,
and the father of Nachór, and serued other gods.
3 And I toke your father Abrahám from
beyõde the flood, & brought him through
all the land of Canáan, and multiplied his
sede, and gaue him Izhák.
4 And I gaue vnto Izhák, Iaakób & Esáu:
and I gaue vnto Esáu mount Seír, to possesse it: but Iaakób and his children wẽt
downe into Egypt.
5 I sent Moses also and Aarón, and I plagued Egypt. & whẽ I had *so* done among
them, I brought you out.
6 So I brought your fathers out of Egypt,
& ye came vnto the Sea, & the Egyptiãs
pursued after your fathers with charrets
and horsemen vnto the red Sea.
7 Then they cryed vnto the Lord, and he
put a darcknes betwene you & the Egyptians, and brought the Sea vpon them, and
couered them: so your eyes haue sene what
I haue done in Egypt: also ye dwelt in
the wildernes a long season.
8 After I brought you into the land of the
Amorites, which dwelt beyonde Iordén,
and they fought with you: but I gaue thẽ
into your hand, and ye possessed their countrey, and I destroyed them out of your
sight.
9 Also Balák the sonne of Zippór King
of Moáb arose and warred against Israél,
and sent to call Balaám the sonne of Beór for to curse you,
10 But I wolde not heare Balaám: therefore he blessed you, and I deliuered you out
of his hand.
11 And ye went ouer Iordén, and came vnto Ierichó, and the mẽ of Ierichó fought
against you, the Amorites, & the Perizzites, & Canaanites, and the Hittites and
the Girgashites, the Hiuites and the Iebusites, and I deliuered them into your
hand.
12 And I sent hornets before you, which
cast them out before you, *euen* the two
Kings of the Amorites, *but* not with thy
sworde, nor with thy bowe.
13 And I haue giuen you a land, wherein
ye did not labour, and cities which ye
buylt not, & ye dwel in them, & eat of the
vineyardes and oliue trees, which ye planted not.
14 Now therefore feare the Lord, & serue him in vprightenes and in trueth, and
put away the gods, which your fathers serued beyonde the flood and in Egypt, and
serue ye the Lord.
15 And if it seme euil vnto you to serue the
Lord, chuse you this day whome ye wil
serue, whether the gods which your fathers
serued (that were beyonde the flood) or
the gods of the Amorites, in whose land
ye dwel: but I and mine house wil serue
the Lord.
16 Then the people answered and said, God
forbid, that we shulde forsake the Lord, to
serue other gods.
17 For the Lord our God, he brought vs and
our fathers out of the land of Egypt,
from the house of bondage, and he did
those great miracles in our sight, and preserued vs in all the way that we went, and
among all the people through whome we
came.
18 And the Lord did cast out before vs all
the people, euẽ the Amorites which dwelt
in the land: *therefore* wil we also serue the
Lord, for he is our God.
19 And

Gen. 11, 31. Iudi 5, 6.

Gen. 21, 2. & 25, 26.

Gen. 36, 8.

Gen. 46, 6.

Exod. 3, 10.

Exod. 12, 37.

Exod. 14, 9.

Num. 21, 29.

Num. 22, 5. deut. 23, 4.

Exod. 23, 28. deut. 7, 20. chap. 11, 20.

Exod 23, 33 num 33, 55. deut 7, 15.

Chap 21, 45.

Gen. 11, 26.

a That is, the nine tribes & the halfe

b Before the Arke, which was brought to Shechém, whẽ they went to bury Iosephs bones

c Euphrátes in Mesopotamia, Gen 11, 26.

d Euen fourtie yeres.

e Meaning, they shalbe a cõtinual grief vnto you, and so the cause of your destruction

f I dye according to the course of nature

g Moste certainly.

e Because it was the chief citie, vnder it he contemneth all the countrey, els they of the citie fought not, Chap. 3, 14.

f This is the true vse of Gods benefites, to learne thereby to feare & serue him with an vpright conscience

g This teacheth vs, that if all the worlde wolde go frõ God, yet euerie one of vs particularly is bonde to cleaue vnto him.

h How muche more are we bonde to serue God in Christ, by whom we haue receiued the redemption of our soules?

Or, be of their affinitie

Or haue conuersacion with thẽ.

Or, a cloude.

Or, promises.

Or, threatenings.

Gen. 35, 2.

Exod. 32, 4.

Num. 14, 4.

Deut. 9, 16.

Nehem. 9, 17.

Psal. 78, 11.

Psal. 106, 21.

Hos. 13, 4.

Act. 7, 39.

Exod. 20, 5.

Exod. 34, 7.

Num. 14, 18.

Deut. 5, 9.

Nahum 1, 2.

Exod. 19, 8.

Exod. 24, 3.

Deut. 5, 27.

Deut. 26, 17.

Exod. 24, 7.

Deut. 29, 14.

Deut. 31, 19.

Deut. 31, 26.

Gen. 31, 45.

Exod. 24, 4.

Deut. 31, 24.

Deut. 31, 30.

Deut. 32, 1.

Deut. 32, 46.

Deut. 32, 47.

Deut. 33, 1.

Deut. 33, 29.

Exod. 32, 13.

Deut. 9, 27.

Deut. 34, 4.

Num. 27, 12.

Deut. 32, 49.

Deut. 34, 1.

Deut. 34, 5.

Deut. 34, 6.

Deut. 34, 7.

Deut. 34, 8.

Deut. 34, 9.

Deut. 34, 10.

Deut. 34, 11.

Deut. 34, 12.

19 And Ioſhúa ſaid vnto the people, Ye can not ſerue ỹ Lord: for he is an holy God: he is a ielous God: he wil not pardō your iniquitie nor your ſinnes.

20 If ye forſake the Lord and ſerue ſtrange gods, *thē he wil returne & bring euil vpō you, and conſume you, after that he hathe done you good.

*Chap 23, 15.

21 And the people ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, Nay, but we wil ſerue the Lord.

22 And Ioſhúa ſaid vnto the people, Ye are witneſſes [i] againſt your ſelues, that ye haue choſen you the Lord, to ſerue him: & they ſaid, *We are* witneſſes.

i If you do ỹ cōtrarie, your owne mouthes ſhal condemne you.

23 Then put away now, *ſaid he*, the ſtrange [k] gods which are among you, & bow your hearts vnto the Lord God of Iſraél.

k Out of your hearres and otherwiſe.

24 And the people ſaid vnto Ioſhúa, The Lord our God wil we ſerue, and his voyce wil we obey.

25 So Ioſhúa [l] made a couenant with the people the ſame day, and gaue them an ordinance and lawe in Shechém.

l By ioyning God and the people together: alſo he repeated the promiſes and threatenings out of ỹ Lawe.

26 And Ioſhúa wrote theſe wordes in the boke of the Lawe of God, and toke a great ſtone, and pitched it there vnder an [o] oke that was in the Sanctuarie of the Lord.

o Or elme.

27 And Ioſhúa ſaid vnto all the people, Beholde, this ſtone ſhalbe a witnes vnto vs: for it [m] hathe heard all the wordes of the Lord which he ſpake with vs: it ſhalbe therefore a witnes againſt you, leſt ye deny your God.

m Rather the mans diſſimulation ſhulde nor be puniſhed, the dūme creatures ſhal crye for vengeance.

28 Thē Ioſhúa let the people departe, euerie man vnto his inheritance.

29 And after theſe things Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun, the ſeruant of the Lord dyed, being an hundreth and ten yeres olde.

30 And they buryed him in ỹ border of his inheritance in *Timnath-ſeráh, which is in mount Ephráim, on the Northſide of mount Gáaſh.

*Chap. 19, 50.

31 And Iſraél [n] ſerued the Lord all the dayes of Ioſhúa, and all the dayes of the Elders that ouerliued Ioſhúa, & which had knowen all the workes of the Lord that he had done for Iſraél.

n Suche are ỹ people cōmōly as their rulers are.

32 And the *bones of Ioſéph, which the children of Iſraél broght out of Egypt, buryed they in Shechém in a parcel of grounde which Iaakób boght of the *ſonnes of Hamór the father of Shechém, for an hundreth pieces of ſiluer, and the children of Ioſéph had them in their inheritance.

*Gen 50.25. exod. 13, 19.

*Gen. 33, 19.

33 Alſo Eleazár the ſonne of Aarón dyed, whome they buryed in "the hil of Phinehás his ſonne, which was giuen him in mount Ephráim.

"Ebr Gibeath Phinehás.

THE BOKE OF IVDGES.

THE ARGVMENT.

Albeit there is nothing that more prouoketh Gods wrath, then mans ingratitude, yet is there nothing ſo diſpleaſant and heinous that can turne backe Gods loue from his Church. For now when the Iſraelites were entred into the land of Candan, and ſawe the trueth of Gods promes performed, in ſtead of acknowledging his great benefites and giuing thankes for the ſame, they fell to moſte horrible oblivion of Gods graces, contrarie to their ſolemne promes made vnto Ioſhúa, and ſo prouoked his vengeance (as muche as in them ſtode) to their vtter deſtruction. Wherefore as they had moſte euident ſignes by the mutabilitie of their ſtate: for he ſuffered them to be moſte cruelly vexed and tormented by tyrants: he pulled them from liberte, and caſt them into ſlaueric, to the intent they might fele their owne miſeries and ſo call vnto him and be deliuered. Yet to ſhewe that his mercies indure for euer, he raiſed vp from time to time ſuche as ſhulde deliuer them and aſſure them of his fauour and grace, if they wolde turne to him by true repentance. And theſe deliuerers the Scripture calleth Iudges, becauſe they were executers of Gods iudgements, not choſen of the people nor by ſucceſſion, but raiſed vp, as it ſemed beſt to God, for the gouernance of his people. They were twelue in nomber beſides Ioſhúa, and gouerned from Ioſhúa vnto Saúl the firſt King of Iſrael. Ioſhúa and theſe vnto the tyme of Saúl ruled 336 yeres. In this boke are manie notable points declared, but two eſpecially: firſt, the battel that the Church of God hathe for the maintenance of true religion againſt idolatrie and ſuperſtition: next, what great danger that commune wealth is in, when as God giueth not a magiſtrate to reteine his people in the purenes of religion and his true ſeruice.

CHAP. I.

1 After Ioshúa was dead, Iudáh was constitute captaine. 6 Adoni-bézek is take. 14 The request of Achsáh. 16 The children of Kení. 19 The Canaanites are made tributaries, but not destroyed.

1 AFter ỹ Ioshúa was dead, ỹ childrẽ of Isráél [a] asked the Lord, saying, [b] Who shal go vp for vs against the Canaanites, to fight first against them?

a By the iudgement of Vrim: read Exo. 28,30. nom.27, 21.1 sam.28,6.
b Who shalbe our Captaine?

2 And the Lord said, Iudáh shal go vp: beholde, I haue giuen the land into his hand.

3 And Iudáh said vnto Simeón his [c] brother, Come vp with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites: and I likewise wil go with thee into thy lot: so Simeón went with him.

c For the tribe of Simeon had their inheritãce within ỹ tribe of Iudáh, Ioshu.19,1.

4 Then Iudáh went vp, and the Lord deliuered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hands, and they slewe of them in Bézek ten thousand men.

5 And they fóũde [d] Adoni-bézek in Bézek: and they fought against him, and slew the Canaanites, and the Perizzites.

d Or, the lord of Bézek.

6 But Adoni-bézek fled, and they pursued after him, and caught him, and [d] cut of the thumbes of his hands and of his fete.

d This was Gods iust iudgement, as the tyrant him self confesseth, ỹ as he had done, so did he receiue, Leuit. 24,19.

7 And Adoni-bézek said, Seuentie Kings hauing the thumbes of their hands and of their fete cut of, gathered *bread* vnder my table: as I haue done, so God hathe rewarded me. so they broght him to Ierusalém, and there he dyed.

8 (Now the children of Iudáh had fought against Ierusalém, and had takẽ it & smitten it with the edge of the sword, and had set the [e] citie on fire)

e Which was afterward built againe, & possessed by ỹ Iebusites, 2.Sam.5,6.

9 ¶Afterwarde also the children of Iudáh went downe to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in ỹ mountaine, and toward the South, and in the lowe countrey.

10 And Iudáh wẽt against the Canaanites, that dwelt in Hebrón, which Hebrón beforetime was called *Kiriath-arbá: and they slewe [f] Sheshái, and Ahimán & Talmái.

*Iosh.15,14.

f These thre were gyãts, & the children of Anák.

11 And from thence he went to the inhabitants of Debír, and the name of Debír in olde time *was* Kiriath-sépher.

12 And Caléb said, He ỹ smiteth Kiriath-sépher, & taketh it, euen to him wil I giue Achsáh my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniél the sonne of Kenáz Calebs yonger brother toke it, to whome he gaue Achsáh his daughter to wife.

14 And whẽ she came *to him*, she moued him to aske of her father a field, [g] and she lighted of her asse, and Caléb said vnto her, What wilt thou?

g Read Iosh. 15,18.

15 And she answered him, Giue me a blessing: for thou hast giuen me a South countrey, giue me also springs of water: and Caléb gaue her the springs aboue and the springs beneth.

16 ¶And the children of [h] Kení Mosés father in lawe went vp out of the citie of the palmetrees with the children of Iudáh, into the wildernes of Iudáh, that lieth in the South of Arád, and went and dwelt among the people.

h This was one of the names of Mosés father in law, read Nom.10, 29.

17 But Iudáh went with Simeón his brother, and they slewe the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and vtterly destroyed it, and called the name of the citie *Hormáh.

*Nom.21,3.

18 Also Iudáh toke [i] Azzáh with the coastes thereof, & Askelón with the coastes thereof, and Ekrón with the coastes thereof.

i These cities & others were afterward possessed of the Philistims, 1.Sam.6,17.

19 And the Lord was with Iudáh, and he possessed the mountaines: for he colde not driue out the inhabitants of the valleys, because they had charets of yron.

20 And they gaue Hebrón vnto Caléb, as *Mosés had said, and he expelled thence the thre sonnes of Anák.

*Nom.14,24. Iosh.14,13. & 15,14.

21 But the children of Beniamín did not cast out the Iebusites, that [k] inhabited Ierusalém: therefore the Iebusites dwel with the children of Beniamín in Ierusalém vnto this day.

k For after ỹ the tribe of Iudáh had burnt it, they built it againe.

22 ¶They also that were of the house of Ioséph, went vp to Beth-él, and the Lord *was* with them,

23 And the house of Ioséph caused to vewe Beth-él (and the name of the citie beforetime *was* * Luz)

*Gen.28,19.

24 And the spies sawe a man come out of the citie, & they said vnto him, Shewe vs, we pray thee, the way into the citie, * and we wil shewe thee mercie.

*Iosh.2,14.

25 And when he had shewed them the way into the citie, they smote the citie with ỹ edge of the sword, but they let the man & all his housholde departe.

26 Then the man went into the land of the Hittites, and buylt a citie, and called the name thereof Luz, which is the name thereof vnto this day.

27 ¶*Nether did Manásseh destroy Bethsheán with her townes, nor Taanách with her townes, nor the inhabitants of Dor with her townes, nor the inhabitants of Ibleám with her townes, nether the inhabitants of Megiddó with her townes: [l] but the Canaanites dwelled stil in that land.

*Iosh.17,12.

l Wherefore God permitted the Canaanites to dwel stil in ỹ land, read Chap.3,4.

28 Neuertheles when Isráel was strog, they put the Canaanites to tribute, and expelled them not wholly.

29 ¶*Likewise Ephráim expelled not the Canaanites that dwelt in Gézer, but the Canaanites dwelt in Gézer among them.

*Iosh.16,10.

30 ¶Nether did [m] Zebulún expel the inhabitants of Kitrón, nor the inhabitants of

m That is the tribe of Zebulun, as is also to be vnderstãd of ỹ rest.

of Nahaláł, but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 ¶Nether did Aſhér caſt out the inhabitants of Acchó, nor the inhabitants of Zidón, nor of Ahláb, nor of Achzíb, nor of Helbáh, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehób,

32 But the Aſherites dwelt among the Canaanites the inhabitants of the land: for thei did not driue them [n] out.

n But made them pay tribut as ỹ others did.

33 ¶Nether did Naphtalí driue out the inhabitants of Beth-ſhémeſh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anáth, but dwelt among the Canaanites the inhabitats of the lánd: neuertheles the inhabitants of Beth-ſhémeſh, and of Beth-anáth became tributaries vnto them.

*Or, afflicted them.

34 And the Amorites [o] droue the children of Dan into the mountaine: ſo that thei ſuffred them not to come downe to the valley.

*Or, wolde dwel

35 And the Amorites [p] dwelt ſtil in mount Héres in Aialón, and in Shaalbim, and when the [o] hand of Ioſephs familie preuailed, thei became tributaries:

o Meaning, when he was ſtronger than they.

36 And the coaſt of the Amorites was from Maaleh-akrabbím, *euen* from [p] Sélah and vpwarde.

p Which was a citie in Arabia, or, as ſome reade, from the rocke.

CHAP. II.

1 The Angel rebuketh the people, becauſe thei had made peace with the Canaanites. 11 The Iſraelites fel to idolatrie after Ioſhuas death. 14 Thei are deliuered into the enemies hands. 16 God deliuereth them by Iudges. 22 Why God ſuffred idolaters to remaine among them.

a That is, meſſenger, or Prophet, as ſome thinke, Phinehás.

AND an [a] Angel of the Lord came vp from Gilgál to Bochím, & ſaid, I made you to go vp out of Egypt, & haue broght you vnto the land which I had ſworne vnto your fathers, and ſaid, I wil neuer breake my couenant with you.

Deut 7,2.

2 *Ye alſo ſhal make no couenant with the

Deut.12,3.

inhabitants of this land, *but* ſhal breake downe their altars: but ye haue not obeyed my voyce. Why haue ye done this?

3 Wherefore, I ſaid alſo, I wil not caſt thē out before you, but thei ſhalbe* *as thornes

Ioſh.23,13.

vnto your ſides, and their gods ſhalbe [c] your deſtruction.

c Or, ſnare.

4 And when the Angel of the Lord ſpake theſe wordes vnto all the children of Iſraél, the people lift vp their voyce, and wept.

5 Therefore thei called the name of that place, [d] Bochím, and offred ſacrifices there vnto the Lord.

d Or, weeping

6 ¶Now when Ioſhúa had [b] ſent the people away, the children of Iſraél went euerie mā into his inheritance to poſſeſſe the land.

b After that he had deuided to euery man his portion by lot, Ioſh 24,28.

7 And the people had ſerued the Lord all the daies of Ioſhúa, and all the daies of the Elders that outlyued Ioſhúa, which had ſene all the great [e] workes of the Lord that he did for Iſraél.

e Meaning, the wonders & miracles.

8 But Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun the ſeruāt of the Lord dyed, when he was an hūdreth and ten yeres olde:

9 And thei buryed him in the coaſtes of his inheritance, in [d] Timnath-héres in mount Ephráim, on the Northſide of mount Gáaſh.

d Héres by turnig the letters backward is Sereh, as Ioſh.24,30.

10 And ſo all that generacion was gathered vnto their fathers, and ǫn other generacion aroſe after them, which nether knewe the Lord, nor yet the workes, which he had done for Iſraél.

11 ¶Thē the children of Iſraél did wickedly in the ſight of the Lord, and ſerued [e] Baalím,

e That is, all maner of idoles.

12 And forſoke the Lord God of their fathers, which broght them out of the land of Egypt, & followed other gods, *euē* the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed vnto them, & prouoked the Lord to angre.

13 So thei forſoke the Lord, & ſerued Báal and [f] Aſhtaróth.

f These were idoles, which had the forme of an ewe or ſhepe among the Sidonians.

14 And the wrath of the Lord was hote againſt Iſraél, and he deliuered them into the hāds of ſpoilers, that ſpoiled them, & he *ſolde them into the hands of their enemies roūd about thē, ſo that thei colde no longer ſtand before their enemies.

*Pſal 44,13. *Iſa 50,1.

15 [g] Whether ſoeuer thei went out, the [h] hād of the Lord was ſore againſt them, as the Lord had ſaid, & as the Lord had ſworne vnto them: ſo he puniſhed them ſore.

g In all their enterprises

h The vengeance.

16 ¶Notwithſtanding, the Lord raiſed vp Iudges, which "deliuered them out of the hands of their oppreſſers.

*Or, ſaued. "Ebr ſaued.

17 But yet thei woide not obey their Iudges: for thei went a whoring after other gods, and worſhipped them, & turned quickely out of the [i] way, wherein their fathers walked, obeying the commandements of the Lord: thei did not ſo.

i Meaning, frō the true religion.

18 And when the Lord had raiſed them vp Iudges, the Lord was with the Iudge, and deliuered them out of the hand of their enemies all the daies of the Iudge (for the Lord" had compaſsion of thei gronings, [k] because of them that oppreſſed them & tormented them)

"Ebr repented him. k Seing their crueltie.

19 Yet* whē the Iudge was dead, thei returned, and" did worſe then their fathers, in following other gods to ſerue them and worſhip them: thei ceaſed not from their owne inuencions, nor from their rebellious way.

*Chap 3,12. "Ebr corrupted themſelues.

20 Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled againſt Iſraél, & he ſaid, Becauſe this people hatne tranſgreſſed my couenant, which I commanded thei fathers, & hathe not obeyed my voyce,

21 Therefo e wil I no more caſt out before them any of the [l] nacions, which Ioſhúa left when he dyed,

l As the Hittites, Iebuſites, Amorites, &c.

[m] So ỹ bothe outwarde enemies and falſe Prophets are but a tryal to proue o taken, Deut. 13.

22 That through them I may [m] proue Iſraél, whether they wil kepe the way of the Lord, to walke therein, as their fathers kept it, or not.

23 So the Lord left thoſe nacions, & droue them not out immediatly, nether deliuered them into the hand of Ioſhúa.

CHAP. III.

1 The Canaanites were left to tryal Iſraél. 9 Othniél deliuereth Iſraél. 21 Ehúd killeth King Eglón. 31 Shamgar killeth the Philiſtims.

1 THeſe now are the nacions which the Lord left, that he might proue Iſraél by them (*euen* as many *of Iſrael* as had not knowen all the [a] warres of Canáan,

[a] Which were achieued by ỹ hand of God, and not by the power of man.

2 Onely to make the generacions of the children of Iſraél to knowe, and to teache them warre, which douteles their predeſſeſſors knewe [b] not)

[b] For they truſted in God & he fought for them.

3 Fiue princes of the Philiſtims, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hiuites that dwelt in mount Lebanón, from mount Báal hermón vnto one come to Hamath.

4 And theſe remained to proue Iſraél by them, to wit, whether thei wolde obey the commandements of the Lord, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moſés.

5 And the children of Iſraél dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, & the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebuſites,

[c] Contrary to Gods commãdement, Deut. 7.3.

6 And thei toke [c] their daughters to be their wiues, and gaue their daughters to their ſonnes, and ſerued their gods.

7 ¶ So ỹ children of Iſraél did wickedly in the ſight of the Lord, & forgate the Lord their God, & ſerued Baalím, and [d] Aſheróth.

[d] Trees or woods erected for idolatrie.

8 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled againſt Iſraél, and he ſolde them into the hãd of Chuſhán riſhathaím King of [*Or, Meſopotamia.*] Arám-naharáim, & the childrẽ of Iſraél ſerued Chuſhán riſhathaím eight yeres.

9 ¶ And when the children of Iſraél cryed vnto the Lord, the Lord ſtirred vp a ſauiour to the children of Iſraél, and he ſaued them, *euen* Othniél the ſonne of Kenáz, Caleb̃s yonger brother.

[e] He was ſtirred vp by the Spirit of the Lord.

10 And the [e] Spirit of the Lord came vpõ him, and he iudged Iſraél, and went out to warre: & the Lord deliuered Chuſhán riſhathaim King of [*Or, Syria.*] Aram into his hand, and his hand preuailed againſt Chuſhán riſhathaím.

[f] That is, 32. vnder Ioſhua, & 8. vnder Othniél.

11 So the land had reſt [f] fourtie yeres, and Othniél the ſonne of Kenáz dyed.

[g] So ỹ the enemies of Gods people haue no power ouer them, but by Gods appointement.

12 ¶ Thẽ the children of Iſraél againe cõmitted wickednes in ỹ ſight of the Lord: & the Lord [g] ſtrengthened Eglón King of Moáb againſt Iſraél, becauſe ther had committed wickednes before the Lord.

13 And he gathered vnto him the children of Ammón, and Amalék, and went and ſmote Iſraél, and thei poſſeſſed the citie of palmetrees.

14 So the children of Iſraél ſerued Eglón King of Moáb eightene yeres.

15 But when the children of Iſraél cryed vnto the Lord, the Lord ſtirred them vp a ſauiour, Ehúd the ſonne of Gerá the ſonne of [*Or, Benjamin.*] Iemini, a man [*Or, left handed.*] lame of his right hand: and the children of Iſraél ſent a preſent by him vnto Eglon King of Moáb.

16 And Ehúd [*Or, cauſed a dagger to be made.*] made him a dagger with two edges of a cubite length, and he did girde it vnder his raymẽt vpon his right thigh,

17 And he preſented the gift vnto Eglon King of Moáb (and Eglón *was* a very fat man)

18 And whẽ he had now preſented the preſent, he ſent away the people that bare the preſent,

[h] Or, as ſome reade, from the places of idoles

19 But he turned againe from the [h] quarris, that were by Gilgál, and ſaid, I haue a ſecret errand vnto thee, ô King. Who ſaid, Kepe [i] ſilence: and all that ſtode about him, went out from him.

[i] Til all be departed.

20 Then Ehúd came vnto him, (& he ſate alone in a ſomer parler, which he had) & Ehúd ſaid, I haue a meſſage vnto thee frõ God. Then he aroſe out of his throne,

21 And Ehúd put forthe his left hand, and toke the dagger from his right thigh, and thruſt it into his belly,

22 So that the hafte went in after the blade: and the fat cloſed about the blade, ſo that he colde not drawe the dagger out of his belly, but the dirt came out.

23 Then Ehúd gate him out [*Or, bank.*] into the porche, and ſhut the dores of the parler vpon him, and locked them.

24 And when he was gone out, his ſeruants came: who ſeing that ỹ dores of the parler were locked, thei ſaid, "Surely he doeth his eaſement in his ſomer chambre.

[*Eb. he couereth his feet.*]

25 And thei taryed til thei were aſhamed: and ſeing he opened not the dores of the parler, thei toke the keye, and opened thẽ, and beholde, their lord was fallen dead on the earth.

26 So Ehúd eſcaped (while thei taryed) and was paſſed the quarris, and eſcaped vnto Seiráth.

27 And when he came *home*, [*Or, cauſed the trumpet to be blowen, Num. 10.2.*] he blewe a trumpet in mount Ephráim, and the children of Iſraél went downe with him from the mountaine, and he went before them.

28 Then ſaid he vnto them, Followe me: for the Lord hathe deliuered your enemies, *euen* Moáb into your hand. So they went downe after him, and toke the paſſages

sages of Iordén toward Moáb, and suffered not a man to passe ouer.

29 And they slew of the Moabites the same time about ten thousand mẽ, all [o] fed men, and all were warriours, and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moáb was [p] subdued that day, vnder the hand of Iſraél: and the [k] land had rest foure score yeres.

31 ¶ And after him was Shamgár the sonne of Anath, which slewe of the Philistims sixe hundreth men with an oxe [l] goade, & he also deliuered Iſraél.

CHAP. IIII.

Iſraél sinne and are giuẽ into the hands of Iabin. 4 Deborah iudgeth Iſraél and exhorteth Barák to deliuer the people. 15 Siſera fleeth. 17 And is killed by Iaél.

1 AND the children of Iſrael [m] began againe to do wickedly in the sight of the Lord when Ehúd was dead.

2 And the Lord solde them into the hand of [a] Iabin King of Canaan, that reigned in Hazór, whose chief captaine was called Siſerá, which dwelt in [b] Haroshúth of the Gentiles.

3 Then the children of Iſraél cryed vnto the Lord: (for he had nine hundreth charets of yron, and twentie yeres he had vexed the children of Iſraél very sore)

4 ¶ And at that time Deborah a Prophetesse the wife of Lapidóth [c] iudged Iſraél.

5 And this Deborah dwelt vnder a palme tre, betwene Ramáh and Beth-él in moút Ephráim, & the children of Iſraél came vp to her for iudgement.

6 Then she sent and called Barák the sonne of Abinóam out of Kédesh of Naphtali, and said vnto him, Hathe not ỹ Lord God of Iſraél [d] commanded, *saying*, Go, and drawe toward mount Tabór, & take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

7 And I wil drawe vnto thee to the *[q] riuer Kishón Siſerá, the captaine of Iabins armie with his charets, and his multitude, & wil deliuer him into thine hand.

8 And Barák said vnto her, [e] If thou wilt go with me, I wil go: but if thou wilt not go with me, I wil not go.

9 Then she answered, I wil surely go with thee, but this iourney that thou takest, shal not be for thine honour: for ỹ Lord shal sel Siſera into ỹ hãd of a womã. And Deborah arose and went w̃ Barák to Kédesh.

10 ¶ And Barák called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kédesh, & [r] he went vp on his fete with ten thousand men, and Deborah wẽt vp with him.

11 (Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the [s] children of *Hobáb the father in law of Moſes, was departed from the [t] Kenites, and pitched his tent [f] vntil the plaine of Zaanaim, which is by Kédesh)

12 Thẽ they shewed Siſerá, ỹ Barák ỹ sonne of Abinóá was gone vp to moút Tabór.

13 And Siſerá called for all his charets, *euen* nine hundreth charets of yron, & all the people that were with him fró Haroſheth of the Gentiles, [u] vnto the riuer Kishón.

14 Then Deborah said vnto Barák, [g] Vp: for this is ỹ day that the Lord hathe deliuered Siſera into thine hand. Is not the Lord gone out before thee? so Barák went downe from mount Tabór, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the Lord destroyed Siſerá and all his charets, & all his hoste with the edge of the sworde, before Barák, so that Siſerá lighted downe of his charet, and fled away on his fete.

16 But * Barák pursued after the charets, *Pſal 83,11.* & after the hoste vnto Haroshéth of the Gẽtiles: & all ỹ host of Siſera fel vpon ỹ edge of ỹ sworde: there was not a mã left.

17 Howbeit, Siſera fled away on his fete to the tent of Iaél the wife of [h] Hebér the Kenite: (for peace *was* betwene Iabin the King of Hazór, and betwene the house of Hebér the Kenite)

18 And Iael wẽt out to mete Siſerá, & said vnto him, Turne in, my Lord, turne into me: feare not. And when he had turned in vnto her into her tent, she couered him with a [y] mantel.

19 And he said vnto her, Giue me, I pray thee, a litle water to drinke: for I am thirsty. And she opened *a bottle of milke & gaue him drinke, and couered him. *Chap 5,25.*

20 Againe he said vnto her, Stande in the dore of the tent, and when anie man doeth come and enquire of thee, saying, Is [i] anie man here? thou shalt say, Nay.

21 Then Iaél Hebers wife toke a [k] nayle of the tent, and toke an hammer in her hand, and went softly vnto him, and smote the naile into his temples, and fastened it into the grounde, (for he was fast a slepe, and wearie) and so he dyed.

22 And beholde, as Barák pursued after Siſerá, Iaél came out to mete him, and said vnto him, Come, and I wil shewe thee the mã, whome thou seekest: and whẽ he came into her *tent*, beholde, Siſerá lay [l] dead, and the naile in his temples.

23 So God broght downe Iabin the King of Canáan that day before the children of Iſrael.

24 And the hand of the children of Iſrael [x] prospered, and preuailed against Iabin the King of Canáan, vntil they had destroyed Iabin King of Canaan.

CHAP. V.

1 The song and thankesgiuing of Deboráh and Barák after the victorie.

f Meaning, ỹ he possessed a great parte of that country.

g She stirreth him to this enterprise by assuring him of Gods fauour & aide.

*Ebr added, or I continued to do euil.

a There was another Iabin, whome Ioshúa killed & burnt his citie Hazór, Iosh 11,13.

b That is, in a wood, or strog place.

c By ỹ Spirit of prophecie, resoluing of controuersies, & declaring ỹ wil of God.

d And reuelled vnto me by ỹ Spirit of prophecie.

*Pſal 83,10.

*Or, valley

e Fearing his owne weakenes & his enemies power, he desireth ỹ Prophetesse to go with him to assure him of Gods wil from time to time.

*Or, he led after him 10000 men.

*Or posterity. Num 10, 29

*Ebr sonne of Raau

m Meaning, the Israelites

*Ebr humbled

k Meaning, the Israelites

l So that it is not the nõber, nor ỹ meanes ỹ God regardeth, when he wil get the victorie.

n Whose ancestors were strãgers, but worshiped ỹ true God, & therefore were ioyned w̃ Israel.

o Or, al sorts.

p That is, the pinne or stake, wherby it was fastened to the ground.

q To wit, Siſera

r That is, the tribe of Naphtali.

s So he sawe ỹ a woman had the honour, as Deboráh prophecied

t Ebr went and was firing.

1 THen ſang Deboráh, and Barák the ſonne of Abinóam the ſame day, ſaying,

2 Praiſe ye the Lord for the auenging of Iſraél, & for the [a] people that offred thẽ ſelues willingly.

a To wit, the two tribes of Zebulún and Naphtalí.

3 Heare, ye Kings, hearken ye princes: I, *euen* I wil ſing vnto ỹ Lord: I wil ſing praiſe vnto the Lord God of Iſraél.

Deu. 4,11. 4 Lord, *when thou wenteſt out of Seír, when thou departedſt out of the field of *Edóm, the earth trembled, & the heauẽs rained, the cloudes alſo dropped water.

Pſal 97,5. 5 *The mountaines melted before ỹ Lord, *as did* that Sinái before the Lord God of Iſraél.

Exod. 19,18.

Chap 3,31. 6 In the dayes of *Shamgár the ſonne of Anáth, in ỹ dayes of *Iaél the hye wayes were [b] vnoccupied, and the trauelers walked through bywayes.

Chap 4,18.

b For feare of the enemies.

7 The townes were not inhabited: they decayed, *I ſay*, in Iſraél, vntil I Deboráh came vp, which roſe vp a [c] mother in Iſraél.

c Miraculouſly ſtirred vp of God to pitie them & deliuer them

8 They choſe newe gods: then *was* warre in the gates. Was there a [d] ſhilde or ſpeare ſene among fourtie thouſand of Iſraél?

d They had no heart to reſiſt their enemies.

9 Mine heart *is ſet* on the gouerners of Iſraél, & on them that are willing among ỹ people: praiſe ye the Lord.

10 Speake ye that ride on [e] white aſſes, ye ỹ dwel [f] by Middín, and that walke by the waye.

e Ye gouerners

f As in dãger of your enemies

11 For the noyſe of the archers *appaiſed* amõg the [g] drawers of water: there ſhal thei rehearſe ỹ righteouſnes of the Lord, his righteouſnes of his townes in Iſraél: then did the people of the Lord go downe to the gates.

g For now you may drawe water without feare of your enemies

12 Vp Deboráh, vp, ariſe, & ſing a ſong: ariſe Barák, & lead [h] thy captiuitie captiue, thou ſonne of Abinóam.

h To wit, thẽ ỹ kept thy people in captiuitie.

13 For they that remaine, haue dominiõ ouer the mightie of the people: the Lord hathe giuen me dominion ouer the ſtrong.

i Ioſhúa firſt fought againſt Amalék, and Saul deſtroyed him.

14 Of Ephráim [i] their roote *aroſe* againſt Amalék & after thee, Ben-iamin *ſhal fight* againſt thy people, *ô Amalek*: of Machir came rulers, and of Zebulún they that handle the penne of the [k] writer.

k Euen ỹ learned did helpe to fight.

15 And the Princes of Iſſachár were with Deboráh, & [l] Iſſachár, and alſo Barák: he was ſet on his fete in the valley: for the diuiſions of Reubén *were* great [m] thoghtes of heart.

l Euẽ ỹ whole tribe

m They mercifull, ỹ they came not ouer Iordén to helpe them

16 Why abodeſt thou among the ſhepefoldes, to heare the bleatings of the flockes? for the diuiſions of Reubén *were* great thoghtes of heart.

n She reproueth all them that came not to helpe their brethren in their neceſſitie

17 [n] Gilcád abode beyonde Iordén: & why doeth Dan remaine in ſhippes? Aſhér ſate on the ſeaſhore, and tarried in his [o] decayed places.

o Ether by bearing of the ſea, or by mining

18 *But* the people of Zebulún and Naphtalí haue ieoparde their liues vnto the death in the hye places of the field.

19 The Kings came & fought: thẽ fought the Kings of Canáan in Taanách by the waters of Megiddó: they receiued no gaine of [p] money.

p They wanne nothing, but loſt all

20 They fought from heauen, *euen* the ſtarres in their courſes fought againſt Siſerá.

21 The riuer Kiſhón [q] ſwept them away, that ancient riuer the riuer Kiſhón. ô my ſoule, thou haſt marched valiantly.

q As a beſome doeth ỹ filthe of ỹ houſe.

22 Then were the horſehoufes broken with the oft beating together of their mighty *men*.

23 Curſe ye [r] Meróz: (ſaid the Angel of the Lord) curſe the inhabitants thereof, becauſe they came not to helpe the Lord, to helpe the Lord againſt the mightie.

r It was a citie nere Tabor, where thei fought

24 Iaél the wife of Hebér the Kenite ſhal be bleſſed aboue *other* women: bleſſed ſhal ſhe be aboue women *dwelling* in tents.

25 He aſked water, & ſhe gaue him milke: ſhe broght forthe [s] butter in a lordly diſh.

s Some read, churned milke in a great cup.

26 She put her hand to the naile, and her right hand to the workemans hammer: with the hammer ſmote ſhe Siſerá: ſhe ſmote of his head, after ſhe had wounded, & pearſed his temples.

27 He bowed him downe at her fete, he fel downe, & lay ſtil: at her fete he bowed him downe, and fel: and when he had ſonke downe, he lay there [t] dead.

t Ebr. *di Bruyed.*

28 The mother of Siſerá loked out at a windowe, and cryed through the latteſſe, Why is his charet ſo long a cõming? why tary the [u] wheles of his charets?

u Or, *feet*

29 Her wiſe ladyes anſwered her, Yea. [x] She anſwered her ſelfe with her owne wordes,

x That is, ſhe comforted her ſelfe.

30 Haue they not gotten, & they deuide the ſpoyle? euerie man hathe a maide or two. Siſerá hathe a praye of diuers coulours *garments*, a pray of ſondry coulours made of nedle woike: of diuers coulours of nedle woike on bothe ſides, [y] for the chief of the ſpoyle.

y Because he was chief of ỹ armie

31 So let all thine enemies periſh, ô Lord: but they that loue him, ſhal be as the [z] ſunne when he riſeth in his might. and the lãd had reſt fortie yeres.

z Shal growe daily more & more in Gods fauour

CHAP. VI.

1 Iſraél is oppreſſed of the Midianites for their wickednes. 14 Gideon is ſent to be their deliuerer. 37 He aſketh a ſigne.

1 AFterward the children of Iſraél committed wickednes in the ſight of the Lord, and the Lord gaue thẽ into the handes of Midián ſeuen yeres.

2 And the hand of Midián preuailed againſt Iſraél, [a] & becauſe of the Midianites the children of Iſraél made them dẽ-

a For feare of ỹ Midianites th ifled into ỹ dennes of the mountaines

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dennes in the mountaines, and caues, and ſtrong holdes.

3 When Iſraél had ſowen, then came vp the Midianites, the Amalekites, and they of the (a) East, and came vpon them,

4 And camped by them, and deſtroyed the frute of the earth, euen til thou come vnto (b) Azzáh, & left no foode for Iſraél, nether ſhepe, nor oxe, nor aſſe.

5 For they wēt vp, and their cattel, and came with their tentes as greſhoppers in multitude: ſo that they and their camels were without nomber: and they came into the land to deſtroye it.

6 So was Iſraél excedingly impoueriſhed by the Midianites: therefore the (c) children of Iſraél cryed vnto the Lord.

7 ¶ And when the children of Iſraél cryed vnto the Lord becauſe of the Midianites,

8 The Lord ſent vnto the children of Iſraél a Prophet, who ſaid vnto them, Thus ſayeth the Lord God of Iſraél, I haue broght you vp frō Egypt & haue broght you out of the houſe of bondage,

9 And I haue deliuered you out of the hād of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppreſſed you, and haue caſt them out before you, and giuen you their land.

10 And I ſaid vnto you, I am the Lord your God: * fear not the gods of the Amorites in whoſe land you dwel: but you haue not obeyed my voyce.

11 ¶ And the Angel of the Lord came, and ſate vnder the oke which was in Ophráh, that perteined vnto Ioáſh the father of the Ezrites, and his ſonne Gideón threaſhed wheat by the wine preſſe, (d) to hide it from the Midianites.

12 Then the Angel of the Lord appeared vnto him, and ſaid vnto him, The Lord (e) is with thee, thou valiant man.

13 To whome Gideón anſwered, (f) Ah my Lord, if the Lord be with vs, why then is all this come vpon vs? and where be all his miracles which our fathers tolde vs of, and ſaid, Did not the Lord bring vs out of Egypt? but now the Lord hathe forſaken vs, and deliuered vs into the hand of the Midianites.

14 And the (g) Lord loked vpon him, and ſaid, Go in this thy (h) might, & thou ſhalt ſaue Iſraél out of the hands of the Midianites: haue not I ſent thee?

15 And he anſwered him, Ah my Lord, whereby ſhal I ſaue Iſraél? beholde, my (i) father is poore in Manaſſéh, and I am the leaſt in my fathers houſe.

16 Then the Lord ſaid vnto him, I wil therefore be with thee, and thou ſhalt ſmite the Midianites, as one man.

17 And he anſwered him, I pray thee, if I haue foūde fauour in thy ſight, then ſhewe me a ſigne, that thou talkeſt with me.

18 Departe not hence, I pray thee, vntil I come vnto thee, and bring mine offring, & lay it before thee. And he ſaid, I wil tary vntil thou come againe.

19 ¶ Then Gideón went in, & made ready a kid, & vnleauened bread of an (k) Epháh of floure, and put the fleſh in a baſket, and put the broth in a pot, and broght it out vnto him vnder the oke, and preſented it.

20 And the Angel of God ſaid vnto him, Take the fleſh and the vnleauened bread, and lay them vpon this ſtone, and powre out the broth: and he did ſo.

21 ¶ Thē the Angel of the Lord put forthe the end of the ſtaffe that he held in his hand, and touched the fleſh & the vnleauened bread: and there aroſe vp fire (l) out of the ſtone, and conſumed the fleſh & the vnleauened bread: ſo the Angel of the Lord departed out of his ſight.

22 And when Gideón perceiued that it was an Angel of the Lord, Gideón then ſaid, Alas, my Lord God: * for becauſe I haue ſene an Angel of the Lord face to face, *I ſhal dye.*

23 And the Lord ſaid vnto him, Peace be vnto thee: feare not, thou ſhalt not dye.

24 Then Gideón made an altar there vnto the Lord, and called it, (m) Iehouáh ſhalóm: vnto this day it is in Ophráh, of the father of the Ezrites.

25 ¶ And the ſame night the Lord ſaid vnto him, Take thy fathers yong bullocke, & another bullocke (n) of ſeuen yeres olde, and deſtroy the altar of Baal that thy father hathe, and cut downe the groue that is by it,

26 And buylde an altar vnto the Lord thy God vpō the top of this rocke, in a plaine place: and take the ſeconde bullocke, and offer a burnt offring with the wood of the (o) groue, which thou ſhalt cut downe.

27 Then Gideón toke ten men of his ſeruants, and did as the Lord bade him: but becauſe he feared to do it by day for his fathers houſholde and the men of the citie, he did it by night.

28 ¶ And when the men of the citie aroſe early in the morning, beholde, the altar of Báal was broken, and the groue cut downe that was by it, and the (p) ſeconde bullocke offred vpon the altar that was made.

29 Therefore they ſaid one to another, Who hathe done this thing? & when they inquired and aſked, they ſaid, Gideón the ſonne of Ioáſh hathe done this thing.

30 Then the men of the citie ſaid vnto Ioáſh, Bring out thy ſonne, that he may dye: for he hathe deſtroyed the altar of Báal, & he hathe alſo cut downe the groue that was by it.

31 And Ioáſh ſaid vnto all that ſtode by

(a) Or, of kedém

(b) Euen almoſt ỹ whole cōtrey

(c) This is the end of Gods puniſhmēts, to call his to repentance ỹ they may ſeke for helpe of him.

(d) Or, to prepare his fight

(e) That is, Chriſt appearing in viſible forme

(f) Of which I haue giuen thee.

(g) So that we ſe how the fleſh is enemie vnto Gods vocatiō, which can not be perſuaded without ſignes

(h) Or, of familie.

(i) Of Ephāh read Exod. 16,36.

(k) By ỹ power of God onely, as in ỹ ſacrifice of Helias, 1 King 18,38.

(l) Exod 33,20. chap 13,22.

(m) Or, the Lord of peace.

(n) That is, as the Chalde text writeth, ſed ſeuen yeres.

(o) Which growed about Baals altar

(p) Meaning ỹ fat bul, which was kept to be offred vnto Báal.

him, Wil ye pleade Baals cause? or wil ye saue him? [n] he that wil contend for hī, let him dye or the morning. If he be God, let him pleade for him selfe against him that hathe cast downe his altar.

32 And in that day was Gideon called Ierubbáal, ỹ is, Let Baal plead for him selfe because he hathe broken downe his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites & the Amalekites and they of the East, were gathered together, and went & pitched in the valley of Izreel.

34 But the Spirit of the Lord [o] came vpon Gideón, * & he blewe a trumpet, & [p] Abiézer was ioyned with him.

35 And he sent messengers through out all Manasséh, which also was ioyned with hī, and he sent messengers vnto Asher, and to Zebulún and to Naphtali, and they came vp to mete them.

36 Then Gideon said vnto God, [q] If thou wilt saue Israél by mine hād, as thou hast said,

37 Beholde, I wil put a fleece of wolle in ỹ threshing place: if the dewe come on the fleece onely, and it be drye vpon all the earth, then shal I be sure, that ỹ wilt saue Israél by mine hand, as thou hast said.

38 And so it was: for he rose vp early on ỹ morowe, & thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dewe out of the fleece, and filled a bowle of water.

39 Againe Gideón said vnto God, Be not angry with me, that * I may speake once more: let me proue once againe, I pray thee, with the fleece: let it now be drye onely vpon the fleece, and let dewe be vpō all the grounde.

40 And God did so that same night: for it was [r] drye vpon the fleece onely and there was dewe on all the grounde.

CHAP. VII.

a The Lord commandeth Gideón to send away a great parte of his compane. 22 The Midianites are discomfited by a wonderous sort. 25 Oreb and Zeéb are slaine.

1 THen * Ierubbaal (who is Gideón) rose vp early and all the people that were with him, and pitched beside [b] the well of Haród, so that the hoste of the Midianites was on the Northside of them in the valley by the hil of [c] Moréh.

2 And ỹ Lord said vnto Gideón, The people that are with thee, are to manie for me to giue the Midianites into their handes, lest Israel make their [a] vante against me, and say, Mine hand hathe saued me.

3 Now therefore proclayme in the audience of the people, & say, * Whoso is timerous or fearefull, let him returne, and departe early from moūt Gilead And there returned of the people which were at mount Gileád, two and twentie thousand. so ten thousand remained.

4 And the Lord said vnto Gideón, The people are yet to manie bring thē downe vnto the water, and I wil [b] trye them for thee there: and of whome I say vnto thee, This man shal go with thee, the same shal go with thee. and of whomesoeuer I say vnto thee, This man shal not go with thee, the same shal not go.

5 So he broght downe the people vnto the water. And ỹ Lord said vnto Gideón, As manie as lappe the water with their tongues as a dog lappeth, them put by them selues, & euerie one that shal bowe downe his knees to [c] drinke, *put apart.*

6 And the nombet of them that lapped *by putting* their hands to their mouthes, *were* thre hundreth men: but all the remnant of the people kneled downe vpō their knees to drinke water.

7 ¶ Then the Lord said vnto Gideón, By these thre hundreth men that lapped, wil I saue you, and deliuer the Midianites into thine hand. and let all the *other* [d] people go euerie man vnto his place.

8 ¶ So the people toke vitailes [e] with thē, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israél, euerie man vnto his tent, [f] & reteined the thre hundreth men: and the hoste of Midian was beneth him in a valley.

9 ¶ And the same night the Lord said vnto him, Arise, [g] get thee downe vnto the hoste: for I haue deliuered it into thine hād.

10 But if thou feare to go downe, *then* go thou, & Phurah thy seruant downe to the hoste,

11 And thou shalt hearken, what they say, and so shal thine hands be strong to go downe vnto ỹ hoste. Thē went he downe and Phurah his seruāt vnto the outside of the souldiars that were in the hoste.

12 ¶ And the Midianites, and the Amalekites and all * they of the East, lay in the valley like grashoppers in multitude, & their camels *were* without nombet, as the sand which is by the seaside for multitude.

13 And when Gideón was come, beholde, a man tolde a dreame vnto his neighbour, and said, Beholde, I dreamed a dreame, & lo, a [h] cake of barley bread tombled from aboue into the hoste of Midián, and came vnto a tent, and smote it that it fel, and ouerturned it, that the tent fel downe.

14 And his fellowe answered, and said, This is nothing els saue the sworde of Gideón the sonne of Ioash a man of Israel. *for* into his hād hathe God deliuered Midián and all the hoste.

15 ¶ When Gideón heard the dreame tolde, and the interpretacion of the same, he worshipped, and returned vnto the hoste of Israél, & said, Vp: for the Lord hathe deliuered into your hād ỹ hoste of Midiā.

16 And he deuided the thre hundreth men into

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[n] Thus we ought to iustifi the, that the zelous of Gods cause, though all the multitude be against vs

[o] Ebr. clad Gideon *Num. 10,3. chap 3,27.*

[p] The familie of Abiezer, whereof he was.

[q] This request proceeded not of infidelitie, but ỹ he might be confirmed in his vocatiō

[r] Whereby he was assured ỹ it was a miracle of God.

[a] Ebr. En-haród.

[b] Ebr. Hammoréh.

[c] Ebr. Hammoréh.

[a] God wil not that anie creature deprive him of his glorie *Deu. 20,3. 1 Mac. 3,56.*

[b] I wil giue thee a proofe to knowe thē, that shal go with thee.

[c] Let thē departe, as vnmete for this enterprise.

[d] That is, the one and thirtie thousand, and 700

[e] Ebr. in their hands

[f] Or, encouraged.

[g] Thus ỹ Lord by diuers meanes, doth strēgthen him that he fainte not in so great an enterprise.

Chap 6,33.

[h] Some read, a trembling noise of barley bread meaning that it one of no reputacion shulde make their great armie to trēble.

[g] Or, giue God thākes, as it is in the Chalde text

into thie bandes, and gaue euerie man a trumpet in his hãd with emptie pitchers, and 'lampes [b] within the pitchers.

*Or, fire brands
b Thele were the meanes God vſed, to ſignifie that ſ whole victorie came of him

17 And he ſaid vnto them, Loke on me, and do likewiſe, whẽ I come to the ſide of the hoſte: euen as I do, ſo do you.

18 When I blowe with a trumpet and all that are with me, blowe ye with trumpets alſo on euerie ſide of the hoſte, and ſay, [1] For the Lord, and for Gideón.

1 That is, the victorie ſhalbe the Lords and Gideons his ſeruant

19 ¶So Gideón and the hundreth men that were with him, came vnto the outſide of the hoſte in the beginning of the middle watche, and they raiſed vp the watchemẽ, and they blewe with their trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hãds.

20 And the thre companies blewe with trumpets and brake the pitchers, and held the lampes in their left hands, and the trũpets in their right hands to blowe withall: and they cryed, The [k] ſworde of the Lord and of Gideón.

k Shal deſtroy the enemies.

21 And they ſtode, euerie man in his place rounde about the hoſte: and all the hoſte 'ranne, and cryed, and fled.

*Or, brake their array.

22 And the thre hũdreth blewe with trumpets, & * the Lord ſet euerie mans ſworde vpon his [l] neighbour, and vpon all the hoſte: ſo the hoſte fled to Beth-haſhittáh in Zereráh, *and* to the border of Abél meholáh vnto Tabbáth.

*Iſa. 9.4.

l The Lord cauſed the Midianites to kil one another.

23 Then the men of Iſraél being gathered together out of Naphtalí, & out of Aſhér, and out of all Manaſſéh purſued after the Midianites.

24 And Gideón ſent meſſengers vnto all mount Ephráim, ſaying, Come downe againſt the Midianites, and take before thẽ the [m] waters vnto Beth-baráh, and Iordén. Then all the men of Ephráim gathered together and toke the wateis vnto Beth-baráh, and Iordén.

m Meaning, ſ paſſages or the foordes, that they ſhulde not eſcape.

25 And they toke two * princes of the Midianites, Oréb and Zeéb, and ſlewe Oreb vpon the rocke Oréb, and ſlewe Zeéb at [n] the winepreſſe of Zeéb, and purſued the Midianites, and broght the heades of Oréb & Zeéb to Gideón beyonde Iordén.

*Pſal. 83.12. Iſa. 10.26.

n Theſe places had their names of the actes that were done there.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Ephráim murmureth againſt Gideón. 2 Who appeaſeth them. 4 He paſſeth the Iordén 16 He reuengeth him ſelfe on them of Succóth and Penuél 27 He maketh an Ephód which was the cauſe of idolatrie. 30 Of Gideons ſonnes and of his death

1 THen the men of Ephráim ſaid vnto him, [a] Why haſt thou ſerued vs thus that thou calledſt vs not, when thou wenteſt to fight with the Midianites? and they chode with him ſharpely.

a They began to cauil, becauſe he had the glorie of the victorie.

2 To whome he ſaid, What haue I now done in compariſon of [b] you? is not [c] the gleaning of grapes of Ephráim better, thẽ the vintage of Abiézer?

b Which haue ſlaine two princes, Oréb and Zeéb
c This laſt act of the whole tribe is more famous, then the whole enterprife of one men of one familie

3 God hathe deliuered into your hands the princes of Midián, Oréb and Zeéb: and what was I able to do in compariſon of you? and when he had thus ſpoken, then their ſpirits abated toward him.

4 ¶And Gideón came to Iordén to paſſe ouer, he, and the thre hundreth men that were with him, weary, yet purſuing *them*.

5 And he ſaid vnto the men of Succóth, Giue, I pray you, [d] morſels of bread vnto the people "that followe me (*for they be weary*) that I may followe after Zébah, & Zalmunna Kings of Midián.

d Or, ſome ſmale portiõ.
"Eb. that are at my feet.

6 And the princes of Succóth ſaid, Are the [e] hands of Zébah and Zalmunná now in thine hãds, that we ſhulde giue bread vnto thine armie?

e Becauſe thou haſt ouercome an handful, thinkeſt thou to haue ouercome ſ whole.

7 Gideón then ſaid, Therefore when the Lord hathe deliuered Zébah & Zalmunná into mine hand, I wil "teare your fleſh with thornes of the wildernes and with breers.

"Eb. beat to pieces.

8 ¶And he went vp thence to Penuél, and ſpake vnto them likewiſe, and the men of Penuél anſwered him, as the men of Succóth anſwered.

9 And he ſaid alſo vnto the men of Penuél, When I come againe [f] in peace, I wil breake downe this towre.

f Hauing gotten the victorie

10 ¶Now Zébah and Zalmunná *were* [g] in Karkor, and their hoſtes with them, about fiftene thouſand, all that were left of all ſ hoſtes of them of the Eaſt: for there was ſlayne an hundreth and twentie thouſand men, that drewe ſwordes.

g A citie Eaſtward beyonde Iordẽ.

11 ¶And Gideón went through them that dwelt in [h] tabernacles on the Eaſtſide of Nóbah & Iogbeháh, and ſmote the hoſte: for the hoſte was careles.

h He went by the wilderneſs where the Arabias dwelt in tentes.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunná fled, he followed after them, & toke the two Kings of Midián, Zébah and Zalmunná, and diſcomfited all the hoſte.

13 ¶So Gideón ſ ſonne of Ioáſh returned from battel, [i] the ſunne being yet hie,

i Some read, before ſ ſunne rote vp

14 And toke a ſeruant of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he "wrote to him the princes of Succóth & the Elders thereof, *euen* ſeuentie and ſeuen men.

*Or, deſcribed.

15 And he came vnto the men of Succóth, and ſaid, Beholde Zébah and Zalmunná, by whome ye vpbraided me, ſaying, Are ſ hands of Zébah & Zalmunna already in thine hãds, that we ſhulde giue bread vnto thy weary men?

16 Then he toke the Elders of the citie, & thornes of the wildernes & breers, & "did teare the men of Succóth with them.

"Or, brake in pieces, as the threſheth corne
1 King. 12. 18.

17 Alſo he brake downe the towre of * Penuél, and ſlewe the men of the citie.

18 ¶Then ſaid he vnto Zébah & Zalmunná, What maner of mẽ were they, whome ye ſlew at Tabór? and they anſwered, "As thou art, ſo were they: *euerie* one was like

"Or, they were like vnto thee.

the children of a King.

19 And he ſaid, They were my brethren, euen my [k] mothers children: as the Lord liueth, if ye had ſaued their liues, I wolde not ſlay you.

20 Then he ſaid vnto Iéther his firſt borne ſonne, Vp, and ſlay them: but the boy drewe not his ſworde: for he feared, becauſe he was yet yong.

21 Then Zébah and Zalmunná ſaid, Riſe thou, and fall vpon vs: for [l] as the man is, ſo *is* his ſtrength. And Gideón aroſe and ſlewe Zébah and Zalmunná, & toke away the [o] ornaments, that were on their camels neckes.

22 ¶ Then the men of Iſraél ſaid vnto Gideón, Reigne thou ouer vs, bothe thou, & thy ſonne, & thy [m] ſonnes ſonne: for thou haſt deliuered vs out of ỹ hãd of Midián.

23 And Gideón ſaid vnto them, I wil not reigne ouer you, nether ſhal my childe reigne ouer you, *but* the Lord ſhal [n] reigne ouer you.

24 Againe Gideón ſaid vnto them, I wolde deſire a requeſt of you, that you wolde giue me euerie man the earings of his praye (for they had golden earings becauſe they were Iſmaelites)

25 And they anſwered, We wil giue them. And they ſpred a garmẽt, & did caſt therein euerie man the earings of his praye.

26 And the weight of the golden earings that he required, was a thouſand and ſeuen hundreth *ſhekels* of golde, beſide collers, [p] and iewels, and purple raiment that was on the Kings of Midián, and beſide the cheines, that were about their camels neckes.

27 And Gideón made an [o] Ephód thereof, and put it in Ophráh his citie: & all Iſraél wẽt a whoring there after it, which was the deſtruction of Gideón and his houſe.

28 Thus was Midián broght lowe before ỹ childrẽ of Iſraél, ſo that they lift vp their heads nomore: and the countrey was in quietnes forty yeres in the dayes of Gideón.

29 ¶ Thé Ierubbáal the ſonne of Ioáſh wẽt, and dwelt in his owne houſe.

30 And Gideón had ſeuentie ſonnes [q] begottẽ of his body: for he had manie wiues.

31 And his concubine that was in Shechém, bare him a ſonne alſo, whoſe name he called Abimélech.

32 So Gideón the ſonne of Ioáſh dyed in a good age, and was buryed in the ſepulchre of Ioáſh his father in Ophráh, of the [r] father of the Ezrites.

33 But when Gideón was dead, the children of Iſraél turned away and wẽt a whoring after Baalím, and made [q] Baal-beríth their god.

34 And the children of Iſraél remembred not the Lord their God, which had deliuered them out of the hands of all their enemies on euerie ſide.

35 Nether [r] ſhewed they mercie on the houſe of Ierubbáal, *or* Gideón, according to all the goodnes which he had ſhewed vnto Iſraél.

CHAP. IX.

1 Abimélech vſurpeth the kingdome, and putteth his brethren to death. 7 Iothám propoſeth a parable. 23 Hatred betwene Abimélech & the Shechemites. 26 Gaál conſpireth againſt him, and is ouercome. 53 Abimélech is wounded to death by a woman.

1 THen Abimélech the ſonne of Ierubbáal went to Shechém vnto his [a] mothers brethren, and cõmuned with them, and with all the familie, *and* houſe of his mothers father, ſaying,

2 Say, I pray you, in the audience of all the men of Shechém, whether is better for you, that all ỹ ſonnes of Ierubbáal, which are ſeuentie perſones, reigne ouer you, ether that one reigne ouer you? Remember alſo, that I am your [b] bone, and your fleſh.

3 Then his mothers brethren ſpake of him in the audiẽce of all the men of Shechém, all theſe wordes: and their heartes were moued to followe Abimélech. for ſaid they, He is our brother.

4 And they gaue him ſeuentie pieces of ſiluer out of the houſe of Baal-beríth, wherewith Abimélech hired [t] vaine and light fellowes which followed him.

5 And he went vnto his fathers houſe at Ophráh, and [c] ſlewe his brethren, the ſonnes of Ierubbáal, *about* ſeuenty perſones vpon one ſtone: yet Iothám the yongeſt ſonne of Ierubbáal was left: for he hid him ſelfe.

6 ¶ And all the men of Shechém gathered together with all the houſe of [d] Milló, and came and made Abimélech King in the plaine, where the ſtone was erected in Shechém.

7 And when they tolde it to Iothám, he went and ſtode in the top of mount Gerizím, and lift vp his voyce, and cryed, and ſaid vnto them, Hearken vnto me, you men of Shechém, that God may hearken vnto you.

8 [e] The trees wẽt forthe to anointe a King ouer them, and ſaid vnto the oliue tre, Reigne thou ouer vs.

9 But the oliue tre ſaid vnto them, Shulde I leaue my fatnes, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to auance me aboue the trees?

10 Then the trees ſaid to the fig tre, Come thou, *and* be King ouer vs.

11 But the fig tre anſwered them, Shulde I forſake my ſwetenes, and my good frute, and go to auance me aboue the trees?

12 Then

[k] We came all out of one belly: therefore I wil be reuenged.

[l] Meaning, that they wolde be rid out of their paine at once, or els to haue a valiant man to put thẽ to death.

[o] *Or, collers*

[m] That is, thy poſteritie

[n] His intent was to ſhewe him ſelfe thãkeful for this victorie by reſtoring of religiõ, which, becauſe it was not according as God had cõmãded, turned to their deſtruction.

[p] *Or, ſweete balles.*

[o] That is, ſuche things as perteined to ỹ vſe of the tabernacle.

[q] *Her which came out of hir thigh.*

[r] Which citie belonged to the familie of the Ezrites.

[q] That is Baal, to whome they had bounde them ſelues by couenant.

[a] To practiſe with his kinſfolkes for the attaining of ỹ kingdome.

[b] Of your kinred by my mothers ſide.

[t] *Or, idle felowes and vacabõds.*

[c] Thus tyrãnes to eſtabliſhe their vſurped power ſpare not the innocent blood, 2. King 10, 7. 2. chro 21, 4.

[d] Which was as the towne houſe or comẽ hal, which he calleth the towre of Shechém vers 49

[e] By this parable he declareth, that thoſe that are not ambitious, are moſte worthy of honour, and that the ambitious abuſe their honour bothe to their owne deſtruction and others.

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12 Then ſaid the trees vnto the vine, Come thou & be King ouer vs.
13 But the vine ſaid vnto them, Shulde I leaue my wine, whereby I cheare God and man, and go to auance me aboue the trees?
14 Thē ſaid all the trees vnto the bramble, Come thou *and* reigne ouer vs.
15 And the bramble ſaid vnto the trees, If ye wil in dede anoint me King ouer you, come, & put your truſt vnder my ſhadow: and if not, the f fire ſhal come out of the bramble, and conſume the cedres of Lebanón.
16 Now therefore, if ye do truely and vncorruptly to make Abimélech King, & if ye haue dealt wel with Ierubbáal & with his houſe, & haue done vnto him according to the deſeruing of his hands,
17 (For my father fought for you, and "aduentured his life, & deliuered you out of the hands of Midián.
18 And ye are riſen vp againſt my fathers houſe this day, and haue ſlayne his children, *about* ſeuentie perſones vpon one ſtone, & haue made Abimélech the ſonne of his maideſeruant, King ouer the men of Shechém, becauſe he is your brother)
19 If ye then haue delt truely and purely with Ierubbáal, and with his houſe this day, then g reioyce ye with Abimélech, and let him reioyce with you.
20 But if not, let a fire come out from Abimélech, and conſume the men of Shechém and the houſe of Milló: alſo let a fire come forthe frō the men of Shechém, & from the houſe of Milló, and conſume Abimélech.
21 And Iothám ranne away, and fled, & wēt to Beér and dwelt there for feare of Abimélech his brother.
22 So Abimélech reigned thre yere ouer Iſraél.
23 But God h ſent an euil ſpirit betwene Abimélech, and the men of Shechém: and the mē of Shechém brake their promes to Abimélech,
24 That the cruelrie towarde the ſeuentie ſonnes of Ierubbáal & their blood might come and be laide vpon Abimélech their brother, which had ſlayne them, and vpon ỹ men of Shechém, which had aided him to kil his brethren.
25 So ỹ men of Shechém ſet men in waite for him in the tops of the mountaines: who robbed all that paſſed that way by them: and it was tolde Abimélech.
26 Then Gáal the ſonne of Ebéd came with his brethren, and thei went to Shechém: and the men of Shechém put their confidence in him.
27 Therefore thei i went out into the field, & gathered in their grapes & troade them, and made mery, and went into the houſe of their gods, and did eat & drinke, and curſed Abimélech.
28 Thē Gáal the ſonne of Ebéd ſaid, Who is Abimélech? and who is Shechém, that we ſhulde ſerue him? Is he not the ſonne of Ierubbáal? & Zebúl is his officer? Serue rather the men of Hamór the father of Shechém: for why ſhulde we ſerue him?
29 Now wolde God this people were vnder mine hād: then wolde I put away Abimélech. And he ſaid to k Abimélech, Increaſe thine armie, and come out.
30 ¶ And when Zebúl the ruler of the citie heard the wordes of Gáal the ſonne of Ebéd, his wrath was kindled.
31 Therefore he ſent meſſengers vnto Abimélech "priuely, ſaying, Beholde, Gáal the ſonne of Ebéd and his brethren be come to Shechém, and beholde, thei fortifie the citie againſt thee.
32 Now therefore ariſe by night, thou and ỹ people that is with thee, & lie in wayte in the field.
33 And riſe early in the morning as ſoone as the ſunne is vp, and aſſalt the citie: and when he and the people that is with him, ſhal come out againſt thee, do to him "what thou canſt.
34 ¶ So Abimélech roſe vp, & all the people that were with him by night: and thei laie in waite againſt Shechém in foure bandes.
35 Then Gáal the ſonne of Ebéd went out and ſtode in the entring of the gate of the citie: and Abimélech roſe vp, and the folke that were with him, frō liyng in waite.
36 And when Gáal ſawe the people, he ſaid to Zebúl, Beholde, there come people downe from the tops of the mountaines: and Zebúl ſaid vnto him, The l ſhadowe of the mountaines ſeme men vnto thee.
37 And Gáal ſpake againe, & ſaid, Se, there come folke downe "by the middle of the land, & an other band cometh by the way of the plaine of °Meonenim.
38 Then ſaid Zebúl vnto him, Where is now thy mouth, that ſaid, Who is Abimélech, that we ſhulde ſerue him? Is not this the people that thou haſt deſpiſed? Go out now, I pray thee, and fight with them.
39 And Gáal m went out before the men of Shechém, and fought with Abimélech.
40 But Abimélech purſued him, & he fled before him, and many were ouerthrowen and wounded, euen vnto the entring of the gate.
41 And Abimélech dwelt at Arumáh: and Zebúl thruſt out Gáal and his brethren that thei ſhulde not dwel in Shechém.
42 ¶ And on the morowe, the people went out into the field: which was tolde Abimélech.
43 And he toke the n people, and deuided them into thre bandes, and laid waite in

f Abimélech ſhal deſtroye the nobles of Shechém

Or, thiſtel, or breere.

Ebr. he caſt his life farre from him.

g That he is your King, and you his ſubiectes.

h Becauſe the people conſented with the King in ſhedīg innocēt blood: therefore God deſtroyeth bothe the one & the other.

i Before they were afrayed of Abimelechs power, & durſt not go out of the citie.

k Braggingly as thogh he had bene preſent, or to his captaine Zebúl.

Ebr. craftely.

Ebr. what thine hand can finde

l Thou art afrayed of a ſhadowe

Ebr. by the nauel

Or, charmers.

m As their captaine.

n Which were of his compame.

the fields, and loked, & beholde, the people were come out of the citie, & he rose vp against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimélech, and the bandes that were with him, russhed forwarde, & stode in the entring of the gate of ỹ citie: and ỹ two other bãdes ranne vpon all the people that were in the field and slewe them.

45 And whẽ Abimélech had fought against the citie all that day, he toke the citie, and slewe the people that was therein, & destroyed the citie and sowed [o] salt in it.

[o] That it shulde be vnfruteful and neuer serue to any vse.

46 ¶ And when all the men of the towre of Shechém heard it, thei entred into an holde of the house of the god [p] Beríth.

[p] That is, of Baal-berith, as Chap. 9. 43.

47 And it was tolde Abimélech, that all the men of the towre of Shechém were gathered together.

48 And Abimélech gate him vp to mount Zalmón, he and all the people that were with him: and Abimélech toke axes with him and cut downe boughes of trees and toke them, and bare them on his shulder, and said vnto the folke that were with him, What ye haue sene me do, make haste, *and* do like me.

49 Thẽ all the people also cut downe euery man his bough, and followed Abimélech, & put them to the holde, and set the holde on fire w̃ them: so all the men of the towre of Shechém [q] dyed also, about a thousand men and women.

[q] Meaning ỹ all were destroyed, aswel thei in ỹ towre as the other.

50 ¶ Then went Abimélech to Tebéz, and besieged Tebéz, and toke it.

51 But there was a strong towre within the citie, and thether fled all the men and women, and all the chief of the citie, and shut it to them, and went vp to the top of the towre.

52 And Abimélech came vnto the towre & fought against it, and went hard vnto the dore of the towre to set it on fire.

53 But a certaine woman * cast a piece of a milstone vpon Abimelechs head, & brake his braine pan.

* 2. Sam. 11. 21.

54 Thẽ Abimélech called hastely his page that bare his harnes, and said vnto him, Drawe thy sworde & slay me, that mẽ say not of me, A woman slewe him. And his page [r] thrust him through, and he dyed.

[r] Thus God by suche miserable death taketh vengeance on tyrats euen in this life.

55 And when the men of Israél sawe that Abimélech was dead, thei departed euery man vnto his owne place.

56 Thus God rendred the wickednes of Abimélech, which he did vnto his father, in slaying his seuenty brethren.

57 Also all the wickednes of the mẽ of Shechém did God bring vpon their heades. So vpon thẽ came the [f] curse of Iothám the sonne of Ierubbáal.

[f] For making a tyrant their king.

CHAP. X.

a Tolá dyeth. 5 Iaír also dyeth. 17 The Israelites are punished for their sinnes. 10 Thei crye vnto God, 16 And he hathe pitie on them.

1 AFter Abimélech there arose to defend Israél, Tolá, the sonne of Puáh, the sonne of [o] Dodó, a man of Issachár which dwelt in Shamír in mount Ephráim.

[o] Or, his vncle.

2 And he [o] iudged Israél thre and twentie yere and dyed, & was buryed in Shamír.

[o] Or, gouerned.

3 ¶ And after him arose Iaír a Gileadite, & iudged Israél two and twentie yere.

4 And he had thirtie sonnes that [a] rode on thirty assecoltes, & thei had thirty cities, which are called [o] Hauoth-Iaír vnto this day, and are in the land of Gilead.

[a] Signifying, thei were men of autoritie.

[o] Or, the towres of Iaír, as Deu. 3. 14.

5 And Iaír dyed, & was buryed in Kamón.

6 ¶ * And the childrẽ of Israél wroght wickednes againe in the sight of the Lord, & serued Baalím and * Ashtaróth, and the gods of [o] Arám, and the gods of Zidón, and the gods of Moáb, and the gods of the children of Ammón, and the gods of the Philistíms, and forsoke the Lord and serued not him.

* Chap. 2. 11. & 3. 7. & 4. 1. & 6. 1. & 13. 1.
* Chap. 2. 13.
[o] Or, Syria.

7 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against Israél, and [o] he solde them into the hands of the Philistíms, and into the hands of the children of Ammón:

[o] Or, deliuered.

8 Who from that yere vexed and oppressed the children of Israél eightene yeres, [b] *euen* all the children of Israél that were beyonde Iordén, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gileád.

[b] As the Reubenites, Gadites, & half the tribe of Manásséh.

9 Moreouer the children of Ammón went ouer Iordén to fight against Iudáh, *and* against Beniamín, and against the house of Ephráim: so ỹ Israél was sore tormented.

10 Then the children of Israél [c] cryed vnto the Lord, saying, We haue sinned against thee, euẽ because we haue forsaken our owne God, and haue serued Baalím.

[c] Thei prayed to the Lord & confessed their sinne.

11 And the Lord [d] said vnto the children of Israél, *did not I deliuer you* from the Egyptiãs & frõ the Amorites, frõ the children of Ammón & from the Philistíms?

[d] By stirring them vp some Prophet, as Chap. 6. 8.

12 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maobites did oppresse you, & ye cryed to me and I saued you out of their hands.

13 Yet ye * haue forsaken me, and serued other gods: wherefore I wil deliuer you nomore.

* Deut. 32. 15. & Ierem. 2. 13.

14 Go, and crye vnto the gods which ye haue chosen. let them saue you in the time of your tribulacion.

15 And the children of Israél said vnto the Lord, We haue sinned: do thou vnto vs whatsoeuer please thee: onely we pray thee to deliuer vs [e] this day.

[e] That is, frõ this present danger.

16 Then they put away ỹ strange gods frõ among thẽ & [f] serued ỹ Lord. & his soule was grieued for the miserie of Israél.

[f] This is true repentance to put away the euil, & to serue God aright.

17 Then the childrẽ of Ammón gathered thẽ selues together, & pitched in Gileád: and the children of Israél assembled them selues,

selues, and pitched in Mizpéh.

28 And the people *and* princes of Gileád said one to an other, Whosoeuer wil begin the battel against the childrē of Ammón, the same shal be * head ouer all the inhabitants of Gileád.

Chap.11,6.

CHAP. XI.

2 Iphtáh being chased away by his brethren, was after made captaine ouer Israél. 30 He maketh a rashe vowe. 32 He vanquisheth the Ammonites, 39 And sacrificeth his daughter according to his vowe.

1 THen Gileád begate Iphtáh, & Iphtáh the Gileadite was "a valiant man, but the sonne of an" harlot.

"Ebr. a man of mightie force. "Or, vnstaider.

2 And Gileads wife bare him sonnes, and when ỹ womās childrē were come to age, they thrust out Iphtáh, and said vnto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our fathers house: for thou art ỹ sonne of a [a] strāge womā.

a That is, of an harlot, as ver. 1

3 Then Iphtáh fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of [b] Tob: and there gathered ydle fellowes to Iphtáh, and [c] went out with him.

b Where the gouernour of the countrey was called Tob.
c Ioyned with him, as some thinke, against his brethren.

4 ¶ And in processe of time the children of Ammón made warre with Israél.

5 And whē the children of Ammón fought with Israél, [d] the Elders of Gileád went to fet Iphtáh out of the land of Tob.

d Or, ambassadours, sent for that purpose.

6 And they said vnto Iphtáh, [e] Come and be our captaine, that we may fight with the children of Ammón.

e Men oft times are constrained to desire helpe of them, whome before they haue refused.

7 Iphtáh then answered the Elders of Gileád, Did not ye hate me, and [f] expel me out of my fathers house? how then come you vnto me now in time of your tribulacion?

f Oft tymes those thīgs, wherein we reiect, God choseth to do great enterprises by.

8 Then the Elders of Gileád said vnto Iphtáh, Therefore we turne againe to thee now, that thou maiest go with vs, & fight against the children of Ammón, & be our head ouer all the inhabitants of Gileád.

9 And Iphtáh said vnto the Elders of Gileád, If ye bring me home againe to fight against ỹ children of Ammón, if the Lord giue them before me, shal I be your head?

10 And ỹ Elders of Gileád said to Iphtáh, The Lord "be witnes betwene vs, if we do not according to thy wordes.

"Ebr. be the hearer.

11 Then Iphtáh went with the Elders of Gileád, and the people made him head and captaine ouer them: and Iphtáh rehearsed all his wordes before the Lord in Mizpéh.

12 ¶ Then Iphtáh sent messengers vnto the King of the children of Ammón, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me, to fight in my land?

13 And the King of the children of Ammón answered vnto the messengers of Iphtáh, *Because Israél toke my lād, whē they came vp frō Egypt, from Arnón vnto Iabbók, and vnto Iordén: now therefore restore those *lands* "quietly.

Nomb.21,13.

"Ebr. in peace.

14 Yet Iphtáh sent messengers againe vnto the King of the children of Ammón,

15 And said vnto him, Thus saith Iphtáh, *Israél toke not the land of Moáb, nor the land of the children of Ammón.

*Deut.2,9.

16 But when Israél came vp from Egypt, and walked through the wildernes vnto the red Sea, then they came to Kadésh.

17 *And Israél sent messengers vnto the King of Edóm, saying, Let me, I pray thee, go through thy lād: but the King of Edóm wold not consent: and also they sent vnto the King of Moáb, but he wolde not: therefore Israél abode in Kadésh.

*Nom.20,23.

18 Then they went through the wildernes, and compassed the land of Edóm, and the land of Moáb, and came by the Eastside of ỹ lād Moáb, and pitched on the other side of Arnón, *and came not within ỹ coast of Moáb: for Arnón *was* ỹ border of Moáb.

*Nomb.21,13. & 22.24.

19 Also Israél *sent messengers vnto Sihón, King of the Amorites, the King of Heshbón, & Israél said vnto him, Let vs passe, we pray thee, by thy lād vnto our "place.

*Deut.2,26.
"Or, countrey.

20 But Sihón [g] cōsented not to Israél, that he shulde go through his coast: but Sihón gathered all his people together, and pytched in Iaház, and fought with Israél.

g He trusted thē not to go through his countrey.

21 And the Lord God of Israél gaue Sihón and all his folke into the hands of Israél, and they smote thē: so Israél possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that countrey:

22 And they possessed * all the coast of the Amorites, from Arnón vnto Iabbók, and from the wildernes euen vnto Iordén.

*Deut.2,36.

23 Now therefore the Lord God of Israél hathe cast out the Amorites before his people Israél, & shuldest thou possesse it?

24 Woldest not thou possesse that which Chemósh thy god giueth thee to possesse? So whomesoeuer the [h] Lord our God driueth out before vs, them wil we possesse.

h For we ought more to beleue and obey God, the thou thine idoles.

25 *And art thou now farre better then Balák the sonne of Zippor King of Moáb? did he not striue with Israél and fight against them,

*Nom.22,2. deut.23,4. Iosh.24,9.

26 When Israél dwelt in Heshbón and in her townes, and in Aroér & in her townes, and in all the cities that are by the coasts of Arnón, thre hundreth yeres? why did ye not then recouer [i] them in that space?

i Meaning their townes.

27 Wherefore, I haue not offēded thee: but thou doest me wrōg to warre against me. The Lord the Iudge [k] be iudge this day betwene the children of Israél, and the children of Ammón.

k To punishe the offender.

28 Howebeit the King of the children of Ammón hearkened not vnto the wordes of Iphtáh, which he had sent him.

29 ¶ Then the [l] Spirit of the Lord came vpon Iphtáh, & he passed ouer to Gileád and to Manasséh, and came to Mizpéh in

l That is, the spirit of strength and zeale.

Gileád, and from Mizpéh in Gileád he went vnto the children of Ammón.

30 And Iphtáh [m] vowed a vowe vnto the Lord, and said, If thou shalt deliuer the children of Ammón in to mine hands,

31 Thé that thing that commeth out of the dores of mine house to mete me, when I come home in peace from the children of Ammón, shal be the Lords, and I wil offer it for a burnt offring.

32 And so Iphtáh went vnto the children of Ammón to fight against them, and the Lord deliuered them into his hands.

33 And he smote them from Aroér euē til come to Minnith, twentie cities, and so forthe to [o] Abél of the vineyardes, with an exceding great slaughter. Thus the childrē of Ammón were humbled before the children of Israél.

34 ¶ Now whē Iphtáh came to Mizpéh vnto his house, beholde, his daughter came out to mete him with [n] timbrels and dances, which was his onely childe: he had none other sonne, nor daughter.

35 And when he sawe her, he [o] rent his clothes, and said, Alas my daughter, thou hast broght me low, & art of thē that trouble me: for I haue opened my mouthe vnto the Lord, and can not go backe.

36 And she said vnto him, My father, if thou haste opened thy mouthe vnto the Lord, do with me as thou hast promised, seing that the Lord hathe auenged thee of thine enemies the children of Ammón.

37 Also she said vnto her father, Do thus muche for me: suffre me two monethes, that I may go to the moutaines, and [p] bewaile my virginitie, I and my fellowes.

38 And he said, Go: and he sent her away two monethes: so she went with her companions, and lamented her virginitie vpō the mountaines.

39 And after the end of two monethes, she turned againe vnto her father, who did with her according to his vowe which he had vowed, and she had knowen no man, and it was a custome in Israél.

40 The daughters of Israél went yere by yere to lament the daughter of Iphtáh the Gileadite, foure dayes in a yere.

m As the Apostle commēdeth Iphtáh for his worthy entreprise in deliuering the people, Ebr. 11, 32: so by his rashe vowe & wicked performance of the same, his victorie was defaced: and here we se that the sinnes of the godly do not vtterly extinguish their faith.

n According to the maner after the victorie.

o Being ouercome wt blinde zeale, and not considering whether the vowe was lauful or no.

p For it was counted as a shame in Israél, to dye without children, and therefore they reioyced to be maryed.

o Or, the plaines

CHAP. XII.

6 Iphtáh killeth two & fortie thousand Ephraimites. 8 After Iphtáh succedeth Ibzán. 11 Elón. 13 And Abdón.

1 ANnd the men of Ephráim gathered thē selues together, and went [a] Northward and said vnto Iphtáh, Wherefore wentest thou to fight against the children of Ammón, and didest not call [b] vs to go with thee? we wil therefore burne thine house vpon thee with fire.

2 And Iphtáh said vnto thē, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammón, and when I called you, ye deliuered me not out of their hands.

3 So when I sawe ỹ ye deliuered me not, [c] I put my life in mine hāds, & went vpon the children of Ammón: so ỹ Lord deliuered them into mine hands. Wherefore thē are ye come vpō me now to fight against me?

4 Then Iphtáh gathered all the men of Gileád, and fought with Ephráim: & the men of Gileád smote Ephráim, becausе they said, Ye Giliadites are runagates of Ephráim [d] among the Ephraimites, *and* among the Manassites.

5 Also the Giliadites toke the passages of Iordén before the Ephraimites, and when the Ephraimites that were escaped, said, Let me passe, then the men of Gileád said vnto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay,

6 Thē said they vnto him, Say now [e] Shibbóleth: and he said, Sibbóleth: for he colde not so pronounce: then they toke him, and slewe him at the passages of Iordén: and there fel at that time of the Ephraimites two and forty thousand.

7 And Iphtáh iudged Israél six yere: then dyed Iphtáh the Giliadite, and was buryed in *one* of the cities of Gileád.

8 ¶ After him [f] Ibzán of Beth-léhem iudged Israél,

9 Who had thirtie sonnes and thirtie daughters, *which* he sent out, and toke in thirtie daughters from abroad for his sonnes. and he iudged Israél seuen yere.

10 Then Ibzán dyed, and was buryed at Beth-léhem.

11 ¶ And after him iudged Israél Elón, a Zebulonite, and he iudged Israél ten yere.

12 Then Elón the Zebulonite dyed, & was buryed in Aiialón in the countrey of Zebulún.

13 ¶ And after him Abdón ỹ sonne of Hillél the Pirathonite iudged Israél.

14 And he had fortie sonnes & thirtie [n] neuews that rode on seuentie [o] asseeoltes: and he iudged Israél eight yeres.

15 Then dyed Abdón the sonne of Hillél ỹ Pirathonite, and was buryed in Pirathón, in the land of Ephráim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

a After they had passed Iordén.

b Thus ambition enuieth Gods worke in others, as they did also agaist Gideón, Chap 8, 1.

c That is, I ventured my life, and when māshelpe fayled, I put my trust onely in God.

d Ye ran frō vs, and chose Gileád, & now in respect of vs, ye are nothing.

e Which signifieth, the fall of waters, or an eare of corne.

f Some thinke that this was Boáz ỹ husband of Ruth.

n Ebr. sonnes sonnes.

o Or, horsecolters.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Israél for their wickednes is oppressed of the Philistims. 3 The Angel appeareth to Manoahs wife. 16 The Angel commandeth him to sacrifice vnto the Lord. 24 The birth of Samson.

1 BVt the children of Israél continued to commit [a] wickednes in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord deliuered them into the hands of the Philistims fortie yere.

2 ¶ Then there was a man in Zoráh of the familie of the Danites, named Manóah, whose wife was [a] baren, and bare not.

3 And

Chap. 2, 11. & 3, 7. & 4, 1. & 6, 1. & 10, 6.

a Signifying ỹ their deliuerance came onely of God & not by mās power.

3 And the Angel of the Lord appeared vnto the woman, and ſaid vnto her, Beholde now, thou art baren, and beareſt not: but thou ſhalt conceiue, and beare a ſonne.

Nomb 6,2. 4 And nowe therefore beware * that thou drinke no wine, nor ſtrong drinke, nether eat anie vncleane thing.

5 For lo, thou ſhalt conceiue and beare a ſonne, & no rasor ſhal * come on his head: for the childe ſhalbe a [b] Nazarite vnto God from his birth: and he ſhal begin to ſaue Iſraél out of the hands of the Philiſtims.

1.Sam 1,11.

b Meaning, he ſhulde be ſegerate from the worlde and dedicate to God.

6 ¶ Then the wife came, & tolde her houſband, ſaying, A man of God came vnto me, and the facion of him was like the facion of ỹ Angel of God exceding [c] fearful, but I aſked him not whence he was, nether tolde he me his name,

c If flesh be not able to abide the ſight of an Angel, how much leſſe the preſence of God?

7 But he ſaid vnto me, Beholde, thou ſhalt conceiue, and beare a ſonne, and now thou ſhalt drinke no wine, nor ſtrong drinke, nether eat anie vncleane thing: for the childe ſhal be a Nazarite to God from his byrth to the day of his death.

8 Then Manóah [d] prayed to the Lord and ſaid, I pray thee, my Lord, let the man of God, whome thou ſenteſt, come againe now vnto vs, and teache vs what we ſhal do vnto the childe when he is borne.

d He ſheweth him ſelfe ready to obey Gods wil, and therefore deſireth to knowe farther.

9 And God heard the voyce of Manóah, & the Angel of God came againe vnto the wife, as ſhe ſate in the field, but Manóah her houſband was not with her.

10 ¶ And the wife made haſte & ranne, and ſhewed her houſband and ſaid vnto him, Beholde, the man hathe appeared vnto me, that came vnto me [e] to day.

e It ſemeth ỹ the Angel appeared vnto her twiſe in one day

11 And Manóah aroſe and went after his wife, and came to the [f] man, and ſaid vnto him, Art thou the man that ſpakeſt vnto the woman? and he ſaid, Yea.

f He calleth him man, becauſe he ſo ſemed, but he was Chriſt the eternal worde, which at his time appointed became man.

12 Then Manóah ſaid, Now let thy ſaying come to paſſe: *but* how ſhal we ordre the childe, and do vnto him?

13 And ỹ Angel of the Lord ſaid vnto Manóah, The woman muſt beware of all that I ſaid vnto her.

14 She may eat of nothing that cometh of the vinetre: ſhe ſhal not drinke wine nor ſtrong drinke, nor eat anie [g] vncleane thing: let her obſerue all that I haue commanded her.

g Anie thing forbidden by the Lawe

15 Manóah then ſaid vnto the Angel of the Lord, I pray thee, let vs reteine thee, vntil we haue made ready a kid for thee.

16 And the Angel of the Lord ſaid vnto Manóah, Thogh thou make me abide, I wil not eat of thy bread, and if thou wilt make a burnt offring, offer it vnto the [h] Lord: for Manóah knewe not that it was an Angel of the Lord.

h Shewing ỹ he ſoght not his owne honor, but Gods, whoſe meſſenger he was.

17 Againe Manóah ſaid vnto ỹ Angel of ỹ Lord, What is thy name, ỹ whē thy ſaying is come to paſſe, we may honour thee?

18 And ỹ Angel of the Lord ſaid vnto him, Why aſkeſt ỹ thus after my name, which is [i] ſecret?

i Or, merueilous leaſt?

19 Then Manóah toke a kid with a meat offring, and offred it vpon a ſtone vnto the Lord: and *the Angel* did [k] wonderouſly, whiles Manóah and his wife loked on.

k God ſent fire from heauē to conſume their ſacrifice, to confirme their faith in his promes.

20 For when the flame came vp towarde heauen from the altar, the Angel of the Lord aſcended vp in the flame of the altar, and Manóah and his wife beheld it, & fel on their faces vnto the ground.

21 (So the Angel of the Lord did no more appeare vnto Manóah and his wife) Thē Manóah knewe that it was an Angel of ỹ Lord.

22 And Manóah ſaid vnto his wife, * We ſhal ſurely dye, becauſe we haue ſene God.

Exod 33,20. chap 6,22.

23 But his wife ſaid vnto him, If the Lord wolde kil vs, he wolde not haue receiued a [k] burnt offring, and a meat offring of our hands, nether wolde he haue ſhewed vs all theſe things, nor wolde now haue tolde vs anie ſuche.

k Theſe graces ỹ we haue receiued of God, & his accepting of our obedience, are ſure tokens of his loue toward vs, ſo ỹ nothing can hurte vs

24 ¶ And the wife bare a ſonne, and called his name Samſón: and the childe grewe, & the Lord bleſſed him.

25 And the Spirit of ỹ Lord began to [l] ſtrēgthē him in the hoſte of Dan, betwene Zoráh, and Eſhtaól.

l Or, to come vpō him at diuers times.

CHAP. XIIII.

2 Samſón deſireth to haue a wife of the Philiſtims. 6 He killeth a lyon. 12 He propoundeth a riddle. 19 He kylleth thirtie. 20 His wife forſaketh him and taketh another.

1 NOw Samſón went downe to Timnáth, and ſawe a woman in Timnáth of the daughters of the Philiſtims,

2 And he came vp and tolde his father and his mother, and ſaid, I haue ſene a woman in Timnáth of the daughters of the Philiſtims: now therefore [m] giue me her to wife.

m Or take her for me to wife.

3 Thē his father and his mother ſaid vnto him, Is there [a] neuer a wife amōg ỹ daughters of thy brethren, and among all my people, that thou muſt go to take a wife of the vncircūciſed Philiſtims? And Samſón ſaid vnto his father, Giue me her, for ſhe pleaſeth me wel.

a Thogh his parēts did iuſtely reproue him, yet it appeareth ỹ this was ỹ ſecret worke of the Lord, verſ. 4

4 But his father and his mother knewe not that it came of the Lord, that he ſhulde ſeke an occaſion againſt the [b] Philiſtims: for at that time the Philiſtims reigned ouer Iſraél.

b To fight againſt thē for the deliuerāce of Iſraél.

5 ¶ Then went Samſón and his father and his mother downe to Timnáth, and came to ỹ vineyardes at Timnáth: & beholde, a yong lyon roared vpon him.

6 And the Spirit of the Lord [c] came vpon him, and he tare him, as one ſhulde haue rent a kid, and had nothing in his hand, ne-

c Whereby he had ſtrengtu & boldenes.

ther tolde he his father nor his mother what he had done.

7 And he went downe, and talked with the woman which was beautiful in the eyes of Samſon.

8 ¶ And within a *fewe* dayes, whē he returned *Or, to take her to his wife.* to receiue her, he went aside to se the carkeis of the lyon: and beholde, there was a swarme of bees, and hony in the body of the lyon.

9 And he toke thereof in his hands, and went eating, and came to his father and to his mother, and gaue vnto them, and they did eat: but he tolde not them, that he had taken the hony out of the bodie of ỹ lyon.

10 So his father went downe vnto the woman, and Samſon made there a [d] feast: for so vſed the yong men to do. *d Meaning, when he was maried.*

11 And when [e] they ſawe him, they broght thirtie companions to be with him. *e That is, her parents or frendes.*

12 Then Samſon ſaid vnto them, I wil now put forthe a ridle vnto you: & if you can declare it me within ſeuen dayes of the feaſt, and finde it out, I wil giue you thirtie ſhetes, and thirtie [f] change of garmēts. *f To weare at feastes or ſolemne dayes.*

13 But if you cānot declare it me, then ſhal ye giue me thirtie ſhetes and thirtie change of garments. And they anſwered him, Put forthe thy ridle, that we may heare it.

14 And he ſaid vnto them, Out of the eater came meat, and out of the ſtrong came ſwetenes: & they colde not in thre dayes expounde the ridle.

15 And when the ſeuenth day was [g] come, they ſaid vnto Samſons wife, Entiſe thyne houſband, that he may declare vs the ridle, leſt we burne thee and thy fathers houſe with fire. Haue ye called vs, *Or, to poſſeſſe vs? is it not ſo?* to poſſeſſe vs? is it not ſo? *g Or, drewe nere: for it was ỹ fourthe day*

16 And Samſons wife wept before him, and ſaid, Surely thou hateſt me and loueſt me not: for thou haſt put forthe a ridle vnto the [h] children of my people, and haſt not tolde it me. And he ſaid vnto her, Beholde, I haue not tolden it my father, nor my mother, and ſhal I tel it thee? *h Vnto them, which are of my nacion.*

17 Then Samſons wife wept before him ſeuen dayes, while their feaſt laſted: and when the ſeuenth day came, he tolde her, becauſe ſhe was importunate vpon him: ſo ſhe tolde the ridle to the children of her people. *i Or, to the ſeuenth day, begynning at the fourthe.*

18 And the men of the citie ſaid vnto him the ſeuenth day before the ſonne went downe, What is ſweter, then honie? and what is ſtronger then a lyon? Then ſaid he vnto them, [k] If ye had not plowed with my heiffer, ye had not founde out my ridle. *k If ye had not vſed the helpe of my wife.*

19 And the Spirit of the Lord came vpon him, and he went downe [l] to Aſhkelon, and ſlewe thirtie men of them & ſpoiled thē, and gaue change of garments vnto them, which expounded the ridle: & his wrath was kindled, and he went vp to his fathers houſe. *l Which was one of the fiue chief cities of the Philiſtims.*

20 Thē Samſons wife was *giuen* to his companion, whome he had vſed as his friend.

CHAP. XV.

4 Samſon tieth firebrādes to the foxe tailes. 6 The Philiſtims burnt his father in lawe & his wife. 15 With the iawebone of an aſſe he killeth a thouſand men. 19 Out of a great tothe in the iawe God gaue him water.

1 BVt within a while after, in the time of wheat harueſt, Sāſon viſited his wife with a kid, ſaying, I wil [a] go into my wife into the chāber: but her father wolde not ſuffre him to go in. *a That is, wil vſe her as my wife.*

2 And her father ſaid, I thoght that thou haddeſt hated her: therefore gaue I her to thy companion. Is not her yonger ſiſter fairer then ſhe? take her, I pray thee, in ſtead of the other.

3 Thē Samſon ſaid vnto them, Now am I more [b] blameles thē the Philiſtims: therefore wil I do them diſpleaſure. *b For through his father in laws occaſion, he was moued againe to take vengeance of ỹ Philiſtims.*

4 ¶ And Samſon went out, & toke thre hūdreth foxes, and toke firebrands, & turned them taile to taile, and put a firebrand in the middes betwene two tailes.

5 And when he had ſet the brandes on fier, he ſent them out into the ſtanding corne of the Philiſtims, and burnt vp bothe the [c] riekes & the ſtanding corne with the vineyardes & oliues. *c Or, that ỹ was reaped & gathered.*

6 Then the Philiſtims ſaid, Who hathe done this? And they anſwered, Samſon the ſonne in lawe of the [d] Timnite, becauſe he had taken his wife, & giuen her to his cōpanio. Then the Philiſtims came vp and [e] burnt her and her father with fire. *d Or, ỹ citizē of Timnath.* *e So ỹ wicked punish not vice for loue of iuſtice, but for feare of dāger, wher els might come to them.*

7 And Samſon ſaid vnto them, Thogh ye haue done this, yet wil I be auenged of you, and then I wil ceaſe.

8 So he ſmote them [f] hippe and thigh with a mighty plague: then he went and dwelt in the toppe of the rocke Etām. *f Or, horſemē & footmen.*

9 ¶ Then ỹ Philiſtims came vp, & pitched in Iudāh, & [g] were ſpred abroad in Lehi. *g Or, camped.*

10 And the men of Iudāh ſaid, Why are ye come vp vnto vs? And they anſwered, To [h] binde Samſon are we come vp, and to do to him as he hathe done to vs. *h And ſo beīg our priſoner, to punishe hi.*

11 Then thre thouſand men of Iudāh wēt to the toppe of the rocke Etām, and ſaid to Sāſon, Knoweſt thou not that ỹ Philiſtims are rulers ouer vs? Wherefore then haſt ỹ done thus vnto vs? And he anſwered thē, As they did vnto me, ſo haue I done vnto thē. *g Suche was their groſſe ignorāce, that they iudged Gods great benefite to be a plague vnto them.*

12 Againe they ſaid vnto hī, We are come to binde thee, and to deliuer thee into the hand of the Philiſtims. And Samſon ſaid vnto them, Sweare vnto me, that ye wil not fall vpon me your ſelues. *h Thus they had rather betray their brother, then vſe ỹ meanes that God had giuē for their deliuerance.*

13 And they anſwered him, ſaying, No, but we wil binde thee and [h] deliuer thee vnto their hand, but we wil not kil thee.

And

And they bound him with two newe cordes, and brogh̄t him from the rocke.

14 When he came to Léhi, the Philiſtíms ſhouted againſt him, and the Spirit of the Lord came vpon him, and the cordes that were vpon his armes, became as flaxe that was burnt with fire: for the bandes loſed from his hands.

i That is, of an aſſe lately ſlaine. 15 And he found a [i] newe iawebone of an aſſe, and put forthe his hand, and caught it, and ſlewe a thouſand men therewith.

16 Then Samſón ſaid, With the iawe of an aſſe *are* heapes vpon heapes: w̄ the iawe of an aſſe haue I ſlayne a thouſand men.

17 And when he had left ſpeaking, he caſt away the iawebone out of his hand, & called that place, [l] Ramath-Léhi.

l Or, *the lifting vp of the iawe.* k Wherby appeareth, ỹ he did theſe thigs in faith, & ſo w̄ a true zeal to glorifie God & deliuer his countrey. 18 And he was ſore a thirſt, and [k] called on the Lord, and ſaid, Thou haſt giuen this great deliuerance into the hand of thy ſeruant: and now ſhal I dye for thirſt, and fall into the hands of the vncircumciſed?

19 Then God brake the cheeke tothe, that was in the iawe, and water came thereout: and when he had dronke, his Spirit came againe, and he was reuiued: wherefore the name thereof is called, [m] En-hakkoré, w̄ is in Léhi vnto this day.

m Or, *the fountaine of him that prayed.* 20 And he iudged Iſraél in the dayes of ỹ Philiſtíms twentie yeres.

CHAP. XVI.

Samſón carieth away the gates of Azzáh. 18 He was deceiued by Deliláh. 30 He pulleth downe the houſe vpon the Philiſtims, and dyeth with them.

n One of ỹ 5. chief cities of ỹ Philiſtíms. 1 THen went Samſón to [n] Azzáh, & ſawe there [o] an harlot, & [b] went in vnto her.

o Or, *victailer.* b That is, he lodged w̄ her. 2 And it was tolde to the Azzathites, Samſón is come hether. And they went about, & layed wait for him all night in the gate of the citie, and were quiet all the night, ſaying, *Abide* [p] til the morning earely, and we ſhal kil him.

p Or, *to the light of the morning.* 3 And Samſón ſlept til midnight, & aroſe at midnight, and toke the dores of the gates of the citie, and the two poſtes and lift them away with the barres, and put them vpon his ſhulders, and caried them vp to the top of the mountaine that is before Hebrón.

4 ¶ And after this he loued a woman by ỹ [q] riuer of Sorék, whoſe name was Deliláh:

q Or, *plaine.* 5 Vnto whome came the princes of ỹ Philiſtíms, and ſaid vnto her, Entiſe him, and ſe wherein his great ſtrength *lieth*, and by what meane we may ouercome him, that we may binde him, and puniſhe him, and euerie one of vs ſhal giue thee eleuen hundreth [c] *ſhekels* of ſiluer.

c Of ỹ value of a ſhekel read Gen. 23, 15 6 ¶ And Deliláh ſaid to Samſón, Tel me, I pray thee, wherein thy great ſtrength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mighteſt be bounde, to do thee hurt.

7 Samſón then anſwered vnto her, If they binde me with ſeuen greene cordes that were neuer dryed, thē ſhal I be weake, and be as an other man. r Or, *new withe.*

8 And the princes of ỹ Philiſtíms brogh̄t her ſeuē greene cordes that were not drye, and ſhe bound him therewith.

9 (And ſhe had [d] men lying in wayte w̄ her in ỹ chāber) Then ſhe ſaid vnto him, The Philiſtíms *be* vpon thee, Samſón. And he brake the cordes, as a thread of towe is broken, when [e] it feleth fire: ſo his ſtrēgth was not knowen. d Certeine Philiſtíms in a ſecret chamber. e Whē fire cōmeth neere it.

10 ¶ After Deliláh ſaid vnto Samſón, Se, ỹ haſt mocked me and tolde me lies. I pray thee now, [f] tel me wherewith ỹ mighteſt be bound.

f Though her falſehood tended to make him, loſe his life, yet his affection ſo blinded him ỹ he colde not beware. 11 Then he anſwered her, If they binde me with newe ropes ỹ neuer were occupied, then ſhal I be weake, and be as another man.

12 Deliláh therefore toke newe ropes, and bound him therewith, and ſaid vnto him, The Philiſtíms be vpon thee, Samſón: (& men lay in wait in the chāber) & he brake them from his armes, as a threade.

13 ¶ Afterward Deliláh ſaid to Samſón, Hetherto thou haſt beguiled me, and tolde me lies: tel me how thou mighteſt be bound. [g] And he ſaid vnto her, If thou platteds ſeuen lockes of mine head with the threades of the woufe. g It is impoſsible, if we giue place to our wicked affections, but at length we ſhal be deſtroied.

14 And ſhe faſtened it with a pinne, & ſaid vnto him, The Philiſtíms *be* vpon thee, Samſón. And he awoke out of his ſlepe, and went away with the [r] pinne of ỹ webbe and the woufe. r Or, *beame.*

15 Againe ſhe ſaid vnto him, How canſt thou ſay, [h] I loue thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou haſt mocked me theſe thre times, and haſt not tolde me wherein thy great ſtrength *lieth*.

h For this Sāſón vſed to ſayr, I loue thee. 16 And becauſe ſhe was importunate vpon him with her wordes cōtinually, and vexed him, his ſoule was peined vnto ỹ death.

17 Therefore he tolde her all his [i] heart, & ſaid vnto her, There neuer came raſor vpon mine head: for I am a Nazarite vnto God frō my mothers wombe: therefore if I be ſhauen, my ſtrength wil go from me, & I ſhal be weake, & be like all *other* men.

i Thus his immoderate affectiōs towarde a wicked womā cauſed him to loſe Gods excellent gifts, & become ſlaue vnto thē, whome he ſhulde haue ruled. 18 And whē Deliláh ſawe that he had tolde her all his heart, ſhe ſent, & called for the Princes of ỹ Philiſtíms, ſaying, Come vp once *againe*: for he hathe ſhewed me all his heart. Then the princes of the Philiſtíms came vp vnto her, and brogh̄t the money in their hands.

19 And ſhe made him [k] ſlepe vpō her knees, & ſhe called a man, & made him to ſhaue of ỹ ſeuen lockes of his head, & ſhe begā to vexe hī, & his ſtrength was [k] gone frō hī.

k Not for the loſſe of his heere, but for ỹ contempt of ỹ ordinance of God, w̄ was ỹ cauſe ỹ God departed from him. 20 Then ſhe ſaid, The Philiſtíms *be* vpō thee, Sāſón. And he awoke out of his ſlepe,

and thoght, I wil go out now as at other times, & ſhake my ſelfe, but he knewe not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 Therefore the Philiſtíms toke him, and put out his eies, and broght him downe to Azzáh, and bound him with fetters: and he did grinde in the priſon houſe.

l Yet had he not his ſtrégth againe, til he had called vpon God, and reconciled his ſelfe.

22 And the heere of his head begā to lgrowe againe after that it was ſhauen.

23 Then the princes of the Philiſtíms gathered them together for to offer a great ſacrifice vnto Dagón their god, and to reioyce: for they ſaid, Our god hathe deliuered Samſón our enemie into our hāds.

24 Alſo when the people ſaw him, they praiſed their god: for they ſaid, Our god hath deliuered into our hands our enemie and deſtroier of our countrey, ẅ hathe ſlaine manie of vs.

25 And when their heartes were mery, they ſaid, Call Samſón, that he may make vs paſtime. So they called Samſón out of the priſon houſe, and he m was a laughing ſtocke vnto them, and they ſet him betwene the pillers.

m Thus by Gods iuſt iudgements they are made ſcornes to infidels, which neglect their vocacion in defending the faithful.

26 Then Samſón ſaid vnto the ſeruant that led him by the hand, Lead me, that I may touche the pillers that the houſe ſtandeth vpon, and that I may leane to them.

27 (Now the houſe was ful of men & women, and there *were* all the princes of the Philiſtíms: alſo vpon the roofe *were* about thre thouſand men & women that behelde while Samſón "played)

"Or, was mocked

28 Then Samſón called vnto the Lord, and ſaid, ô Lord God, I pray thee, thinke vpon me: ô God, I beſeche thee, ſtrengthen me at this time onely, that I maye be "at once n auenged of the Philiſtíms for my two eyes.

"Ebr. take me vengeance.
n According to my vocation, which is to execute Gods iudgements vpon the wicked.

29 And Samſón layed holde on the two middle pillers whereupō the houſe ſtode, and on which it was borne vp: on the one with his right hand, and on the other with his left.

o He ſpeaketh not this of diſpaire, but húbling hī ſelfe for neglecting his office & ỹ offence thereby giuen.

30 Then ſaid Samſón, o Let me loſe my life with the Philiſtíms: and he bowed him ẅ all his might, and the houſe fel vpon the princes, and vpon all the people that were therein. ſo the dead which he ſlue at his death were mo then they which he had ſlayne in his life.

31 Then his brethren, and all the houſe of his father came downe and toke him, and broght him vp & buryed him betwene Zoráh and Eſhtaól, in the ſepulchre of Manóah his father: now he had iudged Iſraél twentie yeres.

CHAP. XVII.

3 Michahs mother according to her vowe made her ſonne two idoles. 5 He made his ſonne a Prieſt for his idoles. 10 And after he hired a Leuite.

1 THere a was a man of mount Ephráim, whoſe name was Michah,

a Some thīke this hiſtorie was in ỹ time of Othniél, or as Ioſephus writeth, immediatly after Ioſhúa.

2 And he ſaid vnto his mother, The eleuen hundreth *ſhekels* of ſiluer that were taken from thee, for the which thou curſedſt, & ſpakedſt it, euē in mine hearing, beholde, the ſiluer *is* with me, I toke it. Then his mother ſaid, Bleſſed be my ſonne of the Lord.

3 And when he had reſtored the eleuen hūdreth *ſhekels* of ſiluer to his mother, his mother ſaid, I had dedicate ỹ ſiluer to ỹ Lord of mine hand for my ſonne, to make b a grauen and molten image. Now therefore I wil giue it thee againe.

b Contrary to the commandement of God and true religion practiſed vnder Ioſhúa, they forſoke ỹ Lord and fel to idolatrie.

4 And whē he had reſtored the money vnto his mother, his mother toke two hundreth *ſhekels* of ſiluer, and gaue them to the founder, which made thereof a grauē and molten image, and it was in the houſe of Michah.

5 And this man Michah had an houſe of gods, & made an* c Ephód, & * Teraphím, and "conſecrated one of his ſonnes, who was his Prieſt.

Chap.8,27.
c He wolde ſerue both God & idoles.
Gen.31,19.
oſe.3,4.
"Ebr. filled the hand of one.

6 In thoſe daies there was no d King in Iſraél, *but* euerie man did that, which was good in his owne eies.

d For where there is no magiſtrat fearing God, there can be no true religion, nor order.

7 ¶ There was alſo a yong mā out of Bethléhem Iudáh, e of the familie of Iudáh: who was a Leuite, and ſoiourned there.

e Which Bethléhem was in the tribe of Iudáh.

8 And the man departed out of the citie, *euē* out of Beth-léhem Iudáh, to dwel where he colde finde *a place*: and as he iourneied, he came to mount Ephráim to the houſe of Michah.

9 And Michah ſaid vnto him, Whence cōmeſt thou? And the Leuite anſwered him, f I *come* from Beth-léhem Iudáh, and go to dwel where I may finde *a place*.

f For in thoſe daies ỹ ſeruice of God was corrupt in all eſtates and the Leuites were not loked vnto.

10 Then Michah ſaid vnto him, Dwel ẅ me, and be vnto me a father and a Prieſt, and I wil giue thee ten *ſhekels* of ſiluer by yere, and a ſute of apparel, & thy meat and drinke. So the Leuite went in.

11 And the Leuite was g content to dwel ẅ the man, and the yong man was vnto him as one of his owne ſonnes.

g Not cōſidering that he forſoke ỹ true worſhiping of God for to mainteine his owne belly.

12 And Michah conſecrated the Leuite, & the yong man was his Prieſt, and was in the houſe of Michah.

13 Then ſaid Michah, Now I knowe that ỹ Lord wil be h good vnto me, ſeing I haue a Leuite to my Prieſt.

h Thus ỹ idolaters perſuade thē ſelues of Gods fauour, when in deede he doeth deteſt thē.

CHAP. XVIII.

2 The children of Dan ſend men to ſearche the land. 11 Then come the ſix hundreth & take the gods, and the Prieſt of Michah awaie. 27 They deſtroy Laiſh. 28 They build it againe. 30 And ſet vp idolatrie.

1 IN thoſe dayes there was no a King in Iſraél, and at the ſame time the tribe of Dan ſoght them an inheritāce to dwel in; for

a Meaning no ordinarie Magiſtrat, to puniſhe vice according to Gods worde.

for vnto that time *all* their inheritãce had not fallen vnto them among the tribes of Israél.

2 Therefore the children of Dan sent of their familie, fiue men out of their coastes, *euen* men expert in warre, out of Zoráh & Eshtaól, to vewe the land and searche it out, and said vnto them, [b] Go, *and* searche out the land. Then they came to mount Ephráim to the house of Micháh and lodged there.

[b] For the portion ẅ Iohua gaue them, was not sufficient for all their tribe.

3 When they were in the house of Micháh, they knewe the [c] voyce of the yong man the Leuite: and being turned in thether, they said vnto him, Who broght thee hether? or what makest thou in this place? & what hast thou *to do* here?

[c] They knewe him by his speache that he was a strãger there.

4 And he answered them, Thus and thus dealeth Micháh with me, and hathe hired me, and I am his Priest.

5 Againe they said vnto him, Aske counsel now of god, that we may knowe whether the way which we go, shal be prosperous.

[d] Thus God graunteth the idolaters sometime their requests to their destruction that delite in errors.

6 And the Priest said vnto them, [d] Go in peace: for ỹ Lord guideth your way which ye go.

7 Then the fiue men departed and came to Laísh, and sawe the people that were therein, which dwelt careles, after the maner of the Zidonians, quiet and sure, because no man "made any trouble in the land, or vsurped any dominion: also they were far from the Zidonians, and had no busines with *other* men.

"Ebr made thẽ ashamed.

8 ¶ So they came againe vnto their brethrẽ to Zoráh and Eshtaól: and their brethren said vnto them, What haue ye *done*?

9 And they answered, Arise, that we may go vp against them: for we haue sene the land, and surely it is very good, and [e] do ye sit stil? be not slouthful to go and enter to possesse the land.

[e] Lose ye this good occasion through your slouthfulnes?

10 (If ye wil go, ye shal come vnto a careles people, and the countrey *is* large) for God hathe giuen it into your hand. *It is* a place which doeth lacke nothing that is in the worlde.

11 ¶ Then there departed thence of the familie of the Danites, from Zoráh and from Eshtaól, six hũdreth men appointed with instruments of warre.

12 And they went vp, & pitched in Kiriáth iearím in Iudáh: wherefore they called that place, "Mahaneh-Dan vnto this day: and it is behinde Kiriáth iearim.

"Or, the tentes of Dan.

13 And they went thence vnto mount Ephráim, and came to the house of Michah.

[f] Because they before had had good successe, that wolde ỹ their brethrẽ shulde be encouraged by hearing ỹ same tidings.

14 Then answered the fiue men, that wẽt to spie out the countrey of Laísh, and said vnto their brethren, [f] Knowe ye not, that there is in these houses an Ephód, & Teraphím, and a grauen and a molten image? Now therefore consider what ye haue to do.

15 And they turned thetherwarde and came to the house of the yong man the Leuite, *euen* vnto the house of Michah, and saluted him peaceably.

16 And the six hundreth men appointed with their weapons of warre, which were of the children of Dan, stode by the entring of the gate.

17 Then the fiue men that went to spie out the land, went in thether, *and* toke the [g] grauen image and the Ephód, and the Teraphím, and the molten image: and the Priest stode in the entring of the gate with the six hundreth men, that were appointed with weapons of warre,

[g] So superstition blinded them, that they thoght Gods power was in these idoles, & ỹ they shulde haue good successes by them, thogh by violence & robbery they did take them awaye.

18 And the other went into Michahs house and fet the grauen image, the Ephód, and the Teraphím, and the molten image. Then said the Priest vnto them, What do ye?

19 And they answered him, Holde thy peace: laye thine hand vpon thy mouth, and come with vs to be our father and Priest. Whether is it better that thou shuldest be a Priest vnto the house of one man, or that thou shuldest be a Priest vnto a tribe and to a familie in Israel?

20 And the Priests heart was glad, and he toke the Ephód and the Teraphím, and the grauen image, and went among the [h] people.

[h] With the six hundreth men.

21 And they turned and departed, and put the children and the cattel, and the substãce [i] before them.

[i] Suspecting them that did pursue them.

22 ¶ When they were farre of frõ the house of Michah, the men that were in the houses nere to Michahs house, gathered together, and pursued after the children of Dan,

23 And cryed vnto the children of Dan: who turned their faces, and said vnto Michah, What ayleth thee, that thou makest an outcrye?

24 And he said, Ye haue taken away my [k] gods, which I made, and the Priest, and go your waies: & what haue I more? how then say ye vnto me, What aileth thee?

[k] This declareth what opinion the idolaters haue of their idoles.

25 And the children of Dan said vnto him, Let not thy voyce be heard amõg vs, lest "angry fellowes runne vpon thee, & thou lose thy life with the liues of thine housholde.

"Ebr who haue their hearts bitter.

26 So the children of Dan went their waies: and when Michah sawe that they were to strong for him, he turned, & went backe vnto his house.

27 And they toke the [l] things which Michah had made, and the Priest which he had, and came vnto Laísh, vnto a quiet people and without mistrust, and smote thẽ with the edge of the sworde, & burnt

[l] Meaning, the idoles, as vers. 18.

the citie with fire:

28 And there was none to *helpe, becauſe
m Laiſh was farre from Zidón, and they had no buſines with *other* men: alſo it was in the valley that lyeth by Beth-rehób. After, they buylt the citie, & dwelt therein,

29 *And called the name of the citie Dan, after the name of Dan their father which was borne vnto Iſraél: howbeit the name of the citie was Laiſh at the beginning.

30 Then the children of Dan ſet them vp the n grauen image: and Ionathan the ſonne of Gerſhóm, the ſonne of Manaſſén and his ſonnes were the Prieſts in the tribe of the Danites vntil the day of the o captiuitie of the land.

31 So they ſet them vp the grauen image, which Michàh had made, all the while the houſe of God was in Shilóh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 A Leuites wife being an harlot, forſoke her houſband, and he toke her againe. 25 At Gibeah ſhe was moſte vilenouſly abuſed to the death. 29 The Leuite cutteth her in pieces and ſendeth her to the twelue tribes.

1 AND in thoſe daies, * when there was no King in Iſraél, a certaine Leuite dwelt on the ſide of mount Ephráim, and toke to wife a * concubine out of Beth-léhem Iudah,

2 And his concubine played the whore p there, and went away from him vnto her fathers houſe to Beth-léhem Iudáh, and there cõtinued the ſpace of foure moneths.

3 And her houſband aroſe and went after her, to ſpeake q friendly vnto her, and to bring her againe: *he had* alſo his ſeruant with him, and a couple of aſſes: and ſhe broght him vnto her fathers houſe, and when the yong womans father ſawe him, he reioyced r of his comming.

4 And his father in lawe, the yong womans father retained him: and he abode with him thre daies: ſo they did eat & drinke, and lodged there.

5 ¶ And when the fourth day came, thei aroſe early in the morning, & s he prepared to departe: then the yong womans father ſaid vnto his ſonne in lawe, t Comforte thine heart with a morſel of bread, and then go your way.

6 So they ſate downe, & did eat and drinke bothe of them together. And the a yõg womans father ſaid vnto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tary all night, & let thine heart be mery.

7 And when the mã roſe vp to departe, his father in lawe u was earneſt: therefore he returned, and lodged there.

8 And he aroſe vp early the fifte day to departe, & the yong womans father ſaid, b Comforte thine heart, I pray thee: and they taryed vntil after midday, and they bothe did eat.

9 Afterwarde when the man aroſe to departe with his concubine and his ſeruant, his father in lawe, the yong womans father ſaid vnto him, Beholde now, the day x draweth towarde euen: I pray you, tary all night: beholde the ſunne goeth to reſt: lodge here, that thine heart may be mery, & tomorowe get you early vpon your way, and go to thy c tent.

10 But the man wolde not tary, but aroſe and departed, & came ouer againſt Iebús, (which is Ieruſalém) and his two aſſes laden, and his concubine *were* with him.

11 When thei were nere to Iebús, the day y was ſore ſpent, and the ſeruant ſaid vnto his maſter, Come, I pray thee, & let vs turne into this citie of the Iebuſites, & lodge all night there.

12 And his maſter anſwered him, d We wil not turne into the citie of ſtrangers that are not of the children of Iſraél, but we wil go forthe to Gibeah.

13 And he ſaid vnto his ſeruant, Come, and let vs drawe nere to one of theſe places, that we may lodge in Gibeáh or in Ramáh.

14 So they went forwarde vpon their way, and the ſunne went downe vpõ them nere to Gibeáh, which is in Beniamín.

15 ¶ Then thei turned thether to go in and lodge in Gibeáh: and when he came, he ſate him downe in a ſtrete of the citie: for there was no man that z toke them into his houſe to lodging.

16 And beholde, there came an olde man from his worke out of the field at euen, and the man was of mount Ephráim, but dwelt in Gibeáh: and the men of the place were the children of e Ieminí.

17 And when he had lift vp his eyes, he ſawe a a wayfaring mã in the ſtretes of the citie: then this olde man ſaid, Whether goeſt thou, and whence cameſt thou?

18 And he anſwered him, We came from Beth-léhem Iudah, vnto the ſide of moũt Ephráim: from thence am I: and I went to Beth-léhem Iudáh, and go *now* to the f houſe of the Lord: and no man receiueth me to houſe,

19 Althogh we haue ſtrawe and prouandre for our aſſes, and alſo bread and wine for me and thine handmayd, and for the boy that is with thy ſeruant: we lacke nothing.

20 And the olde man ſaid, g Peace be with thee: as for all that thou lackeſt, *ſhalt thou finde* with me: onely abide not in the ſtrete all night.

21 ¶ So he broght him into his houſe, and gaue foddre vnto the aſſes: & thei waſhed their fete, & did eat and drinke.

22 And as they were making their hearts mery,

Ioſh.19,47.

Chap.17,6. & 18,1.

Gen.25,6.

m Which after was called Ceſarea Philippi.

n Thus in ſtede of giuing glorie to God, thei attributed the victorie to their idoles, & honored them therefore.

o That is, til the Arke was taken, 1.Sam. 5,1.

p Ebr. *beſides him*: to wit, *with whom*.

q Ebr. *to her heart.*

r Or, *at his meting.*

s Ebr. *roſe vp.*

t Or, *ſtrengthen.*

a That is, his concubines father.

u Or, *compelled him.*

b Meanig, that he ſhulde refreſh him ſelfe with meate, as verſ. 5.

*Or, *helpe*, deliuer *her*.

*Or, *deliuer her*.

*Or, *draweth towarde euen*.

c To wit, to ſome towne or citie where he dwelt.

*Or, *wil downe*.

d Thogh in theſe daies there were moſt horrible corruptiõs, yet very neceſsitie colde not cõpel the to haue to do with them that profeſſed not the true God.

*Or, *gathered them*.

e That is, of the tribe of Beniamin.

*Or, *a man walking*.

f To Shilóh or Mizpéh, where the Arke was.

g Or, *be of good comfort*.

mery, beholde, the men of the citie, "wicked men beſet the houſe round about, and g ſmote at the dore, and ſpake to this olde man the maſter of the houſe, ſaying, Bring forthe the man that came into thine houſe that we may knowe him.

" Ebr. men of Belial: that is geue to all wickednes.

g To the intent they might breake it.

Gen 19,8. 23 And * this man the maſter of the houſe, went out vnto them, and ſaid vnto them, Naye my brethren, do not ſo wickedly, I pray you: ſeing that this man is come into mine houſe, do not this vilanie.

24 Beholde, *here is* my daughter, a virgine, and his concubine: them wil I bring out now, h and humble them, and do with thē what ſemeth you good: but to this man do not this vilenie.

h That is, abuſe them.

25 But the men wolde not hearken to him: therefore the man toke his concubine, and broght her out vnto them: and they knewe her and abuſed her all the night vnto the morning: & whē the day began to ſpring, they let her go.

26 So ỹ woman came in the dawning of the day, & i fel downe at the dore of the mās houſe where her lord was, til the light day.

i She fell downe dead, as verſ 27

27 And her "lord aroſe in the morning, & opened the dores of the houſe, and went out to go his way, and beholde, the woman his concubine *was* o dead at the dore of the houſe and her hands *lay* vpon the threſholde.

"Or, husband

o Or, fallen.

28 And he ſaid vnto her, Vp and let vs go: but ſhe anſwered not. Then he toke her vp vpon the aſſe, and the man roſe vp, and went vnto his k place.

k Meaning, home vnto mount Ephrāim

29 And when he was come to his houſe, he toke a knife, and laid hand on his concubine, and deuided her in pieces with her bones into twelue partes, and ſent her through all quarters of Iſraél.

30 And all that ſawe it, ſaid, There was no l ſuche thing done or ſene ſince the time that the children of Iſraél came vp from the land of Egypt vnto this day: conſidre the matter, conſult and giue ſentence.

l For this was like the ſin of Sodō, for the which God rained downe fire & brimſtone from heauen

CHAP. XX.

1 The Iſraelites aſſemble in Miz̄péh, to whome the Leuite declareth his wrong. 13 They ſent for them that did the vilenie. 25 The Iſraelites are twiſe ouercome. 46 And at length get the victorie

Oſee 10,9. 1 THen * all the childrē of Iſraél wēt out and the Congregacion was gathered together as a one man, from Dan to Beér ſhéba, with the land of Gilead, vnto the b Lord in Mizpéh.

a That is, all with one conſent

b To aſke counſel

2 And the "chief of all the people *and* all the tribes of Iſraél aſſembled in the Congregacīō of the people of God foure hūdreth thouſand fotemen ỹ c drewe ſword.

"Ebr. corners

c Meaning mē able to handle their weapon

3 (Now the children of Beniamin heard that the childrē of Iſraél were gone vp to Mizpéh.) Then the children of Iſraél d ſaid, How is this wickednes committed?

d To the Leuite.

4 And the ſame Leuite, the womans houſband that was ſlaine, anſwered and ſaid, I came vnto Gibeah that is in Beniamín with my concubine to lodge,

5 And the "mē of Gibeáh aroſe againſt me, and beſet the houſe round about vpon me by night, thinking to haue ſlaine me, and haue forced my cōcubine that ſhe is dead.

"Or, chief, or lords.

6 Then I toke my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and ſent e her through out all the countrey of the inheritance of Iſraél: for they haue committed abominacion and vilenie in Iſraél.

e That is, her pieces, to euerie tribe a piece, Chap. 19,29.

7 Beholde, ye are all children of Iſraél: giue your aduiſe, and counſel herein.

8 Thē all ỹ people aroſe as one mā, ſaying, There ſhal not a man of vs go to his tent, nether anie turne into his f houſe.

f Before we haue reuenged this wickednes.

9 But now this is that thing which we wil do to Gibeáh: *we wil go vp* by lot againſt it,

10 And we wil take ten men of the hūdreth throughout all the tribes of Iſraél, and an hundreth of the thouſand, and a thouſand of ten thouſand to bring g vitaile for the people that they may do (when they come to Gibeáh of Beniamín) according to all the vilenie, that it hathe done in Iſraél.

g Theſe ones ſhulde haue ỹ charge to prouide for vitaile for the reſt.

11 ¶So all the men of Iſraél were gathered againſt the citie, knit together, as one mā.

12 And the tribes of Iſraél ſent mē through all the h tribe of Beniamín, ſaying, What wickednes is this ỹ is cōmitted amōg you?

h That is euerie familie of the tribe.

13 Now therefore deliuer vs thoſe wicked men which are in Gibeáh, that we may put them to death, and put away euil from Iſraél: but the children of Beniamin i wolde not obey the voyce of their brethren the children of Iſraél.

i Becauſe they wolde not ſuffre the wicked to be puniſhed, they declared them ſelues to maintaine thē in their euil, & therefore were all iuſtely puniſhed.

14 But the children of Beniamín gathered them ſelues together out of the cities vnto Gibeáh, to come out and fight againſt the children of Iſraél.

15 ¶And the children of Beniamín were nombred at that time out of the cities ſix and twentie thouſand men that drewe ſworde, beſide the inhabitants of Gibeáh, which were nombred ſeuen hundreth choſen men.

16 Of all this people *were* ſeuen hundreth choſen men, being * left handed: all theſe colde ſling ſtones at an heere breadth, and not faile. *Chap 3,15.*

17 ¶Alſo ỹ men of Iſraél, beſide Bēiamín, were nōbred foure hundreth thouſand mē that drewe ſworde, euen all men of warre.

18 And the children of Iſraél aroſe, & wēt vp k to the houſe of God, & aſked of God, ſaying, Which of vs ſhal go vp firſt to fight againſt the children of Beniamín? And the Lord ſaid, Iudáh *ſhal be* firſt.

k That is, to ỹ Arke, which was in Shiloh: ſome thinke, to Mizpéh, as verſ. 1.

19 Then the childrē of Iſraél aroſe vp early and camped againſt Gibeah.

20 And the men of Iſraél went out to battel againſt Beniamín, and the men of Iſraél put thē ſelues in array to fight againſt them beſide Gibeáh.
21 And the children of Beniamín came out of Gibeáh, & ſlewe downe to the grounde of the Iſraelites that day [l] two and twentie thouſand men.
22 And the people, the men of Iſraél plucked vp their hearts, and ſet their battel againe in array in the place where they put them in array the firſt day.
23 (For the children of Iſraél had gone vp and wept before the Lord vnto ỹ euening, and had aſked of the Lord, ſaying, Shal I go againe to battel againſt the children of Beniamín my brethren? & the Lord ſaid, Go vp againſt them)
24 ¶ Then the children of Iſraél came nere againſt the children of Beniamín the ſeconde day.
25 Alſo the ſeconde day Beniamín came forthe to mete thē out of Gibeáh, & ſlewe downe to the groūde of the childrē of Iſraél againe eightene thouſand men: [n] all they colde handle the ſworde.
26 Then all the children of Iſraél went vp & all the people came alſo vnto the houſe of God, & wept and ſate there before the Lord & faſted that day vnto the euening, and offred burnt offrings & peace offrings before the Lord.
27 And the children of Iſraél aſked the Lord (for [m] there *was* the Arke of the couenant of God in thoſe dayes,
28 And Phinehás the ſonne of Eleazár, the ſonne of Aarón [n] ſtode before it at that time) ſaying, Shal I yet go anie more to battel againſt the childrē of Beniamín my brethren, or ſhal I ceaſe? And the Lord ſaid, Go vp: for tomorowe I wil deliuer them into your hand.
29 And Iſraél ſet men to lye in wait round about Gibeáh.
30 And the children of Iſraél went vp againſt the children of Beniamín the third day, and put them ſelues in array againſt Gibeáh, as at other times.
31 Then the children of Beniamín coming out againſt the people, were [o] drawē from the citie: and they began to ſmite of the people and kil as at othér times, *euen* by the wayes in the field (whereof one goeth vp to the houſe of God, & the other to Gibeáh) vpon a thirtie men of Iſraél.
32 (For the childrē of Beniamín ſaid, They are fallen before vs, as at the firſt. But the children of Iſraél ſaid, Let vs flee & plucke them away from the citie vnto the hie [p] wayes)
33 And all the men of Iſraél roſe vp out of their place, & put them ſelues in array at Baál tamár: and the men that lay in waite of the Iſraelites came forthe of their place, *euen* out of the medowes of Gibeáh,
34 And they came ouer againſt Gibeáh, ten thouſand choſen men of all Iſraél, & the battel was ſore: for they knewe not that the [q] euil was nere them.
35 ¶ And ỹ Lord ſmote Beniamín before Iſraél, and the children of Iſraél deſtroyed of the Beniamites the ſame day fiue and twentie thouſand and an hundreth men: all they colde handle the ſworde.
36 So the childrē of Beniamín ſawe that they were ſtriken downe: for the men of Iſraél [r] gaue place to the Beniamites, becauſe they truſted to the men that lay in wait, which they had laid beſide Gibeáh.
37 And they that lay in waite haſted, and brake forthe towarde Gibeáh, and the embuſhment [s] drewe them ſelues along, and ſmote all the citie with the edge of the ſworde.
38 Alſo the men of Iſraél had appointed a certaine time with the embuſhmēts, that they ſhulde make a great flame, *and* ſmoke riſe vp out of the citie.
39 And whē the men of Iſraél retired in the battel, Beniamín began to [t] ſmite and kil of the men of Iſraél about thirtie perſones: for they ſaid, Surely they are ſtriken downe before vs, as in the firſt battel.
40 But when the flame began to ariſe out of the citie, *as* a piller of ſmoke, the Beniamites loked backe, and beholde, the flame of the citie began to aſcende vp to heauen.
41 Then ỹ men of Iſraél turned [u] againe, and the men of Beniamín were aſtonied: for they ſaw that euil was nere vnto thē.
42 Therefore they fled bēfore the men of Iſraél vnto the way of the wildernes, but the battel ouertoke them: alſo they which *came out* of the cities, ſlewe them [x] among them.
43 *Thus* they compaſſed the Beniamites about, *and* chaſed them [y] at eaſe, and ouerran them, euen ouer againſt Gibeáh on the Eaſtſide.
44 And there were ſlaine of Beniamín eightene thouſand men, which were all men of warre.
45 And they turned and fled to the wildernes vnto the rocke of Rimmón: and the *Iſraelites* [z] glained of them by the way fiue thouſand mē, & purſued after thē vnto Gidóm, & ſlewe two thouſand mē of thē,
46 So that all that were ſlaine that day of Beniamín, were [a] fiue and twentie thouſand men that drewe ſworde, which were all men of warre:
47 But ſix hundreth men turned & fled to the wildernes, vnto the rocke of Rimmón and abode in the rocke of Rimmón foure moneths.

48 Then

l This God permitted, becauſe the Iſraelites partely truſted to muche in their ſtrength, and partely God wolde by this meanes puniſh their ſinnes.
n *Ebr all they drawing the worde.*
m To wit, in Shilóh.
n Or, ſerued in the Prieſts office at thoſe dates: for the Iewes write, that he liued thre hundreth yeres.
o By the policie of the children of Iſraél.
p Meaning, croſſe wayes or, paths to diuers places.
q They knewe not, that Gods iudgemēt was at hand to deſtroy them.
r Retired, to drawe them after.
s *Or, made alīg ſtande with a trumpes.*
t For they were waxen hardy by the two former victories.
u And withſtode their enemies.
x For they were cōpaſſed in on euerie ſide
y *Or, droue th m frō their reſte.*
z They ſlewe them by one & one, as they were ſcatered abroad
a Beſides eleuen hundreth that had bene ſlaine in the former battelles.

48 Then the men of Iſraél returned vnto the children of Beniamín, and ſmote thē with the edge of the ſworde fro mē of the citie vnto the beaſts, and all that came to hand: alſo they ſet on fire all the [z] cities that they colde come by.

z If they belonged to the Beniamites

CHAP. XXI.

1 The Iſraelites ſweare that they wil not mary their daughters to the Beniamites. 10 They ſlay them of Iabéſh Gileád, and giue their virgines to the Beniamites 21 The Beniamites take the daughters of Shilóh.

a This othe came of raſhenes and not of iudgement: for after they brake it, in ſhewing ſecretly the meanes to mary with certaine of their daughters.

MOreouer the men of Iſraél [a] ſware in Mizpéh, ſaying, None of vs ſhal giue his daughter vnto the Beniamites to wife.

2 And the people came vnto the houſe of God & abode there til euen before God, and lift vp their voices, and wept with great lamentacion,

3 And ſaid, ô Lord God of Iſraél, why is this come to paſſe in Iſraél, that this day one tribe of Iſraél ſhulde want?

b According to their cuſtome, when they wolde conſult with the Lord.

4 ¶ And on the morowe the people roſe vp and made there an [b] altar, and offred burnt offrings and peace offrings.

5 Then the children of Iſraél ſaid, Who is he amōg all ỹ tribes of Iſraél, that came not vp with the Congregacion vnto the Lord? for they had made a great othe concerning him that came not vp to the Lord to Mizpéh, ſaying, Let him dye the death.

c Or, repented that they had deſtroied their brethren, as appeareth vers 15.

6 And the children of Iſraél [c] were ſorie for Beniamín their brother, & ſaid, There is one tribe cut of from Iſraél this day.

7 How ſhal we do for wiues to them that remaine, ſeing we haue ſworne by ỹ Lord, that we wil not giue them of our daughters to wiues?

d Cōdemning thē to be fautors of vice, which wolde not put their hand to puniſh it.

8 Alſo they ſaid, Is there anie of the tribes of Iſraél that [d] came not vp to Mizpéh to the Lord? and beholde, there came none of Iabéſh Gileád vnto the hoſte *and* to the Congregacion.

9 For when the people were vewed, beholde, none of the inhabitants of Iabéſh Gileád were there.

*Ebr. children of ſtrength.

10 Therefore the Congregacion ſent thether twelue thouſand men of the *moſte valiant, and commanded them, ſaying, Go, and ſmite the inhabitants of Iabéſh Gileád with the edge of the ſworde, bothe women and children.

*Numb. 31.17.

11 *And this is it that ye ſhal do: ye ſhal vtterly deſtroy all the males and all the women that haue lien by men.

12 And they founde among the inhabitants of Iabéſh Gileád foure hundreth maides, virgins that had knowen no man by lying with anie male: and they broght them vnto the hoſte to Shilóh, which is in the land of Canáan.

e To wit, about four monethes after ỹ diſcomfiture, Chap. 20, 47

*Or, friendly.

13 ¶ Thē the whole Congregacion [e] ſent & ſpake with the children of Beniamín that were in the rocke of Rimmón, and called [*] peaceably vnto them:

f For there lacked two hundreth

14 And Beniamín came againe at ỹ time, & they gaue them wiues which they had ſaued aliue of the women of Iabéſh Gileád: but they had not [f] ſo ynough for thē.

15 And the people were ſory for Beniamín, becauſe the Lord had made a breache in the tribes of Iſraél.

16 Therefore the Elders of the Congregacion ſaid, How ſhal we do for wiues to the remnant for the women of Beniamín are deſtroyed.

g Beniamín muſt be reſtored to haue ỹ twelft portiō in ỹ inheritāce of Iaakób.

17 And they ſaid, *There muſt be* an [g] inheritance for them that be eſcaped of Beniamín, that a tribe be not deſtroyed out of Iſraél.

18 Howbeit we may not giue them wiues of our daughters: for the children of Iſraél had ſworne, ſaying, Curſed be he, that giueth a wife to Beniamín.

h He deſcribeth the place where the maides vſed yerely to dance, as ỹ maner then was, & to ſyng Pſalmes and ſongs of Gods workes emongs them.

19 Therefore they ſaid, Beholde, there is a feaſt of the Lord euerie yere in Shilóh *in a place*, which is on the [h] Northſide of Beth-él, and on the Eaſtſide of the way that goeth vp from Beth-él to Shechém, and on the South of Lebonáh.

20 Therefore they commanded the childrē of Beniamín, ſaying, Go, and lye in waite in the vineyardes.

21 And when ye ſe that the daughters of Shilóh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyardes, and catche you euery man a wife of the daughters of Shilóh, & go into the land of Beniamín.

i Thogh they thoght hereby to perſuade men that they k pr their oth, yet before God it was broken

22 And [i] when their fathers or their brethren come vnto vs to complaine, we wil ſay vnto them, Haue pitie on thē for our ſakes, becauſe we reſerued not to eche man his wife in the warre, and becauſe ye haue not giuen vnto them hetherto, ye haue ſinned.

k Meaning, two hūdreth.

23 And the children of Beniamín did ſo, and toke wiues of them that dāced according to their [k] nomber: which they toke, and went away, and returned to their inheritance, and repaired the cities & dwelt in them.

24 So the childrē of Iſraél departed thēce at that time, euery man to his tribe, and to his familie, and went out from thence euerie man to his inheritance.

*Chap. 17.6. & 18.1. & 19.1.

25 *In thoſe dayes there was no King in Iſraél, *but* euerie man did that which was good in his eyes.

THE BOKE OF RVTH.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis boke is intitled after the name of Ruth: which is the principal perſone ſpoken of in this treatiſe. Wherein alſo figuratiuely is ſet forthe the ſtate of the Church which is ſubiect to manifolde afflictions, and yet at length God giueth good and ioyful yſſue: teaching vs to abide with pacience til God deliuer vs out of troubles. Herein alſo is deſcribed howe Ieſus Chriſt, who according to the fleſh ought to come of Dauid, proceded of Ruth, of whome the Lord Ieſus did vouchesaue to come, notwithſtanding ſhe was a Moabite of baſe condicion, and a ſtranger from the people of God: declaring vnto vs thereby that the Gentiles ſhulde be ſanctified by him and ioyned with his people, and that there ſhulde be but one ſhepefolde, and one ſhepherde. And it ſemeth that this hiſtorie apperteineth to the time of the Iudges.

CHAP. I.

1 Elimélech goeth with his wife and childrē into the lād of Moáb. 3 He and his ſonnes dye. 19 Naomi and Ruth come to Beth-léhem.

IN the time that the iudges " ruled, there was a dearth in the [a] land, and a mā of Beth-léhem [b] Iudáh went for to ſoiourne in the coūtrei of Moáb, he, and his wife, and his two ſonnes.

" *Ebr. iudged.*

a In the land of Canáan.

b In ỹ tribe of Iudáh, which was alſo called Beth-léhē Ephrathah, becauſe there was another citie ſo called in the tribe of Zebulún.

2 And the name of the mā *was* Elimélech, and the name of his wife, Naomí: and the names of his two ſonnes, Mahlón, & Chilión, Ephrathites of [b] Beth-léhem Iudáh: and when they came into the land of Moáb, they continued there.

3 Then Elimélech the houſbād of Naomí dyed, & ſhe remained with her two ſonnes,

4 Which toke them wiues of the [c] Moabites: the ones name *was* Orpáh, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten yeres.

c By this wōderful prouidence of God Ruth became one of Gods houſholde, of whome Chriſt came.

5 And Mahlón and Chilión dyed alſo bothe twaine: ſo the woman was left *deſtitute* of her two ſonnes, & of her houſbād.

6 ¶Then ſhe aroſe with her daughters in lawe, and returned from the countrey of Moáb: for ſhe had heard ſay in the countrei of Moáb, that the Lord had [d] viſited his people, and giuen them bread.

d By ſending them plentie again.

7 Wherefore ſhe departed out of the place where ſhe was, and her two daughters in lawe with her, and they wēt on their way to returne vnto the land of Iudáh.

8 Thē Naomí ſaid vnto her two daughters in lawe, Go, returne eche of you vnto her owne mothers houſe: ỹ Lord ſhewe fauour vnto you, as ye haue done with the dead, and with me.

9 The Lord grante you, that you may finde reſt, either of you in the houſe of her houſband. And when ſhe kiſſed them, they lift vp their voyce and wept.

e Hereby it appeareth that Naomi by dwellig amōg idolaters was waxen colde in ỹ true zeale of God, & rather hathe reſpect to the eaſe of ỹ body then to ỹ comfort of ỹ ſoule.

10 And they ſaid vnto her, Surely we wil returne with thee vnto thy people.

11 But Naomí ſaid, Turne againe, my daughters: for what cauſe wil you go with me? are there anie mo ſonnes in my wombe, that they may be your houſbands?

12 Turne againe, my daughters: go your way: for I am to olde to haue an houſbād. if I ſhulde ſaie, I haue hope, & if I had an houſband this night: yea, if I had borne ſonnes,

13 Wolde ye tary for them, til they were of age? wolde ye be differred for them from taking of houſbands? nay my daughters: for it grieueth me [e] muche for your ſakes ỹ the hād of ỹ Lord is gone out againſt me.

e Or, more then you.

14 Then they lift vp their voyce, and wept againe, and Orpáh [f] kiſſed her mother in lawe, but Ruth abode ſtil with her.

f When ſhe toke leaue & departed.

15 And Naomí ſaid, Beholde, thy ſiſter in lawe is gone backe vnto her people & vnto her gods: [g] returne ỹ after thy ſiſter in law.

g No perſuaſions can preuaile to turne thē backe frō God whome he hathe choſen to be his.

16 And Ruth anſwered, Intreat me not to leaue thee, nor to departe from thee: for whither thou goeſt, I wil go: and where thou dwelleſt, I wil dwel: thy people *ſhalbe* my people, and thy God my God.

17 Where ỹ dyeſt, wil I dye, and there wil I be buryed. the Lord do ſo to me & more alſo, if *oght* but death departe thee & me.

18 ¶When ſhe ſawe that ſhe was ſtedfaſtly minded to go with her, ſhe left ſpeaking vnto her.

19 So they went bothe vntil they came to Beth-léhē: & whē they were come to Beth-léhem, it was [h] noiſed of them through all the citie, and they ſaid, Is not this Naomi?

h Whereby appeareth ỹ ſhe was of a great familie & of good reputation.

20 And ſhe anſwered thē, Call me not Naomí, *but* call me [i] Marā: for the Almightie hathe giuen me muche bitternes.

i *Or, beautiful.*

k Or, bitter.

21 I wēt out ful, & ỹ Lord hathe cauſed me to returne empty: why call ye me Naomí, ſeing the Lord hath hūbled me, & the Almighty hathe broght me vnto aduerſitie.

22 So Naomí returned and Ruth ỹ Moabiteſſe her daughter in law with her, when ſhe came out of the countrei of Moab: & they came to Beth-léhem in the beginning of [l] barly harueſt.

l which was in the moneth Niſan, that cōtaineth part of March & parte of April.

CHAP. II.

1 Ruth gathereth corne in the fieldes of Bóaz. 15 The gētlenes of Bóaz toward her.

1 THen Naomis houſband had a kinſman, one of great [a] power of the familie of Elimélech, & his name *was* Bóaz.

a Bothe for vertue, autoritie and riches.

And

2 And Ruth ỹ Moabitesse said vnto Naomi, I pray thee, let me go to ỹ field, & [b] gather eares of corne after hi, in whose sight I fino fauour. And she said vnto her, Go my daughter.

[b] This her humilitie declareth her great affection toward her mother in lawe, for as muche as she spareth no painful diligence to get bothe their livings.

3 ¶ And she went, & came & gleaned in ỹ field after the reapers, & it came to passe, that she met w̃ the portion of the field of Bóaz, who was of ỹ familie of Elimélech.

4 And beholde, Bóaz came from Beth-lehem, and said vnto the reapers, The Lord *be* with you: & they answered him, The Lord blesse thee.

5 Thẽ said Bóaz vnto his seruãt ỹ was appointed ouer ỹ reapers, Whose maid is this?

6 And the seruant that was appointed ouer the reapers, answered, and said, It is the Moabitish mayd, that came with Naomí out of the countrey of Móab:

7 And she said vnto vs, I pray you, let me gleane and gather after the reapers [a] amõg the sheaues: so she came, and hathe continued from that time in the morning vnto now, saue ỹ she taried a litle in the house.

[a] Or, certaine handefuls.

8 ¶ Then said Bóaz vnto Ruth, Hearest thou, my daughter? go to none other field to gather, neither go from hence: but abide here by my maidens.

9 [c] Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reape, and go thou after the *maidẽs*. Haue I not charged the seruants, that they touche thee not? Moreouer when thou art a thirst, go vnto the vessels and drinke of that which the seruants haue drawen.

[c] That is, Take hede in what field they do reape

10 Then she fel on her face, and bowed her self to the ground, & said vnto im, How haue I found fauour in thine eyes, that ỹ shuldest knowe me, seing I am [d] a stragei?

[d] Euen of the Moabites, w̃ are enemies to Gods people.

11 And Bóaz answered, and said vnto her, All is tolde and shewed me that ỹ hast done vnto thy mother in law, since ỹ death of thine housbãd, and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land where thou wast borne, and art come vnto a people w̃ thou knewest not in time past.

12 The Lord recompence thy worke and a ful reward be giuen thee of the Lord God of Israél, vnder whose [e] wings thou art come to trust.

[e] Signifiing ỹ she shal neuer want anie thig if she put her trust in God & liue vnder his protectiõ.

13 Then she said, Let me finde fauour in thy sight, my lord: for ỹ hast cõforted me, and spoken comfortably vnto thy maid, thogh I be not like to one of thy maids.

14 And Bóaz said vnto her, At ỹ meale time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, & dip thy morsel in ỹ vinegre. And she sate beside the reapers, and he reached her parched corne: and she did eat, and was suffised, and [f] left thereof.

[f] Which she brought home to her mother in lawe

15 ¶ And when she arose to gleane, Bóaz cõmãded his seruants, saying, Let her gather among ỹ sheaues, and do not rebuke her.

16 Also let fall *some* of the sheaues for her, & let it lie, that she may gather it vp, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field vntil euening, and she threshed that she had gathered, and it was about an *Epháh of barly. *Exod.16.36.

18 ¶ And she toke it vp, & went into the citie, and her mother in lawe sawe what she had gathered: also she [g] toke forthe, and gaue to her that which she had reserued, when she was suffised.

[g] To wit, of her bagge, as it is in the Chalde texte.

19 Then her mother in lawe said vnto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? & where wroghtest thou? blessed be he, that knewe thee. And she shewed her mother in lawe, with whome she had wroght, & said, The mans name with whome I wroght to day, is Bóaz.

20 And Naomí said vnto her daughter in lawe, Blessed be he of the Lord: for he ceaseth not to do good to the liuing and to the [h] dead. Againe Naomí said vnto her, The mã is nere vnto vs, & of our affinitie.

[h] To my housband & childrẽ, whẽ they were aliue, & now to vs

21 And Ruth the Moabitesse said, He said also certainly vnto me, Thou shalt be w̃ my seruãts, vntil they haue ended all mine haruest.

22 And Naomí answered vnto Ruth her daughter in lawe, It is best, my daughter, that thou go out with his maids, that thei [i] mete thee not in an other field.

[i] Or, fall vpon thee.

23 Thẽ she kept her by the maids of Bóaz, to gather vnto the end of barly haruest, & of wheat haruest, and [k] dwelt with her mother in lawe.

[k] Or, returned to her mother in lawe.

CHAP. III.

1 Naomí giueth Ruth counsel. 3 She stepeth at Bóaz fete. 12 He acknowledgeth him selfe to be her kinsman.

1 AFterward Naomi her mother in law said vnto her, My daughter, shal not I seke [a] rest for thee, that ỹ maiest prosper?

[a] Meaning, ỹ she wolde prouide her of an housband, w̃ whome she might liue quietly.

2 Now also is not Bóaz our kinsman, with whose maids ỹ wast [b] beholde, he winoweth barly to night in the [c] floore.

[b] Or, in the barne

[c] Bóaz, not yet anie other

3 Wash thy selfe therefore, & anoint thee, & put thy raiment vpõ thee, and get thee downe to ỹ floore: let not ỹ [b] mã knowe of thee, vntil he haue left eating & drinking.

4 And when he shal slepe, marke the place where he layeth him downe, & go, & vncouer the place of his fete, and lay thee downe, & he shal tel thee what ỹ shalt do.

5 And she answered her, All that thou biddest me, I wil do.

6 ¶ So she went downe vnto the floore, & did according to all ỹ her mother in lawe bade her.

7 And when Bóaz had eaten, and dronkẽ, & [c] cheared his heart, he went to lie downe at the end of the heape of corne, & she came softely, & vncouered the place of his fete, & lay downe.

[c] That is, had refresshed him selfe amõg his seruants

8 And at midnight the man was afraied [d] & caught holde: & lo, a womã lay at his fete.

[d] Or, turned him self from one side to another.

9 Then he ſaid, Who art thou? And ſhe anſwered, I am Ruth thine hādmaide: ſpread therefore the wing of thy garment ouer thine hādmaid: for thou art the kinſman.
10 Then ſaid he, Bleſſed be thou of the Lord, my daughter: ỹ haſt [d] ſhewed more goodnes in the latter end, then at the beginning, in as muche as thou folowedſt not yong men, were they poore or riche.
11 And now, my daughter, feare not: I wildo to thee all that thou requireſt: for all the citie of my people doeth knowe, that thou art a vertuous woman.
12 And now, it is true that I am thy kinſman, howbeit there is a kinſman nearer then I.
13 Tary to night, & when morning is come, if he [e] wil do the duetie of a kinſman vnto thee, wel, let him do the kinſmans duetie: but if he wil not do the kinſmans parte, then wil I do the duetie of a kinſmā, as ỹ Lord liueth: ſlepe vntil the morning.
14 ¶ And ſhe lay at his fete vntil the morning: & ſhe aroſe before one colde knowe another: for he ſaid, Let no man knowe, that a woman came in to the floore.
15 Alſo he ſaid, bring the [f] ſhete that thou haſt vpon thee, and holde it. And when ſhe helde it, he meaſured ſix *meaſures* of barly, and laied them on her, & went into the citie.
16 And whē ſhe came to her mother in law, ſhe ſaid, [f] Who art ỹ, my daughter? And ſhe tolde her all ỹ the mā had done to her,
17 And ſaid, Theſe ſix *meaſures* of barly gaue he me: for he ſaid to me, Thou ſhalt not come empty vnto thy mother in lawe.
18 Then ſaid ſhe, My daughter, ſit ſtil, vntil thou knowe how the thing wil fall: for the man wil not be in reſt, vntil he hathe finiſhed the matter this ſame day.

d Thou ſhewedſt thy ielſe frō time to time more vertuous.

e If he wil take ence to be his wife by ỹ title of affinitie, according to Gods law, Deu. 25, 5.

f Or, mantel.

f Perceyuing by her coming home, that he had not taken her so his wife, ſhe was aſtonied.

CHAP. IIII.

2 Bóaz ſpeaketh to Ruths next kinſman touching her mariage. 7 The anciēt cuſtome in Iſraél. 10 Bóaz maryeth Ruth, of whome he begetteth Obéd. 18 The generation of Phárez.

1 THen went Bóaz vp to the [a] gate, and ſate there, and beholde, the kinſman, of whome Bóaz had ſpoken, came by: and he ſaid, [b] Ho, ſuche one, come, ſit downe here. And he turned, and ſate downe.
2 Then he toke ten men of the Elders of ỹ citie, & ſaid, Sit ye downe here. And they ſate downe.
3 And he ſaid vnto ỹ kinſman, Naomí, that is come againe out of ỹ coūtrei of Moáb, wil ſel a parcel of lād, which was our brother Elimélechs.
4 And I thoght to aduertiſe thee, ſaying, Bye it before the [e] aſſiſtans, and before the Elders of my people. If thou wilt redeme it, redeme it: but if thou wilt not redeme it, tel me: for I knowe that there is none beſides thee to redeme it, & I am after thee. Then he anſwered, I wil redeme it.
5 Then ſaid Bóaz, What day thou byeſt ỹ field of the hand of Naomí, thou muſt alſo bye it of Ruth ỹ Moabiteſſe the wife of the dead, to ſterre vp the name of the dead, vpon his [d] inheritance.
6 And the kinſman anſwered, I can not redeme it, leſt I deſtroy mine owne inheritāce: redeme my right to thee, for I cā not redeme it.
7 Now this was the maner beforetime in Iſraél, concerning redemingand chāging, for to ſtabliſh all things: a man did plucke of his ſhooe, and gaue it his neighbour, and this was a ſure [e] witnes in Iſraél.
8 Therefore the kinſman ſaid to Bóaz, Bye it for thee: and he drue of his ſhooe.
9 And Bóaz ſaid vnto the Elders and vnto all the people, Ye are witneſſes this day, that I haue boght all ỹ was Elimélechs, and all that was Chilións & Mahlóns, of the hand of Naomí.
10 And moreouer, Ruth the Moabiteſſe the wife of Mahlón, haue I boght to be my wife, to ſterre vp the name of ỹ dead vpō his inheritance, and that the name of the dead be not put out from among his brethren, and from the gate of his [f] place: ye are witneſſes this day.
11 And all the people that were in the gate, & the Elders ſaid, *We are* witneſſes: the Lord make the wife that cometh into thine houſe, like Rahél and like Leáh, which twaine did buyld the houſe of Iſraél: and that thou maieſt do worthely in [g] Ephráthah, and be famous in Beth-léhem,
12 And that thine houſe be like ỹ houſe of Phárez (*whome Thamár bare vnto Iudáh) of the ſede which the Lord ſhal giue thee of this yong woman.
13 ¶ So Bóaz toke Ruth, and ſhe was his wife: and when he went in vnto her, the Lord gaue, that ſhe conceiued, and bare a ſonne.
14 And the women ſaid vnto Naomí, Bleſſed *be* ỹ Lord, which hathe not left thee this day without a kinſman, & [h] his name ſhalbe continued in Iſraél.
15 And this ſhal bring thy life againe, and cheriſh thine olde age: for thy daughter in lawe which loueth thee, hathe borne vnto him, and ſhe is better to thee then [i] ſeuen ſonnes.
16 And Naomí toke the childe, and layed it in her lap, and became nource vnto it.
17 And *the women* her neighbours gaue it a name, ſaying, There is a childe borne to Naomí, and called the name thereof Obéd: the ſame was the father of Iſhái, the father of Dauid.

c For thou art the next of ỹ kinne.

d That his inheritance might beare his name that is dead.

e That he had reſigned his right, Deut. 25, 9.

f Or, of ỹ citie where he remained.

g Ephráthah & Beth-léhem are bothe one.

Gen. 38, 29.

h He ſhal leaue a continuāl poſteritie.

i Meaning, manie ſonnes.

18 ¶ Theſe

a Which was ỹ place of iudgement.

b The Ebrewes here vſe two wordes which haue no proper ſignification, but ſerue to note a certaine perſone: as we ſay, ho, ſyrray, or ho, ſuche one.

e Or, inhabitāts.

18 ¶ Theſe now are the generacions of
* k Phárez: Phárez begate Hezrón,
19 And Hezrón begate Ram, & Ram begate Amminadáb,
20 And Amminadáb begate Nahſhón, and
Nahſhón begate Salmáh,
21 And Salmón begate Bóaz, and Bóaz begate Obéd,
22 And Obéd begate Iſhái, and Iſhái begate Dauid.

2. Chro 2.4. mat.1,3
k This genealogie is broght in to proue that Dauid by ſucceſsiō came of the houſe of Iudáh.

THE FIRST BOKE OF Samuél.

THE ARGVMENT.

According as God had ordeined Deut. 17,14. that when the Iſraelites ſhulde be in the land of Canáan, he wolde appoint them a King: ſo here in this firſt boke of Samuel is declared the ſtate of this people vnder their firſt King Saúl, who not content with that ordre, which God had for a time appointed for the gouernement of his Church, demanded a King, to the intent thei might be as other nacions & in a greater aſſurance as thei thoght: not becauſe thei might the better thereby ſerue God, as being vnder the ſafegarde of him, which did repreſent Ieſus Chriſt the true deliuerer: therefore he gaue them a tyrant and an hypocrite to rule ouer them, that they might learne, that the perſone of a King is not ſufficient to defend them, except God by his power preſerue and kepe them. And therefore he puniſheth the ingratitude of his people & ſendeth thē continual warres bothe at home and abroad. And becauſe Saúl, whome of nothing God had preferred to the honour of a King, did not acknowledge Gods mercie towarde him, but rather diſobeied the worde of God and was not zealous of his glorie, he was by the voyce of God put downe from his ſtate, and Dauid the true figure of Meſsiáh placed in his ſteade, whoſe patience, modeſtie, conſtancie, perſecucion by open enemies, fained friends, and diſſembling flatterers are left to the Church and to euery member of the ſame, as a paterne and example to beholde their ſtate ad vocation.

CHAP. I.

1 The genealogie of Elkanáh father of Samuél. 2 His two wiues. 5 Hannáh was baren and praied to the Lord. 15 Her anſwer to Eli. 20 Samuél is borne. 24 She deeth dedicate him to the Lord.

1 THere was a man of one
a of the two Ramathaím Zophím, of moūt Ephráim, whoſe name was Elkanáh the ſonne of Ieroham, the ſonne of Elihú, the ſonne of Tóhu, the ſonne of Zuph, an Ephrathite:
2 And he had two wiues: the name of one was Hannáh, and the name of the other Peninnáh: and Peninnáh had childré, but Hannáh had no children.
3 * And this man went vp out of his citie euery yere, to worſhip & to ſacrifice vnto the Lord of hoſtes in b Shilóh, where were the two ſonnes of Elí, Hophní and Phinehás Priests of the Lord.
4 And on a day, whē Elkanáh ſacrifiſed, he gaue to Peninnáh his wife and to all her ſonnes and daughters porcions,
5 But vnto Hánáh he gaue a worthy c porcion: for he loued Hannáh, and the Lord had made her baren.
6 ¶ And her aduerſarie vexed her ſore, for aſmucheas ſhe vpbraided her, becauſe the Lord had made her baren.
7 (And ſo did he yere by yere) & as oft as ſhe wēt vp to the houſe of ỹ Lord, thus ſhe vexed her, that ſhe wept and did not eat.
8 Then ſaid Elkanáh her houſbād to her, Hannáh, why wepeſt thou? and why eateſt thou not? & why is thine heart troubled? am not I better to thee then ten d ſonnes?
9 So Hannáh roſe vp after that they had eaten and dronke in Shilóh (and Elí the Prieſt ſate vpō a ſtole by one of ỹ poſtes of the e Temple of the Lord)
10 And ſhe was troubled in her minde, and praied vnto the Lord, and wept ſore:
11 Alſo ſhe vowed a vowe, & ſaid, O Lord of hoſtes, if thou wilt loke on the trouble of thine handmayd, and remēber me, and not forget thine handmayd, but giue vnto thine handmayd a manchilde, then I wil giue him vnto the Lord all the daies of his life, * and there ſhal no raſer come vpon his head.
12 And as ſhe cōtinued praying before the Lord, Elí marked hei mouth.
13 For Hánáh ſpake in her heart: her lippes did moue onely, but hei voyce was not heard: therefore Elí thoght ſhe had bene dronken.
14 And Elí ſaid vnto hei, How long wilt thou be dronkē? Put away "thy dronkēnes from thee.
15 Then Hannáh anſwered and ſaid, Nay my lord, *but* I am a woman "troubled in ſpirit: I haue drōke neithei wine nor ſtrōg drinke, but haue * powred out my ſoule before the Lord.

a There were two Ramaths, ſo that in this eittie in mount Ephráim were Zophím: that is, the learned men and Prophets.
b For the Arke was there at that time.
c Some read; a porcion with an heauy chere.
d Let this ſuffice thee, that I loue thee no leſſe, then if ỹ hadeſt many children.
e That is, of ỹ houſe, where the Arke was.
Deut.16,16.
Numb 6,5. iudg.13,5.
"Ebr thy wine.
"Ebr of an vexed ſpirit.
Pſal.42,5.

16 Count not thine handmaid "for a wicked woman: for of the abundance of my complaint and my grief haue I ſpoken hitherto.

"Ebr. for a daughter of Belial.

17 Then Elí anſwered, and ſaid, Go in peace, and the God of Iſraél grant thy peticion that thou haſt aſked of him.

18 She ſaid againe, Let thine handmayd finde [f] grace in thy ſight: ſo the woman went her way, and did eat, and loked no more ſad.

f That is, pray vnto the Lord for me

19 ¶ Then they roſe vp early, and worſhiped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their houſe to Ramáh. Now Elkanáh knewe Hannáh his wife, and the Lord [g] remembred her.

g According to her peticiō

20 For in proceſſe of time Hannáh cōceiued, and bare a ſonne, and ſhe called his name Samuél, Becauſe, *ſaid ſhe*, I haue aſked him of the Lord.

h This Elkanáh was a Leuite, 1 Chro 6, 27. and as ſome write, once a yere thei accuſtomed to appeare before the Lord with their families.

21 ¶ So the man [h] Elkanáh & all his houſe went vp to offer vnto ỹ Lord the yerelie ſacrifice, and his vowe:

22 But Hannáh went not vp: for ſhe ſaid vnto her houſbād, *I wil tary* vntil the childe be weined, then I wil bring him that he may appeare before the Lord, & there abide for euer.

23 And Elkanáh her houſband ſaid vnto her, Do what ſemeth thee beſt: tary vntil thou haſt weined him: onely the Lord accompliſh his [i] worde. So the woman abode, and gaue her ſonne ſucke vntil ſhe weined him.

i Becauſe her prayer toke effect, therefore it was called ỹ Lords promes.

24 ¶ And whē ſhe had weined him, ſhe toke him with her with thre bullockes and an *Ephāh of floure and a bottle of wine, and broght him vnto the houſe of the Lord in Shilóh, and the childe was "yong.

*Exod. 16, 36.

"Ebr a childe.

25 And thei ſlewe a bullocke, and broght the childe to Elí.

k That is, moſte certenly.

26 And ſhe ſaid, Oh my lord, as thy [k] ſoule liueth, my lord, I am the womā that ſtode with thee here praying vnto the Lord.

27 I praied for this childe, and the Lord hathe giuen me my deſire which I aſked of him.

"Ebr lente.

28 Therefore alſo I haue "giuen him vnto the Lord: as long as he liueth he ſhalbe giuen vnto the Lord: and he [l] worſhiped the Lord there.

l Meaning, Eli gaue thākes to God for her.

CHAP. II.

1 The ſong of Hannáh 12 The ſonnes of Elí, wicked. 13 The newe cuſtome of the Prieſts 18 Samuél miniſtreth before the Lord 20 Elí bleſſeth Elkanáh and his wife 23 Elí reproueth his ſonnes 27 God ſendeth a Prophet to Elí. 31 Elí is menaced for not chaſtiſing his children.

a After that ſhe had obteined a ſonne by prayer, ſhe gaue thankes

AND Hannáh [a] praied, & ſaid, Mine heart reioyceth in the Lord, mine [b] horne is exalted in ỹ Lord: my mouth is [c] enlarged ouer mine enemies, becauſe I reioyce in thy ſaluacion.

b I haue recouered ſtrengeh & glorie by ỹ benefite of the Lord

c I can anſwer them, that reproue my barennes.

2 There is none holy as the Lord: yea, there is none beſides thee, & there is no God like our God.

3 Speake [d] no more preſumpteouſly: let not arrogancie come out of your mouth: for the Lord *is* a God of knowledge, and by him enterpriſes are eſtabliſhed.

d In that ye condemne my barennes, ye ſhewe your pride againſt God.

4 The bowe & the mightie men are broken, and the weake haue girde them ſelues with ſtrength.

5 Thei that were ful, are hired forthe for [e] bread, & the hongrie are no more *hired*, ſo that the baren hathe borne "ſeuen: and ſhe that had many children, is feble.

e Thei ſel their labours for neceſſarie, fode

"Or, many

6 * The Lord killeth and maketh aliue: bringeth downe to the graue and raiſeth vp.

*Deut 32, 39. wiſd 16, 13. tob 13, 2.

7 The Lord maketh poore and maketh riche: bringeth lowe, and exalteth.

8 *He reiſeth vp the poore out of the duſt, and lifteth vp the begger from the donghil, to ſet *them* among [f] princes, and to make them inherit the ſeat of glorie: for the pillers of the earth are the [g] Lords, and he hathe ſet the worlde vpon them.

*Pſal. 113, 7.

f He preferreth to honour and putteth downe according to his owne wil, thogh mans iudgement be contrary.

g Therefore he may diſpoſe all things according to his wil

9 He wil kepe the fete of his Sainctes, and the wicked ſhal kepe ſilence in darckenes: for in *his owne* might ſhal no man be ſtrong.

10 The Lords aduerſaries ſhal be deſtroyed, and out of heauen ſhal he * thunder vpon them: the Lord ſhal iudge the ends of the worlde, and ſhal giue power vnto his [h] King, and exalte the horne of his Anointed.

*Chap. 7, 10.

h She groūded her prayer on Ieſus Chriſt & was to come.

11 And Elkanáh went to Ramáh to his houſe, and the childe did miniſter vnto the Lord [i] before Elí the Prieſt.

i In all ỹ Elí cōmāded him.

12 ¶ Now the ſonnes of Elí *were* wicked men & [k] knewe not the Lord.

k That is, thei neglected his ordinance.

13 For the Prieſts cuſtome toward the people *was thus*: when any mā offered ſacrifice, the Prieſts "boy came, while the fleſh was ſething and a fleſhoke with thre teth in his hand,

"Or, ſonne.

14 And thruſt it into the kettle, or into the caldren, or into the pan, or into ỹ pot: [l] all that ỹ fleſhoke broght vp, the Prieſt toke for him ſelf: thus thei did vnto all the Iſraelites, that came thether to Shilóh.

l Trāſgreſsing the o dre appointed in the Lawe, Leui 7, 31, for their beſt lies take.

15 Yea, before they burnt the [m] fat, the Prieſts boy came and ſaid to the man that offried, Giue me fleſh to roſt for ỹ Prieſt: for he wil not haue ſodden fleſh of thee, but rawe.

m Which was cōmanded firſt to haue bene offred to God.

16 And if any man ſaid vnto him, Let them burne the fat according to the "cuſtome, then take as muche as thine heart [n] deſireth: then he wolde anſwer, No, but thou ſhalt giue it now: and if thou wilt not, I wil take it by force.

"Or, Lawe

n Not paſsing for their owne profite to that God might be ſerued aright.

17 Therefore the ſinne of the yong mē was very

very great before the Lord: for men [o] abhorred the offring of the Lord.

18 ¶Now Samuél being a yong childe miniſtred before the Lord, girded with a linnen * Ephód.

19 And his mother made him a litle coate, and broght it to him from yere to yere, when ſhe came vp with her houſband, to offer the yerely ſacrifice.

20 And Elí bleſſed Elkanáh and his wife, & ſaid, The Lord giue thee ſede of this woman, for [p] the peticion that ſhe aſked of the Lord: and they departed vnto their place.

21 And the Lord viſited Hannáh, ſo that ſhe conceiued, and bare thre ſonnes, and two daughters. And the childe Samuél grewe before the Lord.

22 ¶So Elí was very olde, & heard all that his ſonnes did vnto all Iſraél, & how they laye with the women that [p] aſſembled at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

23 And he ſaid vnto thē, Why do ye ſuche things? for of all this people I heare euil reportes of you.

24 Do no *more*, my ſonnes: for it is no good reporte that I heare, *which is*, that ye make the Lords people to [q] treſpaſſe.

25 If one man ſinne againſt an other, the iudge ſhal iudge it: but if a man ſinne againſt the Lord, who wil pleade for him? Notwithſtāding thei obeied not the voyce of their father, becauſe ỹ Lord [r] wolde ſlaye them.

26 ¶(Now the childe Samuél profited and grewe and was in fauour bothe with the Lord, and alſo with men)

27 And there came a mā of God vnto Elí and ſaid vnto him, Thus ſaieth the Lord, Did not I plainely appeare vnto ỹ houſe of thy [s] father, when they were in Egypt in Pharohs houſe?

28 And I choſe him out of all the tribes of Iſraél to be my Prieſt, to offer vpon mine altar, and to burne incence, and to weare an Ephód before me, and * I gaue vnto the houſe of thy father all the offrings made by fire of the children of Iſraél.

29 Wherefore haue you [t] kiked againſt my ſacrifice and mine offring, which I cōmanded in my Tabernacle, and honoreſt thy children aboue me, to make your ſelues fat of the firſt frutes of all the offrings of Iſraél my people?

30 Wherefore ỹ Lord God of Iſraél ſayth, I ſaid, ỹ thine houſe & the houſe of thy father ſhulde walke before me for euer: but nowe the Lord ſaith, [u] It ſhal not be ſo: for them that honour me, I wil honour, and they that deſpiſe me, ſhal be deſpiſed.

31 Beholde, the dayes come, that I wil cut of thine [x] arme, and the arme of thy fathers houſe, that there ſhal not be an olde man in thine houſe.

32 And thou [y] ſhalt ſe *thine* enemie in the habitation *of the Lord* in all things wherewith *God* ſhal bleſſe Iſraél, and there ſhal not be an olde man in thine houſe for euer.

33 Neuertheles, I wil not deſtroy euery one of thine frō mine altar, to make thine eyes to faile, & to make thine heart ſorowful: and all the multitude of thine houſe ſhal [z] dye *when they be* men.

34 And this ſhalbe a ſigne vnto thee, that ſhal come vpon thy two ſonnes Hophní and Phinehás: in one day they ſhal dye bothe.

35 And I wil ſterre me vp a [z] faithful Prieſt, that ſhal do according to mine heart and according to my minde: and I wil buylde him a ſure houſe, and he ſhal walke before mine Anoynted for euer.

36 And all that are left in thine houſe, ſhal come and [a] bowe downe to him for a piece of ſiluer and a morſel of bread, and ſhal ſay, Appoint me, I pray thee, to one of the Prieſts offices, that I may eat a morſel of bread.

CHAP. III.

1 There was no manifeſt viſiō in the time of Elí. 4 The Lord calleth Samuél thre times, 11 And ſheweth what ſhal come vpon Elí and his houſe. 18 The ſame declareth Samuél to Elí.

1 NOw the childe Samuél miniſtred vnto the Lord [a] before Elí: and the worde of the Lord was [b] precious in thoſe dayes: for there was no manifeſt viſion.

2 And at that time, as Elí laye in his [c] place, his eyes began to waxe dimme that he colde not ſe.

3 And yer the [d] light of God went out, Samuél ſlept in the temple of the Lord, where the Arke of God was.

4 Then the Lord [e] called Samuél: and he ſaid, Here I am.

5 And he ran vnto Elí, and ſaid, Here am I, for thou calledſt me. But he ſaid, I called thee not: go againe *and* ſlepe. And he went and ſlept.

6 And the Lord called once againe, Samuél. And Samuél aroſe, and went to Elí, & ſaid, I am here: for thou dideſt call me. And he anſwered, I called the not, my ſonne: go againe *and* ſlepe.

7 Thus *did* Samuél, before he knewe [f] the Lord, and before the worde of the Lord was reueiled vnto him.

8 And the Lord called Samuél againe the third time: and he aroſe, and went to Elí, and ſaid, I am here: for thou haſt called me. Then Elí [g] perceiued that the Lord had called the childe.

9 Therefore Elí ſaid vnto Samuél, Go *and* ſlepe: and if he call thee, then ſay, Speake

[o] Seing ỹ horrible abuſe thereof.

Exod. 28, 4.

[p] Or, *for the thīg that ſhe hathe le[n]t the Lord: 1 Sam. 1, 28.*

[p] Which was (as the Ebrewes write) after their tranſlacion, when they came to be purified, read Exod 38, 8, Leu 12, 6

[q] Becauſe they cōtemne their ductie to God, verſ. 17

[r] So that to obey good admonitions is Goas mercie, & to diſobey them, is his iuſt iudgement for ſinne.

[s] To wit, Aarón

Leu. 10, 14.

[t] Why haue you cōtemned my ſacrifices, and as it were trod them vnder fote.

[u] Gods promiſes are onely effectual to ſuche as he giueth conſtancie vnto, to feare and obey him

[x] Thy power and autoritie.

[y] Thy poſteritie ſhal ſe the glorie of the chief Prieſt tranſlated to another, whome they ſhal enuie, 1. King. 2, 27.

[z] Or, *When they come to mans age*

[z] Meaning, Zadók, who ſucceded Abiathár, and was the figure of Chriſt

[a] That is, ſhal be inferior vnto him

[a] The Chalde text readeth, whiles Elí liued

[b] Becauſe there were very fewe Prophetes to declare it

[c] In the court next to the Tabernacle

[d] That is, the lampes watch burnt in the night

[e] Ioſephus writeth that Samuél was twelue yere olde, when ỹ Lord appeared to him

[f] By viſion.

[g] Suche was the corruptiō of thoſe times that the chief Prieſt was become dul and negligent to vnderſtād the Lords appearing

Lord, for thy ſeruant heareth. So Samuél went, and ſlept in his place.

10 ¶ And the Lord came, & ſtode, and called as at other times, Samuél, Samuél. Thē Samuél anſwered, Speake, for thy ſeruant heareth.

11 ¶ Thē the Lord ſaid to Samuél, Beholde, I wil do a thing in Iſraél, whereof whoſoeuer ſhal heare, his two eares ſhal [h] tingle.

[b] God declareth what ſodē feare ſhal come vpon mē whē they ſhal heare that the Arke is taken and alſo ſe Elis houſe deſtroyed.

12 In that day I wil raiſe vp againſt Elí all things which I haue ſpoken concerning his houſe: when I begin, I wil alſo make an end.

13 And I haue tolde him that I wil iudge his houſe for euer, for the iniquitie which he knoweth, becauſe his ſonnes ran into a ſlander, and he ſtayed them not.

14 Now therefore I haue ſworne vnto the houſe of Elí, that the wickednes of Elis houſe, ſhal not be purged with ſacrifice nor offring [i] for euer.

[i] Meaning, that his poſteritie ſhulde neuer enioye ỹ chief Prieſts office

15 Afterwarde Samuél ſlept vntil the morning, and opened the doores of the houſe of the Lord, and Samuél feared to ſhewe Elí the viſion.

16 ¶ Then Elí called Samuél, and ſaid, Samuél my ſonne. And he anſwered, Here I am.

17 Thē he ſaid, What is it, that *the Lord* ſaid vnto thee? I pray thee, hide it not from me. God [k] do ſo to thee, and more alſo, if thou hide anie thing from me, of all that he ſaid vnto thee.

[k] God puniſhe thee after this and that ſort, except thou tel me trueth, Ruth 1,17.

18 So Samuél tolde him euerie whit, & hid nothing from him. Then he ſaid, It is the Lord: let him do what ſemeth him good.

19 ¶ And Samuél grewe, and the Lord was with him, and let none of his wordes [l] fall to the ground.

[l] The Lord accompliſhed whatſoeuer he had ſaid.

20 And all Iſraél from Dan to Beerſhéba knewe [m] that faithful Samuél *was* the Lords Prophet.

[m] *Or that Samuél was the faithful Prophet of the Lord*

21 And the Lord appeared againe in Shilóh: for the Lord reueiled him ſelfe to Samuél in Shilóh by [n] his worde.

[n] *Ebr by the worde of the Lord.*

CHAP. IIII.

1 Iſraél is ouercome by the Philiſtims. 4 They do fet the Arke, wherefore the Philiſtims do feare 10 The Arke of the Lord is taken 11 Eli and his childrē dye. 19 The death of the wife of Phinehas the ſonne of Eli.

[‖] From the departure of the Iſraelites out of Egypt vnto the time of Samuél are about 390 yere

1 AND Samuél ſpake vnto all Iſraél: ‖ & Iſraél went out againſt ỹ Philiſtims to battel and pitched beſide [o] Ebén ézer: and the Philiſtims pitched in Aphék.

[o] *Or, ſtone of helpe, chap. 7,12.*

2 And ỹ Philiſtims put them ſelues in array againſt Iſraél: and when they ioyned the battel, Iſraél was ſmitten downe before the Philiſtims: who ſlewe of the armie in the field about foure thouſand men.

3 So when the people were come into the campe, the Elders of Iſraél ſaid, [a] Wherefore hathe the Lord ſmitten vs this day before the Philiſtims? let vs bring ỹ Arke of the couenant of the Lord out of Shilóh vnto vs, that when it commeth among vs, it may ſaue vs out of the hand of our enemies.

[a] For it may ſeme that this warre was vndertaken by Samuels commandement

4 Thē the people ſent to Shilóh, & broght from thence the Arke of the couenant of the Lord of hoſtes, who [b] dwelleth betwene the Cherubíms: and there *were* the two ſonnes of Elí, Hophní, & Phinehás, with the Arke of the couenant of God.

[b] For he vſed to appeare to the Iſraelites betwene the Cherubims ouer the Arke of the couenant, Exod 25,22 verſ 17

5 And when the Arke of the couenāt of the Lord came into the hoſte, all Iſraél ſhowted a mihgty ſhowte, ſo that the earth rāg againe.

6 And when the Philiſtíms heard the noiſe of the ſhowte, they ſaid, What meaneth the ſounde of this mighty ſhowte in the hoſte of the Ebrewes? & they vnderſtode, that the Arke of the Lord was come into the hoſte.

7 And the Philiſtíms were afraid, and ſaid, God is come into the hoſte: therefore ſaid thei, [c] Wo vnto vs: for it hathe not bene ſo heretofore.

[c] Before we fought againſt men and now God is come to fight againſt vs

8 Wo vnto vs, who ſhal deliuer vs out of the hand of theſe mighty Gods? theſe are the Gods that ſmote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the [d] wildernes.

[d] For in the red Sea in ỹ wildernes the Egyptians were deſtroyed, which was ỹ laſt of all his plagues *Iudg 13,1.*

9 Be ſtrong and play the men, ô Philiſtíms, that ye be not ſeruāts vnto the Ebrewes, * as they haue ſerued you: be valiant therefore, and fight.

10 And the Philiſtíms fought, and Iſraél was ſmitten downe, and fled euerie man into his tent: and there was an exceding great ſlaughter: for there fel of Iſraél [e] thirtie thouſand fotemen.

[e] Dauid alſo ading to this place Pſal 77, 63 ſaieth they were cōſumed with fire: meaning they were ſodenly deſtroyed

11 And the Arke of God was taken, and the two ſonnes of Elí, Hophní and Phinehas dyed.

12 And there ran a man of Beniamín out of the armie, and came to Shilóh the ſame day with his clothes [f] rent, and earth vpon his head.

[f] In token of ſorrowe and mourning

13 And when he came, lo, Elí ſate vpon a ſeate by the wayſide, waiting: for his heart [g] feared for the Arke of God: and when the man came into the citie to tel it, all the citie cryed out.

[g] Leſt it ſhulde be taken of the enemies.

14 And when Elí heard the noiſe of the crying, he ſaid, What meaneth this noiſe of the tumult? and the mā came in haſtely, and tolde Elí.

15 (Now Elí *was* foureſcore and eightene yere olde, and * his eyes were dimme that he colde not ſe) *Chap. 3,2.*

16 And the man ſaid vnto Elí, I came from the armie, and I fled this day out of the hoſte: and he ſaid, What thing is done, my ſonne?

17 Then the meſſenger anſwered and ſaid, Iſraél is fled before the Philiſtíms, and there hathe bene alſo a great ſlaughter among

among the people: and moreouer thy two ſonnes, Hophní and Phinehás [h] are dead, and the Arke of God is taken.

[h] According, as God had afore ſaid.

18 ¶And whē he had made mencion of the Arke of God, *Eli* fel from his ſeate backwarde by the ſide of the gate, & his necke was broken, and he dyed: for he was an olde mā and heauye: and [*] he had iudged Iſraél fortie yeres.

[*] Or, gouerned.

19 And his daugter in lawe Phinehás wife was with childe *neré* [*] her trauel: and when ſhe heard the report that the Arke of God was taken, and that her father in lawe & her houſband were dead, ſhe [i] bowed her ſelfe, and traueled: for her paines came vpon her.

[*] Or, to crye out

[i] And ſerled her body toward her trauel

20 And about the time of her death, the women that ſtode about her, ſaid vnto her, Feare not: for thou haſt borne a ſonne: but ſhe anſwered not, nor regarded it.

21 And ſhe named the childe [*] Ichabód, ſaying, The glorie is departed from Iſraél, becauſe the Arke of God was taken, & becauſe of her father in lawe and her houſband.

[*] Or, No glorie, or, where is the glorie

[k] She vttered her great ſorowe by repeting her wordes.

22 She ſaid againe, [k] The glorie is departed frō Iſraél: for the Arke of God is takē.

CHAP. V.

1 The Philiſtims bring the Arke into the houſe of Dagón, which idole fel downe before it 6 The men of Aſhdód are plagued. 8 The Arke is caryed into Gath and after to Ekrón.

1 THen the Philiſtíms toke the Arke of God and caryed it from Ebén ézer vnto [a] Aſhdód,

[a] Which was one of the fiue principal cities of the Philiſtims

2 Euen the Philiſtíms toke the Arke of God, and broght it into the houſe of [b] Dagón, and ſet it by Dagón.

[b] Which was their chief idole, & as ſome write, from ẏ nauil downwarde was like a fiſhe, and vpwarde like a man

3 And when they of Aſhdód roſe the next day in the morning, beholde, Dagón was fallen vpon his face on the grounde before the Arke of the Lord, and they toke vp Dagón, and ſet him in his place againe.

4 Alſo they roſe vp early in the morning the next day, & beholde, Dagón was fallē vpon his face on the grounde before the Arke of the Lord, and the head of Dagón and the two palmes of his hands *were* cut of vpon the threſholde: onely the ſtumpe of Dagón was left to him.

5 Therefore the Prieſts of Dagón, and all that come into Dagons houſe [c] treade not on the threſholde of Dagón in Aſhdód, vnto this day.

[c] Thus in ſteade of acknowledging ẏ true God by this miracle, they fall to a farther ſuperſtition

6 But the hand of the Lord was heauy vpō them of Aſhdód, and deſtroyed them, and ſmote them with *emerods, *bothe* Aſhdód, and the coaſtes thereof.

Pſal 78.66.

7 And whē the men of Aſhdód ſawe this, they ſaid, Let not the Arke of the God of Iſraél abide with vs: for his hand is ſore vpon vs and vpon Dagón our god.

8 They ſent therefore and gathered all the princes of the Philiſtíms vnto them, and ſaid, [d] What ſhal we do with the Arke of the God of Iſraél? And they anſwered, Let the Arke of the God of Iſraél be caried about vnto Gath: & thei caried the Arke of the God of Iſraél about.

[d] Though thei had felt Gods power & were affraied thereof, yet they wolde farther trie hī, which thing God ſuffred to their deſtruction & his glorie.

9 And when they had caried it about, the hand of the Lord was againſt the citie with a very great deſtruction, and he ſmote the men of the citie bothe ſmall and great, & they had emerods in their ſecret partes.

10 ¶Therefore they ſent the Arke of God to Ekrón: and aſſone as the Arke of God came to Ekrón, the Ekronites cryed out, ſaying, They haue broght the Arke of ẏ God of Iſraél to vs to ſlay vs and our people.

11 Therefore they ſent, and gathered together all the princes of the Philiſtíms and ſaid, Send [e] away the Arke of the God of Iſraél, and let it returne to his owne place, that it ſlay vs not and our people: for there was a deſtruction & death thrugh out all the citie, & the hād of God was very ſore there.

[e] The wicked, when they fele the hand of God, grudge & reſiſte him, where ẏ godly humble them ſelues & crye for mercie

12 And the men that dyed not, were ſmittē with the emerods: and the crye of the citie went vp to heauen.

CHAP. VI.

1 The time that the Arke was with the Philiſtims which they ſent againe with a gift 12 It commeth to Beth-ſhémeſh. 17 The Philiſtims offer golden emerods 19 The men of Beth-ſhémeſh are ſtricken for loking into the Arke.

1 SO the Arke of the Lord was in ẏ countrey of the Philiſtíms [a] ſeuen monethes.

[a] Thei thoght by continuāce of time ẏ plague wolde haue ceaſed and ſo wolde haue kept ẏ Arke ſtil

2 And the Philiſtíms called the Prieſtes & the ſothſayers, ſaying, What ſhal we do wt the Arke of the Lord? tel vs wherewith we ſhal ſend it home againe?

3 And they ſaid, If you ſend away the Arke of ẏ God of Iſraél, ſend it not away emptie, but giue vnto it [b] a ſinne offring: then ſhal ye be healed, and it ſhalbe knowen to you, why his hand departeth not from you.

[b] The idolaters confeſſe there is a true God who puniſheth ſinne iuſtely.

4 Then ſaid they, What ſhalbe the ſinne offring, which we ſhal giue vnto it? And they anſwered, Fiue golden emerods and fiue golden mice, according to the nomber of ẏ Princes of the Philiſtíms: for one plague *was* on you all, & on your princes.

5 Wherefore ye ſhal make the ſimilitudes of your emerods, and the ſimilitudes of your mice that deſtroye the lād: ſo ye ſhal giue glorie vnto the God of Iſraél, that he may take his hād from you, and from your [c] gods, and from your land.

[c] This is Gods iudgement vpō the idolaters, that knowing the true God thei worſhip him not aright.

6 Wherefore then ſhulde ye harden your heartes, as the Egyptians and Pharaóh hardened their heartes, when he wroght

Exod.12,31. wonderfully among them, * did they not let them go, and they departed?

7 Now therefore make a newe carte, and take two melche kine, on whome there hathe come no yoke: & tye the kine to the carte, and bring the calues home from them.

8 Then take the Arke of the Lord, and ſet it vpon the carte, and put the [d] iewels of golde which ye giue it for a ſinne offring in a coffer by the ſide thereof, and ſend it away, that it may go.

d Meaning ỹ goldē emerods and the golden mice.

9 And take hede, if it go vp by the way of his owne coaſt to Beth-ſhémeſh, it is [e] he that did vs this great euil: but if not, we ſhal knowe then, that it is not his hād that ſmote vs, *but* it was a [f] chance that happened vs.

e The God of Iſraél.

f The wicked attribute almoſt all thīgs to fortune and chance, whereas in dede there is nothing done without Gods prouidence & decree.

10 And the men did ſo: for they toke two kine that gaue milke, and tyed them to the carte and ſhut the calues at home.

11 So they ſet the Arke of the Lord vpon the carte, and the coffer with the mice of golde, and with the ſimilitudes of their emerods.

12 And the kine went the ſtreight way to Beth-ſhémeſh, & kept one path and lowed as they went, & turned nether to the right hand nor to the left: alſo the princes of the Philiſtíms went after [g] thē, vnto the borders of Beth-ſhémeſh.

g For the trial of the matter

13 Now they of Beth-ſhémeſh were reaping their wheat harueſt in the valley, & they lift vp their eyes, and ſpyed the Arke, and reioyced when they ſawe it.

14 ¶ And the carte came into the fielde of Ioſhúa a Bethſhemite, & ſtode ſtil there. there was alſo a great ſtone, and [h] they claue the wood of the carte and offred the kine for a burnt offring vnto the Lord.

h To wit, the men of Beth-ſhémeſh, ẃ were Iſraelites.

15 And the Leuites toke downe the Arke of the Lord, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the iewels of golde were, & put them on the great ſtone, and the men of Beht-ſhémeſh offred burnt offring, and ſacrificed ſacrifices that ſame day vnto the Lord.

16 And when the fiue princes of the Philiſtíms had ſene it, they returned to Ekrón the ſame day.

17 ¶ So theſe are the goldē emerods, which the Philiſtíms gaue for a ſinne offring to the Lord: for [i] Aſhdód one, for Gazá one, for Aſkelón one, for Gath one, & for Ekrón one,

i Theſe were the fiue principal cities of the Philiſtims which were not all cōquered vnto the time of Dauid.

18 And goldē mice, according to the nomber of all the cities of the Piliſtíms, *belōging* to the fiue princes, bothe of walled townes and of townes vnwalled, vnto the great *ſtone* of [l] Abél, whereon they ſet the Arke of the Lord: *which ſtone remaineth* vnto this day in the field of Ioſhúa the Bethſhemite.

l Or, the plaine, or lamentacion.

19 And he ſmote of the men of Beth-ſhémeſh, becauſe they [k] had loked in the Arke of the Lord: he ſlewe euen among the people fiftie thouſand men and thre ſcore and ten men. and the people lamented, becauſe the Lord had ſlaine ỹ people with ſo great a ſlaughter.

k For it was not lauful to anie ether to touche or to ſe it, ſaue onely to Aarón & his ſonnes, Nom. 4,15 & 20.

20 Wherefore the men of Beth-ſhémeſh ſaid, Who is able to ſtand before this holy Lord God? and to whome ſhal he go from vs?

21 And they ſent meſſengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-iearím, ſaying, The Philiſtíms haue broght againe the Arke of the Lord: come ye downe & take it vp to you.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Arke is broght to Kiriath-iearím. 3 Samuél exhorteth the people to forſake their ſinnes and turne to the Lord. 10 The Philiſtíms fight againſt Iſraél & are ouercome. 16 Samuel iudgeth Iſraél.

1 THen the men of [a] Kiriath-iearím came, and toke vp the Arke of the Lord, and broght it into the houſe of Abinadáb in the hil: and they ſanctified Eleazár his ſonne, to kepe the Arke of the Lord.

a A citie in ỹ tribe of Iudáh, called alſo Kiriath báal, Ioſh. 15,60.

2 (For while the Arke abode in Kiriath-iearím, the time was long, for it was twēty yeres) and all the houſe of Iſraél lamented [b] after the Lord.

b Lamented for their ſinnes & followed the Lord.

3 ¶ Thē Samuél ſpake vnto all the houſe of Iſraél, ſaying, If ye be come againe vnto the Lord with all your hearte, * put away the ſtrange gods frō among you, & *Aſhtaróth, and direct your hearts vnto the Lord, and ſerue him * onely, and he ſhal deliuer you out of the hand of the Philiſtíms.

*Ioſh 24,15.
*Iudg 2,13.
*Deut.6.4.
*mat.4,10.

4 Then the children of Iſraél did put away *Baalím and Aſhtaróth, and ſerued the Lord onely.

*Iudg.2,11.

5 And Samuél ſaid, Gather all Iſraél to [c] Mizpéh, and I wil pray for you vnto ỹ Lord.

c For Shilóh was now deſolate, becauſe the Philiſtíms had takē thence the Arke.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpéh, and [d] drewe water and powred it out before the Lord, and faſted the ſame day, & ſaid there, We haue ſinned againſt the Lord. And Samuél iudged the children of Iſraél in Mizpéh.

d The Chalde text hathe, ỹ thei drewe water out of their heart: that is, wept abūdātly for their ſinnes.

7 When the Philiſtíms heard that the children of Iſraél were gathered together to Mizpéh, the princes of the Philiſtíms wēt vp againſt Iſraél: and when the children of Iſraél heard that, they were afraied of the Philiſtíms.

8 And the children of Iſraél ſaid to Samuél, Ceaſe not to [e] crye vnto the Lord our God for vs, that he may ſaue vs out of the hand of the Philiſtíms.

e Signifying ỹ in the prayers of the godlie there ought to be a vehemēt zeale.

9 Then Samuél toke a ſucking lambe, and offred it all together for a burnt offring

vnto

vnto the Lord, and Samuél cryed vnto the Lord for Iſraél, and the Lord heard him.

10 And as Samuél offred the burnt offring, the Philiſtíms came to fight againſt Iſraél: but the Lord [f] thundred with a great thundre that day vpon the Philiſtíms, & ſcatred them: ſo they were ſlaine before Iſraél.

f Accordíg to the prophecie of Hannáh Samuels mother, Chap 2,10.

11 And the men of Iſraél went from Mizpéh and purſued the Philiſtíms, and ſmote them vntil *they came* vnder Beth-car.

12 Then Samuél toke a ſtone and pitched it betwene Mizpéh and [g] Shen, and called ỹ name thereof, Ebén ézer, and he ſaid, Hitherto hathe the Lord holpen vs.

g Which was a great rocke ouer againſt Mizpéh.

13 ¶So ỹ Philiſtíms were broght vnder, & they came nomore againe into the coaſtes of Iſraél: and the hand of the Lord was againſt the Philiſtíms all the dayes of Samuél.

14 Alſo the cities which the Philiſtíms had taken from Iſraél, were reſtored to Iſraél, from Ekrón euen to Gath: & Iſraél deliuered the coaſtes of the ſame out of the hands of the Philiſtíms: & there was peace betwene Iſraél & the [h] Amorites.

h Meaning, ỹ Philiſtims.

15 And Samuél iudged Iſraél all the dayes of his life,

16 And went about yere by yere to Bethél, and Gilgál and Mizpéh, and iudged Iſraél in all thoſe places.

17 Afterward he returned to Ramáh: for there was his houſe, & there he iudged Iſraél: alſo he buylt an [i] altar there vnto the Lord.

i Which was not cótrarie to the Lawe: for as yet a certein place was not appointed

CHAP. VIII.

1 Samuél maketh his ſonnes iudges ouer Iſraél, who followe not his ſteppes 5 The Iſraelites aſke a King 11 Samuél declareth in what ſtate they ſhulde be vnder the King 19 Notwithſtanding they aſke one ſtil, & the Lord willeth Samuél to graunt vnto them.

1 WHē Samuel was now become old, he [a] made his ſonnes iudges ouer Iſraél.

a Because he was not able to beare the charge

2 (And the name of his eldeſt ſonne was [b] Ioél, and the name of the ſeconde Abiáh) *euen* iudges in Beer-ſhéba.

b Who was alſo called Vaſhni, 1 Chro 6,28

3 And his ſonnes walked not in his waies but turned aſide after lucre and * toke rewardes, and peruerted the iudgement.

Deut 16, 19.

4 ¶Wherefore all the Elders of Iſraél gathered them together, & came to Samuél vnto [c] Ramah,

c For there his houſe was, Chap 7,17

5 And ſaid vnto him, Beholde, thou art old, and thy ſonnes walke not in thy waies: * make vs now a King to iudge vs like all nacions.

Ose 13,10. act 13,21.

6 But the thing [d] diſpleaſed Samuél, when they ſaid, Giue vs a King to iudge vs: and Samuél prayed vnto the Lord.

d Becauſe thei were not content wt the ordre ỹ God had appointed, but wolde be gouerned as were ỹ Gentiles.

7 And the Lord ſaid vnto Samuél, Heare the voice of the people in all that they ſhal ſay vnto thee: for they haue not caſt thee away, but they haue caſt me away, that I ſhulde not reigne ouer them.

8 As thei haue euer done ſince I broght thē out of Egypt euen vnto this day, (and haue forſaken me, and ſerued other gods) euen ſo do they vnto thee.

9 Now therefore hearke vnto their voyce: howbeit yet [e] teſtifie vnto them & ſhewe thē the maner of the King that ſhal reigne ouer them.

e To proue if they wil forſake their wicked purpoſe.

10 ¶So Samuél tolde all the wordes of the Lord vnto the people that aſked a King of him.

11 And he ſaid, This ſhalbe the [f] maner of the King that ſhal reigne ouer you: he wil take your ſonnes, and appoint them to his charets, and to be his horſmen, and *ſome* ſhal runne before his charet.

f Not ỹ Kings haue this auctoritie by their office, but that ſuche as reigne in Gods wrath ſhulde vſurpe this ouer their brethren cótrary to the Law, Deu 17,20.

12 Alſo he wil make them his captaines ouer thouſandes and captaines ouer fifties, and to eare his grounde, and to reape his harueſt, & to make inſtruments of warre, and the things that ſerue for his charets.

13 He wil alſo take your daughters and make them apoticaries, and cookes and bakers.

14 And he wil take your fieldes, and your vineyardes, and your beſt oliue trees, and giue them to his ſeruants.

15 And he wil take the tenth of your ſede, and of your vineyardes, and giue it to his [g] Eunuches, and to his ſeruants.

g Or, *chief officers*.

16 And he wil take your men ſeruants and your maid ſeruants, and the chief of your yong men, and your aſſes, and put them to his worke.

17 He wil take the tenth of your ſhepe, and ye ſhalbe his ſeruants.

18 And ye ſhal crye out at that day, becauſe of your King, whome ye haue choſen you, and the Lord wil not [g] heare you at that day.

g Becauſe ye repent not for your ſinnes, but becauſe ye ſmart for your afflictions, wherevnto ye caſt your ielues willingly.

19 But ỹ people wolde not heare the voyce of Samuél, but did ſay, Nay, but there ſhalbe a King ouer vs.

20 And we alſo wil be like all *other* nacións, and our King ſhal iudge vs, & go out before vs, and fight our battels.

21 Therefore when Samuél heard all the wordes of the people, he rehearſed them in the eares of the Lord.

22 And the Lord ſaid to Samuél, [g] Hearken vnto their voyce, and make them a King And Samuél ſaid vnto the men of Iſraél, Go euerie man vnto his citie.

g Or graunt their *requeſt*

CHAP. IX.

1 Saúl ſeking his fathers aſſes, by the counſel of his ſeruant goeth to Samuél. 9 The Prophets called Seers. 15 The Lord reueileth to Samuél Sauls comming, commanding him to annoint him King. 22 Samuél bringeth Saul to the feaſt.

a That is, bothe valiant & riche

Chap 14. 51. 1.chro.8.33.

1 THere was now a man of Beniamín a mightie in power named * Kiſh the ſonne of Abiél, the ſonne of Zerór, ỹ ſonne of Bechoráth, the ſonne of Aphíah, the ſonne of a man of Ieminí.

b So that it might ſeme ỹ God approued their requeſt in appointing out ſuche a perſone.

2 And he had a ſõne called Saúl, a b goodly yong man and a faire: ſo that among the children of Iſraél there was none goodlier then he: from the ſhulders vpward he was hier then anie of the people.

3 And the aſſes of Kiſh Saules father were loſt: therefore Kiſh ſaid to Saúl his ſonne, Take now one of the ſeruants with thee, and ariſe, go, and c ſeke the aſſes.

c All theſe circũſtãces were meanes to ſerue vnto Gods prouidẽce, whereby Saúl (thogh not appointed of God) was made King.

4 So he paſſed through mount Ephráim & went through the land of Shaliſháh, but they found them not. Then they went through the land of Shalím, and *there they were* not: he went alſo through the land of Ieminí, but they found them not.

d Where was Ramath-Zophim ỹ citie of Samuél.

5 When they came to the land of d Zuph, Saúl ſaid vnto his ſeruant that was with him, Come and let vs returne, leſt my father leaue *the care* of aſſes, and take thoght for vs.

6 And he ſaid vnto him, Beholde now, in this citie is a man of God, and he is an honorable man: all that he ſaieth commeth to paſſe: let vs now go thither, if ſo be that he can ſhewe vs what way we may go.

7 Then ſaid Saúl to his ſeruant, Wel then, let vs go: but what ſhal we bring vnto the man? For the bread is ſpent in our veſſels, and there is no preſent to bring to the mã of God: what haue we?

Or, vitaille.

8 And the ſeruant anſwered Saúl againe, & ſaid, Beholde, I haue found about me the fourth parte of a e ſhekle of ſiluer: that wil I giue the man of God, to tel vs our way.

e Which is about fiue pence, read Gen 23.15

9 (Beforetime in Iſraél when a man went to aſke an anſwer of God, thus he ſpake, Come, & let vs go to the f Seer: for *he that is called* now a Prophet, was in ỹ olde time called a Seer)

f So called, becauſe he foreſawe things to come.

10 Thẽ ſaid Saúl to his ſeruant, Wel ſaid, come, let vs go: ſo they went into the citie where the man of God was.

11 ¶ And as thei were going vp the hie way to the citie, they founde maydes that came out to drawe water, and ſaid vnto thẽ, Is there here a Seer?

12 And they anſwered them, and ſaid, Yea: lo, *he is* before you. make haſte now, for he came this day to the citie: for there is an g offring of the people this day in the hie place.

g That is, a feaſt after the offring, which ſhulde be kept in an hie place of ỹ citie appointed for ỹ vſe.

13 When ye ſhal come into the citie, ye ſhal finde him ſtreight way yer he come vp to the hie place to eat: for the people wil not eat vntil he come, becauſe he wil h bleſſe ỹ ſacrifice: and then eat they that be bidden to the feaſt: now therefore go vp: for euẽ now ſhal ye finde him.

h That is, giue thankes, & diſtribute the meat accordig to their cuſtome.

14 Then they went vp into the citie, and when they were come into the middes of the citie, Samuél came out againſt them, to go vp to the hie place.

15 ¶ *But the Lord had reueiled to Samuél "ſecretly (a day before Saúl came) ſaying,

Chap 15.2. act 13.21.

"Ebr in his eare.

16 Tomorowe about this time I wil ſend thee a man out of the land of Beniamín: him ſhalt thou anoint to be gouernour ouer my people Iſraél, ỹ he may i ſaue my people out of the hands of the Philiſtíms: for I haue loked vpon my people, & their crye is come vnto me.

i Not withſtãding their wickednes, yet God was euer mindful of his inheritance

17 When Samuél therefore ſawe Saúl, the Lord anſwered him, Se, this is the man whome I ſpake to thee of, he ſhal rule my people.

18 Then went Saúl to Samuél in the middes of the gate, and ſaid, Tel me, I pray thee, where the Seers houſe is.

19 And Samuél anſwered Saúl, and ſaid, I am the Seer: go vp before me vnto the hie place: for ye ſhal eat with me to day. and tomorowe I wil let thee go, & wil tel thee all that is in thine k heart.

k Meaning, all that ỹ deſireſt to knowe.

20 And as for thine aſſes ỹ were loſt thre dayes ago, care not for them: for they are founde. and l on whome is ſet all the deſire of Iſraél? is it not vpon thee and on all thy fathers houſe?

l Whome doeth Iſrael deſire to be their King but thee.

21 ¶ But Saúl anſwered, and ſaid, Am not I the ſonne of Ieminí of the ſmaleſt tribe of Iſraél? & my familie is the leaſt of all the families of ỹ tribe of Beniamín. Wherefore then ſpeakeſt thou ſo to me?

22 And Samuél toke Saúl and his ſeruant, and broght them into the m chamber, and made them ſit in the chiefeſt place among them that were bidden: which were about thirtie perſones.

m Where the feaſt was.

23 And Samuél ſaid vnto the cooke, Bring ſo: the the portion which I gaue thee, & whereof I ſaid vnto thee, Kepe it with thee.

24 And the cooke toke vp the ſhoulder, & that ẅ was n vpon it, & ſet it before Saúl. And *Samuel* ſaid, Beholde, that which is left, ſet it before thee & eat: for hitherto hathe it bene kept for thee, ſaying, Alſo I o haue called the people. So Saúl did eat with Samuél that day.

n That is, the ſhoulder ẅ ỹ breaſt, ẅ the Prieſt had for his familie in all peace offrings, Leu 10, 14.

o That bothe by ỹ aſſẽbling of the people, & by ỹ meat prepared for thee, ỹ mighteſt vnderſtãde ỹ I knewe of thy comming.

25 And whẽ they were come downe frõ the hie place into ỹ citie, he communed with Saúl vpon the top of the houſe:

26 And whẽ they aroſe early about ỹ ſpring of ỹ day, Samuél called Saúl to the p top of the houſe, ſaying Vp, that I may ſend thee away. And Saúl aroſe, and they went out, bothe he, and Samuél.

p To ſpeake ẅ him ſecretly: for ỹ houſes were flat aboue.

27 And when they were come downe to the end of the citie, Samuél ſaid to Saúl, Bid the ſeruant go before vs, (and he went)

but

but ſtand thou ſtil now, that I may ſhewe thee q the worde of God.

q Gods commandement as concerning thee.

CHAP. X.

Saúl is anointed King by Samuél. 9 God changeth Sauls heart and he prophecieth. 17 Samuél aſſembleth the people, and ſheweth them their ſinnes. 21 Saúl is choſen King by lot. 25 Samuél writeth the Kings office.

1 THen Samuél toke a viole of [a] oyle and powred it vpon his head, & kiſſed him, and ſaid, Hathe not the Lord anointed thee to be gouernour ouer his inheritance?

a In the lawe this anointing ſignified the gifts of ỹ holy Goſt, whiche were neceſſarie for them ỹ ſhulde rule.

2 When thou ſhalt departe from me this day, thou ſhalt finde two men by * Rahels ſepulchre in the border of Beniamin, euẽ at Zelzáh, & thei wil ſay vnto thee, The [b] aſſes which ỹ wenteſt to ſeke, are foũde: & lo, thy father hathe left the care of the aſſes, and ſoroweth for you, ſaying, What ſhal I do for my ſonne?

*Gen 35.20.

b Samuél confirmeth him by theſe ſignes ỹ God hathe appoited him King

3 Then ſhalt thou go forthe from thence and ſhalt come to the [c] plaine of Tabór, and there ſhal mete thee thre mẽ going vp to God to Beth-el: one carryīg thre kiddes, & another carying thre loaues of bread, and another caryng a bottle of wine:

c Or, the.

4 And thei wil aſke thee [d] if all be wel, and wil giue thee the two *loaues of* bread, which thou ſhalt receiue of their hands.

d Ebr of peace.

5 After that ſhalt thou come to the [e] hil of God, where is the gariſons of the Philiſtíms: and when thou art come thether to the citie, thou ſhalt mete a companie of Prophets comming downe from the hye place with a viole, and a tymbrel, and a pipe, and an harpe before them, and thei ſhal prophecie.

e Which was an hie place in the citie Kiriath-iearim, where the Arke was, Chap. 7.ii.

6 Then the Spirit of the Lord wil come vpon thee, and thou ſhalt prophecie with thẽ, & ſhalt be turned into another man.

7 Therefore when theſe ſignes ſhal come vnto thee, do as occaſion ſhal ſerue: for God *is* with thee.

8 And thou ſhalt go downe before me to Gilgál: and I alſo wil come downe vnto thee to offer burnt offrings, & to ſacrifice ſacrifices of peace. * Tary for me ſeuen daies, til I come to thee and ſhewe thee what thou ſhalt do.

*Chap.13.8.

9 And whẽ he had turned his [f] backe to go from Samuél, God gaue him another [g] heart: & all thoſe tokens came to paſſe that ſame day.

f Ebr ſhoulder

g He gaue him ſuche vertues as were mete for a King.

10 ¶ And whẽ thei came thether to the hil, beholde, the companie of Prophets met him, and the Spirit of God came vpon him, and he [h] prophecied among them.

h Or, ſang praiſes

11 Therefore all the people that knewe him before, when thei ſawe that he prophecied among the Prophets, ſaid eche to other? What is come vnto the ſonne of Kíſh? *is Saúl alſo among the Prophets?

*Chap.19.24.

12 And one of the ſame place anſwered, and ſaid, But who is their [i] father? Therefore it was a prouerbe, Is Saúl alſo among the [k] Prophets?

i Meanig, that prophecie cõmeth not by ſucceſsion, but is giuen, to whome it pleaſeth God

k Noting thereby him that from lowe degre commeth ſodenly to honour.

13 And when he had made an end of prophecying, he came to the hie place.

14 And Sauls vncle ſaid vnto him, and to his ſeruãt, Whether went ye? And he ſaid, To ſeke the aſſes: and when we ſawe that thei were no where, we came to Samuél.

15 And Sauls vncle ſaid, Tel me, I pray thee, what Samuél ſaid vnto you.

16 Then Saúl ſaid to his vncle, He tolde vs plainely that the aſſes were founde: but concerning the kingdome whereof Samuél ſpake, tolde he him nor.

17 ¶ And Samuél [l] aſſembled the people vnto the Lord in Mizpéh,

l Bothe to declare vnto thẽ their faute in aſking a King, & alſo to ſhew Gods ſentence therein.

18 And he ſaid vnto the children of Iſraél, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, I haue broght Iſraél out of Egypt, and deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, & out of the hands of all kingdomes that troubled you.

19 But ye haue this day caſt away your God, who onely deliuereth you out of all your aduerſities and tribulacions: and ye ſaid vnto him, Nay, but appoint a Kíg ouer vs. Now therefore ſtand ye before the Lord according to your tribes and according to your thouſands.

20 And when Samuél had gathered together all the tribes of Iſraél, the tribe of Beniamín was [m] taken.

m That is, by caſting of lot.

21 Afterwarde he aſſembled the tribe of Beniamín according to their families, & the familie of Matri was taken. So Saúl the ſonne of Kiſh was taken, and when thei ſoght him, he colde not be founde.

22 Therefore thei aſked the Lord againe, if that man ſhulde yet come thether. And the Lord anſwered, Beholde, he [n] hathe hid him ſelfe among the ſtuffe.

n As though he were vnworthy and vnwilling.

23 And thei ranne, and broght him thence: and when he ſtode among the people, he was hier then any of the people from the ſhoulders vpwarde.

24 And Samuél ſaid to all the people, Se ye not him, whome the Lord hathe choſen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people ſhowted and ſaid, [o] God ſaue the King.

o Ebr let the King liue

25 Then Samuél tolde the people [p] the duetie of the kingdome, and wrote it in a boke, and layed it vp before the Lord, & Samuél ſent all the people away euery man to his houſe.

p As it is written in Deuteronomie Chap. 17.15.

26 Saúl alſo went home to Gibeáh, & there followed him a band of men, whoſe heart God had touched,

27 But the wicked men ſaid, How ſhal he ſaue vs? So thei deſpiſed him, and broght him no preſentes: but he [q] held his tõgue.

q Bothe to auoide ſedition, and alſo to winne them by patience.

CHAP. XI.

1 Nahásh the Ammonite warreth against Iabésh Gilead, who asketh helpe of the Israelites 6 Saul promiseth helpe 11 The Ammonites are slayne. 14 The kingdome is renued.

a After that Saul was chosen King: for feare of whome they asked a King. as Chap 12,12.

1 THen Nahásh the Ammonite [a] came vp, and besieged Iabésh Gilcád: and all the men of Iabésh said vnto Nahásh, Make a couenant with vs, and we wil be thy seruants.

2 And Nahásh the Ammonite answered them, On this condicion wil I make a couenant with you, that I may thruste out all your [b] right eyes, & bring that shame vpon all Israél.

b This declareth, that the more nere that tyrants are to their destruction, the more cruel they are.

3 To whome ỹ Elders of Iabésh said, Giue vs seuen daies respet, that we may send messengers vnto all the coastes of Israél: & then if no man deliuer vs, we wil come out to thee.

4 ¶ Then came the messengers to Gibeáh of Saúl, & tolde these tidings in the eares of the people: and all the people lift vp their voyces and wept.

5 And beholde, Saúl came following the cattel out of the field, & Saúl said, What ayleth this people, ỹ they wepe? And they tolde him the tidings of the mẽ of Iabésh.

c God gaue him the spirit of strength & courage to go against this tyrant.

6 Then the Spirit of God [c] came vpon Saúl, when he heard those tidings, and he was exceding angry,

7 And tooke a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coastes of Israél by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoeuer commeth not forthe after Saúl, and after [d] Samuél, so shal his oxẽ be serued. And the feare of the Lord fel on the people, and they came out "with one consent.

d He addeth Samuél, because Saúl was not yet approued of all.

"Ebr as a man.

8 And when he nombred them in Bezék, the children of Israél were thre hundreth thousand men: and the men of Iudáh thirty thousand.

e Meaning, Saúl & Samuél.

9 Then [e] they said vnto the messengers that came, So say vnto the men of Iabésh Gileád, Tomorowe by then the sunne be hote, ye shal haue helpe And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Iabesh, which were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Iabésh said, Tomorowe we wil come out vnto [f] you, & ye shal do with vs all that pleaseth you.

f That is, to ỹ Ammonites, dissembling that they had hope of aide.

11 ¶ And when the morowe was come, Saúl put the people in thre bands, & they came in vpõ the hoste in the morning watch, & slewe the Ammonites vntil the heate of the day: and they that remained, were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 Then the people said vnto Samuél, [g] Who is he that said, Shal Saúl reigne ouer vs? bring those mẽ that we may slaye them.

g By this victorie the Lord wõne ỹ hearts of the people to Saúl

13 But Saúl said, There shal no man [h] dye this day: for to day the Lord hathe saued Israél.

h By shewing mercie he thoght to ouercome their malice.

14 ¶ Then said Samuél vnto the people, Come, that we may go to Gilgál, & renue the kingdome there.

15 So all the people went to Gilgál, and made Saul King there before the Lord in Gilgál: and there they offred [i] peace offrings before the Lord: and there Saúl & all the mẽ of Israél reioyced excedingly.

i In signe of thanke giuing for ỹ victorie.

CHAP. XII.

1 Samuél declaring to the people his integritie, reproueth their ingratitude. 19 God by miracle causeth the people to confesse their sinne. 20 Samuél exhorteth the people to followe the Lord.

1 SAmuél then said vnto all Israél, Beholde, I haue [a] hearkened vnto your voyce in all that ye said vnto me, & haue appointed a King ouer you.

a I haue granted your petition

2 Now therefore beholde, *your* King walketh [b] before you, and I am olde & graye headed, and beholde, my sonnes *are* with you: and I haue walked before you from my childehode vnto this day.

b To gouerne you in peace & warre

3 Beholde, here I am: * beare recorde of me before the Lord and before his Anointed. [c] Whose oxe haue I taken? or whose asse haue I taken? or whome haue I done wrõg to? or whome haue I hurte? or of whose hand haue I receiued any bribe, to blinde mine eies therwith, & I wil restore it you?

Eccles. 46,22.

c God wolde that this confession shulde be a patterne for all them ỹ serue any charge or office.

4 Then they said, Thou hast done vs no wrong, nor hast hurt vs, nether hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

5 And he said vnto them, The Lord is witnes against you, and his [d] Anointed is witnes this day, that ye haue foũde nought in mine hands. And they answered, *He is* witnes

d Their King, who is anointed by the cõmandement of the Lord.

6 Then Samuél said vnto the people, It is the Lord that 'made Moses and Aarón, & that broght your fathers out of the land of Egypt.

'Or, exalted.

7 Now therefore stand stil, that I may reason with you before the Lord according to all ỹ 'righteousnes of the Lord, which he shewed to you and to your fathers.

'Or, benefites.

8 * After ỹ Iaakób was come into Egypt, and your fathers cryed vnto the Lord, then ỹ Lord *sent Moses and Aarón which broght your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwel in this place.

Gen. 46,5.

Exod 4,16.

9 *And when they forgate the Lord their God, he solde them into the hand of Siserá [e] captaine of the hoste of Hazór and into the hand of the Philistíms, and into the hand of the King of Moáb, and they foght against them.

Iudg. 4,2.

e Captaine of Iabins hoste King of Hazór.

10 And they cryed vnto the Lord, and said, We haue sinned, because we haue forsakẽ the Lord, and haue serued Baalím & Ashtaróth. Now therefore deliuer vs out of the

the hands of our enemies, and we wil ſerue thee.

f That is, Samſon, Iudg 13,25 *Iudg 7,32. Iudg 11,1. Chap 4,1.*

11 Therefore the Lord ſent Ierubbáal [f] & Bedan & *Iphtáh, & *Samuél, & deliuered you out of the hands of your enemies on euerie ſide, and ye dwelled ſafe.

12 Notwithſtanding when you ſawe, that Nahásh the King of the children of Ammón came againſt you, ye ſaid vnto me,

g Leauing God to ſeke helpe of man, Chap 8,5.

[g] No, but a King ſhal reigne ouer vs: whé yet the Lord your God was your King.

13 Now therefore beholde ỹ King whome ye haue choſen *and* whome ye haue deſired: lo therefore, ỹ Lord hathe ſet a King ouer you.

14 If ye wil feare the Lord and ſerue him, and heare his voyce, and not diſobey the worde of the Lord, bothe ye, & the King that reigneth ouer you, ſhal [h] followe the Lord your God.

h Ye ſhal be preſerued as tnev ỹ follow the Lords wil

15 But if ye wil not obey the voyce of the Lord, but diſobey the Lords mouth, then ſhal the hand of the Lord be vpon you, & on your [i] fathers.

i Meaning, the gouernours.

16 Now alſo ſtand and ſe this great thing which the Lord wil do before your eyes.

17 Is it not nowe wheate harueſt? I wil call vnto the Lord, and he ſhal ſend thundre and raine, that ye may perceiue and ſe, how that your wickednes is [k] great, which ye haue done in the ſight of the Lord in aſking you a King.

k In that ye haue forſaken him, who hath all power in his hand, for a mortale man

18 Then Samuél called vnto the Lord, and the Lord ſent thundre and raine the ſame day: and all the people feared the Lord & Samuél excedingly.

19 And all the people ſaid vnto Samuél, Pray for thy ſeruants vnto the Lord thy God, that we dye not: for we haue ſinned in aſking vs a King, beſide [l] all our *other* ſinnes.

l Not onely at other times, but now chiefly

20 ¶ And Samuél ſaid vnto ỹ people, Feare not. (ye haue in dede done all this wicked nes, [m] yet departe not from following the Lord, but ſerue ỹ Lord with all your heart,

m He ſheweth that there is no ſinne ſo great, but it ſhal be forgiuen, if the ſinner turne againe to God.

21 Nether turne ye backe: for *that ſhulde be* after vaine things which can not profit you, nor deliuer you, for they are but vanitie)

22 For the Lord wil not forſake his people for his great Names ſake: becauſe it hathe pleaſed ỹ Lord to make you [n] his people.

n Of his free mercie, & not of your merites, and therefore he wil not forſake you.

23 Moreouer God forbid, that I ſhulde ſinne againſt the Lord, and ceaſe praying for you, but I wil ſhewe you the good and right way.

24 Therefore feare you the Lord, and ſerue him in the trueth with all your [o] hearts, and conſider how great things he hathe done for you.

o Vnfainedly and without hypocriſie.

25 But if ye do wickedly, ye ſhal periſh, bothe ye, and your King.

CHAP. XIII.

3 The Philiſtims are ſmitte of Saúl & Ionathán. 13 Saúl being diſobedient to Gods commandement is ſhewed of Samuél that he ſhal not reigne. 19 The great ſlaueric, wherein the Philiſtims kept the Iſraelites.

1 SAúl now had bene King [a] one yere, & he reigned [b] two yeres ouer Iſraél.

a Whiles theſe things were done

b Before he toke vpon him the ſtate of a King.

2 Then Saúl choſe him thre thouſand of Iſraél: & two thouſand were with Saúl in Michmáſh, and in mount Beth-él, and a thouſand were with Ionathán in Gibeáh of Beniamín: and the reſt of the people he ſent euerie one to his tent.

3 And Ionathán ſmote the gariſon of the Philiſtims, that was in the [c] hil: and it came to the Philiſtims eares: and Saúl blewe the [d] trumpet throughout all the land, ſaying, Heare, ô ye Ebrewes.

c Of Kiriath-ſearim, where the Arke was, Chap 10,5

d That euerie one ſhulde prepare them ſelues to warre.

4 And all Iſraél heard ſay, Saúl hathe deſtroyed a gariſon of the Philiſtims: wherefore Iſraél was had in abominació with the Philiſtims: and the people gathered together after Saúl to Gilgál.

5 ¶ The Philiſtims alſo gathered them ſelues together to fight with Iſraél, thirtie thouſand charets and ſix thouſand horſemē: for the people *was* like the ſand which is by the ſeas ſide in multitude, and came vp, and pitched in Michmáſh Eaſtwarde from [e] Beth-áuen.

e Which was alſo called Beth-él, in the tribe of Beniamin.

6 And whé the men of Iſraél ſawe that they were in a ſtraite (*for the people were in diſtreſſe*) the people hid thē ſelues in caues, & in holdes, & in rockes, & towres, & in pittes.

7 And *ſome* of the Ebrewes went ouer Ioidén vnto the land of [f] Gad & Gileád: and Saúl was yet in Gilgál, and all the people for feare followed him.

f Where the two tribes & the halfe remained.

8 And he taried ſeuē dayes, according vnto the time that Samuél had appointed: but Samuél came not to Gilgál, therefore the people were [g] ſcatred from him.

g Thinking ỹ the abience of ỹ Prophet was a ſigne, that they ſhulde loſe the victorie

9 And Saúl ſaid, Bring a burnt offring to me and peace offrings: and he offred a burnt offring.

10 And aſſone as he had made an end of offring the burnt offring, beholde, Samuél came. and Saúl went forthe to mete him, to "ſalute him.

"Ebr. bleſſe him

11 And Samuél ſaid, What haſt thou done? Then Saúl ſaid, Becauſe I ſawe that the people was [h] ſcatred from me, and that thou cameſt not within the dayes appointed, and that the Philiſtims gathered thē ſelues together to Michmáſh,

h Thogh theſe cauſes ſeme ſufficiēte in mas iudgemēt: yet becauſe they hid not the worde of God, they turned to his deſtruction.

12 Therefore ſaid I, The Philiſtims wil come downe now vpon me to Gilgál, and I haue not made ſupplicacion vnto the Lord. I was bolde therefore and offred a burnt offring.

13 And Samuél ſaid to Saúl, Thou haſt done fooliſhly: thou haſt not kept the commandement of the Lord thy [i] God, which

i Who willed thee to obey him and reſt vpon the wordes ſpoken by his Prophet.

he commãded thee: for the Lord had now ſtabliſhed thy kingdome vpon Iſraél for euer.

14 But now thy kingdome ſhal not continue: the Lord hathe ſoght him a [k] man after his owne heart, and ỹ Lord hathe cõmãded him to be gouernour ouer his people, becauſe thou haſt not kept that which the Lord had commanded thee.

15 ¶ And Samuél aroſe, and gate him vp frõ Gilgál in [l] Gibeáh of Beniamín: & Saúl nombred the people that were foũde with him, about ſix hundreth men.

16 And Saúl and Ionathán his ſonne, & the people that were founde with them, had their abiding in Gibeáh of Beniamín: but the Philiſtíms pitched in Michmáſh.

17 And there came out of the hoſte of the Philiſtíms [m] thre bãdes to deſtroy, one bãde turned vnto the way of Ophráh vnto the land of Shuál,

18 And another bande turned toward the way to Beth-horón, and the [n] thirde bãde turned toward the way of the coaſt that loketh toward the valley of Zeboím, toward the wildernes.

19 Thẽ there was no ſmith founde through out all the land of Iſraél: for the Philiſtíms ſaid, Leſt the Ebrewes make them ſwordes or ſpeares.

20 Wherefore all the Iſraelites wẽt downe to the Philiſtíms, to ſharpen euerie man his ſhare, his mattocke, & his axe and his weding hooke.

21 Yet they had a file for the ſhares, and for the mattockes, and for the pickeforkes, & for the axes and for to ſharpen the goades.

22 So when the day of battel was come, there was nether [o] ſworde nor ſpeare founde in the hands of anie of the people that were with Saúl & with Ionathán: but *onely* with Saúl and Ionathán his ſonne was there founde.

23 And the gariſon of the Philiſtíms came out to the paſſage of Michmáſh.

CHAP. XIIII.

14 Ionathán and his armour bearer put the Philiſtims to flight. 24 Saúl bindeth the people by an othe, not to eat til euening. 32 The people eat with the blood. 38 Saúl wolde put Ionathán to death. 45 The people deliuer him.

1 THen on a day Ionathán the ſonne of Saúl ſaid vnto the yong man that bare his armour, [a] Come and let vs go ouer toward the Philiſtíms gariſon, that is yonder on the otherſide, but he tolde not his father.

2 And Saúl taryed in the border of Gibeáh vnder a pomegranate tre, which was in Migrón, and the people that were with him, *were* about ſix hundreth men.

3 And Ahiáh the ſonne of Ahitúb, * Ichabods brother, the ſonne of Phinehás, the ſonne of Elí, was the Lords Prieſt in Shilóh, and ware an Ephód: and the people knewe not that Ionathán was gone.

4 ¶ Now in the way whereby Ionathán ſoght to go ouer to ỹ Philiſtíms gariſon, there was a [p] ſharpe rocke on the one ſide, and a ſharpe rocke on the other ſide: the name of the one *was* called Bozéz, & the name of the other Séneh.

5 The one rocke ſtretched frõ the North toward Michmáſh, & the other *was* from the South toward Gibeáh.

6 And Ionathán ſaid to the yong man that bare his armour, Come, and let vs go ouer vnto the gariſon of theſe [b] vncircumciſed: it may be that the Lord wil worke with vs: for it is [c] not hard to the Lord * to ſaue with manie, or with fewe.

7 And he that bare his armour, ſaid vnto him, do all that is in thine heart: go where it pleaſeth thee: beholde, [c] I am with thee as thine heart deſireth.

8 Then ſaid Ionathán, Beholde, we go ouer vnto thoſe men, and wil ſhewe our ſelues vnto them.

9 [d] If they ſay on this wiſe to vs, Tarie vntil we come to you, then we wil ſtand ſtil in our place, and not go vp to them.

10 But if they ſay, Come vp vnto vs, then we wil go vp: for * the Lord hathe deliuered them into our hand: and this ſhalbe a ſigne vnto vs.

11 So they bothe ſhewed them ſelues vnto the gariſon of the Philiſtíms: and the Philiſtíms ſaid, Se, the Ebrewes come out of ỹ [e] holes wherein they had hid thẽ ſelues.

12 And the men of the gariſon anſwered Ionathán, & his armour bearer, and ſaid, Come vp to vs: for we wil ſhewe you a thing. Then Ionathán ſaid vnto his armour bearer, Come vp after me: for the Lord hathe deliuered them into the hand of Iſraél.

13 So Ionathán went vp vpon [f] his hands and vpon his fete, and his armour bearer after him: and *ſome* fel before Ionathán, & his armour bearer ſlewe *others* after him.

14 So the [g] firſt ſlaughter which Ionathán and his armour bearer made, was about twentie mẽ within that cõpaſſe, as it were within halfe an acre of land which two *oxen plowe*.

15 And there was a feare in the hoſte, *and* in the field, and amõg all the people: the gariſon alſo, and they that went out to ſpoile, were afrayed them ſelues: and the earth [h] trembled: for it was *ſtricken* with feare by God.

16 ¶ Thẽ the watchmen of Saúl in Gibeáh of Beniamín ſawe: and beholde, the multitude was diſcomfited, and ſmitten as they went.

17 Therefore ſaid Saúl vnto the people that

k That is, Dauid.

l And went to his citie Ramáh.

m Or, the deſtroier: to wit, the captaine came out with three bandes

n So that to mans iudgemẽt theſe thre armies wold haue ouerrunne the whole countrey.

o To declare that the victorie onely came of God & not by their force.

a By this exãple God wold declare to Iſraél that the victorie did not conſiſt in multitude or armour, but onely came of his grace.

Chap. 4, 21.

b To wit, the Philiſtims

c Or, none can let the Lord

2 Chro. 14, 11.

c I wil follow thee whethерſoeuer thou goeſt.

d This he ſpake by the Spirit of prophecie, foraſmuche as hereby God gaue him aſſurance of the victorie

1. Mac. 4, 30.

e Thus they ſpake cõtemptuouſly, and by deriſion.

f That is, he crept vp, or went vp with all haſt

g The ſeconde was whẽ they ſlewe one another, and the third when ỹ Iſraelites chaſed them.

h In that the inſenſible creatures tremble for feare of Gods iudgement, it declareth how terrible his vengeance ſhalbe againſt his enemies.

that were with him, Search now & ſe, who is gone from vs. And whē they had nombred, beholde, Ionathán and his armour bearer were not there.

18 And Saúl ſaid vnto Ahiáh, Bring hither the Arke of God (for ỹ Arke of God was at that time with the children of Iſraél)

19 ¶ And while Saúl talked vnto the Prieſt, the noiſe, that was in the hoſte of the Philiſtíms, ſpred farther abroade, & encreaſed: therefore Saúl ſaid vnto the Prieſt, [i] Withdrawe thine hand.

[i] Let the Ephód alone: for I haue no leaſure nowe to aſke counſel of God, Nomb 27,21 *Iudg 7,21. 2 Chro,20,23*

20 And Saúl was aſſembled with all the people that were with him, and they came to the battel: & beholde, [*] euerie mans ſworde was againſt his fellowe, *and* there was a very great diſcomfiture.

21 Moreouer ỹ Ebrewes that were with the Philiſtíms before time, & were come with them into all partes of the hoſte, euē they alſo turned to be with the [k] Iſraelites that were with Saúl and Ionathán.

[k] Thogh before for feare of the Philiſtims they declared them ſelues as enemies to their brethren.

22 Alſo all the men of Iſraél which had hid them ſelues in mount Ephráim when they heard, that the Philiſtíms were fled, they followed after them in the battel.

23 And ſo the Lord ſaued Iſraél that day: and the battel continued vnto Beth-áuen.

24 ¶ And at that time the men of Iſraél were preſſed *with hunger*: for Saúl charged the people with an othe, ſaying, [l] Curſed be the man ỹ eateth "foode til nyght, that I may be auenged of mine enemies: ſo none of the people taſted *ante* ſuſtenance.

[l] Suche was his hypocricie & arrogancie, ỹ he thoght to attribute to his policie ỹ, which God had giuen by the hand of Ionathán

"Ebr bread

25 And all they of the lād came to a wood, where hony lay vpon the ground.

26 And the people came into the wood, & beholde, the hony dropped, and no man moued his hād to his mouth: for the people feared the [m] othe.

[m] That is, the punishement, if they brake their othe

27 But Ionathán heard not when his father charged the people with the othe: wherefore he put forthe the end of the rod that was in his hād, and dipt it in an hony cōbe, and put his hand to his mouth, and his [n] eyes receyued ſight.

[n] Which were dimme before for wearines and hungre.

28 Then anſwered one of the people, and ſaid, Thy father made ỹ people to ſweare, ſaying, Curſed be the man that eateth ſuſtenance this day: and the people were [o] faint.

[o] Or, wearie.

29 Then ſaid Ionathán, My father hathe [p] troubled the land: ſe now how mine eyes are made cleare, becauſe I haue taſted a litle of this hony:

[p] By making this cruel lawe.

30 How muche more, if the people had eatē to day of the ſpoile of their enemies which they founde? for had there not bene now a greater ſlaughter among the Philiſtíms?

31 ¶ And thē ỹ ſmote ỹ Philiſtíms that day, from Michmáſh to Aiialón: and the people were exceding faint.

32 So the people turned to the ſpoyle, and toke ſhepe, & oxen, and calues, & ſlewe thē on the ground, and the people did eat thē [*] with the blood.

Leu.7,26. & 19,26. deut.12,16.

33 Then men told Saúl, ſaying, Beholde, the people ſinne againſt the Lord, in that thei eat with the blood. And he ſaid, Ye haue treſpaſſed: [p] roule a great ſtone vnto me this day.

[p] That the blood of the beaſts ỹ ſhal be ſlaine, may be preſſed out vpon it.

34 Againe Saúl ſaid, Go abroade among ỹ people, & bid them bring me euerie man his oxe, and euery mā his ſhepe, and ſlaye them here, and eate and ſinne not againſt the Lord in eating with the blood. And the people broght euery man his oxe in his hand that night and ſlewe them there.

35 Then Saúl made an altar vnto the Lord, & that [q] was the firſt altar that he made vnto the Lord.

[q] Or, of that time he began he to build an altar.

36 ¶ And Saúl ſaid, Let vs go downe after the Philiſtíms by night, and ſpoyle them vntil the morning ſhine, and let vs not leaue a mā of them. And they ſaid, Do whatſoeuer thou thinkeſt beſt. Then ſaid the Prieſt, Let vs [q] draw nere hither vnto God.

[q] To aſke counſel of him.

37 So Saúl aſked of God, *ſaying*, Shal I go downe after the Philiſtíms? wilt thou deliuer them into the hands of Iſraél? But he anſwered him not at that time.

38 ¶ And Saúl ſaid, [*] All "ye chief of ỹ people, come ye hither, and knowe, and ſe by whome this ſinne is done this day.

Iudg.20,2. "Ebr. corners.

39 For as the Lord liueth, which ſaueth Iſraél, thogh it be *done* by Ionathán my ſonne, he ſhal dye the death. But none of all the people anſwered him.

40 Then he ſaid vnto all Iſraél, Be ye on one ſide, & I and Ionathán my ſonne wil be on the other ſide. And the people ſaid vnto Saúl, Do what thou thinkeſt beſt.

41 Then Saúl ſaid vnto the Lord God of Iſraél, Giue [r] a perfet *lot*. And Ionathán & Saúl were taken, but the people eſcaped.

[r] Cauſe ỹ lot to fall on him ỹ hathe broke the othe: but he doeth not conſider his preſumptiō in commanding the ſame othe.

42 And Saúl ſaid, Caſt *lot* betwene me and Ionathán my ſonne. And Ionathán was taken.

43 Then Saúl ſaid to Ionathán, Tel me what thou haſt done. And Ionathán told him, and ſaid, I taſted a litle hony with ỹ end of the rod, that was in mine hand, & lo, I muſt dye.

44 Againe Saúl anſwered, God do ſo and more alſo, vnles ỹ dye ỹ death, Ionathán.

45 And the people ſaid vnto Saúl, [s] Shal Ionathán dye, who hathe ſo mightely deliuered Iſraél? God forbid. As ỹ Lord liueth there ſhal not one heere of his head fall to the ground: for he hathe wroght [t] with God this day. So the people deliuered Ionathán that he dyed not.

[s] The people thoght it their duetie to reſcue him, who of ignorance, had but broken a raſhe lawe, and by whome they had receiued ſo great a benefite.

[t] W

46 Thē Saúl came vp from the Philiſtíms: & the Philiſtíms wēt to their owne place.

47 ¶ So Saúl helde the kingdome ouer Iſraél, and foght againſt all his ennemies on

euerie ſide, againſt Moáb, and againſt the children of Ammón, and againſt Edóm, and againſt ỹ Kings of Zobáh, & againſt the Philiſtíms: & whether ſoeuer he went, he [a] handled them as wicked men.

48 He gathered alſo an hoſte & ſmote [t] Amalék, & deliuered Iſraél out of the hãds of them that ſpoiled them.

49 Now the ſonnes of Saúl were Ionathán, [u] and Iſhui, and Malchiſhúa: and the names of his two daughters, the elder was called Meráb, and the yonger was named [x] Michál.

50 And ỹ name of Sauls wife was Ahinóam the daughter of Ahimáaz: and the name of his chief captaine was [y] Abnér the ſonne of Ner, Sauls vncle.

51 And Kiſh *was* Sauls father: and Ner the father of Abnér *was* the ſonne of Abiél.

52 And there was ſore warre againſt the Philiſtíms all the dayes of Saúl: & [z] whomeſoeuer Saul ſawe to be a ſtrong man, & mete for the warre, he toke him vnto him.

[a] Or, ouercame them.
[t] As the Lord had commanded, Deu. 25, 17.
[u] Called alſo Abinadáb, Chap 31, 2.
[x] Which was the wife of Dauid, Chap 18, 27.
[y] Whome Ioáb the captaine of Dauid ſlewe, 2 Sam. 3, 27
[z] As Samuél had forewarned Chap 8, 11.

CHAP. XV.

Saúl is commanded to ſlay Amalék. 9 He ſpareth Agág & the beſt things. 19 Samuél reproueth him. 28 Saúl is reiected of the Lord, and his kingdome giuen to another. 33 Samuél heweth Agág in peces.

1 AFterwarde Samuél ſaid vnto Saúl, * The Lord ſent me to anoint thee King ouer his people ouer Iſraél: nowe therefore [a] obey the voyce of the wordes of the Lord.

2 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, I remember what Amalék did to Iſraél, * how they layed *wait* for them in the way, as they came vp from Egypt.

3 Nowe *therefore* go, and ſmite Amalék, & deſtroye ye all that perteineth vnto them, and haue no cõpaſſion on them, but [b] ſlay bothe man and woman, bothe infant and ſuckeling, bothe oxe, and ſhepe, bothe camel, and aſſe.

4 ¶ And Saúl aſſembled the people, and [c] nombred them in Telaím, two hundreth thouſand fotemen, and ten thouſand men of Iudáh.

5 And Saúl came to a citie of Amalék, [c] and ſet watch at the riuer.

6 And Saúl ſaid vnto the [e] Kenites, Go, departe, *and* get you downe from among the Amalekites, leſt I deſtroy you with them: for ye ſhewed [d] mercy to all the children of Iſraél, when they came vp frõ Egypt: and the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 So Saúl ſmote the Amalekites from Hauiláh as thou commeſt to Shur, that is before Egypt,

8 And toke Agág the King of the Amalekites aliue, and deſtroyed all the people with the edge of the ſworde.

9 But Saúl and the people ſpared Agág, & the better ſhepe, and the oxen, and the fat beaſtes, and the lambes, and all that was good, & they wolde not deſtroye thẽ: but euery thing that was vile & noght worthe, that they deſtroyed.

[a] Because he hathe preferred thee to this honour, thou art bound to obey him. *Exod. 17, 14. Numb. 24, 20.*
[b] That this might be an exãple of Gods vengeance againſt thẽ that deale cruelly with his people.
[c] Or, *nowe their nombre by the lambes, which they broght*
[c] Or, *fought in the valley.*
[e] Which were the poſteritie of Iethrò Moſés father in lawe
[d] For Iethrò came to viſit them and gaue them good counſel, Exod. 18, 19.

10 ¶ Thẽ came the worde of the Lord vnto Samuél, ſaying,

11 It [e] repenteth me that I haue made Saúl King: for he is turned frõ me, & hathe not performed my commandements. And Samuél was moued, & cryed vnto the Lord all night.

12 And whẽ Samuél aroſe early to mete Saúl in the morning, one tolde Samuél, ſaying, Saul is gone to Carmél: and beholde, he hathe made him there a place, from whence he returned, and departed, and is gone downe to Gilgál.

13 ¶ Thẽ Samuél came to Saúl, & Saúl ſaid vnto him, Bleſſed be ỹ of the Lord, I haue fulfilled the [f] cõmandement of the Lord.

14 But Samuél ſaid, What meaneth then ỹ bleating of the ſhepe in mine eares, & the lowing of the oxen which I heare?

15 And Saúl ãſwered, Thei haue broght thẽ from the Amalekites: for the people ſpared the beſt of the ſhepe, and of the oxen to ſacrifice them vnto the Lord thy God, and the remnant haue we deſtroyed.

16 Againe Samuél ſaid to Saúl, Let me tell thee what the Lord hathe ſaid to me this night. And he ſaid vnto him, Say on.

17 Then Samuél ſaid, When thou waſt [g] litle in thine owne ſight, waſt ỹ not made the head of the tribes of Iſraél? for the Lord anointed thee King ouer Iſraél.

18 And the Lord ſent thee on a iourney, & ſaid, Go, and deſtroye thoſe ſinners the Amalekites, and fight againſt them, vntil thou deſtroye them.

19 Now wherefore haſt thou not obeyed ỹ voyce of the Lord, but haſt turned to the praye, and haſt done wickedly in the ſight of the Lord?

20 And Saúl ſaid vnto Samuél, Yea, I [h] haue obeyd ỹ voyce of the Lord, & haue gone ỹ way which the Lord ſent me, and haue broght Agág the King of Amalék, & haue deſtroyed the Amalekites.

21 But ỹ people toke of the ſpoyle, ſhepe, & oxen, & the chiefeſt of the things which ſhulde haue bene deſtroyed, to offer vnto the Lord thy God in Gilgál.

22 And Samuél ſaid, Hathe ỹ Lord as great pleaſure in burnt offrings & ſacrifices, as whẽ the voyce of ỹ Lord is obeied? beholde, * to obey is better then ſacrifice, and to hearken *is better* then the fat of rammes.

23 For [i] rebellion *is as* the ſinne of witchcraft, and tranſgreſsion is wickednes and idolatrie. Becauſe thou haſt caſt away the worde of the Lord, therefore he hathe caſt away thee from being King.

24 Then Saúl ſaid vnto Samuél, I haue ſinned

[e] God in his eternal coũſel neuer chãgeth nor repenteth, as vers. 29. thogh he ſemeth to vs to repent, when anie thing goeth contrary to his temporal election.
[f] This is ỹ nature of hypocrites, to be impudẽt againſt the trueth, to condemne others, & iuſtifie thẽ ſelues.
[g] Meaning of baſe cõditiõ as Chap 9, 21.
[h] He ſtandeth moſt ſtudẽtly in his owne defenſe bothe againſt God & his owne cõſcience.
Eccleſ. 4, 17. oſe 6, 7. mat 9, 13. & 22, 7.
[i] God hateth nothing more then the diſobedience of his commãdement, thogh ỹ intent ſeme neuer ſo good to man.

ned: for I haue tranſgreſſed the cõmandement of the Lord, & thy wordes, becauſe I feared the people, & obeied their voyce.
25 Now therefore, I pray thee, take away my
k This was not true repẽtance, but diſſimulation, fearing ỹ loſſe of his kingdome
k ſinne, and turne againe with me, that I may worſhip the Lord.
26 But Samuél ſaid vnto Saúl, I wil not returne with thee: for thou haſt caſt awaye the worde of the Lord, & the Lord hathe caſt away thee, that thou ſhalt not be Kĩg ouer Iſraél.
27 And as Samuél turned him ſelfe to go away, he caught ỹ lap of his coat, & it rẽt.
28 Then Samuél ſaid vnto him, The Lord hathe rent the kingdome of Iſraél from thee this day, & hathe giuen it to thy
l That is, to Dauid
l neighbour, that is better then thou.
29 For in dede the
m Meaning God, who maintaineth & preſerueth his.
m ſtrength of Iſraél wil not lie nor repent: for he is not a man that he ſhulde repent.
30 Then he ſaid, I haue ſinned: but honour me, I pray thee, before the Elders of my people, & before Iſraél, & turne againe w̃ me, that I may worſhip the Lord thy God.
31 ¶ So Samuél turned againe, and followed Saúl: and Saúl worſhiped the Lord.
32 Thẽ ſaid Samuél, Bring ye hither to mẽ Agág ỹ King of the Amalekites: & Agág came vnto him
*Or, ſo tenderly.
*pleaſantly, and Agág ſaid, Truely the
n He ſuſpected nothing leſſe then death, or as ſome write, he paſſed not for death
n bitternes of death is paſſed.
33 And Samuél ſaid, * As thy ſword hathe made women childeles, ſo ſhal thy mother be childeles among other womẽ. And Samuél hewed Agág in pieces before the Lord in Gilgál.
*Exod 17,11. *Numb 14, 45
o Where his houſe was
34 ¶ So Samuél departed to
o Ramáh, and Saúl went vp to his houſe to Gibeah of Saúl.
p Thogh Saúl came where Samuél was, Chap 19,22. ¶ As ver. 11
35 And Samuél came nomore to
p ſe Saúl vntil ỹ day of his death: but Samuél mourned for Saúl, and the Lord
q repented that he made Saúl King ouer Iſraél.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samuél is reproued of God, & is ſent to anoint Dauid. 7 God regardeth the heart 13 The Spirit of the Lord commeth vpon Dauid. 14. The wicked ſpirit is ſent vpon Saúl. 19 Saúl ſendeth for Dauid.

1 THe Lord thẽ ſaid vnto Samuél, How
r Signifying, ỹ we oght not to ſhewe our ſelues more pitiful then God, nor to lamẽt thẽ, whome he caſteth of.
r long wilt ỹ mourne for Saúl, ſeing I haue caſt him away from reigning ouer Iſraél? fil thine horne with oyle and come, I wil ſend thee to Iſhái the Bethlehemite: for I haue prouided me a King among his ſonnes.
2 And Samuél ſaid, How can I go? for if Saúl ſhal heare it, he wil kil me. Then the Lord anſwered, Take an heifer
*Ebr. in thine hand
* w̃ thee, & ſay, I am come
b That is, to make a peace offring, which might be done though ỹ Arke was not there.
b to do ſacrifice to ỹ Lord.
3 And call Iſhái to the ſacrifice, and I wil ſhewe thee what ỹ ſhalt do, & ỹ ſhalt anoint vnto me him whome I name vnto thee.
4 So Samuél did ỹ the Lord bade him, & came to Beth-léhem, and the Elders of the towne were
c Fearing, leſt ſome grieuous crime had bene commited, becauſe ỹ Prophet was not wonte to come thether.
c aſtonied at his comming, & ſaid, Commeſt thou peaceably?
5 And he anſwered, Yea: I am come to do ſacrifice vnto the Lord: ſanctifie your ſelues, & come with me to the ſacrifice. And he ſanctified Iſhái and his ſonnes, and called them to the ſacrifice.
6 And when they were come, he loked on Eliáb, and ſaid, Surely the Lords
d Thinking, ỹ Eliáb had bene appointed of God to be made King
d Anointed is before him.
7 But the Lord ſaid vnto Samuél, Loke not on his coũtinance, nor on the height of his ſtature, becauſe I haue refuſed him: for *God ſeeth* not as man ſeeth: for man loketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord beholdeth the
*1 Chro 28,29. *ter,11,20. & 17,10. & 20,12. *pſal.7,10.
* heart.
8 Then Iſhái called Abinadáb, & made hĩ come before Samuél. And he ſaid, Nether hathe the Lord choſen this.
9 Thẽ Iſhái made Shámáh come. And he ſaid, Nether yet hathe ỹ Lord choſen hĩ.
10 Againe Iſhái made his ſeuen ſonnes to come before Samuél: & Samuél ſaid vnto Iſhái, The Lord hath choſẽ none of theſe.
11 Finally Samuél ſaid vnto Iſhái, "Are
"Ebr. are the children ended?
there no more children *but theſe*? And he ſaid, There remaineth yet a litle one behinde, ỹ kepeth the ſhepe. Then Samuél ſaid vnto Iſhái, *Send and fet him: for we
2.Sam.7,8. *pſal 78,71. & 89,21.
wil not ſit downe, til he be come hither.
12 And he ſent, and broght him in: and he was ruddie, and of a good countinance, & comelie viſage. And ỹ Lord ſaid, Ariſe, & anoint him: for this is he.
13 Then Samuél toke the horne of oyle, & anointed him in the middes of his brethren. And the *Spirit of the Lord
Act 7,46. & 13,22
*Or, proſpered.
*came vpon Dauid, from that day forwarde: thẽ Samuél roſe vp, and went to Ramáh.
14 ¶ But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saúl, and an
e The wicked ſpirits are at Gods commandement to execute his will againſt ỹ wicked.
e euil ſpirit *ſent* of the Lord vexed him.
15 And Sauls ſeruãts ſaid vnto hĩ, Beholde now, ỹ euil ſpirit of God vexeth thee.
16 Let our lord therefore commande thy ſeruants, *that are* before thee, to ſeke a man, that is a conning player vpon the harpe: that when the euil ſpirit of God commeth vpon thee, he may playe with his hand, & thou maieſt be eaſed.
17 Saúl then ſaid vnto his ſeruãts, Prouide me a man, I pray you, that can play wel, & bring him to me.
18 Then anſwered one of his ſeruants, and ſaid, Beholde, I haue ſene a
f Though Dauid was now anointed King by ỹ Prophet, yet God wolde exerciſe him in ſondry ſortes before he had the vſe of his kingdome.
f ſonne of Iſhái, a Bethlehemite, that can playe, & is ſtrõg, valiãt & a mã of warre & wiſe in matters, & a comely perſone, & ỹ Lord is with hĩ.
19 ¶ Wherefore Saúl ſent meſſengers vnto Iſhái, & ſaid, Send me Dauid thy ſonne, which is with the ſhepe.
20 And Iſhái toke an aſſe *laden* with bread & a flagon of wine & a kid, & ſent thẽ by

the hand of Dauid his ſonne vnto Saúl.

Or, ſerued him. 22 And Dauid came to Saúl, and *ſtode before him: and he loued him very wel, and he was his armour bearer.

22 And Saúl ſent to Iſhái, ſaying, Let Dauid now remaine with me: for he hathe founde fauour in my ſight.

23 And ſo when the *euil* ſpirit of God came vpon Saúl, Dauid toke an harpe and plaied with his hand, & Saúl was *g* refreſhed, & was eaſed: for the euil ſpirit departed from him.

g God wolde ỹ Saúl ſhulde receiue this benefite as at Dauids hád, ỹ his cõdemnation might be the more euident, for his cruel hate towarde him.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The Philiſtims make warre againſt Iſraél. 10 Goliáth defieth Iſraél. 17 Dauid is ſent to his brethren. 34 The ſtrength and boldnes of Dauid. 47 The Lord ſaueth not by ſworde nor ſpeare. 50 Dauid killeth Goliáth and the Philiſtims flee.

1 NOw the Philiſtíms gathered their armies to battel, and came together to Shochóh, which is in Iudáh, & pitched betwene Shochóh and Azekáh, *c* in the coaſt of Dammím.

c Or, in Ephes dammim.

2 And Saúl, and the men of Iſraél aſſembled, and pitched in the valley *d* of Eláh, & put them ſelues in battel array to mete the Philiſtíms.

d Or, of the tree.

3 And the Philiſtíms ſtode on a mountaine on the one ſide, and Iſraél ſtode on a mountaine on the other ſide: ſo a valley *was* betwene them.

e Betwene the two campes.

4 ¶ Then came a mã betwene them *e* bothe out of the tentes of the Philiſtíms, named Goliáth of Gath: his height *was* ſix cubits and an hand breadth,

f Or, mate of plate.

5 And had an helmet of braſſe vpõ his head, and a *f* brigandine vpon him: and the weight of his brigandine *was* fiue thouſand *h* ſhekels of braſſe.

h That is, 156 lib 4 ounces, after halfe an ounce the ſhekel & 600 ſhekels weight amounteth to 18 lib 3 quarters

6 And he had *g* bootes of braſſe vpõ his legges, & a ſhilde of braſſe vpõ his ſhoulders.

g Or, greaues.

7 And the ſhafte of his ſpeare *was* like a weauers beame: and his ſpeare head *weyed* ſix hundreth ſhekels of yron: and one bearing a ſhilde went before him.

8 And he ſtode, and cryed againſt the hoſte of Iſraél, and ſaid vnto them, Why are ye come to ſet your battel in array? am not I a Philiſtím, and you ſeruãts to Saúl? choſe you a mã for you, & let him come downe to me.

i Ebr. ſmite me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and *i* kil me, then wil we be your ſeruants: but if I ouercome him, and kil him, then ſhal ye be our ſeruants, and ſerue vs.

10 Alſo the Philiſtím ſaid, I defie the hoſte of Iſraél this day: giue me a man, that we may fight *k* together.

k Or, laid to hand.

11 When Saúl and all Iſraél heard thoſe wordes of the Philiſtím, they were diſcouraged, and greatly afrayed.

Chap. 16. 3.

12 ¶ Now this Dauid *was* the * ſonne of an Ephrathite of Beth-léhem Iudáh, named Iſhái, which had eight ſonnes: and *l* this mã was taken for an olde man in the dayes of Saúl.

l Or, he was eſteemed among thē that bare office.

13 And the thre eldeſt ſonnes of Iſhái went and followed Saúl to the battel: and the names of his thre ſonnes that wẽt to battel, *were* Eliáb the eldeſt, & the next Abinadáb, and the third Shammáh.

14 So Dauid was the leaſt: and the thre eldeſt went after Saúl.

15 Dauid alſo *m* went, but he returned from Saúl to fede his fathers ſhepe in Beth-léhem.

m To ſerue Saúl, as chap 16. ver. 19.

16 And the Philiſtím drewe nere in *n* morning, and euening, and continued fourtie dayes.

17 And Iſhái ſaid vnto Dauid his ſonne, *o* Take now for thy brethren an Epháh of this parched corne, and theſe ten cakes, and runne to the hoſte to thy brethren.

o Though Iſhái mentione thig, yet Gods prouidence directed Dauid to another end.

18 Alſo cary theſe ten freſh cheſes vnto the captaine, and loke how thy brethren fare, and receiue their *p* pledge.

p If they haue láied anie thig to gage for their neceſsitie, redeme it out.

19 (Then Saúl and they, and all the men of Iſraél *were* in the valley of Eláh, fighting with the Philiſtíms)

20 ¶ So Dauid roſe vp early in the mornig, and left the ſhepe with a keper, and toke and went as Iſhái had commanded him, & came within the compaſſe of the hoſte: & the hoſte went out in array, and ſhowted in the battel.

21 For Iſraél and the Philiſtíms had put them ſelues in array, armie againſt armie.

22 And Dauid left the things, which he bare, vnder the hands of the keper of the *q* cariage, and ran into the hoſte, & came, and aſked his brethren *r* how they did.

q Ebr. veſſelat
r Ebr of peace

23 And as he talked with them, beholde, the man *that was* betwene the two *armies*, came vp, (whoſe name *was* Goliáth the Philiſtím of Gath) out of the *s* armie of the Philiſtíms, and ſpake *f* ſuche wordes, & Dauid heard them.

s Or, valleye.
f As are about rehearſed ver. 8, & 9.

24 And all the men of Iſraél, when they ſawe the man, ran away from him, & were ſore afrayed.

25 For euery man of Iſraél ſaid, Sawe ye not this man that cometh vp? ſeuen to reuile Iſraél is he come vp: and to him that killeth hī, wil the King giue great riches, and wil giue him his * daughter, yea, and make his fathers houſe *g* fre in Iſraél.

Ioſh. 15. 16.
g From taxes & payments.

26 ¶ Then Dauid ſpake to the men that ſtode with him, and ſaid, What ſhalbe done to the man that killeth this Philiſtím, and taketh away the *h* ſhame from Iſraél? for who is this vncircumciſed Philiſtím, that he ſhulde reuile the hoſte of the liuing God?

h This diſhonour ỹ he doeth to Iſraél.

27 And the people anſwered him after this maner, ſaying, Thus ſhal it be done to the

the man that killeth him.

28 And Eliáb his eldeſt brother heard whē he ſpake vnto the men, & Eliáb was very angry with Dauid, and ſaid, Why cameſt thou downe hether? and with whome haſt ỹ left thoſe fewe ſhepe in the wilderneſs? I knowe thy pride and the malice of thine hea t, that thou art come downe to ſe the battel.

29 Then Dauid ſaid, What haue I now done? Is there not a [i] cauſe?

i For his fathers ſending was a iuſte occaſion, & alſo he felt him ſelf inwardly moued by Gods Spirit.

30 And he departed from him into the preſence of another, and ſpake of the ſame maner, and the people anſwered him according to the former wordes.

31 ¶ And when they that heard the wordes which Dauid ſpake, rehearſed them before Saúl, which cauſed him to be broght.

32 So Dauid ſaid to Saúl, Let no mās heart faile him, becauſe of him: thy ſeruant wil go, and fight with this Philiſtim.

33 And Saúl ſaid to Dauid, Thou art not [k] able to go againſt this Philiſtím to fight with him: for thou art a boye, and he is a man of warre from his youth.

k Here Satan aſſaieth Dauids faith by the infidelitie of Saul.

34 And Dauid anſwered vnto Saúl, Thy ſeruant kept his fathers ſhepe, and there came a [l] lyon and likewiſe a beare, and toke a ſhepe out of the flocke,

l Dauid by the experience ỹ he hathe had in time paſt of Gods helpe, nothing douteth to ouercome this dāger, ſeing he was zealous for Gods honour.

35 And I went out after him & ſmote him, & toke it out of his mouth: and when he aroſe againſt me, I caught him by the bearde, and ſmote him, and ſlewe him.

36 So thy ſeruant ſlewe bothe the lyon, and the beare: therefore this vncircumciſed Philiſtím ſhalbe as one of them, ſeing he hath railed on ỹ hoſte of the liuing God.

37 ¶ Moreouer Dauid ſaid, The Lord that deliuered me out of the pawe of the lyon, and out of the pawe of the beare, he wil deliuer me out of the hand of this Philiſtím. Then Saúl ſaid vnto Dauid, [m] Go, and the Lord be with thee.

m For by theſe examples he ſawe that the power of God was w̄ him.

38 And Saúl put his rayment vpō Dauid, and put an helmet of braſſe vpō his head, and put a brigandine vpon him.

39 Thē gurded Dauid his ſworde vpon his rayment, and [n] began to go: for he neuer proued it: and Dauid ſaid vnto Saúl, I can not go with theſe: for I am not accuſtomed, wherefore Dauid put them of him.

n Or, aſſayed

40 Then toke he his [n] ſtaffe in his hand, and choſe him fiue ſmothe ſtones out of a brooke, and put them in his ſhepherdes bag or ſkrippe, & his ſling *was* in his hād, and he drewe nere to the Philiſtím.

n To ỹ intent that by theſe weake meanes God might only be knowē to be ỹ autor of this victorie.

41 ¶ And the Philiſtím came & drewe nere vnto Dauid, and the man that bare the ſhield *went* before him.

42 Now when the Philiſtím loked about and ſawe Dauid, he diſdeined him: for he was but yong, ruddy & of a comely face.

43 And the Philiſtím ſaid vnto Dauid, Am I a dog, that thou commeſt to me with ſtaues? And the Philiſtim [o] curſed Dauid by his gods.

o He ſware by his gods that he wolde deſtroye him.

44 And ỹ Philiſtim ſaid to Dauid, Come to me, and I wil giue thy fleſh vnto the foules of the heauen, and to the beaſtes of the field.

45 ¶ Thē ſaid Dauid to ỹ Philiſtím, Thou commeſt to me with a ſworde, and with a ſpeare, and with a ſhield; but I come to thee in the Name of the Lord of hoſtes, the God of the hoſte of Iſraél, whome thou haſt railed vpon.

46 This [p] day ſhal the Lord cloſe thee in mine hand, and I ſhal ſmite thee, and take thine head from thee, and I wil giue the carkeiſes of the hoſte of the Philiſtims this day vnto the foules of the heauen, & to the beaſtes of the earth, ỹ all the worlde may knowe that Iſraél hathe a God,

p Dauid being aſſured bothe of his cauſe & of his calling, prophecieth of the deſtruction of the Philiſtims.

47 And that all this aſſemblie may knowe, that the Lord ſaueth not with ſworde nor with ſpeare (for the battel is the Lords) & he wil giue you into our hands.

48 And when the Philiſtím aroſe to come and drawe nere vnto Dauid, Dauid [q] haſted & ran to fight againſt the Philiſtím.

q Beīg moued with a feruent zeale to be reuenged vpon this blaſphemer of Gods Name.

49 And Dauid put his hand in his bag, and toke out a ſtone, & ſlang it and ſmote the Philiſtím in his forehead, that the ſtone ſticked in his forehead, and he fel groueling to the earth.

50 So Dauid * ouercame the Philiſtím with a ſling and with a ſtone, & ſmote the Philiſtím, & ſlewe him, when Dauid had no ſworde in his hand.

*Eccleſ. 47. 4. 1. Mac. 4. 30.

51 Then Dauid ran, and ſtode vpon the Philiſtím, and toke his ſworde & drewe it out of his ſheath, and ſlewe him, & cut of his head therewith. So whē the Philiſtims ſawe, that their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Iſraél and Iudáh aroſe, and ſhowted, and followed after the Philiſtims, vntil thei came to the [r] valley, and vnto the gates of Ekrón: and the Philiſtims fel downe wounded by the way of Shaaráim, euen to Gath and to Ekrón.

r Or, Gai, she cite.

53 And the children of Iſraél returned frō purſuing the Philiſtims, and ſpoiled their tents.

54 And Dauid toke the head of the Philiſtím, and broght it to Ieruſalém, and put his armour in his [r] tent.

r Or, house at Beth léhem.

55 ¶ When Saúl ſawe Dauid go forthe againſt the Philiſtím, he ſaid vnto Abnér the captaine of his hoſte, Abnér, [s] whoſe ſonne is this yong man? and Abnér anſwered, As thy ſoule liueth, ô King, I can not tel.

s That is, of what familie & tribe is he? or els, he had forgotten Dauid, albeit he had receiued ſo great a benefit by him.

56 Thē the King ſaid, Enquire thou whoſe ſonne this yong man is.

57 And when Dauid was returned from the

slaughter of ỹ Philistím, thẽ Abner toke him, & broght him before Saúl with the head of the Philistím in his hand.

58 And Saúl said to him, Whose sonne art thou, thou yong man? And Dauid answered, I am the sonne of thy seruant Ishái the Bethlehemite.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The amitie of Ionathán and Dauid. 8 Saúl enuieth Dauid for the praise that the wemẽ gaue him 11 Saúl wolde haue slayne Dauid 17 He promiseth him Merab to wife, but giueth him Michal 27 Dauid deliuereth to Saúl two hundreth foreskinnes of the Philistims. 29 Saúl feareth Dauid, seing that the Lord is with him.

1 AND when he had made an end of speaking vnto Saúl, the [a] soule of Ionathán was knit with the soule of Dauid, and Ionathán loued him, as his owne soule.

a His affection was fully bent toward him

2 And Saúl toke him that day, and wolde not let him returne to his fathers house.

3 Then Ionathán and Dauid made a couenant: for he loued him as his owne soule.

4 And Ionathán put of the robe that was vpon him, and gaue it Dauid, and his garments, euen to his sworde, & to his bowe, and to his girdle.

5 And Dauid went out whethersoeuer Saúl sent him, & behaued him selfe [b] wisely: so that Saúl set him ouer the mẽ of warre, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Sauls seruants.

b That is, he prospered in all his doings.

6 ¶ When thei came againe, and Dauid returned from the slaughter of the [c] Philistím, the women came out of all cities of Israél, singing and dansing to mete King Saúl, with timbrels, with *instrumẽts of* ioye, and with rebecks.

c To wit, Goliáth.

7 And the women "sang by cours in their playe, & said, * Saúl hathe slayne his thousand, and Dauid his ten thousand.

"Or answered, playing
* Chap. 21, 11. & 29, 5
ecclꝰ 47, 7.

8 Therefore Saúl was exceding wrath, and the saying displeased him, & he said, Thei haue ascribed vnto Dauid ten thousand, & to me thei haue ascribed *but* a thousand, & *what can he haue* more saue the kĩgdome?

9 Wherefore Saúl [d] had an eye on Dauid from that day forwarde.

d Because he bare him enuie & hatred.

10 ¶ And on the morowe, the euil spirit of God came vpon Saúl, & he [e] prophecied in the middes of the house: and Dauid plaied with his hand like as at other times, and there *was* a speare in Sauls hand.

e That is, spake as a mã beside him selfe: for so the people abused this worde, when thei colde not vnderstand.

11 And Saúl toke the speare, and said, I wil smite Dauid *through* to ỹ wall. But Dauid auoyded twise out of his presence.

12 And Saúl was afraied of Dauid, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saúl.

13 Therefore Saúl put him from him, and made him a captaine ouer a thousand, and he went [f] out and in before the people.

f Meaning, he was captaine ouer ỹ people.

14 And Dauid behaued him selfe wisely in all his waies: for the Lord *was* with him.

15 Wherefore when Saúl sawe that he was very wise, he was afraied of him.

16 For all Israél and Iudáh loued Dauid, because he went out and in before them.

17 ¶ Thẽ Saúl said to Dauid, Beholde mine eldest daughter Merab, her I wil giue thee to wife: onely be a valiant sonne vnto me, and [g] fight the Lords battels: for Saúl thoght, Mine hand shal not be vpon him, but the hand of the Philistims shalbe vpon him.

g Fight against them ỹ warre against Gods people

18 And Dauid answered Saúl, What am I? and what is my life, *or* the familie of my father in Israél, that I shulde be sonne in lawe to the King?

19 Howbeit when Merab Sauls daughter shulde haue bene giuẽ to Dauid, [h] she was giuẽ vnto Adriél a Meholathite to wife.

h By whome he had fiue sonnes, which Dauid put to death at the request of the Gibeonites, 2 Sam 21, 8.

20 ¶ Then Michál Sauls daughter loued Dauid: and thei shewed Saúl, & the thing pleased him.

21 Therefore Saúl said, I wil giue him her, that she may be a [i] snare to him, and that the hãd of the Philistíms may be against hĩ. Wherefore Saúl said to Dauid, Thou shalt this day be my sonne in lawe in the *one* of the twaine.

i So his hypocrisie appeareth: for vnder pretence of fauour he soght his destructiõ.

22 And Saúl cõmanded his seruants, Speake with Dauid secretly, and say, Beholde, the King hathe a fauour to thee, and all his seruants loue thee: be now therefore the Kings sonne in lawe.

23 And Sauls seruants spake these wordes in the eares of Dauid. And Dauid said, [k] Semeth it to you a light thing to be a Kings sonne in lawe, seing that I am a poore man and of small reputacion?

k Meaning, ỹ he was not able to endowe his wife with riches.

24 And then Sauls seruants broght him worde againe, saying, Suche wordes spake Dauid.

25 And Saúl said, This wise shal ye say to Dauid, The King desireth no dowrie, but an hũdreth foreskinnes of the Philistims, to be auenged of the Kings enemies: for Saúl thoght to make Dauid fall into the hands of the Philistims.

26 And when his seruãts tolde Dauid these wordes, it pleased Dauid wel, to be the [l] Kings sonne in lawe: and the daies were not expired.

l Because he thoght him selfe able to compasse the Kings request.

27 Afterwarde Dauid arose with his men, and went and slewe of the Philistims two hundreth men: and Dauid broght their foreskinnes, and [m] thei gaue them wholy to the King that he might be the Kings sonne in lawe: therefore Saúl gaue him Michál his daughter to wife.

m Meaning, Dauid and his soldiers

28 Then Saul sawe, & vnderstode that the Lord *was* with Dauid, & that Michál the daughter of Saúl loued him.

29 Thẽ Saúl was more & more [n] afraied of

n To be depriued of his kingdome.

Dauid, and Saúl became alway Dauids enemy.

30 And when the princes of the Philistíms went forthe, at their going forthe [o] Dauid behaued him selfe more wisely then all the seruantes of Saúl, so that his name was muche set by.

o That is, Dauid had better successe against the Philistíns then Sauls mē.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Ionathán declareth to Dauid the wicked purpose of Saúl 11 Michál his wife saueth him 18 Dauid commeth to Samuél. 23 The Spirit of prophecie commeth on Saúl.

1 THen Saúl spake to Ionathán his sonne, and to all his seruants, that they shulde [a] kil Dauid: but Ionathán Sauls sonne had a great fauour to Dauid.

a Before Saúl soght Dauids life secretly, but now his hypocrisie bursteth forth to open cruelte

2 And Ionathán tolde Dauid, saying, Saúl my father goeth about to slaye thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take hede vnto thy selfe vnto the morning, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thy selfe.

3 And I wil go out, and stand by my father in the field where thou [b] art, and wil cōmune with my father of thee, and I wil se what *he saith* and wil tel thee.

b That I may giue thee warning what to do.

4 ¶And Ionathán spake good of Dauid vnto Saúl his father, and said vnto him, Let not the King sinne against his seruāt, against Dauid: for he hathe not sinned against thee, but his workes haue bene to thee very good.

5 For he "did* put his life in danger, and slewe the Philistím, and the Lord wroght a great saluation for all Israél: thou sawest it, and thou reioycedst: wherefore then wilt thou sinne against innocent blood, & slaye Dauid without a cause?

"Ebr. he put his soule in his hand
Iudg 12,3.
1 sam 27,21.
psal 119,109.

6 Then Saúl hearkened vnto the voyce of Ionathán, and Saúl [c] sware, As the Lord liueth, he shal not dye.

c Whatsoeuer he pretended outwardly, yet his heart was ful of malice

7 So Ionathán called Dauid, and Ionathán shewed him all those wordes, & Ionathán broght Dauid to Saúl, and he was in his presence as in times past.

8 ¶Againe the warre began, and Dauid wēt out and foght with the Philistims, and slewe them with a great slaughter, & they fled from him.

9 ¶And the euil Spirit of the Lord was vpō Saúl, as he sate in his house hauing his speare in his hand, and Dauid [d] played with his hand.

d He plaide on his harpe to mitigate ỹ rage of the e uil Spirit, as Chap 16,23

10 And Saúl entended to smite Dauid to the wall with the speare: but he turned aside out of Sauls presence, and he smote the speare against the wall: but Dauid fled, and escaped the same night.

11 Saúl also sent messengers vnto Dauids house, to watche him, and to slaye him in the morning: & Michál Dauids wife tolde it him, saying, If thou saue not thy self this night, tomorowe thou shalt be slaine.

e Thus God moued bothe the sonne and daughter of this tyrant to fauour Dauid against their father.

12 So Michál [e] let Dauid downe through a windowe: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13 Then Michál toke an image and layed it in the bed, and put a pillowe stuffed with goates *heere* vnder the head of it, and couered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saúl sent messengers to take Dauid, she said, He is sicke.

15 And Saúl sent the messengers againe to se Dauid, saying, Bring him to me in the [f] bed, that I may slaye him.

f Beholde, how ỹ tyrās to accomplish their rage, neither regarde othe nor frēdship. God nor man.

16 And when the messengers were come in, beholde, an image *was* in the bed, with a pillowe of goates *heere* vnder the head of it.

17 And Saúl said vnto Michál, Why hast thou mocked me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michál answered Saúl, He said vnto me, Let me go, or els I wil kil thee.

18 ¶So Dauid fled, and escaped, and came to Samuél to Ramáh, and tolde him all that Saúl had done to him: and he and Samuél went and dwelt in [g] Naióth.

g Naioth was a schole where the worde of God was studyed, nere to Ramáh.

19 But one tolde Saúl, saying, Beholde, Dauid *is* at Naióth in Ramáh.

20 And Saúl sent messengers to take Dauid: and when they sawe a companie of Prophets prophecying, and Samuél standing [h] as appointed ouer them; the Spirit of God fel vpon the messengers of Saúl, and they also [i] prophecied.

h Being their chief instructer

i Chāged their mindes and praised God.

21 And whē it was tolde Saúl, he sent other messengers, and they prophecied likewise: againe Saúl sent the third messengers, and they prophecied also.

22 Then went he him self to Ramáh, and came to a great wel that is in Sechú, and he asked, and said, Where are Samuél and Dauid? and one said, Beholde, *they be* at Naióth in Ramáh.

23 And he [k] went thither, *euen* to Naióth in Ramáh, and the Spirit of God came vpon him also, and he went prophecying vntil he came to Naióth in Ramáh.

k With a minde to persecute them.

24 And he stript of his [l] clothes, and he prophecied also before Samuél, and fel [m] downe naked all that day and all that night: therefore they say, * Is Saúl also among the Prophetes?

l His kingly apparel

m He hūbled him selfe as other did *Chap 10,11.*

CHAP. XX.

2 Ionathán comforteth Dauid 3 They renue their league 33 Saúl wolde haue killed Ionathan 38 Ionathán aduertiseth Dauid by thre arrowes of his fathers fury.

1 AND Dauid [a] fled from Naióth in Ramáh, and came and said before Ionathán, What haue I done? what is mine iniquitie? and what sinne haue I committed before thy father, that he seketh my life?

a For Saúl was stayed, & prophecied a day & a night by Gods prouidence, that Dauid might haue time to escape

2 And he said vnto him, God forbid, thou shalt not dye: beholde, my father wil do

nothing great nor smale, but he wil "shew it me: and why shulde my father hide this thing from me? he wil not do it.

3 And Dauid sware againe and said, Thy father knoweth that I haue founde grace in thine eyes: therefore he thinketh, Ionathán shal not knowe it, lest he be sory: but in dede, as the Lord liueth, and as thy soule liueth, there is but a [b] steppe betwene me and death.

4 Then said Ionathán vnto Dauid, Whatsoeuer thy soule "requireth, that I wil do vnto thee.

5 And Dauid said vnto Ionathán, Beholde, tomorowe is the [c] first day of the moneth, and I shulde sit with the King at meat: but let me go, that I may hide my selfe in the fields vnto the third *day* at euen.

6 If thy father make mencion of me, then say, Dauid asked leaue of me, [y] he might go to Beth-léhē to his owne citie: for there is a [d] yerely sacrifice for all that familie.

7 And if he say thus, It is wel, thy seruant shal haue peace: but if he be angry, be sure that wickednes is concluded of him.

8 So shalt thou shewe mercy vnto thy seruant: * for thou hast ioyned thy seruant into a couenant of the Lord with thee, & if there be in me iniquitie, slaye thou me: for why shuldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 ¶And Ionathán answered, God kepe [y] from thee: for if I knewe that wickednes were [e] concluded of my father to come vpon thee, wolde not I tel it thee?

10 Thē said Dauid to Ionathán, Who [f] shal tel me? how *shal I knowe*, if thy father answere thee cruelly?

11 And Ionathán said to Dauid, Come and let vs go out into the field: and they twaine went out into the field.

12 Then Ionathán said to Dauid, O Lord God of Isaél, when I haue groped my fathers minde tomorowe at this time, *or* with in this thre dayes, & if it be wel with Dauid, and I then send not vnto thee, and shewe it thee,

13 The Lord [g] do so & muche more vnto Ionathán: but if my father haue minde to do thee euil, I wil shewe thee also, & send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the Lord be with thee as he hathe bene with my father.

14 Likewise *I require* not whiles I liue: *for I dout not* but thou wilt shewe me the mercy of the Lord, [h] *that I dye not*.

15 But *I require* that thou cut not of thy mercie from mine house for euer: no, not whē the Lord hathe destroyed the enemies of Dauid, euerie one from the earth.

16 So Ionathán made a bonde with the house of Dauid, *saying*, Let the Lord require it at the hands of Dauids enemies.

17 And againe Ionathán sware vnto Dauid, because he loued him (for he loued him as his owne soule)

18 Thē said Ionathán to him, Tomorowe is [y] first day of the moneth: and thou shalt "be looked for, for thy place shalbe empty.

19 Therefore thou shalt hide thy selfe thre dayes, *then* thou shalt go downe quickely and come to the place where thou diddest hide thy selfe, when this matter was in hand, & shalt remaine by the stone "Ezél.

20 And I wil shoote thre arrowes on the side thereof, as thogh I shot at a marke.

21 And after I wil send a boy, *saying*, Go, seke the arrowes. If I say vnto the boy, Se, [y] arrowes are on this side thee, bring them, and come thou: for it is "wel with thee and no hurt, *as* the Lord liueth.

22 But if I say thus vnto the boy, Beholde, the arrowes are beyonde thee, go thy way: for the [i] Lord hathe sent thee away.

23 As touching the thing which thou and I haue spoken of, beholde, the Lord *be* betwene thee and me for euer.

24 ¶So Dauid hid him selfe in the field: & when the first day of the moneth came, the King sate to eat meat.

25 And the King sate, as at other times vpō his seat, euen vpon his seat by the wall: & Ionathán arose, and Abnér sate by Sauls side, but Dauids place was empty.

26 And Saúl said nothing that day: for he thoght, Some thing hathe befallen him, thogh he were [k] cleane, *or els* becuse he was not purified.

27 But on the morow which was the secōd day of the moneth, Dauids place was empty againe: and Saúl said vnto Ionathán his sonne, Wherefore commeth not the sonne of Ishái to meat, nether yesterday nor to day?

28 And Ionathán answered vnto Saúl, Dauid required of me, *that he might go* to Bethléhem.

29 For he said, Let me go, I pray thee: for our familie *offreth* [m] a sacrifice in the citie, and my brother hathe sent for me: therefore now if I haue found fauour in thine eyes, let me go, I pray thee, & se my [n] brethrē: this is the cause that he cōmeth not vnto the Kings table.

30 Then was Saúl angry with Ionathán, & said vnto him, Thou [o] sonne of the wicked rebellious woman, do not I knowe, that thou hast chosen the sonne of Ishái to thy confusion and to the confusion *and* shame of thy mother?

31 For as long as the sonne of Ishái liueth vpon the earth, thou shalt not be stablished, nor thy kingdome: wherefore now send and fet him vnto me, for he "shal surely dye.

32 And Ionathán answered vnto Saúl his father,

*Ebr reueile it in mine eare.

b I am in great danger of death.

"Ebr sayeth.

c At what time there shulde be a solēne sacrifice, Nōb. 28, 11: to the ẅ they added peace offrings and feasts.

d Read Chap. 1, 21.

Chap. 18, 3. & 23, 18.

e That he were fully determined.

f If thy father do fauour me.

g The Lord punishe me moste grieuously.

h I knowe ẏ if thou wert now preferred to ẏ kyngdome, thou woldest not destroy me, but shewe thy selfe friendly to my posteritie.

i Thus he speaketh contemptuously of Dauid.

k Yet he might haue some busines to let him.

l The Lord is the autour of thy departure.

m That is a peace offring.

n Meaning all his kinsfolke.

o Thou art euer contrary vnto me as thy mother is.

"Ebr. sonne of death.

"Ebr. of the way, because it serued as a signe to shewe the way to thē that passed by

"Ebr. peace.

"Ebr. requireth

"Or, mencioned.

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father, and ſaid vnto him, Wherefore ſhal he p dye? what hathe he done?

p For it were to great tyrānie to put one to death and not to ſhewe ȳ cauſe why

33 And Saúl caſt a ſpeare at him to hit him, whereby Ionathán knewe, that it was determined of his father to ſlaye Dauid.

34 ¶ So Ionathán aroſe from the table in a great angre, and did eat no meat the ſecōd day of the moneth: for he was ſory for Dauid, *and* becauſe his father had reuiled him.

35 On the next morning therefore Ionathán went out into the field, q at the time appointed with Dauid, and a litle boy with him.

q For this was the third day, as it was agreed vpon, verſ 5.

36 And he ſaid vnto his boy, Runne now, ſeke the arowes which I ſhoote, & as the boy ran, he ſhot an arowe beyonde him.

37 And when the boy was come to the place where the arrowe was that Ionathán had ſhot, Ionathán cryed after the boy, & ſaid, Is not the arrowe beyond thee?

r By theſe wordes he admoniſhed Dauid what he ought to do

38 And Ionathán cryed after the boy, r Make ſpede, haſte *and* ſtand not ſtil: and Ionathās boy gathered vp the arrowes, and came to his maſter,

39 But the boy knewe nothing: onely Ionathán and Dauid knewe the matter.

*Ebr inſtrumentes.

40 Then Ionathán gaue his *bowe and arrowes vnto the boy that was with him, & ſaid vnto him, Go, carie them into the citie.

41 ¶ Aſſone as the boy was gone, Dauid aroſe out of a place that was towarde the ſ South, and fel on his face to the ground, and bowed him ſelfe thre times: and they kyſſed one an other, and wept bothe twaine, til Dauid exceded.

ſ It ſemeth ȳ he had ſhot on the Northſide of the ſtone, leſt the boy ſhulde haue eſpied Dauid

42 Therefore Ionathán ſaid to Dauid, Go in peace: that which we haue t ſworne bothe of vs in the Name of the Lord, ſaying, The Lord be betwene me & thee, and betwene my ſeede and betwene thy ſeede, *let it ſtand* for euer.

t Which othe he calleth in the eight verſe the couenāt of the Lord.

43 And he aroſe and departed, and Ionathán went into the citie.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Dauid fleeth to Nob to Ahimélech the Prieſt. 6 He getteth of him the ſhewbread to ſatiſſie his hungre. 7 Doēg Sauls ſeruant was preſent. 10 Dauid fleeth to King Achiſh. 13 And there faineth him ſelfe mad.

1 THen came Dauid to a Nob, to Ahimélech the Prieſt, and Ahimélech was aſtonyed at the meting of Dauid, and ſaid vnto him, Why art thou alone, and no mā with thee?

a Where the Arke thē was, to aſke cōſel of the Lord

2 And Dauid ſaid to Ahimélech the Prieſt, The b King hathe commanded me a certeine thing, and hathe ſaid vnto me, Let no man knowe whēreabout I ſend thee, & what I haue commanded thee, and I haue appointed my ſeruants to ſuche *and* ſuche places.

b Theſe infirmities that we ſe in the ſaintes of God, teache vs that none hathe his iuſtice in him ſelfe, but receiueth it of Gods mercie.

3 Now therefore if thou haſt ought vnder thine hand, giue me fiue *cakes of* bread, or what commeth to hand.

4 And the Prieſt anſwered Dauid, & ſaid, There is no commune bread vnder mine hand, but here is *halowed bread, if ȳ yong men haue kept them ſelues, at leaſt from c women.

*Exod 25,30. Leu 24,5. mat 12,3.

c If they haue not companied w their wiues.

5 Dauid then anſwered the Prieſt, and ſaid vnto him, Certeinly women haue bene ſeparate frō vs theſe two or thre dayes ſince I came out: and the d veſſels of ȳ yong men were holy, thogh the way were prophane, & how muche more then ſhal *euery one* e be ſanctified this day in the veſſel?

d That is, their bodies.

e Shalbe more careful to kepe his veſſel holy, when he ſhal haue eatē of this holy foode?

6 So the Prieſt gaue him halowed *bread*: for there was no bread there, ſaue the ſhewbread that was takē from before the Lord, to put hote bread there, the day that it was taken away.

7 (And there was the ſame day one of the ſeruāts of Saúl f abiding before the Lord, named Doēg the Edomite, the g chiefeſt of Sauls herdemen)

f Tarying to worſhip before the Arke. g Or, maſter of them that kept Sauls cattel.

8 And Dauid ſaid vnto Ahimélech, Is there not here vnder thine hand a ſpeare or a ſworde? for I haue nether broght my ſworde nor mine haines with me, becauſe the Kings buſines required haſte.

9 And ȳ Prieſt ſaid, The ſworde of Goliáth the Philiſtím, whome thou ſleweſt in the *valley of Eláh, beholde, it is wrapt in a clothe behinde the g Ephōd: if thou wilt take that to thee, take it: for there is none other ſaue that here, & Dauid ſaid, There is none to that, giue it me.

*Chap 17,2.

g Behinde that place, where ȳ hie Prieſts gat ment lay.

10 And Dauid aroſe & fled the ſame day from the h preſence of Saúl, & went to Achiſh the King of Gath.

h That is, out of Sauls dominion

11 And the ſeruants of Achiſh ſaid vnto hī, Is not this Dauid the *King of the land? did they not ſing vnto him in dances, ſaying, *Saúl hathe ſlaine his thouſand, & Dauid his ten thouſand?

*Chap.17,9. *Chap 18,7. & 29,5. eccleſ 47,7.

12 And Dauid "conſidered theſe wordes, & was ſore afraid of Achiſh the King of Gath.

"Or, put theſe words in his heart.

13 And he chāgēd his behauiour before thē, and fained him ſelfe mad in their hands, & i ſcrabled on the dores of the gate, & let his ſpetle fall downe vpon his beарde.

i By making markes and toyes.

14 Then ſaid Achiſh vnto his ſeruants, Lo, ye ſe the mā is beſide him ſelfe, wherefore haue ye broght him to me?

15 Haue I nede of mad men, that ye haue broght this fellowe to play the mad man in my preſence? k ſhal he come into mine houſe?

k Is he mete to be in a Kings houſe?

CHAP. XXII.

1 Dauid hideth him ſelfe in a caue. 2 Many that were in trouble came vnto him. 9 Doēg accuſeth Ahimélech. 18 Saúl cauſeth the Prieſts to be ſlaine. 20 Abiathár eſcapeth.

1 DAuid therefore departed thence, and d
a Which was in the tribe of Iudáh and nere to Beth-léhem.
saued him selfe in the caue a of Adullám: and when his brethren and all his fathers house heard it, they went downe thither to him.
2 And there gathered vnto him all mẽ that were in trouble and all men that were in det, & all those that were vexed in minde, and he was their *Or, captaine.* prince, and there were with him about foure hundreth men.
3 ¶And Dauid went thence to Mizpéh in
b For there was another so called in Iudáh.
b Moáb, and said vnto the King of Moáb, I pray thee, let my father and my mother come *and abide* with you, til I knowe what God wil do for me.
c For he feared the rage of Saúl against his house.
d That is, in Mizpéh, which was a strong holde.
4 And he c brought them before the King of Moáb, and they dwelt with him all the while that Dauid kept him selfe in d the holde.
5 And the Prophet Gad said vnto Dauid, Abide not in the holde, *but* departe & go into the lãd of Iudáh. Thẽ Dauid departed and came into the forest of Háreth.
e That a great brute went on him.
6 ¶And Saúl heard that Dauid was e discouered, and the men that were with him, and Saúl remained in Gibeáh vnder a tree in Ramáh, hauing his speare in his hand, and all his men stode about him.
f Ye that are of my tribe & linage.
7 And Saúl said vnto his seruãts that stode about him, Heare now, ye sonnes f of Ieminí, wil the sonne of Ishái giue euerie one of you fields and vineyardes? wil he make you all captaines ouer thousands, & captaines ouer hundreths?
g Hereby he wolde perswade thẽ ẏ this cõspiracie was moste horrible, where the sonne conspired against the father, and the seruant against his master.
8 That all ye haue cõspired against me, and there is none that telleth me that my sonne hathe made a couenant with ẏ sonne of Ishái? & there is none of you that is sory for me, or sheweth me, that my g sonne hathe stirred vp my seruant to lye in wait against me, as *appeareth* this day.
9 ¶Thẽ answered Doég the Edomite (who was appointed ouer the seruants of Saúl) and said, I sawe the sonne of Ishái when he came to Nob, to Ahimélech the sonne of Ahitúb,
10 Who asked counsel of the Lord for him & gaue him vitails, and he gaue him also the sworde of Goliáth the Philistím.
h Which were the remnant of the house of Elí, whose house God threatened to punishe.
11 Then the King sent to call Ahimélech the Priest the sonne of Ahitúb, and all his fathers house, *to wit,* h the Priests that were in Nob: and they came all to the King.
12 And Saúl said, Heare now, thou sonne of Ahitúb. And he answered, Here I am, my lord.
13 Then Saúl said vnto him, Why haue ye conspired against me, thou and the sonne of Ishái, in that thou hast giuen him vitaile, and a sworde, and hast asked counsel of God for him, that he shulde rise against me, & lye in waite as appeareth this day?
14 ¶And Ahimélech answered the King, & said, Who is so faithful among all thy seruãts as Dauid, *being* also the Kings sonne in lawe, & goeth at thy commandement, and is honorable in thine house?
i Haue I horne other times also, whẽ he had great affaires, consulted ẏ the Lord for him?
15 i Haue I this day first begon to aske counsel of God for him? be it far frõ me, let not the King impute any thing vnto his seruant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy seruant knewe nothing of all this, lesse nor more.
16 Then the King said, Thou shalt surely dye, Ahimélech, thou, and all thy fathers house.
Or, seruers.
17 And the King said vnto the * sergents that stode about him, Turne, & slaye the Priests of the Lord, becausse their hand also is with Dauid, and becausse they knewe when he fled, and shewed it not to me. But the seruãts of the King k wolde not moue their hands to fall vpon the Priests of the Lord.
k For thei knewe ẏ thei ought not to obey ẏ wicked cõmandement of the King in slaying ẏ innocents.
18 Thẽ the King said to Doég, Turne thou and fall vpon the Priests. And Doég the Edomite turned, and ran vpon the Priests, and slewe that same day foure score and fiue persones that did weare a linen Ephód.
19 Also Nob the citie of the Priests smote he with the edge of the sworde, bothe man and woman, bothe childe and suckling, bothe oxe and asse, and shepe with the edge of the sworde.
20 But one of the sonnes of Ahimélech the sonne of Ahitúb (whose name *was* Abiathár) l escaped and fled after Dauid.
l This was Gods prouidence, who according to his promes preserued some of the house of Eli, Chap. 2. 33.
21 And Abiathár shewed Dauid, that Saúl had slaine the Lords Priests.
22 And Dauid said vnto Abiathár, I knewe it the same day, when Doég the Edomite *was* there, that he wolde tel Saúl. I am the cause *of the death* of all the persones of thy fathers house.
Or, he that taketh thy life, shal take mine also
23 Abide thou with me, & feare not: for m he that seketh my life, shal seke thy life also: for with me thou shalt be in sauegarde.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid chaseth the Philistims from Keiláh. 13 Dauid departeth from Keiláh, and remaineth in the wildernes of Ziph. 16 Ionathán comforteth Dauid. 28 Sauls entreprise is broken in pursuing Dauid.

1 THen they tolde Dauid, saying, Behold, the Philistims fight against a Keiláh, and spoyle the barnes.
a Which was a citie in the tribe of Iudáh, Ioth 15. 44
2 Therefore Dauid asked coũsel of ẏ Lord, saying, Shal I go and smite these Philistims? And the Lord answered Dauid, Go and smite the Philistims, and saue Keiláh.
b That is, in ẏ middes of Iudáh, muche more whẽ we come to ẏ borders against our enemies.
3 And Dauids men said vnto him, Se, we be afraied here in b Iudáh, how muche more if we come to Keiláh against the hoste of the

the Philiſtíms?
4 Then Dauid aſked counſel of the Lord againe. And the Lord anſwered him, and ſaid, Ariſe, go downe to Keiláh: for I wil deliuer the Philiſtíms into thine hand.
5 ¶So Dauid and his men went to Keiláh, and foght with the Philiſtíms, and broght away theyr cattel, and ſmote them with a great ſlaughter: thus Dauid ſaued the inhabitants of Keiláh.
6 (And whē Abiathár the ſonne of Ahimélech * fled to Dauid to Keiláh, he broght an [c] Ephód "with him)
7 ¶And it was tolde Saúl that Dauid was come to Keiláh, and Saúl ſaid, God hathe deliuered him into mine hand: for he is ſhut in, ſeing he is come into a citie that hathe gates and barres.
8 Thē Saúl cálled all the people together to warre, for to go downe to Keiláh, and to beſiege Dauid and his men.
9 ¶And Dauid haumg knowledge that Saúl imagined miſchief againſt him, ſaid to Abiathár the Prieſt, [d] Bring the Ephód.
10 Then ſaid Dauid, O Lord God of Iſraél, thy ſeruant hathe heard, that Saúl is about to come to Keiláh to deſtroy the citie for my ſake.
11 Wil the lords of Keiláh deliuer me vp into his hād? and wil Saúl come downe, as thy ſeruant hathe heard? O Lord God of Iſraél, I beſeche thee, tel thy ſeruant. And the Lord ſaid, He wil come downe.
12 Thē ſaid Dauid, Wil the "lords of Keiláh deliuer me vp and the men that are with me, into the hand of Saúl? And the Lord ſaid, They wil deliuer thee vp.
13 ¶Then Dauid and his men, which were about ſix hundreth, aroſe, and departed out of Keiláh, and went "whither they colde. And it was tolde Saúl, that Dauid was fled from Keiláh, and he left of his iourney.
14 And Dauid abode in the wildernes in "holdes, and remained in a mountaine in the wildernes of Ziph. And Saúl ſoght him euerie day, but God [e] deliuered him not into his hand.
15 And Dauid ſawe that Saúl was come out for to ſeke his life: & Dauid *was* in the wildernes of Ziph in the wood.
16 ¶And Ionathán Sauls ſonne aroſe and went to Dauid into the wood, and comforted "him in God,
17 And ſaid vnto him, Feare not: for the hād of Saúl my father ſhal not finde thee, and thou ſhalt be [f] King ouer Iſrael, and I ſhal be next vnto thee. and alſo Saúl my father knoweth it.
18 So they twaine made a couenant before the Lord. and Dauid did remaine in the wood: but Ionathán went to his houſe.
19 ¶Then came vp the Ziphims to Saúl to Gibeáh, ſayīg, Doeth not Dauid hide him ſelfe by vs in holdes, in the wood in the hil of Hachiláh, which is on the right ſide "of Ieſhimon?
20 Now therefore ô King, come downe according to all that thine heart can deſire, & our parte *ſhalbe* to deliuer him into the Kings hands.
21 Then Saúl ſaid, [g] Be ye bleſſed of the Lord: for ye haue had compaſsion on me.
22 Go, I pray you, and prepare yet better: knowe and ſe his place where he "hanteth, *and* who hathe ſene him there: for it is ſaid to me, He is ſubtile, and crafty.
23 Se therefore, and knowe all the ſecret places where he hideth him ſelfe, & come ye againe to me with the certentie, and I wil go with you: and if he be in the [h] land. I wil ſearche him out throughout all the thouſands of Iudáh.
24 Thē they aroſe and went to Ziph before Saúl, but Dauid and his men *were* in the wildernes of Maón, in the plaine on the right hand of Ieſhimón.
25 Saúl alſo and his men went to ſeke him, and they tolde Dauid: wherefore he came downe vnto a rocke, and abode in the wildernes of [i] Maón. And when Saúl heard that, he followed after Dauid in ŷ wildernes of Maón.
26 And Saúl and his men went on the one ſide of the mountaine, and Dauid and his men on the other ſide of the mountaine: and Dauid made haſte to get from the preſence of Saúl: for Saúl and his men cō paſſed Dauid & his men round about, to take them.
27 But there came a [k] meſſenger to Saúl, ſaying, Haſte thee, and come: for the Philiſtíms haue inuaded the land.
28 Wherefore Saúl returned from purſuing Dauid, and went againſt the Philiſtíms. Therefore they called that place, [l] Sela-hammáhlekoth.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 Dauid hid in a caue ſpareth Saúl 10 He ſheweth to Saúl his innocētse 18 Saul acknowledgeth his faute 22 He cauſeth Dauid to ſweare vnto him to be fauorable to his.

1 AND Dauid went thence, and dwelt in [a] holdes at En-gédi.
2 When Saúl was returned from the Philiſtíms, they tolde him, ſaying, Beholde, Dauid *is* in the wildernes of [b] En-gédi.
3 Then Saúl toke thre thouſand choſen men out of all Iſraél, and went to ſeke Dauid and his men vpon the rockes *among* the wilde goates.
4 And he came to the ſhepecoates by the way where there was a caue and Saúl wēt in "to do his eaſement: and Dauid and his men ſate in the "inward partes of the caue.

Chap 22,20.
c By Gods prouidence the Ephód was preſerued & kept ẅ Dauid the true King
"Ebr in his hād
d To conſult ẅ the Lord by Vrim & Thūmim
"Or, gouernours
"Or, to & fro, as hauing no certeine place to go to.
"Or, ſtrōg places
e No power nor policie cā preuaile againſt Gods childrē, but when he appointeth ŷ time
"Ebr his hāde.
f Ionathán aſſureth Dauid, that God wil accōpliſh his ꝓmes & ŷ his father ſtriueth againſt his owne cōſcience.
g The Lord recompence thy friendſhip
"Ebr where hís foote hath bene
h In your cōtrey of Ziph, ẅ is in Iudah.
i Which was alſo in ŷ tribe of Iudah. Ioſh. 15,55.
k Thus ŷ Lord cā pul backe the bridel of the tyrants, & deliuer his out of the lions mouthe.
l That is, the ſtone of diuiſion, becauſe there thei deuided thē ſelues one from another.
a That is, in ſtrong places, ẅ were defenſed by nature.
b A citie of Iudáh, Ioſh. 15,62.
"Ebr to couer his feete
"Ebr in the ſides.

5 And the men of Dauid ſaid vnto him, Se, the day is [c] come, whereof the Lord ſaid vnto thee, Beholde, I wil deliuer thine enemie into thine hand, and thou ſhalt do to him as it ſhal ſeme good to thee. Then Dauid aroſe and cut of the lappe of Sauls garment priuely.

[c] Here we ſe how ready we are to haſten Gods promes, if ỹ occaſion ſerue neuer ſo litle.

6 And afterward Dauid [d] was touched in his heart, becauſe he had cut of the lappe which was on Sauls *garment*.

[d] For ſeing it was his owne priuate cauſe, he repented ỹ he had touched his enemie.

7 And he ſaid vnto his mẽ, The Lord kepe me from doing that thing vnto my maſter the Lords Anointed, to lay mine hand vpon him: for he is the Anointed of the Lord.

8 So Dauid ouercame his ſeruants w̃ theſe wordes, & ſuffred them not to ariſe againſt Saúl: ſo Saúl roſe vp out of the caue & wẽt away.

9 ¶ Dauid alſo aroſe afterward, & went out of the caue, and cryed after Saúl, ſaying, O my Lord ỹ King. And when Saúl loked behinde him, Dauid inclined his face to the earth, and bowed him ſelfe.

[e] Contrary to ỹ falſe reporte of them ỹ ſaid, Dauid was Sauls enemie, he proueth hi ſelfe to be his friend.

10 And Dauid ſaid to Saúl, [e] Wherefore giueſt thou an eare to mẽs wordes, that ſay, Beholde, Dauid ſeketh euil againſt thee?

11 Beholde, this day thine eyes haue ſene, that the Lord had deliuered thee this day into mine hand in the caue, and ſome bade me kil thee, but I had compaſsiõ on thee, and ſaid, I wil not lay mine hand on my maſter: for he is the Lords Anointed.

12 Moreouer my father, beholde: beholde, I ſay, the lappe of thy garmẽt in mine hãd: for whẽ I cut of the lappe of thy garmẽt, I killed thee not. Vnderſtand and ſe, that there is nether euil nor wickednes in me, nether haue I ſinned againſt thee, yet thou hunteſt after my ſoule to take it.

13 The Lord be iudge betwene thee & me, and the Lord auenge me of thee, and let not mine hand be vpon thee.

[a] Or, *the prouerbe of an ancient man.*

14 According as the [a] olde prouerbe ſaith, Wickednes procedeth from the wicked, but mine hand be not vpon thee.

15 After whome is the King of Iſraél come out? after whome doeſt thou purſue? after a dead dog, & after a flye?

16 The Lord therefore be iudge, & iudge betwene thee and me, and ſe, and pleade my cauſe, and [b] deliuer me out of thine hand.

[b] *Ebr. iudge.*

17 When Dauid had made an end of ſpeaking theſe wordes to Saúl, Saúl ſaid, [f] Is this thy voyce, my ſonne Dauid? and Saúl lift vp his voyce, and wept,

[f] Thogh he was a moſte cruel enemie to Dauid, yet by his great gentlenes his conſcience cõpelled him to yelde.

18 And ſaid to Dauid, Thou art more righteous then I: for thou haſt rendred me good, and I haue rendred thee euil.

19 And thou haſt ſhewed this day, that thou haſt dealt wel with me: foraſmuche as whẽ the Lord had cloſed me in thine hands, thou killedſt me not.

20 For who ſhal finde his enemy, and let him departe [b] fre? wherefore the Lord rendre thee good for that thou haſt done vnto me this day.

[b] *Ebr. a good way*

21 For now beholde, I knowe that ỹ ſhalt be King, and that the kingdome of Iſraél ſhalbe ſtabliſhed in thine hand.

[g] Thogh this tyrant law and confeſſed the fauour of God toward Dauid, yet he ceaſeth not to perſecute him againſt his owne conſcience.

22 Sweare now therefore vnto me by the Lord, that ỹ wilt not deſtroy my ſeede after me, and that thou wilt not aboliſh my name out of my fathers houſe.

23 So Dauid ſware vnto Saúl, and Saúl wẽt home: but Dauid and his men went vp vnto the holde.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Samuél dyeth. 3 Nabál & Abigáil. 38 The Lord killeth Nabál. 43 Abigáil & Ahinóam Dauids wiues. 44 Michal is giuen to Phalti.

1 THen * Samuél dyed, and all Iſraél aſſembled, and mourned for him, & buryed him in his [a] owne houſe at Ramáh. And Dauid aroſe and went downe to the wildernes of Parán.

Chap 28.3. eccleſ. 46.22.

[a] That is, amõg his owne kinred

2 Now in [b] Maón *was* a man, who had his poſſeſsion in Carmél, and the man was exceding mighty and had thre thouſand ſhepe, and a thouſand goates: and he was ſhering his ſhepe in Carmél.

[b] Maón and Carmél were cities in ỹ tribe of Iudah. Carmél y moũteine was in Galile

3 The name alſo of the man *was* Nabál, & the name of his wife Abigáil, and ſhe was a woman of ſingular wiſdome, and beautiful, but the man *was* churliſh, and euil cõditioned, and was of the familie of Calẽb.

4 And Dauid heard in the wildernes, that Nabál did ſhere his ſhepe.

5 Therefore Dauid ſent ten yong men, & Dauid ſaid vnto the yong men, Go vp to Carmél, and go to Nabál, and aſke him in my name [b] how he doeth.

[b] *Ebr of peace.*

6 And thus ſhal ye ſay [c] for ſalutation, Bothe ỹ, and thine houſe, and all that thou haſt, be in peace, welth, and proſperitie.

[c] Some read, ſo maieſt thou liue in proſperitie the next yere, bothe thou, &c

7 Beholde, I haue heard, that thou haſt ſherers: now thy ſhepherds were with vs, and we did them no hurt, nether did they miſſe anie thing all the while they were in Carmél.

[b] *Ebr for life.*

8 Aſke thy ſeruants & they wil ſhewe thee. Wherefore let theſe yõg mẽ finde fauour in thine eyes: (for we come in a good ſeaſon) giue, I praye thee, whatſoeuer [d] cometh to thine hand vnto thy ſeruants, & to thy ſonne Dauid.

[d] Whatſoeuer ỹ haſt ready for vs.

9 ¶ And when Dauids yong men came, they tolde Nabal all thoſe wordes in the name of Dauid, and helde their peace.

[e] Thus ỹ couetous wretches, in ſtede of releuing ỹ neceſſitie of Gods children, vſe to reuile their perſonnes and condẽne their cauſe.

10 Then Nabál anſwered Dauids ſeruãts, and ſaid, Who is Dauid? and who is the [c] ſonne of Iſhái? there is manie ſeruants now a dayes, that breake awaye euery mã from his maſter.

11 Shal

11 Shal I then take my bread, & my water, & my ſleſh that I haue killed for my ſhereers, and giue it vnto mẽ, whome I knowe not whence thei be?

12 ¶ So Dauids ſeruants turned their way, and went againe, and came, and tolde him all thoſe things.

13 And Dauid ſaid vnto his men, Girde euery man his ſworde *about him*. And they girded euery man his ſworde: Dauid alſo girded his ſworde. And about foure hundreth men went vp after Dauid, and two hundreth abode by the "carriage.

"Ebr veſſel.

14 Now one of the ſeruants tolde Abigáil Nabals wife, ſaying, Beholde, Dauid ſent meſſengers out of the wildernes to ſalute our maſter, and he "rayled on them.

"Ebr drove thē away

15 Notwithſtanding the men were very good [f] vnto vs, and we had no diſpleaſure, nether miſſed we any thing as long as we were conuerſant with them, when we were in the fields.

f When we kept our ſhepe in the wilderneſs of Paran

16 Thei were as a wall vnto vs bothe by night and by day, all the while we were with them keping ſhepe.

17 Now therefore take hede, and ſe what thou ſhalt do: for euil "wil ſurely come vpon our maſter, and vpon all his familie: for he is ſo wicked ẏ a man can not ſpeake to him.

"Ebr is accompliſhed.

18 ¶ Then Abigáil made haſte, and toke two hundreth "cakes, and two bottles of wine, and fiue ſhepe ready dreſſed, & fiue meaſures of parched corne, and an hundreth [g] ſtailes of raiſins, and two hundreth of figges, and laded them on aſſes.

"Ebr. bread.

[g] Or, cluſters.

19 Then ſhe ſaid vnto her ſeruants, Go ye before me: beholde, I wil come after you: yet ſhe tolde [z] not her houſband Nabál.

[z] Becauſe ſhe knewe his crooked nature, ẏ he wolde rather haue periſhed, then conſented to her enterpriſe.

20 And as ſhe rode on her aſſe, ſhe came downe by a ſecret place of the mountaine, and beholde, Dauid and his men came downe againſt her, and ſhe met them.

21 And Dauid ſaid, In dede I haue kept all in vaine that this fellowe had in the wildernes, ſo that nothing was miſſed of all that perteined vnto him: for he hathe requited me euil for good.

22 So and more alſo do God vnto the enemies of Dauid: *for* ſurely I wil not leaue of all that he hathe, by the dawning of the day, *any* that [h] piſſeth againſt the wall.

[h] Meaning by this prouerbe, that he wolde deſtroye bothe ſmale & great

23 And when Abigáil ſawe Dauid, ſhe haſted and lighted of her aſſe, & fel before Dauid on her face, and bowed her ſelfe to the grounde,

24 And fel at his fete, & ſaid, Oh, my lord, I *haue committed* the iniquitie, and I pray thee, let thine handmaid ſpeake "to thee, & heare thou the wordes of thine hādmayd.

"Ebr in thine eares.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regarde this wicked man Nabál: for as his name is, ſo is he: "Nabál *is* his name, and foly *is* with him: but I thine handmayd ſawe not the yong men of my lord whome ẏ ſenteſt.

"Or fole.

26 Now therefore my lord, as the Lord liueth, and as thy ſoule liueth (the Lord, *I ſay*, that hathe withholdē thee from comming to *ſhed* blood, and that [i] thine hand ſhulde *not* ſaue thee) ſo now thine enemies ſhalbe as Nabál, and thei that intende to do my lord euil.

i That is, that thou ſhuldeſt not be reuenged of thine enemie.

27 And now, this "bleſsing which thine handmayd hathe broght vnto my lord, let it be giuen vnto the yongmē, that "followe my lord.

"Or preſent

"Ebr walke at the feete.

28 I pray thee, forgiue the treſpaſſe of thine handmayd: for the Lord wil make my lord a [k] ſure houſe, becauſe my lord fighteth the battels of the lord and none euil hathe bene founde in thee "in all thy life.

k Cōfirme his kingdome to his poſteritie.

"Ebr. from thy dayes

29 Yet [l] a man hathe riſen vp to perſecute thee, and to ſeke thy ſoule, but the ſoule of my lord ſhalbe bounde in the [m] bundel of life with the Lord thy God: and the ſoule of thine enemies ſhal *God* caſt out, as out of the midle of a ſling.

l To wit, Saúl.

m God ſhal preſerue thee lōg in his ſeruice and deſtroye thine enemies.

30 And when the Lord ſhal haue done to my lord all the good that he hathe promiſed thee, and ſhal haue made thee ruler ouer Iſraél,

31 Then ſhal it be no grief vnto thee, nor offence of minde vnto my lord, that he hathe not ſhed blood cauſeles, nor that my lord hathe [n] *not* preſerued him ſelfe: & whē the Lord ſhal haue dealt wel with my lord, remember thine handmayd.

n That he hathe not auēged him ſelfe, which things wolde haue tormented his conſcience.

32 Then Dauid ſaid to Abigáil, Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſráél, which ſent thee this day to mete me.

33 And bleſſed be thy counſel, and bleſſed be thou, which haſte kept me this day frō comming to *ſhed* blood, [o] and that mine hand hathe *not* ſaued me.

o Read verſ 26

34 For in dede, as the Lord God of Iſraél liueth, [p] who hathe kept me backe from hurting thee, except thou haddeſt haſted and met me, ſurely there had not bene left vnto Nabál by the dawning of the day, *any* that piſſeth againſt the wall.

p He attributeth it to the Lords mercie, & not to him ſelf ẏ he was ſtaied.

35 Then Dauid receiued of her hand that which ſhe had broght him, & ſaid to her, Go vp in peace to thine houſe: beholde, I haue heard thy voyce, and haue "granted thy peticion.

"Ebr received thy face.

36 ¶ So Abigáil came to Nabál, & beholde, he made a feaſt in his houſe, like the feaſt of a King, and Nabals heart was mery within him, for he was very drōken: wherefore ſhe tolde him [q] nothing, nether leſſe nor more, vntil the morning aroſe.

q For he had no raiſon to conſider, or giue thankes for this great benefite of deliuerance

37 Then in the morning when the wine was gone out of Nabál, his wife tolde him thoſe wordes, & his heart dyed within him, and he was like [r] a ſtone.

r For feare of ẏ great dāgir

38 And about ten daies after, the Lord

ſmote Nabál, that he dyed.

39 ¶Now when Dauid heard, that Nabál was dead, he ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord that hathe [a] iudged the cauſe of my rebuke of the hand of Nabál, & hathe kept his ſeruant from euil: for the Lord hathe recompenſed the wickednes of Nabál vpon his owne head. Alſo Dauid ſent to commune with Abigáil to [f] take her to his wife.

40 And when the ſeruants of Dauid were come to Abigáil to Carmél, they ſpake vnto her, ſaying, Dauid ſent vs to thee, to take thee to his wife.

41 And ſhe aroſe, and bowed her ſelf on her face to the earth, & ſaid, Beholde, let thy handmayd be a ſeruant to waſh the fete of the ſeruants of my lord.

42 And Abigáil haſted, and aroſe, and rode vpon an aſſe, & her fiue maids [e] followed her, and ſhe went after the meſſengers of Dauid, and was his wife.

43 Dauid alſo toke Ahinóam of * Izreél, & thei were bothe his wiues.

44 Now Saúl had giuē * Michál his daughter Dauids wife to Phaltí the ſonne of Láiſh, which was of [t] Gallím.

a Or, reuenged.

f For he had experience of her great godlines, wiſdome & humilitie.

e Ebr. went at her fete.

Ioſh.15,55.

1.Sam.3,15.

t Which was a place bordering on the countrey of ỹ Moabites.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Dauid was diſcouered vnto Saúl by the Ziphims. 12 Dauid taketh awaye Sauls ſpeare, and a pot of water that ſtode at his head. 21 Saúl cōfeſſeth his ſinne.

1 AGaine the Ziphims came vnto Saúl to Gibeáh, ſaying, * Doeth not Dauid hide him ſelfe [a] in the hil of Hachiláh before [b] Ieſhimón?

2 Then Saúl aroſe, and went downe to the wildernes of Ziph, hauing thre thouſand [a] choſen men of Iſraél with him, for to ſeke Dauid in the wildernes of Ziph.

3 And Saúl pitched in the hil of Hachiláh, which is before Ieſhimón by the waye ſide. Now Dauid abode in the wildernes, and he ſawe that Saúl came after him into the wildernes.

4 (For Dauid had ſent out ſpies, & vnderſtode, that Saúl was come [c] in very dede)

5 Then Dauid aroſe, and came to the place where Saúl had pitched, and *when* Dauid beheld the place where Saúl lay, & * Abnér the ſonne of Ner which was his chief captaine, (for Saúl lay in the forte, and the people pitched round about him)

6 Then ſpake Dauid, & ſaid to Ahimélech the [b] Hittite, and to Abiſhái the ſonne of Zeruiáh, brother to [c] Ioáb, ſaying, Who wil go downe with me to Saúl to the hoſte? Then Abiſhái ſaid, I wil go downe with thee.

7 So Dauid & Abiſhái came downe to the people by night: and beholde, Saúl laye ſleping within the forte, & his ſpeare did ſticke in the grounde at his [d] head: and Abnér and the people lay round about him.

1.Chap.23,19.

a Or, in Gibeah.

b Or, the wilderues.

a That is, of ỹ moſte ſkilful and valiant ſoldiers.

c Or, to a certeine place.

Chap.14,50. & 17,55.

b Who was a ſtranger & not an Iſraelite.

c Who afterwarde was Dauids chief captaine.

d Or, bolſter.

8 ¶Thē ſaid Abiſhái to Dauid, God hathe cloſed thine enemie into thine hand this day: now therefore, I pray thee, let me ſmite him once with a ſpeare to ỹ earth, and I wil not ſmite him [d] againe.

9 And Dauid ſaid to Abiſhái, Deſtroye him not: for who can lay his hand [e] on the Lords anointed, and be giltles?

10 Moreouer Dauid ſaid, As the Lord liueth, ether the Lord ſhal ſmite him, or his day ſhal come to dye, or he ſhal deſcende into battel, and periſh.

11 The Lord kepe me from laying mine hand vpō the Lords anointed: but, I pray thee, take now the ſpeare that is at his head, and the pot of water, and let vs go hence.

12 So Dauid toke the ſpeare and the pot of water from Sauls head, & thei gate them away, and no man ſawe it, nor marked it, nether did any awake, but thei were all aſlepe: for [f] the Lord had ſent a dead ſlepe vpon them.

13 Then Dauid went into the other ſide, & ſtode on ỹ toppe of an hil a far of, a great ſpace being betwene them.

14 And Dauid cryed to the people, and to Abnér the ſonne of Ner, ſaying, [g] Heareſt thou not Abnér? Then Abnér anſwered, and ſaid, Who art thou that cryeſt to the King?

15 ¶And Dauid ſaid to Abnér, Art not ỹ a [f] man? and who is like thee in Iſraél? wherefore then haſt thou not kept thy lord the King? for there came one of the folke in to deſtroye the King thy lord.

16 This is not wel done of thee: as the Lord liueth, ye are [h] worthy to dye, becauſe ye haue not kept your maſter the Lords Anointed: and now ſe where the Kings ſpeare is, and the pot of water that was at his head.

17 And Saúl knewe Dauids voyce, & ſaid, Is this thy voyce, [g] my ſonne Dauid? And Dauid ſaid, It is my voyce, my lord ô King.

18 And he ſaid, Wherefore doeth my lord thus perſecute his ſeruant? for what haue I done? or what euil is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I beſeche thee, let my lord the King heare the wordes of his ſeruant. If the Lord haue ſtirred thee vp againſt me, [h] let him ſmel the ſauour of a ſacrifice: but if the children of men *haue done it*, curſed be thei before the Lord: for thei haue caſt me out this day frō abiding in the inheritāce of the Lord, ſaying, Go, ſerue other [i] gods.

20 Now therefore let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the Lord: for the King of Iſraél is come out to ſeke a flye, as one wolde hunt a partriche in the mountaines.

d Meanīng, he wolde make him ſure at one ſtroke.

e To wit, in his owne priuate cauſe: for Iehu ſlew two Kings at Gods appointment, 2.King.9,24.

f Ebr. the heauy ſlepe of the Lord was fallen vpō them.

g Ebr. anſwereſt.

f Eſteemed moſte valiant, and mete to ſaue the King?

h Ebr. ſonnes of death.

g Hereby it appeareth, ỹ the hypocrite perſecuted Dauid againſt his owne conſciēce, and contrary to his promes.

h Let his angre towarde vs be pacified by a ſacrifice.

i As muche as laye in them, they cōpelled him to idolatrie, becauſe they forced hī to flee to the idolaters.

21 Then

21 Then ſaid Saúl, I haue ſinned: come againe, my ſonne Dauid: for I wil do thee nomore harme, becauſe my ſoule was [k] precious in thine eyes this day: beholde, I haue done fooliſhly, and haue erred exceedingly.

k Becauſe thou ſaueſt my life this day

22 Then Dauid anſwered, & ſaid, Beholde the Kings ſpeare, let one of the yong mẽ come ouer and fet it.

23 And let the Lord rewarde euerie man according to his [l] righteouſnes & faithfulnes: for the Lord had deliuered thee into *mine* hãds this daie, but I wolde not lay mine hand vpon the Lords anointed.

l Thus he proteſteth his innocencie toward Saúl not defending his iuſtice in the ſight of God, in whoſe preſence none is righteous, Pſal 143, and 130, 3.

24 And beholde, like as thy life was muche ſet by this day in mine eyes: ſo let my life be ſet by in the eyes of the Lord, that he may deliuer me out of all tribulacion.

25 Then Saúl ſaid to Dauid, Bleſſed art thou, my ſonne Dauid: for thou ſhalt do great things, and alſo preuaile. So Dauid went his way, and Saúl returned to his [m] place.

m To Gibeáh of Beniamín

CHAP. XXVII.

2 Dauid fleeth to Achíſh King of Gath, who giueth him Ziklág. 8 Dauid deſtroyeth certeine of the Philiſtims. 10 Achíſh is deceyued by Dauid.

1 AND Dauid ſaid in his heart, I ſhal now [a] periſh one day by the hand of Saúl: is it not better for me that I ſaue my ſelfe in the land of the Philiſtíms, and that Saúl may haue no hope of me to ſeke me anie more in all the coaſtes of Iſraél, and ſo eſcape out of his hand?

a Dauid diſtruſteth Gods protection, and therfore fleeth vnto the idolaters, who were enemies to Gods people

2 Dauid therefore aroſe, and he, and the ſix hundreth men that were with him, wẽt vnto Achíſh the ſonne of Maóch King of Gáth.

3 And Dauid [b] dwelt with Achíſh at Gath, he, and his men, euerie man with his houſholde, Dauid with his two wiues, Ahinóam the Izreelite, and Abigáil Nabals wife the Carmelite.

b Thus God by his prouidence chãgeth the enemies hearts & maketh them to fauour his in their neceſſitie

4 And it was tolde Saúl that Dauid was fled to Gath: ſo he ſoght nomore for him.

5 And Dauid ſaid vnto Achíſh, If I haue now founde grace in thine eyes, [c] let them giue me a place in ſome *other* citie of the countrey, that I may dwel there: for why ſhulde thy ſeruant dwel in the *head* citie of the kingdome with thee?

c Let thine officers appoint me a place.

6 Then Achíſh gaue him Ziklág that ſame day: therefore Ziklág perteineth vnto the Kings of Iudáh vnto this day.

7 ¶ And [n] the time that Dauid dwelt in the countrey of the Philiſtíms, was foure moneths and certeine dayes.

n *Eb. the nũber of the dayes*

8 Then Dauid and his men went vp, and inuaded the [d] Geſhurites, and the Girzites and the Amalekites: for they inhabited the land from the beginning, *from the way*, as thou goeſt to Shur, euen vnto the land of Egypt.

d These were the wicked Canaanites, whome God had appointed to be deſtroyed.

9 And Dauid ſmote the land, & left nether man nor woman aliue, and toke ſhepe, & oxen, and aſſes, and camels, and apparel, and returned and came to Achíſh.

10 And Achíſh ſaid, [e] Where haue ye beẽ a rouing this day? And Dauid anſwered, Againſt the Southe of Iudáh, and againſt the Southe of the Ierameelites, & againſt the Southe of the Kenites.

e Or, againſt whome.

e Which were a familie of the tribe of Iudáh, 1. Chro 2, 9.

11 And Dauid ſaued nether man nor woman aliue, to bring them to Gath, ſaying, Leſt they ſhulde tel on vs, and ſay, So did Dauid, and ſo *wil be* his maner all the while that he dwelleth in the countrey of the Philiſtims.

12 And Achíſh beleued Dauid, ſaying, [f] He hathe made his people of Iſraél vtterly to abhorre him: therefore he ſhalbe my ſeruant for euer.

f Or, he doeth ſurely abhorre his people.

CHAP. XXVIII.

2 Dauid hathe the chief charge promiſed about Achíſh. 8 Saúl conſulteth with a witche, and ſhe cauſeth him to ſpeake with Samuél. 18 Who declareth his ruine.

1 NOw at that time the Philiſtíms aſſembled their bandes and armie to fight with Iſraél: therefore Achíſh ſaid to Dauid, [a] Be ſure, thou ſhalt go out with me to the battel, thou, and thy men.

a Albeit it was a great grief to Dauid to fight againſt the people of God, yet ſuche was his infirmitie, he durſt not deny him

2 And Dauid ſaid to Achíſh, Surely thou ſhalt knowe what thy ſeruant can do. And Achíſh ſaid to Dauid, Surely I wil make thee keper of mine head for euer.

3 * (Samuél was then dead, and all Iſraél had lamented him, and buryed him in Ramáh his owne citie: and Saúl had [b] put away the ſorcerers, and the ſothe ſayers out of the land)

Chap 25, 1.

b According to the commãdemẽt of God, Exod 22, 18 & deut 18, 10.

4 Then the Philiſtíms aſſembled them ſelues, and came, and pitched in Shuném: and Saúl aſſembled all Iſraél, & they pitched in Gilbóa.

5 And when Saúl ſawe the hoſte of the Philiſtíms, he was afrayed, and his heart was ſore aſtonied.

6 Therefore Saúl aſked counſel of the Lord, & the Lord anſwered him not, nether by dreames, nor by [c] Vrim, nor yet by Prophetes.

c Meaning the high Prieſt, Exod 28, 30.

7 ¶ Then ſaid Saúl vnto his ſeruants, Seke me a woman that hathe a familiar ſpirit, that I may go to her, and aſke of her. And his ſeruants ſaid to him, Beholde, there is a woman at En-dor that hathe a familiar ſpirit.

8 Then Saúl [d] changed him ſelfe, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two mẽ with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he ſaid, I pray thee, coniecture vnto me by the familiar ſpirit, and bring me him vp whome I ſhal name vnto thee.

d He ſeketh not to God in his miſerie: but is led by Satã to vnlawful meanes, which in his conſcience he condemneth

9 And the woman ſaid vnto him, Beholde, thou knoweſt what Saúl hathe done, how he hathe deſtroyed the ſorcerers, and the

ſothe ſayers out of the land: wherefore thē ſekeſt thou to take me in a ſnare to cauſe me to dye?

10 And Saúl ſware to her by the Lord, ſaying, As the Lord liueth, no [a] harme ſhal come to thee for this thing.

[a] Or, paul ſhame.

11 Then ſaid the womā, Whome ſhal I bring vp vnto thee? And he anſwered, Bring me vp [c] Samuél.

[c] He ſpeaketh according to his groſſe ignorance, not conſidering ye ſtate of the Saints after this life, and howe Satan hathe no power ouer thē

12 And when the woman ſawe Samuél, ſhe cryed with a loude voyce, and the woman ſpake to Saúl, ſaying, Why haſt thou deceiued me? for thou art Saúl.

13 And the King ſaid vnto her, Be not afrayed: for what ſaweſt thou? And the woman ſaid vnto Saúl, I ſawe [d] gods aſcēding vp out of the earth.

[d] Or, an excellēt perſone.

14 Then he ſaid vnto her, What facion is he of? And ſhe anſwered, An olde man cometh vp lapped in a mantel: and Saúl knewe that it was [f] Samuél, and he enclined his face to the ground, & bowed him ſelfe.

[f] To his imaginaciō, albeit it was Satan, who to blinde his eyes toke vpon him the forme of Samuél as he cā do of an Angel of light

15 ¶ And Samuél ſaid to Saúl, Why haſt ȳ diſquieted me, to bring me vp? Then Saúl anſwered, I am in great diſtreſſe: for the Philiſtíms make warre againſt me, & God is departed frō me, and anſwereth me nomore, nether [m] by Prophetes nether by dreames: therefore I haue called thee, that thou mayeſt tel me, what I ſhal do.

[m] Ebr by the hād of Prophets

16 Then ſaid Samuél, Wherefore thē doeſt thou aſke of me, ſeing the Lord is gone from thee, and is thine enemie?

17 Euen the Lord hathe done to [g] him, as he ſpake [*] by mine hand: for the Lord wil rent the kingdome out of thine hand, and giue it thy neighbour Dauid.

[g] That is, to Dauid. Chap 15,28.

[*] Or, miniſtred vnto

18 Becauſe thou obeiedſt not the voyce of the Lord, nor executedſt his fearce wrath vpon the Amalekites, therefore hathe the Lord done this vnto thee this day.

19 Moreouer the Lord wil deliuer Iſraél with thee into the hāds of the Philiſtíms: [h] and tomorowe ſhalt thou and thy ſonnes be with me, & the Lord ſhal giue the hoſte of Iſraél into the hands of the Philiſtíms.

[h] Ye ſhal be dead. Chap 31,6

20 Then Saúl fel ſtreyght way all along on the earth, and was ſore [i] afrayed becauſe of the wordes of Samuél, ſo that there was no ſtrength in him: for he had eaten no bread all the day nor all the night.

[i] The wicked, whē they heare Gods iudgements, tremble and diſpaire, but can not ſeke for mercie by repentance.

21 Then the woman came vnto Saúl, and ſawe that he was ſore troubled, and ſaid vnto him, Se, thine handmayd hathe obeyed thy voyce, & I [k] haue put my ſoule in mine hand, and haue obeyed thy wordes which thou ſaideſt vnto me.

[k] I haue ventured my life.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou alſo vnto the voyce of thine handmaid, and let me ſet a morſel of bread before thee, that thou mayeſt eat & get thee ſtrength, and go on thy iourney.

23 But he refuſed, and ſaid, I wil not eat: but his ſeruants and the woman together cōpelled him, & he obeied their voyce. ſo he aroſe from the earth, and ſate on the bed.

24 Now the woman had a fat calfe in the houſe, and ſhe haſted, and killed it, and toke floure and kneaded it, and baked of it [l] vnleauened *bread*.

[l] Becauſe it required haſte.

25 Then ſhe broght them before Saúl, and before his ſeruants: and when they had eaten, they ſtode vp, and went away the ſame night.

CHAP. XXIX.

4 The princes of the Philiſtims cauſe Dauid to be ſent backe from the battel againſt Iſraél, becauſe they diſtruſted him.

1 SO the Philiſtíms were gathered together with all their armies in Aphék: & the Iſraelites pitched [r] by the founteine, which is in Izreél.

[r] Or, in Aſia.

2 And the [*] princes of the Philiſtíms went forthe by [a] hundreths and thouſands, but Dauid and his men came behinde with Achíſh.

[*] Or, capteanes.

[a] According to their bandes, or enſignes.

3 Then ſaid the princes of the Philiſtíms, What *do* theſe Ebrewes *here*? And Achíſh ſaid vnto the princes of the Philiſtíms, Is not this Dauid ȳ ſeruant of Saúl the King of Iſraél, who hathe bene with me theſe dayes, [b] or theſe yeres, and I haue foūde nothing in him, ſince he [*] dwelt with me vnto this day?

[b] Meaning, a long tyme, ȳ is foure monethes and certeine dayes, Chap 27,7.

[*] Ebr fell, as Gen. chap 25,18. 1 Chro 12,19.

4 But the princes of the Philiſtíms were wrothe with him, & the princes of the Philiſtíms ſaid vnto him, * Send this fellowe backe, that he may go againe to his place which thou haſt appointed him, & let him not go downe with vs to battel, leſt that in the battel he be an aduerſarie to vs: for wherewith ſhulde he obteine the fauour of his maſter? ſhulde it not be with the [c] heads of theſe men?

[c] Wolde not Saúl receiue him to fauour, if he colde betraye vs? Chap 18,7. & 21,11.

5 Is not this Dauid, of whome they ſang in dances, ſaying, * Saúl ſlewe his thouſand, and Dauid his ten thouſand?

6 ¶ Thē Achíſh called Dauid, & ſaid vnto him, As the Lord liueth, thou haſt bene vpright and good in my ſight, when thou [d] wenteſt out and in with me in the hoſte, nether haue I founde euil with thee, ſince ȳ cameſt to me vnto this daye, but [*] the princes do not fauour thee.

[d] That is, was conuerſant wt me

[*] Ebr thou are not good in the eyes of the princes.

7 Wherefore now returne, and go in peace, that thou diſpleaſe not the princes of the Philiſtíms.

8 ¶ And Dauid ſaid vnto Achíſh, But what haue I done? and what haſt thou founde in thy ſeruant as long as I haue bene with thee vnto this day, that I may [e] not go & fight againſt the enemies of my lord the King?

[e] This diſſimulacion can not be excuſed: for it grieued him to go againſt ȳ people of God.

9 Achíſh thē anſwered, and ſaid to Dauid, I knowe thou pleaſeſt me, as an Angel of God:

God: but the princes of the Philistíms haue said, Let him not go vp wt vs to battel.

10 Wherefore now rise vp early in ỹ morning with thy f masters seruants that are come with thee: and when ye be vp early, assone as ye haue light, departe.

f With them that fled vnto Dace frō Saúl.

11 So Dauid and his men rose vp early to departe in the morning, and to returne into the land of the Philistíms: & the Philistíms went vp to Izreél.

CHAP. XXX.

a The Amalekites burne Ziklág. 5 Dauids two wiues are taken prisoners 6 The people wolde stone him. 8 He asketh counsel of the Lord and pursuing his enemies, recouereth the praye. 24 He deuideth it equally. 26 And sendeth parte to his friends.

1 BVt when Dauid and his men were come to Ziklág a the third day, the Amalekites had inuaded vpon the South, euen vnto Ziklág, and had b smitten Ziklág, and burnt it with fire,

a After that he departed from Achish.

b That is, destroyed ỹ citie.

2 And had taken the women that were therein prisoners, bothe small and great, *and* slewe not a man, but caryed them away, and went their wayes.

3 ¶So Dauid and his men came to the citie, and beholde, it was burnt with fire, and their c wiues, and their sonnes, and their daughters were taken prisoners.

c For these onely remained in the citie, when the mē were gone to warre.

4 Then Dauid & the people that was with him, lift vp their voyces and wept, vntil they colde wepe nomore.

5 Dauids two wiues were taken prisoners also, Ahinóam the Izreélite, and Abigáil the wife of Nabál the Carmelite.

6 And Dauid was in great sorowe: for the people d entended to stone him, because the heartes of all the people were vexed euerie mā for his sonnes and for his daughters: but Dauid comforted him selfe in the Lord his God.

d Thus we se, ỹ in troubles & aduersitie we do not consider Gods prouidēce, but like raging beastes forget bothe our owne ducetie and contēne Gods appointment ouer vs.

7 ¶And Dauid said to Abiathár the Priest Ahimelechs sonne, I pray thee, bring me the Ephód. And Abiathár broght the Ephód to Dauid.

8 Then Dauid asked counsel at the Lord, saying, Shal I followe after this companie? shal I ouertake them? And he answered him, Followe: for thou shalt surely ouertake them, and e recouer all.

e Thogh God seme to leaue vs for a time, yet if we trust in him, we shal be sure to finde comforte.

9 ¶So Dauid and the six hundreth mē that were with him, wēt, and came to the riuer Besór, where a parte of them abode:

10 But Dauid and foure hundreth men followed (for two hundreth abode behinde, being to wearye to go ouer ỹ riuer Besór)

11 And they founde an Egyptiā in the field, and broght him to Dauid, and gaue him f bread and he did eat, and they gaue him water to drinke.

f God by his prouidēce bothe prouided for the necessitie of this poore straūger, and made him a guide to Dauid to accōplishe his enterprise.

12 Also they gaue him a fewe figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came againe to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor dronke anie water in thre dayes, and thre nights.

13 ¶And Dauid said vnto him, To whome belongest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a yong mā of Egypt, and seruant to an Amalekite: and my master left me thre daies ago, because I fel sicke.

14 We roued vpon the South of Chéreth, & vpon the *coast* belonging to Iudáh, and vpon the South of Caléb, and we burnt Ziklág with fire.

15 And Dauid said vnto him, Canst thou bring me to this companie? And he said, g Sweare vnto me by God, that thou wilt nether kil me, nor deliuer me into the h hands of my master, and I wil bring thee to this companie.

g For oothes were in all ages had in moste reuerence euen amōg the heathen

16 ¶And when he had broght him thither, beholde, they lay scatered abroade vpon all the earth, h eating and drinking, & dansing, because of all ỹ great pray that thei had taken out of the land of ỹ Philistíms, and out of the land of Iudáh.

h The wicked in their pōpe and pleasures consider not ỹ iudgement of God, which is thē at hand to smite them.

17 And Dauid smote them from the twilight, euen vnto the euening i of the next morowe, so that there escaped not a man of them, saue foure hundreth yong men, which rode vpon camels, and fled.

i Some reade, & vnto ỹ morowe of ỹ two euenings: that is, thre daies.

18 And Dauid recouered all that ỹ Amalekites had takē: also Dauid rescued his two wiues.

19 And thei lacked nothing, small or great, sonne or daughter, or of the spoyle of all that they had taken away: Dauid recouered them all.

20 Dauid also toke all the shepe, and the oxē, & they draue them before his cattel, and said, This is Dauids k praye.

k Which the Amalekites had taken of others, & Dauid from thē besides the goods of Ziklág.

21 ¶And Dauid came to the two hundreth mē that were to wearie for to followe Dauid: whome they had made also to abide at the riuer Besór: and they came to mete Dauid, and to mete the people that were with him: so when Dauid came nere to the people, he saluted them.

22 Then answered all the euil and wicked of the mē that went with Dauid, and said, Becausse they went not with vs, therefore wil we giue them none of the praye, that we haue recouered, saue to euery man his l wife and his children: therefore let them cary them away and departe.

l Vnder these are comprehēded the cattel and goods, & appertained to euerie man.

23 Then said Dauid, Ye shal not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hathe giuen vs, who hathe preserued vs, and deliuered the companie that came against vs, into our handes.

24 For who wil obey you in this matter? but as his parte *is* that goeth downe to the battel, so *shal* his parte *be*, that tarieth by the stuffe: they shal parte alike.

m Some referre these wordes to Dauid, that he kepte an olde custome & law, as if it were writ, It is bothe now and hathe bene euer.

25 m So from that day forward hee made it a statute and a lawe in Israél, vntil this day.

26 ¶When Dauid therefore came to Ziklág, he ſent of the pray vnto the Elders of Iudáh & to his friends, ſaying, Se, *there is* a bleſſing for you of the ſpoyle of the enemies of the Lord.
27 He ſent to them of Beth-él, and to them of South Ramóth, and to them of Iattír,
28 And to them of Aroér, and to them of Siphmóth, and to them of Eſhtemóa,
29 And to them of Rachál, and to them of the cities of the Ierahmeelites, and to thē of the cities of the Kenites,
30 And to them of Hormáh, & to them of Chor-aſhán, and to them of Athách,
31 And to them of Hebrón, and [a] to all the places where Dauid and his men had hanted.

a Shewing him ſelfe mindeful of their benefites towards him.

CHAP. XXXI.

4 Saúl killeth him ſelfe. 6 His children are ſlaine in the battel. 12 The men of Iabéſh toke downe his body, which was hanged on the wall.

1 NOw *the Philiſtíms foght againſt Iſraél, and the men of Iſraél fled away from the Philiſtíms, & thei fel downe [a]wounded in mount Gilbóa.
2 And the Philiſtíms preaſſed ſore vpon Saúl and his ſonnes, and ſlewe Ionathán, and Abinadáb, and Malchiſhúa Sauls ſonnes.
3 And when the battel went ſore againſt Saúl, the archers and bowemen [b] hit him, and he was ſore [c] wounded of the archers.
4 Then ſaid Saúl vnto his armour bearer, [a] Drawe out thy ſworde, and thruſt me through therewith, leſt the vncircumciſed come and thruſt me through and mocke me: but his armour bearer wolde not, for he was ſore afrayed. Therefore Saúl toke a ſworde and fel vpon it.
5 And when his armour bearer ſawe that Saúl was dead, he fel likewiſe vpon his ſworde, and dyed with him.
6 So Saúl dyed, and his thre ſonnes, and his armour bearer, and all his men that ſame day together.
7 ¶And when the mē of Iſraél that were on the otherſide of the [b] valley, and they of the otherſide [c] Iordén ſawe that the men of Iſraél were put to flight, and that Saúl and his ſonnes were dead, thē thei left the cities, and ran away: & the Philiſtíms came and dwelt in them.
8 ¶And on the morowe when the Philiſtíms were come to ſpoyle them that were ſlaine, they founde Saúl and his thre ſonnes lying in mount Gilbóa,
9 And they cut of his head, and ſtripped him out of his armour, and ſent into the land of the Philiſtíms on euerie ſide, that they ſhulde [d] publiſh it in the temple of their idoles, and among the people.
10 And they layed vp his armour in ỹ houſe of Aſhtaróth, but they hāged vp his body on the wall of Beth-ſhan.
11 ¶When the inhabitants of [e] Iabéſh Gilead heard, what the Philiſtíms had done to Saúl,
12 Thē they aroſe (as manie as were ſtrong men) & went all night and toke the body of Saúl, & the bodies of his ſonnes, from the wall of Beth-ſhan, & came to Iabéſh, and *burnt them there,
13 And toke their bones & *buryed thē vnder a tre at Iabéſh, & [f] faſted ſeuen dayes.

1. Chro. 10, 1.

a Or, ſlaine.

b Ebr. found him 1 Or, afraied.

c So we ſe that his cruel life hathe a deſperate end, as is comonly ſene in them, that perſecute the children of God.

b Here to Gilbóa.
c The tribes of Reubén and Gad, and halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh

d In token of victorie and triumphe.

e Whome he had deliuered from their enemies, Chap. 11, 11

Ier 34, 5.
2 Sam 2, 4.
f According to the cuſtome of mourners.

THE SECONDE BOKE of Samuél.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis boke and the former beare the title of Samuel, becauſe they conteine the conception, natiuitie and the whole courſe of his life, and alſo the liues and actes of two Kings, to wit, of Saúl and Dauid, whome he anointed and conſecrated Kings by the ordinance of God. And as the firſt boke conteineth thoſe things, which God brought to paſſe among this people vnder the gouernement of Samuel and Saúl: ſo this ſeconde boke declareth the noble actes of Dauid, after the death of Saúl, when he began to reigne, vnto the end of his kingdome: and how the ſame by him was wonderfully augmented: alſo his great troubles & dangers, which he ſuſteined bothe within his houſe and without: what horrible & dangerous inſurrections, vprores, & treaſons were wrought againſt him, partely by falſe counſelers, fained friends & flatterers, and partely by ſome of his owne children and people and how by Gods aſſiſtance he ouercame all difficulties, and enioyed his kingdome in reſt and peace. In the perſone of Dauid the Scripture ſeeth forthe Chriſt Ieſus the chief King, who came of Dauid according to the fleſh, and was perſecuted on euery ſide with outward and inward enemies, aſwel in his owne perſone, as in his members, but at length he ouercometh all his enemies and giueth his Church victorie againſt all power bothe ſpiritual & temporal: and ſo reigneth with them, King for euermore.

CHAP.

CHAP. I.

4 It was tolde Dauid of Sauls death. 15 He cauſeth him to be ſlaine that broght the tydings 19 He lamenteth the death of Saúl and Ionathán.

1 AFter the death of Saúl, when Dauid was returned from the *ſlaughter of the Amalekites and had bene two dayes in Ziklág,

*1.Sam 30,17.

2 Beholde, a man came the third day out of the hoſte from Saúl with his aclothes rẽt, and earth vpon his head: & when he came to Dauid, he fel to the earth, and did obeiſance.

a Seming to lament ỹ ouerthrowe of the people of Iſrael

3 Then Dauid ſaid vnto him, Whence cõmeſt thou? And he ſaid vnto him, Out of the hoſte of Iſraél I am eſcaped.

4 And Dauid ſaid vnto him, What is done? I pray thee, tel me. Thẽ he ſaid, ỹ people is fled from the battel, and many of ỹ people are ouerthrowen, and dead, and alſo Saúl and Ionathán his ſonne are dead.

5 And Dauid ſaid vnto the yong man, that tolde it him, How knoweſt thou that Saúl and Ionathán his ſonne be dead?

6 Then the yong man that tolde him, anſwered, b As I came to mount Gilbóa, beholde, Saúl leaned vpon his ſpeare. and lo, the charets and *horſemen followed hard after him.

b As I fled in the chaſe

*Or, captaines

7 And whẽ he loked backe, he ſawe me, and called me And I anſwered, Here am I.

8 And he ſaid vnto me, Who art thou? And I anſwered him, I am an c Amalekite.

c He was an Amalekite borne, but renounced his cõtrey & ioyned with the Iſraelites

9 Then ſaid he vnto me, I pray thee, come vpon me, and ſlaye me: for anguiſh is come vpon me, becauſe my d life is yet whole in me.

d I am ſory, becauſe I am yet aliue.

10 So *I came vpon him, and ſlewe him, & becauſe I was ſure that he colde not liue, after that he had fallen, I toke the crowne that was vpon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arme, and broght thẽ hither vnto my lord.

*Ebr I ſtode vpon him

11 Then Dauid toke holde on his clothes, *& rent them, and likewiſe all the men that were with him.

*Chap 3,31. & 13,31.

12 And they mourned and wept, and faſted vntil euen, for Saúl and for Ionathán his ſonne, and for the people of the Lord, and for the houſe of Iſraél, becauſe they were ſlaine with the ſworde.

e After the lamentation he examined him againe

13 ¶ e Afterward Dauid ſaid vnto the yong man that tolde it him, Whence art thou? And he anſwered, I am the ſonne of a ſtrãger an Amalekite.

*Pſal 105,15.

14 And Dauid ſaid vnto him, * How waſt thou not afraied, to put forthe thine hand to deſtroy the Anoynted of the Lord?

15 Then Dauid called one of his yong mẽ, & ſaid, Go nere, and fall vpõ him. And he ſmote him that he dyed.

16 Thẽ ſaid Dauid vnto him, f Thy blood be vpon thine owne head. for thine owne mouth hathe teſtified againſt thee, ſaying, I haue ſlaine the Lords Anointed.

f Thou art iuſtely puniſhed for thy faute.

17 ¶ Then Dauid mourned with this lamẽtation ouer Saul, and ouer Ionatnán his ſonne,

18 (Alſo he bade them teache the children of Iudáh to g ſhoote, as it is written in ỹ boke of* Iaſhér)

g That they might be able to match their enemies the Philiſtims in that arte

*Ioſh 10,13.

19 O noble Iſraél, h he is ſlaine vpon thy hie places: how are the mighty ouerthrowen?

*Or, righteous.

h Meaning Saúl

20 *Tel it not in Gath, nor publiſh it in the ſtretes of Aſhkelón, leſt the daughters of the Philiſtims reioyce, leſt the daughters of the vncircumciſed triumphe.

*Mich 1,10.

21 Ye mountaines of Gilbóa, vpon you *be* nether dewe nor raine, nor i *be there* fields of offrings: for there the ſhield of the mightie is caſt downe, the ſhield of Saúl, as though he had not bene anoynted with oyle.

i Let their fertile fieldes be baren, & bring forth no frute to offre to the Lord.

22 The bowe of Ionathán neuer turned backe, nether did the ſworde of Saúl returne empty from the blood of the ſlaine, and from the fat of the mighty.

23 Saúl and Ionathán were louely and pleaſant in their liues, and in their deathes they were not k deuided: they were ſwifter the negles, they were ſtróger then lions.

k They dyed bothe together in Gilboa

24 Ye daughters of Iſraél, wepe for Saúl, which clothed you in ſkarlet, l with pleaſures, and hanged ornaments of golde vpon your apparel.

l As riche garments, & coſtly iewels.

25 How were the mighty ſlaine in the middes of the battel? ô Ionathán, thou waſt ſlaine in thine hie places.

26 Wo is me for thee, my brother Ionathán: very kinde haſt thou bene vnto me: thy loue to me was wonderful, paſsing ỹ loue of m women: how are the mighty ouerthrowen, and the weapons of warre deſtroyed?

m Ether towarde their houſbandes, or their children

CHAP. II.

4 Dauid is anoynted King in Hebrón 9 Abnér maketh Iſh-boſheth King ouer Iſraél 15 The battel of the ſeruants of Dauid and Iſh-boſheth. 32 The buryal of Aſahél

1 AFter this Dauid a aſked counſel of the Lord, ſaying, Shal I go vp into ane of the cities of Iudáh? And the Lord ſaid vnto him, Go vp. And Dauid ſaid, Whither ſhal I go? He thẽ anſwered, Vnto b Hebrón.

a By the meanes of the hie Prieſt, as 1 Sam 23,2 & 2.Sam 5,19.

b Which citie was alſo called Kiriath árba, Ioſh, 14,15.

2 So Dauid went vp thither & his two wiues alſo, Ahinóam the Izreelite, and Abigáil Nabals wife the Carmelite.

3 And Dauid broght vp the men that were with c him, euerie man with his houſholde, and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

c In the time of his perſecution.

4 ¶ Then the men of Iudáh came, and there they anoïted Dauid King ouer the houſe of Iudáh. And they tolde Dauid, ſaying, *that the men of Iabéſh Gileád buryed Saúl.

1 Sam. 31. 12.

5 And Dauid ſent meſſengers vnto the mẽ of Iabéſh Gileád, & ſaid vnto them, Bleſſed are ye of ỹ Lord, that ye haue ſhewed ſuche kindenes vnto your lord Saúl, that you haue buryed him.

6 Therefore now the Lord ſhewe mercie and d trueth vnto you: and I wil recompence you this benefite, becauſe ye haue done this thing.

d According to his promes, which is to recompẽce them that are merciful.

7 Therefore now let your hands be ſtrõg, and be you valiant: albeit your maſter Saúl be dead, yet neuertheleſſe the houſe of Iudáh hathe anointed me e King ouer them.

e So ỹ you ſhal not want a captaine & a defender.

8 ¶ But Abnér the ſonne of Ner that was captaine of Sauls hoſte, toke Iſh-bóſheth the ſonne of Saúl, and brogh̃t him to Mahanáim,

9 And made him King ouer Gileád, and ouer the Aſhurites, and ouer Izreél, and ouer Ephráim, and ouer Beniamín, and ouer f all Iſraél.

f Ouer ỹ eleuen tribes.

10 Iſh-bóſheth Sauls ſonne was fourty yere olde when he began to reigne ouer Iſraél, and reigned two yere: but the houſe of Iudáh followed Dauid.

11 (And the time which Dauid reigned in Hebrón ouer the houſe of Iudáh, *was* ſeuẽ yere and ſix g monethes)

g After this time was expired, he reigned ouer all ỹ cõtrey 33 yeres, Chap. 5. 5.

12 ¶ And Abnér the ſonne of Ner, and the ſeruants of Iſh-bóſheth the ſonne of Saúl went out of Mahanáim to Gibeón.

13 And Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh, and the ſeruants of Dauid went out and met one an other by the poole of Gibeón: and they ſate downe, the one on the one ſide of the poole, and the other on the other ſide of the poole.

14 Then Abnér ſaid to Ioáb, Let the yong men now ariſe, and h playe before vs. And Ioáb ſaid, Let them ariſe.

h Let vs ſe how they can handle their weapons.

15 Then there aroſe and went ouer twelue of Beniamín by nomber, which perteined to Iſh-bóſheth the ſonne of Saúl, and twelue of the ſeruants of Dauid.

16 And euerie one caught i his fellowe by the head, & *thruſt* his ſworde in his fellowes ſide, ſo they fel downe together: wherefore the place was called k Helkath-hazzurím which is in Gibeón.

i Meaning, his aduerſarie.

k Or, the field of ſtrong men.

17 And the battel was exceding ſore that ſame day: for Abnér and the men of Iſraél l fel before the ſeruants of Dauid.

l After that theſe foure & twentie were ſlaine.

18 And there were thre ſonnes of Zeruiáh there, Ioáb, and Abiſhái, and Aſahél. And Aſahél was as light on foote as a wilde roe.

19 And Aſahél followed after Abnér, & in going he turned nether to the right hand nor to the left from Abnér.

20 Then Abnér loked behinde him, & ſaid, Art thou Aſahél? And he anſwered, Yea.

21 Then Abnér ſaid, Turne thee ether to ỹ right hand or to the left, and take one of the yong men, and take thee his m weapons: but Aſahél wolde not departe from him.

m Or, ſpoile.

22 And Abnér ſaid to Aſahél, Departe frõ me: n wherefore ſhulde I ſmite thee to the groũde? how thẽ ſhulde I be able to holde vp my face to Ioáb thy brother?

n Why doeth ỹ prouoke me to kil thee?

23 And when he wolde not departe, Abnér with the hindre end of the ſpeare ſmote him vnder the o fift *rib*, that the ſpeare came out behinde him: and he fel downe there, and dyed in his place. And as manie as came to the place where Aſahél fel downe and dyed, ſtode ſtil.

o Some read, in thoſe partes, where as the liuely partes lye: as the heart, the lunge, ỹ liuer, the milt, and the gall.

24 Ioáb alſo and Abiſhái purſued after Abnér: and the ſunne went downe, when they were come to ỹ hil Ammáh, that lieth before Gíah, by the way of the wildernes of Gibeón.

25 And the children of Beniamín gathered them ſelues together after Abnér, & were on an heape and ſtode on the top of an hil.

26 Then Abnér called to Ioáb, and ſaid, Shal the p ſworde deuoure for euer? knoweſt thou not, that it wil be bitternes in the latter end? how long thẽ ſhal it be, or thou bid the people returne frõ following their brethren?

p Shal we not make an end of murther right?

27 And Ioáb ſaid, As God liueth, if thou haddeſt not q ſpoken, ſurely euen in the morning the people had departed euerie one backe from his brother.

q If ỹ hadeſt not prouoked thẽ to battel, as verſ 14.

28 ¶ So Ioáb blewe a trumpet, and all the people ſtode ſtil, and purſued after Iſraél nomore, nether foght they anie more.

29 And Abnér and his men walked all that night through the r plaine, & wẽt ouer Iordén, & paſt through all Bithrón til they came s to Mahanáim.

r Or, wildernes.

s Or, to the tẽte.

30 Ioáb alſo returned backe from Abnér: & whẽ he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of Dauids ſeruants nine tene men and Aſahél.

31 But the ſeruãts of Dauid had ſmitten of Beniamín, and of Abners men, *ſo that* thre t hundreth and threſcore men dyed.

t Thus God wolde confirme Dauid in his kingdome by the deſtruction of his aduerſaries.

32 And they toke vp Aſahél, and buryed hĩ in the ſepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-léhem: and Ioáb and his men wẽt all night, and *when they came* to Hebrón, the daie aroſe.

CHAP. III.

1 Long warre betwene the houſes of Saúl and Dauid. 2 The children of Dauid in Hebrón. 12 Abnér turneth to Dauid. 27 Ioáb killeth him.

1 THere was then a long warre betwene the houſe of Saúl and the houſe of Dauid:

a That is, without termiſsiõ, induring two yeres, which was the whole reigne of Iſh-bóſheth.

Dauid: but Dauid waxed ſtronger, & the houſe of Saúl waxed weaker.

2 ¶And vnto Dauid were children borne in Hebrón: and his eldeſt ſonne was Amnón of Ahinóam the Izreelite,

b Who is called alſo Daniel, 1. Chro 3, 1. 3 And his ſecõde, *was* b Chilcáb of Abigáil the wife of Nabál the Carmelite: and the third, Abſalóm the ſonne of Maacáh the daughter of Talmái the King of Geſhúr,

4 And the fourth, Adoniiáh the ſonne of Aggíth, and the fifth, Shephaciáh the ſonne of Abitál,

c Within ſeuẽ yeres and ſix moneths. 5 And the ſixt, Ithreám by Egláh Dauids wife: theſe were borne to Dauid in c Hebrón.

6 ¶Now while there was warre betwene the houſe of Saúl and the houſe of Dauid, Abnér made all his power for ỹ houſe of Saúl.

7 And Saúl had a concubine named Rizpáh, the daughter of Aiiáh. And *Iſh-bóſheth* ſaid to Abner, Wherefore haſt thou gone in to my fathers concubine?

d Doeſt thou eſteme me no more then a dog, for all my ſeruice done to thy fathers houſe? 8 Thẽ was Abnér very wrothe for the wordes of Iſh-bóſheth, & ſaid, Am I a d dogs head, which againſt Iudáh do ſhewe mercy this day vnto the houſe of Saúl thy father, to his brethren, & to his neighbours, and haue not deliuered thee into the hand of Dauid, that thou chargeſt me this day with a faute concerning this woman?

e We ſe how the wicked cã not abide to be admoniſhed of their faultes, but ſeke their diſpleaſure, ỹ go about to bring them frõ their wickednes. 9 e So do God to Abnér, and more alſo, except, as the Lord hathe ſworne to Dauid, euen ſo I do to him,

10 To remoue the kingdome frõ the houſe of Saúl, that the throne of Dauid may be ſtabliſhed ouer Iſraél, and ouer Iudáh, euen from Dan to Beer ſhéba.

11 And he durſt nomore anſwer to Abnér: for he feared him.

*Or, ſecretly. 12 ¶Then Abnér ſent meſſengers to Dauid * on his behalfe, ſaying, Whoſe is the land? Who ſhulde *alſo* ſay, Make couenant with me, & beholde, mine hand *ſhalbe* with thee, to bring all Iſraél vnto thee.

13 Who ſaid, Wel, I wil make a couenant with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, that ỹ ſe not my face except thou bring Michál Sauls daughter when thou commeſt to ſe me.

14 ¶Then Dauid ſent meſſengers to Iſh-bóſheth Sauls ſonne, ſaying, Deliuer me my wife Michál, which I maried for * an hundreth foreſkinnes of the Philiſtims.

*1. Sam. 18, 27.

15 And Iſh-bóſheth ſent, and toke her from her houſbãd * Phaltiél the ſonne of Láiſh.

*2. Sam. 25, 44.

16 And her houſband went with her, and came weping behinde her, vnto Bahurím: then ſaid Abnér vnto him, Go, & returne. So he returned.

f Rather for malice that he bare towarde Iſh-bóſheth, then for loue he bare to Dauid. 17 ¶And Abnér had f communicatiõ with the Elders of Iſraél, ſaying, Ye ſoght for Dauid in times paſt, that he might be your King.

18 Now then do it: for the Lord hathe ſpoken of Dauid, ſaying, By the hand of my ſeruant Dauid I wil ſaue my people Iſraél out of the hands of the Philiſtims, and out of the hands of all their enemies.

*Ebr. in the eares of Beniamin 19 Alſo Abnér ſpake *to Beniamín, and afterwarde Abnér went to ſpeake with Dauid in Hebrón, *concerning* all that Iſraél was content with, and the whole g houſe of Beniamín.

g Who chalẽged the kingdome, becauſe of their father Saúl. 20 So Abnér came to Dauid to Hebrón, hauing twenty men with him, and Dauid made a feaſt vnto Abnér, and to the men that were with him.

21 Then Abnér ſaid vnto Dauid, I wil riſe vp, and go gather all Iſraél vnto my lord ỹ King, that they may make a couenãt with thee, & that thou maieſt reigne ouer all that thine heart deſireth. Then Dauid let Abnér departe, who went *in peace.

*Or, without harme

h From warre againſt the Philiſtims. 22 ¶And beholde, the ſeruants of Dauid and Ioáb came h from the cãpe, & broght a great pray with them (but Abnér was not with Dauid in Hebrón for he had ſẽt him away, and he departed in peace)

23 When Ioáb, and all the hoſte that was with him were come, men tolde Ioáb, ſaying, Abnér the ſonne of Ner came to the King, and he hathe ſent him away, and he is gone in peace.

i Here appeareth the malicious mide of Ioáb, who wolde haue had the King to ſlay Abnér for his priuate grudge. 24 Then Ioáb came to the King, and ſaid, i What haſt thou done? beholde, Abnér came vnto thee, why haſt thou ſent him away, and he is departed?

25 Thou knoweſt Abnér the ſõne of Ner: for he came to diſceiue thee, & to knowe thy outgoing and ingoing, and to knowe all that thou doeſt.

26 ¶And when Ioáb was gone out frõ Dauid, he ſent meſſẽgers after Abnér, which broght him againe frõ the well of Siriáh vnknowing to Dauid.

*1 King. 2, 5. 27 And when Abnér was come againe to Hebrón, * Ioáb toke him aſide in the gate to ſpeake with him * peaceably, and ſmote him vnder the fifth ry', that he dyed, for the blood of * Aſahél his brother.

*Or, ſecretly *Chap 2, 23.

28 ¶And when afterwarde it came to Dauids eare, he ſaid, I and my kingdome are k giltles before the Lord for euer, cõcerning the blood of Abnér the ſonne of Ner.

k The Lord knoweth that I did not conſent to his death 29 Let the blood fall on the head of Ioáb, and on all his fathers houſe, that the houſe of Ioáb be neuer without ſome ỹ haue running yſſues, or lepre, or that leaneth on a ſtaffe, or that doeth fall on the ſworde, or that lacketh bread.

l Abiſhái is ſaid to ſlay hi ỹ Ioáb, becauſe he cõſented to ỹ murther. 30 (So Ioáb and l Abiſhái his brother ſlewe Abnér, becauſe he had ſlayne their brother Aſahél at Gibeón in battel)

31 And Dauid said to Ioáb, and to all the people that were with him, Rét your clothes, and put on sackecloth, and mourne
m Meaning, before ỹ corps. m before Abnér: and King Dauid him self followed the beare.
32 And when thei had buryed Abnér in Hebrón, the King lift vp his voyce, & wept beside the sepulchre of Abnér, and all the people wept.
33 And the King lamented ouer Abnér, and
a Ish declareth that Abnér dyed not as a wretch or vile persone, but as a valiant man might do, beig traiterously deceiued by ỹ wicked said, Dyed Abnér as n a foole dyeth?
34 Thine hands were not bounde, nor thy feete tyed in fetters of brasse: but as a mā falleth before wicked men, so dideſt thou fall. And all the people wept againe for him.
o According to their custome, which was to banket at buryals
35 Afterwarde all the people came to cause Dauid eat o meat while it was yet day, but Dauid sware, saying, So do God to me & more also, if I taste bread, or ought els til the sunne be downe.
p It is expedient sometime not onely to conceiue inwarde sorrow, but also that it may appeare to others to the intent that they may be satisfied.
36 And all the people knewe it, & it p pleased them: as whatsoeuer the King did, pleased all the people.
37 For all the people and all Israél vnderstode that day, how that it was not the Kings dede that Abnér the sonne of Ner was slayne.
38 And the King said vnto his seruants, Knowe ye not, that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israél?
39 And I am this day weake and *newely* anointed King: and these men the sonnes of Zeruiáh be to o hard for me: ỹ Lord reward the doer of euil according to his wickednes.
o Or, *cruel.*

CHAP. IIII.

1 Baanáh and Rechób slaye Ish-bósheth the sonne of Saúl. 12 Dauid commandeth them to be slayne.

a That is, Ishbósheth
1 AND whē Sauls a sonne heard ỹ Abnér was dead in Hebrón, then his hands
b Meaning, ỹ he was discouraged. were b feble, and all Israél was afrayed,
2 And Sauls sonne had two men that were captaines of bands: the one called Baanáh, and the other called Rechób, the sonnes of Rimmón a Beerothite of the children of Beniamín. (for c Beeróth was
c The citie Beeróth was in the tribe of Beniamin, Iosh 18.25 reckened to Beniamín,
3 Becausse the Beerothites fled to d Gittáim, and soiourned there, vnto this day)
d After the death of Saúl, for feare of ỹ Philistims. 4 And Ionathán Sauls sonne had a sonne that was lame on his feete: he was fiue yere olde when the tidings came of Saúl and Ionathán out of Israél: then his nourse toke him, and fled away. And as she made haste to flee, the childe fell, and began to halt, and his name was Mephibósheth.
5 And the sonnes of Rimmón the Beerothite, Rechób and Baanáh went and came in the heate of the day to the house of Ish-bósheth (who slept on a bed at noone)
6 And beholde, Rechób and Baanáh his brother came into the middes of the house, *as* they e wolde haue wheat, and they f smote him vnder the fift *rib*, and fled.
e They disguised thē selues as marchants, which came to bye wheat.
f There is nothing so vile & dangerous, ỹ wicked will not enterprise in hope of lucre & fauour.
7 For when they came into the house, he slept on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slewe him, and beheaded him, and toke his head, and gate them away through the g plaine all the night.
g Or, *wildernes.*
8 And thei broght the head of Ish bósheth vnto Dauid to Hebrón, and said to the King, Beholde the head of Ish bósheth Siuls sonne thine enemie, who soght after thy life: and the Lord hathe auenged my lord the King this day of Saúl and of his seed.
9 Then Dauid answered Rechób and Baanáh his brother, the sonnes of Rimmón the Beerothite, and said vnto them, As the Lord liueth, who hathe deliuered my soule out of all aduersitie,
10 When one * tolde me, and said that Saúl was dead, (thinking to haue broght good tidings) I toke him and slewe him in Ziklág, who thoght that I wolde haue giuen him a reward for his tidings: *Chap.1.15.*
11 How h muche more, when wicked men haue slayne a righteous persone in his owne house, & vpon his bed shal I not now therefore require his blood at your hand, and take you from the earth?
h Forasmuche as nether the exāple of him that slew Saúl, nor dueti to their master, nor ỹ innocencie of the persone, nor reuerence of the place, nor time did moue thē, they deserued most grieuous punishment.
12 Then Dauid commanded his yong men, and they slewe them, and cut of their hands and their feete, & hanged them vp ouer the poole in Hebrón: but they toke the head of Ish-bósheth, and buryed it in the sepulchre of * Abnér in Hebrón. *Chap.3.32.*

CHAP. V.

5 Dauid is made King ouer all Israél. 7 He taketh the forte of Zion. 19 He asketh counsel of the Lord. 20 And ouercometh the Philistims twise.

1 THen * came all the tribes of Israél to Dauid vnto Hebrón, & said thus, Beholde, we are thy a bones and thy flesh. *1.Chro.11.1.*
a We are of thy kinred, & most nere ioyned vnto thee.
2 And in time past when Saúl was our King, thou leddest Israél in and out: and the Lord hathe said to thee, * Thou shalt feede my people Israél, and thou shalt be a captaine ouer Israél. *Psal 78.71.*
3 So all the Elders of Israél came to the King to Hebrón: and King Dauid made a couenant with them in Hebrón b before the Lord: and they anointed Dauid King ouer Israél.
b That is, taking the Lord to witnes: the Arke was as yet in Abinadabs house.
4 ¶ Dauid *was* thirty yere olde when he began to reigne: *and* he reigned fourty yere.
5 In Hebrón he reigned ouer Iudáh * seuē yere, and six moneths: and in Ierusalém he reigned thirty and thre yeres ouer all Israél and Iudáh. *Chap 2.11.*
6 ¶ The King also and his men went to Ierusalém vnto the Iebusites, ỹ inhabitāts

of

of the land: who ſpake vnto Dauid, ſaying, Except thou take away the [c] blinde and the lame, thou ſhalt not come in hither: thinking ỹ Dauid colde not come thither.

c The childrē of God called idoles blinde and lame guides: therefore the Iebuſites ment, that thei ſhulde proue that their gods were neither blinde nor lame

7 But Dauid toke the forte of Zión: this is the citie of Dauid.

8 Now Dauid had ſaid ỹ ſame day, Whoſoeuer ſmiteth the Iebuſites, & getteth vp to the gutters & *ſmiteth* the lame & blinde, which Dauids ſoule hateth, *I wil preferre him*: * therefore they ſaid, The blinde and the lame ſhal not [d] come into that houſe.

2 Chro.11,6.

d The idoles ſhulde entre no more into that place

9 So Dauid dwelt in that forte, and called it the citie of Dauid, and Dauid buylt roũd about it, from [e] Milló, and inwarde.

e He buylt from the towne houſe rounde about to his owne houſe. 2.Chro 11,8

10 And Dauid proſpered and grewe: for the Lord God of hoſtes *was* with him.

11 ¶Hirám alſo King of [f] Tyrus ſent meſſẽgers to Dauid, and cedar trees, and carpẽters, and maſons for walles: and thei buylt Dauid an houſe.

*Ebr Zor

12 Then Dauid knewe, that the Lord had ſtabliſhed him King ouer Iſraél, and that he had exalted his kingdome for his people Iſraels ſake.

2 Chro.3,9.

13 And Dauid toke him mo * concubines & wiues out of Ieruſalém, after he was come from Hebrón; and mo ſonnes and daughters were borne to Dauid.

2.Chro 3,5.

14 *And theſe be the names of the ſonnes that were borne vnto him in Ieruſalém: Sammúa, and Shobáb, and Nathán, and Solomón,

15 And Ibhár, and Eliſhúa, and Népheg, and Iaphía,

16 And Eliſhamá, & Eliadá, and Eliphálet.

2.Chro 14,4. & 11,16.

17 ¶*But when the Philiſtíms heard that they had anointed Dauid King ouer Iſraél, all the Philiſtíms came vp to ſeke Dauid: and when Dauid heard, he wẽt downe to a forte.

18 But the Philiſtíms came, and ſpred them ſelues in the valley of Rephaím.

f By Abiathár the Priest.

19 Then Dauid [f] aſked coũſel of the Lord, ſaying, Shal I go vp to the Philiſtíms? wilt thou deliuer them into mine hands? And the Lord anſwered Dauid, Go vp: for I wil doutles deliuer the Philiſtíms into thine hands.

Iſa.28,21.

20 ¶*Then Dauid came to Baal perazím, and ſmote them there, & ſaid, The Lord hathe deuided mine enemies aſondre before me, as waters be deuided aſondre: therefore he called the name of that place, "Baal-perazím."

"Or, the plaine of diuiſion

21 And there they left their images, & Dauid and his men * burnt them.

2 Chro.14,12.

22 Againe the Philiſtíms came vp, & ſpred them ſelues in the valley of [g] Rephaím.

g Meaning, the valley of gyants, which Dauid called Baal perazim because of his victorie

23 And when Dauid aſked counſel of the Lord, He anſwered, Thou ſhalt not go vp, *but* turne about behinde thẽ, & come vpon them ouer againſt the mulbery trees.

24 And whẽ thou heareſt the noyſe of one going in the toppes of the mulbery trees, then remoue: for then ſhal the Lord go out before thee, to ſmite the hoſte of the Philiſtims.

25 Then Dauid did ſo as the Lord had cõmanded him, and ſmote the Philiſtims frõ Géba, vntil thou come to [h] Gázer.

h Which was in the tribe of Beniamin, but the Philiſtims did poſſeſſe it.

CHAP. VI.

3 The Arke is broght forthe of the houſe of Abinadáb 7 Vzzah is ſtriken, & dyeth. 14 Dauid dãceth before it. 16 And is therefore deſpiſed of his wife Michál.

1 AGaine Dauid gathered together all the "choſen men of Iſraél, *euen* thirtie thouſand,

"Or, chief.

2 *And Dauid aroſe & went ẅ all the people that were with him [a] frõ Baalé of Iudáh to bring vp from thence the Arke of God, whoſe name is called by the Name of the Lord of hoſtes, that dwelleth vpon it betwene the Cherubims.

1 Chro.13,5.

a This was a citie in Iudáh called alſo Kiriath iearim, Iosh 15,9.

3 And they put the Arke of God vpon a newe carte, and broght it out of the houſe of Abinadáb that was in [b] Gibeáh. And Vzzáh and Ahió the ſonnes of Abinadáb did driue the newe carte.

b Which was an hie place of the citie of Baalé.

4 And when they broght the Arke of God out of the houſe of *Abinadáb, that was at Gibeáh, Ahió went before the Arke,

*1.Sam 7,1.

5 And Dauid and all the houſe of Iſraél [c] played before the Lord on all *inſtruments* made of firre, and on harpes, and on pſalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

c Praiſed God, and ſang pſalmes

6 ¶*And whẽ they came to Nachons threſhíng floore, Vzzáh put his hãd to the Arke of God, & helde it: for ỹ oxẽ did ſhake it.

1 Chro.13,10.

7 And the Lord was very wrothe ẅ Vzzáh, & God [d] ſmote him in ỹ ſame place for his faute, & there he dyed by ỹ Arke of God.

d Here we ſe what danger it is to followe good intentiõs, or to do anie thing in Gods ſeruice without his expreſſe worde.

8 And Dauid was diſpleaſed, becauſe the Lord had " ſmitten Vzzáh: and he called the name of the place "Pérez Vzzáh vntil this day.

"Ebr made a breache

"Or, the diuiſion of Vzzáh.

9 Therefore Dauid that day feared the Lord, and ſaid, How ſhal the Arke of the Lord come to me?

10 So Dauid wolde not bring the Arke of the Lord vnto him into the citie of Dauid, but Dauid caryed it into the houſe of Obed-edóm [e] a Gittite.

e Who was a Leuite, & had dwelt in Gittaim, 1 Chro. 15,21

11 And the Arke of the Lord continued in the houſe of Obed-edóm the Gittite, three moneths, and the Lord bleſſed Obed-edóm, and all his houſholde.

12 ¶And one tolde King Dauid, ſaying, *The Lord hathe bleſſed the houſe of Obed-edóm, and all that he hathe, becauſe of the Arke of God: therefore Dauid went and [f] broght the Arke of God from the houſe of Obed-edóm, into the citie of Dauid with gladnes.

1 Chro 15,25.

f Meaning, he cauſed ỹ Leuites to beare it, according to the Lawe.

13 And when they that bare the Arke of the

Lord had gone ſix ſpaces, he offred an oxe, and a fat beaſt.

14 And Dauid dãced before the Lord with all his might, and was girded with a linen g Ephód.

g With a garment like to ỹ Prieſts garmẽt.

15 So Dauid and all the houſe of Iſraél, broght the Arke of the Lord with ſhowting, and ſounde of trumpet.

16 And as the Arke of the Lord came into the citie of Dauid, Michál Sauls daughter loked through a windowe, and ſawe King Dauid leape, and dance before the Lord, and ſhe h deſpiſed him in her heart.

h The worldlings are not able to cõprehend the motions that moue the childrẽ of God

17 And when they had broght in the Arke of the Lord, they ſet it in his place, in the middes of the tabernacle that Dauid had pitched for it: thẽ Dauid offred burnt offrings, & peace offrings before the Lord.

18 And aſſone as Dauid had made an end of offring burnt offrings & peace offrings, he * bleſſed the people in the Name of the Lord of hoſtes,

1. Chro. 16, 2.

19 And gaue among all the people, *euen* among the whole multitude of Iſraél, aſwel to the women as men, to euerie one a cake of bread, and a piece of fleſh, and a bottel *of wine*: ſo all the people departed euerie one to his houſe.

i That is, to pray for his houſe, as he had done for the people.

20 ¶ Then Dauid returned to i bleſſe his houſe, and Michál the daughter of Saúl came out to mete Dauid, and ſaid, O how glorious was the King of Iſraél this day, which was vncouered to day in the eyes of the maidens of his ſeruants, as a foole vncouereth him ſelfe.

k It was for no worldely affection, but onely for that zeale that I bare to Gods glorie.

21 Then Dauid ſaid vnto Michál, k *It was* before the Lord, which choſe me rather then thy father, and all his houſe, and cõmanded me to be ruler ouer all the people of the Lord, *euen* ouer Iſraél: and therefore wil I play before the Lord,

22 And wil yet be more vile then thus, and wil be lowe in mine owne ſight, and of the very ſame maidſeruants, which thou haſt ſpoken of, ſhal I be had in honour.

I Which was a puniſhment, becauſe ſhe mocked ỹ ſeruant of God.

23 Therefore Michál the daughter of Saúl had l no childe, vnto the day of her death.

CHAP. VII.

2 Dauid wolde buylde God an houſe, but is forbidden by the Prophet Nathan. 8 God putteth Dauid in minde of his benefites. 12 He promiſeth continuance of his kingdome and poſteritie.

1. Chro. 17, 2.

1 AFterwarde * whẽ the King ſate in his houſe and the Lord had giuen him reſt round about from all his enemies,

2 The King ſaid vnto Nathán the Prophet, Beholde, now I dwel in an houſe of cedar trees, and the Arke of God remaineth within the m curtaines.

m Within the Tabernacle couered w̃ ſkinnes. Exo 26, 7.

3 Then Nathán ſaid vnto the King, Go, and do all that is in thine heart: for the Lord *is* with thee.

4 ¶ And the ſame night the worde of the Lord came vnto Nathán, ſaying,

5 Go, and tel my ſeruãt Dauid, Thus ſaieth the Lord, n Shalt thou buyld me an houſe for my dwelling?

n Meaning, he ſhulde not: yet Nathán ſpeaking accordíg to mãs iudgement and not by the Spirit of prophecie, permitted him.

6 For I haue dwelt in no houſe ſince the time that I broght the children of Iſraél out of Egypt vnto this day, but haue walked in a tent and tabernacle.

7 In all the *places* wherein I haue walked with all the children of Iſraél, ſpake I one worde with anie of the tribes of o Iſraél when I commanded *the iudges* to fede my people Iſraél: ôr ſaid I, Why buyld ye not me an houſe of cedar trees?

o As concerning the buylding of an houſe: meanig that without Gods expreſſe worde nothing ought to be attempted

8 Now therefore ſo ſay vnto my ſeruant Dauid, Thus ſayeth the Lord of hoſtes, * I toke thee from the ſhepecote following the ſhepe, that thou mighteſt be ruler ouer my people, ouer Iſraél.

1 Sam 16, 12. pſal. 78, 70.

9 And I was with thee whereſoeuer thou haſt walked, and haue deſtroyed all thine enemies out of thy ſight, and haue made thee a p great name, lyke vnto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

p I haue made thee famous through all ỹ worlde

10 (Alſo I wil appoint a place for my people Iſraél, and wil plant it, that they may dwel in a place of their owne, and moue q nomore, nether ſhal wicked people trouble them anie more as before time,

q He promiſeth thẽ quietnes, if they wil walke in his feare and obedience.

11 And ſince the time that I ſet iudges ouer my people of Iſraél) and I wil giue thee reſt from all thine enemies: alſo the Lord telleth thee, ỹ he wil make thee an houſe.

12 * And when thy dayes be fulfilled, thou ſhalt ſlepe with thy fathers, & I wil ſet vp thy ſeede after thee, which ſhal procede out of thy body, and wil ſtabliſh his kingdome.

1. King. 8, 20.

13 * He ſhal buyld an houſe for my Name, and I wil ſtabliſh the throne of his kingdome for euer.

1 King 5, 5. & 6, 12 1 chro 22, 10.

14 * I wilbe his father, & he ſhalbe my ſonne: & * if he ſinne, I wil chaſten him with the r rod of men, and with the plagues of the children of men.

Ebr 1, 5. Pſal 89, 31.

r That is, gentely, as fathers vſe to chaſtice their childrẽ.

15 But my mercy ſhal not departe away frõ him, as I toke it from Saúl whome I haue put away before thee.

16 And thine houſe ſhalbe ſtabliſhed and thy kingdome for euer before thee, *euen* thy throne ſhalbe s ſtabliſhed for euer.

s This was begon in Salomón as a figure, but accõpliſhed in Chriſt.

17 According to all theſe wordes, and according to all this viſion, Nathán ſpake thus vnto Dauid.

18 Then King Dauid went in, and ſate before the Lord, & ſaid, Who am I, ô Lord God, and what is mine houſe, that thou haſt broght me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a ſmall thing in thy ſight, ô Lord God, therefore thou haſt ſpokẽ alſo of thy ſeruãts houſe for a great while: but t doeth this appertein to h mã, ô Lord God?

t *Ebr is this the lawe of man?* h Cometh not this rather of thy free mercie, then of anie worthines that can be in man?

20 And

20 And what can Dauid ſay more vnto thee? for thou, Lord God, knoweſt thy ſeruant.
21 For thy wordes ſake, and according to thine owne heart haſt thou done all theſe great things, to make them knowen vnto thy ſeruant.
22 Wherefore thou art great, ô Lord God: for there is none like thee, nether is there anie god beſides thee, according to all that we haue heard with our eares.
23 *And what one people in ỹ earth is like thy people, like Iſraél? whoſe God went & redemed thé to him ſelfe, that they might be his people, and that he might make him a name, & do for [i] you great things, and terrible for thy [k] lánd, ô Lord, *euen* for thy people, whome thou redemeſt to thee out of Egypt, *from* the [l] nacions, and their gods?
24 For thou haſt [m] ordeined thy people Iſraél to be thy people for euer: and thou Lord art become their God.
25 Now therefore, ô Lord God, confirme for euer the worde that thou haſt ſpoken concerning thy ſeruant and his houſe, and do as thou haſt ſaid.
26 And let thy Name be magnified for euer by them that ſhal ſay, The Lord of hoſtes *is* the God ouer Iſraél: and let the [n] houſe of thy ſeruant Dauid be ſtabliſhed before thee.
27 For thou, ô Lord of hoſtes, God of Iſraél, haſt [o] reueiled vnto thy ſeruant, ſaying, I wil buyld thee an houſe: therefore hathe thy ſeruant [p] bene bolde to pray this prayer vnto thee.
28 Therefore now, ô Lord God, (*for* thou art God, and thy wordes be true, and thou haſt tolde this goodnes vnto thy ſeruát)
29 Therefore now let it pleaſe thee to bleſſe the houſe of thy ſeruant, that it may cõtinue for euer before thee: for thou, ô Lord God, haſt [q] ſpoken it: and let the houſe of thy ſeruant be bleſſed for euer, with thy bleſſing.

Deu. 4, 7.

i O Iſraél
k And inheritance, which is Iſraél.
l From the Egyptians and their idoles
m He sheweth that Gods free election is the onely cauſe, why the Iſraelites were choſen to be his people
n This prayer is moſte effectual, whé we chiefly ſeke Gods glorie, and the accõpliſhment of his promes
o Ebr founde his heart diſpoſed
p Therefore I firmely beleue it ſhal come to paſſe.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Dauid ouercommeth the Philiſtims, and other ſtrange nacions, and maketh them tributaries to Iſraél.

1 AFter *this now, Dauid ſmote the Philiſtims, and ſubdued them, & Dauid toke [r] the bridle of bondage out of [a] the hand of the Philiſtims.
2 And he ſmote Moáb, and meaſured them with a corde, and caſt them downe to the ground: he meaſured them with [b] two cordes to put them to death, & with one ful corde to kepe them aliue: ſo became the Moabites Dauids ſeruants, and broght gifts.
3 ¶ Dauid ſmote alſo Hadadézer the ſonne of Rehób King of Zobáh as he went to [s] recouer his border at ỹ riuer [t] Euphrátes.
4 And Dauid toke a thouſand and ſeuen hundreth horſemen, and twétie thouſand fotemen, and [u] deſtroyed all the charets, but he reſerued an hundreth charets of them
5 ¶ Then came [v] the Aramites of [w] Dam méſek to ſuccour Hadadézer King of Zobáh, but Dauid ſlewe of the Aramites two and twentie thouſand men.
6 And he put a gariſon in [c] Arám of Dámeſek: and the Aramites became ſeruants to Dauid, [d] and broght giftes. And the Lord ſaued Dauid whereſoeuer he went.
7 And Dauid toke the ſhields of golde that belonged to the ſeruants of Hadadézer, and broght them to [e] Ieruſalém.
8 And out of Bétah, and Berothái (cities of Hadadézer) Dauid broght exceding muche braſſe.
9 ¶ Then Tói King of Hamáth heard how Dauid had ſmitten all the hoſte of Hadadézer,
10 Therefore Tói ſent Iorám his ſonne vnto King Dauid, [x] to ſalute him, and to [y] reioyce with him becauſe he had foght againſt Hadadézer, and beaten him (for Hadadézer had waire with Tói) who [z] broght with him veſſels of ſiluer, and veſſels of golde & veſſels of braſſe.
11 And King Dauid did dedicate them vnto the Lord with the ſiluer and golde that he had dedicate of all the nacions, which he had ſubdued:
12 Of [a] Arám, & of Moáb, and of the children of Ammón, & of the Philiſtims, and of Amalék, and of the ſpoyle of Hadadézer the ſonne of Rehób King of Zobáh.
13 So Dauid gate a name after that he returned, and had ſlaine of the Aramites in the [b] valley of ſalt eightene thouſand men.
14 And he put a gariſon in Edóm: throughout all Edóm put he ſoldiers, and all they of Edóm became Dauids ſeruants: and ỹ Lord kept Dauid [c] whetherſoeuer he wét.
15 Thus Dauid reigned ouer all Iſraél, and executed [g] iudgement and iuſtice vnto all his people.
16 And Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh *was* ouer the hoſte, and Ioſhaphát the ſonne of Ahiláh was [d] recorder.
17 And Zadók the ſonne of Ahitúb, and Ahimélech the ſonne of Abiathár *were* ỹ Prieſts, and Seraiáh the ſcribe.
18 And Benaiahú the ſonne of Iehoiadá [e] & the [h] Cherethites & the Pelethites, & Dauids ſonnes were chief rulers.

1 Chro. 18, 1. pſal 60, 2.
r Or, methegammáh
a So that they paied no more tribute
b He ſlewe two partes, as it pleaſed him and reſerued the third
s Or, enlarge
t Ebr Perath
u Or, hogbt the horſes of the charets
v Or, the Syriáns. Or, of Damaſcus that is, which dwelt nere Damáſcus.
w In that part of Syria, where Damaſcus was.
d They payed yerely tribute.
e For the vſe of the tẽple.
x Ebr. to aſke peace
y Ebr bleſſe him
z For ſeing Dauid victorious, he was glad to intreat of peace
z Ebr. in his hãd
a Or Syria, or Caſſyria.
b Or, in Ge-mélah
c Or, in all his enterpriſes
g He gaue iudgement in controuerſies, and was merciful towarde the people
d Or, writer of Chronicles.
e Or, was ouer the Cherithites
h The Cherethites & Pelethites ware as the Kigs garde, and had charge of his perſone

CHAP. IX.

9 Dauid reſtoreth all the landes of Saúl to Miphibóſheth the ſonne of Ionathán. 10 He appointeth Ziba to ſe to the profit of his landes.

1 AND Dauid ſaid, Is there yet any man left of the houſe of Saúl, that I may ſhewe him mercy for [a] Ionathans ſák?
2 And there was of the houſholde of Saúl

a Becauſe of mine othe and promes made to Ionathan. 1 Sam. 20, 15

a seruant whose name was Zibá, & when they had called him vnto Dauid, ỹ King said vnto him, Art thou Zibá? And he said, I thy seruant *am he*.

3 Then the King said, Remaineth there yet none of the house of Saúl, on whome I may shewe the [b] mercy of God? Zibá then answered the King, Ionathán hathe yet a sonne * lame of his feete.

[b] Suche mercie, as shal be acceptable to God

Cpab 4.4.

4 Then the King said vnto him, Where is he? And Zibá said vnto ỹ King, Beholde, he is in the house of Machír the sonne of Ammiél of Lo-debár.

5 ¶ Then King Dauid sent, and toke him out of the house of Machír the sonne of [c] Ammiél of Lo-debár.

[c] Who was also called Eliám, ỹ father of Bath sheba Dauids wife

6 Now when Mephibósheth the sonne of Ionathán, the sonne of Saúl was come vnto Dauid, he fell on his face, and did reuerence. And Dauid said, Mephibósheth? And he answered, Beholde thy seruant.

7 Then Dauid said vnto him, Feare not: for I wil surely shewe thee kindenes for Ionathán thy fathers sake, and wil restore thee all the [d] fields of Saúl thy father, and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

[d] Or, lands.

8 And he bowed him selfe, and said, What is thy seruãt, that thou shuldest loke vpon suche [d] a dead dog as I am?

[d] Meaning, a despised persone.

9 Then the King called Zibá Sauls seruãt, and said vnto him, I haue giuen vnto thy masters [e] sonne all that perteined to Saúl and to all his house.

[e] Or, nephewe.

10 Thou ther fore and [e] thy sonnes, and thy seruants shal till the land for him, and bring in that thy masters sonne may haue foode to eat. And Mephibósheth thy masters sonne shal eat bread alway at my table (now Zibá had fiftene sonnes, and twentie seruants)

[e] Be ye prouident ouerseers and gouerners of his lãds, that they may be profitable.

11 Then said Zibá vnto the King, According to all ỹ my lord the King hathe commanded his seruant, so shal thy seruãt do, [f] that Mephibósheth may eat at my table, as one of the Kings sonnes.

[f] That Mephibósheth may haue all things at commandement as becõme the Kings sonne.

12 Mephibósheth also had a yõg sonne named Michá, & all that dwelled in ỹ house of Zibá, *were* seruants vnto Mephibósheth.

13 And Mephibósheth dwelt in Ierusalém: for he did eat cõtinually at the Kings table, and was lame on bothe his feete.

CHAP. X.

4 The messengers of Dauid are vilainously entreated of the King of Ammón. 7 Ioáb is sent against the Ammonites.

2.Chro.19.2. 1 After this, the * King of the children of Ammón dyed, & Hanún his sonne reigned in his stede.

2 Then said Dauid, I wil shewe kindenes vnto Hanún the sonne of Nahásh, as his father [a] shewed kindnes vnto me. And Dauid sent his seruãts to cõsole him for his father. So Dauids seruants came into the land of the children of Ammón.

[a] The children of God are not vnmindeful of a benefit receiued

3 And the princes of the children of Ammón said vnto Hanún their lord, "Thinkest thou ỹ Dauid doeth honour thy father, that he hathe sent comforters to thee? hathe not Dauid *rather* sent his seruants vnto thee, [b] to searche the citie, and to spie it out, and to ouerthrowe it?

"*Or, In their eyes doth Dauid*

[b] Their arrogant malice wolde not suffer them to se the simplicitie of Dauids heart: therefore their counsel turned to the destruction of their countrey.

4 Wherefore Hanún toke Dauids seruants, and shaued of the halfe of their beard, & cut of their garments in the middle, euen to their buttockes, and sent them away.

5 ¶ When it was tolde vnto Dauid, he sent to mete them (for the men were excedingly ashamed) and the King said, Tarie at Ierichó, vntil your beardes be growen, then returne.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammón sawe that they [c] stanke in the sight of Dauid, the children of Ammón sent and hired the [d] Aramites of the house of Rehób, and the Aramites of Zobá, twentie thousand footemen, and of King Maacáh a thousand men, & of Ish-tób twelue thousand men.

[c] That they had deserued Dauids displeasure, for ỹ iniurie done to his ambassadours

[d] Or, Syrians.

7 And when Dauid heard of it, he sent Ioáb, and all the hoste of the strong men.

8 And the children of Ammón came out, & put their armie in array at the entring in of the gate: & the Aramites of [d] Zobá, and of Rehób, and of Ish-tób, and of Maacáh *were* by them selues in the field.

[d] These were diuers parts of the countrey of Syria, whereby appeareth that the Syrias serued, where they might haue interteinement, as now the Swetzers do.

9 When Ioáb sawe that the fronte of the battel was against him before and behinde, he chose of all the choise of Israél, and put them in array against the Aramites.

10 And the rest of the people he deliuered into the hand of Abishái his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammón.

11 And he said, If the Aramites be strõger then I, thou shalt helpe me, & if the children of Ammón be to strong for thee, I wil come and succour thee.

12 Be strong and let vs be valiant for [e] our people, and for the cities of our God, and let the Lord do that which is good in his eyes.

[e] Here is declared wherefore warre ought to be vndertaken: for the defence of true religion and Gods people.

13 Then Ioáb, & the people that was with him, ioyned in battel with the Aramites, who fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammón sawe that the Aramites fled, they fled also before Abishái, and entred into the citie. so Ioáb returned from the children of Ammón, and came to Ierusalém.

15 ¶ And when the Aramites sawe that thei were smitten before Israél, they gathered them together.

16 And

16 And d Hadarézer ſent, and brought out the Aramites that were beyonde the e Riuer: & they came to Helám, and Shobách ỹ captaine of the hoſte of Hadarézer *went* before them.

17 When it was ſhewed Dauid, then he gathered f all Iſráél together, and paſſed ouer Iordén and came to Helám: and the Aramites ſet thẽ ſelues in array againſt Dauid, and foght with him:

18 And g the Aramites fled before Iſraél: & Dauid deſtroyed ſeuen hundreth charets of the Aramites, & fourtie thouſand horſemen, and ſmote Shobách the captaine of his hoſte, who dyed there.

19 And when all the Kings, *that were* ſeruãts to Hadarézer, ſawe that they fell before Iſrael, they made peace with Iſráél, and ſerued them. and the Aramites feared to helpe the children of Ammón anie more.

d Or Hadadézer
e Or, Euphrates
f Meaning, the greateſt parte
g Which were ỹ chiefeſt & moſte principall for in all the deſtroyed 7000, as 1 Chro 19.18. Or, the ſouldiers which were in 700 charets.

CHAP. XI.

The citie Rabbah is beſieged 4 Dauid committeth adulterie 17 Uriah is ſlaine 27 Dauid marieth Bath-ſhéba.

1 AND when the yere was a expired in ỹ time when Kings go forthe *to battel*, Dauid ſent b Ioáb, and his ſeruants with him, & all Iſráél, who deſtroyed the children of Ammón, and beſieged Rabbáh: but Dauid remained in Ieruſalém.

2 ¶ And when it was euening tide, Dauid aroſe out of his c bed, and walked vpon the roofe of the Kings palace: and frõ the roofe he ſawe a woman waſhing her ſelfe: and the womã was very beautiful to loke vpon.

3 And Dauid ſent and inquired what woman it was: and *one* ſaid, Is not this Bethſhéba ỹ daughter of Eliám, wife to Vriáh the Hittite?

4 Then Dauid ſent meſſengers, and toke her away: and ſhe came vnto him and he lay with her (now ſhe was d purified from her vncleannes) and ſhe returned vnto her houſe.

5 And ỹ womã cõceiued: therefore ſhe ſent & e tolde Dauid & ſaid, I am with childe.

6 ¶ Then Dauid ſent to Ioáb, *ſaying*, Send me Vriáh the Hittite. And Ioáb ſent Vriáh to Dauid.

7 And when Vriáh came vnto him, Dauid demanded of him how Ioáb did, & how the people fared, and how the warre proſpered.

8 Afterwarde Dauid ſaid to Vriáh, f Go downe to thine houſe, and waſh thy feete. So Vriáh departed out of the Kings palace, & the King ſent a preſent after him.

9 But Vriáh ſlept at the dore of the Kings palace with all the ſeruants of his lord, and went not downe to his houſe.

10 Then they tolde Dauid, ſaying, Vriáh went not downe to his houſe: and Dauid ſaid vnto Vriáh, Comeſt thou not from thy iourney? why dideſt thou not go downe to thine houſe?

11 Thẽ Vriáh anſwered Dauid, g The Arke of Iſráél, and Iudáh dwel in tents: and my lord Ioab and the ſeruants of my lord abide in the open fields. ſhal I then go in to mine houſe to eat and drinke, and lie with my wife? *by* thy life, & *by* the life of thy ſoule, I wil not do this thing.

12 Then Dauid ſaid vnto Vriáh, Tarie yet this daye, and tomorowe I wil ſend thee awaie. So Vriáh abode in Ieruſalém that day, and the morowe.

13 Then Dauid called him, & he did eat and drinke before him, & he made him h drõke: & at euen he went out to lie on his couche with the ſeruants of his lord, but went not downe to his houſe.

14 And on the morowe Dauid wrote a letter to Ioáb, and ſent it by the hand of Vriáh.

15 And he wrote i thus in the letter, k Put ye Vriáh in the foreſ õte of the ſtrength of the battel, & recule ye backe from him, that he may be ſmitten, and dye.

16 ¶ So whẽ Ioáb beſieged ỹ citie, he aſſigned Vriáh vnto a place, where he knewe that ſtrong men were.

17 And the men of the citie came out, and foght with Ioáb: & there fell of the people of the ſeruants of Dauid, & Vriáh the Hittite alſo dyed.

18 Then Ioáb ſent and tolde Dauid all the things concerning the warre,

19 ¶ And he charged the meſſenger, ſaying, When thou haſt made an end of telling the matters of the warre vnto the King,

20 l And if the Kings angre ariſe, ſo that he ſay vnto thee, Wherefore approched ye vnto ỹ citie to fight? knewe ye not that they wolde hurle from the wall?

21 Who ſmote Abimélech ſonne of m Ierubéſheth? did not a woman caſt a piece of a milſtone vpon him from the wall, and he dyed in Thebéz? why went you nye the wall? Then ſay thou, Thy ſeruant Vriáh the Hittite is alſo dead.

22 ¶ So the meſſenger went, and came and ſhewed Dauid all that Ioáb had ſent him for.

23 And the meſſenger ſaid vnto Dauid, Certeinly the men preuailed againſt vs, and came out vnto vs into the field, but we n purſued them vnto the entring of the gate.

24 But ỹ ſhooters ſhot frõ the wall againſt thy ſeruants, and *ſome* of the Kings ſeruants be dead: and thy ſeruant Vriáh the Hittite is alſo dead.

25 Then Dauid ſaid vnto the meſſenger, o Thus ſhalt thou ſay vnto Ioab, Let not this thing trouble thee: for the ſworde de-

a The yere following about the ſpring time 2 Chro 20.1.
b Whereupon he vſed to reſt after noone, as was red of Iſh-bóſheth, Chap 4.7
c Who was not an Iſraelite borne, but conuerted to the true religion *Leuit 15.19. & 18.19.*
d Fearing leſt the ſhulde be ſtoned according to the Law.
e Dauid thought that if Vriáh lay with his wife his faute might be cloſed.
f Hereby God wolde touche Dauids conſcience that ſeing the filthie & religious of his ſeruãt, he wolde declare him ſelfe ſo forgetful of God and ſo rurious to his ſeruant
g He made him drunke more liberally thẽ he was wonte to do, thinking thereby he wolde haue lyen by his wife.
h Exceſſe
i Vriah ſeing
k Put ye
l Meaning Gideõn, Iudg 9.52
m Meaning Gideõn, Iudg 9.52
n Thẽ were againſt them
o He diſſembleth with the meſſenger to ỹ intent that rather his cruel commãdemẽt, nor Ioabs wicked obedience might be eſpied.

*Eb. ſo and ſo.

uoureth "one aſwel as another: make thy battel more ſtrong againſt the citie & deſtroy it, & encourage thou him.

26 ¶And when the wife of Vriáh heard that her houſband Vriáh was dead, ſhe mourned for her houſband.

27 So when the mourning was paſt, Dauid ſent & toke her into his houſe, and ſhe became his wife, and bare him a ſonne: but the thing that Dauid had done, "diſpleaſed the Lord.

*Ebr. was euil in the eyes of the Lord.

CHAP. XII.

1 Dauid reproued by Nathán confeſſeth his ſinne. 18 The childe cõceiued in adulterie dyeth. 24 Salomón is borne. 26 Rabbáh is taken. 31 The citizens are grieuouſly puniſhed.

1 THen the Lord a ſent Nathán vnto Dauid, who came to him, and ſaid vnto him, There were two men in one citie, the one riche, and the other poore.

a Because Dauid lay nowe drowned in ſinne, the Lorde mercie of God, which ſuffreth not his to periſh, waketh his conſcience by this ſimilitude, and bringeth him to repentance

2 The riche man had exceding many ſhepe and oxen:

3 But the poore had none at all, ſaue one litle ſhepe which he had boght, & nouriſhed vp: and it grewe vp with him, and with his children alſo, and did eat of his owne morſels, & dranke of his owne cup, and ſlept in his boſome, and was vnto him as his daughter.

*Or, wayfaring man. *Or, ſpared.

4 Now there came a "ſtranger vnto the riche mã, who "refuſed to take of his owne ſhepe, and of his owne oxen to dreſſe for the ſtranger that was come vnto him, but toke the poore mans ſhepe, and dreſſed it for the man that was come to him.

"Ebr. The anger of Dauid was kindeled.

5 Thẽ "Dauid was exceding wrothe with the mã, and ſaid to Nathán, As the Lord liueth, the man that hathe done this thing, "ſhal ſurely dye,

"Ebr. is the childe of death. Exod. 22.1.

6 And he ſhal reſtore the lãbe * foure folde, becauſe he did this thing, and had no pitie thereof.

7 Then Nathán ſaid to Dauid, Thou art the man. Thus ſayth the Lord God of Iſraél, * I anointed thee King ouer Iſraél, and deliuered thee out of the hand of Saúl,

1. Sam. 16.13.

b For Dauid ſucceeded Saúl in his kingdome.
c The Iewes vnderſtãd this of Egláh and Michal, or of Rizpáh and Michál.
d That is, greater things thẽ theſe: for Gods loue and benefites increaſe toward his, if by their ingratitude they ſtay him not.
e Thou haſt moſte cruelly giuen him into the hands of Gods enemies.

8 And gaue thee thy lords b houſe, and thy lords c wiues into thy boſome, and gaue thee the houſe of Iſraél, and of Iudáh, & wolde moreouer (if *that had bene* to litle) haue giuen thee d ſuche and ſuche things.

9 Wherefore haſt thou deſpiſed the commandement of the Lord, to do euil in his ſight? thou haſt killed Vriáh the Hittite with the ſworde, and haſt taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and haſt ſlaine him with the ſworde of the e children of Ammón.

10 Now therefore the ſworde ſhal neuer departe from thine houſe, becauſe thou haſt deſpiſed me, and taken the wife of Vriáh the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, I wil raiſe vp euil againſt thee out of thine owne houſe, and wil *take thy wiues before thine eyes, & giue them vnto thy neighbour, and he ſhal lye with thy wiues in the ſight of this f ſunne.

Deu. 28.30. chap. 16.22.

f Meaning, openly, as at none dayes.

12 For thou dideſt it ſecretly: but I wil do this thing before all Iſraél, and before the ſunne.

13 Then Dauid ſaid vnto Nathán, *I haue ſinned againſt ỹ Lord. And Nathán ſaid vnto Dauid, The Lord alſo hathe g put away thy ſinne, thou ſhalt not dye.

Eccleſ. 47.23.

g For the Lord ſeketh but ỹ ỹ ſinner wolde turne to him.

14 Howbeit becauſe by this dede thou haſt cauſed the enemies of the Lord to h blaſpheme, the childe that is borne vnto thee ſhal ſurely dye.

h In ſaying, that the Lord hathe appointed a wicked man to reigne ouer his people.

15 ¶So Nathán departed vnto his houſe: and the Lord ſtroke the childe that Vriahs wife bare vnto Dauid, and it was ſicke.

16 Dauid therefore beſoght God for the childe, and faſted and i went in, and laye all night vpon the earth.

i To wit, to his priuie chãber.

17 Then the Elders of his houſe aroſe *to come* vnto him, and to cauſe him to riſe from the grounde: but he wolde not, neither did he eat k meat with them.

k Thinking by his inſtãt prayer that God wolde haue reſtored his childe, but God had otherwiſe determined.

18 So on the ſeuenth day the childe dyed: & the ſeruants of Dauid feared to tel him that the childe was dead: for thei ſaid, Beholde, while the childe was aliue, we ſpake vnto him, and he wolde not hearken vnto our voyce: how then ſhal we ſay vnto him, The childe is dead, "to vexe *him* more?

"Ebr. & he will do him ſelfe euil.

19 But when Dauid ſawe that his ſeruants whiſpered, Dauid perceiued that ỹ childe was dead: therefore Dauid ſaid vnto his ſeruãts, Is the childe dead? And they ſaid, He is dead.

20 Then Dauid l aroſe from the earth, & waſhed and anointed him ſelfe, and changed his apparel, and came into the houſe of the Lord, and worſhiped, & afterward came to his owne houſe, and bade that thei ſhulde ſet bread before him, and he did eat.

l Shewing that our lamentacions ought not to be exceſſiue, but moderate: and ỹ we muſt praiſe God in all his doings.

21 Then ſaid m his ſeruãts vnto him, What thing is this, that thou haſt done? thou dideſt faſt and wepe for the childe, while it was aliue, but whẽ the childe was dead, thou dideſt riſe vp, and eat meat.

m As they ỹ conſidered not that God graunteth manie things to the ſobbes & teares of ỹ faithful.

22 And he ſaid, While the childe was yet aliue, I faſted, and wept: for I ſaid, Who can tel *whether* God wil haue mercie on me, that the childe may liue?

23 But now being dead, wherefore ſhulde I now faſt? n Can I bring him againe anie more? I ſhal go to him, but he ſhal not returne to me.

n By this conſideration appeaſed his ſorrowe.

24 ¶And Dauid comforted Bath-ſhéba his wife, and went in vnto her, and lay with her, *and ſhe bare a ſonne, o & he called his name Salomón: alſo ỹ Lord loued hĩ.

Mat. 1.6. o To wit, the Lord, 1. Chron. 22.9.

25 *Therefore

25 For *the Lord* had ſent by Nathán the
p To call him Salomón
p Prophet: therefore q* he called his name Iedidiáh, becauſe the Lord *loued him.*
q Meaning, Dauid
1 Chro 22.9
26 ¶ Then Ioáb foght againſt Rabbáh of the children of Ammón, and toke the *citie of the kingdome.
*Or, the chief citie
27 Therefore Ioáb ſent meſſengers to Dauid, ſaying I haue foght againſt Rabbáh, and haue taken the citie of r waters.
r That is, the chief citie, & where all the cõduits are, is as good as taken
28 Now therefore gather the reſt of the people together, and beſiege the citie, that thou maieſt take it, leſt *the victorie be attributed to me.
*Or, my name be called vpõ it
29 So Dauid gathered all the people together, and went againſt Rabbáh, and beſieged it, and toke it.
2 Chro. 20.2.
30 *And he toke their Kings crowne from his head, (which wayed a t talent of golde, with precious ſtones) & it was ſet on Dauids head: and he broght away the ſpoile of the citie in exceding great abundance.
t That is, threſcore pounde after ỹ weight of the cõmune talent
31 And he caryed away the people that was therein, and put them vnder u ſawes, and vnder yron harowes, and vnder axes of yron, and caſt them into the tyle kylne: euen thus did he with all the cities of the children of Ammón. Then Dauid and all the people returned vnto Ieruſalém.
u Signifying, ỹ as thei were malicious enemies of God, ſo he put them to cruel death.

CHAP. XIII.

24 Amnón Dauids ſonne defileth his ſiſter Tamár.
19 Tamár is comforted by her brother Abſalóm.
29 Abſalóm therefore killeth Amnón.

1 NOw after this ſo it was, that Abſalóm the ſonne of Dauid hauing a faire ſiſter, whoſe name *was* a Tamár, Amnón the ſonne of Dauid loued her.
a Tamár was Abſalõs ſiſter both by father & mother, and Amnons onely by father
2 And Amnón was ſo ſore vexed, that he fel ſicke for his ſiſter Tamár: for ſhe was a b virgin, & it ſemed harde to Amnón to do any thing to her.
b And therefore kept in her fathers houſe, as virgins were accuſtomed.
3 But Amnón had a friend called Ionadáb, the ſonne of Shimeáh Dauids brother: and Ionadáb was a very ſubtile man.
4 Who ſaid vnto him, Why *art* thou the Kings ſonne ſo leane fro day to day? wilt thou not tel me? Then Amnón anſwered him, I loue Tamár my brother Abſalõs ſiſter.
5 And Ionadáb ſaid vnto him, c Lye downe on thy bed, and make thy ſelfe ſicke: and when thy father ſhal come to ſe thee, ſay vnto him, I pray thee, let my ſiſter Tamár come, and giue me meat, and let her dreſſe meat in my ſight, that I may ſe it, and eat it of her hand.
c Here we ſe that there is no enterpriſe ſo wicked, ỹ can lacke coũſel to further it
6 ¶ So Amnón laye downe, & made him ſelfe ſicke: and when the King came to ſe him, Amnón ſaid vnto the King, I pray thee, let Tamár my ſiſter come, & make me a couple of d cakes in my ſight, that I may receiue meat at her hand.
d Meaning, ſome delicate & dentie meat
7 Then Dauid ſent home to Tamár, ſaying, Go now to thy brother Amnõs houſe, and dreſſe him meat.
8 ¶ So Tamár went to her brother Amnons houſe, and he laye downe: and ſhe toke *flour, and knead it, and made cakes in his ſight, and did bake the cakes.
*Or, paſte.
9 And ſhe toke a panne, & e powred them out before him, but he wolde not eat. Thẽ Amnón ſaid, Cauſe ye euery man to go out from f me: ſo euery man went out frõ him.
e That is, ſhe ſerued them on a diſhe.
f For ỹ wicked are aſhamed to do that before mẽ, which thei are not afrayed to cõmit in ỹ ſight of God.
10 Then Amnón ſaid vnto Tamár, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamár toke the cakes which ſhe had made, and broght them into the chamber to Amnón her brother.
11 And when ſhe had ſet them before him to eat, he toke her, and ſaid vnto her, Come, lye with me, my ſiſter.
12 But ſhe anſwered him, Naye, my brother, do not force me: for no ſuche thing *ought to be done in Iſraél: commit not this folie.
*Leui. 18.9.
13 And I, *whether ſhal I cauſe my ſhame to go: and thou ſhalt be as one g of the fooles in Iſraél: now therefore, I pray thee, ſpeake to the King, for he wil not denye me vnto thee.
*Or, How ſhal I put away my ſhame
g As a lewde & wicked perſone.
14 Howbeit he wolde not hearkẽ vnto her voyce, but being ſtronger then ſhe, forced her, and lay with her.
15 Then Amnón hated her excedingly, ſo that the hatred wherewith he hated her, was greater then the loue, wherewith he had loued her: and Amnón ſaid vnto her, Vp, get thee hence
16 And ſhe anſwered him, *There is no cauſe: this euil (to put me away) is greater then the other that thou dideſt vnto me: but he wolde not heare her,
*Or, for this cauſe.
17 But called his *ſeruant that ſerued him, and ſaid, Put this woman now out from me, and locke the dore after her.
*Or, boye.
18 (And ſhe had a garment of h diuers coulers vpon her: for with ſuche garmẽts were the Kings daughters that were virgins, appareled) Then his ſeruant broght her out, and locked the dore after her.
h For ỹ which was of diuers coulers or pieces in thoſe dayes was had in greateſt eſtimaciõ, Gen 37.3 iudg 5.30.
19 And Tamár put aſhes on her head & rent the garment of diuers coulers which was on her, and layed her hand on her head, & went her way crying.
20 And Abſalóm her brother ſaid vnto her, Hathe Amnón thy brother bene with thee? Now yet be i ſtyl, my ſiſter: he is thy brother: let not this thing grieue thine heart. So Tamár remained deſolate in her brother Abſaloms houſe.
i For thogh he conceiued ſoden vẽgeãce in his heart, yet he diſſembled it til occaſion ſerued, and comforted his ſiſter.
21 ¶ But when King Dauid heard all theſe things, he was very wrothe.
22 And Abſalóm ſaid vnto his brother Amnón nether good nor bad: for Abſalóm hated Amnón, becauſe he had forced his ſiſter Tamar.

23 ¶And after the time of two yeres, Abſalóm had ſhepeſherers in [a] Baal-hazór, which is beſide Ephráim, and [k] Abſalóm called all the Kings ſonnes.

24 And Abſalóm came to the King & ſaid, Beholde now, thy ſeruant hathe ſhepeſherers: I pray thee, that the King with his ſeruants wolde go with thy ſeruant.

25 But the King anſwered Abſalóm, Naye my ſonne, I pray thee, let vs not go all, leſt we be chargeable vnto thee. Yet Abſalóm laye ſore vpō him: howbeit he wolde not go, but [b] thanked him.

26 Thē ſaid Abſalóm, But, I pray thee, ſhal not my brother [l] Amnón go with vs? And the King anſwered him, Why ſhulde he go with thee?

27 But Abſalóm was inſtant vpon him, and he ſent Amnón with him, & all the Kings children.

28 ¶Now had Abſalóm commanded his ſeruants, ſaying, Marke now when Amnōs heart is mery with wine, and when I ſay vnto you, Smite Amnón, kil him, feare not, for haue not [m] I commanded you? be holde therefore, and play the men.

29 And the ſeruants of Abſalóm did vnto Amnón, as Abſalóm had commanded: & all the Kings ſonnes aroſe, and euery man gate him vp vpon his mule, and fled.

30 ¶And while thei were in the way, tidīgs came to Dauid, ſaying, Abſalóm hathe ſlayne all the Kings ſonnes, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the King aroſe, and tare his garments, and lay on the [n] grounde, and all his ſeruants ſtode by with their clothes rent.

32 And Ionadáb the ſonne of Shimeáh Dauids brother anſwered and ſaid, Let not my lord ſuppoſe that thei haue ſlayne all the yong men the Kings ſonnes: for Amnón onely is dead, [o] becauſe Abſalóm had reported ſo, ſince he forced his ſiſter Tamár.

33 Now therefore let not my lord ý King [p] take ý thing ſo grieuouſly, to thinke that all the Kings ſonnes are dead: [q] for Amnón onely is dead.

34 ¶Then Abſalóm fled: & the yong man that kept the watche, lift vp his eyes, and loked, & beholde, there came muche people by the way of the hil ſide [r] behinde him.

35 And Ionadáb ſaid vnto the King, Beholde, the Kings ſonnes come: as thy ſeruant ſaid, [o] ſo it is.

36 And aſſone as he had left ſpeaking, beholde, the Kings ſonnes came, and lift vp their voyces, and wept: and the King alſo and all his ſeruants wept exceedingly ſore.

37 But Abſalóm fled away, and went to [p] Talmai the ſonne of Ammihúr King of Geſhúr: and *Dauid* mourned for his ſonne euery day.

38 So Abſalóm fled, and went to Geſhúr, & was there thre yeres.

39 And King Dauid [s] deſired to go forthe vnto Abſalóm, becauſe he was pacified concerning Amnón, ſeing he was dead.

a Or, *in the plaine of Hazór*

k To wit, to a banket, thinking thereby to fulfil his wicked purpoſe.

b Ebr *bleſſed.*

l Pretending to the King, ý Amnón was moſte deare vnto him.

m Suche is the pride of the wicked maſters, that in all their wicked commandements they thinke to be obeyed.

n Lamenting, as he that felt the wrath of God vpon his houſe, Chap. 12, 10.

o Ebr *becauſe it was put in Abſaloms mouthe.*

p Or, *take it to heart.*

q Or, *but.*

r Or, *one after an other.*

o That onely Amnón is dead.

p For Maachāh his mother was the daughter of this Talmai, Chap 3, 3.

s Or, *ceaſed.*

CHAP. XIIII.

2 Abſalóm is reconciled to his father by the ſubteltie of Ioab. 24 Abſalóm may not ſe the Kings face 25 The beautie of Abſalóm. 30 He cauſeth Ioabs corne to be burnt, and is broght to his fathers preſence.

1 THen Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh perceiued, that the Kings [a] heart was towarde Abſalóm,

2 And Ioáb ſent to Tekóah, and broght thence a [t] ſubtile woman, & ſaid vnto her, I pray thee, faine thy ſelfe to mourne, and now put on mourning apparel, & [b] anoint not thy ſelfe with oyle: but be as a woman that had now long time mourned for the dead.

3 And come to the King, and ſpeake of this maner vnto him (for Ioáb [u] taught her whar ſhe ſhulde ſay)

4 ¶Then the woman of Tekóah ſpake vnto the King, and fel downe on her face to the grounde, & did obeiſance, and ſaid, [u] Helpe, ô King.

5 Then the King ſaid vnto her, What ayleth thee? And ſhe anſwered, I am in dede a [u] widowe, and mine houſband is dead:

6 And thine hādmayd had two [c] ſonnes, & they two ſtroue together in the field: (and there was none to parte them) ſo the one ſmote the other, and ſlewe him.

7 And beholde, the whole familie is riſen againſt thine handmayd, & thei ſaid, Deliuer him that ſmote his brother, that we may kil him for the [d] ſoule of his brother whome he ſlewe, that we may deſtroy the heire alſo: ſo they ſhal quenche my ſparkle which is left, and ſhal not leaue to mine houſbād nether name nor poſteritie vpon the earth.

8 And the King ſaid vnto the woman, Go to thine houſe, and I wil giue a charge for thee.

9 Then the woman of Tekóah ſaid vnto the King, My lord, ô King, this [e] treſpaſſe *be* on me, and on my fathers houſe, & the King and his throne *be* [v] giltles.

10 And ý King ſaid, Bring him to me that ſpeaketh againſt thee, and he ſhal touche thee nomore.

11 Then ſaid ſhe, I pray thee, let the King [f] remember the Lord thy God, that thou woldeſt nōt ſuffer many reuēgers of blood to deſtroy, leſt thei ſlaye my ſōne. And he anſwered, As the Lord liueth, there ſhal not one heere of thy ſonne fall to ý earth.

12 Then the woman ſaid, I pray thee, let thine hādmaid ſpeake a worde to my lord the

a That ý King fauoured him.

t Or, *wiſe.*

b In token of mourning: for thei vſed anointing to ſeme chearefull.

u Ebr. *put wordes in her mouthe.*

u Ebr. *Saue.*

u Ebr. *a widowe woman*

c Vnder this parable ſhe deſcribeth the death of Amnón by Abſalóm.

d Becauſe he hathe ſlayne his brother, he ought to be ſlayne according to the Lawe, Gen 9, 6 exod 21, 12.

e As touching the breache of ý Lawe ý puniſheth blood, let me beare the blame

v Or, *innocent.*

f Sweare that thei ſhal not reuenge the blood, which are many nomber.

the King. And he ſaid, Say on.

13 Then the woman ſaid, Wherefore then haſt thou g thoght ſuche a thing againſt the people of God? or *why* doeth ỹ King, as one which is faurie, ſpeake this thing, that he wil not bring againe his baniſhed?

14 For we muſt nedes dye, & *we are* as water ſpilt on the grounde, which can not be gathered vp againe: nether doeth God *e* ſpare anie perſone, yet doeth he appoint h meanes, not to caſt out from him him that is expelled.

15 Now therefore that I am come to ſpeake of this thing vnto my lord the King, *the cauſe is* that the people i haue made me afraide: therefore thine handmaid ſaid, Now wil I ſpeake vnto ỹ King: it may be that the King wil performe the requeſt of his handmaid.

16 For the King wil heare, to deliuer his handmaid out of the hand of the man that wolde deſtroye me, and alſo my ſonne frō the inheritance of God.

17 Therefore thine handmaid ſaid, The worde of my lord the King ſhal nowe be "comfortable: for my lord the King is euen as an k Angel of God in hearing of good & bad: therefore the Lord thy God be with thee.

18 Then the King anſwered, and ſaid vnto the woman, Hide not frō me, I pray thee, the thing that I ſhal aſke thee. And ỹ womā ſaid, Let my lord ỹ King now ſpeake.

19 And the King ſaid, Is not l the hand of Ioáb with thee in all this? Then the woman anſwered, & ſaid, As thy ſoul liueth, my lord the King, I wil not turne to the right hand nor to the left from oght that my lord the King hathe ſpoken: for euen thy ſeruāt Ioáb bade me, & he put all theſe wordes in ỹ mouthe of thine handmaid.

20 For to the intent that I ſhulde m change the forme of ſpeache, thy ſeruant Ioáb hathe done this thīg: but "my lord is wiſe according to the wiſdome of an Angel of God to vnderſtand all things that are in the earth.

21 ¶ And ỹ King ſaid vnto Ioáb, Beholde now, I haue n done this thing: go then, & bring the yong man Abſalóm againe.

22 And Ioáb fel to the grounde on his face, and bowed him ſelfe, and "thanked the King. Then Ioáb ſaid, This day thy ſeruant knoweth, that I haue founde grace in thy ſight, my lord the King, in that the King hathe fulfilled the requeſt of his ſeruant.

23 ¶ And Ioáb aroſe, and went to Geſhúr, and broght Abſalóm to Ieruſalém.

24 And the King ſaid, Let him o turne to his owne houſe, and not ſe my face. So Abſalóm turned to his owne houſe, and ſawe not the Kings face.

25 Now in all Iſraél there was none to be ſo muche praiſed for beautie as Abſalóm: from the ſole of his foote euen to the top of his head there was no blemiſh in him.

26 And whē he polled his head, (for at euerie yeres end he polled it: becauſe it was to heauy for him, therefore he polled it) he weighed the heere of his head at two hundreth p ſhekels by the Kings weight.

27 And Abſalóm had thre ſonnes, and one daughter named Tamár, which was a faire woman to loke vpon.

28 ¶ So Abſalóm dwelt ỹ ſpace of two yeres in Ieruſalém, & ſawe not the Kings face.

29 Therefore Abſalóm ſent for Ioáb to ſend him to the King, but he wolde not come to him: and when he ſent againe, he wolde not come.

30 Therefore he ſaid vnto his ſeruants, Beholde, Ioáb harhe a q field by my place, & hathe barly therein: go, & ſet it q on fire: & Abſaloms ſeruants ſet the field on fire.

31 Then Ioáb aroſe, and came to Abſalóm vnto his houſe, and ſaid vnto him, Wherefore haue thy ſeruants burnt my field with fire?

32 And Abſalóm anſwered Ioáb, Beholde, I ſent for thee, ſaying, Come thou hither, and I wil ſend thee to the King for to ſay, Wherefore am I come from Geſhúr? It had bene better for me to haue bene there ſtil: now therefore let me ſe ỹ Kings face: and r if there be anie treſpaſſe in me, let him kil me.

33 Then Ioáb came to the King, and tolde him: and he called for Abſalóm, who came to the King, and bowed him ſelfe to the grounde on his face before the King, and the King kiſſed Abſalóm.

CHAP. XV.

2 The practiſes of Abſalóm to aſpire to the kingdome. 14 Dauid and his flee. 31 Dauids prayer. 34 Huſhái is ſent to Abſalóm to diſcouer his counſel.

1 AFter this, Abſalóm "prepared him charets and horſes, and fiftie men to a runne before him.

2 And Abſalóm roſe vp early, and ſtode hard by the entring in of the gate: & euerie mā that had anie "matter, & came to ỹ King for iudgement, him did Abſalóm call vnto him, and ſaid, Of what citie art thou? And he anſwered, Thy ſeruant *is* of one of the b tribes of Iſraél.

3 Thē Abſalóm ſaid vnto him, Se, thy matters are good & righteous, but there is no man *deputed* of the King to heare thee.

4 Abſalóm ſaid moreouer, c Oh ỹ I were made iudge in the land, that euerie man w hathe anie matter or controuerſie, might come to me, that I might do him iuſtice.

5 And when anie man came nere to him, and did him obeiſance, he put forthe his hand, and toke him, and kiſſed him.

g Why doeſt thou giue contrary ſentence in thy ſonne Abſalóm?

e Or, accept.

h God hathe prouided waies (as ſanctuaries) to ſaue thē oft times, whome man iudgeth worthy death

i For I thoght they wolde kil this mine heir.

" Ebr reſt

k Is of great wiſdome to diſcerne right from wrong

l Haſt not thou done this by ỹ counſel of Ioáb?

m By ſpeaking rather in a parable thē plainely.

" Or, none can hide ought from the King

n I haue grāted thy requeſt.

" Ebr bleſſed.

o Couering hereby his affection, and ſhewing ſome parte of iuſtice to pleaſe ỹ people.

p Which weighed 6 l 4 onces after halfe an once the ſhekel.

q The wicked are impacient in their affections, & ſpare no vnlawful meanes to cōpaſſe them.

r If I haue offended by reuenging my ſiſters diſhonour: thus the wicked iuſtifie them ſelues as their euil

" Ebr made him

a Which were as a garde to ſet forthe his eſtate

" Or, controuerſie.

b That is, noting of what citie or place he was

c Thus by ſlander, flatterie, and faire promiſes the wicked ſeeke preferrement

6 And on this maner did Abſalóm to all Iſraél, that came to the King for iudgement: ſo Abſalóm [d] ſtale the heartes of the men of Iſraél.

[d] by inticing them from his father to him ſelfe

7 ¶ And after [e] fortie yeres, Abſalóm ſaid vnto the King, I pray thee, let me go to Hebrón, and rendre my vowe which I haue vowed vnto the Lord.

[e] Counting from the time that the Iſraelites had asked a King of Samuél.

8 For thy ſeruant vowed a vowe when I remained in Geſhúr, in Arám, ſaying, If the Lord ſhal bring me againe in dede to Ieruſalém, I wil [f] ſerue the Lord.

[f] By offring a peace offring, w was lawful to do in ame place

9 And the King ſaid vnto him, Go in peace. So he aroſe, and went to Hebrón.

10 ¶ Then Abſalóm ſent ſpies throughout all the tribes of Iſraél, ſaying, When ye heare the ſounde of the trumpet, ye ſhal ſay, Abſalóm reigneth in Hebrón.

11 ¶ And with Abſalóm went two hundreth men out of Ieruſalém, that were [g] called: and they wēt in their ſimplicitie, knowing nothing.

[g] And byd to his feaſt in Hebrón.

12 Alſo Abſalóm ſent for Ahithóphel the Gilonite Dauids counſeler, from his citie Giloh, while he offred ſacrifices: and the treaſon was great: for the people [*] encreaſed ſtil with Abſalóm.

[*] *Ebr went and increaſed*

13 ¶ Then came [a] meſſenger to Dauid, ſaying, The hearts of the men of Iſraél are turned after Abſalóm.

14 Then Dauid ſaid vnto all his ſeruants that were with him at Ieruſalém, Vp, and let vs flee: for we ſhal not eſcape fró [h] Abſalóm: make ſpede to departe, leſt he come ſodenly and take vs, & bring euil vpō vs, and ſmite the citie with the edge of the ſworde.

[h] Whoſe heart he ſawe that Satan had ſo poſſeſſed, that he wolde leaue no miſchief vnattēpted

15 And the Kings ſeruants ſaid vnto him, Beholde, thy ſeruāts *are ready to do* according to all that my lord the King ſhal [*] appoint.

[*] *Ebr chooſe*

16 So the King departed and all his houſholde [*] after him, and the King left ten concubines to kepe the houſe.

[*] *Ebr at his feete.*

17 And the King went forthe and all the people after him, and taryed in a [*] place [i] farre of.

[*] *Or, houſe*

[i] To wit, frō Ieruſalém

18 And all his ſeruāts went about him, and all the [k] Cherethites and all the Pelethites and all ỹ Gittites, *euen* ſixe hūdreth men which were come after him frō Gath, went before the King.

[k] Theſe were as the Kings garde, or as ſome write, his counſelers.

19 Then ſaid the King to [l] Ittái the Gittite, Wherefore commeſt thou alſo with vs? Returne and abide with the King, for thou art a ſtranger: departe thou therefore to thy place.

[l] Who, as ſome write, was the Kings ſonne of Gath

20 Thou cameſt yeſterday, and ſhulde I cauſe thee to wander to day and go with vs? I wil go whither I can: therefore returne thou, and cary againe thy [m] brethren: mercie and [n] trueth *be* with thee.

[m] Meaning, them of his familie

[n] God requite thee thy friendſhip and fidelitie.

21 And Ittái anſwered the King, and ſaid, As the Lord liueth, & as my lord the King liueth, in what place my lord the King ſhalbe, whether in death or life, euen there ſurely wil thy ſeruant be.

22 Then Dauid ſaid to Ittái, Come, & go forwarde. And Ittái the Gittite went, and all his men, and all the children that were with him.

23 And all the countrey wept with a loude voyce, and [o] all the people went forward, but the King paſſed ouer the brooke Kidrón: and all the people wēt ouer towarde the way of the wildernes.

[o] To wit, the ſix hundreth men.

24 ¶ And lo, Zadók alſo *was there*, and all the Leuites with hym, [p] bearing the Arke of the couenant of God: & they ſet downe ỹ Arke of God, and Abiathár wēt [q] vp vntil the people were all come out of the citie.

[p] Which was the charge of the Kohathites, Nomb 4.4

[q] To ſtand by the Arke.

25 Then the King ſaid vnto Zadók, Carie the Arke of God againe into the citie: if I ſhal finde fauour in the eyes of the Lord, he wil bring me againe, & ſhewe me *bothe* it, and the [*] Tabernacle thereof.

[*] *Or, his tabernacle*

26 But if he thus ſay, I haue no delite in thee, beholde, [r] here am I, let him do to me as ſemeth good in his eyes.

[r] The faithful in all their afflictions ſtieg we them ſelues obedient to Gods wil.

27 The King ſaid againe vnto Zadók the Prieſt, Art not thou a [*] Seer? returne into the citie in peace, & your two ſonnes with you: *to wit*, Ahimáaz thy ſonne, and Ionathán the ſonne of Abiathár.

[*] *1. Sam 9.9.*

28 Beholde, I wil tarie in the fieldes of the wildernes, vntil there come ſome worde from you to be tolde me.

29 Zadók therefore and Abiathár caryed the Arke of God againe to Ieruſalém, and they taried there.

30 And Dauid went vp the mount of oliues and wept as he went vp, and had his head [s] couered, and wēt barefooted: and all the people that was with him, had euerie man his head couered, and as they went vp, they wept.

[s] With aſhes & duſt in ſigne of ſorrowe

31 Then one tolde Dauid, ſaying, Ahithóphel is one of them that haue conſpired with Abſalóm: and Dauid ſaid, ô Lord, I pray thee, turne the [t] counſel of Ahithóphel into fooliſhnes.

[t] The counſel of the crafty worldelings doeth more harme thē the open force of the enemie.

32 ¶ Then Dauid came to the toppe of the mount where he worſhiped God: and beholde, Huſhái the Archite came againſt him with his coate torne, & hauing earth vpon his head.

33 Vnto whome Dauid ſaid, If thou go with me, thou ſhalt be a burthen vnto me.

34 But if thou returne to the citie, and ſay vnto Abſalóm, I wil be thy [u] ſeruant, o King; (as I haue bene in time paſt thy fathers ſeruant, ſo wil I now be thy ſeruant) then thou maieſt bring me the counſel of Ahithóphel to noght.

[u] Thogh Huſhái diſſembled here at the Kings requeſt, yet may we not vſe this exāple to excuſe our diſſimulacion.

35 And haſt thou not there with thee Zadók and Abiathár the Prieſts? therefore whatſoeuer

whatſoeuer thou ſhalt heare out of the Kings houſe, thou ſhalt ſhewe to Zadók and Abiathár the Prieſts.

36 Beholde, there are with them their two ſonnes: Ahimáaz Zadoks *ſonne*, and Ionathán Abiathars *ſonne*: by them alſo ſhal ye ſend me euerie thing that ye can heare.

37 So Huſhái Dauids friend went into the citie: and Abſalóm came into Ieruſalém.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The infidelitie of Zibá. 5 Shimeí curſeth Dauid. 16 Huſhái cometh to Abſalóm. 21 The counſel of Ahithóphel for the concubines.

1 WHen Dauid was a litle paſt the [a] toppe *of the hil*, beholde, Zibá the ſeruant of Mephibóſheth met him with a couple of aſſes ſadled, and vpon them two hundreth *cakes* of bread, and one hundreth bunſhes of raiſins, & an hundreth of [f] dryed figges, and a bottel of wine.

2 And [g] King ſaid vnto Zibá, What meaneſt thou by theſe? And Zibá ſaid, They be [b] aſſes for the Kings houſhold to ride on, and bread and dryed figges for the yong men to eat, and wine, that the faint may drincke in the wildernes.

3 And the King ſaid, But where is thy maſters ſonne? Thē Zibá anſwered the King, Beholde, he remaineth in Ieruſalém: for he ſaid, This day ſhal the houſe of Iſraél reſtore me the kingdome of my father.

4 Then ſaid the King to Zibá, Beholde, thine are all that *perteined* vnto Mephibóſheth. And Zibá ſaid, [h] I beſeche thee, let me finde grace in thy ſight, my lord, ô King.

5 ¶ And when King Dauid came to [c] Bahurím, beholde, thence came out a man of the familie of the houſe of Saúl, named Shimeí the ſonne of Gerá: and he came out, and curſed.

6 And he caſt ſtones at Dauid, and at all the ſeruants of King Dauid: and all the people, and all the men of warre *were* on his [d] right hand, and on his left.

7 And thus ſaid Shimeí when he curſed, Come forthe, come forthe thou [m] murtherer, and [m] wicked man.

8 The Lord hathe broght vpon thee all the [e] blood of the houſe of Saúl, in whoſe ſtead thou haſt reigned: and the Lord hathe deliuered the kingdome into the hand of Abſalóm thy ſonne: and beholde, thou art *taken* in thy wickednes, becauſe thou art a murtherer.

9 Then ſaid Abiſhái the ſonne of Zeruiáh vnto the King, Why doeth this * dead dogge curſe my lord the King? let me go, I pray thee, and take away his head.

10 ¶ But the King ſaid, What haue I to do with you, ye ſonnes of Zeruiáh: for he curſeth, euen becauſe the Lord hathe [f] bidden him curſe Dauid: who dare then ſay, Wherefore haſt thou done ſo?

11 And Dauid ſaid to Abiſhái, & to all his ſeruants, Beholde, my ſonne [w] came out of mine owne bowels, ſeketh my life: then how muche more now may this ſonne of Ieminí? Suffre him to curſe: for the Lord hathe bidden him.

12 It may be that the Lord wil loke on [f] mine affliction, and do me good for his curſing this day.

13 And as Dauid and his men went by the way, Shimeí went by the ſide of the mōu taine ouer againſt him, and curſed as he went, and threwe ſtones againſt him, and caſt duſt.

14 Then came [y] King & all the people that were with him weary, and refreſhed them ſelues [h] there.

15 ¶ And Abſalóm, and all the people, the men of Iſraél came to Ieruſalém, & Ahithóphel with him.

16 And when Huſhái the Archite Dauids friend was come vnto Abſalóm, Huſhái ſaid vnto Abſalóm, [n] God ſaue the King, God ſaue the King.

17 Then Abſalóm ſaid to Huſhái, Is this thy kindenes to thy [i] friend? Why wenteſt thou not with thy friend?

18 Huſhái then anſwered vnto Abſalóm, Nay, but whome the Lord, & this people, and all the men of Iſraél chuſe, his wil I be, and with him wil I dwell.

19 And [n] moreouer vnto whome ſhal I do ſeruice? not to his ſonne? as I ſerued before thy father, ſo wil I before thee.

20 ¶ Then ſpake Abſalóm to Ahithóphel, Giue counſel what we ſhal do.

21 And [k] Ahithóphel ſaid vnto Abſalóm, Go in to thy fathers cōcubines, which he hathe left to kepe the houſe: and when all Iſraél ſhal heare, that thou art abhorred of thy father, the hands of all that are with thee, ſhalbe ſtrong.

22 So they ſpred Abſalóm a tent vpon the top of the houſe, and Abſalóm went in to his fathers concubines in the ſight of all Iſraél.

23 And the counſel of Ahithóphel which he counſeled in thoſe dayes, was like as one had aſked [l] counſel at the oracle of God: ſo *was* all the coūſel of Ahithóphel bothe with Dauid and with Abſalóm.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Ahithophels counſel is ouerthrowen by Huſhái 14 The Lord had ſo ordeined. 19 The Prieſts ſonnes are hid in the well. 22 Dauid goeth ouer Iordén. 23 Ahithóphel hangeth himſelfe. 27 They bring vitails to Dauid

1 MOreouer Ahithóphel ſaid to Abſalóm, [a] Let me chuſe out now twelue thouſand men, and I wil vp and follow after Dauid this night,

2 And I wil come vpō him: for he is weary,

a Which was the hil of olines, Chap 15. 30.

f Or, figs cakes.

g Which was a citie in the tribe of Benjamin

h That is, rounde about him

m Ebr. man of blood

n Ebr men of Belial

e Reproching him as though by his meanes Iſh bóſheth & Abner were ſlaine

* 2 Sam 24. 13. & chap 3. 8.

f Dauid felt ỹ this was the iudgement of God for his ſinne, & therefore humbleth him ſelfe to his god

g Meaning, ỹ the Lord wil ſend cōfort to his when they are oppreſſed.

h To wit, at Bahurim

n Ebr Let the King line

i Meaning, Dauid.

n Ebr the ſeconde time.

k Suſpecting ỹ change of the kingdome, and ſo his owne ouerthrowe, he giueth ſuche counſel as might moſte hindre his fathers reconciliation and alſo declare to the people ỹ Abſalom was in hieſt autoritie

l It was ſo eſtemed for the ſucceſſe thereof.

a The wicked are ſo gredy to execute their malice, that they leaue none occaſion, that may further the ſame.

and weake handed: so I wil feare him, and all the people that are with him, shal flee, and I wil smite the King onely,

3 And I wil bring againe all the people vnto thee, *and* when all shal returne, (b the man whome thou sekest *being slaine*) all the people shalbe in peace.

b Meaning, Dauid.

4 And the saying "pleased Absalóm wel, and all the Elders of Israel.

"Ebr. was right in the eyes of Absalóm.

5 Thē said Absalóm, Call now Hushái the Archite also, and let vs heare likewise "what he sayeth.

"Ebr. what is in his mouthe.

6 So when Hushái came to Absalóm, Absalóm spake vnto him, saying, Ahithóphel hathe "spoken thus: shal we do after his saying, or not? tel thou?

"Or, giuen suche counsel.

7 Hushái then answered vnto Absalóm, The counsel that Ahithóphel hathe giuē, is not c good at this time.

c Hushái sheweth him self faithful to Dauid, in that he reprooueth this wicked counsel and purpose.

8 For, said Hushái, thou knowest thy father, and his men, that they be strong mē, and are chafed in minde as a beare robbed of her whelpes in the field: also thy father is a valiant warriar, and wil not "lodge with the people.

"Or, tary all night.

9 Beholde, he is hid now in some caue, or in some place: and thogh some of them be ouerthrowen at the first, yet the *people* shal heare, and say, The people that followe Absalóm, be "ouerthrowen.

"Ebr. haue a breache, or ruine.

10 Then he also that is valiant whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shal "shrinke and faint: for all Israél knoweth, that thy father is valiant, and they which be with him, stowte men.

"Ebr. melts.

11 Therefore my counsel is, that all Israél be gathered vnto thee, from Dan euen to Beer-shéba as the sand of the sea in nomber, and that thou go to battel in thine owne persone.

12 So shal we come vpō him in some place, where we shal finde him, and "we wil vpō him as the dewe falleth on the ground: and of all the men that are with him, we wil not leaue him one.

"Or, we wil cāme against him.

13 Moreouer if he be gotten into a citie, then shal all the men of Israél bring ropes to that citie, and we wil drawe it into the riuer, vntil there be not one smale stone found there.

14 ¶ Then Absalóm and all the men of Israél said, The counsel of Hushái the Archite is better, then the counsel of Ahithóphel: for the Lord had "determined to destroy the d good coūsel of Ahithóphel, that the Lord might e bring euil vpon Absalóm.

"Or, ordained.

d That counsel which semed good at the first to Absalóm, vers. 4.

e For by the coūsel of Hushái he went to the battel where he was destroyed.

15 Then said Hushái vnto Zadók and to Abiathár the Priests, Of this and that maner did Ahithóphel and the Elders of Israél counsel Absalóm: and thus and thus haue I counseled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and shewe Dauid, saying, Tary not this night in the fieldes of the wildernes, but rather get thee f ouer, least the King be deuoured & all the people that are with him.

f That is, ouer Iordē.

17 ¶ Now Ionathán and Ahimáaz abode by "En-rogél: (for they might not be sene to come into the citie) and a maid went, and tolde them, and they went and shewed King Dauid.

"Or, the well of Rogél.

18 Neuertheles a yong man sawe them, and tolde it to Absalóm. therefore they bothe departed quyckly, & came to a mās house in Bahurím, who had a well in his court, into the which they went downe.

g Meaning, the message from their fathers.

19 And h the wife toke and spred a couering ouer the welles mouthe, and spred grounde corne thereon, that the thing shulde not be knowen.

h Thus God sendeth succour to his in their greatest dangers.

20 And when Absaloms seruants came to the wife into the house, they said, Where is Ahimáaz and Ionathán? And the woman answered them, They be gone ouer the i broke of water. And when they had soght them, and colde not finde them, they returned to Ierusalém.

i The Chalde text readeth, now they haue passed the Iordē.

21 And assone as they were departed, the other came out of the well, and went and tolde King Dauid, and said vnto him, Vp, and get you quyckly ouer the water: for k suche counsel hathe Ahithóphel giuen against you.

k To wit, to pursue thee w all haste.

22 Then Dauid arose, and all the people that were with him, and they went ouer Iordén l vntil the dawning of the day, so that there lacked not one of them, that was not come ouer Iordén.

l They trauelled all night, & by morning had all their companie passed ouer.

23 ¶ Now whē Ahithóphel sawe that his counsel was not followed, he sadled his asse, and arose, and he went home vnto his citie, and put his household in ordre, and m hanged him selfe, and dyed, and was buryed in his fathers graue.

m Gods iuste vengeance euē in this life is powred on them, which are enemies, traitours, or persecuters of his Church.

24 ¶ Then Dauid came to Mahanáim. And Absalóm passed ouer Iordén, he, and all the men of Israél with him.

25 And Absalóm made Amasá captaine of the hoste in the stead of Ioáb: which Amasá was a mans sonne named Ithrá an Israelite, that wēt in to Abigál the daughter of n Nahásh, sister to Zeruiáh Ioabs mother.

n Who was also called Iesshái Dauids father.

26 So Israél and Absalóm pitched in the land of Gileád.

27 ¶ And when Dauid was come to Mahanáim, Shobí the sonne of Nahásh out of Rabbáh of the children of Ammón, and Machír the sonne of Ammiél out of Lodebár, and Barzelái the Gileadite out of Rogél

28 o *Broght* beds, and basens, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barly, and floure, and parched corne, & beanes, and lentils, and parched corne,

o God sheweth his selfe most liberale to his, when they seme to be vtterly destitute.

29 And

29 And they brought hony, and butter, and ſhepe, and cheſe of kine for Dauid and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they ſaid, The people is hungry, & weary, and thirſty in the wildernes.

CHAP. XVIII.

Dauid deuideth his armie into thre partes. 9 Abſalóm is hanged ſlaine, and caſt in a pit. 33 Dauid lamenteth the death of Abſalóm.

1 THen Dauid [a] nóbred the people that were with him, & ſet ouer them captaines of thouſands and captaines of hundreths.

a For certein of ỹ Reubenites, Gadites, & of the halfe tribe, colde not beare the inſolencie of ỹ ſoane againſt ỹ father, & therefore ioyned with Dauid

2 And Dauid ſent forthe the third parte of the people vnder the hand of Ioáb, and the third parte vnder the hand of Abiſhái Ioabs brother the ſonne of Zeruiah: and the *other* third parte vnder the hād of Ittái the Gittite. & the King ſaid vnto the people, I wil go with you my ſelfe alſo.

3 But the people anſwered, Thou ſhalt not go forthe: for if we flee away, they wil not regarde vs, nether wil they paſſe for vs, thogh halfe of vs were ſlaine: but thou [b] art now worthe tē thouſand of vs: therefore now it is better that thou ſuccour vs out of the citie.

b Signifying, ỹ a good gouernour ought to be ſo deare vnto his people, that they wil rather loſe their liues, thē ỹ ought ſhulde come vnto hī.

4 Then the King ſaid vnto them, What ſemeth you beſt, that I wil do. So ỹ King ſtode by the gate ſide, and all the people came out by hundreths and by thouſands.

5 And the King commanded Ioáb and Abiſhái, and Ittai, ſaying, *Entreate* the yong man Abſalóm gently for my ſake. and all the people hearde when the King gaue all the captaines charge concerning Abſalóm.

6 So the people went out into the field to meete Iſraél, & the battel was in ỹ [c] wood of Ephraim:

c So called becauſe ỹ Ephraimites (as ſome ſay) fed their cattel beyōde Iordén in this wood.

7 Where the people of Iſraél were ſlaine before the ſeruants of Dauid: ſo there was a great ſlaughter that day, *euen* of twentie thouſand.

8 ¶ For the battel was ſkatred ouer all the countrey: and the wood deuoured muche more people that day, then did the ſworde.

9 ¶ Now Abſalóm met the ſeruants of Dauid, and Abſalóm rode vpon a mule, and the mule came vnder a great thicke oke: and his head caught holde of the oke, and he was taken vp ‖ betwene the heauen and the earthe: & the mule that was vnder him went away.

‖ This is a terrible example of Gods vengeance againſt them that are rebels or diſobedient to their parents

10 And one that ſawe it, tolde Ioáb, ſaying, Beholde, I ſawe Abſalóm hanged in an oke.

11 Then Ioáb ſaid vnto the man that tolde him, And haſt thou in dede ſene? why then dideſt not thou there ſmite him to the ground, and I wolde haue giuen thee ten *ỹ ekel, of ſiluer, and a girdle?

Gen 23.15

12 Then the man ſaid vnto Ioáb, Thogh I ſhulde "receiue a thouſand *ſhekels* of ſiluer in mine hād, yet wolde I not lay mine hād vpon the Kings ſonne: for in our hearing the King charged thee, and Abiſhái, & Ittái, ſaying, Beware, leſt anie *touche* the yong man Abſalóm.

"Ebr weigh vpō mine hand.

13 If I had done it, *it had bene* the "danger of my life: for nothing can be hid frō the King: yea, ỹ thy ſelfe woldeſt haue bene againſt me.

"Ebr a lye ag. my ſoule.

14 Then ſaid Ioáb, I wil not thus tary with thee. And he toke three dartes in his hand, & thruſt them "through Abſalóm, while he was yet aliue in the middes of the oke.

"Ebr in the heart of Abſalóm.

15 And ten ſeruāts that bare Ioabs armour, compaſſed about and ſmote Abſalóm, and ſlewe him.

16 Then Ioáb [d] blewe the trumpet, and the people returned from purſuing after Iſraél: for Ioáb helde backe the people.

d For he had pitie of ỹ people, which was seduced by Abſaloms flatterie.

17 And they toke Abſalóm, and caſt him into a great [e] pit in the wood, and layed a mighty great heape of ſtones vpon him: and all Iſraél fled euerie one to his tent.

e Thus God turned his vaine glorie to ſhame.

18 Now Abſalóm in his life time had tāke and reared him vp a piller, which is in the * Kings dale: for he ſaid, I haue no ſſonne to kepe my name in remembrance. & he called ỹ piller after his owne name, and it is called vnto this day, Abſaloms place.

Gen.14.17.

f It ſemeth ỹ God had puniſhed hī, in taking away his children, Chap 14.27.

19 ¶ Then ſaid Ahimáaz the ſonne of Zadók, I pray thee, let me runne, and beare the King tidings that the Lord hathe "deliuered him out of the hand of his enemies.

"Ebr. Judged.

20 And Ioáb ſaid vnto him, Thou [g] ſhalt not be ỹ meſſenger to day, but thou ſhalt beare tidings another time, but to day thou ſhalt beare none: for the Kings ſonne is dead.

g For Ioáb bare a good affection to Ahimaaz, & counted how Dauid wold take the reporte of Abſaloms death.

21 Thē ſaid Ioáb to Cuſhí, Go, tel the Kīg, what thou haſt ſene. And Cuſhi bowed him ſelfe vnto Ioáb, and ran.

22 Thē ſaid Ahimáaz the ſonne of Zadók againe to Ioáb, What, I pray thee, if I alſo runne after Cuſhi? And Ioáb ſaid, Wherefore now wilt thou runne, my ſonne, ſeing that thou haſt no tidings to bring?

23 Yet what if I runne? Then he ſaid vnto him, Rúne. So Ahimaaz ranne by the way of the plaine, and ouerwent Cuſhí.

24 Now Dauid ſate betwene ỹ two [h] gates. And the watcheman went to the toppe of the gate vpon the wall, & lift vp his eyes, and ſawe, and beholde, a man came rúning alone.

h He ſate in the gate of ỹ citie of Mahanaim.

25 And the watcheman cryed, & told the King And the King ſaid If he be alone, "he bringeth tidings. And he came apace, and drewe nere.

"Ebr tidings are in his mouthe.

26 And the watcheman ſawe an other man running, and the watcheman called vnto the porter, and ſaid, Beholde, *another* man runneth alone. And the King ſaid, He alſo bringeth tidings.

"Ebr. *I ſe the running.*

27 And the watcheman ſaid, "Me thinketh the running of the formoſt *is* like the running of Ahimáaz the ſonne of Zadók. Then the King ſaid, He is a good man, & commeth with good tidings.

1 He had had experience of his fidelitie, Chap 17,21.

28 And Ahimáaz called, and ſaid vnto the King, Peace *be with thee*: and he fel downe to the earth vpon his face before ỹ King, and ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord thy God, who hathe [o] ſhut vp the men that lift vp their hands againſt my lord the King.

[o] Or, *deliuered vp*

29 And the King ſaid, Is the yong man Abſalóm ſafe? And Ahimáaz anſwered, Whē Ioáb ſent the Kings [k] ſeruant, and *me* thy ſeruát, I ſawe a great tumulte, but I knewe not what.

k To wit, Chushi, who was an Ethiopian

30 And the King ſaid vnto him, Turne aſide, & ſtand here. ſo he turned aſide and ſtode ſtil.

31 And beholde, Cuſhí came, and Cuſhí ſaid, "Tidings, my lord the King: for the Lord hathe deliuered thee this day out of the hand of all that roſe againſt thee.

"Ebr. *tidings is breght*

32 Then the King ſaid vnto Cuſhí, Is the yong man Abſalóm ſafe? And Cuſhí anſwered, The enemies of my lord ỹ King, & all that riſe againſt thee to do thee hurt, be as that yong man is.

l Becauſe he conſidered bothe the iudgemēt of God againſt his ſinne, & colde not otherwiſe hyde his fatherly affectiō toward his ſonne.

33 And the King was [l] moued, and went vp to the chamber ouer the gate, and wept: & as he went, thus he ſaid, O my ſonne Abſalóm, my ſonne, my ſonne Abſalóm: wolde God I had dyed for thee, ô Abſalóm, my ſonne, my ſonne.

CHAP. XIX.

Ioáb encourageth the King. 8 Dauid is reſtored. 23 Shimei is pardoned. 24 Mephibóſheth meeteth the King. 39 Barzelái departeth. 41 Iſraél ſtriueth with Iudáh.

AND it was tolde Ioáb, Beholde, the King wepeth and mourneth for Abſalóm.

"Ebr. *ſaluation, or, deliuerance.*

2 Therefore the "victorie of that day was turned into mourning to all the people: for the people heard ſay that day, The King ſorroweth for his ſonne.

3 And the people wēt that day into the citie [p] ſecretly, as people confounded hide them ſelues when they flee in battel.

[p] Or, *by ſtealthe.*

a As they do that mourne.

4 So the King [a] hid his face, and the King cryed with a lowde voyce, My ſonne Abſalóm, Abſalóm my ſonne, my ſonne.

b At Mahanáim.

5 ¶ Then Ioáb came into [b] the houſe to the King & ſaid, Thou haſt ſhamed this day the faces of all thy ſeruáts, which this day haue ſaued thy life, and the liues of thy ſonnes and of thy daughters, and the liues of thy wiues, and the liues of thy concubines,

6 In that thou loueſt thine enemies, & hateſt thy friendes: for thou haſt declared this day, that thou regardeſt nether thy "princes nor ſeruants: therefore this day I perceiue, that if Abſalóm had liued, and we all had dyed this day, that thē it wolde haue" pleaſed thee wel.

"Or, captaines.

"Ebr. *beare right in thine eyes*

7 Now therefore vp, come out, and ſpeake "cōfortably vnto thy ſeruáts: for I ſweare by the Lord, except thou come out, there wil not tary one man with thee this night: and that wil be worſe vnto thee, then all ỹ euil that fel on thee from thy youthe hetherto.

"Ebr. *to the heart of thy ſeruants*

8 Then the King aroſe, & ſate in the [c] gate: and they tolde vnto all the people, ſaying, Beholde, the King doeth ſit in the gate: & all the people came before the King: for Iſraél had fled euerie man to his tent.

c Where the moſte reforte of the people hanted.

9 ¶ Then all the people were at [d] ſtrife throughout all the tribes of Iſraél, ſaying, The King ſaued vs out of the hād of our enemies, & he deliuered vs out of the hand of the Philiſtíms, and now he is fled out of the land for Abſalóm.

d Euerie one blamed another & ſtrone who ſhulde firſt bring him home.

10 And Abſalóm, whome we anoīte d ouer vs, is dead in battel: therefore why are ye ſo ſlowe to bring the King againe?

11 But King Dauid ſent to Zadók and to Abiathár the [e] Prieſts, ſaying, Speake vnto the Elders of Iudáh and ſay, Why are ye behind to bring ỹ King againe to his houſe, (for the ſaying of all Iſraél is come vnto the King, *euen* to his houſe)

e That they ſhulde reproue the negligence of ỹ Elders, ſeing the people were ſo forwarde.

12 Ye are my brethren: my bones and my fleſh are ye: wherefore then are ye the laſt that bring the King againe?

13 Alſo ſay ye to Amaſá, Art thou not my bone and my fleſh? God do ſo to me and more alſo, if thou be not captaine of the hoſte to me for euer in ỹ [f] roume of Ioáb.

f By this policie Dauid thogut ỹ by winning of the captaine, he ſhulde haue ỹ heartes of all the people.

14 So he bowed the heartes of all the men of Iudáh, as of one man: therefore they ſent to the King, ſaying, Returne thou with all thy ſeruants.

15 ¶ So the King returned, & came to Iordén. And Iudáh came to Gilgál, for to go to meete the King, & to conduct him ouer Iordén.

16 ¶ And [g] Shimeí ỹ ſonne of Gerá, the ſonne of Ieminí, which was of Bahurím, haſted & came downe with the men of Iudáh to meete King Dauid,

g Who had before reuiled him, Chap. 16,13

17 And a thouſand men of Beniamín with him, and *Zibá the ſeruant of the houſe of Saúl, and his fiftene ſonnes and twentie ſeruants with him: and they wēt ouer Iordén before ỹ King.

*Chap. 9,2.

18 And there wēt ouer a bote to carie ouer the Kings houſholde, and to do him pleaſure. Then Shimeí the ſonne of Gerá fel before the King, when he was come ouer Iordén,

19 And

19 And ſaid vnto ỹ King, Let not my lord impute * wickednes vnto me, nor remember the thing that thy ſeruant did h wickedly when my lord the King departed out of Ieruſalém, that ỹ King ſhulde take it to his heart.

Chap.16,11.

h For in his aduerſitie he was his moſte cruel enemie, & now in his proſperitie ſeketh by flatterie to crepe into fauour.

20 For thy ſeruát doeth knowe, that I haue done amiſſe: therefore beholde, I am the firſt this day of all the houſe of i Ioſéph, that am come to go downe to meete my lord the King.

i By Ioſeph he meaneth Ephráim, Manaſſéh, and Benia mín (whereof he was) becauſe theſe thre were vnder one ſtanderd, Nomb 2,18

21 But Abiſhái the ſonne of Zeruiáh anſwered, and ſaid, Shal not Shimeí dye for this, becauſe he curſed the Lords anointed?

22 And Dauid ſaid, What haue I to do with you, ye ſonnes of Zeruiáh, that this day ye ſhulde be aduerſaries vnto me? ſhal there anie man dye this day in Iſrael? for do not I knowe, that I am this day King ouer Iſráél?

23 Therefore the King ſaid vnto Shimeí, Thou ſhalt not dye, and the King ſware vnto him.

24 ¶ And Mephibóſheth the ſonne of Saúl came downe to meete the King, and had nether waſhed his feete, nor dreſſed his bearde, nor waſhed his clothes from the time the King departed, vntil he returned in peace.

k When Mephibóſheth being at Ieruſalém had met the King.

25 And when k he was come to Ieruſalém, & met the King, the King ſaid vnto him, Wherefore wenteſt not thou with me, Mephibóſheth?

26 And he anſwered, My lord the King, my ſeruant diſceiued me: for thy ſeruant ſaid, I wolde haue mine aſſe ſadled to ride thereon for to go with the King, becauſe thy ſeruant *is* lame.

Chap.16,3.

27 And he hathe * accuſed thy ſeruant vnto my lord the King: but my lord ỹ King *is* as an l Angel of God: do therefore thy pleaſure.

l Able for his wiſdome to iudge in all matters.

28 For all my fathers houſe were m but dead men before my lord the King, yet dideſt thou ſet thy ſeruant among them ỹ did eat at thine owne table: what right therefore haue I yet to crye anie more vnto the King?

m Worthy to dye for Sauls crueltie towarde thee.

29 And the King ſaid vnto him, Why ſpeakeſt thou anie more of thy matters? I haue ſaid, Thou, and Zibá deuide the n lands.

n Dauid did euil in taking his lands from him before he knewe ỹ cauſe, but muche worſe, that knowing the trueth, he did not reſtore them.

30 And Mephibóſheth ſaid vnto ỹ King, Yea, let him take all, ſeing my lord the King is come home in peace.

31 ¶ Then Barzillái the Gileadite came downe from Rogelím, and went ouer Iordén with the King, to conduct him ouer Iordén.

32 Now Barzillái was a very aged man, *euẽ* foureſcore yere olde, and he had prouided the King of ſuſtenance, while he lay at Mahanáim: for he was a man of very great ſubſtance.

33 And the Kīg ſaid vnto Barzillái, Come ouer with me, & I wil feede thee with me in Ieruſalém.

34 And Barzillái ſaid vnto ỹ King, "How long haue I to lyue, that I ſhulde go vp with the King to Ieruſalém?

"Ebr. how many dayes are the yeres of my life?

35 I am this day foureſcore yere olde: and cá I diſcerne betwene good or euil? Hathe thy ſeruant anie taſte in that I eat or in ỹ I drinke? Can I heare anie more the voice of ſinging men and women? wherefore then ſhulde thy ſeruant be anie more a o burthen vnto my lord the King?

o He thoght it not meete to receiue benefites of him to whome he was not able to do ſeruice againe.

36 Thy ſeruant wil go a litle way ouer Iordén with the King, and why wil the King recompence it me with ſuche a rewarde?

37 I pray thee, let thy ſeruant turne backe againe, that I may dye in mine owne citie, and *be buryed* in the graue of my father and of my mother: but beholde thy ſeruāt p Chimhám, let him go with my lord the King, & do to him what ſhal pleaſe thee.

p My ſonne

38 And the King anſwered, Chimhám ſhal go with me, and I wil do to him that thou ſhalt be content with: & whatſoeuer thou ſhalt q require of me, that wil I do for thee.

q Or, chuſe.

39 So all the people went ouer Iordén: and the King paſſed ouer: and the King kiſſed Barzillái, and r bleſſed him, and he returned vnto his owne place.

r Or, bade him fare wel

40 ¶ Then the King went to s Gilgál, and Chimhám went with him, and all the people of Iudah conducted the King, and alſo halfe the people of t Iſraél.

q Where the tribe of Iudáh tarryed to receiue him

r Which had taken parte w the King.

41 And beholde, all the men of Iſraél came to the King, & ſaid vnto the King, Why haue our brethren the men of Iudáh ſtolen thee away, and haue brought the King and his houſholde, and all Dauids men with him ouer u Iordén?

s Towarde Ieruſalém.

42 And all the men of Iudáh anſwered the men of Iſraél, Becauſe the King is nere of kin to vs: and wherefore now be ye angry for this matter? haue we eatē of the Kings *coſt*, or haue we taken anie bribes?

43 And the men of Iſraél anſwered the mē of Iudáh, and ſaid, We haue ten partes in the King, and haue alſo more *right* to Dauid then ye, Why then did ye deſpiſe vs, * that our aduiſe ſhulde not be firſt had in reſtoring our King? And the wordes of the men of Iudáh were fearcer then the wordes of the men of Iſraél.

**Or, haue not we firſt ſpoken to bring home the King? verſ 11*

CHAP. XX.

1 Shéba raiſeth Iſraél againſt Dauid. 10 Ioáb killeth Amaſá traiterouſly. 22 The head of Shéba is deliuered to Ioab. 23 Dauids chief officers.

1 THen there was come x thither a wicked man (named Shéba the ſonne of Bichrí, a man of Iemíni) and he blewe the trumpet, and ſaid, We haue no parte in

x Where the ten tribes contended againſt Iudáh.

b As thei of Iudáh say c He thoght by speaking contẽptcously of the King, to 2 stirre ỹ people rather to sedicion.

b Dauid, nether haue we inheritance in ỹ sonne c of Ishái: euery man to his tents, ô Israél.

So euery man of Israél went from Dauid and followed Shéba the sonne of Bichrí: but the men of Iudáh claue fast vnto their King, from d Iordén euen to Ieruſalém.

d Frõ Gilgál, which was nere Iordén

3 When Dauid then came to his house to Ieruſalém, the King toke the ten women *his* * concubines, that he had left behinde him to kepe the house, & put them in warde, and fed them, but lay no more with them: but they were enclosed vnto ỹ day of their death, liuing in widowhode.

Chap 16,22.

e Who was his chief captaine in Ioabs roume, Chap 19,13

4 ¶Thẽ said the King to e Amasá, Assemble me the mẽ of Iudáh within thre daies, and be thou here present.

5 So Amasá wẽt to assemble Iudáh, but he taried longer then the time which he had appointed him.

6 Then Dauid said to Abishái, Now shal Shéba the sonne of Bichrí do vs more harme thẽ *did* Absalóm: take thou *therefore* thy f lords seruants and followe after him, lest he get him walled cities, & escape vs.

f Ether them which had bene vnder Ioáb, or Dauids mẽ *Chap 8.19.*

7 And there went out after him Ioabs mẽ, and the* Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mightie men: & thei departed out of Ieruſalém, to followe after Shéba the sonne of Bichrí.

8 Whẽ thei were at the great stone, which is in Gibeón, Amasá went before them, & Ioabs g garment, that he had put on, was girded vnto him, & vpon it was a swoorde girded, which hanged on his loines in the sheath, & as he went, it vsed to falle out.

g Which was his coat, that he vsed to weare in the warres

9 And Ioáb said to Amasá, Art thou in "health, my brother? & Ioáb toke Amasá by the beard with ỹ right hãd to kisse him.

"Ebr. peace.

10 But Amasá toke no hede to the sworde that was in Ioabs hand: for therewith he smote him in the fift *rib*, and shed out his bowels to the grounde, & "smote him not the seconde time: so he dyed. then Ioáb & Abishái his brother followed after Shéba the sonne of Bichrí.

"Ebr doubled not his stroke

h He stode by Amasá at Ioabs appointement.

11 And one of Ioabs men h stode by him, & said, He that fauoreth Ioáb, & he that is of Dauids parte, *let him go* after Ioáb.

12 And Amasá wallowed in blood in the middes of the way: & when the man sawe that all the people stode stil, he remoued Amasá out of the way into ỹ field, & cast a cloth vpon him, because he sawe that euery one that came by him, stode stil.

13 ¶When he was remoued out of the way, euery man went after Ioáb, to followe after Shéba the sonne of Bichrí.

i Vnto the citie Abél, which was nere to Bethmaachâh.

14 And he went through all the tribes of Israél vnto Abél, and i Bethmaachâh and all *places* of Berím: and thei gathered togethe, and went also after him.

15 So thei came, and besieged him in Abél, *nere to* Bethmaachâh: and thei cast vp a mount against the citie, & the people thereof stode on the ramper, and all the people that was with Ioáb, k destroyed and cast downe the wall.

k That is, he went about to ouerthrowe it.

16 Then cryed a wise woman out of the citie, Heare, heare, I pray you, say vnto Ioáb, Come thou hither, that I may speake with thee.

17 And when he came nere vnto her, the womã said, Art thou Ioáb? And he answered, Yea. And she said to him, Heare the wordes of thine handmayd. And he answered, I do heare.

18 Then she spake thus, l Thei spake in the olde time, saying, Thei shulde aske of Abél. and so haue thei continued.

l She sheweth that the olde custome was, not to destroie a citie, before peace was offred, Deut. 20, 11

19 I am m *one* of them, that are peaceable & faithfull in Israél: and thou goest about to destroye a citie, and a mother in Israél: why wilt thou deuoure the inheritance of the Lord?

m She speaketh in the name of ỹ citie.

20 And Ioáb answered, & said, God forbid, God forbid it me, that I shulde deuoure, or destroye it.

21 The n matter is not so, but a mã of mout Ephráim (Shéba the sonne of Bichrí by name) hathe lift vp his hand against the King, *euen* against Dauid: deliuer vs him onely, & I wil departe from the citie. And the woman said vnto Ioáb, Beholde, his head shalbe throwen to thee ouer the wall.

n Hearing his faute tolde hi, he gaue place to reason and required onely him that was autor of the treason.

22 Then the woman went vnto all the people with her wisdome, and thei cut of the head of Shéba the sonne of Bichrí, & cast it to Ioáb: then he blewe the trumpet, and "thei retired from the citie, euery man to his tent: and Ioáb returned to Ieruſalém vnto the King.

"Ebr thei were scattered

23 ¶*Thẽ Ioáb *was* ouer all the hoste of Israél, and Banaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá ouer the Cherethites & ouer ỹ Pelethites,

Chap 8.16.

24 And Adorám ouer the tribute, and Iosháphát the sonne of Ahilúd the recorder,

25 And Sheiá *was* scribe, and Zadók and Abiathár the Priests,

26 And also Irá the Iairite *was* o chief about Dauid.

o Ether in dignitie, or familiaritie.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Thre deare yeres 9 The vengeance of the sinnes of Saúl lighteth on his seuẽ sonnes, which are hãged 11 Foure great battels, which Dauid had against the Philist ms

1 THen there was a famine in the daies of Dauid, thre yeres" together: and Dauid" asked counsel of the Lord, & the Lord answered, *It is* for Saúl, and for *his* bloodie house, because he slewe the a Gibeonites.

"Ebr yere after yere
"Ebr fought the face of the Lord
a Thinking to gratifie ỹ people, because these were not of the seede of Abrahám. *Iosh 9.3.*

2 Then the King called the Gibeonites, & said vnto thẽ (Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israél, but* a remnant of the Amorites, vnto whome the children of Israél had sworne: but Saúl

soght

ſoght to ſlaye thē for his zeale toward the children of Iſraél and Iudáh)

3 And Dauid ſaid vnto the Gibeonites, b What ſhal I do for you, and wherewith ſhal I make the atonement, that ye may bleſſe the inheritance of the Lord?

4 The Gibeonites then anſwered him, We wil haue no ſiluer nor gold of Saúl nor of his houſe, nether for vs ſhalt thou kil c anie man in Iſraél. And he ſaid, What ye ſhal ſay, that wil I do for you.

5 Then they anſwered the King, The man that conſumed vs and that imagined euil againſt vs, *ſo that* we are deſtroyed from remaining in anie coaſte of Iſraél,

6 Let ſeuen men of his d ſonnes be deliuered vnto vs, and we wil hang them vp e vnto the Lord in Gibeáh of Saúl, the Lords choſen. And the King ſaid, I wil giue them.

7 But the King had compaſſion on Mephibóſheth the ſōne of Ionathán the ſonne of Saúl, becauſe of the * Lords othe, that was betwene them, *euen* betwene Dauid and Ionathan the ſonne of Saúl.

8 But the King toke the two ſonnes of Rizpáh the daughter of Aiah, whome ſhe bare vnto Saúl, *euen* Armoní & Mephibóſheth and the fiue ſonnes of f Michál, the daughter of Saúl, whome ſhe bare to Abriél the ſonne of Barzillái the Meholathite.

9 And he deliuered them vnto the hands of the Gibeonites, which hāged them in the moūtaine before the Lord: ſo they " dyed *all* ſeuen together, and they were ſlaine in the time of harueſt: in the g firſt *dayes*, & in the beginning of barly harueſt.

10 Then Rizpáh the daughter of Aiáh toke h ſackcloth & hādged it vp for her vpō the rocke, from the beginning of harueſt, vntil i water dropped vpon them from the heauen, and ſuffred nether the birdes of the aire to "light on them by day, nor beaſtes of the field by night.

11 ¶ And it was tolde Dauid, what Rizpáh the daughter of Aiáh the concubine of Saúl had done.

12 And Dauid went and toke the bones of Saúl and the bones of Ionathán his ſonne from the citizens of Iabéſh Gileád, which had ſtollen them from the ſtrete of Bethſhán, where the Philiſtíms had * handged them, when the Philiſtíms had ſlaine Saúl in Gilbóa.

13 So he broght thence the bones of Saúl and the bones of Ionathán his ſonne, and ther gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saúl and of Ionathán his ſonne buryed they in the countrei of Beniamín in Zeláh, in the graue of Kiſh his father: and when they had performed all that the King had commanded, God was then k appeaſed with the land.

15 ¶ Againe the Philiſtíms had warre with Iſraél: and Dauid went downe, and his ſeruants with him, and they foght againſt the Philiſtíms, and Dauid fainted.

16 Then Iſhi benób which was of the ſonnes of l Harapháh (*the head* of whoſe ſpeare waied three hundreth m ſhekels of braſſe) cuē he being girded with a newe *ſword*, thoght to haue ſlaine Dauid.

17 But Abiſhái the ſonne of Zeruiáh ſuccoured him, and ſmote the Philiſtim, and killed him. Then Dauids men ſware vnto him, ſaying, Thou ſhalt go no more out with vs to battel, leſt thou quenche the n light of Iſraél.

18 ¶ And after this alſo there was a battel with the Philiſtíms at o Gob, then Sibbechái the Huſhathite ſlewe Saph, which was one of the ſonnes of Haraphāh.

19 And there was yet *another* battel in Gob with the Philiſtíms, where Elhanáh the ſonne of Iaare-oregím, a Bethlehemite ſlewe p Goliáth the Gittite: the ſtaffe of whoſe ſpeare *was* like a weauers beame.

20 Afterwarde there was alſo a battel in Gath, where was a man of *a great* ſtature, and had on euerie hand ſix fingers, and on euerie foote ſix toes, foure and twentie in nomber: who was alſo the ſonne of Haraphāh.

21 And when he reuiled Iſraél, Ionathán the ſonne of * Shimá the brother of Dauid ſlewe him.

22 Theſe foure were borne to Haraphāh in Gath, and dyed by the hand of Dauid and by the hands of his ſeruants.

CHAP. XXII.

2 Dauid after his victories praiſeth God. 8 The angre of God toward the wicked. 44 He prophecieth of the reiection of the Iewes, and vocacion of the Gentiles.

1 AND Dauid ſpake the wordes of this a ſong vnto the Lord, what time the Lord had deliuered him out of the hands of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saúl.

2 And he ſaid, * The Lord is my b rocke and my fortereſſe, and he that deliuereth me.

3 God *is* my "ſtrength, in him wil I truſt: my ſhield, and the horne of my ſaluacion, my hie towre *and* my refuge: my ſauiour, thou haſt ſaued me from violence.

4 I wil call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praiſed, ſo ſhal I be ſafe from mine enemies.

5 For the c pangs of death haue compaſſed me: the floods of vngodlines haue made me afraide.

6 The ſorowes of the graue compaſſed me about: the ſnares of death ouertoke me.

b Wherewith may your wrath be appeaſed, ſ you may pray to God to remoue this plague from his people?

c Saue onely of Sauls ſtocke

d Of Sauls kinſemen.

e To pacifie ſ Lord.

2.Sam.18,3.

f Here Michál is named for Meráb Adriels wife as appeareth 1 Sam 18, 19: for Michál was the wife of Paltiel, 1 Sam 25.44, & neuer had childe, 2 Sam 6,23

"*Ebr fil*

g Which was in the moneth Abíb or Niſan, which conteineth parte of Marche and parte of April.

h To make her a tēt, wherein ſhe prayed to God to turne away his wrath

i Becauſe drought was ſ cauſe of this famine, God by ſending of raine ſhewed ſ he was pacified.

"*Or, reſt.*

2.Sam.31,10.

k For where ſ magiſtrat ſuffreth ſinnes vnpunished, there the plague of God lyeth vpō the land

l That is, of ſ race of Gyáts.

m Which amounte to nine pounde three quarters.

n For the glorie and welth of the countrey ſtandeth in the preſeruacion of the godly magiſtrate

o Called Gézer, and Zaph is called Zippai, 1 Chro 20, 4

p That is, Lahmí the brother of Goliáth, whome Dauid ſlewe, 1 Chro 20,5

1.Sam.16,9.

a In token of the wonderful benefites, that he receiued of God

Pſal 18,2.

b By the diuerſitie of theſe cōuenient names, he ſheweth how his faith was ſtengthned in all tentacions

"*Or, rocke*

c As Dauid (who was the figure of Chriſt) was by Gods power deliuered frō all dangers: ſo Chriſt and his Church ſhal euercom moſte grieuous tyrannies and vsurp

7 *But* in my tribulation did I call vpon the Lord, and crye to my God, & he did heare my voice out of his temple, & my crye *did enter* into his eares.

8 Then the earth trembled and quaked: the fundacions of the heauens moued, and ſhoke, becauſe he was angry.

d That is, cloudes, and vapors. e Lightening & thundering. f So it ſemeth when the aire is darcke g To flie in a moment through the worlde.

9 d Smoke went out at his noſtrels, and cõſuming e fire out of his mouth: coles were kindled thereat.

10 He f bowed the heauens alſo, and came downe, and darkenes *was* vnder his feete.

11 And he rode vpon g Cherúb and did flye, and he was ſene vpon the wings of the winde.

12 And he made darknes a tabernacle rounde about him, *euen* the gatherings of waters, *and* the cloudes of the aire.

h By this deſcription of a tempeſt he declareth the power of God againſt his enemies

13 At the brightnes of his preſence h the coles of fire were kindled.

14 The Lord thundred from heauen, & the moſte hye gaue his voyce.

15 He ſhot arrowes alſo, and ſcatred them: *to wit*, lightning, and deſtroyed them.

i He alludeth to the miracle of the red Sea.

16 The i chanels alſo of the ſea appeared, *euen* the fundacions of the worlde were diſcouered by the rebuking of the Lord, *and* at the blaſt of the breath of his noſtrels.

17 He ſent from aboue, *and* toke me: he drewe me out of manie waters.

18 He deliuered me from my ſtrong enemie, *and* from thẽ that hated me: for they were to ſtrong for me.

k I was ſo beſet, that all meanes ſemed to faile.

19 They k preuented me in the day of my calamitie, but the Lord was my ſtay,

20 And broght me forthe into a large place: he deliuered me, becauſe he fauored me.

l Toward Saul and mine enemies

21 The Lord rewarded me according to my l righteouſnes: according to the purenes of mine hands he recompenced me.

m I attempted nothing without his commandement

22 For I kept the wayes of the Lord, and did not m wickedly againſt my God.

23 For all his lawes *were* before me, and his ſtatutes: I did not depaite therefrom.

24 I was vpright alſo towarde him, and haue kept me from my wickednes.

25 Therefore the Lord did rewarde me, according to my righteouſnes, according to my purenes before his eyes.

26 With ỹ godlie thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelfe godlie: with the vpright man thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelfe vpright.

n Their wickednes is cauſe, that thou ſemeſt to forget thy wonted mercie

27 With the pure thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelfe pure, and with the n frowarde thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelfe frowarde.

28 Thus thou wilt ſaue the poore people: but thine eyes *are* vpon the hautie to hũble *them*.

29 Surely thou art my light, ô Lord: and the Lord wil lighten my darknes.

30 For by thee haue I broken through an hoſte, and by my God haue I leaped ouer a wall.

o The maner ỹ God vſeth to ſuccour his, neuer faileth

31 The wãy of God is o vncorrupt: the worde of the Lord is tryed *in the fire*: he is a ſhield to all that truſt in him.

32 For who is God beſides the Lord? and who is mighty, ſaue our God?

33 God is my ſtrength in battel, and maketh my way vpright.

p He vſeth extraordinarie meanes to make me winne moſte ſtrong holdes

34 He maketh my feete like p hindes *feete*, and hathe ſet me vpon mine hie places.

35 He teacheth mine hands to fight, ſo that a bowe of q braſſe is broken with mine armes.

q Or, ſteele.

36 Thou haſt alſo giuen me the ſhield of thy ſaluacion, and thy louing kindenes hathe cauſed me to increaſe.

37 Thou haſt enlarged my ſteppes vnder me, and mine heeles haue not ſlid.

38 I haue purſued mine enemies and deſtroyed them, and haue not turned againe vntil I had conſumed them.

39 Yea, I haue conſumed them and thruſt them through, and they ſhal not ariſe, but ſhal fall vnder my feete.

q He acknowledgeth that God was the autor of his victories, who gaue him ſtrength.

40 For thou haſt q girded me with power to battel, *and* them that aroſe againſt me, haſt thou ſubdued vnder me.

41 And thou haſt giuen me the neckes of mine enemies, that I might deſtroy them that hate me.

r The wicked in their neceſſitie are compelled to flie to God, but it is to late.

42 They loked about, but there was nõne to ſaue *them*, *euen* vnto the r Lord, but he anſwered them not.

43 Then did I beate thẽ as ſmall as the duſt of the earth: I did tread them flat as the clay of the ſtreete, *and* did ſpread them abroad.

s Meaning, of ỹ Iewes, who conſpired againſt me

44 Thou haſt alſo deliuered me from the contẽcions of my s people: thou haſt preſerued me to be the head ouer nacions: the people which I knewe not, do ſerue me.

t Not willingly obeyig me, but diſſemblingly.

45 Strangers t ſhalbe in ſubiection to me: aſſone as they heare, they ſhal obey me.

46 Strangers ſhal ſhrinke away, and feare in their priuie chambers.

u Let him ſhewe his power, that he is the gouernour of all the worlde

47 Let the Lord liue, u and bleſſed be my ſtrength: and God, *euen* the force of my ſaluacion be exalted.

48 *It is* God that giueth me *power* to reuẽge me, and ſubdue the people vnder me,

49 And reſcueth me from mine enemies: ỹ alſo haſt lift me vp from them that roſe againſt me, thou haſt deliuered me from the cruel man.

50 Therefore I wil praiſe thee, ô Lord, among the * nacions, and wil ſing vnto thy Name)

Rom 15.9.

51 He is the towre of ſaluacio for his King, and ſheweth mercy to his Anointed, *euen* to Dauid, and to his ſeede * for euer.

Chap.7.13.

CHAP XXIII.

1 The laſt wordes of Dauid. 6 The wicked ſhalbe plucke

pluckt vp as thornes. 8 The names and facts of his mighty men. 15 He desired water and wolde not drinke it.

1 THese also be the a last wordes of Dauid, Dauid the sonne of Ishái saith, euen the man who was set vp on hie, the Anointed of the God of Iaakób, and the swete singer of Israél saith,

2 The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his worde *was* in my b tongue.

3 The God of Israél spake to me, the strength of Israél said, *Thou shalt* beare rule ouer me, being iust, *and* ruling in the feare of God.

4 Euen as the morning light when the sunne riseth, the morning, I say, without clouds, *so shal mine house be, and not* as the c grasse of the earth *is* by the bright raine.

5 For so shal not mine house *be* with God: for he hathe made with me an euerlasting couenát, perfit in all points, and sure: therefore all mine health and whole desire *is*, that he wil not make it d growe *so*.

6 But the wicked *shal be* euerie one as thornes thrust away, because they can not be taken with hands.

7 But the man that shal touche them, must be defensed with yron, or with the shaft of a speare. & they shal be burnt with fire in the same place.

8 ¶These *be* the names of the mighty men whome Dauid had. He that sate in the seate of e wisdome being chief of the princes, was Adinó of Ezní, he slewe eight hundreth at one time.

9 And after him *was** Eleazár the sonne of Dodó, the sonne of Ahohí, one of the thre worthies with Dauid, when they f defied the Philistíms gathered there to battel, when the men of Israél were g gone vp.

10 He arose and smote the Philistíms vntil his hand was weary, and his hand g claue vnto the sworde: and the Lord gaue great victorie the same day, and the people returned after him onely to spoile.

11 After him *was** Shammáh the sonne of Agé the Hararite: for the Philistíms assembled at a towne, where was a piece of a field ful of lentils, and the people fled frō the Philistíms.

12 But he stode in the middes of the field, and defended it, and slewe the Philistíms: so the Lord gaue h great victorie.

13 ¶Afterward thre of the thirty captaines went downe, and came to Dauid in the haruest time vnto the caue of Adullám, & the hoste of the Philistíms pitched in the valley of Rephaím.

14 And Dauid *was* then in an holde, and the garison of the Philistíms *was* then in Beth-léhem.

15 And Dauid i longed, and said, Oh, that one wolde giue me to drinke of the water of the well of Beth-léhem, which is by the gate.

16 Thē the thre migty brake into the hoste of the Philistíms, and drewe water out of the well of Beth-léhem that was by the gate, and toke & broght it to Dauid, who wolde not drinke thereof, but k powred it *for an offring* vnto the Lord,

17 And said, O Lord, be it far from me, that I shulde do this. *Is* not this the blood of the men that wēt in ieopardy of their liues? therefore he wolde not drinke it. These things did these thre mighty men.

18 ¶*And Abishái the brother of Ioáb, the sonne of Zeruiáh, was chief among the thre, and he lifted vp his speare against thre hundreth, "and slewe them, and he had the name among the thre.

19 For he was moste excellent of the thre, and was their captaine. but he atteined not vnto *the first* thre.

20 And Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá the sonne of "a valiant man, which had done many actes, *& was* of Kabzeél, slewe two strong men of Moáb: he went downe also, and slewe a lion in the middes of a pit in the time of snowe.

21 And he slewe an Egyptian a"mā of great stature, and the Egyptian *had* a l speare in his hand: but he went downe to him with a staffe, and plucked the speare out of the Egyptiās hand, & slewe him with his owne speare.

22 These things did Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá, & had the name amōg the thre worthies.

23 He was honorable among m thirty, but he atteined not to the *first* thre: and Dauid made him of his counsel.

24 ¶*Asahél the brother of Ioáb *was* one of the thirty: Elhanán the sonne of Dodó of Beth-léhem:

25 Shammáh the Harodite: Elikā the Harodite:

26 Hélez the *"Paltite: Irá the sonne of Ikkésh the Tekoite:

27 Abiézer the Anethothite: n Mebunnái the Husathite:

28 Zalmón an Ahohite: Maharái the Netophathite:

29 Hélcb the sonne of Baanáh a Netophathite: Ittái the sonne of Ribái of Gibeáh of the children of Beniamín.

30 Benaiáh the Pirathonite: Hiddái of the riuer of Gaásh:

31 Abi-álbon the Arbathite: Azmáueth the Barhumite:

32 Elihabá the Shaalbonite: *of* the sonnes of Iashén, Ionathán:

33 Shammáh the Hara ite: Ahiám the sonne of Sharár the Hararite:

34 Eliphélet the sonne of Ahasbái the sonne of Maachathi: Eliám the sonne of Ahithóphel the Gilonite:

a Which he spake after the he had made the Psalmes

b Meaning, he spake nothing but by the motion of Gods Spirit.

c Which groweth quickely and fadeth sone

d But that my kingdome may continue for euer according to his promes

e As one of the Kings counsel.

1 Chro 11,12.

f Or, assailed with dager of their liues

f Meaning, fled from the battel

g By a crāpe which came of wearines and straining.

2 Chro 11,27.

h Who hathe neither respect to many or fewe, when he wil shewe his power

i Or, Gyaats

l Being ouercome of wearines & thirst

k Bridelīg his affection, and also desiring God not to be offended for the rash enterprise.

1 Chro 11,20.

"Ebr. slaine.

"Or, Ish-hai.

"Or, a comely man

l Which was bigge as a weauers beame. *1 Chro 11,23.*

m He was more valiant thē the thirty so that follow, and not so valiant as the *6 before Chap 2,18.*

1 Chro 11,27.

"Or, Pelonite.

n Diuers of these had two names, as appeareth 1 Chro 11 and also many more are there mentioned.

35 Hezrái the Carmelite: Paarái the Arbite:
36 Igál the ſonne of Nathán of Zobáh: Baní the Gadite:
37 Zélek the Ammonite: Naharái the Beerothite, the armour bearer of Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh:
38 Irá the Ithrite Garéb the Ithrite:
39 Vriáh the Hittite, [o] thirty and ſeuen in all.

o These came to Dauid and helped to reſtore him to his kingdome

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 Dauid cauſeth the people to be nombred. 10 He repenteth, and chuſeth to fall into Gods hands. 15 Seuentie thouſand periſh with the peſtilence.

1 AND the wrath of the Lord was [a] againe kindled againſt Iſraél, and [b] he moued Dauid againſt them, in that he ſaid, Go, nomber Iſraél and Iudáh.
2 For the King ſaid to Ioáb the captaine of the hoſte, which was with him: Go ſpedely now through all the tribes of Iſraél, from Dan euen to Beer-ſhéba and nomber ye the people, that I may knowe the [c] nomber of the people.
3 And Ioáb ſaid vnto the King, The Lord thy God increaſe the people an hundreth folde mo then they be, and that the eyes of my lord the King maye ſe it: but why doeth my lord the King deſire this thing?
4 Notwithſtanding the Kings worde preuailed againſt Ioáb & againſt the captaines of the hoſte: therefore Ioáb & the captaines of the hoſte went out from the preſence of the King, to nomber the people of Iſraél.
5 ¶And they paſſed ouer Iordén, and pitched in Aroér at the right ſide of the citie that is in the middes of the [d] valley of Gad and toward Iazér.
6 Then they came to Gileád, and to [e] Tahtim hodſhi, ſo they came to Dan Iaán, & ſo about to Zidón,
7 And came to the forteresſe of Tyrus and to all the cities of the Hiuites and of the Canaanites, and went toward the South of Iudáh, euen to Beer-ſhéba.
8 So when they had gone about all the lánd, they returned to Ieruſalém at the end of nine moneths and twentie dayes.
9 ¶And Ioáb deliuered the nomber *and* ſumme of the people vnto the King: and there were in Iſraél [d] eight hundreth thouſand ſtrong men that drewe ſwordes, and the men of Iudáh were [e] fiue hundreth thouſand men.
10 The Dauids heart ſmote him, after that he had nombred the people: and Dauid ſaid vnto the Lord, I haue ſinned exceedingly in that I haue done: therefore now, Lord, I beſeche thee, take away the treſpaſſe of thy ſeruant: for I haue done very fooliſhly.
11 ¶And when Dauid was vp in the morning, the worde of the Lord came vnto the Prophet Gad Dauids [f] Seer, ſaying,
12 Go, and ſay vnto Dauid, Thus ſayth the Lord, I offre thee thre things, choſe thee which of them I ſhal do vnto thee.
13 So Gad came to Dauid, and ſhewed him, and ſaid vnto him, Wilt thou that [g] ſeuen yeres famine come vpon thee in thy land, or wilt thou flee thre moneths before thine enemies, they following thee, or that there be thre daies peſtilence in thy land: now aduiſe thee, and ſe, what anſwer I ſhal giue to him that ſent me.
14 ¶And Dauid ſaid vnto Gad, I am in a wonderful ſtraite: let vs fall now into the hand of the Lord, (for his mercies *are* great) and let me not fall into the hánd of man.
15 So the Lord ſent a peſtilence in Iſraél, from the morning euen to the time appointed: and there dyed of the people fróm [h] Dan euen to Beer-ſhéba ſeuentie thouſand men.
16 And when the Angel ſtretched out his hand vpon Ieruſalém to deſtroy it, the Lord [*] repéted of the euil, and ſaid to the Angel that deſtroyed the people, It is ſufficient, [i] holde now thine hand. And the Angel of the Lord was by the threſhing place of Araunáh the Iebuſite.
17 And Dauid ſpake vnto the Lord (when he ſawe the Angel that ſmote the people) & ſaid, Beholde, I haue ſinned, yea, I haue done wickedly: but theſe ſhepe, what haue they [k] done? let thine hand, I praye thee, be againſt me & againſt my fathers houſe.
18 ¶So Gad came the ſame day to Dauid, and ſaid vnto him, Go vp, reare an altar vnto the Lord in the threſhing floore of Araunáh the Iebuſite.
19 And Dauid (according to the ſaying of Gad) went vp, as the Lord had commanded.
20 And Araunáh loked, and ſawe the King and his ſeruants comming towarde him, and Araunáh went out, and bowed him ſelfe before the King on his face to the grounde,
21 And [l] Araunáh ſaid, Wherefore is my lord the King come to his ſeruant? Then Dauid anſwered, To bye the threſhing floore of thee, for to buylde an altar vnto the Lord, that the plague may ceaſe from the people.
22 Then Araunáh ſaid vnto Dauid, Let my lord the King take and offer what ſemeth him good in his eyes: beholde the oxen for the burnt offring, and charets, and the inſtruments of the oxen for wood.
23 All theſe things did Araunáh [m] *as a* King giue vnto the King: & Araunáh ſaid vnto the King, The Lord thy God be fauorable vnto thee.

24 Then

a Before they were plagued with famine, Chap 21.1
b The Lord permitted Satan, as 1 Chro. 21,1
c Becauſe he did this to trie his power and ſo to truſt therein, it offended God, els it was lawful to nómber ỹ people, Exod. 30 12. Nomb 1,2
d Or, riuer.
e Or, to the nether lánd ne vly inhabited
f Or, Zer.
d According to Ioabs counte: for in all there were eleuen húdreth thouſand, 1 Chro 21,5
e Concluding vnder the the Beniamites: for els they had but foure hundreth & ſeuentie thouſand, 1 Chro 21,5
f Whome God had appointed for Dauid and his time
g For 3 yeres of famine were paſt for the Gibonites matter: this was ỹ 4 yere, to the which ſhulde haue bene added other 3 yeres more, 1 Chro 21,12.
h Frō the one ſide of the countrey to ỹ other.
1. Sam. 15. 11.
i The Lord ſpared this place, becauſe he had choſen it to buylde his temple there.
k Dauid ſawe not ỹ truſt cauſe, why God plagued ỹ people & therefore he offreth him ſelfe to Gods corrections, as the onely cauſe of this euil.
l Called alſo Ornan, 1. Chro. 21,20.
m That is, abſolutely, for as ſome write, he was King of Ieruſalém before Dauid wánne ỹ towne

24 Thē the King ſaid vnto Araunáh, Not ſo, but I wil by it of thee at a price, & wil not offer burnt offring vnto the Lord my God of that which doeth coſt me nothīg. So Dauid boght the threſhing floore, and the oxen for [n] fiftie ſhekels of ſiluer.

25 And Dauid buylt there an altar vnto the Lord, and offred burnt offrings and peace offrings, & the Lord was appeaſed toward the land, & the plague ceaſed from Iſraél.

n Some write, that euery tribe gaue 50, ẅ make 600, or ẏ afterwarde he boght as muche as came to 550 ſhekels, 1. Chron. 21, 25.

THE FIRST BOKE OF the Kings.

THE ARGVMENT.

BEcauſe the children of God ſhulde loke for no continual reſt and quietnes in this worlde, the holy Goſt ſetteth before our eyes in this boke the varietie and change of things, which came to the people of Iſraél from the death of Dauid, Salomón and the reſt of the Kings, vnto the death of Aháb, declaring how that floriſhing kingdomes, except they be preſerued by Gods protection, (who then fauoreth them when his worde is truely ſet forthe, vertue eſtemed, vice puniſhed and concorde maintened) fall to decay and come to naught: as appeareth by the diuiding of the kingdome vnder Robohám, and Ierobohám, which before were but all one people, and now by the iuſte puniſhment of God were made two, whereof Iudáh and Beniamín clawe to Robohám: and this was called the kingdome of Iudáh, and the other ten tribes helde with Ierobohám, and this was called the kingdome of Iſraél. The King of Iudáh had his throne in Ieruſalém, and the King of Iſraél in Samaria, after it was buylte by Amri Ahabs father. And becauſe our Sauiour Chriſt according to the fleſh ſhulde come of the ſtocke of Dauid, the genealogie of the Kings of Iudáh is here deſcribed, from Salomón to Iorám the ſonne of Ioſaphát, who reigned ouer Iudáh in Ieruſalém, as Aháb did ouer Iſraél in Samaria.

CHAP. I.

3 Abiſhág kepeth Dauid in his extreme age. 5 Adoniiáh vſurpeth the kingdome. 30 Salomón is anointed King. 50 Adoniiáh fleeth to the altar.

1 NOw when King Dauid was [a] olde, and ſtriken in yeres, they couered him ẅ clothes, but no [b] heate came vnto him.

a He was about 70 yere olde, 2. Sam. 5, 4.

b For his natural heate was worne away with trauels.

2 Wherefore his ſeruāts ſaid vnto him, Let there be ſoght for my lord the King a yong virgin, and let her [c] ſtand before the King, and cheriſh him: & let her lye in thy boſome, that my lord the King may get heate.

c Or, ſerue him.

3 So they ſoght for a faire yong maid throughout all the coaſtes of Iſrael, and founde one Abiſhág [c] a Shunammite, and brogt her to the King.

c Which citie was in the tribe of Iſſachár.

4 And the maid was exceding faire, & cheriſhed the King, and miniſtred to him, but the King knewe her not.

5 ¶ Then Adoniiáh the ſonne of Haggíth exalted him ſelfe, ſaying, I wil be King. And he gate him charets and horſemen, & [d] fifty men to runne before him.

d Read, 2. Sam. 15, 1.

6 And his father wolde not diſpleaſe him frō his [e] childehode, to ſay, Why haſt thou done ſo? And he was a very goodly mā, & *his mother* bare him next after Abſalóm.

e Ebr. dayes.

7 And [e] he toke counſel of Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh, and of Abiathár the Prieſt: & they [e] helped forward Adoniiáh.

e Ebr. his wordes were with Ioáb.

e They toke his part & followed him.

8 But Zadók the Prieſt, and Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá, and Nathán the Prophet, & Shimei, & Reí, & ẏ men of might ẅ were with Dauid, were not ẅ Adoniiáh.

9 Then Adoniiáh ſacrificed ſhepe & oxen, and fat cattel by the ſtone of Zohéleth, which is by [f] En-rogél, and called all his brethren the Kings ſonnes, & all the men of Iudáh the Kings ſeruants,

f Or, the fountaine.

10 But Nathán the Prophet, & Benaiáh, and the [f] mighty men, and Salomón his brother he called not.

f As the Cherethites & Pelethites.

11 Wherefore Nathán ſpake vnto Bath-ſhéba the mother of Salomón, ſaying, Haſt thou not heard, that Adoniiáh the ſonne *of Haggith doeth reigne, and Dauid our lord knoweth it not?

*2. Sam. 3, 4.

12 Now therefore come, & I wil now giue thee counſel, how to ſaue thine owne [g] life, and the life of thy ſonne Salomón.

g For Adoniiah wil deſtroy thee and thy ſonne, if he reigne.

13 Go, and get thee in vnto King Dauid, & ſay vnto him, dideſt not thou, my lord, ô King, ſweare vnto thine hādmaid, ſayīg, Aſſuredly Salomón thy ſonne ſhal reigne after me, and he ſhal ſit vpon my throne? why is then Adoniiáh King?

14 Beholde, while ẏ yet talkeſt there with the King, I alſo wil come in after thee, & [h] comfirme thy wordes.

h By declaring ſuche things, as may further the ſame.

15 ¶ So Bath-ſhéba went in vnto the King into ẏ chāber, & the King was very olde, and Abiſhág the Shunammite miniſtred vnto the King.

16 And Bath-ſhéba bowed and made obeiſance vnto the King. And the King ſaid, What is thy matter?

17 And ſhe anſwered hī, My lord, thou ſwareſt by the Lord thy God vnto thine hādmaid, *ſaying*, Aſſuredly Salomón thy ſonne ſhal reigne after me, and he ſhal ſit vpon my throne.

18 And beholde, now *is* Adoniáh King, & now, my lord, ô King, thou knoweſt it not.

1 The King being worne with age, cold not attend to ỹ affaires of the realme, & alſo Adoniáh had many flatterers which kept it fro the King.

19 And he hathe offred many oxen, and fat cattel, and ſhepe, and hathe called all the ſonnes of the King, & Abiathár ỹ Prieſt, & Ioáb the captaine of the hoſte: but Salomón thy ſeruant hathe he not bidden.

20 And thou, my lord, ô King, *knoweſt* that the eyes of all Iſraél *are* on thee, that thou ſhuldeſt tel them, who ſhulde ſit on the throne of my lord the King after him.

21 For els whē my lord the King ſhal ſlepe with his fathers, I and my ſonne Salomón

k And ſo put to death as wicked tranſgreſſers

ſhalbe k reputed "vile.

"Ebr ſinners

22 And lo, while ſhe yet talked with the King, Nathán alſo the Prophet came in.

23 And they tolde the King, ſaying, Beholde, Nathán the Prophet. And when he was come in to ỹ King, he made obeiſance before the King vpon his face l to the grounde.

l Acknowledging him to be ỹ true & worthy King appointed of God as the figure of his Chriſt.

24 And Nathán ſaid, My lord, ô King, haſt thou ſaid, Adoniáh ſhal reigne after me, and he ſhal ſit vpon my throne?

25 For he is gone downe this day, & hathe ſlaine many oxen, and fat cattel and ſhepe, and hathe called all the Kings ſonnes, & the captaines of the hoſte, & Abiathár the Prieſt and beholde, they eat & drinke before him, and ſay, "God ſaue King Adoniáh.

"Ebr let the King Adoniáh liue.

26 But me thy ſeruāt, and Zadók the Prieſt and Benaiah the ſonne of Iehoiadá, and thy ſeruant Salomón hathe he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the King, & thou haſt not ſhewed it vnto thy m ſeruant, who ſhulde ſit on the throne of my lord the King after him?

m Meaning, ỹ he ought in ſuche affaires enterprise nothing except he had conſulted with the Lord.

28 ¶ Then King Dauid anſwered, & ſaid, Call me Bath ſheba. And ſhe came into ỹ Kings preſence, and ſtoode before the King.

29 And the King ſware, ſaying, As ỹ Lord liueth, who hathe redemed my ſoule out of all aduerſitie,

n Moued by ỹ Spirit of God ſo to do, becauſe he foreſawe that Salomón ſhulde be ỹ figure of Chriſt.

30 That as I n ſware vnto thee by the Lord God of Iſraél, ſaying, Aſſuredly Salomón thy ſonne ſhal reigne after me, and he ſhal ſit vpon my throne in my place, ſo wil I certeinly do this day.

31 Then Bath-ſhéba bowed her face to the earth, & did reuerēce vnto ỹ Kīg, & ſaid, God ſaue my lord King Dauid for euer.

32 ¶ And King Dauid ſaid, Call me Zadók the Prieſt, and Nathán the Prophet, and Benaiah the ſonne of Iehoiadá. And they came before the King.

33 Then the King ſaid vnto them, Take with you the o ſeruants of your lord, and cauſe Salomón my ſonne to ride vpon mine owne mule, & cary him downe to Gihón.

o Meaning, the Kings ſeruants & ſuche as were of his garde.

34 And let Zadók the Prieſt and Nathán the Prophet anoint him there King ouer Iſraél, and blowe ye the trumpet, and ſay, God ſaue King Salomón.

35 Then come vp after him, that he may come and ſit vpon my throne: and he ſhal be King in my ſteade: for I haue "appointed him to be prince ouer Iſraél and ouer Iudah.

"Ebr cōmādēd.

36 Then Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá anſwered the King, & ſaid, So be it, & the Lord God of my lord the King "ratifie it.

"Ebr ſay ſo.

37 As the Lord hathe bene with my lord ỹ King, ſo be he with Salomón, & exalt his throne aboue the throne of my lord King Dauid.

38 So Zadók the Prieſt, and Nathán the Prophet, and Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá, and the Cherethites & the Pelethites wēt downe, and cauſed Salomón to ride vpon King Dauids mule, and broght him to Gihón.

39 And Zadók the Prieſt toke an herne of p oyle out of the Tabernacle, and anointed Salomón, and they blewe the trumpet, and all the people ſaid, God ſaue King Salomón.

p Wherewith they accuſtomed to anoint the Prēſtes & the holy inſtruments, Exod. 30, 23.

40 And all the people came vp after him, and the people piped with pipes & reioyced with great ioye, ſo that the earth "rāg with the ſounde of them.

"Ebr. brake.

41 ¶ And Adoniáh and all the geſtes that were with him, heard it: (and they had made an end of eating) and when Ioáb heard the ſounde of the trumpet, he ſaid, What meaneth this noiſe & vproie in the citie?

42 And as he yet ſpake, beholde, Ionathán the ſonne of Abiathár the Prieſt came: & Adoniáh ſaid, Come in: for ỹ art "a worthy man, and bringeſt q good tidings.

"Ebr a man of power

q He praiſed Ionathán thinking to haue heard cōforrable newes, but God wroght things cōtrary to his expectation, and ſo did beat downe his pride.

43 And Ionathán anſwered, and ſaid to Adoniáh, Verely our lord King Dauid hathe made Salomón King.

44 And the King hathe ſent with him Zadók the Prieſt, and Nathán the Prophet, and Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they haue cauſed him to ride vpon the Kings mule.

45 And Zadók the Prieſt, and Nathán the Prophet haue anointed him King in Gihón: and thei are gone vp frō thence with ioye, and the citie is moued: this is the

noiſe

noiſe that ye haue heard.

46 And Salomón alſo ſitteth on the throne of the kingdome.

47 And moreouer the Kings ſeruants came [r] to bleſſe our lord King Dauid, ſaying, God make the name of Salomón more famous then thy name, & exalt his throne aboue thy throne: therefore the King worſhiped vpon the [f] bed.

48 And thus ſaid the King alſo, Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſraél, who hathe made one to ſit on my throne this day, euen in my ſight.

49 Then all the geſtes that were with Adoniiáh, were afraied, and roſe vp, & went euery man his waye.

50 ¶ And Adoniiáh fearing the preſence of Salomón, aroſe and went, and toke holde on the hornes of the [t] altar.

51 And one tolde Salomón, ſayíng, Beholde, Adoniiáh doeth feare King Salomón: for lo, he hathe caught holde on the hornes of ỹ altar, ſaying, Let King Salomón ſweare vnto me this day, that he wil not ſlaye his ſeruant with the ſworde.

52 Thē Salomón ſaid, If he wil ſhewe him ſelfe a worthy man, there ſhal not an heere of him fall to the earth, but if wickednes be found in him, he ſhal dye.

53 Thē King Salomón ſent, & thei broght him from the altar, and he came and did obeiſance vnto King Salomón. And Salomón ſaid vnto him, Go to thine houſe.

r To ſalute him & to pray & praiſe God for him

f He gaue God thākes for the good ſucceſſe

t Which Dauid his father had buylt in ỹ ſloore of Aranuáh.

CHAP. II.

1 Dauid exhorteth Salomón, and giueth charge as concerning Ioáb, Barzillái, and Shimei. 10 The death of Dauid. 17 Adonijah aſketh Abiſhag to wife. 25 He is ſlayne. 35 Zadók was placed in Abiathars rowme.

1 THen the daies of Dauid drewe nere that he ſhulde dye, and he charged Salomón his ſonne, ſaying,

2 I go the [a] waie of all the earth: be ſtrong therefore, and ſhewe thy ſelfe a man,

3 And take hede to ỹ [b] charge of the Lord thy God, to walke in his waies, & kepe his ſtatutes, & his cōmandements, & his iudgemēts, & his teſtimonies, as it is written in the Lawe of Moſés, that thou maieſt *[c] proſper in all that thou doeſt, and in euery thing whereunto thou turneſt thee,

4 That the Lord may confirme his worde which he ſpake vnto me, ſayíng, If thy ſonnes take hede to their way, that thei walke before me in [e] trueth, with all their hearts, and with all their ſoules, *[*] thou ſhalt not (ſaid he) want one of thy *poſteritie* vpon the throne of Iſraél.

5 Thou knoweſt alſo what Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh did to me, and what he did to the two captaines of the hoſtes of Iſraél, vnto * Abnér the ſonne of Ner, and vnto * Amaſá the ſonne of Iethér: whome he ſlewe, and [d] ſhed blood of battel in peace, and [e] put the blood of warre vpon his girdle that was about his loynes, & in his ſhooes that were on his feete.

6 Do therefore according to thy wiſdome, and let thou not his hoare head go downe to the graue in peace.

7 But ſhewe kindenes vnto the ſonnes of * Barzillái the Gileadite, and let them be among them that eat at thy table: [f] for ſo thei came to me when I fled from Abſalóm thy brother.

8 ¶ And beholde, with thee * is Shimeí the ſonne of Gerá, the ſonne of Ieminí, of Bahurím, which curſed me with an horrible curſe in ỹ day when I went to Mahanáim: but he came downe to meete me at Iordén, and I ſware to him by the Lord, ſaying, * I wil not ſlaye thee with the ſworde.

9 But thou ſhalt not count him innocent: for thou art a wiſe man, and knoweſt what thou oghteſt to do vnto him: therefore ỹ ſhalt cauſe his hoare head to go downe to the graue with [g] blood.

10 So * Dauid ſlept with his fathers, & was buryed in the citie of Dauid.

11 And the daies which Dauid * reigned vpon Iſraél, were fourtie yeres: ſeuen yeres reigned he in Hebrón, and thirty & thre yeres reigned he in Ieruſalém.

12 ¶ * Thē ſate Salomón vpō the throne of Dauid his father, and his kingdome was ſtabliſhed mightely.

13 And Adoniiáh the ſonne of Haggíth came to Bath-ſhéba the mother of Salomón: and ſhe ſaid, [h] Commeſt thou peaceably? And he ſaid, Yea.

14 He ſaid moreouer, I haue a ſute vnto thee. And ſhe ſaid, Say on.

15 Then he ſaid, Thou knoweſt that the kingdome was mine, and that all Iſraél ſet [i] their faces on me, that I ſhulde reigne: howbeit the kingdome is turned away, & is my brothers: for it came to him by the Lord.

16 Now therefore I aſke thee one requeſt, *refuſe me not. And ſhe ſaid vnto him, Say on.

17 And he ſaid, Speake, I pray thee, vnto Salomón the Kīg, (for he wil not ſay thee naye) that he giue me Abiſhág the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-ſhéba ſaid, Wel, I wil ſpeake for thee vnto the King.

19 ¶ Bath-ſhéba therefore went vnto King Salomón, to ſpeake vnto him for Adoniiáh: and the King roſe to meete her, and [k] bowed him ſelfe vnto her, & ſate downe on his throne: and he cauſed a ſeat to be ſet for the Kings mother, and ſhe ſate at his right hand.

20 Then ſhe ſaid, I deſire a ſmale requeſt of thee, ſay me not naye. Then the King ſaid vnto her, Aſke on, my mother: for I

e He put the bloody ſworde into his ſheathe.

2 Sam.19,31.

f That is, they delt mercifully with me

2.Sam.16,5.

2.Sam.19,23.

g Let him be puniſhed with death

Act 2,29. & 13,36

2 Sam.5,4.

2.Chro.29,23

h For ſhe feared, leſt he wolde worke treaſon againſt the King.

i In ſigne of their fauour & conſent

Ebr, cauſe not my face to turne away

k In token of reuerence, and that others by his example might haue her in greater honour.

a I am ready to dye, as all men muſt.

b He ſheweth how hard a thing it is to gouerne, and that none can do it wel, except he obey God

Deut.29,9. Ieſh.1,7.

Or, do wiſely

c And without hypocriſie

2 Sam.7,12.

Ebr a man ſhal not be cut of to thee from of the throne

2 Sam.3,27. 2 Sam 20,10.

d He ſhed his blood in time of peace, as if there had bene warre.

wil not ſay thee naye.
21 She ſaid thē, Let Abiſhág the Shunāmite be giuē to Adoniiáh thy brother to wife.
22 But King Salomón anſwered and ſaid vnto his mother, And why doeſt ÿ aſke Abiſhág ÿ Shunāmite for Adoniiáh? aſke for him the [l] kingdome alſo: for he is mine elder brother, & hathe for him bothe Abiathár the Prieſt, and Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh.
23 Thē King Salomón ſwaie by the Lord, ſaying, God do ſo to me and more alſo, if Adoniiáh hathe not ſpoken this worde againſt his owne life.
24 Now therefore as the Lord liueth, who hathe eſtabliſhed me, and ſet me on the throne of Dauid my father, who alſo hathe made me an houſe, as he *promiſed, Adoniiáh ſhal ſurely dye this day.
25 And King Salomón ſent by the hand of Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá, and he [o] ſmote him that he dyed.
26 ¶ Then the King ſaid vnto Abiathár the Prieſt, Go to Anathóth vnto thine owne [p] fields: for thou art [q] worthy of death: but I wil not this day kil thee, becauſe thou [m] bareſt the Arke of the Lord God before Dauid my father, & becauſe thou haſt ſuffred in all, wherein my father hathe bene afflicted.
27 So Salomón caſt out Abiathár from being Prieſt vnto the Lord, that he might *fulfil the wordes of the Lord, which he ſpake againſt the houſe of Elí in Shilóh.
28 ¶ Then tidings came to Ioáb: (for Ioáb had [n] turned after Adoniiáh, but he turned not after Abſalóm) and Ioáb fled vnto the Tabernacle of the Lord, & caught holde on the hornes of the altar.
29 And it was tolde King Salomón, that Ioáb was fled vnto the Tabernacle of the Lord, & beholde, *he is* by the [o] altar. Thē Salomón ſent Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá, ſaying, Go, fall vpon him.
30 And Benaiáh came to the Tabernacle of the Lord, & ſaid vnto him, Thus ſaith the King, Come out. And he ſaid, Naye, but I wil dye here. Then Benaiáh broght the King worde againe, ſaying, Thus ſaid Ioáb, and thus he anſwered me.
31 And the King ſaid vnto him, Do as he hathe ſaid, and [p] ſmite him, & burye him, ÿ thou maieſt take away the blood, which Ioáb ſhed cauſeles, from me and from the houſe of my father.
32 And the Lord ſhal bring his blood vpō his owne head: for he ſmote two mē more righteous & better then he, & ſlewe them with the ſworde, and my father Dauid knewe not: *to wit*, * Abnér ÿ ſonne of Ner, captaine of the hoſte of Iſraél, and * Amaſá the ſonne of Iethér captaine of the hoſte of Iudáh.
33 Their blood ſhal therefore returne vpō the [q] head of Ioáb, and on the head of his ſede for euer: but vpon Dauid, and vpon his ſede, and vpon his houſe, and vpon his throne ſhal there be peace for euer frō the Lord.
34 So Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá went vp, and ſmote him, and ſlewe him, and he was buryed in his owne houſe in the wildernes.
35 And the King put Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá in his roume ouer ÿ hoſte: & the King ſet Zadók the [r] Prieſt in the roume of Abiathár.
36 ¶ Afterwarde the King ſent, and called Shimeí, and ſaid vnto him, Buylde thee an houſe in Ieruſalém, and dwel there, & departe not thence anie whether.
37 For that day that thou goeſt out, & paſſeſt ouer the riuer of Kidrón, knowe aſſuredly, that thou ſhalt dye the death: thy blood ſhalbe vpon thine owne head.
38 And Shimeí ſaid vnto the King, The thing is good: as my lord the King hathe ſaid, ſo wil thy ſeruāt do. So Shimeí dwelt in Ieruſalém many dayes.
39 And after thre yeres two of the [s] ſeruāts of Shimeí fled away vnto Achíſh ſonne of Maachāh King of Gath: & thei tolde Shimeí, ſaying, Beholde, thy ſeruants *be* in Gath.
40 And Shimeí aroſe, and ſadled his aſſe, and went to Gath to Achíſh, to ſeke his ſeruants: and [t] Shimeí went, and broght his ſeruants from Gath.
41 And it was tolde Salomón, that Shimeí had gone from Ieruſalém to Gath, & was come againe.
42 And the King ſent and called Shimeí, & ſaid vnto him, Did I not make thee to ſweare by ÿ Lord, & proteſted vnto thee, ſaying, That day that thou goeſt out, and walkeſt anie whether, knowe aſſuredly ÿ thou ſhalt dye the death? And thou ſaideſt vnto me, The thing is good, *that* I haue heard.
43 Why then haſt thou not kept the othe of the Lord, & the cōmandement wherewith I charged thee?
44 The King ſaid alſo to Shimeí, [u] Thou knoweſt all the wickednes whereunto thine heart is priuie, that thou dideſt to Dauid my father: the Lord therefore ſhal bring thy wickednes vpon thine owne head.
45 And let King Salomón be bleſſed, and the throne of Dauid ſtabliſhed before the Lord for euer.
46 So the King commanded Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiada: who went out & ſmote him that he dyed. And the kingdome was [x] ſtabliſhed in the hand of Salomón.

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[l] Meaning, that if he ſhulde haue granted Abiſhág, ÿ was ſo deare to his father, he wolde afterwarde haue aſpired to the kingdome.
*2. Sam. 7, 12.
[o] Or, fel vpō him
[p] Or, poſſeſſions.
[q] Eli a man of death
[m] When he fled before Abſalóm, 2 Sam. 15, 24.
[n] He toke Adoniiahs parte whē he wolde haue vſurped the kingdome, Chap 1, 7.
[o] Thinking to be ſaued by ÿ holines of the place.
[p] For it was lawful to take ÿ wilful murtherer frō the altar, Exod 21, 14.
*2. Sam. 3, 27.
*2. Sam. 20, 10.
[q] Ioáb ſhalbe iuſtely punished for the blood that he hathe cruelly ſhed.
[r] And ſo toke the office of ÿ hie Prieſt frō the houſe of Eli, & reſtored it to ÿ houſe of Phinehas.
[s] Thus God appointeth the waies & meanes to bring his iuſte iudgements vpon the wicked.
[t] His couetous minde moued him rather to venture his life thē to loſe his worldely profit, which he had by his ſeruants.
[u] For though ÿ woldeſt denie, yet thine owne cōſcience wold accuſe thee, for reuiling & doing wrōg to my father, 2 Sam 16, 5.
[x] Becauſe all his enemies were deſtroied

CHAP. III.

1 Salomón taketh Pharaohs daughter to wife. 5 The Lord appeareth to him, & giueth him wisdome. 17 The pleating of the two harlottes, and Salomons sentence therein.

2.Chro.1,1. 1 SAlomón * thē made affinitie with Pharaóh King of Egypt, and toke Paraohs daughter, and broght her into the a citie of Dauid, vntil he had made an end of buylding his owne house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall of Ieruſalém roūd about.

a Which was Beth-lehem.

b Where altars were appoinsed before the Temple was buylt to offer vnto the Lord.

2 Onely the people ſacrificed in b the hie places, becauſe there was no houſe buylt vnto the Name of the Lord, vntil thoſe dayes.

c For his father had commāded him to obey the Lord & walke in his wayes, Chap. 2,3.

3 And Salomón loued the Lord, walking in the ordināces of Dauid his c father: onely he ſacrificed and offred incenſe in the hie places.

d For there ỹ Tabernacle was, 2 Chro. 1,3.

4 And the King wēt to d Gibeón to ſacrifice there, for that was the chief hie place: a thouſand burnt offrings did Salomón offer vpon that altar.

5 In Gibeón the Lord appeared to Salomón in a dreame by night: and God ſaid, Aſke what I ſhal giue thee.

*Or, as he walked.

6 And Salomón ſaid, Thou haſt ſhewed vnto thy ſeruant Dauid my father great mercy, * when he walked before thee in trueth, & in righteouſnes, and in vprightnes of heart with thee: & thou haſt e kept for him this great mercy, and haſt giuen him a ſonne, to ſit on his throne, as *appeareth* this day.

e Thou haſt performed thy promes.

7 And now, ô Lord, my God, thou haſt made thy ſeruant King in ſtead of Dauid my father: and I am but a yong childe, and knowe not how to f go out and in.

f That is, to behaue my ſelfe in executing this charge of ruling.

8 And thy ſeruant *is* in the middes of thy people, which ỹ haſt choſen, euen a great people which can not be tolde nor nombred for multitude.

2.Chro.1,10. *Or, obedient.

9 * Giue therefore vnto thy ſeruant an * vnderſtāding heart, to iudge thy people, that I may diſcerne betwene good & bad: for who is able to iudge this thy g mighty people?

g Which are ſo many in nomber.

10 And this pleaſed the Lord wel, that Salomón had deſired this thing.

11 And God ſaid vnto him, Becauſe thou haſt aſked this thing, & haſt not aſked for thy ſelfe long life, nether haſt aſked riches for thy ſelfe, nor haſt aſked ỹ life of thine h enemies, but haſt aſked for thy ſelfe vnderſtanding to heare iudgement,

h That is, that thine enemies ſhulde dye.

12 Beholde, I haue done according to thy wordes: lo, I haue giuen thee a wiſe and an vnderſtanding heart, ſo that there hathe bene none like thee before thee, nether after thee ſhal ariſe the like vnto thee.

Matt.6.33. wiſd.7.11. 13 And I haue alſo * giuen thee that, which thou haſt not aſked, bothe riches and honour, ſo that among the Kings there ſhal be none like vnto thee all thy dayes.

*Or, hathe bene mine.

14 And if thou wilt walke in my wayes, to kepe mine ordinances and my commandements, * as thy father Dauid did walke, I wil prolong thy dayes. Chap.15,5.

15 And when Salomón awoke, beholde, it was i a dreame, and he came to Ieruſalém, and ſtode before the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, and offred burnt offrings and made peace offrings, and made a feaſt to all his ſeruants.

i He knewe that God had appeared vnto him in a dreame.

*Or, waiters.

16 ¶ Then came two * harlottes vnto the King, and k ſtode before him.

k By this exāple it appeareth that God kept promes with Salomón in granting him wiſdome.

17 And the one woman ſaid, Oh my lord, I & this woman dwel in one houſe, & I was deliuered of a childe with her in ỹ houſe.

18 And the third day after that I was deliuered, this woman was deliuered alſo: and we were in the houſe together: no ſtranger *was* with vs in the houſe, ſaue we twaine.

19 And this womās ſonne dyed in the night: for ſhe ouerlay him.

l She ſtale the quicke childe away, becauſe ſhe might both auoide ỹ ſhame and puniſhement.

20 And ſhe roſe at midnight, and l toke my ſonne from my ſide, while thine hādmaid ſlept, & layed him in her boſome, & layed her dead ſonne in my boſome.

21 And when I roſe in the morning to giue my ſonne ſucke, beholde, he was dead: and when I had wel cōſidered him in the morning, beholde, it was not my ſonne, whome I had borne.

22 Then the other woman ſaid, Nay, but my ſonne liueth, and thy ſonne is dead: againe ſhe ſaid, No, but thy ſōne is dead, & mine aliue: thus they ſpake before ỹ King.

23 Thē ſaid the King, She ſayth, this that liueth is my ſonne, & the dead is thy ſonne: and ỹ other ſaith, Naye, but the dead is thy ſonne, and the liuing is my ſonne.

m Except God giue iudges vnderſtāding, the impudēcie of the trespacer ſhal ouerthrowe ỹ iuſt cauſe of the innocent.

24 Then ỹ King ſaid, m Bring me a ſworde: & they broght out a ſworde before ỹ King.

25 And the King ſaid, Deuide ye the liuing childe in twaine, and giue the one halfe to the one, and the other halfe to the other.

n Her motherly affectio he ſeeth appeareth that ſhe had rather endure the rigour of the law, then ſee the childe cruelly ſlaine.

26 Then ſpake the woman, whoſe the liuing childe was, vnto the King, for her compaſſion was kindled toward her ſonne, & ſhe ſaid, Oh my lord, giue her the liuing childe, and n ſlay him not: but the other ſaid, Let it be nether mine nor thine, but deuide it.

27 Then the King anſwered & ſaid, Giue her the liuing childe, and ſlay him not: this is his mother.

28 And all Iſraél heard ỹ iudgement, which the King had iudged, and they feared the King: for they ſawe that the wiſdome of God was in him to do iuſtice.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The princes and rulers vnder Salomón. 22 The purueyance for his vitailes. 26 The nomber of his horſes. 32 His bokes and writings.

1 AND King Salomón was King ouer all Iſraél.
2 And theſe were [a] his princes, [b] Azariáh the ſonne of Zadók the Prieſt,
3 Elihóreph and Ahiáh the ſonnes of Shiſhá ſcribes, Iehoſhaphát the ſonne of Ahilúd, the recorder,
4 And Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá *was* ouer the hoſte, and Sadók and [c] Abiathár Prieſts,
5 And Azariáh the ſonne of Nathán *was* ouer the officers, and Zabúd the ſonne of Nathán Prieſt *was* the Kings friend,
6 And Ahiſhár was ouer the houſholde: & *Adonirám the ſonne of Abdá *was* ouer the tribute.
7 ¶And Salomón had twelue officers ouer all Iſraél, which prouided vitailes for the King and his houſholde: eche man had a moneth in the yere to prouide vitailes.
8 And theſe are their names: the ſonne of Hur in mount Ephraim:
9 The ſonne of Dekár in Makáz, and in Shaalbím and Beth-ſhémeſh, and [r] Elón *and* Beth-hanán:
10 The ſonne of Héſed in Arubóth, to whome perteined Sochóh, & all the land of Hépher:
11 The ſonne of Abinadáb in all the regiõ of Dor, which had Taphath the daughter of Salomón to wife.
12 Baaná the ſonne of Ahilúd in Taanách, and Megiddó, & in all Beth-ſheán, which is by Zartánah beneth Izreél, from Beth-ſheán [s] to Abel-meholáh, euen til beyonde ouer againſt Iokmeám:
13 The ſonne of Géber in Ramóth Gilead, & his were the townes of [d] Iaír, the ſonne of Manaſſéh, which are in Gilead, and vnder him was the regió of Argób which is in Baſhán: threſcore great cities with walles and barres of braſſe.
14 ¶Ahinadáb the ſonne of Iddó *had* to Mahanáim:
15 Ahimáaz in Naphtalí, and he toke Baſmáth the daughter of Salomón to wife:
16 Baanáh the ſonne of Huſhái in Aſhér and in Alóth:
17 Iehoſhaphát the ſonne of Parúah in [e] Iſſachár.
18 Shimeí the ſonne of Eláh in Beniamín:
19 Gebér the ſonne of Vrí in the countrei of Gilead, the land of Sihón King of the Amorites, and of Og King of Baſhán, and was officer alone in the land.
20 Iudáh and Iſraél *were* manie, as the ſand of the ſea in nomber, [f] eating, drinking, and making meary.
21 *And Salomón reigned ouer all kingdomes, from the [g] Riuer *vnto* the land of the Philiſtims, and vnto the border of Egypt, and they broght preſentes, and ſerued Salomón all the dayes of his life.
22 And Salomons vitailes for one day were thirtie [t] meaſures of fine floure, and threſcore meaſures of meale:
23 Ten fat oxen, and twentie oxen of the paſtures, and an hundreth ſhepe, beſide hartes, and buckes, and bugles, and fat foule.
24 For he ruled in all *the region* on the other ſide of the Riuer, from Tiphſáh euen vnto [u] Azzáh, ouer all the [h] Kings on the other ſide the Riuer: & he had peace roũde about him on euerie ſide.
25 And Iudáh and Iſraél dwelt without feare, euerie man vnder his vine, and vnder his figtree, from [i] Dan, euen to Beer-ſhéba, all the dayes of Salomón.
26 ¶And Salomón had *fortie thouſád ſtalles of horſes for his charets, and twelue thouſand horſemen.
27 And theſe officers prouided vitaile for King Salomón, and for all that came to King Salomons table, euerie man his moneth, *and* they ſuffred to lacke nothing.
28 Barly alſo and ſtrawe for the horſes and mules broght they vnto the place where the officers were, euerie man according to his charge.
29 ¶* And God gaue Salomón wiſdome and vnderſtanding exceding muche, and a [k] large heart, euen as the ſand that is on the ſea ſhore.
30 And Salomons wiſdome excelled the wiſdome of all the children of the [l] East and all the wiſdome of Egypt.
31 For he was wiſer then anie man, *yea*, ther were Ethán the Ezrahite, then Heman, then Chalcól, then Darda the ſonnes of Mahól: and he was famous throughout all nacions rounde about.
32 And Salomón ſpake thre thouſad [m] prouerbes: and his ſongs were a thouſand and fiue.
33 And he ſpake of trees, from the cedar tre that is in Lebanón, euen vnto the [n] hyſſope that ſpringeth out of the wall: he ſpake alſo of beaſtes, and of foules, and of creping things, and of fiſhes.
34 And there came of all people to heare the wiſdome of Salomón, frõ all Kings of the earth, which had heard of his wiſdome.

CHAP. V.

1 Hirám ſendeth to Salomón, and Salomón to him, purpoſing to buylde the houſe of God. 6 He prepareth ſtuffe for the buylding. 13 The nomber of the workemẽ.

1 AND Hiram King of Tyrus ſent his ſeruants vnto Salomón, (for he had heard, that they had anoynted him King in the roume of his father) becauſe Hirám had euer loued Dauid.
2 *Alſo Salomón ſent to Hirám, ſaying,
3 Thou knoweſt that Dauid my father colde not buylde an houſe vnto the Name of the Lord his God, for the warres

a That is, his chief officers.
b He was the ſonne of Achimaas and Zadoks nephew.
c Not Abiathár, whome Salomón had put from his office, Chap 2. 27, but another of that name.
Chap. 5. 14.
r Or, Elti in Beth-anán.
s Or, to the plaine.
d Which townes bare Iairs name, becauſe he toke them of the Canaanites, Nomb. 32. 41.
e Salomón obſerued not the diuiſion that Ioſhúa made, but deuided it as might beſt ſerue for his purpoſe.
f They liued in all peace & ſecuritie
Eccleſ. 47. 15.
g Which is Euphrates.
t Ebr Corim.
u Or, Gaza
h For they were all tributaries vnto him
i Throughout all Iſrael.
2 Chro. 9. 25.
Eccleſ 47. 16.
k Meaning, great vnderſtanding and able to comprehend all things
l Ie wiſe the philoſophers & aſtronomers, were iudged moſte wiſe.
m Which for the moſt parte are thoght to haue periſhed in the captiuitie of Babilón
n From the hieſt to the loweſt.
2. Chro. 2. 3.

which were about him on euerie ſide, vntil the Lord had put *them vnder the ſoles of his feete.

*Or, his enemies

4 But now the Lord my God hathe giuen me [a] reſt on euerie ſide, ſo that there is nether aduerſarie, nor euil to reſiſte.

a He declareth that he was bounde to ſet forthe Gods glorie, forasmuche as the Lord had ſent him reſt and peace. 2.Sam.7.13. 1.chro 22.10.

5 And beholde, I purpoſe to buylde an houſe vnto the Name of the Lord my God, *as the Lord ſpake vnto Dauid my father, ſaying, Thy ſonne, whome I wil ſet vpon thy throne for thee, he ſhal buylde an houſe vnto my Name.

6 Now therefore cõmande, that they hewe me cedar trees out of Lebanón, and my ſeruants ſhalbe with thy ſeruants, and vnto thee wil I giue the [b] hire for thy ſeruants, according to all that thou ſhalt appoint: for thou knoweſt that there are none amõg vs, that can hewe timbre like vnto the Sidonians.

b This was his equitie, ỹ he wolde not receiue a benefite without ſome recompence.

7 ¶And when [c] Hirám heard the wordes of Salomón, he reioyced greatly, and ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord this day, which hathe giuen vnto Dauid a wiſe ſonne ouer this mightie people.

c In Hirám is prefigurate ỹ vocation of ỹ Gentiles, who ſhulde helpe to buylde the Spiritual temple.

8 And Hirám ſent to Salomón, ſaying, I haue conſidered the things, for the which thou ſenteſt vnto me, and wil accompliſh all thy deſire, concerning the cedar trees and firre trees.

9 My ſeruãts ſhal bring them downe from Lebanón to the ſea: and I wil conueie thẽ by ſea *in rafts vnto the place that thou ſhalt ſhewe me, and wil cauſe them to be diſcharged there, and thou ſhalt receyue them: now thou ſhalt do me a pleaſure to miniſter foode for [d] my familie.

*Or, floten.

d While my ſeruãts are occupied about thy buſines

10 So Hirám gaue Salomón cedar trees & firre trees, *euen* his ful deſire.

11 And Salomón gaue Hirám twẽtie thouſand *meaſures of wheat for foode to his houſholde, and twentie meaſures of *beaten oyle. Thus muche gaue Salomón to Hirám yere by yere.

*Ebr Corros.

*Or, pure.

12 ¶And ỹ Lord gaue Salomón wiſdome as he *promiſed him. And there was peace betwene Hirám and Salomón, and they [e] two made a couenant.

*Chap.3.12.

e As touching the furniture of wood, and vitailes

13 ¶And King Salomón raiſed a ſumme out of all Iſraél, and the ſumme was thirty thouſand men:

14 Whome he ſent to Lebanón, ten thouſand a moneth by courſe: they were a moneth in Lebanón, & two moneths at home. And *Adonirám *was* ouer the ſumme.

*Chap.4.6.

15 And Salomón had ſeuentie thouſand that bare burdens, & foureſcore thouſand maſons in the mountaine,

16 Beſides the *princes, whome Salomón appointed ouer the worke, *euen* thre thouſand and thre hundreth, which ruled the people that wroght in the worke.

*Or, maſters of the worke.

17 And the King commanded them, & they broght great ſtones and coſtly ſtones to make the fundacion of the houſe, *euen* hewed ſtones.

18 And Salomons workemen, & the workemen of Hirám, and the [f] maſons hewed & prepared timbre and ſtones for the buylding of the houſe.

f The Ebrewe worde is, Giblim, which ſome ſay, were excellent maſons

CHAP. VI.

1 The buylding of the Temple and the forme thereof. 12 The promes of the Lord to Salomón.

1 AND *in the foure hundreth and foure ſcore yere (after the children of Iſraél were come out of the land of Egypt) and in the fourth yere of the reigne of Salomón ouer Iſraél, in the moneth [a] Zif, (which is the ſeconde moneth) he buylt the [b] houſe of the Lord.

*2.Chro.3.1.

a Which moneth cõteineth parte of April & parte of May.

b whereby is ment the temple & the oracle

2 And the houſe which Kíg Salomón buylt for the Lord, was thre ſcore cubites long, & twentie broade, and thirty cubites hie.

3 And the [c] porche before the Temple of the houſe *was* twentie cubites long according to the breadth of the houſe, and ten cubites broade before the houſe.

c Or the court where ỹ people prayed, ẅ was before the place where ỹ altar of burnt offrings ſtode.

4 And in the houſe he made windowes, *broade *without*, and narowe *within*.

*Or to open & to ſhut

5 And by the wall of the houſe he made *galleries rounde about, euen by the walles of the houſe rounde about the Tẽple and [d] the oracle, and made chambres rounde about.

*Or, lofts.

d Whẽce God ſpake betwene ỹ Cherubims, called alſo the meſte holy place

6 The nethermoſt galletie *was* fiue cubites broade, and the middlemoſt ſix cubites broade, & the thirde ſeuẽ cubites broade: for he made [e] reſtes rounde about without the houſe, that *the beames* ſhulde not be faſtened in the walles of the houſe.

e Which were certeine ſtones comming out of ỹ wall, as ſtayes for the beames to reſt vpon.

7 And whẽ the houſe was buylt, it was buylt of ſtone perfit, *before* it was broght, ſo that there was nether hammer, nor axe, nor any toole of yron heard in the houſe, while it was in buylding.

8 The dore of the middle *chambre was in the right ſide of the houſe, & men went vp with winding ſteires into the middlemoſt, and out of the middlemoſt into the third.

*Or, gallerie.

9 So he buylt the houſe and finiſhed it, & cieled the houſe being vawted with cieling of cedar trees.

f In Exodus it is called the Tabernacle: & the temple is there called ỹ ſanctuarie, and the oracle the moſte holy place.

10 And he buylt the galleries vpon all the *wall* of the houſe of fiue cubites height, & they were ioyned to the houſe with beames of cedar.

11 And the worde of the Lord came to Salomón, ſaying,

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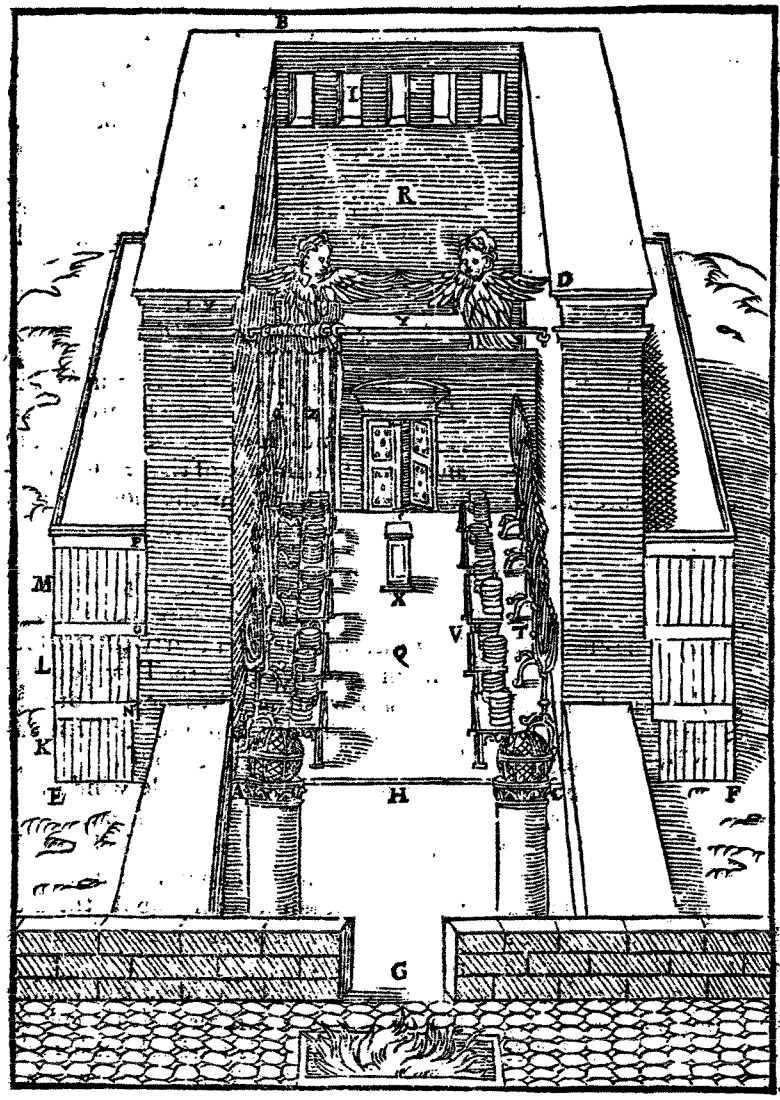

The cause why we vncouered and set open the Tẽple, without ſetting forth the wall that is before it, is, that the ordre of thoſe things that are within, might be ſene more liuely.

A B The length of the Temple of threſcore cubites

A G The breadth of twẽtie cubites within, and not meaſuring the thickenes of the walles. This alſo was the length of ỹ porche without ỹ Tẽple.

C D. The height of thirtie cubites

E F The chambers of the Prieſts, which cõpaſſed about the Tẽple on thre ſides, South, Weſt and North, and were of thre heights.

G H. The breadth of the porche, ten cubites.

I The Windowes of the Temple

K The firſt chamber was fiue cubites broad

L The ſeconde ſix.

M The third ſeuen

N O P. The reſts or ſtayes of the walle, which bare vp the poſtes that did ſeparate chamber from chamber.

Q. The holy place

R. The holieſt of all, where the Arke of the couenant was

Y

S. The gate to enter into the moſte holy place

T. The fiue Candelſtickes on eueric ſide of the Tẽple

V The ten tables on bothe ſides for the ſhewe bread.

X. The inſenſe altar.

12 Cõcerning this houſe which thou buyldeſt, if thou wilt walke in mine ordinãces, and execute my iudgements, and kepe all my commandements, to walke in them, then wil I performe vnto thee my promes, *which I promiſed vnto Dauid thy father.

*2 Sam. 7. 13.

13 And I wil ſ dwel among the children of Iſraél, and wil not forſake my people Iſraél.

ſ According as he promiſed vnto Moſes, Exo 25. 22.

14 So Salomón buylt the houſe and finiſhed it,

15 And buylt the walles of the houſe within, with bordes of cedre frõ the pauement of the houſe vnto h the walles of the cieling, and within he couered them with wood and couered the floore of the houſe with plankes of firre.

h Meaning vnto the roofe, which was alſo ceyled.

16 And he buylt twentie cubites in the ſides of the houſe with bordes of cedre, frõ the floore to the walles, and he prepared a *place* within it for ỹ oracle, *euen* the moſte holy place.

17 But the i houſe, that is, the temple before it was fourtie cubites *long*.

i For when he ſpake of the houſe in ỹ firſt verſe, he ment bothe the oracle & the Tẽple.

18 And the cedre of the houſe within was kerued with k knoppes, and grauen with flowres: all *was* cedre, *ſo that* no ſtone was ſene.

k Or, wilde cucumers.

19 ¶ Alſo he prepared the place of the oracle in the middes of the l houſe within, to ſet the Arke of the couenant of the Lord there.

l That is, in ỹ moſte inwarde place of the houſe.

20 And the place of the oracle within *was* twentie cubites long, and twentie cubites broad, and twentie cubites hie, and he couered it with pure golde, and couered the altar with cedre.

21 So Salomón couered the houſe within with pure golde: and he m ſhut the place of the oracle with chaines of golde, and couered it with golde.

m *He drew through chaines of golde before.*

22 And he ouerlaied the houſe with golde, n vntil all the houſe was made perfit. alſo he couered ỹ whole altar, that was before the oracle, with golde.

n Meaning the altar of incenſe, Exod 30. 1.

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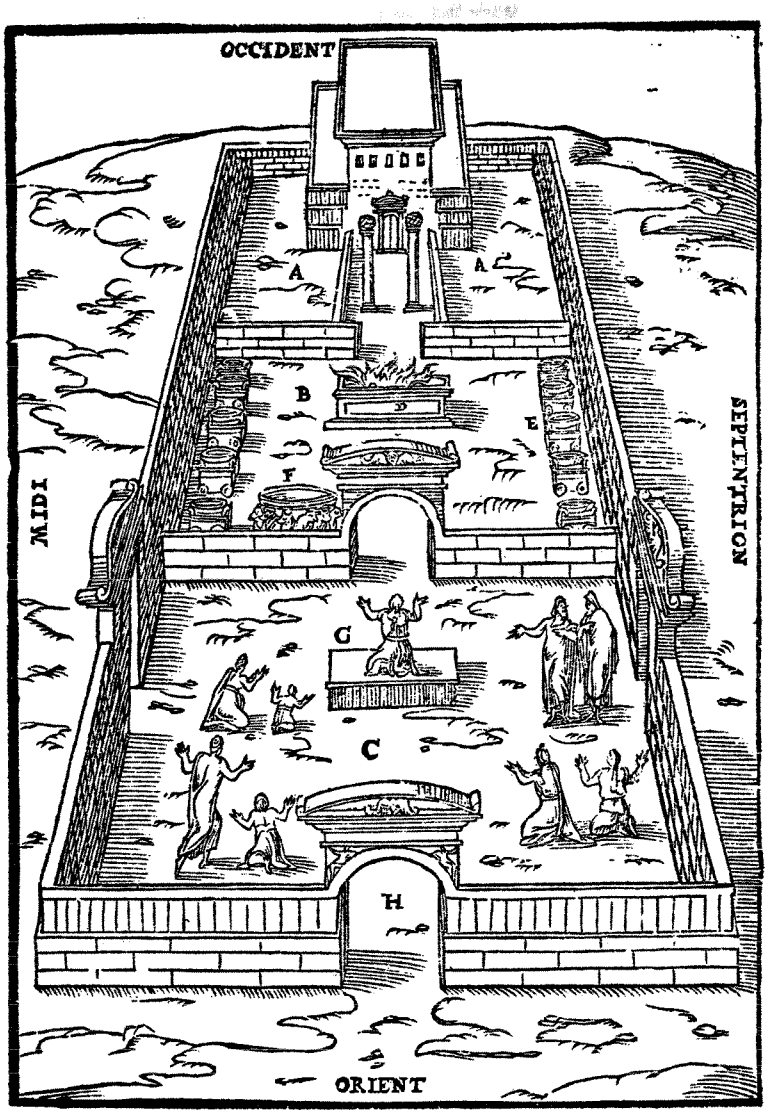
THE TEMPLE COVERED.



This figure repreſenteth the great court ſeparated into thre partes, whoſe ſeparatiō was made of thre orders of hewē ſtone & one of cedre bordes. In the firſt court towarde the Weſt was the Tēple A. Theſe conde court B was for the Prieſts, called the inner court. In this ſtode the altar of burnt offring D which was twē tie cubites long and aſmuche broad, & ten of length 2 Chr 4,1. There was alſo ten caldrons fiue on the one ſide, and fiue on the other E and on the Southe ſide ſtode the Sea. F 2 Chro. 4, 2. C the court of the people, which 2 Chro 4,9 is called the great porche, and Act 3,11 the porche of Salomōn. This court is oft in the newe Teſtamēt taken for the Temple, Matt 21, 23. act. 3, 2. In this court Chriſt preached, & chaſed thence thē that beght and ſolde. G. A ſkaffolde of braſſe, whereon Salomōn praied that the people might ſe him, & the better vnderſtand him: it was fiue cubites long, fiue cubites broad, & thre of height. 2. Chro 6. 13. H the gate on the Eaſtſide, called the gate of Sur or Seir 2 King 11,6 and the gate of the fundation 2 Chro 23,5 It is alſo called beautiful Act 3,2 becauſe the Prince entred onely thereat into the court, and not the people, Ezek. 44,3. for the people entred in by the Southe gate and Northe gate.

23 And within the oracle he made two Cherubíms of [o] oliue tre, ten cubites hie.

24 The wing alſo of the one Cherúb *was* fiue cubites, & the wing of the other Cherúb *was* fiue cubites: from the vttermoſt parte of *one* of his wings vnto the vttermoſt parte of the *other* of his wings, *were* ten cubites.

25 Alſo the other Cherúb was of ten cubites: bothe ỹ Cherubíms were of one meaſure and one ſyſe.

26 *For* the height of the one Cherúb *was* ten cubites, and ſo *was* the other Cherúb.

27 And he put the Cherubíms within the inner houſe, [*] and the Cherubíms ſtretched out their wings, ſo that the wing of ỹ one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other Cherúb touched the other wall: and their *other* wings touched one another in the middes of the houſe.

28 And he [m] oueilaied the Cherubíms with golde.

29 And he carued all the walles of ỹ houſe round about with grauen figures of Cherubíms and of palme trees, and grauen flowres within and without.

30 And the floore of the houſe he couered with golde within and without.

31 And in the entring of the oracle he made *two* dores of oliue tre: *and* the vppei poſte & ſide poſtes *were* fiue ſquare.

32 The two dores alſo *were* of oliue tre, & he graued them with grauing of Cherubíms and palme trees, and grauen flowres, and couered thē with golde, & laied [n] thin golde vpon the Cherubims and vpon the palme trees.

33 And ſo made he for the dore of the Temple poſtes of oliue tre foure ſquare.

34 But the two dores *were* of fiire tre, the two ſides of the one dore *were* [p] rounde, & the two ſides of ỹ othei dore *were* roūd.

Or, pine tree.

Exod. 25, 20. [m] For the other ỹ Moſes made of beatē golde, were take away with the other iewels by their enemies, whom God permitted diuers times to ouercome thē for their great ſinnes.

[n] So that the faction of the carued worke might ſtil appeare.

[p] Or, folding.

35 And he graued Cherubims, and palme trees and carued flowres and couered the carued worke with golde, finely wroght.

o Where the Priests were, & was thus called in respect of the great court & is called Aa 3.rr ỹ porche of Salomon, where ỹ people vsed to pray

36 ¶ And he buylt the court within with thre rowes of hewed stone, and one rowe of beames of cedar.

37 In the fourth yere was the fundacion of the house of the Lord laied in the moneth of Zif:

p Which conteineth part of October and parte of November.

38 And in the eleuenth yere in the moneth of p Bul, (which is the eight moneth) he finished the house with all the furniture thereof, and in euerie point: so was he seuē yere in buylding it.

CHAP. VII.

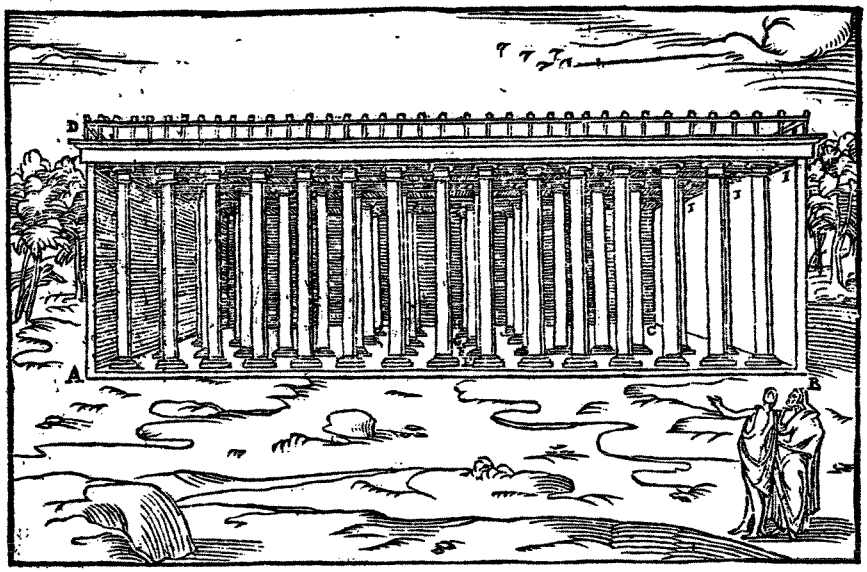
1 The buylding of the houses of Salomón. 15 The excellent workemanship of Hiram in the pieces which he made for the Temple.

1 BVt Salomón was buylding his owne house * thirtene yeres, and a finished all his house.

Chap 9.10.

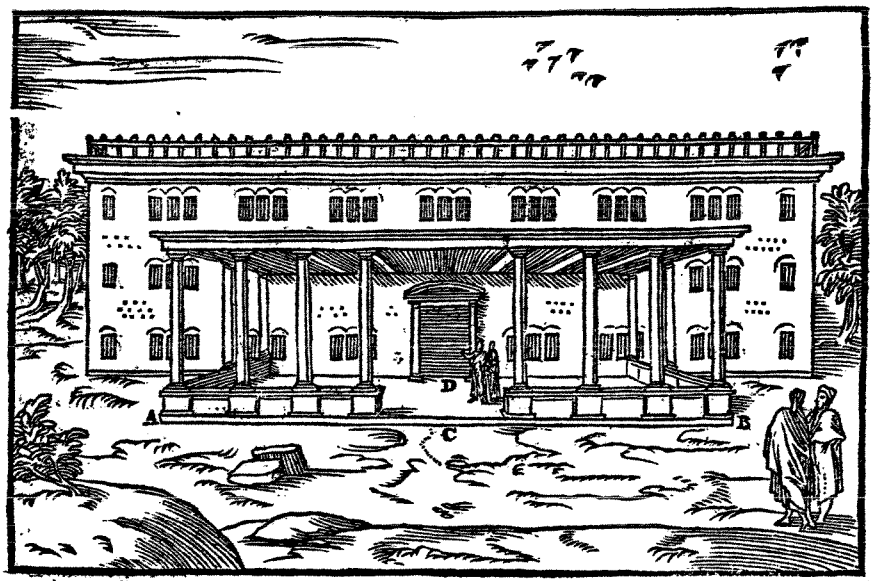
a After he had buylt the Temple.

THE FIRST FIGVRE OF THE KINGS HOVSE IN THE VVOOD OF LEBANON.



This figure is made without wall or porche, that the ordre of the pillers within might be sene. A. B. The length of an hundreth cubites. B. C. The breadth of fifty. A. D. The height of thirtie. E. F. G. H. The foure rowes of pillers. I. The postes which stayed on the pillers.

THE SECONDE FIGVRE OF THE SAME HOVSE.



This seconde figure sheweth the maner of the house without, and the porche thereof, which was fiftie cubites long. A. B. and thirtie broad. C. D.

2 He buylt alſo an houſe [b] *called* the foreſt of Lebanón, an hundreth cubites lõg, and fiftie cubites broade, and thirtie cubites hie, vpon foure rowes of cedre pillers, and cedre beames *were laied* vpon the pillers.

3 And it was couered aboue with cedre vpõ the beames, that lay on the fourtie & fiue pillers, fiftene in a rowe.

4 And the windowes *were* in thre rowes, & windowe *was* [c] againſt windowe in thre rankes.

5 And all the dores, and the ſide poſtes with the windowes were foure ſquare, & windowe was ouer againſt windowe in thre rankes.

6 And he made a porche of pillers fiftie cubites long, and thirtie cubites broade, and the porche was before [d] them, *euen* before them *were* thirtie pillers.

7 ¶Then he made a porche [e] for the throne, where he iudged, *euen* a porche of iudgement, & it was cieled with cedre from pauement to pauement.

8 And in his houſe, where he dwelt, *was* an other hall more inwarde then the porche w^ch was of the ſame worke. Alſo Salomón made an houſe for Pharaohs daughter (*whome he had taken to wife) like vnto this porche.

9 All theſe were [f] of coſtely ſtones, hewed by meaſure, *and* ſawed with ſawes within and without, from the fundacion vnto [f] the *ſtones* of an [g] hand breadth, & on the outſide to the great courte.

10 And the fundaciõ *was* of coſtely ſtones, & great ſtones, *euen* of ſtones of ten cubites, and ſtones of eight cubites.

11 [g] Aboue alſo *were* coſtely ſtones, ſquared by rule, and *boardes* of cedre.

12 ¶And the great courte round about *was* with thre rowes of hewed ſtones, and a rowe of cedre beames: [h] ſo *was it* to the inner courte of the houſe of the Lord, & to the porche of the houſe.

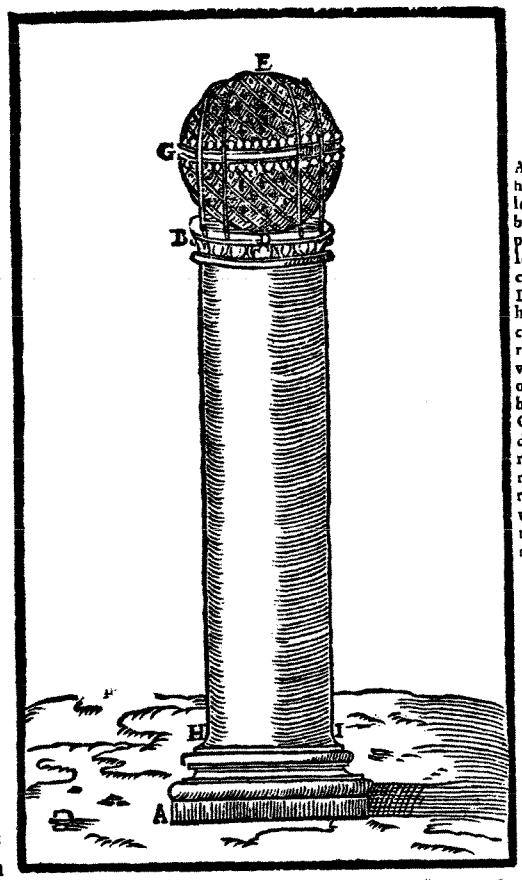
13 ¶Then King Salomón ſent, and fet *one* Hirám out of [i] Tyrus.

14 He was a widowes ſonne of the tribe of Naphtalí, his father being a mã of Tyrus, *and* wroght in braſſe: [k] he was ful of wiſdome, and vnderſtãding, & knowledge to worke all maner of worke in braſſe: who came to King Salomón, and wroght all his worke.

15 ¶For he caſt two pillers of braſſe: the height of a piller was eightene cubites, & a threade of twelue cubites did compaſſe [l] ether of the pillers.

16 And he made two [m] chapiters of molten braſſe to ſet on the toppes of the pillers: the height of one of the chapiters *was* fiue cubites, and the height of the other chapiter *was* fiue cubites.

THE FORME OF THE PILLER.



A B The height of a piller eighten cubites: the compaſſe of a piller was twelue cubites
D E The height of the chapiter or rounde balle vpõ the piller of fiue cubites height.
G In ỹ middes were two rowes of pomegranates: ỹ reſt is the network & flowre delices of roſes.

17 He made grates like networke, & [n] writhẽ worke like chaines for the chapiters that were on the toppe of the pillers, *euen* ſeuen for the one chapiter, & ſeuen for the other chapiter.

18 So he made the pillers and two rowes of pomegranates rounde about in the one grate to couer the chapiters that were vpon the toppe. And thus did he for the other chapiter.

19 And the chapiters that were on ỹ toppe of the pillers *were* after [k] lilye worke in the porche, foure cubites.

20 And the chapiters vpon the two pillers *had* alſo aboue, [o] ouer againſt the bellie [p] within ỹ networke *pomegranates*: for two hundreth pomegranates were in the two rankes about vpõ ether of the chapiters.

21 And he ſet vp the pillers in the [l] porche of ỹ Temple. And when he had ſet vp the right piller, he called the name thereof [m] Iachín: and when he had ſet vp the left piller, he called the name thereof [n] Bóaz.

22 And vpon the top of the pillers *was* worke of lilyes: ſo was the workemanſhip of the pillers finiſhed.

23 ¶And he made a molten [o] ſea ten cubites wide from brim to brim, round in compaſſe, and fiue cubites hie, and a line of thirtie cubites did compaſſe it about.

b For ỹ beaute of the place and great abundance of cedre trees ỹ went to the buylding thereof, it was cõpared to mount Lebanón in Syria: this houſe he vſed in ſõmer for pleaſure & recreacion

c There were as many, & like proporcion on the one ſide as on ỹ other, & at euery end euen thre in a rowe one a boue another.

d Before the pillers of the houſe.

e For his houſe, which was at Ieruſalém.

Chap. 3. 1.

Or, precious.

f Which were reſts & ſtaies for the beames to lie vpon. *Or, ſpanne.*

g Frõ the fundaciõ vpward

h As the Lords houſe was buylt, ſo was this: onely the great courte of Salomons houſe was vncouered. *Or, Zér.*

i Thus when God will haue his glorie ſet forthe, he raiſeth vp men & giueth them excellent gifts for the accomplishement of ỹ ſame, Exod 31.2

k *Ebr the ſeconde*

Or, pummels.

l Which was in the inner court betweene the Temple & the oracle

m That is, he wil ſtabliſh, to wit, his prayes towarde this houſe

n That is, in ſtrength: meaning, ỹ power thereof ſhal continue.

o So called for the hugenes of the veſſel.

Or, cordes like chaines.

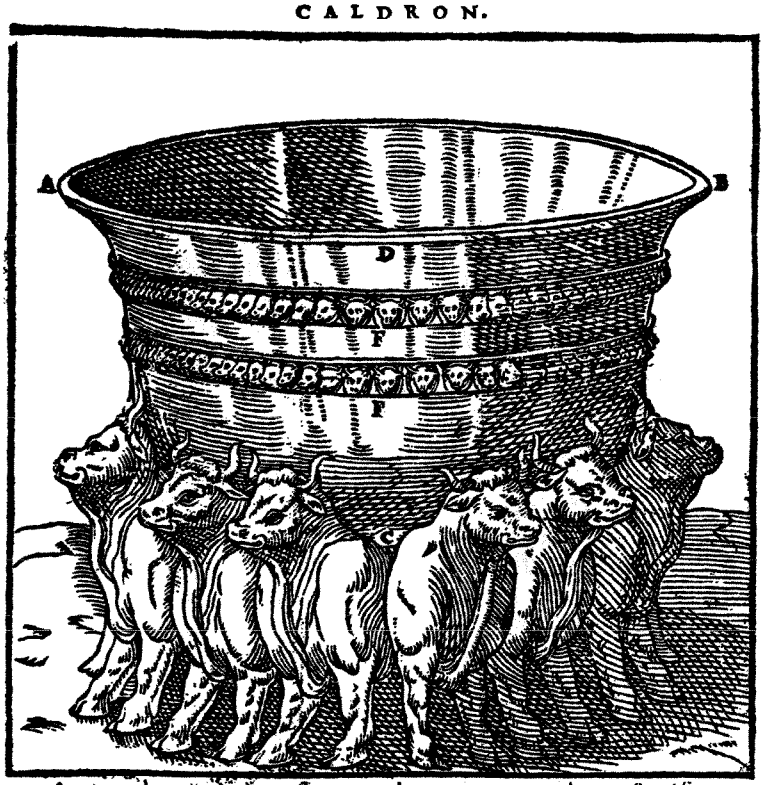
k As was ſene communely wroght in coſtelie porches.

Or, vnder about the middes.

Or, beyonde.

Ebr the ſeconde

THE SEA OR GREAT CALDRON.



A B Ten cubites fro̅ one side to the other
C D The height of fiue cubites
F The two rowes, which cōpaſſed ỹ veſſel about, and were garniſhed w bulles heades, wherein were pipes to auoyde the water.

24 And vnder the brim of it were knoppes like wilde cucumers compaſsing it roũde about, ten in one cubite, compaſsing the
2 Chro 4.3. ſea* rounde about: and the two rowes of knoppes were caſt, when it was molten.
25 It ſtode on twelue bulles, thre loking towarde the North, and thre towarde the Weſt, and thre towarde the South, & thre towarde the Eaſt: and the ſea *ſtode* aboue vpon them, & all their hinder partes were inwarde.
t Or, a ſpanne. 26 It was t an hand breadth thicke, and the brim thereof was like the worke of the brim of a cup with flowres of lilies: it cōteined two thouſand p Baths.
p Bath and Ephah ſeme to be bothe one meaſure, Ezek 45.11 euery Bath cōteined about ten pottels.
27 ¶And he made ten baſes of braſſe, one baſe *was* foure cubites long, and foure cubites broade, and thre cubites hie.
28 ¶And ỹ worke of the baſes was on this maner, They had borders, and the borders *were* betwene the ledges:
29 And on the borders that were betwene the ledges, were lyons, bulles and Cherubims: and vpon the ledges there was a baſe aboue: and beneth the lyons, and bulles were addicions made of thinne worke.
30 And euery baſe had foure braſen wheles, and plates of braſſe: and the foure corners had u vnderſetters: vnder the caldrõ were vnderſetters molten at the ſide of euery addicion.
u Or ſhulders.
¶ The mouth of the great baſe or frame carred into ỹ chapiter, or piller ỹ bare vp ỹ caldron.
31 And ¶ the mouth of it *was* within the chapiter and aboue *to meaſure* by the cubite: for the mouth thereof *was* rounde made like a baſe, & it was a cubite & halfe a cubite: & alſo vpon the mouth thereof *were* grauen workes, whoſe borders *were* foure ſquare, & not rounde.
32 And vnder the borders *were* foure wheles, and the axeltrees of the wheles *ioyned* to the baſe; and the height of a whele *was* a cubite and halfe a cubite.
33 And the facion of the wheles was like the facion of a charet whele, their axeltrees, and their naues and their x felloes, & their ſpokes *were* all molten.
x Or, ringes.
34 And foure vnderſetters *were* vpon the foure corners of one baſe: & the vnderſetters thereof were of the baſe *it ſelfe.*
35 And in the toppe of the baſe was a roũde y compaſſe of halfe a cubite hie roũde about: and vpon the toppe of the baſe the ledges thereof and the borders thereof *were* of the ſame.
y Which was called the piller, chapiter, or ſmale baſe, wherein the caldron ſtode.
36 And vpon the tables of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof he did graue Cherubims, lyons and palmetrees, on the ſide of euery one, and addicions rounde about.
37 Thus made he the ten baſes, *Thei* had all one caſting, one meaſure, *and* one ſyſe.
38 ¶Thē made he z ten caldrons of braſſe, one caldron conteined fourtie Baths: and euery caldron *was* foure cubites, one caldron *was* vpon one baſe throughout the ten baſes.
z To kepe waters for ỹ vſe of the ſacrifices.
39 And he ſet the baſes, fiue on the right ſide of the houſe, & fiue on the left ſide of the houſe. And he ſet the ſea on the right ſide a of the a houſe Eaſtwarde towarde ỹ South
a To wit, of ỹ Tẽple or Sanctuarie
40 ¶And

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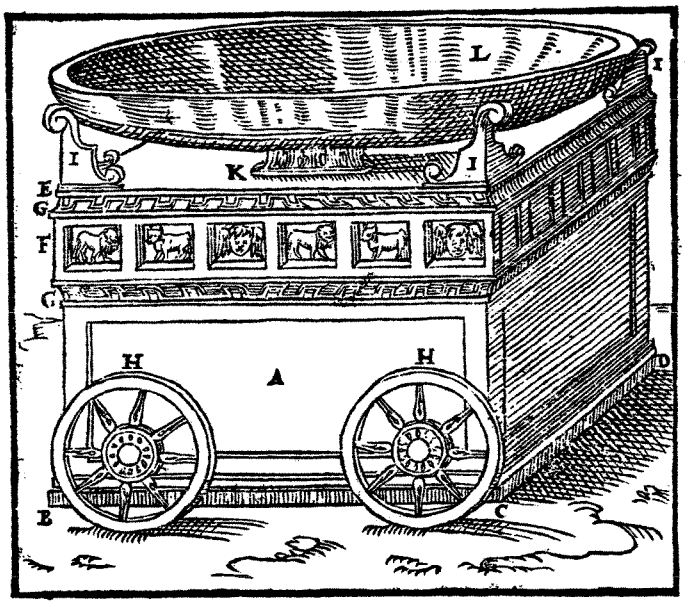
40 ¶ And Hirám made caldrons, and beſomes and baſens, & Hirám finiſhed all the worke that he made to King Salomón for the houſe of the Lord:

41 To wit, two pillers and two bowles of the chapiters that were on the toppe of the two pillers, and two grates to couer the two bowles of the chapiters which were vpon the toppe of the pillers,

42 And foure hundreth pomegranates for the two grates, euē two rowes of pomegranates for euerie grate to couer the two bowles of the chapiters, that were vpon the pillers.

43 And the ten baſes, & ten caldrons vpon the baſes,

THE FORME OF THE CALDRONS.



A B C The baſe whereupon ſtode the caldrons which were thre cubites long.
C B Foure cubites broade,
B E Thre cubites high
F The imboſſement and figures of lions, bulles, Cherubims.
G The border of workemanſhip folding to and fro.
H The foure wheles, which had a cubite and an halfe of height
I The foure ſtayes or vpholds, which were vpon the baſe whereupon the caldron ſtode
K The rounde bothom of a cubite and halfe long, which did vpholde the caldron in the middes.
L The caldron

44 And the ſea, & twelue bulles vnder that ſea,

45 And pottes, and beſoms and baſens: & all theſe veſſels, which [u] Hirám made to King Salomón for the houſe of the Lord, were of ſhining braſſe.

[u] By this name alſo Hiram the King of Tyrus was called.

46 In the plaine of Iordén did ỹ King caſt thē in [w] clay betwene Succóh & Zarthán.

[w] Or, thicke earth.

47 And Salomón left *to weigh* all the veſſels becauſe of the exceeding abundance, nether colde the weight of the braſſe be counted.

48 So Salomón made all the veſſels that perteined vnto the houſe of the Lord, the [x] golden altar, and the golden table, whereon the ſhewbread was,

[x] This was done according to the forme ỹ the Lord preſcribed vnto Moſes in Exodus.

49 And the candelſtickes, fiue at the right ſide, and fiue at the left, before the oracle of pure golde, and the flowres, and the lāpes, and the ſnoffers of golde,

[y] Some take this for ſome inſtrument of muſike

50 And the bowles, [y] and the hookes, and the baſens, & the ſpoones, & the aſhpannes of pure golde, and the hinges of golde for the dores of the houſe within, *euen* for the moſt holy place, *and* for the dores of the houſe, *to wit*, of the Temple.

51 So was finiſhed all the worke that King Salomón made for ỹ houſe of the Lord, and Salomón broght in the things which *Dauid his father had dedicated: ỹ ſiluer, and the golde and the veſſels, *and* layed them among the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord.

*2. Chro. 5. 1.

CHAP. VIII.

4 The Arke is borne into the Tēple. 10 A cloude filleth the Temple. 15 The King bleſſeth the people.

1 THen* King Salomón aſſembled the Elders of Iſraél, euen all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the childrē of Iſraél vnto [a] him in Ieruſalém, for to [a] bring vp the Arke of the couenant of the Lord from the citie of Dauid, which is Zión.

*2 Chro 5, 2.

[a] Ebr. Salemón.

[a] For Dauid broght it frō Obed-edom & placed it in ỹ Tabernacle w he had made for it, 2 Sam. 6, 17

2 And all the mē of Iſraél aſſembled vnto King Salomón at the feaſt in the moneth of [b] Ethanim, which is the ſeuēth moneth.

[b] Conteining part of Septēber and parte of October, in the which moneth they held thre ſolemne feaſts, Nom. 29, 1

3 And all the Elders of Iſraél came & the Prieſts toke the Arke.

4 They bare the Arke of the Lord, and thei bare ỹ Tabernacle of the Congregacion, & all the holy veſſels that were in the Tabernacle: thoſe did the Prieſts & Leuites bring vp.

5 And King Salomón and all the Congregacion of Iſraél, that were aſſembled vnto him, *were* with him before the Arke, offring ſhepe & beeues, which colde not be tolde, nor nombred for multitude.

6 So the [c] Prieſts broght the Arke of the couenant of the Lord vnto his place, into the oracle of the houſe, into ỹ moſte holy place, euē vnder ỹ wings of ỹ Cherubims.

[c] That is, the Kohathites, Nom 4, 5

7 For the Cherubims ſtretched out their wings ouer the place of the Arke, and the Cherubims couered the Arke, & the barres thereof aboue.

8 And they [d] drew out the barres, that the ends of the barres might appeare out of the Sanctuarie before the oracle, but they were not ſene without: and there they are vnto this day.

9 Nothing *was* in the Arke [e] ſaue the two tables of ſtone which Moſés had put there at Horéb, where the Lord made a couenát with the children of Iſraél, whé he broght them out of the land of Egypt.

10 And when the Prieſts were come out of the Sanctuarie, the * cloude filled the houſe of the Lord,

11 So that the Prieſts colde not ſtand to miniſter, becauſe of the cloude: for the glorie of the Lord had filled the houſe of the Lord.

12 Then ſpake Salomón, The Lord * ſaid, that he wolde dwel in the darcke cloude.

13 I haue buylt thee an houſe to dwel in, an habitacion for thee to abide in for [f] euer.

14 ¶And the King turned his face, & bleſſed all the Congregacion of Iſraél: for all the Congregacion of Iſraél ſtode *there*.

15 And he ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſraél, who ſpake with his mouth vnto Dauid my father, and hathe with his hād fulfilled it, ſaying,

16 Since the day that I broght my people Iſraél out of Egypt, I choſe no citie of all ỹ tribes of Iſraél, to buylde an houſe that my Name might be there: but I haue choſen * Dauid to be ouer my people Iſraél.

17 And it was in the heart of Dauid my father to buyld an houſe to the Name of the Lord God of Iſraél.

18 And the Lord ſaid vnto Dauid my father, Where as it was in thine heart to buylde an houſe vnto my Name, thou dideſt wel, that thou waſt ſo minded:

19 Neuertheles thou ſhalt not buylde the houſe, but thy ſonne, that ſhal come out of thy loynes, he ſhal buylde the houſe vnto my Name.

20 And the Lord hathe made "good his worde that he ſpake: and I am riſen vp in the roume of Dauid my father, and ſit on ỹ throne of Iſraél, as the Lord promiſed, and haue buylt the houſe for the Name of the Lord God of Iſraél.

21 And I haue prepared therein a place for the Arke, wherein is the [g] couenant of the Lord which he made with our fathers, whē he broght thē out of ỹ lād of Egypt.

22 ¶Then Salomón ſtode before * the altar of the Lord in the ſight of all the Congregatiō of Iſraél, and ſtretched out his hands towarde heauen,

23 And ſaid, * O Lord God of Iſraél, there is no god like thee in heauen aboue, or in the earth beneth, thou that kepeſt couenāt & mercy with thy ſeruants that walke before thee with [h] all their heart,

24 Thou that haſt kept with thy ſeruant Dauid my father, that thou haſt promiſed him: for thou ſpakeſt with thy mouth & haſt fulfilled it with thine hand, as appeareth this day.

25 Therefore now, Lord God of Iſraél, kepe with thy ſeruāt Dauid my father that thou haſt promiſed him, ſaying, * Thou ſhalt not want a man in my ſight to ſit vpon ỹ throne of Iſraél: ſo that thy children take hede to their way, that they walke before me, as thou haſt walked in my ſight.

26 And now, ô God of Iſrael, I pray thee, let thy worde be verified, which thou ſpakeſt vnto thy ſeruant Dauid my father.

27 [i] Is it true in dede that God wil dwel on the earth? beholde, the heauens, & the heauens of heauens are not able to containe thee: how muche more *vnable* is this houſe that I haue buylt?

28 But haue thou reſpect vnto the prayer of thy ſeruant, and to his ſupplicacion, ô Lord, my God, to heare the crye & prayer which thy ſeruant prayeth before thee this day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this houſe, night and day, *euen* towarde the place whereof thou haſt ſaid, * My Name ſhal be there: that thou mayeſt hearken vnto the prayer which thy ſeruāt prayeth in this place.

30 Heare thou therefore the ſupplicacion of thy ſeruant, and of thy people Iſraél, which pray in this place, and heare thou "in the place of thine habitacion, *euen* in heauen, and when thou hearеſt, haue mercy.

31 ¶When a man ſhal treſpaſſe againſt his neighbour, and [k] he lay vpon him an othe to cauſe him to ſweare, and "the ſwearer ſhal come before thine altar in this houſe,

32 Then heare thou in heauen, and [l] do & iudge thy ſeruants, that thou cōdemne the wicked to bring his way vpon his head, & iuſtifie the righteous, to giue him according to his righteouſnes.

33 ¶When thy people Iſraél ſhalbe ouerthowen before the enemie, becauſe they haue ſinned againſt thee, and turne againe to thee, and [m] confeſſe thy Name, and pray and make ſupplicacion vnto thee in this houſe,

34 Then heare thou in heauen, and be merciful vnto the ſinne of thy people Iſraél, and bring thē againe vnto the land, which thou gaueſt vnto their fathers.

35 ¶When heauē ſhalbé [n] ſhut vp, & there ſhalbe no raine becauſe they haue ſinned againſt thee, and ſhal pray in this place, and confeſſe thy Name, and turne from their ſinne, when thou doeſt afflict them,

36 Then heare thou in heauen, & pardone the ſinne of thy ſeruants and of thy people Iſraél (when thou haſt taught them the good

[d] They drewe thē onely out ſo farre as they might be ſene: for they might not pul them altogether out, Exo 25,15.
[e] For it is like that the enemies, when they had the Arke in their hands, toke away the rod of Aarón and the pot with Man *Exod.40,34.*
2.Chro 6,1.
[f] He ſpake according to the tenor of Gods promes, which was cōditionally, ỹ they ſhulde ſerue him aright.
2.Sam.7,11.
"*Or confirmed.*
[g] The two tables wherein the articles of the couenant were writen *2.Chro.6,13.*
2.Mac.2,8.
[h] Vnfaynedly and without all hypocriſie.
[i] He is raviſhed with the admiracion of Gods mercies, who being incomprehēſible and Lord ouer all, wil become familiar with men.
Deut.12,11.
"*Or, from.*
[k] To wit the iudge, or neighbour "*Ebr the othe.*
[l] That is, make it knowen.
[m] Acknowledge thy iuſt iudgement, & praiſe thee.
[n] So that there be a drought to deſtroy the frutes of the land.

good way wherein they may walke) and giue raine vpon the land that thou haſt giuen to thy people to inherit.

37 ¶ When there ſhalbe famine in the lād, when there ſhalbe peſtilence, when there ſhalbe blaſting mildewe, grieſhopper *or* caterpiller, when their enemie ſhal beſiege them in the "cities of their land, *or* anie plague *or* anie ſickenes,

"*Ebr in the lād of their gates.*

38 *Then* what prayers, *and* ſupplicacion ſoeuer ſhalbe made of anie man *or* of all thy people Iſraél, when euerie one ſhal knowe the plague in his owne ° heart, & ſtretch forthe his hands in this houſe,

° For ſuche are moſt mete to receiue Gods mercies

39 Heare thou then in heauen, in thy dwelling place, and be merciful, and do, and giue euerie mā according to all his wayes, as thou knoweſt his heart (for thou onely knoweſt the hearts of all the children of men)

40 That they may feare thee as lōg as they liue in the land, which thou gaueſt vnto our fathers.

p He meaneth ſuche as ſhulde be turned frō their idolatrie to ſerue the true God

41 Moreouer as touching the p ſtranger that is not of thy people Iſraél, who ſhal come out of a farre countrei for thy Names ſake,

42 (Whē they ſhal heare of thy great Name, and of thy mighty hand, and of thy ſtretched out arme) and ſhal come & pray in this houſe,

43 Heare thou in heauen thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the ſtranger calleth for vnto thee: that all ỹ people of the earth may knowe thy Name, & feare thee, as do thy people Iſraél: and that they may knowe, that thy q Name is called vpon in this houſe which I haue buylt.

q That this is the true religion wherewith ỹ wilt be worſhiped.

44 ¶ When thy people ſhal go out to battel againſt their enemie by the way that thou ſhalt ſend them, and ſhal pray vnto the Lord **towarde* the way of ỹ citie which thou haſt choſen, & *towarde* the houſe that I haue buylt for thy Name,

*Dan.6,1.

45 Heare thou then in heauen their prayer and their ſupplicacion, and "iudge their cauſe.

"*Or, maintaine their right.*

46 If they ſinne againſt thee (* for there is no man that ſinneth not) & thou be angry with them, & deliuer them vnto the enemies, ſo that they carie them away priſoners vnto the land of the enemies, ether farre or nere,

*2.Chro 6,36. eccleſ 7,21. 1 Ioh.1,7.

"*Or, if they repent*

47 Yet "if they turne againe vnto their heart in the land (to the which they be caryed away captiues) and returne and pray vnto thee r in the land of them that caryed them away captiues, ſaying, We haue ſinned, we haue tranſgreſſed, and done wickedly,

r Thogh the Temple was ỹ chief place of prayer, yet he ſecludeth not them, that being fet with neceſſitie call vpon him in other places.

48 If they turne againe vnto thee with all their heart, and with all their ſoule in the land of their enemies, which led thē away captiues, and pray vnto thee *towarde* ſ the way of their land, which thou gaueſt vnto their fathers, & *towarde* ỹ citie which thou haſt choſen, and the houſe, which I haue buylt for thy Name,

ſ As Daniēl did. Dan 6, 10.

49 Then heare thou their prayer and their ſupplicacion in heauē thy dwelling place, and "iudge their cauſe,

"*Or, auēge their wrong.*

50 And be merciful vnto thy people that haue ſinned againſt thee, & vnto all their iniquities (wherein they haue tranſgreſſed againſt thee) and cauſe that thei, which led them away captiues, may t haue pitie and compaſsion on them:

t He vnderſtōde by faithe ỹ God of enemies wolde make friends vnto them ỹ did conuert vnto him.

51 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broghteſt out of Egypt from the middes of the yron fornace.

52 Let thine eies be open vnto the prayer of thy ſeruant, and vnto the praier of thy people Iſraél, to hearken vnto them, in all that they call for vnto thee.

53 For thou dideſt ſeparate them to thee from among all people of the earth for an inheritāce, as thou ſaideſt by the hand of Moſés thy ſeruant, whē thou broghteſt our fathers * out of Egypt, ô Lord God.

*Exod.19,6.

54 And when Salomón had made an end of praying all this u prayer and ſupplicacion vnto the Lord, he aroſe from before the altar of the Lord, from kneling on his knees, and ſtretching of his hands to heauen,

u Salomón is a figure of Chriſt, who cōtinually is the Mediator betwene God and his Church.

55 And ſtode and bleſſed all the Congregacion of Iſraél with a loude voice, ſaying,

56 Bleſſed be the Lord that hathe giuen reſt vnto his people Iſraél, according to all ỹ he promiſed: there hathe not failed one worde of all his good promes which he promiſed by the hand of Moſés his ſeruant.

57 The Lord our God be with vs, as he was with our fathers, that he forſake vs not, nether leaue vs,

58 That he may x bowe our hearts vnto hī, that we may walke in all his waies, & kepe his commandements, and his ſtatutes, and his lawes, which he commanded our fathers.

x He concludeth that man of him ſelfe is enemie vnto God, and ỹ all obedience to his lawe proceedeth of his mere mercie

59 And theſe my wordes, wᵗ I haue praied before ỹ Lord, be nere vnto the Lord our God day and night, that he defende the cauſe of his ſeruant, and the cauſe of his people Iſraél "alway as the matter requireth,

"*Ebr the thing of a day in her day.*

60 That all the people of the earth may knowe, that the Lord is God, & none other.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfit with the Lord our God to walke in his ſtatutes,

& to kepe his commandemẽts, as this day.
62 ¶Thẽ the King & all Iſraél with him offred ſacrifice before the Lord.
2 Chro. 7,3. 63 *And Salomón offred a ſacrifice of peace offrings which he offred vnto the Lord, *to wit*, two & twentie thouſand beeues, and an hundreth & twentie thouſand ſhepe: ſo the King and all the children of Iſraél dedicated the y house of the Lord.
y Before the oracle, where the Arke was
64 The ſame day did the King halowe the midle of the courte, that was before the house of ỹ Lord: for there he offred burnt offrings, and the meat offrings, and the fat of the peace offrings, becauſe the *braſen altar that was before the Lord, was to litle to receiue the burnt offrings, and the meat offrings, and the fat of the peace offrings.
2 Chro. 7,7.
65 And Salomón made at that time a feaſt and all Iſraél with him, a very great Cõgregació, euen frõ the entring in of z Hamáth vnto the riuer of Egypt, before the Lord our God, a ſeuen dayes and ſeuen dayes, *euen* fourtene dayes.
z That is, frõ North to South: meanig all the countrey.
a Seuen dayes for the dedicacion, and ſeuen for the feaſt
66 And the eight day he ſent the people away: and they "thanked the King and went vnto their tentes ioyous and with glad heart, becauſe of all the goodnes that the Lord had done for Dauid his ſeruant, and for Iſraél his people.
" Ebr. bleſſed.

CHAP. IX.

1 The Lord appeareth the ſeconde time to Salomón. 11 Salomón giueth cities to Hirám. 20 The Canaanites become tributaries. 28 He ſendeth forthe a nauie for golde.

2 Chro. 7,11. 1 WHen * Salomón had finiſhed the buylding of the houſe of ỹ Lord, and the Kings palace, and all that Salomón deſired and minded to do,
2 Then the Lord appeared vnto Salomón ỹ ſeconde time, as he *appeared vnto him at Gibeón.
Chap. 3,5.
3 And ỹ Lord ſaid vnto him, I haue heard thy prayer and thy ſupplicacion, that thou haſt made before me: I haue halowed this houſe (which thou haſt buylt) to *put my Name there for euer, and mine eyes, and mine heart ſhal be there perpetually.
Chap. 8,29. deut. 12,11.
a If ỹ walke in my feare, & withdrawe thy ſelfe from the commune maner of men which follow their ſenſualitie.
4 And a if thou wilt walke before me (as Dauid thy father walked in purenes of heart, & in righteouſnes) to do according to all that I haue commãded thee, *and* kepe my ſtatutes, and my iudgements,
5 Then wil I ſtabliſh the throne of thy kingdome vpõ Iſraél for euer, as I promiſed to Dauid thy father, ſaying, * Thou ſhalt not want a man vpon the throne of Iſraél.
2 Sam 7,12. 2 chro. 22,10.
b God declareth that diſobedience againſt him is ỹ cauſe of his diſpleaſure, & ſo of all miſerie.
6 *But* if ye and your children turne away from me, and wil b not kepe my commãdemẽts, *and* my ſtatutes, (which I haue ſet before you) but go and ſerue other gods, and worſhip them,
7 Then wil I cut of Iſraél from the land, which I haue giuen them, and the houſe which I haue halowed *for my Name, wil I caſt out of my ſight, and Iſraél ſhalbe a c prouerbe, and a cõmune talke among all people.
Ier 7,14
c The worlde ſhal make of you a mocking ſtocke for the vile contempt and abuſing of Gods moſt liberal benefites.
8 Euen this hie houſe ſhalbe *ſo* euerie one that paſſeth by it, ſhal be aſtonied, and ſhal hiſſe, and they ſhal ſay, * Why hathe the Lord done thus vnto this land and to this houſe?
Deut 29,24. ier 22,8.
9 And they ſhal anſwer, Becauſe they forſoke the Lord their God, which broght their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and haue taken holde vpon other gods, and haue worſhiped them, and ſerued them, therefore hathe the Lord broght vpon them all this euil.
10 *And at the end of twentie yeres, when Salomón had buylded the two houſes, the houſe of the Lord, and the Kings palace,
2 Chro. 8,1.
11 (*For the which* Hirám the King of Tyrus had broght to Salomón timber of cedre, and fir tre trees, and golde, and what ſoeuer he deſired) then King Salomón gaue to Hirám twẽtie cities in the lãd of d Galil.
d Or, Galilé.
12 And * Hirám came out from Tyrus to ſe the cities which Salomón had giuen him, and they pleaſed him not.
13 Therefore he ſaid, What cities are theſe which thou haſt giuen me, my brother? And he called them the land of e Cabúl vnto this day.
e Or, diſpite, or, bad ſtate.
14 And Hirám had ſent the Kíg d ſix ſcore e talents of golde.
d For his tribute towarde the buylding
15 ¶And this is the cauſe of ỹ tribute why Kíg Salomón raiſed tribute, *to wit*, to buylde ỹ houſe of the Lord, & his owne houſe, and f Milló, and the wall of Ieruſalém, & Hazór, and Megiddó, and Gézer.
e The commõ talent was about threſcore poũde weight.
f Milló was as ỹ towne houſe or place of aſſemblie which was open aboue.
16 Pharaóh King of Egypt had come vp, and taken Gézer, and burnt it with fire, & ſlewe the Canaanites, that dwelt in the citie, and gaue it for a preſent vnto his daughter Salomons wife.
17 (Therefore Salomón buylt Gézer and Beth-horón the nether,
18 And Baaláth and Tamór in the wilderneſs of the land,
19 And all the cities g of ſtore, that Salomón had, euen cities for charets, and cities for horſemen, and *all* that Salomón deſired & wolde buyld in Ieruſalém, and in Lebanón and in all the land of his dominion)
g Cities for his munitions of warre.
20 All the people that were h left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hiuites, & Iebuſites, which were not of the childrẽ of Iſraél:
h Theſe were as bondmen & payed, what was required, either labour or money.
21 *To wit*, their children that were left after them

them in the land, whome the children of Iſraél were not able to deſtroye, thoſe did Salomón make tributaries vnto this day.

22 But of the children of Iſraél did Salomón *make no bondmen: but they were men of warre and his ſeruants, and his princes, and his captaines, and rulers of his charets and his horſemen.

Leui.25.39.

23 Theſe were the princes of the officers, that were ouer Salomons worke: *euen* [a] fiue hundreth and fiftie, and they ruled ỹ people that wroght in the worke.

[a] The ouerſeers of Salomons workes were deuided into 3 partes. the firſt cõteined 3300 ỹ ſeconde 300 and ỹ 3,250. which were Iſraelites: ſo here are conteined the two laſt parts, which make 550.

24 ¶ And Pharaohs daughter came vp frõ the citie of Dauid vnto the houſe which *Salomón* had buylt for her: thẽ did he buylde Milló.

25 And thriſe a yere did Salomón offer burnt offrings and peace offrings vpon the altar which he buylt vnto the Lord: & he burnt incenſe vpon *the altar*, that was before the Lord, when he had finiſhed the houſe.

26 ¶ Alſo King Salomón made a nauie of ſhippes in Ezeon-géber, which is beſide Elóth, and the brincke of the red Sea, in the land of Edóm.

27 And Hirám ſent with the nauie his ſeruants, ỹ were mariners, & had knowledge of the ſea, with the ſeruants of Salomón.

28 And they came to Ophír and fet from thence [k] foure hundreth and twenty talẽts of golde, & broght it to King Salomón.

[k] In ỹ 2. Chro. 8, 18 is made mencion of thirtie mo, ỹ ſeme to haue bene employed for their charges

CHAP. X.

The quene of Sabá commeth to heere the wiſdome of Salomón 18 His royal throne 23 His power and magnificence

1 AND the* quene of [a] Shebá hearing the fame of Salomón (concerning the Name of the Lord) came to proue him with hard queſtions,

2 Chro.9.1. mat 12.42. luk 11.31

[a] Iosephus ſaith that ſhe was quene of Ethiopia, and ỹ Sheba was the name of ỹ chief citie of Meroe, which is an yland of Nilus.

2 And ſhe came to Ieruſalém with a very great traine, & camels that bare ſwete odors, and golde exceding muche, & precious ſtones: and ſhe came to Salomón, and communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Salomón declared vnto her all her queſtions: nothing was hid frõ the King, which he expounded not vnto her.

4 Then the quene of Shebá ſawe all Salomons wiſdom, and the houſe that he had buylt.

5 And the [b] meat of his table, and the ſitting of his ſeruants, and the ordre of his miniſters, & their apparel, & his drinking veſſels, and his burnt offrings, that he offred in the houſe of the Lord, and "ſhe was greatly aſtonied.

[b] That is, the whole ordre, and trade of his houſe

"*Hebr there was no more ſpirit in her*

6 And ſhe ſaid vnto the King, It was a true worde that I heard in mine owne land of thy ſayings, and of thy wiſdome.

7 Howbeit I beleued not this reporte, til I came, and had ſene it with mine eyes: but lo, the one halfe was not tolde me: *for* thou haſt more wiſdome and proſperitie, thẽ I haue heard by reporte.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are theſe thy ſeruants, which ſtand euer before thee, and heare thy [c] wiſdome.

[c] But muche more happie are they, ỹ heare the wiſdome of God reueiled in his worde

9 Bleſſed be the Lord thy God, which [d] loued thee, to ſet thee on the throne of Iſraél, becauſe the Lord loued Iſraél for euer and made thee King, to do [e] equitie and righteouſnes.

[d] It is a chief ſigne of Gods fauour, when godlie & wiſe rulers ſit in ỹ throne of iuſtice

[e] This is the cauſe, why Kings are appointed.

10 And ſhe gaue the King ſix ſcore talents of golde, and of ſwete odors exceding muche, and precious ſtones. There came no more ſuche abũdance of ſwete odors, as the quene of Shebá gaue to King Salomón.

11 The nauie alſo of Hirám (that caried golde from Ophír) broght likewiſe great plenty of * Almuggím trees from Ophír and precious ſtones.

2.Chro. 9.10

12 And the King made of the Almuggím trees pillers for the houſe of the Lord, & for the Kings palace, and made harpes & pſalteries for ſingers. There came no more ſuche Almuggím trees, nor were anie more ſene vnto this day.

13 And King Salomón gaue vnto the quene of Shebá, whatſoeuer ſhe wolde aſke, beſides that, which Salomón gaue her" of his kinglie liberalitie: ſo ſhe returned & went to her owne countrey, *bothe* ſhe, and her ſeruants.

"*Ebr by the hãd of the King.*

14 ¶ Alſo the weight of golde, that came to Salomón in one yere, was ſix hundreth thre ſcore and ſix* talents of golde,

Exod 25.39.

15 Beſides that *he had* of marchant men and of the marchandiſes of them that ſolde ſpices, and of all the Kings of Arabia, & of the princes of the [f] countrey.

[f] To wit, of Arabia, which for the great abundance of all things was called, happy.

16 And King Salomón made two hundreth targats of beaten golde, ſix hundreth *ſhekels* of golde went to a targat:

17 And thre hundreth ſhields of beaten golde, thre pounde of golde went to one ſhield: and the King put them in ỹ* houſe of the wood of Lebanón.

Chap.7.2.

18 ¶ Then the King made a great throne of yuerie, and couered it with the beſt golde.

19 And the throne had ſix ſteps, and the top of the throne *was* round behinde, & there were [g] ſtayes on ether ſide on the place of the throne, and two lions ſtanding by the ſtayes.

[g] As the chaircbowes, or places to leane vpon.

20 And there ſtode twelue lions on the ſix ſteps on ether ſide: there was not the like *made* in any kingdome.

THE ROYAL THRONE OF SALOMON.

31 And all King Salomons drinking veſſels *were* of golde, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the wood of Lebanón *were* of pure golde. none *were* of ſiluer: *for* it was nothing eſtemed in the daies of Salomón.

22 For the King had on the ſea the nauie of Tharſhíſh with the nauie of Hirám: once in thre yere came ỹ nauie of [h] Tharſhiſh, & broght golde and ſiluer, yuerie, & apes and peacockes.

h By Tharſhiſh is ment Cilicia, w was abundant in varietie of pretious things.

23 So King Salomón exceded all ỹ Kings of the earth bothe in riches and in wiſdome.

24 And all the worlde ſought to ſe Salomón, to heare his wiſdome, which God had put in his heart,

25 And thei broght euery man his preſent, veſſels of ſiluer, and veſſels of golde, and raiment, and armour, and ſwete odors, horſes and mules, from yere to yere.

a 2 Chro 1, 14. 26 Then Salomón gathered together [a]charets and horſemen: and he had a thouſand and foure hundreth charets, and twelue thouſand horſemen, whome he placed in the charet, cities, and with the King at Ieruſalém.

b Or, he made ſil uer as pleasaunt as Bones. 27 And the King [b] gaue ſiluer in Ieruſalém as ſtones, and gaue cedres as the wilde figtrees that growe abundantly in the plaine.

28 Alſo Salomón had horſes broght out of Egypt, and fine linen: [c] the Kings marchants receiued the linen for a price.

c Or, for the company of the Kings marchāts did receiue a number and a price.

29 There came vp and went out of Egypt *ſome* charet, *worthe* ſix hundreth *ſhekels* of ſiluer: that is, one horſe, an hundreth and fiftie. and thus they broght *horſes* to all the Kings of the Hittites and to the Kings of Arám by their [d]meanes.

d Ebr. handes.

CHAP. XI.

1 Salomón hathe a thouſand wiues and concubines, which bring him to idolatrie. 14 His God raiſeth vp aduerſaries againſt him. 43 He dyeth.

1 BVt King Salomón loued [*]many [a] outlandiſh women: bothe the daughter of Pharaóh, & the women of Moáb, Ammón, Edóm, Zidón and Heth,

*Deu. 17, 17. eccleſ 47, 22.

a Which were idolaters.

2 Of the nacions, whereof the Lord had ſaid vnto the children of Iſraél, [*]Go not ye in to them, nor let thē come in to you: *for* ſurely they wil turne your hearts after their gods. to them, *I ſay*, did Salomón ioyne in loue.

*Exod 34, 16.

3 And he had ſeuen hundreth wiues, *that were* [a]princeſſes and thre hundreth [b] concubines, and his wiues turned away his heart.

a Or, queenes b To whome apperteined no dowry

4 For when Salomón was olde, his wiues turned his heart after other gods, ſo ỹ his heart was not [c] perfit with the Lord his God, as *was* the heart of Dauid his father.

c He ſerued not God with a pure heart.

5 For Salomón followed [*] Aſhtaróth the god of ỹ Zidonians, & [d] Milcóm the abommacion of the Ammonites.

*Iudg 2, 13.

d Who was alſo called Molech ver 7. read 2. King. 23, 10.

6 So Salomón wroght wickednes in the ſight of the Lord, but continued not to follow the Lord, as *did* Dauid his father.

7 Then did Salomón buylde an hie place for

for Chemóſh the [e] abominaciō of Moáb, in the mountaine that is ouer againſt Ieruſalém, and vnto Mólech the abominacion of the children of Ammón.

8 And ſo did he for all his outlādiſh wiues, which burnt incenſe and offred vnto their gods.

9 Therefore the Lord was angry with Salomón, becauſe he had turned his heart from the Lord God of Iſraél, *which had *Chap 3.5.& 9.3.* appeared vnto him twiſe,

10 And had giuen him a *charge concerning this thing, that he ſhulde not followe other gods: but he kept not that, which the Lord had commanded him. *Chap.6.12.*

11 Wherefore the Lord ſaid vnto Salomón, Forasmucheas [f] this is done of thee, and thou haſt not kept my couenant, and my ſtatutes (which I commanded thee) *I wil ſurely rent the kingdome frō thee, and wil giue it to thy ſeruant. *Chap 12.11.*

12 Notwithſtanding in thy daies I wil not do it, becauſe of Dauid thy father, but I wil rent it out of the hand of thy ſonne:

13 Howbeit I wil not rent all ỹ kingdome, *but* wil giue one [g] tribe to thy ſonne, becauſe of Dauid my ſeruant, and becauſe of Ieruſalém, which I haue choſen.

14 ¶ Then the Lord ſtirred vp an aduerſarie vnto Salomón, *euen* Hádád the Edomite, of the Kings [h] ſeede, which was in Edóm.

15 *For when Dauid was in Edóm, & Ioáb the captaine of the hoſte had ſmitten all the males in Edóm, and was gone vp to bury the [i] ſlayne, *2 Sam 8.14.*

16 (For ſix moneths did Ioáb remaine there, and all Iſraél, til he had deſtroyed all the males in Edóm)

17 Then this Hadad [k] fled and certeine other Edomites of his fathers ſeruants with him, to go into Egypt, Hadad being yet a litle childe.

18 And they aroſe out of Midián, & came to Parán, and toke men with them out of Parán, and came to Egypt vnto Pharaóh King of Egypt, which gaue him an houſe, and appointed him vitailes, and gaue him land.

19 So Hadád [l] founde great fauour in the ſight of Pharaóh, & he gaue him to wife the ſiſter of his owne wife, *euen* the ſiſter of Tahpenés the quene.

20 And the ſiſter of Tahpenés bare him Genubáth his ſonne, whome Tahpenés wayned in Pharaohs houſe: & Genubáth was in Pharaohs houſe among the ſonnes of Pharaóh.

21 And when Hadád heard in Egypt, that Dauid ſlept with his fathers, & that Ioáb the captaine of the hoſte was dead, Hadád ſaid to Pharaóh, Let me departe, that I may go to mine owne countrey.

22 But Pharaóh ſaid vnto him, What haſt thou lacked with me, that thou woldeſt thus go to thine owne countrey? And he anſwered, Nothing, but in any wiſe let me go.

23 ¶ *And God ſtirred him vp *another* aduerſarie, Rezón the ſonne of Eliadáh, which [m] fled from his lord Hadadézer King of Zobáh. *2 Sam 8.3.*

24 And he gathered men vnto him, & had bene captaine ouer the companie, when Dauid ſlewe them. And thei went to Damaſcus, and dwelt there, [n] and thei made him King in Damaſcus.

25 Therefore was he an aduerſarie to Iſraél all the daies of Salomón: beſides the euil that Hadád *did*, he alſo abhorred Iſraél, and reigned ouer Arám.

26 ¶ *And Ieroboám ỹ ſonne of Nebát an Ephratiite of Zeréda Salomons ſeruant (whoſe mother was called Zeruáh a widowe) lift vp his hand againſt the King. *2.Chro.13.6.*

27 And this was the cauſe that he lift vp *his* hand againſt the King, *When* Salomón buylt Milló, he repared the broken places of the citie of Dauid his father.

28 And this man Ieroboám was a man of ſtrength and courage, and Salomón ſeing that the yong mā was mete for the worke, he made him [o] ouerſeer of all the laboure of the houſe of Ioſéph.

29 And at that time, when Ieroboám went out of Ieruſalém, the Prophet Ahiiáh the Shilonite founde him in the way, hauing a newe garment on him, and thei two were alone in the field.

30 Then Ahiiah caught the newe garment that was on him, and [p] rent it in twelue pieces,

31 And ſaid to Ieroboám, Take vnto thee ten pieces: for thus ſayth the Lord God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil rēt the kingdome out of the hands of Salomón, & wil giue ten tribes to thee.

32 But he ſhal haue one tribe for my ſeruāt Dauids ſake, and for Ieruſalém the citie, which I haue choſen out of all the tribes of Iſraél,

33 Becauſe thei haue forſaken me, and haue worſhiped Aſhtaroth the god of the Zidonians, & Chemóſh the god of the Moabites, and Milcóm the god of the Ammonites, & haue not walked in my wayes (to *do right in mine eyes, and my ſtatutes, & my lawes) as *did* Dauid his father. *Or, to do that, that pleaſeth me*

34 But I wil not take the whole kingdome out of his hād: for I wil make him prince all his life long for Dauid my ſeruants ſake, whome I haue choſen, & who kept my commandements and my ſtatutes.

35 *But I wil take the kingdome out of his ſonnes hand, and wil giue it vnto thee, *euē* the ten tribes. *Chap.12.28.*

[e] Thus the Scripture termeth, whatſoeuer man doeth reuerence and ſerue as God

[f] That thou haſt forſaken me & worſhiped idoles.

[g] Becauſe the tribes of Iudáh & Beniamin had their poſſeſsiōs mixed, ther are here taken as one tribe

[h] Of the King of Edoms ſtocke

[i] Of the Edomites

[k] Thus God reſerued this idolater to be a ſcourge to puniſhe his peoples ſinnes.

[l] God brought him to honour that his power might be more able to cōpaſſe his enterpriſes againſt Salomōs houſe.

[m] Whē Dauid had diſcōfited Hadadézer & his armie.

[n] To wit, the mē, whome he had gathered vnto him

[o] He was ouerſeer of Salomōs workes for the tribe of Ephraim and Manaſſéh

[p] By theſe viſible ſignes ỹ Prophetts wolde more depely print their meſſage into their hearts, to whome thei were ſent

36 And vnto his ſonne wil I giue one tribe, that Dauid my ſeruant maye haue a light alwaie before me in Ieruſalém the citie, which I haue choſen me, to put my Name there.

¶ He hathe reſpect vnto hi Meſsiáh, ẅ ſhulde be the bright ſtarre ẏ ſhulde ſhine thrugh all ẏ worlde.

37 And I wil take thee, & thou ſhalt reigne, "euen as thine heart deſireth, & ſhalt be King ouer Iſraél.

"Ebr in all that thy ſoule.

38 And if thou hearkē vnto all that I commande thee, and wilt walke in my wares, and do right in my ſight, to kepe my ſtatutes and my commandements, as Dauid my ſeruant did, then wil I be with thee, & buylde thee a ſure houſe, as I buylt vnto Dauid, and wil giue Iſraél vnto thee.

39 And I wil for [t] this afflict the ſeede of Dauid, [f] but not for euer.

t For this ido latrie that Salomón hathe committed f For ẏ whole ſpirtual kīgdome was reſtored in Meſsiáh

40 ¶Salomón ſoght therefore to kil Ieroboám, and Ieroboám aroſe, and fled into Egypt vnto Shiſhák King of Egypt, and was in Egypt vntil the death of Salomón.

41 And the reſt of the wordes of Salomón, & all that he did, and his wiſdome, are thei not writen in the [t] boke of the actes of Salomón?

t Which boke, as is thoght, was loſt in their captiuitie.

42 The time that Salomón reigned in Ieruſalém ouer all Iſraél, was fourtie yere.

43 And Salomón ſlept with his fathers and was buryed in the citie of Dauid his father: and Rehoboám his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboám ſuccedeth Salomón. 3 He refuſeth the counſel of the Ancient. 20 Ieroboám reigneth ouer Iſraél. 21 God commandeth Rehoboám not to fight. 28 Ieroboám maketh golden calues.

2.Chro 10,1. 1 AND* Rehoboám went to Shechém: for all Iſraél were come to Shechém, to make him King.

2 And when Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát heard of it (who was yet in Egypt) * whether Ieroboám had fled from King Salomón, and [r] dwelt in Egypt,

Chap.11,40. [r] Or, returned from Egypt

3 Then thei ſent and called him: and Ieroboám and all the Congregacion of Iſraél came, and ſpake vnto Rehoboám, ſaying,

Chap.4,7. 4 Thy father made our * yoke grieuous: now therefore make thou the grieuous ſeruitude of thy father, and his ſore yoke which he put vpon vs, [a] lighter, & we wil ſerue thee.

a Oppreſſe vs not ẅ ſo great charges, which we are not able to ſuſteine.

5 And he ſaid vnto them, Departe yet for thre dayes, then come againe to me. And the people departed.

6 And King Rehoboám take counſel with the olde men that [r] had ſtande before Salomón his father, while he yet liued, and ſaid, What counſel giue ye, that I may make an anſwer to this people?

[r] Or, had bene of his ancliene cōſellers.

7 And thei ſpake vnto him, ſaying, If thou be a [b] ſeruant vnto this people this day, and ſerue them, and anſwer them, and ſpeake kinde wordes to them, thei wil be thy ſeruants for euer.

b Thei ſhewed him that there was no way to winne ẏ peoples hearts, but to grante thē their iuſte petition.

8 But he forſoke the counſel that the olde men had giuen him, and aſked counſel of the yong men, that had bene broght vp with him, and waited on him.

9 And he ſaid vnto them, [c] What counſel giue ye, that we may anſwer this people, which haue ſpoken to me, ſaying, Make the yoke, which thy father did put vpon vs, lighter?

c There is no thing harder for them, that are in autoritie, thē to bridel their affections, and followe good counſel.

10 Then the yong men that were broght vp with him, ſpake vnto him, ſayīg, Thus ſhalt thou ſay vnto this people, that haue ſpoken vnto thee, and ſaid, Thy father hathe made our yoke heauie, but make thou it lighter vnto vs: *euē* thus ſhalt thou ſay vnto thē, My [r] leaſt parte ſhalbe [d] bigger then my fathers loynes.

[r] Or, litle finger. d I am muche more able to kepe you in ſubiection thē my father was

11 Now where as my father did burdē you with a grieuous yoke, I wil yet make your yoke heauier: my father hathe chaſtiſed you with rods, but I wil correct you with [r] ſcourges.

[r] Or, ſcorpions.

12 ¶ Then Ieroboám and all the people came to Rehoboám the third day, as the King had [e] appointed, ſayīg, Come to me againe the third day.

e The people declare their obedience in this, that they wolde attempt nothing before ẏ King had giuen the iuſte occaſion

13 And the King anſwered the people ſharpely, and left the olde mens counſel that thei gaue him,

14 And ſpake to them after the counſel of the yong men, ſaying, My father made your yoke grieuous, and I wil make your yoke more grieuous: my father hathe chaſtiſed you with rods, but I wil correct you with ſcourges.

15 And the King hearkened not vnto the people: for [r] it was the ordinance of the Lord, that he might performe his ſaying, which the Lord had ſpoken by * Ahiiáh the Shilonite vnto Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát.

[r] Or, the lord was the cauſe. Chap.11,31.

16 So when all Iſraél ſawe that the King regarded them not, the people anſwered the King thus, ſaying, What portiō haue we in [f] Dauid? we haue none inheritance in the ſonne of Iſhái. To your tents, ô Iſraél: now ſe to thine owne houſe, Dauid. So Iſraél departed vnto their tents.

f Thogh their cauſe were good, yet it is moſte hard for the people to bridel their affectiōs, as theſe vile wordes declare

17 Howbeit ouer the children of Iſraél, which dwelt in the cities of Iudáh, did Rehoboám reigne ſtil.

18 ¶Now the King Rehoboám ſent Adorám the receiuer of the tribute, and all Iſraél ſtoned him to death: then King Rehoboám "made ſpede to get him vp to his chariot, to flee to Ieruſalém.

"Ebr ſtrengthened him ſelfe.

19 And Iſraél rebelled againſt the houſe [g] of Dauid vnto this day.

g By the iuſte iudgement of God for Salomons ſinnes.

20 ¶And when all Iſraél had heard that Ieroboám

roboám was come againe, they ſent and called him vnto the aſſemblie, and made him King ouer all Iſraél: none followed the houſe of Dauid, but the tribe of Iudáh *onely.

Chap 11,13.

21 And whē Rehoboám was come to Ieruſalém, he [h] gathered all the houſe of Iudáh with the tribe of Beniamín an hundreth and four ſcore thouſand of choſen men (which were good warriours) to fight againſt the houſe of Iſraél & to bring the kingdome againe to Rehoboám the ſonne of Salomón.

[h] For as yet he perceiued not that the Lord had ſo appointed it.

2 Chro 11,2.

22 *But the worde of God came vnto Shemaiáh the [i] man of God, ſaying,

[i] That is, the Prophet.

23 Speake vnto Rehoboám the ſonne of Salamón King of Iudáh, and vnto all the houſe of Iudáh and Beniamín, and the remnant of the people, ſaying,

[k] Who of his iuſt iudgemēt wil punithe ỹ treſpaſſer, and of his mercie ſpare the innocent people.

24 Thus ſayth the [k] Lord, Ye ſhal not go vp, nor fight againſt your brethrē the children of Iſraél: returne euerie man to his houſe: for this thing is done by me. They obeied therefore the worde of the Lord and returned, and departed, according to the worde of the Lord.

25 ¶ Then Ieroboám buylt Shechém in mount Ephráim, and dwelt therein, & wēt from thence, and buylt Penuél.

26 And Ieroboám thoght in his heart, Now ſhal the kingdome returne to the houſe of Dauid.

27 If this people go vp and do ſacrifice in the houſe of the Lord [l] at Ieruſalém, thē ſhal the heart of this people turne againe vnto their lord, *euen* to Rehoboám King of Iudáh: ſo ſhal they kil me and go againe to Rehoboám King of Iudáh.

[l] He feared left his people ſhulde haue by this meanes bene entiſed to rebelle againſt him

28 Whereupon the King toke counſel, and made two calues of golde, and ſaid vnto them, [m] It is to muche for you to go vp to Ieruſalém: beholde, ô Iſraél, thy gods, which broght thee vp out of the land of Egypt.

[m] So craftie are the carnal perſuaſions of princes, when they wil make a religion to ſerue to their appetite.

29 And he ſet the one in Beth-él, and the other ſet he in Dan.

30 And this thing turned to ſinne: for the people wēt (becauſe of ỹ one) euē to Dan.

[n] That is, a temple, where altars were buylt for idolatrie

31 Alſo he made an [n] houſe of hye places, and made Prieſts of the loweſt of the people, which were not of the ſonnes of Leuí.

[o] Becauſe he wolde the more binde the peoples deuotiō to his idolatrie, he made a newe holy day, beſides thoſe that the Lord had appointed in ỹ Lawe.

32 And Ieroboám made a feaſt the [o] fiftēth day of the eight moneth, lyke vnto ỹ feaſt that is in Iudáh, and offred on the altar. So did he in Beth-él and offred vnto the calues that he had made: and he placed in Beth-él the Prieſts of the hie places, which he had made.

33 And he offred vpon the altar, which he had made in Beth-él, the fiftēth day of the eight moneth (*euen* in the moneth which he had forged of his owne heart) & made a ſolēne feaſt vnto the childrē of Iſraél: & he went vp to the altar, to burne incenſe.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Ieroboám is reprehended of the Prophet. 4 His hand dryeth vp 15 The Prophet is ſeduced, 24 And is killed of a lyon. 33 The obſtinacie of Ieroboám.

1 AND beholde, there came [a] a man of God out of Iudáh (by the commandement of the Lord) vnto [b] Beth él, and Ieroboám ſtode by the altar to offer incenſe.

[a] That is, a Prophet.

[b] Not that ỹ was called Luz in Beniamín, but another of that name.

2 And he cryed againſt the altar by the cōmandemēt of the Lord, and ſaid, O altar, altar, thus ſayth ỹ Lord, Beholde, a childe ſhal be borne vnto the houſe of Dauid, *Ioſiáh by name, and vpon thee ſhal he ſacrifice the Prieſts of the hie places that burne incenſe vpon thee, and they ſhal burne mens bones vpon thee.

2 King 23,15

3 And he gaue a ſigne ỹ ſame time, ſaying, This is the [c] ſigne, that the Lord hathe ſpoken, Beholde, the altar ſhal rent, and the aſſhes that are vpon it, ſhal fall out.

[c] By this ſigne ye ſhal knowe that ỹ Lord hathe ſent me

4 And whē the King had heard the ſaying of the man of God, which he had cryed againſt ỹ altar in Beth-él, Ieroboám ſtretched out his hand from the altar, ſaying, [d] Lay holde on him: but his hād which he put forthe againſt him, dryed vp, & hē colde not pull it in againe to him.

[*] *Or, be powred out.*

[d] The wicked rage againſt ỹ Prophetes of God, whē they declare them Gods iudgements.

5 The altar alſo claue aſundre, & the aſſhes fel out from the altar, according to the ſigne, which the man of God had giuen by the [p] commandement of the Lord.

[p] *Ebr. mouthe.*

6 Then the King anſwered, and ſaid vnto the man of God, [e] I beſeche thee, pray vnto the Lord thy God, and make interceſſion for me, that mine hand may be reſtored vnto me. And the man of God beſought the Lord, and the Kings hand was reſtored, and became as it was afore.

[e] Thogh the wicked humble thē ſelues for a time, whē they fele Gods iudgemēts, yet after they returne to their olde malice & declare that they are but vile hypocrites

7 Thē the King ſaid vnto the mā of God, Come home with me, that thou maiſt [q] dine, and I wil giue thee a rewarde.

[q] *Or, ſtie ſuſtenance*

8 But the man of God ſaid vnto the King, If thou woldeſt giue me halfe thine houſe, I wolde not go in with thee, nether wolde I eat bread nor drinke water in this place.

9 For ſo [r] was it charged me by the worde of the Lord, ſaying, [f] Eat no bread nor drinke water, nor turne againe by the ſame way that thou cameſt.

[r] *Or, she charged me: to wit, an Angel*

[f] Seing he had the expreſſe worde or God, he ought not to haue declined there from, nether for the perſuaſion of man nor Angel

10 So he went another way & returned not by the way that he came to Beth-él.

11 ¶ And an olde Prophet dwelt in Beth-él & his ſonnes came, & tolde him all ỹ workes, ỹ the mā of God had done that day in Beth-él, & the wordes which he had ſpokē vnto the King, tolde they their father.

12 And their father ſaid vnto them, What way went he? and his ſonnes [s] ſhewed him what way the man of God went, which came from Iudáh.

[s] *Ebr. loked.*

13 And he said vnto his sonnes, Sadle me the asse. Who sadled him the asse, and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and founde him sitting vnder an oke: and he said vnto him, Art thou the man of God that camest frō Iudáh? And he said, "Yea.

"Ebr. I am

15 Then he said vnto him, g Come home with me, and eat bread.

g This he did of a simple minde, thinkig it his duetie to declare friēdship to a Prophet.

16 But he answered, I may not returne with thee, nor go in with thee, nether wil I eat bread nor drinke water with thee in this place.

17 For it was charged me by the worde of the Lord, *saying*, Thou shalt eat no bread, nor drinke water there, nor turne againe to go by the way that thou wentest.

18 And he said vnto him, I am a Prophet also as thou art, and an h Angel spake vnto me by the worde of the Lord, saying, Bring him againe with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drinke water: *but* he lied vnto him.

h His faute is here double: first in ỹ ỹ he suffreth not the Prophete to obey Gods expresse cōmandement: and next, that he faineth to haue a reuelacion to the cōtrary

19 So he went againe with him, and did eat bread in his house, and dranke water.

20 And as they sate at the table, the worde of the Lord came vnto the Prophet, that brought him againe.

21 And he cryed vnto the man of God that came from Iudáh, saying, Thus saith the Lord, i Because thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the Lord, and hast not kept the commandemēt which the Lord thy God commanded thee,

i God wolde reproue his foly by him, who was the occasion to bring him into error.

22 But camest backe againe, and hast eaten bread & dronke water in the place (whereof he did say vnto thee, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drinke anie water) thy carkeis shal not come vnto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And when he had eaten bread and dróke, he sadled him the asse, to wit, to the Prophet whome he had brought againe.

k By this fearefull exāple, God setteth forthe, how dangerous a thing it is for men to behaue them selues coldely, or deceitfully in their charge whereunto God hathe called them.

24 And when he was gone, k a lyon met him by the way, and slewe him, and his bodie was cast in the way, and the asse stode thereby: the lyon stode by the corps also.

25 And beholde, men that passed by, sawe the carkeis cast in the way, and the lyon standing by the corps: and they came and tolde it in the towne where the olde Prophet dwelt.

26 And when the Prophet, that brought him backe againe from the way, heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who hathe bene disobedient vnto the commandemēt of the Lord: therefore the Lord hathe deliuered him vnto the lyon, which hathe rent him and slaine him, according to the worde of the Lord, which he spake vnto him.

27 ¶ And he spake to his sonnes, saying, Sadle me the asse. And they sadled him.

28 And he went and founde his body cast in the way, and the asse and the lyon stode by the corps: and the lyon had l not eaten the body, nor torne the asse.

l To declare that this was onely the iudgemēt of God: for if the lyon had done it for hūgre, he wolde also haue deuoured the body.

29 And ỹ Prophet toke vp the body of the man of God, and layed it vpon the asse, and broght it againe, and the olde Prophet came to the citie, to lament and bury him.

30 And he layed his body in his m owne graue, & they lamented ouer him, *saying*, Alas, my brother.

m Which he had prepared for him selfe.

31 And when he had buryed him, he spake to his sonnes, saying, When I am dead, bury ye me also in the sepulchre, wherein the man of God is buryed: laye my bones beside his bones.

32 For that thing which he cryed by the worde of the Lord against the altar that is in Beth él, and against all the houses of the hie places, which are in the cities of Samaria, shal surely come to passe.

33 *Howbeit* after this, Ieroboám n conuerted not from his wicked way, but turned againe, and made of the lowest of the people Priests of the hie places. Who wolde, might "cōsecrate him selfe, and be of the Priests of the hie places.

n So the wicked profit not by Gods threatnings, but go backewarde & become worse and worse, 2. Tim 3, 13.

"Ebr fil his hand.

34 And this thing turned to sinne vnto the house of Ieroboám, euen to roote it out, and destroy it from the face of the earth.

CHAP. XIIII.

s Ieroboám sendeth his wife disguised to Ahiáh the Prophet, who declareth vnto him the destruction of his house. 22 Iudáh is punished by Shishák.

1 AT that time Abiiáh the sonne of Ieroboám fel sicke.

2 And Ieroboám said vnto his wife, Vp, I pray thee, a & disguise thy selfe, that they knowe not that thou art the wife of Ieroboám, and go to Shilóh: for there is Ahiiáh the Prophet, which tolde me * that I shulde be King ouer this people,

a His owne cōscience bare him witnes, ỹ the Prophet of God wolde not satisfie his affectiōs which was a wicked man

Chap. 11, 31.

"Ebr in thine hand

3 And take "with b thee ten loaues and craknels, and a bottel of hony, and go to him: he shal tel thee what shal become of the yong man.

b According to the custome whē they wēre to aske cōsel of Prophetes, 1. Sam. 9, 7.

4 And Ieroboams wife did so, and arose, & went to Shilóh, and came to the house of Ahiiáh: but Ahiiáh colde not se, for his "sight was decayed for his age.

"Ebr. eyes stode.

5 Thē the Lord said vnto Ahiiáh, Beholde, the wife of Ieroboám commeth to aske a thing of thee for her sonne, for he is sicke: thus and thus shalt thou say vnto her: *for* when she cōmeth in, she shal feine her selfe *to be* c another.

c Then the wife of Ieroboam

6 Therefore when Ahiiáh heard the sound of her fete as she came in at the dore, he said, Come in, thou d wife of Ieroboám: why feinest ỹ thus thy selfe to be another? I am sent to thee *with* heauy tidings.

d For God oft times discloseth vnto his the craft and subtelte of ỹ wicked.

7 Go,

7 Go, tel Ieroboám, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, Foraſmuche as I haue exalted [e] thee from among the people, and haue made thee prince ouer my people Iſraél,

e Which waſt but a ſeruant.

8 And haue rent the kingdome away from the houſe of Dauid, and haue giuē it thee, and thou haſt not bene as my ſeruant Dauid, which kept my commandements, and followed me with all his heart, and did onely that which was right in mines eyes,

9 But haſt done euil aboue all that were before thee (for thou haſt gone and made thee other gods, and [f] molten images, to prouoke me, and haſt caſt me behinde thy backe)

f To wit, two calues.

10 Therefore beholde, I wil bring euil vpō the houſe of Ieroboám, and wil cut of frō Ieroboám him that * [g] piſſeth againſt the wall, aſwel him that [h] is ſhut vp, as him that is left in Iſraél, & wil ſwepe away the remnant of the houſe of Ieroboám, as a man ſwepeth away doung, til it be all gone.

Chap. 21, 21. & 2. king. 9, 8.

g Euery male euen to the dogs, 1 Sam 25, 22

h Aſwel him that is in the ſtrong holde, as him that is abroad

11 The dogs ſhal eat him of Ieroboams *ſtocke* that dyeth in the citie, and the foules of the aire ſhal eat him that dyeth in the field: [i] for the Lord hathe ſaid it.

i They ſhal lacke the honour of buryal in token of Gods malediction.

12 Vp therefore & get thee to thine houſe: for whē thy feete entre into the citie, the childe ſhal dye.

13 And all Iſraél ſhal mourne for him, and bury him: for he onely of Ieroboám ſhal come to the graue, becauſe in him there is founde [k] ſome goodnes toward ỹ Lord God of Iſraél in the houſe of Ieroboám.

k In the middes of ỹ wicked God hath ſome, on whome he doeth beſtowe his mercies

14 Moreouer, the Lord ſhal ſtir him vp a King ouer Iſraél, which ſhal deſtroy the houſe of Ieroboám in that day: [l] what? yea, euen now.

l The Lord wil begynne to deſtroy it out of hand.

15 For the Lord ſhal ſmite Iſraél, as when a rede is ſhaken in the water, and he ſhal wede Iſraél out of this good land, which he gaue to their fathers, and ſhal ſcatre them beyonde the [m] Riuer, becauſe they haue made them groues, prouoking the Lord to angre.

m Meaning, Euphrates.

16 And he ſhal giue Iſraél vp, becauſe of the ſinnes of Ieroboám, who did ſinne, and [n] made Iſraél to ſinne.

n The people ſhal not be excuſed, when they do euil at ỹ cōmandemēt of their gouernours.

17 ¶And Ieroboams wife aroſe, and departed, and came to Tirzáh, and when ſhe came to the threſholde of the houſe, the yōg man dyed,

18 And they buryed him, and all Iſraél lamented him, according to the worde of the Lord, which he ſpake by the hand of his ſeruant Ahiiáh the Prophet.

19 And the reſt of Ieroboams actes, how he warred, & how he reigned, beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél.

20 And the dayes which Ieroboám reigned, were two and twentie yere: and he [o] ſlept with his fathers, & Nadáb his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

o The Lord ſmote him ỹ he dyed. 2 Chro. 13, 20.

21 ¶Alſo Rehoboám the ſonne of Salomón reigned in Iudáh. Rehoboám was one and fourtie yere olde, when he begā to reigne, and reigned ſeuentene [p] yere in Ieruſalém the citie, which the Lord did chuſe out of all the tribes of Iſraél, to put his Name there: and his mothers name was Naamáh an Ammonite.

p And dyed before Ieroboám about 4. yeres.

22 And Iudáh wroght wickednes in the ſight of the Lord: & they prouoked him more w̄ their ſinnes, which thei had committed, [r] then all that which their fathers had done.

r Or, beſides all that their fathers had done by their ſinnes.

23 For they alſo made them hie places, and images, and groues on euery hye hil, and vnder euerie grene tre.

24 There were alſo Sodomites [q] in ỹ land, they did according to all the abominacions of the nacions, which the Lord had caſt out before the children of Iſraél.

q Where idolatrie reigneth, all horrible vices are committed, til at length Gods iuſt iudgemēt deſtroy them vtterly.

25 ¶And in the fift yere of King Rehoboám, Shiſhák King of Egypt came vp againſt Ieruſalém,

26 And toke the treaſures of the houſe of ỹ Lord, & the treaſures of the Kings houſe, and toke away all: alſo he caried away all the ſhields of golde * which Salomón had made.

Chap 10, 16.

27 And King Rehoboám made for them braſen ſhields, and committed them vnto the hands of the chief of the garde, which waited at the dore of the Kings houſe.

28 And when the King went into the houſe of the Lord, the garde bare them, and broght them againe into the garde chamber.

29 And the reſt of ỹ actes of Rehoboám, & all that he did, are they not writen in [r] the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

r Which bokes were called the bokes of Shemaiáh and Iddó the Prophetes, 2 Chro 12, 15

30 And there was warre betwene Rehoboám and Ieroboám [s] continually.

s That is, all ỹ dayes of Rehoboams life.

31 And Rehoboám ſlept with his fathers, & was buryed with his fathers in the citie of Dauid: his mothers name *was* Naamáh an [t] Ammonite. And Abiiám his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

t Whoſe idolatrie Rehoboám her ſonne followed

CHAP. XV.

1 Abiiám reigneth ouer Iudáh. 9 Aſá ſucceedeth in his roume 16 The battel betwene Aſá and Baaſha 24 Iehoſhaphát ſucceedeth Aſá 25 Naadáb ſucceedeth Ieroboam 28 Baaſha killeth Nadáb.

1 AND in the eightene yere of King * Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát, reigned Abiiám ouer Iudáh.

2. Chro. 11, 22.

2 Thre yere reigned he in Ieruſalém, and his mothers name *was* Maachāh ỹ daughter of [a] Abiſhalóm.

a Some thinke that this was Abſalóm Salomons ſonne.

3 And he walked in all the ſinnes of his fa-

ther, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfit with the Lord his God as the heart of Dauid his father.

4 But for Dauids sake did ỹ Lord his God giue him a [b] light in Ierusalém, and set vp his sonne after him, and established Ierusalém,

5 Because Dauid did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and turned from nothing that he commanded him, all the dayes of his life, *saue onely in the matter of Vriáh the Hittite.

6 And there was warre betwene Rehoboám and Ieroboám as long as he liued.

7 The rest also of the actes of Abiiám, and all that he did, are they not writen in the *boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh? there was also warre betwene Abiiám, and Ieroboám.

8 And Abiiám slept with his fathers, & they buryed him in the citie of Dauid: & Asá his sonne reigned in his steade.

9 ¶*And in the twentie yere of Ieroboám King of Israél reigned Asá ouer Iudáh.

10 He reigned in Ierusalém one & fourtie yere, and his [c] mothers name was Maachán, the daughter of Abishalóm.

11 And Asá did right in ỹ eyes of the Lord, as *did* Dauid his father.

12 And he toke away the Sodomites out of the land, and put away all the idoles that his fathers had made.

13 And he [d] put downe Maachán his mother also from her estate, because she had made an idole in a groue: & Asá destroyed her idoles, & burnt thẽ by the broke Kidrón.

14 But they put not downe the hie places. Neuertheles Asas heart was [e] vpright with the Lord all his dayes.

15 Also he broght in the holy vessels of his father, & the things that he had dedicate vnto the house of the Lord, siluer, & golde and vessels.

16 ¶And there was warre betwene Asá and Baasha King of Israél all their dayes.

17 Then Baasha King of Israél went vp against Iudáh, and buylt [f] Ramáh, so that he wolde let none go out or in to Asá King of Iudáh.

18 Then Asá toke all the siluer & the gold ỹ was left in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the Kings house, and deliuered them into the hands of his seruants, and King Asá sent them to *Ben-hadád the sonne of Tabrimón, the sonne of Hezión King of [*] Arám that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 *There is* a couenant betwene me and thee, *and* betwene my father and thy father: beholde, I haue sent vnto thee a present of siluer, and golde: come, breake thy couenant with Baasha King of Israél, that he may [g] depart from me.

20 So Ben-hadád hearkened vnto King Asá, and sent the captaines of the hostes, which he had against the cities of Israél, and smote Iión, and Dan, and Abélbethmaachán, and all Cinneróth, with all the land of Naphtalí.

21 And when Baasha heard thereof, he left buylding of Ramáh, and dwelt in Tirzáh.

22 Then King Asá [*] assembled all Iudáh, [**] none excepted. & they toke the stones of Ramáh, & the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had buylt, & King Asá buylt with them Géba of Beniamín and Mizpáh.

23 And the rest of all the actes of Asá, and all his might and all that he did, and the cities which he buylt, are they not writẽ in the boke of the Chronicles of ỹ Kings of Iudáh? but in his olde age he was diseased in his [h] feete.

24 And Asá slept with his fathers, and was buryed with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his [i] father. And Iehoshaphát his sonne reigned in his steade.

25 And Nadáb the sonne of Ieroboám began to reigne ouer Israél the secõde yere of Asá King of Iudáh, and reigned ouer Israél two yere.

26 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, walking in the way of his father, & in his sinne wherewith he made Israél to sinne.

27 And Baasha the sonne of Ahiiáh of the house of Issachár conspired against him, & Baasha slewe him at Gibbethón, which belonged to the Philistíms: for Nadab & all Israél laied siege to Gibbethón.

28 Euen in the third yere of Asá King of Iudáh did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his steade.

29 And when he was King, he [k] smote all the house of Ieroboam, he left non aliue to Ieroboám, vntil he had destroyed him, according to the *worde of ỹ Lord which he spake by his seruant Ahiiáh the Shilonite,

30 Because of ỹ sinnes of Ieroboám which he committed, and wherewith he made Israél to sinne, by his [l] prouocation, wherewith he prouoked the Lord God of Israél.

31 And the residue of the actes of Nadáb and all that he did, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israél?

32 And there was warre betwene Asá & Baasha King of Israél, all their dayes.

33 In the third yere of Asá King of Iudáh, began Baasha the sonne of Ahiiáh to reigne ouer all Israél in [m] Tirzáh, *and reigned* foure and twentie yeres.

34 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, walking in the way of Ieroboám, & in his sinne, wherewith he made Israél to sinne.

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[b] Meaning, a sonne to reigne ouer Iudáh.

*2 Sam 11,4. & 12,9.

*2 Chro. 13,3.

*2 Chro. 14,1.

[c] That is, his grand mother, as Dauid is oftentimes called father of thẽ, whose grand father he was.

[d] Neither kinred nor autoritie ought to be regarded, when they blaspheme God & become idolaters, but must be punished.

[e] For in that that he suffred them to worship God in other places, then he had appointed, it came of ignorance and not of malice.

[f] Of the same purpose that Ieroboám did because the people shulde not go vp to Ierusalém lest they shulde follow Asá.

*2 Chro 16,2.

[*] Or, Syria.

[g] And vexe me no longer.

[*] Or, made a proclamation

[**] Ebr none innocent.

[h] He had the goute & put his trust rather in phisitians thẽ in the Lord. 2 Chro 16,12.

[i] His great grãde father.

[k] So God stirred vp one tyrant to punish the wickednes of another *Chap 14,10.*

[l] By causing ỹ people to commit idolatrie with his calues, & so prouoking God to angre.

[m] Which was ỹ place where the Kings of Israél remained.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Of Baaſhá.6 Eláh. 9 Zimrí, 16 Omrí. 31 Achábmarrieth Iezebél. 34 Ierichó is buylt againe.

1 THen the worde of the Lord came to Iehú the ſonne of Hanáni againſt Baaſhá, ſaying,

a Thus ſpake Ieiu toBaaſha in the Name of the Lord

2 a Foraſmucheas I exalted thee out of the duſt, & made thee captaine ouer my people Iſraél, and thou haſt walked in the way of Ieroboám, and haſt made my people Iſraél to ſinne, to prouoke me with their ſinnes,

3 Behold, I wil take away the poſteritie of Baaſhá, and the poſterirrie of his houſe, and wil make b thine houſe like the* houſe of Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát.

b Meanig, the houſe of Baaſhá

Chap. 15, 29

4 *He that dyeth of Baaſhas *ſtocke* in the citie, him ſhal the dogs eat: and that man of him which dyeth in the fields, ſhal the foules of the ayre eat.

Chap 14, 11.

5 And the reſt of the actes of Baaſhá and what he did, and his "power, are they not writen in the boke of the* Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?

"Or, valiãtnes

2 Chro 16, 1.

6 So Baaſhá ſlept with his fathers, & was buryed in Tirzáh, & Eláh his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

c That is, the Prophet did his meſſage

7 And c alſo by the hand of Iehú the ſonne of Hanáni the Prophet came the worde of the Lord to Baaſhá, & to his houſe, that he ſhulde be like the houſe of Ieroboám, euen for all the wickednes that he did in the ſight of the Lord, in prouoking him with the worke of his hands, and becauſe he killed d him.

d Meaning, Nadáb Ieroboams ſonne

8 ¶In the ſix and twentie yere of Aſá Kíg of Iudáh began Eláh the ſonne of Baaſhá to reigne ouer Iſraél in Tirzáh, *& reigned* two yere.

9 And his ſeruant Zimrí, captaine of halfe his chariets conſpired againſt him, as he was in Tirzáh drinking, til he was dronken in the houſe of e Arzá ſtuarde of his houſe in Tirzáh.

e The Chalde text hathe thus, Drinking til he was dronken in the temple of Arzá ỹ idole by his houſe in Tirzáh.

10 And Zimrí came & ſmote him & killed him in the ſeuen and twenty yere of Aſá King of Iudáh, & reigned in his ſteade.

11 ¶And when he was King, and ſate on his throne, he ſlewe all ỹ houſe of Baaſhá, not leauing thereof one to piſſe againſt a wall, nether of his kinſfolkes nor of his friends.

12 So did Zimrí deſtroy all the houſe of Baaſhá, according to the worde of ỹ Lord which he ſpake againſt Baaſhá by the hād of Iehú the f Prophet,

f Bothe Hanáni his father and he were Prophetes

13 For all the ſinnes of Baaſhá, and ſinnes of Eláh his ſonne, which they ſinned and made Iſraél to ſinne, and prouoked the Lord God of Iſraél with their vanities.

14 And the reſt of the actes of Eláh, and all that he did, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?

15 ¶In the ſeuen and twentie yere of Aſá King of Iudáh did Zimrí reigne ſeuen dayes in Tirzáh, and the people was then in the hoſte g beſieging Gibbethón, which *belonged* to the Philiſtims.

g Which ſiege had continued from the time of Nadáb Ieroboãs ſonne.

16 And the people of the hoſte heard ſay, Zimrí hathe conſpired, & hathe alſo ſlaine the Kíg. Wherefore all Iſraél made Omrí the captaine of the hoſte King ouer Iſraél that ſame day, *euen* in the hoſte.

17 Then Omrí went vp from Gibbethón, and all Iſraél with him, and they beſieged h Tirzáh.

h where Zimri kept hi ſelfe in holde.

18 And whē Zimrí ſawe, that the citie was taken, he went into the palace of the Kings houſe, and "burnt him ſelfe and the Kings houſe with fire, *&* ſo dyed,

"Ebr *burnt the Kíg houſe vpon him.*

19 For his ſinnes which he ſinned, in doing that which is euil in the ſight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Ieroboám, and in his ſinnes which he did, cauſing Iſraél to ſinne.

20 And the reſt of the actes of Zimrí, and his treaſon that he wroght, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?

21 Thē were ỹ people of Iſraél deuided into two partes: *for* i halfe ỹ people followed Tibní the ſonne of Gináth to make him King, & the other halfe followed Omrí.

i That is, the people which were not at ỹ ſiege of Gibbethón for there they had choſen Omrí.

22 But the people that followed Omrí, preuailed againſt the people that followed Tibní the ſonne of Gináth: ſo Tibní dyed, and Omrí reigned.

23 In the one and thirtie yere of Aſá King of Iudáh began Omrí to reigne ouer Iſraél, *& reigned* twelue yere. Six yere reigned he in Tirzáh.

24 And he boght the moũtaine "Samaria of one Shémer for two talents of ſiluer, and buylt in the mountaine, and called the name of the citie, which he buylt, after the name of Shémer, lord of the mountaine Samaria.

"Or, Shemerõn

25 But Omrí did euil in the eyes of the Lord, and did k worſe then all that were before him.

k For ſuche is the nature of idolatrie, ỹ the ſuperſtitiõ thereof doeth daily increaſe, & the elder it is, the more abominable it is beſore God and his Church.

26 For he walked in all the way of Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát, and in his ſinnes wherewith he made Iſraél to ſinne in prouoking the Lord God of Iſraél with their vanities.

27 And the reſt of the actes of Omrí, that he did, and his ſtrēgth that he ſhewed, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?

28 And Omrí ſlept with his fathers, & was buryed in l Samaria: and Aháb his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

l He was the firſt King that was buryed in Samaria, after that the Kíg houſe was burnt in Tirzáh.

29 Now Aháb the ſonne of Omrí began to reigne ouer Iſraél, in the eight and thirtie yere of Aſá King of Iudáh:

and Aháb ỹ ſonne of Omrí reigned ouer Iſraél in Samaria two and twentie yere.

30 And Aháb the ſonne of Omrí did worſe in the ſight of the Lord then all that were before him.

31 For was it a light thing for him to walke in the ſinnes of Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát, except he toke Iezebél alſo the daughter of Eth-báal King of the Zidonians to [m] wife, and went and ſerued Baal, and worſhiped him?

32 Alſo he reared vp an altar to Báal in the houſe of Báal, which he had buylt in Samaria.

33 And Aháb made a groue, and Aháb proceeded, and did prouoke the Lord God of Iſraél more then all the Kings of Iſraél that were before him.

34 In his dayes did Hiél the Bethelite buylde [n] Ierichó: he laied the fundació thereof in Abirám his eldeſt ſonne, and ſet vp the gates thereof in his yongeſt ſonne Segúb, according to ỹ worde of the Lord which he ſpake "by Ioſhúa the ſonne of Nun.

m By whoſe meanes he fel to all wicked, & ſtrange idolatrie, & cruel perſecution.

n Read Ioſh. 6.26.

"Ebr. by the hãd of Ioſhua.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Eliáh forewarneth of the famine to come. 4 He is fed of rauens. 9 He is ſent to Zarephath, where he reſtoreth his hoſteſſe ſonne to life

1 AND Eliáh the Tiſhbite one of the inhabitants of Gileád ſaid vnto Aháb, [x] As the Lord God of Iſraél liueth, before whome I [a] ſtãd, there ſhalbe nether dewe nor rayne theſe yeres, but [b] accordíg to my worde.

Eccleſ 48.3. Iam 5.16.

a That is, whome I ſerue

b But as I ſhal declare it by Gods reuelation.

2 ¶ And the worde of the Lord came vnto him, ſaying,

3 Go hence, and turne thee Eaſtwarde, and hide thy ſelfe in the "riuer Cheríth, that is ouer againſt Iordén,

"Or, brooke.

4 And thou ſhalt drinke of the riuer: and I haue commanded the [c] rauens to feede thee there.

c To ſtrengthen his faith againſt perſecution, God promiſeth to fede him mira culouſly.

5 So he went and did according vnto the worde of the Lord: for he went, and remained by the riuer Cheríth that is ouer againſt Iordén.

6 And the rauens broght him bread & fleſh in the morning, and bread and fleſh in the euening, and he dranke of the riuer.

7 And after a while, the riuer dryed vp, becauſe there fel no raine vpon the earth.

d As the troubles of the Saints of God are many, ſo his mercie is euer at hand to deliuer thẽ. Luk. 4.25.

8 ¶ And the [d] worde of the Lord came vnto him, ſaying,

9 "Vp, *and* get thee to Zarephath, which is in Zidón, and remaine there: beholde, I haue commanded a widowe there to ſuſtaine thee.

e All this was to ſtrengthen the faith of Eliáh to the intent that he ſhulde loke vnon nothing worldely, but onely truſt on Gods promiſes.

10 So he aroſe, and went to Zarephath: and when he came to the gate of the citie, beholde, the widowe was there [e] gathering ſtickes: & he called her, & ſaid, Bring me, I pray thee, a litle water in a veſſel, that I may drinke.

11 And as ſhe was going to fet it, he called to her, and ſaid, Bring me, I pray thee, a morſel of bread in thine hand.

12 And ſhe ſaid, As the Lord thy God liueth, I haue not a cake, but euen an handeful of meale in a barel, and a litle oyle in a cruſe: and beholde, I am gathering "a fewe ſtickes for to go in, and dreſſe it for me & my ſonne, that we may eat it, and [f] dye.

"Ebr two.

f For there is no hope of any more ſuſtenance.

13 And Eliáh ſaid vnto her, Feare not, come, do as thou haſt ſaid, but make me thereof a litle cake firſt of all, and bring it vnto me, and afterwarde make for thee, and thy ſonne.

14 For thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, [g] The meale in ỹ barel ſhal not be waſted, nether ſhal the oyle in the cruſe be diminiſhed, vnto the time that the Lord ſend raine vpon the earth.

g God receiueth no benefite for the vſe of his, but he promiſeth a moſte ample recõpenſe for the ſame

15 So ſhe went, and did as Eliáh ſaid, and ſhe did eat: ſo did he and her houſe [h] for a certeine time.

h That is, til he had raine & foode on the earth.

16 The barel of the meale waſted not, nor the oyle was ſpent out of the cruſe, according to the worde of the Lord, which he ſpake by the hand of Eliáh.

17 ¶ And after theſe things, the ſonne of the wife of the houſe fel ſicke, and his ſickneſs was ſo ſore, "that there was no [i] breath left in him.

"Or, that he dyed

i God wolde trye whether ſhe had learned by his merciful prouidẽce to make him her onely ſtaye and comforte.

18 And ſhe ſaid vnto Eliáh, What haue I to do with thee, ô thou man of God? art thou come vnto me to call my ſinne to remembrance, and to ſlaye my ſonne?

19 And he ſaid vnto her, Giue me thy ſonne. and he toke him out of her boſome, & carried him vp into a chamber, where he abode, and laied him vpon his owne bed.

20 Thẽ he called vnto the Lord, & ſaid, O Lord my God, haſt thou [k] puniſhed alſo this widowe, with whome I ſoiourne, by killing her ſonne?

k He was afraide, leſt Gods Name ſhuld haue bene blaſphemed and his miniſters contemned, except he ſhulde haue continued his mercies, as he had begonne thẽ, ſpecially while he there remained.

21 And he ſtretched him ſelfe vpon the childe thre times, and called vnto ỹ Lord, and ſaid, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this childes ſoule come into him againe.

22 Thẽ the Lord heard the voyce of Eliáh, and the ſoule of the childe came into him againe, and he reuiued.

23 And Eliáh toke the childe, and broght him downe out of the chamber into the houſe, and deliuered him vnto his mother, and Eliáh ſaid, Beholde, thy ſonne liueth.

24 And the woman ſaid vnto Eliáh, Now [l] I knowe that thou art a man of God, and that the worde of the Lord in thy mouth is true.

l So hard a thing it is to depẽd on God, except we be confirmed by miracles.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Eliáh is ſent to Aháb. 3 Obadiáh hideth an hundreth Pro-

Prophetes 40 Eliiáh killeth all Baals prophetes 45 He obteineth raine.

1 AFter many daies, the worde of the Lord came to Eliiáh, in the [a] third yere, saying, Go, shewe thy selfe vnto Aháb, and I wil send raine vpon the earth.

a After that he departed from the riuer Cherith.

2 And Eliiáh went to shewe him selfe vnto Aháb, and *there was* a great famine in Samaria.

3 And Aháb called Obadiáh the gouernour of his house: (and Obadiáh [b] feared God greatly)

b God had begõne to worke his feare in his heart, but had not yet brought him to that knowledge, ẅ is also requisit of the godly: ẏ is, to professe his Name openly

4 For when Iezébel destroyed the Prophetes of the Lord, Obadiáh toke an húdreth Prophetes, & hid them, by fiftie in a caue, and he fed them with bread and water.

5 And Aháb said vnto Obadiáh, Go into the land, vnto all the fountaines of water, and vnto all the riuers, if so be that we may finde grasse to saue the horses & the mules aliue, lest we depriue *the land* of the beastes.

6 And so thei deuided the land betwene them to walke through it. Aháb went one way by him selfe, and Obadiáh went another way by him selfe.

7 ¶And as Obadiáh was in the way, beholde, Eliiáh [c] met him: & he knewe him, and fel on his face, and said, Art not thou my lord Eliiáh?

c God pitieth oft times the wicked for ẏ godly sake, & causeth Eliáh to mete with Obadiáh, that the benefite might be knowen to be granted for Gods children sake.

8 And he answered him, Yea, go tel thy lord, Beholde, Eliiáh *is here*.

9 And he said, What haue I sinned, that thou wold'est deliuer thy seruant into the hand of Aháb, to slaye me?

10 As the Lord thy God liueth, there is no nació or kīgdome, whether my lord hathe not sent to seke thee: and when thei said, He is not here, he toke an othe of ẏ kingdome and nacion, if thei had not founde thee.

11 And now thou saist, Go, tel thy lord, Beholde, Eliiáh *is here*.

12 And when I am gone frõ thee, the Spirit of the Lord shal cary thee into some place that I do not knowe: so when I come and tel Aháb, if he can not finde thee, then wil he kil me: but I thy seruant [d] feare the Lord from my youth.

d I am none of the wicked persecuters, ẏ thou shuldest procure vnto me suche displeasure, but serue God and fauour his children.

13 Was it not tolde my lord, what I did when Iezébel slewe the Prophetes of the Lord, how I hidde an hundreth men of the Lords Prophetes by fifties in a caue, & fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou saiest, Go, tel thy lord, Beholde, Eliiáh *is here*, that he may slaye me.

15 And Eliiáh said, As the Lord of hostes liueth, before whome I stand, I wil surely shewe [e] my selfe vnto him this day.

e By my presence I wil declare ẏ thou hast tolde him the trueth.

16 ¶So Obadiáh went to mete Aháb, and tolde him: and Aháb wẽt to mete Eliiáh.

17 And when Aháb sawe Eliiáh, Aháb said vnto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israél?

18 And he answered, I haue not troubled Israél, but [f] thou, and thy fathers house, in that ye haue forsaken the cõmandements of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalím.

f The true ministers of God ought not onely not to suffer ẏ trueth to be vniustely sklãdered, but to reproue boldly ẏ wicked sklãderers without respect of persone.

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israél vnto mount Carmél, and the prophetes of Báal foure húdreth & fiftie, & the prophetes of the groues foure hundreth, which eat at Iezebels table.

20 ¶So Aháb sent vnto all the children of Israél, & gathered the prophetes together vnto mount Carmél.

21 And Eliiáh came vnto all the people, & said, How long [g] halt ye betwene two opinions? If the Lord be God, followe him. but if Báal be he, then go after him. And the people answered him not a worde.

g Be constant in religion, & make it not as a thing indifferẽt whether ye followe God or Báal, or whether ye serue God wholly or in parte

22 Then said Eliiáh vnto ẏ people, I onely remaine a Prophet of the Lord: but Baals prophetes are foure hundreth & fiftie mẽ.

23 Let them therefore giue vs two bullocks, and let them chuse the one, and cut him in pieces, and laye him on the wood, but put no fyre *vnder*, and I wil prepare the other bullocke, and laye him on the wood, and wil put no fyre *vnder*.

24 Then call ye on the name of your god, and I wil call on the Name of the Lord: and thẽ the God that answereth [h] by fyre, let him be God. And all the people answered, and said, It is wel spoken.

h By sending downe fire frõ heaue to burne ẏ sacrifice.

25 And Eliiáh said vnto the prophetes of Báal, Chuse you a bullocke, and prepare him first, (for ye are many) & call on the name of your gods, but put no fyre *vnder*.

26 So thei toke the one bullocke, ẏ was giuen them, & thei prepared it, & called on ẏ name of Báal, from morning to noone, saying, O Báal, heare vs: but there was no voyce, nor anie to answer: and thei [i] leapt vpon the altar that was made.

i As men rauished ẅ some strange spirit.

27 And at noone Eliiáh mocked them, and said, Crye loud: for he is a [k] god: either he talketh or pursueth *his enemies*, or is in his iourney, or it may be that he slepeth, and must be [l] awaked.

k You esteme him as a god.

l He mocket their beastly madnes, which thinke that by anie instance or sute ẏ dead & vile idoles cã helpe their worshipers in their necessities.

28 And they cryed loude, and cut them selues as their maner was, with kniues and lancets, til the blood gusshed out vpon them.

29 And when myd day was passed, and thei had prophecied vntil the offring of the *euening* sacrifice, there was nether voyce, nor one to answer, nor anie that regarded.

30 And Eliiáh said vnto all the people, Come to me. And all ẏ people came to him. And he repared the altar of the Lord that was broken downe.

31 And Eliiáh toke twelue stones, according to the nomber of the tribes of the sonnes

of Iaakób, (vnto whome the worde of the Lord came, ſaying, * Iſraél ſhalbe thy name)

Gen 32,28. 2.king.17,34.

32 And with the ſtones he buylt an altar in the Name of the Lord: & he made a ditche rounde about the altar, as great as wolde conteine two "meaſures of ſede.

"Hebr. Sáas, *which ſome thinke conteine about three potels & a third parte a piece.*

33 And he put the wood in order, & hewed the bullocke in pieces, and layed him on the wood,

34 And ſaid, Fil foure barels with water, & powre it on the burnt offring and on the wood. Againe he ſaid, Do ſo againe. And thei did ſo the ſeconde time. And he ſaid, Do it the third time. And thei did it the third time.

35 And the water ran rounde about the altar: & [m] he filled the ditche w water alſo.

m Hereby he declared the excellēt power of God, who contrary to nature coldewake ỹ fyre burne euen in the water, to the intent thei ſhulde haue none occaſion to doute, that he is ỹ onelie God.

36 And when they ſhulde offer the *euening* ſacrifice, Eliiáh the Prophet came, & ſaid, Lord God of Abrahám, Izhák and of Iſraél, let it be knowen this day, that thou art the God of Iſraél, and that I am thy ſeruant, and that I haue done all theſe things at thy commandement.

37 Heare me, ô Lord, heare me, and let this people knowe that thou art ỹ Lord God, and that thou haſt turned their heart againe [a] at the laſt.

a Thogh God ſuffer his to runne in blindenes & error for a time, yet at the length he calleth thē home to him by ſome notorious ſigne & worke.

38 Then the fyre of the Lord fel, and conſumed the burnt offring, and the wood, & the ſtones, and the duſt, and licked vp the water that was in the ditche.

39 And when all the people ſawe it, thei fel on their faces, and ſaid, The Lord is God, the Lord is God.

40 And Eliiáh ſaid vnto them, Take the prophetes of Báal, let [o] not a man of them eſcape. And they toke them, and Eliiáh broght them to the broke Kiſhón, & ſlewe them there.

o He commanded them that as they were truely perſuaded to confeſſe ỹ onely God: ſo thei wolde ſerue him w all their power & deſtroye the idulaters his enemies.

41 ¶And Eliiáh ſaid vnto Aháb, Get thee vp, eat and drinke, for *there is* a ſounde of muche raine.

42 So Aháb went vp to eat and to drinke, and Eliiáh went vp to the top of Carmél: and he crouched vnto the earth, and put his face betwene his knees,

43 And ſaid to his ſeruant, Go vp now and loke towarde the way of the Sea. And he went vp, and loked, and ſaid, There is nothing. Againe he ſaid, Go againe [p] ſeuen times.

p As Gods Spirit moued him to pray, ſo was he ſtrengthened by the ſame, that he did not faint, but continued ſtil til he had obteined.

44 And at ỹ ſeuenth time he ſaid, Behold, there ariſeth a litle cloude out of the ſea like a mans hand. Then he ſaid, Vp, and ſay vnto Aháb, Make readie *thy charet*, and get thee downe, that the raine ſtay thee not.

45 And [r] in the meane while the heauen was blacke with cloudes & winde, & there was a great raine. Then Aháb went vp & came to Izreél.

r Or here and there.

46 And the hād of the Lord was on Eliiáh, and he girded vp his loynes, and ran [q] before Aháb til he came to Izreél.

q He was ſo ſtrengthened w Gods Spirit, that he ran faſter then the charet was able to runne.

CHAP. XIX.

ỹ Eliiáh fleing from Iezébel, is nouriſhed by the Angel of God 15 He is commanded to anoint Haz aél, Iehu, and Eliſhá.

1 NOw Aháb tolde Iezébel all that Eliiáh had done, & how he had ſlayne all the [a] prophetes with the ſworde.

a To wit, of Báal.

2 Then Iezébel ſent a meſſenger vnto Eliiáh, ſaying, [b] The gods do ſo to me and more alſo, if I make not thy life like one of their liues by to morowe this time.

b Thogh the wicked rage againſt Gods children, yet he holdeth them backe ỹ they can not execute their malice "Or, whether his maiſty led him.

3 ¶When he ſawe that, he aroſe, and went "for his life, & came to Beer-ſhéba, which is in Iudáh, and left his ſeruant there.

4 But he went a daies iourney into the wildernes, and came and ſate downe vnder a iuniper tre, & deſired that he might dye, and ſaid, It is now ynough: ô Lord, [c] take my ſoule, for I am no better, then my fathers.

c So hard a thing it is to bridel our impaciēcie in affliction that ỹ ſainēts colde not ouercome the ſame.

5 And as he laie and ſlept vnder the iuniper tre, beholde now, an Angel touched him, and ſaid vnto him, Vp, & eat.

6 And when he loked about, beholde, there was a cake baken on the coles, and a pot of water at his head: ſo he did eat and drinke, and returned and ſlept.

7 And the Angel of the Lord came againe the ſeconde time, and touched him, and ſaid, Vp, & eat: for [d] thou haſt a great iourney.

d He declareth ỹ except God had nouriſhed him miraculouſly, it had not bene poſſible for him to haue gone this iourney.

8 ¶Then he aroſe, and did eat and drinke, and walked in the ſtrength of that meat fourtie daies & fourtie nights, vnto Horéb the mount of God.

9 And there he entred into a caue, & lodged there: and beholde, the Lord ſpake to him, and ſaid vnto him, What doeſt thou here, Eliiáh?

10 And he anſwered, I haue [e] bene very ielous for the Lord God of hoſtes: for the children of Iſraél haue forſaken thy couenant, broken downe thine altars, and ſlayne thy Prophetes with the ſworde, * & I onely am left, and thei ſeke my life to take it away.

e He complaineth, that the more zealous ỹ he ſhewed him ſelf to maintein e Gods glorie, the more cruelly was he perſecuted. *Rom.11,13.*

11 And he ſaid, Come out, and ſtand vpon the mount before the Lord. And beholde, the Lord went by, and a mightie ſtrong winde rent the mountaines, and brake the rockes before the Lord: *but* the Lord was [f] not in the winde: and after the winde *came* an earthquake: *but* the Lord was not in the earthquake:

f For the nature of man is not able to come nere vnto God, if he ſhulde appeare i his frēgth & ful maieſtie, & therefore of his mercie he ſubmitteth him ſelfe to our capacitie.

12 And after the earthquake *came* fyre: *but* the Lord was not in the fyre: & after the fyre *came* a ſtil and ſoft voyce.

13 And whē Eliiáh heard it, he couered his face with his mantel, & went out, & ſtode in the entring in of the caue: & beholde,

there

there came a voyce vnto him, and ſaid, What doeſt thou here, Eliiáh?

14 And he anſwered, I haue bene very ielous for ỹ Lord God of hoſtes, ſ becauſe the children of Iſraél haue forſakē thy couenant, caſt downe thine altars and ſlaine thy Prophetes with the ſworde, & I onely am left, and they ſeke my life to take it away.

ſ We ought not to depend on the multitude in maintening Gods glorie, but becauſe our duetie ſo requireth, we ought to do it.

15 And the Lord ſaid vnto him, Go, returne by the wildernes vnto Damaſcus, and when thou commeſt *there*, anoynt Hazaél King ouer t Arám.

t Or, Syria.

16 And Iehú the ſonne of Nimſhí ſhalt thou anoint King ouer Iſraél: & Eliſhá the ſonne of Shaphat of Abél Meholáh ſhalt thou anoynt to be Prophet in thy roume.

17 And * him that eſcapeth frō the ſworde of Hazaél, ſhal Iehú ſlaye: and him that eſcapeth from the ſworde of Iehú, ſhal Eliſha ſlay.

* 2. King 9, 2. eccleſ 48, 8.

18 Yet wil* I leaue ſeuē thouſand in Iſraél, *euen* h all the knees that haue not bowed vnto Báal, and euerie mouthe that hathe not kiſſed him.

* Rom. 11, 4.

h He declareth that wicked diſſemblers and idolaters are not his.

19 ¶ So he departed thence, and founde Eliſhá ỹ ſōne of Shaphát who was plowing with twelue yoke of oxen before him, and was with the twelft: & Eliiáh went towards him, and caſt his mantel vpon him.

20 And he left the oxen, & ran after Eliiáh, and ſaid, i Let me, I pray thee, kiſſe my father and my mother, and then I wil followe thee. Who anſwered him, Go, returne: for what haue I done to thee?

i Thogh this natural affection is not to be cōtemned, yet it ought not to moue vs whē God calleth vs to ſerue him.

21 And when he wēt backe againe frō him, he toke a couple of oxen, and ſl we them, and ſod their fleſh with the k inſtruments of the oxen, and gaue vnto the people, & they did eat: then he aroſe and went after Eliiáh, and miniſtred vnto him.

k He wolde not ſtay til wood was broght, ſo great was his deſire to followe his vocation.

CHAP. XX.

Samaria is beſieged. 13 The Lord promiſeth the victorie to Ahāb by a Prophet. 31 The King of Iſraél made peace with Ben-hadād, and is reproued therefore by the Prophet.

1 THen Bē-hadád the King of l Arám aſſembled all his armie, and two and thirtie a Kings with him, with horſes, & charets, and went vp, and beſieged l Samaria, and foght againſt it.

l Or, Syria.

a That is, gouernours, and rulers of prouinces

l Or, Shomrōn.

2 And he ſent meſſengers to Ahāb King of Iſraél, into the citie,

3 And ſaid vnto him, Thus ſayeth Ben-hadád, Thy ſiluer and thy golde his mine: alſo thy women, and thy faire children are mine.

4 And the King of Iſraél anſwered, and ſaid, My lord King, according to thy ſaying, b I am thine, and all that I haue.

b I am contēt to obey and pay tribute.

5 And when the meſſengers came againe, they ſaid, Thus comandeth Ben-hadád, & ſayth, When I ſhal ſend vnto thee, and cōmande, thou ſhalt deliuer me thy ſiluer & thy golde, & thy women, & thy childrē,

6 c Or els I wil ſend my ſeruants vnto thee by to morow this time: and they ſhal ſearche thine houſe, and the houſes of thy ſeruants: and what ſoeuer is pleaſant in thine eyes, they ſhal take it in their hands, and bring it away.

c He wolde not accept his anſwer, except he did out of hand deliuer whatſoeuer he ſhulde aſke: for he ſoght an occaſion, how to make warre againſt him.

7 Then the King of Iſraél ſent for all the Elders of the land, and ſaid, Take hede, I pray you, and ſe how he ſeketh miſchief: for he ſent vnto me for my wiues, and for my children, and for my ſiluer, and for my golde, and I denyed him not.

8 And all the Elders, & all the people ſaid to him, Hearkē d not vnto him, nor cōſēt.

d They thogh it their duetie rather to venter their liues, then to grant to that thing which was not lawful, onely to ſatiſfie the luſt of a tyrāt.

9 Wherefore he ſaid vnto the meſſengers of Ben-hadád, Tel my lord the King, All that thou dideſt ſend for to thy ſeruant at the firſt time, that I wil do, but this thig I may not do. And the meſſengers departed, and broght him an anſwer.

10 And Ben-hadád ſent vnto him, & ſaid, The gods do ſo to me & more alſo, if the e duſt of Samaria be ynough to all ỹ people ỹ followe me, for euerie mā an hādful

e Muche leſſe ſhal there be founde anie pray, that is worthe anie thing, when they ſhalbe ſo manie

11 And the King of Iſraél anſwered, and ſaid, Tel *him*, Let not him that girdeth *his harnes*, boaſt hī ſelfe, as hee ỹ f putteth it of.

f Boaſt not before the victorie be gotten.

12 And when he heard ỹ tidings, as he was with the Kings drinking in the pauilions, he ſaid vnto his ſeruāts, Bring forthe g *your engines*, and thei ſet them againſt the citie.

g *Or, Put your ſelues in ordre.*

13 ¶ And beholde, there came a Prophet vnto Ahāb King of Iſraél, ſaying, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord, Haſt thou ſene all this great multitude? beholde, I wil deliuer it into thine hand this day, that ỹ mareſt knowe, h that I am the Lord.

h Before God went about ỹ ſignes and miracl s to oul Ahāb frō his impietie, and now againe ỹ wonderful victories.

14 And Ahāb ſaid, By whome? And he ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, By the ſeruants of the princes of the prouinces. He ſaid againe, Who ſhal ordre the battel? And he anſwered, Thou.

15 ¶ Then he nombred the ſeruants of the princes of the prouinces, and they were two hundreth, two and thirtie: & after thē he nombred the whole people of all the children of Iſraél, *euen* ſeuen thouſande.

16 And they wēt out at noone: but Ben-hadād did drinke til he was dronken in the tents, *hathe* he & the Kings: *for* two & thirtie Kings helped him.

17 So the i ſeruants of the princes of the prouinces went out firſt: & Ben-hadād ſent out, and they ſhewed him, ſaying, There are men come out of Samaria.

i That is, ſeruāts men trained in the ſeruice of princes.

18 And he ſaid, Whether they be come out for peace, take them aliue: or whether they be come out to fight, take them yet aliue.

19 So they came out of the citie, *to wit*, the ſeruants of the princes of the prouinces, and the hoſte which followed them.

20 And they ſlewe euerie one his "enemie: and the 'Aramites fled, and Iſraél purſued them: but Ben-hadád the King of Arám eſcaped on an horſe with *his* horſemen.

21 And the King of Iſraél went out, and ſmote the horſes and charets, and with a great ſlaughter ſlewe he the Aramites.

22 (For there had come a Prophet to the King of Iſraél, & had ſaid vnto him, Go, be of good courage, and conſider, and take hede what thou doeſt: for when the yere is gone about, the King of Arám wil come vp againſt thee)

23 ¶ Thé the ſeruants of the King of Arám ſaid vnto him, Their [k] gods are gods of the mountaines, and therefore they ouercame vs: but let vs fight againſt them in the plaine, and douteles we ſhal ouercome them.

24 And this do, Take the Kings away, euerie one out of his place, and place captaines for them.

25 And nomber thy ſelfe an armie, like the armie that thou haſt loſt, with ſuche horſes, and ſuche charets, and we wil fight againſt them in the plaine, and douteles we ſhal ouercome thē: and he hearkened vnto their voyce, and did ſo.

26 And after the yere was gone about, Benhadád nombred the Aramites, and went vp to Aphék to fight againſt Iſraél.

27 And the children of Iſraél were nombred, and were all [l] aſſembled and went againſt them, and the children of Iſraél pitched before them, like two litle flockes of kiddes: but the Aramites filled the countrey.

28 And there came a man of God, and ſpake vnto the King of Iſraél, ſaying, Thus ſayth the Lord, Becauſe the Aramites haue ſaid, The Lord is the God of the mountaines, and not God of the valleis, therefore wil I deliuer all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye ſhal knowe that [m] I am the Lord.

29 And they pitched one ouer againſt the other ſeuen dayes, & in the ſeuēth day the battel was ioyned: and the children of Iſraél ſlewe of the Aramites an hundreth thouſand fotemen in one day.

30 But the reſt fled to Aphék into the citie: and there fel a wall vpon ſeuen & twentie thouſand men that were left: and Ben hadád fled into the citie, and came into "a ſecret chamber.

31 ¶ And his ſeruantes ſaid vnto him, Beholde now, we haue heard ſay that the Kings of the houſe of Iſraél are merciful Kings: we pray thee, let vs put ſackecloth about our [n] loynes, and ropes about our heades, and go out to the King of Iſraél: it may be that he wil ſaue thy life.

32 Thé they girded ſackecloth about their loynes, and *put* ropes about their heades, and came to the King of Iſraél, and ſaid, Thy ſeruant Ben-hadád ſaith, I pray thee, let me liue: and he ſaid, Is he yet aliue? he is my brother.

33 Now the men toke diligent hede, 'if they colde catche *anie thing* of him, and made haſte, & ſaid, Thy brother [o] Ben-hadád. And he ſaid, Go, bring him So Bē hadád came out vnto him, and he cauſed him to come vp vnto the charet.

34 And *Ben-hadád* ſaid vnto him, The cities, which my father toke frō thy father, I wil reſtore, and thou ſhalt make ſtretes for thee in [p] Damaſcus, as my father did in Samaria. Then *ſaid Ahāb*, I wil let thee go with this couenant. So he made a couenant with him, and let him go.

35 ¶ Then a certeine man of the "children of the Prophetes ſaid vnto his neighbour by the cōmandemēt of the Lord, [q] Smite me, I pray thee. But the man refuſed to ſmite him.

36 Then ſaid he vnto him, Becauſe thou haſt not obeyed the voyce of the Lord, beholde, aſſone as thou art departed from me, a lyon ſhal [r] ſlay thee. So when he was departed from him, a lyon found him and ſlewe him.

37 Then he found another man, and ſaid, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man ſmote him, and in ſmiting wounded *him*.

38 So the Prophet departed, and waited for the King by the way, and diſguyſed him ſelfe with aſſhes vpon his face.

39 And when the King came by, he cryed vnto the King, and ſaid, [f] Thy ſeruant went into the middes of the battel: and beholde, there went away a man, whome *another* man broght vnto me, & ſaid, Kepe this man: if he be loſt, and want, thy life ſhal go for his, or els thou ſhalt paye a talent of ſiluer.

40 And as thy ſeruant had here and there to do, he was gone: and the King of Iſraél ſaid vnto him, So ſhal thy iudgement be: thou haſt giuen ſentence.

41 And he haſted, and toke the aſſhes away from his face: & the King of Iſraél knew him that he was of the Prophetes:

42 And he ſaid vnto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, *Becauſe thou haſt let go out of thine hands a man whome I appointed to dye, thy life ſhal go for his life, and thy people for his people.

43 And the King of Iſraél went to his houſe heauy and in diſpleaſure, and came to "Samaria.

CHAP. XXI.

Iezébel commandeth to kil Naboth for the Vineyard, that he refuſed to ſel to Ahāb. 19 Eliiáh reproueth Ahāb, and he repenteth.

After

"Ebr man.

'Or, Syrians.

i With them ỹ were appointed for the preſeruacīō of his perſone.

k Thus ỹ wicked blaſpheme God in their furie, whome notwithſtādinghe ſuffreth not vnpuniſhed.

l All they, ẅ were in ỹ battel of the former yere, ver. 15.

m Who am of like power in the valley, as I am on the hills, and can aſwel deſtroy a multitude ẅ fewe as with manie.

"Ebr from chāber to chamber.

n In ſigne of ſubmiſſion, and that we haue deſerued death, if he wil puniſhe vs ẅ rigour.

'Or, and caught it of him.

o He is aliue

p Thou ſhalt appoint in my chief citie what thou wilt, and I wil obey thee

'Or, of the diſciples.

q By this external ſigne he wolde more liuely touche ỹ Kings heart.

r Becauſe thou haſt tranſgreſſed the commandement of the Lord.

f By this parable he maketh Ahāb cōdemne himſelfe, who made a couenant with Gods enemie, and let him eſcape, whome God had appointed to be ſlaine.

*Chap. 22. 34.

'Or, Shomer hir.

[1] After theſe things Nabóth the Izreelite had a vineyarde in Izreél, hard by the palace of Aháb King of Samaria.

[2] And Aháb ſpake vnto Nabóth, ſaying,

[3] Giue me thy vineyarde, that I may make me a garden of herbes thereof, becauſe it is nere by mine houſe: and I wil giue thee for it a better vineyarde then it is: *or* if it pleaſe thee, I wil giue thee the worthe of it in money.

[4] And Nabóth ſaid to Aháb, The Lord kepe me from giuing the inheritãce of my fathers vnto thee.

[5] Then Aháb came into his houſe heauy & in diſpleaſure, becauſe of the worde which Nabóth the Izreelite had ſpokẽ vnto him. for he had ſaid, I wil not giue thee the inheritance of my fathers, and he lay vpon his bed and turned his face and wolde eat no bread.

[6] Then Iezébel his wife came to him and ſaid vnto him, Why is thy ſpirit ſo ſad ỹ thou eateſt no bread?

[6] And he ſaid vnto her, Becauſe I ſpake vnto Nabóth the Izreelite, and ſaid vnto him, Giue me thy vineyarde for money, or if it pleaſe thee, I wil giue thee *another* vineyarde for it: but he anſwered, I wil not giue thee my vineyarde.

[7] Then Iezébel his wife ſaid vnto him, Doeſt thou now gouerne the kingdome of Iſraél? vp, eat bread, and be of good chere, I wil giue thee the vineyard of Nabóth the Izreelite.

[8] So ſhe wrote letters in Ahabs name, & ſealed them with his ſeale, and ſent the letters vnto the Elders, and to the nobles that were in his citie dwelling w Nabóth.

[9] And ſhe wrote in the letters, ſaying, Proclaime a faſt, and ſet Nabóth amõg the chief of the people,

[10] And ſet two wicked men before him, and let thẽ witnes againſt him, ſaying, Thou dideſt blaſpheme God and the King: thẽ cary him out, and ſtone him that he may dye.

[11] And the men of his citie, *euen* the Elders and gouernours, which dwelt in his citie, did as Iezébel had ſent vnto them: as it was writẽ in the letters, which ſhe had ſent vnto them.

[12] They proclaimed a faſt, and ſet Nabóth among the chief of the people,

[13] And there came two wicked men, & ſate before him: and the wicked men witneſſed againſt Nabóth in the preſence of the people, ſaying, Nabóth did "blaſpheme God and the King. Thẽ they caryed him away out of the citie, and ſtoned him with ſtones, that he dyed.

[14] Then they ſent to Iezébel, ſaying, Nabóth is ſtoned and is dead.

[15] And when Iezébel heard that Nabóth was ſtoned and was dead, Iezébel ſaid to Aháb, f Vp, & take poſſeſſion of the vineyard of Nabóth the Izreelite, which he refuſed to giue thee for money: for Nabóth is not aliue, but is dead.

[16] And when Aháb heard that Nabóth was dead, he roſe to go downe to the vineyard of Nabóth the Izreelite, to take poſſeſſion of it.

[17] And the worde of the Lord came vnto Eliiáh the Tiſhbite, ſaying,

[18] Ariſe, go downe to mete Aháb King of Iſraél, which is in Samaria. lo, *he is* in the vineyarde of Nabóth, whether he is gone downe to take poſſeſſion of it.

[19] Therefore ſhalt thou ſay vnto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, g Haſt thou killed, and alſo gotten poſſeſſion? And thou ſhalt ſpeake vnto him, ſaying, Thus ſayth the Lord, h In the place where dogs licked the blood of Nabóth, ſhal dogs licke euẽ thy blood alſo.

[20] And Aháb ſaid to Eliiáh, Haſt thou founde me, ô mine enemie? And he anſwered, I haue founde *thee*: for thou haſt ſolde thy ſelfe to worke wickednes in the ſight of the Lord.

[21] * Beholde, I wil bring euil vpon thee, & wil take away thy poſteritie, and wil cut of from Aháb him that *piſſeth againſt ỹ wall, aſwel him that is * ſhut vp, as him that is left in Iſraél,

[22] And I wil make thine houſe like ỹ houſe of *Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát, & like the houſe of *Baaſhá the ſonne of Ahiiáh, for the prouocacion wherewith thou haſt prouoked, and made Iſraél to ſinne.

[23] And alſo of Iezébel ſpake the Lord, ſaying, *The dogs ſhal eat Iezébel, "by the wall of Izreél.

[24] The dogs ſhal eat him of Ahabs *ſtocke*, that dyeth in the citie: and him that dyeth in the fields, ſhal the foules of the ayre eat.

[25] But there was none like Aháb, who did i ſell him ſelfe, to worke wickednes in the ſight of the Lord: whome Iezébel his wife prouoked.

[26] For he did excedĩg abominably in following idoles, accordĩg to all that the Amorites did, whome the Lord caſt out before the children of Iſraél.

[27] Now when Aháb heard thoſe wordes, he rent his clothes, and put ſackecloth vpõ "him and faſted, and lay in ſackecloth and went k ſoftely.

[28] And the worde of the Lord came to Eliiáh the Tiſhbite, ſaying,

[29] Seeſt thou how Aháb is humbled before me? becauſe he ſubmitteth him ſelfe before me, I wil not bring that euil in his dayes, *but* in his l ſonnes dayes wil I bring euil vpon his houſe.

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*Or, at that time.

a Thogh Ahabs tyrannie be condemned by the holy Spirit, yet he was not ſo rigorous that he wolde take from another man his right without ful recompence

b Thus ỹ wicked conſider not what is iuſt & lawful, but fret inwardely, when they can not haue their inordinate appetites ſatiſfied.

c As though ſhe ſaid, Thou knoweſt not what it is to reigne. Commande, and intreat not

*Ebr let thine hart be mery.

d For thẽ they vſed to inquire of mẽs faultes: for none cold faſt truely that were notorious ſinners

e Thus the worldelings contrary to Gods cõmãdemẽt, who willeth not to cõſent to the ſhedingof innocẽt blood, obey rather ỹ wicked commandemẽts of princes then the iuſt Lawes of God

*Ebr bleſſe.

f This example of monſtreo⁹ cruelte the holy Goſt leaueth to vs to the intent ỹ we ſhulde abhorre all tyrannie, and ſpecially in them, whome nature & kinde ſhulde moue to be pitiful and inclined to mercie.

g Doeſt thou thinke to haue anie aduantage by murthering of an innocent?

h This was fulfilled in Ioram his ſonne, as 2. Kin. 9. 25

*Chap. 14. 10. *2 king 9. 8. *1 Sam 25. 22. *Chap. 14. 10.

*Chap. 15. 29. *Chap 16. 3.

*2. Kin. 9. 33.

"Or, poſſeſſe, or, poſſeſſion.

i By the wicked counſel of his wife, he became a vile idolater and cruel murtherer, as one that gaue him ſelfe wholly to ſerue ſinne.

*Ebr. hu ſleſh.

k In token of mourning or, as ſome read, bare foted.

l Meaning, in Iorams time, 2. Kin 9. 26.

CHAP. XXII.

2 Iehoſhaphát & Aháb fight againſt the King of Syria. 13 Micháiah ſheweth the King what ſhalbe the ſucceſſe of their enterpriſe. 24 Zedkiiáh the falſe prophet ſmiteth him. 34 Aháb is ſlaine. 40 Ahazia his ſonne ſucceedeth. 41 The reigne of Iehoſhaphát, 51 and Iorám his ſonne.

2.Chro.18.1. a Ben-hadád the King of Syria and Ahab made a peace, which indured thre yeres

1 AND * they continued a thre yere without warre betwene Arám and Iſraél.

2 And in the third yere did Iehoſhaphát the King of Iudáh b come downe to the King of Iſraél.

b To ſe and viſite him

3 (Then the King of Iſraél ſaid vnto his ſeruáts, Knowe ye not that c Ramóth Gileád was ours? and we ſtaye, and take it not out of the hand of the King of Arám?)

c The Kings of Syria kept Ramóth before the this league was made by Ben-hadád: therefore he thoght not him ſelfe boúde thereby to reſtore it

4 And he ſaid vnto Iehoſhaphát, Wilt thou go with me to battel againſt Ramóth Gileád? And Iehoſhaphát ſaid vnto the King of Iſraél, d I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and mine horſes as thine horſes.

d I am ready to ioyne & go with thee, and all mine is at thy commandement.

5 Then Iehoſhaphát ſaid vnto the King of Iſraél, e Aſke counſel, I pray thee, of the Lord to day.

e He ſemed ỹ he wolde not go to the warre, except God approued it, yet when Micháh coũſeled the contrarie, he wolde not obey

6 Then the King of Iſraél gathered the f Prophetes vpon a foure hundreth men, and ſaid vnto them, Shal I go againſt Ramóth Gileád to battel, or ſhal I let it alone? And they ſaid, Go vp: for the Lord ſhal deliuer it into the hands of the King.

f Meaning, the falſe prophetes, which were flatterers, & ſerued for lucre, whome Iezébel had aſſembled and kept after the death of thoſe whome Elias ſlewe.

7 And Iehoſhaphát ſaid, Is there here neuer a Prophet of the g Lord more, that we might inquire of him?

g Iehoſhaphát did not acknowledge ỹ falſe Prophetes to be Gods miniſters, but did contemne them

8 And the King of Iſraél ſaid vnto Iehoſhaphát, There is yet one man (Micháiah the ſonne of Imláh) h by whome we may aſke counſel of the Lord, but i I hate him: for he doeth not prophecie good vnto me, but euil. And Iehoſhaphát ſaid, Let not the King ſay ſo.

h Whereby we ſe that the wicked cã not abide to heare the truth, but hate the Prophetes of God & moleſt thẽ. i Read Geneſ. 37.4.

9 Then the King of Iſraél called an k Eunuche, & ſaid, Call quickely Micháiah the ſonne of Imláh.

k In their kinglie apparel.

10 And the King of Iſraél & Iehoſhaphát the King of Iudáh ſate either *of them* on his throne in their k apparel in the voyde place at the entring in of the gate of Samaria, and all the Prophetes prophecied before them.

l The true Prophetes of God were accuſtomed to vſe ſignes for the confirmation of their doctrine. Iſa. 20, 2 iere 7, 2. Wherein the falſe Prophetes did imitate them, thinking thereby to make their doctrine more commẽdable.

11 And Zidkiiáh the ſonne of Chenaanáh made him l hornes of yron, & ſaid, Thus ſayth the Lord, With theſe ſhalt thou puſh the Aramites, vntil thou haſt conſumed them.

12 And all the Prophetes prophecied ſo, ſaying, Go vp to Ramóth Gileád, & proſper: for the Lord ſhal deliuer it into the Kings hand.

13 ¶ And the meſſenger that was gone to call Micháiah ſpake vnto him, ſaying, Beholde now, the wordes of the Propheres *declare* good vnto the King with" one accorde: let thy worde therefore, I pray thee, be like the worde of one of them, & ſpeake thou good.

m This is the commune argument of ỹ wicked, who thinke that none ſhulde ſpeake againſte thing, if the greater parte approue it, be they neuer ſo vngodlie.

14 And Micháiah ſaid, As the Lord liueth, whatſoeuer the Lord ſayth vnto me, that wil I ſpeake.

15 ¶ So he came to the King, and the King ſaid vnto him, Micháiah, ſhal we go againſt Ramóth Gileád to battel, or ſhal we leaue of? And he anſwered him, n Go vp, & proſper: and the Lord ſhal deliuer it into the hand of the King.

n He ſpeaketh this in deriſiõ, becauſe ỹ K̃g attributed ſo muche to the falſe prophetes, meaning ỹ by experience he ſhulde vnderſtande that thei were but flatterers.

16 And the King ſaid vnto hĩ, How oft ſhal I charge thee, that thou tel me nothig but that which is true in the Name of ỹ Lord.

17 Then he ſaid, I ſawe all Iſraél ſcatred vpon the moũtaines, as ſhepe that had no ſhepherd. And the Lord ſaid, o Theſe haue no maſter, let euery man returne vnto his houſe in peace.

o It is better thei returne home, thẽ to be puniſhed and ſcatred, becauſe thei take warre in hand without Gods counſel & approbacion.

18 (And the King of Iſraél ſaid vnto Iehoſhaphát, Did I not tel thee, that he wolde prophecie no good vnto me, but euil?)

19 Againe he ſaid, Heare thou therefore ỹ worde of the Lord. I ſawe the Lord ſit on his throne, & all the p hoſte of heauen ſtode about him on his right hand and on his left hand.

p Meaning, his Angels.

20 And the Lord ſaid, Who ſhal entiſe Aháb that he may go and fall at Ramóth Gileád? And one ſaid on this maner, and another ſaid on that maner.

q Or, perſuade & deceiue.

21 Then there came forthe a ſpirit, & q ſtode before the Lord, and ſaid, I wil entiſe hĩm. And the Lord ſaid vnto him, Wherewith?

q Here wee ſe thogh ỹ deuil be euer readie to bring vs to deſtruction, yet he hathe no further power then God giueth him.

22 And he ſaid, I wil go out, and be a r falſe ſpirit in the mouthe of all his prophetes. Thẽ he ſaid, Thou ſhalt entiſe *him*, & ſhalt alſo preuaile: go forthe, and do ſo.

r I wil cauſe all his prophetes to tel lies.

23 Now therefore beholde, the Lord hathe put a lying ſpirit in the mouthe of all theſe thy prophetes, and the Lord hathe appointed euil againſt thee.

24 Then Zidkiiáh ỹ ſonne of Chenaanáh came nere & ſmote Micháiah on ỹ cheke, and ſaid, s When went the Spirit of the Lord from me, to ſpeake vnto thee?

2.Chro.18.23. s Thus ỹ wicked wolde ſeme that none were in ỹ fauour of God, but they, and ỹ God hathe giuen his graces to none ſo muche as to thẽ.

25 And Micháiah ſaid, Beholde, ỹ ſhalt ſe in that day, when thou ſhalt go from chãber to chamber to hide thee.

26 And the King of Iſraél ſaid, Take Micháiah, & cary hĩ vnto Amón ỹ gouernour of ỹ citie, and vnto Ioáſh the Kings ſonne,

27 And ſay, thus ſayth the King, Put this man in the priſon houſe, & fede him with t bread of affliction, & with water of affliction, vntil I returne in peace.

t Let him be pyned away w hunger & be fed w a ſmale portion of bread & water.

28 And Micháiah ſaid, If ỹ returne in peace, the Lord hathe not ſpoken by me. And he ſaid, u Hearken all ye people.

u That when ye ſhal ſe theſe things come to paſſe, ye may giue God the glorie & knowe that I am his true Prophet.

29 So the King of Iſraél & Iehoſhaphát the King

King of Iudáh wēt vp to Ramóth Gileád.
30 And the King of Iſraél ſaid to Iehoſhaphát, I wil change mine apparel, and wil entre into the battel, but put thou on thine apparel. And the King of Iſraél changed him ſelfe, and went into the battel.
31 And the King of Arám commanded his two & thirtie captaines ouer his charrets, ſaying, Fight nether with ſmal, nor great, ſaue onely againſt the King of Iſraél.
32 And when the captaines of the charets ſawe Iehoſhaphát, they ſaid, Surely it is ỹ King of Iſraél, & they turned to fight againſt him: and Iehoſhaphát [x] cryed.
33 And when the captaines of the charets ſawe that he was not the King of Iſraél, they turned backe from him.
34 Then a *certeine* man drue a bowe [o] mightely and ſmote the King of Iſraél betwene the ioyntes [w] of his brigādine. Wherefore he ſaid vnto his charet man, Turne thine hād & cary me out of the hoſte: for I am [v] hurt.
35 And the battel encreaſed that day, and the [y] King ſtode ſtil in his charet againſt the Aramites, and dyed at euen: and the blood ran out of the woūde into the middes of the charet.
36 And there went a proclamatiō through out ỹ [z] hoſte about the going downe of the ſunne, ſaying, Euery man to his citie, and euery man to his owne countrei.
37 So the King dyed, and was broght to Samaria, & they buryed ỹ King in Samaria.
38 And one waſhed the charet in the poole of Samaria & the doggs licked vp his blood (& [o] they waſhed his armoure) accordīg [x] vnto the worde of the Lord ẅ he ſpake.
39 Cōcerning the reſt of the actes of Aháb & all that he did, & ỹ yuorie houſe, which he buylt, & all the cities that he buylt, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?
40 So Aháb ſlept with his fathers, & Aháziáh his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.
41 ¶ [*] And Iehoſhaphát the ſonne of Aſá began to reigne vpon Iudáh in the fourth yere of Aháb King of Iſraél.
42 Iehoſhaphát was fiue and thirtie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and reigned fiue and twentie yere in Ieruſalém. And his mothers name was Azubáh the daughter of Shilhí.
43 And he walked in all the wayes of Aſá his father, and declined not therefrom, but did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord. Neuertheles [a] the hie places were not taken away: *for* the people offred ſtil and burnt incenſe in the [o] hie places.
44 And Iehoſhaphát made peace with the King of Iſraél.
45 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Iehoſhaphát, and his worthie dedes that he did, and his battels which he foght, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?
46 And the Sodomites, which remained in the dayes of his father Aſá, he put cleane out of the land.
47 There was then no King in Edóm: the [b] deputie *was* King.
48 Iehoſhaphát made ſhippes of [c] Tharſhíſh to ſaile to [d] Ophír for golde, but they wēt not, for the ſhippes were broken at Ezrón Gáber.
49 Then ſaid Ahaziáh the ſonne of Aháb vnto Iehoſhaphát, Let my ſeruāts go with thy ſeruāts in ỹ ſhippes. But Iehoſhaphát wolde not.
50 And Iehoſhaphát did ſlepe with his fathers, & was buryed with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his father and Iehorám his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.
51 ¶ Ahaziáh the ſonne of Aháb began to reigne ouer Iſraél in Samaria, the ſeuententh yere of Iehoſhaphát King of Iudáh, & reigned two yeres ouer Iſraél.
52 But he did euil in the ſight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, & in the way of his mother, and in the way of Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát, which made Iſraél to ſinne.
53 For he ſerued Báal and worſhipped him, & prouoked the Lord God of Iſraél vnto wrath, [o] according vnto all that his father had done.

2. Chro. 20, 31.

x That is, to ỹ Lord for helpe.

o Or, *In his ſimplicitie & ignorantly.* w Ebr. *& betweene the brigandine.* v Ebr. *ſicke.*

y To wit, Aháb King of Iſraél.

z Of the Iſraelites.

o Or, *the harlots waſhed it.* Chap. 21, 19.

* Or, *in all pointes as his father did.*

a Meaning, ỹ he was led w an error, thinking that they might ſtil ſacrifice to the Lord in thoſe places, aſwel as they did before the Temple was buylt.

b In the time of this King Ioumea was ſubiect to Iudáh & was gouerned, by whome thei of Iudáh appoired.

c By Tharſhiſh the Scripture meaneth Cilicia & all ỹ Sea called Mediterraneum

d Ioſephus writeth that Ophír is in India, where the Egyptians & Arabians traffike for golde.

THE SECONDE BOKE of the Kings.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis ſeconde boke conteineth the actes of the Kings of Iudáh and Iſraél: to wit, of Iſraél, from the death of Aháb vnto the laſt King Hoſhéa, who was impriſonned by the King of Aſſyria, & his citie Samaria taken, & the tē tribes ly the iuſte plague of God for their idolatrie & diſobedience to God led into captiuitie. And alſo of Iudáh, frō the reigne of Iehorám ſonne of Iehoſhaphát vnto Zedechiá who for contemning the Lords cōmandement by his Prophetes, & neglecting his ſundry admonitions, by famine & other meanes was taken by his enemies, ſawe his ſonnes moſte cruelly ſlaine before his face, & his owne eyes put out, as the Lord had declared to him before by his Prophet Ieremie: and alſo by the iuſte vengeance of God for contempt of his worde Ieruſalém was deſtroyed, the Temple burnt, and he

and all his people were led away captiues into Babylon. In this boke are notable examples of Gods fauour towardes thoſe rulers and people which obey his Prophetes and imbrace his worde: and contrary wiſe of his plagues towardes thoſe commune weales which neglect his miniſters and do not obey his commandements.

CHAP. I.

a Ahaziáh by a fall falleth ſicke & cõſulteth with Baal-zebúb 3 He is reproued by Eliiáh. 10 The captaines ouer fiftie were ſent to Eliiáh, whereof two were burnt with fire frõ heauen by his prayer 17 Ahaziáh dyeth, and Iehorám his brother ſuccedeth him.

1 THen Moáb rebelled agaĩſt Iſraél after the death of Aháb:

a So that he was puniſhed for his idolatrie after two ſortes: for the Moabites, ẅ were wonte to pay him tribute, rebelled, & he fel downe at a grate ẅ was vpon his houſe to giue light beneathe.

2 And a Ahaziáh fel through the latteſſe window in his vpper chãber which was in Samaria: ſo he was ſicke: thẽ he ſent meſſengers, to whome he ſaid, Go, & enquire of b Baal-zebúb the god of Ekrón, if I ſhal recouer of this my diſeaſe.

b The Philiſtims, ẅ dwelt at Ekrón, worſhipped this idole, ẅ ſignifieth ỹ god of flies, thinking that he colde preſerue them from the biting of flies: or els he was ſo called, becauſe flies were ingẽdred in great abundance of the blood of ỹ ſacrifices that were offred to that idole.

3 Then the Angel of the Lord ſaid to Eliiáh the Tiſhbite, Ariſe, & go vp to mete the meſſengers of the King of Samaria, and ſaye vnto them, c Is it not becauſe there is no God in Iſraél, that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebúb the god of Ekrón?

c He ſheweth that idolaters haue not the true God, for els they wolde ſeke to none but to him alone.

4 Wherefore thus ſayth the Lord, Thou ſhalt not come downe from the bed on which thou art gone vp, but ſhalt dye the death. So Eliiáh departed.

5 And the meſſengers returned vnto him, to whome he ſaid, Why are ye now returned?

6 And they anſwered him, There came a man and met vs, and ſaid vnto vs, Go, *and* returne vnto the King which ſent you, and ſay vnto him, Thus ſayth the Lord, d Is it not becauſe there is no God in Iſraél, that thou ſendeſt to enquire of Baal-zebúb the god of Ekrón? Therefore thou ſhalt not come downe from the bed, on which thou art gone vp, but ſhalt dye the death.

d Ignorance is the mother of error and idolatrie.

7 And he ſaid vnto them, What maner of man was he which came and met you, and tolde you theſe wordes?

8 And they ſaid vnto hĩ, He was an e heerie man, and girded with a girdle of lether about his loynes. Then ſaid he, It is Eliiáh the Tiſhbite.

e Some thinke ỹ this is ment of his garmẽts ẅ were rough & made of heere.

9 Therefore *the King* ſent vnto him a captaine ouer fiftie with his fifty *men*, who went vp vnto him: *for* behold, he ſatt on the toppe f of a mountaine, & he ſaid vnto him, O man of God, the King hathe commanded *that* thou come downe.

f To wit, Carmel.

10 But Eliiáh anſwered, & ſaid to the captaine ouer the fiftie, If that I be a man of God, let fyre come downe frõ the heauẽ, and deuoure thee and thy fyftie. So fyre came downe from the heauen and deuoured him and his fiftie.

g He declareth what power Gods worde hathe in the mouthe of his ſeruãts, when they threaten Gods iudgements againſt the wicked.

11 Againe alſo he ſent vnto him another captaine ouer fiftie, with his fifty. Who ſpake, and ſaid vnto him, h O man of God, thus the King commandeth, Come downe quickly.

h He ſpake this in mockery, & therefore prouoked Gods wrath ſo muche the more.

12 But Eliiáh anſwered & ſaid vnto them, i If I be a man of God, let fyre come downe from the heauen, and deuoure thee and thy fiftie. So fyre came downe from the heauen, and deuoured him and his fiftie.

i Meanig, that God wolde ſhewe by effect, whether he was a true Prophet or not.

13 ¶ Yet againe he ſent the third captaine ouer fifty ẅ his fifty. And the third captaine ouer fifty went vp & came, & fel on his knees before Eliiáh, & beſoght him, & ſaid vnto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my k life and the life of theſe thy fifty ſeruantes be l precious in thy ſight.

k Which humble my ſelfe before God & his ſeruant.

l That is, ſpare my life & let me not dye as the other two.

14 Beholde, there came fyre downe from the heauen and deuoured the two former captaines ouer fifty with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy ſight.

15 And the Angel of the Lord ſaid vnto Eliiáh, Go downe ẅ him, be m not afrayd of his preſence. So he aroſe, and wẽt downe with him vnto the King.

m This ỹ Lord giueth boldenes to his that they feare not the threatnigs of tyrants, ẅ otherwiſe of them ſelues are afraide to do Gods meſſage.

16 And he ſaid vnto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Becauſe thou haſt ſent meſſengers to inquire of Baal-zebúb the God of Ekrón, (was it not becauſe there was no God in Iſraél to inquire of his worde) therefore thou ſhalt not come downe of the bed, on which thou art gone vp, but ſhalt dye the death.

17 So he dyed according to the worde of ỹ Lord which Eliiáh had ſpoken. And n Iehorám begã to reigne in his ſteade, in the ſeconde yere of Iehorám the ſonne of Iehoſhaphát King of Iudáh, becauſe he had no ſonne.

n Iehoſhaphát going to battel againſt the Syrians, made his ſonne Iehorám King in the 17 yere of his reigne: and in the 18 yere, ẅ was the ſeconde yere of his ſonne, Iehorám ỹ ſonne of Aháb reigned in Iſraél: and in the fifthe yere of this Iehorám Iehoſhaphát dyed and the kingdome of Iudáh was cõfirmed to his ſonne.

18 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Ahaziáh, that he did, are thei not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?

CHAP. II.

a Eliiáh deuideth the waters with his cloke 11 He is taken vp into heauen 13 Eliſhá taketh his cloke & deuideth Iordán 20 The bitter and venemous waters are healed 23 The children that mocke Eliſhá, are rent in peces with beares.

1 AND when the Lord wolde take vp Eliiáh into heauẽ by a whirle wind, Eliiáh went with Eliſhá from a Gilgál.

a Which was ỹ place where the childrẽ of Iſraél were circumciſed after they came ouer Iordén & had bene fourtie yeres in ỹ wildernes, as Ioſh 5.9.

2 Then Eliiáh ſaid to Eliſhá, Tary here, I pray thee: for the Lord hathe ſent me to Beth-él. But Eliſhá ſaid, As the Lord liueth, & as thy ſoule liueth, I wil not leaue thee. So they came downe to Beth-él.

3 And

3 And the [b] children of the Prophetes that were at Beth-él, came out to Eliſhá, and ſaid vnto him, Knoweſt thou that ỹ Lord wil take thy maſter from [c] thine head this day? And he ſaid, Yea, I [d] knowe it: holde ye your peace.

4 Againe Eliiáh ſaid vnto him, Eliſhá, tary here, I pray thee: for the Lord hathe ſent me to Ieríchó. But he ſaid, As ỹ Lord liueth, and as thy ſoule liueth, I wil not leaue thee. So thei came to Ierichó.

5 And the children of the Prophetes that were at [e] Ieríchó, came to Eliſha, & ſaid vnto him, Knoweſt thou, that the Lord wil take thy maſter from thine head this day? And he ſaid, Yea, I knowe it: holde ye your peace.

6 Moreouer Eliiáh ſaid vnto him, Tary, I pray thee, here: for the Lord hathe ſent me to Iordén. But he ſaid, As the Lord liueth, & as thy ſoule liueth, I wil not leaue thee. So they went bothe *together*.

7 And fiftie men of the ſonnes of the Prophetes went and ſtode on the other ſide afarre of, and thei two ſtode by Iordén.

8 ¶ Then Eliiáh toke his cloke, and wrapt it together, and ſmote the [f] waters, and they were deuided hether and thether, & thei twaine went ouer on the drye land.

9 Now when thei were paſſed ouer, Eliiáh ſaid vnto Eliſhá, Aſke what I ſhal do for thee before I be taken from thee. And Eliſhá ſaid, I pray thee, Let thy Spirit [g] be double vpon me.

10 And he ſaid, Thou haſt aſked an hard thing: *yet* if thou ſe me when I am taken from thee, thou ſhalt haue it ſo: & if not, it ſhal not be.

11 And as thei went walking and talking, beholde, there *appeared* a charet of fyre, and horſes of fyre, and did ſeparate them twaine. * So Eliiáh went vp by a whyrlewinde into [h] heauen.

12 And Eliſhá ſawe it, and he cryed, My father, my father, the charet of Iſraél, and the horſemen thereof: & he ſawe him no more: and he toke his *owne* clothes, & rent them in two pieces.

13 ¶ He toke vp alſo the cloke of Eliiáh that fel from him, and returned, and ſtode by the banke of Iordén.

14 After, he toke the cloke of Eliiáh, that fel from him, and ſmote the waters, and ſaid, Where is the Lord God of Eliiáh, and he him ſelfe? Againe alſo he ſmote the waters, and thei were ſeparated this waye and that waye: and Eliſhá went ouer.

15 And when the children of the Prophetes, which were at Ierichó, ſawe him on the other ſide, they ſaid, [i] The Spirit of Eliiáh doeth reſt on Eliſhá: and they came to mete him, & fel to the grounde before him,

16 And ſaid vnto him, Beholde now, there be with thy ſeruants fiftie ſtrong men: let them go, we pray thee, and ſeke thy [k] maſter, if ſo be the Spirit of the Lord hathe taken him vp, and caſt him vpon ſome mountaine, or into ſome valley. But he ſaid, [l] Ye ſhal not ſend.

17 Yet they were inſtant vpon him, til he was aſhamed: wherefore he ſaid, Send. So thei ſent fiftie mẽ, which ſoght thre daies, but founde him not.

18 Therefore thei returned to him, (for he taried at Ierichó) and he ſaid vnto them, Did not I ſay vnto you, Go not?

19 ¶ And the men of the citie ſaid vnto Eliſhá, Beholde, we pray thee: the ſituacion of this citie is pleaſant, as thou, my lord, ſeeſt, but the water *is* noght, & the groũde [m] *baren.*

20 Then he ſaid, Bring me a newe cruſe, & put ſalt therein. And they broght it to him.

21 And he went vnto the ſpring of the waters, and caſt there [n] the ſalt, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, I haue healed this water: death ſhal no more come thereof, nether barenneſs *to the grounde*.

22 So the waters were healed vntil this day, according to ỹ worde of Eliſhá which he had ſpoken.

23 ¶ And he wẽt vp from thẽce vnto Beth-él. And as he was going vp the waye, litle children came out of the citie, and mocked him, and ſaid vnto him, Come vp, thou balde head, come vp, thou balde head.

24 And he turned backe & loked on them, and [o] curſed them in the Name of the Lord. And two beares came out of the foreſt, and tare in pieces two and fourtie children of them.

25 So he went from thence to mount Carmél, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

1 The reigne of Iehorám. 6 He and Iehoſhaphát go to warre againſt Moáb, which rebelled. 13 Eliſha reproueth him. 17 And giueth them hoſte water. 24 The Moabites are ouercome. 27 Their King ſacrificeth his ſonne.

1 NOw Iehorám the ſonne of Aháb began to reigne ouer Iſraél in Samaria, the [a] eightenth yere of Iehoſhaphát King of Iudah & reigned twelue yeres.

2 And he wrought euil in the ſight of the Lord, but not like his father nor like his mother: for he toke away the image of Báal that his father had made.

3 Neuertheles, he cleaued vnto [b] the ſinnes of Ieroboám, the ſonne of Nebát, ẅ made Iſraél to ſinne, & departed not therefrõ.

4 ¶ Then [c] Meſhá King of Moáb had ſtore of ſhepe, and rendred vnto the King of Iſraél an hundreth thouſand lambes,

[b] So called becauſe they are begotten as it were anewe by the heauenlie doctrine
[c] That is, frõ being any more thine head: for to be as ỹ head, is to be the maſter, as to be at the fete, is to be a ſcholar
[d] For ỹ Lord had reuciled it vnto him
[e] Not onely at Beth-él, but at Ierichó and other places were there Prophetes, ẅ had ſcholars, whome they inſtructed and broght vp in ỹ true feare of God.
[f] To wit, of Iordén.
[g] Let thy Spirit haue double force in me, becauſe of theſe dãgerous times or let me haue twiſe ſo muche as ỹ reſt of the Prophetes: or thy ſpirit beig deuided into thre parts, let me haue two
Eccleſ 48,13.
1 mac 2,58.
[h] Thus God hathe left a teſtimonie in all ages bothe before the Lawe, in the Lawe, & in the time of the Goſpel of ỏ reſurrectiõ
[i] The Spirit of prophecie is giuen to him, as it was to Eliiáh.
[k] Meaning, Eliiáh: for they thoght his bodie had bene caſt in ſome mountaine
[l] Becauſe the fact was extraordinarie, they douted where he was become, but Eliſhá was aſſured ỹ he was taken vp to God.
[m] *Or, killeth the inhabitants.*
[n] Thus God gaue him power, cõtrary to nature, to make that water profitable for mãs vſe, ẅ before was hurtful.
[o] Perceiuing their malicious heart againſt the Lord and his worde, he deſireth God to take vengeance of that iniurie done vnto him.
[a] Read the annotatiõ in the 1 Chap & 17. verſe
[b] He ſacrificed to ỹ goldẽ calues, that Ieroboam had made
[c] This was done after ỹ Dauid had made the Moabites tributaries to his ſucceſſors.

& an hundreth thousand rams w the woll.
5 But when Ahab was deade, the King of Moab rebelled against the King of Israél.
6 Therefore King Iehorám went out of Samaria the same season, and nombred all Israél,
7 And went, and sent to Iehoshaphát King of Iudáh, saying, The King of Moab hathe rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me to battel against Moab? And he answered, I wil go vp: *for* d I am, as thou art, my people, as thy people, *and* mine horses as thine horses.
8 Then said he, What way shal we go vp? And he answered, The way of the wildernes of Edóm.
9 ¶So went the King of Israél & the King of Iudáh, and the e King of Edóm, and when they had compassed the way seuen daies, thei had no water for the hoste, nor for the cattel that "followed them.
10 Therefore the King of Israél said, Alas, that y Lord hathe called these thre Kings, to giue them into the hand of Moab.
11 But Iehoshaphát said, Is there not here a Prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord by him? And one of the King of Israels seruants answered, & said, Here is Elisha y sonne of Shaphát, which f powred water on the hands of Eliiáh.
12 Then Iehoshaphát said, g The worde of the Lord is with him. Therefore the King of Israél, and Iehoshaphát, and the King of Edóm went downe to him.
13 And Elisha said vnto the King of Israél, h What haue I to do with thee? Get thee to the Prophetes of thy father and to the Prophetes of thy mother. And the King of Israél said vnto him, i Naye: for the Lord hathe called these thre Kings, to giue them into the hand of Moab.
14 Then Elisha said, As the Lord of hostes liueth, in whose sight I stand, if it were not, that I regarde the presence of Iehoshaphát the King of Iudáh, I wolde k not haue loked towarde thee, nor sene thee.
15 But now bring me a minstrel. And when the minstrel l played, the hand of the Lord came vpon him.
16 And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley ful of dyches.
17 For thus saith the Lord, Ye shal nether se winde nor se raine, yet the valley shal be filled with water, that ye may drinke, *bothe* ye and your cattel, and your beastes.
18 But this is a m small thing in the sight of the Lord: for he wil giue Moab into your hand.
19 And ye shal smite euerie strong towne and euerie chief citie, and shal fel euerie fayre tre, and shal stop all the fountaines of water, and n marre euerie good field with stones.
20 And in the morning when the meat offring was offred, beholde, there came water by the way of Edóm: and the countrey was filled with water.
21 And when all the Moabites heard that the Kings were come vp to fight against them, thei gathered all that was able "to put on harnes, and vpwarde, and stode in *their* border.
22 And thei rose early in the morning, whē the sunne arose vpō the water, & the Moabites sawe the water ouer against them, as red as blood.
23 And thei said, o This is blood: y Kings are surely slayne, and one hathe smiten another: now therefore, Moab, to y spoile.
24 And when thei came to the hoste of Israél, the Israelites arose vp, and smote the Moabites, so that thei fled before them, but they p inuaded them, and smote Moab.
25 And they destroyed the cities: and on all the good field euerie mā cast his stone, & filled them, & thei stopte all the fountaines of water, and felled all the good trees: onely in q Kir-haráseth left they the stones thereof: howbeit thei wēt about it with slings, and smote it.
26 And when the King of Moab sawe that the battel was to sore for him, he toke with him seuen hundreth men that drewe the swordeto breake through vnto the King of Edóm: but thei colde not.
27 Thē he toke his eldest sonne, that shulde haue reigned in his steade, & r offred him for a burnt offring vpon the wall: so that Israél was sore grieued, and thei departed from him, and returned to their countrey.

CHAP. IIII.

4 God increaseth the oyle to the poore widowe by Elisha. 12 He obteineth for the Shunammite a sonne at Gods hand 28 Who dying. 32 He raiseth him vp againe. 40 He maketh swete the pottage. 42 And multiplieth the loaues.

1 AND one of the wiues s of the sonnes of the Prophetes cryed vnto Elisha, saying, Thy seruāt mine housband is dead, and thou knoweſt, that thy seruant did b feare the Lord: and the creditour is come to take my two sonnes to be his c bondemen.
2 Then Elisha said vnto her, What shal I do for thee? tel me, what hast thou at home. And she said, Thine handmayd hathe nothing at home, saue a d pytcher of oyle.
3 And he said, Go, and borowe thee vessels abroade of all thy neighbours, emptye vessels, & spare not.
4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the dore vpon thee & vpon thy sonnes, and powre out into e all those vessels and set aside those that are ful.

5 So

d Read 1. King. 22,4.
e Meaning, the Viceroy or Lieutenant of the King of Iudáh, read 1 King 22,48
"Ebr that were at their free.
f That is, who was his seruāt.
g He is able to instruct vs what is Gods wil in this point.
h He knewe y this wicked King wolde haue but vsed his counsel to serue his turne, & therefore he disdained to answer him.
i The wicked esteme not the seruants of God, but when they are drue by very necessitie & feare of y present danger.
k God suffreth his worde to be declared to the wicked, because of the goldlie that are among thē.
l He sig tongs to Gods glorie, and so stirred vp y Prophetes heart to prophecie
m He wil not onely miraculously giue you waters, but your enemies also into your hand.
n Thogh God bestowe his benefites for a time vpon his enemies, yet he hathe his seasons, when he wil take them away, to the intent thei might se his vengeance, & is prepared against them.
"Ebr is girde him selfe with a girdle.
o The sodeine ioye of the wicked is but a preparation to their destructiō, which is at hand.
p Meaning, they followed them into the townes.
q Which was one of the principal cities of the Moabites, wherein they left nothing but y walles.
r Some refer re it to y King of Edōs sonne, whome they say he had taken in y skirmish, but rather it semed to be his owne sonne, whome he offred to his gods to pacifie them, which barbarous cruelnie moued the Israelites hearts of pitie to departe.
s Read Chap. 2,3.
b And therefore fel not into det by vnthriftines or prodigalitie, but by the hand of the Lord.
c Because I am poore and not able to pay.
d Thus God suffreth his many times to be brogt to extreme necessitie, before he succor them, that afterwarde they may y more praise his mercie
e The Prophet declareth hereby vnto her, that God neuer faileth to prouide for his seruants, their wiues & children, if they trust in him.

5 So ſhe departed from him, and ſhut the dore vpon her, and vpon her ſonnes. And they brought to her, and ſhe powred out.
6 And when the veſſels were ful, ſhe ſaid vnto her ſonne, Bring me yet a veſſel. And he ſaid vnto her, There is no mo veſſels. And the oyle[f] ceaſed.
7 Then ſhe came and tolde the man of God. And he ſaid, Go, *and* ſel the oyle, & pay them that thou art in det vnto, and liue thou and thy children of the[g] reſt.
8 ¶And on a time Eliſhá came to Shunē, & there a woman of great *eſtimation* cōſtrained him to eat bread: and as he paſſed by, he turned in thether to eat bread.
9 And ſhe ſaid vnto her houſbād, Beholde, I knowe now, that this is an holie man of God that paſſeth by vs continually.
10 Let vs make[h] him a litle chamber, I pray thee, with walles, and let vs ſet him there a bed and a table & a ſtole, and a cādleſticke, that he may turne in thether whē he commeth to vs.
11 ¶And on a day, he came thether and turned into the chamber, and laye therein,
12 And ſaid to Gehazí his ſeruāt, Call this Shunammite: and when he called her, ſhe ſtode before him.
13 Then he ſaid vnto him, Say vnto her now, Beholde, thou haſt had all this great care for vs, [i] what ſhal we do for thee? Is there anie thing to be ſpokē for thee to the King or to the captaine of the hoſte? And ſhe anſwered, I [k] dwel among mine owne people.
14 Againe he ſaid, What is then to be done for her? Then Gehazí anſwered, In dede ſhe hathe[l] no ſonne, and her houſband is olde.
15 Thē ſaid he, Call her. And he called her, and ſhe ſtode in the dore.
16 And he ſaid, *At this time appointed, according to the time of life, thou ſhalt embrace a ſonne. And ſhe ſaid, Oh my lord, thou man of God, do not lye vnto thine handmaid.
17 So the womā conceiued, and bare a ſonne at that ſame ſeaſon, according to the time of life, that Eliſhá had ſaid vnto her.
18 ¶And when the childe was growen, it fel on a day, that he went out to his father, & to the reapers.
19 And he ſaid to his father, [m] Mine head, mine head. Who ſaid to *his* ſeruant, Beare him to his mother.
20 And he toke him and brought him to his mother, & he ſate on her knees til noone, and dyed.
21 Then ſhe went vp, and layed him on the bed of the man of God, and ſhut *the dore* vpon him, and went out.
22 ¶Then ſhe called to her houſband, and ſaid, Send with me, I pray thee, one of the yong mē & one of the aſſes: for I wil haſte to the man of God, and come againe.
23 And he ſaid, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* nether [n] newe moone nor Sabbath day. And ſhe anſwered, "All ſhalbe wel.
24 Then ſhe ſadled an aſſe, and ſaid to her ſeruant, Dryue, and go forwarde: ſtay not for me to get vp, except I bid thee.
25 ¶So ſhe went, & came vnto the man of God to mount Carmél. And whē the man of God ſaw her [o] ouer againſt him, he ſaid to Gehazí his ſeruant, Beholde, the Shunammite.
26 Runne now, I ſay, to mete her, and ſay vnto her, Art thou in helthe? is thine houſband in helthe? & is the childe in helthe? And ſhe anſwered, We are in helthe.
27 And when ſhe came to the man of God vnto the mountaine, ſhe [p] caught him by his fete: and Gehazí went to her, to thruſt her away: but the man of God ſaid, Let her alone: for her ſoule is "vexed within her, and the Lord hathe hid it from me, and hathe not tolde it me.
28 Then ſhe ſaid, Did I deſire a ſonne of my lord? did I not ſay? Diſceiue me not.
29 Thē he ſaid to Gehazí, Girde thy loynes, and take my ſtaffe in thine hand, and go thy way: [q] if thou mete anie, ſalute him not: and if anie ſalute thee, anſwer him not: and lay my ſtaffe vpon the face of the childe.
30 And the mother of the childe ſaid, As the Lord liueth, and as thy ſoule liueth, I wil not leaue thee. Therefore he aroſe, and followed her.
31 But Gehazí was gone before thē, & had layed the ſtaffe vpō the face of the childe, but he nether ſpake nor heard: wherefore he returned to mete him, and tolde him, ſaying, The childe is not waken.
32 ¶Then came Eliſhá into the houſe, and beholde, the childe was dead, and layed vpon his bed.
33 He went in therefore, and ſhut the dore vpon them twaine, and prayed vnto the Lord.
34 After he went vp, and [q] lay vpon the childe, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes vpon his eyes, and his hands vpon his hands, and ſtretched him ſelfe vpon him, & the fleſh of the childe waxed warme.
35 And he wēt *from him*, and walked vp and downe in the houſe, & went vp and ſpred him ſelfe vpon him: then the childe neeſed [r] ſeuen times, and opened his eyes.
36 Then he called Gehazi, and ſaid, Call this Shunammite. So he called her, which came in vnto him. And he ſaid vnto her, Take thy ſonne.
37 And ſhe came, and fel at his fete, and

f To augment and increaſe in the veſſels
g God here did not onely prouide for his ſeruāt, that his dets ſhulde be payed, & ſo kept his doctrine and profeſſiō without ſlāder, but alſo for his wife and children
h Which ſhulde be ſeparate from the reſt of the houſe, that he might more cōmodiouſly giue him ſelfe to ſtudy and prayers.
i Thus the ſeruants of God are not vnthankful for ỹ benefites they receyue
k I am cōtēt with that that God hathe ſēt me, and can want nothing that one cā do for another
l Which then was a reproche & therefore he wolde ỹ his maſter ſhulde pray to God for her that ſhe might be fruteful *Gen. 18, 10.*
m His head ached ſore, and therefore he cryed thus.
n For at ſuche times the people were wōte to reſorte to ỹ Prophetes for doctrine and conſolacion "*Ebr. peace.*
o *Or, farre of*
p In token of humilitie and ioy that ſhe had met with him "*Ebr. her ſoule is in bitternes.*
q Make ſuche ſpede that nothing may let thee in ỹ way, Luk. 10, 4.
q The like did Eliiáh to the widowes ſōne at Sarephta 1. King 17, 21 and S Paul Act. 20, to ſignify ỹ care that oght to be in them, that beare the worde of God and are diſtributers of the ſpiritual life.
r Meaning oftentimes.

bowed her selfe to the grounde, and toke vp her sonne, and went out.

38 Afterwarde Elishá returned to Gilgál, and a famine *was* in the [f] land, and the childrē of the Prophetes dwelt with him. And he said vnto his seruant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the children of the Prophetes.

39 And one went out into the field, to gather herbes, and founde, *as it were*, a wilde vine, and gathered thereof [t] wilde gourdes his garment ful, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knewe it not.

40 So they powred out for the men to eat: and when they did eat of the pottage, they cryed out, and said, O thou man of God, [u] death *is* in the pot: and they colde not eat *thereof*.

41 Thē he said, Bring meale. And he cast it into the pot, and said, Powre out for the people, that they may eat: & there was none euil in the pot.

42 ¶ Then came a man from Baal-shalísha, and broght the man of God bread of the first frutes, *euen* twentie loaues of barly, & ful eares of corne in ỹ huske. And he said, Giue vnto the people, that they may eat.

43 And his seruant answered, How shulde I set this before an hundreth men? He said againe, Giue it vnto the people that they may eat: for thus sayth the Lord, They shal eat, and there [x] shal remaine.

44 So he set it before them, and thei did eat, and left ouer, according to the worde of the Lord.

f That is, in the land of Israél.

t Which the Apoticaries call colloquintida, and is moste vehement and dangerous in purging.

u They feared ỹ they were poysoned, because of the bitternes.

x It is not the quantitie of bread that satisfieth, but ỹ blessing that God giueth

CHAP. V.

1 Naamán the Syrian is healed of his leprosie. 16 Elisha refuseth his gifts 27 Gehazí is striken with leprosie, because he toke money, & raimēt of Naamán.

1 NOw was there one Naamán captaine of the hoste of the King of Arám, a great man, and honorable in the sight of his lord, because that by him ỹ Lord had [a] deliuered the Aramites. He also was a mightie man *and* valiant, *but* a lepre.

2 And the Aramites had gone out by bandes, & had taken a litle maid of the land of Israél, and she "serued Naamans wife.

3 And she said vnto her mastres, Wolde God my lord *were* with the [b] Prophet that is in Samaria, he wolde soone deliuer him of his leprosie.

4 And [c] he went in, and tolde his lord, saying, Thus and thus saith the maid that is of the land of Israél.

5 And the King of Arám said, Go thy way thether, and I wil send a letter vnto the King of Israél. And he departed, and [d] toke "with him ten talents of siluer, and six thousand *pieces* of golde, and ten chāge of raiments,

6 And broght the letter to the King of Israél to this effect, Now when this letter is come vnto thee, vnderstād, that I haue sent thee Naamán my seruāt, that thou mayest heale him of his leprosie.

7 And when the King of Israél had red the letter, he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kil and to giue life, that he doeth send to me, that I shulde heale a man from his leprosie? wherefore considre, I pray you, and se how he seketh a quarel against me.

8 But when Elishá the man of God had heard that the King of Israél had rent his clothes, he sent vnto the King, saying, [e] Wherefore hast thou rēt thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shal knowe, that there is a Prophet in Israél.

9 ¶ Then Naamán came with his horses, & with his charets, and stode at the dore of the house of Elishá.

10 And Elishá sent a messenger vnto him, saying, Go and wash thee in Iordén seuen times, and thy flesh shal come againe to thee, and thou shalt be cleansed.

11 But Naamán was [f] wroth & went away, and said, Beholde, I thoght with my selfe, He wil surely come out, and stand, and call on the Name of the Lord his God & put his hand on the place, and heale the leprosie.

12 Are not Abanáh and Pharpár, riuers of Damascus, better then all the waters of Israél? may I not wash me in them, and be cleansed? So he turned, and departed in displeasure.

13 But his seruants came, and spake vnto him, and said, [g] Father, *if* the Prophet had cōmāded thee a great thing, wouldest thou not haue done it? how muche rather then, whē he saith to thee, Wash, and be cleane?

14 Then went he downe, and *washed him selfe seuen times in Iordén, according to the saying of the mā of God: and his flesh came againe, like vnto the flesh of a litle childe, and he was cleane.

15 ¶ And he turned againe to the man of God, he, and all his companie, and came & stode before him and said, Beholde, now I know that *there is* no God in all ỹ worlde, but in Israél: now therefore, I pray thee, take "a rewarde of thy seruant.

16 But he said, As the Lord liueth (before whome I stād) I wil not receiue it. And he wolde haue constrained him to receiue it, [h] but he refused.

17 Moreouer Naamán said, Shal there not be giuē to thy seruant two mules loade of this earth? for thy seruant wil hence forth offer nether burnt sacrifice, nor offring vnto anie other god, saue vnto the Lord.

18 Herein the Lord be [i] merciful vnto thy seruant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmón, to worship there, and

a Here appeareth that amōg the infideles God hath his, and also that the infideles haue them in estimation, ẅ do good to their countrey.

"*Ebr. she was before.*

b Meaning, Elishá.

c That is, Naamán tolde it to the King of Syria.

d To giue this as a present to the Prophet

"*Ebr. in his hand.*

e The Prophet rebuketh the King because he did not cōsider that God was true in his promes & therefore wolde not leaue his Church destitute of a Prophet, whose prayers he wolde heare, and to whome other shulde haue recourse for comforte.

f Mans reason murmureth, when it considereth onely the signes and outwarde things & hathe not regarde to the worde of God, which is there conteined.

g This declareth that seruants ought to reuerence and loue their masters as childrē their fathers, and likewise masters toward their seruants muste be affectioned as towarde their children *Luk.4.27.*

"*Ebr blessing.*

h So the Lord commandeth that they that receiue freely shulde giue also freely

i He feleth his conscience wouded in being present at idoles seruice, and therefore desireth God to forgiue hī, left others by his example might fall to idolatrie: for as for his owne parte he cōfesseth that he wil neuer serue anie, but the true God.

and

and leaneth on mine hand, and I bowe my ſelfe in the houſe of Rimmón: when I do bowe downe, *I ſay*, in the houſe of Rimmón, the Lord be merciful vnto thy ſeruant in this point.

k The Prophet did not approue his act, but after ỹ commune maner of ſpeche, he biddeth him fare wel.

19 Vnto whome he ſaid, k Go in peace. So he departed frō him about halfe a daies iourney of grounde.

20 And Gehazí the ſeruant of Eliſhá the mā of God ſaid, Beholde, my maſter hathe ſpared this Aramite Naamán, receiuing nōt thoſe things at his hād that he broght: as the Lord liueth, I wil run after him, and take ſomewhat of him.

l Declaring thereby what honour and affectiō he bare to the Prophet his maſter.

21 So Gehazí followed ſpedely after Naamán. And when Naamán ſawe him running after him, l he light downe from the charet to mete him, and ſaid, Is all wel?

22 And he anſwered, All is wel: my maſter hathe ſent me, ſaying, Beholde, there be come to me, euen now from mounte Ephráim two yong men of the children of the Prophetes: giue them, I pray thee, a talent of ſiluer, and two chāge of garmēts.

23 And Naamán ſaid, Yea, take two talēts: and he compelled him, and bounde two talents of ſiluer in two bags, with two change of garments, and gaue them vnto two of his ſeruāts, that they might beare them before him.

m Or, forteresse, or, secret place.

m Naamans ſeruants.

24 And when he came to m the towre, he toke them out of their hāds, and layed them in the houſe, and ſent away the men: m and they departed.

25 ¶ Then he went in, and ſtode before his maſter. And Eliſhá ſaid vnto him, Whēce *commeſt thou*, Gehazí? And he ſaid, Thy ſeruant went no whether.

n Was not I preſent with thee in ſpirit?

26 But he ſaid vnto him, n Went not mine heart *with thee* when the man turned againe from his charet to mete thee? Is this a time to take money, and to receiue garments, o and oliues, and vineyardes, and ſhepe, and oxen, and men ſeruants, and maid ſeruants?

o That is, money to by poſſeſſions with: meaning, ỹ it is deteſtable in the ſeruants of God to haue couetous mindes

27 The leproſie therefore of Naamán ſhal cleaue vnto thee, & p to thy ſede for euer. And he wēt out from his preſence a lepre *white* as ſnowe.

p To be an example to all ſuche, as by whoſe couetouſnes Gods worde might be ſlandered.

CHAP. VI.

q *Eliſhá maketh yrō to ſwimme aboue the water 8 He diſcloſeth the King of Syrias counſel to the King of Iſraél 13 Who ſending certeine to take him, were kept faſt in Samaria. 24 Samaria is beſieged and endureth extreme famine.*

1 AND the childrē of the Prophetes ſaid vnto Eliſhá, Beholde, we pray thee, the place where we dwel with thee, is to litle for vs.

a Or a piece of wood fit to build with

2 Let vs now go to Iordén, that we may take thence euerie man a a beame, and make vs a place to dwel in. And he anſwered, Go.

3 And one ſaid, vouchſafe, I pray thee, to go with thy ſeruants. And he anſwered, I wil go.

4 So he went with them, and when they came to Iordén, they cut downe wood.

q Or, the axe head.

5 And as one was felling of a tre, the q yron fel into the water: thē he cryed, & ſaid, Alas maſter, it was but borowed.

b God wroght this miraculouſly to confirme the authoritie of Eliſhá, to whome he had giuen ſuche abundāce of his Spirit.

6 And the man of God ſaid, Where fel it? And he ſhewed him the place. Then he cut downe *a piece* of wood, and caſt in thether, and he cauſed the yron to b ſwimme.

7 Then he ſaid, Take it vp to thee. And he ſtretched out his hand, and toke it.

c Meaning, ỹ he wolde lie in ambuſhe & take the Iſraelites at vnwares

8 Then the King of Arám warred againſt Iſraél and toke counſel with his ſeruants, and ſaid, In c ſuche and ſuche a place *ſhal be* my campe.

9 Therefore the man of God ſent vnto the King of Iſraél, ſaying, Beware thou go not ouer to ſuche a place: for there the Aramites are come downe.

d The wicked conſpire nothing ſo craftily, but God can reueile it to his ſeruāts & cauſe their counſel to be diſcloſed.

10 So the King of Iſraél ſent to the place which the man of God tolde him, & warned him of, and d ſaued him ſelfe from thence, not once, nor twiſe.

11 And the heart of the King of Arám was troubled for this thing: therefore he called his ſeruants and ſaid vnto them, Wil ye not ſhew me, which of vs *bewraieth our counſel* to the King of Iſraél?

e There is nothing ſo ſecret that thou canſt go about, but he knoweth it, & diſcouereth it vnto his King.

12 Then one of his ſeruants ſaid, None, my lord, ô King, but Eliſhá the Prophet that is in Iſraél, telleth the King of Iſraél, *euen* the wordes that thou ſpeakeſt in thy e priuie chamber.

13 And he ſaid, Go, and eſpie where he is, that I may ſend and fetch him. And one tolde him, ſayīg, Beholde, *he is* in Dothán.

f Thogh it had bene nothing in mans iudgment to haue taken Eliſhá, yet ỹ wicked euer doute & thīke thei are neuer able to prepare power ynoug, thogh it be but againſt one, or a fewe

14 ¶ So he ſent thether horſes, and charets, and a f mightie hoſte: and they came by night, and compaſſed the citie.

g For he was aſſured of Gods helpe, & that millions of Angels camped about the godlie to deliuer them

15 And when the ſeruant of the mā of God aroſe early to go out, beholde, an hoſte compaſſed the citie with horſes and charets. Then his ſeruant ſaid vnto him, Alas maſter, how ſhal we do?

h That he may beholde how thou haſt prepared an armie to reſcue vs

16 And he anſwered, g Feare not: for they that be with vs, are mo then they that be with them.

17 Then Eliſhá prayed, & ſaid, Lord, I beſeche thee, opē his eyes, h that he maie ſee. And the Lord opened the eyes of the ſeruāt, & he loked, & beholde, the mountaine was ful of horſes & charets of fyre round about Eliſhá.

i Meaning, the Syrians his enemies, which came downe, thinking them ſelues ſure of him.

18 So i they came downe to him, but Eliſhá prayed vnto the Lord, & ſaid, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blīdenes. And he ſmote them with blindenes, according to the worde of Eliſhá.

19 And Eliſhá ſaid vnto them, This is not the way, neither is this the citie: followe

me, and I will lead you to the man whome ye ſeke. But he [k] led them to Samaria.

k Thus he did being led by the Spirit of God & not becauſe he ſoght his owne reuengance, but onely to ſet forthe ỹ glorie of God.

20 And when they were come to Samaria, Eliſhá ſaid, Lord, opē their eyes that they may ſe. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they ſawe, and beholde, *they were* in the middes of Samaria.

21 And the King of Iſraél ſaid vnto Eliſhá when he ſawe them, [l] My father, ſhal I ſmite them, ſhal I ſmite them?

l The wicked vſe reuerent & graue wordes towardes the ſeruāts of God, when they thinke to haue anie cōmoditie by them, thogh in their heart they cā not abyde thē.

22 And he anſwered, Thou ſhalt not ſmite them: doeſt thou not ſmite them that thou haſt taken with thy ſworde, & with thy bowe? *but* ſet bread and water before thē, that they may eat and drinke and go to their maſter.

23 And he made great preparacion for thē: & when they had eaten & dronken, he ſent them away: and they went to their maſter. So the bands of Arám came [m] nomore into the land of Iſraél.

m For this gētle intreatie & the miracle wroght by the Prophet, did more preuaile for commune quietnes, than if they had bene ouercome in battel: for they returned no more at that time to fight againſt Iſraél, or in that Kings dayes

24 But afterwarde Ben-hadád King of Arám gathered all his hoſte, and went vp, & beſieged Samaria.

25 So there was a great famine in Samaria: for lo, they beſieged it vntil an aſſes head was at foure ſcore *pieces* of ſiluer, and the fourth parte of a kab of dooues [n] doung at fiue *pieces* of ſiluer.

n The Ebrewes write, ỹ they burned it in ỹ ſiege for lacke of wood.

26 And as the King of Iſraél was going vpon the wall, there cryed a woman vnto him, ſaying, Helpe, my lord, ô King.

27 And he ſaid, *Seing* the Lord doeth not ſuccour thee, how ſhulde I helpe thee with the [o] barne, or with the wine preſſe?

o Meaning, anie kinde of vitaile, as corne and wine, &c.

28 Alſo ỹ King ſaid vnto her, What aileth thee? And ſhe anſwered, This woman ſaid vnto me, Giue thy ſonne, that we may eat him to day, and we wil eat my ſonne tomorowe.

Deut. 28. 57. 29 *So we ſod my ſonne, and did eat him: and I ſaid to her the day after, Giue thy ſonne, that we may eat him, but ſhe hathe hid her ſonne.

30 And when the King had heard ỹ wordes of the woman, he rent his clothes, (and as he went vpon the wall, the people loked, and beholde, he had ſackecloth [p] within vpon his fleſh)

Or, vnder his clothes

p Thus hypocrites, when they fele Gods iudgements, thinke to pleaſe hī without ceremonies, whome in proſperitie, they wil not knowe.

31 And he ſaid, God do ſo to me and more alſo, if the head of Eliſhá the ſōne of Shaphát ſhal ſtand on him this day.

32 (Now Eliſhá ſate in his houſe, and the Elders ſate with him) And *the King* ſent a man before him: *but* before the meſſenger came to him, he ſaid to the Elders, Se ye not how this [q] murtherers ſonne hathe ſent to take away mine head? take hede when the meſſenger commeth, & ſhut the dore, and hādle him roughly at the dore: is not the ſound of his maſters fete behind him?

q Meaning, Iehorám Achābs ſonne who killed the Propheres & cauſed Naboth to be ſtoned.

33 While he yet talked with thē, beholde, the meſſenger came downe vnto him, & ſaid, Beholde, this euil cōmeth of ỹ Lord: [r] ſhulde I attend on the Lord any longer?

r So the wicked fall into a rage & deſperation, if they finde not ſo deine remedy againſt their afflictions.

CHAP. VII.

1 Eliſhá prophecieth plentie of vitaile and other things to Samaria. 6 The Syrians runne away, and haue no man following them. 17 The prince that wolde not beleue the worde of Eliſhá is troden to death.

1 THen Eliſhá ſaid, Heare ye the worde of the Lord: thus ſaith the Lord, [a] To morowe this time a meaſure of fine floure *ſhalbe* ſolde for a ſhekel, and two meaſures of barly for a ſhekel in the gate of Samaria.

a The godlie are euer aſſured of Gods helpe in their neceſsities, but the times and houres are onely reueled by Gods Spirit.

2 Then a prince, on whoſe hand the King [b] leaned, anſwered the man of God, and ſaid, Thogh the Lord wolde make [c] windowes in the heauē, colde this thing come to paſſe? And he ſaid, Beholde, thou ſhalt ſe it with thine eyes, but ỹ ſhalt not [d] eat thereof.

b To whome the King gaue the charge & ouerſighte of things, as verſ. 17.

c He mocketh at ỹ Prophetes wordes, ſaying that if God rained downe corne frō heauen ỹ thig colde not come to paſſe.

d Thy infidelitie ſhalbe puniſhed herein, whē thou ſhalt ſe this miracle & yet not be partaker thereof.

3 Now there were foure leprouſe men at ỹ [e] entring in of ỹ gate: and they ſaid one to another, Why ſit we here vntil we dye?

e For it was commanded in the Lawe that they ſhulde dwel aparte & not amōg there brethren, Leui. 13. 46.

4 If we ſay, We wil entre into the citie, the famine is in the citie, & we ſhal dye there: and if we ſit here, we dye alſo. Now therefore come, and let vs fall into the campe of the Aramites: if thei ſaue our liues, we ſhal liue: & if they kil vs, we are but dead.

5 So they roſe vp in the twilight, to go to the campe of the Aramites: and when thei were come to the vtmoſte parte of the campe of the Aramites, lo, there was no man there.

6 For the Lord had cauſed the campe of ỹ Aramites to heare a [f] noiſe of chariets & a noiſe of horſes, & a noiſe of a great armie, ſo ỹ they ſaid one to another, Beholde, the King of Iſraél hathe hired againſt vs the Kings of the Hittites, & the Kings of the Egyptians to come vpon vs.

f Thus God nedeth no great preparation to deſtroy the wicked, thogh they be neuer ſo many for he can ſcater them with a ſmale noiſe or ſhaking of a leafe.

7 Wherefore they aroſe, and fled in the twilight, & left their tentes & their horſes, & their aſſes, *euen* the campe as it was, and [g] fled for their liues.

g The wicked nede no greater enemie thē their owne cōſcience to put thē.

8 And when theſe lepers came to ỹ vtmoſt part of the campe, they entred into one tent, and did eat and drinke, and caried thence ſiluer and golde, and raiment, and went and hid it: after they returned, and entred into another tent, & caried thence *alſo*, and went, and hid it.

9 Then ſaid one to another, We do not wel: this day is a day of good tidings, and we holde our peace. if we tary til day light, ſome [h] miſchief wil come vpon vs. Now therefore come, let vs go, and tel the Kings houſholde.

h Or, we ſhalbe puniſhed for our faute.

10 So they came, & called vnto the porters of the citie, & tolde thē, ſaying, We came to the campe of the Aramites, & lo, there was no man there, nether voyce of mā, but ho. ſes

horſes tyed and aſſes tyed: and the tentes *are* as they were.

11 And the porters cryed and declared to the Kings houſe within.

12 Then the King aroſe in the night, and ſaid vnto his ſeruants, [h] I wil ſhewe you now, what the Aramites haue done vnto vs. They knowe that we are affamiſhed, therefore they are gone out of the campe to hide them ſelues in the field, ſaying, When thei come out of the citie, we ſhal catche them aliue, and get into the citie.

h He miſtruſted ỹ Prophetes wordes, & therefore colde beleue nothing, as thei which are more politike then godlie euer caſt more perils then nedeth

13 And one of his ſeruants anſwered, and ſaid, Let men take now fiue of the horſes that remaine, & are left in the *citie*, (beholde, they are euen as all the [i] multitude of Iſraél that are left therein: beholde, *I ſay*, they are as the multitude of the Iſraelites that are cõſumed) & we wil ſend to ſe.

i There are no more left, but thei, or the reſt are conſumed with the famine as the reſt of the people.

14 So they toke [g] two chaiets of horſes, and the King ſent after the hoſte of the Aramites, ſaying, Go and ſe.

g *Or, two horſes of the charet, which were accuſtomed to drawe in the charet.*

15 And they went after them vnto Iordén, and lo, all the way was ful of clothes and veſſels which the Aramites had caſt from them in their haſte: & the meſſengers returned, and tolde the King.

16 Then the people went out and ſpoiled the campe of the Aramites: ſo a meaſure of fine floure was at a ſhekel, and two meaſures of barly at a ſhekel [k] according to ỹ wort de of the Lord.

k Which he ſpake by the mouthe of Eliſhá verſ 1

17 And the King gaue the prince (on whoſe hand he leaned) the charge of the gate, & the people [l] trode vpon him in the gate, and he dyed, as the man of God had ſaid, which ſpake it, when the King came downe to him.

l As the people preaſed out of ỹ gate to runne to ỹ Syrians tentes where they had heard was meat, & great ſpoile left.

18 And it came to paſſe, as the man of God had ſpoken to the King, ſayīg, Two meaſures of barly at a ſhekel and a meaſure of fine floure ſhalbe at a ſhekel, tomorowe about this time in the gate of Samaria.

19 But the prince had anſwered the man of God, and ſaid, Thogh the Lord wolde make windowes in the heauen, colde it come ſo to paſſe? And he ſaid, Beholde, ỹ ſhalt ſe it with thine eies, but thou ſhalt not eat thereof.

20 And ſo it came vnto him: for the people trode vpon him in the gate, and he dyed.

CHAP. VIII.

Eliſhá prophecieth vnto the Shunammite the dearth of ſeuen yere. 12 He prophecieth to Hazaél that he ſhalbe King of Syria. 15 He reigneth after Benhadád. 16 Iehoram reigneth ouer Iudáh. 20 Edóm falleth from Iudáh. Oboziáh ſuccedeth Iehorám.

1 THen ſpake Eliſhá vnto the woman, * whoſe ſonne he had reſtored to life, ſaying, Vp, and go, thou, and thine houſe, and ſoiourne where thou [a] canſt ſoiourne: for the Lord hathe called for a famine, & it cõmeth alſo vpon the land ſeuen yeres.

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a Where thou canſt finde a commodious place to dwel, where as is plentie.

2 And the woman aroſe, and did after the ſaying of the man of God, and went bothe ſhe & her houſholde and ſoiourned in the land of the Philiſtíms ſeuen yeres.

3 ¶ And at the ſeuen yeres end, the woman returned out of the land of the Philiſtíms and went out [b] to call vpon the King for her houſe and for her land.

b That is to complaine on thē which had taken her poſſeſſiōs whiles ſhe was abſēt.

4 And the King talked with Gehazí the ſeruāt of the man of God, ſaying, Tel me, I praye thee, all the great actes, that Eliſhá hathe done.

5 And as he tolde [c] the King, how he had reſtored one dead to life, beholde, the woman, whoſe ſonne he had raiſed to life, called vpon the King for her houſe & for her land. Then Gehazí ſaid, My lord, ô King, this is the woman, and this is her ſonne, whome Eliſhá reſtored to life.

c Gods wōderful prouidence appeareth in this that he cauſed ỹ King to be deſirous to heare of hī whome before he contemned, & alſo hereby prepared an entrance to the poore widowes ſute.

6 And when the King aſked the womā, ſhe tolde him: ſo the King appointed her an Eunuche, ſaying, Reſtore thou all that are hers, and all the [d] frutes of *her* landes ſince ỹ day ſhe left the land, euē vntil this time.

d The King cauſed that to be iuſtely reſtored which was wrongfully holden frō her

7 ¶ Then Eliſhá came to Damaſcus, & Benhadád the King of Arám was ſicke. & one tolde him, ſaying, The man of God is come hether.

8 And the King ſaid vnto Hazaél, Take a preſent in thine hand, and go mete the man of God, that thou maieſt inquire of the Lord by him, ſaying, Shal I recouer of this diſeaſe?

9 ¶ So Hazaél went to mete him, and toke the preſent in his hand, and of euerie [e] good thing of Damaſcus, *euen* the burden of fourty camels, and came and ſtode before him, and ſaid, Thy ſonne Ben-hadád King of Arám hathe ſent me to thee, ſaying, Shal I recouer of this diſeaſe?

e Of all the chiefeſt & precious things of ỹ coūtrey.

10 And Eliſhá ſaid to him, Go, & ſay vnto him, Thou ſhalt [f] recouer: howbeit ỹ Lord hathe ſhewed me, that he ſhal ſurely dye.

f Meaníg that he ſhulde recouer of this diſeaſe: but he knewe ỹ this meſſenger Hazaél ſhulde ſlaie him to obteine the kingdome.

11 And he loked vpon him ſtedfaſtely til *Hazaél* was aſhamed, and the man of God wept.

12 And Hazaél ſaid, Why wepeth my lord? And he anſwered, Becauſe I knowe the euil that thou ſhalt do vnto the children of Iſraél: *for* their ſtrong cities ſhalt thou ſet on fyre, and their yōg men ſhalt thou ſlay with the ſworde, and ſhalt daſhe their infants *againſt the ſtones*, & rent in pieces their women with childe.

13 Then Hazaél ſaid, What? is thy ſeruant a dog, that I ſhulde do this great thing? And Eliſhá anſwered, The Lord hathe ſhewed me, ỹ thou ſhalt be Kīg of Arám.

g That I ſhulde be without all humanitie and pitie.

14 ¶ So he departed from Eliſhá, and came to his maſter, who ſaid to him, What ſaid Eliſhá to thee? And he anſwered, He tolde me that thou ſhuldeſt recouer.

15 And on the morow he toke a thicke cloth and dipt it in water, and h ſpread it on his face, and he dyed: & Hazaél reigned in his ſteade.

h Vnder pretence to refreſh or eaſe him, he ſtyfled him with this cloth

16 ¶ * Now in the fifte yere of Iorám the ſonne of Aháb King of Iſraél, and of Iehoſhaphát King of Iudáh, i Iehorám the ſonne of Iehoſhaphát King of Iudáh began k to reigne.

2 Chro 21, 4

i Read Chap 1,17

k He was cõfirmed in his kingdome after his fathers death

17 He was two and thirtie yere olde, when he began to reigne: and he reigned eight yere in Ieruſalém.

18 And he walked in the wayes of the Kíngs of Iſraél, as did the houſe of Aháb: for ỹ l daughter of Aháb was his wife, and he did euil in the ſight of the Lord.

l The holy Goſt ſheweth hereby what danger it is to ioyne with infideles

2. Sam. 7, 13.

19 Yet the Lord wolde not deſtroy Iudáh, for Dauid his ſeruants ſake, * as he had promiſed him to giue him a light & to his children for euer.

20 ¶ In thoſe dayes Edóm m rebelled from vnder the hand of Iudáh, & made a King ouer them ſelues.

m Which had bene ſubiect from Dauids time vntil this time of Iehorám.

21 Therefore Iorám went to Zaír, and all his charets with him: & he aroſe by night, and ſmote the Edomites which were about him with the captaines of the charets, and the people fled into their tentes.

22 So Edóm rebelled from vnder the hand of Iudáh vnto this day. then n Libnáh rebelled at that ſame time.

n This was a citie in Iudáh giuen to the Leuites, Ioſh 21, 13, and after turned from King Iehorám because of his idolatrie.

23 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Iorám and all that he did, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

24 And Iorám ſlept with his fathers, & was buryed with his fathers in the citie of Dauid. And * Ahaziáh his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

2 Chro. 22, 2.

25 ¶ In the twelfte yere of Iorám the ſonne of Aháb King of Iſraél did Ahaziáh the ſonne of Iehorám King of Iudáh begin to reigne.

26 o Two and twentie yere olde was Ahaziáh when he began to reigne, & he reigned one yere in Ieruſalém, & his mothers name was Athaliáh ỹ daughter of Omrí King of Iſraél.

o Which is to be vnderſtand, that he was made King, when his father reigned, but after his fathers death he was confirmed King, whẽ he was fourtie two yere olde, as 2 Chr 22, 2.

27 And he walked in the way of the houſe of Aháb, and did euil in the ſight of the Lord, like the houſe of Aháb: for he was the ſonne in lawe of the houſe of Aháb.

28 And he went with Iorám the ſonne of Aháb to warre againſt Hazaél King of Arám in p Ramóth Gileád, and the Aramites ſmote Iorám.

p Which was a citie in ỹ tribe of Gad beyonde Iordén

29 And King Iorám returned to be healed in q Izreél of the wounds which the Aramites had giuen him at Ramáh, when he foght againſt Hazaél King of Arám. And Ahaziáh the ſonne of Iehorám King of Iudáh went downe to ſe Iorám the ſonne of Aháb in Izreél, becauſe he was ſicke.

q This is a citie belonging to the tribe of Iſſachár.

CHAP. IX.

6 Iehú is made King of Iſraél, 24 And killeth Iehorám the King thereof, 27 And Ahaziah, otherwiſe called Ochozias, the King of Iudáh, 33 And cauſeth Iezébel to be caſt downe out of a window, and the dogs did eat her.

1 THen Eliſhá the Prophet called one of the children of the Prophetes, and ſaid vnto him, * a Girde thy loynes and take this boxe of oyle in thine hand, and get thee to Ramóth Gileád.

1. Kin. 19, 17.

a Prepare thy ſelfe to go diligently about thy buſineſs: for in thoſe countreis they vſed long garments, which they tucked vp, when they wẽt about earneſt buſines

2 And when thou commeſt thether, loke where is Iehú the ſonne of Iehoſhaphát, the ſonne of Nimſhi, and go, and make him ariſe vp from among his brethren, & lead him b to a ſecret chamber.

b Ebr from chamber to chamber.

3 Then take the boxe of oyle, and powre it on his head, & ſay, Thus ſayeth the Lord, I haue anointed thee for King ouer Iſraél. then open the dore, and flee without anie tarying.

4 So the ſeruant of the Prophet gate him to Ramóth Gileád.

5 And whẽ he came in, beholde, the captaines of the armie were ſitting. And he ſaid, I haue a meſſage to thee, ô captaine. And Iehú ſaid, Vnto which of all vs? And he anſwered, To thee, ô captaine.

6 And he aroſe, and went into the houſe, and he powred the oyle on his head, and ſaid vnto him, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, I haue c anointed thee *for* King ouer the people of the Lord, *euen* ouer Iſraél.

b This annoynting was for Kings, Prieſts & Prophetes, which were all figures of Meſsiáh, in whome theſe thre offices were accomplished

7 And thou ſhalt ſmite the houſe of Aháb thy maſter, that I may auenge the blood of my ſeruants the Prophetes, & the blood of all the ſeruants of the Lord * of the hand of Iezébel.

1 Kin. 25, 21.

8 For the whole houſe of Aháb ſhalbe deſtroyed: and * I wil cut of from Aháb, him that maketh water againſt the wall, aſwel him that is ſhut vp, as him that is left in Iſraél.

1 Kin 14, 10. & 21, 21.

9 And I wil make the houſe of Aháb like the houſe * of Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát, & like the houſe * of Baaſhá the ſonne of Ahiiáh.

1 Kin 14, 10. & 21, 30.

1 King 16, 3.

c That is, the reſt of the armie, whome he called before, his brethren verſ. 2.

10 And the dogs ſhal eat Iezébel in the field of Izreél, and there ſhalbe none to burye her. And he opened the dore, and fled.

11 ¶ Then Iehú came out to the d ſeruants of his lord. And *one* ſaid vnto him, Is all wel? wherefore came this d mad fellowe to thee? And he ſaid vnto them, Ye knowe the man, and what his talke was.

d In this eſtimation the worlde hathe the miniſters of God. notwithſtãdig for aſmuche as ỹ worlde hathe euer ſlandered the children of God, (yea they called ỹ ſonne of God a deceiuer & ſaid he had ỹ deuil) therefore they ogbt not to be diſcouraged.

12 And thei ſaid, It is falſe, tel vs it now. Then he ſaid, Thus and thus ſpake he to me, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, I haue anointed thee for King ouer Iſraél.

13 Then

13 Then they made haſte, and toke euerie man his garment, and put it vnder him on the top of the ſtaires, and blewe the trumpet, ſaying, Iehú is King.

14 So Iehú the ſonne of Iehoſhaphát the ſonne of Nimſhí cõſpired againſt Iorám (Now Iorám kept Ramóth Gileád, he & all Iſraél becauſe of Hazaél King of Arám.

Chap 8.29. 15 And * King Iorám returned to be healed in Izreél of the woundes, which the Aramites had giuen him, when he foght with Hazaél King of Arám) and Iehú ſaid, If it be your mindes, let no man departe and eſcape out of the citie, to go & tel in Izreél.

16 So Iehú gate vp into a charet, and went to Izreél: for Iorám laye there, and [e] Aháziáh King of Iudáh was come downe to ſe Iorám.

17 And the watcheman that ſtode in the towre in Izreél, ſpyed the companie of Iehú as he came, and ſaid, I ſe a companie. And Iehorám ſaid, Take a horſeman and ſend to mete them, that he may ſay, Is it peace?

18 So there went one on horſebacke to mete him, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the King, Is it peace? And Iehú ſaid, What haſt thou to do with peace? [a] turne behinde me. And the watchemã tolde, ſaying, The meſſenger came to them, but he commeth not againe.

19 Then he ſent out another on horſebacke, which came to them, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the King, Is it peace? And Iehú anſwered, What haſt thou to do with peace? turne behinde me.

20 And the watchman tolde, ſaying, He came to them *alſo*, but commeth not againe, and the marching [u] like the marching of Iehú the ſonne of Nimſhí: for he marcheth [f] furiouſly.

21 ¶ Then Iehorám ſaid, Make readie: and his charet was made readie. And Iehorám King of Iſrael and Ahaziáh King of Iudáh went out ether of them in his charet againſt Iehú, and met him in the field of Nabóth the Izreelite.

22 And when Iehorám ſawe Iehú, he ſaid, Is it peace, Iehú? And he anſwered, What [g] peace? the whoredomes of thy mother Iezébel, and her witchcraftes *are* yet in great nomber.

23 Then Iehorám turned his hand, & fled, and ſaid to Ahaziáh, O Ahaziáh, *there is* treaſon.

24 But Iehú toke a bowe in his hand, and ſmote Iehorám betwene the ſhulders, that the arowe went through his heart: and he fel downe in his charet.

25 Thẽ ſaid *Iehú* to Bidkár a captaine, Take, & caſt him in ſome place of the field of Nabóth the Izreelite: for I remember that when I and thou rode together after Aháb his father, the Lord [o] layed this burden vpon him.

26 * Surely I haue ſene yeſterday the blood of Nabóth, and the blood of his [h] ſonnes, ſaid the Lord, and I will render it thee in this field, ſaith the Lord: now therefore take *and* caſt him in the field, according to the worde of the Lord.

27 But when Ahaziáh the King of Iudáh ſawe this, he fled by the way of the gardẽ houſe: and Iehú purſued after him, & ſaid, Smite him alſo in the charet: & *thei* ſmote *him* in the going vp to Gur, which is by Ibleám. And he fled to [i] Megiddó, and there dyed.

28 And his ſeruants caryed him in a charet to Ieruſalém, & buryed him in his ſepulchre with his fathers in ỹ citie of Dauid.

29 ¶ And in the [k] eleuenth yere of Iorám the ſonne of Aháb, begã Ahaziáh to reigne ouer Iudáh.

30 And when Iehú was come to Izreél, Iezébel heard of it, and peinted her face, and tired her head, [l] & loked out at a wyndow.

31 And as Iehú entred at the gate, ſhe ſaid, Had [m] Zimrí peace, [n] ẽ ſlewe his maſter?

32 And he lift vp his eyes to the windowe, and ſaid, Who is on my ſide, who? Then two *or* thre of her [p] Eunuches loked vnto him.

33 And he ſaid, Caſt her downe: and they caſt her downe, [q] and he ſprinkled of her blood vpon the wall, and vpon the horſes, and he trode her vnder fote.

34 And whẽ he was come in, he did eat and drinke, and ſaid, Viſite now yonder curſed woman, and bury her: for ſhe is a [r] Kings daughter.

35 And thei went to bury her, but thei foũde no more of her then the ſkul & the fete, and the palmes of her hands.

36 Wherefore they came againe and tolde him. And he ſaid, This is the worde of the Lord, which he ſpake [s] by his ſeruãt Eliiáh the Tiſhbite, ſaying, * In the field of Izreél ſhal the dogs eat the fleſh of Iezébel.

37 And the carkeis of Iezébel ſhalbe as doung vpõ the grounde in the field of Izreél, ſo ỹ none ſhal ſay, [t] This is Iezébel.

[e] God had thus ordeined, as is red 2 Chro 22,7. ỹ this wicked & idolatrous King, who was more ready to gratifie wicked Iorám, thẽ to obey ỹ wil of God, ſhulde periſh w̃ him, by whoſe meanes he thoght to haue bene ſtronger.

[a] Or, *folowe me.*

[f] As one that went earneſtly about his enterpriſe.

[g] Meaning that forasmuche as God is their enemie becauſe of their ſinnes, that he wil euer ſtirre vp ſome to reuẽge his cauſe.

[o] Or, *ſpake this propheeie againſt him.* *1 King 21,29*

[h] By this place it is cuidẽt, that Iezébel cauſed bothe Nabóth & his ſonnes to be put to death ỹ Aháb might enioye his vineyarde more quietly: for els his children might haue claimed poſſeſſion

[i] After that he was wounded in Samaria he fled to Megiddó, which was a citie of Iudáh

[k] That is, eleuen whole yeres: for Chap. 8,25 before, when he ſaid that he began to reigne the twelfte yere of Iorám, he taketh parte of ỹ yere for the whole

[l] Being of an hautie & cruel nature, ſhe wolde ſtil reteine her princelie ſtate and dignitie

[m] As thogh ſhe wolde ſay, Can any traitor, or any ỹ riſeth againſt his ſuperior, haue good ſucceſſe? read 1 King 16,10.

[n] Or, *chief ſeruants.*

[p] This he did by the motion of the Spirit of God, ỹ her blood ſhulde be ſhed, that had ſhed the blood of innocents, to be a ſpectacle and example of Gods iudgements to all tyrants

[q] To wit, of ỹ King of Zidón, 1 King. 16,31

[r] Ebr. *by the hand of* *1 King 21,23*

[s] Thus Gods iudgements appeare euen in this worlde againſt thẽ that ſuppreſſe his worde & perſecute his ſeruants

[t] The Scripture vſeth to call thẽ ſonnes w̃ are ether children, or nephewes.

CHAP. X.

6 Iehú cauſeth the ſeuentie ſonnes of Aháb to be ſlayne, 13 And after that fourty and two of Ahaziahs brethren 25 He killeth alſo all the prieſts of Baal 35 After his death, his ſonne reigneth in his ſteade.

1 AHáb had now ſeuentie [a] ſonnes in Samaria. And Iehú wrote letters, & ſent to Samaria vnto the rulers of Izreél, & to the Elders, and to the bringers vp of Ahabs children, to this effect,

2 Now when this letter commeth to you, (for ye haue with you your maſters ſonnes, ye haue with you bothe chariets and

[a] The Scripture vſeth to call thẽ ſonnes w̃ are ether children, or nephewes.

horſes, and a defenſed citie, and armour)

3 Cõſider therefore which of your maſters ſonnes is beſt and moſte mete, &[b] ſet him on his fathers throne, and fight for your maſters houſe.

[b] He wrote thus to proue them whether thei wolde take his parte or no.

4 But thei were excedingly afraied, & ſaid, Beholde, two Kings colde not ſtand before him, how ſhal we then ſtand?

5 And he that was gouernour of *Ahabs* houſe, and he that ruled the citie, and the Elders, and the bringers vp of the childrẽ ſent to Iehú, ſaying, We are thy ſeruants, and wil do all that thou ſhalt byd vs: we wil make no King: do what ſemeth good to thee.

6 ¶ Then he wrote another letter to them, ſaying, If ye be mine, & wil obey my voice, [c] take the heades of the men *that are* your maſters ſonnes, and come to me to Izreél by tomorowe this time. (Now the Kings ſonnes, *euen* ſeuenty perſones *were* with the great men of the citie, which broght them vp.)

[c] God as a iuſte iudge puniſheth the wicked children of wicked parents vnto the thirde & fourt generacion.

7 And when the letter came to them, they toke the Kings ſonnes, and ſlewe the ſeuenty perſones, and laied their heades in baſkets, and ſent them vnto him to Izreél.

8 ¶ Then there came a meſſenger & tolde him, ſaying, Thei haue broght the heades of the Kings ſonnes. And he ſaid, Let thẽ lay them on two heapes at the entring in of the gate vntil the morning.

9 And whẽ it was day, he went out, & ſtode & ſaid to all the people, Ye be [d] righteous: beholde, I conſpired againſt my maſter, & ſlewe him: but who ſlewe all theſe?

[d] Ye can not iuſtely cõdẽne me: for the Kings death, ſeing ye haue done the like to his poſteritie: for ỹ Lord commanded me, and moued you to execute this his iudgement

10 Knowe now that there ſhal fall vnto the earth nothing of the worde of the Lord, which the Lord ſpake concerning ỹ houſe of Aháb: for the Lord hathe broght to paſſe the things that he ſpake " by his ſeruant [e] Eliiáh.

"Ebr. by the hand of

[e] 1 King 21.29

11 So Iehú ſlewe all that remayned of the houſe of Aháb in Izreél, and all that were great with him, and his familiars and his [e] prieſts, ſo that he let none of his remaine.

[e] Meaning, & were the idolatro' prieſts

12 ¶ And he aroſe, and departed and came to Samaria. *And* as Iehú was in the waye by an houſe where the ſhepherdes did ſhere,

13 He met with the brethren of Ahaziáh King of Iudáh and ſaid, Who are ye? And thei anſwered, We are the brethren of Ahaziáh, & go downe to ſalute the children of the King and the children of the quene.

14 And he ſaid, Take them aliue. And thei toke them aliue, & ſlewe them at the well beſide the houſe where ỹ ſhepe are ſhorne, *euen* two and fourtie men, and he [f] left not one of them.

[f] Thus Gods vengeance is vpon thẽ that haue any parte or familiaritie with the wicked.

15 ¶ And when he was departed thence, he met with Iehonadáb the ſonne of Rechab comming to mete him, and he [g] "bleſſed him, and ſaid to him, Is thine heart vpright, as mine heart is toward thine? And Iehonadáb anſwered, Yea, douteles. *Then* giue me thine hand. And when he had giuen him his hand, he toke him vp to him into the charet.

[g] For he feared God and lamented the wickednes of thoſe times: therefore Iehú was glad to ioyne with him: of Rechab read Iere. 35.2

"Or, praiſed God for him.

16 And he ſaid, Come with me, and ſe the zeale that I haue for the Lord: ſo they made him ryde in his charet.

17 And when he came to Samaria, he ſlewe all that remained vnto Aháb in Samaria, til he had deſtroyed him, according to the worde of the Lord, which he ſpake to Eliiáh.

18 Then Iehú aſſembled all the people, and ſaid vnto them, Aháb ſerued [h] Báal a litle, *but* Iehú ſhal ſerue him muche more.

[h] Here Báal is taken for Aſhtaróth the idole of the Zidonians, & Iezebel cauſed to be worſhiped, as it is alſo vſed. 1 King 16,32. & 22,54.

19 Now therefore call vnto me all the prophetes of Báal, all his ſeruants, and all his prieſts, and let not a man be lacking: for I haue a great ſacrifice for Báal: whoſoeuer is lacking, he ſhal not liue. But Iehú did it by a ſubtiltie to deſtroye the ſeruants of Báal.

20 And Iehú ſaid, " Proclaime a ſolemne aſſẽblie for Báal. And thei proclaimed it.

"Ebr. ſanctifie.

21 So Iehú ſent vnto all Iſraél, and all the ſeruants of Báal came, and there was not a mã left that came not. And thei came into the houſe of Báal, & the houſe of Báal was ful from end to end.

22 Then he ſaid vnto him that had ỹ charge of the veſtrie, Bring forthe veſtements for all the ſeruãts of Báal. And he broght them out veſtements.

23 And when Iehú went, & Iehonadáb the ſonne of Rechab into the houſe of Báal, he ſaid vnto the ſeruants of Báal, Searche diligently, and loke, leſt there be here with you *any* of the [i] ſeruants of the Lord, but the ſeruants of Báal onely.

[i] Thus God wolde haue his ſeruants preſerued, and idolaters deſtroyed. as in his Lawe he giueth expreſſe commãdement, Deut. 13

24 And when thei went in to make ſacrifice & burnt offrig, Iehú appointed foureſcore men without, and ſaid, If anie of the men whome I haue broght into your hands, eſcape, " his ſoule *ſhalbe* for his ſoule.

"Or, he ſhal dye for him.

25 And when he had made an end of the burnt offring, Iehú ſaid to the garde, and to the captaines, Go in, ſlaye them, let not a man come out. And they ſmote thẽ with the edge of the ſworde. And the garde, and the captaines caſt them out, & went vnto the [k] citie, *where was* the temple of Báal.

[k] Which citie was nere to Samaria.

26 And they broght out the images of the temple of Báal, and burnt them.

27 And they deſtroyed the image of Báal, and threwe downe the houſe of Báal, and made a iakes of it vnto this day.

28 So Iehú deſtroyed Báal out of Iſraél.

29 But fro the ſinnes of Ieroboám ỹ ſonne of

of Nebát which made Iſraél to ſinne, Iehú departed not frō them, *nether from* the golden calues that were in Beth-él and that were in Dan.

30 ¶And the Lord ſaid vnto Iehú, Becauſe thou haſt diligently executed that which was right in mine eyes, *and* haſt done vnto the houſe of Aháb according to all thīgs that were in mine heart, *therefore* ſhal thy [1] ſonnes vnto the fourte *generacion* ſit on the throne of Iſraél.

[1] Thus God approueth & rewardeth his zeale, in executing Gods iudgement, albeit his wickednes was afterward puniſhed.

31 But Iehú regarded not to walke in ỹ lawe of ỹ Lord God of Iſraél with all his heart: *for* he departed not from the ſinnes of Ieroboám, which made Iſraél to ſinne.

Or, ſo cut them of.

32 In thoſe dayes the Lord began to *lothe Iſraél, and Hazaél ſmote them in all the coaſtes of Iſraél,

33 From Iordén Eaſtwarde, *euen* all the land of Gileád, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and them that were of Manaſſéh, from Aroér (which is by the riuer Arnón) and Gileád and Baſhán.

34 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Iehú, and all that he did, and all his valiant dedes, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?

35 And Iehú ſlept with his fathers, and they buryed him in Samaria, and Iehoaház his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

36 And the time that Iehú reigned ouer Iſraél in Samaria is eight and twētie yeres.

CHAP. XI.

1 Athaliáh putteth to death all the Kings ſonnes, except Ioásh the ſonne of Ohoziáh. 4 Ioásh is appointed King 15 Iehoiadá cauſeth Athaliáh to be ſlaine 17 He maketh a couenant betwene God and the people. 18 Baal and his prieſts are deſtroyed.

1 [a] THen Athaliáh ỹ mother of Ahaziáh whē ſhe ſaw that her ſonne was dead, ſhe aroſe, & deſtroyed all the [a] Kings ſede.

2 But Iehoſhéba ỹ daughter of King Iorám, *and* ſiſter to Ahaziáh [b] toke Ioáſh the ſonne of Ahaziáh, & ſtale him from among the Kings ſonnes that ſhulde be ſlaine, *bothe* him and his nource, *keping them* in the bed [c] chāber, and they hid him from Athaliáh, ſo that he was not ſlaine.

3 And he was with her hid in the houſe of the Lord ſix yere: and Athaliáh did reigne ouer the land.

4 ¶And the ſeuēth yere [d] Iehoiadá ſent & toke the captaines ouer hundreths, with *other* captaines and them of the garde, and cauſed them to come vnto him into the houſe of the Lord, & made a couenāt with thē, & toke an oth of them in the houſe of the Lord, & ſhewed thē the Kings ſonne.

5 And he cōmanded thē, ſaying, This is it that ye muſt do, The third parte of [e] you, that cometh on the Sabbath, ſhal [f] warde towarde the Kings houſe.

6 And *another* third parte in ỹ gate of [g] Sur: and *another* third parte in the gate behinde them of the garde: & ye ſhal kepe watche [h] in the houſe of Maſſáh.

Or, that none breake his ordre

7 And two partes of you, *that is*, all that [h] go out on the Sabbath day, ſhal kepe ỹ watche of the houſe of the Lord about the King.

[h] Whoſe charge is ended.

8 And ye ſhal compaſſe the King round about, euerie man with his weapon in his hand, and whoſoeuer commeth within the ranges, let him be ſlaine: be you with the King, as he goeth out and in.

9 ¶And the captaines of the hundreths did according to all that Iehoiadá the Prieſt cōmanded, & they toke euerie man his mē that entred in *to their charge* on the [i] Sabbath with them that went out *of it* on the Sabbath, and came to Iehoiadá the Prieſt.

[i] Read verſ 5 and 7

10 [k] And the Prieſt gaue to the captaines of hundreths the ſpeares and the ſhields that were King Dauids, and were in the houſe of the Lord.

[k] To wit, Iehoiadá.

11 And the garde ſtode, euerie mā with his weapon in his hand, from the right ſide of the houſe to the left ſide, about the altar & about the houſe, round about the King.

12 Then he broght out [l] the Kings ſonne, and put the crowne vpō him and *gaue him* [m] the Teſtimonie, & they made him King: alſo they annointed him, and clapt their hands, and ſaid, God ſaue the King.

[l] That is, Ioáſh, which had bene kept ſecret ſix yeres

[m] Meaning, ỹ Lawe of God, which is his chiefcharge & whereby onely his throne is eſtabliſhed.

13 ¶And when Athaliáh heard the noyſe of the running of the people, ſhe came in to the people in the houſe of the Lord.

14 And when ſhe loked, beholde, the King ſtode by a [n] piller, as the maner was, and the princes and the trūpeters by the King, and all the people of the land reioyced, & blue with trumpets. Then Athaliáh rent her clothes, and cryed, Treaſon, treaſon.

[n] Where the Kings place was in the Temple.

15 But Iehoiadá the Prieſt commanded the captaines of the hūdreths that had the rule of the hoſte, and ſaid vnto them, Haue her forthe [o] of the ranges, & he that [o] followeth her, let him dye by the ſworde: for the Prieſt had ſaid, let her not be ſlayne in the houſe of the Lord.

Or, out of the Temple

[o] To take her parte

16 Then they layed hāds on her, & ſhe went by the way, by the [p] the horſes go to the houſe of ỹ King, and there was ſhe ſlaine.

17 And Iehoiadá made a couenant betwene the Lord and [p] the King, and the people, that they ſhulde be the Lords people: likewiſe betwene the [q] King and ỹ people.

[p] That bothe the King and ỹ people ſhulde maintein the true worſhip of God and deſtroy all idolatrie

[q] That he ſhulde gouerne, and they obey in the feare of God

18 Then all the people of the land wēt into the houſe of Báal, and deſtroyed it with his altars, & his images brake they downe couragiouſly, and ſlewe Mattán the prieſt of Báal before the [r] altars: & the [s] Prieſt ſet a garde ouer the houſe of the Lord.

[r] Euen in the place where he had blaſphemed God and thoght to haue bene holpē by his idole, there God powred his vengeance vpō him:

[s] To wit, Iehoiadá.

19 Then he toke the captaines of hūdreths, and the *other* captaines, and the garde, and all the people of the land: and they broght the King from the houſe of the Lord, and came by ỹ way of the gate of ỹ garde to ỹ [t]

[a] 2 Chro 22.10. Meaning all ỹ poſteritie of Iehoſhaphát, to whome the kingdome appertemed, thus God vſed the crueltie of this woman to deſtroye the whole familie of Aháb

[b] The Lord promiſed to mainteine the familie of Dauid and not to quenche the light thereof: therefore he moued the heart of Iehoſhéba to preſerue him

[c] Where the Prieſts did lye

[d] 2 Chro 23.3. The chief Prieſt Iehoſhebas houſbād.

[e] Of the Leuites, which had charge of the keping of the ſeple and kept watche by courſe

[f] That none ſhulde come vpon thē, while they were crowning the King

[g] Called the Eaſt gate of the Temple.

Kings houſe: & he ſate him downe on the throne of the Kings.

20 And all the people of the land reioyced, and the citie was in quiet. [c] for they had ſlaine Athaliáh with the ſworde beſide the Kings houſe.

c Which by her crueltie & perſecucion had vexed & wholle land before.

21 Seuen yere olde was Iehoásh when he began to reigne.

CHAP. XII.

Iehoásh maketh prouiſion for the repairing of the Tẽple. 18 He ſtayeth the King of Syria by a preſent frõ comming againſt Ieruſalém. 20 He is killed by two of his ſeruants.

1 IN [a] the ſeuẽth yere of Iehú Iehoásh began to reigne, and reigned fourty yeres in Ieruſalém, and his mothers name was Zibiáh of Beer-ſhéba.

a 2 Chro. 24, 1.

2 And Iehoásh did that which was good in the ſight of the Lord all his time that [a] Iehoiadá the Prieſt taught him.

a So long as rulers giue eare to the true miniſters of God, they proſper

3 But [b] the hie places were not taken away: for the people offred yet and burnt incenſe in the hie places.

b So hard a thing it is for them, that are in authoritie to be broght to the perfit obedience of God.

4 ¶And Iehoásh ſaid to the Prieſts, All the ſiluer of dedicate things that be broght to the houſe of the Lord, *that is*, the money of them that are vnder the [c] counte, the money that euerie man is ſet at, *and* all the money that one offreth willingly, and bringeth into the houſe of the Lord,

c That is, the money of redẽption, Exod 30, 12: alſo the money which the Prieſt valued & vowes at, Leu. 27, 2, & their fre liberalitie.

5 Let the Prieſts take it to them, euerie mã of his acquaintance: and they ſhal repaire the broken [d] places of the houſe, whereſoeuer anie decaye is found.

d For the Tẽple which was buylt an hundreth fiftie & fiue yeres before, had many things decaied in it, bothe by the negligence of the Kings his predeceſſors, and alſo by & wickednes of the idolaters

6 ¶Yet in the thre and twentieth yere of King Iehoásh the Prieſts had not mẽded that which was decayed in the Temple.

7 Then King Iehoásh called for Iehoiadá the Prieſt, and the *other* Prieſts, and ſaid vnto them, Why repaire ye not the ruines of the Temple? now therefore [e] receiue nomore money of your acquaintance, excepte ye deliuer it to *repaire* the ruines of the Temple.

e He taketh from them the ordering of & money becauſe of their negligence.

8 So the Prieſts conſented to receiue nomore money of the people, nether to repaire the decayed places of the Temple.

9 Then Iehoiadá the Prieſt toke a cheſt & bored an hole in the lid of it, and ſet it beſide the altar, on the [f] rightſide, as euerie man commeth into the Temple of the Lord. And the Prieſts that kept the [e] dore, put therein all the money that was broght into the houſe of the Lord.

f That is, on the Southſide.

e Or, veſſel.

10 And when they ſawe there was muche money in the cheſt, the Kings ſecretary came vp & the hie Prieſt, and put it vp after that they had tolde the money that was founde in the houſe of the Lord,

11 And they gaue the money made ready into the hands of them, [g] that vndertoke the worke, *and* that had the ouerſight of the houſe of the Lord: and they payed it out to the carpenters and buylders that wroght vpon the houſe of the Lord,

g For the King had appointed other which were mete for that purpoſe. Chap 22, 5

12 And to the maſons and hewers of ſtone, and to bye tymber and hewed ſtone, to repaire that was decayed in the houſe of the Lord, and for all that which was layed out for the reparacion of the Temple.

13 Howbeit there was [h] not made for the houſe of the Lord bowles of ſiluer, inſtrumẽts of muſike, baſons, trumpets, nor anie veſſels of golde, or veſſels of ſiluer of the money that was broght into the houſe of the Lord.

h For theſe men had onely the charge of the reparacion of the Tẽple, and the reſt of & money was broght to the King, who cauſed theſe afterwarde to be made. 2 Chro. 24, 14.

14 But they gaue it to the workemẽ, which repaired therewith the houſe of the Lord.

15 Moreouer, they rekened not with the men, into whoſe hands they deliuered that money to be beſtowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

16 The money of the treſpaſſe offring and the money of the ſinne offrings was not broght into & houſe of the Lord: *for* it was the Prieſts.

17 ¶Then came vp Hazaél King of Arám, and fought againſt Gath and toke it, and Hazaél ſet his face to go vp to Ieruſalém.

18 And Iehoásh King of Iudáh toke all the [i] hallowed things that Iehoſhaphát, & Iehorám, and Ahaziáh his fathers Kings of Iudáh had dedicate, and that he him ſelfe had dedicated, and all the golde that was foũde in the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord and in the Kings houſe, and ſent it to Hazaél King of Arám, and he departed from Ieruſalém.

i After the death of Iehoiadá Ioáſh fel to idolatrie therefore God reiecteth him, and ſtirreth vp his enemie againſt him, whome he pacified with & treaſures of the Temple: for God wolde not be ſerued with thoſe gifts, ſeing the Kings heart was wicked.

19 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Ioáſh and all that he did, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

20 ¶And his ſeruants aroſe and wroght treaſon, and [k] ſlewe Ioáſh in the houſe of [l] Milló, when he came downe to Sillá:

k Because he had put Zacharie the ſonne of Iehoiadá to death, 2 Chro 24, 25. I Read 2 Sam. 5. 9

l Or, Iozabdr.

21 Euen Iozachár the ſonne of Shímeath, and Iehozabád the ſonne of Shomér his ſeruants ſmote him, and he dyed: and they buryed him with his fathers in the citie of Dauid. And Amaziáh his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

CHAP. XIII.

Iehoaház the ſonne of Iehú is deliuered into the hãds of the Syrians. 5 He prayeth vnto God and is deliuered. 9 Ioáſh his ſonne reigneth in his ſteade. 24 Hazaél dyeth. 26 Eliſhá dyeth.

1 IN the thre and twentieth yere of Ioáſh the ſonne of Ahaziáh King of Iudáh, Iehoaház the ſonne of Iehú begã to reigne ouer Iſraél in Samaria, *and he reigned* ſeuentene yere.

2 And he did euil in the ſight of the Lord, and followed the ſinnes of Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát, & made Iſraél to [a] ſinne, *and* departed not therefrom.

a By worſhipping the calues which Ieroboám did erect in Iſraél

3 And the Lord was angry with Iſraél, and deli-

deliuered them into the hand of Hazaél King of Arám, and into the hand of Ben-hadád the ſonne of Hazaél, all [b] *his* dayes.

b While Iehoahaz lived.

4 And Iehoaház beſoght the Lord, and the Lord heard him: for he ſawe the trouble of Iſraél, wherewith the King of Arám troubled them.

c To wit, Ioáſh the ſonne of Iehoaház.

5 (And the Lord gaue Iſraél a [c] deliuerer, ſo that they came out from vnder the ſubiection of the Aramites. And the children of Iſraél [d] dwelt in their tentes as [e] before time.

d Safely and without danger

e *Ebr as yeſterday and before yeſterday.*

6 Neuertheles they departed not from the ſinnes of the houſe of Ieroboám which made Iſraél ſinne, *but* walked in them. euen the [e] groue alſo remained ſtil in Samaria)

e Wherein thei did cõmit their idolatrie, & which the Lord had commãded to be deſtroyed, Deu 16,21.

7 For he had left of the people to Iehoaház but fiftie horſemen, and ten charets, & ten thouſand fotemen, becauſe the King [f] of Arám had deſtroyed them, and made them like duſt beaten to poudre.

f That is, Hazaél and Ben-hadád his ſonne, as vers 3 read of Hazaél Chap 8,12

8 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Iehoaház and all that he did, and his valiãt dedes, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?

9 And Iehoaház ſlept with his fathers, and they buryed him in Samaria, and Ioáſh his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

10 ¶ In the ſeuẽ and thirtieth yere of Ioáſh King [g] of Iudáh began Iehoáſh the ſonne of Iehoaház to reigne ouer Iſraél in Samaria, *and reigned* ſixtene yere,

g His chief purpoſe is to deſcribe the kingdome of Iudáh & how God performed his promes made to the houſe of Dauid but by the way he ſheweth how Iſraél was afflicted and puniſhed for their great idolatrie, who thogh they had now degenerat, yet God bothe by ſending thẽ ſundry Prophetes and diuers puniſhments did call them vnto him againe

11 And did euil in the ſight of the Lord: *for* he departed not from all the ſinnes of Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát that made Iſraél to ſinne, but he walked therein.

12 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Ioáſh and all that he did, and his valiant dedes, *and* how he foght againſt Amaziáh King of Iudáh, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the King of Iſraél?

13 And Ioáſh ſlept with his fathers, & Ieroboám ſate vpon his ſeat: & Ioáſh was buryed in Samaria amõg ỹ Kings of Iſraél.

14 ¶ When Eliſhá fel ſicke of his ſicknes, whereof he dyed, Ioáſh the King of Iſraél came downe vnto him, and wept vpon his face, & ſaid, [h] O my father, my father, the charet of Iſraél, & the horſemẽ of ỹ ſame.

h Thus thei vſed to call ỹ Prophetes and ſeruãts of God by whome God bleſſed his people, as chap 2,12 meaning that by their prayers thei did more proſper their countrey, thẽ by force of armes.

15 Thẽ Eliſhá ſaid vnto him, Take a bowe and arowes. And he toke vnto him bowe and arowes.

16 And he ſaid to the King of Iſraél, Put thine hand vpon the bow. And he put his hand vpon it. And Eliſhá put his hands vpon the Kings hands,

17 And ſaid, Open the windowe [i] Eaſtwarde. And when he had opened it, Eliſhá ſaid, Shote. And he ſhot. And he ſaid, *Behold* the arowe of the Lords deliuerance & the arowe of deliuerãce againſt Arám: for thou ſhalt ſmite ỹ Aramites in Aphék, til thou haſt conſumed them.

i That is, toward Syria, ſo that he did not onely propheſie with wordes, but alſo cõfirmed him by theſe ſignes that he ſhulde haue ỹ victorie.

18 Againe he ſaid, Take the arowes. And he toke them. And he ſaid vnto the King of Iſraél, Smite the ground. And he ſmote thriſe, and ceaſed.

19 Then the man of God was [k] angry with him, and ſaid, Thou ſhuldeſt haue ſmiten fiue or ſixtimes, ſo thou ſhuldeſt haue ſmiten Arám, til thou hadeſt conſumed it, where now thou ſhalt ſmite Arám but thriſe.

k Becauſe he ſemed content to haue victorie againſt the enemies of God for twiſe or thriſe, and had not a zeale to ouercome them contenually and to deſtroy them vtterly.

20 ¶ So Eliſhá dyed, & they buryed him. And *certeine* bands of the Moabites came into the land that yere.

21 And as they were buryíng a man, beholde, they ſawe the ſouldiers: therefore they caſt the man into the ſepulchre of Eliſhá. And when the man was downe, & touched the bones of Eliſhá, *he [l] reuiued & ſtode vpon his fete.

*Eccleſ 48,14.

l By this miracle God cõfirmed the autoritie of Eliſhá whoſe doctrine in his life they contemned, ỹ at this ſight they might returne & imbrace the ſame doctrine.

22 ¶ But Hazaél King of Arám vexed Iſraél all the daies of Iehoaház.

23 Therefore the Lord had mercie on thẽ, and pitied them, and had reſpect vnto thẽ becauſe of his couenant with Abrahám, Izhák, and Iaakób, and wolde not deſtroy them, nether caſt he them from him as [m] yet.

m That is, vntil their ſinnes were come to a ful meaſure, & there was no more hope of amẽdment.

24 So Hazaél the King of Arám dyed: and Ben-hadád his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

25 Therefore Iehoáſh ỹ ſonne of Iehoaház returned, and toke out of the hãd of Ben-hadád the ſonne of Hazaél ỹ cities which he had taken away by waire out of the hand of Iehoaház his father: *for* thre times did Ioáſh beat him, and reſtored the cities vnto Iſraél.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Amaziáh the King of Iudáh putteth to death them that ſlewe his father. 7 And after ſmiteth Edóm. 15 Ioáſh dyeth, and Ieroboám his ſonne ſucceedeth him. And after him reigneth Zachariáh.

1 THe ſecõde yere of Ioáſh ſonne of Iehoaház King of Iſraél reigned *Amaziáh the ſonne of Ioáſh King of Iudáh.

*2 Chro. 25, 1.

2 He was fiue and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned nine and twentie yere in Ieruſalém, & his mothers name *was* Iehoadán of Ieruſalém.

3 And he did [a] vprightly in the ſight of the Lord, yet not like Dauid his father, *but* did according to all that Ioáſh his father had done.

a In the beginníg of his reigne he ſemed to haue an outward ſhewe of godlines, but afterwarde he became an idolater, & worſhiped the idoles of ỹ Idumeãs.

4 Notwithſtanding the hie places were not taken away: *for* as yet the people did ſacrifice & burnt incenſe in the hie places.

5 ¶ And when the kingdome was confirmed in his hãd, *he ſlewe his ſeruãts which had killed the King his father.

*Chap. 12,20.

6 But the children of thoſe that did ſlay *him*, he [b] ſlewe not, accordíg vnto that that is writen in the boke of the Lawe of Moſes, wherein the Lord commanded, ſaying,

b Becauſe thei nether conſented nor were partakers with their fathers in that act.

Deut 24.16. ezek.18.20. *The fathers ſhal not be put to death for the children, nor the children put to death for the fathers: but euerie mā ſhal be put to death for his owne ſinne.

7 He ſlewe *alſo* of c Edóm in the valley of ſalt ten thouſand, and toke *the citie* of Séla by warre, & called the name thereof Iokthéel vnto this day.

c For the Idumeans, whome Dauid had brought to ſubiection, did rebelle in the time of Iehorā ſonne of Iehoſhaphát

8 ¶ Then Amaziáh ſent meſſengers to Iehoáſh the ſonne of Iehoaház, ſōne of Iehú King of Iſraél, ſaying, Come, d let vs ſe one another in the face.

*Or, the towre, or, rocke.

d Let vs fighte hād to hand & trye it by battel, and not deſtroye one anothers cities.

9 Then Iehoáſh the King of Iſraél ſent to Amaziáh King of Iudáh, ſaying, The thiſtle that is in Lebanón, ſent to the e cedre that is in Lebanón, ſaying, Giue thy daughter to my ſonne to wife: and the wilde beaſt that was in Lebanón, went and trode downe the thiſtle.

e By this parable Iehoáſh cōpareth him ſelfe to a cedre tre becauſe of his great kigdome ouer ten tribes, and Amaziáh to a thiſtle, becauſe he ruled but ouer two tribes, and the wilde beasts are Iehoaſhs ſouldiers that ſpoiled the cities of Iudáh.

10 *Becauſe* thou haſt ſmiten Edóm, thine heart hathe made thee proude: f brag of glorie, & tarye at home. why doeſt thou prouoke to *thine* hurt, that thou ſhuldeſt fall, and Iudáh with thee?

f Brag of thy victorie, ſo ȳ thou tarie at home and annoye me not.

11 But Amaziáh wolde not heare: therefore Iehoáſh King of Iſraél went vp: and he & Amaziáh King of Iudáh ſawe one another in the face at Beth-ſhémeſh which is in Iudáh.

12 And Iudáh was put to the worſe before Iſraél, and they fled euerie man to their tentes.

13 But Iehoáſh King of Iſraél toke Amaziáh King of Iudáh, the ſonne of Iehoáſh the ſonne of Ahaziáh, at Beth-ſhémeſh, & g came to Ieruſalém, and brake downe the wall of Ieruſalém frō the gate of Ephráim to the corner gate, foure hundreth cubites.

g *Or, brought him.*

14 And he toke all the golde and ſiluer, and all the veſſels that were foūde in the houſe of the Lord, and in the treaſures of the Kings houſe, and the children that were in h hoſtage, and returned to Samaria.

h That is, whē Iſraelites had giuen to them of Iudáh for an aſſurance of peace.

15 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Iehoáſh which he did and his valiant dedes, and how he foght with Amaziáh King of Iudáh, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?

16 And Iehoáſh ſlept with his fathers, and was buryed at Samaria among the Kings of Iſraél: and Ieroboám his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

17 ¶ And Amaziáh the ſonne of Ioáſh King of Iudáh, liued after the death of Iehoáſh ſonne of Iehoaház King of Iſraél fiftene yere.

18 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Amaziáh, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

19 But they wrogh. treaſon againſt him in Ieruſalém, and he fled to i Lachíſh, but they ſent after him to Lachíſh, and ſlewe him there.

i Which citie Roboám buylt in Iudáh for a fortreſſe, 2 Chro 11.9.

20 And they brogh. him on horſes, and he was buryed at Ieruſalém with his fathers in the citie of Dauid.

21 Then all the people of Iudáh toke k Azariáh, which was ſixtene yere olde, and made him King for his father Amaziáh.

k Which is alſo called Elaṅón or Elóth.

22 He buylt k Elath, and reſtored it to Iudáh, after ȳ the KIg ſlept with his fathers.

23 ¶ In the fiftenth yere of Amaziáh the ſonne of Ioáſh King of Iudáh, was Ieroboám the ſonne of Ioáſh made KIg ouer Iſraél in Samaria, *& reigned* one and fourtie yere.

24 And he did euil in the ſight of the Lord: *for* he departed not from all the l ſinnes of Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát, which made Iſraél to ſinne.

l Becauſe this idolatrie was ſo vile and almoſte incredible, that mē ſhulde forſake ȳ liuing God to worſhip calues, ȳ worke of mās hāds, therefore the Scripture doeth oft times repeat it in the reproche of all idolaters

25 He reſtored the coaſt of Iſraél, from the entring of Hamáth, vnto ȳ Sea of the wildernes, accordīg to ȳ worde of the Lord God of Iſraél, which he ſpake "by his ſeruant Ionáh the ſonne of Amittái the Prophet, which was of Gath Hépher.

"*Ebr by the hand of.*

26 For the Lord ſawe the exceding bitter affliction of Iſraél, ſo that there was none m ſhut vp, nor any left, nether yet any that colde helpe Iſraél.

m Read 1 Kīg. 14.10

27 Yet the Lord "had not decreed to put out the name of Iſraél from vnder the heauen: therefore he preſerued them by ȳ hand of Ieroboám the ſonne of Ioáſh.

"*Ebr had not ſpoken.*

28 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Ieroboám, and all that he did, and his valiāt dedes, & how he foght, and how he reſtored Damaſcus, and n Hamáth to Iudáh in Iſraél, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iſraél?

n Which was alſo called Antiochia of Syria, or Ribláh.

29 So Ieroboám ſlept with his fathers, *euen* with the Kings of Iſraél, and Zachariáh his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

CHAP. XV.

1 Azariáh the King of Iudáh becommeth a leper. 5 Of Iothám. 10 Shallúm. 14 Menahem. 23 Pekahiah. 30 Uzziáh. 31 Iothám. 38 And Aház.

1 IN the "ſeuen & twētieth yere of Ieroboám King of Iſraél, begā Azariáh, ſonne of Amaziáh King of Iudah to reigne.

"*Ebr In the twentieth yere & ſeuenth yere.*

2 Sixtene yere oldē was he, when he was made King, and he reigned two and fiftie yere in Ieruſalém: and his mothers name was Iecholiáh of Ieruſalém.

3 And he did a vprightly in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziáh did.

a So long as he gaue eare to Zachariáh the Prophet

4 But the hie places were not put away: *for* the people yet offred, and burned incenſe in the hie places.

b His father & grand father were ſlaine by their ſubiects and ſeruāts, & he, becauſe he wolde vſurpe the Prieſts office contrarie to Gods ordinance, was ſmītē immediatly by the hand of God with the leproſie, 2 Chro 26, 22.

5 And the Lord b ſmote the King: and he was a leper vnto the day of his death, and dwelt in an houſe aparte, and Iothám the Kings ſonne gouerned the houſe, & c iudged the people of the land.

c As viceroy or deputie to his father.

6 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Azariáh,

riáh,and all that he did,are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

7 So Azariáh slept with his fathers & they buryed him with his fathers in the citie of Dauid, and Iothám his sonne reigned in his steade.

8 ¶ In the eight and thirtieth yere of Azariáh King of Iudáh did Zachariáh the sonne of Ieroboám reigne ouer Isiaél in Samaria six [d] monethes,

d He was the fourte in descent from Iehú, who reigned according to Gods promes, but in him God began to execute his wrath against ỹ house of Iehú.

9 And did euil in the sight of the Lord, as did his fathers: *for* he departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát, which made Israél to sinne.

e Zachariák was the last in Israél, ỹ had the kingdome by succession, saue onely Pekahiáh ỹ sonne of Menahém who reigned but two yeres. *Chap. 10,30.*

10 And Shallúm the sonne of Iabésh conspired against him, & smote him in the sight of the people, and killed [e] him, & reigned in his steade.

11 Concerning the rest of the actes of Zachariáh, beholde, they are writē in ỹ boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Isiaél.

12 This was the *worde of the Lord, which he spake vnto Iehú, sayīg, Thy sonnes shal sit on the throne of Israél vnto ỹ fourte *generacion* after thee. And it came so to passe.

13 ¶ Shallúm the sonne of Iabésh began to reigne in the nine and thirtieth yere of Vzziáh King of Iudáh: and he reigned the space of a moneth in Samaria.

14 For Menahém the sonne of Gadí went vp from Tirzáh, and came to Samaria, & smote Shallúm the sonne of Iabésh in Samaria, & slew him, & reigned in his stead.

15 Concerning the rest of the actes of Shallúm, and the treason which he wroght, beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israél.

f Which was a citie of Israél that wolde not receiue him to be Kīg.

16 ¶ Then Menahém destroyed [f] Tiphsáh, and all that were therein, and the coastes thereof from Tirzáh, because they opened not to him, and he smote it, and ript vp all their women with childe.

17 The nine and thirtieth yere of Azariáh King of Iudáh, began Menahém the sonne of Gadí to reigne ouer Israél, & *reigned* ten yeres in Samaria.

18 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, and departed not all his dayes from the sinne of Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát, which made Israél to sinne.

g That is, of Israél

h In steade of seking helpe of God, he wēt about by money to purchase the fauour of this King beīg an infidele, & therefore God forsoke him, & Phul sone afterwarde brake promes, destroyed his countrey & led his people away captiue

19 ¶ Thē Phul the King of Asshúr came against the [g] land: & Menahém gaue Phul a thousand [h] talents of siluer, that his hād might be with him, & establish the kingdome in his hand.

20 And Menahém exacted the money in Israél, that all men of substance shulde giue the King of Asshúr fifty shekels of siluer a piece: so the King of Asshúr returned & taried not there in the land.

21 Concerning the rest of the actes of Menahém, and all that he did, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israél?

22 And Menahém slept with his fathers, & Pekahiáh his sonne did reigne in his stead.

23 ¶ In the fiftieth yere of Azariáh King of Iudáh, begā Pekahiáh the sonne of Menahém to reigne ouer Isiaél in Samaria, & *reigned* two yere.

24 And he did euil in the sight of ỹ Lord: *for* he departed not frō the sinnes of Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát, which made Israél to sinne.

i Which were of the same conspiracie.

25 And Pékah the sonne of Remaliáh, his captaine cōspired against him, and smote him in Samaria in the place of the Kings palace with [i] Argób and Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: so he killed him, and reigned in his steade.

26 Concerning the rest of the actes of Pekahiáh, and all that he did, beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israél.

27 In the two and fiftieth yere of Azariáh King of Iudáh began Pékah the sonne of Remaliáh to reigne ouer Israél in Samaria, *and reigned* twentie yere.

28 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord: *for* he departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát, that made Israél to sinne.

k For God stirred vp Phul & Tigláth Pileser against Israél for their sinnes, 1 Chro. 5.26.

29 In the dayes of Pékah King of Israél, [k] came Tigláth Pilesér King of Asshúr, and toke Iión, & Abél, Beth-maachāh, & Ianoah, and Kedésh, and Hazór, and Gileád, and Galiláh, & all the land of Naphtalí, and caried them away to Asshúr.

30 And Hoshéa the sonne of Eláh wroght treason against Pékah the sonne of Remaliáh, and smote him, and slewe him, & reigned in his steade in the twentieth yere of Iothám the sonne of Vzziáh.

31 Concerning the rest of the actes of Pékah, and all that he did, beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Isiaél.

*2 Chro. 27. 1.

32 ¶ *In the second yere of Pékah the sonne of Remaliáh Kīg of Israél, began Iothám sonne of [*] Vzziáh Kīg of Iudáh to reigne.

*Or, Azariáh.

33 Fiue and twentie yere olde was he, whē he began to reigne, and he reigned sixtene yere in Ierusalém: and his mothers name was Ierushá the daughter of Zadók.

l He sheweth ỹ his vprightnes was not suche, but ỹ he had many and great faultes.

34 And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord: he did according [l] to all that his father Vzziáh had done.

35 But the hie places were not put away: *for* the people yet offred & burnt incense in ỹ hie places: he buylt the hiest gate of the house of the Lord.

36 Cōcerning the rest of ỹ actes of Iothám, & all ỹ he dyd, are they not writē in ỹ boke of the Chronicles of ỹ Kīgs of Iudáh?

m After the death of Iothám.

37 In [m] those dayes the Lord began to

send against Iudáh Rezín the King of Arám, and [n] Pekáh the sonne of Remaliáh.

38 And Iothám slept with his fathers, and was buryed with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his father, & Aház his sonne reigned in his steade.

n Which slewe of Iudáh in one day six score thousand fighting men, 2 Chro 28,6, because they had forsaken the true God.

CHAP. XVI.

1. Aház King of Iudáh consecrateth his sonne in fyre. 5 Ierusalém is besieged. 9 Damascus is taken and Rezín slaine. 11 Idolatrie. 19 The death of Aház. 20 Hezechiáh succeedeth him.

1 THe seuententh yere of Pekáh the sonne of Remaliáh, [a] Aház the sonne of Iothám King of Iudáh began to reigne.

a This was a wicked sonne of a godlie father, as of him againe came godlie Ezékiáh, and of him wicked Manasséh, saue that God in ỹ end shewed him mercie. thus we se how vncertein it is to depend on the dignitie of our fathers

2 Twentie yere olde was Aház, when he began to reigne, and he reigned sixtene yere in Ierusalém, and did not vprightely in the sight of the Lord his God, like Dauid his father:

3 But walked in the way of the Kings of Israél, yea, & made his sonne to [b] go thorow the fyre, after the abominations of the heathẽ, whome the Lord had cast out before the children of Israél.

b That is, offred him to Molech, or made him to passe betwene two fyres, as ỹ maner of the Gẽtiles was, Leu. 21,18, Deu. 18, 10. *Isa. 7,1.*

4 Also he offred and burnt incense in the hie places and on the hilles, & vnder euerie grene tre.

5 *Then Rezín King of Arám and Pekáh sonne of Remaliáh King of Israél came vp to Ierusalém to fight: & they besieged Aház, but colde not ouercome [c] him.

c For ỹ Lord preserued the citie and his people for his promes sake made to Dauid

6 At the same time Rezín King of Arám restored [d] Eláth to Arám, and droue the Iewes frõ Eláth: so the Aramites came to Eláth, and dwelt there vnto this day.

d Which citie Azariáh had taken from the Aramites and fortified it, Chap 14,22

7 Then Aház sent [e] messengers to Tigláth Pilesár King of Asshúr, saying, I am thy seruant and thy sonne: come vp, and deliuer me out of the hand of the King of Arám, and out of the hand of the King of Israél which rise vp against me.

e Contrary to the admonitiõ of ỹ Prophet, Isai. Isa. 7,4.

8 And Aház toke the siluer and the golde that was foũde in the [f] house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the Kings house, and sent a present vnto the King of Asshúr.

f Thus he spared not to spoile the Temple of God to haue succour of men, and wolde not once lift his heart toward God to desire his holpe, nor yet hare his Prophetes coũsel.

9 And the King of Asshúr consented vnto him: and the King of Asshúr went vp against Damascus. and when he had takẽ it, he caried the people away to Kir, and slewe Rezín.

10 And King Aház went vnto Damascus, to mete Tigláth Pilesár King of Asshúr: and when King Aház sawe the altar that was at Damascus, he sent to Vriiáh the Priest the patern of the altar, and the facion of it, and all the workemanshíp thereof.

11 And Vriiáh the Priest made an altar [g] in all pointes like to that which King Aház had sent from Damascus, so did Vriiáh the Priest against King Aház came from Damascus.

g We se that there is no prince so wicked, but he shal finde flatterers & false ministers to serue his turne.

12 So when the King was come from Damascus, the King sawe the altar: & the King drewe nere to the altar and offred [h] thereon.

h Ether offrings for peace or prosperitie, or of thankes giuing, as Leui 3,1, or els meaning the morning and euenig offrig, Exod 29,38, Nom 28,3: and thus he conteined the meanes and the altar which God had commanded by Salomón, to serue God after his owne fantasie.

13 And he burnt his burntoffring, and his meat offring, & powred his drinkoffring, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offrings besides the altar,

14 And set it by the brasen altar which was before the Lord, and broght it in farther before the house betwene the altar and the house of the Lord, & set it on the [i] Northside of the altar.

i That is, at ỹ right hand as men went into the Temple.

15 And King Aház commãded Vriiáh the Priest and said, Vpon the great altar set on fyre in the morning the burntoffring, and in the euen the meat offring, and the Kings burnt offring and his meat offring, with the burntoffring of all the people of the land, and their meat offring, and their drinkoffrings: and powre thereby all the blood of the burnt offring, and all the blood of the sacrifice, and the [k] brasen altar shalbe for me to inquire *of God*.

k Here he establisheth by cõmandemẽt his owne wicked procedings, & doeth abolish the commandement & ordinance of God.

16 And Vriiáh the Priest did according to all that King Aház had commanded.

17 And King Aház brake the borders of the bases, and toke the caldrons from of them, and toke downe the sea from the brasen oxen that were vnder it, and put it vpon a pauement of stones.

18 And the [l] vaile for the Sabbáth (that they had made in the house) & the Kings entrie without turned he to the house of the Lord, [m] because of ỹ King of Asshúr.

l Or tent, wherein they lay on ỹ Sabbath which had serued their weeke in the Temple, and so departed home.

m Ether to flatter the King of Assyria, when he shulde thus se him change the ordinãce of God, or els that the Temple might be a refuge for him if ỹ King shulde sodẽly assaile his house.

19 Concerning the rest of the actes of Aház, which he did, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

20 And Aház slept with his fathers, & was buryed with his fathers in the citie of Dauid, & Hezekiáh his sonne reigned in his steade.

CHAP. XVII.

3 Hoshéa King of Israél is taken, 4 And he and all his realme broght to the Assyrians, 18 For their idolatrie. 24 Lions destroie the Assyriãs that dwelt in Samaria. 29 Euerie one worshipeth the God of his nation, 35 Contrary to the commandement of God.

1 IN the twelfte yere of Aház King of Iudáh began Hoshéa the sonne of Eláh to reigne in Samaria ouer Israél, *and reigned* nine yeres,

2 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, [a] but not as the Kings of Israél, that were before him.

a Thogh he inuented no newe idolatrie or impietie as others did yet he soght for helpe at the Egyptians ỹ God had forbidden.

3 And Shalmanéser King of Asshúr came vp against him, and Hoshéa became his seruant, and gaue him presents.

4 And the King of Asshúr founde treason in Hoshéa: for he had sent messengers to So King of Egypt, and broght no present vnto the King of Asshúr, [b] as *he had done* yerely:

b For he had payed tribute for the space of eight yeres.

yerely: therefore the King of Asshúr shut him vp, and put him in prison.

5 Then the King of Asshúr came vp throughout all the land, and went against Samaria, and besieged it three yere.

Chap. 18, 10. 6 ¶ *In the ninth yere of Hoshéa, the King of Asshúr toke Samaria, and caryed Israél away vnto Asshúr, and put them in Haláh, and in Habór by the riuer of Gozán, and in the cities of the [c] Medes.

c For at this time ỹ Medes and Persians were subiect to ỹ Assyriãs.

7 For when the children of Israél [d] sinned against the Lord their God, which had broght them out of the land of Egypt, from vnder the hand of Pharaóh King of Egypt, and feared other gods,

d He setteth forth at lẽgth the cause of this great plague & perpetual captiuitie, to admonish all people and nacions to cleaue to the Lord God, and onely worship him for feare of like iudgement.

8 And walked according to the facions of the heathen, whome the Lord had cast out before the children of Israél, and *after the maners* of the Kings of Israél, which they vsed,

9 And the children of Israél had done secretly things that were not vpright before the Lord their God, and throughout all their cities had buylt hie places, *both* from the towre [e] of the watche, to the defensed citie,

e Meaning, throughout all their borders.

10 And had made them images and groues vpon euerie hie hil, and vnder euerie grene tre,

11 And there burnt incense in all the hie places, as did the heathẽ, whome the Lord had taken away before them, and wroght wicked things to angre the Lord,

12 And serued idoles: whereof the Lord had said vnto them, *Ye shal do no suche thing,

Deut 4.18

13 Notwithstanding the Lord testified to Israél, and to Iudáh "by all the Prophetes, and by all the Seers, saying, *Turne from your euil waies, & kepe my cómandements & my statutes, according to all the Lawe, which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my seruants the Prophetes.

"Ebr. by the hand of

Iere 18.11 & 25.5. & 35.15

14 Neuertheles they wolde not obey, *but hardened their neckes, like to the neckes of their [f] fathers, that did not beleue in the Lord their God.

Deut 31,27.

f So that to alledge the auoritie of our fathers or great antiquitie, except we can proue ỹ they were godlie, is but to declare that we are ỹ childrẽ of the wicked.

15 And they refused his statutes and his couenant, that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies (wherewith he witnessed vnto them) and they followed vanitie, and became vaine, & followed the heathẽ that were rounde about them: concerning whome, the Lord had charged them, that they shulde not do like them.

16 Finally they left the commandements of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, *euen two calues, & made a groue, and worshiped all the [g] hoste of heauen, and serued Báal.

Exod 32.8. 1 king 12,28

g That is, the sunne, ỹ moone & starres, Deut 4.19

17 And they made their sonnes and their daughters [h] passe through the fyre, and vsed witchcraft and enchantements, yea, [i] solde them selues, to do euil in the sight of the Lord, to angre him.

h Read Chap 16,3

i Read of this phrase, 1 Kig. 21,20, & 25.

18 Therefore ỹ Lord was exceding wroth with Israél, and put them out of his sight, *and* none was left but the tribe of Iudáh [k] onely.

k No whole tribe was left but Iudáh, & the[i] of Beniamín & Leuí, ỹ remained, were coũted with Iudáh.

19 Yet Iudáh kept not the commandemẽts of the Lord their God, but walked according to the facion of Israél, which they vsed.

20 Therefore the Lord cast of all the sede of Israél, and afflicted them, & deliuered them into the hands of spoylers, vntil he had cast them out of his [l] sight.

l Out of the land where he shewed ỹ greatest tokens of his presence & fauour

21 [m] For he cut of Israél from the house of Dauid, and they made Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát King: & Ieroboám drewe Israél away from following the Lord and made them sinne a great sinne.

m That is, God cut of the ten tribes, 1 King. 12,26

22 For the children of Israél walked in all the sinnes of Ieroboám, which he did, *and* departed not therefrom,

23 Vntil the Lord put Israél away out of his sight, as he had said "by all his seruãts the *Prophetes, & caryed Israél away out of their land to Asshúr vnto this day.

"Ebr. by the hand of

rele. 25.9.

24 And the King of Asshúr broght folke from Babél, and from [n] Cutháh, and from Auá, and from Hamáth, and from Sepharuáim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria in steade of the children of Israél: so they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

n Of these peoples came the Samaritãs, whereof mencion is so muche made in ỹ Gospel, & with whome ỹ Iewes wolde haue nothing to do. Ioh 4,9

25 ¶ And at the beginning of their dwellĩg there, they [o] feared not the Lord: therefore the Lord sent lyons among them, which slewe them.

o That is, they serued him not: therefore, lest they shuld blaspheme hĩ, as though there were no God, because he chastised ỹ Israelites, he sheweth his mightie power among thẽ by this strãge punishment

26 Wherefore they spake to the King of Asshúr, saying, The nacions which thou hast remoued, and placed in the cities of Samaria, knowe not the maner of ỹ God of the land: therefore he hathe sent lyons among them, and beholde, they slay them, because they knowe not the maner of the God of the land.

27 Then the King of Asshúr commanded, saying, Cary thether one of the priests, whome ye broght thence, and let him go and dwel there, & teache them the maner of the God [p] of the countrey.

p That is, how to worship hĩ: thus ỹ wicked rather thẽ to lose their cõmodities, wil change to all religions

28 So one of the priests, which they had caryed from Samaria, came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they shulde feare the Lord.

29 Howbeit euerie nacio made their gods, and put them in the houses of the hie places, which the Samaritãs had made, euerie nacion in their cities, wherein they dwelt

30 For the men of Babél made [q] Succóth-Benóth: and the men of Cuth made Nergál, and the men of Hamáth made Ashimá.

q Meaning, ỹ euery cõtrey framed that idole, which was moste esteemed in that place whence they came

31 And the Auims made Nibház, and Tartác: and the Sepharuims burnt their children in the fyre to Adrammélech, and Anammélech the gods of Sepharuáim.

32 Thus they feared the Lord, and appointed out priests out of them selues for the hie places, who prepared for them *sacrifices* in the houses of the hie places.

33 They [f] feared the Lord, but serued their gods after the maner of the nacions whome they caryed thence.

34 Vnto this day they do after the olde maner: they nether feare God, nether do after [g] their ordinances nor after their customes, nor after the cõmandement, which the Lord commanded the children of Iaakób, * whome he named Israél,

35 And [h] whome the Lord had made couenãt, & charged them, saying, * Feare none other gods, nor bowe your selues to them, nor serue them, nor sacrifice to them:

36 But feare the Lord which broght you out of the lãd of Egypt with great power, and a stretched out arme: him feare ye, and worship him, and sacrifice to him.

37 Also kepe ye diligently the statutes and the ordinances, and the Lawe, and the cõmandement, which he wrote for you, that ye do them continually, & feare not other gods.

38 And forget not the couenant that I haue made [h] you, nether feare ye other gods,

39 But feare the Lord your God, and he wil deliuer you out of the hands of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit they obeyed not, but did after their olde custome.

41 So these [i] nacions feared the Lord, and serued their images *also*: so *did* their children, and their childrens children: as did their fathers, *so* do they vnto this day.

f That is, they had a certein knowledge of God & feared him, because of the punishment, but they continued stil idolaters, as do [y] Papists, which worship bothe God & idoles: but this is not to feare God as appeareth verse 34

g He meaneth this by the Israelites, to whome he had giuẽ his commandements *Gen 32,28. 1 king 18,31. Iudg.6,10. iere 10,2.*

h That is, these straungers, [w] were sent into Samaria by [y] Assyrians

i That is, these straungers, [w] were sent into Samaria by [y] Assyrians

CHAP. XVIII.

4 Ezekiáh King of Iudáh putteth downe the brasen serpent, & destroyeth the idoles, 7 And prospereth 11 Israél is caryed away captiue 30 The blasphemie of Saneherib.

2 Chro 28,27 & 29,1.

1 NOw in * the third yere of Hoshéa, sonne of Eláh King of Israél, Hezekiáh the sonne of Aház King of Iudáh began to reigne.

2 He was fiue and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned nine and twẽtie yere in Ierusalém. His mothers name also was Abí [y] daughter of Zachariáh,

3 And he did [a] vprightly in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Dauid his father had done.

4 He toke away the hie places, and brake the images, and cut downe the groues, & brake in pieces the * brasen serpent that Moses had made: for vnto those dayes the childrẽ of Israél did burne incense to it, and he called it [b] Nehushtán.

a Although they of Iudáh were geuen to idolatrie and impietie, as their of Israél were, yet God for his promes sake was mercifull vnto the throne of Dauid & yet by his iudgement towarde the other, prouoked them to repentance. *Numb.21,6.*

5 He trusted in the Lord God of Israél: so that after him was none like him among all the Kings of Iudáh, nether were there anie suche before him.

6 For he claue to the Lord & departed not from him, but kept his commandements, which the Lord had commanded Moses.

7 So the Lord was with him, *and* he prospered in all things, which he toke in hand: also he rebelled against the King of Asshúr, and serued him not.

8 He smote the Philistims vnto Azzáh, & the coastes thereof, [c] from the watche towre vnto the defensed citie.

9 ¶ * And in the fourte yere of King Hezekiáh, (which was the seuẽth yere of Hoshéa sonne of Eláh King of Israél) Shalmanéser King of Asshúr came vp against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And after thre yeres they toke it, *euen* in the sixt yere of Hezekiáh: that is, * [y] ninth yere of Hoshéa King of Israél was Samaria taken.

11 Thẽ the King of Asshúr did cary away Israél vnto Asshúr, and put them in Haláh and in Habór, *by* the riuer of Gozán, and in the cities of the Medes,

12 Because they wolde not obey the voyce of the Lord their God, but transgressed his couenant: *that is*, all that Moses the seruant of the Lord had commanded, and wolde nether obey nor do them.

13 ¶ * Moreouer, in the fourteenth yere of King Hezekiáh Sanehe rib King of Asshúr came vp against all the stroñg cities of Iudáh, and toke them.

14 Then Hezekiáh King of Iudáh sent vnto the King of Asshúr to Lachish, saying, [d] I haue offended: departe from me, & what thou layest vpon me, I wil beare it. And the King of Asshúr appointed vnto Hezekiáh King of Iudáh thre hundreth talents of siluer, and thirty talents of golde.

15 Therefore Hezekiáh gaue all the siluer that was founde in the house of the Lord, and in the treasuries of the Kings house.

16 At the same season did Hezekiáh pul of *the plates* of the dores of the Temple of the Lord, and the pillers (which the said Hezekiáh King of Iudáh had couered ouer) and gaue them to the King of Asshúr.

17 ¶ And the King of Asshúr sent [e] Tartán, and Rab-saris, and Rabshakéh from Lachish to King Hezekiáh with a great hoste against Ierusalém. And they went vp, and came to Ierusalém, and when they were come vp, they stode by the condite of the vpper poole, which is by the path of the fullers field,

18 And called to the King. Then came out

b That is, a peece of brasse: thus he calleth [y] serpent by contempt, & notwithstãding was set vp by [y] worde of God, & miracles were wroght by it: yet whẽ it was abused to idolatrie, this good King destroyed it, not thinking it worthie to be called a serpent, but a peece of brasse

c Read Chap. 17,9

Chap.17,3.

Chap.17,6.

2.Chro. 32,1. isa.36,1. eccles.48,19.

d As his zeale was before praised, so his weakenes is here set forth [y] none shulde glorie in him selfe.

e After certeine yeres when Hezekiáh ceased to send [y] tribute appointed by [y] King of [y] Assyrians, he lẽt his captaines & armie against him

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to them Eliakím the ſonne of Hilkiáh, which was ſtewarde of the houſe, & Shebnáh the chanceller, and Ioáh the ſonne of Aſáph the recorder.

Or, writer of Chronicles, or, ſecretarie.

19 And Rabſhakéh ſaid vnto them, Tel ye Hezekiáh, I pray you, Thus ſayth the great King, *euẽ* the great King of Aſſhúr, What confidẽce is this wherein ỹ truſteſt?

20 Thou thinkeſt, Surely I haue "eloquence, f *but* counſel and ſtrength *are* for the warre. On whome then doeſt thou truſt, that thou rebelleſt againſt me?

"Ebr. talke of the lippes

f Thou thinkeſt ỹ wordes wil ſerue to perſuade thy people, or to moue my maſter

21 Lo, thou truſteſt now in this broken ſtaffe of rede, *to wit*, on g Egypt, on which if a man leane, it wil go into his hãd, & pearce it: ſo is Pharaóh King of Egypt vnto all that truſt on him.

g Egypt ſhal not onely be able not to ſuccour thee, but ſhalbe an hurt vnto thee

22 But if ye ſay vnto me, We truſt in ỹ Lord our God, is not that he whoſe hie places, and whoſe altars Hezekiáh hathe h taken away, and hathe ſaid to Iudáh and Ieruſalém, Ye ſhal worſhip before this altar in Ieruſalém?

h Thus the idolaters thinke that Gods religion is deſtroyed, when ſuperſtition & idolatrie are reformed

23 Now therefore giue i hoſtages to my lord the King of Aſſhúr, and I wil giue thee two thouſand horſes, if thou be able to ſet riders vpon them.

i Meaning ỹ it was beſt for hĩ to yelde co the King of Aſſyria, becauſe his power was ſo ſmall that he had not mẽ to fourniſh two thouſand horſes

24 For how canſt thou deſpiſe anie captaine of the leaſt of my maſters ſeruãts, & put thy truſt on Egypt for charets and horſemen?

25 Am I now come vp without the k lord to this place, to deſtroye it? the lord ſaid to me, Go vp againſt this lãd, & deſtroy it.

k The wicked alwayes in their proſperitie flatter thẽ ſelues, ỹ God doeth fauour thẽ Thus he ſpeaketh to feare Ezekiáh that by reſiſting him, he ſhulde reſiſt God

26 Then Eliakím the ſonne of Hilkiáh and Shebnáh, and Ioáh ſaid vnto Rabſhakéh, Speake, I pray thee, to thy ſeruants in the "Aramites language, for we vnderſtand it, and talke not with vs in the Iewes tongue, in the audience of the people that are on the wall.

"Or, Syrians.

27 But Rabſhakéh ſaid vnto thẽ, Hathe my maſter ſent me to thy maſter and to thee to ſpeake theſe wordes, and not to the men which ſit on the wall, that they may eat their owne doung, & drinke "their owne piſſe with you?

"Ebr. the water of their feet

28 So Rabſhakéh ſtode and cryed with a loude voyce in the Iewes language, & ſpake, ſaying, Heare the wordes of the great King, of the King of Aſſhúr.

29 Thus ſayth the King, Let not Hezekiáh diſceiue you: for he ſhal not be able to deliuer you "out of mine hand.

"Or, by his hand

30 Neither let Hezekiáh make you to truſt in the Lord, ſaying, The Lord wil ſurely deliuer vs, and this citie ſhal not be giuen ouer into the hand of the King of Aſſhúr.

31 Hearken not vnto Hezekiah: for thus ſaith the King of Aſſhúr, Make "appointement with me, and come out to me, that euerie man may eat of his owne vine, and euerie man of his owne figtre, and drinke euerie man of the water of his owne well,

"Ebr. bleſſing: meaning the conditions of peace.

32 Til I come, and bring you to a land like your owne land, *euen* a land of wheat and wine, a land of bread and vineyardes, a land of oliues oyle, & hony that ye may liue and not dye: and obey not Hezekiáh, for he diſceiueth you, ſaying, The Lord wil deliuer vs.

l He maketh him ſelfe ſo ſure, that he wil not grant them truce, except they rendre them ſelues to him to be led away captiues

33 Hathe anie of the gods of the nacións deliuered his land out of the hand of the King of Aſſhur?

34 Where is the god of Hamáh, and of Arpád? where is the god of Sepharuáim, Hena and Iuáh? how haue they deliuered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who are they among all the gods of the nacións, that haue deliuered their land out of mine hand, that the m Lord ſhulde deliuer Ieruſalém out of mine hand?

m This is an execrable blaſphemie againſt the true God, to make him equal with ỹ idoles of other nacions: therefore God did moſte ſharpely punish it

36 But the people held their peace, and anſwered not him a worde: for the Kings commandement was, ſaying, Anſwer ye him not.

37 Then Eliakím, the ſonne of Hilkiáh w was ſtewarde of the houſe & Shebnáh the chanceller, and Ioáh the ſonne of Aſáph the recorder came to Hezekiáh with their clothes rent, and tolde him the wordes of Rabſhakéh.

CHAP. XIX.

6 God promiſeth by Iſaiáh Victorie to Hezekiáh 35 The Angel of the Lord killeth an hundreth and foure ſcore and fiue thouſand men of the Aſſyrians. 37 Sanecherib is killed of his owne ſonnes.

1 AND* when King Hezekiáh heard it, he rent his clothes and put on ſackeclothe, & came into the houſe of ỹ Lord,

Iſa. 37. 1

2 And ſent Eliakim which was ỹ ſtewarde of the houſe, and Shebnáh the chanceller, and the Elders of the Prieſts clothed in ſackeclothe a to Iſaiáh the Prophet the ſonne of Amóz.

a To heare ſome newe prophecie and to haue comforte of him

3 And they ſaid vnto him, Thus ſayth Hezekiáh, This day is a day of tribulacion and of rebuke, & blaſphemie: for the children are come to b the birth, and there is no ſtrength to bring forthe.

b The dangers are ſo great ỹ we can neither auenge this blaſphemie, nor helpe our ſelues, no more than a womã in her trauel.

4 If ſo be the Lord thy God hathe heard all the wordes of Rabſhakéh, whome the King of Aſſhúr his maſter hathe ſent to raile on the liuing God, and to reprocheh him with wordes which the Lord thy God hathe heard, thẽ lift thou vp *t'y* prayer for the c remnant that are left

c Meaning for Ieruſalem ẃ ouch remained of all the cities of Iudáh.

5 ¶ So the ſeruants of King Hezekiah came to Iſaiáh.

6 And Iſaiáh ſaid vnto them, So ſhal ye ſay to your maſter, Thus ſayth the Lord, Be not afrayed of the wordes which thou haſt heard wherewith the ſeruãts of the King of Aſſhúr haue blaſphemed me.

d The Lord can with one blaſt blowe away all the ſtrength of mã and turne it into duſt.

7 Beholde, I wil ſend a blaſt d vpon him, & he ſhal heare a noyſe, & returne to his

owne land: & I wil cause him to fall vpon the sworde in his owne land.

8 ¶So Rabshakéh returned, and founde the King of Asshúr fighting against Libnáh: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachísh.

e That is, Saneherib
*Or, blacke Moores

9 e He heard also men say of Tirhákah King of *f* Ethiopia, f Beholde, he his come out to fight against thee: he therefore departed and sent *other* messengers vnto Hezekiáh, saying,

f For ỹ Kings of Ethiopia & Egypt ioyned together against ỹ King of Assyria because of his oppression of other countreys

10 Thus shal ye speake to Hezekiáh Kíg of Iudáh, & say, Let not thy g God disceiue thee in whome thou trustest, saying, Ierusalém shal not be deliuered into the hand of the King of Asshúr.

g The more nere that the wicked are to their destruction, the more they blaspheme.

11 Beholde, thou hast heard what the Kings of Asshúr haue done to all lands, how they haue destroyed them: and shalt thou be deliuered?

12 Haue the gods of the heathē deliuered them which my fathers haue destroyed? *as* Gozán, and Harán, and Rézeph, and the childrē of Eden, which were in Thelasár?

13 Where is the King of Hamáth, and the King of Arpád, and the King of the citie of Sepharuáim, Hená and Iua?

14 ¶So Hezekiáh receiued the letter of the hand of the messengers, and red it: & Hezekiáh wēt vp into the house of the Lord, and Hezekiáh spred it before the h Lord.

h Before the Arke of the couenant

15 And Hezekiáh i prayed before ỹ Lord, and said, O Lord God of Israél, which dwellest betwene the Cherubims, thou art very God alone ouer all the kingdomes of the earth: thou hast made the heauen & the earth.

i He sheweth what is the true refuge & succour in all dangers, to wit, to flee to the Lord by ernest prayer.

16 Lord, k bowe downe thine eare, and heare: Lord open thine eyes and beholde, and heare the wordes of Sancherib, who hathe sent to blaspheme the l liuing God.

k Shew by effect that thou wilt not suffer thy Name to be blaspheme

l By this title he discerneth God from all idoles and false gods.

17 Trueth it is, Lord, that the Kings of Asshúr haue destroyed the nacions and their lands,

18 And haue set fyre on their gods: for they were no gods, but the worke of mans hāds, *euen* wood and stone: therefore they destroyed them.

19 Now therefore, O Lord our God, I beseche thee, saue thou vs out of his hand, that all the m kingdomes of ỹ earth may knowe, that thou, ô Lord, art only God.

m He sheweth for what end the faithful desire of God to be deliuered: to wit, ỹ he may be glorified by their deliuerance

20 ¶Then Isaiáh the sonne of Amóz sent to Hezekiáh, saying, Thus saith ỹ Lord God of Israél, I haue heard that which thou hast prayed me, concerning Sancherib King of Asshúr.

21 This is the worde that the Lord hathe spoken against him, O n virgine, daughter of Zión, he hathe despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorne: ô daughter of Ierusalém, he hathe shaken his head at thee.

n Because as yet Ierusalém had not bene taken by the enemie, therefore he calleth her virgine.

22 Whome hast thou railed on? and whome hast thou blasphemed? and against whome hast thou exalted thy voyce, and lifted vp thine eyes on hye? *euen* o against the Holy one of Israél.

o God counteth that iniurie done to him, and wil reuenge it ỹ is done to ame of his Saintes.

23 By thy messengers thou hast railed on the Lord, and said, By the multitude of my charets I am come vp to the top of the mountaines, by the sides of Lebanón, and wil cut downe the hie cedres thereof, and the faire fyre trees thereof, and I wil go into the p lodging of his borders, and into the forest of q his Cármel.

p Meaning Ierusalém, ỹ Isaiáh calleth the hight of his borders, to wit, of Iudáh, Isa 37.24.
*Or, pleasant countrey.
q Or, the waters of cisters besieged

24 I haue digged, and dronke the waters of others, and with the plant of my feete haue I dryed all the r floods closed in.

r He declareth that forasmuche as he is ỹ autor and beginning of his Church, he wil neuer suffer it vtterly to be destroyed, as other cities and kingdomes

25 Hast thou not heard, how I haue of olde time made it, and haue formed it long ago? q and shulde I nowe bring it, that it shulde be destroyed, *and layed* on ruinous heapes, *as* cities defensed?

26 Whose s inhabitāts haue small power, *and* are afraied, and confounded: they are like the grasse of the field, and grene herbe, *or* grasse on the house toppes, or as corne blasted before it be growen.

s Thus he describeth the wicked, which for a time florish, and afterwarde fade and decay like flowres

27 I knowe thy dwelling, yea, thy goying out, and thy comming in, and thy fury against me.

28 And because thou rageste against me, and thy tumult is come vp to mine eares, I wil put mine t hoke in thy nostrels, and my bridel in thy lippes, & wil bring thee backe againe the same way thou camest.

t I wil bridel thy rage and turne thee to & fro as pleaseth me

29 And this shalbe a u signe vnto thee, *ô Hezekiáh*, Thou shalt eat this yere suche things as growe of thē selues, and the next yere suche as growe without sawing, and the third yere sowe ye and reape, & plant viney ardes, and eat the frutes thereof.

t God did not onely promes him the victorie but giueth him a signe to confirme his faith

30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Iudáh, shal againe take x roote downewarde, and beare frute vpwarde.

u The Lord wil multiplie in great nombet that small remnant of Iudáh that is escaped

31 For out of Ierusalém shal go a remnant, and some that shal escape out of mount Zión: the y zeale of the Lord of hostes shal do this.

x The loue, ỹ God beareth toward his Church, shal ouercome the counsels and enterprises of men

32 Wherefore thus saith the Lord, concerning the King of Asshúr, He shal not entre into this citie, nor shote an arow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a mount against it:

33 But he shal returne the way he came, and shal not come into this citie, sayth the Lord.

34 For I wil defend this citie to saue it for mine owne sake, & for Dauid my seruants sake.

35 ¶*And the same night the Angel of the Lord went out and smote in the campe of Asshúr an hundreth foure score and fyue thousand: so when they rose early in the morning, beholde, they were all dead corpses.

*Isa 37.36. tobi 1.21 eccl 48.24. 1 mac 7.41. 2 mac 8.19

36 So Sanheríb King of Aſſhúr departed, and went his way, and returned, and dwelt in Ninuéh.

37 And as he was in the temple worſhiping Niſróch his god, Adramélech and Sharézer his ſonnes [y] ſlewe him with the ſworde: and they eſcaped into the land of Ararát, ad Eſarhaddón his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

[y] This was ſ iuſte iudgemẽt of God for his blaſphemie, that he ſhulde be ſlaine before that idole, whome he preferred to the liuing God, & by them by whome he ought by nature to haue bene defended

CHAP. XX.

Hezekiáh is ſicke, and receyueth the ſigne of his health 12 He receyueth rewardes of Berodách, 13 Sheweth his treaſures, and is reprehẽded of Iſaiáh 22 He dyeth and Manaſſéh his ſonne reigneth in his ſteade

1 ABout that time *was Hezekiáh ſicke vnto death: and ſ Prophet Iſaiáh the ſonne of Amóz came to him, and ſaid vnto him, Thus ſayth the Lord, Put thine houſe in an ordre: for thou ſhalt dye, and not liue.

*2 Chro 32.24 Iſa 38.1. eccleſ 48.46.

2 Then he turned his face to the [a] wall, & prayed to the Lord, ſaying,

[a] That his minde might not be troubled.

3 I beſeche thee, ô Lord, remember now, how I haue walked before thee in trueth & with a [b] perfit heart, and haue done that which is good in thy ſight: and Hezekiáh [c] wept ſore.

[b] Meaning, without all hypocriſie

[c] Not ſo muche for his owne death, as for feare that idolatrie ſhulde be reſtored, which he had deſtroyed, and ſo Gods Name be diſhonored.

4 ¶And afore Iſaiáh was gone out into the middle of the court, the worde of the Lord came to him, ſaying,

5 Turne againe, and tel Hezekiáh the captaine of my people, Thus ſayth the Lord God of Dauid thy father, I haue heard thy [d] prayer, *and* ſene thy teares: beholde, I haue healed thee, *and* the third day thou ſhalt go vp to the [e] houſe of the Lord,

[d] Because of his vnfained repentance & prayer God turned away his wrath

[e] To giue thãkes for thy deliuerance

6 And I wil adde vnto thy dayes fiftene yere, & wil deliuer thee and this citie out of the hand of the King of Aſſhúr, and wil defend this citie for mine owne ſake, and for Dauid my ſeruants ſake.

7 Then Iſaiáh ſaid, Take a [f] lompe of drye figs. And they toke it, and layed it on the boyle, and he recouered.

[f] He declareth ſ albeit God cã heale without other medecines, yet he ſheweth that he wil not haue theſe inferior meanes contemned

8 ¶For Hezekiáh had ſaid vnto Iſaiáh, What *ſhalbe* the ſigne that the Lord wil heale me, and that I ſhal go vp into the houſe of the Lord the third day?

9 And Iſaiáh anſwered, This ſigne ſhalt thou haue of the Lord, that the Lord wil do that he hathe ſpoken, *Wilt thou* that the ſhadowe go forwarde ten degrees, or go backe ten degrees?

[g] I ret the ſenne go ſo manie degrees backe that ſ houres may be ſo manie the fewer in the Kings dial

10 And Hezekiáh anſwered, It is a light thing for the ſhadowe to paſſe forwarde ten degrees: not ſo *then*, but let the ſhadowe [g] go backe ten degrees.

11 And Iſaiáh the Prophet called vnto the Lord, and he broght againe the ſhadowe tẽ degrees backe by the degrees whereby it had gone downe in the [h] dial of Aház.

[h] Which dial was ſet in the top of the Bayres that Aház had made. *Iſa 19.1.*

12 ¶*The ſame ſeaſon Berodách Baladán the ſonne of Baladán King of Babél, ſent letters and a [i] preſent to Hezekiáh: for he had heard how that Hezekiáh was ſicke

[i] Moued with the fauour ſ God ſhewed to Hezekiáh, & alſo becauſe he had declared him ſelfe enemie to Sanheríb his enemie which was now deſtroied

13 And Hezekiáh heard them, and ſhewed them all his treaſure houſe, *to wit*, the ſiluer, & the golde, & the ſpices, and the precious ointment, & all the houſe of his armour, and all that was founde in his treaſures: there was nothing in his houſe, and in all his [k] realme, that Hezekiáh ſhewed them not.

[k] Being moued with ambition and vaine glorie, & alſo becauſe he ſemed to reioyce in ſ friendſhip of him ſ was Gods enemie & an infidele

14 Then Iſaiáh the Prophet came vnto King Hezekiáh, and ſaid vnto him, What ſaid theſe men? and from whence came they to thee? And Hezekiáh ſaid, They be come from a farre countrey, *euen* from Babél.

15 Then ſaid he, What haue they ſene in thine houſe? And Hezekiáh anſwered, All that is in mine houſe haue they ſene: there is nothing among my treaſures, that I haue not ſhewed them.

16 And Iſaiáh ſaid vnto Hezekiáh, Heare the worde of the Lord.

17 Beholde, the dayes come, that all that is in thine houſe, and whatſoeuer thy fathers haue laied vp in ſtore vnto this day, * ſhal be caried into Babél: Nothing ſhalbe left, ſaith the Lord.

*2 Kin 24.13, & 25.13. Iere 27.19.

18 And of thy ſonnes, that ſhal procede out of thee, & which thou ſhalt beget, ſhal they take away, and they ſhalbe eunuches in the palace of the King of Babél.

19 Then Hezekiáh ſaid vnto Iſaiáh, The worde of the Lord which thou haſt [l] ſpoken, is good: for ſaid he, Shal it not *be good*, if [m] peace and trueth be in my dayes?

[l] He acknowledgeth Iſaiáh to be the true Prophet of God, and therefore humbleth him ſelfe to his worde

[m] Seíg ſ God hathe ſhewed me this fauour to grant me quietnes durig my life: for he was afraied leſt ſ enemies ſhulde haue had occaſion to reioyce, if the Church had decaied in his time becauſe he had reſtored religion

20 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Hezekiáh, and all his valiant dedes, and how he made a poole & a cõdite, & broght water into the citie, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

21 And Hezekiáh ſlept with his fathers: & Manaſſéh his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

CHAP. XXI.

King Manaſſéh reſtoreth idolatrie, 16 And vſeth great crueltie 18 He dyeth, and Amón his ſonne ſucceedeth, 23 Who is killed of his owne ſeruants 26 After him reigneth Iſiáh

1 MAnaſſéh *was twelue yere olde whẽ he began to reigne, and reigned fiftie and fiue yere in Ieruſalém: his mothers name alſo was Hephzi-báh.

*2.Chro.33.1.

2 And he did euil in the ſight of the Lord after the abominacion of the heathen, whome the *Lord had caſt out before the children of Iſraél.

*Deu.18.9.

3 For he went backe and buylt the hie places, *which Hezekiáh his father had deſtroied: and he erected vp altars for Báal, and made a groue, as did Aháb King of

*Chap.18.4.

Iſraél, and worſhiped all the hoſte of heauen and ſerued them.

Iere.32.34. 4 Alſo he* buylt altars in the houſe of the
2.Sam.7.10. Lord, of the which the Lord ſaid, *In Ieruſalém wil I put my Name.

5 And he buylt altars for all the hoſte of the heauen in the two courtes of the houſe of the Lord.

a Read Chap 16,3 6 And he cauſed his ſonnes a to paſſe through the fyre, and gaue him ſelfe to witchcraft and ſorcerie, and he vſed them that had familiar ſpirits and were ſothe-ſayers, and did muche euil in the ſight of the Lord to angre him.

7 And he ſet the image of the groue, that he had made, in the houſe, whereof ỹ Lord had ſaid to Dauid and to Salomón his ſonne, *In this houſe, and in Ieruſalém, *1 King 8,29. & 9,3.* which I haue choſen out of all the tribes of Iſraél, wil I put my Name for euer. *2 king.7,10.*

8 Nether wil I make ỹ feete of Iſraél moue anie more out of the land, which I gaue their fathers: ſo that they wil b obſerue and do all that I haue commanded them, & according to all the Lawe that my ſeruant Moſés commanded them.

b Therefore ſeing they obeyed not the cõmãdemẽt of God, they were iuſtly eaſt forthe of that lãd which they had but on cõdicion.

9 Yet they obeyed not, but Manaſſéh led them out of the way, to do more wickedly then did the heathen people, whome the Lord deſtroyed before the children of Iſraél.

10 Therefore the Lord ſpake by his ſeruãts the Prophetes, ſaying,

Iere.15,4. 11 *Becauſe that Manaſſéh King of Iudáh hathe done ſuche abominacióṡ, and hathe wroght more wickedly then all that the Amorites (which were before him) did, & hathe made Iudáh ſinne alſo wt his idoles,

12 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil bring an euil vpon Ieruſalém and Iudáh, that whoſo heareth of it, bothe his eares ſhal c tingle.

c Meaning, ỹ whoſoeuer ſhal heare of this great plague, ſhalbe aſtoniſhed

13 And I wil ſtretch ouer Ieruſalém the line d of Samaria, and the plommet of the houſe of Aháb: and I wil wipe Ieruſalém, as a man wipeth a diſh, which he wipeth, and turneth it vpſide downe.

d As I haue deſtroyed Samaria and the houſe of Aháb, ſo wil I deſtroye Iudáh

14 And I wil forſake the e remnant of mine inheritance, and deliuer them into the hãd of their enemies, and they ſhalbe robbed & ſpoiled of all their aduerſaries,

e Meaning Iudáh and Beniamin, which were onely left of the reſt of the tribes.

15 Becauſe they haue done euil in my ſight, and haue prouoked me to angre, ſince the time their fathers came out of Egypt vntil this day.

f The Ebrewes write that he ſlewe Iſaiáh ỹ Prophet, who was his father in Lawe.

16 Moreouer Manaſſéh ſhed f innocent blood exceding muche, til he repleniſhed Ieruſalém from corner to corner, beſide his ſinne wherewith he made Iudáh to ſinne, and to do euil in the ſight of the Lord.

17 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Manaſſéh, and all that he did, and his ſinne ỹ he ſinned, are they not writen in ỹ boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

18 And Manaſſéh ſlept with his fathers, and was buryed in ỹ gardẽ of his owne houſe, *euen* in the garden of Vzzá: and Amón his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

19 ¶ *Amón was two and twentie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and he reigned two yere in Ieruſalém: his mothers name alſo was Meſhullémeth the daughter of Harúz of Iotbáh. *2 Chro 33,20.*

20 And he did euil in the ſight of the Lord, as his father Manaſſéh did.

21 For he walked in all the waie, that his father walked in, and ſerued the idoles that his father ſerued, and worſhiped them.

22 And he forſoke the Lord God of his fathers, and walked not in the g way of the Lord.

g That is, according to his cõmandements.

23 And the ſeruants of Amón conſpired againſt him, and ſlewe the King in his owne houſe.

24 And the people of the land ſlewe all them that had conſpired againſt King Amón, and the people made Ioſiah his ſonne King in his ſteade.

25 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Amón, which he did, are they not writen in the boke of ỹ Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

26 And *they buryed him in his ſepulchre in the garden of Vzzá: and Ioſiáh his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

Or, he buryed him ſo it, Ioſiah his ſonne.

CHAP. XXII.

4 Ioſiáh repareth the Temple & Helkiáh findeth the boke of the Lawe, and cauſeth it to be preſented to Ioſiah. 12 Who ſendeth to Huldáh the propheteſſe to inquire the Lords wil.

1 IOſiáh was *eight yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned one and thirtie yere in Ieruſalém. His mothers name alſo was Iedidáh the daughter of Adaiáh of Bozcáth. *2 Chro 34, 1.*

a His zeale was prophecied of, & his name mencioned by Iddó the Prophet, more then three hundreth yeres before, 1 King.13,2: and being but eight yere olde, he ſought ỹ God of his father Dauid, 2 Chro 34,3.

2 And he did vprightly in the ſight of the Lord, & a walked in all the wayes of Dauid his father, and bowed nether to the right hand, nor to the left.

Or, yeer, as verſ 9

3 ¶ And in the eightenth yere of King Ioſiáh, the King ſent Shaphán the ſonne of Azaliáh the ſonne of Meſhullám the chãceller to the houſe of the Lord, ſaying,

Or, verſ.

4 Go vp to Hilkiáh the hie Prieſt, that he may *ſumme the ſiluer which is broght into the houſe of the Lord, which the kepers of the b dore haue gathered of the people.

b Certeine of the Prieſts were appointed to this office, as Chap 12,9

5 And let them c deliuer it into the hand of them that do the worke, *and* haue the ouerſight of the houſe of the Lord: let them giue it to them that worke in the houſe of the Lord, to repaire the decaied places of the houſe:

c From the time of Ioáſh for the ſpace of 224 yeres the Temple remained without reparatiõ through the negligence of ỹ Prieſts this declareth that they that haue a charge and execute it not, ought to haue it taken from them.

6 *To wit, vnto the artificers and carpenters & maſons, and to bie tymber, and hewed ſtone

ſtone to repaire the houſe.

7 Howbeit let no rekening be made with them of the money, that is deliuered into their hand: for they deale [d] faithfully.

d So God pronuced him of faithful ſeruãts, ſeing he went about ſo zealouſly to ſet forthe the worke of God.

8 And Hilkiáh the hie Prieſt ſaid vnto Shaphán the chanceller, I haue founde the [e] boke of the Lawe in the houſe of the Lord: and Hilkiáh gaue the boke to Shaphán, and he red it.

e This was the copie that Moſes left them, as appeareth 2 Chro 34.14 which ether by the negligence of the Prieſts had bene loſt, or els by the wickednes of idolatrous Kings had bene abolished

9 So Shaphán the chanceller came to the King, and broght him worde againe, & ſaid, Thy ſeruãts haue "gathered the money, that was founde in the houſe, and haue deliuered it vnto the hands of them that do the worke, *and* haue the ouerſight of the houſe of the Lord.

"Or melted.

10 Alſo Shaphán the chanceller ſhewed the King, ſaying, Hilkiáh the Prieſt hathe deliuered me a boke. And Shaphán red it before the King.

11 And when the King had heard the wordes of the boke of the Lawe, he rent his clothes.

12 Therefore the King commanded Hilkiáh the Prieſt, and Ahikám the ſonne of Shaphán, and Achbór the ſonne of Michaiáh, and Shaphán the chanceller, and Aſahiah the Kings ſeruant, ſaying,

13 Go ye *and* [f] inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Iudáh, concerning the wordes of this boke that is founde: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled againſt vs, becauſe our fathers haue not obeyed the wordes of this boke, to do according vnto all that which is writen therein for vs.

f Meaning to ſome Prophet whome God reueleth the knowledge of things vnto, as Ier 21,1 thogh at other times they inquired the Lord by Vrim & Thũmim.

14 ¶ So Hilkiáh the Prieſt and Ahikám, and Achbór and Shaphán, and Aſahiáh went vnto Huldáh the Propheteſſe the wife of Shallúm, the ſonne of Tikuáh, the ſonne of Harhás keper of the wardrobe: (and ſhe dwelt in Ieruſalém in the [g] colledge) and they communed with her.

g Or, the houſe of doctrine which was nere to the Temple, & where the learned aſſembled to intreat the Scriptures, & the doctrine of the Prophetes

15 And ſhe anſwered them, Thus ſayth the Lord God of Iſraél, Tel the man that ſent you to me,

16 Thus ſayth the Lord, Beholde, I wil bring euil vpon this place, and on the inhabitants thereof, *euen* all the wordes of the boke which the King of Iudáh hathe red,

17 Becauſe they haue forſaken me, and haue burnt incenſe vnto other gods, to anger me with all the [h] workes of their hands: my wrath alſo ſhalbe kindled againſt this place, and ſhal not be quenched.

h The workes of mans hand here ſignifie all that mã inuenteth beſide the worde of God which are abominable in Gods ſeruice.

18 But to the King of Iudáh, who ſent you to inquire of the Lord, ſo ſhal ye ſay vnto him, Thus ſayth the Lord God of Iſraél, The wordes that thou haſt heard, *ſhal come to paſſe.*

i Meaning that he did repent as they, that do not repent, are ſaid to harden their heart, Pſal 95,8.

19 *But* becauſe thine heart did [i] melt, and thou haſt humbled thy ſelfe before the Lord, when thou heardeſt what I ſpake againſt this place, and againſt the inhabitãts of the ſame, *to wit*, that it ſhulde be deſtroyed and accurſed, and haſt rent thy clothes, and wept before me, I haue alſo heard it, ſayth the Lord.

20 Beholde therefore, I wil gather thee to thy fathers, and thou ſhalt be put in thy graue in [k] peace, and thine eyes ſhal not ſe all the euil, which I wil bring vpon this place. Thus they broght the King worde againe.

k Whereupon we may gather that the augre of God is ready againſt the wicked, when God taketh his ſeruants out of this worlde.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 Ioſiáh readeth the Lawe before the people 3 He maketh a couenant with the Lord 4 He putteth downe the idoles, after he had killed their prieſts 22 He kepeth Paſſouer. 24 He deſtroyeth the conuerts 29 He was killed in Megiddó. 30 And his ſonne Iehoahaz reigneth in his ſtede 33 After he was taken, his ſonne Iehoiakim was made King.

1 THen *the King* [a] ſent, and there gathered vnto him all the Elders of Iudáh and of Ieruſalém.

2 Chro.34.36

a Becauſe he ſawe the great plagues of God that were threatned, he knewe no more ſpedie waye to auoide them, then to turne to God by repentance, which can not come but of faith, and faith by hearig of the worde of God

2 And the King went vp into the houſe of the Lord, with all the men of Iudáh and all the inhabitãts of Ieruſalém with him, and the Prieſts and Prophetes, and all the people bothe ſmall & great: and he red in their eares all the wordes of the boke of the couenant, which was found in the houſe of the Lord.

3 And the King ſtode by [b] the piller, and made a [c] couenant before the Lord, that they ſhulde walke after the Lord, and kepe his commandements, and his teſtimonies, and his ſtatutes with all *their* heart, & with all *their* ſoul, that they might accompliſh the wordes of this couenant writen in this boke. And all the people ſtode to the couenant.

b Where the King had his place, Chap 11,14

c As Ioſhúa did, Ioſ 24.22

4 Then the King commanded Hilkiáh the hie Prieſt and the [d] Prieſts of the ſecond ordre, and the kepers of the dore, to bring out of the Temple of the Lord all the veſſels that were made for Báal, and for the groue, and for all the hoſte of heauen, and he burnt them without Ieruſalém in the fields of Kedrón, and caryed [e] the powdre of them into Beth-él.

d Meaning the prieſts of Báal, which were called Chemirims, ether becauſe they ware blacke garments, or els were ſmoked with burning incenſe to idoles

e In contempt of that altar, which Ieroboám had there buylt to ſacrifice to his calues.

5 And he put downe the [f] Chemerím, whome the Kings of Iudáh had foũded to burne incẽſe in the hie places, & in the cities of Iudáh, and about Ieruſalém, & alſo them that burnt incenſe vnto Báal, to the ſunne and to the moone, and to the planets, & to all the hoſte of heauen.

f Meaning that groue idolaters for deuotion had planted nere vnto the Temple, contrarie to the commãdement of the Lord, Deu 16, 20 or as ſome read, the ſimilitude of a groue which was hanged in the Temple

6 And he broght out the [g] groue from the Tẽple of the Lord without Ieruſalém vnto the valley Kedrón, and burnt it in the valley Kedrón, and ſtampt it to powdre, and caſt the duſt thereof vpon the [h] graues of the children of the people.

g He remoued that groue idolaters had worſhiped them in their liues.

h Bothe in cõtempt of the idoles, & reproche of them

7 And he brake downe the houſes of the ſodomites, that were in the houſe of the Lord,

where the women woue hangings for the groue.

8 Also he broght all the prieſtes out of the cities of Iudáh, and defiled the hie places where the prieſts had burnt incenſe, *euen* from Géba to Beer-ſhéba, and deſtroied the hie places of the gates, that were in ỹ entring in of the gate of Ioſhúa the gouernour of the citie which was at the left hand of the gate of the citie.

9 Neuertheles the prieſts of the hie places [i] came not vp to the altar of the Lord in Ieruſalém, ſaue onely thei did eat of the vnleauened bread among their brethren.

10 He defiled alſo [k] Tópheth, which was in the valley of the children of Hinnóm, that no man ſhulde make his ſonne or his daughter paſſe through ỹ fyre to Mólech.

11 He put downe alſo the [l] horſes that the Kings of Iudáh had giuen to the ſunne at the entring in of the houſe of the Lord, by the chamber of Nethan-mélech the eunuche, which was *ruler* of the ſuburbes, and burnt the charets of the ſunne with fyre.

12 And the altars that were on the top of the chamber of Aház, which the Kings of Iudáh had made, and the altars which Manaſſéh had made in the two courtes of the houſe of the Lord, did the Kíg breake downe, and haſted thence, and caſt the duſt of them in the [n] brooke Kedrón.

13 Moreouer the King defiled the hie places that were before Ieruſalém and on the right hand of the [m] mount of corruption (which *Salomón the King of Iſraél had buylt for Aſhtóreth the idole of the Zidonians, and for Chemóſh the idole of the Moabites, and for Milchóm the abomination of the children of Ammón)

14 And he brake the images in pieces, and cut downe the groues and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Furthermore [n] the altar that was at Beth-él, & the hie place made by Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát, which made Iſraél to ſinne, bothe this altar and alſo the hie place brake he downe, & burnt the hie place, & ſtampt it to powder and burnt the groue.

16 And as Ioſiáh turned him ſelfe, he ſpied the graues, that were in the mount, and ſent and toke the bones out of the graues, and burnt them vpon the altar, and polluted it, according to the worde of the Lord that the [o] man of God proclaimed which cryed the ſame wordes.

17 Thé he ſaid, What title is that which I ſe? And the mé of the citie ſáid vnto him, *It is* the ſepulchre of the man of God, which came from Iudáh, and tolde theſe things that thou haſt done to the altar of Beth-él.

18 Thé ſaid he, Let him alone: let none remoue his bones. So his bones were ſaued with the bones of the [p] Prophet that came from Samaria.

19 Ioſiáh alſo toke away all the houſes of the hie places, which were in the cities of Samaria, which the Kings of Iſraél had made to angre *the Lord*, and did to them according to all the factes that he had done in Beth-él.

20 And he ſacrificed all the prieſts of the hie places, that were there vpō the altars, and burnt mens bones vpon them, and returned to Ieruſalém.

21 ¶ Then the King commanded all the people, ſaying, *Kepe the Paſſeouer vnto the Lord your God, *as it is writen in the boke of this couenant.

22 And there was no Paſſeouer holden [q] like that from the daies of the Iudges that iudged Iſraél, nor in all the dayes of the Kings of Iſraél, and of the Kings of Iudáh.

23 And in the eightenth yere of King Ioſiáh was this Paſſeouer celebrated to the Lord in Ieruſalém.

24 Ioſiáh alſo toke away them that had familiar ſpirits, & the ſothe ſayers, and the images, and the idoles, & all the abominacions that were eſpied in the land of Iudáh & in Ieruſalém, to performe the wordes of the *Lawe, which were writen in the boke that Hilkiáh the Prieſt founde in the houſe of the Lord.

25 Like vnto him was there no King before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his ſoule, & with all his might according to all the Lawe of Moſés, nether after him aroſe there anie like him.

26 Not withſtanding the Lord turned not from the [r] fearcenes of his great wrath wherewith he was angrie againſt Iudáh, becauſe of all the prouocacions where with Manaſſéh had prouoked him.

27 Therefore the Lord ſaid, I wil put Iudáh alſo out of my ſight, as I haue put away Iſraél, and wil caſt of this citie Ieruſalém, which I haue choſen, and the houſe whereof I ſaid, *My Name ſhalbe there.

28 Concenring the reſt of the actes of Ioſiáh, and all that he did, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

29 ¶ *In his dayes Pharaóh Nechóh King of Egypt went vp againſt the King of Aſſhúr to the riuer Peráth. And Kíg Ioſiáh [s] went againſt him, whome when *Pharaóh* ſawe, he ſlewe him at Megiddó.

30 Then his ſeruants caried him dead from Megiddó, and broght him to Ieruſalém, & buryed him in his owne ſepulchre. And the people of the land toke Iehoaház the ſonne of Ioſiáh, and annointed him, and made

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i Becauſe that thoſe that had forſaken the Lord to ſerue idoles, were not mete to minister in the ſeruice of the Lord for the inſtruction of others

k Which was a valley nere to Ieruſalém. & ſignifieth a tabret, becauſe they smote on the tabret while their children were burning, that their crye ſhulde not be heard, where after Ioſiáh commanded carions to be caſt

l The idolatrous Kíg had dedicate horſes & charets to the ſunne either to caſte ỹ image thereof about as the heathen did, orels to ſacrifice thé, as a ſacrifice moſte agreable

n Or, *valley*

m That was ỹ mouñt of olives, ſo called becauſe it was full of idoles

1 *King.* 11, 7

n Which Ieroboám had buylt in Iſraél, 1. King 12, 28

o According to the prophecie of Iaddó, 1 King. 13, 2.

p Meaning ỹ Prophet ỹ came after him, and cauſed him to eat contrary to ỹ commandemet of the Lord, & were bothe two buryed in one graue, 1 King 13, 31.

2 *Chro* 35, 1. 3 *eſdr* 1, 1. *Exod* 12, 3. *deut* 16, 2.

q For the multitude & zeale of the people with the great preparation

Leui 20, 27. *deut.* 18, 11.

r Because of ỹ wicked heart of the people, & wolde not turne vnto him by repentance.

1 *King* 8, 29. & 9, 3 2 *king.* 7, 10.

2 *Chro.* 35, 20.

s Because he paſſed through his countery, he feared leſt he wolde haue done him harme, and therefore wolde haue ſtaied hi, yet he conſulted not with ỹ Lord, & therefore was ſlain.

made him King in his fathers ſteade.

2.Chro 36.1. 31 *Iehoahaz was thre and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, & reigned thre moneths in Ieruſalém. His mothers name alſo was Hamutál the daughter of Ieremiah of Libnáh.

32 And he did euil in the ſight of the Lord, accordīg to all that his [z] fathers had done.

[z] Meaning, the wicked Kings before

33 And Pharaóh Nechóh put him in bonds [u] at Ribláh in the land of Hamáth, while he reigned in Ieruſalém, and put the land to a tribute of an hundreth talents of ſiluer, and a talent of golde.

[u] Which was Antiochia in Syria, called alſo Hamáth

*Or, shut he kept him

34 ¶ And Pharaóh Nechóh made Eliakím the ſonne of Ioſiáh King in ſteade of Ioſiáh his father, and turned his name to Iehoiakim, and toke Iehoaház away, which when he came to Egypt, dyed there.

35 And Iehoiakim gaue the ſiluer and the golde to Pharaóh, and taxed the land to giue the money, according to the cōmandement of Pharaóh: he leuyed of euerie man of the people of the land, according to his vallue, ſiluer and golde to giue vnto Pharaóh Nechóh.

36 Iehoiakim was fiue and twentie yere olde, when he began to reigne, & he reigned eleuen yeres in Ieruſalém. His mothers name alſo was Zebudáh the daughter of Pedaiáh of Rumáh.

37 And he did euil in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAP XXIIII.

Iehoiakim made ſubiect to Nebuchad-nezzár rebelleth 3 The cauſe of his ruine and all Iudæa 6 Iehoiachín reigneth 15 He and his people are caryed vnto Babylon 17 Zedekiah is made King.

1 IN his [a] dayes came Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél vp, and Iehoiakim became his ſeruant thre yere: afterwarde he turned, and rebelled againſt him.

[a] In the end of ỹ third yere of his reigne, and in the beginning of the fourte, Dan. 1.1.

2 And the Lord ſent againſt him bandes of the Chaldees, & bandes of the Aramites, and bandes of the Moabites, and bandes of the Ammonites, & he ſent them againſt Iudáh, to deſtroye it, *according to the worde of the Lord, which he ſpake by his ſeruants the Prophetes.

*Chap 20.17. & 23.27.

[b] Though God vſed the ſe wicked tyrāts to execute his iuſte iudgemēts, yet they are not to be excuſed, becauſe they proceded of ambition & malice

3 Surely by the [b] cōmandement of ỹ Lord came this vpon Iudáh, that he might put them out of his ſight for the ſinnes of Manaſſéh, according to all that he did,

4 And for the innocent blood that he ſhed, (for he filled Ieruſalem [w] innocent blood) therefore the Lord wolde not pardone it.

5 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Iehoiakim, & all that he did, are they not writē in the boke of the Chronicles of ỹ Kings of Iudáh?

[c] Not that he was buryed [w] his fathers, but he dyed in the way, as they led him priſoner towardes Babylón: read Iere 22.19.

6 So Iehoiakim [c] ſlept with his fathers, and Iehoiachín his ſōne reigned in his ſteade.

7 ¶ And the King of Egypt came no more out of his land: for the King of Babél had taken from the riuer of Egypt, vnto the riuer [r] Peráth, all that pertained to the King of Egypt.

[r] Or, Euphrates.

8 ¶ Iehoiachin [w] eightene yere olde, whē he began to reigne, and reigned in Ieruſalém thre moneths. His mothers name alſo [w] Nehuſhtá, the daughter of Elnathán of Ieruſalém.

9 And he did euil in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his father had done.

10 *In that time came the ſeruants of Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél vp againſt Ieruſalém: ſo the citie was beſieged.

*Dan 1.1

11 And Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél came againſt the citie, & his ſeruants did beſiege it.

12 Thē Iehoiachín the King of Iudáh [d] came out againſt the King of Babel, he, and his mother, and his ſeruants, and his princes, and his eunuches: and the King of Babél toke him in the eight yere [e] of his reigne.

[d] That is, yelded him ſelfe vnto him by ỹ counſel of Ieremie

[e] In the reigne of the King of Babylón

13 *And he caryed out thence all the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and the treaſures of the Kings houſe, and brake all the veſſels of golde, which Salomón King of Iſraél had made in the Tēple of the Lord, as the Lord had ſaid.

*Chap 20.17 iſa 39.6.

14 And he caryed away all Ieruſalém, and all the princes, and all the ſtrong men of warre, *euen* ten thouſand into captiuitie, & all the workemen, & conning mē: ſo none remained ſauing the poore people of the land.

15 *And he caryed away Iehoiachín into Babél, and the Kings mother, & the Kings wiues, and his eunuches, and the mightie of the land caryed he away into captiuitie from Ieruſalém to Babél,

*2 Chro 36.10 eſther 2.6.

16 And all the men of warre, *euen* ſeuen thouſand, and carpenters, & lockeſmithes a thouſand: all that were ſtrong and apt for warre, did the King of Babél bring to Babél captiues.

17 ¶ *And the King of Babél made Mattaniáh his vncle King in his ſteade, & changed his name to Zedekiáh.

*Iere 37.1. & 52.1.

18 Zedekiáh was one & twentie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuē yeres in Ieruſalem. His mothers name alſo was Hamutál the daughter of Ieremiáh of Libnáh.

19 And he did euil in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that Iehoiakim had done.

20 Therefore certeinly the wrath of the Lord was againſt Ieruſalém & Iudáh vntil he caſt them out of his [f] ſight. And Zedekiáh rebelled againſt the King of Babél.

[f] Out of Ieruſalém and Iudáh into Babylón

CHAP. XXV.

1 Ieruſalém is beſieged of Nebuchad-nezzár, & taken 7 The ſonnes of Zedekiáh are ſlayne before

after are his owne eyes put out. 21 Iudáh is broght to Babylón. 25 Gedaliáh is ſlayne. 27 Iehoiachin is exalted.

Iere.39.1 & 52.4.

1 AND *in the [a] ninthe yere of his reigne, the [b] tenth *moneth & tenth day of the moneth Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél came, he, & all his hoſte againſt Ieruſalém, and pitched againſt it, and they buylt [c] fortes againſt it rounde about it.

2 So the citie was beſieged vnto the eleuéth yere of King Zedekiáh.

3 And the ninthe *day* of the moneth the famine was [c] ſore in the citie, ſo that there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 Then the citie was broken vp, and all the men of warre *fled* by night, by the waye of the [d] gate, *which is* betwene two walles that was by the Kings garden: now the Caldees *were* by the citie rounde about: *and the King* went by the way of the wildernes.

5 But the armie of the Caldees purſued after the King, and toke him in the deſerts of Ieriché, and all his hoſte was ſcatred from him.

6 Then they toke the King, and caryed him vp to the King of Babél to Ribláh, where they [e] gaue iudgement vpon him.

7 And they ſlewe the ſonnes of Zedekiáh before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiáh, and bounde him in chaines, & caryed him to Babél.

8 ¶ And in the fift moneth, *& [f] ſeuenth *day* of the moneth, which was the nintenth yere of King Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél, came Nebuzar-adán [g] chief ſteward *and* ſeruant of the King of Babél, to Ieruſalém,

9 And burnt the houſe of the Lord, and the Kings houſe, and all the houſes of Ieruſalém, & all the great houſes burnt he with fyre.

10 And all the armie of the Caldees that were with the chief ſteward, brake downe the walles of Ieruſalém rounde about.

11 And the reſt of the people that were left in the citie, and thoſe that were fled and [g] fallen to the King of Babél, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adán chief ſteward carye away captiue.

12 But the chief ſteward left of the poore of the land to dreſſe the vines, and to til the land.

Chap 20.17 Iere 27.22.

13 *Alſo the pillers of braſſe that were in the houſe of the Lord, and the baſes, and the braſen Sea that was in the houſe of the Lord, did the Caldees breake, and caryed the braſſe of them to Babél.

14 The pottes [h] alſo and the beſomes, and the inſtruments of muſike, and the incenſe aſſhes, & all the veſſels of braſſe that they miniſtred in, toke they away.

15 And the aſſhe pannes, and the baſens, *and all* that was of golde, & that was of ſiluer, toke the chief ſteward away,

16 With the two pillers, one Sea & the baſes, which Salomón had made for the houſe of the Lord: the braſſe of all theſe veſſels was without weight.

17 *The height of the one piller was eighteene cubites, and the chapiter thereon *was* braſſe, and the height of the chapiter *was* with networke thre cubites, and pomegranates vpon the chapiter rounde about, all of braſſe: and likewiſe *was* the ſeconde piller with the networke.

1 King 7.15. Iere 52.21 2 Chro.3.15.

18 And the chief ſteward toke Seraiáh the chief Prieſt, and Zephaniáh the [i] ſeconde Prieſt, and the thre kepers of the dore.

19 And out of the citie he toke an eunuche that had the ouerſight of the mē of warre, and [k] fiue men of them that were in the Kings preſence, which were founde in the citie, and Sophér captaine of the hoſte, who muſtred the people of the land, and threſcore men of the people of the land, that were founde in the citie.

20 And Nebuzar-adán the chief ſteward toke them, and broght them to the King of Babél to Ribláh.

21 And the King of Babél ſmote them, and ſlewe them at Ribláh in the land of Hamáth. So Iudáh was caryed away captiue out of his owne land.

22 *Howbeit there remained people in the land of Iudáh, whome Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél left, & made Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám the ſonne of Shaphán ruler ouer them.

Iere.40.5.& 9.

23 Thē when all the captaines of the hoſte & *their* men heard, that the King of Babél had made Gedaliáh gouernour, thei came to Gedaliáh to Mizpáh, to wit, Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh, and Iohanán the ſonne of Káreah, and Seraiáh the ſonne of Tanhúmeth ŷ Netophathite, & Iaazaniáh ŷ ſonne of Maachathí, thei & their mē.

24 And Gedaliáh [l] ſware to thē, & to their men, and ſaid vnto them, Feare not to be the ſeruants of the Caldees: dwel in the land, and ſerue the King of Babél, and ye ſhal be wel.

25 *But in the ſeuenth moneth Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh the ſonne of Eliſhamá of the Kings ſede, came, and ten men with him, & ſmote Gedaliáh, & he dyed, and ſo did he the Iewes, and the Caldees that were with him at Mizpáh.

26 Then all the people both ſmall & great and the captaines of the armie aroſe, and came to [m] Egypt: for they were afrayed of the Caldees.

27 Notwithſtanding in the ſeuen and thirtieth yere after, [n] Iehoiachín King of Iudáh was caryed away in the twelft moneth *& the ſeuen and twentith *day* of the moneth, Euil-merodách King of Babél in the

[a] That is, of Zedekiáh
[b] Which the Ebrewes call Tebét, and it cōteineth part of December & parte of Ianuarie
[c] Or, a mouse
[c] In ſo muche ŷ the mothers did eat their children, Lament. 4.10.
[d] Which was a poſterne dore or ſome ſecret gate to iſſue out at.
[e] Or condēned hī for his periurie & treaſō, 2 Chro. 36.13.
[f] Ieremie writteth Chap. 52.12 the tenth day, becauſe ŷ fyre continued frō the ſeuenth day to ŷ tēth.
[g] Or, captaine of the garde.
[g] While the ſiege indured.
[h] Of theſe read Exod. 27.3
[i] That is, one appointed to ſuccede in the hie Prieſts rowme, if he were ſicke or els otherwiſe letted
[k] Ieremie maketh mencion of ſeuen, but here he ſpeaketh of them that were the chiefeſt.
[l] That is, he did exhorte them in the Name of the Lord, according to Ieremies cōſel, to ſubmit themſelues to Nebuchad-nezzár, ſeing it was the reueled wil of the Lord.
Iere. 41.1.
[m] Contrary to Ieremies cōſel, Iere 40.4 & 42.43.
[n] Thus log was he, his wife, & his childrē to Babylón, whome Nebuchadnezzars ſonne, after his fathers death, preferred to honour: thus by Gods prouidence the ſede of David was reſerued euen vnto Chriſt.

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yere that he began to reigne, did lift vp the head of Iehoiachín King of Iudáh out of the prison,

28 And spake kindely to him, & set his throne aboue the throne of the Kings that were with him in Babél,

29 And changed his prisongarments: and he did continually eat bread before him, all the dayes of his life.

30 And his o porció was a cótinual porcion giuen him by the King, euerie day a certein, all the dayes of his life.

o Meaning, ỹ he had an ordinarie in the court.

THE FIRST BOKE OF the "Chronicles, or Paralipoménon.

"Ebr. Wordes of dayes.

THE ARGUMENT.

THe Iewes comprehend bothe these bokes in one, which the Grecians becauſe of the length deuide into two: and they are called Chronicles, becauſe they note briefly the hiſtories from Adám to the returne from their captiuitie in Babylón. But theſe are not theſe bokes of Chronicles, which are ſo oft mencioned in the bokes of Kings of Iudáh and Iſraél, which did at large ſet forthe the ſtorie of bothe the kingdomes, and afterward periſhed in the captiuitie: but án abbridgement of the ſame, and were gathered by Eſra, as the Iewes write, fter their returne frō Babylón. This fyrſt boke conteineth a brief rehearſal of the children of Adám vnto Abrahám, Izhák, Iaakób, and the twelue Patriarches, chiefly of Iudáh and of the reigne of Dauid, becauſe Chriſt came of him according to the fleſh. And therefore it ſetteth forthe more amply his actes, bothe cōcerning ciuil gouernement, and alſo the adminiſtracion, and care of things concerning religion, for the good ſucceſſe whereof he reioyceth, and giueth thankes to the Lord.

"Or, of things omitted, to wit, in the bokes of the Kings.

CHAP. I.

1 The genealogie of Adam and Nóah vntil Abrahám. 27 And from Abrahám to Eſau 35 His children. 43 Kings and dukes came of him.

1 ADám, a Sheth, Enóſh,
2 Kenán, Mahalaléel, Iéred,
3 Henóch, Methuſhélah, Lámech,
4 Nóah, b Shem, Ham, & Iápheth.

a Meaning that Sheth was Adams ſonne & Enoſh Sheths ſonne.

b It had bene ſufficient to haue named Shem, of whome came Abraham and Dauid, but becauſe the worlde was reſtored by theſe thre, mencion is alſo made of Ham and Iápheth Gen. 10, 2.

5 ¶ *The ſonnes of Iápheth were* Gómer, and Magóg, and Madái, and Iauán, and Tubál, and Méſhech, and Tirás.

6 And the ſonnes of Gómer, Aſhchenáz, & "Ipháth and Togarmáh.

7 Alſo the ſonnes of Iauán, Elíſháh and Tarſhuſháh, Kittím, and "Dodanim.

8 ¶ *The ſonnes of Ham were* Cuſh and Mizráim, Put and Canáan.

9 And the ſonnes of Cuſh, Sibá and Hauilah, and Sabtá, and Raamáh, and Sabtechá. Alſo the ſonnes of Raamáh *were* Shebá and Dedán.

"Or, Riphath. "Or, Rodanim.

c Who firſt did lift vp him ſelfe aboue others, Geneſ. 10, 8.

10 And Cuſh begate c Nimród, who began to be mighty in the earth.

11 And Mizráim begate Ludím and Anamím, Lehabim and Naphtuhím:

12 Pathruſim alſo, & Caſluhím, of whome came the Philiſtíns, and Caphtorim.

13 Alſo Canáan begate Zidon his firſt borne, and Heth,

14 And the Iebuſite, and the Amorite, and the Girgaſhite,

15 And the Hiuuite, and the Arkite and the Simite,

16 And the Aruadite, & the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 ¶ *The ſonnes of Shem were* Elám and Aſſhúr, and Arpachſhád, and Lud, and d Arám, and Vz, and Hul and Géther, and Méſhech.

Gen. 10, 22. & 11, 10.

18 Alſo Arpachſhád begate Shélah, & Shélah begate e Eber.

19 Vnto Eber alſo were borne two ſonnes: the name of the one *was* Péleg: for in his dayes was the earth deuided: and his brothers name *was* Iokrán.

20 Then Iokrán begate Almodád and Shéleph, and Hazermáueth and Iérah,

21 And Hadorám and Vzál and Dikláh,

22 And Ebál, and Abimaél, and Shebá,

23 And Ophír, and Hauilah and Iobáb: all theſe were the ſonnes of Iokran.

d Of whome came the Syrians, and therefore they are called Aramites through out all ỹ Scripture.

e Of him came ỹ Ebrewes which were afterwarde called Iſraelites of Iſraél, which was Iaakob: and Iewes of Iudáh, becauſe of the excellēcie of that tribe.

24 f Shem, g Arpachſhád, Shélah,
25 Eber, Péleg, Rehú,
26 Serúg, Nahór, Teráh,
27 *Abrám, which is Abrahám

f He repeateth Shem againe, becauſe he wolde come to the ſtocke of Abrahám.

g Who came of Shem and of him Shélah.

28 ¶ *The ſonnes of Abraham were* Izhák, and Iſhmaél.

29 Theſe are their generacións. *The eldeſt ſonne of Iſhmaél was* Nebaióth, and Kedár, and Adbeél and Mibſám,

Gen 16, 11. & 17, 5. & 21, 2.

30 Miſhmá, and Dumáh, Maſſa, "Hadád, and Tema,

Gen. 25, 13. "Or, Hadar.

31 Ietúr, Naphíſh and Kédemah: theſe are the ſonnes of Iſhmaél.

32 ¶ And Keturáh Abrahams h cōcubine bare ſonnes, Zimran, and Iokſhan, & Medán, and Midian, and Ishbák, & Shuah: and the ſonnes of Iokſhán, Sheba, and Dedan.

h Read Gene. 25, 2.

33 And the ſonnes of Midian *were* Ephíh, & Ephár, & Henóch, & Abida, & Eldaáh: *all theſe are the ſonnes of Keturáh.

Gen. 25, 4.

34 *And Abrahám begate Izhák: the ſonnes of Izhák, Eſau, and Iſrael.

Gen. 21, 2.

35 ¶ The ſonnes of Eſáu were i *Eliphaz, Reuél, and Ieúſh, and Iaalám, and Kórah.

i Theſe were borne of three diuers mothers, read Gen 36, 4.

Gen. 36, 5.

36 The ſonnes of Eliphíz, Temán, and Omár, [o] Zephí, and Gatam, Kenáz, and [k] Timná, and Amalék.
37 The ſonnes of Reuél, Náhath, Zérah, Shammáh and Mizzáh.
38 And the ſonnes of [l] Seír, Lotán, and Shobál, and Zibcón, and Anáh, and Diſhón, and Ezér and Diſhán.
39 And the ſonnes of Lotán, Horí, and Homám, and Timna Lotans ſiſter.
40 The ſonnes of Shobál *were* Alián, and Manahath, and Ebál, Shephí, and Onám. And the ſonnes of Zibeón, Aiáh & Anáh.
41 The ſonne of Anáh *was* Diſhón. And the ſonnes of Diſhón, Amrán, & Eſhbán, and Ithrán, and Cherán.
42 The ſonnes of Ezér *were* Bilhán, and Zaauán, *and* Iaakán. The ſonnes of Diſhón *were* Vz, and Arán.
43 ¶ And theſe were the [m] Kings that reigned in the land of Edóm, before a King reigned ouer the children of Iſraél, *to wit*, Béla the ſonne of Beór, and the name of his citie *was* Dinhábah.
44 Thē Béla dyed, and Iobáb the ſonne of Zérah of [n] Bozráh reigned in his ſteade.
45 And whē Iobáb was dead, Huſſhám of ỹ land of the Temanites reigned in his ſtead.
46 And when Huſſham was dead, Hadád the ſonne of Bedád which ſmote Midián in the field of Moáb, reigned in his ſtead, and the name of his citie *was* Auíth.
47 So Hadád dyed, and Samláh of Maſhrecáh reigned in his ſteade.
48 And Samláh dyed, and Shaúl of Rehobóth by the riuer reigned in his ſteade.
49 And when Shaúl was dead, Báal-hanán the ſonne of Achbó- reigned in his ſteade.
50 And Báal-hanan dyed, and Hadád reigned in his ſteade, & the name of his citie *was* [t] Paí, & his wiues name Mehetabél the daughter of Matréd the daughter of Mezahab.
51 Hadád dyed alſo, and there were dukes in Edóm, duke Timná, duke [u] Aliah, duke Iethéth,
52 Duke Aholibamáh, duke Eláh, duke Pinón,
53 Duke Kenáz, duke Temán, duke Mibzár,
54 Duke Magdiél, duke Irám. theſe were the dukes of Edóm.

l He is alſo called Seír the Horite, which inhabited mount Seír, Gen. 36,20.
m He maketh mencio of the Kings that came of Eſáu, according to Gods promes made to Abraáim cõcerning him, that Kings ſhulde come of him. Theſe eight Kings reigned one after another in Idumea vnto the time of Dauid, who conquered their coũtrey
n Which was the principal citie of the Edomites.
o Or, Zephó.
k Which was Elephaz concubine: read Gen. 36,12.
t Or, Paú.
u Or, Aluáh.

CHAP II.

Gen. 29,32. & 30,5. & 35,18. 2 *The genealogie of Iudáh vnto Iſhái the father of Dauid.*

Gen. 38,3. & 46,12. chap. 4,1. 1 THeſe are the ſõnes of Iſraél, *Reubén, Simeón, Leuí and Iudáh, Iſſhachár, & Zebulún,
2 Dan, Ioſéph, and Beniamín, Naphtalí, Gad, and Aſhér.
3 *The ſonnes of [a] Iudáh, Er, and Onán, & Sheláh. Theſe three were borne to him of the daughter of Shúa ỹ Cananite: but Er the eldeſt ſonne of Iudáh was euil in the ſight of the Lord, and he ſlewe him.
4 *And Thamár his daughter in lawe bare him Phárez, and Zérah: ſo all the ſonnes of Iudáh were fyue.
5 *The ſõnes of Phárez, Hezrón & Hamúl.
6 The ſonnes alſo of Zerah *were* [p] Zimri, and [b] Ethan, and Heman, and Calcól, and Dara, which were fiue in all.
7 And ỹ ſonne of Carmi, [q] *Achár that troubled Iſraél, tranſgreſsing in the thing excommunicate.
8 The ſonne alſo of Ethán, Azariáh.
9 And the ſonnes of Hezrón that were borne vnto him, Ierahmeél, and [c] Ram and Chelubái.
10 And Ram begate Aminadáb, and Aminadáb begate Naſhón [d] prince of the children of Iudáh,
11 And Nahſhón begate Salmá, and Salmá begate Bóaz,
12 And Bóaz begate Obéd, and Obéd begate [r] Iſhái,
13 *And Iſhái begate his eldeſt ſonne Eliáb, and Abinadáb the ſeconde, and [s] Shimmá the third,
14 Nathaneél the fourt, Raddái the fift,
15 Ozém the ſixt, *and* Dauid the ſeuent.
16 Whoſe ſiſters *were* Zeruiáh & Abigáil. And the ſonnes of Zeruiah, Abiſhai, and Ioáb, and Aſahél.
17 And Abigáil bare Amaſá: and the father of Amaſá *was* Iether an Iſhmeelite.
18 ¶ And [e] Caléb the ſonne of Hezrón begate Ierióth of Azubáh *his* wife, and her ſonnes are theſe, Ieſher, and Shobáb, and Ardón.
19 And when Azubáh was dead, Caléb toke vnto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur.
20 *And Hur begate Vrí, and Vri begate Bezaleél.
21 And afterwarde came Hezrón to the daughter of Machir the father of [f] Gilead, and toke her when he was threeſcore yere olde, and ſhe bare him Segúb.
22 And Segúb begate Iair, which had three and twentie cities in the land of Gilead.
23 And Geſſhúr with Arám toke the townes of Iair [g] from them, *and* Kenáth and the townes thereof, *euen* threeſcore cities. All theſe were the ſonnes of Machir, the father of Gileád.
24 And after that Hezrón was dead at [h] Caléb Ephrátah, then Abiáh Hezron wife bare him alſo Aſhúr the [i] father of Tekóa.
25 And the ſonnes of Ierameél the eldeſt ſonne of Hezrón were Ram the eldeſt, then Bunáh & Orén & Ozém *and* Ahiáh.
26 Alſo Ierahmeél had another wife named Atarah, which was the mother of Onám.
27 And the ſonnes of Ram the eldeſt ſonne of Ierahmeél were Máaz, and Iamin and

a Thogh Iudáh was not Iaakobs eldeſt ſonne, yet he firſt beginneth at him, becauſe he wolde come to the genealogie of Dauid, of whome came Chriſt.
p Or, Zabdi.
b of theſe read 1 Kings 4,31.
q Or, Achán. *Ioſh. 7,1.*
c Whome ỹ Matth. calleth Aram, Mat. 1,3
d That is, chief of the familie,
r Or, Ieſſe.
1. Sam. 16,10. & 17,12.
s Or, Shamméa.
e Who was called the ſonne of Hezrón, verſ. 9.
f Who was prince of mounte Gilead, read Nom. 32,40.
g That is, the Geſhurites & Syrians toke the townes from Iairs children.
h Which was a towne named of the houſbãd and wife, called alſo Beth-lehem Ephratah.
i Meaning the chief & prince.

and Ekar.

28 And the ſonnes of Onám were Shammái and Iadá. And the ſonnes of Shāmái, Nadáb and Abiſhúr.

29 And the name of the wife of Abiſhúr *was* called Abiáhil, and ſhe bare him Ahbán and Molíd.

30 The ſonnes alſo of Nadáb *were* Séled and Appáim: but Séled dyed without children.

31 And the ſonne of Appáim *was* Iſhí, and the ſonne of Iſhí, Sheſhán, and the ſonne of Sheſhan, [k] Ahlái,

[k] Who dyed whiles his father was alyue and therefore it is ſaid, verſ. 34 that Sheſhan had no ſonnes.

32 And the ſonnes of Iadá the brother of Shammái *were* Iéther and Ionathán: but Iéther dyed without children.

33 And the ſonnes of Ionathán *were* Péleth and Zazá. Theſe were the ſonnes of Ierahmeél.

34 And Sheſhán had no ſonnes, but daughters. And Sheſhán had a ſeruant that was an Egyptian named Iarha.

35 And Sheſhan gaue his daughter to Iarhá his ſeruant to wife, and ſhe bare him Attái.

36 And Attái begate Nathán, and Nathán begate Zabád,

37 And Zabád begate Ephlál, & Ephlál begate Obéd,

38 And Obéd begate Iehú, and Iehú begate Azariáh,

39 And Azariáh begate Hélez, and Hélez begate Eleaſáh,

40 And Eleaſáh begate Siſamái, & Siſamái begate Shallúm,

41 And Shallúm begate Iekamiáh, & Iekamiáh begate Eliſhamá.

42 Alſo the ſonnes of Caléb, the brother of Ierahmeél, *were* Meſhá his eldeſt ſonne, which was the [l] father of Ziph: & the ſonnes of Mareſháh the father of Hebrón.

[l] That is, the chief gouernor or prince of ſ Ziphims, becauſe one prince ought to haue a fatherlie care and affection toward his people.

43 And the ſonnes of Hebrón *were* Kórah and Tappúah, and Rékem and Shéma.

44 And Shéma begate Ráham the father of Iorkoám: and Rékem begate Shammái.

45 The ſonne alſo of Shammái *was* Maón: and Maón *was* the father of Beth-zúr.

[m] This difference was betweene the wife and the cōcubine, that the wife was take with certeine ſolemnities of mariage, and her children did inherit: the concubine had no ſolemnities in mariage, nether did her children inherit, but had a porcion of goods or money giuen the *Ioſh 15,17.*

46 And Epháh a [m] concubine of Caléb bare Harán and Mozá, and Gazéz: Harán alſo begate Gazéz.

47 The ſonnes of Iahdái *were* Régem, and Iothám, and Geſhán, & Pélet, and Epháh, and Sháaph.

48 Calebs concubine Maacháh bare Shéber and Tirhanáh.

49 She bare alſo Shaaph, the father of Madmannáh, *and* Sheuá the father of Machbenáh, and the father of Gibeá. *And Achſáh was Calebs daughter.

50 ¶ Theſe were the ſonnes of Caléb the ſonne of Hur ſ eldeſt ſonne of Ephráthah, Shobál the father of Kiriáth-iearím.

51 Salmá the father of Beth-léhem, *and* Haréph the father of Beth-gadér.

52 And Shobál the father of Kiriath-iearím had ſonnes, and he [n] was the ouerſeer of halfe Hammenóth.

[n] *Or, he that ſawe the halfe, becauſe the prince ought to ouerſe hys ſubiectes.*

53 And the families of Kiriath-iearím *were* the Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, & the Miſhraites, of them came the Zarheathites, and the Eſhtaulites.

54 The ſonnes of Salmá of Beth-léhem, and the Nerophathite, the [n] crownes of the houſe of Ioáb, and [o] halfe the Manahthites *and* the Zorites.

[n] Meaning, the chief & principal

[o] *Or, the Zorites, the halfe of the Manahthites.*

55 And the families of the [o] Scribes dwelling at Iabéz, the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, the Shuchathites, which are the [p] Kenites, that came of Hammáth the father of the houſe of Recháb.

[o] Which were men learned and expert in the Lawe

[p] Read Nōb. 10,29, & iudg. 1,16.

CHAP. III.

1 The genealogie of Dauid and of his poſteritie vnto the ſonnes of Ioſiáh.

1 THeſe alſo were the ſonnes of [a] Dauid, which were borne vnto him in Hebrón: the eldeſt Amnón of Ahinóam, the Izraeliteſſe: the ſecond [b] Daniél of Abigáil the Carmeliteſſe.

[a] He returneth to the genealogie of Dauid, to ſhewe that Chriſt came of his ſtocke

[b] Which 2. Sam 3,3. is called Cheleáb, borne of her, that was Nabals wife the Carmelite.

2 The third Abſalóm the ſonne of Maacháh daughter of Talmái King of Geſhúr: the fourt Adoniiáh the ſonne of Haggíth:

3 The fift Shephatiáh of Abitál: the ſixt Ithreám by Egláh his wife.

4 *Theſe* ſix were borne vnto hí in Hebrón: and there he reigned ſeuen yere and ſix moneths: and in Ieruſalém he reigned thre and thirtie yere.

[c] Onely Salomón was Dauids naturall ſonne, & other thre were Vrians, whome Dauid made his by adoption he that was begotten in adulterie & dyed ſ eight day, is not reckened among Dauids ſonnes

5 And theſe foure were borne vnto him in Ieruſalém, Shimeá, and Shobáb, and Nathán, and [c] Salomón of [d] Bathſhúa the daughter of Ammiél:

[d] Called alſo Bathſhéba the daughter of Eliám: ſo that gaue them diuerſe names.

6 Ibhár alſo, and [e] Eliſhamá, and Eliphálet,

[e] Eliſhamá, or Eliſhúa 2 Sam 5,15: & Eliphélet dyed, & Dauid named thoſe ſonnes, which were next borne, by the ſame names: in the boke of Kigs his children are mencioned which were aliue, and here bothe they & were aliue & dead

7 And Nógah, and Népheg, and Iaphía,

8 And Eliſhamá, and Eliadá, and Eliphélet, nine *in nomber*.

9 *Theſe are* all the ſonnes of Dauid, beſides the ſonnes of the concubines, & Thamár their ſiſter.

f So called because he was preferred to ſ dignitie royal before his brother Iehoiakim, [w] was the elder.

10 ¶ And Salomons ſonne *was* Rehoboám, whoſe ſonne *was* Abiáh, *and* Aſá his ſonne, *and* Iehoſhaphát his ſonne,

11 *And* Ioram his ſonne, *and* Ahaziáh his ſonne, *and* Ioáſh his ſonne,

12 *And* Amaziáh his ſonne, & Azariáh his ſonne, & Iothám his ſonne,

13 *And* Ahaz his ſonne, & Hezekiáh his ſonne, & Manaſſéh his ſonne,

14 *And* Amón his ſonne, & Ioſiáh his ſonne.

15 ¶ And of the ſonnes of Ioſiáh, the [f] eldeſt *was* [g] Iohanán, the ſeconde Iehoiakim, the thirde Zedekiáh, *and* the fourt Shallúm.

[g] *Or, Iehoahás, 2. King. 23,30.*

16 And the ſonnes of Iehoiakím *were* Ie-

coniáh his ſonne, *and* Zedekiáh his ſonne.
17 And the ſonnes of Ieconiáh, Aſſir *and* Shealtiél his ſonne:
18 Malchirám alſo and Pedaiáh, & Shenazár, Iecamiáh, Hoſhamá, and Nedabiáh.
g S Mat ſaith that Zoroba bél was ſonne of Zalarhiél, meaning that he was his nenewe according to the Ebrewe ſpeache. for he was Pedaiahs ſonne.
19 And the ſonnes of Pedaiáh *were* g Zerubbabél, and Shimmeí: and the ſonnes of Zerubbabél *were* Meſhullám, and Hananiáh, and Shelomíth their ſiſter,
20 And Haſhubáh, & Ohél, and Berechiáh, & Hazadiáh, & Iuſhabhéſed, fiue *in nõber*.
21 And the ſonnes of Hananiáh *were* Pelatiáh, and Ieſaiáh: the ſonnes of Rephaiáh, the ſonnes of Arnán, the ſonnes of Obadiáh, the ſonnes of Shechaniáh.
22 And the ſonne of Shechaniáh *was* Shemaiáh: and the ſonnes of Shemaiáh *were* Hattúſh and Igeál, and Bariáh, and Neariáh and Shaphát, h ſix.
h So that Shemaiáh was Shechaniahs natural ſonne, & the other fiue his neuewes, & in all were ſix.
23 And the ſonnes of Neariáh *were* Elioenái, and Hezekiáh, and Azrikám, three.
24 And the ſonnes of Elioenái *were* Hodaiáh, and Eliaſhíb, and Pelaiáh, and Akkúb, and Iohanán, and Delaiáh and Anáni, ſeuen.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The genealogie of the ſonnes of Iudáh. 5 Of Aſhúr. 9 Of Iabéz and his prayer. 11 Of Chelúb. 24 And Simeón: their habitacions. 38 And conqueſts.

1 THe a ſonnes of Iudán *were* * Phárez, Hezrón, and Carmí, and Hur, and Shobál.
a Meaning, they came of Iudáh, as nenewes & kinſmen: for onely Phárez was his natural ſonne *Gen 38,29. & 46,12. chap 2,4.*
2 And Reaiáh the ſonne of Shobál begate Iáhath, and Iáhath begate Ahumái, and Láhad: theſe are the families of the Zoreathites.
3 And theſe were of the father of Etám, Izreél, and Iſhmá and Idbáſh: and the name of their ſiſter *was* Hazlelepóni.
4 And Penuél *was* the father of Gedór, and Ezér the father of Huſháh: theſe are the ſonnes of Hur the b eldeſt ſonne of Ephrátah, the father of Beth-léhem.
b The firſt borne of his mother, & not the eldeſt ſonne of his father.
5 But Aſhúr the father of Tekóa had two wiues, Heleáh, and Naaráh.
6 And Naaráh bare him Ahuzám, & Hépher, and Temení and Haaſhtari: theſe were the ſonnes of Naaráh.
7 And the ſonnes of Helcán *were* Zéreth, Iezóhar and Ethnán.
8 Alſo Coz begate Anúb, and Zobebáh, & the families of Aharhél ỹ ſõne of Harúm.
9 But Iabéz was more honorable then his brethren: and his mother called his name c Iabéz, ſaying, Becauſe I bare him in ſorowe.
c Otherwiſe called Othniél, Iudg 1,13.
10 And Iabéz called on the God of Iſrael, ſaying, If thou wilt bleſſe me in dede, and enlarge my coaſtes, and d *if* thine hand be with me, and thou wilt cauſe me *to be deliuered* from euil, that I be not hurt. And God granted the thing that he aſked.
d It is to be vnderſtãd, that when he wolde accõpliſh his vowe which he made.
11 ¶ And Chelúb the brother of Shuáh begate Mehír, ẅ was the father of Eſhtón.
12 And Eſhtón begate Beth raphá, & Paſeáh, & Tehinnáh the father of the citie of Naháſh: theſe are the men of Rechah.
13 ¶ And ỹ ſonnes of Kenáz *were* Othniél & Seraiáh, & ỹ ſonne of Othniél, Hathath.
14 And Meonothái begate Ophráh. And Seraiáh begate Ioáb the e father of the valley of craftesmen: for they were craftesmen.
e The Lord of ỹ valley where the artificers did worke
15 ¶ And the ſonnes of Caléb the ſonne of f Iephunnéh *were* Irú, Eláh, and Náam. And the ſonne of Eláh *was* Kenáz.
f Called alſo Eſhon
16 And the ſonnes of Iehaleél *were* Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiriá, and Aſareél.
17 And the ſonnes of Eziáh *were* Iéther & Méred, and Ephér, and Ialón, and he begate Miriám, and Shammái, and Iſhbáh the father of Eſhtemóa.
18 Alſo his g wife Iehudiiáh bare Iéred the father of Gedór, and Héber the father of Sochó, and Iekuthiél the father of Zanóah: and theſe are the ſonnes of Bithiáh the daughter of Pharaóh which Méred toke.
g Or, ſhe bare, meaning the ſecond wife of Ezrah
h Or, of whome he had ſtried
19 And the ſonnes of the wife of Hodiáh, the ſiſter of Nahám the father of Keiláh *were* the Garmites, & Eſhtemóa the Maachathite.
20 And the ſonnes of Shimón *were* Amnón and Rinnáh, Ben-hanám and Tilón And the ſonnes of Iſhi *were* Zoheth, and Benzoheth.
21 ¶ The ſonnes of Sheláh, the ſonne of Iudáh *were* Er the father of Lecáh, & Laadáh the father of Mareſháh, and the families of the houſholdes of thẽ that wroght fine linen in the houſe of Aſhbéa. *Gen 38,5.*
22 And Iokím and the men of Chozebá & Ioáſh, and Saráph, which had the dominiõ in Moáb, and i Iaſhúbi Léhem. *Theſe* alſo are ancient things.
i Or, of the inhabitants of Lehem
23 Theſe were potters, and dwelt among plants & hedges: k there they dwelt with the King for his worke.
k They were King Dauids gardiners and ſerued him in his workes.
24 * The ſonnes of Simeón *were* Nemuél, and Iamín, Iarib, Zérah, & l Shaúl. *Gen 46,10. exod 6,15.*
l His ſonne Ohad is here omitted.
25 Whoſe ſonne *was* Shallúm, & his ſonne, Mibſam, & his ſonne Miſhmá.
26 And the ſonnes of Miſhmá, Hamuél *was* his ſonne, Zacchúr his ſonne, & Shimeí his ſonne.
27 And Shimeí had ſixtene ſonnes, and ſix daughters, but his bretbren had not many children, nether was all their familie like to the children of Iudáh in multitude.
28 And they dwelt at m Beer-ſhéba, & at Moladáh, and at Hazár Shuál,
m These cities belonged to ỹ tribe of Iudáh Iosh 19,1 and were giuen to the tribe of Simeón.
29 And at Bilháh, and at Ezém, and at Tólád,
30 And at Bethuél, and at Hormáh, and at Ziklág,
1 And at Beth-marcabóth, and at Hazár Suſim,

Suſim, at Beth-bireí, & at Shaaráim. theſe were their cities vnto the reigne of [k] Dauid.

k Then Dauid reſtored them to the tribe of Iudáh

32 And their townes *were* Etám, and Aín, Rimmón, and Tóché, & Aſhán, fiue cities.
33 And all their townes that were round about theſe cities vnto Báal. Theſe are their habitations and the declaration of their genealogie,
34 And Meſhobáb and Iamléch, & Ioſháh the ſonne of Amaſhiáh,
35 And Ioél and Iehú the ſonne of Ioſhibiáh, ỹ ſonne of Seraiáh, ỹ ſonne of Aſiél,
36 And Elionái, and Iaakóbah, & Ieſhohaiáh, and Aſaiáh, and Adiél and Ieſimiél & Benaiáh,
37 And Zizá the ſonne of Shiphéi, the ſonne of Allón, the ſonne of Iedaiáh, the ſonne of Shimrí, the ſonne of Shemaiáh.
38 Theſe were famous princes in their families, and increaſed greatly their fathers houſes.

f For the tribe of Simeón was ſo great in nóber ỹ in the time of Ezekiáh they ſoght newe dwellīgs vnto Gedór, which is in the tribe of Dán.

39 And they [f] went to the entring in of Gedór, euen vnto the Eaſt ſide of the valley, to ſeke paſture for their ſhepe.
40 And they found fat paſture & good, & a wide land, bothe quiet and fruteful: for they of Ham had dwelt there before.
41 And theſe deſcribed by name, came in ỹ dayes of Hezekiáh Kīg of Iudáh, & ſmote their tents, and the inhabitants that were founde there, and deſtroyed them vtterly vnto this day, and dwelt in their rowme, becauſe there was paſture there for their ſhepe.
42 And beſides theſe, fiue hundreth men of the ſonnes of Simeón went to moūt Seír, and Pelatiáh, & Neariáh, and Rophaiáh, and Vzziél the ſonnes of Iſhí *were* their captaines,

m And were not ſlaine by Saul & Dauid.

43 And the reſt of Amalék that had [m] eſcaped, and they dwelt there vnto this day.

CHAP. V.

1 The birthright taken from Reubén and giuen to the ſonnes of Ioſéph 3 The genealogie of Reubén, 11 And Gad, 23 And of the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh.

1 THe ſonnes alſo of Reubén the eldeſt ſonne of Iſraél (for he was the eldeſt, *but had defiled his fathers bed, therefore his birthright was giuen vnto the [a] ſonnes of Ioſéph the ſonne of Iſraél, ſo that the genealogie is not rekened after *his* birthright.

*Gen 35.22. & 49.4.

a Becauſe theſe were made two tribes, thet had a double portion

2 For Iudáh preuailed aboue his brethren, & of him *came* [b] the prince, but the birthright *was* Ioſephs.)

b That is, he was ỹ chiefeſt of all ỹ tribes according to Iaakobs prophecie, Gen 49.8, & becauſe Chriſt ſhulde come of him

3 *The ſonnes of Reubén the eldeſt ſonne of Iſraél *were* Hanóch & Pallú, Hezrón and Carmí.
4 The ſonnes of Ioél, Shemaiáh his ſonne, Gog his ſonne, *and* Shimeí his ſonne,
5 Michá his ſonne, Reaiáh his ſonne, *and* Báal his ſonne,

*Gen 46.9. exod.6.14. numb.26.5.

6 Beeráh his ſonne: whome Tilgáth Pilneéſer King of Aſſhúr [c] caryed away: he was a prince of the Reubenites.

c To wit, in ỹ time of Vzziiáh King of Iſraél, 2 Kīgs 15.29.

7 And when his brethren in their families rekened the genealogie of their generacions, Ieiél and Zechariáh *were* the chief,
8 And Béla the ſonne of Azáz, the ſonne of Shéma, the ſonne of Ioél, which dwelt in [d] Aroér, euē vnto Nebó & Báal-meón.

d Theſe places were beyonde Iordén toward the Eaſt in the land giuē to the Reubenites.

9 Alſo Eaſtwarde he inhabited vnto the entring in of the wildernes from the riuer [e] Peráth: for they had muche cattel in the land of Gileád.

e Or, Euphrates.

10 And in the dayes of Saúl they warred with the [e] Hagarims, which fell by their hands: and they dwelt in their tents in all the Eaſt partes of Gileád.

e The Iſhmaelites that came of Hagár Abrahams concubine.

11 ¶ And the children of Gad dwelt ouer againſt them in the land of Baſhán, vnto Salcháh.
12 Ioél *was* the chiefeſt, and Shaphám the ſeconde, but Iaanái & Shaphát *were* in Baſhán.
13 And their brethrē of the houſe of their fathers *were* Michaél, & Meſhullám, & Shebá, & Soráí, and Iacán & Zíá, & Ebér, ſeuē.
14 Theſe are the children of Abiháil, the ſonne of Hurí, the ſonne of Iaroáh, the ſonne of Gileád, the ſonne of Michaél, the ſonne of Ieſhiſhái, the ſonne of Iahdó, the ſonne of Buz.
15 Ahí the ſonne of Abdiél, the ſonne of Guní *was* chief of the houſholde of their fathers.
16 And they dwelt in Gileád in [f] Baſhán, & in the townes thereof, and in all the ſuburbes of Sharón, by their borders.

f Bothe the hole countrey & one peculiar citie were called by this name Baſhan.

17 All theſe were rekened by genealogies in the dayes of Iothám King of Iudah, & in the dayes of Ieroboám King of Iſraél.
18 ¶ The ſonnes of Reubén and of Gad, & of halfe the tribe of Manaſſéh of thoſe ỹ were valiant men, able to beare ſhield, & ſworde, and to drawe a bowe, exerciſed in warre, were foure & fourtie thouſand, ſeuen hundreth and threſcore, that went out to the warre.
19 And they made warre with ỹ Hagarims, with [g] Ietúr, & Naphíſh and Nodab.

g Theſe twaine were ỹ ſonnes of Iſhmaél, Gene 25.13

20 And they were [h] holpen againſt them, & the Hagarims were deliuered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cryed to God in the battel, and he heard them, becauſe they truſted in him.

h To wit, by the Lord, that gaue them the victorie.

21 And they led away their cattel, *euē* their camels fiftie thouſand, and two hundreth, & fiftie thouſand ſhepe, and two thouſand aſſes, and of "perſones an hundreth thouſand.

"Ebr ſoules of men

22 For many fel downe wounded, becauſe the warre *was* of God. And they dwelt in their ſteades vntil the [i] captiuitie.

i Meaning the captiuitie of ỹ tē tribes vnder Tilgath-Pilneeſer

23 And the children of the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh dwelt in the land, from Baſhán vnto k Báal Hermón, and Senír, and vnto mount Hermón: *for* they increaſed.

k Otherwiſe called, Baal-gad.

24 And theſe were the heades of the houſholdes of their fathers, euen Epher and Iſhí, and Eliél and Azriél, and Ieremiáh, and Hodauiáh, and Iahdiél, ſtrong men, valiant & famous, heades of the houſholdes of their fathers.

25 But they tranſgreſſed againſt the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whome God had deſtroied before them.

l Thus God ſtirred vp the wicked and vſed them, as inſtruments to execute his iuſte iugemẽt againſt mẽers, although they were led w malice & ambitiõ. 2. King 18,11.

26 And God of Iſraél l ſtirred vp the ſpirit of Pul King of Aſſhúr, and the ſpirit of Tilgáth Pilneeſér King of Aſſhúr, and he caried them awaye: *euen* the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh, and broght them vnto * Haláh and Habór, and Hará, and to the riuer Gozán, vnto this day.

CHAP. VI.

30 The genealogie of the ſonnes of Leui. 31 Their ordre in the miniſterie of the Tabernacle. 49 Aarón & his ſonnes Prieſts 54,57 Their habitations.

1 THe ſonnes of Leuí *were* Gerſhón, Koháth, and Merarí.

Gen 46,11. exod 6,17. chap 23,6.

2 *And the ſonnes of Koháth, Amrám, Izhár, and Hebrón and Vzziél.

3 And the children of Amrám, Aarón, and Moſés and Miriám. And the ſonnes of Aarón, *Nadáb, and Abihú, & *Eleazár, and Ithamár.

Leuit 10,1. Nomb. 20,25.

4 Eleazár begate Phinehás. Phinehás begate Abiſhúa,

5 And Abiſhúa begate Bukkí, & Bukkí begate Vzzí,

6 And Vzzí begate Zerahiáh, and Zarahiáh begate Meraióth.

7 Meraióth begate Amariáh, and Amariáh begate Ahitúb,

8 And Ahitúb begate a Zadók, and Zadók begate Ahimáaz,

a Which was hie Prieſt after that Aoiathar was depoſed, according to the prophecie of Eli the Prieſt, 1 Sam 2,31.

9 And Ahimáaz begate Azariáh, and Azariáh begate Iohanán,

10 And Iohanán begate Azariáh (it was he that was b Prieſt in the houſe that Salomón buylt in Ieruſalém)

b And did vſurpe kingly reſpect, as Vzziáh, who wolde haue vſurped the Prieſts office, 2 Chro. 26,17.

11 And Azariáh begate Amariáh, and Amariáh begate Ahitúb,

12 And Ahitúb begate Zadók, and Zadók begate Shallúm,

13 And Shallúm begate Hilkiáh, and Hilkiáh begate Azariáh,

14 And Azariáh begate Seraiáh, and Seraiáh begate Iehozadák,

c That is, he was led into captiuitie with his father Seraiáh the hie Prieſt, 2 Kig. 25,18.

15 And c Iehozadák departed whẽ the Lord caried away into captiuitie Iudáh and Ieruſalém by the hand of Nebuchad-nezzár.

16 ¶ The ſonnes of Leuí *were* Gerſhóm, Koháth and Merarí.

17 And theſe be the names of the ſonnes of Gerſhóm, Libní, and Shimeí.

18 And the ſonnes of Koháth *were* Amrám, and Izhár, and Hebrón and Vzziél.

19 The ſonnes of Merarí, Mahlí and Mushí: and theſe are the families of Leuí cõcerning their fathers.

20 Of Gerſhóm, Libní his ſonne, Iaháth his ſonne, Zimmáh his ſonne,

21 Ioáh his ſonne, Iddó his ſonne, Zérah his ſonne, Ieaterái his ſonne.

22 The ſonnes of Kohath, d Aminadáb his ſonne, * Kórah his ſonne, Aſsír his ſonne,

d Who ſemeth to be called Izhár, Exod 6,21 Nomb 16,1.

23 Elkanáh his ſonne, and Ebiaſáph his ſonne, and Aſsír his ſonne,

24 Taháth his ſonne, Vriél his ſonne, Vzziáh his ſonne, and Shaúl his ſonne,

25 And the ſonnes of Elkanáh, Amaſái, and Ahimóth.

26 Elkanáh. the ſonnes of Elkanáh, Zophai his ſonne, and Náhath his ſonne,

27 Eliáb his ſonne, Ierohám his ſonne, Elkanáh his ſonne,

28 And the ſonnes of Samuél, ẏ eldeſt e Vashni, then Abiáh.

e Who is alſo called Ioél, 1 Sam 8,2 & the 33 verſe of this chapter.

29 ¶ The ſonnes of Merarí *were* Mahlí, Libní his ſonne, Shimeí his ſonne, Vzzáh his ſonne,

30 Shimea his ſonne, Haggiáh his ſonne, Aſaiáh his ſonne.

31 And theſe be they whome Dauid ſet for to ſing in the houſe of the Lord, after that the Arke had f reſt.

f After it was broght to that place where ẏ Tẽple ſhulde be built & was nomore caryed to & fro. g Read Exod 27,21.

32 And thei miniſtred before the Tabernacle, euen the Tabernacle of the Congregation with g ſinging, vntil Salomón had buylt the houſe of the Lord in Ieruſalém: then they continued in their office, according to their cuſtome.

33 And theſe miniſtred with their children: of the ſonnes of Koháth, Hemán a ſinger, the ſonne of Ioél, the ſonne of Shemuél,

34 The ſonne of Elkanáh, the ſonne of Ierohám, the ſonne of Eliél, the ſonne of Tóah,

35 The ſonne of Zuph, the ſonne of Elkanáh, the ſonne of Máhath, the ſonne of Amaſái,

36 The ſonne of Elkanáh, the ſonne of Ioél, the ſonne of Azariáh, the ſonne of Zephaniáh,

37 The ſonne of Táhath, the ſonne of Aſsír, the ſonne of Ebiaſáph, the ſonne of Kórah,

h Or, nephewe.

38 The ſonne of Izhár, the ſonne of Koháth, the ſonne of Leuí, the ſonne of Iſraél.

39 And his h brother Aſáph ſtode on his right hand: & Aſaph was the ſonne of Berechiáh, the ſonne of Shimea,

i Or, couſin.

h Meaning the couſin of Heman, verſ 33.

40 The

40 The ſonne of Michaél, the ſonne of Baſeiáh, the ſonne of Malchiáh,
41 The ſonne of Ethní, the ſonne of Zérah, the ſonne of Adaiáh,
42 The ſonne of Ethán, the ſonne of Zimmáh, the ſonne of Shimeí,
43 The ſonne of Iáhath, the ſonne of Gerſhóm, the ſonne of Leuí.
44 And their brethren the ſonnes of Merarí *were* on the left hand, *euen* Ethán the ſonne of Kíſhí, the ſonne of Abdí, the ſonne of Mallúch,
45 The ſonne of Haſhabiáh, the ſonne of Amaziáh, the ſonne of Hilkiáh,
46 The ſonne of Amzí, the ſonne of Baní, the ſonne of Shámer,
47 The ſonne of Mahlí, the ſonne of Muſhí, the ſonne of Merarí, ỹ ſonne of Leuí.
48 ¶And their [i] brethren the Leuites were [k] appointed vnto all the ſeruice of the Tabernacle of the houſe of God,
49 But Aarón and his ſonnes burnt incenſe vpon the altar of burnt offring, and on the altar of incenſe, for all that was to do in the moſte holy place, and to make an atonement for Iſráél, according to all that Moſés the ſeruant of God had commanded.
50 Theſe are alſo the ſonnes of Aarón, Eleazár his ſonne, Phinehás his ſonne, Abiſhúa his ſonne,
51 Bukki his ſonne, Vzzí his ſonne, Zerahiáh his ſonne,
52 Meraióth his ſonne, Amariáh his ſonne, Ahitúb his ſonne,
53 Zadók his ſonne, & Ahimáaz his ſonne.
54 ¶And theſe are the [l] dwelling places of them throughout their townes & coaſtes, *euen* of the ſonnes of Aarón for the familie of the Kohathites, for the [m] lot was theirs.
55 So they gaue them [n] Hebrón in the land of Iudáh and the ſuburbes thereof rounde about it.
56 But the field of the citie, and the villages thereof they gaue to Caléb the ſonne of Iephunnéh.
57 And to the ſonnes of Aarón they gaue the cities *of Iudáh* for [o] refuge, *euen* Hebrón and Libná with their ſuburbes, and Iattír, and Eſhtemóa with their ſuburbes,
58 And [p] Hilén with her ſuburbes, & Debir with her ſuburbes,
59 And Aſhán and her ſuburbes, and Beth-ſhémeſh and her ſuburbes:
60 ¶And of the tribe of Beniamín, Gebá and her ſuburbes, and [q] Alémeth with her ſuburbes, & Anathóth with her ſuburbes: all their cities *were* thirtene cities by their families.
61 And vnto the ſonnes of [r] Koháth the remnant of the familie of the tribe, *euen* of the halfe tribe of the halfe of Manaſſéh, by lot ten cities.
62 And to the ſonnes of Gerſhóm accordig to their families out of the tribe of Iſſachár, and out of the tribe of Aſhér, & out of the tribe of Naphtalí, and out of the tribe of Manaſſéh in Baſhán, thirtene cities.
63 Vnto the ſonnes of Merarí according to their families out of the tribe of Reubén, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulún, by lot twelue cities.
64 Thus the children of Iſraél gaue to the Leuites cities with their ſuburbes.
65 And they gaue by lot out of the tribe of ỹ children of Iudáh, & out of the tribe of the children of Simeón, & out of the tribe of the children of Beniamín, theſe cities, which they called by *their* names.
66 And they of the families of the ſonnes of Koháth, had cities *and* their coaſtes out of the tribe of Ephráim.
67 *And they gaue vnto them cities of refuge, Shechém in mount Ephráim, & her ſuburbes, and Gézer and her ſuburbes,
68 Iokmeám alſo and her ſuburbes, & Bethhorón with her ſuburbes,
69 And Aialón and her ſuburbes, and Gath Rimmón and her ſuburbes,
70 And out of the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh, [t] Aner and her ſuburbes, and [u] Bileám and her ſuburbes, for the families of the remnant of the ſonnes of Koháth.
71 Vnto the ſonnes of [f] Gerſhóm out of the familie of the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh, Golán in Baſhán, & her ſuburbes, & [w] Aſhtaróth with her ſuburbes,
72 And out of the tribe of Iſſachár, [x] Kédeſh and her ſuburbes, Daberáth and her ſuburbes,
73 [y] Ramóth alſo and her ſuburbes, and [z] Aném with her ſuburbes,
74 And out of the tribe of Aſhér, Maſhál and her ſuburbes, and Abdón and her ſuburbes,
75 And [a] Hukók and her ſuburbes, and Rehób and her ſuburbes,
76 And out of the tribe of Naphtalí, Kédeſh in Galilea & her ſuburbes, & [b] Hammón and her ſuburbes, and [c] Kiriathaim and her ſuburbes.
77 Vnto the reſt of the children of Merarí *were giuen* out of the tribe of Zebulún, [d] Rimmón and her ſuburbes, [e] Tabór and her ſuburbes,
78 And on the other ſide Iordén *by* Ieríchó, *euen* on the Eaſtſide of Iordén, out of the tribe of Reubén, Bézer in the wildernes with her ſuburbes, and Iahzáh with her ſuburbes,
79 And Kedemóth with her ſuburbes, and Mephaáth with her ſuburbes,

i The Leuites are called the ſingers brethren, becauſe they came of ỹ ſame ſtocke
k Read Numb 4.24
l Or, cities ẅ were giuen to the Leuites
m They were firſt appoited, and prepared for
n Which was alſo called, Kiriath-arbá, Gen 23.2 Ioſh. 21.11.
o That he ỹ had killed a man might flee thereunto for ſuccour til his cauſe were tryed, Deu 19.2
p Which Ioſhúa calleth Helón, Ioſh 24.15
q Or, Almón, Ioſh 21.18
r That is, they gaue a portion to ỹ Kohathites, ẅ were the remnant of the tribe of Leuí, out of ỹ halfe tribe of Manaſſéh and out of Ephraim, verſ 66
*Ioſh.21.21.
t Or, Taanách, Ioſh 21.25
u Or, Gath rimmón
f Who in the firſt verſe is called alſo Gerſhon.
w Or, Beeſhteráh, Ioſh 21.27
x Or, Kiſhon, Ioſh 21.28.
y Or, Iarmúth, Ioſh 21.29
z Or, En gannim, Ioſh 21.29
a Or, Helkáh, Ioſh 21.31
b Or, Ammothdór, Ioſh 21.32.
c Or, Kartán, Ioſh 21.32
d Or, Iokneám.
e Or, Kartáh, Ioſh 21.34.

80 And out of the tribe of Gad Raméth in Gileád with hei ſuburbes, and Mahanáim with hei ſuburbes,
81 And Heſhbón with hei ſuburbes, & Iaazér with her ſuburbes.

CHAP. VII.

1 The genealogie of Iſſachár. Beniamín. 13 Naphtali. 14 Manaſſéh. 20 Ephráim. 30 And Aſhér.

1 AND the ſõnes of Iſſachár *were* Tola & [a]Puah, [a] Iaſhúb, & Shimrón, foure,
2 And the ſonnes of Tola, Vzzí, and Rephaiáh, and Ieriél, and Iahmái, & Iibſám, and Shemuél, heades in the houſholdes of their fatheis. Of Tolá *were* valiant men of warre in their generacions, [b] whoſe nomber *was* in the daies of Dauid two & twentie thouſand, and ſix hundreth.
3 And the ſonne of Vzzí *was* Izrahaiáh, & ỹ ſonnes of Izrahaiáh, Michaél, & Obadiáh, and Ioél, & Iſhiáh, [c] fiue men all princes.
4 And with them in their generacions after the houſholde of their fatheis *were* bands of mẽ of warre for battel, ſix & thirtie thouſand: for thei had many wiues and children.
5 And their [e]brethren among all the families of Iſſachar *were* valiãt men of warre, rekened in all by their genealogies foure ſcore and ſeuen thouſand.
6 ¶ The *ſonnes* of Beniamín *were* Béla, & Bécher, and [d] Iediaél, [e] three.
7 And the ſonnes of Béla, Ezbón, & Vzzí, and Vzziél, and Ierimóth, & Irí, fiue heads of the houſholdes of their fatheis, valiant men of warre, and were rekened by their genealogies, two and twentie thouſand & thirtie and foure.
8 And the ſonnes of Bécher, Zemiráh, and Ioáſh, and Eliézer, and Elioenái, & Omrí, & Ieremóth, & Abiáh, & Anathóth, & Alámeth: all theſe were the ſõnes of Bécher.
9 And thei were nombred by their genealogies according to their generacions, and the chief of the houſes of their fatheis, valiant men of warre, twentie thouſand & two hundreth.
10 And the ſonne of Iediaél *was* Bilhán, and the ſonnes of Bilhán, Ieúſh, and Beniamín, and Ehúd, and Chenaanáh, and Zethán, and Tharſhíſh, and Ahiſháhar.
11 All theſe were ỹ ſonnes of Iediaél, chief of the fatheis, valiant men of warre, ſeuẽtene thouſand & two hundreth, marching in battel aray to the warre.
12 And Shuppím, & Huppím *were* the ſonnes of [f] Ir, *but* Huſhim *was* the ſonne [f] of [f] another.
13 ¶ The ſonnes of Naphtalí, Iahziél, and Guní, and Iézer, and [g] Shallúm s of the ſonnes of Bilháh.
14 The ſõne of Manaſſéh *was* Aſhriél whome ſhe bare vnto him, *but* his concubine of Aram bare Machír the * father of Gileád.
15 And Machír toke to wife *the ſiſter* of Huppim & Shuppím, and the name of their ſiſter was Maachàh. And the name of the ſecõde *ſonne* was Zelophehad, and Zelophehád had daughters.
16 And Maachàh the wife of Machir bare a ſonne, and called his name [r] Péreſh, and the name of his brother was Shéreſh: and his ſonnes *were* Vlám and Rakém.
17 And ỹ ſonne of Vlám *was* Bedán. Theſe were the ſonnes of Gileád the ſonne of Machír, the ſonne of Manaſſéh.
18 And [h] his ſiſter Molécheth bare Iſhód, & Abiézer, and Mahaláh.
19 And the ſonnes of Shemidá *were* Ahián, and Shéchem, and Likhí, and Aniám.
20 ¶ The ſonnes alſo of Ephráim *were* Shuthélah, & Béred his ſonne, & Táhath his ſonne, and his ſonne Eladáh, & Táhath his ſonne,
21 And Zabád his ſonne, and Shuthélah his ſonne, and Ezér, and Eleád: and the men of [i] Gath that were borne in the land, ſlewe them, becauſe thei came downe to take away thein cattel.
22 Therefore Ephráim their father mourned many dayes, and his [r] brethren came to comforte him.
23 And when he went in to [r] his wife, ſhe conceiued, and bare him a ſonne, & he called his name Beriáh, becauſe affliction was in his houſe.
24 And his [r] daughter *was* Sheráh, which buylt Beth horón the nether, and the vpper, and Vzzén Sheeráh.
25 And Réphah *was* his [k] ſonne, & Reſheph, and Télah his ſonne, & Táhan his ſonne,
26 Laadán his ſonne, Ammihúd his ſonne, Eliſhamá his ſonne,
27 Non his ſonne, Iehoſhúa his ſonne.
28 And their poſſeſsiõs & their habitacions *were* Beth-él, and the villages thereof, and Eaſtwarde Naarán, and Weſtwarde Gézer with the villages thereof, Shechém alſo and the villages thereof, vnto [r] Azzáh & the villages thereof,
29 And by the places of the children of Manaſſéh, Beth-ſhean & her villages, Taanách and her villages, Megiddó and her villages, Dor and her villages. In thoſe dwelt the children of Ioſéph the ſonne of Iſraél.
30 ¶ * The ſonnes of Aſhér *were* Imnáh, & Iſuáh, and Iſhuai, & Beriáh, & Sérah their ſiſter.
31 And the ſonnes of Beriáh, Héber, and Malchiél, wh is the father of Birzáuith
32 And Héber begate Iaphlet, and Shomér, and Hothám, and Shuah their ſiſter.
33 And the ſonnes of Iaphlét *were* Paſach, and [r] Bimhal, and Aſhuath: theſe were the children of Iaphlét.
34 And the ſonnes of Shámer, Ahi, & Rohgáh,

a Who alſo is called Iob, Gen. 46,13.
b That is, their nomber was founde th' great whẽ Dauid nõbred the people, 2 Sam 24,1
c Meaning, the foure ſonnes, & the father
d Called alſo Aſhbél, Gen. 46,21 Nomb. 26,38
e Which were the chiefeſt els there were ſeuen in all, as appeareth, Gen. 46,21.
f Meaning, ỹ he was not the ſonne of Beniamin, but of Dan, Gen 46,23
g Theſe came of Dan and Naphtali, wh were the ſonnes of Bilháh, Gen 46,23 *Nomb 26,32. Ioſh. 17,1.*
h Meaning, the ſiſter of Gileád
i Which was one of the fiue principal cities of the Philiſtims, ſlewe ỹ Ephraimites
k To wit, of Ephraim.
r Or, kinſmen.
r Or, kinſfolkes
r Or, neece.
r Or, Addida
r Or, of Aher
r Or, Shillem, Gen 46,24
r Or, Ieſſer, Nomb. 26,30.
r Or, Aimbel

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gáh, Iehubbáh, and Arám.
35 And ỹ ſonnes of his brother Hélem were Zopháh, and Iimná, and Shéleſh & Amál.
36 The ſonnes of Zopháh, Suáh, and Harnépher, and Shuál, and Berí, and Imráh,
37 Bézer and Hod, and Shammá, and Shilſháh, and Ithrán, and Beerá.
38 And the ſonnes of Iéther, Iephunnéh, & Piſpá and Ará.
39 And the ſonnes of Vllá, Haráh, and Haniél, and Riziá.
40 All theſe were the children of Aſhér, the heads of their fathers houſes, noble men, valiant mẽ of warre *and* chief princes, and they were rekened by their genealogies for warre and for battel to the nomber of ſix and twentie thouſand men.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The ſonnes of Beniamin, 33 and race of Saúl.

a He continueth in ỹ deſcription of ỹ tribe of Beniamin, becauſe his purpoſe is to ſet forthe ỹ genealogie of Saul

1 BEniamin alſo a begate Béla his eldeſt ſonne, Aſhbél the ſeconde, and Aharáh the thirde,
2 Noháh the fourte, and Raphá the fifte.
3 And the ſonnes of Béla were Addár, and Gerá, and Abihúd,
4 And Abiſhúa, and Naamán and Ahóah,
5 And Gerá, and Shephuphan, and Hurám.
6 ¶ And theſe are the ſonnes of Ehúd: theſe were the chief fathers of thoſe that inhabited Géba: and b they were caryed away captiues to Monáhath,

b Meaning: the inhabitants of the citie Géba

7 And Naamán, and Ahiáh, and Gerá, he caryed them away captiues: and c he begate Vzzá and Ahihúd.

c To wit, Ehúd.

8 And Shaharáim begate *certeine* in the coũtrey of Moáb, after he had ſent d away Huſhím and Baará his wiues.

d After he had put away his two wiues.

9 He begate, I ſay, of Hodéſh his wife, Iobáb and Zibiá, and Miſhá, and Malchám,
10 And Ieúz & Shachiá and Mirmá: theſe were his ſonnes *and* chief fathers.
11 And of Huſhĩ he begate Ahitúb & Elpáal.
12 And the ſonnes of Elpáal *were* Eber, and Miſhám and Shámed (which buylt Onó, and Lod, and the villages thereof)
13 And Beriáh and Shéma (which were the chief fathers among the inhabitants of Aialón: they draue away the inhabitants of Gath)
14 And Ahió, Shaſák and Ierimóth,
15 And Sebadiáh, and Arád, and Ader,
16 And Michaél, & Iſpáh, & Iohá, the ſonnes of Beriáh,
17 And Zebadiáh, & Meſhullám, & Hizkí, and Héber,
18 And Iſhmerái and Izliáh, and Iobáb, the ſonnes of Elpaal,
19 Iakím alſo, and Zichrí, and Sabdí,
20 And Elienái, and Zillethái, and Eliél,
21 And e Adaiáh, and Beraiáh, and Shimráth the ſonnes of Shiméi,

e Or, Abdiáh.

22 And Iſhpán, and Eber, and Eliél,
23 And Abdón, and Zichrí, and Hanán,
24 And Haniniáh, & Elám, & Antothiiáh,
25 Iphedeiáh & Penuél ỹ ſonnes of Shaſhák,
26 And Shãſherái, & Shehariáh & Athaliáh,
27 And Iaareſhiáh, and Eliáh, and Zichrí, the ſonnes of Ierohám.
28 Theſe were the chief e fathers according to their generacions, *euen* princes, which dwelt in Ieruſalém.

e The chief of the tribe of Beniamin that dwelt in Ieruſalém *Chap 9,34.*

29 And at f Gibeón dwelt the father of Gibeón, & ỹ name of his wife *was* Maachah.
30 And his eldeſt ſonne *was* Abdón, then Zur, and Kiſh, and Báal, and Nadáb,
31 And Gidór, and Ahió, and Zácher.
32 And Miklóth begate Shimeáh: theſe alſo dwelt with their brethren in Ieruſalém, *euen* by them brethren.
33 And g Ner begate Kiſh, and Kiſh begate Saúl, and Saúl begate Ionathán, and Malchiſhúa, & Abinadáb, and h Eſhbáal.

f Who in the 1 Sam 9,1 is called Abiél.

g He is alſo named Ishbóſheth, 2 Samu. 2,9

h He is likewiſe called Mephibóſheth 2 Sam 9,6.

34 And the ſonne of Ionathán *was* i Merib baal, and Merib-baal begate Micáh.
35 And the ſonnes of Micáh *were* Pithón, & Mélech, and Taréa and Aház.
36 And Aház begate Iehoadáh, and Iehoadáh begate Alémeth, and Azmáueth, and Zimri, and Zimri begate Mozá,
37 And Mozá begate Binéah, whoſe ſonne *was* Ráphah, *and* his ſonne Eleaſáh, *and* his ſonne Azél.
38 And Azél had ſix ſonnes, whoſe names are theſe, Azrikám, Bocherú and Iſhmaél, and Shearíah, and Obadiáh, and Hanán: all theſe were the ſonnes of Azél.
39 And the ſonnes of Eſhek his brother *were* Vlám his eldeſt ſonne, Iehúſh the ſeconde, and Eliphélet the third
40 And the ſonnes of Vlám *were* valiant men of warre which ſhot with the bowe, and had manie ſonnes and nephewes, an hundreth and fiftie: all theſe were of the ſonnes of Beniamin.

i He is likewiſe called Mephibóſheth 2 Sam 9,6.

CHAP. IX.

1 All Iſraél and Iudáh nombred to Of the Prieſts, and Leuites, 11, 28 And of their offices

1 THis all Iſraél were nõbred by their genealogies: & beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Kings of Iſraél and of Iudáh, *and* they were a caryed away to Babél for their tranſgreſsion.

a Hitherto he hathe deſcribed their genealogies before they were into captiuitie, and now he deſcribeth their hiſtorie after their returne

2 ¶ And the chief inhabitants that dwelt in their owne poſſeſsions, *and* in their owne cities, *euen* Iſraél the Prieſts, the Leuites, and the b Nethinims.

b Meaning the Gabaonites, which ſerued in the Temple, read Ioſh 9,21.

3 And in Ieruſalém dwelt of the children of Iudáh, & of the children of Beniamín, & of the children of Ephraím, & Manaſſéh.
4 Vthái ỹ ſonne of Amihúd ỹ ſõne of Omrí, the ſonne of Imrí, the ſonne of Baní: of the childrẽ of Phárez, the ſonne of Iudáh.
5 And of Shiloní, Aſaráh the eldeſt, and his ſonnes.
6 And of the ſonnes of Zérah, Ieuél, and their brethren ſix hundreth and ninetie.

7 And of the ſonnes of Beniamín, Sallú, the ſonne of Meſhullám, the ſonne of Hodauiáh, the ſonne of Haſenuáh,
8 And Ibneiáh the ſonne of Ierohám, and Eláh the ſonne of Vzzí, the ſonne of Michrí, & Meſhullám the ſonne of Shephatiáh, the ſonne of Reuél, the ſonne of Ibniiáh.
9 And their brethren according to their generacions nine hundreth, fiftie and ſix: all theſe men were [a] chief fathers in the houſholdes of their fathers.

[a] Or, chief of the families.

10 ¶ And of the Prieſts, Iedaiáh, and Iehoiaríb, and Iachín,
11 And Azariáh the ſonne of Hilkiáh, the ſonne of Meſhullám, the ſonne of Zadók, the ſonne of Meraióth, the ſonne of Ahitúb the [c] chief of the houſe of God,

[c] That is, he was the hie Prieſt.

12 And Adaiáh the ſonne of Ierohám, the ſõne of Paſhhúr, the ſonne of Malchiiáh, and Maaſái the ſonne of Adiél, ỹ ſonne of Iahzérah, the ſonne of Meſhullám, ỹ ſonne of Meſhillemíth, the ſonne of Immér.
13 And their brethrẽ the chief of the houſholdes of their fathers a thouſand, ſeuen hundreth and thre ſcore valiãt men, for ỹ [d] worke of the ſeruice of the houſe of God.

[d] To ſerue in the Temple, euerie one according to his office.

14 ¶ And of the Leuites, Shemaiáh the ſonne of Haſſhúb, the ſonne of Azrikám, the ſõne of Haſhabiáh of the ſõnes of Merarí,
15 And Bakbakkár, Héreſh and Galál, and Mattaniah the ſonne of Michá, the ſonne of Zichrí, the ſonne of Aſáph,
16 And Obadiáh the ſonne of Shemaiáh, the ſonne of Galál, ỹ ſonne of Ieduthún, and Berechiáh, the ſonne of Aſá, the ſonne of Elkanáh, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.
17 ¶ And the porters *were* Shallúm, and Akkúb, and Talmón, and Ahimán, and their brethren: Shallúm *was* the chief.
18 For they were porters to this time by companies of the children of Leuí vnto the [e] Kings gate Eaſtwarde.

[e] So called becauſe the King came into the Tẽple thereby, & not the commune people

19 And Shallúm the ſonne of Kóre the ſonne of Ebiaſáph the ſonne of Kórah, & his brethren the Korathites (of the houſe of their father) *were* ouer the worke, *and* office to kepe the gates of the [f] Tabernacle: ſo their families *were* ouer the hoſte of the Lord, keping the entrie.

[f] Their charge was, that none ſhulde entre into thoſe places, wher were onely appointed for ỹ Prieſts to miniſter in.

20 And Phinchás the ſonne of Eleazár was their guide, and the Lord *was* with him.
21 Zechariáh the ſonne of Meſhelemiáh *was* the porter of the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.
22 All theſe were choſen for porters of the gates, two hundreth and twelue, which were nombred according to their genealogies by their townes. Dauid eſtabliſhed theſe and Samuél the Seer [g] in their perpetual office.

[g] Or, for their fidelitie.

23 So they and their children had the ouerſight of the gates of ỹ houſe of ỹ Lord, euẽ of the houſe of the Tabernacle by wardes.
24 The porters were in foure quarters Eaſtward, Weſtward, Northward and Southward.
25 And their brethren, *which were* in their townes, came at [h] ſeuen dayes from time to time with them.

[h] They ſerued wekely, as Ezek 4,10.

26 For theſe foure chief porters were in perpetual office, and were of the Leuites and had charge of the [i] chambers, & of the treaſures in the houſe of God.

[i] Or, opening of the doores.

27 And they laye round about the houſe of God, becauſe the charge *was* theirs, & they cauſed it to be opened euerie morning.
28 And certeine of them had the rule of the miniſtring veſſels: for they broght them in by tale, and broght them out by tale.
29 Some of them alſo were appointed ouer the inſtruments, and ouer all the veſſels of the Sanctuarie, and of the [k] floure, and the wine, and the oyle, and the incenſe, and the ſwete odours.

[k] Whereof ỹ meat offring was made, Leuit 2,1.

30 And certeine of the ſonnes of the Prieſts made ointments of ſwete odours.
31 And Mattithiáh one of the Leuites which was the eldeſt ſonne of Shallúm the Korhite, had the charge of the thĩgs that were made in the fryingpan.
32 And other of their brethren the ſonnes of Kohath had ỹ ouerſight of the* ſhewbread to prepare it euerie Sabbath.

*Exod. 25,30.

33 And theſe are the ſingers, the chief fathers of the Leuites, *which dwelt* in the chãbers, [l] and had none other charge: for they had to do in that buſines day and night.

[l] But were cõtinually occupied in ſinging praiſes to God

34 Theſe were the chief fathers of the Leuites according to their generacions, and the principal which dwelt at Ieruſalém.
35 * And in Gibeón dwelt [m] the father of Gibeón, Ieiél, and the name of his wife *was* Maachah.

*Chap 9,39. [m] Or, Abigibeon.

36 And his eldeſt ſonne *was* Abdón, then Zur, & Kiſh, & Báal, and Ner, & Nadáb,
37 And Gedór, and Ahió, and Zechariáh, and Miklóth.
38 And Miklóth begate Shimeám: they alſo dwelt with their brethren at Ieruſalém, *euen* by their brethren.
39 And * Ner begate Kiſh, & Kiſh begate Saúl, and Saúl begate Ionathán and Malchiſhúa, and Abinadáb and Eſhbáal.

*1 Sam 14,51. chap 8,33.

40 And the ſonne of Ionathán *was* Meribbáal: and Merib-báal begate Micáh.
41 And the ſonnes of Micáh *were* Píthon, & Mélech and Tahréa.
42 And Aház begate [k] Iaráh, and Iaráh begate Alémeth, and Azmáueth & Zimrí, and Zimrí begate Mozá.

[k] Who was alſo called Iehoadáh chap. 8,36.

43 And Mozá begate Bineá, whoſe ſonne *was* Rephaiáh, and his ſonne *was* Eleaſáh, *and* his ſonne Azél.

44 And

44 And Azél had six sonnes, whose names are these, Azrikám, Bocherú, & Ismael, & Shearíah, and Obadíah, and Hanán: these are the sonnes of Azél.

CHAP. X.

1 The battel of Saúl against the Philistims. 4 In which he dyeth. 5 And his sonnes also. 13 The cause of Sauls death.

1.Sam.31.1. 1 THen * the Philistims fought against Israél: and the men of Israél fled before the Philistims, and fel downe slaine in mount Gilbóa.

2 And the Philistims pursued after Saúl & after his sonnes, and the Philistims smote Ionathán, and Abinadáb, & Malchishúa the sonnes of Siúl.

3 And the battel was sore against Saúl, and the archers hit him, and he was "wounded of the archers.

"Or, sounde.

4 Then said Saúl to his armour bearer, Drawe out thy sworde, and thrust me through therewith, lest these vncircumcised come & mocke at me: but his armour bearer wolde not, for he was sore afraid: therefore Saúl toke the sworde & fel vpó it.

5 And when his armour bearer sawe that Saúl was dead, he fel likewise vpon the sworde, and dyed.

6 So Siúl dyed and his thre sonnes, and all his house, they dyed together.

7 And when all the men of Israél that were in the valley, sawe how they fled, and that Saúl and his sonnes were dead, they forsoke their cities, & fled away, and the Philistims came, and dwelt in them.

8 And on the morowe when the Philistims came to spoile them that were slaine, they found Saúl & his sonnes "lying in mount Gilbóa.

"Or fallen.

9 And when they had stript him, they toke his head and his armour, and sent them into the land of the Philistims round about, to publish it vnto their idoles, and to the people.

10 And they laied vp his armour in ỹ house of their god, and set vp his head in the house of [a] Dagón.

a Which was the idole of ỹ Philistims, & from the belly downeward had the forme of a fish & vpwarde of a man.

11 ¶ Whē all thei of Iabésh Gileád heard all that the Philistims had done to Saúl,

12 Then they arose (all the valiant men) and toke the body of Saúl, and the bodies of his sonnes, and brogh them to Iabésh, and buryed the bones of them vnder an oke in Iabésh, and fasted seuen dayes.

13 So Saúl dyed for his transgression, that he committed against the Lord, * *euen* against the worde of the Lord, which he kept not, and in that he soght and asked counsel of a "* familiar spirit,

1.Sam.15.23.

"Or, witche and sorceresse 1.Sam.28.8.

14 And asked not of the Lord: therefore he slewe him, and turned the kingdome vnto Dauid the sonne of Ishái.

CHAP. XI.

2 After the death of Saul is Dauid anointed in Hebrón. 5 The Iebusites rebell against Dauid, from whome he taketh the towre of Zión. 6 Ioáb is made captaine. 10 His valiant men.

1 THen * all Israél [a] gathered them selues to Dauid vnto Hebrón, saying, Beholde, we are thy bones and thy flesh.

2.Sam.5.1.

a This was after the death of Ishbosheth Sauls sonne, whē Dauid had reigned ouer Iudáh seuen yeres and six moneths in Hebrón, 2. Sam. 5.5.

2 And in time past, euen when Saúl was King, thou leddest Israél out and in: and the Lord thy God said vnto thee, Thou shalt fede my people Israél, and thou shalt be captaine ouer my people Israél.

3 So came all the Elders of Israél to ỹ King to Hebrón, & Dauid made a couenāt with thē in Hebrón before the Lord. And they anointed Dauid King ouer Israél, * according to the worde of the Lord by the hand of Samuél.

1.Sam.16.13.

4 ¶ And Dauid & all Israél went to Ierusalém, which is Iebús, where *were* the Iebusites, the inhabitants of the land.

5 And the inhabitants of Iebús said to Dauid, Thou shalt not come in hither. Neuer theles Dauid toke the towre of Zión, which is the citie of Dauid.

6 And Dauid said, * Whosoeuer smiteth ỹ Iebusites first, shal be the chief & captaine. So Ioáb the sonne of Zeruiáh wēt first vp, and was captaine.

2.Sam.5.8.

7 And Dauid dwelt in the towre: therefore thei called it the citie of Dauid.

8 * And he buylt the citie on euerie side, frō Milló euen round about: & Ioáb repaired the rest of the citie.

2.Sam.5.9.

9 And Dauid prospered, & grewe: for the Lord of hostes *was* with him.

10 ¶ * These also are the chief of the valiant men that were with Dauid & ioyned their force with him in his kingdome w̄ all Israél, to make him King ouer, Israél, according to the worde of the Lord.

2.Sam.23.8.

11 And this is the nombei of the valiant mē whome Dauid had, Iashobeám the sonne of Hachmoní, the [b] chief among thirty: he lift vp his speare against thre hundreth, *whome* he slewe at one time.

b Meaning the moste excellēt & best esteemed for his valiātnes some read, the chief of the princes

12 And after him *was* Eleazár the sonne of "Dódo the Ahohite, which was one of the thre valiant men.

"Or, his vncle.

13 He was with Dauid at Pas-dammím, & there the Philistims were gathered together to battel: and there was a parcel of ground ful of barly, and the people fled before the Philistims.

14 And thei stode in ỹ middes of the field, [c] and saued it, and slewe the Philistims: so the Lord gaue a great victorie.

c This act is referred to Shāmáh, 2 Sam 23, 11. w̄ semeth was the chiefest of these three that is Eleazár & his two companions.

15 ¶ And thre of the [d] thirtie captaines wēt to a rocke to Dauid, into the caue of Adullám. And the armie of the Philistims camped in the valley of Rephaím.

16 And when Dauid *was* in the holde, the Philistims garison *was* at Beth-léhem.

2.Sam 23,15. 17 And Dauid longed, and ſaid, * Oh, that one wolde giue me to drinke of the water of the well of Beth-léhem that is at the gate.

18 Then theſe thre brake thorowe the hoſte of the Philiſtims, and drewe water out of the well of Beth-léhem that was by the gate, and toke it and broght it to Dauid: but Dauid wolde not drinke of it, but powred it *for an oblacion* to the Lord,

19 And ſaid, Let not my God ſuffer me to do this: ſhulde I drinke the [c] blood of theſe mẽ liues: for they haue broght it with the ieopardye of their liues: therefore he wolde not drinke it: theſe things did theſe thre mightie men.

c That is, this water, for the which they ventured their blood.

20 ¶ And Abſhái the brother of Ioáb, he was chief of the thie, and he lift vp his ſpeare againſt thre hũdreth, *and* ſlewe thẽ, and had the name among the thre.

21 Among the thie he was more honorable then the two, & he was their captaine: * but he attained not vnto the *firſt* thre.

2.Sam 23,19.

22 Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá (the ſonne of a valiant man) which had done manie actes, *and* was of Kabzeél, he ſlewe two [d] ſtrong men of Moáb: he went downe alſo and ſlewe a lion in the middes of a pit in time of ſnow.

d Or, lions.

23 And he ſlewe an Egyptian, a mã of great ſtature, *euen* fiue cubites long, and in the Egyptiãs hand *was* a ſpeare like a weauers beame: and he went downe to him with a ſtaffe, and plucked the ſpeare out of the Egyptians hand, and ſlewe him with his owne ſpeare.

24 Theſe things did Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá, & had the name among the thie worthies.

25 Beholde, he was honorable among thirtie, but he attained not vnto the [f] *firſt* thre. * And Dauid made him of his counſel.

f Meaning, none ſhe were broght the water to Dauid 2 Sam. 23,23.

26 ¶ Theſe alſo *were* valiant men of warre, Aſahél the brother of Ioáb, Elhanan the ſonne of Dodó of Beth-léhem,

g Called alſo Shemmóah, 2. Sam 23,25.

27 [g] Shammóth the Harodite, Hélez the Pelonite,

28 Irá the ſonne of Ikkéſh the Tekoite, Abiézer the Antothite,

h He is alſo called Mebunnai 2 Sam 23, 27.

29 [h] Sibbecái the Huſathite: Ilái ỹ Ahohite,

30 Maharái the Netophathite, Héled the ſonne of Baanáh the Netophathite,

31 Ithái the ſonne of Ribái of Gibeáh of the children of Beniamín, Benaiáh the Pirathonite,

32 Hurai of the riuers of Gáaſh, Abiél the Arbathite,

33 Azmáueth the Baharumite, Elihabá the Shaalbonite,

34 The ſonnes of Haſhém the Gizonite, Ionathán the ſonne of Shagéh the Harite,

35 Ahiám the ſonne of Sácar the Hararite, Eliphál the ſonne of Vr,

36 Hépher the Mecherathite, Ahiiáh the Pelonite.

37 Hezró the Carmelite, Naaraí the ſonne of Ezbái,

38 Ioél the brother of Nathán, Mibhár the ſonne of Haggerí,

39 Zélek the Ammonite, Nahrái the Berothite, the armour bearer of Ioáb, the ſonne of Zeruiáh,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Garíb the Ithrite,

41 Vriáh the Hittite, Zabád the ſonne of Ahlái,

42 Adiná the ſonne of Shizá the Reubenite, a captaine of the Reubenites, and thirtie with him,

43 Hanán the ſonne of Maachái, and Ioſhaphát the Mithnite,

44 Vzzia the Aſhterathite, Shamá and Ieiél the ſonnes of Othám the Aroerite,

45 Iediaél the ſonne of Shimrí, and Iohá his brother the Tizite,

46 Eliél the Mahauite, and Ieribái and Ioſhauiáh the ſonnes of Elnáam, & Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel and Obéd, and Iaaſiél the Meſobaite.

CHAP. XII.

1 Who they were that went with Dauid when he fled from Saúl 14 Their valiantnes 23 Thei that came vnto him vnto Hebrón out of euerie tribe to make him King

1 THeſe alſo are they that came to Dauid to [a] Ziklág, while he was yet kept cloſe, becauſe of Saúl the ſonne of Kiſh: and they were among the valiant and helpers of the battel.

a To take his parte against Saul, who perſecuted him.

2 Thei were weaponed with bowes, & colde vſe ỹ right and the left hãd with ſtones and with arrowes & with bowes, *and were* of Sauls [b] brethren, *euen* of Beniamin.

b That is, of the tribe of Beniamin, where of Saul was, & wherein were excellẽt throwers w slings, Iudg 20,16.

3 The chief *were* Ahiézer, and Ioáſh the ſonnes of Shemaáh a Gibeathite, and Ieziél, and Pélet the ſonnes of Aſmáueth, Berachah and Iehú the Antothite,

4 And Iſhmaiáh the Gibeonite, a valiant man among thirtie, & aboue the thirtie, and Ieremiáh, and Iahaziél, and Iohanan, and Ioſhabád the Gederathite,

5 Eluzái, and Ierimóth, and Bealiáh, and Shemariáh, and Shephatiáh, the Haruphite,

6 Elkanáh, and Iſhiáh, and Azariél, and Ioézer, Iaſhobeám of Hakorehím,

7 And Ioeláh, and Zebadiáh, the ſonnes of Ierohám of [e] Gedór.

e Or, Gedid.

8 And of the Gadites there ſeparated them ſelues ſome vnto Dauid into the holde of the wildernes, valiant men of warre, *and* mẽ of armes, & *apt* for battel, which colde handle [f] ſpeare and ſhield, and their faces *were like* the faces of [g] lyons, and *were* like the roes in the mountaines in ſwiftenes,

f Or, buckler.

g Meanig fierce, & terrible.

9 Ezér the chief, Obadiáh the ſecoade, Eliáb

Eliáb the third,
10 [o] Mishmanáh the fourte, Ieremiáh the
fifte,
11 Attái the sixt, Eliél the seuente,
12 Iohanán the eight, Elzabád the ninte,
13 Ieremiáh the tente, Macbannái the eleuente.
14 These were the sonnes of Gad, captaines of the hoste: one of the least *colde resist* an hundreth, and the greatest a thousand.
15 These are they that went ouer Iordén in the [d] first moneth whē he had filled ouer all his bankes, and put to flight all them of the valley, towarde the East and the West.
16 And there came of the children of Beniamín, and Iudah to the holde vnto Dauid,
17 And Dauid went out to mete them, and answered and said vnto them, If ye be come peaceably vnto me to helpe me, mine heart shalbe knit vnto you, but if you *come* to betray me to mine aduersaries, *seing* there is no wickednes in myne hādes, the God of our fathers beholde it, and rebuke it.
18 And the [e] spirit came vpon Amasái, which was the chief of thirtie, *and he said*, Thine *are we*, Dauid, & with thee, ô sonne of Ishái. Peace, peace be vnto thee, and peace be vnto thine helpers: for thy God helpeth thee. Thē Dauid receiued them, & made them captaines of the garison.
19 ¶And of Manasséh *some* fel to Dauid, when he came with the Philistims against Saúl to battel, but they [f] helped them not: for the princes of the Philistims * by aduisement sent him away, saying, He wil fall to his master Saúl [o] for our heades.
20 As he went to Ziklág, there fel to him of Manasséh, Adnáh, and Iozabád, and Iediaél, and Michaél, and Iozabád, and Elihú, & Zilthái, heades of the thousands that were of Manasséh.
21 And they helped Dauid against the bāde. for they were all valiant men and were captaines in the hoste.
22 For at that time day by day there came to Dauid to helpe him, vntil it was a great hoste, like the hoste of [h] God.
23 And these are the nombers of the captaines that were armed to battel, & came to Dauid to Hebron to turne the kingdome of Saúl to him, according to the worde of the Lord.
24 The children of Iudáh that bare shield & [o] speare, *were* six thousand & eight hundreth armed to the warre.
25 Of the children of Simeón valiant men of warre, seuen thousand and an hundreth.
26 Of the children of Leuí foure thousand and six hundreth.
27 And Iehoiadá *was* the chief of them of [i] Aarón: and with him three thousand and seuen hundreth.
28 And Zadók a yong man very valiant, and of his fathers housholde *came* two and twentie captaines.
29 And of the children of Beniamín the brethrē of Saúl thre thousand: for a great parte of them vnto that time [k] kept the warde of the house of Saúl.
30 And of the children of Ephraím twēntie thousand, & eight hundreth valiant men & famous men in the housholde of their fathers.
31 And of the halfe tribe of Manasséh eightene thousand, which were appointed by name to come and make Dauid King.
32 And of the children of Issachár which were men that had vnderstanding of the [l] times, to knowe what Israél ought to do: the heades of them *were* two hundreth, & all their brethren were at their commandement.
33 Of Zebulún that went out to battel, expert in warre, & in all instruments of warre, fiftie thousand [o] which colde set the battel in aray: they were not of [p] a double hearte.
34 And of Naphtalí a thousand captaines, and with them with shield and speare seuē & thirtie thousand.
35 And of Dan expert in battel, eight and twentie thousand, and six hundreth.
36 And of Asher that went out to the battel and were trained in the warres, fourtie thousand.
37 And of the other side of Iordén of the Reubenites and of the Gaddites, and of the halfe tribe of Manasséh with all instruments of warre to fight with, an hundreth and twentie thousand.
38 [m] All these men of warre [o] that colde lead an armie, came with [o] vpright heart to Hebrón to make Dauid King ouer all Israél: & all the rest of Israél *was* of one accorde to make Dauid King:
39 And there they were with Dauid thre dayes, eating and drinking: for their [n] brethren had prepared for them.
40 Moreouer they that were nere them vntil Issachár, and Zebulún, and Naphtalí broght bread vpon asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *euen* meat, floure, figges, & raisins, and wine & oyle, & beues and shepe abundantly: for there was ioye in Israél.

CHAP. XIII.

7 The Arke is broght againe from Kiriathearim to Ierusalēm. 9 Uzzá dyeth because he touched it.

[o] Or, Mishmannah

[d] Which ỹ Ebrewes called Nisan or Abib, cōteining halfe March and halfe April, when Iorden was wōte to ouerflowe his bākes, read Iosh 3, 15.

[e] The spirit of boldenes and courage moued him to speake thus.

[f] They came one by one to helpe Dauid & not to succour the Philistims, ẅ were enemies to their countrey

1 Sam 29, 4

[o] Or, on the treason of our heades

[g] To wit, of ỹ Amalekites ẅ had burned ỹ citie Ziklag, 1 Sam. 30, 9

[h] Meaning, mightie or strong for the Ebrewes say, a thing is of God, when it is excellent

[o] Or, buckler.

[i] Of the Leuites which came by descent of Aaron

[k] That is, the greatest nombre tooke Sauls parte.

[l] Men of good experience, ẅ knewe at all times what was to be done.

[o] Or, set them set ses in array

[p] Ebr heart and heart.

[m] So that his whole hoste were three hundreth twētie & two thousand, two hundreth twenty & two

[o] Or, fight in their aray

[o] Or, with a good courage.

[n] The rest of the Israelites.

1 AND Dauid counseled with the captaines of thousands & of hundreths, & with all the gouernours.
2 And Dauid said to all the Cõgregacion of Israél, If it seme good to you, and that it procedeth of the Lord our God, we wil send to and fro vnto our brethren, that are left in all the land of Israél (for with them are the Priests and the Leuites in ỹ cities *and* their suburbes) that thei may assemble them selues vnto vs.
3 And we wil bring againe the [a]Arke of our God to vs: for we soght not vnto it in the dayes of Saúl.
4 And all the Congregacion answered, Let vs do so: for the thing semed good in the eyes of all the people.
5 ¶*So Dauid gathered all Israél together fro [c]Shihór in Egypt, euẽ vnto the entring of Hamáth, to bring the Arke of God from [b] Kiriath-iearím.
6 And Dauid went vp & all Israél to [c]Baaláth, in Kiriath-iearím, ỹ was in Iudáh, to bring vp from thence the Arke of God the Lord that dwelleth betwene the Cherubims, where his name is called on.
7 And they caried the Arke of God in a newe cart out of the house of Abinadáb: and Vzzá and Ahió [e] guided the cart.
8 And Dauid and all Israél plaied before [d] God with all *their* might, bothe w̃ songs & with harpes, and with violes, and with timbrels and with cimbales and with trũpets.
9 ¶And when they came vnto the threshing floore of [e]Chidón, Vzzá put forthe his hand to holde the Arke, for the oxen did shake it.
10 But the wrath of the Lord was kindled against Vzzá, and he smote him, because he laied his hand vpon ỹ Arke: so he dyed there [f] before God.
11 And Dauid was angrie, because the Lord had made a breache in Vzzá, and he called the name of that place Pérez-vzzá vnto this day.
12 And Dauid feared God that day, sayíng, How shal I bring in to me the Arke of God?
13 Therefore Dauid broght not the Arke to him into the citie of Dauid, but caused it to turne into the house of [g] Obéd Edóm the Gittite.
14 So the Arke of God remained in the house of Obéd Edóm, *euen* in his house thre moneths: and the Lord blessed the house of Obéd Edóm, and all that he had.

a His first care was to restore religiõ, which had in Sauls dayes bene corrupted & neglected.
2.Sam 6,2. [c]Or, Nsus
b That is, frõ Gibeá, where the inhabitats of Kiriath iearim had placed it in the house of Abinadáb, 2 Sam 6,3
[c]Or, Baale, read 2 Sam. 6,2
e The sonnes of Abinadáb
d That is, before the Arke where God shewed hi selfe so that the signe is taken for the thing signified, w̃ is cõmune to all sacrimẽts bothe in the olde & newe testament
e Called also Nachon, 2 Sa 6,6.
f Before ỹ Arke for vsurpig that w̃ did not apperteine to his vocation for this charge was giuẽ to the Priests, Num 4,15. so ỹ here all good intentions are cõdemned, except thei be cõmanded by the worde of God
g Who was a Leuite & called Gittite, because he had dwelt at Gath.

CHAP. XIIII.

Hirám sendeth wood and workemen to Dauid. 4 The names of his children 8. 14. By the counsel of God he goeth against the Philistims & ouercommeth thẽ. 15 God fighteth for him.

1 THen *sent Hirám the King of "Tyrus messengers to Dauid, & cedre trees, with masons & carpẽters to buylde him an house.
2 Therefore Dauid knewe that the Lord had confirmed him King ouer Israél, & that his kingdome was lift vp on hie, because of his [a] people Israél.
3 ¶Also Dauid toke mo wiues at Ierusalém, & Dauid begate mo sonnes & daughters.
4 And these are the names of the children which he had at Ieruselém, Shammúa, and Shobáb, Nathán, & Salomón,
5 And Ibhár, and Elishúa, and [b] Elpálet,
6 And Nógah, and Népheg and Iaphía,
7 And Elishamá, and [c]Beeliadá, and Eliphálet.
8 But when the Philistims heard that Dauid was anointed King ouer Israél, all ỹ Philistims came vp to seke Dauid. And when Dauid heard, he went out against them.
9 And the Philistims came, and spred them selues in the valley of Rephaím.
10 Then Dauid asked counsel at God, sayíng, Shal I go vp against ỹ Philistims, & wilt thou deliuer them into mine hand? And the Lord said vnto him, Go vp: for I wil deliuer them into thine hand.
11 So they came vp to Báal-perazím & Dauid smote them there: and Dauid said, God hathe deuided mine enemies with mine hãd, as waters are deuided: therefore thei called the name of that place, [c] Báal-perazím.
12 And there they had left their gods: and Dauid said, Let them euen be burnt with fyre.
13 Againe the Philistims came and spred them selues in the valley.
14 And whẽ Dauid asked againe coũsel at God, God said to him, Thou shalt not go vp after them, *but* turne away from them, that thou maiest come vpon them ouer against the mulbery trees.
15 And when thou heariest the noise of one going in the toppes of the mulbery trees, then go out to battel: for God is gone forthe before thee, to smite the hoste of the Philistims.
16 So Dauid did as God had commanded him: and they smote the hoste of the Philistims from Gibeón euen to Gézer.
17 And the fame of Dauid went out into all lands and the Lord broght the feare of him vpon all nacions.

*a Sam.5,11.
"Hór Zor.
a Because of Gods promes made to the people of Israél.
b Elpálet and Nógah are not mencioned, 2 Sam 5, 14 so there are but eleuen & here thirtene
[c]Or Eliadá.
c That is, the valley of diuisions, because the enemies were dispersed there like waters.

CHAP. XV.

1 Dauid prepareth an hoste for the Arke. 4 The number and ordre of the Leuites. 16 The singers are chosen

ſent out among them. 25 Thei bring againe the Arke with ioye 29 Dauid dancing before it, is deſpiſed of his wife Michál.

1 AND *Dauid* made him houſes in the
a citie of Dauid, and prepared a
place for the Arke of God, and pitched
for it a tent.

a That was in the place of ỹ citie called Zión, 2. Sam 5,8

2 Then Dauid ſaid, * None ought to cary
the Arke of God, but the Leuites: for the
Lord hathe choſen them to beare the Ar-
ke of the Lord, and to miniſtre vnto him
for euer.

Numb. 4,5 & 20.

3 ¶ And Dauid gathered all Iſraél together
to Ieruſalém to bring vp the b Arke of the
Lord vnto his place, which he had order-
ned for it.

b From ỹ houſe of Obéd Edóm, 2 Sam. 6,10

4 And Dauid aſſembled the ſonnes of Aa-
rón, and the Leuites.

5 Of the ſonnes of Kohath Vriél the chief,
and his c brethren ſix ſcore.

c Or, kinſmen

6 Of the ſónes of Merarí, Aſaiáh the chief,
and his brethren two hundreth & twentie.

7 Of the ſonnes of Gerſhóm, Ioél the
chief, and his brethren an hundreth and
thirtie.

8 Of the ſonnes of d Elizaphán, Shema-
iáh the chief, and his brethren two hun-
dreth.

c Who was ỹ ſonne of Vzziél, ỹ fourte ſonne of Kohath, Exod 6, 21 & Numb 3,30

9 Of the ſonnes of e Hebrón, Eliél the
chief, and his brethren foure ſcore.

d The third ſonne of Kohath, Exod. 6,19.

10 Of the ſonnes of Vzziél, Amminadáb
the chief, and his brethren an hundreth &
twelue.

11 ¶ And Dauid called Zadók & Abiathár
the Prieſts, and of the Leuites, Vriél, A-
ſaiáh and Ioél, Shemaiáh, and Eliél, and
Amminadáb:

12 And he ſaid vnto thé, Ye are the chief fa-
thers of the Leuites: f ſanctifie your ſelues,
and your brethren, and bring vp the Arke
of the Lord God of Iſraél vnto the *place*
that I haue prepared for it.

e Prepare your ſelues, & be pure, & ſtaie ye from all things whereby ye might be polluted, & ſo not able to come to ỹ Tabernacle *Cha 13,10.*

f According as he hathe appointed in the Lawe

13 For * becauſe ye were not there at ỹ firſt,
the Lord our God made a breache among
vs: for we ſoght him not after *due* g or-
die.

14 So the Prieſts and the Leuites ſanctified
them ſelues to bring vp the Arke of the
Lord God of Iſraél.

15 ¶ And the ſonnes of the Leuites bare the
Arke of God vpon their ſhulders with
the barres, as Moſés had commanded, * ac-
cording to the worde of the Lord.

Exod 25,13.

16 And Dauid ſpake to the chief of the Le-
uites, that they ſhulde appoint *certaine* of
their brethren to ſing with h inſtruments
of muſike, with violes and harpes, & cym-
bales, that thei might make a ſounde, and
lift vp their voyce with ioye.

g Theſe inſtruments & other ceremonies, & thei obſerued, were inſtructions of their infácie, which cótinued to ỹ comming of Chriſt.

17 So the Leuites appointed Hemán the
ſonne of Ioél, and of his brethren Aſáph
the ſonne of Berechiáh, and of the ſonnes
of Merarí their brethren, Ethán the ſonne
of Kuſhaiáh,

18 And with them their brethren in the
i ſeconde degre, Zechariáh, Ben, and Iaa-
ziel, and Shemiramóth, and Iehiél, and
Vnní, Eliáb, and Benaiáh, and Maaſiáh, &
Mattithiáh, and Elipheléh, and Mikneáh,
and Obéd Edóm, and Ieiél the porters.

h Which were inferior in dignitie

19 So Hemán, Aſáph & Ethán *were* ſingers
to make a ſounde with cymbales of braſſe,

20 And Zechariáh, and Aziél, and Shemi-
ramóth, and Iehiél, and Vnní, and Eliáb,
and Maaſhiáh, and Benaiáh with violes
on k Alamóth,

i This was an inſtrument of muſike, or a certeine tune, whereúto thei accuſtomed to ſing Pſalmes.

21 And Mattithiáh, & Elipheléh, and Mik-
neáh, and Obéd Edóm, and Ieiél, and A-
zaziáh, with harpes l vpon Sheminith le-
nazzéah.

k Which was ỹ eight tune, ouer the which he ỹ was moſt excellent had charge

22 But Chenaniáh the chief of the Leuites
had m the charge, bearing the burden in the
charge, for he was able to inſtruct.

l To wit, to appoint pſalmes, & ſongs to thé that ſang

23 And Berechiáh & Elkanáh were porters
for the Arke.

24 And Sceaniáh and Iehoſhaphát and
Nethanél and Amaſhái, and Zachariáh,
and Benaiáh, and Eliézer the Prieſts did
blowe with trumpets before the Arke of
God, and Obéd Edóm and Iehiáh *were*
porters n for the Arke.

m With Berechiáh & Elkanah, verſ 23

n With Berechiáh & Elkanah, verſ 23 *2 Sam 6,18.*

25 * So Dauid and the Elders of Iſraél and
the captaines of thouſands went to bring
vp the Arke of the couenant of the Lord
from the houſe of Obéd Edóm with
ioye.

26 And becauſe that God o helped the Le-
uites that bare the Arke of the couenant
of the Lord, thei offred p ſeuen bullockes
and ſeuen rams.

o That is, gaue them ſtrength to execute their office.

p Beſides the bullocke and the fat beaſt, which Dauid offred at euery ſixt paſe, 2. Sam 6,13

27 And Dauid had on him a linen gar-
mét, as all the Leuites that bare the Arke,
and the ſingers and Chenaniáh that had
the chief charge of the ſingers: and vpon
Dauid *was* a linen q Ephód.

q Read 2 Sam. 6,14

28 Thus all Iſraél brogh vp ỹ Arke of the
Lords couenant with ſhouting and ſoũde
of trumpets & with cornet, & with cym-
bales, making a ſounde with violes & with
harpes.

29 And when the Arke of the r couenant
of the Lord came into the citie of Dauid,
Michál the daughter of Saúl loked out at
a windowe, & ſawe King Dauid dancing
and playing, and * ſhe deſpiſed him in her
heart.

r It was ſo called becauſe it put the Iſraelites in remembrance of the Lord couenant made with them *2 Sam 6,16.*

CHAP. XVI.

1 The Arke being placed, thei offer ſacrifices. 4 Dauid ordeineth Aſaph and his brethren to miniſter before the Lord. 8 He appointeth a notable Pſalme to be ſung in praiſe of the Lord.

1 SO * thei broght in the Arke of God, &
ſet it in the middes of the Tabernacle
that Dauid had pitched for it, and thei of-
fred burnt offrings and peace offrings be-
fore God.

2 Sam 6,17.

2 And when Dauid had made an end of offring ỹ burnt offring & the peace offrings, he [a] bleſſed the people in the Name of the Lord.

[a] He cryed vpon the Name of God desiring him to proſper ỹ people, and giue good ſucceſſe to their beginnings.

3 And he dealt to euerie one of Iſraél bothe man and woman, to euerie one a cake of bread, and a piece of fleſh, and a bottel of *wine*.

4 And he appoīted certeine of the Leuites to miniſter before the Arke of the Lord, and to [b] rehearſe and to thanke and praiſe the Lord God of Iſraél,

[b] To wit, Gods benefites towarde his people

5 Aſáph the chief, and next to him Zechariáh, Ieiél, and Shemiramóth, and Iehiél, and Mattithiáh, and Eliáb, and Benaiáh, & Obéd Edóm, euen Ieiél with inſtruments, violes and harpes, and Aſáph to make a ſounde with cymbales,

6 *And* Benaiáh and Iahaziél Prieſts, with trumpets continually before the Arke of the couenant of God.

[c] Dauid giue thē this Pſalme to praiſe ỹ Lord, ſignifying that in all our ēterprises the Name of God ought to be praiſed and called vpon. *Pſal.105,1. iſa.12,4.*

7 Then at that time Dauid did [c] appoint at the beginning to giue thankes to the Lord by the hād of Aſáph & his brethrē.

8 *Praiſe the Lord & call vpon his Name: declare his [d] workes among the people.

[d] Whereof this is ỹ chiefeſt that he hathe choſen him ſelfe a Churche to call vpō his Name

9 Sing vnto him, ſing praiſe vnto him, *and* talke of all his [e] wonderful workes.

[e] Who of his wonderful prudence hathe choſen a fewe of the ſtocke of Abrahám to be his children

10 Reioyce in his holy Name: let the hearts of them that ſeke the Lord reioyce.

11 Seke the Lord and his ſtrength: ſeke his face continually.

12 Remember his maruelous workes that he hathe done, his wonders, and the [f] iudgements of his mouth,

[f] In ouercomming Pharaóh, which iudgements were declared by Gods mouthe to Moſés

13 O ſede of Iſraél his ſeruant, ô the children of Iaakób his [g] choſen.

[g] Meaning hereby that the promes of adoption onely appertaineth to ỹ Church

14 He is the Lord our God: his iudgemēts *are* throughout all the earth.

15 Remember his couenant for euer, & the worde, which he commanded to a thouſand generacions:

Gen 22,16. luk.1,73 ebr. 6,17.

16 *Which he made with Abrahám, and his othe to Izhák:

Heb coarde, whereby parcels of lande were meaſured

17 And hathe confirmed it to Iaakób for a Lawe, & to Iſraél for an euerlaſting couenant,

[h] Meaning, frō the time that Abrahám entred, vnto the time, ỹ Iaakób went into Egypt for famine

18 Saying, To thee wil I giue the land of Canáan, the "lot of your inheritance.

19 When ye were [h] fewe in nomber, yea, a very fewe, and ſtrangers therein,

[i] As Pharaóh & Abimelech.

20 And walked about from nacion to nacion, and from *one* kingdome to another people,

[k] Mine elect people & them whome I haue ſanctified

21 He ſuffred no mā to do them wrong, but rebuked [i] Kings for their ſakes, ſaying,

[l] To whome God declared his worde, & they declared it to their poſteritie

22 Touche not mine [k] anointed, and do my [l] Prophetes no harme.

Pſal.96,1.

23 *Sing vnto the Lord all the earth: declare his ſaluacion from day to day.

24 Declare his glorie among the nacions, and his wonderful workes among all people.

25 For the Lord *is* great and muche to be praiſed, and he is to be feared aboue all gods.

26 For all the gods of the people *are* [m] idoles, but the Lord made the heauens.

[m] His ſtrong faith appeareth herein ỹ thogh all the worlde wolde follow idoles, yet he wolde cleaue to the liuing God.

27 Praiſe and glorie *are* before him: power and beautie *are* in his place.

28 Giue vnto the Lord, ye families of the people: giue vnto the Lord glorie and power.

29 Giue vnto the Lord the glorie of his Name, bring an offring and come before him, & worſhip the Lord in the glorious Sanctuarie.

30 [n] Tremble ye before him, all the earth: ſurely the worlde ſhal be ſtable *and* not moue.

[n] Hūble your ſelues vnder ỹ mightie hād of God

31 Let the [o] heauens reioyce, and let the earth be glad, and let them ſay among the nacions, The Lord reigneth.

[o] He exhorteth the dumme creatures to reioyce & him in cōſidering ỹ greatnes of the grace of God

32 Let the ſea roare, and all that therein is: let the field be ioyful and all that is in it.

33 Let the trees of the wood thē reioycē at the preſence of the Lord: for he commeth to [p] iudge the earth.

[p] To reſtore all things to their eſtate.

34 Praiſe the Lord, for he is good, for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

35 And ſay ye, Saue vs, ô God, our ſaluacio, and gather vs, & deliuer vs from the heathē, that we may praiſe thine holy Name, and [q] glorie in thy praiſe.

[q] He eſteemeth this to be the chiefeſt felicitie of man.

36 Bleſſed *be* the Lord God of Iſraél for euer and euer: and let all people ſay, [r] So be it, and praiſe the Lord.

[r] He willeth all the people bothe in heart and mouthe to cōſent to theſe praises.

37 ¶ Then he left there before the Arke of the Lords couenant Aſáph and his brethren to miniſter continually before the Arke, that which was to be done euerie day:

38 And Obéd Edóm and his brethren, thre ſcore and eight: and Obéd Edóm the ſonne of Ieduthún, and Hoſáh *were* porters.

39 And Zadók the Prieſt and his brethren the Prieſts *were* before the Tabernacle of the Lord, in the hie place that was at Gibeón,

40 To offer burnt offrings vnto the Lord, vpon the burnt offring altar continually, in the morning and in the euening, euen according vnto all that is written in the Lawe of the Lord, which he commanded Iſraél.

41 And with them [s] were Heman, and Ieduthún, and the reſt that were choſen, (which were appointed by names) to praiſe the Lord, becauſe his mercie *endureth* for euer.

[s] With Zadók and the reſt of the Prieſts.

42 Euen with them *were* Heman and Ieduthún to make a ſounde with the cornets & with the cymbales, with excellent inſtruments of muſike: and the ſonnes of Ieduthún were at the gate.

43 And

t Declaring yt after our duetie to God we are chiefly bounde to our owne houſe, for the which as for all other things, we ought to pray vnto God, and inſtruct our families to praiſe his Name.

43 And all the people departed, euerie man to his houſe: & Dauid returned to t bleſſe his houſe.

CHAP. XVII.

3 Dauid is forbidden to buylde an houſe vnto the Lord. 12 Chriſt is promiſed vnder the figure of Salomón. 18 Dauid giueth thankes, 23 And prayeth vnto God.

1 NOw *afterwarde whē Dauid dwelt in his houſe, he ſaid to Nathán yͤ Prophet, Beholde, I dwel in an houſe of a cedre trees, but the Arke of the Lords couenant remaineth vnder b curtaines.

*2 Sam 7.2.

a Wel buylt & faire

b That is, in tents couered with skinnes

2 Then Nathan ſaid to Dauid, Do c all that is in thine heart: for God is with thee.

c As yet God had not reueled to the Prophet what he purpoſed concerning Dauid therefore ſeig God fauored Dauid, he ſpake what he thoght it

3 And the ſame d night euen the worde of God came to Nathán, ſaying,

d After that Nathán had ſpoken to Dauid

4 Go, and tel Dauid my ſeruāt, Thus ſaith the Lord, Thou ſhalt not buylde me an houſe to dwel in:

5 For I haue dwelt in no houſe, ſince the day yͤ I broght out the children of Iſraél vnto this day, but I haue bene from e tent to tent, and from habitacion *to habitacion.*

e That is, in a tent which remoued to and fro

6 Whereſoeuer I haue f walked with all Iſraél, ſpake I one worde to anie of the iudges of Iſraél (whome I commanded to fede my people) ſaying, Why haue ye not buylt me an houſe of cedre trees?

f Meaning, whereſoeuer his Arke went, which was a ſigne of his preſence.

7 Now therefore thus ſhalt thou ſay vnto my ſeruant Dauid, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, I toke thee fro the ſhepecoate g & from following the ſhepe, that thou ſhuldeſt be a prince ouer my people Iſrael.

g Of a ſhepherd of ſhepe I made thee a ſhepherd of mē, ſo yͤ thou camest not to this dignitie through thine owne merites, but by my pure grace

8 And I haue bene wͤ thee whereſoeuer thou haſt walked, and haue deſtroyed all thine enemies out of thy ſight, and haue "made thee a name, like the name of the great men that are in the earth.

"Or, gotten thee fame.

9 (Alſo I wil appoint a place for my people Iſraél, & h wil plant it, that they may dwel in their place, and moue nomore: nether ſhal the "wicked people "vexe thē anie more, as at the beginning,

h Make them ſure that they ſhal not remoue

"Ebr ſonnes of iniquitie

"Or, conſume

10 And ſince the time that I commanded iudges ouer my people Iſraél) And I wil ſubdue all thine enemies: therefore I ſay vnto thee, that the Lord wil i buylde thee an houſe.

i Wil giue thee great poſteritie.

11 And when thy dayes ſhalbe fulfilled to go with thy fathers, then wil I raiſe vp thy ſede after thee, which ſhal be of thy ſonnes, and wil ſtabliſh his kingdome.

12 He ſhal buylde me an houſe, and I wil ſtabliſh his throne for k euer.

k That is, vnto the cōming of Chriſt for thē theſe figures ſhulde ceaſe.

13 I wil be his father and he ſhalbe my ſonne, and I wil not take my mercie away frō him, as I toke it from him that was before l thee.

l Which was Saul.

14 But I wil eſtabliſh him in mine houſe, & in my kingdome for euer, and his throne ſhalbe ſtabliſhed for euer,

15 According to all theſe wordes, and according to all this viſion. So Nathán ſpake to King Dauid.

16 ¶ And Dauid the King m went in and "ſate before the Lord and ſaid, Who am I, ô Lord God, and what is mine houſe, that thou haſt broght me n hetherto.

m He wēt into yͤ tent where yͤ Arke was, ſhewing what we ought to do whē we receiue anie benefites of the Lord

"Or, remained

n Meaning, to this kinglie eſtate

17 Yet thou eſteming this a ſmale thing, ô God, haſt alſo ſpoken concerning the houſe of thy ſeruant for a great while, and haſt regarded me according to the eſtate of a man of o hye degre, ô Lord God.

o Thou haſt promiſed a kingdome that ſhal continue to me and my poſteritie, and that Chriſt ſhal procede of me

18 What can Dauid *deſire* more of thee for the honour of thy ſeruāt? for thou knoweſt thy ſeruant.

19 O Lord, for thy ſeruants ſake, euen according to thine p heart haſt thou done all this great thing to declare all magnificence.

p Frely, and according to the purpoſe of thy wil, without anie deſeruing

20 Lord, there *is* none like thee, nether *is there* anie god beſides thee, according to all that we haue heard with our eares.

21 Moreouer what one nacion in the earth *is* like thy people Iſraél, whoſe God went to redeme thē *to be* his people, & to make thy ſelfe a Name, *and to do* great and terrible things by caſting out naciōs from before thy people, whome thou haſt deliuered out of Egypt?

22 For thou haſt ordeined thy people Iſraél to be thine owne people for euer, and thou Lord art become their God.

23 Therefore now Lord, let the thing that thou haſt ſpoken concerning thy ſeruant & concerning his houſe, be cōfirmed for euer, and do as thou haſt ſaid,

24 And let thy Name be ſtable & magnified for euer, that it may be ſaid, The Lord of hoſtes, God of Iſraél, *is* the God of q Iſraél, & let the houſe of Dauid thy ſeruant be ſtabliſhed before thee.

q That is, he ſheweth himſelfe in dede to be their God, by deliuering them from dangers, & preſeruing them

25 For thou, ô my God, haſt r reueled vnto the eare of thy ſeruant, that thou wilt buylde him an houſe: therefore thy ſeruant hathe "bene bolde to pray before thee.

r Thou haſt declared vnto me by Nathán the Prophet.

"Ebr *hathe found*

26 Therefore now Lord (*for* thou art f God, and haſt ſpoken this goodnes vnto thy ſeruant)

f And canſt not breake promes.

27 Now therefore, it hathe pleaſed thee to bleſſe the houſe of thy ſeruant, that it may be before thee for euer: for thou, ô Lord, haſt bleſſed it, & it ſhalbe bleſſed for euer.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The battel of Dauid againſt the Philiſtims, 2 And againſt Moáb, 3 Zobáh, 5 Arám, 12 And Edóm.

1 AND after this Dauid ſmote the Philiſtims, and ſubdued them, and toke a Gath, and the villages thereof out of the hand of the Philiſtims.

a Which 2. Sam 8.1 is called the bridle of bondage, becauſe it was a ſtrong towne, and kept the countrey rounde about in ſubiection

2 And he ſmote Moáb, and the Moabites became Dauids ſeruants, and "broght giftes.

"Or, payed tribute

3 ¶ And Dauid ſmote "Hadarézer King of

"Or, Hadadézer.

Zobáh vnto Hamáth, as he wēt to ſtablish his border by the riuer Peráth.
4 And Dauid toke from him a thouſand charets, and ſeuen thouſand horſemen, & twētie thouſand fotemen, and *deſtroyed all the charets, but he reſerued of them an hundreth charets.
5 ¶ Then came the Aramites of Damaſcus to ſuccour Hadarézer King of Zoobah, but Dauid ſlewe of the Aramites two and twentie thouſand.
6 And Dauid put *a gariſon* in Arám of Damaſcus, and the Aramites became Dauids ſeruants, and broght giftes: and the Lord preſerued Dauid whereſoeuer he went.
7 And Dauid toke the ſhields of golde that were of the ſeruants of Hadarézer, and broght them to Ieruſalém.
8 And from Tibháth, and from Chun (cities of Hadarézer) broght Dauid exceding muche braſſe, wherewith Salomón made the braſen* Sea, and the pillers and the veſſels of braſſe.
9 ¶ Thē Tóu King of Hamáth heard how Dauid had ſmiten all the hoſte of Hadarézer King of Zobáh:
10 Therefore he ſent Hadóram his ſonne to King Dauid, to ſalute him, and to reioyce with him, becauſe he had foght againſt Hadarézer, & beatē him (for Tóu had warre with Hadarézer) *who broght* all veſſels of golde, and ſiluer and braſſe.
11 And King Dauid did dedicate them vnto the Lord, with the ſiluer and golde that he broght from all the nacions, from Edóm, and from Moáb, and from the children of Ammón, and from the Philiſtims, and from Amalék.
12 ¶ And Abiſhái the ſonne of Zeruiáh ſmote of Edóm in the ſalte valley eightene thouſand,
13 And he put a gariſon in Edóm, and all the Edomites became Dauids ſeruants: & the Lord preſerued Dauid whereſoeuer he went.
14 So Dauid reigned ouer all Iſraél, and executed iudgemēt and iuſtice to all his people.
15 And Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh was ouer the hoſte, and Iehoſhaphát the ſonne of Ahilúd recorder,
16 And Zadók the ſonne of Ahitúb, and Abimélech the ſonne of Abiathár *were* the Prieſts, and Shauſhá the ſcribe,
17 *And Benaiáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá was ouer the Cherethites and the Pelethites: and the ſonnes of Dauid *were* chief about the King.

*Or, Euphrates.
2 Sam. 8, 4
*Or, Destroyed
b That is, in all things that he enterprised.
c Which 2 Samuél 8, 8 are called Betáh & Berothái
1 King 7, 23. 2 Chro. 4, 2, 20.
d Called also Iorám, 2 Sam 8, 10.
e Becauſe the Edomites and the Syrians ioyned their power together, it is ſaid 2 Sam. 8, 12, & the Aramites were ſpoiled.
f Which is vnderſtād that Ioáb ſlewe twelue thouſand, as is in the title of the threſcore pſal. and Abiſhái the reſt.
*Or Seraiáh.
2 Sam 8, 17.
g Read 2. Sam 8, 18.

CHAP. XIX.

Hanún King of the childrē of Ammón doeth great iniuries to the ſeruants of Dauid 6 He prepareth an armie againſt Dauid, 15 And is ouercome.

AFter this alſo * Naháſh the King of the children of Ammón dyed, & his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.
2 And Dauid ſaid, I wil ſhewe kindnes vnto Hanún the ſonne of Naháſh, becauſe his father ſhewed kindenes vnto me. And Dauid ſent meſſengers to comforte him for his father. So the ſeruants of Dauid came into the land of the childrē of Ammón to Hanún to comforte him.
3 And the princes of the children of Ammón ſaid to Hanún, Thinkeſt thou that Dauid doeth honour thy father, that he hathe ſent comforters vnto thee? Are not his ſeruants come to thee to ſearche, to ſeke and to ſpie out the land?
4 Wherefore Hanún toke Dauids ſeruāts, and ſhaued them, and cut of their garments by the halfe vnto the buttocks, and ſent them away.
5 And there went *certeine* and tolde Dauid concerning the men: and he ſent to mete them (for the men were excedingly aſhamed) & the King ſaid, Tary at Ierichó, vntil your beardes be growen: thē returne.
6 ¶ When the children of Ammón ſawe that they ſtanke in the ſight of Dauid, thē ſent Hanún and the children of Ammón a thouſand talents of ſiluer to hyre them charets & horſemen out* of Arám Naharáim and out of Arám, Maachāh, and out of Zobáh.
7 And they hyred them two and thirtie thouſand charets, & the King of Maachāh and his people, which came and pitched before Medebá: and the children of Ammón gathered them ſelues together from their cities, and came to the battel.
8 ¶ And when Dauid heard, he ſent Ioáb & all the hoſte of the valiant men.
9 And the children of Ammón came out, and ſet their battel in araye at the gate of the citie. And the Kings that were come, were by them ſelues in the field.
10 When Ioáb ſawe that the fronte of the battel was againſt him before & behinde, then he choſe out of all the choiſe of Iſraél, and ſet him ſelfe in araye to mete the Aramites.
11 And the reſt of the people he deliuered vnto the hand of Abiſhái his brother, and they put them ſelues in araye againſt the children of Ammón.
12 And he ſaid, If Aram be to ſtrōg for me, then thou ſhalt ſuccour me: & if the children of Ammón preuaile againſt thee, thē I wil ſuccour thee.
13 Be ſtrong, and let vs ſhewe our ſelues valiant for our people, and for the cities of our God, & let the Lord do that which is good in his owne ſight.
14 So Ioab and the people that was with him, came nere before the Aramites vnto the

a Becauſe Naháſh receiued Dauid & his cōpanie, when Saul perſecuted him, he wolde now ſhewe pleaſure to his ſonne for the ſame
b Thus ſ malicious euer interpret the purpoſe of the godlie in the worſt ſenſe
c They ſhaued of the halfe of their beardes, 2. Samu 10, 4.
d To put thē to ſhame and vilanie, where as the ambaſſadours ought to haue bene honored and becauſe the Iewes vſed to weare ſide garments and beards, they thus diſfigured thē to make them odious to others
*Or, had made them ſelues to be abhorred of Dauid.
2 Sam 10, 8.
e Which were fiue in all
f Which was a citie of the tribe of Reubén beyonde Iordéa.
g He declareth, that where the cauſe is euil, the courage can not be valiant, and that in good cauſes men ought to be courragious & cōmit the ſucceſſe to God

the battel, and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ammón ſawe that the Aramites fled, they fled alſo before Abiſhái his brother, and entred into the citie: ſo Ioáb came to Ieruſalém.

16 ¶ And when the Aramites ſawe that they were diſcomfited before Iſraél, they ſent meſſengers and cauſed the Aramites to come forthe that were beyonde the h riuer. & Shophách the captaine of the hoſte of Hadarézer *went* before them.

h That is, Euphrates.

17 And when it was ſhewed Dauid, he gathered all Iſraél, and went ouer Iordén, & came vnto thē, and put him ſelfe in araye againſt them: and whē Dauid had put him ſelfe in battel araye to mete the Aramites, they foght with him.

18 But the Aramites fled before Iſraél, and Dauid deſtroyed of the Aramites i ſeuen thouſand charets, and fortie thouſand fotemen, and killed Shophách the captaine of the hoſte.

i For this place read 2 Sam. 10,18.

19 And when the ſeruāts of Hadarézer ſawe that they fel before Iſraél, they made peace with Dauid, and ſerued him. And the Aramites wolde nomore ſuccour the children of Ammón.

CHAP. XX.

1 Rabbáh deſtroyed. 3 The Ammonites tormented. 4 The Philiſtims are thriſe ouercome with their giants.

2.Sam 11,1. 1 AND *whē the yere was expired, in the time that Kings go out *a warre*, Ioab caried out the ſtrength of the armie, and deſtroyed the countrey of the children of Ammón, and came and beſieged a Rabbáh (but Dauid taryed at Ieruſalém) and Ioáb ſmote Rabbáh and deſtroyed it.

a Which was the chief citie of the Ammonites

2.Sam 12,29. 2 *Tnē Dauid toke ỹ crowne of their King from of his head, and founde it the weight of a b talēt of golde, with precious ſtones in it: and it was ſet on Dauids head, and he broght away the ſpoile of the citie exceding muche.

b Which mounteth about the vallue of ſeuē thouſād & ſeuentie crownes, which is about threſcore pounde weight.

3 And he caryed away the people that were in it, and cut them with ſawes, and with harowes of yron, and with axes. euen thus did Dauid with all the cities of the children of Ammón. Then Dauid and all the people came againe to Ieruſalém.

2.Sam.21,18. 4 ¶ *And after this alſo there aroſe warre at c Gézer with the Philiſtims: then Sibbechái the Huſhathite ſlewe d Sippái, of the children of Haraphá, and they were ſubdued.

c Or, Gob 2 Sam. 21,18
d Or, Saph.
e Or, Raphaim, or, the giants.

5 And there was yet *another* battel with the Philiſtims: and Elhanán the ſonne of Iaír ſlewe e Lahmí, the brother of Goliáth ỹ Gittite, whoſe ſpearestaffe *was* like a weauers beame.

c Read 2 Sam. 21,19.

6 And yet againe there was a battel at Gath, where was a man of a *great* ſtature, and his fingers *were* by d ſixes; *euen* foure and twenty, and was alſo the ſonne of Haraphá.

d Meaning, ỹ he had ſix a piece on hāds and feete.

7 And when he reuiled Iſraél, Iehonathán the ſonne of Shimeá Dauids brother did ſlea him.

8 Theſe were borne vnto Haraphá at Gath, and fel by the hand of Dauid: and by the hands of his ſeruants.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Dauid cauſeth the people to be nombred. 14 And there dye ſeuentie thouſand men of the peſtilence.

1 AND a Satan ſtode vp againſt Iſraél, and prouoked Dauid to nomber Iſraél.

a He tempted Dauid in ſetting before his eyes his excellencie & glorie, his power & victories, read 2 Sam 24,1

2 Therefore Dauid ſaid to Ioáb, and to the rulers of the people, Go & nomber Iſraél from b Beer-ſhéba euen to Dan, and bring it to me, that I may know the nombet of them.

b That is, frō Southe to North.

3 And Ioáb anſwered, The Lord increaſe his people an hundreth times ſo many as they be, ô my lord the King: are they not all my lords ſeruants? wherefore doeth my lord require this thing? why ſhulde he be a cauſe of c treſpaſſe to Iſraél.

c It was a thing indifferent & vſual to nomber the people, but becauſe he did it of an ambitious minde, as though his ſtrength ſtode in his people, God punished him

4 Neuertheles the Kings worde preuailed againſt Ioáb. And Ioáb departed and wēt through all Iſraél, and returned to Ieruſalém.

5 And Ioáb gaue the nomber & ſumme of the people vnto Dauid: & all Iſraél were d eleuen hundreth thouſand men ỹ drewe ſworde: and Iudáh was e foure hundreth and ſeuentie thouſand men that drewe ſworde.

d Ioáb partely for grief and partly through negligence gathered not the whole ſūme as it is here declared.
e In Samuél is mentiō of eight tie thouſand more: ẅ was either by ioyning to them ſome of the Beniamites, ẅ were mixed ẅ Iudáh, or as ỹ Ebrewes write, here ỹ chief & princes are left out

6 But the Leuites and Beniamín counted he not among them: for the Kings worde was abominable to Ioáb.

7 ¶ And God was diſpleaſed with this thīg: therefore he ſmote Iſraél.

8 Then Dauid ſaid vnto God, I haue ſinned greatly, becauſe I haue done this thing: but nōw, I beſeche thee, remoue the iniquitie of thy ſeruant: for I haue done very fooliſhly.

9 And the Lord ſpake vnto Gad Dauids f Seer, ſaying,

f Or, Prophet

10 Go and tel Dauid, ſaying, Thus ſayth the Lord, I offre thee thre things: choſe thee one of them, that I may do it vnto thee.

11 So Gad came to Dauid, and ſaid vnto him, Thus ſayth the Lord, Take to thee

12 Ether thre yeres famine, or thre moneths to be deſtroyed before thine aduerſaries, and the ſworde of thine enemies g to take *thee*, or els the ſworde of ỹ Lord and peſtilence in the land thre dayes, that ỹ Angel of the Lord may deſtroy throughout all the coaſtes of Iſraél: now therefore aduiſe thee, what worde I ſhal bring againe to him that ſent me.

g Or, ſmite thee.

23 And Dauid ſaid vnto Gad, I am in a wō-
derful ſtrait. let me now fall into the hand
of the Lord: for his mercies *are* exced.ng
great, & let me not fall into ỹ hand of mā.
24 So the Lord ſent a peſtilence in Iſraél,
and there fell of Iſraél ſeuentie thouſand
men.
15 ¶ And God ſent the Angel into Ieruſa-
lém to deſtroye it. And f as he was de-
ſtroying, the Lord behelde, and g repen-
ted of the euil and ſaid to the Angel that
deſtroyed, It is now ynough, let thine hād
ceaſe. Then the Angel of the Lord ſtode
by the threſhing floore of Ornan the
Iebuſite.
16 And Dauid lift vp his eyes, and ſawe the
Angel of the Lord ſtād betwene the earth
and the heauen with his ſworde draw n
in his hand, *and* ſtretched out towarde Ie-
ruſalém. Then Dauid and the Elders of
Iſraél, which were clothed in ſacke, fell
vpon their faces.
17 And Dauid ſaid vnto God, Is it not I
that commanded to nomber the people?
It is euen I that haue ſinned and haue
committed euil, but theſe ſhepe what ha-
ue they done? ó Lord my God, I beſeche
thee, let thine hand be on me and on my
fathers houſe, and not on h thy people for
their deſtruction.
18 ¶ Thē the Angel of the Lord cōmanded
Gad to ſay to Dauid, that Dauid ſhulde
go vp, and ſet vp an altar vnto the Lord
in the threſhing floore of Ornán the Ie-
buſite.
19 So Dauid went vp according to ỹ ſaying
of Gad, which he had ſpokē in the Name
of the Lord.
20 And Ornán turned about, and ſawe the
Angel, and his foure ſonnes *that were* with
him, i hid them ſelues, and Ornán threſ-
ſhed wheat.
21 And as Dauid came to Ornán, Ornán
loked and ſawe Dauid and went out of the
threſhing floore, and bowed him ſelfe to
Dauid with his face to the ground.
22 And Dauid ſaid to Ornán, Giue me the
place of *thy* threſhing floore, that I may
buylde an k altar therein vnto the Lord:
giue it me for ſufficient money, that the
plague may be ſtayed from the people.
23 Then Ornán ſaid vnto Dauid, Take it
to thee, and let my lord the King do that
which ſeemeth him good. lo, I giue thee
bullockes for burnt offrings, & threſhing
inſtruments for wood, & wheat for meat
offring. I giue it all.
24 And King Dauid ſaid to Ornán, Not
ſo: but I wil bye it for ſufficient l money.
for I wil not take that which is thine for ỹ
Lord, nor offer burnt offrings without coſt.
25 So Dauid gaue to Ornán for that place
n ſix hūdreth ſhekels of golde by weight.
26 And Dauid buylt there an altar vnto the
Lord, and offred burnt offrings, and peace
offrings, and called vpon the Lord, and he
n anſwered him by fyre from heauē vpon
the altar of burnt offring.
27 And when the Lord had ſpoken to the
Angel, he put vp his ſworde againe into
his ſhethe.
28 At that time when Dauid ſawe that the
Lord had heard him in the threſhīg floo-
re of Ornán the Iebuſite, then he ſacrifi-
ced there.
29 (But the Tabernacle of the Lord which
Moſes had made in the wildernes, and the
altar of burnt offring *were* at that ſeaſon
in the hie place at Gibeón.
30 And Dauid colde not go before it to aſ-
ke counſel at God: for he was afraied of
the ſworde of the Angel of the Lord)

f Read 2 Sam 24.16
g When God deawert back his plagues, he temeth to repent, read Gen 6.6.
h Thus he boothe ſheweth a true repentāce and a fatherlie care toward his people, wh deſireth God to ſpare them and to puniſh him and his.
i If man hide him ſelfe at ỹ ſight of an Angel which is a creature, how muche leſſe is a ſinner able to appeare before the face of God?
k Thus he ord by the cōmādemēt of God, as vers 18 for el. it had bene abominable except he had ether Gods worde, or reuelacion
l That is, as muche as it is worthe for hauing ynough of his owne & yet to haue tyke of another mans goods to offer vnto the Lord, it had bene theft and not acceptable to God
m Read 2. Sam. 24.24.
n God declared ỹ he herd his requeſt in that he ſent down fire frō heauen for his ſacrifice, that might vſe no fire in mans ſacrifice, but of ỹ which was reſerued ſtil vpō ỹ altar, Leuit. 6.13 & came down from heauen, Leuit 9.24 as appeareth by the puniſhment of Nadab and Abihu, Leu 10.1
Or, Araunah.

CHAP. XXII.

2 Dauid prepareth things neceſſarie for the buylding of the Tēple. 6 He cōmaneth his ſonne Salomon to buylde the Tēple of the Lord, whom thing he him ſelfe was forbidden to do. 9 Vnder the figure of Salomón Chriſt is promiſed.

1 AND Dauid ſaid, This is the a houſe
of the Lord God & this is the altar
for the burnt offring of Iſraél.
2 And Dauid commanded to gather toge-
ther the b ſtrangers that were in the land
of Iſraél, and he ſet maſons to hewe and
poliſh ſtones to buylde the houſe of God.
3 Dauid alſo prepared c muche yron for the
nailes of the dores & of the gates, and
for the ioynings, and abundance of braſſe
paſsing weight,
4 And cedre trees without nomber: for
the Zidonians and they of Tyrus broght
muche cedre wood to Dauid.
5 And Dauid ſaid, Salomón my ſonne is
yong and tender, and we muſt buylde an
houſe for the Lord, magnifical, excellent
and of great fame and dignitie through-
out all countreis. I wil *therefore* now prepa-
re for him. So Dauid prepared very much
before his death.
6 Then he called Salomón his ſonne, and
charged him to buylde an houſe for the
Lord God of Iſraél.
7 And Dauid ſaid to Salomón, *My ſonne,
I purpoſed with my ſelfe to buyld an hou-
ſe to the Name of the Lord my God,
8 But the worde of the Lord came to me,
ſaying, *d Thou haſt ſhed muche blood, &
haſt made great battels: thou ſhalt not
buylde an houſe vnto my Name: for thou
haſt ſhed muche blood vpon the earth in
my ſight.
9 Beholde, a ſonne is borne to thee, which
ſhalbe a mā of reſt, for I wil giue him reſt
from all his enemies round about: there-
fore his name is Salomón: and I wil ſend
peace and quietnes vpon Iſraél in his
dayes.
10 *He

a That is, the place wherein he wil be worſhiped.
b Meaning, cōming into of other nations wh dwelt among the Iewes
c To wit, wh weighed fifte ſhekels of golde. 2 Chr 3.8.
2. Sam. 7. 5.
Chap 28.3.
d This declareth how greatly God deteſteth the ſheding of blood, ſeing Dauid for this cauſe is ſtaied to buylde the Temple of the Lord, albeit he enterpriſed no warre, but by Gods commādemēt & againſt his enemies.

2 Sam 7,13. king 5,5.

10 *He shal buylde an house for my Name, and he shal be my sonne, and I wil be his father, and I wil establish the throne of his kingdome vpon Israél for euer.

11 Now *therefore* my sonne, the Lord shalbe with thee, and thou shalt e prosper, and thou shalt buylde an house to the Lord thy God, as he hathe spoken of thee.

e He sheweth that there can be no prosperitie, but when the Lord is with vs

12 Onely the Lord giue thee f wisdome & vnderstanding, and giue thee charge ouer Israél, euen to kepe the Law of the Lord thy God.

f These are onely the meanes whereby Kings gouerne their subiectes aright & where by the realmes do prosper and florish.

13 Then thou shalt prosper, if thou take hede to obserue the statutes and the iudgements which the Lord commanded Moses for Israél: bè strong and of good courage: feare not, nether be afraied.

g For Dauid was poore in respect of Salomon.

14 For beholde, according to my g pouertie haue I prepared for the house of the Lord an hundreth thousand talents of golde, and a thousand thousand talents of siluer, and of brasse and of yron passing weight: for there was abundance: I haue also prepared timbre and stone, and thou maiest prouide more thereto.

15 Moreouer thou hast workmen with thee ynough, "hewers of stone, and workemen for timbre, and all men expert in euerie worke,

"Or, masons, & carpenters.

16 Of golde, of siluer, *and* of brasse, and of yron there is no nomber. h Vp *therefore*, & be doing, & the Lord wil be with thee.

h That is, go about it quickely.

17 Dauid also commanded all the princes of Israél to helpe Salomón his sonne, *saying*,

18 Is not the Lord your God with you, & hathe giuen you rest on euerie side? for he hathe giuen the i inhabitants of the land into mine hand, & the land is subdued before ỹ Lord & before his people.

The nations round about.

19 Now set k your hearts and your soules to seke the Lord your God, and arise, and buylde the Sanctuarie of the Lord God to bring the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God into the house buylt for ỹ Name of the Lord.

k For els he knewe that God wolde plague them, & not prosper their labours except they sought w all their hearts to set forthe his glorie

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid being olde, ordeineth Salomón King. 3 He causeth the Leuites to be nombred, 4 And assigneth them to their offices. 13 Aaron and his sonnes are for the hie Preest. 14 The sonnes of Moses.

1 SO when Dauid was olde and ful of daies, * he made Salomón his sonne King ouer Israél.

1. King 1,30.

2 And he gathered togethet all the princes of Israél with the Priests and the Leuites.

3 And the Leuites were nombred from the age of thirtie yere and aboue, and their nomber according to their summe was eight and thirtie thousand men.

4 Of these foure and twentie thousand *were set* to "aduãce the worke of the house

"Or, ouer see the worke.

of the Lord, and six thousand were ouerseers and iudges.

5 And foure thousand *were* porters, & foure thousand praised ỹ Lord with instrumẽts which "he made to praise *the Lord*.

"Ebr. I made, meanig Dauid.

6 *So Dauid deuided offices vnto them, *to wit*, to the sonnes of Leuí, to * Gershón, Kohath, and Merarí.

*Chap 6,1. Exod. 6,15.

7 Of the Gershonites *were* "Laadán and Shimeí.

"Or, Ládé, Chap 6,27.

8 The sonnes of Laadán, the chief *was* Iehiél, and Zethám and Ioél, thre.

9 The sonnes of Shimeí, Shelomíth, and Haziél and Harám, thre: these were the chief fathers of Laadán.

10 Also the sonnes of Shimeí *were* Iáhath, Zimá, Ieúsh, and Beriáh: these foure were the sonnes of Shimeí.

11 And Iáhath was the chief, & "Zizáh the seconde, but Ieúsh & Beriáh had not many sonnes: therefore they were in the families of *their* father, counted but as one.

"Or, Zizah.

12 ¶ The sonnes of Kohath *were* Amrám, Izhár, Hebrón and Vzziél, foure.

13 *The sonnes of Amrám, Aarón and Moses: and Aarón was separated to a sanctifie the moste holy place, he & his sonnes for euer to burne incense before the Lord, to minister to him, and to blesse in his Name for euer.

*Exod 2,2. & 6,20. ebr 3,5.

a That is, to serue in the moste holy place & to cõsecrate ỹ holy things.

14 ¶ Moses also the man of God, *&* his children were named with the b tribe of Leuí.

b Thei were but of the ordre of the Leuites & not of the Priests as Aarós sonnes.

15 The sonnes of Moses *were* Gershóm, and Eliézer,

16 Of the sonnes of * Gershóm *was* Shebuél the chief.

*Exod. 2,22. & 18,3.

17 And the sonne of Eliézer *was* Rehabiáh the c chief: for Eliézer had none other sonnes: but the sonnes of Rehabiáh were very many.

c The Scripture vseth to call chief or ỹ first borne, although he be alone, & there be none borne after. Matt 1,25.

18 The sonne of Izhár *was* Shelomíth the chief.

19 The sonnes of Hebrón *were* Ieriáh the first, Amariáh the seconde, Iahaziél the third, and Iekamiám the fourt.

20 The sonnes of Vzziél *were* Micháh the first, and Isshiáh the seconde.

21 ¶ The sonnes of Merarí *were* Mahlí and Mushí. The sonnes of Mahlí, Eleazár and Kish.

d Meaning their cousins.

22 And Eleazár dyed, and had no sonnes, but daughters, and their d brethren the sonnes of Kish toke them.

23 The sonnes of Mushí *were* Mahlí, and Edér, and Ierimóth, thre.

e Dauid did chose the Leuites twise, first at the age of thirtie, as ver. 3, & agaime afterwarde at twentie, as the necessitie of ỹ office did require at ỹ beginning they had no charge in the Temple, before they were fiue and twentie yere olde, and had none after this, Nub 4

24 These were the sonnes of Leuí according to the house of their fathers, *euen* the chief fathers according to their offices, according to the nomber of names & their summe that did the worke for the seruice of the house of the Lord from the age of e twenty yeres and aboue.

25 For Dauid ſaid, The Lord God of Iſraél hathe giuen reſt vnto his people, that they may dwel in Ieruſalém for euer.
26 And alſo the Leuites ſhal nomore beare the Tabernacle and all the veſſels for the ſeruice thereof.
27 Therefore according to the laſt wordes of Dauid, the Leuites were nõbred from twentie yere and aboue,
28 And their office *was* vnder the hand of the ſonnes of Aarón, for the ſeruice of the houſe of the Lord in the courtes, and chambers, and in the [f] purifying of all holy things, and in the worke of the ſeruice of the houſe of God,
29 Bothe for the ſhewebread, and for the fine floure, for the meat offring, and for the vnleauened cakes, and for the fryed things, and for that which was rolled, and for all meaſures and eiſe,
30 And for to ſtand euerie morning, to giue thankes and to praiſe the Lord, & likewiſe at euen,
31 And to offer all burnt offrings vnto the Lord, in the Sabbaths, in the moneths, and at the appointed times, according to the nomber & according to their cuſtome continually before the Lord,
32 And that they ſhulde kepe the charge of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and the charge of the holie place, and the charge of the ſonnes of Aarón their brethren in the ſeruice of the houſe of the Lord.

[f] In waſſhing and cleanſing all the holy veſſels

CHAP. XXIIII.

Dauid aſſigneth offices vnto the ſonnes of Aarón.

1 THeſe are alſo the *diuiſions of the ſonnes of Aarón, The ſonnes of Aarón *were* Nadab, and Abihú, Eleazár, and Ithamár.
2 But Nadáb and Abihú dyed [a] before their father, and had no childrẽ, therefore Eleazár and Ithamár executed ỹ Prieſts office.
3 And Dauid diſtributed them, euen Zadók of the [b] ſonnes of Eleazár, and Ahimélech of the ſonnes of Ithamár according to their offices in their miniſtration.
4 And there were found mo of the ſonnes of Eleazár by the [c] nomber of men, then of the ſonnes of Ithamár. and they deuided them, *to wit*, among the ſonnes of Eleazár, ſixteen heades, according to the houſholde of their fathers, and among the ſonnes of Ithamár, according to the houſholde of their fathers, eight.
5 Thus they diſtributed them by lot the one from the other, and ſo the rulers of the Sanctuarie and the rulers of *the houſe* of God *were* of the ſonnes of Eleazar and of the ſonnes of Ithamár.
6 And Shemaiáh the ſonne of Nethaneél the ſcribe of the Leuites, wrote them before the King and the princes, and Zadók the Prieſt, and Ahimélech the ſonne of Abiathár, and *before* the chief fathers of the Prieſts and of the Leuites, one famílie being reſerued for Eleazár, & another reſerued for Ithamár.
7 And the firſt [b] lot fel to Iehoiaríb, and the ſecond to Iedaiáh,
8 The third to Harim, the fourt to Seorím,
9 The fift to Malchiiáh, the ſixt to Miiamín,
10 The ſeuent to Hakkóz, the eight to Abiiáh,
11 The ninte to Ieſhúa, the tent to Shecaniáh,
12 The eleuent to Eliaſhib, the twelft to Iakím,
13 The thirtente to Huppáh, the fourtente to Ieſhebeáb,
14 The fiftente to Bilgáh, the ſixtente to Immér,
15 The ſeuentente to Hezír, the eightente to Happizzér,
16 The netente to Pethahiáh, the twentieth to Iehezckél,
17 The one and twentie to Iachín, the two and twentie to Gamúl,
18 The thre and twẽtie to Deliáh, the foure and twentie to Maaziáh.
19 Theſe were their ordres according to their offices, when they entred into the houſe of the Lord according to their cuſtome vnder [d] the hand of Aarón their father, as the Lord God of Iſrael had commanded him.
20 ¶ And of the ſonnes of Leuí that remained of the ſonnes of Amrám, *was* Shubaél, of the ſonnes of Shubaél, Iedeiah,
21 Of Rehabiáh. *euen* of the ſonnes of Rehabiáh, the firſt Iſſhiiáh,
22 Of Izharí, Shelomóth, of the ſonnes of Shelomóth, Iahath,
23 And *his* ſonnes Ieriáh *the firſt*, Amariáh the ſeconde, Iahaziél the thirde, *and* Iekameám the fourt,
24 The ſonne of Vzziél *was* Michah, the ſonne of Michah *was* Shamir,
25 The brother of Michah *was* Iſſhiiáh, the ſonne of Iſſhiiáh, Zechariáh,
26 The ſonnes of Merarí *were* Mahlí and Muſhí, the ſonne of Iaaziiah *was* Benó,
27 The ſonnes of Merarí of Iahaziáh *were* Benó, and Shóham, and Zaccúr and Ibrí.
28 Of Mahlí *came* Eleazár, which had no ſonnes.
29 Of Kiſh. the ſonne of Kiſh *was* Ierahmeél,
30 And the ſonnes of [e] Muſhí *were* Mahlí, and Edér, and Ierimóth: theſe were ſonnes of the Leuites after the houſholde of their fathers.
31 And

[a] Whiles their father yet liued.
[b] Or, ſtrife.
[c] Ebr heades.
[d] By the dignitie that God giue to Aarón
[e] Which was the ſeconde ſonne of Merari
[f] Zacharie the father of Iohn Baptiſt was of this courſe or lot of Abia, Luk 1,5
[b] This lot was ordeined to take away all occaſiõ of enuie or grudging of one againſt another

Leuit. 10,4. nom 3,4. & 26,6.

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f That is, euerie one had y dignitie & fel vnto him by lot.

31 And these also cast f lottes w̄ their brethren the sonnes of Aarón b fore King Dauid, and Zadók and Ahimélech and the chief fathers of the Priests, and of the Leuites, *euen* the chief of the families against their yonger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

The singers are appointed, with their places & lottes.

a The singers were deuided into four and twentie courtes, both euerie course or ordre contained twelue, & in all there were 288, as verse 7

1 SO Dauid & the captaines of ȳ armie a separated for the ministerie the sonnes of Asáph, and Hemán, and Ieduthún, who shulde *sing* prophecies with harpes, with violes, and with cymbales, and their nomber was *euen* of the men for the office of their ministerie, *to wit,*

2 Of the sonnes of Asáph, Zaccúr, and Ioseph, & Nethaniah, & Asharélah the sonnes of Asáph *were* vnder the hand of Asáph, *which sang* prophecies by the "Ebr. hads. "commission of the King.

3 Of Ieduthún, the sonnes of Ieduthún, Gedaliáh, & Zeri, and Ieshaiáh, Asshabiáh and Mattithiah, b six, vnder the hands of their father: Ieduthún *sang* c prophecies with an harpe, for to giue thankes and to praise the Lord.

b Whereof one is not here nor bred c Meaning, Psalmes and songs to praise God.

4 Of Hemán, the sonnes of Hemán, Bukkiáh, Mattaniah, Vzziél, Shebuél, and Ierimóth, Hananiáh, Hanáni, Eliáthah, Giddálti, & Romámti-ézer, Ioshbekáshah, Mallóthi, Hothir & Mahazióth.

5 All these were the sonnes of Hemán the Kings "Seer in the wordes of God to lift vp the "horne: and God gaue to Hemán fourtene sonnes and three daughters.

"Or, Prophet. "Or, prophesying of the King

6 All these were vnder the "hand of their father, singing in the house of ȳ Lord with cymbales, violes & harpes, for the seruice of the house of God, & Asaph, and Ieduthún, and Hemán *were* at the Kings "cōmandement.

"Or, gouernaunce. "Ebr. hand.

7 So was their nomber with their brethren that were instruct in the songs of ȳ Lord, *euen* of all that were conning, two hundreth fourescore and eight.

d Who shulde be in euery compaignie and course

8 And they cast lottes, d charge against *charge*, aswell e small as great, the cunning man as the scholer.

e Without respect to age or cunning

9 And the first lot fell to f Ioséph, *which was* of Asáph, the seconde, to Gedaliáh, who with his brethren and his sonnes were twelue.

f So that he serued in the first turne, and the rest euery one as his turne followed, orderly

10 The third, to Zaccúr, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren *were* twelue.

"Or, the Zerites.

11 The fourte, to "Izri, *he*, his sonnes & his brethren twelue.

12 The fift, to Nethaniáh, *he*, his sonnes & his brethren twelue.

13 The sixt, to Bukkiáh, *he*, his sonnes & his brethren twelue.

14 The seuent, to Ieshaiélah, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

15 The eight, to Ieshaiáh, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

16 The ninth, to Mattaniáh, *he*, his sonnes & his brethren twelue.

17 The tenth, to Shimei, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

18 The eleuenth, to Azaréel, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

19 The twelfth, to Asshabiáh, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

20 The thirteenth, to Shubaél, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

21 The fourteenth, to Mattithiáh, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

22 The fiftenth, to Ierimóth, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

23 The sixtenth, to Hananiáh, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

24 The seuententh, to Ioshbekáshah, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

25 The eightenth, to Hananí, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

26 The ninetenth, to Mallóthi, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

27 The twentieth, to Eliáthah, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

28 The one and twentieth, to Hothír, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

29 The two and twentieth, to Giddálti, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

30 The three and twentieth, to Mahazióth, *he*, his sonnes and his brethren twelue.

31 The foure and twentieth, to Romámti-ézer, *he*, his sonnes & his brethren twelue.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The porters of the Temple are ordened, euerie man to the gate, which he shulde kepe: 20 And ouer the treasure

1 COncerning the "diuisions of the porters, of the Korhites, Meshelemiáh the sonne of Koré of the sonnes of a Asaph.

"Or, courses and turnes

a This Asaph was not the notable musitian, but another of y name called also Ebiasaph, Chap 9.19 & 9.19 & also Iaasiah.

2 And the sonnes of Meshelemiáh, Zechariáh the eldest, Iediaél the seconde, Zebadiáh the third, Iathniél the fourt,

3 Elám the fift, Iehohanán the sixt, & Elichoenái the seuent.

4 And of the sonnes of Obéd Edóm, Shemaián the eldest, Ichozabád the seconde, Ioáh the third, and Sacái the fourt, and Nethaneél the fift,

5 Ammiél the sixt, Issachár the seuent, Peulthái the eight: for God had b blessed him.

b In giuing him many children

6 And to Shemaiáh his sonne, were sonnes borne, that c ruled in the house of their father, for they were men of might.

c Or like chiefe fathers house, meaning worthie men and valiant

7 The sonnes of Shemaiáh *were* Othni, and Rephaél, and Obéd, Elzabád & his brethren strong men. Elihú also, & Semachiáh.

8 All these were of the "sonnes of Obéd Edóm, they and their sonnes and their brethren mightie and d strong to serue, *euen*

"Or, appointed. d And meete to serue in the office of the porterie.

three score and two of Obéd Edóm.
9 And of Meshelemiáh sonnes and brethrē eightene mightie men.
10 And of Hosáh of the sonnes of Merarí the sonnes *were* Shúri the chief, & (thogh he was not the eldest, yet his father made him the chief)
11 Helkiáh the seconde, Tebaliah the third, & Zechariáh the fourth: all the *Or, sonnes.* "sonnes & the brethren of Hosáh *were* thirtene.
12 Of these *were* the *Or, courses.* "diuisions of the porters of the chief men; *hauing* the charge *e* againste their brethrē, to serue in the house of the Lord.
13 And they cast lottes bothe smale & great for the house of their fathers, for euerie gate.
14 And the lot on the Eastside fel to *Or Meshelemiah* "Shelemiáh: thē they cast lottes for Zechariáh his sonne *f* a wise counseler, and his lot came out Northwarde:
15 To Obéd Edóm Southwarde, and to his sonnes the house of *g* Asuppím:
16 To Shuppím and to Hosáh Westwarde with ỳ gate *h* of Shallécheth by the paued strete that goeth vpwarde, warde ouer against warde.
17 Eastwarde *were* six Leuites, & Northwarde foure a day, *and* Southwarde foure a daye, and towarde Asuppím *i* two & two.
18 In *k* Parbár towarde ỳ West *were* foure by the paued strete, and two in Parbár.
19 These are the diuisions of the porters of the sonnes of Koré, and of the sonnes of Merarí.
20 ¶ And of the Leuites, Ahiiáh *was* ouer the treasures of the house of God, and ouer the treasures of the dedicate things.
21 Of the sonnes of Laadán the sonnes of the Gershúnites *descending* of Laadán, the chief fathers of Laadán *were* Gershúnni & Iehielí.
22 The sonnes of Iehielí *were* Zethán and Ioél his brother, *appointed* ouer the treasures of the house of the Lord.
23 Of the *l* Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites *and* of the Oziélites.
24 And Shebuél the sonne of Gershóm, the sonne of Mosés, a ruler ouer the treasures.
25 And of his "brethren, *which came* of Eliézer, was Rehabiáh his sonne, and Ieshaiáh his sonne, and Iorám his sonne, and Zichrí his sonne, and Shelomíth his sonne.
26 Which Shelomíth & his brethren *were* ouer all the treasures of ỳ dedicate things, which Dauid the King, and the chief fathers, the captaines ouer thousands, and hundreths, and the captaines of the armie had *m* dedicate.
27 (*For* of the battels and of the spoiles they did dedicate to mainteine the house of the Lord)
28 And all that Samuél the Seer had dedicate, and Saúl the sonne of Kish and Abnér the sonne of Ner, and Ioáb the sonne of Zeruiáh, *and* whosoeuer had dedicate *ame thing, it was* vnder the hand of Shelomíth, and his brethren.
29 Of the Izharites *was* Chenaniáh & his sonnes, for the busines *n* without ouer Israél, for officers and for iudges.
30 Of the Hebronites, Ashabiáh and his brethren, men of actiuitie, a thousand, and seuen hundreth were officers for Israél beyonde Iordén Westwarde, in all the busines of the Lord, and for the seruice *o* of the King.
31 Among the Hebronites *was* Ieriiáh the chiefest, euen the Hebronites by his generacions according to the families. And in the fourtieth yere of the reigne of Dauid they were soght for: and there were founde among them men of actiuitie at Iazér in Gilead.
32 And his *p* brethren men of actiuitie, two thousand & seuen hundreth chief fathers, whome King Dauid made rulers ouer the Reubenites, & the Gadites, and the halfe tribe of Manasséh, for euerie matter *perteining* to *q* God, and for the Kings busines.

e According to their turnes, aswel the one as the other.
f One expert and mete to kepe ỳ gate
g This was an house, where they vsed to resort to consulte of things cōcerning the Temple, as a Connocacion house.
h Whereat they vsed to cast out ỳ filth of the cite, Ma. 6, 13
i Meanig, two one daye and two another
k Which was an house wherein they kept the instrumēts of the Tēple.
l These also had charge ouer the treasures.
m According as the Lord commanded, Numb. 31, 28.
n Meaning of things ỳ were out of ỳ cite.
o That is, for the Kings house
p To wit, the cousins of Iehiáh.
q Bothe in spirituel and tēporal thige.

CHAP. XXVII.

Of the princes and rulers that monstred vnto the King.

1 THe childrē of Israél also after their nomber, *euen* the chief fathers and captaines of thousands and of hundreths, and their officers that serued the King by diuers "courses, *a* which came in & went out, moneth by moneth throughout all the moneths of the yere: in euerie course *were* foure and twentie thousand.
2 Ouer the first course for the first moneth *was* Iashobeám the sonne of Zabdiél: and in his course *were* foure and twentie thousand.
3 Of the sonnes of Pérez *was* the chief ouer all the princes of the armies for the first moneth.
4 And ouer the course of the seconde moneth was Dodái, an Ahohite, & *this was* his course, & Mikló th *was* *b* a captaine, and in his course *were* foure & twētie thousand.
5 The captaine of the third hoste for the third moneth *was* Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá the chief Prieste: & in his course *were* foure and twentie thousand.
6 This Benaiáh was mightie amōg thirtie and aboue the thirtie, and in his course *was* Amizabád his sonne.
7 The fourt for the fourt moneth *was* Asahél the brother of Ioáb, and Zebadiah his sonne after him: and in his course *were* foure and twentie thousand.
8 The fift for the fift moneth *was* prince Shamhúth the Izrahite: and in his course foure and twentie thousand.

"Ebr. diuisiue, or bandes
a Which executed their charge and office, which is ment by comming in and going out.
b That is, Dodais lieutenat.
2. Sam 23, 29. & 28, 25.

9 The

9 The ſixt for the ſixt moneth *was* Irá the ſonne of Ikkéſh the Tekoite: and in his courſe foure and twentie thouſand.
10 The ſeuent for the ſeuent moneth *was* Hélez the Pelonite, of the ſonnes of Ephráim, and in his courſe foure and twentie thouſand.
11 The eight for the eight moneth *was* Sibbecái the Huſhathite of the Zarhites: and in his courſe foure and twentie thouſand.
12 The nint for the nint moneth *was* Abiézer the Anethothite of the ſonnes of [a] Ieminí and in his courſe foure and twentie thouſand.
13 The tent for the tent moneth *was* Maharái, the Netophathite of the Zarhites: and in his courſe foure and twentie thouſand.
14 The eleuent for the eleuent moneth *was* Benaiáh the Pirathonite of the ſonnes of Ephráim: and in his courſe foure and twentie thouſand.
15 The twelft for the twelft moneth *was* Heldái the Netophathite, of Othniél: & in his courſe foure & twentie thouſand.
16 ¶Moreouer [c] *the rulers* ouer the tribes of Iſraél ouer, the Reubenites *was* ruler, Eliézer the ſonne of Zichri: ouer the Shimeonites, Shephatiáh the ſonne of Maachái:
17 Ouer ỹ Leuites, Haſhabiáh the ſonne of Remuél: ouer *them* of Aharón, & Zadók:
18 Ouer Iudáh, Elihú of the brethrẽ of Dauid ouer Iſſachár, Omri the ſonne of Michaél:
19 Ouer Zebulún, Iſhmaiáh the ſonne of Obadiáh: ouer Naphtali, Ierimóth the ſonne of Azriél:
20 Ouer the ſonnes of Ephráim, Hoſhéa the ſonne of Azazziáh: ouer the halfe tribe of Manaſſéh, Ioél ỹ ſonne of Pedaiáh:
21 Ouer the [d] *other* halfe of Manaſſeh in Gilcád, Iddó the ſõne of Zechariáh: ouer Beniamín, Iaaſiél the ſonne of Abnér:
22 Ouer Dan, Azariél ỹ ſonne of Ierohám. theſe ar the prices of the tribes of Iſraél.
23 ¶But Dauid toke not the nõber of them from twentie yere olde and vnder, becauſe the Lord had ſaid that he wolde increaſe Iſraél like vnto ỹ ſtarres of the heauẽs.
24 And * Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh began to nomber: but he finiſhed it not, [e] becauſe there came wrath for it againſt Iſraél, nether was the nomber put into the [f] Chronicles of King Dauid.
25 And ouer the Kings treaſuries *was* Azmauéth the ſonne of Adiél: and ouer the treaſures in the fields, in the cities and in the villages & in the towres *was* Iehonathán the ſonne of Vzziáh:
26 And ouer the workemen in the field that tilled the grounde, *was* Ezrí the ſonne of Chelúb:
27 And ouer them that dreſſed the vines, *was* Shimeí the Ramathite: and ouer that which appertained to the vines, and ouer the ſtore of the wine *was* Sabdí the Shiphmite:
28 And ouer ỹ oliuetrees and mulberie trees that were in the valleies, *was* Báal Hanán the Gederite: & ouer the ſtore of the oyle *was* Ioáſh:
29 And ouer the oxen that fed in Sharón, *was* Shetrái the Sharonite: & ouer the oxẽ in ỹ valleies *was* Shaphat ỹ ſõne of Adlái:
30 And ouer the camels *was* Obíl the Iſhmaelite: and ouer the aſſes *was* Iehdeiah the Meronothite:
31 And ouer the ſhepe *was* Iazíz the Hagerite: all theſe were the rulers of the ſubſtãce that was King Dauids.
32 And Iehonathán Dauids vncle a man of counſel and of vnderſtanding (for he was a [g] ſcribe) & Iehiél the ſonne of Hachmoní *were* with the Kings [h] ſonnes.
33 And Ahitóphel *was* the Kings coũſeler, and Huſhái the Archite the Kings friend.
34 And [i] after Ahitóphel *was* Iehoiadá the ſonne of Benaiáh and Abiathár: and captaine of the Kings armie *was* Ioáb.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Becauſe Dauid was forbidden to buylde the Tẽple, he willeth Salomón and the people ẽ performe it, & Exhorting him to feare the Lord.

1 NOw Dauid aſſembled all the princes of Iſraél: the princes of the tribes, & the captaines of the bandes that ſerued the King, and the captaines of thouſands & the captaines of hundreths, and the rulers of all the ſubſtance, and poſſeſsion of the King, & of his ſonnes, with the [f] eunuches, and the mightie, and all the mẽ of power, vnto Ieruſalém.
2 And King Dauid ſtode vp vpon his fete, and ſaid, Heare ye me, my brethren & my people: I purpoſed to haue buylt an houſe of [g] reſt for the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, & for a * foote ſtole of our God, and haue made ready for the buylding,
3 But God ſaid vnto me, * Thou ſhalt not buylde an houſe for my Name, becauſe thou haſt bene a mã of warre, & haſt ſhed blood.
4 Yet *as* the Lord God of Iſraél choſe me before all the houſe of my father, to be King ouer Iſraél for euer (for in Iudáh wolde he chuſe a prince, & of the houſe of [h] Iudáh is the houſe of my father, & amõg the ſonnes of my father he delited in me to make me King ouer all Iſraél)
5 *So of all my ſonnes (for the Lord hathe giuen me manie ſonnes) he hathe euẽ choſen Salomón my ſonne to ſit vpõ the throne of the kingdome of ỹ Lord ouer Iſraél.
6 And he ſaid vnto me, Salomón thy ſõne, he ſhal buylde mine houſe & my courtes:

[a] Or, Ieremia.
[c] Meaning, beſides theſe twelue captaines.
[d] Which is beyonde Iordén in reſpect of Iudáh alſo one captaine was ouer the Reubenites & the Gadites
Chap 21,7
[e] And the cõmandement of the King was abominable to Ioáb, Chap 21,6
[f] The Ebrewes make bothe theſe bokes of Chronicles but one, & at this verſe make the middes of the boke, as touching the nõber of verſes.
[g] That is, a man learned in the worde of God.
[h] To be their ſcholemaſters and teachers.
[i] After that Ahitóphel had hãged him ſelfe, 2 Samu 17,27 Iehoiada was made counſeler.
[f] Or, chief ſeruants, Gen 37,36.
[g] Where the Arke ſhulde remaine and remoue nomore to and fro
Pſal 99 5
2 Sam 7,13.
1 chap.22,8.
[h] According to the prophecie of Iaakób, Gen 49,8.
Wiſd.9,7.

for I haue choſen him to be my ſonne, and I wil be his father.

7 I wil ſtabliſh therefore his kingdome for euer: if he indeuoure him ſelfe to do my commandements, and my iudgemẽts, as [c] this day.

c If he continue to kepe my Lawe and departe not therefrom, as he doeth hitherto.

8 Now therefore in the ſight of all Iſraél the Congregacion of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, kepe and ſeke for all the cõmandements of the Lord your God, that ye may poſſeſſe this [d] good land, and leaue it for an inheritance for your children after you [e] for euer.

d To wit, of Canáan.

e He declareth that nothing can ſeparat them frõ the commoditie of this lãd bothe for thẽ ſelues & their poſteritie, but their ſinnes & iniquitie *1.Sam.16,7. pſal.7,10. 1.Chro.11,20. & 17,18. & 20,12.*

9 And thou, Salomón my ſõne, knowe thou the God of thy father, and ſerue him with a perfit hearte, and with a willing minde: * for the Lord ſearcheth all hearts, and vnderſtandeth all the imaginacions of thoghtes: if thou ſeke him, he wil be founde of thee, but if thou forſake him, he wil caſt thee of for euer.

10 Take hede now, for the Lord hathe choſen thee to buylde [f] the houſe of the Sanctuarie: be ſtrong *therefore*, and [g] do it.

f Meaning, for his Arke

g Put it in execucion.

11 ¶ Then Dauid gaue to Salomón his ſonne the paterne of the porche and of the houſes thereof, and of the cloſets thereof, and of the galeries thereof, and of the chambers thereof that are within, and of the houſe of the merciſeate,

12 And the paterne of all that [h] he had in his minde for the courtes of the houſe of the Lord, and for all the chambers rounde about, for the treaſures of the houſe of God, and for the treaſures of the dedicate things,

h *He that were in her ſpirit with him.*

13 And for the courſes of the Prieſts, and of the Leuites, and for all the worke for the ſeruice of the houſe of the Lord, and for all the veſſels of the miniſterie of the houſe of the Lord.

14 *He gaue* of golde by weight, for *the veſſels* of golde, for all the veſſels of all maner of ſeruice, *and* all the veſſels of ſiluer by weight, for all maner veſſels of all maner of ſeruice.

15 The weight alſo of golde for the [i] candleſtickes, and golde for their lãpes, with the weight for euerie candleſticke, & for the lampes thereof, & for the cãdleſtickes of ſiluer by the weight of the candleſticke, and the lampes thereof, acco: ding to the vſe of euerie candleſticke,

i That is, the cẽ cãdleſticks, 1 King 7,49.

16 And the weight of the golde for the tables of ſhewbread, for euerie table, & ſiluer for the tables of ſiluer,

17 And pure golde for the fleſhokes, & the bowles, and plates, & for baſens, golde in weight for euerie baſen, and for ſiluer baſens by weight for euerie baſen,

18 And for the altar of incenſe, pure golde by weight, and golde for the paterne of [k] the charet of the Cherubs that ſpred thẽ ſelues, and couered the Arke of the couenante of the Lord:

k Or, couering

k Meaning, of the merciſeat which couered the Arke, which was called the charet becauſe the Lord declared him ſelfe there

19 All, *ſaid he*, by writing *ſent* to me [l] by the hand of the Lord, *which* made me vnderſtand all the workemanſhip of the paterne.

l For all this was left in writing in the booke of ỹ Lawe. Exod 5,40 & boke the King was bounde to put in execucion. Deut. 17,19.

20 And Dauid ſaid to Salomón his ſonne, Be ſtrong, and of a valiant courage and do it: feare not, nor be afraied: for the Lord God, *euen* my God *is* with thee: he wil not leaue thee nor forſake thee til thou haſt finiſhed all the woike for the ſeruice of the houſe of the Lord.

21 Beholde alſo, the cõpanies of the Prieſts and the Leuites for all the ſeruice of the houſe of God, euen *they ſhalbe* with thee for the whole worke, [m] with euerie fre hearte that is ſkilful in anie maner of ſeruice. The princes alſo and all the people *wil be* "wholly at thy commandement.

m That is, euerie one wil be ready to helpe thee with thoſe gifts that God hathe giuen him

"Ebr at all thy worder.

CHAP. XXIX.

2 The offring of Dauid and of the princes for the buylding of the Temple. 10 Dauid giueth thankes to the Lord. 20 He exhorteth the people to do the ſame. 22 Salomón is created King. 28 Dauid dyeth, and Salomón his ſonne reigneth in his ſteade.

1 MOreouer Dauid the King ſaid vnto all the Cõgregacio, God hathe choſen Salomón mine onelie ſonne yong and tendre, & the woike *is* great: for this houſe *is* not for man, but for the [a] Lord God.

a And therefore it ought to be excellent in all poinctes,

2 Now I haue prepared with all my power for the houſe of my God, golde for *veſſels* of golde, and ſiluer for *them* of ſiluer, and braſſe for *things* of braſſe, yron for *things* of yron, and wood for *things* of wood & onix ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet, and carbuncle ſtones and of diuers colour, and all precious ſtones, & marble ſtones in abundãce.

3 Moreouer becauſe I haue [b] delite in the houſe of my God, I haue of mine owne golde and ſiluer, which I haue giuẽ to the houſe of my God, beſide all that I haue prepared for the houſe of the Sanctuarie,

b His great zeale toward the furtherãce of the Tẽple made him to ſpare no expenſes, but to beſtowe his owne peculiar treaſure.

4 Euen [c] thre thouſand talents of golde of the golde of Ophir, and ſeuen thouſand talents of fined ſiluer to ouerlay the walles of the houſes.

c He ſheweth what he had of his owne ſtore for ỹ Lords houſe.

5 The golde for the *things* of golde, and the ſiluer for *things* of ſiluer, and for all the worke by the hands of artificers: and who is [d] willing [e] to fil his hand to day vnto the Lord?

d He was not onely liberal him ſelfe, but prouoked others to ſet forthe ỹ worke of God

"Or, is offre.

6 So the Princes of the families, and the prices of the tribes of Iſraél, & the captaines of thouſands & of hundreths, with the rulers of ỹ Kings worke, offred willingly,

7 And they gaue for the ſeruice of the houſe of God fiue thouſand talents of golde, and ten thouſand pieces, and ten thouſand talents of ſiluer, and eightene thouſand talents of braſſe, and one hundreth thouſand talents of yron.

8 And

8 And they with whome *precious* ſtones were
e founde, gaue them to the treaſure of the
houſe of the Lord, by the hand of Iehiél
the Gerſhunnite.

e Meaning, the that had anie

9 And the people reioyced when they offred willingly: for they offred willingly
vnto the Lord, with a f perfite heart. And
Dauid the King alſo reioyced with great
ioye.

f That is, with a good courage & without hypocriſie.

10 Therefore Dauid bleſſed the Lord before all the Congregacion, & Dauid ſaid,
Bleſſed *be* thou, ô Lord God, of g Iſraél
our father, for euer and euer.

g Which did reueile thy ſelfe to our father Iaakób.

11 Thine, ô Lord, *is* greatnes and power,
and glorie, and victorie and praiſe: for all
that is in heauen & in earth *is thine*: thine
is the kingdome, ô Lord, and thou excelleſt as head ouer all.

12 Bothe riches and honour *come* of thee,
& thou reigneſt ouer all, and in thine hād
is power and ſtrength, and in thine hand it
is to make great, and to giue ſtrength vnto all.

13 Now therefore our God, we thanke thee,
and praiſe thy glorious Name.

14 But who am I, and what is my people,
that we ſhulde be able to offer willingly
after this ſorte? for all things h come of
thee: and of thine owne hand we haue giuen thee.

h We gaue thee nothing of our owne, but that which we haue receiued of thee, for whether ỹ gifts be corporal or ſpirituall, we receiue them all of God, and therefore muſt giue him the glorie

15 For we are i ſtrangers before thee, and
ſoiourners, like all our fathers: our dayes
are like the ſhadowe vpon the earth, and
there is none "abiding.

i And therefore haue this land but lent to vs for a time

" Ebr waiting for them to returne

16 O Lord our God, all this abundance
that we haue prepared to buylde thee an
houſe for thine holy Name, is of thine
hand and all *is* thine.

17 I knowe alſo, my God, that thou *tryeſt
the heart, and haſt pleaſure in righteouſnes: I haue offred willingly in ỹ vprightnes of mine heart all theſe things: now
alſo haue I ſene thy people which are
founde here, to offer vnto thee willingly
with ioye.

1 Sam 16, 7. & chap. 28, 9.

18 O Lord God of Abrahám, Izhák and
Iſraél our fathers, kepe this for euer in the
k purpoſe, *and* the thoghts of the heart of
t hy people, and prepare their hearts vnto
thee.

k Cõtinue thẽ in this good minde, that they may ſerue thee willingly.

19 And giue vnto Salomón my ſonne a perfit heart to kepe thy commandements, thy
teſtimonies, and thy ſtatutes, and to do
all things, and to buylde the houſe which
I haue prepared.

20 ¶ And Dauid ſaid to all the Congregacio, Now bleſſe the Lord your God. And
all the Congregacion bleſſed the Lord
God of their fathers, and bowed downe
their heades, & worſhipped the Lord and
the l King.

l That is, did reuerence to the King.

21 And they offred ſacrifices vnto the Lord,
and on the morowe after that day, they
offred burnt offrings vnto the Lord, *euen*
a thouſand yong bullockes, a thouſand
rammes, & a thouſand ſheepe, with their
m drinke offrings, and ſacrifices in abundãce for all Iſraél.

m Meaning, all kide of licour which they mingled, with their ſacrifices, as wine, oyle, &c.

22 And they did eat and drinke before the
Lord the ſame day with greate ioye, and
they made Salomón the ſonne of Dauid
King the ſeconde time, and anointed him
prince before the Lord, and Zadók for
the hie Prieſt.

23 So Salomón ſate on the n throne of the
Lord, as King in ſteade of Dauid his father, and proſpered: and all Iſraél obeyed him.

n This declareth that the Kings of Iudáh were figures of Chriſt, who was the true anointed, & to whome God gaue the euer- gouernme t of all things

" Ebr gaue the hand.

24 And all the princes and men of power,
and all the ſonnes of King Dauid "ſubmitted them ſelues vnder King Salomón.

25 And the Lord magnified Salomón in
dignitie, in the ſight of all Iſraél, and gaue him ſo glorious a kingdome, as no
King had before him in Iſraél.

26 ¶* Thus Dauid the ſonne of Iſhái reigned ouer all Iſraél.

* 1. King 2, 11.

27 And the ſpace that he reigned ouer Iſraél, *was* fourtie yere: ſeuen yere reigned
he in Hebrón, and thre & thirtie yere reigned he in Ieruſalém:

28 And he dyed in a good age, ful of dayes,
riches and honour, and Salomón his ſonne
reigned in his ſteade.

29 Concerning the actes of Dauid the
King firſt and laſt, beholde, they are writen in the boke of Samuél the Seer, and in
the boke of ° Nathán the Prophete, and
in the boke of Gad the Seer,

o The bokes of Nathán & Gad are thoght to haue bene loſt in the captiuitie.

30 With all his reigne and his power,
and p times that went ouer him, and ouer
Iſraél and ouer all the kingdomes of the
earth.

p Meaning, the troubles and griefs.

THE SECONDE BOKE
of the Chronicles.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis ſeconde boke conteineth briefely in effect that, which is comprehended in the two bokes of the Kings: that is, from the reigne of Salomón to the deſtruction of Ieruſalém, and the

carying away of the people captiue into Babylon. In this ſtorie are certeine things declared and ſet forthe more copiouſly then in the bokes of the Kings, and therefore ſerue greatly to the vnderſtanding of the Prophetes. But thre things are here chiefly to be conſidered. Firſt that the godlie Kings, when they ſawe the plagues of God prepared againſt their countrey for ſinne, had recourſe to the Lord, and by earneſt prayer were heard, and the plagues removed. The ſeconde how it is a thing that greatly offendeth God, that ſuche as feare him and profeſſe his religion, ſhulde ioyne in amitie with the wicked. And thirdely how the good rulers euer loued the Prophetes of God, and were very zealous to ſet forthe his religion throughout all their dominions, and contrarie wiſe the wicked hated his miniſters, depoſed them, and for the true religion and worde of God, ſet vp idolatrie, and ſerued God according to the fantaſie of men. Thus haue we hitherto the chief actes from the beginning of the worlde to the buylding againe of Ieruſalém, which was the two and thirtieth yere of Darius, and conteine in the whole, thre thouſand, foure hundreth foure ſcore and eight yeres, and ſix moneths.

CHAP. I.

1 The offring of Salomón at Gibeón. 8 He prayeth vnto God to giue him wiſdome. 12 Which he giueth him and more. 14 The nomber of his charets and horſes. 15 And of his riches.

1 THé Salomón the ſóne of Dauid was [e] cófirmed in his kingdome: & ỹ *Lord his God *was* with him, & magnified him highlie.

2 And Salomón [a] ſpake vnto all Iſraél, to the captaines of thouſands, and of húdreths and to the iudges, and to all the gouernours in all Iſraél, *euen* the chief fathers.

3 So Salomón and all the Congregacion with him went to the hye place that was at [b] Gibeón: for there was the Tabernacle [c] of the Cõgregacion of God which Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord had made in the wildernes.

4 But the Arke of God had Dauid broght vp from Kiriath-iearím, when Dauid had made preparacion for it: for he had pitched a tent for it in Ieruſalém.

5 Moreouer the [d] braſen altar * that Bezaleél the ſonne of Vrí, the ſonne of Hur had made, did he ſet before the Tabernacle of the Lord: and Salomón and the Cõgregacion ſoght it.

6 And Salomón offred there before ỹ Lord vpon the braſen altar that was in the Tabernacle of the Congregacion: * euen a thouſand burnt offrings offred he vpon it.

7 ¶ The ſame night did God appeare vnto Salomón, and ſaid vnto him, Aſke what I ſhal giue thee.

8 And Salomón ſaid vnto God, Thou haſt ſhewed great mercie vnto Dauid my father and haſt made me to reigne in his ſteade.

9 Now *therefore*, ô Lord God, let thy promes vnto Dauid my father be [e] true: for thou haſt made me King ouer a great people, like to the duſt of the earth.

10 Giue me now wiſdome and knowledge, ỹ I may [f] go out & go in before this people: for who cã iudge this thy great people?

11 And God ſaid to Salomón, Becauſe this was in thine heart, & thou haſt not aſked riches, treaſures nor honour, nor the [g] liues of thine enemies, nether yet haſt aſked long life, but haſt aſked for thee wiſdome & knowledge that thou mighteſt iudge my people, ouer whome I haue made thee King,

12 Wiſdome & knowledge is granted vnto thee, and I wil giue thee riches and treaſures and honour, ſo that there hathe not bene the like amõg the Kings ẅ were before thee, nether after thee ſhal there be ỹ like.

13 Then Salomón came from the hie place, that was at Gibeón, to Ieruſalém from before the Tabernacle of the Congregació, and reigned ouer Iſraél.

14 * And Salomón gathered the charets & horſmen: and he had a thouſand and foure húdreth charets, & twelue thouſand horſmen, whome he placed in the [h] charet cities, and with the King at Ieruſalém.

15 And the King gaue ſiluer and golde at Ieruſalém as [i] ſtones, & gaue cedre trees as the wilde fig trees, that are abundantly in the plaine.

16 Alſo Salomón had horſes broght out of Egypt and * fine linen: [k] the Kings marchãts receiued the fine linen for a price.

17 They came vp alſo and broght out of Egypt *ſome* charet, *worthe* ſix hundreth *ſhekels* of ſiluer, that is an horſe for an hundreth and fiftie: & thus they broght *horſes* to all the Kings of the Hittites, and to the Kings of Arám by their "meanes.

CHAP. II.

1 The nomber of Salomons workemen to buylde the Temple. 3 Salomón ſendeth to Hirám the King of Tyrus for wood and workemen.

1 THé Salamón determined to buyld an houſe for the Name of the Lord, & an [g] houſe for his kingdome.

2 And Salomón tolde out ſeuentie thouſand that bare burdens, and foure ſcore thouſand men to hewe *ſtones* in the mountaine, and thre thouſand and [a] ſix húdreth to ouerſee them.

3 And Salomón ſent to Hurám the King of Tyrus, ſayīg, As thou haſt done to Dauid my father, & * dideſt ſend him cedre trees to buyld hī an houſe to dwel in, *ſo do to me.*

4 Behołde, I buyld an houſe vnto the Name of ỹ Lord my God, to ſanctifie [illegible] hīm,

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[e] Or, eſtabliſhed, and ſtrong. 1. King 3,1.

a That is, he proclaimed a ſolemne ſacrifice, and commãded that all ſhulde be at the ſame.

b Read 1. King 3,4.

c So called, becauſe that God thereby ſhewed certeine ſignes to the congregacion of his preſence.

d Which was for the burnt offrings, Exod. 27,1. Exod 38,1.

1. King 8,64.

e Performe thy promes made to my father concerning me.

f That I may gouerne this people, read 1. Chro 27,1.

g That is, to be reuẽged on thine enemies.

h Which were cities appointed to kepe & maintein the charets

i He cauſed ſo great plentie that it was no more eſtemed then ſtones Iſai. 10,9. ez. 27,12.

k Read 1. King. 10,28.

"Ebr hands.

[g] Or, palace.

a Which is to be vnderſtand of all ſorte of officers & ouerſeers for els the chief officers were but 3300, as 1 King 5,16.

[f] Or, Hiram.

2. Sam. 5, 11.

him, & to burne ſwete incēſe before him, and for the continual ſhewbread, & for ỹ burnt offrings of the morning & euening, on the Sabbath daies, & in the newe moneths, and in the ſolemne feaſtes of the Lord our God: this is a perpetual thing for Iſraél.

5 And the houſe which I buyld, *is* great: for great *is* our God aboue all gods.

6 Who is he thē that can be able to buyld him an houſe, when the heauen, and the heauen of heauens can not conteine him? who am I then ỹ I ſhulde buyld hī an houſe, but *I dost* to burne [b] incenſe before him.

7 Send me now therefore a cunning man that can worke in golde, in ſiluer, and in braſſe, and in yron, and in purple, and [c] crimoſin and blewe ſilke, and that can graue in grauen worke with the cunning men ỹ are with me in Iudáh and in Ieruſalém, whome Dauid my father hathe prepared.

8 Send me alſo cedre trees, firre tr... and [c] Algummím trees from Lebanón: for I knowe that thy ſeruants can ſkill to hewe timbre in Lebanón: and beholde, my ſeruants *ſhalbe* with thine,

9 That they may prepare me timbre in abundāce: for the houſe which I do buyld, *is* great and wonderful.

10 And beholde, I wil giue to thy ſeruants the cutters and the hewers of timbre twē tie thouſand [a] meaſures of beaten wheat, and twentie thouſand meaſures of barly, and twentie thouſand baths of wine, and twentie [d] thouſand baths of oyle.

11 Then Huram King of Tyrus anſwered in writing which he ſent to Salomón, Becauſe the Lord hathe loued his people, he hathe made thee King ouer them.

12 Hurám ſaid moreouer, Bleſſed *be* the Lord God of Iſraél which made the heauen and the earth, and that hathe giuen vn to Dauid the King a [e] wiſe ſonne, that hathe diſcretion, prudence and vnderſtanding to buylde an houſe for the Lord, and a palace for his kingdome.

13 Now therefore I haue ſent a wiſe man, & of vnderſtāding of my father Hurams,

14 *The ſonne of a woman of the [f] daughters of Dan: and his father was a man of Tyrus, & he can ſkill to worke in golde, in ſiluer, in braſſe, in yron, in ſtone, and in timbre, in purple, in blewe ſilke, and in fine linen and in crimoſin, and can graue in all grauen workes, and broder in all broydred worke that ſhalbe giuē him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord Dauid thy father.

15 Now therefore the wheat and the barly, the oyle & the wine, which my lord hathe ſpoken of, let him ſend vnto his ſeruants.

16 And we wil cut wood in Lebanón as muche as thou ſhalt nede, and wil bring it to thee in raftes by the ſea to [o] Iaphó, ſo thou maieſt cary them to Ieruſalém.

17 ¶ And Salomón nōbred all the ſtrangers that were in the land of Iſraél, after the nombring that his father Dauid had nombred them: and they were founde an hundreth and thre and fiftie thouſand, and ſix hundreth.

18 And he ſet ſeuentie thouſand of them to the burden, and foureſcore thouſand to hewe *ſtones* in the mountaine, & thre thouſand and ſix hundreth ouerſeers to cauſe the people to worke.

CHAP. III.

The Temple of the Lord, and the porche are buylded, with other things thereto belonging.

1 SO *Salomón began to buyld the houſe of the Lord in Ieruſalém, in mount [a] Moriáh which had bene declared vnto Dauid his father, in the place that Dauid prepared in the threſſhing floore of *Ornán the Iebuſite. *1.King.7.1.*

2 And he began to buyld in the ſeconde moneth & the ſeconde day, in the fourt yere of his reigne.

3 And theſe are the *meaſures, whereon* Salomón groūded to buyld the houſe of God: the length of cubites after the firſt [b] meaſure *was* threſcore cubites, & the breadth twenty cubites:

4 And the porche, ỹ was before the length in the fronte [c] of the breadth *was* twentie cubites, and the height *was* an [d] hundreth and twētie, & he ouerlaied it within with pure golde.

5 And the greater houſe he ſyled with firre tree which he ouerlaied with good golde, & graued thereon palmetrees & chaines.

6 And he ouerlaied ỹ houſe with precious ſtone for beautie: and the golde *was* golde of [e] Paruáim.

7 The houſe, I ſay, the beames, poſtes, and walles thereof and the doores thereof ouerlaied he with golde, and graued Cherubims vpon the walles.

8 ¶ He made alſo ỹ houſe of the moſte holy place: the length thereof *was* in the fronte of the breadth of the houſe, twentie cubites, and the breadth thereof twentie cubites: and he ouerlaied it with the beſt golde, of ſix hundreth talents.

9 And the weight of the nailes *was* fiftie ſhekels of golde, and he ouerlaied the chābers with golde.

10 ¶ And in the houſe of the moſte holy place he made two Cherubims wroght like children, and ouerlaied them with golde.

11 * And the wings of the Cherubims *were* twentie cubites long: the one wing *was* fiue cubites, reaching to the wall of the houſe, and the other wing fiue cubites, reaching to ỹ wing of the other Cherūb. *1.King.6.19.*

[o] Or, Ioppe.

a Which is ỹ moūt in newhere Abrahám thoght to haue ſacrificed his ſonne, Gen 22,2. *2.Sam.24.16.*

b According to the whole length of the Temple, comprehending ỹ moſt holy place wt the reſt.

c It contemed as muche as did ỹ breadth of ỹ Temple, 1 King 6,3.

d Frō the fundacion to the top for in the boke of Kings mencio is made, from the fundatiō to ỹ firſt ſtage.

e Some thinke it is ỹ place which is called Peru.

b That is, to do that ſeruice which he hathe commāded, ſignifying that none is able ro honour & ſerue God in that perfectiō as his maieſtie deſerueth

[c] Or, ſkarlet.

a Some take it for braſil, or the wood called Ebenum, others for coſtall

[d] Or, Almuggim

[a] Ebr. corim.

d Of Bath read 1 King. 7,26 it is called alſo Ephá but Ephá is to meaſure drye things, as bath is a meaſure for liquors.

e The very heathen confeſſed that it was a ſingular gift of God, when he gaue to any nation a King that was wiſe & of vnderſtāding. albeit it appereth that this Hiram had ỹ true knowledge of God

f It is alſo written, that ſhe was of the tribe of Naphtali, 1 Chr. 7 14 which may be vnderſtand that by reaſon of the cōfuſion of tribes, ỹ then be gā to be, they maried in diuers tribes, ſo that by her father ſhe might be of Dan, and by her mother of Naphtali.

12 Likewiſe the wing of the other Cherúb was fiue cubites, reaching to the wall of the houſe, and the other wing fiue cubites ioyning to the wing of the other Cherúb.

13 The wings of theſe Cherubims were ſpred abroad twentie cubites: they ſtode on their fete and their faces *were* toward the houſe.

14 ¶He made alſo [f] the vaile of blewe ſilke and purple, and crimoſin, and fine linen, & wroght Cherubims thereon.

15 ¶And he made before the houſe two pillers [g] of fiue and thirtie cubites hie: and the chapiter that was vpon the top of *eche* of them, *was* fiue cubites.

16 He made alſo chaines [h] ſo the oracle, and put them on the heades of the pillers, and made an hundreth pomegranates, and put them among the chaines.

17 And [i] he ſet vp the pillers before the Tẽple, one on the right hand & the other on the left, and called that on the right hand Iachín, and that on the left hand Bóaz.

[f] Which ſeparated the Temple from the moſte holy place.

[g] Euerie one was eighte cubites long but the halfe cubite colde not be ſene for it was hid in the roundenes of the chapiter & therefore he gmeth to euerie one but 17, and an halfe.

[h] For euerie piller an hundreth, read. 1. King 7.20.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The altar of braſſe 2 The molten Sea 6 The caldrons. 7 The candleſtickes, &c.

Exo. 6, 2.

1 AND [k] he made an altar of braſſe twẽtie cubites long, and twentie cubites broade, and ten cubites hie.

2 A great veſſel of braſſe, ſo called becauſe of the great quantitie of water, & it contained, 1 King 7.23

2 And he made a molten [a] Sea of ten cubites from brim to brim, rounde in cõpaſſe, and fiue cubites hie: and a line of thirtie cubites did compaſſe it about.

b Meaning, vnder the brim of the veſſel, as 1. King. 7.24

3 And vnder [b] it was the facion of oxen which did compaſſe it round about, [c] ten in a cubite compaſsing the Sea about. two rowes of oxen were caſt when it was molten.

c In the length of euery cubite were tẽ heades or knoppes which in all are 100.

4 It ſtode vpon twelue oxen: thre loked toward the North, and thre loked toward the Weſt, & thre lokd toward the South, and thre loked toward the Eaſt, and the Sea *ſtode* about vpon them, and all their hinder partes were inwarde.

5 And the thickenes thereof *was* an hand breadth, and the brim ther of *was* like the worke of the brim of a cup, with floures of [e] lilies: it contained [d] thre thouſand baths.

e Or ſloure delyuered

d In ſt firſt booke of Kings, chap 7. 26 mẽcion is onely made of two thouſand but the leſſe nõber was take there, & here according as the meaſures proued afterward as declared

6 ¶He made alſo ten caldrons, and put fiue on the right hand, and fiue on the left, to waſh in them & to cleanſe in them that which appertained to the burnt offrings: but the Sea *was* for ſt Prieſtes to waſh in.

7 ¶And he made ten candleſtickes of golde (according to [e] their forme) and put them in the Tẽple, fiue on the right hãd, and fiue on the left.

e Euen as they ſhulde be made.

8 ¶And he made ten tables, & put them in the Temple, fiue on the right hand, & fiue on the left: and he made an hundreth baſens of golde.

9 And he made the court of the Prieſtes, & the great [f] court and dores for the court, and ouerlayed the dores thereof with braſſe.

f called alſo the porche of Salomón Act 3,11 It is alſo taken for the Temple where Chriſt preached, Mat 21, 23

10 And he ſet ſt Sea on the right ſide Eaſtward toward the South.

11 And Hurám made [g] pottes and beſomes and baſens, and Hurám finiſhed the worke that he ſhulde make for Kíg Salomón for the houſe of God,

g Or, caldrons.

12 *To wit*, two pillers, & the bowles & ſt chapiters on the toppe of the two pillers, and two grates to couer the two bowles of the chapiters which were vpon the toppe of the pillers:

13 And foure hundreth pomegranates for the two grates, two rowes of pomegranates for euerie grate to couer the two bowles of the chapiters, that were vpon the pillers.

14 He made alſo baſes, and made caldrons vpon the baſes,

15 *And* a Sea, and twelue bulles vnder it:

16 Pottes alſo and beſomes, and fleſhokes, and all theſe veſſels made Hurám [g] his father, to King Salomón for the houſe of the Lord of ſhining braſſe.

g Whome Salomõ reuerenced for ſt gifts that God had giuẽ him, as a father he had ſt ſame name alſo that Hurám the Kíg of Tyrus had, his mother was a Iewiſh & his father a Syriã. Some read, for his father, the autor of this worke

17 In the plaine of Iordén did the King caſt them in claye betwene Succóth and Zeredáthah.

18 And Salomón made all theſe veſſels in great abundance: for the weight of braſſe colde not be reckened.

19 And Salomón made all the veſſels that were for the houſe of God: the golden altar alſo & the tables, whereon the [i] ſhewbread ſtode.

h In Ebrewe, the bread of ſt Faces, becauſe they were ſet before ſt Arke, where ſt Lord ſhewed his preſence.

20 Moreouer the candleſtickes, with their lampes to burne them after the maner before the oracle, of pure golde.

21 And the floures and the lampes, and the ſnoffers of golde, which was fine golde.

22 And the [e] hookes, and the baſens, and the ſpones, and the aſhpans of pure golde: the entrie alſo of ſt houſe & dores thereof within, *euen* of the moſte holy place: and the dores of the houſe, *to wit*, of the Temple *were* [i] of golde.

e Or, inſtrumẽts of Muſike.

i That is, couered w plates of golde.

CHAP. V.

1 The things dedicated by Dauid, are put in the Treaſure. 2 The Arke is broght into the Temple. 10 What was within it. 12 They ſing praiſe to the Lord.

1 SO [k] was all the worke finiſhed that Salomón made for the houſe of ſt Lord, and Salomón broght in the things that Dauid his father had dedicated, with the ſiluer and the golde, and all the veſſels, & put them among the treaſures of the houſe of God.

k 1. King. 7.51. & 8.1.

2 Then Salomón aſſembled the Elders of Iſraél, and all the heades of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Iſraél vnto Ieruſalém to bring vp the Arke of the coue-

couenant of the Lord from the [a] citie of Dauid, which is Zión.

3 And all the mē of Iſraél aſſembled vnto the King at the [b] feaſt: it was in the ſeuent [c] moneth.

4 And all the Elders of Iſraél came, & the Leuites toke vp the Arke.

5 And they caryed vp the Arke and the Tabernacle of the Congregacion, and all the holy veſſels that were in the Tabernacle, thoſe did the Prieſts & Leuites bring vp.

6 And King Salomón and all the Congregacion of Iſraél that were aſſembled vnto him, *were* before the Arke, offring ſhepe & bullockes, which colde not be tolde nor nombred for multitude.

7 So the Prieſts broght the Arke of the couenant of the Lord vnto his place, into the Oracle of the houſe, into the moſte Holy place, *euen* vnder the wings of the Cherubims.

8 For the Cherubims ſtretched out *their* wings ouer the place of the Arke, and the Cherubims couered the Arke and the barres thereof aboue.

9 And they drewe out the barres, that the ends of the barres might be ſene out of the Arke before the Oracle, but they were not ſene [e] without: and there they are vnto this day.

10 Nothing *was* in the Arke, ſaue [d] the two Tables, which Moſés gaue at Horéb, where the Lord made a couenant with the children of Iſraél, when they came out of Egypt.

11 And when the Prieſts were come out of the Sanctuarie (for all the Prieſts that were preſent, were [e] ſanctified *and* did not waite by courſe.

12 And the Leuites the ſingers of all ſortes, *as of* Aſáph, of Heman, of Ieduthún & of their ſonnes and of their brethren, being cladde in fine linen, ſtode with cymbales, & with violes and harpes at the Eaſt end of the altar, and with them an hundreth & twentie Prieſts blowing with trumpets:

13 And they were [f] as one, blowing trumpets, and ſinging, and made one ſounde to be heard in praiſing and thanking the Lord, and when they lift vp *their* voyce with trumpets and with cymbales, and with inſtruments of muſike, and when they praiſed the Lord, *ſinging*, [g] For he is good, becauſe his mercie *laſteth* for euer) then the houſe, *euen* the houſe of the Lord was filled with a cloude,

14 So that the Prieſts colde not ſtand to miniſtre, becauſe of the cloude: for the glorie of the Lord had filled the houſe of God.

a Read 2 Sam 6,12

b When the things were dedicate and broght into the Temple

c Called in Ebrew Ethanī, cōteining part of September and parte of October, 1 King 8,2. & moneth the Iewes called ỹ firſt moneth, becauſe, they ſay, that the worlde was created in ỹ moneth, & after they came frō Egypt they began at March but becauſe this opinió is vncerteine, we make March euer the firſt, as beſt writers do

Or, without the Oracle

d For Aarons rod and Mána were taken thence before it was broght to this place.

e Were prepared to ſerue the Lord.

f They agreed all in one tune

g This was ỹ effect of their ſongs.

CHAP. VI.

3 Salomón bleſſeth the people 4 He praiſeth the Lord. 14 He praieth vnto God for thoſe that ſhal pray in the Temple.

1 THē Salomón [a] ſaid, The Lord hathe ſaid that he wolde dwel in the darke cloude:

2 And I haue buylt thee an houſe to dwel in, an habitacion for thee to dwel in for euer.

3 And the King turned his face, & bleſſed all the Congregacion of Iſraél (for all the Congregacion of Iſraél ſtode *there*)

4 And he ſaid, Bleſſed *be* the Lord God of Iſraél, who ſpake with his mouthe vnto Dauid my father, & hathe with his [*] hand fulfilled it, ſaying,

5 Since the day that I broght my people out of the land of Egypt, I choſe no citie of all the tribes of Iſraél to buylde an [*] houſe, that my Name might be there, neither choſe I anie man to be a ruler ouer my people Iſraél:

6 But I haue choſen Ieruſalém, that my Name might be there, and haue choſen Dauid to be ouer my people Iſraél.

7 * And it was in the heart of Dauid my father to buylde an houſe vnto the Name of the Lord God of Iſraél,

8 But the Lord ſaid to Dauid my father, Where as it was in thine heart to buylde an houſe vnto my Name, thou didſt wel, that [*] thou waſt ſo minded.

9 Notwithſtanding thou ſhalt not buylde the houſe, but thy ſonne which ſhal come out of thy loynes, he ſhal buylde an houſe vnto my Name.

10 And the Lord hathe performed his worde that he ſpake: and I am riſen vp in the roume of Dauid my father, and am ſet on the throne of Iſraél as the Lord promiſed, and haue buylt an houſe to the Name of the Lord God of Iſraél.

11 And I haue ſet the Arke there, wherein is the [b] couenant of the Lord, that he made with the children of Iſraél.

12 ¶ And ỹ King [c] ſtode before the altar of the Lord, in the preſence of all the Congregacion of Iſraél, and ſtretched out his hands,

13 (For Salomón had made a braſen ſkafolde & ſet it in the middes of the courte of fiue cubites long, & fiue cubites broade, and thre cubites of height, and vpon it he ſtode, and kneled downe vpon his knees before all the Congregacion of Iſraél, & [d] ſtretched out his hands towarde heauen)

14 And ſaid, O Lord God of Iſraél, * there is no God like thee in heauen nor in earth, which kepeſt couenant, and mercie vnto thy ſeruants, that walke before thee with all their heart.

15 Thou that haſt kept with thy ſeruant Dauid my father, that thou haſt promiſed him: for thou ſpakeſt with thy mouthe, & haſt fulfilled it with thine [*] hād, as *appeareth* this day.

a After ỹ he had ſene the glorie of the Lord in the cloude.

1.King.8,18.

Or, power.

Or, Temple.

2.Sam 7,3.

That is, was in thine heart.

b Meaning, ỹ two Tables, wherein is cōteined the effect of the couenant, that God made w our fathers

c On a ſkafolde that was made for that purpoſe, that he praying for the whole people might be heard of all.

d Bothe to giue thāks for the great benefites of God b ſtowed vpō him, and alſo to pray for ỹ perſeuerance & proſperitie of his people.

2.Mac 2,8.

Or, in effect, or by thy power.

16 Therefore now Lord God of Iſraél, kepe with thy ſeruant Dauid my father, that thou haſt promiſed him, ſaying, Thou "ſhalt not wãt a man in my ſight, that ſhal ſit vpon the throne of Iſraél: ſo that thy ſonnes take hede to their waies, to walke in my Lawe, as ỹ haſt walked before me.

"Ebr. a man ſhal not be cut of.

17 And now, ô Lord God of Iſraél, let thy worde be verified, which thou ſpakeſt vnto thy ſeruant Dauid.

18 (Is it true in dede that God wil dwel with man on earth? beholde, the * heauens, and the heauens of heauens are not able to conteine thee: how muche more *vnable* is this houſe, which I haue buylt?)

1.King.8.27.

19 But haue thou reſpect to the prayer of thy ſeruant, & to his ſupplicacion, ô Lord my God, to heare the crye & prayer which thy ſeruant prayeth before thee,

20 That thine e eyes may be open toward this houſe day and night, *euen* toward the place, whereof thou haſt ſaid, That thou woldeſt put thy Name there, that thou maieſt hearken vnto the prayer, which thy ſeruant prayeth in this place.

e That thou maieſt declare in effect, that thou haſt a continual care ouer this place.

21 Heare thou therefore the ſupplicacion of thy ſeruant, and of thy people Iſraél, which they praye in this place: and heare thou in the place of thine habitacion, *euen* in heauen, and when thou heareſt, be merciful.

1.King.8.31.

22 ¶ * When a man ſhal ſinne againſt his f neighbour, and he lay vpon him an othe to cauſe him to ſweare, and the "ſweater ſhal come before thine altar in this houſe,

f By receiuing any thing frõ him, or els by deny'ig that ỹ he hathe left him to kepe, or do him any wrong

"Ebr. obe.

23 Then heare thou in heauen, and do, and iudge thy ſeruants, in recompenſing the wicked to bring his way g vpon his head, and in iuſtifying the righteous, to giue him according to his righteouſnes.

g Meaning, to giue him that which he hath deſerued.

24 ¶ And when thy people Iſraél ſhalbe ouerthrowen before the enemie, becauſe they haue ſinned againſt thee, and turne againe, and "confeſſe thy Name, and pray, and make ſupplicacion before thee in this houſe,

"Or, praiſe.

25 Then heare thou in heauen, and be merciful vnto the ſinne of thy people Iſraél, and bring thẽ againe vnto the land which thou gaueſt to them and to their fathers.

26 When heauen ſhalbe ſhut vp, and there ſhalbe no raine, becauſe they haue ſinned againſt thee, and ſhal pray in this place, & confeſſe thy Name, and "turne from their ſinne, when thou doeſt afflict them,

"Or, toward this place.

27 Then heare thou in heauen, and pardone the ſinne of thy ſeruants, and of thy people Iſraél (whẽ thou haſt taught them the good way wherein they may walke) & giue raine vpon thy land, which thou haſt giuẽ vnto thy people for an inheritance.

Chap.20.9.

28 ¶ * When there ſhalbe famine in the lãd, when there ſhalbe peſtilence, blaſting, or mildewe, when there ſhalbe greſhopper, or caterpiller, when their enemie ſhal beſiege them "in the cities of their land, *or* any plague or any ſickneſs,

"Ebr. in the land of their gates.

29 *Then* what prayers *and* ſupplicacion ſoeuer ſhal be made of any man, or of all thy people Iſraél, when euerie one ſhal knowe his owne plague, and his owne diſeaſe, and ſhal ſtretche forthe his hands toward this houſe,

30 Heare thou then in heauen, thy dwelling place, and be merciful, and giue euerie mã according vnto all his wayes, as thou doeſt knowe his h heart (for ỹ onely knoweſt the hearts of the children of men)

h He declareth that the prayers of hypocrites can not be heard, nor of any but of thẽ, which pray vnto God with an vnfained faith and in true repentance.

31 That they may feare thee, and walke in thy wayes as long as they liue in the land which thou gaueſt vnto our fathers.

32 ¶ Moreouer as touching the ſtranger which is not of thy people Iſraél, who ſhal come out of a faire coũtrey for thy great Names ſake, & thy mightie hand, and thy ſtretched out arme: when they ſhal come and i pray in this houſe,

i He ſheweth ỹ before God there is no acceptiõ of perſoone, but all people ỹ feareth him and worketh righteouſnes is accepted. Act. 10.35.

33 Heare thou in heauẽ thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the ſtranger calleth for vnto thee, that all the people of the earth may knowe thy Name, and feare thee like thy people Iſraél, and that they may knowe, that thy Name is called vpon in this houſe which I haue buylt.

34 ¶ When thy people ſhal go out to battel againſt their enemies, by the way that k thou ſhalt ſend them, and they praye to thee, "in the way toward this citie, which thou haſt choſen, euen toward the houſe which I haue buylt to thy Name,

k Meaning that no ne ought to enterpriſe any warre, but ỹ Lords cõmandemẽt, that is, ỹ is lawful by his worde

"Or, according to the maner of the citie.

35 Then heare thou in heauen their prayer and their ſupplicacion, and iudge their cauſe.

36 If thei ſinne againſt thee (* for there is no man that ſinneth not) and thou be angrie with them and deliuer them vnto the enemies, and thei take them & cary them away captiue vnto a land farre or nere,

1 King 8.46. eccleſ 7.21. 1.ſohn. 1.8.

37 If they "turne againe to their heart in the land whether they be caryed in captiues, and turne & pray vnto thee in the lãd of their captiuitie, ſayĩg, We haue ſinned, we haue tranſgreſſed and haue done wickedly,

"Or, repent.

38 If they turne againe to thee with all their heart, and with all their ſoule in the land of their captiuitie, whether they haue caryed them captiues, & pray toward their lãd, which thou gaueſt vnto their fathers, and *toward* the citie which thou haſt choſen, and toward the houſe which I haue buylt for thy Name,

39 Then h·are ỹ in heauen, in thẽ place of thine habitacion their prayer & their ſupplicacion, & "iudge their cauſe, & be merciful vnto thy people, which haue ſinned againſt thee.

"Or, ſuſtein their cauſe.

40 Now

40 Now my God,I beſeche thee, let thine eyes be open, and thine eares attent vnto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

Pſal.132.8. 41 *Now therefore ariſe,ô Lord God,*to come* into thy [1] reſt,thou, and the Arke of thy ſtrength: ô Lord God, let thy Prieſts be clothed with [m] ſaluacion, and let thy Sainctes reioyce in goodnes.

42 O Lord God,reiect not the face of [n] thine anoynted: remember the mercies *promiſed* to Dauid thy ſeruant.

1 That is, into thy Temple

m Let them be preſerued by thy power and made vertuous and holy

n Heare my prayer, which am thine anoynted King

CHAP. VII.

The fyre conſumeth the ſacrifice 3 The glorie of the Lord filleth the Temple 12 He heareth his prayer, 17 And promiſeth to exalt him and his throne.

2 Mac 2.10. 1 AND *when Salomón had made an end of praying, *the* fyre came downe from heauen,and conſumed the burnt offring & the ſacrifices. and the glorie of the Lord filled the houſe,

a Hereby God declared that he was pleaſed with Salomons prayer.

2 So that the Prieſts colde not enter into the houſe of the Lord,becauſe the glorie of the Lord had filled the Lords houſe.

3 And when all the children of Iſraél ſaw the fyre,and the glorie of the Lord come downe vpon the houſe, they bowed them ſelues with *their* faces to the earth vpon the pauement, and worſhiped and praiſed the Lord, *ſaying*, For he is good, becauſe his mercie *liſteth* for euer.

1.King.8.65. 4 *Then the King and all the people offred ſacrifices before the Lord.

5 And King Salomón offred a ſacrifice of two and twentie thouſand bullockes, and an hundreth and twentie thouſand ſhepe. ſo the King and all the people dedicated the houſe of God.

6 And the Prieſts waited on their offices,& the Leuites with the inſtrumentes of muſike of the Lord, which King Dauid had made to praiſe ỹ Lord,Becauſe his mercy *laſteth* for euer: when Dauid praiſed *God* [o] by them,the Prieſts alſo blewe trumpets ouer against them: and all they of Iſraél ſtode by.

o Ebr. by their hande

7 Moreouer Salomón halowed the middle of the court that was before the houſe of the Lord: for there he had prepared burnt offrings, and the fat of the peace offrings, becauſe the braſen altar which Salomón had made, was not able to receiue ỹ burnt offring,and the meat offring,and the fat.

b The feaſt of the Tabernacles which was kept in the ſeuent moneth

8 And Salomón made [b] a feaſt at that time of ſeuen dayes, & all Iſraél with him, a very great Congregacion, from the entring in of Hamáth, vnto the riuer of Egypt.

c They aſſembled to heare the worde of God after that they had remained ſeuen dayes in the bouthes or Tabernacles

9 And in the eight day they [c] made a ſolémne aſſemblie. for they had made the dedicacion of the altar ſeuen dayes, and the feaſt ſeuen dayes.

d They had leaue to departe ỹ two & twentieth day, 2 King 8, 66, but they went not away vntil the next day.

10 And the [d] thre and twentieth day of the ſeuent moneth, he ſent the people away into their tents, ioyous & with glad heart, becauſe of the goodnes that the Lord had done for Dauid and for Salomón,and for Iſraél his people.

11 *So Salomón finiſhed the houſe of the Lord,and the Kings houſe,and all that came into Salomons heart to make in the houſe of the Lord,and he proſpered in his houſe.* *1 King.8.1.*

12 ¶ And the Lord *appeared to Salomón by night and ſaid to him, I haue heard thy prayer,and haue choſen this place for my ſelfe to be an houſe of ſacrifice. *Num.12.8.*

13 If I ſhut the heauen that there be no raine,or if I commande the graſhopper to deuore the land, or if I ſend peſtilence among my people,

14 If my people, among whome my Name is called vpon,do humble them ſelues, & praye,and ſeke my preſence,and turne frõ their wicked wayes, then wil I heare in heauen,and be merciful to their ſinne,and wil [e] heale their land.

e I wil cauſe ỹ peſtilence to ceaſe & deſtroy the beaſts that hurt the fruites of the earth, and ſend raine in due ſeaſon.

15 Then mine eyes ſhalbe open and mine eares attent vnto the prayer *made* in this place.

16 For I haue now choſen and ſanctified this houſe, that my Name may be there for euer: and mine eyes and mine heart ſhalbe there perpetually.

17 And if thou wilt walke before me,as Dauid thy father walked, to do according vnto all that I haue commanded thee,and ſhalt obſerue my ſtatuts & my iudgemẽts,

18 Then wil I ſtabliſh the throne of thy kingdome, according as I made the couenãt with Dauid thy father,ſaying,*Thou ſhalt not want a man to be ruler in Iſraél. *Chap 6.16.*

19 But if ye turne away, and forſake my ſtatutes and my commandemẽts which I haue ſet before you, and ſhal go and ſerue other gods,and worſhip them,

20 Then wil I plucke them vp out of my land, which I haue [f] ſanctified for my Name,wil I caſt out of my ſight, and wil make it to be a prouerbe and a commune talke among all people.

f Which thig declareth that God had more reſpect to their ſaluatiõ, then to the aduancement of his owne glorie. & where as men abuſe thoſe things, which God rathe appointed to ſet forthe his praiſe, he doeth withdrawe his graces thence

21 And this houſe which is moſte hie,ſhalbe an aſtoniſhment to euerie one ỹ paſſeth by it,ſo that he ſhal ſay, Why hathe the Lord done thus to this land,and to this houſe?

22 And they ſhal anſwer, Becauſe they forſoke the Lord God of their fathers,which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and haue taken holde on other gods, and haue worſhiped them, and ſerued them, therefore hathe he brought all this euil vpon them.

CHAP. VIII.

2 The cities that Salomón buylt. 7 People that were made tributarie vnto him. 12 His ſacrifices 17 He ſendeth to Ophir.

1 *King 9,10.* 1 a Signifying ỹ he was twētie yere in buylding them.

AND* after a twentie yere when Salomón had buylt the house of the Lord, and his owne house,

2 Then Salomón buylt the cities that Hurám b gaue to Salomón, and caused the children of Israél to dwel there.

b That is, ẃ Hirám gaue againe to Salomón because they pleased him not: and therefore called them Cabúl, ỹ is, dust or filth, 1 King 9,13

3 And Salomón went to Hamáth Zobáh, and ouercame it.

4 And he buylt Tadmór in the wildernes, & repaired all c the cities of store which he buylt in Hamáth.

c Meaning, of munitions and treasures for the warre.

5 And he buylt d Beth-horón the vpper, & Beth-horón ỹ nether, cities defensed with walles, gates and barres:

d That is, he repaired and fortified them: for they were buylt long before by Seerah a noble woma of the tribe of Ephráim, 1. Chro 6,24.

6 Also Baaláth, and all the cities of store that Salomón had, and all the charet cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and euerie pleasant place that Salomón had a minde to buylde in Ierusalém, & in e Lebanón, and throughout all the land of his dominion,

e Read 1. King 7,2.

7 *And* all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and Perizites, and the Hiuuites, and the Iebusites, which were not of Israél,

8 But of their children which were left after them in the land, whome the children of Israél had not consumed, euen thē did Salomón make" tributaries vntil this day.

"Ebr. are come vp to tribute.

9 But of the childrē of Israél did Salomón make no seruants for his worke: for they were mē of warre, and his chief princes, & the captaines of his charets & of his horsemen.

10 So these were the chief of the officers which Salomón had, *euen* f two hundreth and fiftie that bare rule ouer the people.

f For in all there were 3300, but here he meaneth of them that had the principal charge, read 1 King 9,23.

11 ¶ Thē Salomón broght vp the daughter of Pharaóh out of the citie of Dauid, into the house that he had buylt for her: for he said, My wife shal not dwel in the house of Dauid King of Israél: for it is holy, because that the Arke of the Lord came vnto it.

12 ¶ Then Salomón offred burnt offrings vnto the Lord, on the * altar of the Lord, which he had buylt before the porche,

Chap.4,1.

13 To * offer according to the commandement of Moses g euerie day, in the Sabbaths, and in the newe moones, and in the solemne feastes, 5 thre times in the yere, *that is*, in the feast of ỹ Vnleauened bread, and in the feast of the Wekes, and in the feast of the Tabernacles.

Exod.23,39.

g Or, *after the maner of euerie day.*

5 Read Leuit. 23.

14 And he set the courses of the Priests to their offices, according to ỹ ordre of Dauid his father, & the Leuites in their watches, for to praise and minister before the Priests euerie day, & the porters by * their courses, at euerie gate: for so *was* the commandement of Dauid the man of God.

2. Chro.8,14.

15 And they declined not from the commandement of the King, concerning the Priests & the Leuites, touching all things, and touching the treasures.

16 ¶ Now Salomón had made prouisiō for all the h worke, from the day of the fundacion of the house of the Lord, vntil it was finished: so the house of the Lord was perfite.

h Bothe for the master & also ỹ workemanship.

17 Then went Salomón to Ezion-géber, & to Elóth by ỹ i seaside in ỹ land of Edóm.

i Meaning, the red Sea.

18 And Hurám sent him by the hands of his seruants, shippes, and seruants that had knowledge of the sea: and they went with ỹ seruāts of Salomón to Ophír, & broght thence k four hundreth and fiftie talents of golde, and broght them to King Salomón.

k Which summe is thoght to mount to thre millions & fiue hundreth thousand crownes, for here is mencio made of thirtie mo, then are spoken of in King 9,28.

CHAP. IX.

1. The Quene of Shebá cometh to se Salomón & bringeth giftes. 13 His yerely reuenues. 30 The time of his reigne. 31 His death.

1 AND* when the Quene of Shebá heard of the fame of Salomón, she came to a proue Salomón with harde questions at Ierusalém, with a verie great traine, and camels that bare swete odours and muche golde, and precious stones: and when she came to Salomón, she cōmuned with him of all that was in her heart.

1 King.10,1. mat.12,42. luk.11,31.

a To knowe whether his wisdome were so great as the reporte was.

2 And Salomón declared her all her questions, and there was b nothing hid from Salomón, which he declared not vnto her.

b There was no question so hard that he did not solue.

3 Then the Quene of Shebá sawe the wisdome of Salomón, and the house that he had buylt,

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his seruants, and the ordre of his wayters, and their apparel, and his butlers, and their apparel, and his c burnt offrings, which he offred in the house of the Lord, and she was "greatly astonied.

c Or, *galleries wherby he went vp* "Ebr there was *no more spirit in her.*

5 And she said to the King, *It was* a true worde which I heard in mine owne land of thy d sayings, and of thy wisdome:

d Or, *actes.*

6 Howbeit I beleued not their reporte, vntil I came, and mine eyes had sene it: and beholde, the one halfe of thy great wisdome was not tolde me: *for* thou excedest the fame that I heard.

7 Happie are thy men, and happie are these thy seruants, which stande before thee all way, and heare thy wisdome.

8 Blessed be ỹ Lord thy God, which loued thee, to set thee on his e throne as King, in the stead of the Lord thy God: because thy God loueth Israél, to establish it for euer, therefore hathe he made thee King ouer them, to execute iudgemēt & iustice.

e Meaning, that the Israelites were Gods peculiar people, & that Kings are the lieutenants of God, which ought to grante vnto him the superiorite, and minister iustice to hī.

9 Then she gaue the King six score talents of golde, and of swete odours exceding muche and precious stones: nether was there suche swete odours *since*, as the Quene of Shebá gaue vnto King Salomón.

10 And the seruants also of Hurám, and the seruants of Salomón which broght golde

from

d Read Chap. 2,8

from Ophír, broght d Algumím wood & precious ſtones.

11 And the King made of the Algumím wood e ſtaires in the houſe of the Lord, & in the Kings houſe, and harpes and violes for ſingers: and there was no ſuche ſene before in the land of Iudáh.

e Or, pillers. meaning, the garniſhing & trumming of ſ ſtayres or pillers.

12 And King Salomón gaue to the Quene of Shebá euerie pleaſant thing that ſhe aſked, f beſides for that which ſhe had broght vnto the King: ſo ſhe returned and went to her owne countrey, *bothe* ſhe, and her ſeruants.

f That is, ſ the King gaue her for recompenſe of that treaſure which ſhe broght.

13 ¶ Alſo the weight of golde that came to Salomón in one yere, was ſix hůdreth thre ſcore and ſix talents of golde,

14 Beſides that which chapmen and marchants broght: and all the Kings of Arabia, & the princes of the countrey broght golde and ſiluer to Salomón.

15 And King Salomón made two hundreth targats of beaten golde, & g ſix hundreth *ſhekels* of beaten golde went to one targat,

g Which ſumme mounteth to 2400 crownes of the ſunne, Budeus de aſſe

16 And thre hundreth ſhields of beaten golde: thre hůdreth h *ſhekels* of golde went to one ſhield, and the King put them in the houſe of the wood of Lebanón.

h Or, pounde, called mine, whereof euerie one ſemed to make an hundreth ſhekels.

17 And the King made a great throne of yuorie and ouerlaied it with pure golde.

18 And the throne had ſix ſteppes, with a footeſtole of golde i faſtened to the throne, and ſtayes on ether ſide on the place of the ſeate, and two lions ſtanding by the k ſtayes.

i That is, the ſteppes & the footeſtole were faſtened to the throne.

k Vpon the pommels or knoppes.

19 And twelue lions ſtode there on the ſix ſteppes on ether ſide: there was not the like made in anie kingdome.

20 And all King Salomós drinking veſſels *were* of golde, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the wood of Lebanón *were* of pure golde: *for* ſiluer was nothing eſtemed in the dayes of Salomón.

21 For the Kings ſhippes went to Tarſhíſh with the ſeruants of Hurám, euerie thre yerē once came the ſhippes of l Tarſhíſh, and broght golde, and ſiluer, yuorie, and apes, and pecockes.

l Which coũtrey of ſ beſt writers is thoght to be Cilicia, read 1 King. 10, 22.

22 So King Salomón excelled all ſ Kings of the earth in riches and wiſdome.

23 And all the Kings of the earth ſoght the preſence of Salomón, to heare his wiſdome that God had put in his heart.

24 And they broght euerie man his preſent, veſſels of ſiluer, and veſſels of golde, and raiment, armour, & ſwete odours, horſes, and mules, from yere to yere.

25 And Salomón had m foure thouſand ſtalles of horſes, and charets, and twelue thouſand horſemen, whome he beſtowed in the charet cities, and with the King at Ieruſalém.

m That is, ten horſes in euerie ſtable, which in all mount to fourtie thouſand, 2 Chron. 9, 25

26 And he reigned ouer all the Kings from the n Riuer euen vnto the land of the Philiſtims, and to the border of Egypt.

n Or, Euphrates.

27 And the King gaue ſiluer in Ieruſalém, o as ſtones, & gaue cedre trees as the wilde fig trees, that are abundant in the plaine.

o The abũdãce of theſe tẽporal treaſures in Salomós kingdome is a figure of the ſpiritual treaſures, which ſ elect ſhal enioy in ſ heauens vnder the true Salomón Chriſt

28 And they broght vnto Salomón horſes out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 Cócerning the reſt of the actes of Salomón firſt & laſt, are they not writen in the boke of Nathán the Prophet, and in the prophecie of Ahiáh the Shilonite, and in the viſions of p Iedó the Seer q againſt Iroboám the ſonne of Nebát?

p Or, Iddi

q That is, ſ prophecied againſt him.

30 And Salomón reigned in Ieruſalém ouer all Iſraél fourty yeres.

31 And Salomón * ſlept with his fathers, & they buryed him in the citie of Dauid his father: and Rehoboám his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

1 King 11, 43

CHAP. X.

4.14 The rigour of Rehoboám. 13 He followeth lewde counſel. 16 The people rebelle.

1 THen * Rehoboám r wẽt to Shechém: for to Shechém came all Iſraél to make him King.

1. King 12. 1.

r After the death of Salomón.

2 And when Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát heard it, (which was in Egypt, whether he had fled frõ the preſence of Salomón the King) he returned out of Egypt.

3 And they ſent and called him: ſo came Ieroboám and all Iſraél, and cõmuned with Rehoboám, ſaying,

4 Thy father s made our yoke grieuous: now therefore make ỹ the grieuous ſeruitude of thy father, and his ſore yoke, that he put vpon vs, lighter, and we wil ſerue thee.

s That is, hãdeled vs rudely. It ſemeth that God bareded their heartes, ſo that they thus murmured without cauſe: which declareth alſo the inconſtãcie of the people.

5 And he ſaid to thẽ, *Departe* yet thre dayes, thẽ come againe vnto me. And the people departed.

6 And King Rehoboám toke counſel with the olde men that had ſtand before Salomón his father, while he yet liued, ſaying, What counſel giue ye that I may anſwer this people?

7 And they ſpake vnto him, ſaying, If thou be kinde to this people, and pleaſe them, and ſpeake louing wordes to them, they wil be thy ſeruants for euer.

8 But he left the coũſel of the ancient men that they had giuen him, and toke counſel of the yong mẽ that were broght vp with him, and t waited on him.

t Or, that ſtode by him, that is, which were of his counſel and ſecretes.

9 And he ſaid vnto them, What counſel giue ye, that we may anſwer this people, ỹ haue ſpoken to me, ſaying, Make the yoke which thy father did put vpon vs, lighter?

10 And the yong men that were broght vp with him, ſpake vnto him, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou anſwer the people that ſpake to thee, ſaying, Thy father made our yoke heauy, but make thou it lighter for vs;

thus ſhalt thou ſay vnto them, My [d] leaſt parte ſhal be bigger then my fathers loynes.

11 Now where as my father did burdē you wt a grieuous yoke, I wil yet increaſe your yoke: my father hathe chaſtiſed you with roddes, but I *wil correct you* with [e] ſcourges.

12 ¶ Then Ieroboám and all the people came to Rehoboám the third day, as the King had appointed, ſaying, Come againe to me the third day.

13 And the King anſwered them ſharpely: and King Rehoboám left the counſel of the ancient men,

14 And ſpake to them after the counſel of the yong men, ſaying, My father made your yoke grieuous, but I wil increaſe it: my father chaſtiſed you with roddes, but I *wil correct you* with ſcourges.

15 So the King hearkened not vnto the people: for it was the [f] ordinance of God that the Lord might performe his ſaying, which he had ſpoken [g] by Ahiáh the Shilonite to Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát.

16 So when all Iſraél ſawe that the King wolde not heare them, the people anſwered the King, ſaying, *What portion haue we in Dauid? for we haue none inheritance in the ſonne of Iſhái: O Iſraél, euerie man to your tents: now ſe to thine owne houſe, Dauid. So all Iſraél departed to their tents.

17 Howbeit Rehoboám reigned ouer the children of Iſraél, that dwelt in the cities of Iudáh.

18 Then King Rehoboám ſent Hadorám that was [h] ouer the tribute, & the children of Iſraél ſtoned him with ſtones, that he dyed: then King Rehoboám [i] made ſpede to get him vp to his charet, to flee to Ieruſalém.

19 And Iſraél rebelled againſt the houſe of Dauid vnto this day.

CHAP. XI.

4 Rehoboám is forbidden to fight againſt Ieroboám. 5 Cities which he buylt. 21 He hath eightene wiues & threſcore concubines, and by them eight and twentie ſonnes, and threſcore daughters.

1 AND [k] when Rehoboám was come to Ieruſalém, he gathered of the houſe of Iudáh and [a] Beniamín nine ſcore thouſand choſen men of warre to fight againſt [b] Iſraél, & to bring the kingdome againe to Rehoboám.

2 But the worde of the Lord came to Shemaiáh the man of God, ſaying,

3 Speake vnto Rehoboám, the ſonne of Salomón King of Iudáh, and to all Iſraél that are in Iudáh, and Beniamín, ſaying,

4 Thus ſayth the Lord, Ye ſhal not go vp, nor fight againſt your brethren: returne euerie man to his houſe for this thing is done of me. They obeied therefore the worde of the Lord, and returned from going againſt Ieroboám.

5 And Rehoboám dwelt in Ieruſalém, and [c] buylt ſtrong cities in Iudáh.

6 He buylt alſo Beth-léhem, and Etám, and Tekóa,

7 And Beth-zúr, and Shocó, & Adullám,

8 And Gath, and Mareſhá, and Ziph,

9 And Adoráim, and Lachiſh, and Azekáh,

10 And Zoráh, & Aialón & Hebrón, which were in Iudáh & Beniamín, ſtrōg cities.

11 And he [l] repaired the ſtrong holdes and put captaines in them, and ſtore of vitaile, and oyle and wine.

12 And in all cities he put ſhields & ſpeares, & made them exceding ſtrong: ſo Iudáh and Beniamín were his.

13 ¶ And the Prieſts and the Leuites that were in all Iſraél, [m] reſorted vnto him out of all their coaſtes.

14 For the Leuites left their ſuburbes and their poſſeſsion, and came to Iudáh and to Ieruſalém: *for Ieroboám and his ſonnes had caſt them out from miniſtring in the Prieſts office vnto the Lord.

15 * And he ordeined him Prieſts for the hie places, and for the [n] deuils and for the calues which he had made.

16 And after ỹ Leuites there came to Ieruſalém of all ỹ tribes of Iſraél, ſuche as ſet their hearts to ſeke ỹ Lord God of Iſraél, to offer vnto ỹ Lord God of their fathers.

17 So they ſtrengthened the kingdome of Iudáh, and made Rehoboám the ſonne of Salomón mightie, three yere long: for three yere they [o] walked in the way of Dauid & Salomón.

18 ¶ And Rehoboám toke him Mahaláth the daughter of Ierimóth the ſonne of Dauid to wife, & Abiháil the daughter of Eliáb the ſonne of Iſhái,

19 Which bare him ſonnes Ieúſh, and Shemariáh, and Záham.

20 And after her he toke Maakáh ỹ daughter of Abſalóm which bare him Abiiáh, and Atthái, and Zizá, and Shelomith.

21 And Rehoboám loued Maakáh ỹ daughter of Abſalóm aboue all his wiues & his concubines: for he toke eightene wiues, & three ſcore concubines, and begate eight and twētie ſonnes, & threſcore daughters.

22 And Rehoboám made [p] Abiiáh the ſonne of Maakáh the chief ruler among his brethren: for he thoght to make him King.

23 And he taught him: and diſperſed all his ſonnes throughout all the countreis of Iudáh and Beniamín vnto euerie ſtrong citie: and he gaue them abundance of vitaile, and [q] deſired many wiues.

CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboám forſaketh the Lord and is puniſhed by Shiſhák. 5 Shemaiáh reproueth him. 6 He humbleth himſelfe.

d Or, little finger: meaning ỹ he was of farre greater power thē was his father.

e Or, ſcorpions

f Gods wil impoſeth ſuche a neceſsitie to ỹ ſecond cauſes, that nothing cā be done but according to the ſame, and yet mans wil worketh as of it ſelfe, ſo that it can not be excuſed to doing euil, by alledging that it is Gods ordinance.

g Ebr. by the hād of.

1.King.12.16.

h Or, receyuer.

i Ebr. He ſtrengthened himſelfe.

k 1.King.12.20.

a That is, the halfe tribe of Beniamín. For the other halfe was gone after Ieroboam.

b Meaning the ten tribes ỹ rebelled.

l Ebr. Rodē.

m Chap.13.9.

n 1.King.12.31.

o Meaning, idoles, read Iſa. 34.15

p Which were zealous of true religion, & feared God.

q So long as they feared God, and ſet forth his worde, they proſpered.

r Called alſo Abiiam, who reigned three yere, 1 Ki 15.2.

s Hegane him ſelfe to haue many wiues.

ſe 7 God ſendeth him ſuccour. 9 Shiſhák taketh his treaſures 13 His reigne and death. 16 Abiiah his ſonne ſucceedeth him.

1 AND when [a] Rehoboám had eſtabliſhed the kingdome & made it ſtrõg, he forſoke the Lawe of the Lord, and [a] all Iſraél with him.

2 Therefore in the fift yere of King Rehoboám, Shiſhák the King of Egypt came vp againſt Ieruſalém (becauſe they had tranſgreſſed againſt the Lord)

3 With twelue hundreth chariets, and three ſcore thouſand horſmẽ, & the people were without nomber, that came with him from Egypt, *euen* the Lubims, [b] Sukkiims, & the [c] Ethiopians.

4 And he toke the ſtrõg cities which were of Iudáh, and came vnto Ieruſalém.

5 ¶ Then came Shemaiáh the Prophet to Rehoboám, and to the princes of Iudáh, that were gathered together in Ieruſalém, becauſe of Shiſhák, and ſaid vnto them, Thus ſayth the Lord, Ye haue forſaken me, [c] therefore haue I alſo left you in the hands of Shiſhák.

6 Then the princes of Iſraél, and the King humbled them ſelues, and ſaid, The Lord is [d] iuſte.

7 And when the Lord ſawe that they humbled them ſelues, the worde of the Lord came to Shemaiáh, ſaying, They haue hũbled them ſelues, *therefore* I wil not deſtroye them, but I wil ſend them deliuerãce ſhortely, & my wrath ſhal not "be powred out vpon Ieruſalém by the hand of Shiſhák.

8 Neuertheles they ſhalbe his ſeruants: ſo ſhal they know my [e] ſeruice, & the ſeruice of the kingdomes of the earth.

9 ¶ Then Shiſhák King of Egypt came vp againſt Ieruſalém, and toke the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and the treaſures of the Kings houſe: he toke *euen* all, and he caryed away the ſhields of golde, *which Salomón had made.

10 In ſtead whereof King Rehoboám made ſhields of braſſe, and committed them to the hãds of the chief of the garde, that waited at the dore of the Kings houſe.

11 And when the King entred into the houſe of the Lord, the garde came and bare them and broght them againe vnto the garde chamber.

12 And becauſe he [f] humbled him ſelfe, the wrath of the Lord turned from him, that he wolde not deſtroye all together. And alſo in Iudáh the things proſpered.

13 *So King Rehoboám was ſtrong in Ieruſalém and reigned: for Rehoboám was one & fourtie yere olde, whẽ he begã to reigne, & reigned [g] ſeuentene yeres in Ieruſalém, the citie which the Lord had choſen out of all the tribes of Iſraél to put his Name there. And his mothers name was Naamáh an Ammoniteſſe.

14 And he did euil: for he prepared not his heart to ſeke the Lord.

15 The actes alſo of Rehoboám, firſt and laſt, are they not written in the "boke of Shemaiáh the Prophet, and Iddó ỹ Seer, in rehearſing the genealogie? & there *was* warre alway betwene Rehoboám & Ieroboám.

16 And Rehoboám ſlept with his fathers, and was buryed in the citie of Dauid, and Abiiáh his "ſonne reigned in his ſtead.

[a] Or, *when the Lord had eſtabliſhed Rehoboams kingdome*

a For ſuche is the inconſtancie of the people that for ỹ moſte part they follow the vices of their gouernours.

[b] Which were a people of Africa called ỹ Troglodites, becauſe they dwelled in holes

[c] Or, *blacke Moores.*

c Signifying ỹ no calamitie can come vnto vs except we forſake God, & ỹ he neuer leaueth vs til we haue caſt him of

d And therefore doeth iuſtely puniſh you for your ſinnes

"Ebr *drop downe.*

e He ſheweth that Gods puniſhments are not to deſtroy his vtterly, but to chaſtiſe thẽ, to bring them to ỹ knowledge of themſelues & to knowe how much better it is to ſerue God thẽ tyrants *Chap 9.15.*

f Which declareth that God ſeketh not the death of a ſinner, but his cõuerſiõ. Ezek. 18,32 & 33,11 *& Kin 14,21*

g That is, twelue yeres after that he had bene ouercome by Shiſhák. *ver 2.*

"Or, *Abiam.*

CHAP. XIII.

1 Abiiáh maketh warre againſt Ieroboám 4 He ſheweth the occaſion. 12 He truſteth in the Lord and ouercometh Ieroboám 21 Of his wiues and children.

1 IN the eightenteenth yere of King Ieroboám began Abiiáh to reigne ouer [a] Iudáh.

2 He reigned three yere in Ieruſalém: (his mothers name alſo was [b] Michaiáh the daughter of [c] Vriél of Gibea) and there was warre betwene Abiiáh and Ieroboám.

3 And Abiiáh ſet the battel in aray with the armie of valiant men of warre, *euen* foure hundreth thouſand choſen men. Ieroboám alſo ſet the battel in aray againſt him with eight hundreth thouſand choſen men which were ſtrong *and* valiant.

4 And Abiiáh ſtode vp vpon mount [d] Zemeraim, which is in mount Ephráim, and ſaid, O Ieroboám, & all Iſraél, heare you me,

5 Ought you not to knowe that the Lord God of Iſraél hathe giuen the kingdome ouer Iſraél to [e] Dauid for euer, *euen* to him and to his ſonnes by a couenant [f] of ſalte?

6 And Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát the ſeruant of Salomón the ſonne of Dauid is riſen vp, and hathe *rebelled againſt his lord.

7 And there are gathered to him [g] vaine men & "wicked, and made them ſelues ſtrong againſt Rehoboám the ſonne of Salomón: for Rehoboám was [h] *but a* childe and "* tender hearted, & colde not reſiſt them.

8 Now therefore ye thinke that ye be able to reſiſt againſt the kingdome of the Lord, *which is* in the hands of the ſonnes of Dauid, and ye be a great multitude, & the golden calues *are* with you which Ieroboám made you for gods.

9 * Haue ye not driuen away the Prieſts of the Lord the ſonnes of Aarón and the Leuites, and haue made you Prieſts like the people of *other* countreis? who ſoeuer commeth to "conſecrate with a [i] yong bullocke and ſeuen rams, the ſame may be a Prieſt of them that are no gods.

[a] He meaneth Iudáh and Beniamin

b Or, Maachá, 1 King 15,2

c Called alſo Abſhalóm, for Abſhalóm was her grandefather 1 Kin 15,2.

d Which was one of the toppes of mount Ephráim

e And therefore ſhoulde not any vnlawful duetie, or take it frõ ỹ ſtocke, tranſgreſſe the ordinance of ỹ Lord, thus like an hypocrite he alledged ỹ worde of God for his aduantage

f That is, perpetual, becauſe that thing, which is ſalted, is preſerued from corruptiõ: he meaneth alſo that it was made ſolemnely & cõfirmed by offring of ſacrifices, where as they vſed ſalt according as was ordeined, Nom 18,19 *2. Kin 11, 26.*

g This worde in ỹ Childe tongue is Racha, which our Sauiour vieth, Matt 5,22

"Ebr *children of Belial*

h Meaning, in heart and courage

"Or, *faint hearted*

Leui 26,36. 1 King 12,31. chap 11,14.

"Ebr *put his hãd*

i He ſheweth the nature of idolaters who take no triall of the vocation, life & determi of their miniſters, but thinke the moſte vileſt & greateſt beaſtes ſufficient, to ſerue their turne.

10 But we belong vnto the Lord our God, & haue not forsaken him, & the Priests the sonnes of Aarón minister vnto the Lord, and the Leuites in *their* office.

11 And they burne vnto the Lord euerie [k] morning and euerie euening burnt offrings and swete incense, and the bread is set in order vpon the pure table, & the cãdlesticke of golde with the lãpes thereof, to burne euerie euening: for we kepe the watche of the Lord our God: but ye haue forsaken him,

12 And beholde, this God [l] *is* with vs, as a captaine, & his Priests with the sounding trumpets, to crye an alarme against you. O ye children of Israél, fight not against the Lord God of your fathers: for ye shal not prosper.

13 ¶ But Ieroboam caused an ambushment [m] to compasse, & come behinde them, when they were before Iudáh, and the ambushment behinde them,

14 Then Iudáh loked, and beholde, the battel was before and behinde them, and they cryed vnto the Lord, and the Priests blewe with the trumpets,

15 And the men of Iudáh gaue a shoute: & euen as the men of Iudáh shouted, God [n] smote Ieroboám and also Israél before Abiáh and Iudah.

16 And the children of Israél fled before Iudáh, and God deliuered them into their hand.

17 And Abiáh and his people slewe a great slaughter of them, so that there fell downe wounded of Israél fiue hundreth thousand chosen men.

18 So the children of Israél were broght vnder at that time: and the childrẽ of Iudáh preuailed, [o] because they staied vpon the Lord God of their fathers.

19 And Abiáh pursued after Ieroboám, & toke cities from him *euen* Bethél, and the [p] villages thereof, and Ieshanáh with her villages, and Ephrón with her villages.

20 And Ieroboam recouered no strength againe in the dayes of Abiáh, but ỹ Lord plaged him, and he dyed.

21 So Abiáh waxed mightie, and maried fourtene wiues, and begate two and twentie sonnes, and sixtene daughters.

22 The rest of the actes of Abiáh and his maners and his sayings are writen in the storie of the Prophet Iddó.

CHAP. XIIII.

3 Asá destroieth idolatrie & commandeth his people to serue the true God 11 He praieth vnto God when he shulde go to fight 12 He obteineth the victorie.

1 SO [*] Abiah slept with his fathers, & thei buryed him in the citie of Dauid, & Asá his sonne reigned in his steade: in whose dayes the land was quiet ten yere.

2 And Asá did that was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God.

3 For he toke away the altars of the strange *gods* & the hie places, & brake downe the images, and cut downe the [a] groues,

4 And cõmanded Iudáh to seke the Lord God of their fathers, & to do *according* to the Lawe and the commandement.

5 And he toke away out of all the cities of Iudáh the hie places, & the images: therefore the kingdome was [b] quiet before him.

6 He buylt also strong cities in Iudáh, because the land was in rest, and he had no warre in those yeres: for the Lord had giuen him rest.

7 Therefore he said to Iudáh, Let vs buyld these cities and make walles about, and towres, gates, and barres, whiles the lãd is [c] before vs: because we haue soght ỹ Lord our God, we haue soght him, and he hathe giuen vs rest on euerie side: so they buylt and prospered.

8 And Asá had an armie of Iudáh that bare shields and speares, thre hundreth thousand, and of Beniamín that bare shields & drewe bowes, two hundreth & foure score thousand: all these were valiant men.

9 ¶ And there came out against then Zérah [d] of Ethiopia with an hoste of ten húdreth thousand, and thre hundreth charets, and came vnto [e] Maresháh.

10 Then Asá went out before him, and thei set the battel in aray in the valley of Zephátháh beside Maresháh.

11 And Asá [*] cryed vnto the Lord his God, & said, Lord, it is nothíg with thee to helpe [f] with many, or with no power: helpe vs, ô Lord our God. for we rest on thee, and in thy Name are we come against this multitude: ô Lord, thou art our God, [f] let not man preuaile against thee.

12 ¶ So ỹ Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asá and before Iudáh, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asá and the people that was with him, pursued them vnto Gerár. And the Ethiopians hoste was ouerthrowen, *so that* there was no life in them: for they were destroyed before the Lord and before his hoste: & they caryed away a mighty great spoile.

14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerár: for the [g] feare of the Lord came vpon them, and they spoiled all the cities, for there was exceding muche spoile in them.

15 Yea, and they smote the tents of cattel, & caryed away plentie of shepe and camels, and returned to Ierusalém.

CHAP. XV.

1 The exhortatiõ of Azariáh 2 Asá purgeth his countrey of idolatrie 11 He sacrificeth with the people. 14 Their sweare together to serue the Lord. 16. He deposeth his mo-

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k As it was appointed in the Lawe, Exod 29.39

l Because their cause was good & approued by the Lord, they douted not of the successe and victorie.

m Contemning ỹ good cõsel w came of the Spirit of God, he thoght to haue ouercome by deceite.

n Or, gaue him be ouerthrowe.

o He sheweth that the stay of all kingdomes & assurance of victories depende vpon our trust & cõfidence in the Lord

p Or daughters.

a Which were planted contrary to the Lawe, Deut. 16.20

b He sheweth that the rest & quietnes of kingdomes stãdeth in abolishing idolatrie, and aduancing true religion.

c Whiles we haue the full gouernement thereof.

d The King of Ethiopia or Egypt

e Which was a citie in Iudah, Iosh 15, 44 where Michaiáh ỹ Prophet was borne.

1. King 14.6.

f Or, against many, without power.

f Thus ỹ childrẽ of God neither trust in their owne power or policie, neither feareth strength & subtiltie of their enemies, but consider ỹ cause and se whether their entreprises tẽd to Gods glorie, & thereupõ assure thẽ selues of ỹ victorie by him, w is onely almightie, & can turne all flesh into dust w the breath of his mouthe

g The Lord had striké thẽ with feare.

ther for her idolatrie.

1 THen the Spirit of God came vpon [a] Azariah the ſonne of Odéd.
2 And he went out to mete Aſa, and ſaid vnto him, O Aſa, and all Iudáh, and Beniamin, heare ye me. The Lord *is* with you, while ye be with him: and if ye ſeke him, he wil be founde of you, but if ye forſake him, he wil forſake you.
3 Now for a long ſeaſon Iſraél *hathe bene* without the [b] true God, & without Prieſt to teache and without Lawe.
4 But *whoſoeuer* returned in his affliction to the Lord God of Iſraél, and ſoght him, he [c] was founde of them.
5 And in that time there *was* no peace to him, that did go out and go in: but great troubles *were* to all the inhabitants of the earth.
6 For nacion was deſtroyed of nacion, and citie of citie: for God troubled them with all aduerſitie.
7 Be ye ſtrong therefore, and let not your hãds be weake: for your [d] worke ſhal haue a rewarde.
8 ¶ And when Aſá heard theſe wordes, and the prophecie of Odéd the Prophet, he was encouraged, and toke away the abominacions out of all the land of Iudáh, & Beniamín, and out of the cities which he had taken of mount Ephráim, and he renued the altar of the Lord, that was before the porche of the Lord.
9 And he gathered all Iudáh & Beniamín, & the ſtrangers with thẽ out of Ephráim, and Manaſſeh & out of Simeón: for there fell many to him out of Iſraél, when they ſawe that the Lord his God *was* with him.
10 So they aſſembled to Ieruſalém in the [e] third moneth, in the fiftente yere of the reigne of Aſá.
11 And they offred vnto the Lord the ſame time of the [f] ſpoyle, *which* they had broght, *euen* ſeuen hundreth bullockes, and ſeuen thouſand ſhepe.
12 And they made a couenant to ſeke the Lord God of their fathers, with all their heart, and with all their ſoule.
13 And [g] whoſoeuer wil not ſeke the Lord God of Iſraél, ſhal be ſleane, whether he were ſmall or great, man or woman.
14 And they ſware vnto the Lord with a loude voyce, and with ſhouting and with trumpets, and with cornets.
15 And all Iudáh reioyced at the othe: for they had ſworne vnto the Lord with all their heart, and ſoght him with a whole deſire, and he was [h] founde of them. And the Lord gaue them reſt rounde about.
16 ¶ And King Aſá depoſed Maachâh [i] mother from her regẽcie, becauſe ſhe had made an idole in a groue: and Aſá brake downe her idole, & ſtamped it, and burnt it at the broke Kidrón.
17 But the hie places were not [k] taken away out of [l] Iſraél: yet the heart of Aſá was [m] perfite all his daves.
18 Alſo he broght into the houſe of God the things that his father had dedicate, & that he had dedicate, ſiluer, and golde, & veſſels.
19 And there was no warre vnto the fiue & thirtieth yere of the reigne of Aſá.

a Who was called Oded, as his father was, verſ. 8.

b For the ſpace of twelue yeres vnder Roboam, and three yeres vnder Abiah, religiõ was neglected and idolatrie planted

c He ſheweth, that notwithſtanding the wickednes of tyrãts & their rage, yet God hath his, whome he heareth in their tribulacion, as he deliuered his from Zerih King of the Ethiopians, & out of all other dangers, when they called vpon the Lord

d Your confidence & truſt in God ſhal not be fruſtrat

e Called Shiuan, conteinig parte of May and parte of Iune

f Which they had taken of the Ethiopiãs.

g Theſe were the wordes of their couenãt, which cõmanded all idolaters to be put to death accordíng to the Lawe of God, Deut 13

h So long as they ſerued him aright, ſo long did he preſerue & proſper them

i Or grãdmother & herein he ſhewed y he lacked zeale: for ſhe ought to haue dyed bothe by the couenant, and by the Lawe of God: but he gaue place to fooliſh pitie, & wolde alſo ſeme after a ſorte to ſatiſfie the Lawe

k Which partely came through lacke of zeale in him, partly through the negligence of his officers, & partely by the ſuperſtitiõ of the people, that all were not taken away.

l Becauſe that God was called the God of Iſrael by reaſon of his promes to Iaakób; therefore Iſraél is ſome time taken for Iudáh, becauſe Iudáh was his chief people

m In reſpect of his predeceſſors.

CHAP. XVI.

2 Aſá for feare of Baaſhá King of Iſrael, maketh a couenant with Benhadád King of Arám. 7 He is reproued by the Prophet, 10 Whome he putteth in priſon. 12 He putteth his truſt in the Phiſitians 13 His death.

1 IN the ſix & thirtieth yere of the reigne of Aſá came [a] Baaſhá King of Iſraél vp againſt Iudáh, and buylt [b] Ramáh to let none paſſe out or go in to Aſá King of Iudáh.
2 Then Aſá broght out ſiluer and golde out of the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and of the Kings houſe, and ſent to Benhadád King of Arám that dwelt at [c] Damaſcus, ſaying,
3 There *is* a couenant betwene me & thee, and betwene my father and thy father: beholde, I haue ſent thee ſiluer and golde: come, [d] breake thy league with Baaſhá King of Iſraél that he may departe from me.
4 And Benhadád hearkened vnto King Aſa, and ſent the captaines of the armies which he had, againſt the cities of Iſraél. And they ſmote Iión, and Dan, and Abelmáim, and the ſtore cities of Naphtalí.
5 And when Baaſhá heard it, he left buylding of Ramáh, and let his worke ceaſe.
6 Then Aſá the King toke all Iudáh, and caryed away the ſtones of Ramáh and the tymbre thereof, wherewith Baaſhá did buyld, and he buylt therewith Géba and Mizpáh.
7 ¶ And at that ſame time Hanáni the [e] Seer came to Aſá King of Iudah, and ſaid vnto him, Becauſe thou haſt reſted vpon the King of Arám, and not reſted in the Lord thy God, therefore is the hoſte of the Kíg of Arám eſcaped out of thine hand.
8 * The Ethiopians and the Lubims, were they not a great hoſte with charets and horſemen, exceding many? yet becauſe thou dideſt reſt vpon the Lord, he deliuered them into thine hand.
9 *For the eies of the Lord beholde all the earth to ſhewe him ſelfe ſtrong with them that are of perfite heart toward him. thou haſt thẽ done fooliſhly in this: therefore from henſforthe thou ſhalt haue warres.
10 Thẽ Aſa was wroth with the Seer, & put him into a [f] priſon: for he was [g] diſpleaſed with him, becauſe of this thing. And Aſá oppreſſed *certeine* of the people at the

a Who reigned after Nadáb the ſonne of Ieroboam

b He fortified it with walles and ditches: it was a citie in Beniamin nere to Gibeón.

c Or, *Damaſcus*

d He thoght to repulſe his aduerſarie by an vnlawful meanes, y is, by ſeking helpe of infideles, as they y ſeke y Turkes amitie, thinkig thereby to make thẽ ſelues more ſtrong.

e Or, *Prophet*

Chap 14,9.

2 Mac. 9,5. & 12,22.

f Or, *priſon houſe*

g Thus in ſtead of turning to God by repentance, he diſdained the admonicion of y Prophet, and puniſhed him, as the wicked do when they be tolde of their faultes.

ſame time.

11 And beholde, the actes of Aſá firſt and laſt, lo, they are writen in the boke of the Kings of Iudáh and Iſraél.

12 ¶And Aſá in the nine and thirtieth yere of his reigne was [d] diſeaſed in his fete, *and* his diſeaſe was [e] extreme: yet he ſoght not the Lord in his diſeaſe, but to the [f] Phiſicians.

13 So Aſá ſlept with his fathers, and dyed in the one and fourtieth yere of his reigne.

14 And they buryed him in *one* of his ſepulchres, which he had made for him ſelfe in the citie of Dauid, & laied him in the bed, which they had filled with ſwete odours and diuerſe kindes *of ſpices*, made by the arte of the apoticarie: and they burnt him with an exceding great fyre.

[d] Or, ſmale, or ſwolen.
[e] Or, to the top of his head.
[e] God plagued his rebellion, & hereby declareth that it is nothing to begine wel, except we ſo cõtinue to the ẽd, that is, zealous of Gods glorie, and put our whole truſt in him.
[f] He ſheweth that it is in vaine to ſeke to ỹ Phiſitiãs, except firſt we ſeke to God to purge our ſinnes, which are the chief cauſe of all our diſeaſes, & after vſe the helpe of ỹ phiſitiã, as a meane by whome God worketh

CHAP. XVII.

1 Iehoſhaphát truſting in the Lord, proſpereth in riches and honour. 6 He aboliſheth idolatrie. 7 And cauſeth the people to be taught. 11 He receiueth tributes of ſtrangers. 13 His munitions and men of warre.

1 AND Iehoſhaphát his ſonne reigned in his ſtead, and preuailed againſt Iſraél.

2 And he put gariſons in all the ſtrong cities of Iudáh, and ſet bands in the land of Iudáh and in the cities of Ephráim, which Aſá his father had taken.

3 And the Lord was with Iehoſhaphát, becauſe he walked in the [a] firſt wayes of his father Dauid, and ſoght not [b] Baalím,

4 But ſoght the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandements, and not after the [c] trade of Iſraél.

5 Therefore the Lord ſtabliſhed the kingdome in his hand, and all Iudáh broght preſents to Iehoſhaphát, ſo that he had of riches and honour in abundance.

6 And he [c] lift vp his heart vnto the wayes of the Lord, and he toke awaie moreouer the hie places & the groues out of Iudáh.

7 ¶And in the third yere of his reigne he ſent his princes, Ben-háil, and Obadiáh, & Zechariáh, and Nethaneél, and Michaiáh, that they ſhulde [d] teache in the cities of Iudáh,

8 And with them Leuites, Shemaiáh, and Nethaniáh, and Zebadiáh, and Aſahél, & Shemiramóth, and Iehonathán, and Adoniiáh, and Tobiiáh, and Tob adoniiáh, Leuites, and with them Eliſhamá and Iehorám Prieſts.

9 And they taught in Iudáh, and had the boke of the Lawe of the Lord with them, & went about throughout all the cities of Iudáh, and taught the people.

10 And the feare of the Lord fell vpon all the kingdomes of the lands ỹ were rounde about Iudáh, and they [e] foght not againſt Iehoſhaphát.

11 Alſo *ſome* of the Philiſtims broght Iehoſhaphát gifts and tribute ſiluer, and the Arabiãs broght him flockes, ſeuẽ thouſãd, and ſeuen hundreth rams, and ſeuen thouſand, and ſeuen hundreth he gotes.

12 So Iehoſhaphát proſpered and grewe vp on hie: and he buylt in Iudáh palaces and cities of ſtore.

13 And he had great workes in the cities of Iudáh, and men of warre, *&* valiant men in Ieruſalém.

14 And theſe are the nombers of them after the houſe of their fathers, In Iudáh *were* captaines of thouſands, Adnáh the captaine, and "with him of valiant men thre hundreth thouſand.

15 And [f] at his hand Iehohanán a captaine, and with him two hundreth & foure ſcore thouſand.

16 And at his hand Amaſiáh the ſonne of Zichrí, which [f] willingly offred him ſelfe vnto the Lord, and with him two hũdreth thouſand valiant men.

17 And of Beniamín, Eliadá a valiant mã, and with him armed men with bowe and ſhield two hundreth thouſand.

18 And at his hand Iehozabád, & with him an hundreth and foure ſcore thouſand armed to the warre.

19 Theſe [g] waited on the King, beſides thoſe which the King put in the ſtrong cities throughout all Iudáh.

[a] That is, his vertues meaning, before he had cõmitted wᵗ Bath-ſhéba and againſt Vriáh
[b] Soght not helpe at ſtráge gods
[c] He gaue him ſelfe wholy to ſerue ỹ Lord.
[d] He knewe it was in vaine to profeſſe religion, except ſuche were appointed which colde inſtruct the people in the ſame, and had autoritie to put away all idolatrie.
[e] Thus God proſpereth all ſuche that wᵗ a pure heart ſeke his glorie, and kepeth their enemies in feare ỹ they cã not be able to execute their rage againſt them.
"Ebr. in his hand
[f] Meaning, ẅ was a Nazarite.
[g] That is, they were as his ordinarie garde.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Iehoſhaphát maketh affinitie with Aháb. 2 Foure hũdreth Prophetes cõſel Aháb to go to warre. 16 Michaiáh is againſt them. 23 Zidkiáh ſmiteth him. 25 The King putteth him in priſon. 29 The effect of his prophecie.

1 AND* Iehoſhaphát had riches & honour in abundance, but he was ioyned in [a] affinitie with Aháb.

2 And after certeine [b] yeres he went downe to Aháb to Samaria: & Aháb ſlewe ſhepe and oxen for him in great nomber, & for the people that he had with him, and entiſed him to go vp vnto [c] Ramóth Gileád.

3 And Aháb King of Iſraél ſaid vnto Iehoſhaphát King of Iudáh, Wilt thou go with me to Ramóth Gileád? And he anſwered him, I am as thou art, & my people as thy people, & we *wil ioyne* wᵗ thee in the warre.

4 And Iehoſhaphát ſaid vnto the King of Iſraél, Aſke counſel, I pray thee, at the [d] worde of the Lord this day.

5 Therefore the King of Iſraél gathered of [e] Prophetes foure hundreth men, and ſaid vnto them, Shal we go to Ramóth Gileád to battel, or ſhal I ceaſe? And they ſaid, Go vp: for God ſhal deliuer it into the Kings hand.

6 But Iehoſhaphát ſaid, Is there here neuer a Prophet more of the Lord ỹ we might inquire of him?

7 And ỹ King of Iſraél ſaid vnto Iehoſhaphát,

1 King 22.3.
[a] For Ioràm Iehoſhaphats ſonne maried Ahabs daughter
[b] That is, the third yere. 1 King 22.2
[c] To recouer it out of the hands of the Syrians.
[d] Heare the aduiſe of ſome Prophet, to knowe whether it be Gods wil
[e] Which were the Prophetes of Báal, ſignifying that the wicked eſteme not but flatterers and ſuche as vnlearne with their inordinate affections.

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phát, There is yet one man, by whome we may aſke counſel of the Lord, but I [f] hate him: for he doeth not prophecie good vnto me, but allway euil: it is Michaiáh the ſonne of Imlá. Thē Iehoſhaphát ſaid, Let not the King ſay [g] ſo.

8 And the King of Iſraél called an eunuche, and ſaid, Call quickly Michaiáh the ſonne of Imlá.

9 ¶And the King of Iſraél, and Iehoſhaphát King of Iudáh ſate ether of them on his throne clothed in *their* [h] apparel: they ſate euen in the threſſhing floore at the entring in of the gate of Samaria: & all the Prophetes prophecied before them.

10 And Zidkiáh the ſonne of Chenaanáh made him [i] hornes of yron, & ſaid, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord, With theſe ſhalt thou puſh ỹ Aramites vntil thou haſt conſumed them.

11 And all the Prophetes prophecied ſo, ſaying, Go vp to Ramóth Gileád, & proſper: for the Lord ſhal deliuer it into the hand of the King.

12 ¶And the meſſenger that wēt to call Michaiah, ſpake to him, ſaying, Beholde, the wordes of the Prophetes *declare* good to ỹ King with one [k] accorde: let thy worde therfore, I pray thee, be lyke one of theirs, and ſpeake thou good.

13 And Michaiáh ſaid, As the Lord liueth, whatſoeuer my God ſaith, ỹ wil I ſpeake.

14 ¶So he came to the King, and the King ſaid vnto him, Michaiah, ſhal we go to Ramóth Gileád to battel, or ſhal I leaue of? And he ſaid, [l] Go ye vp, and proſper, and they ſhal be deliuered into your hand.

15 And the King ſaid to him, How oft ſhal I charge thee, that thou tel me nothing but the trueth in the Name of the Lord?

16 Then he ſaid, I ſawe all Iſraél ſcatered in the mountaines, as ſhepe that haue no ſhepheard: and the Lord ſaid, [m] Theſe haue no maſter: let thē returne euerie man to his houſe in peace.

17 And the King of Iſraél ſaid to Iehoſhaphát, Did I not tel thee, that he wolde not prophecie good vnto me, but euil?

18 Againe he ſaid, Therefore heare ye the worde of the Lord: I ſawe the Lord ſit vpon his throne, and all the [n] hoſte of heauen ſtanding at his right hand, and at his left.

19 And the Lord ſaid, Who ſhal [o] perſuade Aháb King of Iſraél, that he may go vp and fall at Ramóth Gileád? And one ſpake and ſaid thus, and another ſaid that.

20 Thē there came forthe a ſpirit and ſtode before the Lord, and ſaid, I wil perſuade him. And the Lord ſaid vnto him, Wherein?

21 And he ſaid, I wil go out, and be a falſe ſpirit in the mouthe of all his Prophetes. And [p] he ſaid, Thou ſhalt perſuade, and ſhalt alſo preuaile: go forthe and do ſo.

22 Now therefore beholde, the Lord hathe put a [q] falſe ſpirit in the mouthe of theſe thy Prophetes, & the Lord hathe determined euil againſt thee.

23 Then Zidkiáh the ſonne of Chenaanáh came nere, and ſmote Michaiáh vpon the [r] cheke, and ſaid, By what way wēt the ſpirit of ỹ Lord frō me, to ſpeake with thee?

24 And Michaiáh ſaid, Beholde, thou ſhalt ſe that day whē thou ſhalt go from chamber to chamber to hide thee.

25 And the King of Iſraél ſaid, Take ye Michaiáh, and carie him to Amón the gouernour of the citie, & to Ioáſh the Kings ſonne,

26 And ſay, Thus ſaith the King, Put this man in the priſon houſe, & fede him with bread of [s] affliction and with water of affliction vntil I returne in peace.

27 And Michaiáh ſaid, If thou returne in peace, the Lord hathe not ſpoken by me. And [t] he ſaid, Heare, all ye people.

28 So the King of Iſraél and Iehoſhaphát the King of Iudáh wēt vp to Ramóth Gileád.

29 And the King of Iſraél ſaid vnto Iehoſhaphát, I wil [u] change my ſelfe, and entre into the battel: but put thou on thine apparel. So the King of Iſraél chāged him ſelfe, and they went into the battel.

30 And the King of Arám had commanded the captaines of the charets that were with him, ſaying, Fight you not with ſmall nor great, but againſt ỹ King of Iſraél onely.

31 And when the captaines of the charets ſawe Iehoſhaphát, they ſaid, It is the King of Iſraél: and they compaſſed about him to fight. But Iehoſhaphát [x] cryed, & ỹ Lord helped him & moued them *to departe* from him.

32 For when the captaines of the charets ſawe that he was not the King of Iſraél, they turned backe from him.

33 Then *a certeine* man drewe a bowe [y] myghtely, & ſmote the King of Iſrael betwene the ioyntes [z] of his brigādine: therefore he ſaid to his charetman, Turne thine hand, and carie me out of the hoſte: for I am hurt.

34 And the battel increaſed that day: and the King of Iſraél [a] ſtode ſtil in his charet againſt the Aramites vntil euen, and dyed at the time of ỹ ſunne going down.

CHAP. XIX.

4 After Iehoſhaphát was rebuked by the Prophet, he called againe the people to the honoring of the Lord. 5 He appointeth iudges and miniſters. 9 And exhorteth them to feare God.

1 AND Iehoſhaphát the King of Iudáh returned [b] ſafe to his houſe in Ieruſalém.

2 And Iehú ỹ ſonne of Hanáni the Seer wēt

f Yet the true miniſters of God ought not to ceaſe to do their duetie, ahogh the wicked magiſtrates can not abide them to ſpeake the trueth

g Meaning, ỹ he ought not to refuſe to heare any that was of God

h That is, in their maieſtie and royal apparel.

i Read 1 King. 22,11.

k Thinking, ỹ where as foure hundreth Prophetes had agreed in one thing, that he being but one man, and in leaſt eſtimatiō durſt not gaine ſay it.

l He ſpake this by derisiō of the falſe Prophetes, as the King wel perceiued.

m He propheſieth how the people ſhulde be diſperſed & Aháb ſleane.

n Meaning, his Angels

o Or, deceiue.

p That is, the Lord

q So they that wil not beleue ỹ trueth, God ſendeth ſtrong deluſion, that they ſhulde beleue lyes, 2. Theſſ. 2, 10

r By this cruelie his ambitiō and hypocriſie was diſcouered thō the hypocrites boaſt of ỹ Spirit which they haue not, and declare their malice againſt thē, in whome the true Spirit is.

s Kepe him ſtreictly in priſon and let him tele hunger and thirſt.

t Or, Michaiáh.

u Thus ỹ wicked thinke by their owne ſubtiltie to eſcape Gods iudgements, ẅ he threatened by his wordes.

x He cryed to the Lord by acknowledging his faute in going with this wicked King to warre againſt the worde of the Lord by his Prophet, and alſo by ſtirring mercie for the time.

y Ebrue, his ſimplicitie, or, ſo ſtantly

z Or, betweene the habergit

a He diſſembled his hurt, that his ſoldiers might fight more courageouſly.

b Ebrue, in peace.

out to mete him, and ſaid to King Iehoſhaphát, a Wouldeſt thou helpe the wicked, and loue them that hate the Lord? therefore for this thing ỹ wrath b of the Lord is vpon thee.

3 Neuertheles good things are founde in thee, becauſe thou haſt take away the groues out of the land, and haſt prepared thine heart to ſeke God.

4 ¶ So Iehoſhaphat dwelt at Ieruſalém, & returned and went c through the people from Beer-ſhebá to mount Ephráim, and broght them againe vnto the Lord God of their fathers.

5 And he ſet iudges in the land throughout all the ſtrong cities of Iudáh, citie by citie,

6 And ſaid to the iudges, Take hede what ye do: for ye execute not the iudgements of man, but of the Lord, & *he wilbe* d with you in the cauſe *and* iudgement.

7 Wherefore now let the feare of ỹ Lord be vpon you: take hede, & do it: for there is no e iniquitie with the Lord our God, nether * reſpect of perſones, nor receiuing of rewarde.

8 Moreouer in Ieruſalém did Iehoſhaphát ſet of the Leuites, and of the Prieſts and of the chief of the families of Iſraél, for the iudgement and cauſe of the Lord: and they f returned to Ieruſalém.

9 And he charged them, ſaying, Thus ſhal ye do in the feare of the Lord faithfully and with a perfite heart.

10 And in euerie cauſe that ſhal come to you of your brethren that dwel in their cities, betwene g blood and blood, betwene lawe and precept, ſtatutes and iudgemẽts, *ye ſhal iudge them*, and admoniſh them that they treſpaſſe not againſt the Lord, that h wrath come not vpon you and vpõ your brethrẽ. Thus ſhal ye do & treſpaſſe not.

11 And beholde, Amariáh the Prieſt *ſhall e* ỹ chief ouer you in all matters of the Lord, & Zebadiáh the ſonne of Iſhmaél, a ruler of the houſe of Iudáh, *ſhalbe* for all the i Kings affaires, & the Leuites *ſhalbe* officers k before you. Be of courage, and do it, and the Lord ſhalbe with the l good.

CHAP. XX.

Iehoſhaphát and the people pray vnto the Lord. 22 The marueilous victorie that the Lord gaue him againſt his enemies. 30 His reigne and actes.

1 AFter this alſo came the children of Moáb and the children of Ammón, and with them of the a Ammonites againſt Iehoſhaphát to battel.

2 Thẽ there came that tolde Iehoſhaphát, ſaying, There cometh a great multitude againſt thee from beyonde the b Sea, out of Arám: and beholde, they be in Hazzón Tamár, which is En-gédi.

3 And Iehoſhaphát feared, and ſet him ſelfe c to ſeke the Lord, and proclaimed a faſt throughout all Iudáh.

4 And Iudáh gathered them ſelues together to aſke counſil of the Lord: they came euẽ out of all the cities of Iudáh to inquire of the Lord.

5 And Iehoſhaphát ſtode in the Congregacion of Iudáh and Ieruſalém in the houſe of the Lord before the new court,

6 And ſaid, O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heauen? and reigneſt not thou on all the kingdomes of the heathẽ? and in thine hand is power and might, & none is able to withſtand thee.

7 Dideſt not thou our God caſt out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Iſraél, and d gaueſt it to the ſede of Abrahám thy friend for euer?

8 And they dwelt therein, and haue buylt thee a Sanctuarie therein for thy Name, ſaying,

9 *If euil come vpon vs, as the e ſworde of iudgement, or peſtilence, or famine, we wil ſtand before this houſe and in thy preſence (for thy Name f is in this houſe) & wil crye vnto thee in our tribulacion, and thou wilt heare and helpe.

10 And now beholde, the children of *Ammón and Moáb, and moũt Seír, by whome thou woldeſt not let Iſraél go, when they came out of the land of Egypt: but they turned aſide from them, and deſtroyed them not:

11 Beholde, I ſay, thei rewarde vs, in cõming to caſt vs out of thine inheritance, which thou haſt cauſed vs to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not iudge them? for there is no ſtrẽgth in vs *to ſtand* before this great multitude that cõmeth againſt vs, nether do we know what to do: but our eyes g are towarde thee.

13 And all Iudáh ſtode h before the Lord with their yong ones, their wiues, and their children.

14 And Iahaziél the ſonne of Zechariáh the ſonne of Benaiáh, the ſonne of Ieiél, the ſõne of Mattaniáh, a Leuite of the ſonnes of Aſáph *was there*, vpon whome came i the Spirit of the Lord, in the middes of the Congregacion.

15 And he ſaid, Hearken ye, all Iudáh, & ye inhabitants of Ieruſalém, and thou, King Iehoſhaphát: thus ſaith the Lord vnto you, Feare you not, nether be afraied for this great multitude: for the k battel *is* not yours, but Gods.

16 To morowe go ye downe againſt them: beholde, they come vp by the cleft of Ziz, and ye ſhal finde them at the end of the broke before the wildernes of Ieruél.

17 Ye ſhal not nede to fight in this *battel. *ſtand ſtil, moue not, and beholde the l ſaluacion of the Lord towarde you, ô Iudáh,

and

a He declareth that the wrath and iudgement of God is euer all ſuche, that ſupporte the wicked, and rather ſhewe not in dede ỹ they are enemies to all ſuche as hate ỹ Lord

b *His wrath frõ the Lord*

b He viſited all his coũtrei and broght his people from idolatrie to ỹ knowledge of the true God.

c Bothe to preſerue you, if you do iuſtely, or to puniſh you, if you do the contrarie

d He wil declare by the ſharpenes of ỹ puniſhement, that he hateth all iniquitie.

Deu.10.17. iob 34.19. act.10.34. rom 2.11. gal.2.6. ephe.6.9. 5.26. 1 pet.1.17

e The Prieſts and Leuites ſhulde iudge matters according to the worde of the Lord

f That is, to trye whither ỹ murther was done at vnwares or els on ſet purpoſe, Nomb 35.11 deut 4.41.

g Meaning, ỹ God wolde puniſh them moſte ſharpely, if they wold not execute iuſtice right

h Shalbe ch ef ouerſeer of ỹ publike affaires of the realme

i Thei ſhal haue the handeling of inferiour cauſes

k God wil aſſiſt them that do iuſtice

a That is, ẽ coũterfaited ỹ Ammonites in langage & apparel. The Hebrews thinke that they were ỹ Amalekites, but as may appeare by the 20 verſe, they were the Idumeans of moũt Seir

b Called the dead ſea where God deſtroyed the fiue cities for ſinne

c This declareth what the feare of the godlie is, ẽ is as a pricke to ſtirre them to prayer, and to depende on ỹ Lord, where as it moueth the wicked ether to ſeke after worldly meanes & policies, or els to fall into deſpaire.

d He groũdeth his prayer vpõ Gods power, whereby he is able to helpe, and alſo on his mercie, which he wil cõmme toward his, for as much as he hath once choſen them and begonne to ſhewe his graces towarde them

1.King.8.37. chap 6.28.

e Meaning, warre which commeth by Gods iuſte iudgements for our ſinnes

f That is, it is here called vpon, and thou declareſt thy preſence and fauour

Deu 2.9. nehem 13.2

g We onely put our truſt in thee and waite for our deliuerance frõ heauen

h That is, before the Arke of ỹ couenant.

i Which was moued by the Spirit of God to prophecie.

k They ſpeake againſt God, & perſuade you that he wil fight for you

l Or, *ſtil and ſee*

Exod 14.13.

and Ieruſalém, feare ye not, nether be afraied: tomorowe go out againſt them, and the Lord *wilbe* with you.

18 ¶ Then Iehoſhaphát [i] bowed downe with his face to the earth, and all Iudah & the inhabitants of Ieruſalém fell downe before the Lord, worſhiping the Lord.

19 And the Leuites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Corhites ſtode vp to praiſe the Lord God of Iſraél with a loude voice on hie.

20 And when they aroſe early in the morning, they went forthe to the wildernes of Tekóa: & as they departed, Iehoſhaphát ſtode and ſaid, Heare ye me, ô Iudáh, and ye inhabitáts of Ieruſalém: put your truſt in the Lord your God, and ye ſhalbe aſſured: beleue his [m] Prophetes, and ye ſhal proſper.

21 And whē he had conſulted with the people, and appointed ſingers vnto the Lord, & them that ſhulde praiſe *him that is* in the beautiful Sanctuarie, in going forthe before the men of armes, & ſaying, [n] Praiſe ye the Lord, for his mercie *laſteth* for euer,

22 And when they began to ſhoute, and to praiſe, the Lord laied ambuſhmēts againſt the childrē of Ammón, Moáb, and [o] moút Seír, which were come againſt Iudáh, and they ſlewe one another.

23 For the children of Ammón and Moáb roſe againſt the inhabitáts of mount Seír, to ſlea & to deſtroye *them*: and when they had made an end of the inhabitáts of Seír, euerie one helped to [p] deſtroy another.

24 And when Iudáh came toward Mizpáh in the wildernes, they loked vnto the multitude: and beholde, the carkeiſes were fallen to the earth, and none eſcaped.

25 And when Iehoſhaphát and his people came to take away the ſpoyle of them, thei found amōg them in abundance bothe of ſubſtance & alſo of bodies *ladē* with precious iewels, which thei toke for thē ſelues, til they colde cary nomore: they were thre dayes in gathering of the ſpoile: for it was muche.

26 And in the fourte day thei [q] aſſembled them ſelues in the valley of Berachāh: for there thei bleſſed the Lord: therefore thei called the name of that place, The vallei of Berachāh vnto this day.

27 Thē euerie man of Iudáh & Ieruſalém retu-ned with Iehoſhaphát their head, to go againe to Ieruſalém with ioye: for the Lord had made thē to reioyce ouer their enemies.

28 And they came to Ieruſalém with violes, and with harpes, and with trumpets, *euen* vnto the houſe of the Lord.

29 And the [r] feare of God was vpon all the kingdomes of the earth, when they had heard that the Lord had foght againſt the enemies of Iſraél.

30 So ỹ kingdome of Iehoſhaphát was quiet, & his God gaue him reſt on euery ſide.

31 ¶ And * Iehoſhaphát reigned ouer Iudáh, and *was* fiue & thirtie yere olde, whē he began to reigne: and reigned fiue and twētie yere in Ieruſalém, and his mothers name was Azubáh the daughter of Shilhí. *1.Kin.22.42

32 And he walked in the [s] waye of Aſá his father, and departed not therefrom, doing that which was right in the ſight of the Lord.

33 Howbeit the hie places were [t] not taken away: for the people had not yet prepared their hearts vnto the God of their fathers.

34 Concerning ỹ reſt of the actes of Iehoſhaphát firſt and laſt, beholde, thei are written in the boke of Iehú the ſonne of Hanáni, which * is mencioned in the boke of the Kings of Iſraél.

35 ¶ Yet after this did Iehoſhaphát King of Iudáh ioyne him ſelfe with Ahaziáh King of Iſraél, who was giuen to do euil.

36 And he ioyned with him, to * make ſhippes to go to Tarſhíſh: and thei made the ſhippes in Ezión Gabér.

37 Then Eliézer the ſonne of Dodauáh of Mareſhāh prophecied againſt Iehoſhaphát, ſaying, Becauſe thou haſt [u] ioyned thy ſelf with Ahaziáh, the Lord hathe broken thy workes. and the ſhippes were broken, that thei were not able to go to Tarſhíſh.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Iehoſhaphát dyeth. 3 Iehorám ſuccedeth him. 4 Which killeth his brethrē. 6 He was broght to idolatrie. 11 And ſeduceth the people. 16 He is oppreſſed of the Philiſtims. 18 His miſerable end.

1 IEhoſhaphát thē ſlept with his fathers, and was buryed with his fathers in the citie of Dauid: and Iehorám his ſonne reigned in his ſtead.

2 And he had brethren the ſonnes of Iehoſhaphát, Azariáh, and Iehiél, & Zechariáh, and Azariáh, and Michaél, & Shephatiáh. All theſe were the ſonnes of Iehoſhaphát King of [a] Iſraél.

3 And their father gaue them great giftes of ſiluer and of golde, and of precious things, with ſtrong cities in Iudáh, but the kingdome gaue he to Iehorám: for he was the eldeſt.

4 *And Iehorám roſe vp vpō the kīgdome of his father, and made him ſelfe ſtrōg, & [b] ſlewe all his brethren with the ſworde, and alſo of the princes of [c] Iſraél.

5 Iehorám was two and thirtie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and he reigned eight yere in Ieruſalem.

6 And he walked in the waye of the Kings of Iſraél, as the houſe of Áhab had done: for he had the daughter of Ahāb to [d] wife, and he wroght euil in the eies of ỹ Lord.

i Declaring his faith and obedience to the worde of the Lord, and giuing thankes for the deliuerance promiſed.

m Giue credit to their wordes and doctrine.

n This was a pſalme of thākes giuing, wh they vſed cōmunely to ſing whē they praiſed the Lord for his benefites, and was made by Dauid, Pſal.136.

o Meaning, the Idumeans, wh dwelt in moūt Seír.

p Thus the Lord according to Iehoſhaphats prair declared his power when he deliuered his by cauſing their enemies to kilone another

q To giue thākes to the Lord for the victorie and therefore the valley was called Berachāh, that is, Bleſſing or thākes giuing, which was alſo called the valley of Iehoſhaphát, Ioel.3.2 & 12. becauſe the Lord iudged ỹ enemies accordīg to Iehoſhaphats praier.

r He declareth hereby, that ỹ workes of God beīg ouer cōforte or deliuerance to his, & feaſte or deſtrūctiō to his enemies

s Meaning, in his vertues & thoſe waies, wherein he followed God.

t If the great care and diligence of this good King was not able vtterly to aboliſh all ſuperſtition & idolatrie out of this people, but that they wolde ſtil reteine their filth and idolatrie, how muche leſſe are they able to reforme euil, whether haue litle zeale, or not ſuche as he had thogh herein he was not to be excuſed?

u Thus God wolde not haue his to ioyne in ſocietie with idolaters & wicked me.

a Read chap. 15.17 how by Iſraél is meant Iudáh

b Becauſe the wicked liue euer in feare & alſo are ambitious, they become cruel, & ſpare not to murther them, whome by nature they ought moſte to cheriſh & defend

c Meaning, of Iudah & Beniamin

d So that we ſe how it cān not be ỹ we ſhulde ioyne with ỹ wicked & ſerue God.

7 Howbeit the Lord wolde not destroy the house of Dauid, because of the *couenant that he had made with Dauid, and because he had promised to giue a light to him, and to his sonnes for euer.

*2.Sam.7.12. 1.King 2.4. & 9.5. 2 king 8.19. chap 6.16.

8 ¶In his dayes Edóm rebelled frō vnder the hand of Iudáh, and made a King ouer them.

9 And Iehorám wēt forthe with his princes, and all his charets with him: & he rose vp by night, and smote Edóm, which had cōpassed him in, and the captaines of the charets.

10 But Edóm rebelled from vnder the hād of Iudáh vnto this day. thē did e Libnah rebell at the same time from vnder his hand, because he had forsaken the Lord God of his fathers.

e Read 2 King. 8.22.

11 ¶Moreouer he made hie places in the mountaines of Iudáh, and caused the inhabitants of Ierusalém to commit f fornicacion, and compelled Iudáh *thereto*.

f Meaning, idolatrie, because that the idolater breaketh promes with God, as doeth the adultéresse to her husband

12 And there came a writing to him from g Eliáh the Prophet, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of Dauid thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the waies of Iehoshaphát thy father, nor in the wayes of Asā King of Iudáh,

g Some thinke that this was Elisha, so called, because he had the Spirit in abundance, as had Eliáh.

13 But hast walked in the way of the Kings of Israél, and hast made Iudáh and the inhabitants of Ierusalém to go a whoring, as the house of Aháb went a whoring, and hast also sleane thy brethrē of thy fathers house, which were better then thou,

14 Beholde, with a great plague wil ỹ Lord smite thy people, and thy children, & thy wiues, and all thy substance,

15 And thou shalt be in great diseases in the disease of thy bowels, vntil h thy bowels fall out for the disease, day by day.

h We se this example daily practised vpō them that fall away frō God, and become idolaters and murtherers of their brethrē.

16 ¶So the Lord stirred vp against Iehorám the spirit of the Philistims, and the Arabians that were beside the i Ethiopiās.

i There were other Arabiās in Africa Southward. 20 ward Egypt.

17 And they came vp into Iudáh, and brake into it, and caried away all the substāce that was founde in the Kings house, & his sonnes also, and his wiues, so that there was not a sonne left him, saue k Iehoaház, the yongest of his sonnes.

k Called also Ahaziáh, as Chap 22.1. or Azariáh, ver. 6

18 And after all this, the Lord smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19 And in processe of time, euen after the ēd of two yeres, his guttes fell out with his disease: so he dyed of sore diseases: & his people made no burning for him like the burning of his fathers.

20 When he began to reigne, he was two and thirtie yere olde, and reigned in Ierusalém eight yere, l and liued without being desired: yet they buryed him in the citie of Dauid, but not among the sepulchres of the Kings.

l That is, as some write, he was not regarded, but deposed for his wickednes & idolatrie: so that his sonne reigned 22 yeres, (his father yet lyuing) without honour & after his fathers death he was cōfirmed to reigne stil, as Chap 24.2.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Ahaziáh reigneth after Iehorám. 8 Iehú King of Israel killeth Ahaziáh 10 Athaliáh putteth to death all the Kings issue 11 Ioash escapeth.

1 AND *the inhabitants of Ierusalém made Ahaziáh his yōgest sonne King in his stead: for the armie ỹ came a with the Arabians to the campe, had sleane all the eldest: therefore Ahaziáh the sonne of Iehorám King of Iudáh reigned.

*2.King.8.24.

a Meaning, the Philistims.

2 Two and b fourty yere olde was Ahaziáh whē he began to reigne, & he reigned c one yere in Ierusalém. and his mothers name was Athaliáh the daughter d of Omrí.

b Read Chap. 21.20

c That is, after the death of his father.

d She was Ahabs daughter, who was the sonne of Omri.

3 He walked also in the waies of the house of Aháb: for his mother counseled him to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did euil in the sight of the Lord, like the house of Ahab: for they were his e counselers after the death of his father, to his destruction.

e He sheweth, that it must nedes followe that the rulers are suche as their counselers be, & that there can not be a good King, that suffreth wicked counselers.

5 And he walked after their counsel, and went with Iehorám the sonne of Aháb King of Israél to fight against Hazaél King of Arám at Ramóth Gilcád: and the Aramites smote Ioram.

6 ¶And he returned to be healed in Izreél, because of the woūdes wherewith they had wounded him at Ramáh, when he fought with Hazaél King of Arám. Now Azariáh the sonne of Iehorám King of Iudáh went downe to se Iehorám the sonne of Aháb at Izreél, because he was diseased.

7 And the destruction of Ahaziáh f came of God in that he wēt to Iorám: for when he was come, he went forthe with Iehorám against Iehú the sonne of Nimshí, *whome the Lord had anointed to destroye the house of Aháb.

f Hereby we se how nothīg can come to any, but by Gods prouidēce & as he hathe appointed, & therefore he causeth all meanes to serue to his wil. 2 Kng. 9.7. *Or, take vengeaūce.

8 Therefore when Iehú *executed iudgement vpon the house of Aháb, and foūde the princes of Iudáh and the sonnes of the brethren of Ahaziáh that waited on Ahaziáh, he slewe them also.

9 And he soght Ahaziáh, and they caught hī where he was hid in Samaria, & broght him to Iehú, and slewe him, and buryed him, because, said they, he is the sonne of g Iehoshaphát, which soght the Lord with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziáh was not able to reteine the kingdome.

g This was ỹ iuste plague of God, because he ioyned him selfe w Gods enemies: yet God to declare the worthines of Iehoshaphát his grandfather, moued them to giue him ỹ honour of buryal 2.King 12.21.

10 ¶*Therefore when Athaliáh the mother of Ahaziáh sawe that her sonne was dead, she arose and h destroyed all the Kings sede of the house of Iudáh.

h So the intēt ỹ there shulde be none to make rule to the crowne, & so she might vsurpe the gouernement.

11 But Iehoshabeáth the daughter of the King, toke Ioásh the sonne of Ahaziáh, and stale him from among the Kings sonnes, that shulde be sleane, and put him and his nurce in the bed chamber: so Iehoshabeáth the daughter of King Iehorám the wife of Iehoiadā the Priest (for she

was

waſthe ſiſter of Ahaziáh)hid him from Athaliáh:ſo ſhe ſlewe him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the [i]houſe of God ſix yeres, whiles Athaliáh reigned ouer the [k] land.

i Meaning, in the chamber, where the Prieſts and Leuites ſlept, & kept their courſes weekly in ỹ Tẽple

k To wit, of Iudáh

CHAP. XXIII.

Ioáſh the ſonne of Ahaziáh is made King. 3 Athaliah is put to death 17 The Temple of Báal is deſtroyed. 19 Iehoiadá appoynteth miniſters in the Temple.

2 King. 11, 4.

1 AND* [a] in the ſeuente yere Iehoiadá waxed bolde, and toke the captaines of hundreths, *to wit*, Azariáh the ſonne of Ierohám, and Iſhmaél the ſonne of Iehohanán, and Azariáh the ſonne of Obéd, and Maaſiáh the ſonne of Adaiáh, and Eliſhaphát the ſonne of Zichrí in couenant with him.

a Of the reigne of Athaliáh, or after ỹ death of Ahaziah.

2 And they went about in Iudáh, & gathered the Leuites out of all the cities of Iudáh, and the chief fathers [b] of Iſraél: and they came to Ieruſalém.

b Meaning of Iudah & Beniamin read why they are called Iſrael, Chap. 15, 17

3 And all the Congregacion made a couenant with the King in the houſe of God: & he ſaid vnto them, Beholde, the Kings ſonne muſte reigne, *as ỹ Lord hathe ſaid of the ſonnes of Dauid.

2. Sam. 7, 12. 1 king. 2, 4. chap. 21, 7.

4 This is it that ye ſhal do, The third parte of you that come on the Sabbath of the Prieſts, and the Leuites, *ſhalbe* porters of the dores.

5 And *another* third parte towarde the Kings houſe, and *another* third parte at the *gate of the [c] fundacion, and all the people *ſhalbe* in ỹ courtes of the houſe of the Lord.

2. King. 11, 6.

c Which was the chief gate of the Temple toward ỹ East

6 But let none come into the houſe of the Lord, ſaue the Prieſts, and the Leuites that miniſter: they ſhal go in, for they are holy: but all the people ſhal kepe the watch of the Lord.

7 And the Leuites ſhal compaſſe the Kīg round about, and euerie mā with his weapon in his hand, and he that entreth [d] into the houſe, ſhalbe ſleane, and be you with the King, when he commeth in, and when he goeth out.

d Meaning, to make any tumulte or to hinder their enterpriſe.

8 ¶So the Leuites and all Iudáh did according to all things that Iehoiadá the Prieſt had commanded, and toke euery man his men that came on the Sabbath, with them that [e] went out on the Sabbath: for Iehoiadá the Prieſt did not diſcharge the courſes.

e Which had finiſhed their courſe on the Sabbath, & to the other part entred to kepe their turne.

9 And Iehoiadá the Prieſt deliuered to the captaines of hundreths ſpeares, and ſhields, and bucklers which had bene King Dauids, and were in the houſe of God.

10 And he cauſed all the people to ſtād (euerie man with his weapon in his hand) from the right ſide of the houſe, to the left ſide of the houſe by the altar and by the [f] houſe rounde about the King.

f Meaning the moſte holy place where ỹ Arke ſtode.

11 Then they broght out the Kings ſonne, and put vpon him the crowne and *gaue him* the [g] teſtimonie, and made him King. And Iehoiadá and his ſonnes anointed him, and ſaid, God ſaue the King.

g That is, the boke of the Law, or as ſome read, they put vpon him his royal apparel.

12 ¶But when Athaliáh heard the noiſe of the people running and praiſing the King, ſhe came to the people into the houſe of the Lord.

13 And whē [a] ſhe loked, beholde, the King ſtode by his piller at the entring in, & the princes & the trumpets by the King, & all the people of the land reioyced, and blewe the trumpets, and the ſingers *were* with inſtruments of muſike, and they that colde ſing praiſe: then Athaliáh rent her clothes, and ſaid, [h] Treaſon, treaſon.

a Or, *ſawe the King ſtanding.*

h Declaring her vile ipudēcie, which hauing vniuſtly, & by murther vſurped the crowne, wolde ſtil haue defeated the true poſſeſſor, and therefore called true obediēce, treaſon.

14 Then Iehoiadá the Prieſt broght out the captaines of hundreths that were gouerners of the hoſte, and ſaid vnto them, Haue her forthe of the ranges, & he that [i] followeth her, let him dye by ỹ ſworde: for the Prieſt had ſaid, Slea her not in the houſe of the Lord.

15 So they layed hands on her: and when ſhe was come to the entring of the horſe-gate by the Kings houſe, thei ſlewe her there.

i To ioyne ẅ her partie, & to maintein her authoritie.

16 ¶And Iehoiadá made a [k] couenant betwene him, and all the people, and the King, that they wolde be the Lords people.

k That they wolde onely ſerue him and renounce all idolatrie

17 And all the people went to the houſe of Báal, and [l] deſtroyed it, and brake his altars and his images, and ſlewe [m] Mattán the Prieſt of Báal before the altars.

l According to their couenant made to the Lord

m As the Lord commanded in his Lawe bothe for the perſone and alſo the citie, Deu. 13, 9 & 15

18 And Iehoiadá appointed officers for the houſe of the Lord, vnder the [o] hands of the Prieſts and Leuites, whome Dauid had diſtributed for the houſe of the Lord, to offer burnt offrings vnto the Lord, *as it is written in the Lawe of Moſes, with reioycing and ſinging by the appointement of Dauid.

o Or, *charge.*

Numb. 28, 3.

19 And he ſet porters by the gates of the houſe of the Lord, that none that was vncleane in any thing, ſhulde entre in.

20 And he toke the captaines of hundreths, and the noble men, and the gouerners of the people, and all the people of the land, and he cauſed the King to come downe out of the houſe of the Lord, and they went through [n] the hie gate of the Kings houſe, and ſet the King vpon the throne of the kingdome.

n Which was the principal gate, that the King might be ſene of all the people.

21 Then all the people of the land reioyced, & the citie was quiet, [o] after that thei had ſleane Athaliáh with the ſworde.

o For where a tyrant & an idolater reigneth, there can be no quietnes for ỹ plagues of God are euer amōg ſuch people.

CHAP. XXIIII.

Ioáſh repayreth the houſe of the Lord 17 After the death of Iehoiada he falleth to idolatrie 21 He ſtoneth to death Zecharíah the Prophet 25 Ioáſh is killed

of his owne seruants 27 After him reigneth Amaziáh.

2.King. 12,1. IOash* *was* seuen yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned fourtie yere in Ierusalém: and his mothers name was Zibiáh of Beer-shéba.

2 And Ioásh did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, all the dayes of [a] Iehoiadá the Prieſt.

a Who was a faithful counſeler, and gouerned him by the worde of God.

3 And Iehoiadá [o] toke him two wiues, and he begate ſonnes and daughters.

o Or, gaue him two wiues.

4 ¶ And afterward it came into Ioásh minde, to renue the houſe of the Lord.

5 And he aſſembled the Prieſtes and the Leuites, & ſaid to them, Go out vnto the cities of Iudáh, and gather of all [b] Israél money to repaire the houſe of your God, from yere to yere, and haſte the thing: but the Leuites haſted not.

b He meaneth not the ten tribes, but onely the two tribes of Iudáh and Beniamin.

6 Therefore the King called Iehoiadá, the [c] chief, and ſaid vnto him, Why haſt thou not required of the Leuites to bring in out of Iudáh and Ieruſalém * the taxe of Moſés the ſeruant of the Lord, and of the Congregacion of Israél, for the Tabernacle of the teſtimonie?

c For he was the hie Prieſt.

Exod. 30,13.

7 For [d] wicked Athaliáh, & her children brake vp the houſe of God: and all the things that were dedicate for the houſe of the Lord, did thei beſtowe vpon Baalím.

d The Scripture doeth terme her thus, becauſe ſhe was a cruel murtherer, and a blaſphemous idolatreſſe

8 Therefore the King commanded, * and they made a cheſt, and ſet it at the gate of the houſe of the Lord.

2.King. 12,9.

9 And they made proclamacion through Iudáh and Ieruſalém, to bring vnto the Lord * the taxe of Moſés the ſeruant of God, *laid* vpon Israél in the wildernes.

Exod. 30,13.

10 And all the princes and all the people reioyced, and broght in, and caſt into the cheſt, vntil they had finiſhed.

11 And when it was time, [e] thei broght the cheſt vnto the Kings officer by the hand of the Leuites: and when they ſawe that there was muche ſiluer, then ỹ Kings Scribe (& one appointed by ỹ hie Prieſt) came and emptied the cheſt, and toke it, and caried it to his place againe: thus they did day by day, and gathered ſiluer in abundance.

e Such as were truſtie men, whome the king had appointed for that matter.

12 And the King and [f] Iehoiadá gaue it to ſuche as did the labour & worke in the houſe of the Lord, and hyred maſons and carpenters to repaire the houſe of the Lord: *they gaue it* alſo to workers of yron and braſſe, to repaire the houſe of the Lord.

f Signifying, ỹ this thing was done by aduiſe and counſel, and not by any one mans affection.

13 So the workemen wroght, and the worke [g] amended through their hands: and they reſtored the houſe of God to his ſtate, & ſtrengthened it.

g For a medicine was vpon the worke, meaning, it was repaired.

14 And when they had finiſhed it, they broght the reſt of the ſiluer before the King and Iehoiadá, and he made thereof veſſels for the houſe of the Lord, *euen* veſſels to miniſter, bothe morters & *incenſe* cuppes, and veſſels of golde, and of ſiluer: and they offred burntoffrings in the houſe of the Lord continually all the dayes of Iehoiadá.

g For the wicked Kings his preuecessours and Athaliah had deſtroied the veſſels of the ſemple, or turned the to ỹ vſe of their idoles.

15 ¶ But Iehoiadá waxed olde, and was ful of daies and dyed. An hundreth and thirtie yere olde *was he* when he dyed.

16 And thei buryed him in the citie of Dauid with the [h] Kings, becauſe he had done good in Israél, and toward God and his houſe.

h Signifying, that thei colde not honour hī to muche, who had ſo excellently ſerued in ỹ worke of ỹ Lord, and in the affaires of ỹ cōmune wealth

17 ¶ And after the death of Iehoiadá, came the [i] princes of Iudáh, and did reuerēce to the King, & the King hearkened vnto them.

i Which were flatterers, and knewe now ỹ the King was deſtitute of hī who did watche ouer him as a father, & therefore broght him to moſte vile idolatrie

18 And they left the houſe of the Lord God of their fathers, and ſerued groues and idoles: and wrath came vpon Iudáh and Ieruſalém, becauſe of this their treſpas.

19 And *God* ſent Prophetes among them, to bring them againe vnto the Lord: and thei [k] made proteſtation among them, but they wolde not heare.

k They toke heauē & earth and all creatures to witnes, that except they returned to the Lord, he wolde moſte grieuouſly puniſh their infidelitie & rebellion.

20 And the Spirit of God came vpon Zechariáh the ſonne of Iehoiadá the Prieſt, which ſtode [l] aboue the people, and ſaid vnto them, Thus ſaith God, Why tranſgreſſe ye the commandements of ỹ Lord, ſurely it ſhal not proſper: becauſe ye haue forſaken the Lord, he alſo hathe forſaken you.

l In a place aboue the people to the intēt ỹ he might be heard

21 Then they conſpired againſt him and ſtoned him with ſtones at the [m] commandement of the King, in the court of the houſe of the Lord.

m There is no rage ſo cruel & beaſtely as of them whoſe heartes God hathe hardened, and ỹ delite more in ſuperſtition & idolatrie, then in the true ſeruice of God & pure ſimplicitie of his worde

22 Thus Ioásh the King remembred not ỹ kindenes which Iehoiadá his father had done to him, but ſlewe his ſonne. And whē he dyed, he ſaid, The Lord [n] loke vpō it, & require it.

n Reuenge my death & require my blood at your hands or he ſpeaketh this by prophecie, becauſe he knewe that God wolde do it This Zacharie is alſo called the ſonne of Barachie Mat 23, 35, becauſe his progenitours were Iddó, Barachiáh, Iehoiadá, &c.

23 ¶ And when the yere was out, the hoſte of Arám came vp againſt him, and thei came againſt Iudah and Ieruſalém, & deſtroyed all the princes of the people frō among the people, and ſent all the ſpoile of them vnto the King of Damaſcus.

24 Thogh the armie of Arám came with a ſmall company of mē, yet the Lord deliuered a very great armie into their hand, becauſe they had forſaken the Lord God of their fathers: and they [o] gaue ſentence againſt Ioáſh.

o That is, reproued & checked him, and handeled him rigorouſly

25 And when thei were departed from him, (for thei left him in great diſeaſes) his owne ſeruants conſpired againſt him for the blood of the [p] children of Iehoiada the Prieſt, and ſlewe him on his bed, and he dyed, and they buryed him in the citie of Dauid: but they buryed him not in the

p Meaning Zacharie ỹ was one of Iehoiadas ſonnes & a Prophet of the Lord.

the ſepulchres of the Kings.

26 And *the reſt* of the actes of Amaziáh, *both* the firſte and the laſte, behold, are they not writen in the boke of the Kings of Iudáh and Iſráel?

27 From the time that Amaziáh turned away from the LORD, they made a conſpiracie againſt him in Ieruſalém, and he fled to Lachís: but they ſent after him to Lachís, and ſlewe him there.

28 And they brought him vpon horſes, and buried him with his fathers in the cite of Iudáh.

CHAP. XXV.

3 Amaziáh putteth them to death which ſlewe his father. 10 He ſendeth backe them of Iſrael. 11 He ouercõmeth the Edomites. 14 He falleth to idolatrie. 17 And Ioáſh King of Iſrael ouercommeth Amaziáh. 27 He is ſlayne by a conſpiracie.

1 AMaziáh was fiue and twentie yere olde, when he began to reigne, & he reigned nine and twentie yere in * Ieruſalém: & his mothers name *was* Iehoaddán, of Ieruſalém.

2 And he did [a] vprightly in the eyes of the LORD, but not with a perfite heart.

3 And when the kingdome was eſtabliſhed vnto him, he ſlewe his ſeruants, that had ſlayne the King his father.

4 But he ſlewe not their children, but *did*, as it is writen in the Law, *and* in the boke of Moſés, where the LORD commanded, ſaying, * The fathers ſhal not dye for the [b] children, neither ſhal the children dye for the fathers, but euerie man ſhal dye for his owne ſinne.

5 ¶ And Amaziáh aſſembled Iudáh, and made them captaines ouer thouſands, & captaines ouer hundreths according to the houſes of their fathers, throughout all Iudáh and Beniamín: & he nombred them from [c] twentie yere olde and aboue, and founde among them three hundreth thouſand choſen mé, to go forthe to the warre, and to handle ſpeare and ſhield.

6 He hyred alſo an hundreth thouſand valiant men [d] out of Iſráel for an hundreth talents of ſiluer.

7 But a man of God came to him, ſaying, O King, let not the armie of Iſráel go with thee: for the LORD is not [e] with Iſráel, *nether* with all the houſe of Ephráim.

8 If [f] not, go thou on, do it, make thy ſelfe ſtrõg to the battel, *but* God ſhal make thee fall before ỹ enemie: for God hathe power to helpe, and to caſt downe.

9 And Amaziah ſaid to the man of God, What ſhal we do then for the hundreth talents, ẅ I haue giuen to the hoſte of Iſraél? Then ỹ man of God anſwered, The LORD is able to [g] giue thee more then this.

10 So Amaziáh ſeparated thé, *to wit*, the armie that was come to him out of Ephráim, to returne to their place: wherefore their wrath was kindled greatly againſt Iudáh, and they returned to their places with great angre.

11 Then Amaziah was encouraged, and led forthe his people, & went to the ſalt valley, and ſmote of the children of [h] Seír, ten thouſand.

12 And *other* ten thouſand did the children of Iudáh take aliue, and caryed them to the toppe of a [i] rocke, and caſt thé downe from the toppe of the rocke, and they all burſt to pieces.

13 But the men of the [k] armie, which Amaziáh ſent away, that they ſhulde not go with his people to battel, fell vpon the cities of Iudah from Samaria vnto Bethhorón, and ſmote thre thouſand of them, and toke muche ſpoyle.

14 Now after that Amaziáh was come frõ the ſlaughter of the Edomites, he broght the gods of the children of Seír, and ſet them vp to be his gods, and [l] worſhiped them, and burned incenſe vnto them.

15 Wherefore the LORD was wroth with Amaziáh, and ſent vnto him a Prophet, which ſaid vnto him, Why haſt ỹ ſoght the gods of the people, which were not able to [m] deliuer their owne people out of thine hand?

16 And as he talked with him, [n] he ſaid vnto him, Haue thei made thee ỹ Kings counſeler? ceaſe thou: why ſhulde they [o] ſmite thee? And the Prophet ceaſed, but ſaid, I knowe that God hathe determined to deſtroye thee, becauſe thou haſt done this, and haſt not obeyed my counſel.

17 ¶ Then Amaziáh King of Iudáh toke counſél, and ſent to Ioáſh the ſonne of Iehoahaz, the ſonne of Iehú King of Iſraél, ſaying, Come, [p] let vs ſe one another in the face.

18 But Ioáſh King of Iſraél ſent to Amaziáh King of Iudáh, ſaying, The thiſtle that is in Lebanón, ſent to the cedre that is in Lebanón, ſaying, * Giue thy daughter to my ſonne to wife: & the wilde beaſt that was in Lebanón went & trode downe the thiſtle.

19 Thou thinkeſt: lo, thou haſt ſmiten Edóm, and thine heart lifteth thee vp to bragge: abide now at home: why doeſt thou prouoke to *thine* hurt, that thou ſhuldeſt fall, and Iudáh with thee?

20 But Amaziáh wolde not heare: for [q] it was of God, that he might deliuer them into *his* hand, becauſe they had ſoght the gods of Edóm.

21 So Ioáſh the King of Iſraél went vp: & he, and Amaziáh King of Iudáh ſawe one another in the face at Bethſhémeſh, which is in Iudáh.

22 And Iudáh was put to the worſe before Iſraél, and they fled euerie man to his tents.

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q That is, concerning his ſonnes, &c
r That is, the reparacion.

2 King 14.2.

a Meaning, in reſpect of his predeceſſers, albeit he had his imperfections.

Deut 24.16. 2 king.14.6. iere.31.30. ezek 18.20.
b That is, for ỹ faute wherefore ỹ childe is puniſhed, except he be culpable of the ſame
c So many as were able men to beare weapons & go to the warre
d That is, out of the ten tribes, which had ſeparated them ſelues before, both from God and their true King
e And therefore to thinke to haue helpe of thé, whome the Lord fauoreth not, is to caſt of the helpe of the Lord
f If thou wilt not giue credit to my wordes
g He ſheweth that if we depéd onely vpõ God, we ſhal not nede to be troubled with theſe worldlie reſpects: for he wil giue at all times that ẅ ſhalbe neceſſarie, if we obey his worde

h For the Iſraelites meanes whome Dauid had brogt to ſubiectiõ, rebelled vnder Iehorám Iehoſhaphats ſonne
i In the 2. King 14.7 this rocke is called ỹ citie Sela
k That is, the húdreth thouſand of Iſrael.

l Thus where he ſhulde haue giuen the praiſe to God for his benefites and great victorie, he fel from God, and did moſt vilely diſhonour him
m He proueth that whatſoeuer can not ſaue him ſelfe, nor his worſhipers, is no God but an idole
n Meaning, the King
o So hard it is for the carnal man to be admoniſhed for his faute, that he contemneth, mocketh & threateneth him that warneth him, imprisoneth him & pureth him to death, 2 Chro 16.10 & 18.26 & 24.21
p That is, let vs trye ỹ matter hand to hand for he was offended, that the armie of the Iſraelites, whome he had in wages, & diſmiſſed by the counſel of the Prophet, had deſtroyed certeine of the cities of Iudah
2 King 14.8.
q Thus God oft times plagueth by thoſe meanes, wherein mé moſte truſt, to teache them to haue their recourſe onely to him and to ſhewe his iudgemẽt, moueth their hearts to folowe ỹ which ſhalbe their deſtruction.

23 But Ioáſh the King of Iſraél toke Amaziáh King of Iudáh, the ſonne of Ioáſh, the ſonne of Iehoaház in Beth-ſhémeſh, & broght him to Ieruſalém, & brake downe the wall of Ieruſalém, from the gate of Ephráim vnto the corner gate, foure hundreth cubites.

24 And *he toke* all the golde and the ſiluer, and all the veſſels that were founde in the houſe of God with [c] Obéd Edóm, and in the treaſures of the Kings houſe, and the children that were in hoſtage, & returned to Samaria.

[c] Meaning, the ſucceſſers of Obéd Edóm: for the houſe bare the name of the chief father.

25 ¶ And Amaziáh the ſonne of Ioáſh Kíg of Iudáh liued after the death of Ioáſh ſonne of Iehoaház King of Iſraél, fiftene yere.

26 Cócerning the reſt of the actes of Amaziáh firſt & laſt, are they not writen in the boke of the Kings of Iudáh and Iſraél?

27 Now after the time that Amaziáh did turne away from the Lord, [a] they wroght treaſon againſt him in Ieruſalém: & when he was fled to Lachíſh, thei ſẽt to Lachíſh after him, and ſlewe him there.

[a] *King.14.19*

28 And thei broght him vpon horſes, & buryed him with his fathers in the citie of Iudáh.

CHAP. XXVI.

Vzziáh obeying the Lord, proſpereth in his enterpriſes. 16 He waxeth proude & vſurpeth the Prieſts office. 19 The Lord plageth him. 20 The Prieſts driue him out of the Temple, & exclude him out of the Lords houſe. 23 His buryal, and his ſucceſſour.

[a] *King.14.21* [a] Called alſo Azariáh.

THen all ỹ people of Iudáh toke [a] Vzziáh, which was ſixtene yere olde, & made him King in the ſtead of his father Amaziáh.

[b] He fortified it and made it ſtrong: this citie was alſo called Eláth & Elanbo, nere to ỹ red Sea *2 King.16.6.*

2 He buylt [b] Elóth, & reſtored it to Iudáh after that the King ſlept with his fathers.

3 [a] Sixtene yere olde *was* Vzziáh, when he began to reigne, and he reigned two and fiftie yere in Ieruſalém, and his mothers name *was* Iecoliáh of Ieruſalém.

4 And he did vprightly in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziáh did.

[c] This was not that Zechariáh that was the ſonne of Iehoiadá. but ſome other Prophet of that name. [d] For God neuer forſaketh any ỹ ſeketh vnto him, and therefore man is the cauſe of his owne deſtruction.

5 And he ſoght God in the dayes of [c] Zechariáh (which vnderſtode the viſions of God) and when as [d] he ſoght the Lord, God made him to proſper.

6 For he went forthe and foght againſt the Philiſtims, and brake downe the wall of Gath, and the wall of Iabnéh, and the wall of Aſhdód, and buylt cities in Aſhdód, and among the Philiſtims.

7 And God helped him againſt the Philiſtims, and againſt the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-báal and Hammeunim.

[e] That is, thei payed tribute in ſigne of ſubiection.

8 And the Ammonites gaue [e] giftes to Vzziáh, and his name ſpred to the entring in of Egypt: for he did moſte valiantly.

9 Moreouer Vzziáh buylt towres in Ieruſalém at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, & at the *[f] turning, and made them ſtrong. *Nehem.3.19. & 24*

[f] Where as ỹ walle or towre turneth.

10 And he buylt towres in the wildernes, and digged many [g] ciſternes: for he had muche cattel bothe in the valleis and plaines, plowmen, and dreſſers of vines in the mountaines, and in [g] Carmél: for he loued houſbandrie.

[g] That is, in mount Carmel. or, as the worde ſignifieth, in the fruteful field it is alſo taken for a grene eare of corne, when it is ful, as Leui.2,14.

[g] Or, pittes.

11 Vzziáh had alſo an hoſte of fighting mẽ that wẽt out to warre by bãdes, according to the counte of their nomber vnder the hand of Ieiél the ſcribe, and Maaſeiáh the ruler, & vnder the hand of Hananiáh, one of the Kings captaines.

12 The whole [h] nomber of the chief of the families of the valiãt men *were* two thouſand and ſix hundreth.

[h] Of ỹ chief officers of the Kings houſe, as of the captaines and ſergeants for warre.

13 And vnder their hand *was* the armie for warre, thre hundreth and ſeuen thouſand, and fiue hundreth that foght valiantly to helpe the King againſt the enemie.

14 And Vzziáh prepared them throughout all the hoſte, ſhields, and ſpeares, and helmets, and brigandines, and bowes, and ſtones to ſling.

15 He made alſo verie [i] artificial engins in Ieruſalém, to be vpon the towres and vpõ the corners, to ſhote arowes and great ſtones: and his name ſpred farre abroade, becauſe *God* did helpe him meruelouſly, til he was mightie.

[i] *Eſt engins by the inuention of an ingenious man.*

16 ¶ But when he was ſtrong, his heart [i] was lift vp to *his* deſtruction: for he tranſgreſſed againſt the Lord his God, & went into the Temple of the Lord to burne incenſe vpon the altar of incenſe.

[i] Thus proſperite cauſeth men to truſt in them ſelues, & by forgetting him, which is the author thereof, procure their owne perdition.

17 And Azariáh ỹ Prieſt went in after him, and with him foure ſcore Prieſts of the Lord, valiant men.

18 And they withſtode Vzziáh the King, & ſaid vnto him, * It perteineth not to thee, Vzziah, to burne incenſe vnto the Lord, but to ỹ Prieſts the ſonnes of Aarón, that are conſecrated for to offer incenſe: [k] go forthe of the Sanctuarie: for thou haſt trãſgreſſed, and thou ſhalt haue none honour of the Lord God. *Numb.18.7.*

[k] Thogh his zeale ſemed to be good & alſo his intencíõ, yet becauſe they were not gouerned by the worde of God, he did wickedly, and was therefore bothe iuſtely reſiſted & alſo punished.

19 Then Vzziáh was wroth, and had incenſe in his hand to burne it: & while he was wroth with the Prieſts, the leproſie roſe vp in his forehead before the Prieſts in the houſe of the Lord beſide the incẽſe altar.

20 And whẽ Azariáh the chief Prieſt with all the Prieſts loked vpon him, beholde, he was leprous in his forehead, and they cauſed him haſtely to departe thence: and he was euen compelled to go out, becauſe the Lord had ſmiten him.

21 *And Vzziáh the King was a lepre vnto the day of his death, and dwelt as a lepre in an [l] houſe aparte, becauſe he was cut of frõ the houſe of the Lord: & Iothám his ſonne *2.King.15.5.*

[l] According to the cõmandement of the Lord, Leui. 13,46.

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ſonne *ruled* ouer the Kings houſe, and iudged the people of the land.

22 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Vzziáh, firſt and laſt, did Iſaiáh the Prophet the ſonne of Amóz write.

23 So Vzziáh ſlept with his fathers, and they buryed him with his fathers in the field of the buryal, which perteined to the Kings: for they ſaid, He [m] is a lepre. And Iothám his ſonne reigned in his ſtead.

m And therefore was buryed aparte in the ſame field, but not in the ſame ſepulchres with his predeceſſers

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Iothám reigneth, and ouercómeth the Ammonites. 8 His reigne & death. 9 Aház his ſonne reigneth in his ſtead.

1 IOtham *was fyue & twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned ſixtene yere in Ieruſalém, and his mothers name was Ieruſháh the daughter of Zadók.

*2.King 15.33

2 And he did vprightly in the ſight of the Lord according to all that his father Vzziáh did, ſaue that he entred not into the [a] Temple of the Lord, and the people did yet [b] corrupt *their wayes.*

a To wit, to offer incenſe againſt ẏ worde of God, which thing is ſpoké in the cómendacion of Iothám

3 He buylt the hye [c] gate of the houſe of the Lord, and he buylt very muche on the wall of the caſtel.

b They were not cleane purged from idolatrie

4 Moreouer he buylt cities in the mountaines of Iudáh, and in the foreſts he buylt palaces and towres.

c Which was ſix ſcore cubites hie, & was for the height called Ophel: it was nye ẏ Eaſt gate, and mencion is made of it, chap 33.4

5 And he foght with the King of the children of Ammón, and preuailed againſt them. And the children of Ammón gaue him the ſame yere an hundreth talents of ſiluer, and ten thouſand "meaſures of wheat, and ten thouſand of barly: this did the children of Ammón giue him *"bothe* in the ſecond yere and the third.

"Ebr Corem.

*Or, yerely

6 So Iothám became mightie [d] becauſe he directed his way before the Lord his God.

d He ſheweth that all proſperitie cometh of God, who neuer faileth, when we put our truſt in him.

7 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Iothám, and all his warres and his wayes, lo, they are writen in the boke of the Kings of Iſraél, and Iudáh.

8 He was fyue and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned ſixtene yere in Ieruſalém.

9 And Iothám ſlept with his fathers, and they buryed him in the citie of Dauid: & Aház his ſonne reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXVIII.

2 Aház an idolater is giuen into the hands of the Syriáns, and the King of Iſrael. 9 The Prophet reproueth the Iſraelites crueltie. 18 Iudah is moleſted with enemies. 23 Aház increaſeth his idolatrie. 26 His death and ſucceſſour.

*2.King.16.2. *Or, predeceſſour

1 AHáz *was twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned ſixtene yere in Ieruſalém, and did not vprightly in the ſight of the Lord, like Dauid his *father.

a He was an idolatre, like them.

b As the idolaters haue certeine chief idoles, who are as patrons: (as were theſe Baalim) ſo haue they others which are inferior & do repreſent ẏ great idoles

2 But [a] he walked in the wayes of ẏ Kings of Iſraél and made euen molten images for [b] Baalim.

3 Moreouer he burnt incenſe in the valley of Ben-hinnóm, & [c] burnt his ſonnes with fyre, after the abominacions of the heathē whome the Lord had caſt out before the children of Iſraél.

c Or, made them paſſe through the fyre as Chap. 33.6 Leu. 18.21.

4 He ſacrificed alſo and burnt incenſe in the hie places, and on hilles, and vnder euerie grene tre.

5 Wherefore the Lord his God deliuered him into the hand of the King of the Aramites, and they ſmote him, and toke of his, "manie priſoners, and broght them to Damaſcus: and he was alſo deliuered into the hand of the King of Iſraél, which ſmote him with a great ſlaughter.

"Ebr. a great captiuitie.

6 For [c] Pekah the ſonne of Remaliáh, ſlewe in Iudáh ſix ſcore thouſand in one day, all "valiant men, becauſe they had forſaken the Lord God of their fathers.

c Who was King of Iſraél

"Ebr. ſonnes of ſtrength

7 And Zichrí a [*] mightie man of Ephráim ſlewe Maaſeiáh the Kings ſonne, and Azrikam the gouernour of the houſe, and Elkanáh the ſeconde after the King.

*Or, tyrant.

8 And the children of Iſraél toke priſoners of their brethren, [d] two hundreth thouſand of women, ſonnes and daughters, and caryed away muche ſpoile of them, and broght the ſpoile to Samaria.

d This by the iuſte iudgemēt of God Iſraél deſtroyed Iudáh.

9 ¶ But there was a Prophet of the Lords, (whoſe name *was* Odéd) and he went out before the hoſte that came to Samaria, & ſaid vnto them, Beholde, [e] becauſe the Lord God of your fathers is wroth with Iudáh, he hathe deliuered them into your hand, and ye haue ſlaine them in a rage, that reacheth vp to heauen.

e For they thoght they had ouercome them by their owne valiantnes, & did not conſider that God had deliuered them into their hāde, becauſe Iudáh had offended him

10 And now ye purpoſe to kepe vnder the children of Iudáh and Ieruſalém, as ſeruants and handmaides vnto you: but are not you *ſuche, that* [f] ſinnes *are* with you before the Lord your God?

f May not God alwel puniſh you for your ſinnes, as he hathe done theſe men for theirs, ſeing yours are greater?

11 Now therefore heare me, and deliuer the captaines againe, which ye haue take priſoners of your brethren: for ẏ fearce wrath of the Lord is toward you.

12 Wherefore certeine of the chief of the children of [g] Ephráim, Azariáh the ſonne of Iehohanán, Berechiáh the ſonne of Meſhillemóth, and Iehizkiáh the ſonne of Shallúm, and Amaſá the ſonne of Hadlái, ſtode vp againſt them that came from the warre,

g Which tribe was now greateſt, and had moſte auctorite.

13 And ſaid vnto thē, Bring not in the captiues hether: for *this ſhalbe* [h] a ſinne vpon vs *againſt* the Lord: ye entēd to adde more to our ſinnes and to our treſpaſſe, though our treſpaſſe be great, & the fearce wrath *of God is* againſt Iſraél.

h God will not ſuffre this ſinne, which we cōmit againſt him, to be vnpuniſhed.

14 So the armie left the captiues and the ſpoile before the princes and all the Congregacion.

15 And the mē that were [i] named by name, roſe vp and toke the priſoners, and with

i Whoſe names were rehearſed before, verſ 12.

the ſpoile clothed all that were naked among them, and arayed them, and ſhod them, and gaue them meat and gaue them drinke, and [k] anoynted them, and caryed all that were feble of them vpon aſſes, & broght them to Ierichó the citie of Palmetrees to their [l] brethren: ſo they returned to Samaria.

16 ¶ At that time did King Aház ſend vnto the [m] Kings of Aſſhúr, to helpe him.

17 (For the Edomites came moreouer, and ſlewe of Iudáh, & caryed away captiues.

18 The Philiſtims alſo inuaded the cities in the lowe countrey, and towarde the South of Iudáh, and toke Bethſhémeſh and Aiálón, and Gederóth and Shochó, with the villages thereof, & Timnáh, with her villages, and Gimzo, with her villages, and they dwelt there.

19 For the Lord had humbled Iudáh, becauſe of Aház King of [n] Iſraél: for he had broght vengeance vpon Iudáh and had grieuouſly tranſgreſſed againſt the Lord)

20 And Tigláth Pilneéſer King of Aſſhúr came vnto him who troubled him and did not ſtrengthen him.

21 For Aház [o] toke a porcion * out of the houſe of the Lord and out of the Kings houſe and of the princes, and gaue vnto ỹ King of Aſſhúr: yet it helped him not.

22 And in the time of his tribulacion did he yet treſpaſſe more againſt the Lord, (this is King Aház)

23 For he ſacrificed vnto the gods of Damaſcus, which [p] plagued him, & he ſaid, Becauſe the gods of the Kings of Arám helped them, I wil ſacrifice vnto them, & they wil [q] helpe me: yet they were his ruine, and of all [r] Iſraél.

24 And Aház gathered the veſſels of the houſe of God, and brake the veſſels of the houſe of God, and ſhut vp the dores of the houſe of the Lord, and made him altars in euerie corner of Ieruſalém.

25 And in euerie citie of Iudáh he made hie places, to burne incenſe vnto other gods, and prouoked to angre the Lord God of his fathers.

26 Concerning the reſt of his actes, and all his wayes firſt and laſt, beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Kings of Iudáh, and Iſraél.

27 And Aház ſlept with his fathers, & they buryed him in the citie [s] of Ieruſalém, but broght him not vnto the [t] ſepulchres of the Kings of Iſraél: and Hezekiáh his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

k Either for their woundes or wearines.

l To them of the tribe of Iudáh.

m To Tilgath Pilneéſer, and thoſe Kings ỹ were vnder his dominion, 2 King. 16, 7.

n He meaneth Iudáh, becauſe Aház forſoke the Lord and ſoght helpe of the infideles. read of Iſraél taken for Iudáh chap. 15, 17.

o Or, diuided. 2. King. 16, 8.

p As he falſely ſuppoſed.

q Thus the wickedmeaſure Gods fauour by proſperitie & aduerſitie: for if idolaters proſper, they make their idoles gods, not conſidering ỹ God puniſheth them oft times whome he loueth, & giueth his enemies good ſucceſſe for a time, whome afterwarde he wil deſtroye

r Or, Iudah and Beniamin

s Or, in Ieruſalem.

t They buryed him not in the citie of Dauid where were ỹ ſepulchres of the Kings.

CHAP. XXIX.

1. 3 Hezekiáh repareth the Temple and aduertiſeth the Leuites of the corruption of religion. 12 The Leuites prepare the Temple. 20 The King and his princes ſacrifice in the Temple. 25 The Leuites ſing praiſes. 31 The oblacion of the people.

HEzekiáh * began to reigne, when he was fyue and twentie yere olde, and reigned nine and twentie yere in Ieruſalém: and his mothers name *was* [u] Abiáh the daughter of Zechariáh.

2 And he did vprightly in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that Dauid his father had done.

3 He opened the [a] dores of the houſe of the Lord in the firſt yere and in the [b] firſt moneth of his reigne, and repared them.

4 And ſaid vnto them, Heare me, ye Leuites: ſanctifie now your ſelues, and ſanctifie the houſe of ỹ Lord God of your fathers, and carye forthe [c] the filthines out of the Sanctuarie.

5 For our fathers haue treſpaſſed, and done euil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and haue forſaken him, and turned away their faces from the Tabernacle of the Lord, & turned their backes.

6 They haue alſo ſhut the dores of the porche, and quenched the lampes, and haue nether burnt incenſe, nor offred burnt offrings in the Sanctuarie vnto the God of Iſraél.

7 [d] Wherefore the wrath of the Lord hathe bene on Iudáh and Ieruſalém: & he hathe made them a [e] ſcatering, a deſolacion, and an hiſsing, as ye ſe with your eyes.

8 For lo, our fathers are failé by ỹ ſworde, and our ſonnes, & our daughters, and our wiues *are* in captiuitie for the ſame cauſe.

9 Now [f] I purpoſe to make a couenant with the Lord God of Iſraél, that he may [g] turne away his fearce wrath from vs.

10 Now my ſonnes, be not deceiued: for the Lord hathe * choſen you to ſtand before him, to ſerue him, and to be his miniſters, and to burne incenſe.

11 ¶ Then the Leuites aroſe, Maháth the ſonne of Amaſhái, and Ioél the ſonne of Azariáh of the ſonnes of the Kohathites and of the ſonnes of Merari, Kiſh the ſonne of Abdí, and Azariáh the ſonne of Iehalelél: and of the Gerſhonites, Ioáh the ſonne of Zimmáh, and Edén the ſonne of Ioáh:

13 And of the ſonnes of Elizaphán, Shimrí, and Iehiél: & of the ſonnes of Aſáph, Zechariáh, and Mattaniáh:

14 And of the ſonnes of Hemán, Iehiél, and Shimeí: and of the ſonnes of Ieduthún, Shemaiáh and Vzziél.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and ſanctified them ſelues & came according to the commandement of the King, *and* [h] by the wordes of the Lord, for to cleanſe the houſe of the Lord.

16 And

*1. King 18, 1.

u Or, Abi.

a Which Aház had ſhut vp, Chap 28, 24

b This is a notable example for all princes, firſt to eſtabliſh the pure religion of God, and to procure that ỹ Lord may be honored and ſerued aright.

c Meaning all the idoles, altars, groues & whatſoeuer was occupied in their ſeruice, and wherewith the Témple was polluted.

d He ſheweth that the contempt of religion is the cauſe of all Gods plagues.

e Or, a nodding of the head and mockerie.

f Ebr it is in mine heart

g He proueth by the iudgements of God vpon thoſe ỹ haue contemned his worde, that there is no way to auoyde his plagues, but by cõforming thẽ ſelues to his wil. Nom. 18, 6.

h Or, concerning the thinges of the Lord.

16 And the Prieſts went into the inner partes of the houſe of the Lord, to [f] clenſe it, & broght out all the vnclennes that they founde in the Temple of the Lord, into the courte of the houſe of the Lord: and the Leuites toke it, to carie it out vnto the broke Kidrón.

f Frō the pollucions and filth that Ahaz had broght in

17 They began the firſt *day* of the [g] firſt moneth to ſanctifie it, and the eight day of the moneth came they to the porche of ỹ Lord: ſo they ſanctified the houſe of the Lord in eight dayes, and in the ſixtēte day of the firſt moneth they made an end.

g Which conteined parte of Marche and parte of April.

18 ¶Then they went in to Hezekiáh the King, and ſaid, We haue clenſed all the houſe of the Lord and the altar of burnt offring, with all the veſſels thereof, & the [*] ſhewbread table, with all the veſſels thereof:

*Or, table where the bread was ſet in ordre

19 And all the veſſels which King Aház had caſt aſide when he reigned, *and* tranſgreſſed, haue we prepared and ſanctified: and beholde, they are before the altar of the Lord.

20 ¶And Hezekiáh the King [h] roſe early, and gathered the princes of the citie, and went vp to the houſe of the Lord.

h By this maner of ſpeache the Ebrewes meane a certeine diligēce & ſpede to do a thing, & whē there is no delay *Leui. 4,14.*

21 And they broght ſeuen bullockes, and ſeuen rams, and ſeuen lambes, and ſeuen hegoates, for a [*] ſin offring for the kingdome, and for the ſanctuarie, and for Iudáh. And he commanded the Prieſts the ſonnes of Aarón, to offer *them* on the altar of the Lord.

22 So they ſlewe the bullockes, and ỹ Prieſts receiued the blood, & [i] ſprinkled it vpon the altar: they ſlewe alſo the rams & ſprinkled the blood vpon the altar, and they ſlewe the lambes, and they ſprinkled the blood vpon the altar.

i For without ſprinkling of blood nothing colde be ſanctified, Ebr 9, 21 exod 24,8

23 Then they broght the hegoates for the ſinne offring before the King & the Cōgregacion, [k] and they laied their hands vpon them.

k That is, the King and the Elders, as Leu 4,15 for they that offred a ſinne offring, muſt lay their hands vpon it, to ſignifie that they had deſerued that death, and alſo that they did conſecrate it to God to be thereby ſanctified, Exod 29,10

24 And the Prieſts ſlewe them, & with the blood of them they clēſed the altar to reconcile all Iſraél: for the King had commanded for all Iſraél the burnt offring & the ſinne offring.

25 He appointed alſo the Leuites in the houſe of the Lord with cymbales, with violes, and with harpes, [*] according to the commandement of Dauid, and Gad the Kings Seer, and Nathán the Prophet: for the [l] commandement *was* by the hand of the Lord, *and* by the hād of his Propheţes.

1. Chro 16,4.

l This thing was not appoīted of mā, but it was the commandemēt of God

26 And the Leuites ſtode with the inſtruments of Dauid, and the Prieſts with the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiáh commanded to offer the burnt offring vpon the altar: & when the burnt offring begā, the ſong of the [m] Lord began with the trumpets, and the inſtruments [n] of Dauid King of Iſraél.

m The Pſalme which Dauid had appointed to be ſung for thākes giuing.

n Which Dauid had appointed to praiſe ỹ Lord with

28 And all the Congregacion worſhiped, ſinging a ſong, and thei blewe the trumpets: all this *continued* vntil the burnt offring was finiſhed.

29 And when they had made an end of offring, the King and all that were preſent with him, bowed themſelues, and worſhiped.

30 ¶Thē Hezekiáh the King & the princes commanded the Leuites to praiſe the Lord with the [o] wordes of Dauid, and of Aſáph the Seer. ſo thei praiſed with ioye, and thei bowed themſelues, and worſhiped.

o With that pſalme where of mencion is made 1 Chro 16,8

31 And Hezekiáh ſpake, and ſaid, Now ye haue [p] conſecrate your ſelues to the Lord: come nere and bring the ſacrifices and *offrings* of praiſe into the houſe of the Lord. And the Congregacion broght ſacrifices, and *offrings* of praiſes, and euerie man that was willing in heart, *offred* burnt offrings.

p *Ebr filled your hands*

32 And the nomber of the burnt offrings, which the Congregacion broght, was ſeuētie bullockes, an hundreth rammes, *and* two hundreth lambes: all theſe were for a burnt offring to the Lord:

33 And for [q] ſanctification ſix hundreth bullockes, and thre thouſand ſhepe.

q That is, for the holy offrings.

34 But the Prieſts were to fewe, & were not able to flay all the burnt offrings: therefore their brethren the Leuites did helpe them, til they had ended the worke, & vntil *other* Prieſts were ſanctified: for the Leuites were [r] more vpright in heart to ſanctifie them ſelues, then the Prieſts.

r Meanig, were more zealous to ſet forward the religion.

35 And alſo the burnt offrings were many with the [*] fat of the peace offrings and the drinke offrings for the burnt offring. ſo the ſeruice of the houſe of the Lord was ſet in order.

Leu. 3,8.

36 Then Hezekiáh reioyced & all the people, that God had made the people ſo [s] ready: for the thing was done ſodenly.

s He ſheweth that religion can not proceede, except God touche the heart of the people.

CHAP. XXX.

1. 13 The keping of the Paſſeouer by the Kings commādement. 6 He exhorteth Iſrael to turne to the Lord. 18 He praieth for the people 24 His oblation and the princes. 27 The Leuites bleſſe the people

1 AND Hezekiah ſent to all Iſraél, and Iudáh, and alſo wrote letters to [a] Ephraim and Manaſſéh, that thei ſhulde come to the houſe of the Lord at Ieruſalém, to kepe the Paſſeouer vnto the Lord God of Iſraél.

a Meaning all Iſrael whome Tilgáth Pilneſar had not taken away into the captiuitie, 2 King 15,29.

2 And the King and his princes and all the Congregacion had taken counſel in Ieruſalém to kepe the Paſſeouer in the [b] ſecōde moneth.

b Though thei ought to haue done it in the firſt moneth, as Exod 12,18 nom 9,3, yet if any were not cleane, or elſe had along iorney, thei might differ it vnto the ſecōde moneth, as Nom, 9,10.

3 For thei colde not kepe it at this time, becauſe there were not Prieſts ynow ſanctified, nether was the people gathered to Ieruſalém.

4 And the thing pleased the King, and all the Congregacion.

5 And they decreed to make proclamacion throughout all Israél from c Beersheba euen to Dan, that they shulde come to kepe the Passeouer vnto the Lord God of Israél at Ierusalém: for they had not done it of a great *time*, d as it was written.

c Frō one end of the land to ỹ other, North and South

d In suche sort and perfectiō, as God had appointed.

6 ¶So the postes went with letters by the commission of the King, and his princes, throughout all Israél and Iudáh, and with the commandement of the King, saying, Ye childrē of Israél, turne againe vnto the Lord God of Abrahám, Izhák, and Israél, and e he wil returne to the remnant that are escaped of you, out of the hands of the Kings of Asshúr.

e He wil haue compassion on them, and preserue them.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the Lord God of their fathers: *and* therefore he made them desolate, as ye se.

8 Be not ye now stifnecked like your fathers, *but* f giue the hād to the Lord & come into his Sāctuarie, which he hathe sanctified for euer, and serue the Lord your God, and the fearcenes of his wrath shal turne away from you.

f Submit your selues to the Lord, and rebelle no more.

9 For if ye returne vnto ỹ Lord, your brethren and your children *shal finde* mercie before them that led them captiues, and they shal g returne vnto this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and wil not turne away his face from you, if ye conuert vnto him.

g God will not onely preserue you, but through your repentance restore your brethren, which for their sinnes he gaue into the handes of the enemies.

10 ¶So the postes went from citie to citie through the land of Ephráim and Manasséh, euen vnto Zebulún: but they h laughed them to scorne, and mocked them.

h Though the wicked mocke at the seruants of God, by whome he calleth thē to repentance, 2 Pet. 3.4. yet the worde ceaseth not to frutifie in the eares of Gods children.

11 Nertheles diuers of Asher, and Manasséh, and of Zebulún submitted them selues and came to Ierusalém.

12 And the hand of God was in Iudáh, so that he gaue them one i heart to do the cōmandemēt of the King, and of the rulers, according to the worde of the Lord.

i He sheweth the cause why some obey & some mock at Gods calling, to wit, because his Spirit is with the one sort & not the other. Their heart, & the other are left to themselues.

13 And there assembled to Ierusalém muche people, to kepe the feast of ỹ vnleauened bread in the seconde moneth, a very great assemblie.

14 ¶And they arose, & toke away the k altars that were in Ierusalém: and all those for incense toke they away, and cast them into the broke Kidrón.

k Which declareth that we must put away those things wherewith God is offended, before we can serue him aright.

15 Afterward they slewe the Passeouer the fourtenth *day* of the seconde moneth: and the Priests and Leuites were l ashamed, and sanctified them selues, and brought the burnt offrings into the house of the Lord.

l Seing their owne negligēce (who shulde haue bene most prompt) & the readines of the people.

16 And they stode in their place after their maner, according to the Law of Moses the man of God: *and* the Priests sprinkled the m blood, *receiued* of the hands of the Leuites.

m To wit, of the lambe of the Passeouer.

17 Because there were manie in the Cōgregacion that were not sanctified, therefore the Leuites had the charge of the killing of ỹ Passeouer for all that were not cleane, to sanctifie it to the Lord.

18 For a multitude of the people, *euen* a multitude of Ephráim, & Manasséh, Issachár & Zebulún had not clensed them selues, yet did eat the Passeouer, *but* not as it was writen: wherefore Hezekiáh prayed for them, saying, The n good Lord be merciful toward *him*,

n He knewe, ỹ farth and sincerite of heart was more agreable to God, then the obseruatiō of these ceremonies, & therefore he praied vnto God to pardon this faute vnto the people, which did not offend of malice but of ignorance.

19 That prepareth his whole heart to seke ỹ Lord God, the God of his fathers, thogh he be not *clensed*, according to the purification of the Sanctuarie.

20 And the Lord heard Hezekiáh, & o healed the people.

o That is, did accept thē as purified.

21 And the children of Israél that were present at Ierusalém, kept the feast of the vnleauened bread seuen dayes w great ioye, and the Leuites, and the Priests praised the Lord, day by day, singing with lowde instruments vnto the Lord.

22 And Hezekiáh p spake comfortably vnto all ỹ Leuites that had good knowledge *to sing* vnto the Lord: & they did eat in that feast seuen dayes, & offred peace offrings, & praised the Lord God of their fathers.

p *Ebr. Spake to the heart.*

23 And the whole assemblie toke counsel to kepe it other seuen dayes. So they kept it seuen dayes with ioye.

24 For Hezekiáh King of Iudáh had giuen to the Congregacion a q thousand bullockes, and seuen thousand shepe. And the princes had giuen to the Congregacion a thousand bullockes, and ten thousand shepe: and many Priests were sanctified.

q This great liberalitie declareth how Kings, princes & all they, to whome God hathe giuen wherewith, ought to be most ready to bestowe it in setting forthe of Gods glorie.

25 And all the Congregacio of Iudáh reioyced with the Priests and the Leuites, & all the Congregacion that came out of Israél, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israél, & that dwelt in Iudáh.

26 So there was great ioye in Ierusalém: for since the time of Salomón the sonne of Dauid King of Israél there *was* not the like thing in Ierusalém.

27 Then the Priests and the Leuites arose, and r blessed the people, and their voyce was heard, and their prayer came vp vn to heauen, to his holy habitacion.

r According to that which is writen Nō. 6.23, whē they shulde dismisse the people.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 The people destroye idolatrie. 2 Hezekiáh appointeth Priests & Leuites. 4 And prouideth for their liuing. 13 He ordeineth ouerseers to distribute to euerie one his portion.

1 AND whē all these thigs were finished, all Israél that were founde in ỹ cities of Iudáh, went out & s brake the images, & cut downe the groues, & brake downe the hie places, and the altars through out all Iudáh & Beniamín, in Ephráim also and Manasséh,

s According to the cōmandemēt of the Lord, Deut. 7.5 Ios. 7.1. 2. mac. 12.40.

Manaſſéh, vntil they had made an end: afterward all the [b] childrē of Iſraél returned euerie mā to his poſſeſsion, into their owne cities.

[b] That is, all they which came to the Paſſeouer.

2 And Hezekiáh appointed the courſes of the Prieſts and Leuites by their turnes, euerie man according to his office, *both* Prieſts & Leuites, for the burnt offring & peace offrings, to miniſter & to giue thankes, and to praiſe in the gates of the [c] tents of the Lord.

[c] That is, in ỹ Temple where they aſſembled as in a tent

3 (And the Kings porcion *was* of his owne ſubſtance for the burnt offrings, *euen* for the burnt offrīgs of the morning & of the euening, and the burnt offrings for the Sabbaths, and for the new moones, & for the ſolemne feaſtes, * as it is writen in the Law of the Lord)

Nom. 28. 3. & 9.

4 He commāded alſo the people that dwelt in Ieruſalém, to giue a [d] parte to the Prieſts, and Leuites, that they might be [e] encouraged in the Law of the Lord.

[d] The tithes & firſt frutes for the maintenāce of ỹ Prieſts and Leuites

[e] That their mindes might not be intangled with prouiſion of wordely thīgs but ỹ they might wholy & chefully ſerue the Lord

5 ¶ And whē the commāderm nt was ſpred, the children of Iſraél broght abundance of firſt frutes, of corne, wine, & oyle, & honie, & of all the increaſe of the field, and the tithes of all things broght they abundantly.

Or, publiſhed

6 And the childrē of Iſraél & Iudáh that dwelt in ỹ cities of Iudah, they alſo broght the tithes of bullockes and ſhepe, and the holy tithes [f] w̄ were cōſecrate vnto ỹ Lord their God, & laid them on [g] many heapes.

[f] Which they had dedicate to the Lord by a vowe

[g] For the relief of the Prieſts, Leuites, widowes, pupills, fatherleſſe, ſtrangers & ſuche as were in neceſsitie

7 In the third moneth they began to laye the fundacion of the heapes, and finiſhed them in the ſeuent moneth.

8 ¶ And when Hezekiáh & the princes came, and ſawe the heapes, they [h] bleſſed the Lord and his people Iſraél.

[h] They praiſed the Lord, and prayed for all proſperitie to his people

9 And Hezekiáh queſtioned [w] the Prieſts and the Leuites concerning the heapes.

10 And Azariáh ỹ chief Prieſt of the houſe of Zadók anſwered him, & ſaid, Since the people begā to bring the offrings into the houſe of the Lord, we haue [i] eaten & haue bene ſatiſficed, & there is left in abū dāce: for the Lord hathe bleſſed his people, and this abundance that is left.

[i] He ſheweth that this plēteous liberalitie is expedīēt for ỹ maintenance of the miniſters, and that God therefore proſpereth his people, & increaſeth by his bleſsing that which is giuē.

11 ¶ And Hezekiáh cōmanded to prepare chambers in the houſe of the Lord: and they prepared them,

12 And caryed in the firſt frutes, and the tithes, & the dedicate things faithfully: & ouer thē *was* Conaniáh the Leuite, ỹ chief, and Shimeí his brother the ſeconde.

13 And Iehiél, and Azaziáh, & Náhath, & Aſahél, & Ierimóth, and Iozabád, and Eliél, and Iſmachiáh, and Máhath, and Benaiáh *were* ouerſeers "by the appointement of Conaniáh, and Shimeí his brother, & by the cōmandement of Hezekiáh the King, and of Azariáh the chief of the houſe of God.

"Ebr. by the hand.

14 And Koré the ſōne of Imnáh the Leuite porter toward the Eaſt, *was* ouer the things ỹ were willingly offred vnto God, to diſtribute the oblations of the Lord, & the holy things that were conſecrate.

15 And at his hand *were* Edén, & Miniamín, & Ieſhúa, & Shemaiah, Amariáh, and Shechaniáh, in the cities of the Prieſts, to diſtribute with fidelitie to their brethrē by courſes, bothe to the great and ſmall,

16 Their daily porcion: beſide their generacion being males [k] from three yer olde and aboue, *euen* to all that entred into the houſe of the Lord to their office in their charge, according to their courſes:

[k] Who had alſo a portion & alowance in this diſtribution.

17 Bothe to the generacīō of the Prieſts after the houſe of their fathers, & to the Leuites from twentie yere olde & aboue, according to their charge in therr courſes:

18 And to the generacion of all their children, their wiues, & their ſonnes and their daughters throughout all the Congregacion: for by their [l] fidelitie are they partakers of the holy things.

[l] Meanīg, that ether by the faithful diſtributions of the officers, euerie one had their parte in the thīgs that were offred, or els that their wiues & childrē were relieued, becauſe the Leuites were faithful in their office, and ſo depended on them.

19 Alſo to the ſonnes of Aarón, the Prieſts, *which were* in ỹ fields & ſuburbes of their cities, in euerie citie the men that were appointed by names, ſhulde giue porcions to all the males of the Prieſts, and to all the generacion of the Leuites.

20 And thus did Hezekiáh throughout all Iudáh, and did wel, and vprightly, & truely before the Lord his God.

21 And in all the workes that he began for the ſeruice of the houſe of God, bothe in the Law and in the commandements, to ſéke his God, he did it with all his heart, & proſpered.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Sanneherib inuadeth Iudáh. 3 Hezekiáh prepareth for the warre 7 He exhorteth the people to put their truſt in the Lord 9 Sanneherib blaſphemeth God. 20 Hezekiah prayeth 21 The Angel deſtroyeth the Aſſyrians, and the King is ſlaine 25 Hezekiah is not thankful toward the Lord. 33 His death.

1 AFter theſe things faithfully *deſcribed*, *Sanneherib King of Aſſhúr came and entred into Iudáh, and beſieged the ſtrōg cities, & thoght to "winne them for him ſelfe.

2 Kin 18. 13. eſas 30. 1. eccleſ. 48. 20.

"Ebr. breake them vp.

2 When Hezekiáh ſawe that Sanncherib was come, & that his "purpoſe *was* to fight againſt Ieruſalem,

"Ebr. face.

3 Then he tok counſel with his princes and his nobles, to ſtoppe the water of the fountaines without the citie: and they did helpe him.

4 So many of the people aſſembled themſelues, and ſtopt all the fountaines, and the riuer that ran through the middes of the countrey, ſaying, Why ſhulde the Kings of Aſſhúr come, and finde muche water?

5 "Ebr. he was strengthened

"And he toke courage, and buylt all the broken wall, and made vp the towres, & another wall without, & repared a Millo in the b citie of Daurd, and made many c dartes and shields.

a He made a double wall
b Read 2 Sam 5.9
c Some read, swordes or daggers.

6 And he set captaines of warre ouer the people and assembled them to him in the broad place of the gate of the citie, and

"He spake to their heart.

"spake comfortably vnto them, saying,

7 Be strong and courageous: feare not, nether be afraied for the King of Asshur, nether for all the multitude that is with him: for there *be* mo with vs, then *is* with him.

d That is, the power of man
e This declareth that Ezekiah did euer put his trust in God, and yet made him self strong and vsed lawful meanes, lest he shulde seme to tempt God: 2 Kin. 18. 17.

8 With him is an d arme of flesh, but with vs *is* the e Lord our God for to helpe vs, and to fight our battels. Then the people were confirmed by the wordes of Hezekiah King of Iudah.

f While he beseged Lachish.

9 *After this, did Sanneherib King of Asshur send his seruants to Ierusalém (while he was f against Lachish, and all his dominion with him) vnto Hezekiah King of Iudah and vnto all Iudah that were at Ierusalém, saying,

10 Thus saith Sanneherib the King of Asshur, Wherein do ye trust, that ye wil remaine in Ierusalém, *during* the siege?

11 Doeth not Hezekiah entice you to giue ouer your selues vnto death by famine & by thirst, saying, The Lord our God shal deliuer vs out of the hand of the King of Asshur?

g This wicked put no difference betwene true religion & false, God & idoles: for Hezekiah onely destroied idolatrie & placed true religion thus ỹ Papists slander the seruats of God for when they destroie idolatrie, they say that they abolish religion

12 Hathe not ỹ same Hezekiah take awaie his hie places and his g altars and commanded Iudah and Ierusalém, saying, Ye shal worship before one altar, and burne incense vpon it?

13 Knowe ye not what I and my fathers haue done vnto all the people of *other* countreies? Were the gods of the nations of *other* lands able to deliuer their land out of mine hand?

h This is his blasphemie, ỹ he wil compare the liuig God to vile idoles

14 Who is he of all the h gods of those nacions (that my fathers haue destroied) that colde deliuer his people out of mine hand? that your God shulde be able to deliuer you out of mine hand?

i When man hathe prosperitie, he swelleth in pride and thinketh him self able to resist and ouercome eue God him self. k Herein wese that when ỹ wicked speake euil of the seruants of God, they care not to blaspheme God him self. for if they feared God, they wolde loue his seruants.

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceiue you, nor seduce you after this sorte, nether beléue ye him: for none of all ỹ gods of any nacion or kingdome was able to deliuer his people out of i mine hand and out of ỹ hand of my fathers: how muche lesse shal your gods deliuer you out of mine hand?

16 And his seruants spake yet more against the Lord God, & against his k seruant Hezekiah.

17 He wrote also letters, blaspheming the Lord God of Israél and speaking against him, saying, As the gods of the nacions of *other* countreis colde not deliuer their people out of mine hand, so shal not the God of Hezekiah deliuer his people out of mine hand.

l Their wordes are writē 2 King 18. 3.

18 Then they l cryed with a loude voyce in the Iewes speache vnto the people of Ierusalém that were on the wall, to feare thē and to astonish them, that they might take the citie.

19 Thus they spake against the God of Ierusalém, as against the gods of the people of the earth, *euen* the m workes of mans hands,

m Which were inuēted, made and autorized by man

20 But Hezekiah the King, and the Prophet Isaiah the sonne of Amoz n praied against this and cryed to heauen.

n This sheweth what is ỹ best refuge in all troubles & dangers.

21 And the Lord sent an Angel which destroied all the valiant men, and the prices and o captaines of the hoste of the King of Asshur: so he returned "with shame to his owne land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forthe of his owne bowels, slewe him there with the sworde.

o To the nomber of an hundreth fourescore and fiue thousand, as 2 King 19. 35.
"Hebr. with shame of face.

22 So the Lord saued Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Ierusalém from the hand of Sanneherib King of Asshur, and from the hand of all *other*, and p mainteined thē on euerie side.

p Meanig, Adramelech, and Sharezer his sonnes.

23 And many broght offrings vnto ỹ Lord to Ierusalém, and presents to Hezekiah King of Iudah, so that he was q magnified in the sight of all nacions from thence forthe.

o Or, gouerned.

q This after trouble, God sendeth cōfort to all them ỹ patiētly waite on him, and cōfirmeth their trust in his mercies

24 *In those dayes Hezekiah was sicke vnto the death, and praied vnto the Lord, who spake vnto him, and gaue him r a signe.

2. King 20. 1. Isa. 38. 1

25 But Hezekiah did not rendre accordig to the rewarde *bestowed* vpon him: for his heart s was lift vp, and wrath came vpon him, and vpon Iudah and Ierusalém.

r To confirme his faith in Gods promes, who declared so him by his Prophet that his life shulde be prolonged fifteene yere

26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled him selfe (after that his heart was lifted vp) he and the inhabitants of Ierusalém, and the wrath of the Lord came not vpon them in the daies of Hezekiah.

s He was lifted vp with ỹ pride of his victorie & treasures & shewed them for an ostentation to the ambassadours of Babylon.

27 Hezekiah also had excedig muche riches & honour, & he gate him treasures of siluer, & of golde, and of precious stones, & of swete odours, and of shields, and of all pleasant vessels:

28 And of store houses for the increase of wheat, and wine and oyle, and stalles for all beastes, and t rowes for the stables.

t Or, ranges, and partitions.
u Or, packes.

29 And he made him cities, and *had* possession of shepe and oxen in abundance: for God had giuen him substance exceding muche.

30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the vpper water springs of u Gihon, and led thē streight vnderneth toward ỹ citie of Dauid Westward. so Hezekiah prospered in all his workes.

u Which also was called Siloe, whereof mention is made Isa 8. 6. Ioh 9. 7.

31 But

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31 But becauſe of the ambaſſadours of the princes of Babél, which ſent vnto him to enquire of the wondre that was done in the land, God left him to [u] trye him, & to knowe all that was in his heart.

u Here we ſe the cauſe, why the faithful are tempted, ẅ as to trye whether they haue faith or no, and that they may fele the preſence of God, who ſuffreth them not to be ouercome by tentacions, but in their weakenes miniſtreth ſtrength.

32 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Hezekiáh, and his goodnes, beholde, they are writen in the viſion of Iſhaiáh the Prophet, the ſonne of Amóz, in the boke of the Kings of Iudáh and Iſraél.

33 So Hezekiáh ſlept with his fathers, and they buryed him in the higheſt ſepulchre of the ſonnes of Dauid: and all Iudáh and the inhabitants of Ieruſalém did him honour at his death. and Manaſséh his ſonne reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Manaſséh an idolater 9 He cauſeth Iudáh to erre. 11 He is led away priſoner into Babylón. 12 He praieth to the Lord, and is deliuered 14 He aboliſheth idolatrie, 16 And ſetteth vp true religion 20 He dyeth and Amon his ſonne ſuccedeth, 24 Whome his owne ſeruants ſlay.

2.King.21.1 1 MAnaſſéh *was* twelue yere olde, * whē he began to reigne, and he reigned fiue and fiftie yere in Ieruſalém:

2 And he did euil in the ſight of the Lord, like the abominacions of the heathen, Deut.18.9. * whome the Lord had caſt out before the children of Iſraél.

3 For he went backe and buylt the hie places, * which Hezekiáh his father had broken downe: * and he ſet vp altars for Baalím, and made groues, and worſhiped all the hoſte of the heauen, and ſerued them. 2 King.18.4. Iere 32.34

4 Alſo he buylt altars in the houſe of the Lord, whereof the Lord had ſaid, * In Ieruſalém ſhal my Name be for euer. 2.King 21.5.

5 And he buylt altars for all the hoſte of the heauē in the two courtes of the houſe of the Lord.

a Read 2 King 16.3. 6 [a] And he cauſed his ſonnes to paſſe through ỹ fyre in the valley of Ben-hinnóm: he gaue him ſelfe to witchcraft and to charming, and to ſorcerie, and he vſed them that had familiar ſpirits, and ſothe-ſayers: he did verie muche euil in ỹ ſight of the Lord to angre him.

7 He put alſo the karued image, which he had made, in the houſe of God: whereof God had ſaid to Dauid and to Salomón his ſonne, * In this houſe & in Ieruſalém, 2 King 8.29. & 9.3.2 king 7.10. & 21.7. which I haue choſen before all the tribes of Iſraél, wil I put my Name for euer,

2.Sam.7.10. 8 Nether wil * I make the foote of Iſraél to remoue any more out of the land which I haue appointed for your fathers, ſo that they take hede, & do all that I haue commanded them, according to the Law and ſtatutes and iudgements by the [b] hand of Moſés.

b By the charge giuē to Moſes.

9 So Manaſséh made Iudáh and the inhabitāts of Ieruſalém to erre, & to do worſe then the heathen, whome the Lord had deſtroyed before the children of Iſraél.

10 ¶ And the Lord ſpake [c] to Manaſséh & to his people, but they wolde not regarde.

c Meaning, by his Prophetes, but their hearts were not touched to beleue & repent without the ẅ the preaching of the worde taketh no place.

11 Wherefore the Lord broght vpon them the captaines of the hoſte of the King of Aſſhúr, which toke Manaſséh & *put him* in fetters, and bounde him in chaines, and caryed him to Babél.

12 And when he was in tribulaciō, he prayed to the Lord his God, and humbled him ſelfe greatly before ỹ God of his fathers,

13 And prayed vnto him. and *God* was [d] entreated of him, and heard his prayer, and broght him againe to Ieruſalém into his kingdome: thē Manaſséh knewe that the Lord was God.

d Thus affliction goeth vnderſtāding: for he that hated God in his proſperitie, now in his miſerie he ſeketh vnto him

14 Now after this he buylt a wall without the citie of Dauid, on the Weſtſide of [e] Gihón in the valley, euē at the entrie of the fiſh gate, & compaſſed about [f] Ophél, and raiſed it very hie, and put captaines of warre in all the ſtrong cities of Iudáh.

e Read Chap. 32.30.
f Read Chap. 27.3.

15 And he toke away the ſtrange gods and the image out of the houſe of the Lord, and all the altars that he had buylt in the mount of the houſe of the Lord, and in Ieruſalém, and caſt them out of the citie.

16 Alſo he prepared the [g] altar of ỹ Lord, and ſacrificed thereon peace offrings, and of thankes, and commanded Iudáh to ſerue the Lord God of Iſraél.

g Which Salomón had cauſed to be made.

17 Neuertheles the people did ſacrifice ſtil in the hie places, but vnto ỹ [h] Lord their God.

h Thus by ignorance they were deceiued thinking it nothing to kepe the altars, ſo that they worſhiped God: but it is idolatrie to worſhip God anie otherwiſe then he hathe appointed

18 ¶ Concerning the reſt of the actes of Manaſséh, and his [i] prayer vnto his God, and the wordes of the Seers, that ſpake to him in the Name of the Lord God of Iſraél, beholde, they are *writen* in the boke of the Kings of Iſraél.

i Which albeit that it is not contemned in the Ebrew, yet becauſe it is here mēcioned & is writē in the Greke, we haue placed it in ỹ end of this boke. Or, Hozai.

19 And his prayer and how *God* was intreated of him, and all his ſinne, and his treſpaſſe, and the places wherein he buylt hie places, and ſet groues and images (before he was humbled) beholde, they are writen in the boke of [k] the Seers.

20 So Manaſséh ſlept with his fathers, and they buryed him in his owne [l] houſe: and Amón his ſonne reigned in his ſtead.

k Becauſe he had ſo horribly offended againſt ỹ Lord, they did not burye him in ỹ ſepulchres of the kings, but in the garden of the Kings houſe.

21 ¶ Amón *was* two and twentie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and reigned *two* yere in Ieruſalém.

22 But he did euil in the ſight of the Lord, as did Manaſséh his father. for Amón ſacrificed to all the images, which Manaſséh his father had made, and ſerued them,

23 And he humbled not him ſelf before the Lord, as Manaſséh his father had humbled him ſelfe: but this Amón treſpaſſed more and more.

24 And his ſeruants * conſpired againſt him, and ſlewe him in his owne houſe. 2.King.21.23

25 But the people of the land slewe all thē that had conspired against King Amón: and the people of the land made Iosiáh his sonne King in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 Iosiáh destroyeth the idoles, 8 And restoreth the Temple. 14 The boke of the Lawe is founde. 21 He sendeth to Huldáh the prophetesse for counsel. 27 God heareth his prayer. 31 He maketh a couenant with God.

2.King.22.1. 1 IOsiáh * *was* eight yere olde whē he began to reigne, and he reigned in Ierusalém one and thirtie yere.

2 And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the wayes of [a] Dauid his father, and bowed nether to the right hand nor to the left.

a He followed Dauid in all poyntes that he followed ỹ Lord.

3 And in the eight yere of his reigne (when he was yet a [b] childe) he began to seke after the God of Dauid his father: and in the twelft yere he began to purge Iudáh, and Ierusalém from the hie places, and the groues, and the kerued images, and molte images:

b When he was but sixteene yere olde, he shewed him selfe zealous of Gods glorie, & at twēte yere olde he abolished idolatrie and restored ỹ true religion

4 And they brake downe [c] in his sight the altars of Baalím, and he caused to cut downe the images that were on hie vpon them: he brake also the groues, & the kerued images, and the molten images, and stampt them to poudre, and strowed it vpon the graues of them that had sacrificed vnto them.

c Which sheweth that he wolde se the reformacion w his owne eies.

d Read 2.Kig. 23,16. 5 Also he burnt the [d] bones of the Priests vpon their altars, and purged Iudáh and Ierusalém.

6 And in ỹ cities of Manasséh, & Ephráim, and Simeón, euen vnto Naphtalí, with their maules *they brake all* rounde about.

e This great zeale of this godlie King ỹ holie Gost setteth forthe as an example & paterne to other Kings & rulers, to teache thē what God requireth of them.

7 And when he had [e] destroyed the altars and the groues, and had broken and stamped to poudre the images, and had cut downe all the idoles throughout all the land of Israél, he returned to Ierusalém.

8 ¶ * Then in the eightente yere of his reigne when he had purged the land and the Temple, he sent Shaphán the sonne of Azaliáh, and Maaseáh the gouernour of the citie, and Ioáh the sonne of Ioaház the recorder, to repare the house of the Lord his God.

*2.King 22,3.

9 And when they came to Hilkiáh the hie Priest, they deliuered the money that was broght into the house of God, which the Leuites that kept the dore, had gathered at the hand of Manasséh, and Ephráim, & of all the residue of Israél, and of all Iudáh and Beniamín, and [f] of the inhabitáts of Ierusalém.

f Or, they returned to Ierusalem, meaning, Shaphan, &c.

10 And they put it in the hands of them that shulde do the worke & had the oversight in the house of the Lord: and they gaue it to the workemen that wroght in the house of the Lord, to repaire & amende the house.

11 Euen to the workemen & to the buylders gaue they it, to bye hewed stone and timber for couples & for beames of the [f] houses, which the Kings of Iudáh had destroyed.

f For there were many portions and pieces annexed to the Temple

12 And the men did the worke [g] faithfully, and the ouerseers of them *were* Iaháth and Obadiáh the Leuites, of the children of Merarí, and Zechariáh, and Meshullám, of the children of the Kohathites to set it forwarde: and of the Leuites all that colde skil of instruments of musike.

g Meaning, ỹ they were in suche credite for their fidelitie, that they made none accōptes of that which they receiued. 2.Kig. 22,9.

13 And *they were* ouer the bearers of burdēs, and them that set forwarde all the workemen in euerie worke: and of the Leuites *were* scribes, & officers and porters.

14 ¶ And when they broght out the money that was broght into the house of the Lord, Hilkiáh the Priest foūde the [h] boke of the Law of the Lord *giuen* by the hād of Mosés.

h Read 2 Kig. 22,8.

15 Therefore Hilkiáh answered and said to Shaphán the chanceler, I haue founde the boke of the Lawe in the house of the Lord: and Hilkiáh gaue the boke to Shaphán.

16 And Shaphán caryed the boke to [i] the King, and broght the King worde againe, saying, All that is committed to the hand of thy seruants, that do they.

i For ỹ King was commanded to haue continually a copie of this boke, & to read therein day & night, Deut. 17,18.

17 For they haue gathered the money that was founde in the house of the Lord, and haue deliuered it into the hands of the ouerseers, and to the hands of the workemen.

18 Also Shāphán the chanceler declared to the King, saying, Hilkiáh the Priest hathe giuen me a boke, & Shaphán read it before the King.

19 And when the King had heard the wordes of the Lawe, he [k] tare his clothes.

k For sorow that ỹ worde of God had bene so long suppressed, and ỹ people kept in ignorance, cōsidering also the curses cōteined therein against ỹ trāsgressours.

20 And the King commanded Hilkiáh, and Ahikám the sonne of Shaphán, & Abdón the sonne of Micáh, & Shaphán the chanceler, and Asaiáh the Kings seruant, saying,

21 Go *and* enquire of the Lord for me, and for the rest in Israél and Iudáh, concerning the wordes of this boke that is founde: for great *is* the wrath of the Lord ỹ is fallen vpon vs, because our [l] fathers haue not kept the worde of the Lord, to do after all that is writen in this boke.

l Thus ỹ godlie do not only lament their owne sinnes, but also that their fathers and predecessours haue offended God.

22 Then Hilkiáh and they that the King *had appointed*, went to Huldáh the prophetesse the wife of Shallúm, the sonne of [m] Tokháth, the sonne of [m] Hasráh keper of the [n] wardrobe (and she dwelt in Ierusalém within the [n] colledge) and they communed hereof with her.

m Or, Tikuáh
m Or, Harhas.
n Meaning, either of the Priests apparel, or of the Kings

23 And she answered them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israél, Tel ye [o] the man that sent you to me,

n Read hereof 2 King. 22, 15
o That is, to the King.

24 Thus

24 Thus saith the Lord, Beholde, I wil brīg
euil vpon this place, and vpon the inhabi-
tants thereof, *euen* all the curses, that are
writen in the boke which they haue red
before the King of Iudáh:
25 Because they haue forsakē me, and burnt
incēse vnto other gods, to angre me with
all the workes of their p hands, therefore
shal my wrath fall vpon this place, & shal
not be quenched.
26 But to the King of Iudáh, who sent you
to enquire of the Lord, so shal ye say vnto
him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israél,
The wordes which thou hast heard, *shal*
come to passe.
27 *But* because thine heart did q melt, and
thou dideſt humble thy self before God,
whē thou heardest his wordes against this
place and against the inhabitants thereof,
and humbledst thy seife before me and
tarest thy clothes, and wepteſt before me,
I haue also heard it, saith the Lord.
28 Beholde, I wil gather thee to thy fathers,
and thou shalt be put in thy graue in pea-
ce, and thine eyes shal not se all the euil,
which I wil bring vpon this r place, and
vpon the inhabitants of the same. Thus
they brought the King worde againe.
29 ¶ Then the King sent and gathered all
the Elders of Iudah and Ierusalém.
30 And the King went vp into the house
of the Lord, and all the men of Iudáh, and
the inhabitants of Ierusalém, and the
Priests and the Leuites, and all the people
frō the greatest to the s smallest, and he
red in their eares all the wordes of the bo-
ke of the couenant that was founde in the
house of the Lord.
31 And the King stode by his piller, and
made a couenant before the Lord, to wal-
ke after the Lord, and to kepe his commā-
dements, and his testimonies, and his sta-
tutes, with all his heart, and with all his
soule, & ỹ he wolde accōplish the wordes
of the couenant writen in the same boke.
32 And he caused all that were founde in
Ierusalém, and Beniamín to stand to it: &
the inhabitants of Ierusalém did accor-
ding to the couenant of God, *euen* the
God of their fathers.
33 So Iosiáh toke away all the abomina-
cions out of all the countreis that perte-
ned to the children of Israél, and compel-
led all t that were found in Israél, to serue
the Lord their God: so all his daies they
turned not backe from the Lord God of
their fathers.

p This she speaketh in cōtempt of the idolaters, who contraerie to reason and nature make their a god, which they haue mi-de, and framed with their owne hands

q This declareth what is ỹ end of Gods threatnings, to call his to repentance, & to assure the vnrepentant of their destruction.

r It may appeare that very fewe were touched w̄ true repentance, seing that God sparcd thē for a time onely for the Kings sake.

s Forasmuch as neither yōg nor olde could be excepted frō the curses cōteined therein, if they did trans'gresse, he knewe it appertained to all & was his duetie to se it red to all sortes, that euerie one might learne to auoyde those punishements by serving God aright.

t Because he had charge ouer all & must answer for euerie one that perished, he thought it his duetie to se ỹ all shulde make professiō to receiue the worde of God

CHAP. XXXV.

Iosiáh kepeth the Passeouer. 2 He setteth for the Gods seruice. 20 He fighteth against the King of Egypt, & dyeth. 24 The people bewayle him.

2 *King 23,21* 1 MOreouer u Iosiáh kept a Passeouer
vnto the Lord in Ierusalém, & they
slewe the a Passeouer in the fourtente
day of the first moneth.
2 And he appointed the Priests to their
charges, and incouraged them to the ser-
uice of the house of the Lord,
3 And he said vnto ỹ Leuites, that b taught
all Israél and were sanctified vnto ỹ Lord,
Put the holy Arke in the house which Sa-
lomón the sonne of Dauid King of Is-
raél did buyld: it *shal be* no more a c bur-
den vpon your shulders: serue now the
Lord your God and his people Israél,
4 And prepare your selues by the houses of
your fathers according to your courses, as
*Dauid the King of Israél hathe writen,
& according to the writing of Salomón
his sonne,
5 And stand in the Sanctuarie according
to the diuisiō of the familes of your bre-
thren "the children of the people, and *after*
the diuision of the familie of the Leuites:
6 So kil the Passeouer, and sanctifie your
selues, and d prepare your brethren that
they may do according to the worde of
the Lord by the hand of Moses.
7 Iosiah also gaue to the "people shepe, lā-
bes and kidds, all for the Passeouer, *euen*
to all that were present, to the nomber of
thirty thousand, & thre thousand bullock-
kes: these were of the Kings substance.
8 And his princes offred willingly vnto the
people, to the Priests & to the Leuites: Hil-
kiáh, and Zechariáh, and Iehiél, rulers of
the house of God, gaue vnto ỹ Priests for
the Passeouer, *euen* two thousand and six
hundreth *shepe*, & thre hūdreth bullockes.
9 e Conaniáh also and Shemaiáh and Ne-
thanēl his brethren, and Hashabiáh and
Ieiél, & Iozabád, chief of the Leuites ga-
ue vnto the Leuites for the Passeouer, fyue
thousand *shepe*, & fyue hūdreth bullockes.
10 Thus the seruice was prepared, and
the Priests stode in their places, also the
Leuites in their ordres according to the
Kings commandement:
11 And they slewe the Passeouer, & ỹ Priests
f sprinkled *the blood* with their hands, & the
Leuites slayed *them*.
12 And they toke away *from* the g burnt of-
fring to giue it according to the diuisions
of the families of the children of the peo-
ple, to offer vnto the Lord, as it is writen
in the boke of Moses, & so of ỹ bullockes.
13 And * they rosted the Passeouer with fy-
re, according to the custome, but the san-
ctified things they sod in pottes, panns,
and caulderns, & distributed them quic-
kely to all the people.
14 Afterwarde also they prepared for thē
selues & for the Priests: for the Priests the
sonnes of Aarón *were occupied* in offring of
burnt offrigs, & the fat vntil night there-
fore the Leuites prepared for thē selues, &

a The Scripture vseth in sondrie places to call the lambe the Passeouer, which was but the figre of ỹ Passeouer, because in all sacraments the signes haue the names of the things which are signified.

b So that the Leuites charge was not onely to minister in ỹ Tēple, but also to instruct the people in the worde of God.

c As it was before the Tēple was buylt: therefore your office onely is now to teache the people, & to praise God.

1 Chro 23,26. & 25,26.

1 Or, the people.

d Exhorte euerie one to examine thē selues, that they be not vnmete to eat of the Passeouer

"The sonnes of the people.

e So ỹ euerie one, also of all sortes gaue of that they had a liberal portiō to the seruice of God.

f Meaning of ỹ labe, which was called the Passeouer for onely ỹ Priests might sprikle, and in necessitie the Leuites might kil the sacrifice

g They reserued for the people that ẅ was not expedient to be offred, that euerie man might offer peace offrings, and so haue his portion

Exod 12,8.

for the Priests the sonnes of Aarón.

15 And the singers the sonnes of Asáph
1.Chro.25.2. stode in their standing * according to the
commandement of Dauid, and Asaph, and
Heman, and Ieduthún the Kings h Seer:
h Meaning herby his Prophet, because he appointed the Psalmes & prophecies ẏ were to be sung and the porters at euerie gate, who might not departe from their seruice: therefore their brethren the Leuites prepared for them.

16 So all the seruice of the Lord was prepared the same day, to kepe the Passeouer, and to offer burnt offrings vpon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandement of King Iosiáh.

17 And the childrē of Israél that were present, kept the Passeouer the same time, and the feast of the vnleauened bread seuen dayes.

18 And there was no Passeouer kept like that, in Israél, from the dayes of Samuél the Prophet: nether did all ẏ Kings of Israél kepe suche a Passeouer as Iosiáh kept, and the Priests and the Leuites, & all Iudáh, and Israél that were "present, and the inhabitants of Ieruselém.

"Ebr. founde.

19 This Passeouer was kept in i the eighi Which was an the six and twentieth yere of his age tente yere of the reigne of Iosiáh.

20 ¶ * After all this, when Iosiáh had pre-
2.King.23.29 pared the Tēple, Nechó King of Egypt
k Which was a citie of the Assyrians, and Iosiáh fearing left he passing through Iudáh, wolde haue taken his kingdome, made warre against him and consulted not the Lord came vp to fight against k Carchemísh by Peráth, and Iosiáh went out against him.

Or, Euphrates.

21 But he sent messengers to him, saying, What haue I to do with thee, thou King of Iudáh? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the house "of mine enemie, and God commanded me to make haste: leaue of *to come* against God, which is with me, left he destroye thee.

"Ebr. of my battel.

22 But Iosiáh wolde not turne his face frō
l That is, armed him selfe, or disguised him selfe because he might not be knowē. him, but l chāged his apparel to fight with him, and hearkened not vnto the wordes of Nechó, which were of the mouth of God, but came to fight in the valley of Megiddó.

23 And the shoters shot at King Iosiáh: thē the King said to his seruants, Cary me away, for I am very sicke.

24 So his seruants toke him out of that charet, & put him in the seconde charet which he had, and when they had broght him to Ieruselém, he dyed, and was buryed in the sepulchres of his fathers: and all Iudáh and Ieruselém m mourned for Iosiáh.

m The people so muche lamented ẏ losse of this good King, that after whē there was anie great lamentation, this was spokē of as a prouerbe, read Zach. 12,11

25 And Ieremiáh lamented Iosiáh, and all singing men and singing women mourned for Iosiáh in their lamētacions to this day, and made the same for an ordinance vnto Israél: and beholde, they be writen in the n lamentacions.

n Which some thinke Ieremie made, wherein he lamēteth the state of the Church after this kīgs death.

26 Concerning the rest of the actes of Iosiáh and his goodnes, *doing* as it was writē in the Law of the Lord,

27 And his dedes, first and last, beholde, thei are writen in the boke of the Kings of Israél and Iudáh.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 After Iosiáh, reigneth Iehoaház, 4 After Iehoaház, Iehoiakím. 8 After him Iehoiachin. 11 After him, Zedekiáh. 14. 17 In whose time all the people were caryed away to Babél, for contemning the admonicions of the Prophetes. 22 And were restored againe the seuentieth yere after by King Cyrus

1 THen * the people of the land toke Ie-
2 King.23.30 hoaház the sonne of Iosiah, and made him Kīg in his fathers stead in Ieruselém.

2 Iehoaház *was* thre and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned thre a moneths in Ieruselém.

a For thre moneths after ẏ death of Iosiáh came Necho to Ieruselem & so the plagues began, which Huldáh & the Prophets forewarned shulde come vpon Ieruselém

3 And the King of Egypt toke him away at Ieruselém, and condemned the land in an b hundreth talents of siluer, & a talent of golde.

b To pay this as a yerely tribute.

4 ¶ And the King of Egypt made Eliakím his brother King ouer Iudáh and Ieruselém, and turned his name to Iehoiakím: and Nechó toke Iehoaház his brother, and caryed him to Egypt.

5 Iehoiakím *was* fyue and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yere in Ieruselém, and did c euil in the sight of the Lord his God.

c Because he, and the people turned not to God by his first plague, he brought a newe vpon him, and at length rooted them out.

6 Against him came vp Nebuchadnezzár King of Babél, & bounde him with chaines to carye him to Babél.

7 Nebuchadnezzár also * caryed of ẏ ves-
2.King.24.13 sels of the house of the Lord to Babél, and put them in his Temple at Babél.

8 Concerning the rest of the actes of Iehoiakím, and his abominacións which he did, & d that which was founde vpō him, be-
d He meaneth superstitious markes which were founde vpon his bodie, when he was dead: wthing declared how depely idolatrie was rooted in his heart, seing he bare the markes in his flesh.
holde, they are writen in the boke of the Kings of Israél and Iudáh, & Iehoiachín his sonne reigned in his steade.

9 ¶ Iehoiachín *was* e eight yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned thre moneths and ten dayes in Ieruselém, and did euil in the sight of the Lord.

e That is, he begā his reigne at eight yere olde, and reigned ten yeres when his father was alyue, and after his fathers death, which was the eightente yere of his age, he reigned alone thre moneths and ten dayes

10 And when the yere was out, King Nebuchadnezzár sent and broght him to Babél with the precious vessels of the house of the Lord, and he made Zedekiáh his f brother King ouer Iudáh and Ieruselém.

f Or, vncle

11 Zedekiáh was one and twētie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and reigned eleuē yere in Ieruselém.

12 * And he did euil in the sight of ẏ Lord
2 King 24.19 iere.52.2. his God, and humbled not him self before Ieremiáh the Prophet at the commandement of the Lord,

13 But he rebelled moreouer against Nebuchadnezzár, which had causel him to sweare by God: and he hardened his necke & made his heart obstinate that he might not returne to the Lord God of Israél.

14 All the chief of the Priests also and of the people trespassed wonderfully, according

ding to all the abominacions of the heathen, and polluted the houſe of the Lord which he had ſanctified in Ieruſalém.

15 Therefore the Lord God of their fathers ſent to thē "by his meſſengers, f riſing early and ſending: for he had compaſſion on his people, and on his habitacion.

16 But they mocked the meſſengers of God and deſpiſed his wordes, and miſuſed his Prophetes, vntil the wrath of the Lord aroſe againſt his people, and til there was no g remedie.

17 For he broght vpon them the King of the Caldeans, who ſlewe their yong men with the ſworde h in the houſe of their Sānuarie, and ſpared nether yong man, nor virgine, ancient, nor aged. *God* i gaue all into his hand,

18 And all ẏ veſſels of ẏ houſe of God great & ſmall, and the treaſures of the houſe of ẏ Lord, and the treaſures of the King, and of his princes: all theſe caryed he to Babél.

19 And they burnt the houſe of God, and brake downe the wall of Ieruſalém, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fyre, & all the precious veſſels thereof: to deſtroye *all*.

20 And thei that were left by the ſworde, caryed he away to Babél, and they were ſeruants to him and to his ſonnes, vntil the kingdome of the k Perſians had rule,

21 To fulfil the worde of the Lord by the l mouth of Ieremiáh, vntil the lād had her fil of her Sabbaths: *for* all the dayes that ſhe lay deſolate, ſhe kept Sabbath, to fulfil ſeuentie yeres.

22 ¶*But in ẏ m firſt yere of Cyrus King of Perſiá (when the worde of the Lord, *ſpoken* by the mouth of Ieremiáh, was finiſhed) the Lord ſtirred vp the ſpirit of Cyrus King of Perſia, and he made a proclamacion through all his kingdome, and alſo by writing, ſaying,

23 Thus ſayth Cyrus King of Perſia, All ẏ kingdomes of the earth hathe the Lord God of heauen giuen me, and he hathe n commanded me to buyld him an houſe in Ieruſalém, that is in Iudáh. Who is among you of all his people, with whome the Lord his God ſ let him go vp.

a Her by the hād of his

f By this phraſe the ſcripture meaneth often times and diligently, as Iere 11,7 25,3. & 4.26,5. & 32, 33.

g Til God colde no longer ſuffer their ſinnes, but muſte nedes puniſh them

h Whether thei fled, thinking to haue bene ſaued for the holines thereof

i Which is not becauſe God approueth him which yet is the miniſter of his iuſtice, but becauſe God wolde by his iuſte iudgemēt puniſh this people: for this King was led with ambicion and vaine glorie, wherunto were ioyned furie and cruelcie therefore his worke was condēnable, notwithſtanding it was iuſte and holy on Gods parte, who vſed this wicked inſtrument to declare his iuſtice.

k Whē Cyrus King of Perſia, had made the Babylonians ſubiect

l Who threatened the vengeāce of God, and 70 yeres captiuitie, w he calleth the Sabbaths or reſt of the lād. Iere 25,11 *Iere. 25,12. & 29,10. 2 eſdr. 1,1.*

m In the firſt yere that he reigned ouer the Caldeans.

n God had ſo prophecied aboue an hundreth yeres, before Cyrus was borne, Iſa. 44,28, that Ieruſalém & the Temple ſhulde be buylt againe by Cyrus his anointed. ſo called, becauſe God vſed his ſeruice for a time to deliuer his Church.

THE PRAYER OF MANASSÉH King of the Iewes.

The prayer is not in the Ebrewe, but tranſlated out of the Greke.

O Lord almightie, God of our fathers, Abram, Iſaac and Iacob, and of their righteous ſede, which haſt made heauen and earth with all their ornament, which haſt bound the ſea by the worde of thy commandement, which haſt ſhut vp the depe and ſealed it by thy terrible and glorious Name, whome all do feare & tremble before thy power: for the maieſtie of thy glorie can not be borne, & thine angrie threatning toward ſinners is importable, but thy merciful promes is vnmeaſurable & vnſearcheable. For thou art the moſte high Lord, of great compaſsiō, long ſuffring & moſte merciful, & repēteſt for mās miſeries. Thou, ô Lord, accordīg to thy great goodnes haſt promiſed a repentance & forgiuenes to them that ſinne againſt thee, & for thine infinite mercies haſt appointed repentance vnto ſinners that thei may be ſaued. Thou therefore, ô Lord, that art the God of the iuſte, haſt not appointed repentance to the iuſte, *as* to Abram, and Iſaac and Iacob, which haue not b ſinned againſt thee, but thou haſt appointed repentance vnto me that am a ſinner: for I haue ſinned aboue the nōber of the ſand of the ſea. My tranſgreſsions, ô Lord, are multiplied: my tranſgreſsions are exceding many: and I am not worthy to beholde & ſe the height of the heauēs for the multitude of mine vnrighteouſnes. I am bowed downe with many yrō bādes, that I cā not lift vp mine head, nether haue any releaſe. For I haue prouoked thy wrath and done euil before thee. I did not thy wil, nether kept I thy commandements. I haue ſet vp abominations & haue multiplied offenſes. Now therefore I bowe the kne of mine heart, beſechīg thee of grace. I haue ſinned, ô Lord, I haue ſinned, & I acknowledge my trāſgreſsiōs: but I humbly beſeche thee, forgiue me: ô Lord, forgiue me, & deſtroye me not with my tranſgreſsions. Be not angry with me for euer by reſeruing euil for me, nether condemne me into the lower partes of the earth. For thou art the God, *euen* the God of them that repent: and in me thou wilt ſhewe all thy goodnes: for thou wilt ſaue me that am vnworthy, according to thy great mercie: therefore I wil praiſe thee for euer all the dayes of my life. for all the power of the heauens praiſe thee, & thine is the glorie for euer & euer, Amen.

a Thou haſt promiſed that repētance ſhal be the way for thē to returne to thee

b He ſpeaketh this in cōparīſon of him ſelfe & thoſe holy fathers which haue their commēdacion in the Scriptures, ſo that in reſpect of him ſelf he calleth their ſinnes no thing, but attributeth vnto them righteouſnes

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THE ARGVMENT.

AS the Lord is euer merciful vnto his Church, and doeth not punish them, but to the intent they shulde se their owne miseries, and be exercised vnder the crosse, that they might contemne the worlde and aspire vnto the heauens. so after that he had visited the Iewes and kept thē now in londage seuentie yeres in a strange countrey among infideles and idolaters, he remembred his tendre mercies and their infirmities, and therefore for his owne sake raised them vp a deliuerer, and moued bothe the heart of the chief ruler to pitie them, and also by him punished suche, which had kept them in seruitude. Notwithstanding lest they shulde growe into a contempt of Gods great benefite, he keepeth them stil in exercise, and raiseth domestical enemies, which endeuour as muche as they can to hindre their moste wortlie enterprises: yet by the exhortacion of the Prophetes they went forward by litle and litle til their worke was finished. The autor of this boke was Ezrá, who was Priest, and scribe of the Law, as chap. 7, 6. he returned to Ierusalém the sixt yere of Darius, who succeded Cyrus, that is, more then fourtie yeres after the returne of the first vnder Zerubbabél, when the Temple was buylt. He broght with him a great companie, and muche treasures, with letters to the Kings officers for all suche things as shulde be necessarie for the Temple: and at his cōming he redressed that which was amisse, and set the things in good ordre.

CHAP. I.

2 Cyrus sendeth againe the people that was in captiuitie. 8 And restoreth them their holy vessels.

2 Chro. 36, 22. 3. ezr. 2, 1. iere. 25, 12 & 29, 10

1 NOw *in a ẏ first yere of Cyrus King of Persia (ẏ the worde of the Lord, spoken by the b mouth of Ieremiah, might be accōplished) the Lord stirred vp the c spirit of Cyrus King of Persia, and he made a proclamacion through all his kingdome, and also by writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus King of Persia, The Lord God of heauen hathe giuen me d all the kingdomes of the earth, and he hathe commanded me to buyld him an house in Ierusalém, which is in Iudáh.

3 Who is he among you of all his people with whome his God is? let him go vp to Ierusalém which is in Iudáh, and buyld the house of the Lord God of Israél: he is the God, which is in Ierusalém.

4 And euerie one that remaineth in anie place (where he sojourneth) e let the men of his place relieue him with siluer & with golde, and with substance, & with cattel, f *and* with a willing offring, for the house of God that is in Ierusalém.

5 Then the chief fathers of Iudáh & Beniamín, & the Priests & Leuites rose vp, with all thē whose spirit God had raised to go vp, to buyld the house of the Lord which is in Ierusalém.

6 And all g they that were about thē, strēgthened their hands with vessels of siluer, with golde, with substance & with cattel, & with precious thīgs, besides all that was willingly offred.

7 Also the King Cyrus broght forthe the vessels of the house of the Lord,* which Nebuchadnezzár had takē out of Ierusalém, & had put thē in ẏ house of his god.

8 Euen thē did Cyrus King of Persia brīg forthe by the hād of Mithredáth the treasurer, and counted thē vnto h Sheshbazzár the prince of Iudáh.

9 And this is the nomber of them, thirtie basins of golde, a thousand basins of siluer, nine and twentie i kniues,

10 Thirtie bowles of golde, & of siluer bowles of the secōd sorte, foure hundreth and ten, & of other vessels, a thousand.

11 All the vessels of golde & siluer *were* fiue thousand & foure hūdreth. Sheshbazzár broght vp all k with thē of the captiuitie that came vp frō Babél to Ierusalém.

CHAP. II.

The nomber of them that returned from the captiuitie.

1 THese* also are the sonnes a of the prouince, that went vp out of ẏ captiuitie (whome Nebuchadnezzár Kīg of Babél had caried away vnto Babél) & returned to Ierusalém, & to Iudáh, euerie one vnto his citie,

Nehe. 7, 6. 3. esár 5, 7.

2 Which came with b Zerubbabél, *to wit*, Ieshúa, Nehemiáh, Seraiáh, Reelaiáh, c Mordecái, Bilshán, Mispár, Biguái, Rehúm, Baanáh. The nomber of the men d of the people of Israél *was*,

3 The sonnes of Parósh, two thousand, an hundreth, seuentie and two:

4 The sonnes of Shephatiáh, three hundreth seuentie and two:

5 The sonnes of Aráh, seuen hundreth, and seuentie and fiue:

6 The sonnes of e Pahláth Moáb, of the sonnes of Ieshúa & Ioáb, two thousand, eight hundreth and twelue:

7 The sonnes of Elám, a thousand, two hūdreth, and foure and fiftie:

8 The sonnes of Zattú, nine hundreth, and fiue and fourtie:

9 The sonnes of Zaccái, seuen hundreth, and threscore:

10 The sonnes of Baní, six hundreth, and two and fourtie:

11 The

Chro. 36, 2. 3. ezr. 2, 1. iere. 25, 12 & 29, 10

a After that he and Darius had wonne Babylón

b Who promised thē deliuerance after that seuentie yeres were past, Ier. 25, 11. That is, moued him, and gaue him heart

d For he was chief Monarche, and had manie nacions vnder his dominion, which this heathen King cōfesseth to haue receiued of the Liuing God.

e If any through pouertie were not able to returne, the Kings cōmissiō was that he shulde be furnished w̄ necessaries

f Which they them selues shulde send toward the reparation of ẏ Temple.

g The Babylonians & Chaldeans gaue them these presents thus rather then the children of God shulde wante for their necessities, he wolde stirre vp the heart of the very infideles to helpe them

2 Kin 25, 13. 2 chro 36, 7. ezr 27, 19. dan 1, 2.

h So the Chaldeās called Zerubbabél, who was the chief gouernour, so that ẏ preeminence stil remained in the house of David

i Which serued to kill the beastes that were offred in sacrifice

k With ẏ Iewes ẏ had bene kept captiues in Babylón.

Nehe. 7, 6. 3. esár 5, 7.

a Meaning Iudea, w̄ was a prouince, ẏ is, a countrey which was in subiection.

b Zerubbabél was chief captaine, Ieshúa the hie Priest, & Nehemiáh a man of great autoritie went not now but came after, 54 yeres.

c This was not that Mordecái w̄ was Esters kinsman

d Meaning of the commune people

e Or, of the duke of Moáb.

21 The ſonnes of Bebái, ſix hundreth, and thre and twenty:
22 The ſonnes of Azgád a thouſand, two hũdreth, and two and twentie:
23 The ſonnes of Adonikám, ſix hundreth, thre ſcore and ſix:
24 The ſonnes of Biguái, two thouſand, & ſix and fiftie:
25 The ſonnes of Adín, foure hundreth & foure and fiftie:
e Which were of the poſterite of Hezekiah
26 The ſonnes of Atér of eHizkiáh, ninetie and eight:
27 The ſonnes of Bezái, thre hundreth, & thre and twentie:
28 The ſonnes of Iorá, an hundreth, and twelue:
29 The ſonnes of Haſſhúm, two hundreth and thre and twentie:
20 The ſonnes of Gibbár, ninetie and fiue:
f That is, inhabitants for ſo this word (Some) ſignifieth, whē it is ioyned with the names of places
21 f The ſonnes of Beth-léhem, an hũdreth and thre and twenty:
22 The men of Netophá, ſix & fiftie:
23 The men of Anothóth, an hundreth & eight & twentie:
24 The ſónes of Azmáueth, two & fourtie:
25 The ſonnes of Kiriáth a rim, of Chephiráh, & Beeróth, ſeuen hundreth & thre and fourtie:
26 The ſonnes of Haramáh and Gába, ſix hundreth, and one and twentie:
27 The men of Michmás, an hundreth, and two and twentie:
28 The ſonnes of Beth-él & Ai, two hundreth, and thre and twentie:
29 The ſonnes of Nebó, two and fiftie:
30 The ſonnes of Magbíſh, an hundreth and ſix and fiftie:
31 The ſonnes of the other Elám, a thouſand, and two hundreth, & foure & fiftie:
32 The ſonnes of Harím, thre hundreth & twentie:
33 The ſonnes of Lod-hadíd, & Onó, ſeuẽ hundreth, and fiue and twentie:
34 The ſonnes of Ierichó, thre hundreth and fiue and fourtie:
35 The ſonnes of Senáah, thre thouſand, ſix hundreth and thirtie.
g Before he hathe declared the two tribes of Iudáh and Beniamin, & now commeth to ỹ tribe of Leui & begineth at ỹ Prieſts,
36 ¶ The gPrieſts: of the ſonnes of Iedaiáh of the houſe of Ieſhúa, nine hundreth ſeuentie and thre:
37 The ſonnes of Immér, a thouſand and two and fiftie:
38 The ſonnes of Paſhúr, a thouſand, two hundreth and ſeuen and fourtie:
39 The ſonnes of Harím, a thouſand and ſeuentene.
‖The Leuites
40 ¶‖ The Leuites: the ſonnes of Ieſhúa, & Kadmiél of the ſonnes of Hodauiáh, ſeuentie and foure.
‖The Singers
41 ¶‖ The ſingers: the ſonnes of Aſaph, an hundreth and eight and twentie.
‖The Porters.
42 ¶‖ The ſonnes of the porters: the ſonnes of Shallúm, the ſonnes of Atér, the ſonnes of Talmón, the ſonnes of Akkúb, ỹ ſonnes of Hatitá, the ſonnes of Shobái: all *were* an hundreth and nine ad thirtie.
h So called because that were giuen to the Temple, to cut wood & beare water for the vſe of the ſacrifices, & came of the Gibeonites & were appointed to this vſe of Ioſhua, Ioſhu. 9.23
43 ¶ The hNethinims: the ſonnes of Zihá, ỹ onnes of Haſuphá, ỹ ſonnes of Tabbaóth,
44 The ſonnes of Kerós, ỹ ſonnes of Siahá, the ſonnes of Padón,
45 The ſonnes of Lebanáh, the ſonnes of Hagabáh, the ſonnes of Akkúb,
46 The ſonnes of Hagab, the ſonnes of Shalái, the ſonnes of Hanán,
47 The ſonnes of Giddél, the ſonnes of Gáhar, the ſonnes of Reaiáh,
48 The ſonnes of Rezín, the ſonnes of Nekodá, the ſonnes of Gazzám,
49 The ſonnes of Vzzá, the ſonnes of Paſéah, the ſonnes of Beſái,
50 The ſonnes of Aſnáh, the ſonnes of Meunim, the ſonnes of Nephuſim,
51 The ſonnes of Bakbúk, the ſonnes of Hakupá, the ſonnes of Harhúr,
52 The ſonnes of Bazlúth, the ſonnes of Mehidá, the ſonnes of Harſha,
53 The ſonnes of Barcós, the ſonnes of Siſará, the ſonnes of Thámah,
54 The ſonnes of Nezíah, the ſonnes of Hatiphá,
i Which came of them that Salomón had appointed for the worke of the Temple.
55 The ſonnes of Salomons ſeruants: the ſonnes of Sotái, the ſonnes of Sophéreth, the ſonnes of Perudá,
56 The ſonnes of Iaaláh, the ſonnes of Darkón, the ſonnes of Giddél,
57 The ſonnes of Shephatiáh, the ſonnes of Hattíl, the ſonnes of Pochéreth Hazzebaím, the ſonnes of Amí.
58 All the Nethinims, and the ſonnes of Salomons ſeruants *were* thre hundreth ninetie and two.
59 ¶ And theſe went vp from Telmeláh, & from Telharſhá, Cherúb, Addán, & Immér, but they colde not diſceme their fathers houſe and their ſede, whether they were of Iſraél.
60 The ſonnes of Delaiáh, the ſonnes of Tobiah, the ſonnes of Nekodá, ſix hundreth and two and fiftie.
k Of him is made mencio 2 Sam 17.27 & 19.31 & becauſe ỹ Prieſts of he was had in contempt, theſe wolde haue changed their eſtate by the ſame, & ſo by Gods iuſt iudgemẽt loſt both the eſtimation of the worlde & the dignitie of their office
61 And of the ſonnes of ỹ Prieſts, ỹ ſonnes of Habaiáh the ſonnes of Coz, the ſonnes of kBarzillái: which toke of ỹ daughters of Barzillái the Giliadite to wife, and was called after their name.
62 Theſe ſoght their writing of the genealogies, but they were not found: therefore were they put from the Prieſthode.
63 And l Tirſhátha ſaid vnto them, that they ſhulde not eat of the moſt holy thig, til there roſe vp a Prieſt with m Vrim & Thummim.
l This is a Chalde name & ſignifieth hie ỹ hathe autoritie ouer others
64 The whole Congregacion together was two and fourtie thouſand, thre hundreth and thre ſcore,
m Read Exo. 28.30.
65 Beſide their ſeruants and their maides: of whome *were* ſeuen thouſand,

thre hundreth and ſeuen and thirtie: and among them *were* two hundreth ſinging men and ſinging women.

66 Their horſes *were* ſeuen hundreth, & ſix and thirty. their mules, two hundreth and fiue and fourtie:

67 Their camels foure hůdreth and fiue & thirtie: their aſſes, ſix thouſand, ſeuen hůdreth and twentie.

68 And *certeine* of the chief fathers, when they came to the houſe of the Lord, which was in Ieruſalém, thei offred willingly for the houſe of God, to ſet it vp vpon his fundacion.

69 Thei gaue after their habilitie vnto ỹ treaſure of the worke, *euen* one and threſcore thouſand [a] drammes of golde, and fiue thouſand [o] pieces of ſiluer and an hundreth Prieſts gaiments.

70 So the Prieſts & the Leuites, and a *certeine* of the people, and the ſingers, & the porters, and the Nethiníms dwelt in their cities, and all Iſraél in their cities.

[a] Which moůt to of our money 24826. li. 13. ſhil 4 d eſteming the french crowne at 6 ſhil 4 d. for the dramme is ỹ eight part of an oůce, & the oůce the eight part of a marke

[o] Which are called mine, & conteine a piece two markes ſo 5000 mines make 550000. frankes, which moůt to of our many 69666. li. 13 ſhil 4 d. ſo that ỹ whole ſome was 94493 li. 26. ſhil. 8 d.

CHAP. III.

2 Thei buyld the altar of God. 6 Thei offer to the Lord. 7 Thei prepare for the Tẽple. 11 And ſing vnto the Lord.

1 AND* when the [a] ſeuent moneth was come, and the children of Iſraél *were* in their cities, the people aſſembled them ſelues as one man vnto Ieruſalém.

*3. Eſdr. 5. 47.

[a] Called Tiſri, & anſwereth to part of September & parte of Octoher.

2 Then ſtode vp Ieſhúa the ſonne of Lozadák, and his brethren the Prieſts, and Zerubbabél the [b] ſonne of Shealtiél, and his brethren, & buylded the altar of the God of Iſraél, to offer burnt offrings thereon, as it is writen in the Law of Moſés the man of God,

[b] Meaníg, nephewe: for he was the ſonne of Pedaiáh read 1 Chro. 3. 19.

3 And they ſet the altar vpõ [c] his baſes (for feare *was* among them, becauſe of the people of thoſe countreies) therefore they offred burnt offrings theréõ vnto the Lord, *euen* burnt offrings in the morning and at euen.

[c] In the place where Salomón had placed it.

4 They kept alſo the feaſt of the Tabernacles, as it is writen, and the burnt offring *daily, by nomber according to the cuſtome day by day,

*Exod. 23. 16.

5 And afterward [d] the continual burnt offring, bothe in the new moneths and in all the feaſt dayes that were conſecrate vnto the Lord, and in all the oblations willingly offred vnto the Lord.

[d] That is, after the feaſt of Tabernacles.

6 From the firſt day of the ſeuent moneth began they to offer burnt offrings vnto the Lord: but the fundacion of the Temple of the Lord was not laied.

7 They gaue money alſo vnto the maſons, and to the workemen, and meat and drinke, and oyle vnto them of Zidón and of Tyrus, to bring thẽ cedre wood from Lebanón to the ſea vnto [e] Iaphó, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus King of Perſia.

[e] Or, Ioppe.

8 ¶ And in the ſeconde yere of their comming vnto the houſe of God in Ieruſalém in the [e] ſecond moneth began Zerubbabél the ſonne of Shealtiél, and Ieſhúa the ſonne of Iozadák, and the remnant of their brethren the Prieſts and the Leuites, & all they that were come out of the captiuitie vnto Ieruſalém, and appointed the Leuites from twenty yere olde & aboue, to ſet forward the worke of the houſe of the Lord.

[e] Which moneth cõteined parte of April and parte of May. for in the meane ſeaſon they had prouided for thigs neceſſarie for the worke.

9 And Ieſhúa [f] ſtode with his ſonnes, and his brethren, & Kadmiél with his ſonnes, & the ſonnes of Iudáh together to ſet forward the workemen in the houſe of God, and the ſonnes of Henadád with their ſonnes, and their brethren the Leuites.

[f] They gaue them exhortations & encouraged euery man forward in the worke.

10 And when the buylders laied the fundacion of the Temple of the Lord, thei appointed the Prieſts in their apparel with trumpets, and the Leuites the ſonnes of Aſáph with cymbales, to praiſe the Lord, *after the ordinance of Dauid King of Iſraél.

*2. Chro. 16. 8.

11 Thus they ſang when they gaue praiſe, and when they gaue thankes vnto the Lord, For he is good, for his mercie *endureth* for euer toward Iſraél. And all ỹ people ſhouted with a great ſhoute, whẽ thei praiſed the Lord, becauſe the fundacion of the houſe of the Lord was layed.

12 Many alſo of the Prieſts and the Leuites and the chief of the fathers, ancient men, which had ſene the firſt houſe, (when the fundacion of this houſe was layed before their eies) [g] wept with a loude voyce: and many ſhouted a loude for ioye,

[g] Becauſe thei ſawe that it was nothig ſo glorious as that Temple, which Salomón had buylt, notwithſtanding Aggeus cõforteth them & propheciеth that it ſhalbe more beautiful thẽ the firſt. meaning the ſpirituall Temple, wch are the members of Chriſtes bodie.

13 So that the people colde not diſcerne the ſounde of the ſhoute for ioye, from the noyce of the weping of the people: for the people ſhouted with a loude crye, and the noyce was heard farre of.

CHAP. IIII.

2 The buylding of the Temple is hindred & how. 11 Letters to Artaxerxes, and the anſwer.

1 BVt [a] the aduerſaries of Iudáh and Bẽiamín heard, that the children of the captiuitie buylded the Temple vnto the Lord God of Iſraél.

[a] Meaning, the inhabitants of Samaria, whome ỹ King of Aſsyria had placed in the ſteade of ỹ ten tribes 2 King. 17. 24 & 19. 37. Theſe profeſſed God, but worſhiped Idoles alſo, and therefore were the greateſt enemies to the true ſeruants of God

2 And thei came to Zerubbabél, & to ỹ chief fathers, and ſaid vnto them, We wil buylde with you: for we ſeke the Lord your God as ye *do*: & we haue ſacrificed vnto him ſince the time of Eſár Haddón King of Aſſhúr which broght vs vp hither.

3 Then Zerubbabél, and Ieſhúa, and the reſt of the chief fathers of Iſraél, ſaid vnto them, It is not for you, but for vs to buyld the houſe vnto our God: [b] for we our ſelues together wil buyld it vnto the Lord God of Iſraél, as King Cyrus the King of Perſia hathe commanded vs.

[b] For thei perceiued what their pretence was, to wit, to erect idolatrie in ſteade of true religion.

4 Whe-

"Ebr made their hands weake.

4 Wherefore the people of ỹ land" diſcouraged the people of Iudáh, and troubled them in buylding,

c They bribed the gouernors vnder the King, to hinder their worke thus hy that halte, can not abide, ỹ God ſhulde be purely ſerued He was alſo called Artaxerxes, which is a Perſian name ſome thinke it was Cambſes Cyrus ſonne, or Darius, as verſ 5 e Called Artaxerxes, ẅ ſignifieth in ỹ Perſiã tõgue, an excellent warriour

5 And they c hyred counſelers againſt thẽ, to hinder their deuice, all the dayes of Cyrus King of Perſia, euẽ vntil the reigne of Darius King of Perſia.

6 And in the reigne of d Ahaſhuerósh (in the beginning of his reigne) wrote they an accuſation againſt the inhabitants of Iudáh and Ieruſalém.

7 And in the dayes of e Artahſhaſhte, Mithredáth, Tabeél, & the reſt of their companiõs wrote when it was peace vnto Artahſhaſhte King of Perſia, & the writing of the letter was the Aramites writing, & the thing declared was in the language of the Aramites.

*Or, counſelour.

8 Rehúm the f chancelour, and Shimſhái the ſcribe wrote a lettre againſt Ieruſalém to Artahſhaſhte ỹ King, in this ſorte.

9 Then *wrote* Rehúm the chancelour, and Shimſhái the ſcribe, & their companions f Dinaié, and Aphárſathcaié, Tarpelaié, Aphárſaié, Archeuaié, Bablaié, Shuſhanchaié, Dehaué, Elmaié,

f These were certeine people, which the Aſſyrians placed in Samaria in ſtead of the ten tribes

10 And the reſt of the people whome the great & noble g Aſnappár broght ouer, & ſet in the cities of Samaria, and other that are beyonde the h Riuer and i Cheéneth.

g Some thinke it was Sanneherib, but rather Salmanaſár

h To wit Euphrates, & he meaneth in reſpect of Babél ỹ they dwelt beyonde it.

i Which were a certeine people ỹ enuyed the Iewes.

11 ¶ This is the copie of the letter that they ſent vnto King Artahſhaſhte, THY SERVANTS the men beyonde the Riuer and Cheéneth, *ſalute thee.*

12 Be it knowen vnto the King that the Iewes, which came vp from thee to vs, are come vnto Ieruſalém (a citie rebellious & wicked) & buylde, & laye the fundacions of the walles, and haue ioyned the fundacions.

13 Be it knowen now vnto the King, that if this citie be buylt, & the fundaciõs of the walles layed, they wil not giue tolle, tribute, nor k cuſtome: ſo ſhalt thou hinder the Kings tribute.

k Meaning, the gifts that are wonte to be giuen to Kings whẽ they paſſe by any coũtrey

14 Now therefore becauſe" we haue bene broght vp in the *Kings* palace, it was not mete for vs to ſe the Kings diſhonour: for this cauſe haue we ſent and certified the King,

"Ebr *In the Chalde, we haue eaten the ſalt of the palace.*

15 That one may ſearche in the boke of the Chronicles of thy fathers, and thou ſhalt finde in the boke of the Chronicles, and perceiue that this citie is rebellious and noyſome vnto Kings and prouinces, and that they haue moued ſedicion of olde time, for the which cauſe this citie was deſtroyed.

16 We certifie the King *therefore*, that if this citie be buylded, and the fundacion of the walles layed, by this meanes the porcion beyonde the Riuer ſhal not be thine.

17 ¶ The King ſent an anſwer vnto Rehúm the chancelour, and Shimſhái the ſcribe, and to the reſt of their companions that dwelt in Samaria, and vnto the other beyonde the Riuer, l Shelám & m Cheéth.

l Some read for Shelám, ſaluacion or greting.

m Called alſo Cheeneth, as verſ 11.

18 ¶ The letter which ỹe ſent vnto vs, hathe bene openly red before me,

19 And I haue commanded and they haue ſearched, and founde, that this citie of olde time hathe made inſurrectiõ againſt Kings, and hathe rebelled, and rebellion hathe bene committed therein.

20 There haue bene mightie Kings alſo ouer Ieruſalém, which haue ruled ouer all beyonde the Riuer, and tolle, tribute, and cuſtome was giuen vnto them.

21 Make ye now a decree, that thoſe men may ceaſe, and that the citie be not buylt, til I haue giuen *another* commandement.

22 Take hede now that ye faile not to do this: why ſhulde domage growe to hurt the King?

23 When the copie of King Artahſhaſhtes lettre was red before Rehúm & Shimſhái the ſcribe, & their companions, they went vp in all the haſte to Ieruſalém vnto the Iewes, and cauſed them to ceaſe by force and power.

24 Then n ceaſed the worke of the houſe of God, which was in Ieruſalém, and did ſtay vnto the ſecõde yere of Darius King of Perſia.

n Not all together for the Prophetes exhorted thẽ to continue, but they vſed leſſe diligence becauſe of the troubles.

CHAP. V.

1 Haggái & Zechariáh do prophecie. 3 The worke of the Temple goeth forwarde contrary to the minde of Tatnái. 6 His lettres to Darius.

1 THẽ "Haggái a Prophet & Zechariáh the ſonne of Iddó a Prophet prophecied vnto the Iewes that were in Iudáh, & Ieruſalém, in the Name of the God of Iſraél, *euen* vnto them.

"Or, Haggeus *Hag. 1, 1. 3. eſdr 6, 6.*

2 Then Zerubbabél the ſonne of Shealtiél, & Ieſhúa the ſonne of Iozadák aroſe, and began to buylde thè houſe of God at Ieruſalém, and with them *were* the Prophetes of God, which a helped them.

a Which incouraged thẽ to go forward & accuſed thẽ that they were more careful to buylde their owne houſes, then zealous to buylde the tẽple of God.

3 ¶ At the ſame time came to them Tatnái, which was captaine beyonde the Riuer, & Shether-boznái and their companions, & ſaid thus vnto them, Who hathe giuen you commandemẽt to buylde this houſe, and to lay the fundacions of theſe walles?

4 b Then ſaid we vnto them after this maner, What are the names of the men that buylde this buylding?

b That is, the enemies aſked this, as ver. 10.

5 But the c eye of their God was vpon the Elders of the Iewes, that they colde not cauſe them to ceaſe, til the matter came to Darius: and then they anſwered by letters thereunto.

c His fauour & the ſtrut of ſtrength

6 The copie of the lettre, that Tatnái captaine beyond the Riuer, and Shether boznai and his companions Apharſechaié, (which wer beyonde the Riuer) ſent vnto King Darius.

7 They ſent a lettre vnto him, wherein it was writen thus, VNTO DARIVS the King, all peace.

8 Be it knowen vnto the King, that we wēt into the prouince of Iudea, to the houſe of the great God, which is buylded with [o] great ſtones, and beames are layed in the walles, and this worke is wroght ſpedely, and proſpereth in their hands.

9 Then aſked we thoſe Elders, and ſaid vnto them thus, Who hathe giuen you commandement to buyld this houſe, and to laye the fundacion of theſe walles?

10 We aſked their names alſo, ỹ we might certifie thee, & that we might write the names of the men that were their rulers.

11 But thei anſwered vs thus, & ſaid, We are the ſeruants of ỹ God of heauen & earth, & buyld the houſe that was buylt of olde [d] many yeres ago, which a [d] great King of Iſraél *buylded, & founded it.

12 But after that our fathers had prouoked the God of heauen vnto wrath, *he gaue them ouer into the hand of Nebuchadnezzár King of Babél the Caldean, and he deſtroyed this houſe, and caryed the people away captiue vnto Babél.

13 But in the [e] firſt yere of Cyrus King of Babél, Kīg Cyrus made a decree to buyld this houſe of God.

14 And the veſſels of golde & ſiluer of the houſe of God, which Nebuchadnezzár toke out of the Tẽple, that was in Ieruſalém, and broght them into the Temple of Babél, thoſe did Cyrus the King take out of the Tẽple of Babél, & they gaue them vnto *one* [f] Sheſhbazzár by his name, whome he had made captaine.

15 And he ſaid vnto him, Take theſe veſſels and go thy way, & put them in the Temple that is in Ieruſalém, and let the houſe of God be buylt in his place.

16 Then came the ſame Sheſhbazzár and layed the fundacion of the houſe of God, which is in Ieruſalém, and ſince that time euen vntil now, hathe it bene in buylding, yet is it not finiſhed.

17 Now therefore if it pleaſe the King, let there be ſearche made in the houſe of the Kings [g] treaſures, which is there in Babél, whether a decree hathe bene made by King Cyrus, to buylde this houſe of God in Ieruſalém, and let the King ſend *his* minde concerning this.

[o] Or, marble.

[d] To wit, Salomón. 1. King. 6, 2. 2 chro. 3, 2.

2. King. 24, 2. & 25, 9.

[e] Read Chap. 1, 1.

[f] Read. Chap. 5, 8.

[g] Meaning, in the Librarie, or places where laye the regiſters, or recordes of times.

CHAP. VI.

At the commandement of Darius King of Perſia, after the Temple was buylded and dedicate, the children of Iſraél kepe the feaſt of vnleauened bread.

1 THen *King Darius gaue commandement, and they made ſearche in the "librarie of the treaſures, which were there layed vp in Babél.

2 And there was founde in a [a] coffre (in the palace that was in the prouince of the Medes) a volume, & therein was it thus writē, *as* a memorial,

3 IN THE FIRST yere of King Cyrus, King Cyrus made a decree for the houſe of God in Ieruſalém, Let the houſe be buylt, *euen* the place where they offred ſacrifices, & let the walles thereof be ioyned together: let the height thereof *be* thre ſcore cubites, & the breadth thereof thre ſcore cubites,

4 Thre [o] orders of [o] great ſtones, and one order of tymbre, and let the expences be giuen of the Kings houſe.

5 And alſo let them render ỹ veſſels of the houſe of God (of golde & ſiluer, ẅ Nebuchadnezzár toke out of the Tẽple, which was in Ieruſalém, and broght vnto Babél) and let [b] him go vnto the Temple that is in Ieruſalém to his place and put them in the houſe of God.

6 Therefore Tatnái captaine beyonde the Riuer, and Shethár Boznái, (& their companions Apharſecaié, which are beyonde the Riuer) be ye farre [c] from thence.

7 Suffre ye the worke of this houſe of God, that the captaine of the Iewes & the Elders of the Iewes may buylde this houſe of God in his place.

8 For I haue giuen a commandement what ye ſhal do to the Elders of theſe Iewes for the buylding of this houſe of God, that of the reuenues of the King, which is of the tribute beyonde the Riuer, there be incontinently expenſes giuen vnto theſe mē that they [d] ceaſe not.

9 And that which thei ſhal haue nede of, let it be giuen vnto them day by day, whether it be yong bullockes, or rams, or lambs for the burnt offrings of the God of heauen, wheat, ſalt, wine, & oyle, according to the appointemēt of the Prieſts that are in Ieruſalém, that there be no faute,

10 That they may haue to offer ſwete odours vnto the God of heauen, and pray for the Kings life, and for his ſonnes.

11 And I haue made a decree, ỹ whoſoeuer ſhal alter this ſentence, the wood ſhal be pulled downe from his houſe, and ſhalbe ſet vp, & he ſhal be hanged thereon, & his houſe ſhal be made a dung hil for this.

12 And the God that hathe cauſed his Name [e] to dwel there, deſtroye all Kings and peopie that put to their hand to alter, *and* to deſtroye this houſe of God, which is in Ieruſalém. I Darius haue made a decree, let it be done with ſpede.

13 ¶ *Then Tatnái the captaine beyonde the Riuer, & Shethár Boznái and their cōpanions, according to that which Darius had ſent, ſo thei did ſpedely.

14 So the Elders of the Iewes buylded, and they proſpered by the prophecying of

[o] Or, rowes, or courſes [o] Or, marble.

[b] Meanig, Zerubbabel, to whome he giueth charge.

[c] Medle not with them, neither hinder them.

[d] For lacke of money.

[e] Who hathe appointed that place to haue his name called vpō there.

*Eſdr 6, 21. "Ebr. houſe of bokes.

[a] Wherein were the actes of the Kings of Medes and Perſians.

*Eſdr 7, 1.

[f] Haggái

f Whome God stired vp to assure them that he wold giue their worke good successe.

f Haggái the Prophet, and Zecharíáh the sonne of Iddó, and they buylded and finished it, by the appointemẽt of the God of Isaél, and by the commandment of Cyrus and Darius, & Artahshásháte King of Persia.

15 And this house was finished the third day of the moneth g Adar, which was h the sixt yere of ỹ reigne of King Darius.

g This is the twelft moneth, and conteineth parte of Februarie and parte of Marche

h And the two and fortieth after their first returne.

16 ¶ And the children of Isráél, the Priests, & the Leuites, and the residue of the children of the captiuitie kept the dedicacion of this house of God with ioye,

17 And offred at the dedicacion of this house of God an hundreth bullockes, two hundreth rams, fourehundreth lambes & twelue goates, for the sinne of all Isráél, according to the nomber of the tribes of Isaél.

18 And they set the Priests in their ordre, and the Leuites in their courses ouer the seruice of God in Ierusalém, as it is writen in the* boke of Moses.

Nomb. 3. 6. & 8. 9.

19 And the children of the captiuitie kept the Passeouer on the fourtente *day* of the first moneth.

20 (For the Priests & the Leuites were purified all together) & they killed the Passeouer for all the children of the captiuitie, & for their brethren the Priests, & for themselues.

i Which were of the heathe and forsaked their idolatrie to worship the true God

21 So the children of Isráél which were come againe out of captiuitie, and all suche as had i separated themselues vnto them, from the filthines of the heathen of the lánd, to seke ỹ Lord God of Isráél, did eat,

22 And they kept the feast of vnleauened bread seuen dayes with ioye: for the Lord had made them glad, and turned the heart of the King of k Asshúr vnto them, to "incourage them in the worke of the house of God, *euen* the God of Isráél.

k Meaning, Darius who was king of ỹ Medes, Persians and Assyrians

"Ebr. to strengthen their hands.

CHAP. VII.

7 By the commãdement of the King, Ezrá and his companiõs come to Ierusalem. 27 He giueth thãkes to God.

NOw after these things, in the reigne of a Artahshásháte King of Persia, *was* Ezrá the sonne of Seraiáh, the sonne of Azariáh, the sonne of Hilkiáh,

a The Ebrewes write, that diuers of the Kings of Persia were called by this name as Pharaóh was a cõmune name to the Kings of Egypt, and Cesar to ỹ Emperours Romain

2 The sonne of Shalúm, the sonne of Zadók, the sonne of Ahitúb,

b Ezrá deduceth his kinred, til he cõmeth to Aarón, to proue that he came of him

3 The sonne of Amariáh, the sonne of Azariáh, the sonne of Meraióth,

c He sheweth here what a scribe is, who had charge to write the Law & to expõnde it, whom Marke calleth a scribe, Mar. 12, 28 Mat and Luke call him a lawyer, or doctor of the Law, Mat 22, 35 Luk 10, 25

4 The sonne of Zeraiáh, the sonne of Vzzí, the sonne of Bukkí,

5 The sonne of Abishúa, the sonne of Phinehás, the sonne of Eleazár, the sonne of b Aarón; the chief Priest.

6 This Ezrá came vp from Babél, and was a c scribe prompt in the Law of Moses, which the Lord God of Isaél had giuen, and the King gaue him all his requeste according to the hand of the Lord his God *whiche was* vpon him.

7 And there went vp *certein e* of the children of Isráél, and of the Priests, and the Leuites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims vnto Ierusalém, in the seuent yere of King Artahshásháte.

8 And he came to Ierusalém in the d fift moneth, which was in the seuent yere e of the King.

d That conteineth parte of Iulie and parte of August

e Of King Darius.

9 For vpon the first *day* of the first moneth began he to go vp from Babél, and on the first *day* of the fift moneth came he to Ierusalém, according to the good hand of his God *that was* vpon him.

10 For Ezrá had prepared his heart to seke the Law of the Lord, and to do it, & to teache the precepts & iudgements in Isráél.

11 ¶ And this is the copie of the letter that King Artahshásháte gaue vnto Ezrá the Priest & scribe, *euẽ* a writer of the wordes of the cõmandements of the Lord, and of his statutes ouer Isráél.

12 ARTAHSHASHTE King of Kings to Ezrá ỹ Priest & perfite scribe of the Law of the God of heauen, and to f Cheéneth.

f Some take this for the name of a people, some for time or cõmunaũce meaning ỹ the King wished him long life

13 I haue giuen cõmandement, that euerie one, that is willing in my kingdome of the people of Isráél, and of the Priests, and Leuites g to go to Ierusalém with thee, shal go.

g Which remained as yet in Babylon, & had not returned with Zerubbabél.

14 Therefore art thou sent of the King and his seuen counselers, to h enquire in Iudáh and Ierusalém, according to the Law of thy God, which is in i thine hand,

h To examine who lived according to the Law

15 And to carie the siluer and the golde, w the King and his cõselers willingly offer vnto the God of Isráél (whose habitacion is in Ierusalem)

i Whereof thou art expert.

16 And all the siluer and golde that thou canst finde in all the prouince of Babél, with the free offring of the people, and that which the Priests offre willingly to ỹ house of their God which is in Ierusalém,

17 That thou maiest bye spedely with this siluer, bullockes, rams, lambes, with their meat offrings and their drinke offrings: & thou shalt offer thẽ vpon the altar of the house of your God, which is in Ierusalém.

18 And whatsoeuer it pleaseth thee & thy brethrẽ to do with the rest of the siluer, and golde, do ye it according to the wil of your k God.

k As we know best may serue to Gods glorie.

19 And the vessels that are giuen thee for the seruice of the house of thy God, those deliuer thou before God in Ierusalém.

20 And the residue that shalbe nedeful for the house of thy God, which shalbe mete for thee to bestowe, thou shalt bestowe it out of the Kings treasure house,

21 And I King Artahshásháte haue giuen commandement to all the treasurers which are beyonde l the Riuer, that whatsoeuer Ezrá the Priest and scribe

l Which was the Riuer Euphrates, and they were beyond it in respect of Babylon.

of the Law of ỹ God of heauē ſhal require of you, that it be done incontinently,

22 Vnto an hundreth talents of ſiluer, vnto an hundreth* meaſures of wheat, and vnto an hundreth baths of wine, and vnto an hundreth [m] baths of oyle, and ſalt without writing.

*Ebr Corim.

m Read 1 King 7,26, and 2 Chro 2,10.

23 Whatſoeuer *is* by the commandement of the God of heauen, let it be done ſpedely for the houſe of the God of heauen: for why ſhulde he be wrath [n] againſt the realme of the King, and his children?

n This declareth that the feare of Gods iudgemēts cauſed him to vſe this liberalitie, and not the loue that he bare to Gods glorie or affection to his people

24 And we certifie you, that vpon anie of ỹ Prieſts, Leuites, ſingers, porters, Nethinims, or miniſters in this houſe of God, there ſhal no gouernour lay vpon them tolle, tribute nor cuſtome.

25 And thou Ezrá (after the wiſdome of thy God, ỹ is in thine hand) [o] ſet iudges & arbiters, which may iudge all ỹ people that is beyond the Riuer, *euen* all that knowe the Law of thy God, & teache ye *them* that knowe it not.

o He gaue Ezrá ful autoritie to reſtore all things according to the worde of God, and to puniſh thē that reſiſted and wolde not obeie.

26 And whoſoeuer wil not do the Law of thy God, and the Kings law, let him haue iudgement without delay, whether it be vnto death, or to baniſhment, or to confiſcation of goods, or to impriſonement.

p Thus Ezrá gaue God thākes for that he gaue him ſo good ſucceſſe in his affaires by reaſon of the King.

27 [p] Bleſſed *be* the Lord God of our fathers, which ſo hathe put in the Kings heart, to beautifie the houſe of the Lord that is in Ieruſalém,

28 And hathe enclined mercie towarde me, before the King and his counſelers, and before all the Kings mightie princes: and I was comforted by the hand of the Lord my God *which was* vpon me, and I gathered the chief of Iſraél to go vp with me.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The nomber of them that returned to Ieruſalém with Ezrá. 21 He cauſeth thē to faſt. 24 He admoniſheth the Prieſts of their duetie. 31 What they did when they came to Ieruſalém.

1.Eſdr. 8.31. 1 THeſe* are now the chief fathers of thē, and the genealogie of them that came vp with me from Babél, in the reigne of King [a] Artahſhášhte.

a Read Chap. 7.1.

2 Of the ſonnes of Phinehás, Gerſhóm: of the ſonnes of Ithamár, Daniél: of the ſonnes of Dauíd, Hattúſh:

3 Of the ſonnes of Shechaniáh, of the ſonnes of Pharóſh, Zechariáh, and with him the counte of the males, an hundreth and fiftie.

*Or ſtaplaine of Moáb.

4 Of the ſonnes of [*] Pahath Moáb, Elihoenái, the ſonne of Zerahiáh, and with him two hundreth males.

5 Of the ſonnes of Shechaniáh, the ſonne of Iahaziél, and with him thre hundreth males.

6 And of the ſonnes of Adin, Ebed the ſonne of Ionathán, and with him fiftie males.

7 And of the ſonnes of Elám, Ieſhaiáh the ſonne of Athaliáh, and with him ſeuentie males.

8 And of the ſonnes of Shephatiáh, Zebadiáh the ſonne of Michaél, and with him foure ſcore males.

9 Of the ſonnes of Ioáb, Obadiáh the ſonne of Iehiél, and with him two hundreth and eightene males.

10 And of the ſonnes of Shelomíth the ſonne of Ioſiphiah, and with him an hūdreth and thie ſcore males.

11 And of the ſonnes of Bebái, Zechariáh, the ſonne of Bebái, & with him eight and twentie males.

12 And of the ſonnes of Azgád, Iohanán the ſonne of Hakkatán, and with him an hundreth and ten males.

13 And of the ſonnes of Adonikám, *that were* the [b] laſt, whoſe names are theſe: Eliphélet, Iehiél and Shemaiáh, and with thē thre ſcore males.

b That came to go with Ezrá.

14 And of the ſonnes of Biguái, Vthái, and Zabbúd, and with them ſeuentie males.

15 And I gathered them to the [c] Riuer that goeth toward Ahauá, and there abode we thre dayes: then I vewed the people, and the Prieſts, and founde there none of the ſonnes of Leuí.

c To that place of Euphrates, where Ahaua the riuer entreth into it.

16 Therefore ſent I to Eliézer, to Ariél, to Shemeiáh, & to Elnathán, & to Iaríb, and to Elnathán, and to Nathán, and to Zechariáh, and to Meſhullám the chief, and to Ioiaríb and to Elnathán, men of vnderſtanding,

17 And I gaue them commandement, to Iddó the [d] chiefeſt at the place of Caſephiá, and I* tolde them the wordes that they ſhulde ſpeake to Iddó, *and* to his brethren the Nethinims at the place of Caſiphiá, that they ſhulde cauſe the miniſters of the houſe of our God to come vnto vs.

d He was the chiefeſt that taght there ỹ Law of God vnto the Leuites

*Ebr put wordes in their mouth.

18 So by the good hand of our God *which was* vpon vs, they broght vs a man of vnderſtanding of the ſonnes of Mahalí the ſonne of Leuí, the ſonne of Iſraél, and Shebiáh with his ſonnes and his brethren, *euen* eightene.

e Read Chap. 2,42

19 Alſo Haſhabiáh, and with him Ieſhaiáh of the ſonnes of Merarí, with his brethren, and their ſonnes twentie.

20 And of the [e] Nethinims, whome Dauid had ſet, and the princes for the ſeruice of the Leuites, two hundreth and twētie of the Nethinims, which all were named by name.

f He ſheweth that the end of faſting is to hūble the body to the ſpirit, which muſte proceede of the heart lyuely touched, or els it is but hypocriſie

21 And there at the Riuer, by Ahauá, I proclaimed a faſt, that we might humble [f] our ſelues before our God, and ſeke of him a right waye for vs, and for our children, & for all our ſubſtance.

g He thoght it better to cōmit him ſelfe to the protection of God, then by ſeking theſe ordinarie meanes, to giue an occaſion to others to thinke that he did doute of Gods power.

22 For I was [g] aſhamed to require of the King an armie and horſemen, to helpe vs againſt the enemie in the way, becauſe we had

had ſpoken to the King, ſaying, The hand of our God *is* vpon all them that ſeke him, in goodnes, but his power and his wrath *is* againſt all them that forſake him.

23 So we faſted, and beſoght our God for this and he was intreated of vs.

24 Then I ſeparated twelue of the chief of the Prieſts, Sherebiáh, *and* Haſhabiáh, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed thē the ſiluer & the golde, & the veſſels, *euen* the offring of the houſe of our God, *which* the King and his coūſelers, and his princes, and all Iſraél that were preſent had offred.

26 And I weighed vnto their hand ſix hundreth and fifty [h] talents of ſiluer, and in ſiluer veſſel, an hundreth talents, *and* in golde, an hundreth talents:

[h] Read 1 Kin 9.14.

27 And twentie baſins of golde, of a thouſand [i] drammes, and two veſſels of ſhining braſſe very good, and precious as golde.

[i] Read Chap. 2.69.

28 ¶ And I ſaid vnto thē, Ye are conſecrate vnto the Lord, and the veſſels *are* conſecrate, and the golde and the ſiluer *are* freely offred vnto the Lord God of your fathers.

29 Watche ye, & kepe *them* vntil ye weigh them before the chief Prieſts and the Leuites, and the chief fathers of Iſraél in Ieruſalém in the chambers of the houſe of the Lord.

30 So the Prieſts and the Leuites receiued the weight of the ſiluer and of the golde, and of the veſſels to bring *them* to Ieruſalém, vnto the houſe of our God.

31 ¶ Then we departed from the Riuer of Ahauá on the twelft *day* of the firſt moneth, to go vnto Ieruſalém, and the hand of our God was vpon vs, and deliuered vs from the hand of the enemie, and of ſuche as layed [k] waite by the way.

[k] This declared that their iourney was ful of danger, and yet God deliuered thē according to their prayer

32 And we came to Ieruſalém, and abode there thre dayes.

33 And on the fourte day was the ſiluer weighed, and the golde and the veſſel in the houſe of our God by the hand of Meremóth the ſonne of Vriáh the Prieſt, and with him *was* Eleazár the ſonne of Phinehás, and with them *was* Iozabád the ſonne of Ieſhúa, and Noadiáh the ſonne of Binnúi the [l] Leuites,

[l] This was a tokē of a good conſcience & of his integrite, that he wolde haue witneſſes of his fidelitie.

34 By nomber and by weight of euerie one, and all the weight was writen at the ſame time.

35 Alſo the childrē of the captiuitie, which were come out of captiuitie, offred burnt offrīgs vnto the God of Iſraél, twelue bullockes for all Iſraél, ninetie and ſix rams, ſeuentie and ſeuen lambes, *and* twelue he goates for ſinne: all *was* a burnt offring of the Lord.

36 And they deliuered the Kings commiſſion vnto the Kīgs officers, & to the captaines beyonde the Riuer: and they promoted the people, and the houſe of God.

CHAP. IX.

1 Ezrá complaineth on the people that had turned themſelues from God, and maryed with the Gentiles. 5 He praieth Vnt God.

1 WHen *as* theſe things were done, ſ̄ rulers came to me, ſaying, The people of Iſraél, and the Prieſts and the Leuites are not [a] ſeparated from the people of the lands (as touching their abominacions) *to wit*, of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Iebuſites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

3 Eſdr 9.69.

[a] From the time they came home vnder Zerubabél vntil ſ̄ comīg of Ezrá, they had degenerate contrary to the Lawe of God, and maried where it was not lawful, Deu 7.3

2 For they haue taken their daughters to them ſelues, and to their ſonnes, and they haue mixed the holy ſede with the people of the lands, and the hād of the [b] princes & rulers hathe bene chief in this treſpaſſe.

[b] That is, the gouerners are the chief begīners hereof

3 But when I heard this ſaying, I rent my clothes and my garment, and pluckt of the heere of mine head, and of my beard, & ſate downe [c] aſtonied.

[c] As one doutīg whether God wolde cōtinue his benefites toward vs or els deſtroy this which he had begone *Exod.29.39. nomb.28.3.*

4 And there aſſembled vnto me all that feared the wordes of the God of Iſraél, becauſe of the tranſgreſsion of them of the captiuitie. And I ſate downe aſtonied vntil the *euening ſacrifice.

5 And at the euenīg ſacrifice I aroſe vp frō mine heuines, & when I had rent my clothes and my garment, I fel vpon my knees, and ſpred out mine hands vnto the Lord my God,

6 And ſaid, O my God, I am cōfounded & aſhamed, to lift vp mine eyes vnto thee my God: for our iniquities are increaſed ouer [d] our head, & our treſpaſſe is growen vp vnto [e] the heauen.

[d] That is, we are drowned in ſinne

[e] They ſo excede that they can not growe greater.

7 From thē dayes of our fathers haue we bene in a great treſpaſſe vnto this day, & for our iniquities haue we, our Kings, *and* our Prieſts bene deliuered into the hand of ſ̄ Kings of the lands, vnto the ſworde, into captiuitie, into a ſpoyle, and into cōfuſion of face, as *appeareth* this day.

8 And now for a litle ſpace grace hathe bene ſhewed from the Lord our God, in cauſing a remnant to eſcape, & in giuing vs a [f] nayle in his holy place, that our God may light our eyes, & giue vs a litle reuiuing in our ſeruitude.

[f] In giuing vs a reſtig place. It is a ſimilitude take of thē that remaine ſtil in a place, which ſmite nailes to hang things vpon. Iſa.22.23.

9 For *thogh* we were bōdemen, yet our God hathe not forſaken vs in our bondage, but hathe enclined mercie vnto vs in the ſight of the Kings of Perſia, to giue vs life, *and* to erect the houſe of our God, and to redreſſe the deſolate places thereof, and to giue vs a wall in Iudáh and in Ieruſalém.

10 And now, our God, what ſhal we ſay after this? for we haue forſaken thy commādements.

Exod 23,32. & 34,12,15. deu.7,3.

11 Which thou haſt commanded by thy ſeruants the Prophetes, ſaying, * The lãd whereunto ye go to poſſeſſe it, is an vncleane land, becauſe of the filthines of the people of the lands, which by their abominaciõs, *and* by their vnclennes haue filled it from corner to corner.

12 Now therefore ſhal ye not giue your daughters vnto their ſonnes, nether ſhal ye take their daughters vnto your ſonnes, nor ſeke their * peace nor wealth for euer, that ye may be ſtrõg and eat the goodnes of the land, and leaue it for an inheritance to your ſonnes for euer.

Deut.23,6.

13 And after all that is come vpon vs for our euil dedes, and for our great treſpaſſes (ſeing that thou our God haſt ſtaied *vs from being* benethe g for our iniquities, & haſt giuen vs ſuche deliuerance)

g Haſt not vtterly caſt vs downe and deſtroied vs for our ſinnes, Deu.28,13

14 Shulde we returne to breake thy cõmandements, and ioyne in affinitie with the people of ſuche abominaciõs? woldeſt not thou be angrie toward vs til thou haddeſt cõſumed *vs*, ſo that there *ſhulde be* no remnant nor anie eſkaping?

15 O Lord God of Iſraél, thou art iuſte, for we haue bene h reſerued to eſcape, as *appeareth* this day: beholde, we are before thee in our treſpaſſe: therefore we cannot ſtand before thee becauſe of it.

h He ſheweth that God is iuſte in puniſhing his people, & yet merciful in reſeruing a reſiduc to whome he ſheweth fauour.

CHAP. X.

1 The people repent and turne, and put away their ſtrange wiues.

1 WHiles *Ezrá prayed thus, & a confeſſed him ſelfe weping, and falling downe before ỹ houſe of God, there aſſembled vnto him of Iſraél a very great Congregacion of men and women & children: for the people wept with a great lamentacion.

1 Eſdr.8,92.

a He confeſſed his ſinnes and the ſinnes of the people.

2 Then Shechaniáh the ſonne of Iehiél one of the ſonnes of Elám, anſwered, and ſaid to Ezrá, We haue treſpaſſed againſt our God, and haue taken ſtrange wiues of the people of the land, yet now there is b hope in Iſraél concerning this.

b Meaning, that God wolde receiue the to mercie

3 Now therefore let vs make a couenant with our God, to put away c all the wiues (and ſuche as are borne of them) according to the counſel of the Lord, and of thoſe that feare the commandements of our God, and let it be done according to the Law.

c Which are ſtrangers and maried contrarie to the Law of God

4 Ariſe: for the matter d belongeth vnto thee: we alſo wil be with thee: be of comforte and do it.

d Becauſe God hathe giuen thee authoritie, & learning to perſuade ỹ people herein and to cõmande them.

5 ¶ Then aroſe Ezrá, and cauſed the chief Prieſts, the Leuites, & all Iſraél, to ſweare that they wolde do according to this worde. So they ſware.

6 *And Ezrá roſe vp from before the houſe of God, and went into the chambre of Lohanán the ſonne of Eliaſhíb: he went euen thither, *but* he did eat nether bread, nor dronke water: for he mourned, becauſe of the trãſgreſsion of thẽ of the captiuitie.

1 Eſdr.9,3.

7 And they cauſed a proclamacion to go throughout Iudáh and Ieruſalém, vnto "all them of the captiuitie, that they ſhulde aſſemble them ſelues vnto Ieruſalém.

"Ebr ſonnes of the captiuitie.

8 And whoſoeuer wolde not come within thre dayes according to the counſel of the princes and Elders, all his ſubſtance ſhulde be "forfait, & he ſhulde be ſeparate from the Congregacion of them of the captiuitie.

"Or, ſtãdemned.

9 ¶ Then all the men of Iudáh & Beniamin aſſembled them ſelues vnto Ieruſalém within thre dayes, which was the twẽtieth *day* of the e mnte moneth, and all the people ſate in the ſtrete of the houſe of God, trembling for this matter, and for the f raine.

e Which contemed part of Nouember & part of December

f For the ſeaſon was giuen to raine, & ſo ỹ wether was more ſharpe & colde, and alſo their conſcience tormented them

10 And Ezrá the Prieſt ſtode vp, and ſaid vnto them, Ye haue tranſgreſſed, and haue taken ſtrange wiues, to g increaſe the treſpaſſe of Iſraél.

g Ye haue layed one ſinne vpon another

11 Now therefore h giue praiſe vnto the Lord God of your fathers, and do his wil and ſeparate your ſelues from the people of the land, & from the ſtrange wiues.

h Read Ioſh. 7,19.

12 And all the Congregacion anſwered, & ſaid with a loude voyce, So wil we do according to thy wordes vnto vs.

13 But the people are many, and it is a rayny wether, and we are not able to ſtand without, nether *is it* the worke of one day or two: for we are many that haue offended in this thing.

14 Let our rulers ſtand therefore i before all the Congregacion, and let all them which haue taken ſtrange wiues in our cities, come at the time appointed, and with them the Elders of euerie citie and the iudges thereof, til the fierce wrath of our God for this matter turne away from vs.

i Let them be appointed to examine this matter.

15 Then were appointed Ionathán the ſonne of Aſah-él, and Iahaziáh the ſonne of Tikuah ouer this matter, and Meſhullám and Shabbethái the Leuites helped them.

16 And thei of the captiuitie did ſo and k departed, *euen* Ezrá the Prieſt, & the mẽ *that were* chief fathers to the familie of their fathers by name, and ſate downe in the firſt daye of the tenth moneth to examine the matter.

k Thei went to the chief cities to ſit on this matter w was thre moneths in finiſhing.

17 And vntil the firſt day of ỹ firſt moneth they were finiſhing the buſines with all the men that had taken ſtrange wiues,

18 And of the ſonnes of the Prieſts there were men founde, that had taken ſtrange wiues, *to wit*, of the ſonnes of Ieſhúa, the ſonne of Iozadák, & of his brethren, Maaſeiáh, A Eliézer, and Iaríb and Gedaliáh.

19 And thei gaue l their hãds, that thei wolde

l As a token that thei wolde kepe promes & do ſo.

de put away their wiues, and they that had treſpaſſed, *gaue* a rãme for their treſpaſſe.
20 And of the ſonnes of Immér, Honaní, and Zebadiáh.
21 And of the ſonnes of Harím, Maaſeiáh, and Eliiáh, and Shemaiáh, and Iehiél, and Vzziáh.
22 And of the ſonnes of Paſhúr, Elioenái, Maaſeiáh, Iſhmaél, Nethaneél, Iozabád, and Elaſáh.
23 And of the Leuites, Iozabád and Shimeí & Kelaiáh, (which is Kelitáh) Pethahiáh, Iudáh and Eliézer.
24 And of the ſingers, Eliaſhíb. And of the porters, Shallúm, and Telém, and Vrí.
25 And of [m] Iſraél: of the ſonnes of Paróſh, Ramiáh, and Ieſiáh, and Malchiáh, and Miámin, and Eleazár, and Malchiiáh, and Benaiáh.
26 And of the ſonnes of Elám, Mattaniáh, Zechariáh, and Iehiél, and Abdí, and Ieremóth, and Eliáh.
27 And of the ſonnes of Zattú, Elioenái, Eliaſhíb, Mattaniáh, and Ierimóth, & Zabád, and Azizá.
28 And of the ſonnes of Bebái, Iehohanán, Hananiah, Zabbái, Athlái.
29 And of the ſonnes of Baní, Meſhullám, Mallúch, and Adaiáh, Iaſhúb, and Sneál, Ieramóth.
30 And of the ſonnes of [r] Paháth Moáb, Adná, & Chelál, Benaiáh, Maaſeiah, Mattaniáh, Bezaleél, & Binnúi, and Manaſſéh.
31 And of the ſonnes of Harim, Elizer, Iſhiiáh, Malchiáh, Shemaiáh, Shimeón,
32 Beniamín, Mallúch, Shamariah.
33 Of the ſonnes of Haſhúm, Mattenái, Mattattáh, Zabád, Eliphélet, Ieremái, Menaſſéh, Shimeí.
34 Of the ſonnes of Baní, Maadái, Amrám, and Vél,
35 Banaiáh, Bediáh, Chellúh,
36 Vaniáh, Meremóth, Eliaſhíb,
37 Mattaniáh, Mattenái, and Iaaſáu,
38 And Banní & Bennúi, Shimeí,
39 And Shelemiáh, & Nathan, & Adaiáh,
40 Machnadebái, Shaſhái, Sharái,
41 Azareél, and Shelemiáh, Shemariáh,
42 Shallúm, Amariáh, Ioſeph.
43 Of the ſonnes of Nebó, Ieiél, Mattithiáh, Zabád, Zebiná, Iadaú, & Ioél, Benaiáh.
44 All theſe had taken ſtrange wiues: and among thẽ were womẽ that had [n] childrẽ.

[m] Meaning, of ỹ cõmune people for before he ſpake of the Prieſts & Leuites.

[r] Or, the captaine of Moab

[n] Which alſo were made illegitimate becauſe the mariage was vnlawful.

NEHEMIAH.

THE ARGVMENT.

God doeth in all ages and at all times ſet vp worthy perſones for the commoditie and profite of his Church, as now within the compaſſe of ſeuentie yeres he raiſed vp diuers excellent men for the preſeruation of his people, after their returne from Babylon, as Zerubbabél, Ezrá, and Nehemiáh. Whereof the firſt was their captaine, to bring them home, and prouided that the Temple was buylded: the ſeconde reformed their maners and planted religion: & the third buylded vp the walles, deliuered the people from oppreſſion, and prouided that the Law of God was put in execution among them. He was a godlie man and in great autoritie with the King, ſo that the King fauoured him greatly, and gaue him moſte ample letters for the accompliſhement of all things which he colde deſire. This boke is alſo called of the latins the ſeconde of Ezrá, becauſe he was the writer thereof.

CHAP. I.

1 Nehemiáh bewaileth the calamitie of Ieruſalém. 5 He confeſſeth the ſinnes of the people, & prayeth God for them

1 THe wordes of Nehemiáh the ſonne of Hachaliáh, in the moneth [a] Chiſléu, in the twentieth yere, as I was in the palace of Shuſhán,

[a] Which conteineth part of November & part of Decẽber, and was their ninth moneth.

2 Came Hanani, one of my [b] brethren, he & the men of Iudáh, and I aſked them concerning the Iewes that were deliuered, which were of the reſidue of ỹ captiuitie, and concerning Ieruſalém.

[b] A Iewe as I was.

3 And they ſaid vnto me, The reſidue that are left of the captiuitie there in the [c] prouince, *are* in great affliction and in reproche, and the wall of Ieruſalém is broken downe, & the gates thereof are burnt with fyre.

[c] Meaning, in Iewry.

4 And when I heard theſe wordes, I ſate downe and wept, and mourned *certeine* dayes, and I faſted and prayed before the God of heauen,

5 And ſaid, *O Lord God of heauen, the great and terrible God, that kepeth couenant and mercie for them that loue him, and obſerue his commandements, *Dan. 9. 4.*

6 I pray thee, let thine eares be attent, and thine eyes open, to heare the prayer of thy ſeruant, which I pray before thee dayly, day & night for the children of Iſraél thy ſeruants, & confeſſe the ſinnes of the children of Iſrael, which we haue ſinned

againſt thee, bothe I & my fathers houſe haue ſinned:

7 We haue "grieuouſly ſinned againſt thee, and haue not kept the commandements, nor the ſtatutes, nor the iudgements, ẅ thou commandedſt thy ſeruant Moſés.

8 I beſeche thee, remember the worde that thou commandedſt thy ſeruant Moſés, ſaying, Ye wil tranſgreſſe, and I *wil ſcatre you abroade among the people.

9 But if ye turne vnto me, and kepe my cõmandements, and do them, tho̅gh your ſcatering were to the vttermoſt parte of the heauẽ, *yet* wil I gather you from thẽce and wil bring you vnto the place that I haue choſen, to place my Name there.

10 Now theſe are thy ſeruants & thy people, whome thou haſt redemed by thy great power, and by thy mighty hand.

11 O Lord, I beſeche thee, let thine eare now hearken to the prayer of thy ſeruant, and to the prayer of thy ſeruãts, who deſire to [d] feare thy Name, and, I pray thee, cauſe thy ſeruant to proſper this day, and giue him fauour in the preſence of [e] this man: for I was the Kings butler.

"Ebr. corrupted

*Deut 30.4.

[d] That is, to worship thee.

[e] To wit, the King Artahſhaſhte.

CHAP. II.

1 After Nehemiáh had obteined letters of Artaxerxes. 11 He came to Ieruſalem. 17 And buylded the walles.

[a] Which was ỹ first moneth of the yere & cõteineth parte of Marche & parte of April

[b] Who is also called Darius read Ezr 7.1.

1 NOw in the moneth [a] Niſan in the twẽtieth yere of King [b] Artahſhaſhte, the wine *ſtode* before him, and I toke vp the wine, and gaue it vnto the King. now I was not *before time* ſad in his preſence.

2 And the King ſaid vnto me, Why is thy countenance ſad, ſeing thou are not ſicke? this is nothing, but ſorowe of heart. Then was I ſore afraied,

3 And I ſaid to the King, God ſaue the King for euer: why ſhulde not my countenance be ſad, when the citie & houſe of ỹ ſepulchres of my fathers lieth waſte & the gates thereof are deuoured with fyre?

4 And the King ſaid vnto me, For what thing doeſt thou require? Then I praied [c] to the God of heauen,

[c] I deſired God in mine hart, to proſper mine enterprise.

5 And ſaid vnto the King, If it pleaſe the King, and if thy ſeruant haue founde fauour in thy ſight, *I deſire* that thou woldeſt ſend me to Iudáh vnto the citie of the ſepulchres of my fathers, that I may buylde it.

6 And the King ſaid vnto me, (the quene alſo ſitting by him) How long ſhal thy iourney be? and when wilt thou come againe? So it pleaſed the King, and he ſent me, and I ſet him a time.

7 After I ſaid vnto the King, If it pleaſe ỹ King, let them giue me letters to the captaines beyonde the [f] Riuer, that they may conuaye me ouer, til I come into Iudáh,

[f] Or, Euphrates.

8 And letters vnto Aſáph the keper of the Kings [g] parke, that he may giue me timber to buylde the gates of the palace (which appertained to the houſe) & for the walles of the citie, and for the houſe that I ſhal entre into. And the King gaue me according to [d] the good hand of my God vpon me.

[g] Or, paradiſe.

[d] As God moued me to aſke, & as he gaue me good ſucceſſe therein.

9 ¶ Then came I to the captaines beyond the Riuer, & gaue them the Kings letters. And the King had ſent captaines of the armie and horſmen with me.

10 But [e] Sanballát the Horonite, and Tobiáh a ſeruant an Ammonite heard it, and it greued thẽ ſore, that there was come a man which ſoght the wealth of the children of Iſraél.

[e] These were great enemies to the Iewes & labored alwaies bothe by force & ſubtiltie to ouercome them, & Tobiáh becauſe his wife was a Iewes, had aduertiſement euer of their affaires and ſo wroght them great trouble.

11 So I came to Ieruſalém, and was there thre dayes.

12 And I roſe in the night, I, and a few mẽ ẅ me: for I tolde no man, what God had put in mine heart to do at Ieruſalém, and there was not a beaſt with me, ſaue the beaſt whereon I rode.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, and *came* before the draggon well, and to the dung porte, and vewed the walles of Ieruſalém, how they were broken downe, and the portes thereof deuoured with the fyre.

14 Then I went forthe vnto the gate of ỹ "fountaine, and to the Kings fiſh poole, & there was no roume for the beaſt that was vnder me to paſſe.

"Or, conduits.

15 Then went I vp in the night by the broke, & vewed the wall, and turned backe, and comming backe, I entred by the gate of the valley and returned.

16 And the rulers knewe not whether I was gone, nor what I did, neither did I as yet tel it vnto the Iewes, nor to the Prieſts, nor to the noble men, nor to the rulers, nor to the reſt that laboured in the worke.

[f] That is, cõtemned of other natiõs, tho̅gh God had forſaken vs

17 Afterward I ſaid vnto them, Ye ſe the miſerie that we are in, how Ieruſalém lieth waſte, and the gates thereof are burnt with fyre: come and let vs buylde the wall of Ieruſalém, that we be no more a reproche.

[g] They were incouraged & gaue themſelues to do wel, & to trauel in this worthy enterprise.

18 Then I tolde them of the hand of my God, (which was good ouer me) and alſo of the Kings wordes that he had ſpoken vnto me. And they ſaid, Let vs riſe, & buylde. So they [g] ſtrengthened their hand to good.

[h] Theſe were thre chief gouerners vnder ỹ King of Perſia beyõde Euphrates

19 But whẽ Sanballát the Horonite, & Tobiáh the ſeruant an Ammonite, and [h] Geſhém the Arabian heard it, they mocked vs and deſpiſed vs, and ſaid, What a thing is this that ye do? Wil ye [i] rebell againſt the King?

[i] Thus ỹ wicked when thei wil burthen ỹ children of God, euer lay treaſon vnto their charge, bothe becauſe it meeteth thẽ moſte odious to the worlde, & alſo ſtirreth ỹ hatred of princes moſte againſt them.

20 Then anſwered I them, and ſaid to thẽ, The God of heauen, he wil proſper vs, &

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we his ſeruants wil riſe vp and buylde: but as for you, ye haue no portion nor right, nor [k] memorial in Ieruſalém.

k Nether ye are of the nóber of the children of God (to whome he hathe appointed this citie onely) nether did anie of your predeceſſours euer feare God

CHAP. III.

The nomber of them that buylded the walles.

1 THen aroſe Eliaſhíb the hie Prieſt with his brethren the Prieſts, & they buylt the ſhepegate: they [a] repared it, & ſet vp the dores thereof: euen vnto the towre of Meáh repared they it, & vnto the towre of Hananéel.

a In Ebrewe, they ſanctified it, that is, they finiſhed it, and ſo dedicated it to the Lord by prayer, in deſiring him to maiſteine it

2 And next vnto him buylded the men of Iericho, and beſide him Zaccúr the ſonne of Imrí.

3 But the fiſh porte did the ſonnes of Senaáh buylde, which alſo layed the beames thereof, and ſet on the dores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

4 And next vnto thē fortified Merimóth, the ſonne of Vriiah, the ſonne of Hakkóz: and next vnto them fortified Meſhullam, the ſonne of Berechiáh, the ſonne of Meſhezabeél: and next vnto them fortified Zadók, the ſonne of Baaná:

5 And next vnto them fortified the Tekoites. but the great men of them [b] put not their neckes to the worke of their lords.

b The riche & mightie wolde not obey thē, which were appointed officers in this worke, nether wolde they helpe thereūto *Iſa 22,11.*

6 And the gate of the *olde fiſhpoole* fortified Iehoiadá the ſonne of Paſéah, & Meſhullám the ſōne of Beſodaiáh, they layed the beames thereof, and ſet on the dores thereof, and the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

7 Next vnto them alſo fortified Melatiáh the Gibeonite, & Iadón ȳ Meronothite, men of Gibeón, and of Mizpáh, vnto the [c] throne of the Duke, *which was* beyonde the Riuer.

c Vnto ȳ place where the Duke was worte to ſit in iudgement, who gouerned the countrey in their abſence.

8 Next vnto him fortified Vzziél the ſonne of Harhohiáh [d] of the golde ſmithes: next vntō him alſo fortified Hananiah, the ſonne [e] of Harakkahím, and they repared Ieruſalém vnto the broad wall.

d Or, of Zorephim
e Or, of the apoticaries.

9 Alſo next vnto them fortified Rephaiáh, the ſonne of Hur, the ruler of the halfe parte of Ieruſalém.

10 And next vnto him fortified Iedaiáh the ſonne of Harumáph, euen ouer againſt his houſe: and next vnto him fortified Hattúſh, the ſonne of Haſhabniáh.

11 Malchiiáh the ſonne of Harím, and Haſhúb the ſonne of Pahath Moáb fortified the ſeconde [f] portion, & the towre of the fornaces.

f Or, meaſure.

12 Next vnto him alſo fortified Shallúm, the ſonne of Halloéſh, the ruler of the halfe parte of Ieruſalém, he, & his daughters.

13 The valley gate fortified Hanúm, & the inhabitants of Zanuáh: they buylt it, and ſet on the dores thereof, ȳ lockes thereof, & the barres thereof, euen a thouſand cubites on the wall vnto the dung porte.

14 But the dung porte fortified Malchiáh, the ſonne of Rechāb, the ruler of ȳ fourte parte of Beth haccárem: he buylt it, & ſet on the dores thereof, the lockes thereof, & the barres thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountaine fortified Shallún, the ſonne of Col-hozéh, the ruler of ȳ fourte parte of Mizpáh: he buylded it, and coueied it, and ſet on the dores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the baires thereof, and the wall vnto the fiſhpoole of [g] Sheláh by the Kings garden, and vnto the ſteppes that go downe from the citie of Dauid.

g Or, Silua.

16 After him fortified Nehemiáh the ſonne of Azbák, the ruler of the halfe parte of Beth-zúr, vntil the otherſide ouer againſt the ſepulchres of Dauid, and to the fiſhpoole that was repared, and vnto the houſe of the mightie.

17 After him fortified the Leuites, Rehúm the ſonne of Baní, and next vnto him fortified Haſhabiah the ruler of the halfe parte of Keiláh in his quarter.

18 After him fortified their brethren: Bauái, the ſonne of Henadád the ruler of the halfe parte of Keiláh:

19 And next vnto him fortified Ezer, the ſonne of Ieſhúa the ruler of Mizpáh, the other portion ouer againſt the going vp to the [d] corner of the armoure.

d Where the weapons and armour of the citie laye

20 After him was earneſt Barúch the ſonne of Zacchái, & fortified another portion from the corner vnto the dore of the houſe of Eliaſhíb the hie Prieſt.

21 After him fortified Merimóth, the ſonne of Vriiáh, the ſonne of Hakkóz, another portion from the dore of the houſe of Eliaſhíb, euen as long as the houſe of Eliaſhíb extended.

22 After him alſo fortified the Prieſts, the men of [e] the plaine.

e Which dwels in ȳ plaine countrey by Iordan & Ieriché.

23 After them fortified Beniamín, & Haſhúb ouer againſt their houſe: after him fortified Azariáh, the ſonne of Maaſeiáh, the ſonne of Ananiáh, by his houſe.

24 After him fortified Binnúi, the ſonne of Henadád another portiō, from the houſe of Azariáh vnto the turning and vnto the corner.

25 Palál, the ſonne of Vzai, from ouer againſt the corner, and the high towre, that lyeth out from the Kings houſe, which is beſide the courte of the priſon. After him, Pedaiáh, the ſonne of Paróſh.

26 And the [f] Nethinims they dwelt in the fortereſſe vnto the *place* ouer againſt the water gate, Eaſtward, & to the towre that lyeth out.

f Read Ezra Chap 2,43

27 After him fortified ȳ Tekoites another portion ouer againſt the great towre, that lyeth out, euen vnto the wall of the forteresſe.

28 Frō aboue the horſegate forthe fortified ỹ Prieſts, euerie one ouer againſt his houſe.
29 After them fortified Zadók the ſonne of Immér ouer againſt his houſe: and after him fortified Shemaiáh, the ſonne of Shechaniáh the keper of the Eaſtgate.
30 After him fortified Hananiáh, the ſonne of Shelemiáh, & Hanún, the ſonne of Zaláph, the g ſixt, another portion: after him fortified Meſhullám, the ſonne of Berechiáh, ouer againſt his chamber.
31 After him fortified Malchiáh the goldſmithes ſonne, vntil the houſe of the Nethinims, & of the marchants ouer againſt the gate h Miphkád, and to the chamber in the corner.
32 And betwene the chamber of the corner vnto the ſhepegate fortified the goldſmithes and the marchants.

g Meaning, the ſixt of his ſonnes.

h Which was the place of iudgement, or execution.

CHAP. IIII.

7 The buylding of Ieruſalém u hindred, 15 But God breaketh their enterpriſe. 17 The Iewes buylde with one hand, and holde their weapons in the other.

1 BVt when Sanballát heard that we buylded the wall, then was he wroth and ſore grieued, and mocked the Iewes,
2 And ſaid before his a brethren and the armie of Samaria, thus he ſaid, What do theſe b weake Iewes? wil they fortifie thē ſelues? wil they ſacrifice? wil they finiſh it in a day? wil they make the ſtones whole againe out of ỹ heapes of duſt, ſeing they are burnt?
3 And Tobiáh the Ammonite *was* beſide him, and ſaid, Although they buylde, *yet* if a foxe go vp, he ſhal euen breake downe their ſtony wall.
4 c Heare, ô our God (for we are deſpiſed) and turne their ſhame vpon their owne head, and giue them vnto a pray d in the land of their captiuitie,
5 And couer not their e iniquitie, nether let their ſinne be put out in thy preſence: for they haue prouoked *vs* before the buylders.
6 So we buylt the wall, and all the wall was ioyned vnto the f halfe thereof, and the heart of the people was to worke.
7 ¶ But when Sanballát, and Tobiáh, & the Arabians, and the Ammonites, & the Aſhdodims heard that the walles of Ieruſalém were repaired, (for the breaches begā to be ſtopped) then they were verie wroth,
8 And conſpired altogether to come and to fight againſt Ieruſalém, & to f hinder thē.
9 Then we prayed vnto our God, and ſet watchemen by them, day & night, becauſe of them.
10 And Iudáh ſaid, The ſtrength of ỹ bearers is weakened, and there *is* muche earth, ſo that we are not able to buylde the wall.
11 Alſo our aduerſaries had ſaid, They ſhal not knowe, nether ſe, til we come into the middes of them and ſlaye them, and cauſe the worke to ceaſe.
12 But when the Iewes (which dwelt beſide them) came, they tolde vs g ten times, h Frō all places whence ye ſhal returne, *they wil be* vpon vs.
13 Therefore ſet I in the lower places behinde the wall vpon ỹ toppes of the ſtones, & placed ỹ people by their families, with their ſwordes, their ſpeares & their bowes,
14 Then I beheld, and roſe vp, & ſaid vnto the princes, & to the rulers, & to the reſt of the people, Be not afraied of them: i remēber the great Lord, & feareful, & fight for your brethren, your ſonnes, and your daughters, your wiues, and your houſes.
15 And when our enemies heard that it was knowen vnto vs, then God brought their counſel to noght, & we turned all againe to the wall, euerie one vnto his worke.
16 And frō that day, halfe of the yong men did the labour, and the other halfe parte of them helde the ſpeares, and ſhields, & bowes, and habergins: and the rulers *ſtode* k behinde all the houſe of Iudáh.
17 They that buylded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, & they that laded, did the worke with one hand, & with the other helde the ſworde.
18 For euerie one of the buylders *had* his ſworde girde on his loynes, & *ſo* buylded: & he that blewe the trūpet, *was* beſide me.
19 Then ſaid I vnto the princes, and to the rulers, and to the reſt of the people, The worke is great and large, and we are ſeparated vpon the wall, one farre from another.
20 In what place *therefore* ye heare the ſoūd of the trumpet, l reſorte ye thither vnto vs: our God ſhal fight for vs.
21 So we laboured in the worke, and halfe of them helde the ſpeares, from the appearing of the morning, til the ſtarres came forthe.
22 And at the ſame time ſaid I vnto the people, Let euerie one with his ſeruant lodge within Ieruſalém, that they may be a watche for vs in the night, and labour in the day.
23 So nether I, nor my brethren, nor my ſeruants, nor the mē of the warde, (which followed me) none of vs did put of our clothes, *ſaue* euerie one put them of m for waſhing.

a Of his companions that dwelt in Samaria
b Thus the wicked, that conſider not ỹ God's power as euer in a readines for the defēce of his, mocke thē as though they were weake and feble
c This is the remedie that the childrē of God haue againſt the deriſiō & threatnings of their enemies, to flee to God by prayer.
d Let them be ſpoiled & led away captiue.
e Let thy plagues declare to the worlde ỹ they ſet them ſelues againſt thee, & againſt thy Church thus he prayeth, onely hauing reſpect to Gods glorie, & not for any priuate affection, or grudge.
f Or, halfe height
g Ebr make to ſtay, meaning the people.

f That is, often times
g They, which broght the tidīgs, ſaid thus, Whē you leaue your worke, & go either to eat, or to reſt, your enemies wil aſſaile you.
h Who is euer at hand to deliuer his out of danger, and therefore ſeig they ſhulde fight for the maintenāce of Gods glorie & for the preſeruation of their owne liues & of theirs, he incourageth them to play the valiāt mē.
i To ouerſee them & to incourage them to their worke.
k Meaning, to reſiſt their enemies, if nede required.
l That is, whē they purified them ſelues, or els when they waſhed their clothes.

CHAP. V.

1 The people are oppreſſed and in neceſſitie 6 Nehemiáh remedieth it 14 He take not the portion of others that had ruled before, leſt he ſhulde grieue the people.

1 NOw there was a great crye of the people, and of their wiues a againſt their brethren the Iewes.
2 For there were that ſaid, We, our ſōnes & our daughters are many, therefore we take vp b corne, that we may eat and liue.
3 And there were that ſaid, We muſt gage

a Againſt the riche, which oppreſſed thē.
b This is the cōplaint of ỹ people, ſhewing to what extremitie they were broght vnto

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our lands,& our vineyardes,& our houſes and take vp corne for the famine.

4 There were alſo that ſaid, We haue borrowed money for the Kings [c] tribute *vpon* our lands and our vineyardes.

5 And now our fleſh *is* as [d] the fleſh of our brethrē,& our ſonnes as their ſonnes: and lo,we bring into ſubiection our ſonnes,and our daughters,as ſeruāts,and there be of our daughters *now* in ſubiection, and there *is* no power [e] in our hands. for other mē *haue* our lāds & our vineyardes.

6 Then was I very angrie when I heard their crye and theſe wordes.

7 And I thoght in my minde, and I rebuked the princes, and the rulers, and ſaid vnto them, You laie [f] burdens euerie one vpon his brethren:and I ſet a great [g] aſſemblie againſt them,

8 And I ſaid vnto them, We(according to our abilitie) haue redemed our brethren the Iewes,which were ſolde vnto the heathen:and wil you ſell your brethren againe,or ſhal they be [h] ſolde vnto vs? Then helde they their peace, and colde not anſwere.

9 [i] I ſaid alſo, That which ye do,is not good. Oght ye not to walke in the feare of our God, for the [k] reproche of the heathen our enemies?

10 For euen I, my brethren, and my ſeruāts do lend them money & corne:I pray you, let vs leaue of this [l] burden.

11 Reſtore,I pray you, vnto them this day their lands,their vineyardes, their oliues, and their houſes, and *remit* the hundreth parte of the ſiluer and of the corne, of the wine,& of the oyle [l] that ye exact of thē.

12 Then ſaid they, We wil reſtore it, and wil not require it of them: we wil do as thou haſt ſaid. Then I called the Prieſts,& cauſed them to ſweare,that they ſhulde do according to this promes.

13 So I ſhooke my lappe,& ſaid.So let God ſhake out euerie man that wil not performe this promes from his houſe,and from his labour:euen thus let him be ſhakē out, and emptied. And all the Congiegacion ſaid,Amen,and praiſed the Lord. and the people did accordīg to this promes.

14 And frō the time that *the King* gaue me charge to be gouernour in the land of Iudáh from the twentieth yere,euē vnto the two and thirtieth yere of King Artahſhaſhte,*that is*, twelue yere,I, and my brethrē haue not eatē the [m] bread of ỹ gouernour.

15 For the former gouernours that were before me, had bene chargeable vnto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beſides fourtie ſhekels of ſiluer:yea, and their ſeruantes bare rule ouer the people: but ſo did not I, becauſe of the feare of God.

16 But rather I fortified *a porcion* in the worke of this wall, and we boght no land, and all my ſeruants came thether together vnto the worke.

17 Moreouer there *were* at my table an hundreth and fiftie of the Iewes, and rulers, which came vnto vs from among the heathen that are about vs.

18 And there was prepared daiely an ox[n], & ſix choſen ſhepe, & birdes were prepared for me,and [o] with ten dayes wine for all [p] in abundance. Yet for all this I required not the bread of the gouernour: for the bondage was grieuous vnto this people.

19 Remember me, ô my God,in goodnes, *according* to all that I haue done for this people.

CHAP. VI.

Nehemiáh anſwereth with great wiſdome,and zeale to his aduerſaries. 11 He is not diſcouraged by the falſe Prophetes.

1 AND when Sanballát,and Tobiáh,& Géſhem the Arabian, and the reſt of our enemies heard that I had buylt ỹ wall, & that there were no mo [a] breaches therein(thogh at that time I had not ſet vp the dores vpon the gates)

2 Thē ſent Sanballat and Géſhē vnto me, ſaying, Come thou that we may mete together in the villages in the plaine of Onó:and they thoght to do me euil.

3 Therefore I ſent meſſengers vnto them, ſaying, I haue a great worke to do,& I can not come downe: [b] why ſhulde the worke ceaſe,whiles I leaue it,and come downe to you?

4 Yet they ſent vnto me foure times after this ſorte And I anſwered them after the ſame maner.

5 Then ſent Sanballát his ſeruant after this ſorte vnto me the fift time, with an open letter in his hand,

6 Wherein was writē, It is reported amōg the heathen,and [o] Gaſhmú hathe ſaid it, that thou and the Iewes thinke to rebell, for the which cauſe thou buyldeſt the wall and thou wilt be their King according to theſe [c] wordes.

7 Thou haſt alſo ordeined [d] the Prophetes to preache of thee at Ieruſalém,ſayīg, *There is* a King in Iudáh: and now according to theſe wordes it ſhal come to the Kings eares:come now therefore, and let vs take counſel together.

8 Thē I ſent vnto him,ſaying,It is not done according to theſe wordes ỹ thou ſayeſt. for thou faineſt them of thine owne heart.

9 For all ther afraied vs,ſaying,Their hāds ſhal be weakened frō ỹ worke,& it ſhal not be done now therefore [p] incourage ỹ me.

10 ¶And I came to the houſe of Shemaiáh ỹ ſōne of Delaiáh the ſonne of Mehetabeél, & he was [e] ſhut vp,& he ſaid,Let vs come

c To pay our tribute to the King of the Perſiās,which was exacted yerely of vs

d By nature ỹ riche is no better thē the poore

e We are not able to redeme thē,but for pouertie are cōſtrayned to hier thē to others.

f You preſſe thē withvſurie and ſeke how to bring all things into your hands.

g Bothe becauſe they ſhulde be moued with pitie, ſeing how many were by them oppreſt, and alſo heare the iudgement of others, ỹ ſhulde be as it were witneſſes of their dealing toward their brethrē

h Seing God hathe once deliuered thē frō the bōdage of the heathen, ſhal we make them our ſlaues?

i Meaning, Neht mīáh

k Who by this occaſion wil blaſpheme the Name of God ſeing that our actes are no better then theirs

Or, vſurie

l Which ye take of them for the loue.

m I receiued not that portion,and diet, which the gouernours, that were before me, exacted. wherein he declareth that he rather ſoght ỹ wealth of the people, then his owne commoditie.

n Or, *once in ten dayes*

o Where as at other times they had by meaſure, at this time they had moſt liberally.

a That is,that they were ioyned together, as Chap 4.6.

b Meaning, ỹ if he ſhulde obey their requeſt the worke,which God had appoīted, ſhulde ceaſe. ſhewing hereby that we ſhulde not cōmit our ſelues to the hāds of the wicked

Or, Géſhem

c As the fame goeth

d Thou haſt bribed,and ſet vp falſe Prophetes, to make thy ſelfe King and to deſtraude the King of Perſia of that ſubiection, which you ogh vnto him

Or, ſtrengthen thou mine hād.

e As thogh he wolde be ſecret to the intent that he might pray vnto God with greater liberte,and receiue ſome reuelation,which in him was but hypocriſie.

together into ỹ houſe of God in the mid-
des of the Tẽple, and ſhut the dores of the
Temple: for they wil come to ſlay thee:
yea, in ỹ night wil they come to kil thee.

f He doubted not but God was able to preſerue him, & knewe that, if he had obeyed this counſel, he ſhuld haue diſcouraged all the people: thus God giueth power to his, to reſiſt falſe propheties thogh they ſeme to haue neuer ſo great probabilitie.

11 Then I ſaid, f Shulde ſuche a man as I, flee? Who is he, being as I am, that wolde go into the Temple to liue? I wil not go in.

12 And lo, I perceiued, that God had not ſent him, but that he pronoũced this prophecie againſt me: for Tobiáh and Sanballát had hyred him.

13 Therefore was he hyred, that I might be afrayed, and do thus, and ſinne, and that they might haue an euil reporte that they might reproche me.

14 My God, remember thou Tobiáh, and Sanballát according vnto theſe their workes, and Noadiáh the g Propheteſſe alſo, and the reſt of the Prophetes that wolde haue put me in feare.

g Very grief cauſed him to pray againſt ſuche, which vnder the pretence of being the miniſters of God, were aduerſaries to his glorie, and went about to ouerthrow his Church, declaring alſo hereby that where there is one true miniſter of God, ỹ deuil hathe a great ſorte of hierlings

15 ¶ Notwithſtanding the wall was finiſhed on the fiue & twentieth *day* of h Elúl, in two and i fiftie dayes.

h Which was the ſixt moneth and conteined parte of Auguſt, and parte of Sept

16 And whẽ all our enemies heard thereof, *euen* all the heathen ỹ were about vs, thei were afrayed, & their courage failed thẽ: for they knewe, ỹ this worke was wroght by our God.

i After that I had ſent Sanballát his anſwere.

17 And in theſe dayes *were* there manie of the princes of Iudáh, whoſe k letters wẽt vnto Tobiáh, and thoſe of Tobiáh came vnto them.

k Thus the Church of God hathe euermore enemies within ie ſelfe, which are more dangerous then the outwarde

18 For there *were* manie in Iudáh, that were ſworne vnto him. for he was the ſonne in law of Shechaniáh, the ſonne of Aráh: & his ſonne Iehonathán had the daughter of Meſhullám, the ſonne of Berechiáh.

19 Yea, they ſpake in his praiſe before me, & tolde him my wordes, & Tobiáh ſent letters to put me in feare.

CHAP. VII.

After the wall once buylded, u the watche appointed. 6 They that returned from the captiuitie are nõbred.

1 NOw* when the wall was buylded, & I had ſet vp the dores, and the porters, and the ſingers and the Leuites were appointed,

and and profeſſed enemie

Eccleſ. 49, 15.

2 Then I commanded my brother Hanáni and Hananiáh the prince of the palace in Ieruſalém (for he was doutles a faithful man, and feared God aboue manie)

3 And I ſaid vnto them, Let not the gates of Ieruſalém be opened, vntil the heat of the ſunne: and while a they ſtand by, let them ſhut the dores, and "make them faſt. and I appointed wardes of the inhabitans of Ieruſalém, euerie one in his warde, and euerie one ouer againſt his houſe.

a To wit, thei that are mencioned, ver 2

" *Or, bolde thẽ, meaning til the ſarres were vpon it.*

4 Now the citie *was* large and great, but the people *were* fewe therein, and the houſes were not buylded.

5 And my God put into mine heart, and I gathered the princes, and the rulers, & the people, to counte their genealogies: and I founde a boke of the genealogie of them, *which came vp at the firſt, and founde writen therein,

*Ezr 2.2.

6 Theſe are the b ſonnes of ỹ prouince that came vp from the captiuitie that was caryed away (whome Nebuchadnezzár King of Babél had caried away) and they returned to Ieruſalém & to Iudáh, euerie one vnto his citie.

b That is, the inhabitants of Iudáh.

7 They which came with Zerubbabél, Ieſhúa, Nehemiáh, c Azariáh, Raamiáh, Nahamáni, Mordecái, Bilſhán, Miſpéreth, Biguái, Nehúm, Baanáh. *This is* the nõber of the men of the people of Iſraél.

c Azariáh in Ezrá is called Seraiáh, and Raamiáh, Reelaiáh, chap 2.

8 The ſonnes of Paróſh, two thouſand an hundreth ſeuentie and two.

9 The ſonnes of Shephatiáh, thre hundreth ſeuentie and two.

10 The ſonnes of Aráh, ſix hundreth fiftie and two.

11 The ſonnes of "Paháth Moáb of the ſonnes of Ieſhúa, & Ioáb, two thouſand, eight hundreth and eightene.

Or, the captaine of Moáb

12 The ſonnes of Elám, a thouſand, two hundreth fiftie and foure.

13 The ſonnes of Zattú, eight hundreth & fyue and fourtie.

14 The ſonnes of Zacchái, ſeuen hundreth and thre ſcore.

15 The ſonnes of Binnúi, ſix hundreth and eight and fourtie.

16 The ſonnes of Bebái, ſix hundreth and eight and twentie.

17 The ſonnes of Azgád, two thouſand, thre hundreth and two and twentie.

18 The ſonnes of Adonikám, ſix hundreth thre ſcore and ſeuen.

19 The ſonnes of Biguái, two thouſand thre ſcore and ſeuen.

20 The ſonnes of Adin, ſix hundreth, and fyue and fiftie.

21 The ſonnes of Atér of Hizkiáh, ninetie and eight.

22 The ſonnes of Haſhúm, thre hundreth and eight and twentie.

23 The ſonnes of Bezái, thre hundreth and foure and twentie.

24 The ſonnes of Haríph, an hundreth and twelue.

25 The d ſonnes of Gibeón, ninetie and fyue.

d That is, the inhabitants of Gibeón.

26 The men of Beth-léhem & Netopháh, an hundreth foure ſcore and eight.

27 The men of Anathóth, an hundreth and eight and twentie.

28 The men of Beth-azmáueth, two and fourtie.

29 The men of Kiriath-iearím, Chephiráh and Beeróth, ſeuen hundreth, and thre and fourtie.

30 The men of Ramáh and Gába, ſix hundreth

dreth and one and twentie.
31 The men of Michmás, an hundreth and two an twentie.
32 The men of Beth-él and Ai, an hundreth and thre and twentie.
33 The men [e] of the other Nebó, two and fiftie.
34 The ſonnes of the other Elám, a thouſand, two hundreth and foure and fiftie.
35 The ſonnes of Harím, thre hundreth & twentie.
36 The ſonnes of Ierichó, thre hundreth and fyue and fourtie.
37 The ſonnes of Lod-hadíd and Onó, ſeuen hundreth, and one and twentie.
38 The ſonnes of Senaáh, thre thouſand, nine hundreth and thirtie.
39 The Prieſts: the ſonnes of Iedaiáh of the houſe of Ieſhúa, nine hundreth ſeuentie & thre.
40 The ſonnes of Immér, a thouſand and two and fiftie.
41 The ſonnes of Paſhúr, a thouſand, two hundreth and ſeuen and fourtie.
42 The ſonnes of Harím, a thouſand and ſeuentene.
43 ¶ The Leuites: the ſonnes of Ieſhúa of Kadmiél, and of the ſonnes of [d] Hodiuáh, ſeuentie and foure.
44 ¶ The ſingers: the children of Aſáph, an hundreth, and eight and fourtie.
45 The porters: the ſonnes of Shallúm, the ſonnes of Atér, the ſonnes of Talmón, ỹ ſonnes of Akkúb, the ſonnes of Hatitá, the ſonnes of Shobái, an hundreth and eight and thirtie.
46 ¶ The [f] Nethinims: the ſonnes of Zihá, the ſonnes of Haſhuphá, the ſonnes of Tabaóth,
47 The ſonnes of Keiós, the ſonnes of Siá, the ſonnes of Padón,
48 The ſonnes of Lebaná, the ſonnes of Hagabá, the ſonnes of Shalmái,
49 The ſonnes of Hanán, the ſonnes of Giddél, the ſonnes of Gahar,
50 The ſonnes of Reaiáh, the ſonnes of Rezín, the ſonnes of Nekodá,
51 The ſonnes of Gazzám, the ſonnes of Vzzá, the ſonnes of Paſeah,
52 The ſonnes of Beſái, the ſonnes of Meunim, the ſonnes of Nephiſheſim,
53 The ſonnes of Bakbúk, the ſonnes of Hakuphá, the ſonnes of Harhúr,
54 The ſonnes of Bazlíth, the ſonnes of Mehidá, the ſonnes of Harſhá,
55 The ſonnes of Barkós, the ſonnes of Siſſera, the ſonnes of Támah,
56 The ſonnes of Neziah, the ſonnes of Hatiphá,
57 The ſonnes of Salomons ſeruants, the ſonnes of Sotai, the ſonnes of Sophéreth, the ſonnes of Peridá,
58 The ſonnes of Iaalá, the ſonnes of Darkón, the ſonnes of Giddél,
59 The ſonnes of Shephatiáh, the ſonnes of Hattíl, the ſonnes of Pochéreth of Zebaím, the ſonnes of Amón.
60 All the Nethinims, and the ſonnes of Salomons ſeruants *were* thre hũdreth, ninetie and two.
61 ¶ And theſe came vp from Tel-meláh, Tel-hareſhá, Cherúb, Addón, and Immér: but thei colde not ſhew their fatheis houſe, nor their ſede, *or* if they were of Iſraél.
62 The ſonnes of Delaiáh: the ſonnes of Tobiáh, the ſonnes of Nekodá, ſix hundreth and two and fourtie.
63 And of the Prieſts: the ſonnes of Habaiáh, the ſonnes of Hakkóz, the ſonnes of Barzillái, which toke one of the daughters of Barzillái the Gilhadite to wife, & was named after their name.
64 Theſe ſoght their writing of the genealogies, but it was not founde: therefore they were put from the Prieſthode.
65 And [g] the Tirſhátha ſaid vnto thẽ, that they ſhulde not eat of the moſt holy, til there roſe vp a Prieſt with * Vrím and Thummím.
66 All the Congregacion togethei *was* two and fourtie thouſand, thre hundreth and threſcore,
67 Beſides their ſeruants and their maids, which were ſeuen thouſand, thre hũdreth and ſeuen and thirtie: and they had two hundreth and fiue and fourtie ſinging men and ſinging women.
68 Their horſes *were* ſeuen hundreth & ſix and thirtie, & their mules two hundreth and fiue and fourtie.
69 The camels foure hundreth and fiue & thirtie, & ſix thouſand, ſeuen hundreth & twentie aſſes.
70 And certeine of the chief fathers gaue vnto the worke. The Tirſhátha gaue to the treaſurie, a thouſand [h] drammes of golde, fiftie baſins, fiue hundreth and thirtie Prieſts garments.
71 And *ſome* of the chief fatheis gaue vnto the treaſure of the worke, twentie thouſand drammes of golde and two thouſand and two hundreth [i] pieces of ſiluer.
72 And the reſt of the people gaue twentie thouſand drammes of golde, & two thouſand pieces of ſiluer, & thre ſcore and ſeuen Prieſts garments.
73 And the Prieſts and Leuites, & the porters and the ſingers and the reſt of the people and the Nethinims, and all Iſraél dwelt in their cities: and when the [k] ſeuent moneth came, the children of Iſraél were in their cities.

[e] For there were two cities of this name.
[d] Or, Hodaiáh.
[f] Read Ezrá 2,48.
[g] Meaning Nehemiáh for Tirſhatha in ỹ Chalue tógue ſignifieth a burlet
Exod 28,30.
[h] Read Ezrá 2,69
[i] Or, money.
[k] Which contained parte of September & parte of October.

CHAP. VIII.

[a] *Ezrá gathereth together the people, and readeth to the*

the Law. 12 They reioyce in Iſraél for the knowledge of the worde of God. 15 They kepe the feaſt of Tabernacles or boothes.

1 AND all the people aſſembled them ſelues "together, in ỹ ſtreat that was before the watergate, and they ſpake vnto Ezrá the [a] ſcribe, that he wolde bring the boke of the Law of Moſés, which the Lord had commanded to Iſraél.

"Ebr. as one man.

a Read Ezrá 7.11.

2 And Ezrá the Prieſt broght the Law before the Congregacion bothe of men and women, and of all that [b] colde heare and vnderſtand it, in the firſt day of the ſeuent moneth,

b Which had age and diſcretion to vnderſtand.

3 And he red therein in the ſtreat that was before the watergate (from the morning vntil [c] the midday) before men and women, and of them that vnderſtode it, and the eares of all the people *hearkened* vnto the boke of the Law.

c This declareth the great zeale, that the people had to heare ỹ worde of God.

4 And Ezrá the ſcribe ſtode vpon a pulpit of wood, which he had made for the preaching, & beſide him ſtode Mattithiáh, and Shéma, and Ananiáh, and Vriiáh, & Hilkiáh, and Maaſeiáh on his right hãd, and on his left hand Pedaiáh, & Miſhaél, and Malchiáh, and Haſhúm, and Haſhbadána, Zechariáh, *and* Meſhullám.

5 And Ezrá opened the boke before all the people: for he was [d] aboue all the people: and when he opened it, all the people ſtode vp.

d To the intent that his voyce might be the better heard.

6 And Ezrá praiſed ỹ Lord the great God, and all the people anſwered, Amen, Amẽ, with lifting vp their hãds: & they bowed them ſelues, and worſhiped the Lord with their faces toward the grounde.

7 Alſo Ieſhúa, and Baní, and Sherebiáh, Iamín, Akkúb, Shabbethái, Hodiiáh, Maaſeiáh, Kelitá, Azariáh, Iozabád, Hanán, Pelaiáh, & the Leuites cauſed the people to vnderſtand the Law, and the people *ſtode* in their place.

8 And they red in the boke of the Law of God diſtinctly and gaue the ſenſe, & cauſed them to vnderſtand the reading.

9 Then Nehemiáh (which is Tirſhátha) and Ezrá the Prieſt & ſcribe, and the Leuites that inſtructed the people, ſaid vnto all the people, This daye is holy vnto the Lord your God: mourne not, nether wepe: for all the people [e] wept, whẽ they heard the wordes of the Law.

e In conſidering their offenſes againſt the Law. Therefore the Leuites do not reproue them for mourning, but aſſure thẽ of Gods mercies for almuche as they are repentant.

10 He ſaid alſo vnto them, Go, *and* eat of the fat, & drinke the ſwete, and ſend parte vnto them, for whome none is [f] prepared: for this day is holy vnto our Lord: be ye not ſory therefore: for the [g] ioye of the Lord is your ſtrength.

f That is, remember the poore

g Reioyce in the Lord, and he wil giue you ſtrength.

11 And the Leuites made ſilence throughout all the people, ſaying, Holde your peace: for ỹ day is holy, be not ſad therefore.

12 Then all the people went to eat and to drinke, and to ſend away parte, & to make great ioye, becauſe they had vnderſtand the wordes that they had taught them.

13 And on the ſecõde day the chief fathers of all the people, the Prieſts and the Leuites were gathered vnto Ezrá the ſcribe, that he alſo might inſtruct them in the wordes of the Law.

14 And thei founde writẽ in the Law, (that the Lord had commanded by Moſés) that the childrẽ of Iſraél ſhulde dwell in *boothes in the feaſt of the ſeuent moneth,

*Leui.23.34.

15 And that thei ſhulde cauſe it to be declared and proclaimed in all theis cities, and in Ieruſalém, ſaying, Go forthe vnto the mount, and bring oliuebranches, and pinebranches, and branches of [h] myrtus, and palmebranches, and branches of thicke trees, to make boothes, as it is writen.

h Or, goodly braunches, as Leui.23.40.

16 So the people went forthe and broght *thẽ* & made them boothes, euerie one vpon the [i] rofe of his houſe, and in their courts, and in the courts of the houſe of God, & in the ſtrete by the watergate, and in the ſtrete of the gate of Ephráim.

i For their houſes were mide flat aboue, read Deu 22.8.

17 And all the Cõgregacion of them ỹ were come againe out of the captiuitie, made boothes, & ſate vnder the boothes: for ſince the [k] time of Ieſhúa the ſonne of Nun vnto this day, had not the children of Iſrael done ſo, & there was very great ioye.

k Which was almoſt a thouſand yeres.

18 And he red in the boke of the Law of God euerie day, from the firſt daye vnto the laſt daye. And thei kept the feaſt ſeuen dayes, & on the eight daye a ſolẽne aſſemblie, according vnto the maner.

CHAP. IX.

1 The people repent, & forſake their ſtrange wiues. 5 The Leuites exhorte them to praiſe God. 6 Declaring his wonders. 26 And their ingratitude. 30 And Gods great mercies toward them.

1 IN the foure & twentieth day of this [a] moneth the children of Iſraél were aſſembled with * faſting, & with ſackecloth, and earth vpon them.

a Meaning, the ſeuent.

* 2. Eſdr. 9.40.

2 (And they that were of the ſede of Iſraél were ſeparated from all the "ſtrãgers) & thei ſtode and confeſſed their ſinnes and the iniquities of their fathers.

"Ebr. ſtrange children.

3 And they ſtode vp in their place and red in the boke of the Law of the Lord their God foure times on the day, and thei [b] cõfeſſed and worſhiped ỹ Lord their God foure times.

b Thei made cõfeſsiõ of their ſinnes & vſed praiers.

4 Then ſtode vp vpon the ſtaires of the Leuites Ieſhúa, and Baní, Kadmiél, Shebaniáh, Bunní, Sherebiáh, Baní & Chenáni, & cryed with a loude voice vnto the Lord their God.

5 And ỹ Leuites ſaid, *euẽ* Ieſhúa & Kadmiél, Baní, Haſhabniáh, Sherebiáh, Hodiiáh, Shebaniáh & Pethahiáh, Stãd vp, & praiſe ỹ Lord your God for euer, & euer, & let them

them praiſe thy glorious Name, ô God, ẅ excelleth aboue all thãkſgiuing & praiſe.

6 Thou art Lord alone: thou haſt made hea uen, and the heauen of all heauens, with all their hoſte, the earth, and all thīgs that are therein, the ſeas, & all that are in thē, and thou preſerueſt them all, and the hoſte of the heauen worſhipeth thee.

7 Thou art, ô Lord, the God, that haſt choſen Abrám, & broghteſt him out of * Vr in Caldea * and madeſt his name Abrahám,

Gene.11,31. *Gen.17,5.*

8 And foundeſt his heart faithful before thee, * and madeſt a couenant with him, to giue vnto his ſede the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, & Perizzites, & Iebuſites, and Girgaſhites, and haſt performed thy wordes, becauſe thou art iuſt.

Gen.15,18.

Exod.3,7. 9 * Thou haſt alſo conſidered the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their crye by the red Sea,

10 And ſhewed tokens and wonders vpon Pharaóh, and on all his ſeruants, & on all the people of his land: for thou kneweſt that thei dealt proudely agaīſt thē: therefore thou madeſt thee a Name, as *appeareth* this day.

Exod.14,22. 11 * For thou dideſt breake vp the Sea before them, and they went through the middes of the Sea on drye lād: and thoſe that purſued them, haſt thou caſt into the bottoms as a ſtone, in the mightie waters:

Exod.13,21. 12 And * leddeſt thē in the daye with a piller of a cloude, & in the night with a piller of fyre to giue them light in the way that thei went.

Exod.20,1. 13 * Thou cameſt downe alſo vpon mount Sinái, and ſpakeſt vnto them from heauen, & gaueſt them right iudgements, & true lawes, ordinãces & good commandemẽts,

14 And declaredſt vnto thē thine holy Sabbath, and commandedſt them precepts, & ordinances, and laws, by the hand of Moſés thy ſeruant:

Exod 16,15. *Exod 17,6.* 15 * And gaueſt them bread from heauen for their hungre, * & broghteſt forthe water for them out of the rocke for their thirſt: & * promiſedſt them that thei ſhulde goin, & take poſſeſsion of the land: for the which thou haddeſt lift vp thine hand for to giue them.

Deu.1,8.

16 But thei and our fathers behaued them ſelues proudely and hardened their necke, ſo that they hearkened not vnto thy commandements,

17 But refuſed to obey, and wolde not remember thy maruelous workes that thou hadeſt done for them, but hardened their neckes and had in their heades to returne to thein bondage by their rebellion: but thou, ô God of mercies, gracious and ful of compaſsion, of long ſuffring and of great mercie, yet forſokeſt them not.

18 Moreouer when they made them a molte calfe (and ſaid, This is thy god ỹ broght thee vp out of the land of Egypt) & committed great blaſphemies,

19 Yet thou for thy great mercies forſokeſt them not in the wildernes: * the piller of the cloude departed not from them by day to lead them the way, nether the piller of fyre by night, to ſhewe them light, & the way whereby they ſhulde go.

Exod.13,22. *nom 14,14.* *1.cor.10,1.*

20 Thou gaueſt alſo thy good Spirit to inſtruct them, & withheldeſt not thy MAN from their mouth, and gaueſt them water for their thirſt.

21 Thou dideſt alſo fede thē fourtie yeres in ỹ wildernes: thei lacked nothīg: * their clothes waxed not olde, and their fete [c] ſwelled not.

Deut 8,4.

[c] Thogh the way was tedious & long.

22 And thou gaueſt them kingdomes and people, and [d] ſcatteredſt them into corners: ſo they poſſeſſed * the land of Sihón and the land of the King of Heſhbón, & the land of Og King of Baſhán.

[d] Meaning the heathen whome he droue out

Nom.21,26.

23 And thou dideſt multiplie their childrē, like the ſtarres of the heauen, & broghteſt them into the lād, whereof thou hadeſt ſpoken vnto their fathers, that they ſhulde go, and poſſeſſe it.

24 So the children went in, and poſſeſſed the land, and thou ſubdueſt before them the inhabitants of the land, *euen* the Canaanites, and gaueſt them into their hāds, with their Kings and the people of the land, that they might do with them what they wolde.

25 And they toke their ſtrōg cities and the fat land, and poſſeſſed houſes, full of all goods, ciſternes digged out, vineyardes, & oliues, and trees for fode in abundance, and they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, & liued in pleaſure through thy great goodnes.

26 Yet they were diſobedient, and rebelled againſt thee, & caſt thy Law behinde their backes & ſlewe thy Prophetes (which [e] protеſted among them to turne them vnto thee) and committed great blaſphemies.

[e] Taking heauen and earth to witnes that God wolde deſtroye thē, except thei returned, as 2. Chro 24,19.

27 Therefore thou deliueredſt them into the hand of their enemies that vexed thē: yet in the time of their affliction, when they cryed vnto thee, thou heardeſt them from the heauen, and through thy great mercies thou gaueſt them ſauiours, who ſaued them out of the hand of their aduerſaries.

28 But when they had [f] reſt, they returned to do euil before thee: therefore lefteſt thou them in the hand of their enemies, ſo that thei had the dominion ouer them, yet when they conuerted and cryed vnto thee, thou heardeſt them from heauen, and deliueredſt them according to thy great mercies many times,

[f] He declareth how Godsmercies euer contended with the wickednes of the people, who euer in their proſperitie forgate God

29 And proteſtedſt among them that thou

mightest bring thē againe vnto thy Law: but they behaued them ſelues proudely, and hearkened not vnto thy commandements, but ſinned againſt thy iudgements (*which a man ſhulde do and liue in them) and g pulled away the ſhuldre, and were ſtifnecked, and wolde not h heare.

Leui.18.5. ezek.20.11. roma 10.5. gal 3.12.

g Which is a ſimilitude taken of oxen, ỹ ſhrinke at the yoke orburdē, as Zach.7.11.

h When thou dideſt admoniſh them by thy Prophets

30 Yet thou" didest forbeare them many yeres, and proteſtedſt among them by thy Spirit, *euen* by the hand of thy Prophetes, but they wolde not heare: therefore gaueſt thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

"*Ebr thou didſt prolong vpon thē many yeres.*

31 Yet for thy great mercies, thou haſt not conſumed them, nether forſaken them: for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

Exod.34.6.

32 Now therefore our God, *thou great God, mightie and terrible, that kepeſt couenant and *mercie, let not all the affliction that hathe come vnto vs, ſeme a little before thee, *that is*, to our Kings, to our princes, & to our Priests, and to our Prophetes and to our fathers, & to all thy people ſince the time of the Kings of iAſſhúr vnto this day.

Pſal.143.2.

i By whome we were led away into captiuitie, & haue bene appoſited to be ſlaine, as Eſter 3.13

33 Surely thou art iuſt in all that is come vpon vs: for thou k haſt delt truely, but we haue done wickedly.

k He confeſſeth that all theſe things came to them iuſtely for their ſinnes, but he appealeth frō Gods iuſtice to his mercies

34 And our Kings and our princes, our Priests and our fathers haue not done thy Law, nor regarded thy commandements nor thy proteſtatiōs, wherewith thou haſt l proteſted among them.

l That thou woldeſt deſtroy them, except thei wolde returne to thee.

35 And they haue not ſerued thee in their kingdome, and in thy great goodnes that thou ſhewedſt vnto them, and in the large and fat land which thou ſetteſt before them, and haue not conuerted from their euil workes.

36 Beholde, we are ſeruants this day, & the lād that thou gaueſt vnto our fathers, to eate the m frute thereof, and the goodnes thereof, beholde, we are ſeruants therein.

m That is, to be the lords thereof.

37 And it yeldeth muche frute vnto ỹ Kīgs whome thou haſt ſet ouer vs, becauſe of our ſinnes: and they haue dominion ouer our bodies and ouer our cattel at their pleaſure, and we are in great affliction.

38 Now becauſe of all this we make n a ſure couenāt, and write it, and our princes, our Leuites *and* our Prieſts ſeale vnto it.

n Thus by affliction they promes to kepe Gods commandements, whereunto they colde not be brogh by Gods great benefites.

CHAP. X.

The names of them that ſealed the couenant betwene God and the people.

1 NOw thei that ſealed *were* Nehemiáh the "Tirſhátha the ſonne of Hachaliáh, and Zidkiáh,

"Or, ruler.

2 Seraiáh, Azariáh, Ieremiáh,
3 Paſhúr, Amariáh, Malchiáh,
4 Hattúſh, Shebaniáh, Mailúch,
5 Harím, Merimóth, Obadiáh,
6 Daniél, Ginnethón, Barúch,
7 Meſhullám, Abiáh, Miamín,
8 Maaziáh, Bilgái, Shemaiáh: theſe are athe Prieſts.

a Which ſubſcribed to kepe ỹ promes.

9 ¶ And the Leuites: Ieſhúa the ſonne of Azaniáh, Binnúi, of the ſonnes of Henadád Kadmiél.
10 And their brethrē, Shebaniáh, Hodiiáh, Kelitá, Pelaiáh, Hanán,
11 Michá, Rehób, Haſhabiáh,
12 Zaccúr, Sherebiáh, Shebaniáh,
13 Hodiáh, Baní, Beninu.
14 ¶ The chief of the people *were* Paróſh, "Paháth Moáb, Elám, Zattú, Baní,

"*Or, captaine of Moáb.*

15 Bunní, Azgád, Bebái,
16 Adoniáh, Biguái, Adín,
17 Atér, Hizkiáh, Azzúr,
18 Hodiáh, Haſhúm, Bezái,
19 Hariph, Anathóth, Nebái,
20 Magpiáſh, Meſhullám, Hezír,
21 Meſhezabeél, Zadók, Iaddúa,
22 Pelatiáh, Hanán, Anaiáh,
23 Hoſhéa, Hananiáh, Haſhúb,
24 Hallohéſh, Pilehá, Shobék,
25 Rehúm, Haſhabnáh, Maaſeiáh,
26 And Ahiiáh, Hanán, Anán,
27 Mallúch, Harím, Baanáh.
28 And the reſt of the people, the Prieſts, the Leuites, the porters, the ſingers, the b Nethinims, and all that were c ſeparated from the people of the lands vnto the Law of God, their wiues, their ſonnes, and their daughters, all that colde vnderſtand.

b Read Ezra 2.43

c Which beīg idolaters forſoke their wickednes & gaue thē ſelues to ſerue God.

29 The chief of them d receiued it for their brethren, & they came to e the curſe and to the othe to walke in Gods Law, which was giuen by Moſés the ſeruant of God, to obſerue and do all the commādements of the Lord our God and his iudgements and his ſtatutes:

d They made the othe in ỹ name of the whole multitude.

e Whereunto they gaue thē ſelues, if thei brake ỹ Law, as Deut 28.15.

30 And that we wolde not giue our daughters to the people of the land, nether take their daughters for our ſonnes.

31 And *if* the people of the land broght ware on the Sabbath or anie vitailes to ſel, f that we wolde not take it of them on the Sabbath and on the holy dayes: * and that we wolde let the ſeuent yere be fre, and the debtes of euerie "perſone.

f Which notwithſtanding thei brake ſone after, as Nehem 13.20. *Leu.25.4.*

deut 15.1.

"*Ebr.hand.*

32 And we made ſtatutes for our ſelues to giue by the yere the third parte of a ſhekel for the ſeruice of the houſe of our God,

33 For the g ſhewebread, and for the daiely offring, and for the daiely burnt offring, the Sabbaths, the newe moones, for the ſolemne feaſtes, and for the things that were ſanctified, and for the ſinne offrings to make an atonement for Iſraél, and for all the worke of the houſe of our God.

g This declareth wherefore thei gaue this third part of the ſhekel, which was beſides the halfe ſhekel, that thei were boūde to pay. Exod 30.13.

34 We caſt alſo lottes for the offrīg of the wood,

wood, *euen* ỹ Prieſts, the Leuites & ỹ people to bring it into ỹ houſe of our God, *by* the houſe of our fathers, yerely at ỹ times appointed, to burne it vpō the altar of the Lord our God, as it is writen in the Law,

35 And to bring the firſt frutes of our land, and the firſt of all the frutes of all trees, yere by yere, into the houſe of the Lord,

36 And the firſtborne of our ſonnes, and of our cattel, as it is [h] writen in the Law, and the firſtborne of our bullockes and of our ſhepe, to bring it into the houſe of our God, vnto the Prieſts that miniſter in the houſe of our God,

37 And that we ſhulde bring the firſt frute of our dough, and our offrings, & the frute of euerie tre, of wine and of oyle, vnto the Prieſts, to the chābers of the houſe of our God. and the tithes of our land vnto the Leuites, that the Leuites might haue the tithes in all the cities of our [i] trauail.

38 And the Prieſt, the ſonne of Aarón ſhal be with the Leuites, when the Leuites take tithes, and the Leuites ſhal* bring vp the tenth parte of the tithes vnto the houſe of our God, vnto the chambers of the treaſurie houſe.

39 For the children of Iſraél, and the children of Leuí ſhal bring vp the offrings of the corne, of the wine, & of the oyle, vnto the chambers: and there *ſhalle* the veſſels of the Sanctuarie, and the Prieſts that miniſter, and the porters, and the ſingers, and [k] we wil not forſake the houſe of our God.

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CHAP. XI.

1 Who dwelled in Ieruſolém after it was buylded, 21 And who in the cities of Iudáh.

1 AND the rulers of the people dwelt in Ieruſalém. the other people alſo caſt lottes, [a] to bring one out of ten to dwel in Ieruſalém the holy citie, and nine partes *to be* in the cities.

2 And the people thanked all the men that were willing to dwel in Ieruſalém.

3 Theſe now are the chief of the prouince, that dwelt in Ieruſalém, but in ỹ cities of Iudah, euerie one dwelt in his owne poſſeſsion in their cities of Iſraél, the Prieſts and the Leuites, and the Nethinims, & the ſonnes of Salomons ſeruants.

4 And in Ieruſalém dwelt *certeine* of the childrē of Iudáh, & of the childrē of Beniamín. Of the ſonnes of Iudáh, Athaiáh, the ſonne of Vzziáh, the ſonne of Zechariáh, the ſonne of Amariáh, the ſonne of Shephatiáh, the ſonne of Mahaleél, of the ſonnes of [b] Pérez,

5 And Maaſeiáh the ſonne of Barúch, the ſonne of Col Hozéh, the ſōne of Hazaiáh, the ſonne of Adaiáh, the ſonne of Ioiarib, ỹ ſonne of Zechariáh, the ſōne of [*] Shiloní.

6 All the ſonnes of Pérez that dwelt at Ieruſalém, *were* foure hundreth, thre ſcore and eight valiant men.

7 Theſe alſo are the ſonnes of Beniamín, Sallú, the ſōne of Meſhullám, the ſonne of Ioéd, the ſonne of Pedaiáh, the ſonne of Kolaiáh, the ſonne of Maaſeiáh, the ſonne of Ithiél, the ſonne of Ieſhaiáh.

8 And after him Gabái, Sallái, nine hundreth and twentie and eight.

9 And Ioél the ſonne of Zichrí *was* gouernour ouer them: and Iudáh, the ſonne of Senuáh *was* the ſeconde ouer the citie:

10 Of the Prieſts, Iedaiáh, the ſonne of Ioiarib, Iachín.

11 Seraiáh, the ſonne of Hilkiáh, the ſonne of Meſhullám, the ſonne of Zadók, the ſonne of Meraióth, the ſonne of Ahitúb [c] *was* chief of the houſe of God.

12 And their brethren [d] that did the worke in the Temple, *were* eight hundreth, twentie and two: and Adaiáh, the ſonne of Ieroham, the ſonne of Pelaliah, the ſonne of Amzí, the ſonne of Zechariáh, the ſonne of Paſhúr, the ſonne of Malchiáh:

13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundreth and two and fourtie: and Amaſhſái the ſonne of Azareél, the ſonne of Ahazái, the ſonne of Meſhilemóth, the ſonne of Immér:

14 And their brethren valiant men, an hundreth & eight & twentie: and their ouerſeer *was* Zabdiél the ſōne [e] of Hagedolim.

15 And of the Leuites Shemaiáh, the ſonne of Haſhúb, the ſonne of Azrikám, the ſonne of Haſhabiáh, the ſonne of Bunni.

16 And Shabbethái, and Iozabád of the chief of the Leuites *were* ouer the workes of the houſe of God without.

17 And Mattaniáh, the ſonne of Michá, the ſonne of Zabdi, the ſonne of Aſáph *was* the chief to [e] begin the thankeſgiuing & prayer: and Bakbukiáh the ſeconde of his brethren, and Abdá, the ſonne of Shammúa, the ſonne of Galál, the ſonne of Ieduthún.

18 All the Leuites in the holy citie *were* two hundreth foure ſcore & foure.

19 And ỹ porters Akkúb, Talmón & their brethrē that kept the [f] gates *were* an hundreth twentie & two.

20 And the reſidue of Iſraél, of ỹ Prieſts, & of the Leuites *dwelt* in all the cities of Iudáh, euerie one in his inheritance.

21 And the Nethinims dwelt in the [*] fortres, & Zihá, & Gispá *was* ouer the Nethinims.

22 And the ouerſeer of the Leuites in Ieruſalém *was* Vzzí the ſonne of Baní, the ſonne of Aſhabiáh, the ſonne of Mattaniáh, the ſonne of Michá: of the ſonnes of Aſáph ſingers *were* ouer the worke of the houſe of God.

23 For it *was* the Kings commandement concerning thē, that faithful *proviſion ſhulde be* for the ſingers euerie day.

[*] Or, into the houſe of.

[h] By this rehearſal is mēt that there was no parte nor ceremonie in the Law, whereūto thei did not binde thē ſelues by couenant.

[i] Whereſoeuer ye labour, or trauel, there the tithes were due vnto the Lord both by the Law and according to ỹ othe & couenant that we made Nomb 18.26

[k] We wil not leaue it deſtitute of that, ỹ ſhalbe neceſſarie for it.

[a] Becauſe their enemies dwelt rounde about them, thei prouided that it might be replenished with men, and vſed this policie, becauſe there were fewe ỹ offred them ſelues willingly.

[b] Which came of Pérez the ſonne of Iudah.

[*] Or, of a Shilonite.

[c] That is, was the hie Prieſt.

[d] That ſerued and miniſted in the Tēple.

[e] Or, of one of the great men.

[e] That is, he begā the pſalme, & was the chanter.

[f] Meaning, of the Temple.

[g] Of them. ỹ dwelt not in Ieruſalem.

[*] Or, Ophel.

24 And Pethahiáh ỹ sonne of Meshezabeél, of the sonnes of Zérah, the sonne of Iudáh h *was* at the Kings hand in all matters concerning the people.

h Was chief about the King for all his affaires

25 And in the villages in their lands, *some* of the children of Iudáh dwelt in Kiriáth-arbá, and in the villages thereof, and in Dibón, and in the villages thereof, and in Iekabzeél, and in the villages thereof,

26 And in Ieshúa, and in Moladáh, and in Beth-pálet,

27 And in Hazér shuál, and in Beer-shéba, and in the villages thereof,

28 And in Ziklág, and in Mechonáh, and in the villages thereof,

29 And in En-rimmón, & in Zareáh, and in Iarmúth,

30 Zanóah, Adullám, and in their villages, in Lachísh, and in the fields thereof, at Azekáh, & in the villages thereof: and they dwelt from Beer-shéba vnto the valley of Hinnóm.

31 And the sonnes of Bẽiamín from Géba, in Michmásh, & Aiiá, & Beth-él, & in the villages thereof,

32 Anathóth, Nob, Ananiáh,

33 Hazór, Ramáh, Gittáim,

34 Hadíd, Zeboím, Nebalát,

35 Lod & Onó, in the carpenters valley.

36 And of the Leuites *were* diuisions in Iudáh and in Beniamín.

CHAP. XII.

1 The Priests and Leuites, which came with Zerubbabél vnto Ierusalém, are nõbred. 27 And the wall is dedicated.

1 THese also are the Priests & the Leuites that a went vp with Zerubbabél, the sonne of Shealtiél, and Ieshúa: *to wit,* Seraiáh, Ieremiáh, Ezrá,

a From Babylon to Ierusalem.

2 Amariáh, Mallúch, Hattúsh,

3 Shecaniáh, Rehúm, Merimóth,

4 Iddó, Ginnethó Abiá.,

5 Miamín, Maadiáh, Bilgáh,

6 Shemaiah, & Ioiarib, Iedaiáh,

7 Sallú, Amók, Hilkiáh, Iedaiáh: these were the b chief of the Priests, & of their brethren in the daies of Ieshúa.

b Next in dignitie to ỹ hie Priests, and ỹ were of the storke of Aarón

8 And the Leuites, Ieshúa, Binnúi, Kadmiél, Sherebiáh, Iudáh, Mattaniáh c *were* ouer the thankesgiuings, he, & his brethren.

c Had charge of them that sang the Psalmes

9 And Bakbukiáh and Vnní, & their brethren *were* about them in the d watches.

d They kept their wardes and watches according to their turnes, as 1 Chro 23,6

10 And Ieshúa begate Ioiakim: Ioiakím also begate Eliashíb, & Eliashíb begate Ioiadá.

11 And Ioiadá begate Ionathan, & Ionathán begate Iaddúa.

12 And in the daies of Ioiakím were *these*, the chief fathers of the Priests: vnder e Seraiáh *was* Meraiáh, vnder Ieremiáh, Hananiáh,

e That is, next to Seraiáh, or rather of that order, which was called after the name of Seraiáh.

13 Vnder Ezrá, Meshullám, vnder Amariáh, Iehohanán,

14 Vnder Melicú, Ionathán, vnder Shebaniáh, Ioséph,

15 Vnder Harím, Adná, vnder Meraióth, Helkái,

16 Vnder Iddó, Zechariáh, vnder Ginnithón, Meshullam,

17 Vnder f Abiáh, Zichrí, vnder Miniamín, & vnder Moadiah, Piltái,

f Whereof was Zacharie Iohn Baptists father.

18 Vnder Bilgáh, Shámúa, vnder Shemaiáh, Iehonathán,

19 Vnder Ioiarib, Mattenái, vnder Iedaiáh, Vzzí,

20 Vnder Sallái, Kallái, vnder Amók, Eber,

21 Vnder Hilkiáh, Hashabiáh, vnder Iedaiáh, Nethaneél.

22 In ỹ daies of Eliashíb, Ioiadá, & Iohanán and Iaddúa *were* the chief fathers of the Leuites written, and the Priests in the reigne of Darius the Persian.

23 The sõnes of Leuí, the chief fathers *were* written in the boke of the Chronicle euen vnto the daies of Iohanan the sonne of Eliashib.

24 And the chief of the Leuites *were* Hashabiáh, Sherebiáh, and Ieshúa the sonne of Kadmiél, & their brethren about them to giue praise and thankes, according to the ordinance of Dauid the man of God, warde ouer g against warde.

g That is, one after another, and euerie one in his course.

25 Mattaniáh and Bakbukiáh, Obadiáh, Meshullám, Talmón *and* Akkúb *were* porters keping the warde at the thresholdes of the gates.

26 These were in the daies of Ioiakím the sonne of Ieshúa, the sonne of Iozadak, & in the daies of Nehemiáh the captaine, & of Ezrá the Priest and scribe.

27 And in the dedication of the wall at Ierusalém they sought the Leuites out of all their places, to bring them to Ierusalém to kepe the dedication and gladnes, both with thankesgiuings and with songs, cymbales, violes and with harpes.

28 Then the h singers gathered them selues together both from the plaine countrey about Ierusalem, and from the villages of h Netophathí,

h The sonnes of the singers

h Whiche were a certeine familie & had their possessions in ỹ fields, 1 Chro 2,54.

29 And from the house of Gilgál, and out of the countreis of Géba, and Azmáueth: for the singers had buylt thẽ villages rounde about Ierusalém.

30 And the Priests & Leuites were purified, and clensed the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 And i I broght vp the princes of Iudáh vpon the wall, & appointed two great cõpanies to giue thankes, and the *one* went on the right hand of the wall towarde the dung gate.

i Meaning, Nehemiáh

32 And after them went Hoshaiáh, & halfe of the princes of Iudah,

33 And Azariáh, Ezrá and Meshullám,

34 Iudáh, Beniamín, and Shemaiáh, and Ieremiáh,

35 And of the Priests sonnes with trompetes,

Zechariah

Zechariáh the ſonne of Ionathán, the ſonne of Shemaiáh, the ſonne of Mattaniáh, the ſonne of Michaiáh, the ſonne of Zaccúr, the ſonne of Aſáph.

36 And [k] his brethren, Shemaiáh, and Azareél, Milalái, Gilalái, Maái, Nethaneél, & Iudáh, Hanáni, with ỹ muſical inſtruments of Dauid the man of God: and Ezrá the ſcribe *went* before them.

37 And to the gate of the fountaine, euen ouer againſt them went they vp by [l] the ſtaires of the citie of Dauid, at the going vp of the wall beyonde the houſe of Dauid, euen vnto the water gate Eaſtwarue.

38 And the ſeconde companie of them that gaue thankes, went on the otherſide, and I after them, and the halfe of the people *was* vpon the wall, *and* vpon the towre of the furnaces euen vnto the broade wall.

39 And vpon the gate of Ephraim, and vpō the olde gate, and vpon the fiſhgate, and the towre of Hananeél, and the towre of Meáh, euen vnto the ſhepegate: and they ſtode in the gate of the warde.

40 So ſtode the two companies (of them that gaue thankes) in the houſe of God, & I and the halfe of the rulers with me.

41 The Prieſts alſo, Eliakím, Maaſeiáh, Miniamin, Michaiáh, Elioenái, Zechariáh, Hananiáh, with trumpets,

42 And Maaſeiáh, and Shemaiáh, & Eleazár, and Vzzí, and Iehohanán, and Malchiáh, and Flám, & Ezer: and the ſingers [n] ſang loude, hauing Izrahiáh which *was* the ouerſeer.

43 And the ſame day they offred great ſacrifices and reioyced: for God had giuen them great ioye, ſo that bothe the women, and the children were ioyful: and the ioye of Ieruſalém was heard farre of.

44 Alſo at the ſame time were men appointed [m] ouer the chambers of the ſtore for the offrings (for the firſt frutes, and for the tithes) to gather in to thē out of the fields of the cities, the porcions of the Law for the Prieſts and the Leuites: for Iudáh reioyced for the Prieſts & for the Leuites, that ſerued.

45 And bothe the ſingers and the Leuites kept the warde of their God, & the warde of the purification according to the commandement of Dauid, *and* Salomón his ſonne.

46 [*] For in the dayes of Dauid and Aſáph, of olde *were* chief ſingers, and ſongs of praiſe and thankeſgiuing vnto God.

47 And in the dayes of Zerubbabél, and in the dayes of Nehemiáh did all Iſraél giue porcions vnto the ſingers and porters, euerie day his porcion, and they gaue the holy things vnto the Leuites, and the Leuites [n] gaue the holy things vnto the ſonnes of Aarón.

[k] That is, the brethren of Zaccúr.

[l] Which was the going vp to the mount Zión, which is called the citie of Dauid

[n] *Her ſtanſed to heare.*

[m] Which were chambers appointed by Hezekiáh to put in the tithes, and ſuche thinges, 2 Chro 31, 11, and now were repared againe for the ſame vſe.

[*] *2. Chro. 35, 16.*

[n] That is, the tenth parte of the tithes.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The Law is red 3 They ſeparate from them all ſtrāgers 15 Nehemiáh reproueth them that breake the Sabbath. 30 An ordinance to ſerue God.

1 AND on that day did they read in the boke of Moſés, in the audiēce of the people, & it was founde writtē therein, that the Ammonite, and the Moabite * ſhulde not enter into the Congregacion of God, *Deu. 23, 3.*

2 Becauſe they met not the children of Iſraél wᵗ bread & with water, * but hired Balaám againſt thē, that he ſhulde curſe thē. & our God turned the curſe into a bleſſing. *Numb. 22, 5.*

3 Now when they had heard the Law, they ſeparated from Iſraél [a] all thoſe that were mixed.

4 ¶ And before [b] this had the Prieſt Eliaſhib the ouerſight of the chamber of the houſe of our God, being [c] kinſman to Tobiáh:

5 And he had made him a great chamber & there had they aforetime laid the offrings, the incenſe, and the veſſels, and the tithes of corne, of wine, and of oyle (appointed for the Leuites, and the ſingers, & the porters) and the offrings of the Prieſts.

6 But in all this *time* was not I in Ieruſalém: for in the two and thirtieth yere of [d] Artahſhaſhte King of Babél, came I vnto the King, and [e] after certeine dayes I obteined of the King.

7 And when I was come to Ieruſalém, I vnderſtode [f] ỹ euil that Eliaſhib had done for Tobiáh, in that he had made him a chāber in the court of the houſe of God,

8 And it grieued me ſore: therefore I caſt forth all ỹ veſſels of the houſe of Tobiáh out of the chamber.

9 And I commanded them to cleanſe the chambers: and thether broght I againe the veſſels of the houſe of God with the meat offring and the incenſe.

10 And I perceiued that the porcions of the Leuites had not bene giuen, and that euerie one was fled to his lād, *euen* the Leuites & ſingers that executed the worke.

11 Thē reproued I the rulers & ſaid, Why is the houſe of God forſakē? And I aſſembled them, and ſet them in their place.

12 Then broght all Iudáh the tithes of corne & of wine, & of oyle vnto ỹ treaſures.

13 And I made treaſurers ouer ỹ treaſures, Shelemiáh the Prieſt, & Zadók the ſcribe, & of the Leuites, Pedaiáh, & vnder their hand Hanán the ſonne of Zaccúr the ſonne of Mattaniáh: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to diſtribute vnto their brethren.

14 Remember me, ô my God, herein, and wipe not out my [f] kindenes that I haue ſhewed on the houſe of my God, and on the offices t. reof.

15 In thoſe daies ſaw I in Iudáh thē, ỹ trode

[a] That is, all ſuche, which had ioyned in vnlawful marriage, and alſo thoſe, with whome God had forbidde them to haue ſocietie

[b] That the ſeparation was made

[c] He was ioyned in affinitie with Tobiáh the Ammonite, and enemie of the Iewes.

[d] Called alſo Darius, Ezra 7, 1

[e] *Or, at the yeres end.*

[f] Thus we ſe to what inconueniences the people fall into, when they are deſtitute of one that hathe the feare of God, ſeing that their chief gouernour was but a while abſent, and yet they fel into ſuche great abſurdities as appeareth alſo, Leuit. 32, 1

[f] He proteſteth that he did his duetie with a good conſcience, yet he doubteth not iuſtifie himſelfe herein, but deſireth God to fauour him, and to be merciful vnto him for his owne goodnes ſake, as verſe 22

wine preſſes on ỹ Sabbath, & that broght in ſheaues, and which laded aſſes alſo with wine, grapes, and figges and all burdens, and broght them into Ieruſalém vpon the Sabbath day: and g I proteſted to them in the day that they ſolde vitailes.

g I declared vnto thẽ, that God wolde not ſuffer ſuche tranſgreſſours of his Law to be vnpuniſhed.

16 There dwelt men of Tyrus alſo therein, which broght fiſh and all wares, and ſolde on the Sabbath vnto the children of Iudáh euen in Ieruſalém.

17 Then reproued I the rulers of Iudáh, & ſaid vnto them, What euil thing is this that ye do, and breake the Sabbath daye?

h Was not this a great cauſe, why God plagued vs in times paſt? meaning, that if they tranſgreſſed now in the ſame againe, their plague ſhulde be greater

18 Did not your fathers h thus, and our God broght all this plague vpon vs, and vpon this citie? yet ye increaſe the wrath vpon Iſraél, in breaking the Sabbath?

i About the time that the ſunne went downe for the Sabbath lafted from the ſunne goingdowne of the one day to ỹ ſunne ſetting of the other.

19 And when the gates of Ieruſalém began to be i darke before the Sabbath, I commanded to ſhut the gates, and charged, that they ſhulde not be opened til after the Sabbath, and *ſome* of my ſeruants ſet I at the gates, that there ſhulde no burden be broght in on the Sabbath daye.

20 So the chapmen and marchants of all marchandiſe remained once or twiſe all night without Ieruſalém.

21 And I proteſted among them, and ſaid vnto them, Why tary ye all night about the wall? If ye do it once againe, I wil lay hands vpon you. Frõ that time came they nomore on the Sabbath.

22 ¶ And I ſaid vnto the Leuites that they ſhulde clenſe them ſelues, and that they ſhulde come and k kepe the gates, to ſanctifie the Sabbath day. Remember me, ô my God, cõcerning this, and pardone me according to thy great mercie.

k Meaning, of the Tẽple that none, that was vncleane, ſhulde entre.

23 In thoſe dayes alſo I ſawe Iewes that maried wiues of l Aſhdód, of Ammón, and of Moab.

l Which was a citie of the Philiſtims, & they had maried wiues thereof, and ſo had corrupted their ſpeache, and religion.

24 And their children ſpake halfe in the ſpeache of Aſhdód, & colde not ſpeake in the Iewes language, and according to the language of the *one* people, & of the *other* people.

25 Then I reproued them, and m curſed them, and ſmote certeine of them, and pulled of their heere, & toke an othe of them by God, Ye ſhal not giue your daughters vnto their ſonnes, nether ſhal ye take of their daughters vnto your ſonnes, nor for your ſelues.

m That is, I did excommunicate them, & driue thẽ out of th' Cõgregacion.

26 * Did not Salomón the King of Iſraél ſinne by theſe things? yet among manie nacions was there no King like him: for he was beloued of his God, and God had made him King ouer Iſraél: yet ſtrange women cauſed him to ſinne.

1. King. 3. 7.

27 *Shal we then obey vnto you, to do all this great euil, and to tranſgreſſe againſt our God, *euen* to mary ſtrange wiues?

1 King. 11.

28 And *one* of the ſonnes of Ioiadá the ſonne of Eliaſhib the hye Prieſt was the ſonne in law of Sanballát the Horonite: but I chaſed him from me.

29 Remember them, ô my God, that n defile the Prieſthode, and the couenant of the Prieſthode, and of the Leuites.

n Puniſh thẽ accordíng to their faults, & euil example, which they haue giuen to the reſt of thy people, cõtrarie to their vocation.

30 Then clenſed I them from all ſtrangers, and appointed the wardes of the Prieſts & of the Leuites, euerie one in his office,

31 And for the offring of the wood at times appointed, & for the firſt frutes. Remember me, ô my God, o in goodnes.

o That is, to ſhewe mercie vnto me.

ESTER.

THE ARGVMENT.

Becauſe of the diuerſitie of names, wherely they vſed to name their Kings, and the ſuppulacion of yeres, whereon the Ebrewes, and the Grecians do varie, diuers authors write diuerſly as touching this Ahaſhuerôſh, but it ſemeth Daniél 6, 1, and 9, 1. that he was Darius King of the Medes, and ſonne of Aſtyages, called alſo Ahaſhuerôſh, which was a name of honour, and ſignified great and chief, as the ſpirit of Herenius declined the great mercies of God toward his Church, who neuer faileth them in their greateſt dangers, but when all hope of worldely helpe faileth, he euer ſtirreth vp ſome, by whome he ſendeth conſort, and deliuerance. Herein alſo is deſcribed the ambition, pride and cruelte of the wicked, when they come to honour, and their ſodayn fall when they are at higheſt. And how God preſerueth, and preferreth them which are zealous of his glorie, and haue a care and loue towarde their brethren.

CHAP.

CHAP. I.

1 King Ahashuerósh maketh a royal feast, 10 Wherunto the Quene Vashti wil not come, 19 For which cause she is diuorced. 20 The Kings decree touching the preeminence of man.

a Called also Darius, who was now the soueregne Monarch, & had ỹ gouernemẽt of the Medes, Persians and Chaldeans some thirtene he was Darius Hystaspis sonne, called also Artaxerxes

b Daniél chap 6, 1 maketh mẽcion but of six score, leauing out the nomber that is vnperfit, as the Scripture in diuers places vseth

c That is, hid rest, and quietnes

Nehem. 1, 1.

IN the dayes of a Ahashuerósh (this is Ahashuerósh that reigned, from India euen vnto Ethiopia, ouer an b hũdreth, and seuen and twentie prouinces)

2 In those dayes when the King Ahashuerósh c sate on his throne, which was in the palace of * Shushán,

3 In the thirde yere of his reigne, he made a feast vnto all his princes and his seruãts, *euen* the power of Persia and Media, and to the captaines and gouernours of the prouinces *which were* before him,

4 That he might shewe the riches & glorie of his kingdome, and the honour of his great maiestie manie dayes, *euẽ* an hũdreth and foure score dayes.

5 And when these dayes were expired, the King made a feast to all the people that were found in the palace of Shushán, bothe vnto great and small, seuen dayes, in the courte of the garden of the Kings palace,

6 *Vnder* an hanging of white, grene, and blewe *clothes*, fastened with cordes of fine linen and purple, in siluer rings, and pillers of marble: the d beddes *were* of golde, and of siluer vpon a pauement of porphyrie, and marble and alabaster, and blewe coulour.

d Which they vsed in those countreis in stead of tables

7 And they gaue them drinke in vessels of golde, and changed vessel after vessel, and royal wine in abundance according to the e power of the King.

e As was beseming for so magnifical a King

8 And the drinking *was* by an ordre, none might f compel: for so the King had appointed vnto all the officers of his house, that they shulde do according to euerie mans pleasure.

f None might be cõpelled to drinke more then it pleased him.

9 ¶ The Quene Vashtí made a feast also for the womẽ in the royal house of King Ahashuerósh.

10 Vpon the g seuent day when the King was mery with wine, he commanded Mehumán, Bizthá, Harboná, Bigthá, and Abagthá, Zethár, and Carcás, the seuen eunuches (that serued in the presence of Kĩg Ahashuerósh)

g Which was the last day of the feast that the King made for ỹ people, as verse 5.

11 To bring Quene Vashtí before the King with ỹ crowne royal, that he might shewe the people and the princes her beautie: for she was faire to loke vpon.

12 But the Quene Vashtí refused to come at the Kings worde, * which he had giuen in charge to the eunuches: therefore the King was very angrie, and his wrath kindled in him.

* For which cause he had geue the chamcher.

13 Then the King said to the wise men, h that knewe the times (for so was the Kĩgs maner towardes all that knewe the lawe and the iudgement:

h That had experience of things, as thei had learned by diligent marking in cõtinuance of time

14 And the next vnto him *was* Carshená, Shethár, Admátha, Tarshish, Méres, Marsená & Memucán the seuen princes of Persia and Media, which sawe the i Kings face, and sate the first in the kingdome)

i Which were his chief counsellers, that might haue alwaies accesse to him.

15 What shal we do vnto ỹ Quene Vashtí according to the lawe, because she did not according to the worde of the King Ahashuerósh by the commission of the eunuches?

16 Then Memucán answered before the King and the princes, The Quene Vashtí hathe not onely done k euil against the King, but against all the princes, & against all the people that are in all the prouinces of King Ahashuerósh.

k By her disobedience she hathe giuen an example to all women to do the like to their housbands

17 For the l acte of the Quene shal come abrode vnto all women, so that they shal despise their housbãds in their owne eies, and shal say, The King Ahashuerósh cõmanded Vashtí the Quene to be broght in before him, but she came not.

l That is, her disobedience.

18 So shal the m princesses of Persia & Media this day say vnto all the Kings Princes, whẽ thei heare of the acte of the Quene. thus *shal there be* muche despitefulnes and wrath.

m Meaning, ỹ thei wolde take first occasiõ here of to do ỹ like, & that ỹ rest of womẽ wolde by continuance do ỹ same.

19 If it please the King, let a royal decree procede from him, and let it be writen among the statutes of Persia, and Media (and let it not be transgressed) that Vashtí come n nomore before King Ahashuerósh. and let the King giue her royal estate vnto her companion that is better then she.

n Let her be diuorced & a nother made Quene.

20 And when the decree of the King which shalbe made, shalbe published throughout all his kingdome (thogh it be o great) all the women shal giue their housbands honour, bothe great and small.

o For he had vnder him an hundreth twẽtie and seuen countreis.

21 And this saying pleased the King & the princes, & the King did according to the worde of Memucán.

22 For he sent letters into all the prouinces of the King, into euerie prouince according to the writig thereof, & to euerie people after their language, that euerie man shulde p beare rule in his owne house, and that he shulde publish it in the language of that same people.

p That is, that ỹ wife shulde be subiect to the housband and at his cõmandement.

CHAP. II.

2 After the Quene is put away, certeine yong maides are broght to the King. 14 Estér pleaseth the King, & is made Quene. 22 Mordecái discloseth vnto the King those that wolde betray him.

1 AFter these things, when the wrath of King Ahashuerósh was appeased, he q remembred Vashtí, & what she had do-

q That is, he called ỹ matter againe into cõmunicatiõ.

ne, and what was decreed [b] againſt her.

[b] By the ſeuē wiſe men of his counſel.

2 And the Kings ſeruants that miniſtred vnto him, ſaid, Let them ſeke for the King beautiful yong virgins,

3 And let ỹ King appoint officers through all the prouinces of his kingdome, and let thē gather all the beautiful yong virgins vnto the palace of Shuſhán, into the houſe of the women, vnder the hand of Hegé the Kings eunuche, [c] keper of the women, to giue them their things [d] for purification.

[c] The abuſe of theſe courtes was ſo great, that they inuented manie meanes to ſerue the luſtes of princes, and therefore, as they ordeined wicked lawes that the King might haue whole daughters he wolde, ſo they had diuers houſes appointed, as one for them, while they were virgines, another when they were concubines, & for the Quenes another.

[d] Read what this purification was, verſ 13 a. *Kin.* 24, 15.

4 And the maid that ſhal pleaſe the King, let her reigne in the ſtead of Vaſhti. And this pleaſed the King, and he did ſo.

5 ¶ In the citie of Shuſhán, there was a certeine Iewe, whoſe name *was* Mordecái the ſonne of Iaír, the ſonne of Shimeí, the ſonne of K ſh a man of Iemíni,

6 Which had bene caryed away from Ieruſalém *with the captiuitie that was caryed away with Iekoniáh King of Iudáh (whome Nebuchadnezzár King of Babél had caryed away)

7 And he nouriſhed Hadaſſáh, that is Eſtér, his vncles daughter: for ſhe had nether father nor mother, and the maid was faire, and beautiful to loke on: & after the death of her father, and her mother, Mordecái toke her for his owne daughter.

8 And when the Kings commandement, & his decree was publiſhed, and manie maides were broght togeher to the palace of Shuſhán, vnder the hād of Hegé, Eſtér was broght alſo vnto the Kings houſe vnder ỹ hand of Hegé the keper of the women.

9 And the maid pleaſed him, and ſhe founde fauour in his ſight: therefore he cauſed her things for purificatiō to be giuen her ſpedely, and her *portions, and ſeuen comely maides to be giuen her out of the Kings houſe, and he gaue change to her and to her maides of the beſt in the houſe of the women.

*Hir portions.

10 *But* Eſtér ſhewed not her people and her kinred: for Mordecái had charged her, that ſhe ſhulde not tel it.

11 And Mordecái walked [e] euerie day before the courte of the womens houſe, to knowe if Eſtér did wel, and what ſhulde be done with her.

[e] For though ſhe was taken away by a cruel law, yet he ceaſed not to haue a fatherlie care ouer her, and therefore did reſort oft times to heare of her.

12 And when the courſe of euerie maid came, to go in to King Ahaſhuerósh, after that ſhe had bene twelue moneths according to the maner of the women (for ſo were the dayes of their purifications accompliſhed, ſix moneths with oyle of myrrhe, & ſix moneths with ſwete odours and in the purifying of the women:

13 And thus went the maids vnto the King) whatſoeuer ſhe required, was [f] giuen her, to go with her out of the womens houſe vnto the Kings houſe.

[f] What apparel ſhe aſked of the eunuch, that was he bounde to giue her.

14 In the euening ſhe went, and on the morow ſhe returned into the ſeconde houſe of the women vnder the hand of Shaaſhgáz the Kings eunuche, which kept the cócubines: ſhe came into the King nomore, except ſhe pleaſed the King, & that ſhe were called by name.

15 Now when the courſe of Eſtér ỹ daughter of Abihaíl the vncle of Mordecái (which had taken her as his owne daughter) came, ỹ ſhe ſhulde go in to the King, ſhe deſired nothing, but what *Hegé the Kings eunuche the keper of the women ſaid: and Eſtér founde fauour in the ſight of all them that loked vpon her.

*Or, Hegái.

16 ¶ So Eſtér was takē vnto King Ahaſhuerósh into his houſe royal in the tenth moneth, which is the [h] moneth Tebéth, in the ſeuent yere of his reigne.

[g] Wherein her modeſtie appeared becauſe ſhe feght not apparel to cōmend her beautie, but ſtode to ỹ eunuches appointment.

[h] Which conteined part of December & part of Ianuarie.

17 And the King loued Eſtér aboue all the women, and ſhe founde grace and fauour in his ſight more then all the virgins: ſo that he ſet the crowne of the kingdome vpō her head, & made her Quene in ſteade of Vaſhti.

18 Then the King made a great feaſt vnto all his princes and his ſeruants *which was* [i] the feaſt of Eſtér and gaue reſt [k] vnto the prouinces, and gaue giftes, according to [l] the power of a King.

[i] That is, made for her ſake

[k] He releaſed their tribute.

[l] That is, great & magnifical.

19 And when the virgins were gathered the [m] ſeconde time, then Mordecái ſate in the Kings gate.

[m] That is, as the mariage of Eſter, which was ỹ ſeconde mariage of ỹ King.

20 Eſtér had not yet ſhewed her kinred nor her people, as Mordecái had charged her: for Eſtér did after the worde of Mordecai, as when ſhe was nouriſhed with him.

21 ¶ In thoſe daies when Mordecái ſate in the Kings gate, two of the Kings eunuches, Bigthán and Téreſh, which kept the dore, were wroth, & ſoght to lay [n] hand on the King Ahaſhuerósh.

[n] Meaning, to kil him.

22 And the thing was knowē to Mordecái, and he tolde it vnto Quene Eſtér, and Eſtér certified the King thereof in Mordecais name: and when inquiſitiō was made, it was founde ſo: therefore thei were bothe hanged on a tre: and it was writen in the boke of the [o] Chronicles before the King.

[o] In the Chronicles of the Medes & Perſiās, as Chap. 10, 2.

CHAP. III.

1 Hamán, after he was exalted, obteined of the King, that all the Iewes ſhulde be put to death, becauſe Mordecás had not done him worſhip as other had.

1 AFter theſe things did King Ahaſhuerósh promote Hamán the ſonne of Hammedátha the Agagite, & exalted hī, and ſet his ſeat aboue all the princes that were with him.

2 And all the Kings ſeruants that were at the Kings gate, bowed their knees, & reuerēced Hamán: for the Kīg had ſo cōmāded

ded cõcerning him: but Mordecái [a] bowed not the knee, nether did reuerence.

3 Then the Kings ſeruants which were at the Kings gate ſaid vnto Mordecái, Why tranſgreſſeſt thou the Kings commandement?

4 And albeit they ſpake daiely vnto hĩ, yet he wolde not heare them: therefore they [b] tolde Hamán, that they might ſe how Mordecais matters wolde ſtãd: for he had tolde them, that he was a Iewe.

5 And when Haman ſawe that Mordecái bowed not the knee vnto him, nor did reuerence vnto him, then Haman was ful of wrath.

6 Now he "thoght it to litle to lay hands onely on Mordecái: & becauſe they had ſhewed him the people of Mordecái, Hamán ſoght to deſtroye all the Iewes, that were throughout the whole kingdome of Ahaſhuerósh, *euen* ỹ people of Mordecái.

7 In the firſt moneth (that is the moneth [c] Niſán) in the twelft yere of King Ahaſhuerósh, they caſt Pur (that is a lot) [d] before Hamán, from day to day, and frõ mon th to moneth, *vnto* the twelft mon th, that is the moneth [e] Adár.

8 Then Hamán ſaid vnto King Ahaſhuerósh, There is a people ſcatred, and diſperſed among the people in all the prouin ces of thy kingdome, and their lawes *are* diuers from all people, and they do not obſerue the [f] Kings lawes: therefore it is not the Kings profite to ſuffre them.

9 If it pleaſe the King, let it be writen that they may be deſtroyed, & I wil "paye ten thouſand talents of ſiluer by the hãds of them that haue the charge of this buſines to bring it into the Kings treaſurie.

10 Then the King toke his ring from his hand and gaue it vnto Hamán the ſonne of Hammedátha the Agagite the Iewes aduerſarie.

11 And the King ſaid vnto Hamán, Let ỹ ſiluer be thine, and the people to do with them as it pleaſeth thee.

12 Then were the Kings [g] ſcribes called on the thirtent day of the firſt moneth, and there was writen (according to all that Hamán commanded) vnto the Kings officers, and to the captaines that were ouer euerie prouince, and to the rulers of euerie people & to euerie prouince, accordĩg to the writing thereof, & to euerie people according to their language: in the name of King Ahaſhuerósh was it writen, and ſealed with the Kings ring.

13 And the lettres were ſent "by poſtes into all the Kings prouinces, to rote out, to kill and to deſtroye all the Iewes, bothe yong and olde, children and women, in one day vpon the thirtent day of the twelft moneth, (which is the moneth Adar) and to ſpoile them as a pray.

14 The contents of the writing *was*, that there ſhulde be giuen a cõmandemẽt in all prouinces, & publiſhed vnto all people, that they ſhulde be ready againſt the ſame day.

15 And the poſtes compelled by the Kings cõmandement went forthe, and the commandement was giuẽ in the palace at Shuſhan: and the King and Hamán ſate drinking, but the [g] citie of Shuſhán was in perplexitie.

[a] The Perſiãs maner was to knele downe and reuerence their Kings, & ſuche as he appointed in chief autoritie, ẃ Mord. cái wolde not do to this ambitious & proude mã

[b] Thus we ſe that there is none ſo wicked, but they haue their flatterers to accuſe the godlie.

[g] To wit, the Iewes, ỹ were in Shuſhan

CHAP. IIII.

Mordecái giueth the Quene knowledge of the cruel decree of the King againſt the Iewes 16 She willeth that they pray for her.

1 NOw when Mordecái perceiued all that was done, Mordecái rent his clothes, and put on ſackecloth, & aſhes, and went out into the middes of the citie, & cryed with a great crye, and a bitter.

2 And he came euẽ before the Kings [a] gate, but he might not entre within the Kings gate, being clothed with ſackecloth.

[a] Becauſe he wolde aduertiſe Eſter of this cruel proclamation.

3 And in euerie prouince, & place, whether the Kings charge and his commiſsion came, there *was* great ſorowe among the Iewes, and faſting, & weping and mournĩg, and "many laye in ſackecloth & in aſhes.

["Ebr ſackecloth & aſhes were ſpred for many.

4 ¶ Then Eſters maides and her eunuches came and tolde it her: therefore the Quene was very heauy, and ſhe ſent raiment to clothe Mordecái, and to take away his ſackecloth frõ him, but he receiued it not.

5 Then called Eſtér Hatách *one* of ỹ Kings eunuches, whome he "had appointed to ſerue her, and gaue him a commandement vnto Mordecái, to knowe what it was, and why it was.

["Ebr. had cauſed to ſtand before her.

6 So Hatách wẽt forthe to Mordecái vnto the ſtreat of the citie, which was before the Kings gate.

7 And Mordecái tolde hĩ of all that which had come vnto him, and of the "ſumme of the ſiluer that Hamán had promiſed to paye vnto the Kings treaſuries, becauſe of the Iewes, for to deſtroye them.

["Ebr declaration.

8 Alſo he gaue him the [c] copie of the writĩg & commiſsion that was giuen at Shuſhán, to deſtroye thẽ that he might ſhewe it vnto Eſtér and declare it vnto her, and to charge her, that ſhe ſhulde go in to the King, & make petition and ſupplication beſore him for her people.

[c] Or, contents.

9 ¶ So when Hatách came, he tolde Eſtér the wordes of Mordecái.

10 Then Eſtér ſaid vnto Hatách, and commanded him, *to ſay* vnto Mordecái,

11 All the Kings ſeruants and the people of the Kings prouinces do knowe, that whoſoeuer, man or woman, that commeth to the King into the inner court, which is not called, there *is* a lawe of his,

[d] To knowe what moneth and day ſhulde be good to enterprice this thing, that it might haue good ſucceſſe: but God diſappointed their lottes & expectation.

[e] Containing part of February, & parte of March.

[f] There be the two argumẽts which commonly ỹ worldlings & the wicked vſe to aduãce ỹ, that is, ỹ contempt of their lawes, & diminiſhing of their profit without reſpect how God is either pleaſed or diſpleaſed

[g] Or, ſecretaries.

that he ſhal dye, except him to whome the King holdeth out the golden rod, that he may liue. Now I haue not bene called to come vnto the King theſe thirtie dayes.

12 And they certified Mordecái of Eſters wordes.

13 And Mordecái ſaid, that thei ſhulde anſwer Eſtér *thus*, Thinke not with thy ſelf that thou ſhalt eſcape in the Kings houſe, more then all the Iewes.

14 For if thou holdeſt thy peace at this time, "comfort and deliuerãce [b] ſhal appeare to the Iewes out of another place, but thou and thy fathers houſe ſhal periſh: and who knoweth whether thou art come to ỹ kingdome for [c] ſuch a time?

15 Then Eſtér commãded to anſwer Mordecái,

16 Go, & aſſemble all the Iewes that are found in Shuſhán, & faſt ye for me, & eat not, nor drinke in thre dayes, day nor night. I alſo and my maides wil faſt likewiſe, and ſo wil I go in to the King, which is not according to the Law: and if I periſh, [d] I periſh.

17 So Mordecái went his way, and did according to all that Eſtér had commanded him.

" *Ebr breathig*

b Thus Mordecai ſpake in ỹ confidence of that truth, ỹ all Gods children ought to haue: which is that God wil deliuer them, though all worldely meanes faile

c For to deliuer Gods Church out of theſe preſent dãgers.

d I wil put my life in danger & referre the ſucceſſe to God, ſeing it is for his glorie & the deliuerance of his Church.

CHAP. V.

1 Eſtér entreth in to the King, and biddeth him and Hamán to a feaſt. 11 Hamán prepareth a galous for Mordecái.

1 AND on the third [a] day Eſtér put on her royal apparel, and ſtode in the court of the Kings palace within, ouer againſt the Kings houſe: and the King ſate vpon his royal throne in the Kings palace ouer againſt the gate of the houſe.

a To wit, after that the Iewes had begone to faſt.

2 And when the King ſawe Eſtér the Quene ſtanding in the court, ſhe found fauour in his ſight: & the Kig [b] held out the golde ſceptre ỹ was in his hãd: ſo Eſtér drewe nere, and touched the toppe of the ſceptre.

b Which was a ſigne ỹ her commig was agreable vnto him, as Chap. 4.11

3 Then ſaid the King vnto her, What wilt thou, Quene Eſtér? & what is thy requeſt? it ſhalbe euen giuen [c] thee to the halfe of the kingdome.

c Meaning hereby, ỹ what ſoeuer ſhe aſked, ſhuld be granted, as Mar 6.23.

4 Then ſaid Eſtér, If it pleaſe the King, let the King and Hamán come this day vnto the bãket, ỹ I haue prepared for him.

5 And the Kig ſaid, Cauſe Hamán to make haſt that he may do as Eſtér hathe ſaid. So the King and Hamán came to the bãket that Eſtér had prepared.

6 And the King ſaid vnto Eſtér at the banket of [d] wine, What is thy petition, that it may be giuen thee? and what is thy requeſt? it ſhal euen be performed vnto the halfe of the kingdome.

d Becauſe thei vſed to drinke exceſsiuely in their bankets, they called the bãket by the name of that, which was moſte in vſe or eſteemed

7 Then anſwered Eſtér, and ſaid, My petition and my requeſt *is*,

8 If I haue founde fauour in the ſight of the King, and if it pleaſe the King to giue me my peticion, and to performe my requeſt, let the King and Hamán come to the banket that I ſhal prepare for them, & I wil do tomorowe according to the Kigs [e] ſaying.

e I wil declare what thing I demande.

9 ¶ Then went Hamán forthe the ſame day ioyful & with a glad heart. But when Hamán ſawe Mordecái in the Kigs gate, that he ſtode not vp, nor moued for him, then was Hamán ful of indignacion at Mordecái.

10 Neuertheles Hamán refrained him ſelf: and when he came home, he ſent, and called for his friends, and Zéreſh his wife.

11 And Hamán tolde them of the glorie of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the King had [f] promoted him, and how that he had ſet him aboue the princes and ſeruants of the King.

f Thus ỹ wicked when thei are promoted, in ſtead of acknowledging their charge & humbling theſelues, waxe ambitious diſdainful and cruel.

12 Hamán ſaid moreouer, Yea, Eſtér the Quene did let no man come in with the King to the banket that ſhe had prepared, ſaue me: and tomorowe am I bidden vnto her alſo with the King.

13 But all this doeth nothing auaile me, as long as I ſe Mordecái the Iewe ſitting at the Kings gate.

14 Then ſaid Zéreſh his wife and all his friends vnto him, Let them make a tre of fiftie cubites hie, and tomorowe ſpeake thou vnto the King, that Mordecái may be hanged thereon: thẽ ſhalt thou go ioyfully with the King vnto the banket. And the thing pleaſed Hamán, and he cauſed to make the tre.

g Meaning, ỹ higheſt tree colde be founde.

CHAP. VI.

1 The King turneth ouer the chronicles, and findeth the fidelitie of Mordecái. 10 And commandeth Haman, to cauſe Mordecái to be had in honour.

1 THe ſame night "the King ſlept not, & he commanded to bring the boke of the records & the chronicles: and thei were red before the King.

" *Ebr the Kings ſlepe is paſſed.*

2 Then it was founde writen that Mordecái *had tolde of Bigtána, & Téreſh two of the Kings eunuches, kepers of the dore, who ſoght to lay hands on the King Ahaſhuerósh.

Chap. 2.22

3 Thẽ the King ſaid, What honour & dignitie hathe bene giuen to Mordecái [a] for this? And the Kings ſeruants that miniſtred vnto him, ſaid, There is nothing done for him.

a For he thoghs it vnworthie his eſtate to receiue a benefite, & not reward it.

4 And the King ſaid, Who is in the court? (Now Hamán was come into the inner court of the Kings houſe, that he might ſpeake vnto the King to [b] hang Mordecái on the tre that he had prepared for him.)

b Thus while the wicked imagine the deſtruction of others, thei thẽ ſelues fall into the ſame pit.

5 And the Kings ſeruants ſaid vnto him, Beholde, Hamán ſtandeth in the court. And the King ſaid, Let him come in.

6 And

6 And when Haman came in, the King ſaid vnto him, What ſhalbe done vnto the mā, whome the King wil honour? Thē Haman thoght in his heart, To whome wolde the King do honour more then to me?

7 And Hamán anſwered the King, The man whome the King wolde honour,

8 Let thē bring *for him* royal apparel, which the King vſeth to weare, and the [c] horſe that the King rydeth vpon, and that the crowne royal may be ſet vpon his head.

9 And let the rayment and the horſe be deliuered by the hand of one of the Kings moſte noble princes, and let them apparel the man (whome the King wil honour) & cauſe him to ride vpon the horſe through the ſtrete of the citie, & proclaime before him, Thus ſhal it be done vnto the man, whome the King wil honour.

10 Then the King ſaid to Hamán, Make haſte, take the raymēt & the horſe as thou haſt ſaid, & do ſo vnto Mordecai ỹ Iewe, that ſitteth at the Kings gāte: let nothing faile of all that thou haſt ſpoken.

11 So Hamán toke the rayment & the horſe, and arayed Mordecai, and broght him on horſe backe through the ſtrete of the citie, and proclaimed before him, Thus ſhal it be done to the man whome the King wil honour.

12 And Mordecái came againe to ỹ Kings gate, but Hamán haſted home mourning and his head couered.

13 And Hamán tolde Zéreſh his wife, & all his friends all that had befallen him. Thē ſaid his wiſe men, and Zéreſh his wife vnto him, If Mordecái *be* of the ſede of the Iewes, before whome thou haſt begōne to fall, thou ſhalt not preuaile againſt him, [d] but ſhalt ſurely fall before him.

14 And while they were yet talking with him, came the Kings eunuches and haſted to bring Hamán vnto the bāket that Eſtér had prepared.

[c] Meaning hereby, that the King ſhulde make nomē vnto him ſelf, as Ioſeph hereby was knowen to be next to Pharaoh, Gen 41, 42.

[d] Thus God ſometime putteth in the mouthe of the very wicked, to ſpeake that thīg, which he hathe decreed ſhal come to paſſe.

CHAP. VII.

3 The quene biddeth the King & Hamán againe & praieth for her ſelfe and her people 6 She accuſeth Hamán and he is hanged on the gallous, which he had prepared for Mordecái.

1 SO the King and Hamán came to banket with the Quene Eſtér.

2 And the King ſaid againe vnto Eſtér on the ſeconde day at the banket of [a] wine, What is thy peticion, Quene Eſtér, that it may be giuē thee? and what is thy requeſt? It ſhalbe euen performed vnto the halfe of the kingdome.

3 And Eſtér the Quene anſwered, and ſaid, If I haue founde fauour in thy ſight, ô King, and if it pleaſe the King, let my life be giuen me at my peticion, & my people at my requeſt.

4 For we are ſolde, I, and my people, to be deſtroyed, to be ſlayne and to periſh: but if we were ſolde for ſeruants, & for handmaides, I wolde haue held my tongue: althogh the aduerſarie colde not [b] recōpenſe the Kings loſſe.

[a] Read Chap. 5, 6.

[b] Hamán cold not ſo muche profite ỹ King by this his malice, as he ſhulde hinder him by ỹ loſſe of the Iewes, & the tribute which he hath of them

[a] Ebr filleth his heart.

5 Thē King Ahaſhuerósh anſwered, & ſaid vnto ỹ Quene Eſtér, Who is he? & where is he that [a] preſumeth to do thus?

6 And Eſtér ſaid, The aduerſarie and enemie is this wicked Hamán. Then Hamán was afraied before the King & the Quene.

7 And the King aroſe from the banket of wine in his wrath, *& went* into the palace garden: but Haman ſtode vp, to make requeſt for his life to ỹ Quene Eſtér: for he ſawe that there was a [c] miſchief prepared for him of the King.

8 And when the King came againe out of the palace garden, into the houſe where they dranke wine, Hamán was [d] fallen vpon the bed whereon Eſtér *ſate*: therefore the King ſaid, Wil he force ỹ Quene alſo before me in the houſe? As the worde wēt out of the Kings mouthe, they [e] couered Hamans face.

9 And Harbonáh one of the eunuches, ſaid in the preſence of the King, Beholde, there ſtandeth yet the tree in Hamans houſe fiftie cubites hie, which Hamán had prepared for Mordecái, that ſpake [f] good for the King. Then the King ſaid, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Hamán on the tre, that he had prepared for Mordecái: then was the Kings wrath pacified.

[c] His conſcience did accuſe him that as he had conſpired the death of innocents, ſo the vengeance of God might fall vpon him for the ſame

[d] He fel downe at the beddes fete or couche, whereupon ſhe ſate, and made requeſt for his life

[e] This was the maner of the Perſians, when one was out of the Kings fauour

[f] Which diſcouered the conſpiracie againſt ỹ King, Chap. 2, 22.

CHAP. VIII.

1 After the death of Hamán was Mordecái exalted. 14 Comfortable lettres are ſent vnto the Iewes.

1 THe ſame day did King Ahaſhuerósh giue the houſe of Haman the aduerſarie of the Iewes vnto the Quene Eſtér. And Mordecái [a] came before the King: for Eſtér tolde what he was [b] vnto her.

2 And the King toke of his ring, which he had taken from Hamán, and gaue it vnto Mordecái: and Eſtér ſet Mordecái ouer the houſe of Hamán.

3 And Eſtér ſpake yet more before ỹ King, and fell downe at his fete weping, and beſoght him that he wolde put away the [c] wickednes of Hamán the Agagite, and his deuiſe that he had imagined againſt the Iewes.

4 And the King held out the golde [d] ſceptre toward Eſtér. Then aroſe Eſtér, and ſtode before the King,

5 And ſaid, If it pleaſe the King, and if I haue founde fauour in his ſight, and the thing be acceptable before the King, and I pleaſe him, let it be writen, that the lettres of the deuiſe of Hamán the ſonne of Ammedátha the Agagite may be called againe, which he wrote to deſtroye ỹ Iewes,

[a] That is, was receiued into the Kings fauour and preſence

[b] That he was her vncle and had broght her vp

[c] Meaning, ỹ he ſhulde abolish ỹ wicked decrees, which he had made for the deſtruction of the Iewes

[d] Read Chap. 5, 2.

that are in all the Kings prouinces.

For how can I ſuffer and ſe the euil, that ſhal come vnto my people? Or how can I ſuffer and ſe the deſtruction of my kinred?

7 And the King Ahaſhuerósh ſaid vnto ỹ Quene Eſtér, & to Mordecái the Iewe, Behólde, I haue giuen Eſtér the houſe of Hamán, whome they haue hanged vpon the tre, becauſe he layed hand vpon the Iewes.

Or, went about to ſlay the Iewes.

8 Write ye alſo for the Iewes, as it liketh you in the Kings name, and ſeale it with the Kings ring, (for the writings writen in the Kings name, and ſealed with the Kings ring, may no man reuoke)

c This was ỹ lawe of the Medes & Perſians, as Dan 6,15 notwithſtanding the King reuoked the former decree grãted to Hamán, for Eſters ſake.

9 Thẽ were the Kings ſcribes called at the ſame time, cué in the third moneth, that is the moneth f Siuán, on the thre & twẽtieth *day* thereof: and it was writen, according to all as Mordecái commanded vnto the Iewes and to the prouinces, & captaines, and rulers of the princes, which were from India euen vnto Ethiopia, an hundreth & ſeuen and twentie prouinces, vnto euerie prouince, according to the g writing thereof, and to euerie people after their ſpeache, and to the Iewes, according to their writing, and according to their language.

f Which conteineth parte of May and parte of Iune.

g That is, in ſuche letters & lãguage, as was vſial in euerie prouince.

10 And he wrote in the King Ahaſhuerósh name, and ſealed it with the Kings ring: & he ſent lettres by poſtes on horſebacke & that rode on *beaſtes* of price, *as* dromedaries & *h* coltes of mares.

h Or, mules.

11 Wherein the King granted the Iewes (in what cities ſoeuer they were) to gather them ſelues together, & to ſtand for i their life, & to roote out, to ſlay & to deſtroye all the power of the people & of the prouince that vexed them, *both* children and women, and to ſpoyle their goods:

i That is, to defend them ſelues againſt all that wolde aſſaile them.

12 Vpon one day in all the prouinces of King Ahaſhuerósh, *euen* in the thirtent *day* of the twelft moneth, which is the moneth k Adár.

k Which hath parte of February & part of March.

13 The copie of the writing *was*, how there ſhulde be a commandement giuen in all and euerie prouince, publiſhed among all the people, and that the Iewes ſhulde be readie againſt that day to k auenge them ſelues on their enemies.

k The King gaue them libertie to kill all ỹ did oppreſſe them.

14 So the poſtes rode vpon *beaſtes* of price, & dromedaries, & wẽt forthe with ſpede, to execute the Kings commandement, & the decree was giuen at Shuſhán ỹ palace.

15 And Mordecái went out from the King in royal apparel of blewe, and white, and with a great crowne of golde, and with a garment of fine linen and purple, and the citie of Shuſhán reioyced and was glad.

16 *And* vnto the Iewes was come light and l ioye and gladnes, and honour.

l He ſheweth by theſe wordes that follow what this light was.

17 Alſo in all and euerie prouince, and in all and euerie citie and place, where the Kings commãdement & his decreé came, *there was* ioye and gladnes to the Iewes, a feaſt and good day, and many of the people of the land became Iewes: for the feare of the Iewes fell vpon them.

m Cõformed them ſelues to the Iewes religion.

CHAP. IX.

1 At the commandement of the King the Iewes put their aduerſaries to death. 14 The ten ſonnes of Hamán are hanged. 17 The Iewes kepe a feaſt in remẽbrance of their deliuerance.

1 SO in the twelft moneth, which is the moneth Adái, vpon the thirtent day of the ſame, when the Kings commãdement and his decree drewe nere to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Iewes hoped to haue power ouer them (but it a turned contrary: for the Iewes had rule ouer them that hated them)

a This was by Gods great prouidence, who turneth ỹ ioye of the wicked into ſorow, & the teares of the godlie into gladnes.

2 The Iewes gathered thẽ ſelues together into their cities throughout all the prouinces of the King Ahaſhuerósh, to laye hand on ſuche as ſoght their hurt, and no man colde withſtande them: for the feare of them fell vpon all people.

3 And all the rulers of the prouinces, & the princes and the captaines, and the officers of the King b exalted the Iewes: for the feare of Mordecái fell vpon them.

b Did thẽ honour, & ſhewed thẽ friendſhip.

4 For Mordecái was great in the Kings houſe, and the reporte of him went through all the prouinces: for this man Mordecái waxed greater and greater.

5 Thus the Iewes ſmote all their c enemies with ſtrokes of the ſworde and ſlaughter, and deſtruction, and did what they wolde vnto thoſe that hated them.

c Which had cõſpired their death by the permiſsion of the wicked Hamán.

6 And at Shuſhán the palace ſlewe ỹ Iewes and deſtroyed d fiue hundreth men,

d Beſides thoſe thre hundreth, ỹ they ſlewe the ſeconde day, as verſ. 15.

7 And Parſhandátha, and Dalphón, and Aſpátha,

8 And Porátha, and Adaliá, and Aridátha,

9 And Parmáſhta, and Ariſái, and Aridái, and Vaiezátha,

10 The ten ſonnes of Hamán, the ſonne of Ammedátha, the aduerſarie of the Iewes ſlewe they: but they layed not their hãds e on the ſpoyle.

e Whereby they declared, that this was Gods iuſt iudgement vpon ỹ enemies of his Church, for as muche as they ſoght not their owne gaine, but to execute his vengeance.

11 On the ſame day came the nomber of thoſe that were ſlayne, vnto the palace of Shuſhán before the King.

12 And the King ſaid vnto the Quene Eſtér, The Iewes haue ſlayne in Shuſhán the palace and deſtroyed fiue hundreth men, and the ten ſonnes of Hamán: what haue they done in the reſt of the Kings prouinces? and what is thy petition, that it may be giuen thee? or what is thy requeſt moreouer, that it may be performed?

13 Then ſaid Eſtér, If it pleaſe the King, let it be granted alſo tomorowe to the Iewes that are in Shuſhán, to do according

f vnto

f That she requireth not for deſire of vengeance, but zeale to ſe Gods iudgemẽts executed against his enemies

f vnto this dayes decree, that they may hang vpon the tre Hamans ten ſonnes.

14 And the King charged to do ſo, and the decree was giuen at Shuſhán, and they hãged Hamans ten ſonnes.

15 ¶ So the Iewes that were in Shuſhán, aſſembled them ſelues vpon the fourtent day of the moneth Adár, and ſlewe thre hũdreth men in Shuſhan, but on the ſpoile they layed not their hand.

16 And the reſt of the Iewes that were in the Kings prouinces aſſembled thẽ ſelues, and ſtode for g their liues, and had reſt from their enemies, & ſlewe of them that hated them, h ſeuentie and fyue thouſand: but they layed not their hãd on the ſpoile.

g Read Chap. 8, 11

h Meaning ỹ they laide hãdes on none, ỹ were not the enemies of God

17 *This they did* on the i thirtente day of the moneth Adar, and reſted the fourtẽte day thereof, and kept it a daye of feaſting and ioye.

i Meaning, in all places ſaining in Shuſhan.

18 But the Iewes that were in Shuſhán, aſſembled them ſelues on the thirtẽte *day*, & on the fourtente thereof, & then reſted on the fiftente of the ſame, & kept it a day of feaſting and ioye.

19 Therefore the Iewes of the villages that dwelt in the vnwalled townes, k kept the fourtente day of the moneth Adar with ioye and feaſting, *euen* a ioyful day, and euerie one ſent preſents vnto his neighbour.

k As ỹ Iewes do, euẽ to this day, cealling it in the Perſians language Purim, that is the day of lots

20 ¶ And Mordecái wrote l theſe wordes, and ſent letters vnto all the Iewes that were through all the prouinces of the King Ahaſhuerósh, *both* e nere and farre,

l The Iewes gather hereof that Mordecái wrote this ſtorie, but it ſeemeth that he wrote but onely theſe letters, and decrees that followe.

21 Inioining them that they ſhulde kepe the fourtente day of the moneth Adár, and the fiftente day of the ſame, euerie yere.

22 According to the dayes wherein the Iewes reſted from their enemies, and the moneth which was turned vnto them fró ſorow to ioye, and from mourning into a ioyful day, to kepe them the dayes of feaſting, and ioye, and m to ſend preſents euerie man to his neighbour, and gifres to the poore.

m He ſetteth before our eies the vſe of this feaſt, which was for the remembrance of Gods deliuerãce, the maintenance of mutual friẽdſhip, and relief of the poore.

23 And the Iewes promiſed to do as they had begonne, and as Mordecái had written vnto them,

24 Becauſe Haman the ſonne of Hammedátha the Agagite all the Iewes aduerſarie, had imagined against the Iewes, to deſtroye them, & had n caſt Pur (that is a lot) to conſume and deſtroye them.

n Read Chap 3.7.

25 And whẽ o ſhe came before the King, he cõmanded by letters, Let his wicked p deuiſe (which he imagined against ỹ Iewes) turne vpon his owne head, and let them hang him and his ſonnes on the tre.

o That is, Eſter.

p These are ỹ wordes of the Kings commandemẽt to diſannull Hamans wicked enterpriſe.

26 Therefore they called theſe dayes Purím, by the name of Pur, *and* becauſe of all the wordes of this lettre, and of that which they had ſene beſides this, & of that which had come vnto them.

27 The Iewes *alſo* ordeined, and promiſed for them and for their ſede, and for all that ioined vnto them, that they wolde not q faile to obſerue thoſe q two dayes euerie yere, according to their writing, and according to their ſeaſon,

q Or, tranſgreſſe q Meaning the fourtente, and the fiftẽte day of the moneth Adár

28 And that theſe dayes ſhulde be remembred, and kept throughout euerie generation and euerie familie, and euerie prouince, and euerie citie: euen theſe dayes of Purím ſhulde not faile among the Iewes, and the memorial of them ſhulde not periſh from their ſede.

29 And ỹ Quene Eſtér the daughter of Abihail & Mordecái the Iewe wrote with all autoritie (to cõfirme this letter of Purím the ſeconde time)

r Or ſtrength, & efficacie.

30 And he ſent letters vnto all the Iewes to the hundreth and ſeuen and twentie prouinces of the kingdome of Ahaſhuerósh, with r wordes of peace and trueth,

r Which were letters declaring vnto the quietnes, and aſſurance and putting them out of doute and feare

31 To confirme theſe dayes of Purím according to their ſeaſons, as Mordecái the Iewe and Eſtér the Quene had appointed them, and as they had promiſed for them ſelues and for their ſede with s faſting and prayer.

s Or faſtes.

s That they wolde obſerue this feaſt with faſting, & earneſt prayer, which in Ebrewe is ſignified by this worde (tzaat cryc)

32 And the decree of Eſtér confirmed theſe wordes of Purím, & was writen in the boke.

CHAP. X.

The eſtimation and autoritie of Mordecái.

1 AND the King Ahaſhuerósh layed a tribute vpon the land, and vpon the yles of the ſea.

2 And all the actes of his power, and of his might, and the declaration of the dignitie of Mordecái, wherewith the King magnified him, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Perſia?

3 For Mordecái the Iewe was the ſeconde vnto King Ahaſhuerósh, and great amõg the Iewes, and t accepted amõg the multitude of his brethren, who procured the welth of his people, & ſpake peaceably to all his ſede.

t These thre pointes are here ſet forth as commendable, and neceſſarie for him, that is in autoritie to haue the fauour of the people to procure their welth, & to be gentle, and louing toward them.

IOB.

THE ARGVMENT.

In this historie is set before our eyes the example of a singular pacience. For this holy man Iob was not onely extremely afflicted in outwarde things and in his body, but also in his minde, and conscience by the sharpe tentations of his wife, and chief friends: which by their vehement wordes, and subtil disputations broght him almoste to dispaire. for they set forthe God as a seuere iudge, and mortal enemie vnto him, which had caste him of, therefore in vaine he shulde seke vnto him for succour. These friends came vnto him vnder pretence of consolation, and yet they tormented him more then did all his affliction. Notwithstanding he did constantly resist them, and at length had good successe. In this storie we haue to marke that Iob mainteineth a good cause, but handeleth it euil: againe his aduersaries haue an euil matter, but they defend it craftely. For Iob helde that God did not alway punish men according to their sinnes, but that he had secret iudgements, whereof man knewe not the cause, and therefore man colde not reason against God therein, but he shulde be conuicted. Moreouer he was assured that God had not reiected him, yet through his great torments, & affliction he brasteth forthe into manie inconueniencies bothe of wordes and sentences, and sheweth him selfe as a desperate man in manie things, and as one that wolde resist God: and thus in his good cause which he doeth not handel wel. Agayne the aduersaries mainteine with manie goodlie argumẽts, that God punsheth continually according to the trespas, grounding vpon Gods prouidence, his iustice, and mans sinne, yet their intention is euil: for they labour to bring Iob into dispaire, and so they mainteine an euil cause. Ezekiél commendeth Iob as a iuste man, Ezek. 14, 14, and Iames setteth out his pacience for an example, Iam. 5, 11.

CHAP. I.

1 The holines, riches, and care of Iob for his children. 20 Satán hathe permission to tempt him. 13 He tempteth him by taking away his substance, and his children. 20 His faith and pacience.

1 THere was a mã in the lãd of [a] Vz called Iob, and this mã [b] was an vpright and iuste man, [c] one that feared God, & eschewed euil.

2 And he had seuẽ sonnes, and thre daughters.

3 His [d] substance also was seuen thousand shepe, and thre thousand camels, and fyue hundreth yoke of oxen, and fyue hundreth she asses, and his familie was verie great, so that this man was the greatest of all the [aa] men of [e] the East.

4 And his sonnes went and banketted in their houses, euerie one his day, and sent, & called their thre sisters to eat & to drinke with them.

5 And when the dayes of their banketting were gone about, Iob sent, and [f] sanctified thẽ, and rose vp early in the morning, and [g] offred burnt offrings *according* to the nomber of thẽ all. For Iob thoght, It may be that my sonnes haue sinned, and [h] blasphemed God in their hearts: thus did Iob [i] euerie day.

6 ¶ Now on a day when the [k] children of God came and stode [l] before the Lord, Satán [m] came also among them.

7 Then the Lord said vnto Satan, Whẽce [n] commest thou? And Satán answered the Lord, saying, [o] From cõpassing the earth to and fro, and from walking in it.

8 And the Lord said vnto Satán, Hast thou not cõsidered my seruant Iob, how none *is* like him in the earth? an vpright and iust man, one that feareth God, and escheweth euil?

9 Thẽ Satán answered the Lord, and said, Doeth Iob feare God for [p] noght?

10 Hast thou not made [q] an hedge about him and about his house, and about all that he hathe on euerie side? thou hast blessed the worke of his hands, and his substance is encreased in the land.

11 But stretche out now thine hand and [r] touche all that he hathe, *to se* if he wil not blaspheme thee to [s] thy face.

12 Then the Lord said vnto Satán, Lo, all that he hathe *is* in [t] thine hand. onely vpõ him selfe shalt thou not stretch out thine hãd. So Satán departed from the [u] presence of the Lord.

13 ¶ And on a day, when his sonnes and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brothers house,

14 There came a messenger vnto Iob, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feding in their places,

15 And the [x] Shabeans came violently, & toke them: yea, they haue slaine the seruants with the edge of the swoorde: but I onely am escaped alone to tel thee.

16 And

a That is, of ye countrey of Idumea, as Lamen 4, 21, or bordering thereupon. for ye land was called by the name of Vz the sonne of Dishan the sonne of Seir, Genes. 36, 32

b For as muche as he was a Gẽtile and not a Iewe, & yet is pronounced vpright, and without hypocrisie, it declareth that amõg the heathen God hath his.

c Hereby is declared, what is ment by an vpright, and iuste man

d His childrẽ and riches are declared, to commend his vertue in his prosperitie, & his pacience, & constãcie whẽ God had takẽ them frõ him.

aa Ebr children.

e Meaning, the Arabiãs, Chaldeans, Idumeans, &c.

f That is, cõmãded them to bẽ sanctified meaning, that they shulde consider the faultes, that they had committed, & recõcile them selues for the same

g That is, he offred for euerie one of his children an offring of reconciliatiõ, which declared his religiõ toward God & the care that he had toward his children

h In Ebrew it is and blessed God, which is some time taken for blaspheming and cursing, as here, and 1 King 21, 10 and 13, &c

i While the feast lasted

k Meaning, the Angels which are called the sonnes of God, because they are willing to execute his wil

l Because our infirmitie cã not comprehend God in his maiestie, he is set forthe vnto vs as a King, that our capacitie may be able to vnderstand that, yt is spoke of him.

m This declareth that although Satán be aduersarie to God, yet he is compelled to obey him, and do him all homage, without whose permission, & appointement he cã do nothing

n This question is asked for our infirmitie: for God knewe whence he came

o Herein is described the nature of Satán, which is euer ranging for his pray, 1. Pet 5 8

p He feareth thee nor for thine owne sake, but for the cõmoditie that he receiueth by thee

q Meaning, ye grace of God, which serued Iob as a rasiparre against all tentations.

r This signifieth that Satan is not able to touche vs, but it is God that must do it.

s Satán noteth the vice, whereunto mẽ are cõmonly subiect, that is, to hide their rebellion, and to be content with God in the time of prosperitie, which vse is disclosed in the time of their aduersitie

t God giueth not Satán power ouer man to gratifie him, but to declare that he hath no power ouer man, but that which God giueth him

u That is, went to execute that which God had permitted him to do for els he can neuer go out of Gods presence.

x That is, the Arabians.

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16 And whiles he was yet speaking, another came, and said, The [y] fyre of God is fallen from the heauen, and hathe burnt vp the shepe and the seruants, and deuoured them: but I onely am escaped alone, to tel thee.

17 And whiles he was yet speaking, another came, and said, The Caldeans set out thre bandes, and fel vpon the camels, and haue taken them; and haue slaine the seruants with the edge of the swoorde: but I onely am escaped alone to tel thee.

18 And whiles he was yet speaking, came another, & said, Thy [z] sonnes, & thy daughters were eating, & drinking wine in their eldest brothers house,

19 And beholde, there came a great winde from beyond the wildernes, and smote the foure corners of the house, which fel vpon the childrē, and they are dead, and I onely am escaped alone to tel thee.

20 Then Iob arose, and [a] rent his garmēt, and shaued his head, and fel downe vpon the grounde, and worshiped,

21 And said, *Naked came I out of my mothers wombe, & naked shal I returne [b] thether: the Lord hathe giuen, and the Lord hathe taken it: [c] blessed be the Name of the Lord.

22 In all this did not Iob sinne, nor charge God [d] foolishly.

y Which thig was also done by ỹ craft of Satán to tempt Iob the more grieuously, for asmuche as he might se, that not ouely men were his enemies, but that God made war reagainst him

z This last plague declareth, that whē one plague is past which semeth hard to be borne, God can send vs another farre more grieuous, to trye his, & teache them obedience

a Which came not of impacience, but declareth that the children of God are not insensible like blockes, but ỹ in their pacience they fele affliction, and grief of minde yet they kepe a meane hereán, and rebell not against God, as the wicked do.

Eccle. 5, 14.

1 tim 6, 7.

b That is, into the belly of ỹ earth, which is the mother of all

c Hereby he confesseth that God is iuste, and good, all though his hād before vpon him

d But declared that God did althing according to iustice and equitie.

CHAP. II.

6 Satán hathe permission to afflict Iob. 9 His wife tēpteth him to forsake God. 11 His thr: friends visite him.

a That is, the Angels, as Chap 1, 6

b Read Chap. 1, 12.

AND on a day the [a] children of God came and stode before the Lord, and [b] Satán came also among them, and stode before the Lord.

2 Then the Lord said vnto Satán, Whence commest thou? And Satán answered the Lord, and said, From cōpassing the earth to and fro, and from walking in it.

Ezek. 14, 14.

c He proueth Iobs integrite by this that he ceased not to feare God whē his plagues were grieuously vpon him

3 And the Lord said vnto Satán, Hast thou not considered my seruant Iob, how none is like him in the earth? * an vpright and iuste man, one that feareth God, and eschueth euil? for yet he continueth in his vprightnes, [c] although thou mouedst me against him, to destroye [d] him without cause.

d That is, whē ỹ hast nought against him, or whē thou wast not able to bring thy purpose to passe

4 And Satán answered the Lord, and said, [e] Skin for skin, & all that euer a mā hathe, wil he giue for his life.

e Hereby he meeteth a mās owne sinne is dearer vnto him then another mans.

5 But stretche now out thine hand, and touche his [f] bones and his flesh, *to see* if he wil not blaspheme thee to thy face.

f Meaning his owne persone

6 Then the Lord said vnto Satan, Lo, he is in thine hand, but saue [g] his life.

g Thus Satán can go no further in punishing the God hathe figured vnto vs

7 ¶So Satán departed from the presence of the Lord, and smote Iob with sore [h] boyles, from the sole of his fote vnto his crowne.

h This sore was most vehemēt, wherewith also God plagued the Egyptians, Exo 9, 9 and threatneth to punish the rebellious people, Deut 28, 27 so that this tentation was most grieuous. for if Iob had measured Gods fauour by the vehemencie of his disease, he might haue thoght ỹ God had cast him of.

8 And he toke a [i] potsharde to scrape him, and he sate downe among the ashes.

i As destitute of all other helpe and meanes, and wonderfully afflicted with the sorowe of his disease.

9 Thē said his [k] wife vnto him, Doest thou [l] continue yet in thine vprightnes? [m] Blaspheme God, and dye.

k Satán vseth the same instrumēt against Iob, as he did against Adám.

l Meaning, What gaineth thou to serue God, seing he thus plageth thee as though he were thine enemie? This is ỹ moste grieuous tentation of the faithful, when their faith is assailed, and when Satán goeth about to persuade them, that their trust in God is vayne

10 But he said vnto her, Thou speakest like a foolish woman: what? shal we receiue good at the hand of God, and not [n] receiue euil? In all this did not Iob sinne with his [o] lippes.

m For death was appointed to the blasphemer, & so she ment that he shulde be sone ridde out of his peine

n That is, to be pacient in aduersitie, as we reioice, when he sendeth prosperitie, & so to acknowledge him to be bothe merciful and iuste

o He so brideled his affections, that his tōgue through impacience did not murmure against God

11 Now when Iobs thre [p] friends heard of all this euil that was come vpon him, thei came euerie one from his owne place, *to wit*, Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildád the Shuhite, and Zophár the Naamathite. for thei were agreed together to come to lament with him, and to comfort him.

p Which were men of autoritie, wise and learned, and as the Septuagint write, Kings, and came to comfort him but when they saw how he was visited, they conceiued an euil opinion of him, as though he had bene but an hypocrite, and so iustely plagued of God for his sinnes

12 So whē they lift vp their eyes a farre of, they knewe him not. therefore thei lift vp their voyces and wept, and euerie one of them rent his garmēt, & [q] sprinkled dust vpon their heades toward the heauen.

q This was also a ceremonie, which they vsed in those countreis, as the renting of their clothes in signe of sorowe &c.

13 So thei sate by him vpon the grounde seuen dayes, and seuen nights, & none spake a worde vnto him: for they sawe, that the grief *was* very [r] great.

r And therefore thoght that he wolde not haue hearkened to their counsel.

CHAP. III.

1 Iob complaineth and curseth the day of his birth. 11 He desireth to dye, as though death were the end of all māner misere.

AFterward [a] Iob opened his mouthe, and [b] cursed his day.

a The seuen dayes ended, Chap. 2, 13

b Here Iob beginneth to fele his great imperfection in this battel betwene the Spirit and ỹ flesh, Rom 7, 18, and after a maner yeldeth, yet in the end he getteth victorie, though he was in the meane time greatly wounded

2 And Iob cryed out, and said,

3 Let the daye [c] perish, wherein I was borne, and the night when it was said, There is a manchilde conceiued.

c Mē ought not to be weary of their life, & curse it, because of the infirmities that it is subiect vnto, but because they are giuē to sinne and rebellion against God

4 Let ỹ day be darkenes, let not God [d] regarde it from aboue, nether let the light shine vpon it,

d Let it be put out of the nōber of dayes,

5 *But* let darkenes, & the [e] shadowe of death staine it: let the cloude remaine vpon it, & let them make it feareful as a bitter day.

6 Let darkenes possesse that night, let it not be ioined vnto the dayes of the yere, nor let it come into the count of the moneths.

7 Yea, desolate be that night, & let no ioye be in it.

8 Let them that curse the day, (beīg [f] ready to renue their mourning) curse it.

and let it not haue the light of the sunne to separate it from the night.

e That is, moste obscure darknes, which maketh them afraied of death, that are in it

f Which curse the day of their birth, let them ly that curse vpon this night.

9 Let the ſtarres of that twilight be dim through darkenes of it: let it loke for light, but haue none: nether let it ſe "the dawning of the daye,

10 Becauſe it ſhut not vp the dores of my *mothers* wombe: nor hid ſorowe from mine eyes.

11 [h] Why dyed I not in ỹ birth? or why dyed I not, when I came out of the wombe?

12 Why did the knees preuent me? and why did I ſucke the breaſtes?

13 For *ſo* ſhulde I now haue lyen and bene quiet, I ſhulde haue ſlept then, *and* bene at reſt,

14 With the Kings and counſellers of the earth, which haue buylded them ſelues [k] deſolate places:

15 Or with the princes that had golde, & haue filled their houſes with ſiluer.

16 Or *why* was I not hid, as an vntimely birth, *ether* as infants, *which* haue not ſene the light?

17 The wicked [l] haue there ceaſed from *their* tyrãne, and there they that laboured valiantly, are at reſt.

18 The [m] priſoners reſt together, *and* heare not the voyce of the oppreſſour.

19 There are ſmall & great, and the ſeruãt *is* fre from his maſter.

20 Wherefore is the light giuen to him that is in miſerie? and [n] life vnto them that haue heauy hearts?

21 Which long for death, & if it come not, they wolde euen ſearch it more thẽ treaſures:

22 Which ioye for gladnes *and* reioyce, when they can finde the graue.

23 *Why is the light giuen* to the mã whoſe way is [o] hid, & whome God hathe hedged in?

24 For my ſighing cometh before I eat, and my rorings are powred out like the water.

25 For the thing I [p] feared, is come vpon me, and the thing that I was afrayed of, is come vnto me.

26 I had no peace, nether had I quietnes, nether had I reſt, [q] yet trouble is come.

g Let it be alwais nigh, and neuer ſe day "*Lbr the eye lidder of the morninge.*

h This & that which followeth declareth that when mã giueth place to his paſsiõs, he is not able to ſtay nor kepe meaſure, but rũneth headlong into all euil, except God call him backe

i The vehemẽcie of his afflictions made him to vtter theſe wordes, as though death were the end of all miſeries and as if there were no life after this, ẅ he ſpeaketh not as though it were ſo, but ỹ infirmities of his fleſh cauſed him to braſt out into this error of the wicked

k He noteth the ambition of thẽ, which for their pleaſure, as it were, change the order of nature, and buylde in moſte bare places, becauſe they wolde hereby make their names immortal

l That is, by death ỹ cruelte of the tyrames hathe ceaſed

m All they ỹ ſuſteine anie kinde of calamitie and miſerie in this worlde which he ſpeaketh after the iudgement of the fleſh

n He ſheweth that the benefites of God are not cõforcable, except the heart be ioiful, and the conſcience quieted

o That ſeeth not how to come out of his miſeries, becauſe he depẽdeth not on Gods prouidence

p In my proſperitie I loked euer for a fall, as is come now

q The feare of troubles that ſhulde inſue, cauſed my proſperitie ſo ſeme to me as nothing, and yet I am not exempted from trouble.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Iob is reprehended of impacience, 7 And vniuſtice, 17 And of the preſumption of his owne righteouſnes.

1 THẽ Elipház the Temanite anſwered, and ſaid,

2 If we aſſay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieued? but [a] who can withholde him ſelf from ſpeaking?

3 Beholde, thou haſt taught manie, & [b] haſt ſtrengthened the wearie hands.

4 Thy wordes haue confirmed him that was falling, & thou haſt ſtrengthened the weake knees.

5 But now it is come vpon thee, & thou art grieued: it toucheth thee, & thou art troubled.

6 Is not this thy [c] feare, thy confidence, thy pacience, and the vprightnes of thy wayes?

7 Remember, I pray thee: who *euer* periſhed being an [d] innocẽt? or where were the vpright deſtroied?

8 As I haue ſene, they that [e] plowe iniquitie, and ſowe wickednes, reape the ſame.

9 With the [f] blaſt of God they periſh, and with the breath of his noſtrilles are they conſumed.

10 The roring of the [g] lion, and the voice of the lionneſſe, and the teeth of the lions whelpes are broken.

11 The lion periſheth for lacke of praye, and the lions whelpes are ſcatred abrode.

12 But a thing was broght to me [h] ſecretly, and mine eare hathe receiued a litle thereof.

13 In the thoghts of the viſions of the night, when ſlepe falleth on men,

14 Feare came vpon me, and dread which made all my bones [i] to tremble.

15 And the winde paſſed before me, & made the heeres of my fleſh to ſtand vp.

16 *Then* ſtode *one*, and I knewe not his face: an image *was* before mine eyes, *&* in [k] ſilence heard I a voyce, *ſaying*,

17 Shal man be more [l] iuſt then God? or ſhal a man be more pure then his maker?

18 Beholde, he founde no ſtedfaſtnes in his Seruants, & laied folie vpon his [m] Angels.

19 How muche more in them that dwel in houſes of [n] clay, whoſe fundacion is in the duſt, which ſhalbe deſtroyed before the moth?

20 They be deſtroyed from [o] the morning vnto the euening: they periſh for euer, [p] without regarde.

21 Doeth not their dignitie go away with them? do they not dye, and that without [q] wiſdome.

c This he concludeth that Iob was but an hypocrite & had no true feare nor truſt in God

d He concludeth that Iob was reproued, ſeing that God handeled him ſo extremely, which is the argument that the carnal men make againſt the children of God

e They that do euil, can not but receiue euil

f He ſheweth that God needeth no great preparation to deſtroy his enemies for he can do it with the blaſt of his mouthe.

g Though men according to their office do not puniſh tyrants (whome for their cruelte he compareth to lions, and their children to their whelpes) yet God bothe is able, and his iuſtice wil puniſh them

h A thing that I knewe not before, was declared vnto me by viſion; that is, that whoſoeuer thinketh him ſelfe iuſte, ſhal be founde a ſinner, whẽ he commeth before God

i In theſe viſions which God ſheweth to his creatures, there is euer a certeine feare ioyned, that the autoritie thereof might be had in greater reuerence

k When all things were quiet, or when the feare was ſomwhat aſwaged, as God appeared to Eliáb 1 King 19, 12.

l He proueth that if God did puniſh the innocent, the creature ſhulde be more iuſte then the Creator, which were a blaſphemie

m If God finde imperfection in his Angels, when they are not maintened by his power, how muche more ſhal he lay folie to mans charge, when he wolde iuſtifie him ſelfe againſt God?

n That is, in this mortal body, ſubiect to corruption, 2 Cor 5, 1

o They ſe death continually before their eies, and daily approching toward them

p No man for all this doeth conſider it

q That is, before

CHAP. V.

1, 2 Elipház ſheweth the difference betwene the children of God & the wicked. 3 The fall of the wicked. 9 Gods power who deſtroyeth the wicked and deliuereth his.

1 CAll now, if anie wil [a] anſwer thee, & to which of the Saintes wilt thou turne?

2 Douteles [b] angre killeth the fooliſh, and enuie ſlayeth the idiote.

a He willeth Iob to cõſider ỹ example of all thẽ that haue liued or do liue godly, whether any of thẽ be like vnto hi in raging againſt God as he doeth

b Murmuring againſt God in afflictions increaſeth the peine, and vttereth mans folie.

e Being thus thine impacẽcie

b Thou haſte comforted o thers in their afflictions, and canſt not now comfort thy ſelfe.

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e That is, the ſinner that hathe not the feare of God.
d I was not moued w̄ his ꝓſperitie, but knewe that God had curſed him & his
e Thogh God ſometime ſuffer the fathers to paſſe in this worlde, yet his iudgemēt ſhalbe executed vpō their children
f By publicke iudgemēt they ſhalbe condēned, and none ſhal pitie thē
g Thogh there be but two or thre eares left in the hedges, yet theſe ſhalbe taken from him
h That is, the earth is not ꝙ cauſe of barennes and maus miſerie, but his owne ſinne.
i Which declareth that ſinne is euer in our corrupt nature: for before ſinne it was not ſubiect to pene & affliction.
k If I ſuffred as thou doeſt, I wolde ſeke vnto God
l He counſeleth Iob to hūble him ſelfe vnto God, to whome all creatures are ſubiect, and whoſe workes declare that man is inexcuſable, except he glorifie God in all his workes
m He ſheweth by particular exāples, what the workes of God are
1 Cor. 3. 19.
n In things plaine and euident they ſhewe them ſelues fooles in ſtead of wiſe men.
o This declareth that God puniſheth the worldely wiſe, as he threatened, Deu 28, 29
p That is, he that humbleth him ſelfe before God
q He cōpareth the ſklader of the wicked to ſharpe ſwordes
r If the wicked be compelled at Gods workes to ſtoppe their mouthes, muche more they ꝙ profeſſe God.
ſ He will ſend trouble after trouble, that his children may not for one time, but continually truſt in humbur they ſhal haue a comfortable iſſue, euen in [illegible] laſt, which is cōmonly called the ſeuent
t Where as in their troubles, thou ſhalt haue occaſion to reioice
u When we are in Gods fauour, all creatures ſhal ſerue vs
x God ſhal ſo bleſſe thee that thou ſhalt haue occaſion to reioice in all things, and not to be offended

3 I haue ſene the c fooliſh wel rooted, & ſodenly I d curſed his habitacion, ſaying,
4 His e children ſhalbe farre from ſaluatiō, and they ſhalbe deſtroied in the f gate, and none ſhal deliuer them.
5 The hungrie ſhal eat vp his harueſt: yea, thei ſhal take it from among the g thornes, and the thirſtie ſhal drinke vp their ſubſtance.
6 For miſerie commeth not forthe of the duſt, h nether doeth affliction ſpring out of the earth.
7 But man is borne vnto i trauail, as the ſparkes flye vpward.
8 But I wolde inquire k at God, and turne my talke vnto God:
9 Which l doeth great things and vnſearcheable, *and* maruelous things without nomber.
10 He m giueth raine vpon the earth, and powreth water vpon the ſtretes,
11 And ſetteth vp on hie them that be lowe, that the ſorowful may be exalted to ſaluation.
12 He ſcatereth the deuiſes of the craftie: ſo that their hands can not accōpliſh that which they do enterpriſe.
13 n He taketh the wiſe in their craftines, & the counſel of the wicked is made fooliſh.
14 They mete with o darkenes in the day time, and o grope at noone day, as in the night.
15 But he ſaueth the p poore frō the ſworde, from their q mouth, and from the hand of the violent man,
16 So that the poore hathe *his* hope, but iniquitie ſhal r ſtop her mouth.
17 Beholde, bleſſed *is* the man whome God correcteth: therefore refuſe not thou the chaſtiſing of the Almightie.
18 For he maketh the wounde, and bindeth it vp: he ſmiteth, and his hāds make whole.
19 He ſhal deliuer thee ſ in ſix troubles, and in the ſeuent the euil ſhal not touche thee.
20 In famine he ſhal deliuer thee frō death: and in battel from the power of the ſworde.
21 Thou ſhalt be hid from the ſcourge of ꝙ tongue, and thou ſhalt not be afraied of deſtruction when it cometh.
22 t *But* thou ſhalt laugh at deſtruction and dearth, & ſhalt not be afrayd of the beaſt of the earth.
23 For the ſtones of the field u ſhalbe in league with thee, and the beaſtes of the field ſhal be at peace with thee.
24 And thou ſhalt knowe, that peace *ſhalbe* in thy tabernacle, & thou ſhalt viſite thine habitacion, and ſhalt not x ſinne.
25 Thou ſhalt perceiue alſo, that thy ſede *ſhalbe* great, & thy poſteritie as the graſſe of the earth.
26 Thou ſhalt go to thy graue in y a ful age, as a ricke *of corne* cometh in due ſeaſon *into the barne.*
27 Lo, z thus haue we inquired of it, *and* ſo it is: heare this and knowe it for thy ſelf.

y Thogh the children of God haue not alwaies this promes performed, yet God doeth recompence it other wiſe to their aduantage
z We haue learned theſe pointes by experience, that God puniſheth not the innocent, that man can not compare in iuſtice [illegible] and that the affliction [illegible]

CHAP. VI.

1 Iob anſwereth, that his paine is more grieuous then his faute. 8 He wiſheth death. 14 He cōplaineth of his frēds.

1 BVt Iob anſwered, and ſaid,
2 Oh that my grief were wel weighed, and my miſeries were laied together in the a balance.
3 For it wolde be now heauyer thē the ſand of ꝙ ſea: therefore my wordes are b ſwallowed vp.
4 For the arowes of the Almightie *are* in me, ꝙ venime whereof doeth drinke vp my ſpirit, & the terrours of God c fight againſt me.
5 Doeth the d wilde aſſe braye when he hathe graſſe? or loweth the oxe when he hathe foddre?
6 That which is e vnſauery, ſhal it be eaten without ſalt? or is there any taſte in the white of an egge?
7 Suche things as my ſoule refuſed to touche, as *were* ſorowes, are my meate.
8 Oh that I might haue my f deſire, & that God wolde graunt me the thing that I long for!
9 That is, that God wolde deſtroye me: that he wolde let his hād go, & cut me of.
10 Then ſhulde I yet haue comfort, (thogh I burne with ſorowe, let him not ſpare) g becauſe I haue not denyed the wordes of the Holie one.
11 What power haue I that I ſhulde endure? or what is mine h end, if I ſhulde prolong my life?
12 Is my ſtrēgth the ſtrength of ſtones? *or* is my fleſh of braſſe?
13 Is it not ſo, that there is in me no i helpe? and that k ſtrength is taken from me?
14 He that is in miſerie, ought to be comforted of his neighbour: but mē haue forſaken the feare of the Almightie.
15 My brethren haue deceiued me as a l brooke, & as the riſing of the riuers they paſſe away.
16 Which are blackiſh with yce, & wherein the ſnowe is hid.
17 But in time thei are dryed vp with heat & are conſumed: and when it is hote they faile out of their places,

a To knowe whether I cēplaine without iuſt cauſe
b My grief is ſo great, that I lacke wordes to expreſſe it
c Which declareth that he was not onely afflicted in body, but wounded in conſcience, which is ꝙ greateſt battel that the faithful can haue.
d Thinke you that I crye without cauſe, ſeing ꝙ brute beaſtes do not cōplaine when thei haue what thei wolde?
e Can a mans taſte delite in that ꝙ hath no ſauour? meaning that none take pleaſure in affliction, ſeing thei can not away with things that are vnſauery to ꝙ mouth
f Herein he ſinneth double, bothe in wiſhing through impacience to dye, and alſo in deſiring of God a thing which was not agreable to his wil.
g That is, let me dye at once, before I come to diſtruſt in Gods gifts through mine impacience.
h He feareth leſt he ſhulde be brought to inconuenientes, if his ſorowes ſhulde continue.
i Haue I not ſoght to helpe my ſelfe as mucho as was poſſible?
k Or, wiſdome, or Law
l He compareth thoſe friends which comfort vs not in miſerie, [illegible] we nede waters, is ꝙ ſeaſon winter is hard. [illegible] we haue no nede, ouerfloweth with water.

18 Or thei departe from their way & courſe, *yea*, they vaniſh and periſh.
19 Thei that go to Temá, [l] conſidered thē, & thei that go to Shebá, waited for them.
20 But they were confounded: when thei hoped, thei came thether and were aſhamed.
21 Surely now are ye *like* [m] vnto it: ye haue ſene *my* feareful plague, and are afrayed.
22 Was it becauſe I ſaid, Bring vnto me? or giue a rewarde to me of your [n] ſubſtance?
23 And deliuer me from the enemies hand, or ranſom me out of the hand of tyrants?
24 Teach me, & I wil [o] holde my tongue: & cauſe me to vnderſtand, wherein I haue erred.
25 How [p] ſtedfaſt are the wordes of righteouſnes? and what can any of you iuſtely reproue?
26 Do ye imagine to reproue [q] wordes, that the talke of the afflicted ſhulde be as the winde?
27 Ye make your wrath to fall vpon the fatherles, and digge a pit for your friend.
28 Now therefore be content to [r] loke vpon me: for I wil not lye before your face.
29 Turne, I pray you, let there be none miquitie: returne, I ſay, & *ye ſhal ſe* yet my righteouſnes in that behalfe. Is there iniquitie in my tēgue? doeth not my mouthe fele ſorowes?

l Thei that paſſe thereby to go into ſy hote countreſes of Arabia, thinke to finde water there, to queeh their thirſt, but they are deceiued.
m That is, like to this broke, which deceiueth them, that thinke to haue water there in their nede, as I loked for cōſolation at your hands
n He toucheth ſy worldelings, which for no neceſsitie wil giue parte of their goods, and muche more theſe men, which wolde not giue him comfortable wordes.
o Shewe me wherein I haue erred, and I wil confeſſe my faute.
p He ſy hathe a good cōſcience, doeth not ſhrinke at the ſharpe wordes or reaſonings of others, except thei be able to perſuade him by reaſon.
q Do you cauill at my wordes, becauſe I ſhulde be thought to ſpeake foolihly, which am now in miſerie?
r Conſider whether I ſpeake as one that is driuen to this impacience through very ſorowe, or as an hypocrite, as you condemne me.

CHAP. VII.

s Iob ſheweth the ſhortenes and miſerie of mans life.

1 IS there not an appointed time to man vpon earth? and *are not* his dayes as the dayes of an [a] hyreling?
2 As a ſeruant longeth for the ſhadowe, & as an hyreling loketh for *the end* of his worke,
3 So haue I had as an inheritance the [b] moneths of vanitie, and peineful nights haue bene appointed vnto me.
4 If I laied me downe, I ſaid, When ſhal I ariſe? and meaſuring the euening I am euen ful with toſsing to and fro vnto the dawning of the day.
5 My fleſh is [c] clothed with wormes & filthines of the duſt: my ſkin is rent, & become horrible,
6 My dayes are ſwifter thē [d] a weauers ſhittle, and they are ſpent without hope.
7 Remember that my life is but a winde, & *that* mine eye ſhal not returne to ſe pleaſure.
8 The eye that hathe ſene me, ſhal ſe me no more: thine eyes *are* vpon me, and I ſhalbe no longer.
9 [e] As the cloude vaniſheth & goeth away, ſo he that goeth downe to the graue, ſhal [f] come vp nomore.
10 He ſhal returne nomore to his houſe, nether ſhal his place knowe him any more.
11 Therefore I wil not [g] ſpare my mouthe, *but* wil ſpeake in the trouble of my ſpirit, & muſe in the bitternes of my minde.
12 Am I a ſea [h] or a whaleſiſh, that thou kepeſt me in warde?
13 When I ſay, My couche ſhal relieue me, & my bed ſhal bring *comfort* in my meditation,
14 Then feareſt thou me [i] with dreames, and aſtoniſheſt me with viſions.
15 Therefore my ſoule [k] choſeth rather to be ſtrangled & to dye, then *to be in* my bones.
16 I abhorre it, I ſhal not liue alway: [l] ſpare me then, for my daies *are* but vanitie.
17 What is man, that thou [m] doeſt magnifie him, and that thou ſetteſt thine heart vpon him?
18 And doeſt viſit him euerie morning, and tryeſt him euerie moment?
19 How long wil it be *yer* thou departe frō me? thou wilt not let me alone whiles I may ſwallowe my ſpetle.
20 I haue [n] ſinned, what ſhal I do vnto thee? ô thou preſeruer of men, why haſt thou ſet me *as a marke* againſt thee, ſo that I am a burden vnto my ſelf?
21 And why doeſt thou not pardone my treſpas? and take away mine iniquitie? for now ſhal I ſlepe in the duſt, and if thou ſekeſt me in the morning, I ſhal [o] not be *founde*.

a Hathe not an hyred ſeruant ſome reſt and eaſe? then in this my continual torment I am worſe then an hyreling.
b My ſorowe hathe continued from moneth to moneth, and I haue loked for hope in vaine.
c This ſignifieth that his diſeaſe was rare and moſte horrible
d Thus he ſpeaketh in reſpect of the breuitie of mans life, which paſſeth without hope of returning: incōſideratiō whereof he deſireth God to haue compaſsion on him.
e If thou beholde me in thine angre, I ſhal not be able to ſtand in thy preſence.
f Shal nomore enioye this mortal life.
g Seing I can by nonother meanes cōfort my ſelfe, I wil declare my grief by wordes and thus he ſpeaketh as one ouercome with grief of minde
h Am not I a poore wretch? what nedeſt thou then to lay ſo muche peine on me?
i So that I cā haue no reſt, night nor day.
k He ſpeaketh as one ouercome w ſorowes, and not of iudgement, or of the examination of his faith.
l Seing my terme of life is ſo ſhorte, let me haue ſome reſt and caſe.
m Seing that mā of him ſelfe is ſo vile, why doeſt thou giue him that honoure to contende againſt him?
n Iob vſeth all kindes of perſuaſion with God, that he might ſtay his hand.
o After all tētations faith braſteth forthe & leadeth Iob to repentance: yet it was not in ſuche perfection, that he colde bridel him ſelfe frō reaſoning with God, becauſe that he ſtil tryed his faith.
o That is, I ſhalbe dead.

CHAP. VIII.

a Bildād ſheweth that Iob is a ſinner, becauſe God puniſheth the wicked, and preſerueth the good.

1 THen anſwered Bildād the Shuhite, and ſaid,
2 How long wilt thou talke of theſe thīgs? & howlōg ſhal the wordes of thy mouthe *be as a* mightie winde?
3 Doeth God peruert iudgement? or doeth the almighty ſubuert iuſtice?
4 If thy ſonnes haue ſinned againſt him, & he hathe ſent them into the place of their [b] iniquitie,
5 *Yet* if thou [c] wilt early ſeke vnto God, & pray to the Almighty,
6 If thou be pure and vpright, then ſurely he wil awake vp vnto thee, & he wil make the habitation of thy righteouſnes proſperous.
7 And thogh thy beginning [d] be ſmale, yet thy later end ſhal greatly increaſe.
8 [e] Inquire therefore, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thy ſelfe to ſearche of their fathers.
9 (For we are but [f] of yeſterday, and are igno-

a He declareth that their wordes which wolde diminiſh any thīg frō the iuſtice of God, is but as a puffe of winde that vaniſheth away.
b That is, hathe rewarded thē according to their iniquitie: meaning, that Iob ought to be warned by the exāple of his children, that he offend not God.
c That is, if ſy turne betimes while God calleth thee to repentance.
d Thogh the begimmings be not ſo pleaſant, as thou woldeſt deſire, yet in the end thou ſhalt haue ſufficient occaſion to cōtent thy ſelf.
e He willeth Iob to examine all antiquitie, and he ſhal finde it true which he here ſaith.
f Meaning, that it is not ynough to haue the experience of our ſelues, but to be conſidre the examples of them that went before vs.

ignorant: for our dayes vpon earth *are* but a ſhadow)

10 Shal not thei teache thee & tel thee, and vtter the wordes of their heart?

g As a ruſh can not growe without moiſtnes, ſo can not the hypocrite, becauſe he hathe not faith, which is moiſtened with Gods Spirit.

11 Can a g ruſh growe without myre? or can the graſſe growe without water?

12 Thogh it were in grene & not cut downe, yet ſhal it wither before anie other herbe.

13 So *are* the paths of all that forget God, and the hypocrites hope ſhal periſh.

h Which is to day, and to morowe ſwept away

14 His confidence alſo ſhal be cut of, & his truſt *ſhalbe, as* the houſe of a h ſpyder.

i He cõpareth the iuſte to a tre, which althogh it be remoued out of one place vnto another, yet floriſheth. ſo the affliction of the godlie turneth to their profite

15 He ſhal leane vpon his houſe, but it ſhal not ſtand: he ſhal holde him faſt by it, yet ſhal it not endure.

k That is, ſo ỹ there remaine nothing there to proue whether ỹ tre had growen there, or no.

16 The i *tre* is grene before the ſunne, and the branches ſpread ouer the garden thereof.

17 The rotes thereof are wrapped about the fountaine, & are folden *about* the houſe of ſtones.

l To be planted in another place, where it may growe at pleaſure.

18 If *anie* plucke it from his place, and it k denie, *ſaying*, I haue not ſene thee,

19 Beholde, it wil reioyce l by this meanes, that it may growe in another molde.

20 Beholde, God wil not caſt away an vpright man, nether wil he take the wicked by the hand,

m If thou be godlie, he wil giue thee occaſion to reioyce, & if not, thine affliction ſhal increaſe.

21 Til he haue filled thy mouthe w m laughter, and thy lippes with ioye.

22 They that hate thee, ſhalbe clothed with ſhame, & the dwelling of the wicked ſhal not *remaine*.

CHAP. IX.

1 Iob declareth the mightie power of God, and that mãs righteouſnes is nothing.

a Iob here anſwereth to ỹ point of Eliphaz and Bildads oracion, touching the iuſtice of God & his innocẽcie, confeſsing God to be infinit in iuſtice, and man to be nothing in reſpect.

1 Then Iob anſwered, and ſaid,

2 I knowe verely that it is ſo: for how ſhulde man *compared* vnto God, be a iuſtified?

b Of a thouſand things, w God colde lay to his charge, mã can not anſwer him one.

3 If he wolde diſpute with him, he colde not anſwer him one thing of a b thouſand.

c He declareth what is the infirmitie of mã by ỹ mightie and incomprehẽſible power that is in God, ſhewing what he colde do, if he wolde ſtr forthe his power.

4 He is wiſe in heart, & mightie in ſtrength: who hathe bene fearce againſt him & hathe proſpered?

5 He remoueth the mõtaines & they fele not when he ouerthroweth them in his wrath.

6 He c remoueth the earth out of her place, that the pillers thereof do ſhake.

d Theſe are ỹ names of certeine ſtarres, whereby he meaneth that all ſtarres both knowen & vnknowen are at his appoinctment.

7 He commandeth the ſunne, and it riſeth not: he cloſeth vp the ſtarres, as vnder a ſignet.

8 He him ſelf alone ſpreadeth out the heauens, and walketh vpon the height of the ſea.

9 He maketh *the ſtarres* d Arctúrus, Oríon, and Pleiades, and the climats of ỹ South.

10 He doeth great things, and vnſearcheable: yea, meruelous things without nomber.

11 Lo, when he goeth e by me, I ſe him not: & when he paſſeth by, I perceiue him not.

e I am not able to cõprehend his workes, which are commune and daily before mine eyes, muche leſſe in thoſe things, which are hid and ſecret

12 Beholde, when he taketh a pray, f who can make him to reſtore it? who ſhal ſay vnto him, What doeſt thou?

f He ſheweth that whẽ God doeth execute his power, he doeth it iuſtely, for aſmuch as none can controle him.

13 God g wil not withdrawe his angre & the moſte mightie helpes h do ſtoupe vnder him.

g God wil not be appeaſed for oght that man can laie for him ſelf for his iuſtification

14 How muche leſſe ſhal I anſwer him i or how ſhulde I finde out k my wordes with him?

h That is, all ỹ reaſons that men can laie to approue their cauſe

15 For thogh I were iuſte, yet colde I l not anſwer, *but* I wolde make ſupplicacion to my Iudge.

i How ſhulde I be able to anſwer him by eloquence: whereby he noteth his frends, that albeit their were eloquent in talke, yet their felt not in hart, that which their ſpake

16 If I m crye, and he anſwer me, *yet* wolde I not beleue, that he heard my voyce.

k Meaning, in his owne opinion, ſignifying that man wil ſomerime flatter him ſelf tobe righteo⁹, which before God is abomination

17 For he deſtroyeth me with a tempeſt, & woundeth me n without cauſe.

l While I am in my pangs, I can not but braſt forthe into many inconueniences, althogh I know ſtil that God is iuſt.

18 He wil not ſuffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitternes.

19 If *we ſpeake* of ſtrength, beholde, he is o ſtrong: if *we ſpeake* of iudgement, who ſhal bring me in to plaide?

m I am not able to fele my ſinnes ſo great, as I fele the weight of his plagues: & this he ſpeaketh to condemne his dulnes, and to iuſtifie God

20 If I wolde iuſtifie my ſelf, mine owne mouth ſhal condemne me: p if I wolde be perfite, he ſhal iudge me wicked.

n After he hathe accuſed his owne weakenes, he continueth to iuſtifie God and his power.

21 *Thogh* I were perfite, *yet* I knowe not my ſoule: *therefore* abhorre I my lyfe.

o If I wolde ſtande in mine owne defence, yet God hathe iuſte cauſe to condemne me, if he examine mine heart, & conſcience

22 This is one point: therefore I ſaid, He deſtroyeth the q perfite and the wicked.

p If God puniſh according to his iuſtice, he wil deſtroye aſwel them that are counted perfite, as them that are wicked

23 If the ſcourge ſhulde ſodenly r ſlaie, ſhulde *God* ſ laugh at the puniſhment of the innocent?

q To wit, the wicked

24 The earth is giuen into the hand of the wicked: he t couereth the faces of the iudges thereof: if not, where u is he? or who is he?

r This is ſpoken according to our apprehenſion, as though he wolde ſay, If God deſtroye but the wicked, as chap 5.3. why ſhulde he ſuffer the innocẽts to be ſo long tormented by them

25 My daies haue bene more ſwift then a poſte: they haue fled, & haue ſene no good thing.

ſ That they can not ſe to do iuſtice

26 They are paſſed *as* with the moſte ſwift ſhippes, and as the egle that flieth to the praye.

t That can ſhewe the contrary

27 If x I ſay, I wil forget my complaint, I wil ceaſe from my wrath, & comfort me,

u I thinke not to fall into theſe affections, but my ſorowes bring me to theſe manifolde infirmities, & my conſcience condemneth me

28 *Then* I am afrayed of all my ſorowes, knowing that thou wilt not iudge me innocent.

x Why doeth not God deſtroye me at once? thus he ſpeaketh according to the infirmitie of the fleſh

29 *If* I be wicked, why y labour I thus in vaine?

y Thogh I ſeme neuer ſo pure in mine owne eyes, yet all is but corruption before God

30 If I z waſh my ſelf with ſnowe water, and purge mine hands moſte cleane,

z Whatſoeuer I wolde vſe to couer my filthines with, ſhal diſcloſe me ſo muche more.

31 Yet ſhalt thou plonge me in the pit, and mine owne a clothes ſhal make me filthy.

a For he is not a man as I am, that I ſhulde

answer him, *if* we come together to iudgement.

a Which might make an accorde betwene God and me, speaking of impacience, & yet confessing God to be iust in punishing him

33 Nether is there any vmpire [a] that might laie his hand vpon vs both.

34 Let him take his rod away fro me, & let not his feare astonish me:

35 *Then* wil I speake, & feare him not: [b] *but* because I am not so, I holde me stil.

b Signifying y Gods iudgements kepe him in awe

CHAP. X.

1 Iob is weary of his life, and setteth out his fragilitie before God. 20 He desireth him to stay his hand. 22 A description of death.

1 MY soule is cut of [a] thogh I liue: I wil leaue my [b] complaint vpon my self, & wil speake in the bitternes of my soule

a I am more like to a dead man then to one y liueth

b I wil make an ample declaratio of my tormẽts, accusing my self & not God

2 I wil say vnto God, [c] Condẽne me not: shewe me, wherefore thou contendest with me.

c He wolde not that God shulde procede against him by his secret iustice, but by the ordinarie meanes that he punisheth others

3 Thinkest thou it [d] good to oppresse me, & to cast of the [e] labour of thine hands, and to fauour the [f] counsel of the wicked?

d Is it agreable to thy iustice to do me wrong?

e Wilt thou be without compassion?

f Wilt thou gratifie y wicked & condẽne me?

4 Hast thou [g] carnal eyes? or doest thou se as man seeth?

g Doost thou this of ignorance?

5 Are thy dayes as mans [h] dayes? or thy yeres, as the time of man?

h Art thou inconstant and changeable, as the times, to date a friend, to morowe an enemie?

6 That thou inquirest of mine iniquitie, & searchest out my sinne.

7 Thou knowest that I can not do [i] wickedly: for none can deliuer me out of thine hand.

i By affliction thou kepest me as in a prison, & restraynest me from doing euil, neither can any set me at libertie

8 Thine [k] hands haue made me, and facioned me wholy rounde about, & wilt thou destroye me?

k In these eight verses following he describeth the mercie of God in the wõderful creation of

9 Remember, I pray thee, that thou hast made me as [l] the clay, and wilt thou bring me into dust againe?

10 Hast thou not powred me out as mylke? and turned me to cruds like chese?

11 Thou hast clothed me with skinne and flesh, and ioyned me together with bones and sinewes.

12 Thou hast giuen me life, and [m] grace: & thy [n] visitacion hathe preserued my spirit.

13 Thogh thou hast hid these things in thine heart, *yet* I knowe [o] y it is so with thee.

not shew him self rigorous against him.

14 If I haue sinned, then thou wilt straightly loke vnto me, and wilt not holde me giltles of mine iniquitie.

l As brittel as a pot of clay

15 If I haue done wickedly, wo vnto me: if I haue done righteously, I wil not [p] lift vp mine head, being ful of confusion, because I se mine affliction.

m That is, reason and vnderstanding, and many other giftes whereby man excelleth all earthlie creatures

16 But let it increase: hunt thou me as a lyon: returne & shewe thy self [q] marueilous vpon me.

17 Thou renuest thy plagues against me, and thou increasest thy wrath against me: [r] changes and armies *of sorowes* are against me.

n That is, thy fatherlie care & prouidence, whereby thou preseruest me, and without the which I shulde perish streight way

o Though I be not fully able to comprehend these things, yet I must nedes confesse them to be so

p I wil alway walke in feare and humilitie, knowing that none is iuste before thee

q Iob being sore assaulted in this battel betwene the flesh and the Spirit, breaketh out into these affections, wishing rather short dayes then long paine

r That is, diuersitie of diseases and in great coundãce, shewing that God hathe infinite meanes to punish mã

18 Wherefore thẽ hast thou brought me out of the wombe? Oh that I had perished, and that none eye had sene me!

19 *And* that I were as I had not bene, *but* brought from the wombe to the graue.

s He wisheth y God wolde leaue of his afflictiõ, considering his great miserie & the breuitie of his life

20 Are not my dayes fewe? let him [s] cease, *and* leaue of fro me, that I may take a litle comfort,

t He speaketh thus in y person of a sinner, that is ouercome with passions & w the feling of Gods iudgements, & therefore can not apprehẽd in y state the mercies of God & cõfort of the resurrection

21 Before I go and shal not [t] returne, *euen* to the land of darkenes and shadowe of death:

22 Into a lãd, *I say*, darke as darkenes it self, & into the shadow of death, where is none [u] order, but the light *is there* as darkenes.

u No distinctiõ betwene light and darkenes, but where all is verie darkenes it self

CHAP. XI.

1 Iob is vniustly reprehended of Zophár. 7 God is incõprehensible. 14 He is merciful to the repentant. 18 Their assurance that liue godlie

1 THen answered Zophár the Naamathite, and said,

2 Shulde not the multitude of wordes be answered? or shulde a great [a] talker be iustified?

a Shulde he persuade by his great talke, that he is iuste?

3 Shulde men holde their peace at thy lyes? and when thou mockest *others*, shal none make thee ashamed?

b He chargeth Iob with this, that he shulde say, that the thing, which he spake, was true, and that he was without sinne in y sight of God

4 For thou hast said, [b] My doctrine is pure, and I am cleane in thine eyes.

5 But oh, that God wolde speake and open his lippes against thee!

c Which is, not to stand in iustifying of thy self: the signifieth that man will neuer be ouercome, whiles he reasoneth with another, and therefore God must breake of the controuersie, and stop mans mouth

6 That he might shewe thee the [c] secrets of wisdome, how y hast *deserued* double, according to right: knowe therefore that God hathe forgoten thee for thine iniquitie.

d That is, this perfection of God, & if man be not able to comprehend

7 Canst thou by searching finde out God? canst thou finde out the Almightie to *his* perfection?

8 The heauens are hie, what canst thou do? [d] it is deper then the hel, how canst thou knowe it?

9 The measure thereof is longer then the earth, and it is broder then the sea.

the height of the heauẽ, the depth of hel, the length of the earth, the breadth of the sea, which are but creatures: how can he attaine to the perfection of the Creator?

10 If he cut of and [e] shut vp, or gather together, who can turne him backe?

e If God shulde turne the state of thigs, and establish a newe order in nature, who colde cõtrole him?

11 For he knoweth vaine men, and seeth iniquitie, & him that vnderstandeth nothing.

12 Yet vaine man wolde be wise, thogh man *newe* borne is like a wilde asse [f] colte.

f That is, without vnderstanding so that whatsoeuer gifts he hath afterwarde, come of God and not of nature

13 If thou [g] prepare thine heart, & stretche out thine hands towarde him:

g If thou repent, pray vnto him

14 If iniquitie be in thine [h] hand, put it farre away, & let no wickednes dwel in thy tabernacle.

h Renounce thine olde euil workes, and se that they offende not God, ouer whome thou hast charge

15 Then truely shalt thou lift vp thy [i] face without

i He declareth what qualities of conscience and of life in all things suche shal haue, which turne to God by true repentãce.

without spot, and shalt be stable, & shalt not feare.

16 But thou shalt forget *thy* miserie, and remember it as waters that are past.

17 Thine age also shal appeare more *cleare* then the noone day: thou shalt shine *and* be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be bolde, because there is hope: and thou shalt dig pittes, *and* shalt lye downe safely.

Leuit 26,5. 19 *For when thou takest thy rest, none shal make thee afraied: yea, manie shal make sute vnto thee.

k He sheweth that contrarie things shal come vnto them that do not repent.

20 But the eyes [k] of the wicked shal faile, and their refuge shal perish, and their hope *shalbe* sorowe of minde.

CHAP. XII.

1 Iob accuseth his friends of ignorance 7 He declareth the might, and power of God, 17 And how he changeth the course of things.

a Because you fele not that, & you speake, you thinke & whole stadeth in wordes, and so flatter your selues as though none knewe ante thing, or colde knowe but you *Prou.14,2.*

1 THen Iob answered, and said,

2 In dede because that ye are the people *onely*, [a] wisdome must dye with you.

3 But I haue vnderstanding aswel as you, & am not inferior vnto you: yea, who knoweth not suche things?

b He reproueth these his friends of two fautes: the one & they thoght they had better knowledge the in dede they had, & & other that in stead of true cõsolatiõ they did deride, and despise their friend in his aduersitie

4 *I am [b] as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth vpon God, and he [c] heareth him: the iuste *and* the vpright is laughed to scorne.

c The which neighbour being a mocker, and a wicked man, thinketh that no man is in Gods fauour but he, because he hathe all thigs that he desireth

5 [d] He that is ready to fall, *is as* a lampe despised in the opinion of the riche.

d As the riche esteme not a light, or torche that goeth out, so is he despised that falleth from prosperitie to aduersitie

6 The tabernacles of robbers do prosper, and they are in sauetie; that prouoke God, "whome God hathe enriched with his hand.

*Ebr is whome God hathe brought in with his hand.

7 Aske now the beastes, [e] and they shal teache thee, and the foules of the heauen, and they shal tel thee:

e He declareth to them that did dispute agaīst him, that their wisdome is cõmune to all, & suche as & very brute beasts do darlie teache

8 Or speake to the earth, and it shal shewe thee: or the fishes of the sea, and they shal declare vnto thee.

9 Who is ignorant of all these, but that the hand of the Lord hathe made these?

10 In whose hand is the soule of euerie liuing thing, and the breath of all "mankinde.

*Or, flesh.

11 Doeth not the eares [f] discerne the wordes? and the mouth taste meat for it self?

f He exhorteth them to be wise in iudgmg, and aswel to know the right vse why God hathe giuen them eares, as he hathe done a mouth

12 Among the [g] ancient *is* wisdome, and in the length of dayes *is* vnderstanding.

g Thogh men by age, and continuance of time attcine to wisdome, yet it is not comparable to Gods wisdome, nor able to comprehend his iudgements, wherein he answereth to that, which was alleaged, Chap 8,8.

13 With him *is* wisdome and strength: he hathe counsel and vnderstanding.

14 Beholde, he wil breake downe, and it can not be buylt: he shutteth a man vp, and he can not be loosed.

15 Beholde, he withholdeth the waters, and thei drye vp: but when he sendeth thē out, they destroye the earth.

16 With him *is* strength and wisdome: he that is deceiued, and that [h] deceiueth, are his.

h He sheweth that there is nothing done in this worlde without Gods wil, and ordinance: for els he shulde not be almightie.

17 He causeth the counselers to go *as* spoiled, and maketh the iudges fooles.

18 [i] He loseth [k] the colar of Kings, and girdeth their loines with a girdle.

i He taketh wisdome frō them

k He abateth the honour of princes, and bringeth them into the subiectiō of others.

19 He leadeth away the princes *as* a pray, & ouerthroweth the mightie.

20 He taketh away the speache from the [l] faithful *counselers*, & taketh away the iudgement of the ancient.

l He causeth that their wordes haue no credit, which is when he wil punish sinne

21 He powreth cõtempt vpon princes and maketh the strēgth of the mightie weake.

22 He discouereth the depe places from *their* darkenes, & bringeth forthe the shadowe of death to light.

m In this discourse of Gods wonderful workes Iob sheweth that whatsoeuer is done in this worlde, bothe in & ordre and chāge of thigs is by Gods wil and appointement: wherein he declareth that he thinketh wel of God, and is able to set forthe his power in wordes as they that reasoned agaīnst, were

23 He [m] increaseth the people, and destroyeth them: he inlargeth the nacions, & bringeth them in againe.

24 He taketh away the hearts of them that are the chief ouer the people of the earth, and maketh them to wāder in the wildernes out of the way.

25 They grope in the darke without light: & he maketh them to stagger like a dronken man.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Iob compareth his knowledge with the experiēce of his friends. 16 The penitent shalbe saued, and the hypocrite condemned 20 He prayeth vnto God that he wolde not handle him rigorously.

Chap. XIII

a For although he knewe that God had a iustice, & was manifest in his ordinarie working, and another in his secret counsel, yet he wolde vtter his affection to God, because he was not able to vnderstand the cause why he did thus punish him

1 LO, mine eye hathe sene all *this*: mine eare hathe heard, and vnderstand it.

2 I knowe also asmuche as you knowe: I am not inferior vnto you.

3 But I wil speake to the Almightie, and I desire [a] to dispute with God.

b You do not wel applye your medicine to the disease.

4 For in dede ye forge lyes, and all you are [b] phisicions of no value.

5 Oh, that you wolde holde your tongue, that it might be imputed to you for wisdome!

6 Now heare my disputation, and giue eare to the arguments of my lippes.

c He cõdēneth their zeale & had not knowledge, neither regarded they to cõfort him, but alwaie grated on Gods iustice, as thogh it was not euidently seene in Iob, except they had vndertake the probation thereof

7 Wil ye speake [c] wickedly for Gods *defence*, and talke deceitfully for his cause?

8 Wil ye accept his persone? or wil ye contend for God?

d Your fame shal come to nothing

9 Is it wel & he shulde seke of you? wil you make a lye for him, as one lyeth for a mā?

10 He wil surely reproue you, if ye do secretly accept anie persone.

e Is not this a manifest signe of mine affliction, and that I do not complaine without cause, seing & I am thus tormēted as though I shulde teare mine owne flesh, & put my life in dāger?

11 Shal not his excellēcie make you afraid? and his feare fall vpon you?

12 Your [d] memories may be cõpared vnto ashes, *and* your bodies to bodies of claye.

13 Holde your tōgues in my presence, that I may speake, and let come vpon me what wil.

14 Wherefore do I [e] take my flesh in my tethe, and put my soule in mine hand?

15 Lo, thogh he slay me, *yet* wil I trust in him, and I wil reproue my wayes in his sight.

f Whereby he declareth that he is not an hypocrite as thei charged him

16 He shal be my saluation also: for the f hypocrite shal not come before him.

17 Heare diligently my wordes, and marke my talke.

g Thas is, cleared, and not cast of for my sinnes, as you reason

18 Beholde now: *if* I prepare me to iudgement, I knowe that I shal be g iustified.

h To proue ỹ God doeth thus punish me for my sinnes

19 Who is he, that wil pleade h with me? for *if* I now holde my tongue, I i dye.

i If I defend not my cause, euerie mā wil condemne me.

20 But do not these two things vnto me: thē wil I not hide my self from thee.

k He sheweth what these two thigs are

21 k Withdrawe thine hand from me, and let not thy feare make me afraied.

22 Then call thou, and I wil answer: or let me speake, and answer thou me.

l His pāgs thus moue him to reason vnto God, not denying but that he had sinned: but he desired to vnderstand what were his great sinnes ỹ had deserued suche rigour, wherein he ofended, that he wolde knowe a cause of God why he did punish him

23 How manie are l mine iniquities and sinnes? shewe me my rebellion, and my sinne.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and takest me for thine enemie?

25 Wilt thou breake a leafe driuen to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the drye stubble?

m Thou punishest me now for the fautes that I cōmitted in my youth.

26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possesse m the iniquities of my youth.

n Thou makest me thy prisoner, and doest so presse me that I can not stirre hād nor fote

27 Thou puttest my fete also in the n stockes, and lokest narowly vnto all my paths, and makest the printe *thereof* in the "heeles of my fete.

28 Suche one consumeth like a roten thing, *and* as a garment that is motheaten.

CHAP. XIIII.

Iob describeth the shortenes and miserie of the life of man. 14 Hope sustaineth the godlie. 22 The condition of mans life.

a Taking occasion of his aduersaries wordes, he describeth ỹ state of mās life from his birth to his death

1 MAn a ỹ is borne of woman, is of short continuance, and ful of trouble.

2 He shooteth forthe as a flowre, and is cut downe: he vanisheth also as a shadow, & continueth not.

Chap 8.9. Psal 144.4.

3 *And* yet thou openest thine eyes vpō suche b one, and causest me to entre into iudgement with thee.

b His meaning is, that seing that man is so fraile a creature, God shulde not handle him so extremely: wherein Iob sheweth ỹ wickednes of the flesh, whē it is not subiect to the Spirit

4 *Who can bring a cleane thing out of filthines? there is not one.

5 Are not his dayes determined? the nōber of his moneths *are* with thee. thou hast appointed his boundes, which he can not passe.

Psal. 51.7.

6 Turne from him that he may cease vntil his desired day, c as an hyreling.

c Vntil ỹ time that thou hast appointed for him to dye, w he desireth, as the hyreling waiteth for ỹ end of his labour to receyue his wages

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut downe, that it wil yet sprout, and the branches thereof wil not cease.

8 Thogh ỹ rote of it waxe olde in the earth & the stocke thereof be dead in ỹ groūde,

9 *Yet* by the sent of water it wil bud, and bring forthe bowes like a plant.

d He speaketh not here as thogh he had not hope of ỹ immortalitie, but as a mā in extreme peine, when reason is ouercom by affections & torments.

10 d But man is sicke, and dyeth, & man perisheth, and where is he?

11 *As* the waters passe from the sea, and as the flood decayeth and dryeth vp,

12 So man slepeth and riseth not: *for* he shal not wake againe, nor be raised from his slepe til the heauen be nomore.

e Hereby he declareth that the feare of Gods iudgement was the cause why he desired to dye

13 Oh that thou woldest hide me in the graue, and kepe me secret, vntil thy e wrath were past, *and* woldest giue me terme, and f remember me.

f That is, release my peines and take me to mercie

14 If a man dye, shal he liue againe? All the dayes of mine appointed time wil I waite, til g my changing shal come.

g Meaning, vnto the day of the resurrectiō whē he shulde be changed, & renued.

15 Thou shalt call *me*, and I shal h answer thee: thou louest the worke of thine owne hands.

h Thogh I be afflicted in this life yet in the resurrection I shal fele thy mercies, and answer when thou callest me

Prou 5.21.

16 But now thou * nombrest my steps, *and* doest not delay my sinnes.

i Thou layest thē all together & suffrest none of my sinnes vnpunished

17 Mine iniquitie is sealed vp, *as* in a i bagge, and thou addest vnto my wickednes.

k He murmureth through ỹ impaciēcie of ỹ flesh against God, as thogh he vsed as great seuerite against him as against ỹ hard rockes, or waters ỹ ouerflowe so that hereby all the occasion of his hope is taken away

18 And surely *as* the moūtaine that falleth, cometh to nogh t, and the k rocke that is remoued from his place:

19 *As* the water breaketh the stones, *when* thou ouerfloweſt the things which growe in the dust of the earth: so thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou preuailest alway against him, so that he passeth away: he changeth his face when thou casteſt him away.

21 And he knoweth not if his sonnes shalbe honorable, nether shal he vnderstand concerning thē, whether they shalbe of lowe degre,

l Yet whiles he liueth, he shalbe in peine & miserie.

22 But *while* his l flesh *is* vpon him, he shalbe sorowful, and *while* his soule *is* in him, it shal mourne.

CHAP. XV.

Eliphaz reprehendeth Iob, because he ascribeth wisdome, and pureness to himself. 16 He describeth the curse that falleth on the wicked, reckoning Iob to be one of the number.

1 THen answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

a That is, vaine wordes, & without consolation?

2 Shal a wise man speake wordes of the a winde, and fil his belly b with the East winde?

b Meaning, v matters that are of none importāce which are forgotten assone as they are vttered, as the East winde drieth vp the moisture assone as it falleth

3 Shal he dispute with wordes not comely? or with talke that is not profitable?

c He chargeth Iob as thogh his talke caused mē to cast of the feare of God & prayer.

4 Surely thou hast cast of c feare, and restrainest prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth declareth thine iniquitie, seing thou hast chosen d the tongue of the crafty.

d Thou speakest as do the mockers, and contemners of God

6 Thine one mouth condemneth thee, and not I, and thy lippes testifie against thee.

e That is, the moste ancient, and so by reason the moste wise?

7 Art thou the e first man, that was borne? and wast thou made before the hils?

8 Hast thou heard the secret counsel of God, and doest thou restraine wisdome f to thee?

f Art thou onely wise?

9 What knowest thou that we knowe not? *and* vnderstandest that is not in vs?

g He accuseth Iobs pride, and ingratitude, ỹ wil not be cōforted by God, nor by their counsel.

10 With vs are bothe ancient and very aged men, farre older then thy father.

11 *Seme* the consolations of God g smale vnto thee, is this thing strange vnto thee?

12 Why

12 Why doeth thine heart [h] take thee away, and what do thine eyes meane,
13 That thou answerest to God " at thy pleasure, and bringest *suche* wordes out of thy mouth?
14 What is man, that he shulde be cleane? and he that is borne of woman, that he shulde [i] be iust?
15 Beholde, he founde no stedfastnes in his Saintes: yea, the heauens are not cleane in his sight.
16 How muche more *is* man abominable, & filthie, which [k] drinketh iniquitie like water?
17 I wil tel thee: heare me, and I wil declare that which I haue seene:
18 Which wise men haue tolde, *as they haue heard* of their fathers, and haue not kept it secret:
19 To whome alone the land was [l] giuen & no stranger passed through them.
20 The wicked man is continually as one that trauelleth of childe, and the nomber [m] of yeres is hid from the tyrant.
21 A sound of feare *is* in his eares, & in his prosperitie [n] destroyer shal come vpon him.
22 He beleueth not to returne out of [o] darkenes: for he seeth the sworde before him.
23 He wādreth [p] to and fro for bread where *he may*: he knoweth that the day of darkenes is prepared at hand.
24 Affliction and [q] anguish shal make him afraid: they shal preuaile against him as a King ready to the battel.
25 For he hathe stretched out his hād against God, and made him self strong against the Almightie.
26 *Therefore God* shal runne vpon him, *euen* vpō his necke, & against the moste thicke part of his shield.
27 Because he hathe couered his face with [r] his fatnes, & hathe collopes in *his* flācke.
28 Though he dwel [s] in desolate cities, *and* in houses which no man inhabiteth, but are become heapes,
29 He shal not be riche, nether shal his substance continue, nether shal he prolong the [t] perfection thereof in the earth.
30 He shal neuer departe out of darkenes: [u] flame shal drye vp his branches, & he shal go away with the breath of his mouth.
31 He [x] beleueth not that he erreth in vanitie: therefore vanitie shalbe his change.
32 His branche shal not be grene, but shalbe cut of before his day.
33 *God* shal destroy him as the vine her sower [y] grape, and shal cast him of, as the oliue *doeth* her flowre.
34 For the congregacion of the hypocrite shalbe desolate, & fyre shal deuoure the houses of [z] bribes.
35 *For* thei [a] conceiue mischief and bring forthe vanitie, & their bellie hathe prepared deceite.

h Why doest thou stand in thine owne conceite? "Ebr. in thy spirit.
i His purpose is to proue, that Iob as an vniust man & an hypocrite is punished for his sinnes, like as he did before, Chap 4,18
k Which hathe a desire to sinne as he is thirstie to drinke.
l Who by their wisdome so gouerned, that no stranger inuaded them, & so the land seemed to be giuē to them alone.
m The cruel man is euer in danger of death, and is neuer quiet in conscience
n Out of that miserie where into he once falleth.
o God doeth not onely impouerish the wicked oft times: but euen in their prosperitie he punisheth thē with a gredines euer more to gather: which is as a beggerie
p He sheweth what weapons God vseth against [b] wicked which lift vp thē selues against him, to wit, terror of conscience, & outward afflictions
q That is, he was so puft vp with great prosperitie, & abundance of all things, that he forgate God: noting, that Iob in his felicitie had not the true feare of God
r Though he buylde, & repare ruinous places to get him fame, yet God shal bring all to naught, and turne his great prosperitie into extreme miserie.
s Meaning, that his sumptuous buyldings shulde neuer come to perfection
t He standeth so in his owne conceite, that he wil giue no place to good counsel, therefore his owne pride shal bring him to destruction
u As one that gathereth grapes before they be ripe.
x Which were buylt or maintened by pouling, and briberie.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Iob moued by the importunacie of his friends. 7 Counteth in what extremitie he is. 19 And taketh God witnes of his innocencie.

1 BVt Iob answered, and said,
2 I haue oft times heard suche things: miserable comforters are ye all.
3 Shal there be none [a] ēd of wordes of winde? or what maketh thee bolde so to [b] answer?
4 I colde also speake as ye do: (but wolde God your [c] soule were in my soules stead) I colde kepe you companie in speaking, and colde [d] shake mine head at you,
5 But I wolde strengthen you [e] with my mouth, and the comfort of my lips shulde aswage *your sorowe*.
6 Though I speake, my sorowe [f] can not be aswaged: though I cease, what release haue I?
7 But now she maketh me weary: *o God*, thou hast made all my [h] congregacion desolate,
8 And hast made me ful of [i] wrīkles which is a witnes thereof, and my leannes riseth vp in me, testifying *the same* in my face.
9 [k] His wrath hathe torne *me*, and he hateth me, & gnasheth vpon me with his teeth: mine enemie hathe sharpened his eies against me.
10 They haue opened their mouthes vpon me, & smitten me on the [l] cheke in reproche: thei gather thē selues together against me.
11 God hathe deliuered me to the vniust, and hathe made me to turne out of the way by the [m] hands of the wicked.
12 I was in welth, but he hathe broght me to nought: he hathe taken me by the necke, and beaten me, and set in me as a marke for him self.
13 His [n] archers compasse me round about: he cutteth my reines, & doeth not spare, and powreth my gall [o] vpon the grounde.
14 He hathe broken me with one breaking vpon another, and runneth vpon me like a gyant.
15 I haue sowed a sackecloth vpō my skin, and haue abased mine [p] horne vnto the dust.
16 My face is withered with weping, & the shadow of death *is* vpon mine eies,
17 Though *there be* no wickednes in [q] mine hands, and my prayer [r] *be* pure.
18 O earth, couer not thou my [s] blood, and let my crying finde no place.
19 For lo, now my [t] witnes *is* in the heauen, and my record *is* on hie.

a Which serue for vaine ostentation and for no truccō fort
b For Elipház did replie against Iobs answer
c I wolde you felt ȳ which I do
d That is, mocke at your miserie, as you do at mine
e If this were in my power, yet wolde I comfort you, and not do as ye do to me
f If thei wolde say, Why doest thou not then comfort thy selfe? he answereth, ȳ the iudgemēts of God are more heauy, then he is able to aswage ether by wordes or silence.
g Meaning, God
h That is, destroyed most of my familie.
i In token of sorowe and grief
k That is, God by his wrath: and in this diuersitie of wordes & hie stile he expresseth how grieuous ȳ hād of God was vpon him.
l That is, hathe handeled me moste contēpteously: for so smiting on the cheke signified, 1 King. 22,24 Mar 14. 65
m Thei haue led me whither thei wolde
n His manifolde afflictions.
o I am wounded to ȳ heart
p Meaning, his glorie was broght lowe
q Signifying, ȳ he is not able to cōprehend the cause of this his grieuous punishment
r That is, vnfained, and without hypocrisie
s Let my sinne be knowen, if I be suche a sinner as mine aduersaries accuse me, and let me finde no iauour
t Though man condemne me, yet God is witnes of my cause

20 My friends [u] speake eloquently against me: *but* mine eye powreth out *teares* vnto God.

21 Oh that a man might [x] pleade with God, as man with his neighbour!

22 For the yeres accounted come, and I shal go the way, whence I shal not retume.

u Vse painted wordes in stead of true consolatiõ.
x Thus by his great torments he is caryed away, and braseth out into passions, and speaketh vnaduisedly, as though God shulde intreat man more gētly, seing he hathe but a short time here to liue

CHAP. XVII.

1 Iob saith that he consumeth away, and yet doeth patiently abide it. 10 He exhorteth his friends to repentance. 13 Shewing that he loketh but for death.

1 MY breath is corrupt: my daies are cut of, and the graue *is ready* for me.

2 There are none but [a] mockers with me, and mine eye continueth in [b] their bitternes.

3 [c] Laye downe now *and* put me in suretie for thee: who is he, that [d] wil touche mine hand?

4 For thou hast hid their heart from [e] vnderstanding: therefore shalt thou not set *them* vpon hie.

5 [f] For the eyes of his children shal faile, that speaketh flaterie to *his* friends.

6 He hathe also made me a [g] byworde of the people, and I am as a tabret [h] before them.

7 Mine eye therefore is dim for grief, and all my strength *is* like a shadowe.

8 The righteous shal be astonied at [i] this, and the innocent shalbe moued against the hypocrite.

9 But the righteous wil holde his [k] waye, and he whose hands are pure, shal increase *his* strength.

10 All [l] you therefore turne you, and come now, and I shal not finde one wise among you.

11 My dayes are past, mine enterprises are broken, *and* the thoghts of mine heart

12 Haue changed the [m] night for the day, and the light that approched, for darkenes.

13 Thogh I hope, [n] *yet* the graue shalbe mine house, *and* I shal make my bed in the darke.

14 I shal say to corruption, Thou art my [o] father, *and* to the worme, Thou art my mother and my sister.

15 Where is then now mine hope? or who shal consider the thing, that I hoped for?

16 [p] They shal go downe into the bottome of the pit: surely it shal lye together in the dust.

a Wse of mockers with me, and mine eye continueth in [b] their bitternes.
c Laye downe now *and* put me in suretie for thee: who is he, that [d] wil touche mine hand?
e For thou hast hid their heart from [e] vnderstanding: therefore shalt thou not set *them* vpon hie.
f For the eyes of his children shal faile, that speaketh flaterie to *his* friends.
g He hathe also made me a [g] byworde of the people, and I am as a tabret [h] before them.
i This, and the innocent shalbe moued against the hypocrite.
k But the righteous wil holde his [k] waye, and he whose hands are pure, shal increase *his* strength.
l All [l] you therefore turne you, and come now, and I shal not finde one wise among you.
m Haue changed the [m] night for the day, and the light that approched, for darkenes.
n Thogh I hope, [n] *yet* the graue shalbe mine house, *and* I shal make my bed in the darke.
o I shal say to corruption, Thou art my [o] father, *and* to the worme, Thou art my mother and my sister.
p They shal go downe into the bottome of the pit: surely it shal lye together in the dust.

Chap. XVII
a Instead of cõforte, being now at deaths dore, he had but them, that mocked at hi, and discouraged him
b I se ful that they seke but to vexe me
c He reasoneth with God as a mã beside him selfe to the intẽt ỹ his cause might be broght to light
d And answer for thee?
e That these mine afflictiõs are thy iuste iudgements, though man know not the cause
f He that flattereth a man, and onely iudgeth him happy in his prosperitie, shal not him self onely, but in his posteritie be punished.
g God hathe made all the worlde to speake of me, because of mine afflictions.
h That is, as a continual sounde in their eares
i To wit, whẽ they se ỹ godlie punished: but in the end they shal come to vnderstanding, and knowe what shal be the reward of the hypocrite
k That is, wil not be discouraged, considering that the godlie are punished aswel as the wicked
l Iob speaketh to thẽ three, ỹ came to cõfort him
m That is, haue broght me sorow in stead of cõfort
n Thogh I shulde hope to come from aduersitie to prosperitie as your discours pretendeth
o I haue nomore hope in father, mother, sister, or ante worldely thing: for the dust and wormes shalbe to me in stead of them
p All worldely hope, and prosperitie faile, which you say, are onely figures of Gods fauour: but seing that these things perish, I set mine hope in God, and in that life euerlasting.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Bildad rebuketh the peines of the vnfaithful and wicked.

1 THen answered Bildad the Shuhite, & said,

2 When wil [a] ye make an end of *your* wordes? [b] cause vs to vnderstand, & thẽ we wil speake.

3 Wherefore are we counted as beastes, & are vile in your sight?

4 *Thou art* [c] *as one* that teareth his soule in his anger. Shal the [d] earth be forsaken for thy sake? or ỹ rocke remoued out of his place?

5 Yea, the light of the wicked shalbe [e] quẽched & ỹ sparke of his fyre shal not shine.

6 The light shalbe darke in his dwelling, and his candel shalbe put out with him.

7 The steppes of his strẽgth shalbe restrained, and his owne counsel shal cast him downe.

8 For he is taken in the net by his fete, & he [f] walketh vpon the snares.

9 The gronne shal take him by the heele, & the theefe shal come vpon him.

10 A snare is laid for him in the grounde, & a trappe for him in the way.

11 Fearfulnes shal make him afraid on euery side, and shal driue him to his fete.

12 His strength shalbe [g] famine: & destruction shalbe readie at his side.

13 It shal deuoure the partes of his skinne, & the [h] first borne of death shal deuoure his strength.

14 His hope shalbe roted out of his dwelling, & shal cause him to go to the [i] King of feare.

15 *Feare* shal dwel in his house (because it is not [k] his) [l] *and* brimstone shalbe scatred vpon his habitacion.

16 His rotes shalbe dryed vp beneth, and aboue shal his branche be cut downe.

17 His remembrance shal perish from the earth, and he shal haue no name in the strete.

18 They shal driue him out of the [m] light vnto darkenes, and chase him out of the worlde.

19 He shal nether haue sonne nor nephewe among his people, nor any posteritie in his dwellings.

20 The posteritie shalbe astonied at his [n] day, & feare shal come vpon the anciẽt.

21 Surely suche are the habitacions of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

a Which counte your selues suite? as Chap 12,3.
b Whome you take to be but beastes, as Chap 12,7.
c That is, like a mad man
d Shal God chãge the ordre of nature for thy sake, by dealing ỹ otherwise then he doeth with all men?
e When ỹ wicked is in his prosperitie, thẽ God changeth his state: & this is his ordinarie workig for their sinnes
f Meaning that the wicked are in continual danger.
g That which shulde nourish him, shalbe consumed by famine
h That is, some strong and violẽt death shal consume his strength: or as ỹ Ebrew worde signifieth, his membres or parts.
i That is, with most great feare.
k Meaning, not truely come by
l Thogh all ỹ worlde wolde fauour hi, yet God wolde destroie him & his
m He shal fall from prosperitie to aduersitie.
n When thei shal se what came vnto hi.

CHAP. XIX.

2 Iob reproueth his friends. 15 And recounteth his miseries & grieuous peines. 25 He assureth him selfe of the generall resurrection.

1 BVt Iob answered, and said,

2 How long wil ye vexe my soule, and torment me with wordes?

3 Ye haue now [a] ten times reproched me, & are not ashamed: ye are impudẽt toward me.

4 And thogh I had in dede erred, mine error [b] remaineth with me.

5 But in dede if ye wil aduãce your selues against

a That is, many times, as Nehem 4,12.
b That is, I my self shalbe punished for it, or you haue not yet confuted it.

against me, & rebuke me for my reproche,
6 Knowe now, ỹ God hathe c ouerthrowen me, & hathe compaſſed me with his net.
7 Beholde, I crye out of violẽce, but I haue none anſwer: I crye but there *is* no iudgement.
8 He hathe hedged vp my waye that I can not d paſſe, and he hathe ſet darkenes in my paths.
9 He hathe ſpoiled me of mine honour, & taken the e crowne away from mine head.
10 He hathe deſtroied me on euerie ſide & I am gone: & he hathe remoued mine hope like f a tre.
11 And he hathe kidled his wrath againſt me, and counteth me as one of his enemies.
12 His g armies came together, and made their way vpon me, & camped about my tabernacle.
13 He hathe remoued my brethren faire frõ me, and alſo mine acquaintance were ſtrãgers vnto me.
14 My neighbours haue forſaken me, and my familiars haue forgotten me.
15 h They that dwel in mine houſe, and my maides toke me for a ſtranger: for I was a ſtranger in their ſight.
16 I called my ſeruãt, but he wolde not anſwer, *though* I praied him with my mouth.
17 My breath was ſtrange vnto my wife, though I praied her for the childrens ſake of mine i owne body.
18 The wicked alſo deſpiſed me, & when I roſe, they ſpake againſt me.
19 All my ſecret friẽds abhorred me, & thei whome I loued, are turned againſt me.
20 My bone k cleaueth to my ſkin & to my fleſh, and I haue eſcaped with the l ſkinne of my tethe.
21 Haue pitie vpon me: haue m pitie vpon me, (ô ye my friends) for the hãd of God hathe touched me.
22 Why do ye perſecute me, as n God? and are not ſatiſfied with my o fleſh?
23 Oh that my wordes were now writen! oh that thei were writen euen in a boke!
24 *And* grauen with p an yron pẽne in lead, or in ſtone for euer.
25 For I am ſure, that my q Redemer liueth, and he ſhal ſtand the laſt on the earth.
26 And thogh after my ſkin *wormes* deſtroy this *bodie*, yet ſhal I ſe God r in my fleſh.
27 Whome I my ſelf ſhal ſe, and mine eies ſhal beholde, and none other *for me, thogh* my reines are conſumed within me.
28 But ye ſaid, Why is he perſecuted? And there was ſ a depe matter in me.
29 Be ye afraid of the ſworde: for ỹ ſworde wil be t auenged of wickednes, that ye may know that there is a iudgement.

c He braſteth out againe into his paſsiõs and declareth ſtil that his afflictiõ cometh of God, thogh he be not able to ſéle ỹ cauſe in him ſelf.
d Meaning, out of his afflictiõs
e Meaning, his children and whatſoeuer was dere vnto him in this worlde
f Which is pluckt vp, and hathe no more hope to grow
g His manifolde afflictions
h Mine houſhold ſeruãts: by all theſe loſſes Iob ſheweth that touching the fleſh he had great occaſion to be moued.
i Which were hers & mine.
k Beſides theſe great loſſes & moſte cruel vnkindenes, he was touched in his owne perſon as followeth.
l All my fleſh was cõſumed
m Seing I haue theſe iuſt cauſes to complaine, condemne me not as an hypocrite; ipecially ye ſhulde comfort me
n Is it not ynough ỹ God doeth puniſh me except you by reproches increaſe my ſorowe?
o To ſe my body puniſhed, except ye trouble my minde?
p He proteſteth that notwithſtanding his ſore paſsions, his religion is perfite, & that he is not a blaſphemer, as thei iudged hi
q I do not ſo iuſtifie my ſelfe before the worlde, but I knowe that I ſhal come before the great iudge, who ſhalbe my deliuerer & Sauiour
r Herein Iob declareth plainely that he had a ful hope, that bothe the ſoule and body ſhulde enioye the preſence of God in the laſt reſurrection
ſ Thogh his friends thoght ỹ he was but perſecuted of God for his ſinnes, yet he declareth that there was a deper conſideration: to wit, the tryal of his faith & pacience, and ſo to be an example for others
t God wilbe reuenged of this haſtie iudgement, wherby you condemne me.

CHAP. XX.

Zophár ſheweth, that the wicked and the couetous ſhal haue a ſhorte end, tho Thogh for a time they floriſh.

1 Thé anſwered Zophár the Naamathite and ſaid,
2 Doutles my thoghts cauſe me to anſwer, and therefore I make haſte.
3 I haue heard a the correction of my reproche: therefore ỹ ſpirit of mine vnderſtanding cauſeth me to anſwer.
4 Knoweſt thou not this of olde? & ſince *God* placed man vpon the earth?
5 That the reioycing of the wicked *is* ſhorte, & that the ioye of hypocrites is but a moment?
6 Thogh b his excellencie mounte vp to the heauen, and his head reache vnto the cloudes,
7 Yet ſhal he periſh for euer, like his dung, *and* they which haue ſene him, ſhal ſay, Where is he?
8 He ſhal flee away as a dreame, & thei ſhal not finde him, and ſhal paſſe away as a viſion of the night.
9 So that the eye which had ſene him, ſhal do ſo no more, and his place ſhal ſe him no more.
10 His children ſhal c flatter the poore, and his hands ſhal d reſtore his ſubſtance.
11 His bones are ful *of the ſinne* of his youth, & e it ſhal lye downe with him in the duſt.
12 Whẽ wickednes f was ſwete in his mouthe, & he hid it vnder his tongue,
13 *And* fauoured it, and wolde not forſake it, but kept it cloſe in his mouth,
14 *Then* his meat in his bowels was turned: the gall of aſpes *was* in the middes of hi.
15 He hathe deuoured ſubſtãce, and he ſhal vomit it: *for* God ſhal drawe it out of his belly.
16 He ſhal ſucke the g gall of aſpes, *and* the vipers tongue ſhal ſlaye him.
17 He ſhal not ſe the h riuers, *nor* the floods & ſtreames of hony and butter.
18 He ſhal reſtore ỹ labour, & ſhal deuoure no more *therof*: *euen* according to the ſubſtance *ſhalbe* his exchange, i and he ſhal enioye it no more.
19 For he hathe vndone *many*: he hathe forſaken the poore, & hathe ſpoiled houſes which he buylded not.
20 Surely he ſhal ſele no quietnes in his body, *neither* ſhal he reſerue of that which he deſired.
21 There ſhal none of his k meat be left: therefore none ſhal hope for his goods.
22 Whẽ he ſhalbe filled with his abundãce, he ſhalbe in peine, & the hand l of all the wicked ſhal aſſaile him.
23 He ſhalbe about to fil his belly, *but God* ſhal ſend vpõ hi his fearce wrath, m & ſhal cauſe to raine vpõ him, *euen* vpõ his meat
24 He ſhal flee from the yron weapons, *and* the bowe of ſtele ſhal ſtrike him through

a He declared that two thigs moued him to ſpeake; to wit, becauſe Iob ſemed to touche him, & becauſe he thoght he had knowledge ſufficient to confute him
b His purpoſe is to proue Iob to be a wicked man, & an hypocrite, becauſe God puniſhed him, and changed his proſperitie into aduerſitie.
c Where as ỹ fathers through ambition & tyrannie oppreſſed the poore, th childrẽ through power tie & miſerie ſhal ſeke fauour at ỹ poore.
d So that the thing, which he hath taken away by violẽce, ſhalbe reſtored againe by force
e Meaning, that he ſhal cary nothing away with him, but his ſinne
f As poyſon ỹ is ſwete in the mouthe bringeth deſtruction, when it cometh into ỹ body ſo all vice at ỹ firſt is pleaſant, but afterward God turneth it to deſtruction
g He compareth euil gotten goods to ỹ venim of aſpes, which ſerpent is moſte dangerous: noting that Iobs great riches were not truely come by, & therefore God did plague hi iuſtely for the ſame
h Thogh God gaue to all other abundance of his bleſſings, yet he ſhal haue no parte therof
i That is, theſe rauiners & ſpoilers of ỹ poore ſhal enioye their theft but for a time: or after God wil take it from them and cauſe thẽ to make reſtitutiõ, ſo ỹ it is but an exchãge
k He ſhal leaue nothing to his poſteritie.
l The wicked ſhal neuer be in reſt: for one wicked man ſhal ſeke to deſtroy another.

m Some read, vpon his fleſh, alluding to Iob, whoſe fleſh was ſmiten with a ſcabbe

25 *The arowe* is drawen out, and cometh forthe of the [n] body, and shineth of his gall, so feare cometh vpon him.
26 [o] All darkenes shalbe hid in his secret places: the fyre that is not [p] blowen, shal deuoure him, *and* that which remaineth in his tabernacle, shalbe destroied.
27 The heauen shal declare his wickednes, and the earth shal rise vp against him.
28 The [q] increase of his house shal go away: it shal flowe away in the day of his wrath.
29 This is the porcion of the wicked man from [r] God, & the heritage *that he shal haue* of God for his [s] wordes.

n Some read, of ỹ quiuer
o All feare & sorow shal light vpō him, when he thinketh to escape
p That is, fyre frō heauen, or ỹ fyre of Gods wrath
q Meaning, ỹ children of ỹ wicked shal flowe away like riuers and be dispersed in diuers places.
r Thus God wil plague the wicked
s Against God, thinking to excuse him selfe, and to escape Gods hand

CHAP. XXI.

Iob declareth how the prosperitie of the wicked maketh them proude. 15 In so muche that they blaspheme God. 16 Their destruction is at hand. 23 None ought to be iudged wicked for affliction, nether good for prosperitie.

1 BVt Iob answered, and said,
2 Heare diligently my wordes, and this [a] shalbe in stead of your consolations.
3 Suffre me, that I may speake, and when I haue spoken, mocke on.
4 Do I *direct* my talke to man? If it [b] were so, how shulde not my spirit be troubled?
5 Marke me, and be abashed, and lay your hand vpon *your* [c] mouth.
6 Euen when I remember, I am afraied, & feare taketh holde on my flesh.
7 Wherefore do the wicked [d] liue, *and* waxe olde, and growe in welth?
8 Their sede is established in their sight with them, and their generacion before their eies.
9 Their houses are peaceable without feare, and the rod of God is not vpon them.
10 Their bullocke gendreth, & faileth not: their cowe calueth, and casteth not her calfe.
11 They send forthe their children [e] like shepe, and their sonnes dance.
12 They take the tabret and harpe, and reioyce in the sounde of the organs.
13 They spend their daies in welth, and sodenly [f] they go downe to the graue.
14 Thei say also vnto God, Depart frō vs: for we desire not the [g] knowledge of thy waies.
15 Who is the Almightie, that we shulde serue him? and what profite shulde we haue, if we shulde pray vnto him?
16 Lo, their welth is not in their hand: [h] *therefore* let the counsel of the wicked [i] be farre from me.
17 How oft shal the candel of the wicked be put out? and their destructiō come vpon them? he wil deuide *their* liues in his wrath.
18 They shal be as stubble before the winde, and as chaffe that the storme caryeth away.

a Your diligēt marking of my wordes shalbe to me a great consolation.
b As though he wolde say, I do not talke with man, but with God, who wil not answer me, & therefore my minde mustnedes be troubled
c He chargeth them as though they were not able to cōprehēd this his feling of Gods iudgement, & exhorteth thē therefore to silence
d Iob proueth against his aduersaries that God punisheth not straight waies the wicked, but oft times giueth thē long life, and prosperitie: so that we must not iudge God iuste or vniuste by the things that appeare to our eye
e They haue store of children, lustie & helthful, & in these pointes he answereth to that which Zophár alledged before
f Not beig tormented with long sickenes.
g: They desire nothing more thē to be exēpt from all subiection that they shulde beare to God: this Iob sheweth his aduersaries, ỹ if they reason onely by ỹ which is sene by cōmune experience, ỹ wicked that hate God, are better dett with all, then they that loue him. It is not their owne, but God onely lendeth it vnto them, God kepe me from their prosperitie.

19 God wil lay vp the sorow *of the father* for his children: when he rewardeth him, he shal knowe it.
20 [k] His eies shal se his destruction, and he shal drinke of the wrath of ỹ Almightie.
21 For what pleasure hathe he in his house after him, when the nomber of his moneths is cut of?
22 Shal any teache [l] God knowledge, who iudgeth the hiest things?
23 One [m] dyeth in his ful strength, being in all ease and prosperitie.
24 His breasts are full of milke, and his bones runne ful of marowe.
25 And another [n] dyeth in the bitternes of his soule, and neuer eateth with pleasure.
26 They shal slepe bothe in [o] the dust, and the wormes shal couer them.
27 Beholde, I know your thoghts, and the enterpriises, *wherewith* ye do me wrong.
28 For ye say, Where is the princes [p] house? and where is the tabernacle of the wickeds dwelling?
29 May ye not [q] aske thē that go by ỹ way? and ye can not denie their signes.
30 But the wicked is kept vnto the day of [r] destructiō, & they shal be broght forthe to the day of wrath.
31 Who shal declare his waie [s] to his face? and who shal rewarde him for that he hathe done?
32 Yet shal he be broght to the graue, and remaine in the heape.
33 The [t] slimie valley shalbe swete vnto hī, and euerie man shal drawe after him, as before him there were innumerable.
34 How thē comfort [u] ye me in vaine, seīg in your answers there remaine but lyes?

k When God recompenseth his wickednes he shal knowe ỹ his prosperitie was but vanitie
l Who sendeth to the wicked prosperitie, & punisheth the godlie
m Meanīg, the wicked.
n To wit, the godlie
o As concerning their bodies: and this he speaketh according to ỹ commune iudgement
p Thus they cal Iobs house in derision, concluding ỹ it was destroied because he was wicked
q Which through long trauailing haue experience & tokens here of, to wit, that the wicked do prosper & the godlie liue in affliction
r Though the wicked florish here, yet God wil punish hī in the last day.
s Though men do flatter him, and none dare reproue him in this worlde, yet death is a tokē that God wil bring him to an account.
t He shal be glad to lie in a slimie pit, where before colde not be content with a royal palace
u Saying, that the iust in this worlde haue prosperitie & ỹ wicked aduersitie.

CHAP. XXII.

Eliphaz affirmeth that Iob is punished for his sinnes. 6 He accuseth him of vnmercifulnes. 13 And that he denied Gods prouidence. 21 He exhorteth him to repentance

1 THen Eliphaz the Temanite answered, and said,
2 May a man be [a] profitable vnto God, as he that is wise, may be profitable to him self?
3 * Is it any thing vnto the Almightie, that thou art righteous? or is it profitable *to him*, that thou makest thy wayes vpright?
4 Is it for feare [b] of thee that he wil accuse thee? *or* go with thee in to iudgement?
5 Is not thy wickednes great, & thine iniquities innumerable?
6 For thou hast taken the [c] pledge from thy brother for noght, and spoiled the clothes of the naked.
7 To suche as were weary, thou hast not giuen water to drinke, and hast withdrawen bread from the hungrie.

a Though a man were iuste, yet God colde haue no profite of this his iustice: and therefore when he punisheth him, he hathe no regard to his iustice, but to his sinne. *Chap. 35, 7.*
b Lest ỹ shuldest reproue or hurt him?
c Thou hast bene cruel and without charitie, & woldest do nothing for the poore, but for thine owne aduantage.

8 But

8 But the mightie man [d] had the earth, and he that was in autoritie, dwelt in it.
9 Thou haſt caſt out widowes emptie, and the armes of [e] the fatherles were broken.
10 Therefore ſnares *are* rounde about thee, and feare ſhal ſodenly trouble thee:
11 Or darkenes that thou ſhuldeſt not ſe, and [f] abũdance of waters ſhal couer thee.
12 Is not God on [g] hie in the heauen? & beholde the height of the [h] ſtarres how hie they are.
13 But thou ſaieſt, How ſhulde God [i] know? can he iudge through the darke cloude?
14 The cloudes hide him that he can not ſe, and he walketh in the circle of heauen.
15 Haſt thou marked the way of ỹ worlde, [k] wherein wicked men haue walked?
16 Which were [l] cut downe before the time, whoſe fundacion *was as* a riuer that ouerflowed:
17 Which ſaid vnto God, Departe from vs, and *aſked* what the Almightie colde do for them.
18 Yet he [m] filled their houſes with good things: but let the counſel of the wicked *be* farre from me.
19 The righteous ſhal ſe them, and ſhal reioyce, [n] and the innocent ſhal laugh them to ſcorne.
20 Surely [o] our ſubſtance is hid: but the fyre hathe deuoured the remnant of [p] them.
21 Therefore acquaint thy ſelf, I pray thee, [q] with him, and make peace: thereby thou ſhalt haue proſperitie.
22 Receiue, I pray thee, the law of his mouth, and laie vp his wordes in thine heart.
23 If thou returne to the Almightie, thou ſhalt [r] be buylt vp, & thou ſhalt put iniquitie farre from thy tabernacle.
24 Thou ſhalt lay vp golde for [ſ] duſt, and the golde of Ophir, as the ſtints of the riuers.
25 Yea, the Almightie ſhalbe thy defence, and thou ſhalt haue plentie of ſiluer.
26 And thou ſhalt thẽ delite in the Almightie, and lift vp thy face vnto God.
27 Thou ſhalt make thy prayer vnto him, and he ſhal heare thee, and thou ſhalt rendre thy vowes.
28 Thou ſhalt alſo decree a thing, & he ſhal eſtabliſh it vnto thee, and the [t] light ſhal ſhine vpon thy waies.
29 [u] When *others* are caſt downe, then ſhalt thou ſay, I am lifted vp: and *God* ſhal ſaue the humble perſone.
30 The innocent ſhal deliuer the [x] yland, and it ſhalbe preſerued by the purenes of thine hands.

d When thou waſt in power and autoritie, thou didſt not iuſtice, but wrong
e Thou haſt not onely not ſhewed pitie, but oppreſſed them
f That is, manifolde afflictions
g He accuſeth Iob of impietie & contẽpt of God, as though he wolde ſay, If thou paſſe not for men, yet conſider the height of Gods maieſtie
h That ſo muche the more by that excellent worke ỹ maieſt feare God and reuerence him
i He reproueth Iob as though he denied Godsprouidẽce, and that he colde not ſe ỹ thigs that were done in this worlde
k How God hath puniſhed them from the beginning?
l He proueth Gods prouidence by the puniſhement of the wicked, whome he taketh away before they can brig their wicked purpoſes to paſſe
m He anſwereth to that, which Iob had ſaid Chap 21, 7 that the wicked haue proſperitie in this worlde: deſiring that he might not be partaker of ỹ like
n The iuſt reioyce at the deſtruction of the wicked for two cauſes: firſt, becauſe God ſheweth him ſelf iudge of the worlde, & by this meanes continueth his honour and glorie: ſecõdly, becauſe God ſheweth that he hathe care ouer his in that he puniſheth their enemies.
o That is, the ſtate and preſeruation of ỹ godlie is hid vnder Gods wings.

p Meaning, of the wicked q He exhorteth Iob to repentance and to returne to God. r God wil reſtore vnto thee all thy ſubſtance
ſ Which ſhalbe in abundance like duſt t That is, the fauour of God.
u God wil deliuer his when the wicked are deſtroyed rounde about them, as in the flood and in Sodom x God wil deliuer a whole countrey from peril, euen for the iuſte mans ſake.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 Iob affirmeth that he both knoweth and feareth the power and ſentence of the Iudge. 10 And that he is not puniſhed onely for his ſinnes.

1 BVt Iob anſwered and ſaid,
2 Thogh my talke be this day in [a] bitternes, *and* my plague greater thẽ my groning,
3 Wolde God *yet* I knewe how to finde him, I wolde entre vnto his place.
4 I wolde pleade the cauſe before him, and fil my mouth with arguments.
5 I wolde knowe the wordes, *that* he wolde anſwer me, and wolde vnderſtand what he wolde ſay vnto me.
6 Wolde he [b] plead againſt me with *his* great power? No, but he wolde [c] put *ſtrength* in me.
7 [d] There the righteous might reaſon with him, ſo I ſhulde be deliuered for euer frõ my Iudge.
8 [e] Beholde, *if* I go to the Eaſt, he is not there: nor to the Weſt, yet I can not perceiue him:
9 *If* to the North where he worketh, yet I can not ſe him: he wil hide him ſelf in the South, and I can not beholde him.
10 But he knoweth my [f] way, *and* tryeth me, *and* I ſhal come forthe like the golde.
11 My fote hathe followed his ſteppes: his way haue I kept, and haue not declined.
12 Nether haue I departed from the commandement of his lippes, & I haue [g] eſtemed the wordes of his mouth more then mine appointed fode.
13 Yet he is in one *minde*, and who can [h] turne him? yea, he doeth what his minde deſireth.
14 For he wil performe that, which is decreed of me, and [i] many ſuche things *are* with him.
15 Therefore I am troubled at his preſence, & in conſidering it, I am afrayed of him.
16 For God [k] hathe ſoftened mine heart, & the Almightie hathe troubled me.
17 For I am not cut of in [l] darkenes, but he hathe hid the darkenes from my face.

a He ſheweth the iuſte cauſe of his cõplaining, & as touching that Elphaz had exhorted him to returne to God, chap 22, 21, he declareth that he defaieth nothing more: but it ſemed that God wolde not be foũde of him
b Vſing his abſolute power & ſaying, Becauſe I am God, I may do what I wil
c Of his mercie he wolde giue me power to anſwer hi
d When he of his mercie hathe giuen ſtrength ro maiſcine their cauſe
e Meaning, ỹ if he conſider Gods iuſtice, he is not able to cõprehende his iudgemẽts on what ſide or parte ſoeuer he turneth him ſelf
f God hathe this preeminẽce aboue me that he knoweth my waye: to wit, that I am innocent, and I am not able to iudge of his workes: he ſheweth alſo his conſidẽce, that God doeth viſite him for his profite
g His worde is more precious vnto me, theo the meat wherewith the bodie is ſuſteined

h Iob confeſſeth that at this preſent he felt not Gods fauour, and yet was aſſured, that he had appointed him to a good end i In many pointes man is not able to atteine to Gods iudgemẽts k That I ſhulde not be without feare l He ſheweth the cauſe of his feare, which is, that he being in trouble, ſeeth none end, nether yet knoweth the cauſe

CHAP. XXIIII.

2 Iob deſcribeth the wickednes of men, and ſheweth what curſe belongeth to the wicked. 12 How all things are gouerned by Gods prouidence. 17 And the deſtruction of the wicked.

1 HOw ſhulde not the times [a] be hid frõ the Almightie, ſeing that they which knowe him, ſe not his [b] daies?
2 *Some* remoue the land markes, that robbe the flockes and fede *thereof*.
3 They lead away the aſſe of the fatherles: *and* take the widowes oxe to pledge.

Mm 1.

a Thus Iob ſpeaketh in his paſſions and after the iudgement of the fleſh: that is, ỹ he ſeeth not the things that are done at times, nether ỹ he hathe a peculiar care ouer all, becauſe he puniſheth not the wicked, nor rewardeth the godlie.
b When he puniſheth the wicked and rewardeth the good

4 They make the poore to turne out of the way, ſo that the poore of the earth hide them ſelues [c] together.

[c] And for crueltie & oppreſsion dare not ſhewe their faces

5 Beholde, *others as* wilde aſſes in the wildernes, go forthe to their buſines, and [d] riſe early for a pray: the wildernes [e] *giueth* him & his children fode.

[d] That is, ſpare no diligence.
[e] He and his, liue by robbing and murdering

6 They reape [f] his prouiſiō in the field, but thei gather the latter [g] vītage of the wicked.

[f] Meaning the poore mans.
[g] Signifying, that one wicked man wil not ſpoile an other, but for neceſsitie.

7 Thei cauſe the naked to lodge without garmēt, & without couering in the colde.

8 They are wet with the ſhowres of the mountaines, [h] and thei imbrace the rocke for want of a couering.

[h] The poore are driuen by the wicked into rockes and holes, where thei cā not lie drye for the rayne.

9 They plucke the fatherles [i] frō the breaſt, and take the pledge [k] of the poore.

[i] That is, they ſo powle and pille ỹ poore widowe, ỹ ſhe can not haue to ſuſteine her ſelf, that ſhe may be able to giue her childe ſucke.
[k] That is, his garment, wherewith he ſhulde be couered or clad.

10 They cauſe him to go naked without clothing, and take the gleaning from the hungrie.

11 Thei ỹ make oyle [l] betwene their walles, and treade their winepreſſes, ſuffer thirſt.

[l] In ſuche places, ỹ are appointed for ỹ purpoſe: meaning, ỹ thoſe that labour for ỹ wicked, are pined for hunger.

12 Mē [m] crye out of the citie, & the ſoules of the ſlayne [n] crye out: yet God doeth [o] not charge them with follie.

[m] For ỹ great oppreſsion & extortion
[n] Crye out & call for vengeance.
[o] God doeth not condemne ỹ wicked, but ſeemeth to paſſe ouer it by his lōg ſilēce.

13 Theſe are thei, that abhorre the [p] light: thei knowe not the waies thereof, nor continue in the paths thereof.

[p] That is, Gods worde, becauſe they are reproued thereby

14 The murtherer riſeth earely & killeth the poore and the nedie: and in the night he is as a theſe.

15 The eye alſo of the [q] adulterer waiteth for the twylight, and ſaith, None eye ſhal ſe me, and diſguiſeth his face.

[q] By theſe particular vices, & the like ce thereūto, he wolde proue ỹ God puniſheth not ỹ wicked & rewardeth the iuſte

16 Thei digge through houſes in the darke, *which* they marked for them ſelues in the day: they knowe not the light.

17 But the morning *is* [r] quen to them as the ſhadow of death: if one knowe thē, *they are* in the terrours of the ſhadowe of death.

[r] He fleeth to the waters for his ſuccour

18 He is ſwift vpon the [s] waters: their [t] porcion ſhalbe curſed in the earth: he wil not beholde the way of the vineyardes.

[s] They thinke that all the worlde is bent againſt them, & dare not go by the hie way.
[t] As the drye grounde is neuer ful with waters, ſo wil thei neuer ceaſe ſinning, til thei come to the grane.

19 *As* the drye grounde & heat cōſume the ſnowe waters, *ſo ſhal* the graue [u] the ſinners.

[u] Thogh God ſuffer the wicked for a time, yet their end ſhal be moſte vile deſtruction, & in this point Iob cometh to him ſelf and ſheweth his confidence

20 [x] The pitiful man ſhal forget him: the worme *ſhal fede* his ſweetenes: he ſhalbe no more remēbred, & the wicked ſhalbe broken like a tree.

[x] He doeth euil intreat the baren, that doeth not beare, nether doeth he good to the widowe.

21 He draweth alſo ỹ [y] mightie by his power, & whē he riſeth vp, none is ſure of life.

[y] He ſheweth why the wicked ſhal not be lamented, becauſe he did not pitie others

22 Thogh men giue him aſſurance to be in ſauetie, yet his eyes *are* vpon their wayes.

23 Thei are exalted for a litle, but thei are gone, and are broght lowe as all *others*: thei are deſtroyed, and cut of as the top of an eare of corne.

[y] He declareth that after that the wicked haue deſtroyed the weakeſt, ther wil do like to the ſtronger, and therefore are iuſtely preuented by Gods iudgements.

25 But if it be not [z] ſo, where is he? *or* who wil proue me a lyer, & make my wordes of no value?

[z] That is, that contrary to your reaſoning no man can giue a perfite reaſon of Gods iudgements, let me be reproued.

CHAP. XXV.

Bildād proueth that no man is cleane nor without ſinne before God.

Chap. XXV.

1 THen anſwered Bildād the Shuhite, & ſaid,

2 [a] Power & feare *is* with him, that maketh peace in his hie places.

[a] His purpoſe is to proue, ỹ albeit God trye and afflict the iuſte, yet ſone after he ſendeth proſperitie, & becauſe he did not ſo to Iob, he concludeth that he is wicked

3 Is there any nomber in his armies? & vpō whome [b] ſhal not his light ariſe?

[b] Who cā hide him frō his preſence?

4 And how may a man [c] be iuſtified with God? or how can he be cleane, that is borne of woman?

[c] That is, be iuſte in reſpect of God?

5 Beholde, he wil giue no light to the moone, [d] and the ſtarres are vncleane in his ſight.

[d] If God ſhew his power, the moone & ſtarres cā not haue that light, wīch is giuen thē, muche leſſe cā man haue any excellēcie, but of God

6 How muche more man, a worme, euē the ſonne of man, *which is but* a worme?

CHAP. XXVI.

Iob ſheweth that man can not helpe God, & proueth it by his miracles.

Chap. XXVI.

1 BVt Iob anſwered, and ſaid,

2 [a] Whome helpeſt thou? him that hathe no power? ſaueſt thou the arme that hathe no ſtrength?

[a] Thou cōcludeſt nothing: for nether ỹ helpeſt me, wīch am deſtitute of all helpe, nether yet ſpeakeſt ſufficiētly on Gods behalfe, who hathe no nede of thy defence

3 Whome counſeleſt thou? him that hathe no wiſdome? thou [b] ſheweſt right wel as the thing is.

[b] But ỹ doeſt not applie it to ỹ purpoſe

4 To whome doeſt ỹ declare *theſe* wordes? or whoſe ſpirit [c] cometh out of thee?

[c] That is, moueth thee to ſpeake this?

5 The [d] dead things are formed vnder the waters, and nere vnto them.

[d] Iob beginneth to declare the force of Gods power & prouidence in the mines and metals in the depe places of the earth

6 The graue is [e] naked before him, & there is no couering for [f] deſtruction.

[e] There is nothing hid in ỹ bottom of the earth, but he ſeeth it
[f] Meaning, the graue wherein thigs putrifie.

7 He ſtretcheth out the [g] North ouer the emptie place, and hangeth the earth vpon nothing.

[g] He cauſeth ỹ whole heauen to turne about ỹ North pole.

8 He bindeth the waters in his cloudes, and the clonde is not broken vnder them.

9 He holdeth backe the face of his throne: [h] and ſpreadeth his cloude vpon it.

[h] That is, hideth ỹ heauens, which are called his throne

10 He hathe ſet bondes about the waters, vntil the [i] day and night come to an end.

[i] So lōg as this worlde endureth

11 The [k] pillers of heauen tremble and quake at his reproſe.

[k] Not that heauē hathe pillers to vpholde it, but he ſpeaketh by a ſimilitude, as thogh he wolde ſay, The heauen it ſelf is not able to abide his reproche

12 The ſea is calme by his power, & by his vnderſtanding he ſmiteth ỹ pride *thereof*.

13 His Spirit hathe garniſhed the heauēs, & his hand hathe formed ỹ crooked [l] ſerpēt.

[l] Which is a figure of ſtarres faſhioned like a ſerpent, becauſe of the crookednes

14 Lo, theſe are parte of his wayes: but [m] how litle a portion heare we of him? and who can vnderſtand his feareful power?

[m] If theſe fewe things, which we ſe daily without eyes, declare his great power and prouidence, how muche more wolde they appeare, if we were able to comprehend all his workes?

CHAP. XXVII.

3 The conſtancie and perſitnes of Iob. 13 The rewarde of the wicked and of the tyrants.

1 MOreouer Iob proceded and continued his parable, ſaying,

2 The

2 The liuing God hathe taken away my
a iudgement: for the Almightie hathe put
my soule in bitternes.
3 Yet so lōg as my breath is in me, and the
Spirit of God in my nostrels,
4 My lips surely shal speake no wickednes,
b and my tongue shal vttei no deceit.
5 God forbid, that I shulde c iustifie you:
vntil I dye, I wil neuer take away mine
d innocencie from my self.
6 I wil kepe my righteousnes, and wil not
forsake it: mine heart shal not reproue me
of my e dayes.
7 Mine enemie shalbe as the wicked, & he
that riseth against me, as the vnrighteous.
8 For what f hope hathe the hypocrite whē
he hathe heaped vp riches, if God take a-
way his soule?
9 Wil God heare his crye, when trouble
cometh vpon him?
10 Wil he set his delite on the Almightie?
wil he call vpō God at all times?
11 I wil teach you *what is in* ỹ hād of g God,
& I wil not conceil that which is with the
Almightie.
12 Beholde, all ye your selues h haue sene it:
why then do you thus vanish i in vanitie?
13 This is the k porcion of a wicked man
with God, & the heritage of tyrāts, *which*
they shal receiue of the Almightie.
14 If his children be in great nomber, the
sworde *shal destroy* them, and his poste rite
shal not be satisfied with bread.
15 His remnant shal be buryed in death, &
his widowes l shal not wepe.
16 Thogh he shulde heape vp siluer as the
dust, and prepare raiment as the clay,
17 He may prepare it, but the iuste shal put
it on, and the innocēt shal deuide ỹ siluer.
18 He buyldeth his house as the m mothe,
and as a lodge that the watchman maketh.
19 When the riche man slepeth, n he shal
not be gathered *to his fathers*: they opened
their eyes, and he was gone.
20 Terrours shal take him as waters, *and* a
tempest shal carie him away by night.
21 The East wind shal take him away, & he
shal departe: and it shal hurlle him out of
his place.
22 And *God* shal cast vpon him & not spare,
though he wolde faine flee out of his hand.
23 *Euerie man* shal clap their hands at him,
and hisse at him out of their place.

a He hathe so sore afflicted me, that mē cā not iudge of mine vprightnes: for they iudge onelyby outward signes
b Howsoeuer men iudge of me, yet wil I not speake cōtrarie to that, which I haue said, and to do wickedly in betraying the trueth
c Which condemne me as a wicked mā, because ỹ hād of God is vpō me
d I will not cōfesse that God doeth thus punish me for my sinnes
e Of my life past
f What aduātage hathe the dissembler to gaine neuer so much, seing he shal lose his owne soule?
g That is, what God reserueth to him self, & whereof he giueth not the knowledge to all
h That is, these secret iudgements of God, and yet do not vnderstand them
i Why maintaine you thē this errour?
k Thus wil God ordre the wicked, & punish him euen vnto his posteritie
l None shal lament him
m Which breedeth in another mans possession or garmēt, but is soone shaken out.
n He meaneth that the wicked tyrants shal not haue a quiet death, nor be buried honorably.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Iob sheweth that the wisdome of God is Vnsercheable.

1 THe siluer surely hathe his vaine, a & the golde his place, *where* thei take it.
2 Yron is taken out of the dust, and brasse is molten out of the stone.
3 *God* putteth an end to darknes, b & he tryeth the perfectiō of all things: he setteth a bōde of darkenes, & of ỹ shadow of death.
4 The flood breaketh out against the c in-
habitant, *and the waters* d forgotten of the
fote, being higher thē mā, are gone away.
5 Out of the same earth cometh e bread, &
vnder it, as it were fyre is turned vp.
6 The stones thereof *are* a place f of sa-
phirs, and the dust of it *is* golde.
7 There is a path which no foule hathe
known, nether hathe the kites eye sene it.
8 The lions whelps haue not walked it, nor
the lion passed thereby.
9 He putteth his hand vpon the g rockes, &
ouerthroweth the moūtaines by ỹ rootes.
10 He breaketh riuers in the rockes, and his
eye seeth euerie precious thing.
11 He bindeth the floods, that they do not
ouerflowe, & the thing that is hid, bringeth he to light.
12 But where is wisdome foūde? h & where
is the place of vnderstanding?
13 Man knoweth not i the price thereof: for
it is not found in the land of the liuing.
14 The depth saith, It is not in me: the sea
also saith, It is not with me.
15 k Golde shal not be giuen for it, nether
shal siluer be weighed for ỹ price thereof.
16 It shal not be valued with the wedge of
golde of Ophir, *nor* with the precious o-
nix, nor the saphir.
17 The golde nor the christal shal be equal
vnto it, nor the exchange *shalbe* for plate
of fine golde.
18 No mencion shalbe made of coral, nor
of the l gabrish: for wisdome is more pre-
cious then perles.
19 The Topaz of Ethiopia shal not be e-
qual vnto it, nether shal it be valued with
the wedge of pure golde.
20 Whence thē cometh wisdome? and whe-
re is the place of vnderstanding,
21 Seing it is hid from the eyes of all the liu-
ing, & is hid frō the m foules of ỹ heauē?
22 Destruction and death say, We haue he-
ard the fame thereof with our eares.
23 *But* God vnderstādeth the n way thereof,
and he knoweth the place thereof.
24 For he beholdeth the ends of ỹ worlde,
& seeth all that is vnder heauen,
25 To make the weight of the windes, & to
weigh the waters by measure.
26 When he made a decree for the raine, &
a way for the lightening of the thunders,
27 Then did he se it, and counted it: he pre-
pared it and also considered it.
28 And vnto man he said, Beholde, * the
o feare of the Lord is wisdome, and to de-
parte from euil *is* vnderstanding.

a His purpose is to declare that man may attaine in this worlde to diuers secrets of nature, but mā is neuer able to comprehēd the wisdome of God.
b There is nothing but it is cōpased within certeine limites, & hathe an end, but Gods wisdom
c Meaning him that dwelleth thereby.
d Which a mā can not wade through
e That is, cornes and vnder nethe as brimstone or cole, which easily conceiueth fyre.
f He alludeth, to the mines and secrets of nature, which are vnder the earth, whereinto nether foules nor beastes cā entre.
g After that he hathe declared the wisdome of God in the secretes of nature, he describeth his power
h Thogh Gods power, & wisdome may be vnderstand in earthly thīgs, yet his heauēlie wisdome can not be atteined vnto
i It is to hie a thing for man to atteine vnto in this worlde
k It cā nether be boght for golde, nor precious stones, but is onely ỹ gift of God
l Which is thoght to be a kinde of precious stone.
m Meaning, ỹ there is no naturall meanes, whereby man might atteine to the heauenlie wisdome: which he meaneth by the foules, that flie hie
n He maketh God onely ỹ autor of this wisdome, and the giuer therof.
* *Prouerb. 1, 7*
o He declareth that mā hathe so muche of this heauenlie wisdome as he sheweth by fearing God, and departing from euil

CHAP. XXIX.

Iob complaineth of the prosperitie of the time past.
7 and his authoritie. 12 Iustice and equitie.

1 SO Iob proceded and continued his pa-
rable, saying,
2 Oh that I were as " in times past, when
God preserued me!

" *Ebr. moneths before.*

a When I felt his fauour

29 When his a light ſhined vpō mine head: *& when* by his light I walked through the b darkenes,

b I was fre from affliction.

4 As I was in the dayes of my youth: when c Gods prouidēce *was* vpō my tabernacle:

c That is, ſemed by euident tokens to be more preſent with me

5 When the Almightie was yet with me, & my children rounde about me:

d By theſe ſimilitudes he declareth the great proſperitie, that he was in, ſo that he had none occaſion to be ſuche a ſinner as they accuſed him.

6 When I waſhed my paths d with butter, and when the rocke powred me out riuers of oyle:

e Being aſhamed of their lightnes, and afraied of my grauitie.

7 When I went out to the gate, *euen* to the iudgemēt ſeat, *and when* I cauſed them to prepare my ſeat in the ſtrete.

8 The yong men ſawe me, and e hid them ſelues, and the aged aroſe, *and* ſtode vp.

9 The princes ſtayed talke, and laied their hand on their f mouth.

f Acknowledging my wiſdome

10 The voyce of princes was hid, and their tongue cleaued to ỹ roofe of their mouth.

g All that heard me, praiſed me

11 And when the g eare heard me, it bleſſed me: and when the eye ſawe *me*, it gaue witnes to h me.

h Teſtifying ỹ I did good iuſtice

12 For I deliuered the i poore that cryed, and the fatherles, and him that had none to helpe him.

i Becauſe his aduerſaries did ſo much charge him with wickednes, he is cōpelled to rendre a coūte of his life

13 k The bleſsing of him that was ready to periſh, came vpon me, and I cauſed the widowes heart to reioyce.

k That is, I did ſuccour him ỹ was in deſtreſſe, and ſo he had cauſe to praiſe me

14 I put l on iuſtice, and it couered me: my iudgement *was* as a robe, and a crowne.

l I delited to do iuſtice as others did, to weare coſtely apparel.

15 I was the eyes to the blinde, and I was the fete to the lame.

16 I was a father vnto the poore, and *when* I knewe not the cauſe, I ſoght it out diligently.

17 I brake alſo the chawes of the vnrighteous man, and pluckt the praye out of his tethe.

m That is, at home in my bed without all trouble, and vnquietnes.

18 Then I ſaid, I ſhal dye in my m neſt, and I ſhal multiplie *my* dayes as the ſande.

n My felicitie doeth increaſe

19 *For* my roote is n ſpred out by the water, and the dewe ſhal lye vpon my branche.

o That is, was pleaſant vnto them

20 My glorie ſhal renue toward me, and my bowe ſhal be reſtored in mine hand.

p As the drye grounde thirſteth for the raine.

21 Vnto me men gaue eare, and waited, and helde their tongue at my counſel.

22 After my wordes thei replied not, & my talke o dropped vpon them.

q That is, thei thoght it not to be a ieſt, or thei thoght not ỹ I wold cōdeſcēd vnto thē

23 And they waited for me, as for the raine, and they opened their mouth p as for the latter raine.

r They were afraied to offend me, and cauſe me to be angrie

24 *If* I q laughed on them, they beleued it not: nether did they cauſe the light of my countenance r to fall.

s I had them at commandement

25 I appointed out s their way, and did ſit as chief, and dwelt as a King in the armie, *and* like him that comforteth ỹ mourners.

CHAP. XXX.

Iob complaineth that he is contemned of the moſte contemptible, 11. 21. Becauſe of his aduerſitie and affliction. 23 Death is the houſe of all fleſh.

t That is, mine eſtate is chāged, & where as before the ancient men were glad to do me reuerence, the yong men now contemne me.

BVt now they that are yonger then I, t mocke me: *yea*, thei whoſe fathers I haue refuſed to ſet with the u dogges of my flockes.

u Meaning, to be my ſhepherdes, or to kepe my dogges.

2 For where to ſhulde the ſtrength of their hands haue ſerued me, *ſeing* age x periſhed in them?

x That is, theſe fathers dyed for famine before they came to age.

3 For pouertie and famine *they were* ſolitarie, fleing into the wildernes, *which is* darke, deſolate and waſte.

4 They cut vp y nettels by the buſhes, and the iuniper rootes *was* their meat.

y Or, *malue.*

5 Thei were z chaſed forthe from among *men*: they ſhowted at them, as at a theefe.

z Iob ſheweth that theſe that mocked him in his afflictiō, were like to their fathers, wicked, and lewde fellowes, ſuche as he here deſcribeth.

6 Therefore they dwelt in the cleſts of riuers, in the holes of the earth and rockes.

7 They roared among the buſhes, and vnder the thiſtels they gathered them ſelues.

8 *They were* the children of fooles and the children of villaines, which were more vile then the earth.

9 And now am I their a ſong, & I am their talke.

a They make ſongs of me, & mocke at my miſerie.

10 They abhorre me, *and* flee farre from me, and ſpare not to ſpit in my face.

11 Becauſe that *God* hathe loſed my b corde and humbled me, c they haue loſed the bridel before me.

b God hathe take frō me ỹ force, credit & autoritie, wherewith I kept them in ſubiection.

c He ſaid that the yong men whē they ſaw him, hid them ſelues, as chap. 29, 8. and now in his miſerie they were impudent and licencious

12 The youth riſe vp at my right hād: they haue puſht my fete, and haue trode on me *as on* the d paths of their deſtruction.

d That is, thei ſoght by all meanes how thei might deſtroye me

13 They haue deſtroyed my paths: they toke pleaſure at my calamitie, they had none e helpe.

e They nede none to helpe them.

14 They came as a great breache *of waters*, *and* f vnder this calamitie they come on heapes.

f By my calamitie they toke an occaſiō againſt me

15 Feare is turned vpō me: *and* thei purſue my ſoule as the winde, and mine health paſſeth away as a cloude.

g My life faileth me, and I am as halfe dead

16 Therefore my ſoule is now g powred out vpon me, and the dayes of affliction haue taken holde on me.

h Meaning, ſorowe.

17 h It perceth my bones in the night, and my ſinewes take no reſt.

18 For the great vehemencie is my garmēt chāged, *which* compaſſeth me about as the colar of my coate.

i That is, God hathe broght me into contempt.

19 i He hathe caſt me into the myre, and I am become like aſhes and duſt.

20 When I crye vnto thee, ỹ doeſt not heare me, nether regardeſt me, *whē* I ſtād vp.

k He ſpeaketh not thus to accuſe God, but to declare the vehemencie of his affliction, whereby he was caryed beſide hiſelf.

21 Thou turneſt thy ſelf k cruelly againſt me, and art enemie vnto me with the ſtrength of thine hand.

l He compareth his afflictions to a tēpeſt, or whirle winde

22 Thou takeſt me vp *and* cauſeſt me to ride vpon the l winde, and makeſt my m ſtrength to faile.

m Or, *wiſdome*, or *Law*

23 Surely I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the houſe appointed for all the liuing.

24 Doutles none can ſtretche his hand q vnto the graue, thogh they crye in his deſtruction.

q None can deliuer me thence thogh they lament at my death.

25 Did not I wepe with him ỹ was in trouble?

ble? was not my ſoule in heauines for the poore?

26 Yet when I loked for good, [r] euil came vnto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkenes.

27 My bowels did boyle without reſt: *for* the dayes of affliction are come vpon me.

28 I wēt mourning [s] without ſunne: I ſtode vp in the congregacion [t] *and* cryed.

29 I am a brother to the [u] dragons, and a companion to the oſtriches.

30 My ſkinne is blacke vpō me, and my bones are burnt with [x] heat.

31 Therefore mine harp is turned to mourning, and mine organs into the voyce of them that wepe.

r In ſtead of cōforting they mocked at me.
s Not deliting in anie worldely thing, no not ſo muche, as in the vſe of the ſunne.
t Lamenting thē that were in affliction, & mouing others to pitie them.
u I am like ỹ wilde beaſtes that deſire moſte ſolitarie places
x With the heat of affliction.

CHAP. XXXI.

Iob reciteth the innocencie of his liuing, and nomber of his vertues, which declareth what ought to be the life of the faithful.

1 I Made [a] couenant with mine eyes: why thē ſhulde I thinke on [b] a maid?

2 For what porcion *ſhulde I haue* of God from aboue? and *what* inheritance of the Almightie from on hie?

3 Is not deſtruction to the wicked & ſtrāge *puniſhement* to [c] the workers of iniquitie?

4 Doeth not he beholde my wayes and tell all my ſteppes?

5 If I haue walked in vanitie, or if my fote hath made haſte to deceit,

6 Let God weigh me in the iuſte balance, and he ſhal knowe mine [d] vprightnes.

7 If my ſtep hathe turned out of the way, or mine heart hathe [e] walked after mine eye, or if anie blot hathe cleaued to mine hands,

8 Let me ſowe, & let another [f] eat: yea, let my plants be rooted out.

9 If mine heart hathe bene deceiued by a woman, or if I haue layd wayte at the dore of my neigbour,

10 Let my wife [g] grinde vnto another mā, and let other men bowe downe vpon her.

11 For this is a wickednes, and iniquitie to be condemned.

12 Yea, this is a fyre that ſhal deuoure [h] to deſtruction, and which ſhal roote out all mine increaſe,

13 If I did contemne the iudgement of my ſeruant, and of my maid, when they [i] did contend with me.

14 What then ſhal I do when [k] God ſtādeth vp? and when he ſhal viſite *me*, what ſhal I anſwer?

15 He that hathe made me in the wombe, hathe he not made [l] him? hathe not he alone facioned vs in the wombe?

16 If I reſtrained the poore of *their* deſire, or haue cauſed the eyes of the widowe [m] to faile,

17 Or haue eaten my morſels alone, & the fatherles hathe not eaten thereof,

18 (For from my youth he hathe growē vp with me [n] as *with* a father, & from my mothers wombe I haue bene a guide vnto her)

19 If I haue ſene anie periſh for want of clothing, or any poore without couering,

20 If his loines haue not bleſſed me, becauſe he was warmed w̄ the fleece of my ſhepe,

21 If I haue lift [o] vp mine hand againſt the fatherles, when I ſawe that I might helpe him in the gate,

22 Let mine [p] arme fall frō my ſhulder, & mine arme be broken from the bone.

23 For Gods puniſhment was [q] fearful vnto me, and I colde not *be deliuered* from his highnes.

24 If I made golde mine hope, or haue ſaid to the wedge of golde, *Thou* art my confidence,

25 If I reioyced becauſe my ſubſtance was great, or becauſe mine hand had gotten muche,

26 If I did beholde the [r] ſunne, when it ſhined, or the moone, walking in *her* brightenes,

27 If mine heart did flatter me in ſecret, or if my mouth did kiſſe mine [s] hand,

28 (This alſo had bene an iniquitie to be condemned: for I had denyed the God [t] aboue)

29 If I reioyced at his deſtruction that hated me, or was moued *to ioye* when euil came vpon him,

30 Nether haue I ſuffred my mouth to ſinne, by wiſhing a curſſe vnto his ſoule.

31 Did not the men of my [u] tabernacle ſay, Who ſhal giue vs of his fleſh? we can not be ſatiſfied.

32 The ſtrāger did not lodge in the ſtrete, *but* I opened my dores vnto him, that wēt by the way.

33 If I haue hid [x] my ſinne, as Adam, concealing mine iniquitie in my boſom,

34 Thogh I colde haue made afraied a great multitude, yet the moſt contemptible of the families did [y] feare me: ſo I kept [z] ſilence, and went not out of the dore.

35 Oh that I had ſome to heare me! beholde my [a] ſigne that the Almightie wil witnes for me: thogh mine aduerſarie ſhulde write a boke *againſt me*,

36 Wolde not I take it vpon my ſhulder, & binde it as [b] a crowne vnto me?

37 I wil tel him the nomber of my goings, and go vnto him as to a [c] prince.

38 If my land [d] crye againſt me, or the forrowes thereof complaine together,

39 If I haue eaten the frutes thereof without ſiluer: or if I haue grieued [e] the ſoules of the maſters thereof,

40 Let thiſtles growe in ſtead of wheat, & cokle in the ſtead of barly.

THE [f] VVORDES OF IOB ARE ENDED

a I kept mine eyes from all wanton lokes.
b Wolde not God then haue puniſhed me?
c Iob declareth that the feare of God was a bridel to ſtay him from all wickednes.
d He ſheweth wherein his vprightnes ſtādeth: that is, in as muche as he was blameles before men, & ſinned not againſt the ſecond table.
e That is, haue accompliſhed the luſt of mine eye.
f According to the curſe of the Law, Deu. 28, 33
g Let her be made a ſlaue
h He ſheweth that albeit mā neglect the puniſhement of adulterie, yet the wrath of God wil neuer ceaſe til ſuche be deſtroyed
i When they thoght them ſelues euil intreated by me
k If I had oppreſſed others, how ſhulde I haue eſcaped Gods iudgement?
l He was moued to ſhewe pitie vnto ſeruants, becauſe they were Gods creatures as he was.
m By long waiting for her requeſt
n He nouriſhed ỹ fatherles & maintened the widowes cauſe.
o To oppreſſe him & do him iniurie.
p Let me rott in pieces
q I refrained not from ſinning for feare of men, but becauſe I feared God
r If I was proude of my worldelie proſperitie & felicitie, which is ment by the ſhining of the ſunne & brightenes of the moone
s If mine owne doings delited me
t By putting confidence in any thing, but in him alone
u My ſeruants moued me to be reuēged of mine enemie, yet did I neuer wiſh him hurt.
x And not confeſſed it frely: whereby it is euident that he iuſtified hi ſelfe before men and not before God
y That is, I reuerenced the moſte weake & contemned & was afraied to offend them
z I ſuffred thē to ſpeake euil of me and wēt not out of my houſe to reuēge it.
a This is a ſufficient token of my righteouſnes, that God is my witnes and wil iuſtifie my cauſe
b Shulde not this boke of his accuſatiōs be a praiſe & condemnation to me?
c I wil make him a coūte of all my life, without feare.
d As thogh I had withholden their wages that laboured in it.
e Meaning, that he was no briber nor extortioner
f That is, the talke which he had with his three frendes.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Elihú reproueth them of foly. 8 Age maketh not a man wise, but the Spirit of God.

1 SO these thre men ceased to answer Iob, because he "esteemed him selfe iust.

[b] Ebr. was iust in his owne eyes

2 Thē the wrath of Elihú the sonne of Barachél the [a] Buzite, of ỹ familie of [b] Ram, was kindled: his wrath, *I say*, was kindled against Iob, because he iustified him self [c] more then God.

a Which came of Buz ỹ sonne of Nahor Abrahams brother

b Or, as the Chalde paraphraſt readeth, Abram

c By making him self innocent, and by charging God of rigour

3 Also his anger was kindled against his thre friends, because they colde not finde an answer, *and* yet condemned Iob.

4 (Now Elihú had waited til Iob had spoken: for [d] they were more ancient in yeres then he)

d That is, the thre mēcioned before.

5 So when Elihú sawe, that there was none answer in the mouth of the thre men, his wrath was kindled.

6 Therefore Elihú the sonne of Barachél, the Buzite answered, and said, I am yong in yeres, and ye are ancient: therefore I douted, and was afrayed to shewe you mine opinion.

[e] Meaning, the ancient, which haue experiēce

7 *For* I said, The dayes [e] shal speake, and the multitude of yeres shal teache wisdome.

[f] It is a special gift of God that man hathe vnderstanding, and cometh nether of nature nor by age:

8 Surely there is a spirit in man, [f] but the inspiracion of the Almightie giueth vnderstanding.

9 Great men are not *alway* wise, nether do the aged *all way* vnderstand iudgement.

10 Therefore I say, Heare me, *and* I wil shewe also mine opinion.

11 Beholde, I did waite vpon your wordes & hearkened vnto your knowledge, whiles you soght out [g] reasons.

[g] To proue ỹ Iobs affliction came for his sinnes.

12 Yea, when I had considered you, lo, there was none of you that reproued Iob, nor answered his wordes:

[h] And flatter your selues, as though you had ouercome him

13 Lest ye shulde say, We haue [h] founde wisdome: *for* God hathe cast him downe, & no man.

[i] To wit, Iob

14 Yet hathe [i] he not directed *his* wordes to me, nether wil I answer [k] him by your wordes.

[k] He vseth almost the like arguments, but without taūting, and reproches.

15 *Then* they fearing, answered no more, *but* left of their talke.

16 When I had waited (for they spake not, but stode stil *and* answered no more)

17 *Then* answered I in my turne, & I shewed mine opinion.

[l] I haue conceiued in my minde great store of reasons.

18 For I am ful of [l] matter, & the spirit within me compelleth me.

19 Beholde, my bellie *is* as the wine, which hathe no vent, & like the newe bottels that braſt.

20 *Therefore* wil I speake, that I may take breath: I wil open my lippes, and wil answer.

[m] I wil nether haue regarde to riches, credit nor autoritie, but wil speake the veritie truely.

21 I wil not now accept the persone of mā, [m] nether wil I giue titles to man.

22 For I may not giue [n] titles, *lest* my Maker shulde take me away sodenly.

[n] The Ebrew worde signifieth to change the name, as to call a foole a wise man: meaning that he wolde not cloke the trueth to flatter men

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Elihú accuseth Iob of ignorance. 14 He sheweth that God hathe diuers meanes to instruct man and to drawe him from sinne. 19 He afflicteth man and sodenly deliuereth him. 26 Man being deliuered, giueth thankes to God.

1 WHerefore, Iob, I pray thee, heare my talke and hearken vnto all my wordes.

Chap XXXIII.

a I confesse ỹ power of God, & am one of his therefore thou oghtest to heare me

2 Beholde now, I haue opened my mouth: my tongue hathe spoken in my mouth.

b Because Iob had wished to dispute his cause with God, Chap 16, 21, so that he might do it without feare, Elihú sayth, he wil reason in Gods stead, whome he nedethnot to feare, because he is a man made of the same matter that he is.

3 My wordes *are* in the vprightenes of mine heart, and my lippes shal speake pure knowledge.

4 The [a] Spirit of God hathe made me, & the breath of the Almightie hathe giuen me life.

c I wil not handle thee so roughly as the se others haue done

5 If thou canst giue me answer, prepare thy selfe & stand before me.

6 Beholde, I am according to thy wish in [b] Gods stead: I am also formed of the clay.

d He repeateth Iobs wordes, whereby he pretted his innocencie in diuers places, but specially in the 13, 16 & 36 Chap

7 Beholde, my terrour shal not feare thee, nether shal mine hād [c] be heauy vpō thee.

8 Douteles thou hast spoken in mine eares, and I haue heard the voyce of *thy* wordes.

9 I am [d] cleane, without sinne: I am innocent, and there is none iniquitie in me.

e The cause of his iudgemēts is not alwayes declared to man

10 Lo, he hathe founde occasions against me, and counted me for his enemie.

11 He hathe put my fete in the stockes, and loketh narowly vnto all my paths.

12 Beholde, in this hast thou not done right: I wil answer thee, ỹ God is greater thē mā

f Though God by soundrie examples of his iudgments speake vnto man, yet the reason thereof is not knowen: yea & though God shulde speake, yet he is not vnderstand

13 Why doest thou striue against him? for he doeth not [e] giue account of all his matters?

14 For God speaketh [f] once or twise, & one seeth it not.

g God, saith he, speaketh cōmunely, either by visions to teache vs the cause of his iudgements, or els by afflictiōs, or by his messenger

15 In dreames & [g] visions of the night, whē slepe falleth vpon men, and they slepe vpon *their* beddes,

16 Then he openeth the eares of mē, euen by their corrections, *which* he [h] had sealed,

h That is, determined to send vpon thē.

17 That he might cause man to turne away from *his* enterprise, and that he might hide the [i] pride of man,

i He sheweth for what end God sendeth afflictions: to beat downe mās pride, & to turne frō euil.

18 And kepe backe his soule frō the pit, & ỹ his life shulde not passe by the sworde.

k That is, his painful & miserable life.

19 He is also striken with sorow vpon his bed, and the grief of his bones *is* sore,

20 So that his [k] life causeth him to abhorre bread, and his soule daintie meat.

l To them that shal burie him

21 His flesh faileth that it can not be sene, & his bones *which* were not sene, clatter.

22 So his soule draweth to the graue, & his life [l] to the buriers.

m A man sent of God to declare his wil.

23 If there be a [m] messenger with him, or an interpreter, one of a thousand [n] to declare vnto man his righteousnes,

n A singular man, & as one of God vnto sinners: & wherein mans righteousnes standeth, which is through the iustice of Iesus Christ & saith therein

24 Then wil he haue [o] mercie vpon him, and say, Deliuer him, that he go not down into the pit, for I haue founde a raunsome.

o He sheweth that it is a sure toke of Gods mercie towards sinners, whē he causeth his worde to be preached vnto thē:

25 His flesh shal be fresher then a childes: he shal returne to the dayes of his youth.

26 He shal pray vnto God, and he wil be fauourable vnto him, and he shal see his face with ioye: for he wil render vnto man his righteousnes.

27 He shal looke vpon men, and if any say, I haue sinned, and peruerted that which was right, and it profited me not,

28 He wil deliuer his soule from going into the pit, and his life shal see the light.

29 Lo, all these things God worketh twise or thre times with man,

30 To bring his soule from the pit, that he may be lightened with the light of the liuing.

31 Marke wel, Iob, hearken vnto me: hold your peace, and I wil speake.

32 If thou haste any thing to say, answer me: speake, for I desire to iustifie thee.

33 If not, hearken thou vnto me: hold your peace, and I shal teache thee wisdome.

and wil ſaie, p Deliuer him, that he go not downe into the pit: for I haue receiued a reconciliation.

25 Thē ſhal his fleſh be q as freſh as a childs, & ſhal returne as in ỹ daies of his youth.

26 He ſhal pray vnto God, and he wil be fauourable vnto him, and he ſhal ſe his face with ioy: for he wil rendre vnto man his r righteouſnes.

27 He loketh vpon mē, and if one ſay, I haue ſinned, and ſ peruerted righteouſnes, and it did not profit t me,

28 u He wil deliuer his ſoule from going into the pit, and his life ſhal ſe the light.

29 Lo, all theſe thīgs wil God worke x twiſe or thriſe with a man,

30 That he may turne backe his ſoule frō the pit, to be illuminate in the light of the liuing.

31 Marke wel, ô Iob, & heare me: kepe ſilence, and I wil ſpeake.

32 If there be y matter, anſwer me, & ſpeake: for I deſire to z iuſtifie thee.

33 If thou haſt not, heare me: holde thy tongue, and I wil teache thee wiſdome.

p That is, the miniſter ſhal by the preaching of the worde pronounce vnto him ỹ forgiuenes of his ſinnes.
q He ſhal fele Gods fauour and reioyce: declarīg hereby, wherein ſtandeth the true ioy of the faithful: and ỹ God wil reſtore hī to health of body, which is a token of his bleſsing
r God wil forgiue his ſinnes and accept hī as iuſte
s That is, done wickedly
t But my ſinne hathe bene the cauſe of Gods wrath toward me.
u God wil forgiue the penitent ſinner
x Meaning, ofte times, euen as oft as a ſinner doeth repent
y If thou doute of any thing, or ſe occaſion to ſpeake againſt it.
z That is, to ſhewe thee, wherein mans iuſtification conſiſteth.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 Elihú chargeth Iob, that he called him ſelfe righteous. 12 He ſheweth that God is iuſt in his iudgemēts. 24 God deſtroyeth the mightie. 30 By him the hypocrite reigneth.

1 MOreouer Elihú anſwered, and ſaid,
2 Heare my wordes, ye a wiſe men, and harkē vnto me, ye that haue knowledge.
3 For the eare tryeth the wordes, as ỹ mouth taſteth meat.
4 Let vs ſeke b iudgement among vs, & let vs knowe among our ſelues what is good.
5 For Iob hathe ſaid, I am righteous, and God hathe taken c away my iudgement.
6 Shulde I lye in my d right? my *wounde* of the arowe is e grieuous without *my* ſinne.
7 What mā is like Iob, that drinketh f ſcornefulnes like water?
8 Which goeth in the g companie of them that worke iniquitie, & walketh with wicked men?
9 For he hathe ſaid, h It profiteth a mā nothing that he ſhulde i walke with God.
10 Therefore hearken vnto me, ye men of wiſdome, God forbid ỹ wickednes *ſhulde be* in God, and iniquitie in the Almightie.
11 For he wil rendre vnto man *according* to his worke, & cauſe euerie one to finde according to his way.
12 And certeinly God wil not do wickedly, nether wil the Almightie peruert iudgement.
13 Whome k hathe he appointed ouer ỹ earth beſide him ſelf? or who hathe placed the whole worlde?
14 If k he ſet his heart vpon *man*, and gather vnto him ſelf his ſpirit l and his breath,
15 All fleſh ſhal periſh together, and man ſhal returne vnto duſt.
16 And if ỹ haſt vnderſtanding, heare this & hearken to the voyce of my wordes.
17 Shal he that hateth iudgement, m gouerne? & wilt thou iudge him wicked that is moſte iuſt?
18 Wilt thou ſay vnto a Kīg, *Thou art* n wicked? or to princes, *Ye are* vngodlie?
19 *How muche leſſe* to him that accepteth not the perſones of princes, & regardeth not the riche, more then the poore? for thei be all the worke of his hands.
20 They ſhal dye ſodenly, o and the people ſhalbe troubled at midnight, p & they ſhal paſſe forthe and take away the mightie without hand.
21 For his eyes *are* vpon the wayes of man, and he ſeeth all his goings.
22 There is no darkenes nor ſhadowe of death, that the workers of iniquitie might be hid therein.
23 For he wil not lay on man ſo muche, that he ſhulde q entre into iuſpgemēt with God.
24 He ſhal breake the mightie without r ſeking, and ſhal ſet vp other in their ſteade.
25 Therefore ſhal he declare their ſ workes: he ſhal turne the t night, and they ſhalbe deſtroyed.
26 He ſtriketh them as wicked men in the places of the u ſeers,
27 Becauſe they haue turned backe from him, and wolde not conſider all his waies:
28 So that they haue cauſed the voyce of the poore to x come vnto him, and he hathe heard the crye of the afflicted.
29 And when he giueth quietnes, who can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who can beholde him, whether *it be* vpon nacions, or vpon a man onely?
30 Becauſe the y hypocrite doeth reigne, & becauſe the people are ſnared.
31 Surely *it apperteineth* vnto God z to ſay, I haue pardoned, I wil not deſtroye.
32 a But if I ſe not, teache thou me: if I haue done wickedly, I wil do no more.
33 Wil he performe the thing through b thee? for thou haſte reproued c it, becauſe that thou haſt choſen, and not I. now ſpeake what thou knoweſt.
34 Let men of vnderſtanding tel me, and let a wiſe man hearken vnto me.
35 Iob hathe not ſpoken of knowledge, nether were his wordes according to wiſdome.
36 I deſire that Iob may be d tryed, vnto the end touching the anſwers for wicked men.
37 For he e addeth rebellion vnto his ſinne: he clappeth his hāds among vs, & multiplieth his wordes againſt God.

a Which are eſteemed wiſe of the worlde.
b Let vs examine the mater vprightly
c That is, hathe afflicted me without meaſure
d Shulde I ſay, I am wicked, being an innocent?
e I am ſorer puniſhed, then my ſinne deſerueth
f Which is compelled to receiue the reproche & ſcornes of many for his fooliſh wordes.
g Meaning, that Iob was like to the wicked, becauſe he ſemed not to glorifie God, & ſubmit him ſelfe to his iudgements.
h He wraſteth Iobs wordes, who ſaid that Gods childrē are oft times puniſhed i this worlde, & the wicked go free
i That is, liue godly, as Gen 5.22
Chap 36.23.
k To deſtroye him
l The breath of life, which he gaue man
m If God were not iuſt, how colde he gouerne the worlde?
n If man of nature feare to ſpeake euil of ſuch as haue power, thē muche more oght thei to be afraid to ſpeake euil of God
o When they loke not for it
p The meſſengers or viſitation that God ſhal ſend
q God doeth not afflict man aboue meaſure, ſo that he ſhulde haue occaſion to cōtend with hī
r For all his creatures are at hand to ſerue him, ſo that he nedeth not to ſeke for annie other annie
ſ Make them manifeſt that they are wicked
t Declare the thīgs that were hid
u Meanīg, openly in the ſighe of all men
x By their crueltie & extortion
y Whenty rāts ſit in the throne of iuſtice & vnder pretēce of executing iuſtice are but hypocrites & oppreſſe the people, it is a ſigne that God hathe drawen backe his cōtenance and fauour from that place
z Only it belōgeth to God to moderat his correctiōs, & not vnto man.
a Thus Elihú ſpeaketh in ỹ perſone of God, as it were mockīg Iob becauſe he wolde be wiſer then God
b Wil God vſe thy counſel in doing his workes?
c Thus he ſpeaketh in ỹ perſone of God, as though Iob ſhulde chuſe & refuſe afflictiō at his pleaſure
d That he may ſpeake as muche as he can, that we may anſwer him & all the wicked that ſhal vſe ſuche argumēts
e He ſtandeth ſtubbernly in the maintenāce of his cauſe.

CHAP. XXXV.

6 Nether doeth godlines profite, or vngodlines hurt God, but man. 13 The wicked crye vnto God and are not heard.

1 ELihú spake moreouer, and said,
2 Thinkest thou this right, that thou hast said, I am [a] more righteous then God?
3 For thou hast said, What profiteth it thee and what auaileth it me, *to purge me* from my sinne?
4 *Therefore* wil I answer thee, and thy [b] companions with thee.
5 Loke vnto the heauen, and se and beholde the [c] cloudes *which* are hier then thou.
6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou [d] against him, yea, when thy sinnes be many, what doest thou vnto him?
7 If thou be righteous, what giuest thou vnto him? or what receiueth he at thine hand?
8 Thy wickednes *may hurt* a man as thou art: thy rigteousnes *may profite* the sonne of man.
9 They cause many that are oppressed, [e] to crye, *which* crye out for the violence of the mightie.
10 But none saith, Where is God that made me, which giueth songs in the night?
11 Which teacheth vs more thē the beastes of the earth, and giueth vs more wisdome then the foules of the heauen.
12 Then they crye because of the violence of the wicked, but [f] he answereth not.
13 Surely God wil not heare vanitie, nether wil the Almightie regarde it.
14 Althogh thou sayest *to God*, Thou wilt not regarde it, [g] yet iudgement *is* before him: trust thou in him.
15 But now because his angre hathe not visited, nor called to coūt *the euil* with great extremitie,
16 Therefore Iob [h] openeth his mouth in vaine, and multiplieth wordes without knowledge.

a Iob neuer spake these wordes: but because he maintened his innocencie, it semed as though he wolde say, that God tormented him without iust cause.
b Suche as are in the like errour
c If thou canst not controle the cloudes, wilt thou presume to instruct God?
d Nether doeth thy sinne hurt God, nor thy iustice profite hī: for he wil be glorified without thee
e The wicked may hurt man and cause him to crie, who if he soght to God, which sendeth comfort, shulde be deliuered
f Because thei pray not in faith as feling Gods mercies
g God is iust, howsoeuer iudgeth of hī.
h For if he did punish thee, as thou deseruest, thou shuldest not be able to open thy mouth

CHAP XXXVI.

a He sheweth that when we speake of God we must lift our spirits more hie, then our natural sense is able to reache
b Thou shalt perceiue that I am a faithful instructour, & that I speake to thee in ỹ name of God
c Strong and constant, & of vnderstāding: for these are ỹ gifts of God, & he loueth them in man: but for asmuche as God punished now Iob, it is a figne that these are not in hī.
d Therefore he wil not preserue the wicked: but to the humble & afflicted heart he wil shewe grace
e He preferreth the godlie to honour.

1 Elihú sheweth the power of God, 6 And his iustice, 9 And wherefore he punisheth. 13 The properties of the wicked.

1 ELihú also proceded and said,
2 Suffre me a litle, & I wil instruct thee: for *I haue* yet to speake on Gods behalfe.
3 I wil fetche [a] my knowledge a farre of, & wil attribute righteousnes vnto my Maker.
4 For truely my wordes shal not be false, & he that is [b] perfite in knowledge, *speaketh* with thee.
5 Beholde, the mightie God casteth away none that is [c] mightie & valiant of courage.
6 [d] He maintaineth not the wicked, but he giueth iudgement to the afflicted.
7 He withdraweth not his eies from the righteous, but *thei are* with [e] Kings in the throne, where he placeth them for euer: thus they are exalted.
8 And if thei be bound in fetters & tyed with the cordes of affliction,
9 Then wil he shewe them their [f] worke and their sinnes, because they haue bene proude.
10 He openeth also their eare to discipline, and commandeth them that they returne from iniquitie.
11 * If they obey and serue him, they shal end their dayes in prosperitie, & their yeres in pleasures.
12 But if they wil not obey, they shal passe by the sworde, & perish [g] without knowledge.
13 But the hypocrites [h] of heart increase the wrath: *for* thei [i] call not when he bindeth them.
14 Their soule dyeth in [k] youth, & their life among the whoremongers.
15 He deliuereth the poore in his affliction, and openeth their eare in trouble.
16 Euen so wolde he haue taken thee out of the streight place *into* a broad place & not shut vp beneth: and [l] that which resteth vpon thy table, had bene ful of fat.
17 But thou art ful of the [m] iudgement of the wicked, *though* iudgement and equitie mainteine *all things*.
18 [n] For *Gods* wrath is, lest he shulde take thee away in *thine* abundance: for no multitude of giftes can deliuer thee.
19 Wil he regarde thy riches? *he regardeth* not golde, nor all them that excell in strength.
20 [o] Be not careful in the night, how he destroieth the people out of their place.
21 Take thou hede: loke not to [p] iniquitie: for thou hast chosen it rather then affliction.
22 Beholde, God exalteth by his power: what teacher is like him?
23 Who hathe appointed to him his way? or who can say, Thou hast done wickedly?
24 Remember that thou magnifie his worke, which men beholde.
25 All men se it, and men beholde it [q] a farre of.
26 Beholde, God *is* excellent, [r] & we knowe him not, nether can the nomber of his yeres be searched out.
27 When he restraineth the droppes of water, the raine [s] powreth downe by the vapour thereof,
28 Which *raine* the cloudes do droppe & let fall abundantly vpon man.
29 Who cā knowe the diuisiōs of the cloudes & the thunders of his [t] tabernacle?
30 Beholde he spreadeth his light vpon [u] it, and couereth the [x] bottome of the sea.

f He wil moue their heartes to fele their sinnes ỹ thei may come to him by repentance as he did Manasses *Isa 1.19.*
g That is, in their follie or obstination, & so shalbe cause of their owne destruction.
h Which are malicieusly bēt against God and flatter thē selues in their vices
i When they are in affliction they seke not to God for succour, as Asa. 2. Chro 16,12. reuel 16,11
k Thei dye of some vile death and that before they come to age
l If thou hadest bene obedient to God, he wolde haue broght thee to libertie & welth
m Thou art al togither after the maner of the wicked: for thou doest murmure against ỹ iustice of God.
n God doeth punish thee, lest thou shuldest forget God in thy welth and so perish
o Be not thou curious in seking the cause of Gods iudgements, when he destroyeth any.
p And so murmur against God through impacience
q The workes of God are so manifest, that a man may se thē a farre of and knowe God by the same
r Our infirmitie hindereth vs so, that we can not attayne to the perfite knowledge of God
s That is, the raine cometh of those dropes of water, which he keepeth in ỹ cloudes
t Meaning, of the cloudes, wher he calleth ỹ Tabernacle of God
u Vpon the cloude.
x That men cā not come to ỹ knowledge of ỹ springs that proceed

y He sheweth that the raine hathe double vse: the one ỹ it declareth Gods iudgements, when it doeth ouerthrowe any places, & ỹ other that it maketh ỹ lād fruteful

31 For thereby he iudgeth y the people, and giueth meat abundantly.

z That is, one cloude to dash against another.

32 He couereth the light with the cloudes, and commandeth them to go z against it.

a His companion sheweth him thereof, and there is angre in rising vp.

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CHAP. XXXVII.

Elihu proueth that the vnsearcheable wisdome of God is manifest by his workes, 4 As by the thunders, 6 The snowe, 9 The whirle winde, 11 And the rayne.

a The colde vapour sheweth him: that is, the cloude of the hote exhalatiō, which being taken in ỹ colde cloude mounteth vp towarde the place where ỹ fyre is, and so angre is ingendred: ỹ is, not se and thunder claps

1 AT this also mine heart is a astonied, & is moued out of his place.

2 Heare the b sounde of his voyce, and the noyse that goeth out of his mouth.

3 He directeth it vnder the whole heauen, and his light vnto the ends of the worlde.

4 After it a noyse soundeth: he thundreth with the voyce of his maiestie, and he wil not stay c them when his voyce is heard.

5 God thundreth marueilously w̄ his voyce: he worketh great things, which we knowe not.

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a At the marueilling of the thunder, and lightenings: whereby he declareth that the faithful are liuely touched with the maiestie of God, whē they beholde his workes:

b That is, the thunder, whereby he speaketh to men to waken their dulnes and to bring them to the consideration of his workes

6 For he saith to the snowe, Be thou vpon ỹ earth: d likewise to the smale raine and to the great raine of his power.

7 With the force *thereof* he e shutteth vp euerie man, that all men may knowe his worke.

8 Then the beasts go into the denne, and remaine in their places.

9 The whirle wide cometh out of ỹ South, and the colde from the f North winde.

c Meaning, the raines and thunders

d So ỹ neither smale raine nor great, snowe nor anie thing els cometh without Gods appointement

10 At the breath of God the frost is giuen, & the breadth of the waters g is made narrowe.

e By raines & thunders God causeth men to kepe themselues within their houses

f In Ebrewe it is called ỹ scatering winde, becausse it driueth away the cloudes & purgeth the ayre.

11 He maketh also the cloudes to h labour, to water *the earth*, & scatereth the cloude of i his light.

g That is, is frosen vp and dryed

12 And it is turned about by his gouernemēt, that thei may do whatsoeuer he commandeth them vpon the whole worlde:

13 Whether it be for k punishmēt, or for his land, or of mercie, he causeth it to come.

h Gather the vapours, and moue to & fro to water the earth

14 Hearken vnto this, ô Iob: stand and consider the wonderous workes of God.

15 Diddest thou knowe when God disposed them? and caused the l light of his cloude to shine?

i That is, the cloude ỹ hath lightenig in it. k Raine, colde, heat, tempestes and suche like are sent of God, ether to punish mē, or to profite ỹ earth, orto declare his fauour toward man, as Chap 36, 31. l That is, the lightning to breake forth in the cloudes?

16 Hast thou knowen the m varietie of the cloude, & the wonderous workes of him, that is perfite in knowledge?

17 *Or* how thy clothes are n warme, when he maketh the earth quiet through the South winde?

m Which is some time changed into raine; or snowe, or haile or suche like

18 Hast thou stretched out ỹ heauens, which are strong, & as a molten o glasse?

n Why thy clothes shulde kepe thee warme; when the South winde bloweth, rather then when anie other winde bloweth?

19 Tel vs what we shal say vnto him: *for* we can not dispose *our matter* because of p darkenes.

o For their clearenes

p That is, our ignorance: signifying that Iob was so presumpteous that he wolde controle the workes of God.

20 Shal it be q tolde him when I speake? or shal mā speake when he shalbe r destroied?

q Hathe God nede that anie shulde tel him when mā murmureth against him?

21 And now men se not the light, s which shineth in the cloudes, but the winde passeth and clenseth them.

r If God wolde destroye a man, shulde he repine?

22 The t brightnes cometh out of ỹ North: the praise *thereof is* to God, which is terrible.

s The cloude stoppeth the shining of ỹ sunne, that mā cā not se it til the winde haue chased away ỹ clouder

23 *It is* the Almightie: we cā not finde him out: *he is* excellent in power & iudgement, & abundant in iustice: he u afflicteth not.

and if man be not able to atteine to the knowledge of these things, how muche lesse of Gods iudgements?

24 Let men therefore feare him: *for* he wil not regarde any that are wise in their owne conceit.

t In Ebrewe, golde: meanig faire wether and cleare as golde

u Meaning, without cause.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

God speaketh to Iob, and declareth the weakenes of man in the consideration of his creatures, by whose excellencie the power, iustice and prouidence of the Creator is knowen.

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a That his wordes might haue greater maiestie, and ỹ Iob might knowe with whome he had to do.

1 THen answered the Lord vnto Iob out of the a whirle winde, & said,

2 Who is this that b darkeneth the counsel by wordes without knowledge?

b Which by seking out the secret cōsel of God by mans reason, maketh it more obscure & sheweth his owne folie

3 Gird vp now thy loynes like a man: I c wil demande of thee and declare thou vnto me.

c Because he had wished to dispute with God, Chap. 13, 3. God reasoneth with him to declare his rashnes.

4 Where wast thou when I layed the d fundacions of the earth? declare, if thou hast vnderstanding,

d Seig he colde not iudge of those thigs, ẅ were done so long before he was borne, he was not able to cōprehend all Gods workes: muche lesse the secret causes of his iudgements.

5 Who hathe layed the measures thereof, if thou knowest, or who hathe stretched the line ouer it:

6 Where vpon are the fundacions thereof set: or who layed the corner stone thereof:

e The starres and dumme creatures are said to praise God, because his power, wisdome and goodnes is manifest & knowē therein.

7 When the starres of the morning e praised *me* together, and all the f children of God reioyced:

f Meaning, the Angels.

8 Or *who* hathe shut vp the sea with dores, when it ysſued and came forthe *as* out of the wombe:

g As though ỹ great sea were but as a litle babe in the hands of God

9 When I made the cloudes *as* a couering thereof, and darkenes *as* the g swadeling bandes thereof:

10 When I stablished my commandement vpon it, and set barres and dores,

11 And said, Hetherto shalt thou come, but no farther, and here h shal it staye thy proude waues.

so turne to & fro

h That is, Gods decree and commandement, as verse 10.

12 Hast thou commanded the i morning since thy dayes? hast thou caused the morning to knowe his place?

i To wit, to rise, sinee thou wast borne?

13 That it might take holde of the corners of the earth, and that the wicked might be k shaken out of it?

k Who hauing in the night bene giuen to wickednes, can not abide the light but hide themselues

14 It is turned as clay to facion, l & all stand vp as a garment.

l The earth which semed in the night to haue no forme, by the rising of the sunne is as it were created a newe, and all thinge therein clad with newe beautie.

15 And from the wicked their light shalbe taken away, and the hie arme shalbe broken.

16 Haſt thou entred into the bottomes of the ſea? or haſt thou walked to ſeke out the [m] depth?

m If thou art not able to ſeke out ỹ depth of the ſea, how muche leſſe art thou able to cõprehend ỹ counſel of God?

17 Haue the gates of death bene opened vnto thee? or haſt thou ſene the gates of the ſhadow of death?

18 Haſt thou perceiued the breadth of the earth? tel if thou knoweſt all this.

19 Where is the way *where* light dwelleth? and where is the place of darkenes,

n That ỹ mightest appoint it his way and limites.

20 That thou [n] ſhuldeſt receiue it in the boundes thereof, and that thou ſhuldeſt knowe the paths to the houſe thereof?

21 Kneweſt thou it, becauſe thou waſt then borne, & *becauſe* the nõber of thy daies *is* great?

22 Haſt thou entred into the treaſures of the ſnowe? or haſt thou ſene the treaſures of the hayle,

o To puniſh mine enemies ſuch them, as Exod. 9.18 toſh.10,11.

23 Which I haue [o] hid againſt the time of trouble, againſt the day of warre & battel?

24 By what way is the light parted, *which* ſcatereth the Eaſt winde vpon the earth?

25 Who hathe deuided the ſpowtes for the raine? or the way for the lightening of the thunders,

p The yce couereth it, as though it were paued with ſtone:

26 To cauſe it to raine on the earth where no man is, & in the wildernes where there is no man?

q Which ſtarres ariſe when the ſunne is in Taurus, which is the ſpring time, & bring ſoures

27 To fulfil the wilde & waſte place, & to cauſe the bud of the herbe to ſprig forthe?

28 Who is the father of the raine? or who hathe begotten the droppes of the dewe?

r Which ſtarre bringeth in winter.

29 Out of whoſe wombe came the yce? who hathe ingẽdred the froſt of ỹ heauen?

ſ Certeine ſtarres ſo called: ſome thinke they were the twelue ſignes.

30 The waters are hid [p] as *with* a ſtone: and the face of the depth is froſen.

t The North ſtarre w thoſe that are about him?

31 Cãſt thou reſtraine the ſwete *influences* of [q] ỹ Pleiades? or looſe the bãds of [r] Oríon?

32 Canſt thou bring forthe [ſ] Mazzaróth in their time? canſt thou alſo guide [t] Arctúrus with his ſonnes?

u Canſt thou cauſe ỹ heauẽlie bodies to haue ane power ouer the earthlie bodies?

33 Knoweſt thou the courſe of heauen, or cãſt thou ſet [u] the rule thereof in ỹ earth?

x In the ſecret partes of mã

34 Canſt thou lift vp thy voyce to ỹ cloudes that the abundance of water may couer thee?

ỹ That is, the clouds, wherein the water is conceiued as in bottels.

35 Cãſt ỹ ſende the lightenigs that thei may walke, & ſay vnto thee, Lo, here we are?

z For when God doeth not open theſe hot ſeaſons, the earth cometh to this inconuenience.

36 Who hathe put wiſdome in the [x] reines? or who hathe giuen ỹ heart vnderſtanding?

37 Who can nõber cloudes by wiſdome? or who can cauſe to ceaſe the [ỹ] bottels of heauen,

38 When the earth groweth into hardenes, [z] and the clottes are faſt together?

CHAP. XXXIX.

The bountie and prouidence of God, which extendeth euen to the yong rauens, giueth manful occaſion to put his cõfidence in God. 37 Iob confeſſeth & humbleth himſelf.

a After he had declared Gods workes in the heauens, he ſheweth his marueilous prouidence in earth, eſpecially toward the brute beaſts.

WIlt [a] thou hunt the praye for the lyon? or fil the appetite of ỹ lyons whelpes,

2 When they couche in their places, & remaine in the couert to lye in waite?

3 Who prepareth for the rauen his meat, when his byrdes [b] crye vnto God, wandering for lacke of meat?

b Read Pſal. 147.9.

4 Knoweſt thou the time when the wilde goates bring forthe yong? *or* doeſt thou marke when the [c] hindes do calue?

c He chiefly maketh mencion of wilde goates & hindes, becauſe they brig forthe their yong with moſte difficultie

5 Canſt thou nõber the moneths that they [d] fulfil? or knoweſt thou the time whẽ they bring forthe?

d That is, how lõg they go w yong?

6 They bowe them ſelues: they [e] bruiſe their yong and caſt out their ſorowes.

e Thei bring forthe with great difficultie.

7 *Yet* their yong waxe fat, and growe vp with corne: they go forthe and returne not vnto them.

8 Who hathe ſet the wilde aſſe at libertie? or who hathe looſed the bondes of the wilde aſſe?

9 *It is I* which haue made the wildernes his houſe, and the [f] ſalt places his dwellings.

f That is, the baren grounde where no good frutes growe.

10 He derideth the multitude of the citie: he heareth not the crye of the driuer.

11 He ſeketh out the mountaine for his paſture, & ſearcheth after euerie grene thig.

g Is it poſſible to make the vnicorne tame? ſignifiing that if man can not rule a creature, that it is muche more impoſſible ỹ he ſhulde appome the wiſdome of God, whereby he gouerneth all the worlde.

12 Wil the vnicorne [g] ſerue thee? or wil he tary by thy crybbe?

13 Canſt thou bynde the vnicorne with his band *to labour* in ỹ forowe? or wil he plowe the valleis after thee?

14 Wilt ỹ truſt in him, becauſe his ſtrength is great, and caſt of thy labour vnto him?

15 Wilt thou beleue him, that he wil bring home thy ſede, and gather it vnto thy barne?

16 *Haſt thou giuen* the pleaſant wings vnto the pecockes? or wings & fethers vnto the oſtriche?

17 Which leaueth his egges in the earth & maketh [h] them hote in the duſt,

h Thei write ỹ the oſtrich couereth her egges in ỹ ſand, and becauſe ỹ cõtrey is hote and the ſunne ſtil kepeth them warme, they are hatched

18 And forgetteth that the fote might ſcatter them, or that the wilde beaſt might breake them.

i If he ſhulde take care for them

19 He ſheweth him ſelf cruel vnto his yong ones, *as* they were not his, *and* is without feare, as if he trauailed [i] in vaine.

k That is, to haue a care, & naturall affect on toward his yong

20 For God hathe depriued him of [k] wiſdome, & hathe giuen him no parte of vnderſtanding.

l When time *is*, he mounteth on hye: he mocketh the horſe and his rider.

21 When [l] time *is*, he mounteth on hye: he mocketh the horſe and his rider.

22 Haſt thou giuen the horſe ſtrength? *or* couered his necke with [m] neying?

m When the yong oſtrich is growen vp, he out runneth the horſe

23 Haſt thou made him afraied as the graſhoper? his ſtrong neying is feareful.

n That is, giue hi courage? which is ment by neying and ſhaking his mane, for w his breath couereth his necke.

24 He [n] diggeth in the valley, & reioyceth in *his* ſtrength: he goeth forthe to mete the harneſt *man*.

25 He mocketh at feare, & is not afraied, & turneth not backe from the ſworde,

o He beateth w his hoofe.

26 *Though* the quiuer rattle againſt him, the glittering

glittering ſpeare and the ſhield.

o He ſo rid-deth ẏ groũde that it ſemeth nothing vndeo him

27 He o ſwalloweth the grounde for fearcenes and rage, and he beleueth not that it is the noyſe of the trumpet.

28 He ſaith among the trumpets, Ha, ha: he ſmelleth the battel a farre of, and the noyſe of the captaines, and the ſhouting.

29 Shal the hauke flie by thy wiſdome, *ſtretching out* his wyngs toward the p South?

p That is, whẽ colde cometh, to flie into the warme countreis.

30 Doeth the egle mount vp at thy cõmandement, or make his neſt on hye?

31 She abideth and remaineth in the rocke, *euen* vpon the top of the rocke, and the tower.

32 From thence ſhe ſpieth for meat, *and* her eyes beholde a farre of.

33 His yong ones alſo ſucke vp blood: and where the ſlaine *are*, there is ſhe.

34 Moreouer the Lord ſpake vnto Iob, and ſaid,

q Is this the way for a man that wil learne to ſtriue wt God? which thing he repro ueth in Iob

35 Is this to q learne to ſtriue with the Almightie? he that reproueth God, let him anſwer to it.

r Whereby he ſheweth that he repented, & deſired pardon for his faultes.

36 ¶ Then Iob anſwered the Lord, ſaying,

37 Beholde, I am r vile: what ſhal I anſwer thee? I wil lay mine hand vpõ my mouth.

38 Once haue I ſpoken, but I wil anſwer no more, yea twiſe, but I wil proceede no farther.

CHAP. XL.

2 How weake mans power is, being compared to the workes of God: 10 Whoſe power appeareth in the creation, and gouerning of the great beaſtes.

Chap. 38. 1.

1 AGaine the Lord anſwered Iob out of * the whirlewinde, and ſaid,

2 Gird vp now thy loynes like a man: I wil demãde of thee, & declare thou vnto me.

a Signifying that they that iuſtifie them ſelues, condẽne God as iniuſt

3 Wilt thou diſanul a my iudgement? *or* wilt thou condemne me, that thou mayeſt be iuſtified?

4 Or haſt thou an arme like God? or doeſt thou thunder with a voyce like him?

b Meaning, ẏ theſe were ꝓpre vntõ God, and belonged to no man

5 Decke thy ſelf now with b maieſtie and excellencie, & araye thy ſelf with beautie and glorie.

c Cauſe them to dye if thou canſt

6 Caſt abroad the indignacion of thy wrath, and beholde euery one that is proude, and abaſe him.

d Proouing hereby ẏ whoſoeuer attributeth to him ſelf power, & abilitie to ſaue him ſelf, maketh him ſelf God

7 Loke on euerie one that is arrogant, *and* bring him low: and deſtroy the wicked in their place.

e This beaſt is thoght to be the eliphãt, or ſome other, wch is vnknowen

8 Hide them in the duſt together, & binde c their faces in a ſecret place.

f Whome I made aſwel as thee.

9 Then wil I confeſſe vnto thee alſo, that thy right hand can d ſaue thee.

g This cõmẽdeth the prouidẽce of God toward mã: for if he were giuen to deuoure as a liõ, nothing were able, to reſiſt him or contẽd him.

10 ¶ Beholde now e Behemóth, (whome I made f with thee) which eateth g graſſe as an oxe.

11 Beholde now, his ſtrength *is* in his loines, and his force *is* in the nauil of his belly.

12 *When* he taketh pleaſure, his taile is like a cedre: ẏ ſinewes of his ſtones are wrapt together.

13 His bones are *like* ſtaues of braſſe, *and* his ſmall bones like ſtaues of yron.

h He is one of the chiefeſt workes of God amõg ẏ beaſts.

14 h He is the chief of the wayes of God: i he that made him, wil make his ſworde to approche vnto him.

i Thogh man dare not come nere him, yet God can kil him.

15 Surely the mountaines bring him forth the graſſe, where all the beaſts of the field playe.

16 Lyeth he vnder the trees in the couert of the rede and fennes?

17 Can the trees couer him with their ſhadowe? or can the willowes of the riuer cõpaſſe him about?

k He drinketh at leaſure, and feareth no body

18 Beholde, he ſpoileth the riuer, k and haſteth not: he truſteth that he can drawe vp Iordén into his mouth.

19 He taketh it with his eyes, and thruſteth *his* noſe through whatſoeuer meteth him.

l Meaning, the whale.

20 ¶ Canſt thou draw out l Liuiathán with an hooke, and with a line which thou ſhalt caſt downe vnto his tongue?

21 Canſt thou caſt an hooke into his noſe? canſt thou perce his iawes with an angle?

m Becauſe he feareth leſt thou ſhuldeſt take him

22 Wil he make manie m prayers vnto thee, or ſpeake thee faire?

n To do thy buſines, & be at thy cõmandement?

23 Wil he make a couenant with thee? *and* wilt thou take n him as ſeruant for euer?

24 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou binde him for thy maides?

25 Shal the companions banket with him? ſhal they deuide him among the marchants?

26 Canſt thou fill the baſket with his ſkinne? or the fiſhpanyer with his head?

27 Laye thine hand vpon him: remember o the battel, *and* do nomore ſo.

o If thou once conſider the danger, thou wilt not medle with him.

28 Beholde, p his hope is in vaine: *for* ſhal not one periſh euen at the ſight of him?

p To wit, that truſteth to take him.

CHAP. XLI.

1 By the greatnes of the monſtre Leuiathán God ſheweth his greatnes, and his power, which nothing can reſiſt.

1 NOne is ſo fearce that dare ſtirre him vp. Who is he then that can ſtand a before me?

a If none dare ſtand againſt a whale, which is but a creature, who is able to cõpare with God the Creator?

2 Who hathe preuented me that I ſhulde b make an end? All vnder heauen is mine.

b Who hath he taught me to accompliſh my worke?

3 I wil not kepe ſilence *concerning* c his partes, nor *his* power, nor his comely proportion.

c The partes, and members of the whale.

4 Who can diſcouer the face d of his garment? *or* who ſhal come to him with a double e bridel?

d That is, who dare put of his ſkinne?

e Who dare put a bridel in his mouth?

5 Who ſhal f open the dores of his face? his teeth are feareful round about.

f Who dare loke in his mouth?

6 The maieſtie *of his ſcales is like* ſtrong ſhields, *and* are ſure ſealed.

7 One is ſet to another, that no winde can come betwene them.

8 One is ioyned to another: they ſticke together, that they can not be ſondred.

g That is, caſteth out flames of fyre.

9 His nieſings g make the light to ſhine, & his eyes *are* like ẏ eye lids of the morning.

10 Out of his mouth go lampes, *and* ſpar-

kes of fyre leape out.
21 Out of his noſtrelles cometh out ſmoke, as out of a boyling pot or caldron.
22 His breath maketh the coles burne: for a flame goeth out of his mouth.
23 In his necke remaineth ſtrength, & [h] labour is reiected before his face.
24 The members of his bodie are ioyned: they are ſtrong in them ſelues, *and* can not be moued.
25 His heart is as ſtrong as a ſtone, and as hard as the nether milſtone.
26 The mightie are afraied of his maieſtie, *and* for feare they faint in them ſelues.
27 When the ſworde doeth touche him, he wil not riſe vp, *nor for* the ſpeare, dart nor habergeon.
28 He eſteemeth yron as ſtrawe, and braſſe as rotten wood.
29 The archer can not make him flee: the ſtones of the ſling are turned into ſtubble vnto him.
30 The dartes are counted as ſtraw: and he laugheth at the ſhaking of the ſpeare.
31 Sharpe ſtones [i] are vnder him, and he ſpreadeth ſharpe things vpon the myre.
32 He maketh the depth to [k] boyle like a pot, and maketh the ſea like *a pot* of oyntment.
33 He maketh a path to [l] ſhine after him: one wolde thinke the depth as an hore head.
34 In the earth there is none like him: he is made without feare.
35 He beholdeth [m] all hie things: he is a King ouer all the children of pride.

h Nothing is peinful or hard vnto him

i His ſkinne is ſo hard, that he lieth with as great eaſe on the ſtones as in the myre.

k Eyther he maketh ſ ſea to ſeme as it boiled by his wallowing, or els he ſpowteth water in ſuche abundance, as it wolde ſeme that the ſea boyled.

l That is, a white froth, & ſhinig ſtreame before him.

m He deſpiſeth all other beaſts, & monſters, & is the proudeſt of all others.

CHAP. XLII.

6 The repentance of Iob. 9 He prayeth for his friends. 12 His goods are reſtored double vnto him. 13 His children, age and death.

Chap XLII.

1 THen Iob anſwered the Lord, and ſaid,
2 I knowe that thou canſt do all things, and that there is no [a] thoght hid from thee.
3 Who is he that hideth counſel without [b] knowledge? therefore haue I ſpoke that I vnderſtode not, *euen* things to wonderful for me, [c] and *which* I knewe not.
4 Heare, I beſeche thee, and I wil ſpeake: I wil demande of thee, [d] and declare thou vnto me.
5 I haue [e] heard of thee by the hearing of the eare, but now mine eye ſeeth thee.
6 Therefore I abhorre *my ſelf*, and repent in duſt and aſhes.

a Nothing is ſo ſecret, but thou doeſt ſe it, nor anie thing that ſ ſhakeſt, but thou canſt bring it to paſſe.

b Is there anie but I? for this God laid to his charge, Chap. 38, 2.

c I confeſſe here in mine ignorance, and that I ſpake I wiſt not what.

d He ſheweth that he will be Gods ſcholer to learne of him.

e I knewe thee onely before by heareſay: but now thou haſt cauſed me to feele what ſ art to me, that I may reſigne my ſelf ouer into thee.

7 ¶Now after that the Lord had ſpoken theſe wordes vnto Iob, the Lord alſo ſaid vnto Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled againſt thee, and againſt thy two friēds, for ye haue not ſpokē of me ſ thing that is [f] right, like my ſeruant [g] Iob.
8 Therefore take vnto you now ſeuen bullockes, and ſeuen rams, and go to my ſeruant Iob, & offer vp for your ſelues a burnt offring, and my ſeruant Iob ſhal [h] pray for you: for I wil accept him, leſt I ſhulde put you to ſhame, becauſe ye haue not ſpokē of me the thing, which is right, like my ſeruant Iob.
9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, *and* Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the Lord had ſaid vnto them, and the Lord accepted Iob.
10 ¶Then the Lord turned the [i] captiuitie of Iob, when he prayed for his friēds: alſo the Lord gaue Iob twiſe ſo muche as he had before.
11 Then came vnto him all his [k] brethrē, and all his ſiſters, and all they that had bene of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his houſe, and had compaſſion of him, and comforted him for all the euil, that the Lord had broght vpon him, and euerie man gaue him a [l] piece of money, & euerie one an earing of golde.
12 So the Lord bleſſed the laſt dayes of Iob more then the firſt: for he had [l] fourteene thouſand ſhepe, and ſix thouſand camels, and a thouſand yoke of oxen, and a thouſand ſhe aſſes.
13 He had alſo ſeuen ſonnes, and thre daughters.
14 And he called the name of one [m] Iemimáh, and the name of the ſecond [n] Keziáh, and the name of the thirde [o] Kerenhappúch.
15 In all the land were no women founde ſo faire as the daughters of Iob, and their father gaue them inheritance among their brēthren.
16 And after this lived Iob an hundreth and fourtie yeres, and ſawe his ſonnes, and his ſonnes ſonnes, *euen* foure generacions.
17 So Iob dyed, being olde, & ful of dayes.

f You take in hand an euil cauſe, in ſ you condēned him by his outward afflictiōs and not comforted him w my mercies.

g Who had a good cauſe, but handeled it euil.

h When you haue reconciled your ſelues to him for the faures that you haue committed againſt him, he ſhal pray for you, & I wil heare him.

i He deliuered him out of the affliction wherein he was.

k That is, all his kinred, read Chap. 19, 13.

l Or, Lambe, or money ſo marked.

l God made him twiſe ſo riche in cattel as he was afore, & gaue him as manie children, as he had taken from him.

m That is, of long life, or beautiful as ſ day.

n As pleaſant as caſſia, or ſweet ſpice.

o That is, the horne of beautie.

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THE PSALMES of Dauid.

THE ARGVMENT.

THis boke of Pſalmes is ſet forthe vnto vs by the holie Goſt to be eſtemed as a moſte precious treaſure, wherein all thinges are conteined that apperteine to true felicitie: aſwel in this life preſent as in the life to come. For the riches of true knowledge, and heauenlie wiſdome are here ſet open for vs, to take thereof moſte abundantly. If we wolde knowe the great, and hie maieſtie of God, here we may ſe the brightnes thereof ſhine moſte clearely. If we wolde ſeke his incomprehenſible wiſdome, here is the ſchole of the ſame profeſſion. If we wolde comprehend his vneſtimable bontie, and approche nere thercunto, and fil your hands with that treaſure, here we may haue a moſte liuely, and comfortable taſte thereof. If we wolde knowe wherein ſtandeth our ſaluation, and how to atteine to life euerlaſting, here is Chriſt our onely redemer, and mediator moſte euidently deſcribed. The riche man may learne the true vſe of his riches. The poore man may fynde ful contentation. He that wil reioyce, ſhal knowe the true toe, and how to kepe meaſure therein. They that are afflicted and oppreſſed, ſhal ſe wherein ſtandeth their comforte, and how they ought to praiſe God when he ſendeth them deliuerance. The wicked and the perſecuters of the children of God ſhal ſe how the hand of God is euer againſt them: and thogh he ſuffer them to proſper for a while, yet he brideleth them, in ſomuche as they can not touche an heere of ones head, except he permit them, and how in the end their deſtruction is moſte miſerable. Briefly, here we haue moſte preſent remedies againſt all tentations, and troubles of minde and conſcience, ſo that being wel practiſed herein, we may be aſſured againſt all dangers in this life, liue in the true feare, and loue of God, and at length atteine to that incorruptible crowne of glorie, which is laid vp for all them that loue the comming of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

* Or, Praiſes, according to ỹ Ebrewes: and were chiefly inſtitute to praiſe, and giue thankes to God for his benefites. Thei are called the Pſalmes, or Sōgs of Dauid becauſe the moſte parte were made by him.

PSALME I.

Whether it was Eſdras, or anie other that gathered the Pſalmes into a boke, it ſemeth he did ſet this Pſalme firſt in maner of a preface, to exhorte all godlie men to ſtudie, and meditate the heauenlie wiſdome. For the effect hereof is, 1 That they be bleſſed, which giue them ſelues wholy all their life to the holy Scriptures. 4 And that the wicked contemners of God, thogh they ſeme for a while happie, yet at length ſhal come to miſerable deſtruction.

1 BLeſſed *is* the man that doeth not walke in the a counſel of the wicked, nor ſtand in the way of ſinners, nor ſit in the ſeat of the ſcorneful:

2 But his delite *is* in the *Law of the Lord, & in his b Law doeth he meditate day and night.

3 For he ſhal be like a* tre planted by the riuers of waters, that wil bring forthe her frute in due ſeaſon: whoſe leafe ſhal not fade: ſo whatſoeuer he ſhal do, ſhal proſper.

4 d The wicked *are* not ſo, but as the chaffe, which the winde driueth away.

5 Therefore the wicked ſhal not ſtand in the e Iudgement, nor ſinners in the aſſemblie of the righteous.

6 For the Lord f knoweth the way of the righteous, and the way of the wicked ſhal periſh.

a When a man hathe giuē once place to euil counſel, or to his owne cōcupiſcence, he beginneth to forget him ſelf in his ſin, & ſo falleth in to contēpt of God, which cōtempt is called the ſeat of the ſcorners. *Deut.6,6. Ioſh.1,8. Pro.6,20.*

b In the holie Scriptures. *Iere.17,8.*

c Gods children are ſo moyſtened euer with his grace, ỹ whatſoeuer cometh vnto them, tendeth to their ſaluation.

d Thogh the wicked ſeme to beare the ſwinge in this worlde, yet the Lord driueth them downe that thei ſhal not riſe nor ſtand in the companie of the righteous. e But trēble, when they fele Gods wrath. f Doeth approue and proſper, like as not to knowe, is to reproue and reiect.

PSAL. II.

a The Prophet Dauid reioyceth that notwithſtanding his enemies rage, yet God wil cōtinue his kingdome for euer & aduāce it euen to the end of the worlde. 10 And therefore exhorteth Kings and rulers, that they wolde humbly ſubmit them ſelues vnder Gods yoke, becauſe it is in vaine to reſiſte God. Herein is figured Chriſts kingdome.

1 WHy do the a heathen * rage, & the people murmur in vaine?

2 The Kings of the earth band them ſelues, and the princes are aſſembled together againſt the Lord, and againſt his *Chriſt.

3 b Let vs breake their bands, and caſt their cords from vs.

4 * *But* he that dwelleth in the heauen ſhal laugh: the Lord ſhal haue thē in deriſiō.

5 c Then ſhal he ſpeake vnto them in his wrath, & vexe them in his ſore diſpleaſure, ſaying,

6 *Euen* I haue ſet my King vpon Zión mine holie mountaine.

7 I wil declare the d decree: *that is*, the Lord hathe ſaid vnto me, * Thou art my Sonne: this e day haue I begotten thee.

8 Aſke of me, & I ſhal giue thee the heathē for thine inheritance, and the f endes of the earth for thy poſſeſsion.

9 * Thou ſhalt kruſh them with a ſceptre of yron, & breake them in pieces like a potters veſſel.

10 g Be wiſe now therefore, ye Kings: be learned ye Iudges of the earth.

11 Serue the Lord in feare, and reioyce in trembling.

12 h Kiſſe the Sonne, leſt he be angrie, and ye periſh in the waie, when his wrath ſhal

a The conſpiracie of ỹ Gentiles, ỹ murmuring of the Iewes, & power of Kings can not preuaile againſt Chriſt. *Act.4,25.*

*Or, anoynted.

b Thus the wicked ſay, ỹ they wil caſt of the yoke of God & of his Chriſt. *Prou.1,18.*

c Gods plagues wil declare that in reſiſting his Chriſt, they foght againſt him.

d To ſhewe that my vocation to the kingdome is of God. *Act.13,33. ebr.1,5.*

e That is to ſay, as touching mans knowledge, becauſe it was ỹ firſt time that Dauid appered to be elected of God. So is it applied to Chriſt in his firſt comming & manifeſtatiō to the worlde.

f Not onely ỹ Iewes but the Gentiles alſo. *Reue.2,27.*

g He exhorteth all rulers to repent in time.

me. h In ſigne of hommage. i When the wicked ſhal ſay, Peace & reſte, ſeming yet to be but in the midway of their purpoſes, then ſhal deſtructiō ſodenly come, 1. Theſſa.5,3.

ſuddenly burne. bleſſed *are* all that truſt in him.

PSAL. III.

1 Dauid driue̅ forthe of his kingdome, was greatly torme̅ted in minde for his ſinnes againſt God: 4 And therefore calleth vpon God, & waxeth bolde through his promeſes againſt the great railings and terrors of his enemies, yea, againſt death it ſelf, which he ſawe preſent before his eyes. 7 Finally he reioyceth for the good ſucceſſe, that God gaue him, and all the Church.

A Pſalme of Dauid, when he fled from his ſonne Abſalom.

a This was a token of his ſtable faith, that for all his troubles he had his recours to God.

1 LOrd, how are mine aduerſaries a increaſed? how manie riſe againſt me?
2 Manie ſaye to my ſoule, *There is* no helpe for him in God. b Sélah.
3 But thou Lord art a buckler for me: my glorie, and the lifter vp of mine head.
4 I did call vnto the Lord with my voyce, and he heard me out of his holie mountaine. Sélah.
5 I laied me downe & ſlept, *and* roſe vp againe: for the Lord ſuſteined me.
6 I wil not be afrayed for c ten thouſand of the people, that ſhulde beſet me round about.
7 O Lord, ariſe: helpe me, my God: for thou haſt ſmitten all mine enemies vpon the cheke bone: thou haſt broken the teeth of the wicked.
8 d Saluacio̅ *belongeth* vnto the Lord, & thy bleſsing *is* vpon thy people. Sélah.

b Sélah here ſignifieth a lifting vp of the voyce, to cauſe vs to conſider the ſentence, as a thing of great importance.

c When he cõſidered the trueth of Gods promes, and tried the ſame, his faith increaſed marueloully.

d Be the dangers neuer ſo great or manie, yet God hathe euer meanes to deliuer his.

PSAL. IIII.

1 When Saul perſecuted him, he called vpõ God, truſting moſte aſſuredly in his promes, and therefore boldely reproueth his enemies, who wilfully reſiſted his dominion, 7 And finally preferreth the fauour of God before all worldelie treaſures.

a *To him that excelleth on Neginóth. A Pſalme of Dauid.*

1 HEare me when I call, b ô God of my righteouſnes: thou haſt ſet me at libertie, *when I was* c in diſtres: haue mercie vpon me and hearken vnto my prayer.
2 O ye d ſonnes of men, how long *will ye turne* my glorie into ſhame, e louing vanitie *and* ſeking lyes? Sélah.
3 For be ye ſure that the Lord hathe choſen to him ſelf f a godlie man: the Lord wil heare when I cal vnto him.
4 g Tremble, and ſinne not: examine your owne heart vpon your bed, and be h ſtil. Sélah.
5 i Offer the ſacrifices of righteouſnes, and truſt in the Lord.
6 Manie ſaye, Who wil ſhew vs *anie* k good? *but* Lord, lift vp the light of thy countenace vpon vs.
7 Thou haſt giuen me more ioye of heart, then *they haue had*, when their wheat and their wine did abunde.
8 I wil laye me downe, & alſo ſlepe in peace: for thou, Lord, l onely makeſt me dwel in ſauetie.

a Among the that were appointed to ſing the Pſalmes, and to play on the inſtruments, one was appointed chief to ſet ỹ tune, & to begin: who had the charge, becauſe he was moſte excellent, and he begã this Pſal. on the inſtrument called Neginoth, or in a tune ſo called.

b Thou ỹ art ỹ defender of my iuſt cauſe.

c Both of mi̅de and body.

d Ye that thinke your ſelues noble in this worlde.

e Though your enterpriſes pleaſe you neuer ſo muche, yet God wil bring them to nought.

f A King that walketh in his vocation.

g For feare of Gods Iudgemẽt.

h Ceaſe your rage.

i Serue God purely and not with outward ceremonies.

k The multitude ſeke worldlie welth, but Dauid ſetteth his felicitie in Gods fauour.

l This worde in Ebrew may be referred to God, as it is here tranſlated, or to Dauid, ſignifying that he ſhulde dwel as ioyfully alone, as if he had manie about him, becauſe the Lord is with him.

PSAL. V.

1 Dauid oppreſed with the cruelte of his enemies, and fearing greater dangers, calleth to God for ſuccour, ſhewing how requiſite it is that God ſhulde puniſh the malice of his aduerſaries. 7 After being aſſured of proſperous ſucces, he conceiueth comfort. 12 Concluding that when God ſhal deliuer him, others alſo ſhal be partakers of the ſame mercies.

To him that excelleth vpon a *Nehilóth. A Pſalme of Dauid.*

a *Or, a muſical inſtrument or tune.*

1 HEare my wordes, ô Lord: vnderſtand my a meditation.
2 Hearken vnto the voice of my crye, my King & my God: for vnto thee do I praie.
3 Heare my voice in the morning, ô Lord: *for* in the morning will I direct *me* vnto thee, and I wil b wait.
4 For thou art not a God that loueth c wickednes: nether ſhal euil dwel with thee.
5 d The fooliſh ſhal not ſtand in thy ſight: *for* thou hateſt all them that worke iniquitie.
6 Thou ſhalt deſtroy them that ſpeake lyes: the Lord wil abhorre the bloodie man and deceitful.
7 But I e wil come into thine houſe in the multitude of thy mercie: & in thy feare wil I worſhip towarde thine holie Tẽple.
8 Lead me, ô Lord, in thy righteouſnes, f becauſe of *mine* enemies: make thy waie plaine before my face.
9 For no cõſtancie *is* in their mouth: within, their are very corruption: their * throte *is* an open ſepulchre, & they flatter with their tongue.
10 Deſtroye them, ô God: g let them fall from their counſels: caſt them out for the multitude of their iniquities, becauſe thei haue rebelled againſt thee.
11 And h let all them that truſt in thee, reioyce & triumphe for euer, i couer thou them: and let them, that loue thy Name, reioyce in thee.
12 For thou Lord wilt bleſſe the righteous, & with fauour k wilt compas him, as with a ſhield.

b With pacience & truſt til I be heard.

c Seing that God of nature hateth wickednes he muſt nedes puniſh the wicked & ſaueth godlie.

d Which rũne moſte ragigly after their carnal affections.

e I. deepeſt of his tentations he putteth his ful cõfidẽce in God.

f Becauſe ỹ art iuſt, therefore lead me out of the dãgers of mine enemies. *Rom. 3. 13.*

g *Or, cauſe them to erre.*

g Let their deuiſes come to nogbt.

h Thy fauour towarde me ſhal confirme the faith of all others.

i *Or, giue good ſucceſſe.*

k So that he ſhal be ſafe frõ all dãgers.

PSAL. VI.

1 When Dauid by his ſinnes had prouoked Gods wrath, and now felt not only his hand againſt him, but alſo conceiued the horrors of death euerlaſting, he deſireth forgiuenes. 6 Bewailing that if God take him awaie in his indignation, he ſhulde lacke occaſion to praiſe him as he was wont to do, whilas he was among men. 9 Then ſuddenly feling Gods mercie, he ſharpely rebuketh his enemies which reioyced in his affliction.

To him that excelleth on Neginóth vpon the eight tune, A Pſalme of Dauid.

Ier. 10, 24.

1 OLord, * * rebuke me not in thine angre, nether chaſtiſe me in thy wrath.

a Though I deſerue deſtruction, yet let thy mercie pitie my frailtie.

2 Haue

2 Haue mercie vpon me, ô Lord, for I am weake: ô Lord heale me, for my [b] bones are vexed.

[b] For my whole ſtrēgth is abated.

3 [c] My ſoule is alſo ſore troubled: but Lord how long wilt thou delay?

[c] His conſcience is alſo touched with the feare of Gods iudgement

4 Returne, ô Lord: deliuer my ſoule: ſaue me for thy mercies ſake.

5 For in [d] death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the graue who ſhal praiſe thee?

[d] He lamenteth that occaſion ſhulde be taken frō him to praiſe God in the Congregation

6 I fainted in my mournīg: I cauſe my bed euery night to ſwimme, & watter my couche with my teares.

[e] Or, mine eye waxeth as it were with a mist

7 [e] Mine eye is dimmed for deſpite, & ſunke in becauſe of all mine enemies.

8 [f] Awaie from me all ye workers of iniquitie: for the Lord hathe heard the voyce of my weping.

[f] God tendeth comfort and boldnes in affliction, that we may triumphe ouer our enemies.

9 The Lord hathe heard my peticion. the Lord wil receiue my prayer.

10 All mine enemies ſhal be confunded & ſore vexed: thei ſhal be turned backe, *and* put to ſhame [f] ſuddenly.

[f] When the wicked thinke that the godlie ſhalperiſh, God deliuereth them ſuddenly and deſtroyeth their enemies.

PSAL. VII.

1 Being falſely accuſed by Chuſh one of Sauls kinſemen, he calleth to God to be his defender. 2 To whome he commendeth his innocencie. 9 First ſhewing that his conſcience did not accuſe him of anie euil toward Saul. 10 Next that it touched Gods glorie to awarde ſentence againſt the wicked. 12 And ſo entring into the conſideration of Gods mercies and promes, he waxeth bolde and derideth the vaine enterpriſes of his enemies. 16 Threatening that it ſhal fall on their owne necke that which they haue purpoſed for others.

[g] Shigaion of Dauid, which he ſang vnto the Lord, concerning the [h] wordes of [i] Chuſh the ſonne of Iemini.

[g] Or, kinde of ſong

[h] Or accuſatiō.

[i] 2 Sam. 16. 7.

1 O Lord my God, in thee I put me truſt: ſaue me from all that perſecute me, and deliuer me.

[a] He deſireth God to deliuer him frō the rage of cruel Saul

2 Leſt [a] he deuoure my ſoule like a lion, and teare it in pieces, while there is none to helpe.

[b] Wherewith Chuſh chargeth me

3 O Lord my God, if I haue done [b] this thing: if there be *anie* wickednes in mine hands,

[c] If I reuerenced not Saul for affinities ſake & preſerued his life, 1 Sam 26, 8.

4 [c] If I haue rewarded euil vnto him that had peace with me, (yea I haue deliuered him that vexed me without cauſe)

5 *Then* let the enemie perſecute my ſoule & take it: yea, let him treade my life downe vpon the earth, and lay mine [d] honour in the duſt. Sélah.

[d] Let me not onely dye, but be diſhonored for euer.

6 Ariſe, ô Lord, in thy wrath, and lift vp thy ſelfe againſt the rage of mine enemies, and awake for me *according* to the [e] iudgement *that* thou haſt appointed.

[e] In promiſing me ſ kigdome

7 So ſhal the Congregacion of the people compaſſe thee about: for their ſakes therefore [f] returne on hie.

[f] Not onely for mine, but for thy Churches ſake deſire thy power

8 The Lord ſhal iudge the people: iudge thou me, ô Lord, according to my [g] righteouſnes, and according to mine innocencie, *that is* in me.

[g] As touching my behauiour toward Saul & mine enemies

9 Oh let the malice of the wicked come to an end: but guide thou the iuſt: for the righteous God tryeth the [h] hearts and reines.

[h] Though they pretend a iuſte cauſe againſt me, yet God ſhal iudge their hypocriſie

10 My defence *is* in God, who preſerueth the vpright in heart.

11 God iudgeth the righteous, & him that contemneth God, euerie day.

[i] He doeth cōtinually call ſ wicked to repentāce by ſome ſigres of his iudgemēts

12 Except [k] he turne, he hathe whet his ſworde: he hathe bent his bowe and made it readie.

[k] Except Saul turne his minde, I dye for he hath bothe men and weapōs to deſtroy me. Thus conſiderig his great danger, he magnifieth Gods grace *Iſa. 59. 4. Iob. 15, 35.*

13 He hathe alſo prepared him deadly weapons: he wil ordeine his arrowes for them that perſecute *me.*

14 * Beholde, he ſhal trauail with wickednes: for he hathe conceiued miſchief, but he ſhal bring forthe a lye.

15 He hathe made a pit and digged it, and is fallen into the pit *that* he made.

16 His miſchief ſhal returne vpon his owne head, and his crueltie ſhal fall vpon his owne pate.

17 I wil praiſe the Lord according to his [l] righteouſnes, and wil ſing praiſe to the Name of the Lord moſte high.

[l] In keping faithfully his promes w me

PSAL. VIII.

1 The Prophet conſidering the excellent liberalitie and fatherlie prouidence of God towards man, whome he made, as it were a god ouer all his workes, doth not onely giue great thankes, but is aſtoniſhed with the admiration of the ſame, as one nothing able to compaſſe ſuche great mercies.

To him that excelleth on [m] Gittith. A Pſalme of Dauid.

[m] Or, kinde of inſtrumēt, or ſong.

1 O Lord our Lord, how [n] excellent is thy Name in all the worlde! which haſt ſet thy glorie aboue the heauens.

[n] Or, noble or marueilous.

[a] Though the wicked wolde hide Gods praiſes, yet ſ very babes are ſufficiēt witneſſes of the ſame

2 Out of the [a] mouth of babes and ſucklings haſt thou [o] ordeined ſtrength, becauſe of thine enemies, that thou mighteſt [p] ſtil the enemie and the auenger.

[o] Or, eſtabliſhed.

[p] Or, confunde.

3 When I beholde thine heauens, *euen* the woorkes of thy fingers, the moone and the ſtarres which thou haſt ordeined,

[b] It had bene ſufficient for him to haue ſet forthe his glorie by the heauēs, though he had not come ſo low as to man, which is but duſt

4 What is [b] man, *ſay I*, that thou art mindful of him? and the ſonne of mā, that thou viſiteſt him?

5 For thou haſt made him a litle lower thē [c] God, and crowned him with glorie and worſhip.

[c] Touchig his firſt creation.

6 Thou haſt made him to haue dominion in the workes of thine hands. thou haſt put all things vnder his fete.

[d] By the temporal gifts of mans creation he is led to cōſider the benefites which he hathe by his regeneration through Chriſt

7 All [d] ſhepe and oxen: yea, and the beaſtes of the field:

8 The foules of the aire, and the fiſh of the ſea, & that which paſſeth through the paths of the ſeas.

9 O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy Name in all the worlde!

PSAL. IX.

1 After he had giuen thankes to God for the ſundrie

victories that he had ſent him againſt his enemies, and alſo proued by manifolde experience how readie God was at hãd in all his troubles. 14 He being now likewiſe in danger of newe enemies, deſireth God to helpe him according to his wonte, 17 And to deſtroy the malicious arrogancie of his aduerſaries.

To him that excelleth vpon [a] *Muth Labbén. A Pſalme of* [b] *Dauid.*

[a] *Or, kinde of inſtrument, or tune, or for the death of Labbén or Goliath.*

1 I Wil praiſe the Lord with my [a] whole heart: I wil ſpeake of all thy maruerlous workes.

[a] God is not praiſed, except the whole glorie be giuen to him alone.

2 I wil be glad, and reioyce in thee: I wil ſing praiſe to thy Name, ô moſte high,

3 For that mine enemies are turned backe: they ſhal fall, and periſh at thy preſence.

[b] Howſoeuer ỹ enemie ſeme for a time to preuaile, yet God preſerueth the iuſt.

4 For [b] thou haſt maintened my right & my cauſe: thou art ſet in the throne, *and* iudgeſt right.

5 Thou haſt rebuked the heathen: thou haſt deſtroied the wicked: ỹ haſt put out their name for euer and euer.

[c] A deriſion of ỹ enemie, that wanderth not hing but deſtructiõ: but the Lord wil deliuer his, & bring him into iudgement.

6 [c] O enemie, deſtructions are come to a perpetual end, and thou haſt deſtroied the cities: their memorial is periſhed with them.

[d] *Or, reigne as Iudge.*

7 But the Lord [d] ſhal ſit for euer: he hathe prepared his throne for iudgement.

8 For he ſhal iudge the worlde in righteouſnes, & ſhal iudge the people with equitie.

[d] Our miſeries are meanes to cauſe vs to fele Gods preſent care ouer vs.

9 The Lord alſo wil be a refuge for the [d] poore, a refuge in *due* time, *euen* in affliction.

10 And thei that knowe thy Name, wil truſt in thee: for thou, Lord, haſt not failed thẽ that ſeke thee.

11 Sing praiſes to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zión: ſhewe the people his workes.

[a] Though God reuengeth not ſodenly the wrõg done to his, yet he ſuffreth not the wicked vnpuniſhed.

12 For [e] when he maketh inquiſition for blood, he remembreth it, & forgetteth not the complaint of the poore.

13 Haue mercie vpon me, ô Lord: conſider my trouble, *which I ſuffre* of them that hate me, thou that lifteſt me vp from the gates of death:

[f] In the open aſſemblie of the Church.

14 That I maie ſhewe all thy praiſes within the [f] gates of the daughter of Zión, & reioyce in thy ſaluacion.

[g] For God ouerthroweth the wicked in their entrepriſes.

15 The heathen are [g] ſunken downe in the pit, *that* thei made: in the net that they hid, is their fote taken.

[h] The mercie of God toward his Saints muſt be declared, & the fall of the wicked muſt alwaies be cõſidered.

16 [h] The Lord is knowẽ by executing iudgement: the wicked is ſnared in the worke of his owne hands. [e] Higgaión. Sélah.

[e] *Or, this is worthy to be noted.*

17 The wicked ſhal turne into hel, & all nations that forget God.

[i] God promiſeth not to helpe vs before we haue felt the croſſe.

18 For the poore ſhal not be alwaie forgotten: the hope [i] of the afflicted ſhal not periſh for euer.

[k] Which thei can not learne without ỹ feare of thy Iudgement.

19 Vp Lord: let not man preuaile: let the heathen be iudged in thy ſight.

20 Pũt them in feare, ô Lord, that the heathen maie know that they are but [k] men. Sélah.

PSAL. X.

1 He complaineth of the fraude, rapine, tyrannie, and all kindes of wrong, which worldelie men vſe, aſſigning the cauſe thereof, that wicked men, being as it were drunken with worldelie proſperitie, and therefore ſetting aparte all feare and reuerence towardes God, thinke they may do all things without controwlyng. 15 Therefore he calleth vpon God to ſend ſome remedie againſt theſe deſperat euils, 16 And at length comforteth him ſelfe with hope of deliuerance.

1 WHy ſtandeſt thou farre of, ô Lord, & hideſt thee in *due* time, *euẽ* in affliction?

[a] So ſone as we enter into affliction, we thinke God ſhulde helpe vs, but that is not alwaies his due time.

2 The wicked with pride doeth perſecute the poore: let them be taken in the crafts that they haue imagined.

[b] The wicked man reioyceth in his owne luſt, he boaſteth when he hathe that he wolde: he braggeth of his wit & welth, & bleſſeth himſelfe, and thus blaſphemeth the Lord.

3 For the wicked hathe [b] made boaſt of his owne hearts deſire, and the couetous bleſſeth *him ſelfe*: he contemneth the Lord.

4 The wicked is ſo proude that he ſeketh not *for God*: he thinketh alwaies, There is no God.

[c] *Or, ſnuffeth at.*

5 His waies alwaie proſper: thy Iudgemẽts are hie aboue his ſight: therefore [c] defieth he all his enemies.

[d] *Or, not be moued, becauſe he was neuer in euil.*

6 He ſaieth in his heart, I ſhal [d] neuer be moued, [e] nor be in danger.

[e] The euil ſhal not touche me, Iſa. 28, 15. or els he ſpeaketh thus becauſe he neuer felt euil.

7 His mouth is ful of curſing and diſceite and fraude: vnder his tongue is miſchief & iniquitie.

[d] He ſheweth that ỹ wicked haue many meanes to hide their crueltie, and therefore ought more to be feared.

8 [d] He lieth in waite in the villages: in the ſecret places doeth he murther the innocent: his eies are bent againſt the poore.

9 He lieth in wait ſecretly, *euen* as a lyon in his denne: he lieth in waite to ſpoile the poore: he doeth ſpoile the poore, when he draweth him into his net.

[e] By the hypocriſie of thẽ that haue autoritie the poore are deuoured.

10 He crowcheth & boweth: therefore heapes of the [e] poore do fall by his might.

11 He hathe ſaid in his heart, God hathe forgotten, he hideth awaie his face, & wil neuer ſe.

[f] He calleth to God for helpe, becauſe wickednes is ſo farre ouergrowen ỹ God muſt now helpe or neuer.

12 [f] Ariſe, ô Lord God: lift vp thine hand: forget not the poore.

[g] Therefore ỹ muſt nedes puniſh this their blaſphemie.

13 Wherefore doeth the wicked contemne God? he ſaieth in his heart, Thou wilt not [g] regarde.

[h] To iudge betwene the right and the wrong.

14 *Yet* thou haſt ſene it: for thou beholdeſt miſchief and wrong, that thou maieſt [h] take it into thine hãds: the poore cõmitteth him ſelfe vnto thee: *for* thou art the helper of the fatherles.

15 Breake thou the arme of the wicked and malitious: ſearche his wickednes, & thou ſhalt finde [i] none.

[i] For ỹ haſt vtterly deſtroied him.

16 The Lord *is* King for euer and euer: the [k] heathen are deſtroyed for the of his land.

[k] The hypocrites, or ſuche as liue not after Gods law, ſhalbe deſtroyed.

17 Lord, thou haſt heard the deſire of the poore: thou prepareſt their heart: thou bẽdeſt thine eare *to them*,

[l] God helpeth when mãs helpe ceaſeth.

18 [l] To iudge the fatherles and poore, that earthlie man [m] cauſe to feare no more.

[m] *Or, deſtroy no more man vpon the earth.*

PSAL.

PSAL. XI.

1 *This pſalme conteyneth two partes. In the firſt Dauid ſheweth how harde aſſaltes of tentacions he ſuſteined, & in how great anguiſh of minde he was, when Saul did perſecute him. 4 Then next he reioyceth that God ſet him ſuccour in his neceſſitie, declaring his iuſtice aſwel in gouerning the good, and the wicked men, as the whole worlde.*

¶ *To him that excelleth.* A Pſal. *of Dauid.*

1 IN the Lord put I my truſt: how ſay ye then to my ſoule, [a] Flee to your mountaine *as* a birde?

a This is the wicked counſel of his enemies to him & his cõpanions, to driue him from the hope of Gods gmes

2 For lo, the wicked bend their bowe, *and* make readie their arrowes vpõ the ſtring, that they may ſecretly ſhoote at thẽ, which are vpright in heart.

b All hope of ſuccour is taken awaie

3 For the [b] fundaciõs are caſt downe: what hathe the [c] righteous done?

c Yet am I innocent and my cauſe good.

4 The Lord *is* in his holie palace: ỹ Lords throne *is* in the heauen: his eyes [d] wil conſider: his eye lids wil trye the children of men.

d Though all thingsin earth be out of order, yet God wil execute iudgement from heauen

5 The Lord wil trye the righteous: but the wicked & him that loueth iniquitie, doeth his ſoule hatẽ.

6 Vpon the wicked he ſhal raine ſnares, [e] fyer, and brimſtone, & ſtormie tempeſt: *this is* the [f] porcion of their cup.

e As in the deſtruction of Sodom and Gomorrha

f Which they ſhal drinke euen to the dregs, Ezek 23.34.

7 For the righteous Lord loueth righteouſnes: his countenance doeth beholde ỹ iuſt.

PSAL. XII.

2 *The Prophet lamenting the miſerable eſtate of the people, and the decay of all good order, deſireth God ſpedely to ſend ſuccour to his children 7 The comforting him ſelf and others with the aſſurance of Gods helpe, he cõmendeth the conſtant verite that God obſerueth in keping his promiſes.*

¶ *To him that excelleth vpon the eight* tune. *A Pſalme of Dauid.*

1 HElpe Lord, for there is not [a] a godlie man left: for the faithful are failed from among the children of men.

a Which dare defende the truech, & ſhew mercie to the oppreſſed

b He meaneth ỹ flatterers of the courte, which hurt him more with their tongues then with their weapons

2 They ſpeake deceitfully euerie one with his neighbour, [b] flattering with their lippes, *and* ſpeake with a double hart.

c They thinke thẽ ſelues able to perſuade whatſoeuer they take in hand

3 The Lord cut of all flattering lippes, & the tongue that ſpeaketh proude things:

4 Which haue ſaid, [c] With our tongue wil we preuaile: our lippes are our owne: who is lord ouer vs?

d The Lord is moued with the complaints of his, & deliuereth in the end from all dangers.

5 [d] Now for the oppreſsion of the nedie, & for the ſighes of the poore, I wil vp ſaieth the Lord, *and* wil [e] ſet at libertie him, *whome the wicked* hathe ſnared.

e Becauſe the Lordes worde and promes is true & vnchãgeable, he wil performe it & preſerue the poore from this wicked generation

6 The wordes of the Lord *are* pure wordes, *as* ỹ ſiluer, tryed in a fornace of earth, fined ſeuen folde.

f That is, thine, thogh he were but one man

7 Thou wilt kepe [f] them, ô Lord: thou wilt preſerue him from this generaciõ for euer.

g For thei ſuppres ỹ godlie and maintaine the wicked.

8 The wicked walke on euerie ſide: when they are exalted, [g] *it is* a ſhame for the ſonnes of men.

PSAL. XIII.

1 *Dauid as it were ouercome with ſundrie and newe afflictions, fleeth to God as his onelie refuge 3 And ſo at the length being encouraged through Gods promiſes, he conceiueth moſte ſure confidence againſt the extreme horrors of death.*

¶ *To him that excelleth.* A Pſalme *of Dauid.*

1 HOw long wilt ỹ forget me, ô Lord, [a] for euer? how long wilt thou hyde thy face from me?

a He declareth ỹ his afflictiõs laſted a long time, & ỹ his faith fainted not

2 How long ſhal I take [b] coũſel within my ſelf, *hauing* wearines daiely in mine heart? how long ſhal mine enemie be exalted aboue me?

b Chãging my purpoſe as the ſickemã doeth his place.

3 Beholde, & heare me, ô Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I ſlepe not in death:

4 Leſt mine enemie ſaie, I haue [c] preuailed againſt him: & they that afflict me, reioyce when I ſlide.

c Which might turne to Gods diſhonour, if he did not defend his.

5 But I truſt in thy [d] mercie: mine heart ſhal reioyce in thy ſaluacion: I wil ſing to the Lord, becauſe he hathe [e] delt louingly with me.

d The mercie of God is the cauſe of our ſaluacion

e Bothe by the benefites paſt and by others to come.

PSAL. XIIII.

2 *He deſcribeth the peruerſe nature of men, which were ſo growen to licẽciouſnes, that God was broght to vtter contempt 7 For the which thing although he was greatly grieued, yet being perſuaded that God wolde ſend ſome preſent remedie, he comforteth him ſelf & others.*

¶ *To him that excelleth.* A Pſalme *of Dauid.*

Pſal 53.

1 THe foole hathe ſaid in his heart, [a] *There is* no God: thei haue [b] corrupted, and done an abominable worke: *there is* none that doeth good.

a He ſheweth that the cauſe of all wickednes is to forget God

b There is nothing but diſorder & wickednes among them

2 The Lord loked downe from heauen vpon the children of men, to ſe if there were anie that wolde vnderſtand, and ſeke God.

c Dauid here maketh compariſon betwene the faithful and the reprobate: but S Paul ſpeaketh the ſame of all men naturally, Rom 3.10

3 [c] All are gone out of the way: they are all corrupt: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

d Where they thinke them ſelues moſte ſure

4 Do not all ỹ workers of iniquitie knowe that they eat vp my people, *as* they eat bread? they call not vpon the Lord.

5 [d] There they ſhal be taken with feare, becauſe God *is* in the generacion of the iuſt.

e You mocke them that put their truſt in God

6 You haue made [e] a mocke at the counſel of the poore, becauſe the Lord *is* his truſt.

f He prayeth for the whole Church, whome he is aſſured God wil deliuer: for none but he onely can do it.

7 Oh giue ſaluacion vnto [f] Iſraél out of Zión: when the Lord turneth the captiuitie of his people, *then* Iaakób ſhal reioyce, and Iſraél ſhal be glad.

PSAL. XV.

1 *This Pſalme teacheth on what conditiõ God did chuſe the Iewes for his peculiar people, and wherefore he placed his Temple among them, which was to the intent that they by liuing vprightely and godly, might witnes that they were his ſpecial and holie people.*

¶ *A Pſalme of Dauid.*

1 LOrd, who ſhal dwel in thy Tabernacle? who ſhal reſt in thine holie Moũtayne?

e First God requireth vprightenes of life, next doig wel to others, and thirdely trueth and ſimplicitie in our wordes.

2 He that a walketh vprightly and worketh righteouſnes, and ſpeaketh the trueth
3 in his heart. He that ſclandreth not with his tongue, nor doeth euil to his neighbour, nor receiueth a falſe reporte againſt his neighbour.

b He that flattereth not the vngodlie in their wickednes.

4 b In whoſe eyes a vile perſone is cõtemned, but he *honoreth* them that feare the Lord: he that ſweareth to his *owne* hinderance and changeth not.

e To the hinderance of his neighbour.

5 He that c giueth not his money vnto vſurie, nor taketh rewarde againſt the innocent: he that doeth theſe things, d ſhal neuer be moued.

d That is, ſhal not be cast forthe of the Church as hypocrites.

PSAL. XVI.

1 Dauid prayeth to God for ſuccour, not for his workes, but for his faiths ſake. 4 Proteſting that he hateth all idolatrie, taking God onelie for his comfort and felicitie. 8 Who ſuffreth his to lacke nothing.

¶ e *Michtám of Dauid.*

Or, a certeine tune.

1 PReſerue me, ô God: for in thee do I a truſt.

a He ſheweth that we can not call vpon God, except we truſt in hī

2 *O my ſoule*, thou haſt ſaid vnto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my b welldoing *extendeth* not to thee,

b Thogh we cā not enriche God, yet we muſt beſtowe Gods gifts to the vſe of his children

3 *But* to the Saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent: all my delite is in them.

c As griefe of conſcience & miſerable deſtruction.

4 The c ſorowes of them, that offer to another *god*, ſhal be multiplied: d their offrings of blood wil I not offer, nether make mẽcion of their names with my lippes.

d He wolde nether by outwarde profeſſiõ nor in heart nor in mouth cõſent to their idolatries

5 The Lord *is* the porcion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou ſhalt mainteine my lot.

e Wherewith my porcion is meaſured

6 The e lines are fallen vnto me in pleaſant places: yea, I haue a faire heritage.

7 I wil praiſe the Lord, who hathe giuen me counſel: my f reines alſo teache me in the nights.

f God teacheth me continually by ſecret inſpiracio

8 I haue ſet the Lord alwayes before me: for he is at my right hand: *therefore* I ſhal not ſlide.

g The faithful are ſure to perſeuere to the end

9 Wherefore h mine heart is glad and my tongue reioyceth: my fleſh alſo doeth reſt in hope.

h That is, I reioyce bothe in bodie & in ſoule

10 For thou i wilt not leaue my ſoule in the graue: nether wilt thou ſuffer thine holie one to ſe corruption.

i This is chiefly ment of Chriſt, by whoſe reſurrection all his mẽbers haue immortalitie

11 Thou wilt ſhewe me the path of life: in thy k preſence *is* the fulnes of ioye: *and* at thy right hãd there *are* pleaſures for euermore.

k Where God fauoreth, there is perfite felicitie.

PSAL. XVII.

1 Here he complaineth to God of the cruel pride and arrogancie of Saul, and the reſt of his enemies, who thus raged with out cauſe giuen on his parte. 6 Therefore he deſireth God to reuenge his innocencie, and deliuer him.

¶ *The prayer of Dauid.*

a My righteouſ cauſe.

1 HEare a the right, ô Lord, cõſider my crye: hearken vnto my prayer of lips vnfained.

b The vengeãce that ỹ ſhalt ſhewe againſt mine enemies.

2 Let my b ſentence come forthe from thy preſence, & let thine eyes beholde equitie.

c When thy Spirit examined my conſcience

3 Thou haſt c proued & viſited mine heart in the night: thou haſt tryed me, & foundeſt nothing: *for* I was purpoſed that my d mouth ſhulde not offend.

d I was innocent towarde mine enemie bothe in dede and thoght.

4 Concerning the workes of men, by the e wordes of thy lippes I kept me from the paths of the cruel man.

e Thogh the wicked prouoked me to do euil for euil, yet thy worde kept me backe

5 Stay my ſteps in thy paths, that my fete do not ſlide.

f He was aſſured that God wolde not refuſe his requeſt

6 I haue called vpon thee: f ſurely thou wilt heare me, ô God: incline thine eare to me, & hearken vnto my wordes.

g For all rebell againſt thee, ẽ trouble thy Churche.

7 Shewe thy maruelous mercies, *thou* that art the Sauiour of them that truſt *in thee*, from ſuche as g reſiſt thy right hand.

8 Kepe me as the apple of the eye: hide me vnder the ſhadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that oppreſſe me, *from mine* enemies, which compaſſe me rounde about for h *my* ſoule.

h For their cruelnes can not be ſatiſfied but with my death

10 They are incloſed in their owne i fatt, *and* they haue ſpoken proudly with their mouth.

i They are puffe vp with pride, as the ſtomake that is choked with fat

11 They haue compaſſed vs now in our ſteps: they haue ſet their eyes to bring downe to the grounde:

k Stop his rage

12 Like as a lyon that is gredie of praye, & as it were a lyons whelpe lurking in ſecret places.

Or, which is thy ſworde

13 Vp Lord, k diſapoint him: caſt him downe: deliuer my ſoule from the wicked l with thy ſworde,

l By thine heauenlie power

14 Frõ men by thine l hand, ô Lord, from men m of the worlde, who haue their n porcion in this life, whoſe belies thou filleſt with thine hid treaſure: their childrẽ haue ynough, and leaue the reſt of their ſubſtãce for their children.

Or, whoſe tyrãnie hathe to long endured

m And feele not the ſmart that Gods children oft times do

n This is ỹ fulfelicitie, comforting againſt all aſſaltes, to haue the face of God & fauorable countenãce opened vnto vs

15 *But* I wil beholde o thy face in righteouſnes, & when I p awake, I ſhalbe ſatiſfied with thine image.

o And am deliuered out of my great troubles

PSAL. XVIII.

1 This Pſalme is the firſt beginning of his gratulacion, and thankeſgiuing in the entring into his kingdome, wherein he extolleth & praiſeth moſte highly the maruelous mercies and grace of God, who hathe thus preſerued and defended him. 32 Alſo he ſetteth forthe the image of Chriſts kingdome, that the faithful may be aſſured that Chriſt ſhal alwayes conquer & ouercome by the vnſpeakeable power of his Father, though all the whole worlde ſhulde ſtriue thereagainſt.

¶ *To him that excelleth.* A Pſalme *of Dauid the ſeruant of the Lord, which ſpake vnto the Lord the wordes of this ſong (in the day that the Lord deliuered him from the hand of all his enemies, & from the hand of Saul) and ſaid,*

2.Sam.22.1.

a He vſeth this deuerſitie of names, to ſhewe ỹ as the wicked haue many meanes to hurt, ſo God hathe manie waies to helpe

1 I * Wil loue thee dearely, ô Lord my ſtrength.

2 a The Lord *is* my rocke, and my fortreſſe, and

and he that deliuereth me, my God & my ſtrength: in him wil I truſt, my ſhield, the horne alſo of my ſaluacio, & my refuge.

3 I wil call vpon the Lord, which is worthie to be [b] praiſed: ſo ſhal I be ſafe from mine enemies.

4 The [c] ſorowes of death compaſſed me, and the floods of wickednes made me afraied.

5 The [d] ſorowes of the graue haue cõpaſſed me about: the ſnares of death ouertoke me.

6 *But* in my trouble did I call vpon the Lord, and cryed vnto my God: he heard my voyce out of his Temple, and my crye did come before him, *euen* into his eares.

7 [d] Then the earth trembled, and quaked: the fundacions alſo of the mouñtaines moued and ſhoke, becauſe he was angrie.

8 Smoke went out at his noſtrels, and a [e] cõſuming fyre out of his mouth: coles were kindled thereat.

9 He bowed the heauens alſo and came downe, and [f] darkenes *was* vnder his fete.

10 And he rode vpon [g] Cherub and did flie, and he came flying vpon the wings of the winde.

11 He made darkenes his [h] ſecret place, & his pauilion rounde about him, *euen* darkenes of waters, *and* cloudes of the aire.

12 At the brightnes of his preſence his cloudes paſſed, haileſtones & coles of fyre.

13 The Lord alſo thundred in the heauen, and the Higheſt gaue [i] his voyce, haileſtones and coles of fyre.

14 Then he ſent out [k] his arrowes & ſcatered them, and he increaſed lightnings and deſtroyed them.

15 And the chanels of waters were ſene, and the [l] fundaciõs of the worlde were diſcouered at thy rebuking, ô Lord, at the blaſting of the breath of thy noſtrels.

16 He hathe ſent downe from aboue *and* taken me: he hathe drawen me out of [m] mame waters.

17 He hathe deliuered me from my [n] ſtrõg enemie, and from them which hate me: for they were [o] to ſtrong for me.

18 They preuented me in the daye of my calamitie: but the Lord was my ſtay.

19 He broght me forthe alſo into a large place: [p] he deliuered me becauſe he fauored me.

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my [q] righteouſnes: according to the purenes of mine hands he recompenſed me:

21 Becauſe I kept the wayes of the Lord, & did not wickedly againſt my God.

22 For all his Lawes *were* before me, and I did not caſt away his [r] commandements from me.

23 I was vpright alſo with him, & haue kept me from my [ſ] wickednes.

24 Therefore [ſ] the Lord rewarded me according to my righteouſnes, & according to the purenes of mine hands in his ſight.

25 With the [t] godlie thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelf godlie: with the vpright mã thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelf vpright.

26 With the pure thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelf pure, & with the frowarde thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelf froward.

27 Thus thou wilt ſaue the poore people, & wilt [u] caſt downe the proude lokes.

28 Surely thou wilt light my candel: the Lord my God will lighten my darkenes.

29 For by thee I haue [x] broken through an hoſte, and by my God I haue leaped ouer a wall.

30 The waye of God is vncorrupt: the [y] worde of the Lord is tryed *in the fyre*: he is a ſhield to all that truſt in him.

31 For who is God beſides the Lord? and who is mightie ſaue our God?

32 God girdeth me with ſtrength, and maketh my [z] waye vpright.

33 He maketh my fete like hindes *fete*, and ſetteth me vpon mine [a] high places.

34 He teacheth mine hands to fight: ſo that a bowe of [ſ] braſſe is broken with mine armes.

35 Thou haſt alſo giuẽ me ſ̃ [b] ſhield of thy ſaluacion, and thy right hand hathe ſtayed me, and thy [c] louing kindenes hathe cauſed me to increaſe.

36 Thou haſt enlarged my ſteppes vnder me, and mine heles haue not ſlid.

37 [d] I haue purſued mine enemies, and take them, and haue not turned againe til I had conſumed them.

38 I haue wounded thẽ, that they were not able to riſe: they are fallen vnder my fete.

39 For thou haſt girded me with ſtrength to battel: them that roſe againſt me, thou haſt ſubdued vnder me.

40 And thou haſt [e] giuen me the neckes of mine enemies, that I might deſtroye them that hate me.

41 They [f] cryed, but there was none to ſaue *them, euen* vnto the Lord, but he anſwered them not.

42 Then I did beate them ſmale as the duſt before the winde: I did tread them flat as the claye in the ſtretes.

43 Thou haſt deliuered me from the contentions of the people: thou haſt made me the head of the [g] heathen: a people, *whome* I haue not [h] knowen, ſhal ſerue me.

44 As ſone as thei heare, thei ſhal obey me: the ſtrangers ſhal [i] be in ſubiection to me.

45 Strangers ſhal [k] ſhrinke away, & feare in their priuie chambers.

46 Let the Lord liue, and bleſſed be my ſtrength, and the God of my ſaluacion be exalted.

b For none cã obteine their requeſts of God, ſ̃ ioyne not his glorie with their petition

c He ſpeaketh of the dãgers and malice of his enemies, fro the which God had deliuered him

Or, cordes, or cables.

d A deſcriptiõ of the wrath of God againſt his enemies after he had heard his prayers

e He ſheweth how horrible Gods iudgements ſhalbe to the wicked

f Darkenes ſignifieth the wrath of God, as the cleare light ſignifieth Gods fauour

g This is deſcribed at large Pſal 104

h As a King angrie with ſ̃ people, wil not ſhew him ſelf vnto them

i Thundred, lightened, and hailed

k His lightenings

l That is, the depe bottoms were ſene, whẽ the red Sea was deuided

m Out of ſundrie, and great dangers

n To wit, Saul.

o Therefore God ſent me ſuccour

p The cauſe of Gods deliuerance is his onelie fauour & loue to vs

q Dauid was ſure of his righteous cauſe and good behauiour toward Saul & his enemies, & therefore was aſſured of Gods fauour & deliuerance.

r For all his dangers he exerciſed him ſelf in the Law of God

ſ Neither gaue place to their wicked tentations, nor to mine owne affections.

t Here he ſpeaketh of God accordĩg to our capacitie, who ſheweth mercie to his & puniſheth the wicked, as is ſaid alſo, Leuit 26, 21.

u When their ſtõne is come to the ful meaſure

x He attributeth it to God, that he bothe gate the victorie in ſ̃ field, & alſo deſtroyed the emes of his enemies.

y Be the dangers neuer ſo manie or great, yet Gods promes muſt take effect

z He giueth good ſucceſſe to all mine enterpriſes

a As towres and fortes, wher he toke out of the hands of Gods enemies:

Or, ſtrẽgthe.

b To defend me fro dãgers

c He attributeth the beginning, continuãce & increaſe in well doing onely to Gods fauour

d Dauid declareth that he did nothing beſides his vocation, but was ſtirred vp by Gods Spirit to execute his iudgements

e Thou haſt giuẽ thẽ into mine hands to be ſlaine

f Thei that reiect ſ̃ crye of the afflicted, God wil alſo reiect them, whẽ thei crye for helpe: for either perme or feare cauſe thoſe hypocrites to crye

g Which dwel roũd about me

h The kingdome of Chriſt is in Dauids kigdome prefigured: who by ſ̃ preaching of his worde bringeth all to his ſubiection.

i Obey: ſignifying a ſubiection conſtrained & not voluntarie

k Feare ſhal cauſe them to be afraied & come forthe of their ſecret holes & holdes to aſke pardõ.

47 *It is* God that giueth me *power* to auēge me, and subdueth the people vnder me.
48 O my deliuerer from mine enemies, euen thou hast set me vp from them, that rose against me: thou hast deliuered me from the [l] cruel man.
49 Therefore [m] I wil praise thee, ô Lord, among the nations, and wil sing vnto thy Name.
50 Great deliuerances giueth he vnto his King, & sheweth mercie to his anointed, *euen* to Dauid, and to his [n] sede for euer.

That is, Saul, who of malice persecuted hi.
m This prophecie apperteineth to the kingdome of Christ, and vocation of the Gentiles, as Rom. 15, 9.
n This did not properly apperteine to Salomón, but to Iesus Christ.

PSAL. XIX.

1 To the intent he might moue the faithful to a deeper consideration of Gods glorie, he setteth before their eyes the moste exquisite workemanship of the heauens with their proportion, and ornaments: 8 And afterward calleth thē to the Law, wherein God hathe reueiled him self more familiarly to his chosen people. The which peculiar grace by commending the Law he setteth forthe more at large.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.*

1 THe [a] heauens declare the glorie of God, and the firmament sheweth the worke of his hands.
2 [b] Daie vnto daie vttereth the same, and night vnto night teacheth knowledge.
3 *There is* no speache nor [c] language, *where* their voyce is not heard.
4 Their [d] line is gone forthe through all the earth, and their wordes into the ends of the worlde: in them hathe he set a tabernacle for the sunne.
5 Which commeth forthe as a bridegrome out of his [e] chambre, *and* reioyceth like a mightie man tō runne *his* race.
6 His going out *is* from the end of the heauen, and his compas *is* vnto the ends of the same, & none is hid from the heate thereof.
7 The [f] Law of the Lord is perfite, conuerting the soule: the testimonie of the Lord is sure, and giueth wisdome vnto the simple.
8 The statutes of the Lord *are* right and reioyce the heart: the commandement of the Lord *is* pure, and giueth light vnto the eyes.
9 The feare of the Lord *is* cleane, and indureth for euer: the iudgements of the Lord *are* [g] trueth: they are righteous [h] all together,
10 And more to be [i] desired then golde, yea, then muche fine golde: sweeter also thē honie and the honie combe.
11 Moreouer by them *is* thy seruant made circumspect, & in keping of them there *is* great [k] rewarde.
12 Who can vnderstand *his* [l] faultes? clense me from secret *faultes*.
13 Kepe thy seruant also from [m] presumptuous sinnes: let them not reigne ouer me: [n] so shal I be vpright, and made cleane from muche wickednes.
14 Let the wordes of my mouth, and the [o] meditation of mine heart be acceptable in thy sight, ô Lord, my strength, and my remeder.

a He reproueth vnto mā his ingratitude, seing y heauens, which are dumme creatures, set forthe Gods glorie.
b The continual succesſe of the daye & the night is sufficiēt to declare Gods power and goodnes.
c The heauens are a scholemaster to all natiōs, be they neuer so barbarous.
d The heauens are as a line of great capital letters to shewe vnto vs Gods glorie.
e Or, vaile. The maner was that the bride and bridegrome should stand vnder a vaile together, & after come forthe w great solemnitie and reioycing of y assemblie.
f Thogh the creatures can not serue, yet this ought to be sufficient to lead vs vnto him.
g So that all mās inuentiōs and intentions are lies.
h Euerie one without exception.
i Except Gods worde be estemed aboue all worldelie things, it is contemned.
k For God accepteth our indeuour, thogh it be farre vnperfite.
l Then there is no rewarde of duetie, but of Grace: for where sinne is, there death is the rewarde.
m Which are done purposly and of malice.
n If thou suppresse my wicked affections by thine holie Spirit.
o That I may obey thee in thoght, worde and dede.

PSAL. XX.

1 A prayer of the people vnto God, that it wolde please him to heare their King & receiue his sacrifice, which he offred before he went to battel against the Ammonites.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.*

1 THe [a] Lord heare thee in the daye of trouble: the [b] Name of the God of Iaakób defende thee:
2 Send thee helpe from the Sanctuarie, and strengthen thee out of Zión.
3 Let him remember all thine offrings, and [c] turne thy burnt offrings into ashes. Sélah:
4 *And* grante thee according to thine heart, and fulfil all thy purpose:
5 *That* we may reioyce in thy [d] saluacion, and set vp the banner in the Name of our God, *when* the Lord shal performe all thy petitions.
6 Now [e] know I that the Lord wil helpe his anointed, *and* wil heare him from his [f] Sanctuarie, by the mightie helpe of his right hand.
7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we wil remember the Name of the Lord our God.
8 [g] They are broght downe and fallen, but we are risen, and stande vpright.
9 Saue Lord: [h] let the King heare vs in the day that we call.

a Hereby Kings are also admonished to call to God in their affaires.
b The vertue, power & grace of God.
c In token y thos are acceptable vnto him.
d Granted to the King, in whose wealth our felicitie standeth.
e The Church feeleth that God hathe heard their petition
f as by the visible Sāctuarie Gods familiaritie appeared toward his people, so by the heauenlie iſment his power & maiestie.
g The worldelings that put not their onely trust in God.
h Let the King be able to deliuer vs by thy strength, when we seke vnto him for succour.

PSAL. XXI.

1 Dauid in the persone of the people praiseth God for the victorie, attributing it to God, and not to the strength of man. Wherein the holie Goſt directeth the faithful to Christ, who is the perfection of this kingdome.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.*

1 THe King shal [a] reioyce in thy strēgth, ô Lord: yea, how greatly shal he reioyce in thy saluation!
2 Thou hast giuen him his hearts desire, & hast not denied *him* the request of his lippes. Sélah.
3 For thou [b] dideſt preuent him with liberal blessings, & dideſt set a crowne of pure golde vpon his head.
4 [c] He asked life of thee, *and* thou gaueſt him a long life for euer and euer.
5 His glorie *is* great in thy saluacio: dignitie and honour hast thou layed vpon him.
6 For thou hast set him *as* [d] blessings for euer: thou hast made him glad with the ioye of thy countenance.
7 Becaurse the King trusteth in the Lord, and in the mercie of the most High, he shal not slide.
8 [e] Thine hand shal finde out all thine ene-

a Whē he shal ouercome his enemies and so be assured of his vocatiō.
b Thou declaredſt thy liberal fauour toward him before he praied.
c Dauid did not onely obteine life, but also assurance that his posteritie shulde reigne for euer.
d Thou hast made him thy blessings to others, & a perpetual exaple of thy fauour for euer.
e Here he describeth the power of Christs kingdome against the enemies thereof.

mies, *and* thy right hand ſhal finde out thē that hate thee.

9 Thou ſhalt make them like a fyrie ouen in time of thine angre: the Lord ſhal deſtroy them in his f wrath, and the fyer ſhal deuoure them.

10 Their frute ſhalt thou deſtroy from the earth, and their ſede from the children of men.

11 For they g intended euil againſt thee, *and* imagined miſchief, *but* they ſhal not preuaile.

12 Therefore ſhalt thou put them h aparte, & the ſtrings of thy bowe ſhalt thou make ready againſt their faces.

13 i Be thou exalted, ô Lord, in thy ſtrēgth: ſo wil we ſing and praiſe thy power.

f This teacheth vs pacientely to endure the croſſe til God deſtroye the aduerſarie

g Their laied as it were their nets to make Gods power to giue place to their wicked enterprises

h As a marke to ſhote at

i Maintein thy Church againſt thine aduerſaries, ỹ we may haue ample occaſiō to praiſe thy Name.

PSAL. XXII.

1 Dauid cōplained becauſe he was broght into ſuche extremities, that he was paſt all hope. but after he had rehearſed the ſorowes & griefs, wherewith he was vexed. 10 He recouereth him ſelf frō the bottomles pit of tentations and groweth in hope. And here vnder his owne perſone he ſetteth forthe the figure of Chriſt, whome he did foreſe by the Spirit of prophecie, that he ſhulde maruelouſly, & ſtrangely be deiected, & abaſed, before his Father ſhulde raiſe & exalte him againe

¶ *To him that excelleth vpon* Aiéleth Haſhá-har. *A Pſalme of Dauid.*

MY a God, my God, why haſt thou forſaken me, & art ſo farre from mine health, *and from* the wordes of my b roaring?

2 O my God, I crye by daie, but thou heareſt not, & by night, but c haue no audiēce.

3 But thou art holie, and doeſt inhabite the d praiſes of Iſraél.

4 Our fathers truſted in thee: they truſted, and thou dideſt deliuer them.

5 They called vpon thee, and were deliuered: they truſted in thee, and were not cōfuſided.

6 But I am a e worme, & not a man: a ſhame of men, and the contēpt of the people.

7 All they that ſe me, haue me in deriſion: they make a mowe & nod the head, *ſaying*,

8 "* He truſted in the Lord, let him deliuer him: let him ſaue him, ſeīg he loueth him.

9 But ỹ dideſt drawe me out of the f wombe: thou gaueſt me hope, *euen* at my mothers breaſts.

10 I was caſt vpon thee, *euen* from g the wombe: thou art my God from my mothers belly.

11 Be not farre from me, becauſe trouble is nere: for *there is* none to helpe *me*.

12 Manie yong bulles haue compaſſed me: mightie h bulles of Baſhán haue cloſed me about.

13 They gape vpon me with their mouthes, *as* a ramping and roaring lion.

14 I am like i water powred out, and all my bones are out of ioynt: mine heart is like waxe: it is molten in the middes of my bowels.

15 My ſtrēgth is dryed vp like a potſheard, and my tongue cleueth to my iawes, and ỹ haſt broght me into the duſt of death.

16 For dogges haue compaſſed me, & the aſſemblie of the wicked haue incloſed me: they k perced mine hands and my fete.

17 I maie tel all my bones: *yet* thei beholde, *and* loke vpon me.

18 They paite my gaiments among them, and caſt lottes vpon my veſture.

19 But be not thou faire of, ô Lord, my ſtrength: haſten to helpe me.

20 Deliuer my ſoule from the ſworde: my l deſolate *ſoule* from the power of the dog.

21 m Saue me from the lions mouth, and anſwer me *in ſauing me* from the hornes of the vnicornes.

22 * I wil declare thy Name vnto my brethren: in the middes of the Congregaciō wil I praiſe thee, *ſaying*,

23 n Praiſe the Lord, ye that feare him: magnifie ye him, all the ſede of Iaakób, & feare ye him, all the ſede of Iſraél.

24 For he hathe not deſpiſed nor abhorred ỹ affliction of the o poore: nether hathe he hid his face from him, but when he called vnto him, he heard.

25 My praiſe *ſhalbe* of thee in the great Cōgregation: my p vowes wil I performe before them that feare him.

26 q The poore ſhal eat and be ſatiſfied: thei that ſeke after the Lord, ſhal praiſe him: your heart ſhal liue for euer.

27 All the ends of the worlde ſhal remembre *them ſelues*, and turne to the Lord: and all the kinreds of the nations ſhal worſhip before thee.

28 For the kingdome *is* the Lords, and he ruleth among the nations.

29 All thei that be fat r in the earth, ſhal eat and worſhip: all they that go downe into the duſt, ſhal bowe before him, ſ euen he that can not quicken his owne ſoule.

30 t *Their* ſede ſhal ſerue him: it ſhalbe cōted vnto the Lord for a generation.

31 Thei ſhal come, & ſhal declare his righteouſnes vnto a people that ſhal be borne, becauſe he hathe u done it.

PSAL. XXIII.

1 Becauſe the Prophet had proued the great mercies of God at diuerſe times, and in ſundrie maners, he gathereth a certeine aſſurance, fully perſuading him ſelf that God wil continue the verie ſame goodnes towards him for euer.

¶ *A Pſalme of Dauid.*

1 THe Lord *is* my *ſhepherd, a I ſhal not want.

2 He maketh me to reſt in grene paſture, & leadeth me by the ſtil waters.

3 He b reſtoreth my ſoule, & leadeth me in

a Or, the hinde of the morning & ſhe was the vſuall ſong of ſome congregation

a Here appeareth that horrible conflict, which he ſuſteined betwene faith & deſperation

b Being tormented with extreme anguith

c Or, I ceaſe not.

d He meaneth the place of praiſing, euen the Tabernacle: or els it is ſo called, becauſe he gaue ỹ people cōtinually occaſiō to praiſe him

e And ſeming moſte miſerable of all creatures, ẅ was mēt of Chriſt And herein appeareth the vnſpeakable loue of God toward man, that he wolde thus abaſe his Sonne for our ſakes

* *Ebr ruled vpō God*

Matt 27,43.

f Euen frō my birth thou haſt giuen me occaſion to truſt in thee

g For except Gods prouidēce preſerue ỹ infants, they ſhulde periſh a thouſand times in the mothers wombe

h Before, he ſpake of the cruelte of his enemies, and now he declareth the inwarde griefs of ỹ minde, ſo that Chriſt was tormented, bothe in ſoule and bodie.

i Thou haſt ſuffred me to be without all hope of life.

k Thus Dauid cōplaineth as thogh he were nailed by his enemies bothe hands & fete: but this was accompliſhed in Chriſt

l My life ỹ is ſolitarie, left alone & forſakē of all, Pſal. 35,17, & 25,16.

m Chriſt is deliuered ẅ a more mightie deliuerance by ouercomming death, then if he had not taſted death at all

Ebr. 2,12.

n He promiſeth to exhort the Church ỹ thei by his example might praiſe ỹ Lord

o The poore afflicted are cōforted by this exāple of Dauid, or Chriſt.

p Which were ſacrifices of thankeſgiuing, which they offred by Gods commandemēt when thei were deliuered out of any great danger.

q He doeth allude ſtil to the ſacrifice

r Though ỹ poore be firſt named, as ver 26, yet ỹ welthie are not ſeparated frō the grace of Chriſts kingdome.

ſ In whome there is no hope that he ſhal recouer life:

ſo nether poore nor riche, quieke nor dead ſhalbe reiected from his kingdome

t Meaning the poſteritie, ẅ the Lord keepeth as a ſede to the Church to continue his praiſe among men

u That is, God hathe fulfilled his promes.

the c paths of righteouſnes for his Names ſake.

4 Yea, thogh I ſhulde walke through the valley of the d ſhadow of death, I wil feare no euil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy ſtaffe, they comfort me.

5 Thou doeſt prepare a e table before me in the ſight of mine aduerſaries: thou doeſt f anoint mine head with oyle, *and* my cup runneth ouer.

6 Doubteles kindenes, & mercie ſhal follow me all the dayes of my life, and I ſhal remaine a long ſeaſon in the g houſe of the Lord.

c Plaine, or ſtreight wayes.
d Thogh he were in dãger of death, as ȳ ſhepe that walketh in the darke valley without his ſhepherd.
e Albeit his enemies ſoght to deſtroy him, yet God deliuereth him, & dealeth moſte liberally with him in deſpite of them
f As was the maner of great feaſtes.
g He ſetteth not his felicitie in the pleaſures of this worlde, but in ȳ feare & ſeruice of God.

PSAL. XXIIII.

1 Albeit the Lord God hathe made and gouerneth all the worlde, yet towards his choſen people his gracious goodnes doeth moſte abundantly appeare, in that among thẽ he wil haue his dwelling place. Which thogh it was appointed among the children of Abrahám, yet onely thei do entre aright into the Sanctuarie, which are the true worſhipers of God, purged from the ſinful filth of the worlde. 7 Finally he magnifieth Gods grace for the buylding of the Temple, to the end he might ſtirre vp all the faithful to the true ſeruice of God.

¶ *A Pſalme of Dauid.*

Deu.10,14. reb.28,25. 1 cor.10,27.

1 THe earth * *is* the Lords, and all that therein is: the worlde and they that dwel therein.

a He noteth two things: the one that the earth to mans iudgement ſemeth aboue the waters: & next, that God miraculouſly preſerueth the earth, that it is not drowned with the waters, which naturally are aboue it

2 For he hathe founded it vpon the a ſeas: and eſtabliſhed it vpon the floods.

b Though circũciſion ſeparate the carnal ſede of Iaakób from the Gẽtils, yet he ȳ ſeketh God, is ȳ true Iaakób & the verie Iſraelite

3 Who ſhal aſcende into the mountaine of the Lord? and who ſhal ſtand in his holie place?

4 *Euen he that hathe* innocẽt hãds, & a pure heart: which hathe not lift vp his minde vnto vanitie, nor ſworne deceitfully.

5 He ſhal receiue a bleſsing frõ the Lord, & righteouſnes frõ the God of his ſaluacíõ.

6 This is the b generation of them that ſeke him, of them that ſeke thy face, *this is* Iaakób. Sélah.

c Dauid deſireth the buylding vpof the Tẽple, wherein the gloríe of God ſhulde appeare, and vnder the figure of this Tẽple he alſo prayeth for ȳ ſpiritual Tẽple, which is eternal, becauſe of the promes which was made to ȳ Tẽple: as is writẽ, Pſal 132,14.

7 c Lift vp your heades ye gates, and be ye lift vp ye euerlaſting dores, and the King of glorie ſhal come in.

8 Who is this King of glorie? the Lord, ſtrong and mightie, *euẽ* the Lord mightie in battel.

9 Lift vp your heades, ye gates, and lift vp *your ſelues*, ye euerlaſting dores, & the King of glorie ſhal come in.

10 Who is this King of glorie? the Lord of hoſtes, he is the King of glorie. Sélah.

PSAL. XXV.

1 The Prophet touched with the conſideration of his ſinnes, and alſo grieued with the cruel malice of his enemies. 6 Prayeth to God moſte feruently to haue his ſinnes forgiuen. 7 Eſpecially ſuche as he had committed in his youth. He begynneth euerie verſe according to the Ebrewe letters two or thre except.

¶ A Pſalme *of Dauid.*

1 VNto thee, a ô Lord, lift I vp my ſoule.

a I put not my truſt in anie worldelie thing

2 My God, I b truſt in thee: let me not be confounded: let not mine enemies reioyce ouer me.

b That thou wilt take awaie mine enemies, which are thy rods.

3 * So all that hope in thee, ſhal not be aſhamed: *but* let them be confounded, that tráſgreſſe without cauſe.

4 c Shew me thy waies, ô Lord, & teache me thy paths.

5 Lead me forthe in thy trueth, and teache me: for thou art the God of my ſaluacion: in thee do I truſt d all the daie.

6 Remember, ô Lord, thy tendre mercies, and thy louing kindenes: for thei haue bene for euer.

7 Remember not the e ſinnes of my youth, nor my rebellions, *but* according to thy kindenes remember thou me, *euen* for thy goodnes ſake, ô Lord.

8 Gracious and righteous *is* the Lord: therefore wil he f teache ſinners in the waie.

9 Them that be meke, wil he g guide in iudgement, and teache the humble his waie.

10 All the paths of the Lord *are* mercie & trueth vnto ſuch as kepe his couenant and his teſtimonies.

11 For thy h Names ſake, ô Lord, be merciful vnto mine iniquitie, for it is great.

12 What i manis he that feareth the Lord? him wil he teache the waie *that* he ſhal k chuſe.

13 His ſoule ſhal dwel at l eaſe, and his ſede ſhal inherite the land.

14 The m ſecret of the Lord *is reueiled* to them, that feare him: and his couenant to giue them vnderſtanding.

15 Mine eies *are* euer toward the Lord: for he wil bring my fete out of the net.

16 Turne thy face vnto me, and haue mercie vpon me: for I am deſolate and poore.

17 The ſorowes of mine heart n are enlarged: drawe me out of my troubles.

18 Loke vpon mine affliction & my trauel, and forgiue all my ſinnes.

19 Beholde mine o enemies, for thei are many, and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 Kepe my ſoule, & deliuer me: let me not be confounded, for I truſt in thee.

21 Let p *mine* vprightenes and equitie preſerue me: for mine hope is in thee.

22 Deliuer Iſraél, ô God, out of all his troubles.

Iſa 28,16. rom 10,11.
c Retaine me in ȳ faith of thy promes, that I ſwerue not on any ſide.
d Conſtantly, and againſt all tentations
e He confeſſeth ȳ his manifolde ſinnes were the cauſe that his enemies did thus perſecute hi, deſiring that the cauſe of the euil may be taken awaie, to the intent, that ȳ effect may ceaſe
f That is, call them to repentance:
g He wil gouerne & cõfort them that are truely hũbled for their ſinnes
h And for none other reſpect.
i Meaning, the nomber is very ſmall
k He wil direct ſuch w his Spirit to followe the right waie
l He ſhal proſper bothe in ſpirituel and corporal thigs
m His counſel conteined in his worde, whereby he declareth that he is ȳ protector of the faithful
n My grief is increaſed becauſe of mine enemies cruelnie
o The greater that his afflictions were, & the more that his enemies increaſed, the more nere felt he Gods helpe
p For as muche as I haue behaued my ſelfe vprightly toward mine enemies, let them knowe that thou art the defender of my iuſte cauſe.

PSAL. XXVI.

1 Dauid oppreſſed with many iniuries, finding no helpe in the worlde, calleth for aide from God: & aſſured of his integritie toward Saúl, deſireth God to be his iudge, & to defend his innocencie 6 Finally he maketh mencíõ of his ſacrifice, which he wil offre for his deliuerance, & deſireth to be in the cõpanie of the faithful in the Cõgregacíõ of God, whẽce he was baniſhed by Saúl, promiſing integritie of life, & open praiſes & thãkeſgiuing.

¶ A Pſalme *of Dauid.*

1 IVdge me, a ô Lord, for I haue walked in mine innocencie: my truſt hathe bene alſo in the Lord: *therefore* ſhal I not ſlide.

a He ſeeth to God to be the Iudge of his iuſt cauſe, ſeing there is no equitie among men.

2 Proue me, ô Lord, and trye me: examine my

my [b] reines, and mine heart.

For thy [c] louing kindenes *is* before mine eyes: therefore haue I walked in thy trueth.

I haue not [d] hanted with vaine perſones, nether kept cõpanie with the diſſemblers.

I haue hated the aſſemblie of the euil, & haue not companied with the wicked.

I wil [e] waſh mine hands in innocencie, ô Lord, and compaſſe thine altar,

That I maie declare with the voice of thankeſgiuing, and ſet forthe all thy wonderous workes.

O Lord, I haue loued the habitation of thine houſe, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

[f] Gather not my ſoule with the ſinners, nor my life with the bloodie men:

In whoſe hands *is* wickednes, and their right hand is ful of bribes.

But I wil walke in mine innocẽcie: redeme me *therefore*, and be merciful vnto me.

My fote ſtandeth in [h] vprightnes: I wil praiſe thee, ô Lord, in the Congregations.

PSAL. XXVII.

1 Dauid maketh this pſalme being deliuered from great perils, as appeareth by the praiſes and thankeſgiuing annexed: 6 Wherein we may ſe the conſtant faith of Dauid againſt the aſſaltes of all his enemies. 7 And alſo the end wherefore he deſireth to liue and to be deliuered, onely to worſhip God in his Congregation.

¶ A Pſalme *of Dauid.*

THe Lord *is* my [a] light and my ſaluation, whome ſhal I feare? the Lord *is* the ſtrength of my life, of whome ſhal I be afraid?

When the wicked, *euen* mine enemies and my foes came vpon me to eat vp my fleſh they ſtumbled and fel.

Thogh an hoſte pitched againſt me, mine heart ſhulde not be afraid: thogh warre be raiſed againſt me, I wil truſt in [b] this.

[c] One thing haue I deſired of the Lord, that I wil require, *euen* that I may dwel in the houſe of the Lord all the dayes of my life, to beholde the beautie of the Lord, & to viſite his Temple.

For in the time of trouble he ſhal hide me in his Tabernacle: in the ſecret *place* of his pauilion ſhal he hide me, & ſet me vp vpon a rocke.

[d] And now ſhal he lift vp mine head aboue mine enemies roũd about me: therfore wil I offer in his Tabernacle ſacrifices of ioye: I wil ſing and praiſe the Lord.

Hearken vnto my voice, ô Lord, *when* I crye: haue mercie alſo vpon me and heare me.

When thou ſaideſt, [e] Seke ye my face, mine heart anſwered vnto thee, O Lord, I wil ſeke thy face.

Hide not *therefore* thy face from me, nor caſt thy ſeruant awaie in diſpleaſure: thou haſt bene my ſuccour: leaue me not, nether forſake me, ô God of my ſaluation.

[f] Thogh my father and my mother ſhulde forſake me, yet the Lord wil gather me vp.

Teache me thy waie, ô Lord, and leade me in a right path, becauſe of mine enemies.

Giue me not vnto the [g] luſt of mine aduerſaries: for there are falſe witneſſes riſẽ vp againſt me, & ſuche as ſpeake cruelly.

I ſhulde haue fainted, except I had beleued to ſee the goodnes of the [h] Lord in the land of the liuing.

[i] Hope in the Lord: be ſtrong, & he ſhal comfort thine heart, & truſt in the Lord.

PSAL. XXVIII.

1 Being in great feare & heauines of heart to ſe God diſhonored by the wicked, he deſireth to be rid of them, 4 And cryeth for vengeance againſt them. & at length aſſureth him ſelfe, that God hathe heard his prayer. 9 Vnto whoſe tuition he commendeth all the faithful.

¶ A Pſalme *of Dauid.*

VNto thee, ô Lord, do I crye: ô my ſtrength, be not deafe toward me, leſt, if thou anſwer me not, I be [a] like them that go downe into the pit.

Heare the voice of my petitions, when I crye vnto thee, when I holde vp mine hãds toward thine [b] holy Oracle.

[c] Drawe me not awaie with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquitie: which ſpeake friendly to their neighbours, when malice *is* in their hearts.

[d] Reward them according to their dedes, and according to the wickednes of their inuentions: recompenſe them after the worke of their hands: rẽder them their reward.

For thei regard not the workes of ŷ Lord, nor the operation of his hands: *therefore* [e] breake them downe, & buylde thẽ not vp.

[f] Praiſed *be* the Lord, for he hathe heard the voice of my petitions.

The Lord *is* my ſtrength and my ſhield: mine heart truſted in him, and I was helped: therefore mine heart ſhal reioyce, & with my ſong wil I praiſe him.

The Lord *is* [g] their ſtrength, and he is the ſtrength of the deliuerances of his anointed.

Saue thy people, and bleſſe thine inheritãce: fede them alſo, & exalt thẽ for euer.

PSAL. XXIX

1 The Prophet exhorteth the princes and rulers of the worlde, (which for the moſte parte thinke there is no God) 3 At the leaſt to feare him for the thunders & tempeſtes, for feare whereof all creatures tremble. 11 And thogh thereby God threateneth ſinners yet is he alwaies merciful to his, & moueth thẽ thereby to praiſe his Name.

¶ *A Pſalme of Dauid.*

GIue vnto the Lord, ye [a] ſonnes of the mightie: giue vnto the Lord glorie and ſtrength.

b My very affections & inward motions of the heart

c He ſheweth what ſtayed him, ŷ he did not recõpence euil for euil

d He declareth that thei can not walke in ſimplicitie before God, that delite in the companie of ŷ vngodlie

e I wil ſerue thee w a pure affection, and with the godlie that ſacrifice vnto thee.

f Deſtroye me not in ŷ ouerthrowe of the wicked.

g Whoſe cruel hands do execute the malicious deuiſes of their hearts

h I am preſerued from mine enemies by ŷ power of God, and therefore wil praiſe him openly.

a Becauſe he was aſſured of good ſucceſſe in all his dangers, and that his ſaluation was ſurely laid vp ī God, he feared not the tyrãnie of his enemies

b That God wil deliuer me, & giue my faith ŷ victorie

c The loſſe of countrie, wife & all worldely commodities greue me not in reſpect of this one thig, that I may not praiſe thy Name in the middes of the Cõgregacion

d Dauid aſſured him ſelfe by the Spirit of prophecie that he ſhulde ouercome his enemies and ſerue God in his Tabernacle.

e He groundeth vpõ Gods promes & ſheweth that he is moſt willing to obey his cõmandement.

a He counteth him ſelfe as a dead man, til God ſhew his fauour toward him, and grãte him his petition

b He vſed this outward meanes to helpe ŷ weakues of his faith: for in ŷ place was the Arke, and there God promiſed to ſhewe the tokens of his fauour.

c Deſtroy not the good with the bad.

d He thus prayeth in reſpect of Gods glorie, & not for his owne cauſe, being aſſured, that God wolde puniſh the perſecuters of his Church,

e Let them be vtterly deſtroyed, as Malach 1, 4

f Becauſe he felt the aſſurãce of Gods help in his heart, his mouthe was opened to ſing his praiſes

g Meaning, his ſoldiers, who were as meanes, by whome God declared his power.

a He exhorteth ŷ proude tyrants to hũble thẽ ſelues vnder Gods hand and not to be inferiour to brute beaſts & dũme creatures

2 Giue vnto the Lord glorie *due* vnto his Name: worſhip the Lord in the glorious Sanctuarie.

3 The [b] voice of the Lord *is* vpon the waters: the God of glorie maketh it to thũder: the Lord *is* vpon the great waters.

4 The voice of the Lord *is* mightie: the voice of the Lord *is* glorious.

5 The [c] voice of the Lord breaketh the cedres: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedres of Lebanón.

6 He maketh thẽ alſo to leape like a calfe: Lebanón *alſo* and [d] Shirión like a yong vnicorne.

7 The voice of the Lord deuideth the [e] flames of fyre.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the wildernes to tremble: the Lord maketh the wildernes of [f] Kadéſh to tremble.

9 The voice of the Lord maketh the hindes to [g] calue, & [h] diſcouereth the foreſts: *therefore* in his [i] Temple doeth euerie man ſpeake of *his* glorie.

10 The Lord ſitteth vpon the [k] flood, and the Lord doeth remaine King for euer.

11 The Lord ſhal giue ſtrẽgth vnto his people: ỹ Lord ſhal bleſſe his people ẅ peace.

PSAL. XXX.

1 When Dauid was deliuered from great dãger, he rendred thankes to God, exhorting others to do the like, and to learne by his example, that God is rather merciful then ſeuere and rigorous towards his children. 8 And alſo that the fall from proſperitie to aduerſitie ſudden. 9 Thus done, he returneth to prayer, promiſing to praiſe God for euer.

¶ * *A Pſalme or ſong of the dedication of the* [a] *houſe of Dauid.*

1 I Wil magnifie thee, ô Lord: [b] for thou haſt exalted me, and haſt not made my foes to reioyce ouer me.

2 O Lord my God, I cryed vnto thee, and thou haſt [c] reſtored me.

3 O Lord, thou haſt broght vp my [d] ſoule out of the graue: thou haſt reuiued me frõ them that go downe into the pit.

4 Sing praiſes vnto the Lord, ye [e] his Saints, and giue thankes [f] before the remembrãce of his Holines.

5 *For he endureth but* a while in his angre: *but* in his fauour *is* life: weping maie abide at euening, but ioye *cometh* in the morning.

6 And in my [g] proſperitie I ſaid, I ſhal neuer be moued.

7 *For* thou Lord of thy goodnes hadeſt made my [h] mountaine to ſtand ſtrong: *but* ỹ dideſt hide thy face, *and* I [i] was troubled.

8 *Then* cryed I vnto thee, ô Lord, and prayed to my Lord.

9 What profit *is there* in my blood, whẽ I go downe to ỹ pit? ſhal the duſt [k] giue thãkes vnto thee? or ſhal it declare thy trueth?

10 Heare, ô Lord, and haue mercie vpon me: Lord, be thou mine helper.

11 Thou haſt turned my mourning into ioye: thou haſt looſed my ſacke & girded me with gladnes.

12 Therefore ſhal *my* [l] tongue praiſe thee and not ceaſe: ô Lord my God, I wil giue thankes vnto thee for euer.

PSAL. XXXI.

1 Dauid deliuered from ſome great dãger, firſt rehearſeth what meditation he had by the power of faith, when death was before his eies, his eneme being ready to take him. 15 Then he affirmeth that the fauour of God is alwaies readie to thoſe that feare him. 20 Finally he exhorteth all the faithful to truſt in God and to loue him, becauſe he preſerueth and ſtrẽgtheneth them, as they may ſe by his example.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Pſalme of Dauid.*

1 IN * thee, ô Lord, haue I put my truſt: let me neuer be confounded: deliuer me in thy [a] righteouſnes.

2 Bowe downe thine eare to me: make haſte to deliuer me: be vnto me a ſtrong rocke, & an houſe of defence to ſaue me.

3 For thou art my rocke and my fortres: therefore for thy Names ſake direct me & guide me.

4 Drawe me out of the [b] net, that they haue laied priuely for me: for thou art my ſtrength.

5 Into thine [c] hand I commende my ſpirit: for thou haſt redemed me, ô Lord God of trueth.

6 I haue hated them that giue them ſelues to deceitful vanities: for I [d] truſt in the Lord.

7 I wilbe glad and reioyce in thy mercie: for thou haſt ſene my trouble: thou haſt knowen my ſoule in aduerſities,

8 And thou haſt not ſhut me vp in the hãd of ỹ enemie, *but* haſt ſet my fete at [e] large.

9 Haue mercie vpon me, ô Lord: for I am in trouble: mine [f] eye, my ſoule & my belie are conſumed with grief.

10 For my life is waſted with heauines, and my yeres with mourning: my ſtrength faileth for my peine, & my bones are conſumed.

11 I was a [g] reproche among all mine enemies, but ſpecially among my neighbours: and a feare to mine acquaintance, [h] who ſeing me in the ſtrete, fled from me.

12 I am forgotten, as a dead man out of minde: I am like a broken veſſel.

13 For I haue heard the railing of [i] great men: feare *was* on euerie ſide, while they conſpired together againſt me, & conſulted to take my life.

14 But I truſted in thee, ô Lord: I ſaid, [k] Thou art my God.

15 My [l] times are in thine hand: deliuer me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that perſecute me.

16 Make

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b The thunder clappes, that are heard out of ỹ cloudes, ought to make the wicked to treble for fear of Gods angre

c That is, the thunderbolte breaketh the moſte ſtrong trees, and ſhal men thinke their power to be able to reſiſt God?

d Called alſo Hermõn

e It cauſeth ỹ lightenings to ſhote & glyde

f In places moſt deſolate, where as ſemeth there is no preſence of God.

g For feare maketh them to caſt their calues.

h Maketh the trees bare, or pereeth ỹ moſt ſecret places

i Thogh ỹ wicked are nothig moued, ẅ the feſtiuals, yet ỹ faithfal praiſe God

k To moderat ỹ rage of the tempeſt & waters, that they deſtroy not all.

a 1 Sam. 7, 2.

a After that Abſalõm had poiluted it ẅ moſte filthie fornication.

b He condemneth them of great ingratitude, which do not praiſe God for his benefites

c Reſtored frõ ỹ rebellion of Abſalom

d Meaning ỹ he eſcaped death moſte narowly

e The worde ſignifieth thẽ, ỹ haue receiued mercie & ſhew mercie liberally vnto others

f Before his Tabernacle

Pſal. 145, 8. Iſai. 54, 7. 2. cor. 4, 17.

g I put to mi the confidẽce in my quiet ſtate, as Ier 31, 26. 2 chr. 32, 24.

h I thoght ỹ hadeſt eſtabliſhed me in Zion moſte ſurely.

i After that ỹ hadeſt withdrawen thine helpe, I felt my miſerie

k Dauid meaneth that the dead are not profitable to the Congregacion of the Lord here in earth: therefore he wolde liue to praiſe his Name, which is the end of mans creation.

l Becauſe thou haſt preſerued me, ỹ my tongue ſhulde praiſe thee, I wil not be vnmindeful of my dueti.

a For thẽ God declareth him ſelf iuſte, whẽ he preſerueth his according as he hathe promiſed.

b Preſerue me from the craftie counſels & ſubtil practiſes of mine enemies

c He deſireth God not onely to take care for him in this life, but that his ſoule may be ſaued after this life

d This affectiõ ought to be in all Gods children, to haue whatſoeuer thing is not grounded vpõ a ſure truſt in God, as deceitful and vaine.

e Largenes ſignifieth cõfort, as ſtraitnes ſorow and peril.

f Meanig, that his ſorow and torment had continued a great while.

g Mine enemies had drawen all mẽ to their parte againſt me, euẽ my chief friends

h Thei were afraied to ſhew me aone token of frendſhip

i Thei ỹ were in autorite, condemned me as a wicked doer.

k I had this teſtimonie of conſcience, ỹ thou wolde defend mine innocencie.

l Whatſoeuer changes come, thou gouerneſt them by thy prouidence.

16 Make thy face to ſhine vpon thy ſeruãt, & ſaue me through thy mercie.
17 Let me not be confounded, ô Lord: for I haue called vpon thee: let the wicked be put to confuſion, & [m] to ſilence in ỹ graue.
18 Let the lying lippes be made dumme, which cruelly, proudely & ſpitefully ſpeake againſt the righteous.
19 How great is thy goodnes, which thou [n] haſt laied vp for them, that feare thee! & done to them, that truſt in thee, *euen* before the ſonnes of men!
20 Thou doeſt hide them [o] priuely in thy preſence from the pride of men: thou kepeſt them ſecretly in thy Tabernacle frõ the ſtriue of tongues.
21 Bleſſed *be* the Lord: for he hathe ſhewed his [p] maruelous kindenes towarde me in a ſtrong citie.
22 Thogh I ſaid in mine [q] haſte, I am caſt out of thy ſight, yet ỹ heardeſt the voyce of my prayer, when I cryed vnto thee.
23 Loue ye the Lord all his [r] Saints: *for* the Lord preſerueth the faithful, and rewardeth abundantly the proude doer.
24 All ye that truſt in the Lord, be [s] ſtrong, and he ſhal eſtabliſh your heart.

m Let death deſtroy them to the intent ỹ thei may hurt no more
n The treaſures of Gods mercie are alwaies laied vp in ſtore for his childrẽ, albeit at all times thei do not enioye them
o *Ebr. in the ſecret of thy face* That is, in a place where thei ſhal haue thy cõfort, & be hid ſafely from the enemies pride
p Meaning, there was no citie ſo ſtrong to preſerue him, as ỹ defence of Gods ſauour.
q And ſo by my raſhnes & infidelitie deſerued to haue bene forſaken
Or, ye that feele her meruels
r Be conſtant in your vocation, and God wil confirme you with heauenlie ſtrẽgth

PSAL. XXXII.

1 Dauid puniſhed with grieuous ſickne for his ſinnes, counteth them bleſſed, to whome God doeth not impute their tranſgreſſions. 5 And after that he had confeſſed his ſinnes and obteined pardon, 6 He exhorteth the wicked men to liue godly. 11 And the good to reioyce.

¶ A Pſalme *of Dauid to giue* [a] *inſtruction.*

1 BLeſſed *is he* whoſe wickednes is [b] forgiuen, & whoſe ſinne is couered.
2 Bleſſed *is* the man, vnto whome the Lord imputeth not iniquitie, & in whoſe ſpirit *there is* no guile.
3 When I held my [c] tongue, my bones conſumed, *or* when I [d] roared all the day,
4 (For thine hãd is heauie vpon me, daie & night: & my moiſture is turned into the drought of ſummer. Sélah)
5 *Thẽ* I [e] acknowledged my ſinne vnto thee, nether hid I mine iniquitie: *for* I thoght, I wil confeſſe againſt my ſelf my wickednes vnto the Lord, and thou forgaueſt the puniſhment of my ſinne. Sélah.
6 Therefore ſhal euerie one, that is godlie, make his prayer vnto thee in a [f] time, when thou maieſt be founde: ſurely in the flood of great waters [g] they ſhal not come nere him.
7 Thou art my ſecret place: thou preſerueſt me from trouble: thou compaſſeſt me about with ioyful deliuerance. Sélah.
8 I wil [h] inſtruct thee, & teache thee in the way, that thou ſhalt go, & I wil guide thee with mine eye.
9 Be ye not like an horſe, *or* like a mule, *which* vnderſtand not: whoſe [i] mouthes thou doeſt binde with bit and bridel, leſt they come nere thee.
10 Many ſorowes *ſhal come* to the wicked: but he, that truſteth in the Lord, mercie ſhal compaſſe him.
11 Be glad ye righteous, & [k] reioyce in the Lord, and be ioyful all ye, that are vpright in heart.

a It is the duetie of the godlie to ſet forthe ỹ praiſes of God for his mercie & power ſhewed towarde thẽ
b To ſing on inſtruments was a parte of the ceremonial ſeruice of the Tẽple, which doeth no more appertein vnto vs, then the ſacrifices, cenſing & lights.
c That is coũſel or cõmandement in gouerning the worlde
d That is, the effect & execution
e Howſoeuer ỹ worlde iudgeth of Gods workes, yet he doth all thigs according to iuſtice & mercie.
f By the creation of ỹ heauens & beautiful ornamẽt, with the gathering alſo of the waters he ſetteth forthe the power of God, that all creatures might feare him
Or, was created
g No counſel can preuail againſt God, but he defeateth it & it ſhal haue euil ſucces
h He ſheweth that all our felicitie ſtãdeth in this, that ỹ Lorde is our God.
i He proueth that all things are gouerned by Gods prouidence & not by fortune
k Therfore he knoweth their wicked enterpriſes

k He ſheweth that peace & ioy of cõſcẽce in the holie Goſt is ỹ fruite of faith.

PSAL. XXXIII.

1 He exhorteth good men to praiſe God for that he hathe not onely created all things, and by his prouidence gouerneth the ſame, but alſo is faithful in his promiſes, 10 He vnderſtandeth mans heart, and ſcatereth the counſel of the wicked. 16 So that no man can be preſerued by ane creature or mans ſtrength but they, that put their confidence in his mercie, ſhalbe preſerued frõ all aduerſities.

1 REioyce in the Lord, ô ye righteous: *for* it [a] becometh vpright men to be thankeful.
2 Praiſe ỹ Lord with harpe: ſing vnto him with viole & [b] inſtrument of ten ſtrings
3 Sing vnto him a new ſong: ſing cherefully with a loude voyce.
4 For the [c] worde of the Lord *is* righteous, and all his [d] workes *are* faithful.
5 He [e] loueth righteouſnes & iudgement: the earth is ful of the goodnes of ỹ Lord.
6 By the worde of the Lord were the heauens made, and all the hoſte of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 He [f] gathereth the waters of the ſea together as vpon an heape, and laieth vp the depths in *his* treaſures.
8 Let all the earth feare the Lord: let all thẽ that dwel in the worlde, feare him.
9 For he ſpake, & it was done: he commanded, and it [g] ſtode.
10 The Lord breaketh the [g] counſel of the heathen, & bringeth to noght the deuiſes of the people.
11 The counſel of the Lord ſhal ſtand for euer, & the thoghts of his heart through out all ages.
12 Bleſſed *is* that nacion, whoſe [h] God is the Lord: *euen* the people, *that* he hathe choſen for his inheritance.
13 The Lord [i] loketh downe from heauen, & beholdeth all the children of men.
14 From the habitacion of his dwelling he beholdeth all then. that dwel in the earth.
15 He [k] facioneth their hearts euerie one, & vnderſtandeth all their workes.
16 The [l] King is not ſaued by the multitude of an hoſte, *nether* is the mightie mã deliuered by great ſtrength.
17 A horſe is a vaine helpe, and ſhal not deliuer *anie* by his great ſtrength.
18 Beholde, [m] the eye of the Lord *is* vpon them that feare him, & vpon them, that truſt in his mercie,

a It becometh the godlie to be thankeful for the benefites receiued of God, & to ſhew the ſame by their liues.
b Pſal. 92. 3.
c That is, the worde of the Lord is true in all his promiſes.
d That is, he is conſtant in his promiſes, & performeth them.
e He loueth righteouſnes & iudgement, becauſe he is righteous & iuſt himſelf.
f He ſheweth that the waters are gathered together by the power of God, & not by nature.
g No counſel can ſtand againſt God, but he ſcatereth it & it ſhal haue euil ſucces
h He ſheweth that all our felicitie ſtãdeth in this, that ỹ Lorde is our God.
i He proueth that all things are gouerned by Gods prouidence & not by fortune
k Therfore he knoweth their wicked enterpriſes
l If Kings and the mightie of the worlde can not be ſaued by worldelie meanes, but onely by Gods prouidence, what haue others to truſt in, that haue not like meanes?
m God ſheweth that towarde his mercie, which man by no meanes is able to compaſſe.
1 If men can rule brute beaſtes, thinke thei, that God wil not bridle and tame their rage?

19 To deliuer their soules from death, and to preserue them in famine.

n Thus he speaketh in ỹ name of the whole Church, which only depend on Gods prouidence.

20 n Our soule waiteth for the Lord: *for* he is our helpe and our shield.

21 Surely our heart shal reioyce in him, because we trusted in his holie Name.

22 Let thy mercie, ô Lord, be vpon vs, as we trust in thee.

PSAL. XXXIIII.

1 After Dauid had escaped Achish, according as it is written in the 1. Sam 21.11, whome in this title he calleth Abimelech (which was a general name to all the Kings of the Philistims) he praiseth God for his deliuerance. 3 Prouoking all others by his example to trust in God to feare & serue him: 14 Who defendeth the godlie with his Angels, 15 And vtterly destroyeth the wicked in their sinnes.

¶ A Psalme *of Dauid, when he changed his behauiour before Abimelech, who drone him awaie, & he departed.*

a He promiseth neuer to become vnmindefull of Gods great benefite for his deliuerance

1 I Wil a alwaie giue thankes vnto the Lord: his praise *shalbe* in my mouth continually.

b Thei ỹ are beaten downe with the experience of their owne euils

2 My soule shal glorie in the Lord: the b hũble shal heare it, and be glad.

3 Praise ye the Lord with me, and let vs magnifie his Name together.

c Which I cõceemed for the dangers wherein I was.

4 I soght the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he deliuered me out of all my c feare.

d Thei shalbe bolde to flee to thee for succour, whẽ thei shal se thy mercies towarde me

5 They d shal loke vnto him, and runne *to him*: and their faces shal not be ashamed, *saying,*

e Though Gods power be sufficient to gouerne vs, yet for mans infirmitie he appointeth his Angels towatche ouer vs

6 This poore man cryed, & the Lord heard *him*, and saued him out of all his troubles.

7 The e Angel of the Lord pitcheth roũde about them, that feare him, and deliuereth them.

f The godlie by their paciẽt obediẽce profit more then thei, which ranine & spoile.

8 Taste ye & se, how gracious the Lord is: blessed *is* the man that trusteth in him.

g If thei abide the last tryal.

9 Feare the Lord, ye his Saints: for nothing wanteth to them that feare him.

10 The f lyons do lacke and suffer hungre, but they, which seke the Lord, shal g want nothing that is good.

h That is, the true religiõ & worship of God 1. Pet. 3.10.

11 Come children, hearken vnto me: I wil teache you the h feare of the Lord.

i Seing all mẽ naturally desire felicitie, he wondereth why thei cast them selues willingly into miserie

12 * What man is hee, that desireth life, and loueth *long* daies for to i se good?

13 Kepe thy tongue from euil, and thy lippes, that they speake no guile.

14 Eschew euil and do good: seke peace & followe after it.

k The angre of God doeth not onely destroie the wicked, but also aboliseth their name for euer

15 The eyes of the Lord *are* vpon the righteous, & his eares *are open* vnto their crye.

16 *But* the k face of the Lord *is* against them that do euil, to cut of their remembrance from the earth.

17 *The righteous* crye, and the Lord heareth *them*, and deliuereth them out of all their troubles.

l When thei seme to be ouerwhelmed vp with afflictions, thẽ God is at hãd to deliuer them.

18 The Lord is nere vnto them that are of a l contrite heart, and wil saue suche as be afflicted in spirit.

19 Great *are* the troubles of the righteous: but ỹ Lord deliuereth him out of thẽ all.

20 m He kepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 But malice shal slay the n wicked: & thei that hate the righteous, shal perish.

22 The Lord o redemeth the soules of his seruants: & none, ỹ trust in him, shal perish.

PSAL. XXXV.

1 So long as Saul was enemie to Dauid, all that had ane authoritie vnder him to flatter their King (as is the course of the worlde) did also moste cruelly persecute Dauid against whome he praieth God to pleade & to auenge his cause. 8 That they may be taken in their nets & snares, which thei laied for him, that his innocẽcie may be declared. 27 And that the innocents, which taketh parte with him, maie reioyce & praise the Name of the Lord, that thus deliuereth his seruãt. 28 And so he promiseth to speake forthe the iustice of the Lord, & to magnifie his Name all the dayes of his life.

A Psalme *of Dauid.*

1 PLeade thou my a cause, ô Lord, with them that striue with me: fight thou against them, that fight against me.

2 b Laie hand vpon the shield and buckler, and stand vp for mine helpe.

3 Bring out also the speare and stoppe *the waie* against them, that persecute me: saie vnto my c soule, I am thy saluacion.

4 Let thẽ be confounded & put to shame, that seke after my soule: let them be turned backe, and broght to confusion, that imagine mine hurt.

5 Let them be as chaffe before the winde, and let the Angel of the Lord d scater *them*.

6 Let their waie be darke & slipperie: & let the Angel of the Lord persecute them.

7 For e without cause thei haue hid the pit *and* their net for me: without cause haue they digged *a pit* for my soule.

8 Let destruction come vpon f him at vnwares, & let his net, that he hathe laied priuely, take him: let him fall into s the same destruction.

9 Thẽ my soule shalbe ioyful in the Lord: it shal reioyce in his saluacion.

10 All my h bones shal saie, Lord, who is like vnto thee, which deliuerest the poore from him, that is to strong for him! yea, the poore and him that is in miserie, from him that spoileth him!

11 i Cruel witnesses did rise vp: thei asked of me things that I knewe not.

12 They rewarded me euil for good, to k haue spoiled my soule.

13 Yet I, when thei were sicke, I was clothed with a sacke: I humbled my soule with fasting: and l my praier was turned vpon my bosome.

14 I behaued my selfe as to *my* friend, *or* as to my brother: I humbled my seife, mourning as one that bewaileth his mother.

15 But in mine m aduersitie thei reioyced, & gathered them selues together: the abiects

m And as Christ saith, all the heeres of his head

n Their wicked enterprises shal turne to their owne destruction

o For when thei seme to be ouercome with great dãgers & death it self, then God shewech him self their redemer

Psal XXXV

a He desireth God to vndertake his cause against them that did persecute him and slander him

b Albeit God can with his breath destroy all his enemies, yet ỹ holie Gost attributeth vnto him these outward weapons to assure vs of his ỹsent power

c Assure me against these tentatiõs, that thou art ỹ autor of my saluation

d Smite them with the spirit of giddines that their entreprises may be fooliſh, & thei receiue iuste rewarde.

e Shewing ỹ we may not call God to be a reuenger, but onely for his glorie, & whẽ our cause is iuste

f When he promiseth to him selfe peace

g Which he prepared against the children of God.

h He attributeth his deliuerance onely to God, praising him therfore bothe in soule & body

i That wolde not suffre me to purge my self

k To haue taken from me all comfort & broght me in to dispaire.

l I prayed for them with toward affectiõ, as I wolde haue done for my selfe. or, declared mine affection with bowing downe mine head

m When thei saw me ready to slip and as one that halted for infirmitie

n With their railing wordes

o The worde signifieth cakes meaning that the proud courtiears at their deinty feasts skoffe, raile, and conspire his death

p In token of contempt and mocking

q Or, cleffes of the earth: meaning him self & others in their misirie.

q They reioyced as though they had now sene Dauid ouerthrowen.

r It is the iustice of God to giue to the oppressers affliction & torment, & to ỹ oppressed, aide and relief, 2. Thes. 1, 6.

s Because we haue that, w we soght for, seing he is destroyed.

t That is, at once, were they neuer so manie or mightie.

u This prayer shal alwaies be verified against them, ỹ persecute the faithful.

x That at least fauour my right, though they be not able to helpe me.

y He exhorteth ỹ Church to praise God for the deliuerance of his seruants, & for the destructiō of his aduersaries.

ies assembled them selues against me, & I knewe not: they tare n me & ceased not,
16 With the false skoffers at o bankets, gnashing their teeth against me.
17 Lord, how long wilt thou beholde *this?* deliuer my soule from their tumulte, *euen* my desolate *soule* from the lions.
18 *So* wil I giue thee thankes in a great Cōgregacion: I wil praise thee among muche people.
19 Let not them that are mine enemies, vniustly reioyce ouer me, nether let them p winke with the eye, that hate me without a cause.
20 For they speake not as friends: but they imagine deceitful wordes against the q quiet of the land.
21 And they gaped on me with their mouthes, saying, Aha, aha, r our eye hathe sene.
22 Thou hast sene it, ô Lord: kepe not silēce: be not farre from me, ô Lord.
23 Arise and wake to my iudgement, *euen* to my cause, my God, and my Lord.
24 Iudge me, ô Lord my God, according to thy s righteousnes, and let them not reioyce ouer me.
25 Let them not saye in their hearts, t O our soule reioyce: nether let them saye, We haue deuoured him.
26 Let them be confounded, and put to shame u together, that reioyce at mine hurt: let them be clothed u with cōfusion and shame, that lift vp them selues against me.
27 *But* let thē be ioyful & glad, x that loue my righteousnes: yea, let them saye alwaie, Let the Lord be magnified, which loueth the y prosperitie of his seruant.
28 And my tōgue shal vtter thy righteousnes, & thy praise euerie day.

PSAL. XXXVI.

1 The Prophet grieuously Vexed by the wicked, doeth cōplaine of their malicious wickednes. 6 Then he turneth to cōsider the vnspeakable goodnes of God towards all creatures. 9 But specially towards his children, that by the faith thereof he maie be comforted & assured of his deliuerance by this ordinarie course of Gods worke. 13 Who in the end destroyeth the wicked & saueth the iuste.

¶ *To him that excelleth.* A Psal. *of Dauid, the seruant of the Lord.*

1 WIckednes saieth to ỹ wicked mā, a euen in mine heart, *that there is* no feare of God before his eyes.
2 For he b flattereth him self in his owne eyes, while his iniquitie is found *worthie* to be hated.
3 The wordes of his mouthe *are* iniquitie and c deceite: he hathe left of to vnderstand & to do good.
4 He d imagineth mischief vpon his bed: he setteth him selfe vpon a ware, *that is* not good & doeth not abhorre euil.
5 Thy e mercie, ô Lord, *reacheth* vnto the heauens, *and* thy faithfulnes vnto the cloudes.
6 Thy righteousnes *is* like the " mightie mountaines: thy iudgemēts *are like* a great f deepe: thou, Lord, doest saue man and beast.
7 How excellent is thy mercie, ô God! therefore the children of men trust vnder the shadowe of thy wings.
8 They shal be g satisfied with the fatnes of thine house, & thou shalt giue them drinke out of the riuer of thy pleasures.
9 For with thee *is* the well of life, & in thy light shal we se light.
10 Extend thy louing kindenes vnto them that h knowe thee, and thy righteousnes vnto them that are vpright in heart.
11 Let not the i fote of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked mē moue me.
12 k There they are fallen that worke iniquitie: they are cast downe, and shal not be able to rise.

PSAL. XXXVII.

1 This Psalme contemeth exhortation & consolation for the weake, that are grieued at the prosperitie of the wicked, & the affliction of the godlie. 7 For how prosperously soeuer the wicked do liue for the time, he doeth affirme their felicitie to be vaine and transitorie, because they are not in the fauour of God, but in the end they are destroyed as his enemies. 11 And how miserably that the righteous semeth to liue in the worlde, yet his end is peace, & he is in the fauour of God, he is deliuered from the wicked & preserued.

¶ A Psalme. *of Dauid.*

1 FReate not a thy self because of the wicked men, nether be enuious for the euil doers.
2 For they shal soone be b cut downe like grasse, and shal wither as the grene herbe.
3 c Trust thou in the Lord & do good: dwel in the land, & thou shalt be fed assuredly.
4 And delite thy self in the Lord, and he shal giue thee thine hearts desire.
5 d Commit thy waye vnto the Lord, and trust in him, and he shal bring it to passe.
6 And he shal bring forthe thy righteousnes as the light, & thy e iudgement as the noone daye.
7 Waite pacientlie vpon the Lord & hope in him: freat not thy self for him f which prospereth in his waye: *nor* for the mā that bringeth *his* entreprises to passe.
8 Cease from angre, & leaue of wrath: freat not thy selfe g also to do euil.
9 For euil doers shalbe cut of, and they that waite vpon the Lord, they shal inherite the land.
10 h Therefore yet a litle while, and the

a I se euidētly by his dedes, that sinne pusheth forward ỹ reprobat frō wickednes to wickednes, albeit he go about to couer his impietie.

b Though all other detest his vile sinne, yet he himself seeth it not.

c The reprobat mocke at holsome doctrine and put not difference betwene good and euil

d By describing at large the nature of the reprobat, he admoniseth the godlie to beware of these vices.

e Though wickednes semeth to ouerfloe all the worlde, yet by thine heauenlie prouidence thou gouernest heauen & earth.

" Hebr. *the mightie mountains of God: for whatsoeuer is excellent, is thus called.*

f The depth of thy prouidence gouerneth all things, and disposeth thē, albeit the wicked seme to ouerwhelme the worlde.

g Onely Gods children haue ynough of all things both cōcerning this life & the life to come.

h He sheweth who are Gods children, to wit. they ỹ know him, and lead their liues vprightly.

i Let not the proude aduance him self against me, nether ỹ power of the wicked driue me away

k That is, in their pride wherein they flatter them selues.

s He admoniseth vs nether to vexe our selues for the prosperous estate of ỹ wicked, nether to desire to be like thē to make our state the better.

b For Gods iudgemēt cutteth downe their state in a moment.

c To trust in God, and do according to his wil, are sure toknes, that his prouidence wil neuer faile vs.

d Be not led by thine owne wisdome, but obey God, and he wil finish his worke in thee.

e As the hope of ỹ dailight causeth vs not to be offended with the darkenes of the night: so ought we pacientlie to trust that God wil cleare our cause and restore vs to our right.

f When God suffereth the wicked to prosper, it semeth to the flesh that he fauoreth their doings.

g Meaning, except he moderate his affectiōs, he shalbe led to do as they do.

h He correcteth the impetuositie of our nature, which can not abide til the fulnes of Gods time be come.

wicked shal not *appeare*, and thou shalt loke after his place, and he shal not *be founde*.

Matt 5.5.

11 But * meeke men shal possesse the earth, and shal haue their delite in the multitude of peace.

i The godlie are assured ỹ the power and craft of the wicked shal not preuail against them, but fall on their owne neckes, & therfore ought patiently to abide Gods time, & in the meane while bewaile their sinnes, & offer vp their teares as a sacrifice of their obedience

12 i The wicked practiseth against the iust, and gnasheth his teeth against him.

13 *But* the Lord shal laugh him to scorne: for he seeth, that his daye is coming.

14 The wicked haue drawne *their* swordes, and haue bent their bowe, to cast downe the poore and nedie, *and* to slay suche as be of vpright conuersation.

15 *But* their swordes shal entre into their owne heart, & their bowes shal be broken.

k For thei are daily fed as ẅ Manna frō heauen, & haue sufficient, when ỹ wicked haue neuer ynough, but euer hūgre

16 k A small thing vnto the iust man is better, then great riches to the wicked *and* mightie.

17 For the armes of the wicked shalbe broken: but the Lord vpholdeth the iust men.

l God knoweth what dangers hang ouer his, & by what meanes to deliuer them.

18 The Lord l knoweth ỹ dayes of vpright men, and their inheritance shalbe perpetual.

m For God wil giue them cōtēted mindes, & that ẅ shalbe necessarie.

19 They shal not be cōfounded in the perilous time, and in the dayes of famine they shal haue m ynough.

n They shal vanish awaye suddenly: for they are fed for the daie of slaughter.

20 But the wicked shal perish, and the enemies of the Lord shalbe consumed as the n fat of lambes: *euen* with the smoke shal they consume awaye.

o God so furnisheth him with his blessing, that he is able to helpe others.

21 The wicked boroweth and payeth not againe: but the righteous is merciful, and o giueth.

22 For suche as be blessed *of God*, shal inherit the land, & they that be cursed of him, shalbe cut of.

p God prospereth the faithful, because they walke in his waies with an vpright cōscience.

23 p The paths of man are directed by the Lord: for he loueth his waye.

q When God doeth exercise his faith & diuers tentations.

24 Thogh he q fall, he shal not be cast of: for the Lord putteth vnder his hand.

r Thogh the iust man dye, yet Gods blessings are extended to his posteritie, and thogh God suffer some iuste man to lacke temporal benefites, yet he recōpenseth him with spiritual treasures.

25 I haue beneyong and am olde: yet I saw neuer the righteous forsaken, nor his r sede begging bread.

26 *But* he is euer merciful and lendeth, and his sede *enioyeth* the blessing.

f They shal continually be preserued vnder Gods wings, and haue at least inwarde rest.

27 Flee from euil and do good, and dwel for euer.

28 For the Lord loueth iudgement, & forsaketh not his Saints: they shalbe preserued for euermore: but the sede of the wicked shalbe cut of.

29 The righteous mē shal inherit the land, and dwel therein f for euer.

t These thre pointes are required of the faithful, that their talke be godlie, ỹ Gods Law be in their heart, & that their life be vpright

30 The t mouth of the righteous wil speake of wisdome, and his tongue wil talke of iudgement.

31 *For* the Law of his God *is* in his heart, & his steppes shal not slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seketh to slay him.

33 *But* ỹ Lord wil not leaue him in his hād, nor condemne him, when he is u iudged.

u For though it be sometime so expedient both for Gods glorie & [illegible] wil approue their cause, & reuenge their wrong.

34 Waite thou on the Lord, and kepe his waye, & he shal exalt thee, that thou shalt inherit the lād: when the wicked men shal perish, thou shalt se.

35 I haue sene the wicked strong, & spreading him self like a grene baye tre.

x So that the prosperitie of the wicked is but as a cloude, which vanisheth away in a moment.

36 Yet he x passed away, and lo, he was gone, and I soght him, but he colde not be founde.

y He exhorteth the faithful to marke diligently the exāples bothe of Gods mercies, & also of his iudgemēts.

37 y Marke the vpright man, and beholde the iust: for the end of *that* man *is* peace.

38 But the transgressours shalbe destroyed together, *and* the end of the wicked shalbe cut of.

z He sheweth that ỹ patient hope of the godlie is neuer in vaine, but in the end hathe good successe, though for a time God proue them by sundrie tentations.

39 But the z saluation of the righteous mē *shalbe* of the Lord: he *shalbe* their strength in the time of trouble.

40 For the Lord shal helpe them, and deliuer them: he shal deliuer them from the wicked, and shal saue them, because they trust in him.

PSAL. XXXVIII.

1 Dauid lying sicke of some grieuous disease, acknowledgeth him self to be chastised of the Lord for his sinnes, & therfore praieth God to turne away his wrath. 5 He vttereth the greatnes of his grief by manie wordes & circumstances, as wounded with the arrowes of Gods ire, forsaken of his friends, euil intreated of his enemies. 22 But in the end with firme confidence he commendeth his cause to God, & hopeth for spedie helpe at his hand.

¶ *A Psalme of Dauid for* a *remembrance.*

a To put him self & others in minde of Gods chastisement for sinne.

1 O Lord, rebuke me not in thine b angre, nether chastise me in thy wrath.

b He desireth not to be exēpted frō Gods rod, but that he wolde so moderate his hand, that he might be able to beare it.

2 For thine c arrowes haue light vpon me, and thine hand lyeth vpon me.

c Thy sickenes, wherewith thou hast visited me.

3 There *is* nothing sounde in my flesh, because of thine angre: nether *is* there rest in my bones because of my d sinne.

d Dauid acknowledgeth God to be iuste in his punishments because his sins had deserued muche more.

4 For e mine iniquities are gone ouer mine head, & as a weightie burden they are to heauie for me.

e He cōfesseth his sins, Gods iustice, & maketh prayer his refuge.

5 My woundes are putrified, and corrupt because of f my foolishnes.

f That rather gaue place to mine owne lustes, then to the wil of God

6 I am bowed, *and* croked very sore: I go ᵍ mourning all the daye.

Or, blacke, or so that is disfigured & disfumed with sicknes.

7 For my reines are ful of burning, & there *is* nothing sounde in my flesh.

g This exāple warneth vs neuer to despaire, but the torment neuer so great but alwaies to crye vnto God with sure trust for deliuerance.

8 I am weakened and sore broken: I ʰ roare for the verie grief of mine heart.

Ebr. Kamath

9 Lord, *I powre* my whole desire before thee, and my sighing is not hid from thee.

10 Mine heart ⁱ panteth: my strength faileth me, and the light of mine eyes, euen ʲ they are not mine owne.

11 My louers and my friends stand aside from my plague, and my ᵏ kinsmen stand a farre of.

12 They also, that seke after my life, laye snares, and they that go about to do me euil, talke wicked things and imagine deceite continually.

about, or, is tossed to & fro, meaning that he was destitute of all helpe & counsel. h My sight faileth me for verie sorowe. i Partely for feare, and partely for pride they denien all duetie and friendship.

13 But I as [k] a deafe man heard not, and *am* as a dumme man, *which* openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus am I as a man, that heareth not, & in whose mouth *are* no reproues.

15 For on thee, ô Lord, do I waite: thou wilt heare *me*, my Lord, my God.

16 For I said, *Heare me*, lest they reioyce ouer me: *for* [l] when my fote slippeth, they extoll them selues against me.

17 Surely I am ready to [m] halte, and my sorow *is* euer before me.

18 When I declare my peine, & am sorie for my sinne,

19 Then mine [n] enemies are aliue & are mightie, and they that hate me wrongfully are manie.

20 They also, that rewarde euil for good, are mine aduersaries, because I followe [o] goodnes.

21 Forsake me not, ô Lord: be not thou farre from me, my God.

22 Haste thee to helpe me, ô my Lord, my [p] saluation.

k For I can haue no audiẽce before mẽ, and therefore paciently waite for the helpe of God.

l That is, if they se ẏ thou succourme not in time, they wil mocke & triumph, as thogh thou hadest forsaken me

m I am without hope to recouer my strength

n In my greatest miserie they most reioyce

o He had rather haue the hatred of all ẏ worlde, thẽ to faile in ante parte of his duetie to Godward

p Which are the autor of my saluation: & this declareth that he prayed vñ sure hope of deliuerance.

PSAL. XXXIX.

1 Dauid vttereth with what great grief & bitternes of minde he was driuen to these outrageous complaints of his infirmities 2 For he confesseth that when he had determined silence, that he brast forthe yet into wordes that he wolde not, through the greatnes of his grief 4 Then he rehearseth certeine requestes which saue of the infirmitie of mã. 8 And maketh with thẽ manie prayers. but all de shewe a minde wonderfully troubled, that it maye plainely appeare how he did striue mightely against death and desperation.

¶ To the excellent musician [a] *Iedithũn. A Psalme of Dauid.*

I Thoght, [b] I wil take hede to my waies, that I sinne not with my tõgue: I wil kepe my mouth brideled, while the wicked is in my sight.

2 I was dumme and spake nothing: I kept silence *euen* from good, [c] and my sorow was more stirred.

3 Mine heart was hote within me, *and* while I was musing, the fyre kindled, & [d] I spake with my tongue, *saying*,

4 Lord, let me know mine end, & the measure of my dayes, what it is: let me know how long I haue to liue.

5 Beholde, thou hast made my dayes as an hand breadth, and mine age as nothing in respect of thee: surely euerie man *in his best* state is altogether [e] vanitie. Sélah.

6 Douteles man walketh in a shadowe, and disquieteth him self in vaine: he heapeth vp *riches*, & cã not tel who shal gather thẽ.

7 And now Lord, what waite I for [f] mine hope is euen in thee.

8 Deliuer me from all my transgressions, and make me not a rebuke vnto the [g] foolish.

9 I shulde haue bene dumme, and not haue opened my mouth, because [h] thou didest it.

10 Take thy plague away from me: for I am consumed by the stroke of thine hãd.

11 When thou with rebukes doest chastise man for iniquitie, thou as a moth [i] makest his [k] beautie to consume: surely euerie mã *is* vanitie. Sélah.

12 Heare my praier, ô Lord, & hearken vnto my crye: kepe not silence at my teares, for I am a stranger with thee, & a soiourner as all my fathers.

13 Stay *thine angre* from me, that I maie recouer my strength, [l] before I go hence & be not.

a This was one of ẏ chief singers, 1 Chr 16,41.

b Albeit he had appointed with him self paciently to haue taryed Gods leasure, yet the vehemencie of his peine caused him to breake his purpose

c Thogh whẽ the wicked ruled, he thoght to haue kept silence, yet his zeale caused him to change his minde

d He confesseth that he grudged against God, considering the greatnes of his sorowes, & the shortnes of his life

e Yet Dauid offended in ẏ that he reasoned vñ God, as thogh that he were to seuere towarde his weake creature.

f Make me not a mockig stocke to the wicked, or wrap me not vp wt the wicked, when they are put to shame

g Seing my troubles came of thy prouidẽce, I ought to haue endured thẽ paciently

h Thogh thine open plagues light not euermore vpõ them, yet thy secret curse cõtinually fretteth them

i The worde signifieth all ẏ he desireth, as health, force, strength, beautie, and in whatsoeuer he hathe delite, so that the rod of God taketh away all that is desired in this worlde

k For his sorow caused him to thinke that God wolde destroy him vtterly: whereby we se how hard it is for the verie Saintes to kepe a measure in their wordes, when death & despare assaile them.

PSAL. XL.

1 Dauid deliuered from great danger, doeth magnifie and praise the grace of God for his deliuerance, & cõmendeth his prouidence towards all mankinde. 5 Then doeth he promise to giue him self wholly to Gods seruice, & so declareth how God is truely worshiped. 14 Afterward he giueth thankes & praiseth God, & hauing complained of his enemies, with good courage he calleth for aide and succour.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

1 I Waited [a] paciently for the Lord, & he inclined vnto me, and heard my crye.

2 He broght me also out of the [b] horrible pit, out of the myrie claie, and set my fete vpon the rocke, and ordered my goings.

3 And he hathe put in my mouth [c] a new song of praise vnto our God: manie shal se it and feare, and shal trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed *is* the man, that maketh the Lord his trust, and regardeth [d] not the proude, nor suche as turne aside to lies.

5 [e] O Lord my God, thou hast made thy wonderful woikes *so* manie, that none can counte in ordre to thee thy thoghts toward vs: I wolde declare, & speake *of them*, *but* thei are mo then I am able to expresse.

6 Sacrifice and offring thou didest not desire: (*for* [f] mine eares hast thou prepared) burnt offring and sin offring hast thou not required.

7 [g] Then said I, Lo, I come: *for* in the rolle of the boke it *is* writen of me,

8 I desired to do thy good wil, ô my God: yea, thy Law is within mine heart.

9 I haue declared *thy* righteousnes in the [h] great Congregation: lo, I wil not refreine my lippes: ô Lord, thou knowest.

10 I haue not hid thy righteousnes within mine heart, *but* I haue declared thy [i] trueth and thy saluation: I haue not concealed thy mercie and thy trueth from the great Congregation.

a Thogh God differred his helpe, yet he paciently abode, til he was heard

b He hathe deliuered me frõ moste great dãgers

c That is, a speciall occasiõ to praise him: for Godsbenefites are so manie occasiõs for vs to praise his Name

d To follow their example, which he must nedes do, that trusteth not onely in the Lord

e Dauid goeth from one kinde of Gods fauour to the contemplation of his prouidẽce ouer all, & confesseth that his counsels towards vs are farre aboue our capacities: we cãnot so much as tel thẽm in ordre

f Thou hast opened mine eares to vnderstand the spirtual meaning of the sacrifices and here Dauid esteemeth the ceremonies of the Law nothing in respect of the spiritual seruice

g When thou hadest opened mine eares & heart, I was readie to obei thee, being assured that I was writen in the boke of thine elect for this end

h In the Church assembled to ẏ Sanctuarie

i Dauid here nõbreth ẏ degrees of our saluaciõ: Gods mercie, whereby he pitieth vs: his righteousnes, which signifieth his continual protection, and his trueth, whereby appeareth his constant fauour, so that hereof procedeth our saluation.

11 Withdrawe not thou thy tendre mercie from me, ô Lord: let thy mercie and thy trueth alway preserue me.

12 For innumerable troubles haue compassed me: my sinnes haue taken suche holde vpon me, that I am not able to loke vp: *yea*, they are mo in nomber then the heeres of mine head: therefore mine heart hathe [k] failed me.

13 Let it please thee, ô Lord, to deliuer me: make haste, ô Lord, to helpe me.

14 Let them be [l] confounded & put to shame together, ỹ seke my soule to destroye it: let them be driuē backeward and put to rebuke, that desire mine hurt.

15 Let them be [m] destroyed for a rewarde of their shame, ẅ saye vnto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all thē, that seke thee, reioyce and be glad in thee: & let thē, that loue thy saluation, saye alway, [n] The Lord be praised.

17 Thogh I be poore and nedie, the Lord thinketh on me: thou art mine helper & my deliuerer: my God, make no tarying.

k As touching the iudgement of the flesh, I was vtterly destitute of all counsel. yet faith inwardly moued mine heart to praye

l He desireth that Godsmercie maye contend for him against the rage of his enemies

m Let the same shame, and cōfusion light vpon them, ẅ they intended to haue brought vpon me.

n As the faithful alwayes praise God for his benefites: so the wicked mocke Gods children in their afflictiōs

PSAL. XLI.

1 Dauid being grieuously afflicted, blesseth them that pitie his case. 9 And complaineth of the treason of his owne friends & familiares, as came to passe in Iudas. Iohn 13,18 After he feling the great mercies of God gently chastising him, & not suffering his enemies to triumph against him, 13 Giueth moste heartie thankes vnto God.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

1 BLesſed *is* he that [a] iudgeth wisely of the poore: the Lord shal deliuer him in the time of trouble.

2 The Lord wil kepe him, & preserue him aliue: he shalbe blessed vpon the earth, & thou wilt not deliuer him vnto the wil of his enemies.

3 The Lord wil strengthen him vpon the [b] bed of sorowe: thou hast turned all his [c] bed in his sickenes.

4 *Therefore* I said, Lord haue mercie vpon me: heale my soule, for I haue sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies [d] speake euil of me, *saying*, When shal he dye, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to se me, he speaketh [e] lies, *but* his heart heapeth iniquitie within hī, & whē he cometh forthe, he telleth it.

7 All they that hate me, whisper together against me: *euen* against me do they imagine mine hurt.

8 [f] A mischief is light vpon him, & he that lieth, shal no more rise.

9 Yea, my [*] familiar friend, whome I trusted, which did eat of my bread, [g] hathe lifted vp the hele against me.

10 Therefore, ô Lord, haue mercie vpō me, & raise me vp: so I shal rewarde them.

11 By this I know that thou fauorest me, because mine enemie doeth not triumph against me.

12 And as for me, thou vpholdest me [h] in mine integritie, and doest set me before thy [i] face for euer.

13 Blessed *be* ỹ Lord God of Israél worlde without end. [k] So be it, euen so be it.

a Not cōdemning him as accursed, whome God doeth visite, knowing that there are diuers causes, why God layeth his hād vpō vs: yea, & afterwarde he restoreth vs

b When for sorow & grief of minde he casteth him selfe vpon his bed

c Thou hast restored him in his sicke bed & set him comfort

d That is, curse me, and can not haue their cruel hate quēshed, but with my shameful death

e For pretending to cōfort me, he conspireth my death in his heart, & braggeth thereof

f The enemies thoght by his sharpe punishments ỹ God was become his mortal enemie

Ebr. The man of my peace

g As Dauid felt this falshod, and as it was chiefly accomplished in Christ, Iohn 13,18, so shal his mēbers cōtinually proue the same.

h Meaning, either in prosperitie of life, or in ỹ true feare of God against all temptations

i Shewing me euident signes of thy Fatherlie prouidence.

k By this repetition he stirreth vp ỹ faithful to praise God

PSAL. XLII.

1 The Prophet grieuously complaineth, that being letted by his persecutors he colde not be present in the Cōgregaciō of Gods people, protesting that although he was separated in bodie frō them, yet his heart was thitherwarde affectioned 7 And last of all he sheweth, that he was not so farre ouercome with these sorowes & thoghts, 8 But that he continually put his confidence in the Lord

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme *to giue instruction,* [a] cōmitted *to the sonnes of Kórah.*

1 AS the hart braieth for the riuers of water, so [b] pāteth my soule after thee, ô God.

2 My soule thirsteth for God, *euen* for the liuing God: when shal I come and appeare *before* the presence of God?

3 [c] My teares haue bene my meat daie and night, while they daiely say vnto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remēbred [d] these things, I powred out my verie heart, because I had gone with the multitude, & led them into the House of God with the voice of singing, & praise, *as* a multitude ỹ kepeth a feast.

5 Why art thou cast downe, my soule, and vnquiet within me? [e] waite on God: for I wil yet giue him thankes for the helpe of his presence.

6 My God, my soule is cast downe within me, [f] becausse I remember thee, from the land of Iordén, and Hermonim, *and* from the mount Mizár.

7 *One* [g] depe calleth *another* depe by ỹ noise of thy water spoutes: all thy waues and thy floods are gone ouer me.

8 The Lord [h] wil grante his louing kindenes in the daie, and in the night shal I sing of hī, *euē* a praier vnto ỹ God of my life.

9 I wil saie vnto God, *which is* my rocke, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning, when the enemie oppresseth *me*?

10 My [i] bones are cut a sunder, while mine enemies reproche me, saying daiely vnto me, Where is thy God?

11 [k] Why art thou cast downe, my soule? & why art thou disquieted within me? waite on God: for I wil yet giue him thankes: *he is* my present helpe, and my God.

a To wit, thy fauour, which appeareth by the performance of thy promises.

b By these similitudes of thirst & panting he sheweth his feruent desire to serue God in his Temple.

c As others take pleasure in eating & drinking, so he was altogether giuen to weeping.

d That is, how I led ỹ people to serue thee in thy Tabernacle, & now seing my contrarie estate, I dye for sorowe

e Though he sustained grieuous assaltes of the flesh to cast hī into desparre, yet his faith grounded on Gods accustomed mercies, getteth the victorie

f That is, whē I remember thee in this lād of my bānishment among ỹ mountaines

g Afflictions came so thicke vpon me, that I felt my self as ouerwhelmed: whereby he sheweth there is no end of our miserie, til God be pacified, & send remedie

h He assureth him selfe of Gods helpe in time to come

i That is, I am most grieuously tormented

k This repetition doeth declare ỹ Dauid did not ouercome at once: to teache vs to be constant for asmuche as God wil certenly deliuer his

PSAL. XLIII.

1 He praieth to be deliuered from them which conspire against him, that he might ioyfully praise God in his holie Congregacion

1 IVdge [a] me, ô God, & defend my cause against the vnmerciful [b] people: deliuer me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 For thou art the God of my strēgth: why hast thou put me awaie? why go I so mourning, when the enemie oppresseth *me*.

3 Send thy [c] light and thy trueth: let them lead me: let thē bring me vnto thine holy Mountaine and to thy Tabernacles.

a He desireth God to vndertake his cause against the enemies, but chiefly that he wolde restore him to the Tabernacle

b That is, the cruel companie of mine enemies.

4 Then [d] wil I go vnto the altar of God,
euen vnto the God of my ioy & gladnes:
and vpon the harpe wil I giue thankes vn
to thee, ô God, my God.
5 Why art thou caſt downe, my ſoule [a] and
why art thou diſquiered within me? [e] waite
on God: for I wil yet giue him thankes,
be is my preſent helpe, and my God.

d He [p]miſeth to offre a ſolēne ſacrifice of thankesgiuing in token of his great deliuerance

e Whereby he admoniſheth ỹ faithful not to relent, but conſtantly to waite on the Lord, thogh their troubles be lōg & great

PSAL. XLIIII.

1 The faithful remember the great mercie of God toward his people. 9 After, thei complaine, becauſe thei fele it no more. 17 Alſo thei alledge the couenant made with Abrahám, for the keping whereof thei ſhewe what grie uous things thei ſuffred. 23 Finally they praie vnto God that it contemne their affliction, ſeing the ſame redoundeth to the contempt of his honour.

¶ *To him that excelleth.* A Pſalme *to giue inſtructiō*, committed *to the ſonnes of Kórah.*

1 WE haue heard with our [a] eares, ô
God: our fathers haue tolde vs the
works, *that* thou haſt done in their daies,
in the olde time:
2 *How* thou haſt driuen out the [b] heathen
with thine hand, and planted [c] them: *how*
thou haſt deſtroyed the [d] people, and cau-
ſed [e] them to growe.
3 For thei inherited not the land by their
owne ſworde, nether did their owne arme
ſaue them: but thy right hand, & thine ar-
me and the light of thy countenance, be-
cauſe thou dideſt [f] fauour them.
4 Thou art my King, ô God: ſend helpe
vnto [g] Iaakób.
5 [h] Through thee haue we thruſt backe our
aduerſaries: by thy Name haue we troadē
downe them that roſe vp againſt vs.
6 For I do not truſt in my bowe, nether can
my ſworde ſaue me.
7 But thou haſt ſaued vs from our aduerſa-
ries, & haſt put thē to confuſion ỹ hate vs.
8 *Therefore* wil we praiſe God continually,
& wil confeſſe thy Name for euer. Séiah.
9 But *now* thou art farre of, and putteſt vs
to [i] confuſion, & goeſt not forthe with our
armies.
10 Thou makeſt vs to turne backe from the
aduerſarie, and thei, which hate vs, ſpoile
[o]for them ſelues.
11 *Thou giueſt vs [k] as ſhepe to be eaten, &
doeſt ſcater vs among the nations.
12 Thou ſelleſt thy people [l] without gaine,
and doeſt not increaſe their price.
13 Thou makeſt vs a reproche to our neigh-
bours, a ieſte and a laughing ſtocke to thē
that are round about vs.
14 Thou mak eſt vs a prouerbe among the
nations, & a nodding of the head among
the people.
15 My [m] confuſion *is* daiely before me, and
the ſhame of my face hathe couered me,
16 For the voice of the ſclanderer and rebu
ker, for the enemie and [n] auenger.
17 All this is come vpon vs, yet do we not
[o] forget thee, nether deale we falſely con-
cerning thy couenant.
18 Our heart is not turned backe: nether
our ſteppes gone out of thy paths,
19 Albeit thou haſt ſmiten vs downe into
the place of [p] dragons, and couered vs with
the ſhadowe of death.
20 If we haue forgottē ỹ Name of our God,
& holden vp our hāds to a [p] ſtrange god,
21 Shal not God [q] ſearche this out? for he
knoweth the ſecrets of the heart.
22 Surely for thy ſake [r] are we ſlaine cōtinu-
ally, & are coūted as ſhepe for ỹ ſlaughter.
23 Vp, why ſlepeſt thou, ô Lord? awake, be
not farre of for euer.
24 Wherefore hideſt thou thy face? & for-
getteſt our miſerie and our affliction?
25 For our ſoule is [s] beaten downe vnto the
duſt: our belly cleueth vnto the grounde.
26 Riſe vp for our ſuccour, and redeme vs
for thy [t] mercies ſake.

a This pſalme ſeemeth to haue bene made by ſome excellēt Prophet for ỹ vſe of the peo ple, whenthe Church was in extreme miſe rie, either at their returne fro n Babylon, or vnder Anti- ochus, or in ſuche like af- fliction
b That is, the Canaanites
c To wit, our fathers
d Of Canáan
e That is, our fathers
f Gods fre mercie & loue is ỹ onelie roū taine & begin- ning of the Church, Deue 4.37
g Becauſe ỹ art our King, therefore deli uer thy people from their miſerie
h Becauſe thei & their forefa thers made bo theone Church thei applie ỹ to thē ſelues, which before thei did attri- bute to their fathers
i As thei con- feſſed before, ỹ their ſtrength came of God, ſo now thei ac knowledge ỹ this affliction came by his iuſt iudgemēt
or, *at their pleaſure*
Rom 8.36.
k Knowing God to be au- tor of this ca- lamitie, they murmure not, but ſeke re- medie at his haads, who wounded thē.
l As ſclaues ẅ are ſolde for a low price, ne- ther lokeſt ỹ for him that offreth moſte, but takeſt the firſt chapman for ſhame
m I dare not lift vp ſhe head
n Meaning, the proude and cruel ty rant.
o Thei beaſte not of their vertues, but de clare that thei reſt vpon God in the middes of their affli- ctions: who pu niſhed not now their ſinnes, but by hard af flictions called them to the conſideration of the heauen- lie ioyes
Or, *whales ỹ meaning the bottomles feat of temptatiōs here we ſe the power of faith, which can be ouercome by no perils*
p Thei ſhewe that thei ho- nored God a- right becau- ſe thei truſted in him alone.
q Thei take God to witnes ỹ thei were vp right to hum- ward
r The faithful make this their cōfort, that ỹ wicked puniſh them not for their ſinnes, but for Gods cauſe, Matt 5. 10 1 Pet 4.14.
s There is no hope of recou- terie, except thou put to thine hande & raiſe vs vp.
t Which is ỹ onelie & ſuffi cient ranſom to deliuer bo the bodie and ſoule from all kīde of ſclaue rie & miſerie.

PSAL. XLV.

1 The maieſtie of Salomón, his honour, ſtrength, beautie, riches & power are praiſed, & alſo his mariage with the Egyptian being an heathen woman is bleſſed. 10 If that ſhe can renoūce her people & the loue of her coun trey and giue her ſelfe wholly to her houſband. Vnder the which figure the wonderful maieſtie & increa ſe of the kingdome of Chriſt and the Church his ſpouſe now taken of the Gentiles is deſcribed.

¶ *To him that excelleth on* [a] *Shoſhannim a ſong of* [b] *loue to giue inſtruction*, committed *to the ſonnes of Kórah.*

1 MIne heart wil vtter forthe a good
matter: I wil intreat *in* my workes of
the King: my tongue *is as* the penne of a
ſwift writer.
2 Thou art [c] fairer thē the childrē of men:
grace is powred in thy lippes, becauſe God
hathe bleſſed thee for euer.
3 Girde thy ſworde vpon *thy* thigh, ô moſte
mightie, *to wit*, thy worſhip & thy glorie,
4 And proſper with thy glorie: [d] ride vpon
the worde of trueth and of mekenes & of
righteouſnes: ſo thy right hand ſhal tea-
che thee terrible things.
5 Thine arrowes *are* ſharpe *to perce* the heart
of the Kings enemies: *therefore* the people
ſhal fall vnder thee.
6 Thy [e] throne, ô God, *is* for euer and euer:
the ſcepter of thy kingdome *is* a ſcepter
of righteouſnes.
7 Thou loueſt righteouſnes, and hateſt wic
kednes, becauſe God, *euen* thy God hathe
[f] anointed thee with the oile of gladnes
aboue thy felowes.
8 All thy garments *ſmell* of myrrhe and a-
loes, *and* caſsia, *when thou comeſt* out of the
vuorie palaces, [g] where thei haue made
thee glad.
9 Kings daughters *were* amōg thine hono-

a This was a certeine tune or an inſtrumēt
b Of that per fite loue that ought to be be- tweene ỹ houſ- band & the wife.
c Salomōs be autie and elo quence to wine ne fauour with his people, and his power to ouercome his enemies, is he re deſcribed
d He alludeth to them ỹ ride in chariots in their triūphes, ſhewing ỹ the quiet ſtate of a kingdome ſtā deth i trueth, mekenes & iu ſtice, not in worldelie pōpe and vanitie.
e Vnder this figure of this kingdome of iuſtice is ſet forthe ỹ euer- laſting kingdome of Chriſt
f Hathe eſtabliſhed thy kingdome as the figure of Chriſt, which is the peace & ioye of the Church
g In the which palace the people made thē ioyful to ſe them giue thankes & reioyce for thee.

rable *wiues*: vpon thy right hand did ſtand the [h] Quene in a veſture of golde of Ophír.

10 [i] Hearken, ô daughter, and conſider, and incline thine eare: forget alſo thine owne people and thy fathers houſe.

11 So ſhal the Kíg haue pleaſure in thy beautie: for he is thy Lord, and reuerence thou him.

12 And the [k] daughter of Tyrus *with* the riche of the people ſhal do homage before thy face with preſents.

13 The Kings daughter is all glorious [l] within: her clothing is of broydered golde.

14 She ſhal be broght vnto the King in raiment of nedle worke: the virgins *that follow* after her, & her companiós ſhal be broght vnto thee.

15 With ioye and gladnes ſhal thei be broght, *and* ſhal enter into the Kings palace.

16 In ſteade of thy fathers ſhal thy [m] children be: ỹ ſhalt make thé princes [n] through all the earth.

17 I wil make thy [o] Name to be remembred through all gene rations: therefore ſhal ỹ people giue thákes vnto thee worlde without end.

h Thogh he had many Kígs daughters among his wiues, yet he loued Pharaohs daughter beſt

i Vnder the figure of Pharaohs daughter he ſheweth ỹ ỹ Church muſt caſt of all carnal affections to obey Chriſt onely.

k He ſignifieth that diuers of them, that be riche, ſhalbe benefactours to the Church, albeit thei giue not perfite obedience to ỹ Goſpel

l Or, Ler

l There is nothing fained, nor hypocritical, but ſhe is glorious bothe within & without: and howbeit ỹ Church hathnot at all times this outwarde glorie, the faute is to be imputed onely to their owne ingratitude

m Thei ſhalhaue greater graces then their fathers

n He ſignifieth the great cõpaſſe of Chriſts kingdome, ẅ ſhalbe ſufficiẽt to enriche all his membres

o This muſt onely be referred to Chriſt and not to Salomón.

PSAL. XLVI.

1 A ſong of triumph or thankeſgiuing for the deliuerãce of Ieruſalém, after Sennaherib with his armie was driuẽ awaie, or ſome other like ſudden and maruelous deliuerance by the mightie hãd of God. 8 Whereby the Prophet commending this great benefite, doeth exhorte the faithful to giue them ſelues wholly into the hand of God, douting nothing but that vnder his protection thei ſhal be ſafe againſt all the aſſautes of their enemies, becauſe this is his delite to aſſwage the rage of the wicked, when thei are moſte buſie againſt the iuſt.

¶ *To him that excelleth vpon* [a] *Alamóth a ſong* committed *to the ſonnes of Kórah.*

1 GOd *is* our [*] hope and ſtrength, & helpe in [b] troubles, readie to be founde.

2 Therefore wil not we [c] feare, thogh the earth be moued, and thogh the mountaines fall into the middes of the ſea.

3 *Thogh* the waters thereof [d] rage & be troubled & the mountaines ſhake at the ſurges of the ſame. Sélah,

4 *Yet there is a* [e] Riuer, whoſe ſtreames ſhal make glad ỹ Citie of God: *euen* ỹ Sanctuarie of the Tabernacles of the moſte High.

5 God *is* in the middes of it: *therefore* ſhal it not be moued: God ſhal helpe it [f] verie early.

6 *When* the nations raged, & the kingdomes were moued, *God* [*] thundred, & the earth melted.

7 The Lord of hoſtes *is* [g] with vs: the God of Iaakób *is* our refuge. Sélah.

8 Come, & beholde the workes of ỹ Lord, [h] what deſolations he hathe made in the earth.

9 He maketh warres to ceaſe vnto the ends of the worlde: he breaketh the bowe and cutteth the ſpeare, & burneth the chariots with fyre.

10 Be [i] ſtil and knowe that I am God: I wil be exalted among the heathen, & I wil be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hoſtes *is* with vs: the God of Iaakób *is* our refuge. Sélah.

a Which was ether a muſical inſtrument or a ſolemne tune, vnto the ẅ this pſalme was ſung.

* Or, protection.

b In all maner of troubles God ſheweth his ſpedie mercie and power in defending his

c That is, we wil not be ouercome with feare

d Thogh the afflictions rage neuer ſo muche, yet the riuers of Gods mercies bring ſufficient comfort to his

e The riuer of Shiloáh, ẅ paſſed through Ieruſalém: meaning thogh ỹ defence ſeme neuer ſo ſmale, yet if God haue appointed it, it is ſufficient.

f Alwaies when nede requireth

* *Ebr gaue his voice*

g Thei are aſſured that God can and wil defend his Church from all dangers and enemies.

h To wit, how oft he hathe deſtroied his enemies & deliuered his people.

i He warneth thé that perſecute ỹ Church to ceaſe their crueltie: for els thei ſhal fele that God is to ſtrong for them, againſt whome thei fight.

PSAL. XLVII.

1 The Prophet exhorteth all people to the worſhip of the true and euerliuing God, cõmending the mercie of God toward the poſteritie of Iaakób 9 And after propheſieth of the kingdome of Chriſt in this time of the Goſpel.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Pſalme* committed *to the ſonnes of Kórah.*

1 ALl people [a] clap your hands: ſing loude vnto God with a ioyful voice.

2 For the Lord *is* high, & terrible: a great King ouer all the earth.

3 He hathe [b] ſubdued the people vnder vs, and the nations vnder our fete.

4 He hathe choſen [c] our inheritance for vs: *euen* the glorie of Iaakób whome he loued. Sélah.

5 God is gone vp with triumph, *euen* the Lord, with the [d] ſounde of the trumpet.

6 Sing praiſes to God, ſing praiſes: ſing praiſes vnto our King, ſing praiſes.

7 For God *is* the King of all the earth: ſing praiſes *euerie one* that hathe [e] vnderſtanding.

8 God reigneth ouer the heathen: God ſitteth vpon his holie throne.

9 The princes of the people are gathered vnto the people of the God of Abrahám: for the ſhields of the worlde *belong* to God: he [f] is greatly to be exalted.

a Here is figured Chriſt, vnto whome all his ſhulde giue willing obedience, & who wolde ſhew hi ſelf terrible to the wicked

b He hathe made ỹ Iewes, who were the kepers of the Law and Prophets, ſcholemaſters to the Gentiles, that thei ſhulde with gladnes obey them

c God hathe choſen vs aboue all other nations to enioye a moſte glorious inheritance

d He doeth alluide vnto the trumpets, that were blowne at ſolemne feaſtes: but he doeth further ſignifie the triumph of Chriſt and his glorious aſcenſion into the heauens.

e He requireth that vnderſtanding be ioyned with ſinging, leſt the Name of God be profaned with vaine crying

f He praiſeth Gods highnes, for that he ioyneth the great princes of the worlde, whome he calleth ſhields to the felowſhip of his Church.

PSAL. XLVIII.

1 A notable deliuerance of Ieruſalém from the hand of manie Kings is mentioned, for the which thankes are giuen to God, and the ſtate of that citie is praiſed, that hathe God ſo preſently at all times readie to defend thẽ. The Pſalme ſemeth to be made in the time of Aházi, Ioſhaphát, Aſá or Ezechiáh: for in their times chiefly was the citie by foren princes aſſalted.

¶ [a] *A ſong* or *Pſalme* commited *to the ſonnes of Kórah.*

1 GReat *is* the Lord, and greatly to be praiſed, in the [b] Citie of our God, *euen* vpon his holie Mountaine.

2 Mount Zión, *lying* Northward, *is* faire in ſituation: *it is* the [c] ioye of the whole earth, *and* the citie of the great King.

3 In the palaces thereof God is knowen for a [d] re-

a Some put this differẽce betwene a ſong and Pſalme, ſaying that it is called a ſong, whẽ there is no inſtrument, but the voice: and the pſalme, the cõtrary The ſong of the Pſalme is whẽ the inſtrumẽts beginne, & the

b Albeit God

voice followeth The Pſalme of the ſong: the contrary

c Becauſe the worde of ſaluation came thence to all

ſhew his wonders through all the worlde, yet he wil be chiefly praiſed in his Church

them that ſhulde beleue.

d Except God were ỹ defence thereof, neither ſituacion nor munition colde preuaile
e Thei conſpired & went againſt Gods people
f The enemies were afraid at the ſight of ỹ Citie
g That is, of Cilicia, or of ỹ ſea called *Mediterraneum*
h To wit, of our fathers, ſo haue we proued, or, God hathe performed his promes
i In all places where thy Name ſhalbe heard of, mẽ ſhal praiſe thee, whẽ thei heare of thy maruelo⁹ workes
k Let Ieruſalẽm & ỹ cities of Iudea reioyce for thy iuſt iudgemẽts againſt thine enemies
l For in this outward defẽce & ſtrength Gods bleſſigs did alſo appeare: but ỹ chief is to be referred to Gods ſauour and ſecret defence, who neuer leaueth his.

a d refuge.
4 For lo, the Kings were e gathered, & wẽt together.
5 When thei ſawe f it, thei marueiled: thei were aſtonied, & ſuddenly driuen backe.
6 Feare came there vpon them, & ſorowe, as vpon a woman in trauaile.
7 *As* with an Eaſt winde thou breakeſt the ſhippes g of Tarſhiſh, *ſo were they deſtroyed.*
8 As we haue h heard, ſo haue we ſene in the Citie of the Lord of hoſtes, in the Citie of our God: God wil ſtabliſh it for euer. Sélah.
9 We waite for thy louĩg kindenes, ô God, in the middes of thy Temple.
10 O God, according vnto thy Name, ſo is thy praiſe vnto the i worldes end: thy right hand is ful of righteouſnes.
11 Let k mount Zión reioyce, & the daughters of Iudáh be glad, becauſe of thy iudgements.
12 l Compaſſe about Zión, and go rounde about it, & tel the towres thereof.
13 Marke wel the wall thereof: beholde her towres, that ye maie tel your poſteritie.
14 For this God *is* our God for euer & euer: he ſhal be our guide vnto the death.

a He wil intreat how God gouerneth the worlde by his prouidence wch cã not be perceiued by the iudgement of the fleſh
b Thogh wickednes reigne & enemies rage, ſeing God wil execute his iudgemẽts againſt ỹ wicked in time cõuenient
c To truſt in riches is more madnes, ſeing thẽy cã nether reſtore life nor prolong it
d That is, ſo rare, or not to be founde, as prophecie was precious in the daies of Eli, 1. Sam. 3, 1
e Meaning, it is impoſsible to liue for euer: alſo that life and death are onely in Gods hands
f In that that death maketh no difference betwene the perſones
g That is, not to their children, but to ſtrangers Yet the wicked profit not by theſe examples, but ſtil dreame an immortalitie in earth.

PSAL. XLIX.

1 The holie Goſt calleth all men to the conſideration of mans life, 7 ſhewing them not to be moſte bleſſed, that are moſte wealthie, & therefore not to be feared: but contrary wiſe he lifteth vp our mindes to conſider how all things are ruled by Gods prouidence: 14 Who at he inageth theſe worldelie miſers to euerlaſting torments, 15 So doeth he preſerue his & wil reward thẽ in the day of the reſurrection. 2 Theſſ. 1, 6.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A pſalme* committed *to the ſonnes of Kórah.*

1 HEare a this, all *ye* people: giue eare, all ye that dwel in the worlde,
2 Aſwel lowe as hie, bothe riche & poore.
3 My mouth ſhal ſpeake of wiſdome, and the meditacion of mine heart *is* of knowledge.
4 I wil incline mine eare to a parable, *and* vtter my graue matter vpon the harpe.
5 Wherefore ſhulde I b feare in the euil daies, *when* iniquitie ſhal compaſſe me about, *as at* mine heles?
6 They truſt in their c goods, & boaſt them ſelues in the multitude of their riches.
7 Yet a man can by no meanes redeme *his* brother: he can not giue his ranſome to God,
8 (So d precious is the redemption of their ſoules, e and the continuance for euer)
9 That he may liue ſtil for euer, & not ſe the graue.
10 For he ſeeth that wiſemen f dye, & alſo that the ignorant and fooliſh periſh, and leaue their riches for g others.
11 *Yet* they thinke, their houſes, & their habitacions *ſhal continue* for euer, *euen* from generacion to generacion, and d call *their* lands by their names.
12 But man ſhal not continue in honour: he is like the h beaſts *that* dye.
13 This their waie *vttereth* their fooliſhnes: *yet* their poſteritie i delite in their talke. Sélah.
14 k Like ſhepe thei lie in graue: l death deuoureth thẽ, & the righteous ſhal haue dominacion ouer them in the m morning: for their beautie ſhal conſume, *when they ſhal go* from their houſe to graue.
15 But God ſhal deliuer my ſoule from the power of the graue: n for he wil receiue me. Sélah.
16 Be not thou afraied when one is made riche, & when the glorie of his houſe is increaſed.
17 *For he ſhal take nothing awaie when he dyeth, nether ſhal his pompe deſcend after him.
18 For while he liued, o he reioyced him ſelf: and m men wil praiſe thee, when thou makeſt muche of thy ſelf.
19 p n He ſhal enter into the generacion of his fathers, o & they ſhal not liue for euer.
20 Man *is* in honour, and p vnderſtandeth not: he is like to beaſts *that* periſh.

d Or, labour that their name may be famous in earth.
h As touching ỹ death of the bodie
i They ſpeake & do the ſame thing ỹ their fathers did
k As ſhepe are gathered into ỹ folde, ſo ſhal thei be broght to the graue
l Becauſe they haue no parte of life euerlaſting
m Chriſts cõming is as the morning, when the elect ſhal reigne with Chriſt their head ouer the wicked
*Or, becauſe he hathe receiued me *Iob 27, 19.*
o *1 tim. 6, 7.* *Ebr. he bleſſed his ſoule.*
m The flatterers praiſe thẽ ỹ liue in delites & pleaſures
n Or, his ſoule
n And not paſſe the terme appointed for life
o Bothe thei & their fathers ſhal liue here but a while & at length dye for euer
p He condemneth mans ingratitude, who hauig receiued excellẽt gifies of God, abuſeth them like a beaſt to his owne condemnacion

PSAL. L.

1 Becauſe the Church is alwaie ful of hypocrites, 8 Which do imagine that God wilbe worſhiped with outward ceremonies onely, without the heart: and eſpecially the Iewes were of this opinion, becauſe of their figures and ceremonies of the Law, thinking that their ſacrifices were ſufficient. 21 Therefore the Prophet doeth reproue this groſſe errour, & pronounceth the Name of God to be blaſphemed, where holines is ſet in ceremonies. 23 For he declareth the worſhip of God to be ſpiritual, whereof are two principal partes, inuocation, & thankeſgiuing.

¶ *A Pſalme of* a *Aſáph.*

1 THe God of gods, *euen* ỹ Lord hathe ſpoken and called the b earth frõ the riſing vp of ỹ ſunne vnto the going downe thereof.
2 Out of Zión, *which is* the c perfection of beautie, hathe God ſhined.
3 Our God ſhal come and ſhal not kepe ſilence: d a fyre ſhal deuoure before him, & a mightie tempeſt ſhal be moued rounde about him.
4 He ſhal call the heauen aboue, and e the earth to iudge his people.
5 Gather my f Saints together vnto me, thoſe that make a couenant with me with g ſacrifice.
6 And the heauens ſhal declare his righteouſnes: for God is Iudge himſelf. Sélah.
7 Heare, ô my people, & I wil ſpeake: *heare*, ô Iſraél, and I wil teſtifie vnto thee: *for* I am God, *euen* thy God.

PSAL L
a Who was either the autor, or a chief ſinger, to whome it was cõmitted
b To plead againſt his diſſembling people before heauen and earth.
c Becauſe God had choſen it to haue his Name there called vpon, and alſo his image ſhined there in ỹ doctrine of ỹ Law.
d As when God gaue his Law in mount Sinai, he appeared terrible with thunder and tempeſt, ſo wil he appeare terrible to take a count for the keping thereof
e As witneſſes aginſt the hypocrites.
f God in reſpect of his elect, calleth the whole bodie holie Saints & his people.
g Which ſhulde knowe that ſacrifices are ſeales of the couenant betwene God and his people, and not ſet religion therein

8 I wil not [h] reproue thee for thy ſacrifices, or thy burnt offrings, *that haue not bene* cõtinually before me.

9 I wil take no bullocke out of thine houſe, *nor* goates out of thy foldes.

10 [i] For all the beaſts of the foreſt are mine, *and* the beaſts on a thouſand mountaines.

11 I knowe all the foules on the mountaines: & the wilde beaſts of the field are mine.

12 If I be hungrie, I wil not tel thee: for the worlde is mine, and all that therein is.

13 [k] Wil I eat the fleſh of bulles? or drinke the blood of goates?

14 Offre vnto God praiſe, & [l] paie thy vowes vnto the moſte High,

15 And call vpon me in the daie of trouble: ſo wil I deliuer thee, & thou ſhalt glorifie me.

16 But vnto the wicked ſaid God, [m] What haſt thou to do to declare mine ordinances, that thou ſhuldeſt take my couenant in thy mouth,

17 Seing thou hateſt [n] to be reformed, and haſt caſt my wordes behinde thee?

18 For whē thou ſeeſt a theefe, [o] thou runneſt with him, and thou art partaker with the adulterers.

19 Thou giueſt thy mouth to euil, & with thy tongue thou forgeſt deceite.

20 Thou [p] ſitteſt, *and* ſpeakeſt againſt thy brother, *and* ſclandereſt thy mothers ſonne.

21 Theſe things haſt thou done, & I helde my tongue: *therefore* thou thoughteſt that I was like thee: *but* I wil reproue thee, and [q] ſet *them* in order before thee.

22 Oh conſider this, ye that forget God, leſt I teare you in pieces, & there be none that can deliuer *you*.

23 He that offreth [r] praiſe, ſhal glorifie me: and to him, that [s] diſpoſeth his waie *aright*, wil I [t] ſhewe the ſaluacion of God.

h For I paſſe not for ſacrifices, except ỹ true vſe be there, which is to confirme your faith in my promiſes.

i Thogh he did deſire no ſacrifice, yet had he no nede of mans helpe thereunto

k Thogh mans life for the infirmitie thereof hathe nede of fode, yet God, whoſe life quickneth all the worlde, hathe no nede of ſuche meanes

l Shew thy ſelf mindeful of Gods benefites by thāckeſgiuing

m Why doeſt thou fame to be of my people and talkeſt of my couenant, ſeing thou art but an hypocrite?

n And to liue according to my worde

o He ſheweth what are the frutes of them that contemne Gods word

p He noteth the crueltie of hypocrites, whē ſpare not in their talke or iudgemēt their owne mothers ſonne

q I wil write all thy wicked dedes in a role and make thee to read & acknoledge thē whether thou wilt or no

r Vnder the name is conteined faith and inuocation.

s As God hathe appointed.

t That is, declare my ſelf to be his Sauiour.

PSAL. LI.

1 When Dauid was rebuked by the Prophet Nathán, for his great offences, he did not onely acknowledge the ſame to God with proteſtation of his natural corruptiõ and enquitie, but alſo left a memorial thereof to his poſteritie. 7 Therefore firſt he deſireth God to forgiue his ſinnes, 10 And to renue in him his holie Spirit, 13 With promes that he wil not be vnmindeful of thoſe great graces. 18 Finally fearing leſt God wolde puniſh the whole Church for his faute, he requireth that he wolde rather increaſe his graces towards the ſame.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A pſalme of Dauid, when the Prophet Nathán* [a] *came vnto him, after he had gone in to Bath-ſhéba.*

1 HAue mercie vpon me, ô God, [b] according to thy louing kindenes: according to the multitude of thy compaſſions put awaie mine iniquities.

2 Waſh me [c] throughly from mine iniquitie, and clenſe me from my ſinne.

3 For I [d] knowe mine iniquities, & my ſinne *is* euer before me.

4 Againſt thee, againſt thee onely haue I ſinned, & done euil in thy ſight, that thou maieſt be iuſte when thou [e] ſpeakeſt, *and* pure when thou iudgeſt.

5 Beholde, I was borne in iniquitie, and in ſinne hathe my mother conceiued me.

6 Beholde, thou [f] loueſt trueth in ỹ inwarde affections: therefore haſt thou taught me wiſdome in the ſecret *of mine heart*.

7 Purge me with * hyſſope, and I ſhal be cleane: waſh me, & I ſhalbe whiter then ſnowe.

8 Make me to heare [g] ioye and gladnes, *that* the [h] bones, *which* thou haſt broken, maie reioyce.

9 Hide thy face from my ſinnes, and put awaie all mine iniquities.

10 [i] Create in me a cleane heart, ô God, & renue a right ſpirit within me.

11 Caſt me not awaie from thy preſence, and take not thine holie Spirit from me.

12 Reſtore to me the ioye of thy ſaluacion, and ſtabliſh me with *thy* [k] free Spirit.

13 *Then* ſhal I teache thy [l] waies vnto the wicked, and ſinners ſhal be conuerted vnto thee.

14 Deliuer me from [m] blood, ô God, *which art* the God of my ſaluacion, *and* my tongue ſhal ſing ioyfully of thy righteouſnes.

15 [n] Open thou my lippes, ô Lord, and my mouth ſhal ſhewe forthe thy praiſe.

16 For thou deſireſt no ſacrifice, thogh I wolde giue it: thou deliteſt not in burnt offring.

17 The ſacrifices of God *are* a [o] contrite ſpirit: a contrite & a broken heart, ô God, thou wilt not deſpiſe.

18 Be fauourable vnto [p] Zión for thy good pleaſure: buylde the walles of Ieruſalém.

19 Then ſhalt thou accept the ſacrifices of [q] righteouſnes, *euen* the burnt offring and oblation: then ſhal they offer calues vpon thine altar.

a To reproue him becauſe he had cõmitted ſo horrible ſinnes, and lien in the ſame without repentāce more thē a whole yere

b As his ſinnes were manifolde & great, ſo he requireth that God wolde giue him the feling of his excellent and abundant mercies

c My ſinnes ſticke ſo faſt in me, that I haue nede of ſome ſingular kinde of waſhing.

d My conſcience accuſeth me, ſo that I can haue no reſt, til I be reconciled

e When thou giueſt ſentence againſt ſinners, thei muſt nedes confeſſe thee to be iuſt and them ſelues ſinners

f He cõfeſſeth that God, who loueth purenes of heart, maie iuſtely deſtroy man, who of nature is a ſinner, much more him, whome he had inſtructed in his heauēlie wiſdome *Leuit. 14, 6.*

g He meaneth Gods comfortable mercies towards repentant ſinners

h By ỹ bones he vnderſtandeth all ſtrength of ſoule *and* bodie, which by cares and mourning are conſumed

i He cõfeſſeth ỹ when Gods Spirit is colde in vs, to haue it againe reuiued is as a new creation

k Which maie aſſure me that I am drawen out of ỹ ſclauerie of ſinne.

l He promiſeth to endeauour that others by his example may turne to God

m From the murder of Vriáh, and the others that were ſlaine whē him, 2 Sam 11, 17

n By giuing me occaſion to praiſe thee, when thou ſhalt forgiue my ſinnes

o Which is a wounding of ỹ heart, proceding of faith, which ſeketh vnto God for mercie

p He praieth for the whole Church, becauſe through his ſinne it was in danger of Gods iudgement

q That is, iuſt & lawful, applied to their right ends, which is the exerciſe of faith & repentance

PSAL. LII.

1 Dauid deſcribeth the arrogant tyrannie of his aduerſarie Doeg, who by falſe ſurmiſes cauſed Abimélech with the reſt of the Prieſts to be ſlayne. 5 Dauid prophecieth his deſtruction, 6 And incourageth the faithful to put their confidence in God, whoſe iudgements are moſte ſharpe againſt his aduerſaries. 9 And finally he rendreth thankes to God for his deliuerance. In this Pſalme is liuely ſet forthe the kingdome of Antichriſt.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Pſalme of Dauid to giue inſtruction. When Doeg the Edomite came & ſhewed Saúl, & ſaid to him, Dauid is come to the houſe of Abimélech.*

1 WHy boaſteſt thou thy ſelf in *thy* wickednes, ô [a] man of power? the louing kindnes of God *indureth* daily.

a O Doeg, whaſt credit with the tyrāt Saul, & haſt power to murther the Saints of God

b Thy malice moueth thee by craftie flateries & lies to accuſe and deſtroye the innocents

a Thy tongue imagineth b miſchief, *and is* like a ſharpe raſor, ỹ cutteth deceitfully.
3 Thou doeſt loue euil more thẽ good, *and* lies, more thẽ to ſpeake ỹ trueth. Sélah.
4 Thou loueſt all wordes that maye deſtroye, ô deceitful tongue!
5 So ſhal God c deſtroye thee for euer: he ſhal take thee and plucke thee out of *thy* tabernacle, & d rote thee out of the land of the liuing. Sélah.
6 The e righteous alſo ſhal ſe it, f and feare, and ſhal laugh at him, *ſaying*,
7 Beholde the man that toke not God for his ſtrength, but truſted vnto the multitude of his riches, & put his ſtrength a in his malice.
8 But I ſhalbe like a g grene oliue tre in the houſe of God: *for* I truſted in the mercie of God for euer and euer.
9 I wil alway praiſe thee, for that thou haſt done h *this*, & I wil a hope in thy Name, becauſe it is good before thy Saints.

Forbeare for a time, yet at length he wil recompẽſe thy falſehode.
d *Albeit thou ſeme to be neuer ſo ſure ſetled.*
e *For the eies of ỹ reprobate are ſhut vp at Gods iudgements.*
f *With ioyful reuerẽce, ſeĩg ỹ he taketh their parte againſt the wicked.*
a *Or, in his ſubſtance.*
g *He reioyceth to haue a place among the ſeruants of God, ỹ he maie growe in the knowledge of godlines.*
h *Executed this vengeãce.*
a *Or, waite vpon thy grace and promes.*

PSAL. LIII.

1 He deſcribeth the crooked nature, 4 The crueltie, 5 And puniſhment of the wicked, when they lake not for it, 6 And deſireth the deliuerance of the godlie, that they maie reioyce together.

¶ *To him that excelleth on* a *Mahaláth*. A Pſalme *of Dauid to giue inſtruction.*

1 THe foole hathe ſaid in his heart, *There is* b no God. they haue corrupted and done abominable wickednes: *there is* none that doeth good.
2 God loked downe from heauen vpon the children of men, to ſe if there were anie that wolde vnderſtand, and c ſeke God.
3 *Euerie one is gone backe: they are altogether corrupt: there is none that doeth good, no not one.*
4 Do not the d workers of iniquitie knowe ỹ they eat vp my people *as* they eat bread? they call not vpon God.
5 There they were afraied for feare, *where* no e feare was: for God hathe ſcatered the f bones of him that beſieged thee: thou haſt put them to confuſion, becauſe God hathe caſt them of.
6 Oh giue ſaluacion vnto Iſraél out of Zión: when God turneth the captiuitie of his people, *then* Iaakób ſhal reioyce, & Iſraél ſhal be glad.

Ro. 3, 10.
d *Dauid pronouceth Gods vengeance againſt cruel gouerners, who hauing charge to defende and preſerue Gods people, do moſte cruelly deuoure them.*
e *When they thoght there was none occaſiõ to feare, the ſudden vẽgeance of God lighted vpõ thẽ*
f *Be the enemies power neuer ſo great, nor ỹ dãger ſo feareful, yet God deliureth his in due time.*

PSAL. LIIII.

1 Dauid broght into great danger by the reaſon of the Ziphims, 5 Calleth vpon the Name of God to deſtroye his enemies, 6 Promiſing ſacrifice and fre offrings for ſo great deliuerance.

¶ *To him that excelleth on* Neginóth. A Pſalme *of Dauid, to giue inſtruction. When the Ziphims came & ſaid vnto Saúl, Is not Dauid hid among vs?*

1 SAue me, ô God, a by thy Name, and by thy power iudge me.
2 O God, heare my prayer: hearken vnto the wordes of my mouth.
3 For b ſtrangers are riſen vp againſt me, & c tyrants ſeke my ſoule: they haue not ſet God before them. Sélah.
4 Beholde, God *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with d them that vpholde my ſoule.
5 He ſhal reward euil vnto mine enemies: oh cut them of in thy e trueth!
6 *Then* I wil ſacrifice f frely vnto thee: I wil praiſe thy Name, ô Lord, becauſe it is good
7 For he hathe deliuered me out of all trouble, and mine eye hathe g ſene *my deſire* vpon mine enemies.

Pſal. LIIII.
1. Sam. 23, 17.
a *He declareth that when all meanes do faile, God wil deliuer, euen as it were by miracle thẽ that call vnto him with an vpright conſcience.*

b *To wit, the Ziphims.*
c *Saul and his armie, which were like cruel beaſtes & colde not be ſatiſfied but by his death.*
d *Be they neuer ſo fewe, as he was with Ionathán.*
e *According to thy faithful promes for my defence.*
f *For hypocrites ſerue God for feare, or vpon conditions.*
g *We may lawfully reioyce for Gods iudgemẽts againſt the wicked, if our affections be pure.*

PSAL. LV.

1 Dauid being in great heauines & diſtreſſe cõplaineth of the crueltie of Saul, 13 And of the falſehode of his familiar acquaintance, 17 Vttering moſte ardent affections to moue the Lord to pitie him. 22 After being aſſured of deliuerãce, he ſetteth forthe the grace of God as though he had already obteined his requeſt.

¶ *To him that excelleth on* Neginóth. A Pſalme *of Dauid to giue inſtruction.*

1 HEare a my prayer, ô God, & hide not thy ſelf from my ſupplication.
2 Hearkẽ vnto me, & anſwer me: I mourne in my prayer, and make a noiſe,
3 For the b voyce of the enemie, & for the vexation of the wicked, becauſe c they haue broght iniquitie vpon me, & furiouſly hate me.
4 Mine heart trembleth within me, and the terrors of death are fallen vpon me.
5 Feare and trembling are come vpon me, & an horrible feare hathe d couered me.
6 And I ſaid, Oh that I had wings like a dooue: then wold I e flie away and reſt.
7 Beholde, I wolde take my flight farre of, & lodge in the wildernes. Sélah.
8 He wolde make haſte for my deliuerance f from the ſtormie winde and tempeſt.
9 Deſtroye, ô Lord, *and* g deuide their tongues: for I haue ſene crueltie and ſtrife in the citie.
10 Daye and night they go about it vpon the walles thereof: bothe h iniquitie and miſchief *are* in the middes of it.
11 Wickednes *is* in ỹ middes thereof: deceit & guile departe not from her ſtretes.
12 Surely mine i enemie did not diffame me: for I colde haue borne it. nether did mine aduerſarie exalt him ſelf againſt me: for I wolde haue hid me from him.
13 But *it was* thou, ô man, euen my k companion, my guide and my familiar:
14 Which delited in conſulting together, *and* went into the Houſe of God as companions.
15 Let death ſeaſe vpon them: let them l go downe quicke into the graue: for wickednes *is* in their dwellings, *euen* in the middes of them.
16 *But* I wil call vnto God, & the Lord wil ſaue me.
17 Euening and morning, & at noone wil

a Which was an inſtrumẽt or kinde of note
b Where as no regarde is had of honeſtie or diſhoneſtie, of vertue nor of vice, there the Prophet pronounceth that the people haue no God.
c Whereby he cõdemneth all knowledge & vnderſtãding, ỹ tendeth not to ſeke God. Rom. 3, 10.
d Dauid pronouceth Gods vengeance againſt cruel gouerners, who hauing charge to defende and preſerue Gods people, do moſte cruelly deuoure them.
e When they thoght there was none occaſiõ to feare, the ſudden vẽgeance of God lighted vpõ thẽ
f Be the enemies power neuer ſo great, nor ỹ dãger ſo feareful, yet God deliureth his in due time.

a *The earneſtnes of his prayer declareth the vehemẽcie of his grief, in ſo muche as he is compelled to burſt out into cryes.*
b *For ỹ threatenings of Saúl & his adherẽts.*
c *They haue diffamed me as a wicked perſone: or, they haue imagined my deſtructiõ.*
d *There was no parte of hĩ that was not aſtonied with extreme feare.*
e *Feare had driuẽ hĩ to ſo great diſtres, that he wiſhed to be hid in ſome wildernes, & to be baniſhed from that kingdome, ẃ God had promiſed that he ſhulde enioye*
f *From ỹ cruel rage & tyrãnie of Saúl.*
g *As in the cõfuſiõ of Babylon, when the wicked cõſpired againſt God.*
h *All laws & good ordres are broken, & onelie vice & diſſolutio reigneth vnder Saúl.*
i *If mine open enemie had ſoght mine hurt, I colde ỹ better haue auoyded him.*
k *Which was not onely ioyned to me in friẽdſhip & cõſũſel in worldlie matters, but alſo in religion*
l *As Kórah, Dathán & Abiram.*

I praye, [m] & make anoiſe, & he wil heare my voyce.

18 He hathe deliuered my ſoule in peace frō the battel, *that was* againſt me: for [n] manie were with me.

19 God ſhal heare and afflict them, euen he that reigneth of olde, Sélah. becauſe they [o] haue no changes, therefore they feare not God.

20 He [p] layed his hand vpon ſuche, as be at peace with him, *and* he brake his couenant.

21 *The wordes* of his mouth were ſofter thē butter, yet warre *was* in his heart: his wordes were more gentle then oyle, yet they were ſwordes.

22 Caſt thy [r] burden vpon the Lord, and he ſhal nouriſh thee: he wil not ſuffer the righteous to fall for [q] euer.

23 And thou, ô God, ſhalt bring thē downe into the pit of corruptiō: the blooddie, & deceitful men ſhal not liue [r] halfe their dayes: but I wil truſt in thee.

PSAL. LVI.

1 Dauid being broght to Achiſh the King of Gath, 2 Sama. 21, 12, complaineth of his enemies, demandeth ſuccour. 3 Putteth his truſt in God & in his promiſes. 12 And promiſeth to performe his vowes which he had takē vpō him, whereof this was the effect to praiſe God in his Church.

¶ *To him that excelleth.* A Pſalme *of Dauid on Michtám, concerning the* [a] *dumme doone in a farre countrey, when the Philiſtims toke him in Gath.*

1 BE merciful vnto me, ô God, for [b] mā wolde ſwallow me vp: he fighteth cōtinually *and* vexeth me.

2 Mine enemies wolde daiely ſwallow me vp: for manie fight againſt me, ô thou moſte High.

3 When I was afraid, I truſted in thee.

4 I wil reioyce in God, *becauſe* of his [c] worde, I truſt in God, & wil not feare what fleſh can do vnto me.

5 Mine owne [d] wordes grieue *me* daily: all their thoghts *are* againſt me to do me hurt.

6 [e] They gather together, and kepe them ſelues cloſe: they matke my ſteppes, becauſe they waite for my ſoule.

7 [f] They *thinke* they ſhal eſcape by iniquitie: ô God, caſt *theſe* people downe in *thine* angre.

8 Thou haſt counted my wandrings: put my [g] teares into thy bottel: are they not in thy regiſtre?

9 When I crye, then mine enemies ſhal turne backe: this I know, for God *is* with me.

10 I wil reioyce in God *becauſe of his* worde: in the Lord wil I reioyce *becauſe of his* worde.

11 In God do I truſt: I wil not be afraid what man can do vnto me.

12 [h] Thy vowes *are* vpon me, ô God: I wil rendre praiſes vnto thee.

13 For thou haſt deliuered my ſoule from death, and alſo my fete from falling, that I [k] maye walke before God in the light of the liuing.

PSAL. LVII.

1 Dauid being in the deſert of Ziph, where the inhabitāts did betraye him, & at length in the ſame caue with Saul. 2 Calleth moſte earneſtly vnto God with ful cōfidence, that he wil performe his promes & take his cauſe in hād: 5 Alſo that he wil ſhew his glorie in the heauens and the earth againſt his cruel enemies. 9 Therefore doeth he rendre laude & praiſe.

¶ *To him that excelleth.* [a] *Deſtroye not.* A Pſalme *of Dauid on Michtám.* [b] *When he fled from Saúl in the caue.*

1 HAue mercie vpon me, ô God, haue mercie vpō me: for my ſoule truſteth in thee, and in the ſhadow of thy wings wil I [c] truſt, til *theſe* [d] afflictions ouerpaſſe.

2 I wil call vnto the moſte high God, *euen* to the God, that [e] performeth *his promes* toward me.

3 He wil ſend from [f] heauen, and ſaue me from the reproſe of him that wolde ſwallow me. Sélah. God wil ſend his mercie, and his trueth.

4 My ſoule *is* among lions: I lie *among* the childrē of men, that are ſet on fyre: whoſe teeth *are* [g] ſpeares and arrowes, *and* their tongue a ſharpe ſworde.

5 [h] Exalte thy ſelf, ô God, aboue the heauē, & let thy glorie *be* vpon all the earth.

6 They haue layed a net for my ſteppes: [i] my ſoule is proſtrated downe: they haue digged a pit before me, *&* are fallen into the middes of it Sélah.

7 Mine hearte is [k] prepared, ô God, mine heart is prepared: I wil ſing & giue praiſe.

8 Awake my [l] tongue, awake viole & harpe: I wil awake early.

9 I wil praiſe thee, ô Lord, among the people, *and* I wil ſing vnto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercie is great vnto the heauēs, *and* thy trueth vnto the [k] cloudes.

11 Exalt thy ſelf, ô God, aboue the heauens, *and* let thy glorie *be* vpon all the earth.

PSAL. LVIII.

1 He deſcribeth the malice of his enemies, the flatterers of Saúl, who bothe ſecretly & openly ſought his deſtruction, frō whome he appealeth to Gods iudgement. 10 Shewing that the iuſte ſhal reioyce when they ſe the puniſhement of the wicked to the glorie of God.

¶ *To him that excelleth Deſtroye not.* A Pſal. *of Dauid on Michtám.*

1 IS it true? ô [a] Congregacion, ſpeake ye iuſtly? ô ſonnes of men, iudge ye vprightly?

2 Yea, rather ye imagine miſchief in *your* heart: [b] your hands execute cruelnes vpō the earth.

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m Which ſignifieth a feruent minde & ſure truſte to obteine his petitiō, which thing made him earneſt at all times in praier

n Euē the Angels of God foght on my ſide againſt mine enemies, 2 King. 6, 16

o But their proſperous eſtate ſtil cōtinueth

p I did not prouoke him, but was at peace with him, yet he made warre againſt me.

r Or, gift: to wit, which then woldeſt that God ſhilde giue thee

q Though for their bettering & triall he ſuffer thē to ſlip for a time

r Thogh they ſometime liue lōger, yet their life is curſed of God, vnquiet & worſe then anie death

a Being chaſed by the furie of his enemies into a ſtrāge cōtrie, he was as a dūme doone, not ſeking reuengeance

b He ſheweth that it is ether now time, or neuer, ỹ God helpe him: for all ỹ worlde is againſt him & readie to deuoure him

c He ſtaieth his conſcience vpō Gods promes, thogh he ſe not preſent helpe

d All my cōſels haue euil ſucceſſe & turne to mine owne ſorowe

e As all the worlde againſt one man, & can not be ſacial, except they haue my life

f They thinke not onely to eſcape puniſhmēt, but ỹ more wicked they are, the more impudent they wax

g If God kepe the teares of his Saints in ſcore, muche more wil he remēber their blood to auēge it: & thogh tyrants burne the bones, yet can they not blot the teares & blood out of Gods regiſter.

h Hauīg receiued ỹ which I required, I am bounde to paye my vowes of thākeſgiuing, as I promiſed

i As mindeful of his great mercies, & giuing him thākes for ỹ ſame

k That is, in this life and light of the ſunne.

a This was ether the beginning of a certeine ſong, or the wordes, wherwith Dauid vttered, whē he ſtayed his affection

s. 3 am 24. 20 Or, duel moſte faſtly

b He cōpareth the afflictions, wherwith God layeth vpon his children, to a ſtorme, that commeth & goeth.

c Who leaneth not his workes begō vnperfit

d He wolde rather deliuer me by a miracle, then that I ſhuld be ouercome

e He meaneth their calūnies & falſe reporters

f Suffer me not to be deſtroyed to the contempt of thy Name

g For verie feare, ſeing the great dangers on all ſides

h That is, wholly bēt to giue thee praiſe for my deliuerance

i He ſheweth ỹ bothe his heart ſhal praiſe God and his tōgue ſhal cōfeſſe him, and alſo ỹ he wil vſe other meanes to prouoke him ſelf forwarde to the ſame

k Thy mercies do not onely appertein to the Iewes, but alſo to the Gentiles

a Ye cōſelers of Saúl, who vnder pretēce of conſulting for ỹ commune welth conſpire my death

b ing an innocent

b Ye are not aſhamed to execute ỹ cruelties publikely, wher ye haue imaginēd in your hearts

c That is, enemies to the people of God euen frō their birth

d They paſſe in malice, and ſubtiltie the craftie ſerpēt, ẅ colde preiēt him ſelfe by ſtoppīg his eare from the inchanter

e Take away all occaſiōs & meanes, wherby they hurt

f Conſidering Gods diuine power he ſhewēth that God in a moment can deſtroye their force, whereof they bragge.

g As fleſh is take rawe out of ẏ pot before the water ſeeth: ſo he deſireth God to deſtroye their entrepriſes before ther brīg them to paſſe

h With a pure affection

i Their puniſhment & ſlaughter ſhalbe ſo great

k Seing God gouerneth all by his prouidēce, he muſte nedes put difference betwene the godlie, and the wicked.

3 The wicked c are ſtrangers from the wōbe: *euen* from the belly haue they erred, & ſpeake lies.

4 Their poiſon is euen like the poiſon of a ſerpent: like the deafe d adder *that* ſtoppeth his eare.

5 Which heareth not the voyce of the inchanter, thogh he be moſte expert in charming.

6 Breake their e teeth, ô God, in their mouthes: breake the iawes of the yong lions, ô Lord.

7 Let them f melt like the waters, let thē paſſe away: when he ſhooteth his arrowes, *let them be* as broken.

8 Let him conſume like a ſnaile that melteth, & *like* ẏ vntimelie frute of a woman, *that* hathe not ſene the ſunne.

9 g As rawe fleſh before your pottes fele *the fyre* of thornes: ſo let him carie them away as with a whirle winde in *his* wrath.

10 The righteous ſhal h reioyce when he ſeeth the vengeance: he ſhal waſh his fete in the i blood of the wicked.

11 And men ſhal ſay, k Verely there is frute for the righteous: doutles there is a God that iudgeth in the earth.

PSAL. LIX.

1 Dauid being in great danger of Saul, who ſent to ſlay him in his bed, prayeth vnto God: 3 Declareth his innocencie, & their furie. 5 Deſiring God to deſtroye all thoſe that ſinne of malicious wickednes 11 Whome thogh he kepe aliue for a time to exerciſe his people, yet in the end he wil cōſume thē in his wrath. 13 That he maye be knowen to be the God of Iaakób to the end of the worlde. 16 For this he ſingeth praiſes to God, aſſured of his mercies.

¶ *To him that excelleth. Deſtroye not.* A Pſalme *of Dauid on* a *Michtam.* * *When Saul ſent & they did watche the houſe to kil him.*

1 OMy God, b deliuer me from mine enemies: defend me from them that riſe vp againſt me.

2 Deliuer me from the wicked doers, and ſaue me from the blooddie men.

3 For lo, they haue layed waite for my ſoule: the mightie men are gathered againſt me, not for mine c offenſe, nor for my ſinne, ô Lord.

4 They runne and prepare them ſelues without a faute *on my parte*: ariſe *therefore* to aſsiſt me, and beholde.

5 Euen thou, ô Lord God of hoſtes, ô God of Iſraél awake to viſite all the heathen, & be not d merciful vnto all that tranſgreſſe maliciouſly. Sélah.

6 They go to and fro in the euening: they barcke like e dogs, and go about the citie.

7 Beholde, they f brag in their talke, *and* ſwordes *are* in their lippes: for Who, *ſay they*, doeth heare?

8 But thou, ô Lord, ſhalt haue them in deriſion, *and* thou ſhalt laugh at all the heathen.

9 g He is ſtrong: *but* I wil waite vpon thee: for God *is* my defence.

10 My merciful God wil h preuent me: God wil let me ſe *my deſire* vpon mine enemies.

11 Slay thē i not, leſt my people forget it: *but* ſcater them abroad by thy power, & put them downe, ô Lord our ſhield,

12 *For* the ſinne of their mouth, & the wordes of their lippes: and let them be taken in their pride, euen for their periurie and lies, *that* thei ſpeake.

13 i Conſume *them* in *thy* wrath: conſume *them* that thei be no more: and let them know that God ruleth in Iaakób, *euen* vn to the ends of the worlde. Sélah.

14 And in the euening they m ſhal go to and fro, & barcke like dogs, & go about the citie.

15 Thei ſhal runne here and there for meat: & ſurely they ſhal not be ſatiſfied, thogh thei tarie all night.

16 But I wil ſing of thy n power, & wil praiſe thy mercie in the mornīg: for thou haſt bene my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Vnto thee, ô my o Strength, wil I ſing: for God is my defence, *and* my merciful God.

a Read pſal. 16

1 *Sam. 19, 11.*

b Thogh his enemies were euen at hand to deſtroye hī, yet he aſſured him ſelf that God had wayes vnough in his hād to deliuer him

c For I am innocent to thē wardes, & haue not offonded them

d Seing it appertaineth to Gods iudgements to puniſh ẏ wicked, he deſireth God to execute his vengeāce on ẏ reprobat, who maliciouſly perſecute his Church

e He cōpareth their crueltie to hūgrie dogs ſhewing that they are neuer weearie in doīg euil

f They boaſt openly of their wicked deuiſes, and euette word is as a ſworde for ther neither fear God, nor are aſhamed of men.

g Though Saūl haue neuer ſo great power, yet I knowe ẏ thou doeſt bridel him: therefore wil I patiently hope on thee

h He wil not faile to ſuccour me, when nede requireth.

i Altogether, but by litle & litle, that the people ſeing ofte times thy iudgmēts may be mindeful of thee.

k That in their miſerie & ſhame they may be as glaſſes and examples of Gods vēgeāce.

l When thy time ſhal come, and when thei haue ſufficiētly ſerued for an example of thy vengeance vnto other

m He mocketh at their vaine entrepriſes, being aſſured ẏ thei ſhal not bring their purpoſe to paſſe.

n Which dideſt vſe the policie of a weake wo man to confounde the enemies ſtrength, as 1 Sam 19, 12

o Confeſsing him ſelfe to be voide of all vertue and ſtrength, he attributeth the whole to God.

PSAL. LX.

1 Dauid being now King ouer Iudáh and hauing had manie victories, ſheweth by euident ſignes, that God elected him King, aſſuring the people that God wil proſper thē if they approue the ſame 11 After he praieth vnto God to finiſh that that he hathe begonne

¶ *To him that excelleth vpon* a *Shuſhan Éduth,* or *Michtám.* A Pſal. *of Dauid to teache.* * *When he fought againſt Aram Naharaím, and againſt* b *Arám* b *Zobáh, whē Ioab returned and ſlew twelue thouſand Édomites in the ſalt valley.*

a These were certeine ſongs after the note whereof this pſalme was ſung.

2 Sam. 8, 1. & 10, 1.

1 *Chro 18, 1.*

b Or, Syria, called Meſopotamia

1 OGod, thou haſt caſt vs out, thou haſt c ſcatered vs, thou haſt bene angrie, turne againe vnto vs.

2 Thou haſt made the land to tremble, and haſt made it to d gape: heale the breaches thereof, for it is ſhaken.

3 Thou haſt e ſhewed thy people heauie things: thou haſt made vs to drinke the wine of giddines.

4 *But now* thou haſt giuen f a banner to thē that feare thee, that it maie be diſplaied becauſe of *thy* trueth. Sélah.

5 That thy beloued may be deliuered, help with thy right hand and heare me.

6 God hathe ſpoken in his g holines: *therefore* I wil reioyce: I ſhal deuide Shechém, & meaſure the valley of Succóth.

7 Gileád *ſhalbe* mine, and Manaſſéh *ſhalbe* mine: Ephráim alſo *ſhalbe* the h ſtrength

c Called alſo Sophene ẅ ſtādeth by Euphrates

d As cleft ẅ an earth quake

e Thou haſt handled thy people ſharply in taking from them ſenſe and iudgement, in that thei aided Saūl the wicked King, and purſued him, to whome God had giuen the

iuſt title of the realme.

f In making me King, thou haſt performed thy promes, which ſemed to haue loſt the force

g It is ſo certeine, as if it were ſpoken by an oracle, that I ſhal poſſeſſe theſe places, which Saūl hae left to his children

h For it was ſtrong and wel peopled.

of mine head: i Iudáh *is* my lawgiuer.
8 Moáb *shalbe* my k wash pot: ouer Edóm wil I cast out my shoe: l Palestina shew thy self ioyful for me.
9 Who wil lead me into the m strong citie? who wil bring me vnto Edóm?
10 Wilt not thou, ô God, *which* hadest cast vs of, & didest not go forthe, ô God, with our armies?
11 Giue vs helpe against trouble: for vaine is the helpe of man.
12 Through God we shal do valiantly: for he shal treade downe our enemies.

i Dauid meaneth, that in this tribe his kingdome shalbe established, Gen 49,10
k In most vile subiection.
l For ỹ wilt dissemble, and faine as though ỹ were glad.
m He was assured that God wolde giue hi ỹ strong cities of his enemies wherein they thoght thẽ selues sure.

PSAL. LXI.

1 Whether that he were in danger of the Ammonites, or being pursued of Absalóm, here he cryeth to be heard & deliuered, 7 And confirmed in his kingdome. 8 He promiseth perpetual praises

¶ *To him that excelleth on* Neginóth. *A Psalme of Dauid.*

1 HEare my crye, ô God: giue eare vnto my prayer.
2 From a the ends of the earth wil I crye vnto thee: whẽ mine heart is oppressed, bring me vpõ the rocke that is b higher then I.
3 For thou hast bene mine hope, & a strõg tower against the enemie.
4 I wil dwel in thy Tabernacle for euer, & my trust shal be vnder the couering of thy wings. Sélah.
5 For thou, ô God, c hast heard my desires: thou hast giuẽ an heritage vnto those that feare thy Name.
6 Thou shalt giue the King a d long life: his yeres *shalbe* as manie ages.
7 He shal dwell before God for euer: prepare e mercie & faithfulnes *that* they may preserue him.
8 So wil I alway sing praise vnto thy Name in performing daiely my vowes.

a From ỹ place, where I was banished, being driuen out of the Citie & Temple by my sonne Absalóm.
b Vnto the ẅ without thy helpe I cã not atteine.
c There is nothing ỹ doeth more strẽgthẽ our faith, then the remembrãce of Gods succour in times past
d This chiefly is referred to Christ, who liueth eternally not onely in him self, but also in his members
e For the stablitie of my kingdome stãdeth in thy mercie & truth.

PSAL. LXII

This Psalme partely conteineth meditatiõs, whereby Dauid encourageth him self to trust in God against the assaults of temptations And because our mindes are easely drawẽ from God by the alluremẽts of the worlde, he sharply reproueth this vanitie, to the intent he might cleaue fast to the Lord.

¶ *To the excellent* musician * *Iedúthún. A Psalme of Dauid.*

1 YEt a my soule kepeth silence vnto God: of him *cometh* my saluacion.
2 b Yet he is my strength and my saluaciõ, & my defence: *therefore* I shal not muche be moued.
3 How lõg wil ye imagine mischief against a c man? ye shalbe all slaine: *ye shalbe* as a bowed wall, *or* as a d wall shaken.
4 Yet they consulte to cast him downe frõ his dignitie: their delite is in lies, they blesse with their mouthes, but curse with their hearts. Sélah.
5 e Yet my soule kepe thou silẽce vnto God: for mine hope *is* in him.
6 Yet is he my strength, & my saluacion, & my defence: *therefore* I shal not be moued.
7 In God *is* my saluacion and my f glorie, ỹ rocke of my strength: in God *is* my trust.
8 Trust in him alwaie, ye people: g powre out your hearts before him, *for* God *is* our hope. Sélah.
9 Yet the children of men *are* vanitie, the chief mẽ *are* lies: to lay thẽ vpon a balance thei are altogether lighter thẽ vanitie.
10 Trust not in oppression nor in roberie: h be not vaine: if riches increase, set not your heart thereon.
11 God spake i once or twise, I haue heard it, that power *belongeth* vnto God,
12 And to thee, ô Lord, mercie: for thou k rewardest euerie one accordig to his worke.

2 Chro 16,41.
a Though Satã tempted him to murmure against God, yet he bridled his affections, & resting vpõ Gods promes, beareth his crosse patiently
b It appeareth by the oft repetition of this worde, that ỹ Prophet abode manifolde tentations, but by resting on God & by patience he ouercame them all
c He meaneth him self, being the mã whome God had appointed to ỹ kingdome
d Though ye seme to be in honour, yet God wil suddẽly destroye you.
e Dauid was greatly moued with these troubles: therefore he stirreth vp him self to trust in God.
f These vehement & often repetitiõs were necessarie to strengthen his faith against ỹ horrible assaltes of Satán
g He admonisheth vs of our wicked nature, which rather hide our sorow, & bite on the bridle, then vtter our grief to God to obteine remedie.
h Giue your selues wholy to God by putting awaie all things ỹ are cõtrarie to his Lawe
i He hathe plainely borne witnes of his power, ỹ none nedeth to dout therof.
k So that the wicked shal se thy power, and the godlie thy mercie.

PSAL. LXIII.

1 Dauid, after he had bene in great danger by Saúl in the desert of Ziph, made this psalme. 3 Wherein he giueth thankes to God for his wonderful deliuerance, in whose mercies he trusted, euen in the middes of his miseries. 9 Prophecying the destruction of Gods enemies: 11 And contrariwise happines to all them that trust in the Lord.

¶ *A Psalme of Dauid. When he was in the* a *wildernes of Iudáh.*

1 O God, thou art my God, early wil I seke thee: my soule b thirsteth for thee: my flesh longeth greatly after thee in a baren and drye land without water.
2 Thus c I beholde thee *as* in the Sanctuarie, when I beholde thy power & thy glorie.
3 For thy louing kindenes *is* better then life: *therefore* my lippes shal praise thee.
4 Thus wil I magnifie thee *all* my life, *and* lift vp mine hands in thy Name.
5 My soule shal be satisfied, as with d marow and fatnes, and my mouth shal praise *thee* with ioyful lippes,
6 When I remember thee on my bed, & *when* I thinke vpon thee in the *night* watches.
7 Because thou hast bene mine helper, therefore vnder the shadow of thy wings wil I reioyce.
8 My soule e cleaueth vnto thee: *for* thy right hand vpholdeth me.
9 Therefore they that seke my soule to destroy it, they shal go into the lowest partes of the earth.
10 f They shal cast him downe with the edge of the sworde, & thei shal be a portiõ for foxes.
11 But the King shal reioyce in God, *and* all that g sweare by him shal reioyce *in him*: for the mouth of them that speake lies, shal be stopped.

a To wit, of Ziph, 1 Sam. 23,14.
b Though he was bothe húgrie & in great distres, yet he made God his sufficiencie & aboue all meate & drinke.
c In this miserie I exercise my self in the contemplatiõ of thy power & glorie, as if I were in thy Sanctuarie
d The remembrance of thy fauour is more swete vnto me then all the pleasures and deinties of the worlde
e He assureth him selfe by the Spirit of God to haue ỹ gift of constãcie.
f He appointeth of the destructiõ of Saúl, & thẽ that take his parte, whose bodies shal not be buried, but be deuoured with wilde beastes,
g All ỹ sweare by God aright, or profese him, shalreioyce in this worthie King.

PSAL. LXIIII.

1 Dauid praieth against the furie and false reportes of his enemies. 7 He declareth their punishement & destruction, 10 To the comfort of the iust and the glorie of God.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Pſalme of Dauid.*

HEare my a voice, ô God, in my praier: preſerue my life from feare of the enemie.

2 Hide me from the b conſpiracie of the wicked, *and* from the c rage of the workers of iniquitie.

3 Which haue whet their tongue like a ſworde, and ſhot *for* their arrowes d bitter wordes:

4 To ſhote at the vpright in ſecret: thei ſhote at him ſuddenly, and e feare not.

5 Thei f encourage them ſelues *in* a wicked purpoſe: thei cõmune together to laie ſnares priuely, *and* ſaie, Who ſhal ſe them?

6 Thei haue ſoght out iniquities, *and* haue accompliſhed that which thei ſoght out, euen euerie one g *his* ſecret *thoghts*, and the depth of *his* heart.

7 But God wil ſhote an arrow at them ſuddenly: their ſtrokes ſhal be *at once*.

8 Thei ſhal cauſe their owne tongue to fall vpon them: *and* whoſoeuer ſhal ſe them, ſhal h flee awaie.

9 And all men ſhal ſe it, and declare the worke of God, and thei ſhal vnderſtand, what he hathe wroght.

10 *But* the righteous i ſhal be glad in the Lord, & truſt in him: and all that are vpright of heart, ſhal reioyce.

a In that he calleth to God ẅ his voice, it is a ſigne that his prater was vehement, & ẏ his life was in danger

b That is, frõ their ſecret malice:

c To wit, their outward violẽce.

d Falſe reporters & ſclãders

e To be without feare of God & reuerẽce of man, is a ſigne of reprobation

f The more ẏ the wicked ſe Gods childrẽ in miſerie, the more bolde, & impudent are thei in oppreſſing them

g There is no waie ſo ſecret & ſubtil to do hurt, ẅ thei inuented not for his deſtructiõ.

h To ſe Gods heauie iudgements againſt them, and how he hathe caught them in their owne ſnares.

i When thei ſhal conſider that he wilbe fauourable to thẽ, as he was to his ſeruant Dauid.

PSAL. LXV.

A praiſe and thankeſgiuing vnto God by the faithful. who are ſignified by Zion. 4 For the chuſing, preſeruation and gouernance of them. 9 And for the plentiful bleſſings powred forthe vpon all the earth, but ſpecially toward his Church

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Pſalme or ſong of Dauid.*

1 O God, a praiſe waiteth for thee in Zión, & vnto thee ſhal the vowe be performed.

2 *Becauſe thou* heareſt the praier, vnto thee ſhal all b fleſh come.

3 Wicked dedes c haue preuailed againſt me: *but* thou wilt be merciful vnto our trãſgreſsions.

4 Bleſſed *is he, whome* thou chuſeſt and cauſeſt to come *to thee*: he ſhal dwell in thy courts, *and* we ſhal be ſatiſfied with the pleaſures of thine Houſe, *euen* of thine holie Temple.

5 O God of our ſaluacion, thou wilt d anſwer vs with feareful *ſignes* in *thy* righteouſnes, ô *thou* the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are farre of in the e ſea.

6 He ſtabliſheth ẏ moũtaines by his power: *and* is girded about with ſtrength.

7 He appeaſeth the f noiſe of the ſeas *and* the noiſe of the waues thereof, and the tumultes of the people.

8 Thei alſo, that dwell in the vttermoſt partes *of the earth*, ſhalbe afraid of thy ſignes: thou ſhalt make ẅ the Eaſt and the Weſt to reioyce.

9 Thou g viſiteſt the earth, and watereſt it: thou makeſt it very riche: the h Riuer of God is ful of water: thou preparеſt them corne: for ſo thou appointeſt i it.

10 Thou k watereſt abũdantly the forrowes thereof. thou cauſeſt *the raine* to deſcend into ẏ valleis thereof: thou makeſt it ſoft with ſhowres, & bleſſeſt the bud thereof.

11 Thou crowneſt the yere with thy goodnes, and thy ſteps drop fatnes.

12 They drop *vpon* ẏ paſtures of the wilder nes: & the hils ſhal be cõpaſſed ẅ gladnes.

13 The paſtures are clad with ſhepe: ẏ valleis alſo ſhal be couered with corne: *therefore* they ſhowte for ioye, l and ſing.

a Thou giueſt daiely new occaſion to thy Church to praiſe thee

b Not onely the Iewes, but alſo the Gentiles in ẏ kigdome of Chriſte

c He imputeth it to his ſins & to the ſins of ẏ people, that God, ẅ ho was accuſtomed to aſſiſte them, withdraweth his ſuccour from them

d Thou wilt declare thy ſelfe to be ẏ preſeruer of thy Church in deſtroying thine enemies, as ẏ dideſt in ẏ red Sea

e As of all barbarous nations and farre of

f He ſheweth ẏ there is no parte nor creature in ẏ worlde, ẅ is not gouerned by Gods power & prouidence

g To wit, with raine.

h That is, Shiloah, or, ẏ raine

i Thou haſt appoited ẏ earth to brig forthe fode to mans vſe

k By this deſcription he ſheweth that all the ordre of natures a teſtimonie of Gods loue towarde vs, who cauſeth all creatures to ſerue our neceſsitie.

l That is, the dumme creatures ſhal not onely reioyce for a time for Gods benefites, but ſhal continually ſing.

PSAL. LXVI.

1 He prouoketh all men to praiſe the Lord and to conſider his workes. 6 He ſetteth forthe the power of God to affray the rebels, 10 And ſheweth how God hathe deliuered Iſrael from great bondage and afflictions. 13 He promiſeth to giue ſacrifice. 16 And prouoketh all men to heare what God hathe done for him and to praiſe his Name.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A ſong, or Pſalme.*

1 REioyce in God, a all ye *inhabitants* of the earth.

2 Sing forthe the glorie of his Name: make his praiſe glorious.

3 Saie vnto God, How terrible art thou *in* thy workes! through the greatnes of thy power ſhal thine enemies be b in ſubiection vnto thee.

4 All the worlde ſhal worſhip thee, & ſing vnto thee, *euen* ſing of thy Name. Sélah.

5 c Come and beholde the workes of God: he is terrible in *his* doing toward d the ſonnes of men.

6 He hathe turned the Sea into drye land: thei paſſe through the riuer on fote: there did we reioyce in him.

7 He ruleth the worlde with his power: his eies beholde the natiõs: the rebellious ſhal not e exalt them ſelues. Sélah.

8 Praiſe our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praiſe to be heard.

9 Which f holdeth our ſoules in life, and ſuffereth not our fete to ſlippe.

10 For thou, ô God, haſt proued vs, thou haſt tryed vs as ſiluer is tryed.

11 Thou haſt broght vs into the g ſnare, & laied a ſtrait *chaine* vpon our loins.

12 Thou haſt cauſed men to ride ouer our heades: we wẽt into fyre & into water, but ẏ broghteſt vs out into a wealthie *place*.

13 I wil go into thine h Houſe with burnt offrings, & wil paie thee my vowes,

14 Which my lippes haue promiſed, & my mouth hathe ſpoken in mine afflictiõ.

15 I wil offer vnto thee the burnt offrings of

a He propheſieth ẏ all natiõs ſhal come to the knowledge of God, who then was onely knowen in Iudea

b As ẏ faithful ſhal obey God willigly: ſo ẏ infideles for feare ſhal diſſemble thẽ ſelues to be ſubiect

c He toucheth ẏ ſlothful duines of mã, who is colde in the conſideratiõ of Gods workes.

d His prouidẽce is wonderful in maintening their eſtate

e He proueth that God wil extend his graee alſo to the Gẽtiles, becauſe he puniſheth among them ſuch as wil not obey his callig

f He ſignifieth ſome ſpecial benefite, ẏ God had ſhewed to his Church of ẏ Iewes in deliuering thẽ frõ ſome great dãger: whereof or of ẏ like he promiſeth that ẏ Gentiles ſhal be partakers.

g The conditiõ of ẏ Church is here deſcribed, ẅ is to be led by Gods prouiſiõ into troubles, to be ſubiect vnder tyrants, & to enter into manifolde dangers

h The duetie of the faithful is here deſcribed, which are neuer vnmindeful to rendre God praiſe for his benefites.

"Ebr. The going forthe of the morning & of the euening

fat rams with incēſe: I wil prepare bullockes and goates. Sélah.

16 i Come & heatken, all ye that feare God, & I wil tel you what he hathe done to my ſoule.

17 I called vnto him with my mouth, and he was exalted with my tongue.

18 k If I regarde wickednes in mine heart, the Lord wil not heare me.

19 But God hathe heard *me*, & conſidered the voice of my praier.

20 Prāiſed *be* God, which hathe not put backe my praier, nor his mercie from me.

It is not ynough to haue receiued Gods benefites & to be mindeful there of, but alſo we are bounde to make ethers to profit thereby & praiſe God

k If I delite in wickednes, God wil not heare me: but if I confeſſe it, he wil receiue me

PSAL. LXVII.

A praier of the Church to obteine the fauour of God & to be lightened with his countenance, 2 To the end that his waie & iudgements maie be knowen throughout the earth 7 And finally is declared the kingdome of God, which ſhulde be vniuerſally erected at the coming of Chriſt.

¶ *To him that excelleth on Neginóth. A Pſal.* or *ſong.*

1 GOd be merciful vnto vs, and bleſſe vs, & a cauſe his face to ſhine among vs. Sélah.

2 That b they maie know thy waie vpon earth, & thy ſauing health among all nations.

3 Let the people praiſe thee, ô God: let all the people praiſe thee.

4 c Let the people be glad and reioyce: for thou ſhalt iudge ỹ people righteouſly, & gouerne the nations vpon the earth. Sélah.

5 Let the people praiſe thee, ô God: let all the people praiſe thee.

6 Thē ſhal d ỹ earth bring forthe her increaſe, & God, *euen* our God ſhal bleſſe vs.

7 God ſhal bleſſe vs, and all the ends of the earth e ſhal feare him.

a That is, moue our heartes w̄ his holy Spirit, ỹ we maie feele his fauour towards vs

b That bothe Iewes & Gētiles maie know Gods counſāt I made w̄ them.

c By theſe oft repetitions he ſheweth, ỹ the people can neuer reioyce ſufficiētly, & giue thākes for the great benefites that thei ſhal receiue vnder the kingdome of Chriſt.

d He ſheweth ỹ where God fauoreth, there ſhalbe abundāce of all other things

e Whē thei feele his great benefites both ſpirituel & corporal towards them.

PSAL. LXVIII.

In this pſalme Dauid ſetteth forthe as in a glaſſe the wonderful mercies of God towarde his people. 5 Who by all meanes & moſte ſtrange ſortes declared him ſelf to them. 15 And therefore Gods Church by reaſon of his promiſes, graces and victories doeth excel without compariſon all worldlie things. 34 He exhorteth therefore all men to praiſe God for euer.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A pſalme* or *ſong of Dauid.*

1 GOd a wil ariſe, & his enemies ſhalbe ſcattered: thei alſo that hate him, ſhal flee before him.

2 As the ſmoke vaniſheth, ſo ſhalt ỹ driue *them* awaie: & as waxe melteth before the fyre, ſo ſhal ỹ wicked periſh at the preſence of God.

3 b But the righteous ſhalbe glad, & reioyce before God: yea, thei ſhal leape for ioye.

4 Sing vnto God, & ſing praiſes vnto his Name: exalt him, that rideth vpon the heauens, in his Name c Iah, & reioyce before him.

5 *He is* a Father of the fatherles, and a Iudge of the widowes, *euen* God in his holie habitation.

6 God d maketh the ſolitarie to dwell in families, & deliuereth them that were priſoners in ſtockes: but the rebellious ſhal dwell in a e drye land.

7 f O God, when thow wenteſt forthe before thy people: when thou wēteſt through the wildernes, (Sélah)

8 The earth ſhoke, and the heauēs dropped at the preſence of this God: *euen* Sinái *was moued* at the preſence of God, *euen* the God of Iſraél.

9 Thou, ô God, ſendeſt a gracious raine *vpon* thine inheritance, & thou dideſt refreſh it when it was wearie.

10 Thy Congregation dwelled therein: *for* thou, ô God, haſt of thy g goodnes prepared it for the poore.

11 The Lord gaue matter to the h women to tel of the great armie.

12 Kings of the armies did flee: thei did flee & i ſhe that remained in the houſe, deuided the ſpoile.

13 Thogh ye haue lien among k pots, *yet ſhal ye be as* the wings of a dooue that is couered with ſiluer, and whoſe fethers *are like* yelowe golde.

14 When the Almightie ſcatered Kings l in it, it was white as the ſnow in Zalmón.

15 m The mountaine of God *is like* the mountaine of Baſhán: *it is* an high Mountaine, *as* mount Baſhán.

16 n Why leape ye, ye high mountaines? as for this Mountaine, God deliteth to dwell in it: yea, the Lord wil dwell in it for euer.

17 The charets of God *are* twentie thouſand thouſand Angels, *and* the Lord is among them, *as* in the Sanctuarie of Sinai.

18 Thou art gone vp on high: thou haſt led captiuitie captiue, *and* receiued giftes for men: yea, euen the rebellious *haſt thou led*, that the Lord God might dwell *there*.

19 Praiſed *be* the Lord, *euen* the God of our ſaluacion, *which* ladeth vs daiely *with benefites*. Sélah.

20 This *is* our God, *euen* the God that ſaueth vs: and to the Lord God *belong* the p iſſues of death.

21 Surely God wil wound the head of his enemies, & the heerie pate of him that walketh in his ſinnes.

22 The Lord hathe ſaid, I wil bring *my people* againe from q Baſhán: I wil bring them againe from the depths of the Sea:

23 That thy foote maie be dipped in blood, & the tongue of thy dogges *in the blood* of the enemies, *euen* in r it.

24 Thei haue ſene, ô God, thy ſ goings, the goings of my God, & my King, *which art*

g The Prophet ſheweth that albeit God ſuffreth ỹ wicked tyrāes to oppreſſe his Church for a time, yet at length he wil be reuenged of them.

h He ſheweth that whē God declareth his power against ỹ wicked, that ſeruis for the cōmoditie & ſaluation of his Church, w̄ praiſe him therefore

i Iah & Iehouáh áre the names of God, w̄ do ſignifie his eſſence & maieſtie incōprehēſible, ſo that herby is declared, ỹ all idols are but vanitie, & that ỹ God of Iſraél, is ỹ onely true God.

d He giueth childrē to the, ỹ be childeles, and increaſeth their families.

e Which is baren of Gods bleſsigs, & before thei had abuſed

f He teacheth ỹ Gods fauour peculiarly belongeth to his Church, as appeareth by their wonderful deliuerāce out of Egypt & God bleſſed the land of Canaan becauſe he had choſen that place for his Church

h The faction then was that women ſang ſongs after the victorie, as Miriám, Deboráh Judith and others

i The pray was ſo great ỹ not onely the ſoldiers, but womē alſo had parte thereof

k Thogh God ſuffer his Church for a time to lie in blacke darkenes, yet he wil reſtore it and make it moſte ſhining & white.

l Ie ỹ land of Canáan, where his Church was

m Zión the Church of God doeth excell all worldelie things, not in pōpe & outward ſhewe, but by the inward grace of God, w̄ thereto remaineth becauſe of his dwelling there.

n Why beaſt ye of your ſtrēgth & beauty againſt this Mountaine of God?

o As God ouercam the enemies of his Church, toke thē priſoners, and made thē tributaries: ſo Chriſt, w̄ is God manifeſted in fleſh, ſubdued Satā & ſinne vnder vs, & gaue vnto his Church moſte liberal giftes of his Spirit, Eph. 4, 8

p In moſte extreme dangers God hathe infinite waies to deliuer his

q As he deliuerd his Church once frō Og of Baſhán, & other tyrāes, & frō the dāgers of ỹ red Sea ſo wil he ſtil do as oft as neceſsitie requireth.

r That is, in ỹ blood of that great ſlaughter, where dogges ſhal lap blood

ſ That is, how ỹ, which art chief King, goeſt out with thy people to warre, and giueſt them the victorie

in the Sanctuarie.

t He describeth the ordre of the people, whē they went to the Temple to giue thākes for the victorie

25 The t singers went before, the plaiers of instruments after: in the middes were the maides playing with timbrels.

26 Praise ye God in the assemblies, & the Lord, *ye that are* of the foūtaine u of Israél.

u Which come of ỹ Patriarke Iaakób

27 There was x litle Beniamín with their y ruler, & the princes of Iudáh with their assemblie, the princes of Zebulún, & the princes of Naphtalí.

x Beniamin is called litle, because he was ỹ yongest sonne of Iaakób

28 Thy God hathe appointed thy strēgth: stablish, ô God, that, *which* u ỹ hast wroght in vs,

y Who was some chief ruler of the tribe.

29 z Out of thy Temple vpon Ierúsalém: & Kings shal bring presents vnto thee.

z Declare out of thine holie palace thy power for the defence of thy Church Ierusalém.

30 Destroye the cōpanie of the spearemen, & multitude of the mightie bulles with the calues of the people, that a tread vnder fete pieces of siluer: scater the people that delite in warre.

a He desireth that the pride of the mightie may be destroied, ỹ accustomed to gyrnish their shoes w siluer: & therfore for their glittering pompe thoght thē selues aboue all men

31 *Then* shal ỹ princes come out b of Egypt: Ethiopia shal haste to stretch her hāds vnto God.

b He appreciateth ỹ the Gentiles shal come to ỹ true knowledge & worship of God

32 Sing vnto God, ô ye kingdomes of the earth: sing praise vnto the Lord, (Sélah)

33 To him that rideth vpon the moste high heauens, *which were from* the beginning: beholde he wil send out by his c voyce a mightie sounde.

c By his terrible thunders he wil make him self to be knowen ỹ God of all ỹ worlde

34 Ascribe the power to God: *for* his maiestie *is* vpon Israél, & his strength *is* in the cloudes.

35 O God, thou art d terrible out of thine holie e places: the God of Israél is he that giueth strength and power vnto the people: praised *be* God.

d In shewing feareful iudgemēts against thine enemies for the saluatiō of thy people

e He alludeth to ỹ Tabernacle w was deuided into thre partes.

PSAL. LXIX.

1 The cōplaints, prayers, feruent zeale & great anguish of Dauid is set forthe as a figure of Christ & all his mēbers: 21 The malicious crueltie of the enemies, 22 And their punishment also, 26 Where Iudas & suche traitors are accursed. 30 He gathereth courage in his affliction & offreth praises vnto God, 32 Which are more acceptable then all sacrifices: where of all the afflicted maie take cōfort. 35 Finally he doeth prouoke all creatures to praises, prophecying of the kingdome of Christ, & the preseruacion of the Church, where all the faithful, 37 And their sede shal dwel for euer.

a Of Shoshannim read Psal. 45

¶ *To him that excelleth vpon* a *Shoshannim*. A Psalme *of Dauid.*

b Dauid signifieth by the waters, in what great dangers he was, out of ỹ which God did deliuer hī

1 SAue me, ô God: for the b waters are entred euen to *my* soule.

2 I sticke fast in the depe myre, where no c staie *is*: I am come into depe waters, and the streames runne ouer me.

c No firmitie or stablenes to settle my fete

3 I am wearie of crying: my throte is drye: mine d eyes faile, whiles I waite for my God.

d Thogh his senses failed him, yet his faith was cōstant & incouraged him stil to praie

4 They that hate me without a cause, are mo then the heeres of mine head: thei that wolde destroye me, *and* are mine enemies e falsely, are mightie, so that I restored that which I f toke not.

e Comdemning me giltles.

f Thei iudged me pore innocent as a thief and gaue my goods to others as thogh I had stollen them.

5 O God, thou knowest my g fooliſhnes, & my fautes are not hid from thee.

g Thogh I be giltie to thee warde, yet am I innocēt towarde them

6 Let not them that trust in thee, ô Lord God of hostes, be ashamed for h me: let not those that seke thee, be confounded through me, ô God of Israél.

h Let not mine euil intreatie of the enemies be an occasiō, ỹ the faithful fall frō thee.

7 For thy sake haue I suffred reproſe: shame hathe couered my face.

8 I am become a stranger vnto my brethrē, euen an aliant vnto my mothers sonnes.

i When I sawe thine enemies pretend thy Name onely in mouth, and in their life denie the same, thine holie Spirit thrust me forwarde, to reproue thē & defend thy glorie.

9 i For the zeale of thine house hathe eaten me, and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee, are fallen vpon me.

k My zeale moued me to lamēt & prai for my saluacion

10 I k wept and my soule fasted, but that was to my reproſe.

l The more he soght to winē them to God, the more thei were against him both poore and riche

11 I put on a sacke also: and I became a prouerbe vnto them.

12 They that l sate in the gate, spake of me, and the drunkards sang *of me.*

m Knowing that albeit I suffer now trouble, yet ỹ hast a time, wherein ỹ hast appointed my deliuerance.

13 But Lord, *I make* my praier vnto thee in an m acceptable time, *euen* in the multitude of thy mercie: ô God, heare me in the trueth of thy saluacion.

n He sheweth a liuelie faith, in that ỹ he assureth hī self, ỹ God is fauorable to hī, whē he semeth to be angrie: & at hand, when he semeth to be farre of

14 Deliuer me out of the myre, that I sinke not: let me be deliuered from thē that hate me, and out of the n depe waters.

15 Let not ỹ waterflood drowne me, nether let the depe swallowe me vp: and let not the pit shut her mouth vpon me.

o Not that he feared ỹ God wold not heare him, but ỹ care made him to thinke that God differred long

16 Heare me, ô Lord, for thy louing kindenes is good: turne vnto me according to the multitude of thy tendre mercies.

17 And o hide not thy face from thy seruāt, for I am in trouble: make haste & heare me.

18 Drawe nere vnto my soule & redeme it: deliuer me because of mine enemies.

p Thou seest ỹ I am beset as a shepe among manie wolues.

19 Thou hast knowen my reproſe and my shame, & my dishonour: all mine p aduersaries *are* before thee.

q He sheweth ỹ it is in vaine to put ô truſt in men in our greate necessities, but ỹ our comfort onely dependeth of God: for man rather increaseth ô sorowes, then dimisheth them, Iohn 19,19

20 Rebuke hathe broken mine heart, and I am ful of heauines, and q I loked *for some* to haue pitie *on me*, but there was none: and for comforters, but I founde none.

21 For thei gaue me gall in my meat, and in my thirst thei gaue me vinegre to drinke.

r He desireth God to execute his iudgements against the reprobate, w̄ can not by anie meanes be turned, Rom. 11,9

22 Let their r table be a snare before them, and their prosperitie *their* ruine.

23 Let their eyes be blinded that thei se not: and make their s loynes alwaie to tremble.

s Take bothe iudgement and power frō thē.

24 Powre out thine angrie vpon them, & let thy wrathful displeasure take them.

25 *Let their t habitacion be voide, & let none dwell in their tentes.

*Act. 1,20.

t Punish not onely them,

26 For thei persecute him, whome thou hast smiten: and they adde vnto the sorowe of them, whome thou hast wounded.

27 Lay u iniquitie vpon their iniquitie, & let them not come into thy righteousnes.

28 Let them be put out of the x boke of life,

but their posteritie, which shalbe like vnto them

u By their continuance and increasing in their sinnes let it be knowen that they be of the reprobate

x They which semed by their profession to haue bene writen in thy boke, yet by their frutes proue the contrarie, let them be knowen as reprobate.

There is no ſacrifice, ſ God more eſteme, then thankeſgiuing for his benefites.

a For as he deliuered his ſeruãt Dauid, ſo will he do all ſ are in deſtres, and call vpon him.

a Vnder the temporal promes of the land of Canaã he cõprehẽdeth the promes of life euerlasting to the faithful & their poſteritie

Pſal. LXX.

a Which might put him in remembrance of his deliueräce *Pſal. 40, 14.*

b He teacheth vs to be earneſt in praier, though God ſeme to ſtay: for at his time he wil heare vs.

c He was aſſured that the more theĩ raged, the nerer theĩ were to deſtruction & he the nererto his deliueräce

d Hereby we are taught not to mocke at others in their miſerie, leſt ſ ſame fall on ỏ owne necks.

e Becauſe he had felt Gods helpe before, he groundeth an experience and boldely ſeketh vnto him for ſuccour

Pſal LXXI.

Pſal. 3.

a He praieth to God w ful aſſurance of faith, ſ he wil deliuer him from his aduerſaries

b By declaring thy ſelf true af promes

c Thou haſt infinite meanes, & all creatures are at thy commaũdemẽt: therefore ſhew ſome ſigne, whereby I ſhalbe deliuered.

d That is, frõ Abſolõ, Ahithophel & that conſpiracie.

e ſe ſtrengtheneth his faith by the experiẽce of Gods benefites, who did not onely preſerue him in his mothers belly, but toke him thence, & euer ſince haue preſerued him.

nether let them be writen with the righteous.

29 When I am poore & in heauines, thine helpe, ỏ God, ſhal exalt me.

30 I wil praiſe the Name of God with a ſong, & magnifie him with thankeſgiuing.

31 *This* alſo ſhal pleaſe the Lord better thẽ a yong bullocke, that hathe hornes and hoofes.

32 The humble ſhal ſe *this*, & thei that ſeke God, ſhalbe glad, & your heart ſhal liue.

33 For the Lord heareth the poore, and deſpiſeth not his [z] priſoners.

34 Let heauen & earth praiſe him: the ſeas and all that moueth in them.

35 For God wil ſaue Zión, and buylde the cities of Iudáh, that men maie dwell there and haue it in poſſeſſion.

36 The [a] ſede alſo of his ſeruants ſhal inherit it: and thei that loue his Name, ſhal dwell therein.

PSAL. LXX.

1 He praieth to be right ſpedely deliuered. 2 He deſireth the ſhame of his enemies. 4 And the ioyful comfort of all thoſe that ſeke the Lord.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Pſalme of Dauid to put in* [a] *remembrance.*

1 O * God, [b] *haſte thee* to deliuer me: make haſte to helpe me, ỏ Lord.

2 Let them be [c] confounded & put to ſhame, that ſeke my ſoule: let them be turned backeward and put to rebuke, that deſire mine hurt.

3 Let thẽ be turned backe for a rewarde of their [d] ſhame, which ſaid, Aha, aha.

4 *But* let all thoſe that ſeke thee, be ioyful & glad in thee, and let all that loue thy ſaluacion, ſaie alwaies, God be praiſed.

5 Now I am [e] poore and nedie: ỏ God, make haſte to me: thou art mine helper, and my deliuerer: ỏ Lord, make no tarying.

PSAL. LXXI.

1 He praieth in faith, eſtabliſhed by the worde of the promes. 5 And confirmed by the worke of God from his youth. 10 He complaineth of the crueltie of his enemies. 17 And deſireth God to continue his graces towarde him. 22 Promiſing to be mindeful and thankeful for the ſame.

1 IN * [a] thee, ỏ Lord, I truſt: let me neuer be aſhamed.

2 Reſcue me and deliuer me in thy [b] righteouſnes: incline thine eare vnto me and ſaue me.

3 Be thou my ſtrong rocke, whereunto I maie alwaie reſorte: thou [c] haſt giuẽ commandemẽt to ſaue me: for thou art my rocke, and my fortreſſe.

4 Deliuer me, ỏ my God, out of the hand [d] of the wicked: out of the hand of the euil and cruel man.

5 For thou art mine hope, ỏ Lord God, *euen* my [e] truſt from my youth.

6 Vpon thee haue I bene ſtaied from the wombe: thou art he that toke me out of my mothers bowels: my praiſe ſhal be alwaies of thee.

7 I am become as it were a [f] monſter vnto manie: but thou art my ſure truſt.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praiſe, & with thy glorie euerie daie.

9 Caſt me not of in the time of [g] age: forſake me not when my ſtrength faileth.

10 For mine enemies ſpeake of me, & they that laie waite for my ſoule, take their counſel together,

11 Saying, [h] God hathe forſaken him: purſue and take him, for their is none to deliuer *him*.

12 Go not farre frõ me, ỏ God: [i] my God, haſte thee to helpe me.

13 Let them be confounded *and* conſumed that are againſt my ſoule: let them be couered with reproſe & confuſion, that ſeke mine hurt.

14 But I wil waite continually, & wil praiſe thee more and more.

15 My mouth ſhal daily reheaꝛſe thy righteouſnes, *and* thy ſaluacion: [k] for I knowe not the nomber.

16 I wil [l] go forwarde in the ſtrength of the Lord God, *and* wil make mention of thy righteouſnes, *euen* of thine onely.

17 O God, thou haſt taught me from my youth euen vntil now: *therefore* wil I tel of thy wonderous workes,

18 [m] Yea, euen vnto *mine* olde age and graie head, ỏ God, forſake me not, vntil I haue declared thine arme vnto *this* generation, & thy power to all them, that ſhal come.

19 And thy [n] righteouſnes, ỏ God, *I wil exalt* on high: for [o] thy haſt done great things: ỏ God, who is like vnto thee!

20 Which haſt ſhewed me great troubles and [p] aduerſities, *but* thou wilt returne *and* reuiue me, and wilt come againe, *and* take me vp from the depth of the earth.

21 Thou wilt increaſe mine honour, & returne *and* comfort me.

22 Therfore wil I praiſe thee *for* thy [q] faithfulnes, ỏ God, vpon inſtrument *and* viole: vnto thee wil I ſing vpon the harpe, ỏ Holie one of Iſraél.

23 My lippes wil reioyce when I ſing vnto thee, and my [r] ſoule, which thou haſt deliuered.

24 My tongue alſo ſhal talke of thy righteouſnes daily: for they are confounded & broght vnto ſhame, that ſeke mine hurt.

PSAL. LXXII.

1 He praieth for the proſperous eſtate of the kingdome of Salomón, who was the figure of Chriſt. 4 Vnder whome ſhal be righteouſnes peace and felicitie, 10 Vnto whome all Kings and all nations ſhal do homage. 17 Whoſe name and power ſhal indure for euer. & in whome all nations ſhalbe bleſſed.

f All ſ worlde wondereth at me becauſe of my miſeries, aſwel theĩ in authoritie, as the cõmon people, yet being aſſured of thy fauour I remained ſtedfaſt.

g Thou that didſt helpe me in my youth, when I had more ſtrẽgth, helpe me now ſo muche the more in mine olde age & wekenes

h Thus the wicked bothe blaſpheme God & triũph againſt his Saints, as though he had forſake them, if he ſuffer thẽ to fall into their hands

i In callig him his God, he putteth backe ſ falſe reportes of the aduerſaries, that ſaid, God had forſaken him.

k Becauſe thy benefites toward me are innumerable, I can not but cõtinually meditate & rehearſe them

l I wil remaine ſtedfaſt, being vpholden with ſ power of God.

m He deſireth ſ as he hathe begonne, he wolde ſo continue his benefites, ſ his liberalitie maie haue perfite praiſe

n Thy iuſt performãce of thy promes

o His faith breaketh through all tentacions, & by this exclamatiõ he praiſeth ſ power of God

p As he confeſſeth that God is the onelie autor of his deliuerance: ſo he acknowledgeth that theſe euils were ſent vnto him by Gods prouidence

q He cõfeſſeth ſ his long variance was well recompenſed, when God performed his promes

r For there is no true praiſing of God, except it come frõ the heart:

and therefore he promiſeth to delite in nothing, but wherein God maie be glorified.

A Pſalme for

¶ A Psalme [a] *of Salomón.*

GIue thy [b] iudgements to the King, ô God, and thy righteousnes to the Kings [c] sonne.

Then shal he iudge thy people in righteousnes, and thy poore with equitie.

The [d] mountaines and the hils shal bring peace to the people by iustice.

He shal [e] iudge the poore of the people: he shal saue the children of the nedie, and shal subdue the oppressor.

They shal [f] feare thee as long as the sunne and moone endureth, from generation to generation.

He shal come [g] downe like the raine vpon the mowen grasse, & as the showres that water the earth.

In his daies shal the righteous florish, & abundance of peace *shalbe* so long as the moone endureth.

His dominion shalbe also from [h] sea to sea, and from the Riuer vnto the ends of the land.

They that dwell in the wildernes, shal knele before him, and his enemies shal licke the dust.

The Kings of [i] Tarshish & of the yles shal bring presentes: the Kings [k] of Sheba and Seba shal bring giftes.

Yea, all Kings shal worship him: all nations shal serue him.

For he shal deliuer the poore when he cryeth: the nedie also, and him that hathe no helper.

He shalbe merciful to the poore and nedie, and shal preserue the soules of the poore.

He shal redeme their soules from deceit and violence, and [l] deare shal their blood be in his sight.

Yea, he shal liue, and vnto him shal they giue of the [m] golde of Sheba: they shal also praye for him continually, *and* daily blesse him.

An handful of corne shalbe *sowen* in the earth, *euen* in the top of the mountaines, *and* the [n] frute thereof shal shake like *the trees* of Lebanón: and the *children* shal florish out of the citie like the grasse of the earth.

His name shalbe for euer: his name shal indure as long as the sunne: all natiõs shal blesse [o] him, and be blessed in him.

Blessed *be* the Lord God, *euen* the God of Israél, which onely doeth [p] wonderous things.

And blessed *be* his glorious Name for euer: and let all the earth be filled with his glorie. So be it, euen so be it.

HERE END THE [q] praiers of Dauid, the sonne of Ishái.

a Cõposed by Dauid as reuching ỹ reigne of his sonne Salomon

b Endue the King with the Spirit of wisdome & iustice

c That he reigne not as do the worldelie tyrants

d To wit, to his posteritie

e Whe iustice reigneth, euen ỹ places moste barren shal be enriched with thy blessings

f He sheweth wherefore the sworde is committed to Kings: to wit, to defend the innocent and suppresse the wicked

g The people shal imbrace thy true religion, whe thou giuest a King, that ruleth according to thy worde

g As this is true in all godlie Kings: so is it chiefly verified in Christ, who ỹ his heauenlie dewe maketh his Church euer to florish

h That is frõ the red Sea to the sea called Syriacum, and frõ Euphrates forwarde meaning, ỹ Christs kingdome shuld be large & vniuersal

i Of Cilicia & of all other countreis bevõd the sea, which he meaneth by the yles

k That is, of Arabia ỹ riche coũtrei, wherof Sheba was a parte bordering vpon Ethiopia

l Though tyrants passe not to shed blood, yet this godlie King shal preserue his subiects from all kinde of wrong

m God wil bo the prosperhis liffe, & also make the people moste willing to obeie him

n Vnder suche a King shalbe moste great plentie, bothe of frute & also of the increase of mankinde

o They shal praie to God for his continũace, & know that God doeth prosper them for his sake

p He confesseth that exceepe God miraculously preserue his people, that nether the King nor the kingdome can continue.

q Concerning his sonne Salomón.

PSAL. LXXIII.

The Prophet teacheth by his example that nether the worldelie prosperitie of the vngodlie. 14 Nor yet the affliction of the good ought to discourage Gods children: but rather ought to moue vs to consider our Fathers prouidence, and to cause vs to reuerence Gods iudgements. 19 For asmuche as the wicked vanish away. 24 And the godlie enter into life euerlasting. 28 In hope whereof he resigneth him self into Gods hands.

¶ *A Psalme* committed *to Asáph.*

YEt [a] God is good to Israél: *euen*, to the pure in heart.

As for me, my fete were almost gone: my steps had welneie slipt.

For I freated at the foolish, *when* I sawe the prosperitie of the wicked.

For there are [b] no bands in their death, but they are lustie & strong.

They are not in trouble *as other* men, nether are they plagued with *other* men.

[c] Therefore pride *is* as a chaine vnto thẽ, & crueltie couereth them *as* a garment.

Their eyes stand out for fatnes: [*] they haue more then heart can wish.

They are licencious, and speake wickedly of *their* oppression: their talke presumpteously.

They [d] set their mouth against heauen, & their tongue walketh through the earth.

Therefore his [e] people turne hither: for waters of a ful *cup* are wrung out to them.

And they [f] say, How doeth God know it? or is there knowledge in ỹ moste High?

Lo, these are the wicked, yet prosper they alway, & increase in riches.

Certeinly I haue clensed mine heart in vaine, and washed mine hands in innocencie.

For daily haue I bene punished, and chastened *euerie* morning.

If I say, [g] I wil iudge thus, beholde the generacio of thy children: I haue trespaced.

Thẽ thoght I to knowe this, *but* it was to peinful for me,

Vntil I went into the [h] Sanctuarie of God: *then* vnderstode I their end.

Surely thou hast set them in slipperie places, *and* casteste them downe into desolation.

How suddenly are they destroyed, perished & [i] horribly consumed,

As a dreame when one awaketh! ô Lord, when [k] thou raiseste vs vp, thou shalt make their image despised.

Certeinly mine heart was vexed, & I was pricked in my reines:

So foolish was I and ignorant: I was a [l] beast before thee.

Yet I was alway [m] with thee: thou hast

a As it were betwene hope & despaire he brasteth forthe into this affectiõ, being assured ỹ God wolde cõtinue his fauour toward suche as were godlie in dede, and not hypocrites

b The wicked in this life liue at pleasure, & are not drawen to death like prisoners that is by sickenes, wh is dentes messẽger.

c They glorie in their pride as some do in their shames: & in crueltie, as some do in apparel

* *Ebr They passe the desires of the heart*

d They blaspheme God & feare not his powers, & raile vpon men, because they esteme thẽselues aboue all others

e Not onely ỹ reprobate, but also ỹ people of God often times fall backe, seing ỹ prosperous estate of the wicked, and are ouerwhelmed with sorowes, thinking ỹ God cãsidereth not aright the state of the godlie.

f Thus ỹ flesh moueth euen ỹ godlie to dispute with God touchig their poore estate & the prosperitie of the wicked.

g If I giue place to this wicked thoght, I offẽd against thy prouidence, seing ỹ disposest all things moste wisely, and preseruest thy children in their greatest dangers

h Vntil I entred into thy schole & learned by thy worde & holie Spirit, ỹ thou ordereste all things moste wisely & iustly.

i By thy feareful iudgement

k When thou openeste our eies to consider thy heauenlie felicitie, we contemne all their vaine pompe

l For the more that mã goeth about by his owne reason to seke out Gods iudgements, ỹ more doeth he declare him self a beast

m By faith I was assured that thy prouidence did watche alwayes ouer me to preserue me

holden *me* by my right hand.
24 Thou wilt guide me by thy counſel, & afterwarde receiue me to glorie.
n He ſoght nether helpe nor cõfort of anie ſaue of God onely
25 Whome haue I in [n] heauen *but thee?* and I haue deſired none in ỹ earth with thee.
o He teacheth vs to denie our ſelues, to haue God our whole ſufficiencie, & onely cõtentement
26 My fleſh faileth and mine heart *alſo: but* God *is* the ſtrẽgth of mine heart, and my [o] porcion for euer.
p That is, forſake thee to ſeke others
27 For lo, they that withdrawe them ſelues from thee, ſhal periſh: thou deſtroyeſt all them that [p] go a whoring from thee.
q Thogh all ỹ worlde ſhrinke from God, yet he promiſeth to truſt in him and to magnifie his workes.
28 As for me, it is good for me [q] to drawe nere to God: *therefore* I haue put my truſt in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy workes.

PSAL. LXXIIII.

1 The faithful complaine of the deſtruction of the Church & true religion. 2 Under the name of Zión, and the Temple deſtroyed: 11 And truſting in the might & fre mercies of God, 20 By his couenant, 21 They requare helpe & ſuccour for the glorie of Gods holie Name, for the ſaluacion of his poore afflicted ſeruants. 23 And the confuſion of his proude enemies.

¶ A Pſalme *to giue inſtruction*, committed *to Aſáph.*

a The Church of God being oppreſſed by the tyrannie ether of ỹ Babylonians, or of Antiochus, prayeth to God by whoſe hãd this yoke was laied vpon them for their ſinnes
1 O God, [a] why haſt thou put vs away for euer? *why* is thy wrath kindled againſt the ſhepe of thy paſture?
2 Thinke vpon thy Congregacion, *which* thou haſt poſſeſſed of olde, & on the [b] rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou haſt redemed, & on this mount Zión, wherein thou haſt dwelt.
b Which inheritance ỹ haſt meaſured out for thy ſelf as with a line or rod
3 Lift vp thy [*] ſtrokes, that thou maieſt for euer deſtroye euerie enemie that doeth euil to the Sanctuarie.
Or, feete
4 Thine aduerſaries roare in the middes of thy Congregacion, & [c] ſet vp their banners for ſignes.
c They haue deſtroyed thy true religion & ſpread their banners in ſigne of defiance.
5 *He that* [d] *lifted* the axes vpon the thicke trees, was renoumed, as one, that broght a thing to perfection:
d He cõmendeth the Temple for ỹ coſtlie matter, the excellent workemanſhip & beautie therof ỹ notwihſtãding the enemies did deſtroye.
6 But now they breake downe the carued worke thereof with axes and hammers.
7 They haue caſt thy Sanctuarie into the fyre, & *raſed it* to the ground, *and* haue defiled the dwelling place of thy Name.
e They incouraged one another to cruelte, ỹ not onely Gods people might be deſtroyed, but alſo his religion vtterly in all places ſuppreſſed.
8 They ſaid in their [e] hearts, Let vs deſtroye them altogether: they haue burnt all the Synagogues of God in the land.
f They lamẽt ỹ they haue no Prophet amõg them to ſhewe them how lõg their miſeries ſhulde endure.
9 We ſe not our ſignes: there is not one Prophet more, nor anie with vs that knoweth [f] how long.
10 O God, how long ſhal the aduerſarie reproche *thee?* ſhal the enemie blaſpheme thy Name for euer?
g They ioyne their deliuerãce with Gods glorie & power, knowing that the puniſhment of the enemie ſhulde be their deliuerance.
11 Why withdraweſt thou thine hand, euen thy right hãd? *drawe it* out of thy boſome, & [g] conſume them.
h Meaning, in the ſight of all the worlde.
12 Euen God *is* my King of olde, working ſaluacion [h] in the middes of the earth.
13 Thou dideſt diuide ỹ Sea by thy power: thou brakeſt the heades of the [i] dragons in the waters.
i To wit, Pharaohs armie.
14 Thou brakeſt the head of [k] Liuiathán in pieces, *and* gaueſt him to be [l] meat for the people in wildernes.
k Which was a great mõſtre of the ſea, or whale, meanig Phraóh
l His inſtruction di I reioyce thẽ as meat refreſheth the bodie
15 Thou brakeſt vp the fountaine and riuer: thou dryedſt vp mightie riuers.
16 The [m] daye is thine, and the night is thine: thou haſt prepared the light and the ſunne.
m Seing that God by his prouidence gouerneth & diſpoſeth all thigs, he gathereth ỹ he wil take care chiefly for his children
17 Thou haſt ſet all the borders of ỹ earth: thou haſt made ſomer and winter.
18 Remember this, *that* the enemie hathe reproched the Lord, and the fooliſh people hathe blaſphemed thy Name.
19 Giue not the ſoule of thy [n] turtle dooue vnto the beaſt, & forget not the Congregacion of thy poore for euer.
n He meaneth ỹ Church of God, ẽ is expoſed as a pray to the wicked.
20 Conſider *thy* couenant: for [o] the darke places of the earth are ful of the habitacions of the cruel.
o That is all places where thy worde ſhineth not, there reigneth tyrãnie & ambitiõ
21 Oh let not the oppreſſed returne aſhamed, *but* let the poore & nedie praiſe thy Name.
22 Ariſe, ô God: mainteine thine [p] owne cauſe: remember thy dailie reproche by the fooliſh man.
p He ſheweth that God can not ſuffer his Church to be oppreſſed, except he loſe his owne right
23 Forget not the voyce of thine enemies: *for* the tumulte of them, that riſe againſt thee, [*] aſcendeth continually.
Or, increaſeth more and more.

PSAL. LXXV.

1 The faithful do praiſe the Name of the Lord, 2 Which ſhal come to iudge at the time appointed, 8 When the wicked ſhalbe put to confuſion, and drinke of the cup of his wrath. 10 Their pride ſhalbe abated, & the righteous ſhalbe exalted to honour.

¶ *To him that excelleth.* [a] *Deſtroye not. A Pſalme* or *ſong* committed *to Aſáph.*

a Read Pſal 57.1
1 WE wil praiſe thee, ô God, we wil praiſe *thee*, for thy Name *is* nere: *therefore* [b] they wil declare thy wonderous workes.
b He declareth how ỹ faithful ſhal euer haue iuſt occaſiõ to praiſe God, for aſmuche as in their nede they ſhal fele his power at hand to helpe them.
2 [c] When I ſhal take a conuenient time, I wil iudge righteouſly.
c When I ſe my time (ſaith God) to helpe your miſeries, I wil come & ſet all things in good order. Thogh all things be broght to ruine, yet I can reſtore & preſerue them.
3 The earth and all the inhabitans thereof are diſſolued: *but* I wil eſtabliſh the pillers [d] of it. Sélah.
d The Prophet warneth ỹ wicked that they wolde not ſet them ſelues againſt Gods people, ſeing ỹ God at his time deſtroyeth them that rule wickedly
4 I ſaid vnto the fooliſh, Be not ſo fooliſh, and to the wicked, Lift not vp the horne.
5 Lift not vp your [e] horne on high, nether ſpeake with a ſtiffe necke.
e Gods wrath is compared to a cup of ſtrõg & delicate wine, wherewith
6 For to come to preferment *is* nether from the Eaſt, nor from the Weſt, nor from the South,
7 But God *is* the iudge: he maketh low and he maketh hie.
8 For in the hand of the Lord *is* a [f] cup, and the wine is red: it is ful mixt, and he powreth out of the ſame: ſurely all the wicked of the earth ſhal wring out & drinke the dregs thereof.
f Gods wrath is compared to a cup of ſtrõg & delicate wine, wherewith
9 But the wicked are made ſo dronke, that by drinking til they come to the verie dregs, they are vtterly deſtroyed.

9 But I wil declare for euer, and ſing praiſes vnto the God of Iaakób.

10 All the hornes of the wicked alſo wil I breake: *but* the hornes of the g righteous ſhalbe exalted.

g The godlie ſhal better proſper by their innocent ſimplicitie, then the wicked ſhal by all their craft, & ſubtelte.

PSAL. LXXVI.

1 This Pſalme ſetteth forthe the power of God & care for the defence of his people in Ieruſalém. 10 And the deſtruction of the armie of Sancherib: 11 And exhorteth the faithful to be thankeful for the ſame.

¶ *To him that excelleth on Neginóth. A Pſalme* or *ſong* committed *to Aſáph.*

1 a He declareth ỹ Gods power is euidétly ſene in preſeruíg his people and deſtroying his enemies

GOd is a knowen in Iudáh: his Name is great in Iſraél.

2 For in b Shalém is his Tabernacle, and his dwelling in Zión.

3 There brake he the arrowes of the bowe, the ſhield and thé ſworde and the battel. Sélah.

4 Thou art more bright and puiſſant, then c the mountaines of pray.

5 The ſtoute harted are ſpoiled: they haue ſlept their ſlepe, & all the men of ſtrength haue not d founde their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, ô God of Iaakób, bothe the chariot and horſe are caſt a ſlepe.

7 Thou, *euen* thou art to be feared: and who ſhal ſtand in thy e ſight, when thou art angrie!

8 Thou dideſt cauſe *thy* iudgement to be heard from heauen: *therefore* the earth feared and was ſtil,

9 When thou, ô God, aroſe to iudgement, to f helpe all the meke of the earth. Sélah.

10 Surely the g rage of man ſhal turne to thy praiſe: the remnant of the rage ſhalt thou reſtraine.

11 Vowe & performe vnto the Lord your God, all *ye* that be h rounde about him: let thē bring preſents vnto him that oght to be feared.

12 He ſhal i cut of the ſpirit of princes: he is terrible to the Kings of the earth.

b Which after ward was called Ieruſalém

c He cōpareth the kingdomes ful of extortiō & rapine to ỹ mountaines ỹ are ful of rauening beaſts

d God hathe takē their ſpirits & ſtrength from them, as thogh their hāds were cut of.

e God wt a looke is able to deſtroye all ỹ power & actiuitie of ỹ enemies, were their neuer ſo manie or mightie

f To reuenge ỹ wrōgs done to thy Church

g For the end ſhal ſhewe ỹ ỹ enemie was able to bring nothing to paſſe alſo ỹ ſhalt bridle their rage, ỹ they ſhal not compaſſe their purpoſe.

h To wit, the Leuites ỹ dwel about the Tabernacle, or ỹ people, among whome he doeth dwell

i The Ebrewe worde ſignifieth, to vintage, or gather grapes: meaning that he ſhal make the counſels and entrepriſes of wicked tyrants fooliſh and vaine

PSAL. LXXVII.

1 The Prophet in the name of the Church rehearſeth the greatnes of his affliction, and his grieuous tentations, 6 Whereby he was driuen to this end to conſider his former conuerſation, 11 And the continual courſe of Gods workes in the preſeruation of his ſeruants, & ſo he confirmeth his faith againſt theſe tentations.

¶ *For the excellent* muſician * *Ieduthún. A Pſalme* committed *to Aſáph.*

1 Chro 16,41. pſal.39.& 62

1 a The Prophet teacheth vs by his exāple to flee vnto God for helpe in our neceſsities

MY a voyce *came* to God, when I cryed: my voyce *came* to God, and he heard me.

2 In the day of my trouble I ſoght ỹ Lord: *or, mine hand was ſtretched out* my ſore ranne & ceaſed not in the night: my ſoule refuſed comfort.

3 b He ſheweth ỹ we muſt patiently abide, although God deliuer vs not out of our troubles at ỹ firſt cry.

I did thinke vpon God, and was b troubled: I prayed, and my ſpirit was ful of anguiſh. Sélah.

4 Thou kepeſt mine eies c waking: I was aſtonied and colde not ſpeake.

5 *Then* I conſidered the daies of olde, *and* the yeres of ancient time.

6 I called to remembrance my d ſong in the night: I cómuned with mine owne heart, and my ſpirit ſearched e diligently.

7 Wil the Lord abſent him ſelf for euer? & wil he ſhewe no more fauour?

8 Is his f mercie cleane gone for euer? doeth his promes faile for euer more?

9 Hathe God forgotten to be merciful? hathe he ſhutvp his tēder mercies in diſpleaſure? Sélah.

10 And I ſaid, This is my g death: *yet I remēbred* the yeres of the right hād of the moſt High.

11 I remembred the workes of the Lord: certeinly I remembred thy wonders of olde.

12 I did alſo meditate all thy workes, & did deuiſe of thine Actes, *ſaying,*

13 Thy waie, ô God, *is* h in the Sanctuarie: who is ſo great a i God as *our* God!

14 Thou art the God that doeſt wonders: thou haſt declared thy power among the people.

15 Thou haſt redemed thy people k *thine* arme, *euen* the ſonnes of Iaakób and Ioſéph. Sélah.

16 The k waters ſawe thee, ô God: the waters ſawe thee, *and* were afraied: yea, the depths trembled.

17 The cloudes powred out water: the heauens gaue a l ſounde: yea, thine arrowes went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thundre was round about: the lightenīgs lightened the worlde: the earth trembled and ſhoke.

19 Thy waie *is* in the Sea, and thy paths in the great waters, and thy foteſteps are not m knowen.

20 Thou dideſt leade thy people like ſhepe by the hand of Moſés and Aarón.

c Meanig that his ſorowes were as watchmen ỹ kept his eies frō ſlepīg

d Of thanke-giuīg, ỹ I was accuſtomed to ſing in my proſperitie

e Bothe ỹ cauſes why I was chaſtened, and when my ſorowes ſhulde haue an end

f As if he ſhulde ſaie, It is impoſsible: wherby he exhorteth him ſelfe to patience.

g Thogh I firſt douted of my life, yet conſidering that God had his yeres, ỹ is, chāge of times, & was accuſtomed alſo to lift vp them, whome he hathe beaten, I toke heart againe

h That is, in heauen, whervnto we muſt aſcēd by faith, if we wil kno we ỹ waies of God

i He condemneth all ỹ worſhip anie thīg ſaue ỹ onely true God, whoſe glorie appeareth through the worlde

k He declareth, wherin ỹ power of God was declared, when he deliuered ỹ Iſraelites through the red Sea

l That is, thūdered & lightened.

m For when ỹ badeſt broghe ouer thy people, the water returned to her courſe & ỹ enemies that thoght to haue followed thē, colde noe paſſe through. Exod 14,19.

PSAL. LXXVIII.

1 He ſheweth how God of his mercie choſe his Church of the poſteritie of Abrahám. 8 Reprochīg the ſtubburne rebellion of their fathers, that the children might not onely vnderſtand. 11 That God of his fre mercie made his couenant with their ancetours, 17 But alſo ſeing them ſo malicious and peruerſe, might be aſhamed and ſo turne wholly to God. In this Pſalme the holie Goſt hathe compreheded as it were, the ſumme of all Gods benefites, to the intent the ignorant and groſſe people might ſe in fewe wordes the effect of the whole hiſtories of the Bible.

¶ A Pſalme *to giue* a *inſtruction* committed *to Aſáph.*

1 a Read pſalme 32

HEare my b doctrine, ô my people: incline your eares vnto the wordes of my mouth.

2 I wil open my mouth in a parable: I wil declare high ſentences of olde.

b The Prophet vnder the name of a teacher calleth ỹ people his, & the doctrine his, as Paul calleth ỹ Goſpel his, whereof he was but ỹ preacher as Rom 2,16 & 16,25.

3 Which we haue heard and knowen, and our [c] fathers haue tolde vs.

Which were the people of God

4 We wil not hide them from their children, *but* to the generacion to come we wil ſhewe the praiſes of the Lord, his power alſo, and his wonderful workes that he hathe done:

By the teſtimonie & Law he meaneth ỹ Law written, which they were commãded to teache their childrẽ, Deu 6,7.

5 How he eſtabliſhed a [d] teſtimonie in Iaakób, and ordeined a Law in Iſraél, which he commanded our fathers, that they ſhulde teache their children:

e He ſheweth wherein ỹ children ſhulde be like their fathers, that is, in maintening Gods pure religion

6 That the [e] poſteritie might knowe it, *and* the children, which ſhulde be borne, ſhulde ſtand vp, & declare it to their children:

f He ſheweth wherein ỹ vſe of this doctrine ſtandeth in faith, in ỹ meditation of Godsbenefites & in obedience

7 That they might [f] ſet their hope on God, and not forget the workes of God but kepe his commandements:

g Thogh theſe fathers were the ſede of Abrahám & the choſen people, yet he ſheweth by their rebellion, prouocation, falſehode & hypocriſie, that the children ought not to followe their exiples.

8 And not to be as their [g] fathers, a diſobedient and rebellious generation: a generacion that ſet not their heart aright, and whoſe ſpirit was not faithful vnto God.

h By Ephráim he meaneth alſo the reſt of the tribes, becauſe thei were moſte in nomber whoſe punishmẽt declareth that they were vnfaithful to God, and by their multitude and autoritie had corrupt all others

9 The children of [h] Ephráim being armed & ſhooting with the bowe, turned backe in the day of battel.

10 They kept not the couenant of God, but refuſed to walke in his Law,

11 And forgate his Actes, and his wonderful workes that he had ſhewed them.

i He proueth that not onely the poſteritie, but alſo their forefathers were wicked and rebellious to God

12 He did maruelous things in the ſight of their [i] fathers in the land of Egypt: *euen* in the field of Zóan.

Exod.14,21.

13 *He deuided the Sea, and led them through: he made alſo the waters to ſtand as an heape.

Exod 14.24.

14 *In the daietime alſo he led them with a cloude, and all the night with a light of fyer.

Exod.17,6.

15 *He claue the rockes in the wildernes, and gaue them drinke as of the great depths.

num 20,11.

16 *He broght floods alſo out of the ſtonie rocke, ſo that he made the waters to deſcend like the riuers.

pſal.105,41.

17 Yet they [k] ſinned ſtil againſt him, and prouoked the Higheſt in the wildernes,

1.Cor.10,4.

18 And tempted God in their heartes in [l] requiring meat for their luſt.

Wiſd.11,4.

19 *They ſpake againſt God alſo, ſaying, Can God [m] prepare a table in the wildernes?

k Their wicked malice colde be ouercome by no benefites, which were great & manie

20 *Beholde, he ſmote the rocke, that the water guſhed out, and the ſtreames ouerflowed: can he giue bread alſo? or prepare fleſh for his people?

l Then to require more then is neceſſarie, & to ſeparate Gods power from his wil, is to tempt God

21 Therefore the Lord heard and was angrie, and the *fyer was kindled in Iaakób, and alſo wrath came vpon Iſraél,

22 Becauſe they beleued not in God, and [n] truſted not in his helpe.

23 Yet he had commanded the [o] cloudes aboue, and had opened the dores of heauen,

o So that thei had ỹ, which was neceſſarie & ſufficient but their luſt made them to couet that which thei knewe God had denied them.

24 And had rained downe MAN vpon thẽ for to eat, and had giuen them of the wheat of heauen.

Iob.6,31.

25 *Man did eat the bread of Angels: he ſent them meat ynough.

1.cor 10,3.

26 He cauſed the [p] Eaſtwinde to paſſe in the heauen, and through his power he brought in the Southwinde.

p God vſed ỹ meanes of the winde to teach them, that all elementes were at his cõmandement, & that no diſtance of place coldeſtop his working.

27 He rained fleſh alſo vpon them as duſt, and feathered foule as the ſand of the ſea.

28 And he made it fall in ỹ middes of their campe, *euen* round about their habitations.

29 So thei did eat and were wel filled: for he gaue them their deſire.

30 They were not turned from their [q] luſt, *but* the meat *was* yet in their mouthes,

q Suche is the nature of concupiſcence, ỹ the more it hath, ỹ more it luſteth

31 When the wrath of God came euen vpon them, and ſlew the ſtrongeſt of them, and ſmote downe the choſen men in Iſraél.

r Thogh other were not ſpared, yet chiefly thei ſuffred, ỹ truſted to their ſtrength againſt God

32 For all this, thei [r] ſinned ſtil, and beleued not his wonderous workes.

33 Therefore their daies did he cõſume in vanitie, and their yeres haſtely.

s Thus ſinne by continuãce maketh men inſenſible, ſo ỹ by no pleagues thei can be amended

34 And when he [s] ſlewe them, thei ſoght hi & they returned, & ſoght God early.

t Becauſe of their hypocriſie, that thei ſoght vnto God for feare of punishmẽt, thogh in their heart thei loued him not

35 And thei remembred that God *was* their ſtrength, & the moſte high God their redemer.

u Whatsoeuer commeth not from the pure fountaine of ỹ heart, is hypocriſie.

36 But thei flattered him with their mouth and diſſembled with him with their tongue.

37 For their [u] heart was not vpright with him: nether were they faithful in his couenant.

x Becauſe he wolde euer haue ſome remnant of a Church to praiſe his Name in earth, he ſuffred not ỹ ſinnes to ouercome his mercie.

38 Yet he being merciful [x] forgaue *their* iniquitie, and deſtroied *them* not, but oft times called backe his angre, and did not ſtirre vp all his wrath.

39 For he remembred that thei were fleſh: *yea*, a winde that paſſeth and commeth not againe.

40 How oft did they prouoke him in the wildernes? & grieue him in the deſert?

y That is, thei tempted him oft times,

41 Yea, they [y] returned, and temoted God, and [z] limited the Holie one of Iſraél.

z As thei all do ỹ meaſure the power of God by their capacitie.

42 Thei [a] remembred not his hand, *nor* the daie when he deliuered them from the enemie,

a The forgetfulnes of Gods benefits is the rote of rebellion & all vice

43 *Nor* him that ſet his ſignes in Egypt, & his wonders in the field of Zóan,

44 And turned their riuers into blood, and their floods, that thei colde not drinke.

b This worde ſignifieth a confuſed mixture of flies. and venemous

45 He ſent [b] a ſwarme of flies among them, which deuoured them, & frogs, which deſtroyed them.

wormes Some take it for all ſortes of ſerpents. ſome for all wilde beaſtes.

*Numb 11,1 m That is, when we giue place to ſinne, we are moued to doute of Gods power, except he wil alwayes be ready to ſerue our luſt. *Exod 17,6 *num 20,11 *pſal.105,41 1 cor 10, 4 *Numb 11,1 n That is, in his Fatherlie prouidence, whereby he careth for his and prouideth ſufficiently.

e He repeteth not here all ſ miracles that God did to Egypt, but certeine ẅ might be ſufficient to conuince the people of malice & ingratitude

46 He e gaue alſo their frutes vnto the caterpiller, and their labour vnto the grashopper.

47 He deſtroied their vines with haile, & their wilde figgetrees with the haile-ſtone.

d So called, either of the effect: that is, of puniſhing the wicked, or els becauſe thei were wicked ſpirits, whome God permitted to vexe men

48 He gaue their cattel alſo to the haile, and their flockes to the thunderboltes.

49 He caſt vpon them the fiercenes of his angre, indignation and wrath, and vexation by the ſending out of d euil Angels.

e The firſtborne are ſo called, as Gen. 49.3

50 He made awaie to his angre: he ſpared not their ſoule from death, *but* gaue their life to the peſtilence,

51 And ſmote all the firſtborne in Egypt, *euen* the e beginning of *their* ſtrength in the tabernacles of f Ham.

f That is, Egypt: for it was called Mizraim or Egypt of Miziáim, that was the ſonne of Ham

52 But he made his people to go out like ſhepe, and led them in the wildernes like a flocke.

g That is, thei had none occaſion to feare, for aſmuch as God deſtroied their enemies and deliuered them ſafely

53 Yea, he caried them out ſafely, and they g feared not, and the Sea couered their enemies.

h Meanig Canáan, ẅ God had conſecrate to him ſelfe, & appointed to his people *Ioſh. 11.1. & 13.7.*

54 And he broght them vnto the borders of his h Sanctuarie: *euen* to this Mountaine, *which* his right hand purchaſed.

i Nothing more diſpleaſeth God in ſ children, thē when thei cōſume in ſ wickednes, which their fathers had begōne

55 *He caſt out the heathen alſo before thē and cauſ d them to fall to the lot of *his* inheritance, and made the tribes of Iſráél to dwell in their tabernacles.

k By ſeruing God otherwiſe then he had appoin d

56 Yet they tempted, and prouoked the moſt high God, and kept not his teſtimonies,

l For their ingratitude he ſuffred ſ Philiſtims to take the Arke, ẅ was the ſigne of his preſēce, frō amōg thē

57 But turned backe and deſ r faſſely like their fathers: thei turned like a deceitful bowe.

m The Arke is called his power & beautie, becauſe thereby he defēded his people, & beautifully appeared vnto them

58 And thei k prouoked him to angre with their high places, & moued him to wrath with their grauen images.

n Thei were ſuddenly deſtroyed, 1 Sam 4.10

59 God heard *this* and was wroth, & greatly abhorred Iſráél,

o That had no marriage ſonges ſ is, thei were not maried

60 So that he l forſoke the habitation of Shiló, *euē* the Tabernacle where he dwelt among men,

p Either thei were ſlaine before or taken priſoners of their enemies, & ſo were forbidden.

61 And deliuered his m power in to captiuitie, and his beautie into the enemies hand.

62 And he gaue vp his people to the ſworde, and was angrie with his inheritance.

q Becauſe thei were drunken in their ſinnes,

63 The fyer n deuoured their choſen men, and their maides were not o praiſed.

64 Their Prieſts fell by the ſworde, & their p widowes lamented not.

r Shewing that he ſpared not altogether the Iſraelites, though he puniſhed their enemies.

65 But the Lord awaked as one out of ſlepe, *and* as a ſtrong man that after *his* q wine cryeth out,

66 And ſmote his enemies in the hinder *parts*, *and* put them to a perpetual ſhame.

67 Yet he refuſed the tabernacle of r Ioſéph, and choſe not the tribe of Ephráim:

68 But choſe the tribe of Iudáh, *&* mount Zión which he loued.

69 And he ſ buylt his Sanctuarie as an high *palace*, like the earth, which he ſtabliſhed for euer.

ſ By buylding the Temple & eſtabliſhing ſ kingdome, he declareth that the ſignes of his fauour were among thē.

70 He choſe Dauid alſo his ſeruant, & toke him from the ſhepefoldes.

71 Euen from behinde the ewes withyong broght he him to fede his people in Iaakób, and his inheritance in Iſraél.

tHe ſheweth wherein a Kīg chargeſtāideth: to wit, to prouide faithfully for his people, to guide them by counſel, & defend them by power.

72 So he fed them according to the ſimplicitie of his heart, and guided them by the diſcretion of his hands.

PSAL. LXXIX.

1 The Iſraelites complaine to God for the great calamities and oppreſſion that thei ſuffred by Gods enemies, 8 And confeſſing their ſinnes, flee to Goās mercies with ful hope of deliuerance, 10 Becauſe their calamities were seyned with the contēpt of his Name, 13 For the which thei promes to be thankeful.

¶ *A Pſalme* committed *to Aſáph.*

a The people crye vnto God againſt ſ barbarous tyrānie of ſ Babyloniaus, who ſpoiled Gods inheritance, polluted his Tēple, deſtroied his religion & murthered his people.

1 O God, a the heathen are come into thine inheritance: thine holie Temple haue they defiled, & made Ieruſalém heapes *of ſtones.*

b The Prophet ſheweth to what extremities God ſuffreth ſometime his Church to fall, to exerciſe their faith before he ſet to his hand to deliuer them.

2 The b dead bodies of thy ſeruants haue thei giuen to be meat vnto foules of the heauen: *and* the fleſh of thy Sainctes vnto the beaſtes of the earth.

3 Their blood haue thei ſhed like waters round about Ieruſalém, and there was none to c burye them.

c Their frends & kinſfolkes durſt not burie them for feare of ſ enemies.

4 We are a reproche to our d neighbours, *euen* a ſcorne and deriſion vnto them that are round about vs.

d Whereof ſome came of Abrahám, but were degenerate: & others were open enemies to thy religion, but thei bothe laughed at our miſeries

5 Lord, how long wilt thou be angrie for euer? ſhal thy gelouſie e burne like fyer?

e Wilt ſ vtterly conſume vs for our ſinnes, before ſ take ſt vs to mercie?

6 *Powre out thy wrath vpon the heathen that haue not knowen thee, and vpon the kingdomes that haue not called vpon thy Name.

Iere 10.25.

7 For thei haue deuoured Iaakób and made his dwelling place deſolate.

f Which we & our fathers haue committed.

8 Remember not againſt vs the f former iniquities, *but* g make haſte *&* let thy tendre mercies preuent vs: for we are in great miſerie.

g And ſtate not til we haue recōpenced for our ſinnes.

9 Helpe vs, ô God of our h ſaluacion, for the glorie of thy Name, and deliuer vs, and be merciful vnto our ſinnes for thy names ſake.

h Seig we haue none other Sauiour neither can we helpe our ſelues, and alſo by our ſaluacion thy Name maibe praiſed, therefore, o Lord, helpe vs

10 Wherefore ſhulde the heathen ſaie, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our ſight by the vengeance of the blood of thy ſeruants that is ſhed.

i Who though in reſpect of God thei were iuſtly puniſhed for their ſinnes, yet in cōſideration of their cauſe, were vniuſtly murthered

11 Let the ſighig of the i priſoners come before thee: according to thy mightie arme preſerue *&* the children of death,

12 And render to our neighbours ſeuen folde into their boſome their reproche, wherewith they haue reproched thee, ô Lord.

13 So we thy people, and ſhepe of thy

k Which were captiues amōg their enemies, & colde loke for nothig but death.

paſture ſhal praiſe thee for euer: and from generation to generation [l] we wil ſet forthe thy praiſe.

l We ought to deſire no benefite of God, but on this condition to praiſe his Name, Iſa. 43.21.

PSAL. LXXX.

1 A lamentable praier to God to helpe the miſeries of his Church, 8 Deſiring him to conſider their firſt eſtate, when his fauour ſtoned towards them, to the intent that he might finiſh that worke which he had begonne.

¶ To him that excelleth on Shoſhannim Eduth. A Pſalme committed to Aſaph.

a This pſalme was made as a praier for to deſire God to be merciful to the tentribes

1 HEare, [a] ô thou Shepherd of Iſraél, thou that leadeſt Ioſeph like ſhepe: ſhew *thy* brightnes, thou that ſitteſt betwene the [b] Cherubims.

b Moue their hearts ỹ thei may returne to worſhip God aright

2 Before Ephráim and Beniamín and Manaſſéh ſtirre vp thy ſtrength, and come to helpe vs.

ỹ is in ỹ place where thou haſt appointed

3 [c] Turne vs againe, ô God, and cauſe thy face to ſhine that we maie be ſaued.

c Ioyne thy whole people & all thy tribes together againe.

4 O Lord God of hoſtes, how long wilt thou be [d] angrie againſt the praier of thy people?

d The faithful feare Gods anger, when thei perceiue that their praiers are not forthwith heard

5 Thou haſt fed thẽ with the bread of teares, and giuen them teares to drinke with greate meaſure.

6 Thou haſt made vs a [e] ſtrife vnto our neighbours, and our enemies laugh *at vs* among them ſelues.

e Our neighbours haue cõtinual ſtrife & warre againſt vs

f Turne vs againe, ô God of hoſtes: cauſe thy face to ſhine, and we ſhalbe ſaued.

f Becauſe that repentãce onely commeth of God, thei moſte inſtantly & oft times call to God for it as a meane, whereby thei ſhalbe ſaued.

8 Thou haſt broght a [g] vine out of Egypt: thou haſt caſt out the heathen, and planted it.

g Seing that of thy mercie thou haſt made vs a moſte deare poſſeſſiõ to thee, & we through our ſinnes are made open for wilde beaſtes t' deuour vs, declare againe thy loue & finiſh ỹ worke that thou haſt begonne.

9 Thou madeſt roume for it, and dideſt cauſe it to take roote, and it filled the land.

10 The mountaines were couered with the ſhadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the "goodlie cedres.

"Ebr. Cedres of God.

11 She ſtretched out her branches vnto the Sea, and her boughes vnto the [h] Riuer.

h To wit, Euphrates.

12 Why haſt thou *then* broken downe her hedges, ſo that all thei, which paſſe by the waie, haue plucked her?

i That is, aſwel thei ỹ hate our religion as thei ỹ hate our perſones.

13 The wilde [i] bore out of the wood hathe deſtroied it, and the wilde beaſtes of the field haue eaten it vp.

k Thei gaue not place to tentatiõ, knowing that albeit there were no helpe in earth, yet God was able to ſuccour them frõ heauen

14 Returne we beſeche thee, ô God of hoſtes: loke downe [k] from heauen and behold de and viſit this vine,

l So ỹ no power can preuaile againſt it, & ẅ as a yong bud thou raiſeſt vp

15 And the vineyarde, that thy right hand hathe planted, and the yong vine, *which* thou madeſt [l] ſtrong for thy ſelf.

16 It is burnt with fyer *and* cut downe: *and* they periſh at the [m] rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thine hand be vpon ỹ [n] man of thy right hand, *and* vpon the ſonne of man, *whome* thou madeſt ſtrong for thine owne ſelf.

18 So wil not we go backe from thee: [o] reuiue thou vs, and we ſhal call vpon thy Name.

19 Turne vs againe, ô Lord God of hoſtes: cauſe thy face to ſhine and we ſhalbe ſaued.

o For none eſcall vpõ God, but ſuche as are raiſed vp, as it were, from death to life & regenerate by ỹ holie Spirit.

PSAL. LXXXI.

1 An exhortatiõ to praiſe God bothe in heart & voice for his benefites, 8 And to worſhip him onely 11 God condẽneth their ingratitude, 12 And ſheweth what great benefites thei haue loſt through their owne malice.

¶ To him that excelleth vpon [a] Gittith. A pſalme committed to Aſaph.

a An inſtrumẽt of muſicke brought from Gith

1 SIng [b] ioyfully vnto God our ſtrength: ſing loude vnto the God of Iaakób.

b It ſemeth ỹ this pſal was appointed for ſolẽne feaſtes & aſſemblies of the people, to whome for a time theſe ceremonies were ordeined, but now vnder the Goſpel are aboliſhed

2 Take the ſong and bring forthe the timbrel, the pleaſant harpe with the viole.

3 Blowe the trumpet in the [c] newmoone, *euen* in the time appointed, at our feaſtdaie.

c Vnder this feaſt he cõprehendeth all other ſolemne daies

4 For this is a ſtatute for Iſraél, & a Law of the God of Iaakób.

5 He ſet this in [d] Ioſéph for a teſtimonie, when he came out of the land of Egypt, *where* I heard a language, that [e] I vnderſtode not.

d That is, in Iſraél: for Ioſephs familie was counted the chief before that Iudáh was preferred.

e God ſpeaketh in ỹ perſone of the people, becauſe he was their leader.

6 I haue withdrawen his ſhulder from the burden, & his hands haue left the [f] pottes.

f If thei were neuer able to giue ſufficient thãkes to God for this deliuerance frõ corporal bõdage, how muche more are we indetted to him for our ſpirituall deliuerãce from the tyrannie of Satã & ſinne?

7 Thou calledſt in affliction and I deliuered thee, *and* [g] anſwered thee in the ſecret of the thunder: I proued thee at the waters of [*] Meribáh. Sélah.

g By a ſtrange & wonderful faction.

*Or, contention, Exod. 17, 16.

8 [h] Heare, ô my people, and I wil proteſt vnto thee: ô Iſraél, if thou wilt hearken vnto me,

h He condemneth all aſſemblies, where ỹ pẽople are not attent me to heare Gods voice, & to giue obedience to the ſame

9 Let there be no ſtrange god in thee, neither worſhip thou anie ſtrange god.

10 *For* I am the Lord thy God, [ẅ] broght thee out of the land of Egypt: [i] open thy mouth wide and I wil fil it.

i God accuſeth their incredulitie, becauſe thei opened not their mouthes to receiue Gods benefites inſuche worde called in

11 But my people wolde not heare my voice, and Iſraél wolde none of me.

12 So I gaue them vp vnto the hardenes of their heart, & thei haue walked in their owne counſels.

13 [k] Oh that my people had hearkened vnto me, & Iſraél had walked in my waies.

k God by his abundance as he powreth them out.

14 I wolde ſone haue humbled their enemies, and turned mine hand [l] againſt their aduerſaries.

l If their ſinnes had not letted

15 The haters of the Lord ſhulde haue bene ſubiect vnto him, and their time [m] ſhulde haue endured for euer.

m If the Iſraelites had not broken

16 And *God* wolde haue fed them with the [n] fat of wheat, and with honie out of the [o] rocke wold I haue ſufficed thee.

n That is, with moſte fine wheat and abundance of honie.

PSAL. LXXXII.

1 The Prophet declaring God to be preſent among the Iudges and Magiſtrates, 2 Reproueth their partialitie,

m Onely when thou art angrie, not with the ſworde of the enemie.

n That is, vpon this vine, or people, whome thou haſt planted with thy right hand, that thei ſhulde be as one hand or ſauegarde.

litie. 3 And exhorteth them to do iuſtice 5 But ſeing none amendement. 8 He deſireth God to vndertake the matter & execute iuſtice him ſelf.

¶ *A Pſalme* committed *to Aſáph.*

GOd ſtandeth in the aſſemblie of [a] gods: he iudgeth among gods.
How long wil ye iudge vniuſtly, and accept the perſones of the [b] wicked? Sélah.
Do right to the poore and fatherles: do iuſtice to the poore and nedie.
Deliuer the poore and [c] nedie: ſaue *them* from the hand of the wicked.
They knowe not & vnderſtand nothing: they walke in darknes, *albeit* all the [d] fundacions of the earth be moued.
I haue ſaid, Ye are gods, and ye all are children of the moſt High.
[e] But ye ſhal dye as a man, & ye princes, ſhal fall like others.
O God, ariſe, *therefore* iudge thou the earth: for thou ſhalt inherite [f] all nations.

a The Prophet ſheweth that if princes and iudges do not their duetie, God, whoſe authoritie is aboue them, wil take vengeãce on them
b For theues and murderers finde fauour in iudgemẽt, whẽ the cauſe of ỹ godlie can not be heard
c Not onely whẽ they crye for helpe, but whẽ their cauſe requireth aide & ſupport
d That is, all things are out of ordre, ether by their tyrãnie or careles negligence
e No title of honour ſhal excuſe you, but you ſhalbe ſubiect to Gods iudgement, and rẽder a compt as wel as other men
f Therefore no tyrant ſhal plucke thy right & autoritie frõ thee

PSAL. LXXXIII.

The people of Iſraél praie vnto the Lord to deliuer thẽ from their enemies bothe at home and farre of, which imagined nothing but their deſtruction. 9 And thei deſire that all ſuche wicked people maie, according as God was accuſtomed, be ſtricken with the ſtormie tempeſt of Gods wrath. 18 That thei maie knowe that the Lord is moſte high vpon the earth.

¶ *A ſong, or Pſalme* committed *to Aſáph.*

KEpe [a] not thou ſilence, ô God: be not ſtil and ceaſe not, ô God.
For lo, thine [b] enemies make a tumulte: & they ỹ hate thee, haue lifted vp the head.
Thei haue taken craftie counſel againſt thy people, and haue conſulted againſt thy [c] ſecret ones.
Thei haue ſaid, Come and let vs [d] cut them of from being a nation: and let the name of Iſraél be no more in remẽbrance.
For thei haue conſulted together [e] in heart, & haue made a league [f] againſt thee:
The tabernacles of Edóm, & the Iſhmaelites, Moáb and the Agarims:
Gebál and Ammón, and Amaléch, the Philiſtims with the inhabitants of [g] Tyrus:
Aſſhúr alſo is ioyned with thẽ: thei haue bene an arme to the children [g] of Lot. Sélah.
Do thou to them as vnto the [h] Midianites: as to Siſerá & as to Iabín at the riuer of Kiſhón.
Thei periſhed at En-dór, & were [i] dongue for the earth.
Make thẽ, *euen* their princes like [*] Oréb and like Zeéb: yea, all their princes like Zébah and like Zalmuná.
Which haue ſaid, Let vs take for our poſſeſſion the [k] habitacions of God.

a This Pſalme ſemeth to haue bene cõpoſed, as a forme of praier againſt the dangers that the Church was in in the daies of Ioſhaphát.
b He calleth them Gods enemies, ẽ are enemies to his Church
c The elect of God are his ſecret ones: for he hideth thẽ in the ſecret of his tabernacle, & preſerueth them frõ all dangers
d Thei were not content to take ỹ Church as priſoner, but ſoght vtterly to deſtroy it.
e By all ſecret meanes.
f Thei thoght to haue ſubuerted thy coũſel, wherein ỹ perpetuitie of the Church was eſtabliſhed.
g The wickednes of the Ammonites & Moabites is deſcribed, in ỹ they prouoked theſe other natiõs to fight againſt the Iſraelites their brethren.
h By theſe examples, thei were cõfirmed that God wolde not ſuffer his people to be vtterly deſtroied, Iudg 7.21 and 4.15
i Troden vnder feteas myre *Iud 7.25 8.21.
k That is, Iudea: for where his Church is, there dwelleth he among them.

PSAL. LXXXIIII.

1 Dauid driuen forthe of his countrey. 2 Deſireth moſte ardently to come againe to the Tabernacle of the Lord & the aſſemblie of the Saints to praiſe God. 4 Pronouncing them bleſſed that maie ſo do. 6 Then he praiſeth the courage of the people, that paſſe through the wildernes to aſſemble them ſelues in Zión 10 Finally with praiſe of this matter & confidence of Gods goodnes he endeth the Pſalme.

¶ *To him that excelleth vpon Gittith. A Pſalme* committed *to the ſonnes of Kórah.*

O [a] Lord of hoſtes, how amiable *are* thy Tabernacles!
My ſoule longeth, yea, & fainteth for the [b] courtes of the Lord: *for* mine heart and my fleſh reioyce in the liuing God.
Yea, the ſparowe hathe foũde *her* an houſe, and the ſwallowe a neſt for her, where ſhe maie lay her yong: *euen* by thine [c] altars, ô Lord of hoſtes, my King *and* my God.
Bleſſed *are* thei that dwell in thine houſe: thei wil euer praiſe thee. Sélah.
Bleſſed *is* the man, whoſe [d] ſtrength *is* in thee, & in whoſe heart *are thy* waies.
They going through the vale of [e] Bacá, make welles therein: the raine alſo coũereth the pooles.
They go from [f] ſtrength to ſtrength, *til euerie one* appeare before God in Zión.
O Lord God of hoſtes, heare my praier: hearken, ô God of Iaakób. Sélah.
Beholde, ô God, our ſhield, & loke vpon the face of thine [g] Anointed.
For [h] a daie in thy courtes is better thẽ a thouſand *other where*: I had rather be a dorekeper in the Houſe of my God, then to dwell in the tabernacles of wickednes.
For the Lord God is the ſunne & ſhield *vnto vs*: the Lord wil giue grace & glorie, & no [i] good thing wil he withholde from them that walke vprightly.
O Lord of hoſtes, bleſſed *is* the mã that truſteth in thee.

a David complaineth ỹ he can not haue acceſſe to the Churchof God to make profeſsion of his faith & to profit in religion
b For none but the prieſts colde enter into the Sãctuarie, & the reſt of the people into the courtes
c So that the poore birdes haue more libertie then I
d Who truſteth nothing in him ſelf, but in thee onely, & learneth of thee to rule his life.
e That is, of mulberietrees which was a baren place: ſo that they which paſſed through, muſt dig pits for water: ſignifyỹ no lers can hinder thẽ that are fully bent to come to Chriſts Church, nether yet that God wil euer faile them
f They are neuer wearie, but increaſe in ſtrẽgth & courage til thei come to Gods Houſe
g That is, for Chriſts ſake, whoſe figure I repreſent
h He wolde wiſh to line but one daie rather in Gods Church, then a thouſand among ỹ worldelings.
i But wil from time to time increaſe his bleſsings towards his more and more.

PSAL. LXXXV.

1 Becauſe God withdrewe not his rods from his Church after their returne from Babylon firſt they put him in minde of their deliuerance, to the intent that he ſhulde not leaue the worke of his grace vnperfite. 5 Next thei

1 Becauſe the reprobate olde by no meanes be ameñded, he praieth ỹ thei maie vtterly be deſtroied, be vnſtable & led with all windes
m That is, be compelled by thy plagues to confeſſe thy power
n Though they beleue not, yet thei maie proue by experiẽce, that it is in vaine to reſiſt againſt thy counſel in eſtabliſhing thy Church

complaine of their long affliction: 8 and thirdly they reioyce in hope of felicitie promiſed. 9 For their deliuerãce was a figure of Chriſts kingdome, vnder the which ſhulde be perfite felicitie.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Pſalme* cõmitted *to the ſonnes of Kórah.*

1 LOrd, thou haſt bene [a] fauourable vnto thy land: thou haſt broght againe the captiuitie of Iaakób.

2 Thou haſt forgiuen the iniquitie of thy people, *and* [b] couered all their ſinnes. Sélah.

3 Thou haſt withdrawen all thine angre, & haſt tuined backe from the [c] fiercenes of thy wrath.

4 Turne vs, ô God of our ſaluacion, & releaſe thine angre towards vs.

5 Wilt thou be angrie with vs [d] for euer? & wilt thou prolong thy wrath from one generacion to another?

6 Wilt thou not turne againe *and* quicken vs, that thy people maie reioyce in thee?

7 Shewe vs thy mercie, ô Lord, and grante vs thy [e] ſaluacion.

8 I wil hearke what the Lord God wil ſaie: for he wil ſpeake [f] peace vnto his people, & to his Saints, that they turne not againe to folie.

9 Surely his ſaluacion is nere to them that feare him, that glorie maie dwell in our land.

10 Mercie and trueth ſhal mete: righteouſnes and peace ſhal kiſſe *one another.*

11 [g] Trueth ſhal bud out of the earth, and righteouſnes ſhal loke downe frõ heauen.

12 Yea, the Lord ſhal giue good things, and our land ſhal giue her increaſe.

13 [h] Righteouſnes ſhal go before him, and ſhal ſet her ſteps in the waie.

a The i confeſſe that Gods fre mercie was the cauſe of their deliuerance, becauſe he loued the land, which he had choſen.
b Thou haſt buryed them, that thei ſhal not come into iudgement
c Not onely in withdrawing thy rod, but in forgiuing our ſinnes, & in touching ô hearts to confeſſe them.
d As in times paſt thei had felt Godsmercies: ſo now being oppreſſed by the lõg continuance of euils, thei pray vnto God, that according to his nature he wolde be merciful vnto thẽ.
e He confeſſeth that our ſaluation cometh onely of Gods mercie
f He wil ſend all proſperitie to his Church, when he hathe ſufficiently corrected thẽ alſo by his puniſhments
g Though for a time God thus exerciſe them with his rods, yet vnder the kingdome of Chriſt thei ſhulde haue peace & ioye
h Iuſtice ſhal then floriſh & haue fre courſe & paſſage in euerie place.

PSAL. LXXXVI.

Dauid ſore afflicted & forſaken of all, prayeth feruently for deliuerance: ſometimes rehearſing his miſeries. 5 Sometimes the mercies receiued. 11 Deſiring alſo to be inſtructed of the Lord, that he maie feare him and glorifie his Name. 14 He complaineth alſo of his aduerſaries, & requireth to be deliuered from them.

¶ *A prayer of Dauid.*

1 INcline [a] thine eare, ô Lord, *and* heare me: for I am poore and nedie.

2 Preſerue thou my ſoule, for I am [b] merciful: my God, ſaue thou thy ſeruant, that truſteth in thee.

3 Be merciful vnto me, ô Lord: for I [c] crye vpon thee continually.

4 Reioyce the ſoule of thy ſeruant: for vnto thee, ô Lord, do I lift vp my ſoule.

5 For thou, Lord, art good and [d] merciful, & of great kindenes vnto all them, that call vpon thee.

6 Giue eare, Lord, vnto my prayer, & [e] hearken to the voyce of my ſupplicacion.

7 In the daye of my trouble I wil call vpõ thee: for thou heareſt me.

8 Among the gods there is none like thee, ô Lord, and there [f] is none *that can do* like thy workes.

9 All nations, whome thou haſt made, ſhal come and [g] worſhip before thee, ô Lord, and ſhal glorifie thy Name.

10 For thou art great and doeſt wonderous things: thou art God alone.

11 [h] Teache me thy waie, ô Lord, *and* I wil walke in thy trueth: knit mine heart vnto thee, that I maie feare thy Name.

12 I wil praiſe thee, ô Lord my God, with all mine heart: yea, I wil glorifie thy Name for euer.

13 For great is thy mercie towarde me, and thou haſt deliuered my ſoule from [i] the loweſt graue.

14 O God, the proude are riſen againſt me, and the aſſemblies of violent men haue [k] ſoght my ſoule, and haue not ſet thee before them.

15 But thou, ô Lord, art a pitiful God and merciful, ſlowe to angre and great in kindenes and trueth.

16 Turne vnto me, and haue mercie vpon me: giue thy ſtrength vnto thy ſeruant, & ſaue the [l] ſonne of thine handmaid.

17 Shewe a token of *thy* goodnes towarde me, that they which hate me, maie ſe it, & be aſhamed, becauſe thou, ô Lord, haſt holpen me and comforted me.

a Dauid perſecuted of Saũl, thus prated, leauing the ſame to the Church as a monumẽt, how to ſeke redreſſe againſt their miſeries
b I am not enemie to the, but pitie the, though thei be cruel toward me.
c Which was a ſure token ſ he beleued ſ God wolde deliuer him
d He doeth confeſſe that God is good to all, but onely merciful to poore ſinners
e By crying and calling continually, he ſheweth how we maie not be wearie, though God grante not forthewith our requeſt, but that we muſt earneſtly, and often call vpon him.
f He cõdẽneth all idoles, foraſmuche as thei can do no workes to declare that thei are gods.
g This proueth ſ Dauid prayed in the name of Chriſt ſ Meſſias, of whoſe kingdome he doeth here ꝓphecie.
h He cõfeſſeth him ſelf ignorant til God hadde taught him, and his heart variable & ſeperat frõ God, til God ioyne it to hi & cõfirme it in his obediẽce
i That is, from moſte great danger of death: out of the which none, but onely the mighrie hand of God, colde deliuer him
k He ſheweth that there can be no moderation nor equitie, where proude tyrants reigne & that the lacke of Gods feare is as a priuiledge to all vice and crueltie
l He boaſteth not of his owne vertues, but cõfeſſeth that God of his fre goodnes hathe euer bene merciful vnto him & giuen him power againſt his enemies, as to one of his owne houſholde:

PSAL. LXXXVII.

The holie Goſt promiſeth that the condition of the Church, which was in miſerie after the captiuitie of Babylon, ſhulde be reſtored to great excellencie. 4 So that there ſhulde be nothing more comfortable then to be nombred among the members thereof.

¶ *A Pſalme* or *ſong* committed *to the ſonnes of Kórah.*

1 GOd *laied* his [a] fundacions among the holie mountaines.

2 The Lord loueth ſ gates of Zión aboue all the habitacions of Iaakób.

3 [b] Glorious things are ſpoken of thee, ô Citie of God. Sélah.

4 I wil make mention of [c] Rahãb and Babél among them that knowe me: beholde Paleſtina & Tyrus with Ethiopia, [d] There is he borne.

5 And of Zión it ſhalbe ſaid, [e] Manie are borne in her; and he, *euen* the moſt High ſhal ſtabliſh her.

6 The Lord ſhal count, when he [f] writeth the people, He was borne there. Sélah.

7 Aſwel the ſingers as the players on inſtruments *ſhal praiſe thee*: all my [g] ſprings *are* in thee.

Pſal LXXXVII
a God did chuſe that place among the hils to eſtabliſh Ieruſalém & his Temple
b Though thy glorious eſtate do not yet appeare, yet waite w̃ pacience & God wil accompliſh his promes
c That is, Egypt & theſe other contreis ſhal cõme to ſ knowledge of God.
d It ſhalbe ſaid of him, ſ is regenerat & come to the Church, ſ he is as one that was borne in the Church.
e Out of all quarters they ſhal come into the Church and be counted as citizens
f When he calleth by his worde them into the Church, whome he had elected and written in his boke
g The Prophet ſetteth his whole affections and comfort in the Church

PSAL. LXXXVIII.

1 A grieuous complaint of the faithful, ſore afflicted

by ſickines, perſecutions & aduerſitie: 7 Being as it were left of God without anie conſolation 13 Yet he calleth on God by faith & ſtriueth againſt deſperation. 18 Complaining him ſelf to be forſaken of all earthlie helpe.

¶ *A ſong or Pſalme of* * *Heman the Exrahite to giue inſtruction, committed to the ſonnes of Kórah for him that excelleth vpon Malath* [a] *Leanneth.*

1 King 4.31. pſal.53

a That is, to humble It was ỹ beginning of a ſong, by the rune whereof this Pſalme was ſung

b Though manie crye in their ſorowes, yet they crye not earneſtly to God for remedie as he did: whome he cõfeſſed to be ỹ autor of his ſalua ion.

c For he that is dead, is fre from all cares & buſines of this life: & thus he ſaieth becauſe he was vnprofitable for all matters concernig mãs life, and as it were cut of ffõ this worlde

d That is, frõ thy prouidence & care, ỹ is ment accordig to ỹ iudgemẽt of the fleſh

e The ſtormes of thy wrath haue ouerwhelmed me

f He attributeth ỹ loſſe & diſpleaſure of his friends to Gods prouidẽce, whereby he partely puniſheth and partely trieth his.

g I ſe none end of my ſorowes

h Mine eies & face declare my ſorowes

i He ſheweth ỹ the time is more cõueniẽt for God to helpe, whẽ mẽ call vnto him in their dãgers thẽ to tary til thei be dead & then raiſe thẽ vp againe

k That is, in ỹ graue, where onely the bodie lieth without all ſenſe and remembrance

l I am euer in great dangers & ſorowes, as thogh my life ſhulde vtterly be cut of euẽ ne moment.

* *Ebr. were in darknes.*

LOrd God of my ſaluaciõ, I crye day *and* night [b] before thee.
2 Let my prayer enter into thy preſence: incline thine eare vnto my crye.
3 For my ſoule is filled with euils, and my life draweth nere to the graue.
4 I am counted among them that go downe vnto the pit, *and* am as a man without ſtrength:
5 [c] Free amõg the dead, like the ſlaine lying in the graue, whome thou remembreſt no more, and they are cut of from thine [d] hand.
6 Thou haſt laied me in the loweſt pit, in darkenes, & in the depe.
7 Thine indignation lieth vpon me, and thou haſt vexed me with all thy [e] waues. Sélah.
8 Thou haſt put away mine [f] acquaintance farre frõ me, & made me to be abhorred of them: [g] I am ſhut vp, and can not get forthe.
9 [h] Mine eye is ſorowful through mine affliction: Lord, I call daiely vpon thee: I ſtretche out mine hands vnto thee.
10 Wilt thou ſhewe [i] a miracle to ỹ dead? or ſhal the dead riſe & praiſe thee? Sélah.
11 Shal thy louing kindenes be declared in the graue? *or* thy faithfulnes in deſtruction?
12 Shal thy wonderous workes be knowen in the darke? and thy righteouſnes in the land [k] of obliuion?
13 But vnto thee haue I cryed, ô Lord, and early ſhal my praier come before thee.
14 Lord, why doeſt thou reiect my ſoule, & hideſt thy face from me?
15 I am afflicted and at the point of death: [l] from *my* youth I ſuffer thy terrours, douting *of my life.*
16 Thine indignations go ouer me, & thy feare hathe cut me of.
17 They came round about me daiely like water, & compaſſed me togither.
18 My louers and friends haſt thou put away from me, *and* mine acquaintance "hid them ſelues.

PSAL. LXXXIX.

1 With manie wordes doeth the Prophet praiſe the goodnes of God, 23 For his teſtament & couenant, that he had made betwene him and his elect by Ieſus Chriſt the ſonne of Dauid: 38 Then doeth he complaine of the great ruine, and deſolation of the kingdome of Dauid, ſo that to the outwarde appearance the promes was broke 46 Finally he praieth to be deliuered frõ his afflictions, making mention of the ſhortnes of mans life, & confirming him ſelf by Gods promiſes.

¶ A Pſalme *to giue inſtruction, of Ethán the* * *Exrahite.*

a Though ỹ horrible confuſiõ of thigs might cauſe them to deſpaire of Gods fauour: yet the manifolde exãples of his mercies cauſe them to truſt in God, thogh to mans iudgemẽt thei ſawe none occaſion

b As he that ſurely beleued in heart

c As thine inuiſible heauen is not ſubiect to ane alteracion & chãge: ſo ſhal ỹ trueth of thy promes be vnchãgeable

d The Prophet ſheweth what was ỹ promes of God, wherõ he grounded his faith

e The Angels ſhal praiſe thy power & faithfulnes in deliuering thy Church

f That is, in ỹ heauens

g Meaning, ỹ Angels

h If the Angels trẽble before Gods maieſtie & infinite iuſtice, what earthlie creature by oppreſsing the Church, dare ſet him ſelfe againſt God?

i For as he deliuered the Church by ỹ red Sea, & by deſtroying Rahãb, that is, ỹ Egyptians: ſo will he eſtſone deliuer it, whẽ the dangers be great

k Tabór is a mountaine Weſtwarde frõ Ieruſalẽ, & Hermón Eaſtwarde: ſo the Prophet ſignifieth ỹ all parts & places of the worlde ſhal obey Gods power for the deliuerance of his Church

l For hereby he iudgeth the world & ſhewеth him ſelf a merciful Father & faithful protector vnto his

1 Wil [a] ſing the mercies of the Lord for euer: with my mouth wil I declare thy trueth from generacion to generacion.
2 For I [b] ſaid, Mercie ſhalbe ſet vp for euer: thy trueth ſhalt thou [c] ſtabliſh in the verie heauens.
3 [d] I haue made a couenãt with my choſen: I haue ſworne to Dauid my ſeruant,
4 Thy ſede wil I ſtabliſh for euer, and ſet vp thy throne from generacion to generacion. Sélah.
5 O Lord, euen the [e] heauens ſhal praiſe thy wonderous worke: yea, thy trueth in the [f] Congregacion of the Saints.
6 For who is equal to the Lord in the heauen! *&* who is like the Lord among the [g] ſonnes of the gods!
7 God is verie terrible in the aſſemblie of the [h] Saints, and to be reuerenced aboue all, *that are* about him.
8 O Lord God of hoſtes, who is like vnto thee, *which art* a mightie Lord, and thy trueth *is* about thee!
9 [i] Thou ruleſt the raging of the ſea: when the waues thereof ariſe, thou ſtilleſt them.
10 Thou haſt beaten downe Rahãb as a mã ſlaine: thou haſt ſcatered thine enemies with thy mightie arme.
11 The heauens are thine, the earth alſo is thine: thou haſt laied the fundacion of the worlde, and all that therein is.
12 Thou haſt created the North and the South: [k] Tabór and Hermón ſhal reioice in thy Name.
13 Thou haſt a mightie arme: ſtrong is thine hand, & high is thy right hand.
14 [l] Righteouſnes & equitie *are* the ſtabliſhment of thy throne: mercie ad trueth go before thy face.
15 Bleſſed *is* the people, that can [m] reioyce *in thee*: they ſhal walke in the light of thy [n] countenance, ô Lord.
16 They ſhal reioyce cõtinually in thy Name, and in thy righteouſnes ſhal they exalt them ſelues.
17 For thou art the [o] glorie of their ſtrẽgth, and by thy fauour our hornes ſhalbe exalted.
18 For our [p] ſhield *apperteineth* to the Lord, and our King to the Hólie one of Iſraél.
19 Thou ſpakeſt thẽ in a viſion vnto [q] thine Holie one, and ſaideſt, I haue laied helpe vpon one that is [r] mightie: I haue exalted one choſen out of the people.

their conſcience that God is their Father

m They ſhalbe preſerued by thy Fatherlie prouidence

n In that they are preſerued and continue they ought to giue the praiſe and glorie onely to thee

o In that that our King hathe power to defend vs, it is the gift of God

p To Samuél and to others, to aſſure that Dauid was thy choſen one

q Whome I haue borne chiefe and giuen him ſtrength to execute his office, as verſ 21

r Whome I haue borne chiefe and giuen him ſtrength to execute his office, as verſ 21

20 I haue founde Dauid my seruant: with mine holie oyle haue I anointed him.
21 Therefore mine hand shalbe established with him, and mine arme shal strengthen him.
22 The enemie shal not oppresse him, nether shal the wicked hurt him.
23 But I wil [f] destroye his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.
24 My trueth also and my [t] mercie *shalbe* with him, and in my Name shal his [u] horne be exalted.
25 I wil set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the [x] floods.
26 He shal crye vnto me, Thou art my [y] Father, my God and the rocke of my saluacion.
27 Also I wil make him my first borne, higher then the Kings of the earth.
28 My mercie wil I kepe for him for euermore, and my couenãt shal stand fast with him.
29 His sede also wil I make to endure [z] for euer, and his throne as the dayes of heauẽ.
30 *But* if his children forsake my Lawe, and walke not in my iudgements:
31 * If they breake my statutes, and kepe not my commandements:
32 Then wil I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquitie with strokes.
33 [a] Yet my louing kindenes wil I not take from him, nether wil I falsifie my trueth.
34 My couenant wil I not breake, nor [b] alter the thing that is gone out of my lippes.
35 I haue sworne once by mine holines, "that I wil not faile Dauid, *saying*,
36 His sede shal endure for euer, and his throne *shalbe* as the sunne before me.
37 He shalbe established for euermore as the moone, & *as* a faithful [c] witnes in the heauen. Sélah.
38 But thou hast reiected and abhorred, thou hast bene angrie with thine Anointed.
39 Thou hast [d] broken the couenant of thy seruant, & profaned his [e] crowne, *casting it* on the grounde.
40 Thou hast broken downe all his walles: thou hast layed his fortresses in ruine.
41 All that go by the way, spoile him: he is a rebuke vnto his neighbours.
42 Thou hast set vp the right hand of his enemies, *and* made all his aduersaries to reioyce.
43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sworde, and hast not made him to stand in the battel.
44 Thou hast caused his dignitie to decay, and cast his throne to the grounde.
45 The dayes of his [f] youth hast thou shortened, *and* coucred him with shame. Sélah.
46 [g] Lord, how long wilt thou hide thy self, for euer? shal thy wrath burne like fyre?
47 Remember [h] of what time I am: wherefore shuldest thou creat in vaine all the children of men?
48 What man liueth, & shal not se death? shal he deliuer his soule from the hand of the graue? Sélah.
49 Lord, where are thy former mercies, *which* thou swarest vnto Dauid in thy trueth?
50 Remember, ô Lord, the rebuke of thy seruants, which I beare in my [i] bosome of all the mightie people.
51 For [k] thine enemies haue reproched *thee*, ô Lord, because they haue reproched the [l] foteste ppes of thine Anointed.
52 Praised *be* the Lord for euermore. So be it, euen so be it.

PSAL. XC.

1 Moses in his praier setteth before vs the eternal fauour of God toward his. 3 Who are nether admonished by the breuitie of their life. 7 Nor by his plagues to be thankeful. 12 Therefore Moses praieth God to turne their hearts & continue his mercies toward them, & their posteritie for euer.

¶ *A praier of Moses, the* [a] *man of God.*

1 LOrd, thou hast bene our [b] habitacion from generacion to generacion.
2 Before the [c] mountaines were made, and *before* thou hadest formed the earth, & the worlde, euen from euerlasting to euerlasting thou art *our* God.
3 Thou [d] turnest man to destructiõ: againe thou saiest, Returne, ye sonnes of Adám.
4 [e] For a thousand yeres in thy sight *are* as yesterdaie when it is past, and *as* a watche in the night.
5 Thou hast [f] ouerflowed them: they are *as* a slepe: in the morning he groweth like the grasse:
6 In the morning it florisheth and groweth, *but* in the euening it is cut downe and witherth.
7 For we [g] are consumed by thine angre, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, *and* our secret sinnes in the light of thy countenance.
9 For all our dayes are past in thine angre: we haue [h] spent our yeres as a thoght.
10 The time of our life *is* threscore yeres & ten, and if they be of strength, [i] foure score yeres: yet their strength *is* but labour and sorowe. for it is cut quickely, and we flee away.
11 [k] Who knoweth the power of thy wrath? for according to thy feare *is* thine angre.
12 Teache vs so to nomber our dayes, that we maie applie *our* hearts vnto [l] wisdome.
13 Returne (ô Lord, [m] how long?) and be [n] pacified toward thy seruants.

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f Though there shalbe euermore enemies against Gods kingdome, yet he promiseth to ouercome them
t I wil mercifully performe my promises to his, notwithstanding his infirmities & offences
u His power, glorie & estate
x He shal ensoye the land round about
y His excellẽt dignitie shal appeare herein that he shal be named the sonne of God, & ẽ first borne, wherein he is a figure of Christ
z Though for ẽ sinnes of the people ẽ state of this kigdome decayed: yet God reserued stil a rote, til he had accõplished this promes in Christ
a *Sam.7,14.*
a Though the faithful ãswer not in all poits to their profession, yet God wil not breake his couenant with them
b For God in promising hathe respect to his mercie and not to mans power in performing
"Ebr if I lie vnto Dauid: which is a maner of othe
c As long as ẽ sunne & moone endure, they shalbe witnesses to me of this promes
d Because of ẽ horrible cõfusion of things, the Prophet cõplaineth to God as though he sawe not ẽ performance of his promes. And thus discharging his cares on God, he resisteth doute & impaciẽcie
e By this he meaneth ẽ horrible dissipation and renting of ẽ kingdome, which was vnder Ieroboám: or els by ẽ Spirit of prophecie Ethán speaketh of those great miseries afterwarde to passe at the captiuitie of Babylon.
f He signifieth that ẽ kingdome failed before it came to perfection or was ripe.
g The Prophet in ioyning praier & his complaint, sheweth ẽ his faith neuer failed
h Seing mans life is short, & ẽ hast created mã to bestowe thy benefites vpon him, except thou haste to helpe, death wil preuent thee
i He meaneth ẽ Gods enemies did not onely slander him behinde his backe: but also mocked him to his face, & as it were cast their iniuries in his bosome
k So he calleth thẽ that persecute ẽ Church.
l They laugh at vs, & paciẽt ly waite for ẽ comming of thy Christ.
a Thus the Scripture vseth to call the Prophetes.
b Thou hast bene as an house and defence vnto vs in all our troubles & trauailes now this foure hũdreth yeres
c Thou hast chosen vs to be thy people before ẽ fundacions of the worlde were laied.
d Moses by lamenting the frailtie & shortnes of mãs life moueth God to pitie
e Though man thinke his life long, & is in dede moste short, yea, though it were a thousand yeres: yet ī Gods sight it is as nothing, and as the watche ẽ lasteth but thre houres.
f Thou takest thẽ away suddenly as with a flood
g Thou calleth vs by thy rods to consider the shortnes of our life, & for our sinnes thou abbridgest our dayes
h Our dayes are not onely short, but miserable, forasmuch as our sinnes daily prouoke thy wrath
i Meaning, according to the commune state of life, though the breuitie be miserable, muche more, if thy wrath lie vpon it, as they, which feare thee onely knowe.
k If mans life for the breuitie be miserable, muche more, if thy wrath lie vpon it, as they, which feare thee onely knowe.
l Which is by considering the shortnes of our life & by meditating the heauenlie ioyes
m Meaning, wilt ẽ be angrie? *Or, take comfort in thy seruants.*
n Fil

14 Fil vs with thy mercie in the morning: ſo ſhal we reioyce and be glad all our dayes.

15 Comfort vs according to the dayes that thou haſt afflicted vs, & according to the yeres that we haue ſene euil.

16 [n] Let thy worke be ſene toward thy ſeruants, & thy glorie vpon their [o] childrē.

17 And let the [p] beautie of ỹ Lord our God be vpon vs, and [q] direct thou the worke of our hands vpon vs, euen direct the worke of our hands.

n Euen thy mercie, ẅ is thy chiefeſt worke

o As Gods promiſes appertened aſwel to their poſteritie, as to thē, ſo Moſes praieth for the poſteritie

p Meaning ỹ it was obſcured, whē he ceaſed to do good to his Church

q For except ỹ guide vs ẅ thine holie Spirit, our entrepriſes cā haue no good ſucces.

PSAL. XCI.

1 Here is deſcribed in what aſſurance he liueth that putteth his whole truſt in God, & committeth him ſelf wholly to his protection in all tentations 14 A promes of God to thoſe that loue him, know him and truſt in him, to deliuer them, & giue them immortal glorie.

1 WHoſo dwelleth in the [a] ſecret of the moſte High, ſhal abide in the ſhadowe of the Almightie.

2 [b] I wil ſay vnto the Lord, O mine hope, and my fortres: *he is* my God, in him wil I truſt.

3 Surely he wil deliuer thee frō the [c] ſnare of the hunter, *and* from the noiſome peſtilence.

4 He wil couer thee vnder his wings, and thou ſhalt be ſure vnder his feathers: his [d] trueth ſhalbe thy ſhield and buckler.

5 [e] Thou ſhalt not be afraid of the feare of the night, *nor* of the arrowe that flieth by daye:

6 *Nor* of the peſtilence that walketh in the darkneſs: *nor* of the plague that deſtroyeth at noone daye.

7 A thouſand ſhal fall at thy ſide, and ten thouſand at thy right hand, *but* it ſhal not come nere thee.

8 Douteles with thine [f] eyes ſhalt thou beholde and ſe the reward of the wicked.

9 For thou *haſt ſaid*, The Lord *is* mine hope: thou haſt ſet the moſte high for thy refuge.

10 There ſhal none euil come vnto thee, nether ſhal anie plague come nere thy tabernacle.

11 [g] For he ſhal giue his Angels charge ouer thee to kepe thee in all thy waies.

12 They ſhal beare thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy fote againſt a ſtone.

13 Thou ſhalt walke vpon the liō and aſpe: the [h] yong lion and the dragon ſhalt thou tread vnder fete.

14 [i] Becauſe he hathe loued me, therefore wil I deliuer him: I wil exalt him becauſe he hathe knowen my Name.

15 He ſhal call vpō me, & I wil heare him: I wil be with him in trouble: I wil deliuer him, and glorifie him.

16 With [k] long life wil I ſatiſfie him, and ſhewe him my ſaluacion.

a He ỹ maketh God his defence & truſt, ſhal perceiue his protection to be a moſte ſure ſafegarde

b Being aſſured of this protection he praieth vnto the Lord.

c That is, Gods helpe is moſte readie for vs, whether Satan aſſaile vs ſecretly, ẅ he calleth a ſnare: or openly, which is here ment by the peſtilence

d That is, his faithful kepīg of promes to helpe thee in thy neceſsitie

e The care ỹ God hathe ouer his, is moſte ſufficiēt to defende them from all dangers

f The godlie ſhal haue ſome experience of Gods iudgements againſt ỹ wicked euen in this life, but fully thei ſhal ſe it at ỹ day, whē all things ſhalbe reuelled

g God hathe not appointed euerie mā one Angel, but manie to be miniſters of his prouidēce to kepe his & defend them in their vocation, ẅ is the waye to walke in without tempting God.

h Thou ſhalt not onely be preſerued frō all euil, but ouercome it whether it be ſecret or open

i To aſſure the faithful of Gods protection, he bringeth in God to confirme this ſame.

k For he is contēted with that life, that God giueth: for by death ỹ ſhortnes of this life is recompenſed ỹ immortalitie.

PSAL. XCII.

1 This pſalme was made to be ſung on the Sabbath, to ſtirre vp the people to acknowledge God and to praiſe him in his workes: the Prophet reioyceth therein. 6 But the wicked is not able to conſider that the vngodlie, whē he is moſte floriſhing, ſhal moſte ſpedely periſh. 12 In the end is deſcribed the felicitie of the iuſt, planted in the houſe of God to praiſe the Lord.

¶ *A Pſalme or ſong for the* [a] *Sabbath daie.*

1 IT is a good thing to praiſe the Lord, and to ſing vnto thy Name, ô moſte High,

2 To declare thy louing kindenes in the [b] morning, and thy trueth in the night,

3 Vpon an [c] inſtrument of ten ſtrings, and vpō the viole with the ſong vpon the harpe.

4 For thou, Lord, haſt made me glad by thy [d] workes, & I wil reioyce in the workes of thine hands.

5 O Lord, how glorious are thy workes! & thy thoghts are verie depe.

6 An [e] vnwiſe man knoweth it not, and a foole doeth not vnderſtand this,

7 (When the wicked growe as the graſſe, and all the workers of wickednes do floriſh) that thei ſhal be deſtroied for euer.

8 But thou, ô Lord, art [f] moſte high for euer more.

9 For lo, thine enemies, ô Lord: for lo, thine enemies ſhal periſh: all the workers of iniquitie ſhalbe deſtroied.

10 [g] But thou ſhalt exalt mine horne, like the vnicornes, & I ſhalbe anointed with freſh oile.

11 Mine eie alſo ſhal ſe *my deſire* againſt mine enemies: and mine eares ſhal heare *my wiſh* againſt the wicked, that riſe vp againſt me.

12 The righteous ſhal [h] floriſh like a palme tre, & ſhal growe like a cedre in Lebanōn.

13 Suche as be planted in the Houſe of the Lord, ſhal floriſh in ỹ courts of our God.

14 Thei ſhal ſtil bring forthe frute in *their* [i] age: thei ſhalbe fat and floriſhing,

15 To declare that the Lord my rocke is righteous, and that none iniquitie *is* in him.

a Which teacheth that the vſe of ỹ Sabbath ſtandeth i praiſing God, and not onely in ceaſing frō worke

b For Gods mercie & fidelitie in his promiſes toward his, binde thē to praiſe him continually bothe daie & night

c Theſe inſtrumēts were thē permitted, but at Chriſts comīg aboliſhed

d He ſheweth what is ỹ vſe of the Sabbath daie: to wit, to meditate Gods workes.

e That is, the wicked conſider not Gods workes, nor his iudgemēts againſt them, & therfore moſte iuſtly periſh

f Thy iudgements are moſte conſtant a. gainſt the wicked and paſſe our reache

g Thou wilt ſtrengthen thē ẅ all power, & bleſſe them ẅ all felicitie.

h Thogh the faithful ſeme to wither and be cut downe by the wicked: yet thei ſhal growe againe and floriſh in the Church of God, as the cedres do in mount Lebanōn.

i The childrē of God ſhalhaue a power aboue nature, & their age ſhal brīg forthe moſte freſh frutes

PSAL. XCIII.

1 He praiſeth the power of God in the creation of the worlde, & beateth downe all people which lift them vp againſt his maieſtie. 5 And prouoketh to conſider his promiſes.

1 THe Lord [a] reigneth, & is clothed with maieſtie: the Lord is clothed, & girded with power: the worlde alſo ſhalbe eſtabliſhed, that it can not be moued.

2 Thy [b] throne is eſtabliſhed of olde: thou art from euerlaſting.

3 [c] The floods haue lifted vp, ô Lord: the floods haue lifted vp their voice: the

a As God by his power and wiſdome hath made and gouerneth the worlde: ſo muſte the ſame be our defence againſt all enemies & dāgers.

b Wherefthou ſitteſt & gouerneſt ỹ worlde

c Gods power appeareth in ruling the furious waters.

floods lift vp their waues.

4 The waues of the ſea *are* maruelous through the noiſe of manie waters, *yet* the Lord on high is more mightie.

Beſides Gods power & wiſdome in creating, and gouerning, his great mercie alſo appeareth in y he hathe giuen his people his worde and commaun.

5 Thy [d] teſtimonies are verie ſure: holines becommeth thine Houſe, ô Lord, for euer.

PSAL. XCIIII.

He preacheth vnto God againſt the Violence and arrogancie of tyrants. 10 Warning them of Gods iudgements. 12 Then doeth he comfort the afflicted by the good iſſue of their afflictions, as he felt in himſelf, & did ſe in others, & by the ruine of the wicked. 23 Whome the Lord wil deſtroye.

1 O Lord God [a] the aduenger, ô God the aduenger, ſhewe thy ſelf [b] clearely.

a Whoſe office it is to take vengeance on the wicked.
b Shewe by effect y thou art Iudge of the worlde to puniſh y wicked

2 Exalt thy ſelf, ô Iudge of the worlde, & render a reward to the proude.

3 Lord, how long ſhal the wicked, how lõg ſhal the wicked [c] triumph?

c That is, brag of their crueltie & oppreſſiõ: or, eſteme themſelues aboue all other

4 They prate & ſpeake fiercely: all the workers of iniquitie vaunte themſelues.

5 They [d] ſmite downe thy people, ô Lord, and trouble thine heritage.

d Seing the Church was thẽ ſo ſore oppreſſed, it ought not to ſeme ſtrange to vs, if we ſe it ſo now, & therefore we muſte call to God to take our cauſe in hand.

6 They ſlaie the widow and the ſtranger, and murther the fatherles.

7 [e] Yet they ſaie, The Lord ſhal not ſe: neither wil the God of Iaakób regarde it.

e He ſheweth that they are deſperat in malice, foraſmuch as they feared not God, but gaue thẽſelues wholly to dowickedly

8 Vnderſtand ye vnwiſe amõg the people: and ye fooles, when wil ye be wiſe?

9 He that [f] planted the eare, ſhal he not heare? or he that formed the eye, ſhal he not ſe?

f He ſheweth that it is impoſſible, but God ſhulde heare, ſe & vnderſtand their wickednes.

10 Or he that chaſticeth the [g] nations, ſhal he not correct? he that teacheth mãknowledge, *ſhal he not knowe?*

g If God puniſh whole nations for their ſins, it is mere folie for anie one man, or elſe afeare to thinke that God wil ſpare thẽ.

11 The Lord knoweth the thoghts of man, that they are vanitie.

12 Bleſſed *is* the man, whome thou [h] chaſticeſt, ô Lord, and teacheſt him in thy Law,

h God hathe care ouer his and chaſticeth them for their welth, y they ſhulde not periſh for euer with the wicked.

13 That thou maieſt giue him reſt from the dayes of euil, whiles the pit is digged for the wicked.

14 Surely y Lord wil not faile his people, nether wil he forſake his inheritance.

15 For [i] iudgement ſhal returne to iuſtice, and all the vpright in heart *ſhal follow* after it.

i God wil reſtore the ſtate & gouernemẽt of things to their right vſe, & then the godlie ſhal followe him cherefully

16 Who wil riſe vp with me againſt the wicked? *or* who wil take my parte againſt the workers of iniquitie?

17 If the Lord had not [k] holpen me, my ſoule had almoſte dwelt in ſilence.

k He complaineth of them, which wolde not helpe him to reſiſte the

18 When I ſaid, [l] My fote ſlideth, thy mercie, ô Lord, ſtaied me.

19 In the multitude of my [m] thoghts in mine heart, thy comfortes haue reioyced my ſoule.

20 Hathe the throne of iniquitie [n] felloſhip with thee, which forgeth wrong for a law?

21 They gather them together againſt the ſoule of the righteous, and condemne the innocent blood.

22 But the Lord is my refuge, and my God *is* the rocke of mine hope.

23 And he wil recompenſe thẽ their wickednes, and [o] deſtroie them in their owne malice: *yea*, y Lord our God ſhal deſtroie thẽ.

o It is a great token of Gods iudgemẽt, whẽ the purpoſe of the wicked is broken, but moſte, when they are deſtroied i their owne malice.

PSAL. XCV.

1 An earneſt exhortation to praiſe God. 4 For the gouernement of the worlde, and the election of his Church. 8 An admonition not to followe the rebellion of the olde fathers, that tempted God in the wildernes: 11 For the which they might not enter into the land of promes.

1 COme, let vs reioice vnto the Lord: let vs ſing [a] aloude vnto the rocke of our ſaluacion.

2 Let vs come before his face with praiſe: let vs ſing loude vnto him with pſalmes.

3 For the Lord *is* a great God, and a great King aboue all [b] gods.

4 In whoſe hãd *are* y depe places of y earth, & the [c] heights of the mountaines *are* his:

5 To whome the ſea *belongeth*: for he made it, and his hands formed the drye land.

6 Come, let vs [d] worſhip and fall downe, & kneele before the Lord our maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his paſture, & the ſhepe of his [e] hand: to daie, if ye wil heare his voice,

8 [f] Harden not your heart, as [g] in Meribáh, & as in the daie of [g] Maſſáh in the wildernes.

9 Where your fathers tempted me, proued me, thogh thei had ſene my worke.

10 Fortie yeres haue I contended with *this* generacion, & ſaid, Thei are a people that [g] erre in heart, for thei haue not knowen my waies.

11 Wherefore I ſware in my wrath, *ſaying*, Surely they ſhal not enter into my [h] reſt.

a He ſheweth y Godſeruice ſtandeth not in dead ceremonies, but chiefly in the ſacrifice of praiſe & thankeſgiuing.
b Euen y Angels (who in reſpect of men are thoghte as gods) are nothing in his ſight: much leſſe the idols, whans braine inuenteth
c All things are gouerned by his prouidence.
d By theſe thre wordes he ſignifieth one thing: meaning y thei muſte wholly giue them ſelues to ſerue God
e That is, the flocke whome he gouerneth with his owne hãd He ſheweth wherin thei are Gods flocke: that is, if thei heare his voice
f By the conteũingof Gods worde
g Or, to ſtudie whereof the place was ſo called Num 14, 22.
g Or, tentation, read Exod. 17, 7
g Thei were without iudgement & reaſon.
h That is, into the land of Canaan, where he promiſed them reſt.

PSAL. XCVI.

1 An exhortation vnto the Iewes and Gentiles to praiſe God for his mercie. And this ſpecially ought to be referred to the kingdome of Chriſt.

1 SIng [a] vnto the Lord a newe ſong: ſing vnto the Lord, all the earth.

Pſal. XCVI.
a The Prophet ſheweth that the time ſhal come, that all nations ſhal haue occaſion to praiſe y Lord for y reuealing of his Goſpel.

2 Sing vnto the Lord, & praiſe his Name: declare his ſaluacion from daie to daie.

3 Declare his glorie among all nations, *and* his wonders among all people.

4 For the Lord *is* [b] great and muche to be praiſed: he is to be feared aboue all gods.

b Seing he wil reueile hi ſelfe to all nations cõtrary to their owne expectation, they ought all to worſhip him contrary to their owne imaginatiõs, & onely as he hathe appointed.

5 For all the gods of the people *are* [c] idoles: but the Lord [d] made the heauens.

c Or, vanities
c Then the idoles, or whatſoeuer made not the heauens, are not God
d God can not be knowen, but by his ſtrength and glorie: the figures whereof appeare in his Sanctuarie

6 [d] Stregth & glorie *are* before him: power and beautie *are* in his Sanctuarie.

7 Giue vnto y Lord, ye families of y people: giue vnto the Lord glorie & [e] power.

e As by experience ye ſe that it is onely due vnto him

8 Giue vnto the Lord the glorie of his Name: bring [f] an offring, and entre into

f By offring vp your ſelues wholly vnto God, declare that you worſhip him onely.

a Whē I thoght there was no way but death m In my trouble & deſtreſſe I euer founde thy preſent helpe. n Thogh the wicked iudges pretend iuſtice in oppreſſing the Church, yet they haue not that auctoritie of God.

his courtes.

9 Worſhip the Lord in the glorious Sanctuarie: tremble before him all the earth.

g He propheſieth that the Gentils ſhalbe partakers ẏ the Iewes of Gods promes

10 Saie amõg the g nations, The Lord reigneth: ſurely the worlde ſhalbe ſtable, *and* not moue, *&* he ſhal iudge the people h in righteouſnes.

h He ſhal regenerate them anewe with his Spirit, and reſtore them to the image of God

11 Let the heauens reioyce, & let the earth be glad: let the ſea roare, and all that therein is.

i If the inſenſible creatures ſhal haue cauſe to reioyce, when God appeareth, much more we, from whome he hathe taken miledićtion & ſinne.

12 Let the field be ioyful, and all that is in it: let all the i trees of the wood then reioyce

13 Before the Lord. for he commeth, for he commeth to iudge the earth: he wil iudge the worlde with righteouſnes, & the people in his trueth.

PSAL. XCVII.

a The Prophet exhorteth all to reioyce for the comming of the kingdome of Chriſt. 7 Dreadful to the rebels & idolaters. 8 And ioyful to the ſuſt, whome he exhorteth to innocencie. 12 To reioycing and thankeſgiuing.

g He ſheweth ẏ where God reigneth, there is all felicitie and ſpiritual ioye

1 THe a Lord reigneth: let the earth reioyce: let the b multitude of the yles be glad.

b For the Goſpel ſhal not be only preached in Iudea, but through all yles & cõtrees

2 c Cloudes and darkenes *are* round about him: righteouſnes and iudgement *are* the fundation of his throne.

c He is thus deſcribed to kepe his enemies in feare, which commõly contemne Gods power

3 There ſhal go a fyer before him, and burne vp his enemies round about.

d This feare bringeth not the wicked to true obediēce, but maketh them to runne awaie from God

4 His lightnĩgs gaue light vnto ẏ worlde: the earth ſawe it and was d afraid.

e He ſignifieth ẏ Gods iudgements are in a readines to deſtroy the idolaters.

5 The mountaines melted like waxe at the preſence of the Lord, at the preſence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heauens declare his righteouſnes, and all the people ſe his glorie.

f Let all that wnich is eſteemed in ẏ worlde, fall downe before hi

7 e Confounded be all they that ſerue grauen images, *&* that glorie in idoles: worſhip him f all ye gods.

g The Iewes ſhal haue occaſiõ to reioyce ẏ the Gentiles are made partakers ẅ them of Gods fauour

8 Zión heard of it, and was glad: and the g daughters of Iudáh reioyced, becauſe of thy iudgements, ô Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art moſte high aboue all the earth: thou art muche exalted aboue all gods.

h He requireth two thigs of his childrẽ: the one ẏ thei deteſt vice, the other ẏ thei put their truſt in God for their deliuerance.

10 Ye that h loue the Lord, hate euil: he preſerueth the ſoules of his Saints: he wil deliuer them from the hand of the wicked.

i Thogh Gods deliuerance appeare not ſuddenly, yet it is ſowen and laied vp in ſtore for them

11 i Light is ſowen for the righteous, and ioye for the vpright in heart.

k Be mindeful of his beneſites and onely truſt in his defence.

12 Reioyce ye righteous in the Lord, and giue thankes for his holie k remembrance.

PSAL. XCVIII.

a An earneſt exhortation to all creatures to praiſe the Lord for his power, mercie and fidelitie in his promes by Chriſt. 10 By whome he hathe communicated his ſaluacion to all nations.

¶ *A Pſalme.*

a That is, ſome ſong newly made in token of their wonderful deliuerãce by Chriſt. *Iſas 59. 16.*

1 SIng a vnto the Lord a new ſong: for he hathe done maruelous things: * his right hand, and his holie b arme haue gotten him the victorie.

b He pſerueth his Church miraculouſly.

2 The Lord declared his c ſaluation: his righteouſnes hathe he reueiled in ẏ ſight of the nations.

c For the deliuerance of his Church.

3 He hathe d remembred his mercie and his trueth toward the houſe of Iſraél: all the ends of the earth haue ſene the ſaluation of our God.

d God was moued by none other meanes to gather his Church of the Iewes and Gentiles, but becauſe he wolde performe his promes

4 All the earth, ſing ye loude vnto ẏ Lord: crye out and reioyce, and ſing praiſes.

5 Sing praiſe to the Lord vpon the harpe, *euen* vpon the harpe with a ſinging voice.

e By this reperition & earneſt exhortation to giue praiſes with inſtruments, & alſo of the dũme creatures, he ſignifieth ẏ the worlde is neuer able to praiſe God ſufficiently for their deliuerance.

6 With e ſhalmes and ſounde of trumpets ſing loude before the Lord the King.

7 Let the ſea roare, and all that therein is, the worlde, and thei that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands, *&* let the mountaines reioyce together

9 Before the Lord: for he is come to iudge the earth: with righteouſnes ſhal he iudge the worlde, and the people with equitie.

PSAL. XCIX.

1 He commendeth the power, equitie and excellencie of the kingdome of God by Chriſt ouer the Iewes and Gẽtiles. 5 And prouoketh them to magnifie the ſame & to ſerue the Lord. 6 Following the example of the ancient Fathers, Moſes, Aaron, Samuél, who calling vpon God, were heard in their prayers

a When God deliuereth his Church, all ẏ enemies ſhal haue cauſe to tremble *Exod 15. 22.*

1 THe Lord reigneth, let the a people trẽble: he ſitteth *betwene* ẏ * Cheiubims, let the earth be moued.

2 The Lord *is* great in Zión, & he is high aboue all the people.

b Thogh the wicked rage againſt God, yet the godlie ſhal praiſe his Name, & might power

3 Thei ſhal b praiſe thy great and feareful Name (*for* it is holie)

c That is, before his Temple or Arke, where he promiſed to heare, when they worſhipped him, as now he promiſeth his ſpiritual preſẽce, whereſoeuer his Church is aſſembled

4 And the Kĩgs power, that loueth iudgement: *for* thou haſt prepared equitie: thou haſt executed iudgement & iuſtice in Iaakób.

5 Exalt the Lord our God, and fall downe before his c foreſtole: *for* he is holie.

d Vnder theſe thre he comprehendeth ẏ whole people of Iſraél, with whome God made his promes

6 Moſes & Aarón *were* among his Prieſts, d and Samuél among ſuche as call vpon his Name: theſe called vpon the Lord, & he heard them.

7 He ſpake vnto thẽ in the cloudie piller: thei kept his teſtimonies, *&* the Lawe *that* he gaue them.

e For the more liberally ẏ God dealeth with his people, the more doeth he puniſh them that abuſe his beneſites.

8 Thou heardeſt them, ô Lord our God: thou waſt a fauourable God vnto them, thogh ẏ dideſt take vengeance for e their inuentions.

9 Exalt the Lord our God, and fall downe before his holie Mountaine: for the Lord our God is holie.

PSAL. C.

1 He exhorteth all to ſerue the Lord. 3 Who hathe choſen vs & preſerued vs. 4 And to entre into his aſſemblies to praiſe his Name.

A pſalme of praiſe.

1 SIng a ye loude vnto the Lord, all the
2 earth.
Serue the Lord with gladnes: come before him with ioyfulnes.
3 Knowe ye that euen the Lord is God: he hathe b made vs, & not we our ſelues: *we are* his people, and the ſhepe of his paſture.
4 c Enter into his gates with praiſe, & into his courtes with reioycing: praiſe him *and* bleſſe his Name.
5 For the Lord is good: his mercie *is* d euerlaſting, and his trueth *is* from generacion to generacion.

a He propheſieth ỹ Gods benefite in calling the Gentiles, ſhalbe ſo great that thei ſhal haue wonderful occaſiõ to praiſe his mercie & reioyce
b He chiefly meaneth, touching the ſpirituall regeneration, whereby we are his ſhepe and people
c He ſheweth that God wil not be worſhiped, but by that meanes, which he hathe appointed.
d He declareth that we ought neuer to be wearie in praiſing him, ſeing his mercies toward vs laſt for euer.

PSAL. CI.

Dauid deſcribeth what gouernement he wil obſerue in his houſe and kingdome 5 He wil puniſh and correct, by rooting forthe the wicked, 6 And cheriſhing the godlie perſones.

A Pſalme of Dauid.

1 I Wil a ſing mercie and iudgement: vnto thee, ô Lord, wil I ſing.
2 I wil do wiſely in the perfite waie b til ỹ comeſt to me: I wil walke in ỹ vprightnes of mine heart in the middes of mine houſe.
3 I wil ſet no wicked thing before mine eies: I hate c the worke of them that fall awaie: it ſhal not cleaue vnto me.
4 A froward heart ſhal depart from me: I wil knowe none euil.
5 Him, that priuely d ſclandereth his neighbour, wil I deſtroie: hĩ that hathe a proude loke and high heart, I can not *ſuffer*.
6 Mine eies *ſhalbe* vnto the e faithful of the land, that they maie dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfite waie, he ſhal ſerue me.
7 There ſhal no deceitful perſone dwell within mine houſe: he that telleth lies, ſhal not remaine in my ſight.
8 f Betimes wil I deſtroy all the wicked of the land, that I maie cut of all the workers of iniquitie from the Citie of the Lord.

a Dauid conſidereth what maner of King he wolde be, whẽ God ſhulde place him in the throne, promiſing openly, that he wolde be merciful and iuſt
b Thogh as yet ỹ differreſt to place me in the kiglie dignitie, yet wil I giue my ſelf to wiſdome & vprightnes being a priuate man
c He ſheweth that magiſtrates do not their duelies, except thei be enemies to all vice
d In puniſhing to puniſh theſe vices, which are moſte pernicious in the ſhat are about Kings, he declareth that he wil puniſh all
e He ſheweth what is ỹ true vſe of the ſworde: to puniſh the wicked and to maynteine the good.
f Magiſtrates muſt immediatly puniſh vice, leſt it growe to farther inconuenience and if heathen Magiſtrates are bounde to do this, how muche more thei that haue the charge of the Church of God?

PSAL. CII.

1. It ſemeth that this praier was appointed to the faithful to praie in the captiuitie of Babylon. 16 A conſolation for the building of the Church: 18 Whereof followeth the praiſe of God to be publiſhed vnto all poſteritie. 22 The conuerſion of the Gentiles, 28 And the Habilitie of the Church.

¶ *A praier a of the afflicted, when he ſhalbe in diſtres, and powre forthe his meditation before the Lord.*

1 O Lord, heare my praier, and let my
» crye come vnto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline thine eares vnto me: when I call, make haſte to heare me.
3 For my daies are c conſumed like ſmoke, and my bones are burnt like an herth.
4 Mine heart is ſmitten and withereth like graſſe, becauſe I forgate d to eat my bread.
5 For the voice of my groning my bones do cleaue to my ſkin.
6 I am like a e pelicane of the wildernes: I am like an owle of the deſerts.
7 I watche and am as a ſparowe alone vpõ the houſe toppe.
8 Mine enemies reuile me daiely, & they ỹ rage againſt me, haue f ſworne againſt me.
9 Surely I haue g eaten aſhes as bread, and mingled my drinke with weping,
10 Becauſe of thine h indignation and thy wrath: for thou haſt heaued me vp, and caſt me downe.
11 My daies *are* like a ſhadowe that fadeth, and I am withered like graſſe.
12 But thou, ô Lord, doeſt i remaine for euer, and thy remembrance from generacio to generacion.
13 Thou wilt ariſe & haue mercie vpon Zión: for the time to haue mercie thereon, for the k appointed time is come.
14 For thy ſeruãts delite in the l ſtones thereof, and haue pitie on the duſt thereof.
15 Then the heathen ſhal feare the Name of the Lord, & all the Kings of the earth thy glorie,
16 Whẽ the Lord ſhal buylde vp Zión, & ſhal appeare m in his glorie,
17 *And* ſhal turne vnto the praier of the deſolate, and not deſpiſe their praier.
18 This ſhalbe writen for the generacion to come: & the people, which ſhalbe n created, ſhal praiſe the Lord.
19 For he hathe loked downe frõ the height of his Sanctuarie: out of the heauen did the Lord beholde the earth,
20 That he might heare the mourning of the priſoner, and deliuer the o children of death:
21 That thei maie declare the Name of the Lord in Zión, and his praiſe in Ieruſalém,
22 When the people ſhalbe gathered p together, and the kingdomes to ſerue the Lord.
23 He q abated my ſtrength in the waie, & ſhortened my daies.
24 *And* I ſaid, O my God, take me not away

a Whereby is ſignified, that albeit we be in neuer ſo great miſeries, yet there is euer place left for praier.
b He declareth that in our praier we muſt liuely feele that, which we deſire and ſtedfaſtly beleue to obteine
c Theſe exceſſiue kindes of ſpeache ſhew how muche ỹ affliction of ỹ Church ought to wounde the hearres of the godlie.
d My ſorowes were ſo great, that I paſſed not for mine ordinarie fode
e Euer mourning, and ſolitarie, cauſing out fearefull cryes
f Haue conſpired my death.
g I haue not riſen out of my mourning to take my refection.
h He ſheweth that the afflictions did not onely thus moue him, but chiefly the feling of Gods diſpleaſure
i How ſoeuer we be frailes yet thy promes is ſure & the remembrãce thereof ſhal confirme vs for euer
k That is, the ſeuẽtie yeres, which by the prophet Ieremie ỹ dideth appoint, Ier. 29, 12
l The more ỹ the Church is in miſerie and deſolation, the more ought the faithful to loue and pitie it
m That is, when he ſhal haue drawen his Church out of the darkenes of death
n The deliuerance of the Church is a moſte excellẽt benefite & therefore he cõpareth it to a newe creation: for in their baniſhment the bodie of the Church ſemed to haue bene dead, which by deliue-
rance was as it were created anewe.
o Who now in their baniſhement colde loke for nothing but death.
p He ſheweth that Gods Name is neuer more praiſed, then when religion floriſheth, and the Church increaſeth: which thing is chiefly accompliſhed vnder the kingdome of Chriſt.
q The Church lamẽt that thei ſe not the time of Chriſt, which was promiſed, but haue but fewe yeres and ſhort daies.

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away in the middes of my daies: thy yeres *endure* from generacion to generacion.

25 Thou hast aforetime laied the fundation of the earth, and the heauens *are* ỹ worke of thine hands.

26 [r] Thei shal perish, but thou shalt endure: euen thei all shal waxe olde as doeth a garment: as a vesture shalt thou change them, and thei shalbe changed.

27 But thou art the same, and thy yeres shal not faile.

28 The children of thy seruants shal continue, and their sede shal stand [t] fast in thy sight.

r If heauen & earth perish, muche more man shal perish but the Church by reason of Gods promes endureth for euer

s Seing ỹ hast chosen thy Church out of the worlde, & ioyned it to thee, it can not but continue for euer: for ỹ art euerlastig.

PSAL. CIII.

1 He prouoketh all to praise the Lord, which hathe pardoned his sinnes, deliuered him from destruction, and giuen him sufficient of all good things. 10 Then he addeth the tender mercies of God, which he sheweth like a moste tender Father towards his childrē. 14 The frailtie of mans life. 20 An exhortation to man and Angels to praise the Lord.

¶ A Psalme *of Dauid.*

1 MY soule, [a] praise ỹ the Lord, & all that is within me, *praise* his holie Name.

2 My soule, praise thou the Lord, and forget not all his benefites.

3 Which [b] forgiueth all thine iniquitie, & healeth all thine infirmities.

4 Which redemeth thy life from ỹ [c] graue, and crowneth thee with mercie and compassions.

5 Which satisfieth thy mouth with good things: and thy [d] youth is renued like the egles.

6 The Lord executeth righteousnes and iudgement to all that are oppressed.

7 He made his waies knowen vnto [e] Moses, & his workes vnto the children of Israél.

8 The Lord is ful of compasion and mercie, slowe to angre and of great kindenes.

9 He wil not alwaie [f] chide, nether kepe *his angre* for euer.

10 He hathe not [g] dealt with vs after our sinnes, nor rewarded vs according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heauen is aboue the earth, so great is his mercie toward them that feare him.

12 As farre as [h] the East is from the West: so farre hathe he remoued our sinnes from vs.

13 As a father hathe compassiō on his children, so hathe the Lord compasion on them that feare him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we be made: he remembreth that we are but dust.

15 The daies of [i] mā are as grasse: as a flower of the field, so florisheth he.

16 For the winde goeth ouer it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shal knowe it no more.

17 But the louing kindenes of the Lord *endureth* for euer & euer vpon them that feare him, and his [k] righteousnes vpon children childrens children,

18 Vnto them that kepe his [l] couenant, and thinke vpon his commandements to do them.

19 The Lord hathe prepared his throne in heauen, and his kingdome ruleth ouer all.

20 Praise the Lord, ye [m] his Angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandement in obeying the voice of his worde.

21 Praise the Lord, all ye his hostes, ye his seruants that do his pleasure.

22 Praise the Lord, all ye his workes, in all places of his dominion: my soule, praise thou the Lord.

a He waketh his dulnes to praise God, shewing ỹ both vnderstanding & affectiōs, minde & heart are to litle to set forthe his praise.

b This is the beginning and chiefest of all benefites: remission of sinne

c For before ỹ we haue remission of our sinnes, we are as dead mē in the graue

d As the egle, whether beake overgroweth, sucketh blood, and so is renued in strength, euen so God miraculously giueth strēgth to his Church aboue all mās expectation.

e As to his chief minister & next to his people.

f He sheweth first his seuere iudgement, but so soone as the sinner is humbled, he receiueth him to mercie

g We haue proue by cōtinual experience, ỹ his mercie hathe euer prevailed against our offences

h As great as the worlde is, so ful is it of signes of Gods mercies towarde his faithful, when he hathe removed their sinnes

i He declareth that mā hathe nothig in him selfe to moue God to mercie, but onely the confession of his infirmitie & miserie.

k His iuste & faithful kepig of his promes.

l To whome he giueth grace to feare hī, & to obey his worde.

m In that that we, which naturally are slowe to praise God, exhort the Angels, ỹ willigly do it, we stirre vp our selues to consider our duetie, & awake out of our sluggishnes.

PSAL. CIIII.

1 An excellent Psalme to praise God for the creation of the worlde & the gouernance of the same by his marueluous prouidence. 35 Wherein the Prophet prayeth against the wicked, who are occasions that God diminisshed his blessings

1 MY soule, praise thou ỹ Lord: ô Lord my God, thou art exceding great, ỹ [u] art [a] clothed with glorie & honour.

2 Which couereth him self with light as with a garment, & spreadeth the heauens like a curtaine.

3 Which laieth the beames of his chābers in the waters, and maketh the cloudes his chariot, and walketh vpon the wings of the winde.

4 Which [b] maketh the spirits his messengers, & a flaming fyre his ministers.

5 He set the earth vpon her fundacions, so ỹ it shal neuer moue.

6 Thou coueredst it with ỹ [c] deepe as with a garment: the [d] waters wolde stand aboue the mountaines.

7 *But* at thy rebuke thei flee: at the voice of thy thunder thei haste awaie.

8 *And* the moūtaines ascend, & the valleis descend to the place which thou hast established for them.

9 *But* thou hast set them a bonde, which thei shal not passe: thei shal not returne to couer the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the valleis, which runne betwene the mountaines.

11 Thei shal giue drinke to all the [e] beastes of the field, and the wilde asses shal quenche their thirst.

12 By these [f] springs shal the foules of the heauen dwell, and sing among the brāches.

13 He watereth the mountaines from his [g] chambers, & the earth is filled with the frute of thy workes.

14 He causeth grasse to growe for the cattel, and herbe for the vse of [h] man, that he maie bring forthe bread out of the earth,

15 And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, & oyle to make the face to shine,

a The Prophet sheweth that we nede not to enter into the heauēs to seke God, for asmuch as all the ordre of nature, with ỹ proprietie and placing of the elements, are moste liuely mirrours to se his maiestie in

b As the Prophet here sheweth ỹ all visible powers are readie to serue God: so the Apostle to ỹ Ebr 1, 7 beholdeth in this glasse, how ỹ verie Angels also are obedient to his cōmandement

c Thou makest the sea to be an ornament vnto ỹ earth

d If by thy power ỹ diddest not bridle the rage of ỹ waters, it were not possible, but the whole worlde shulde be destroied.

e If God prouide for ỹ verie beastes, much more wil he extend his prouident care to man.

f There is no part of the worlde so baren, where moste euident signes of Gods blessings appeare not

g From the cloudes.

h He describeth Gods prudent care ouer man, who doeth not only prouide necessarie thigs for him, as herbes & other meate but also thigs to reioyce and comforte him, as wine & oyle or ointmēte.

& bread *that* ſtrengtheneth mans heart.
16 The high trees are ſatiſfied, *euen* the cedries of Lebanón, which he hathe planted,
17 That the birdes maie make their neſtes there: the ſtorke dwelleth in the fire trees.
18 The high mountaines *are* for the goates: the rockes *are* a refuge for the conies.
19 He appointed the [l] moone for certeine ſeaſons: [k] the ſunne knoweth his going downe.
20 Thou makeſt darkenes, and it is night, wherein all the beaſtes of the foreſt crepe forthe.
21 The lions roare after their praie, and ſeke their meate [l] at God.
22 *When* the ſunne riſeth, they retire, and couche in their dennes.
23 [m] *Then* goeth man forthe to his worke, and to his labour vntil the euening.
24 O Lord, how [n] manifolde are thy workes! in wiſdome haſt thou made them all: the earth is ful of thy riches.
25 *So is* this ſea great & wide: *for* therein *are* things creping innumerable, bothe ſmale beaſtes and great.
26 There go [o] ſhippes, *yea*, that [o] Liuiathán, whome thou haſt made to plaie therein.
27 [p] All theſe waite vpon thee, that thou maieſt giue them fode in due ſeaſon.
28 Thou giueſt it to them, & thei gather it: thou openeſt thine hand, & thei are filled with good things.
29 *But if* thou [p] hide thy face, thei are troubled: *if* thou take awaie their breath, they dye and returne to their duſt.
30 *Againe if* thou [q] ſend forthe thy ſpirit, thei are created, and thou renueſt the face of the earth.
31 Glorie be to the Lord for euer: let the Lord reioyce in his workes.
32 He loketh on the earth and it trembleth: he toucheth [r] the mountaines, & thei [r] ſmoke.
33 I wil ſing vnto the Lord *all* my life: I wil praiſe my God, while I liue.
34 Let my wordes be acceptable vnto him: I wil reioyce in the Lord.
35 Let the ſinners be [s] conſumed out of the earth, & the wicked til there be no more: [ô] my ſoule, praiſe thou the Lord. Praiſe ye the Lord.

PSAL. CV.

1 He praiſeth the ſingular grace of God, who hathe of all the people of the worlde choſen a peculiar people to himſelf, and hauing choſen them, neuer ceaſeth to do them good, euen for his promes ſake.

1 PRaiſe [ŷ] Lord, & call vpon his Name: [a] declare his workes amóg the people.
2 Sing vnto him, ſing praiſe vnto him, & talke of all his wonderous workes.
3 Reioyce in his holie Name: let the heart of them that ſeke the Lord, reioyce.
4 Seke the Lord & his [b] ſtrength: ſeke his face continually.
5 Remembre his [c] maruelous workes, that he hathe done, his wonders and the [d] iudgements of his mouth,
6 Ye ſede of Abrahám his ſeruant, ye children of Iaakób, which are his elect.
7 He is the Lord our God: his iudgements *are* through all the earth.
8 He hathe alwaie remembred his couenant & promes, that he made to a thouſand generacions,
9 *Euen* that which he [e] made with Abrahám and his othe vnto Izhák:
10 And *ſince* hathe confirmed it to Iaakób for a law, & to Iſraél for an euerlaſting couenant,
11 Saying, [f] Vnto thee wil I giue the land of Canáan, the lot of your inheritance.
12 Albeit thei were fewe in nomber, *yea*, verie fewe & ſtrangers in the land,
13 And walked about from nacion to nació, from *one* kingdome to another people,
14 *Yet* ſuffred he no man to do them wrong, but reproued [g] Kigs for their ſakes, *ſaying*,
15 Touche not mine [h] anointed, and do my [i] Prophetes no harme.
16 Moreouer he called a famine vpon the land, & vtterly brake the [k] ſtaf of bread.
17 *But* he ſent a man before them: Ioſéph was ſolde for a ſlaue.
18 Thei helde his fete in the ſtockes, & he was laied in yrons,
19 Vntil [l] his appointed time came, & the counſel of the Lord had tryed him.
20 The King ſent and loſed him: *euen* the Ruler of the people deliuered him.
21 He made him Lord of his houſe, and ruler of all his ſubſtance,
22 That he ſhulde binde his [m] princes vnto his wil, & teache his Ancients wiſdome.
23 Then Iſraél came to Egypt, and Iaakób was a ſtranger in the land of Ham.
24 And he increaſed his people excedingly, and made them ſtronger then their oppreſſers.
25 [n] He turned their heart to hate his people, and to deale craftely with his ſeruáts.
26 *Then* ſent he Moſés his ſeruant, & Aarón whome he had choſen.
27 Thei ſhewed among them the meſſage of his ſignes, and wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He ſent darkenes, and made it darke: and thei were not [o] diſobedient vnto his commiſſion.
29 * He turned their waters into blood, and ſlewe their fiſh.
30 * Their land broght forthe frogs, *euen* in their Kings chambers.
31 He [p] ſpake, & there came ſwarmes of flies & lice in all their quarters.
32 He gaue them [q] haile for raine, & flames of fyre in their land.
33 He ſmote their vines alſo and their fig-

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[1] Or, *ſors, vers, & ſuche like.*
a As to ſeparat the night from the date, & to note daies, moneths & yeres
k That is, by his courſe, either farre or nere, it noteth ſommer, winter and other ſeaſons.
l That is, they onely finde meat accordíg to Gods prouidence, who careth euē for the brute beaſtes.
m To wit, whē the date ſpringeth. for the light is as it were a ſhield to defend man againſt the tyranne and fiercenes of beaſtes
n He confeſſeth that no tongue is able to expreſſe Gods workes, nor miade to comprehende them.
o *Or, Whale*
p God is a moſte nouriſhing Father, who prouideth for all creatures their daielie fode
p As by thy preſence all things haue life: ſo, if thou withdrawe thy bleſsings, they aſſi periſh
q As ŷ death of creatures ſheweth ŷ we are nothing of our ſelues: ſo their generacion declareth ŷ we receme all things of our Creator
r Gods merciful face gineth ſtrength to ŷ earth, but his ſeuere countenance burneth ŷ mountaines
ſWho infect ŷ worlde, & ſo cauſe God ŷ he can not reioyce in his workes

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a Forasmuch as the Iſraelites were excepted frō the cōmune condemnation of the worlde, and were elected to be Gods people, ŷ Prophet willeth them to ſhewe them ſelues mindeful by thākeſgining.
b By ŷ ſtrēgth & face, he meaneth ŷ Arke where God declared his power and his preſence.
c Which he hathe wroght in the deliuerance of his people
d Becauſe his power was therby as lively declared, as if he ſhulde haue declared it by mouth.
e The promes which God made to Abrahám to be his God, and the God of his ſede after hime he renued and repered it againe to his ſede after him
f He ſheweth ŷ thei ſhulde not enioye the lād of Canáan by ante other meanes, but by reaſon of his couenāt made with their fathers
g That is, the King of Egypt and the King of Gerár, Gen. 12, 17, & 20, 3.
h Thoſe whome I haue ſanctified to be my people.
i Meaning the olde fathers, to whome God ſheweth him ſelf plainely, and who were ſetters forthe of his worde.
k Ether by ſending ſcarſeete, or by taking awaie ŷ ſtrēgth & nouriſhment thereof
l So long he ſuffred aduerſitie, as God had appoīted, and til he had tryed ſufficiētly his pacience.
m That ŷ verie princes of the countrey ſhulde be at Ioſephs cōmandemēt & learne wiſdome at him
n So it is in God, ether to moue ŷ hearts of the wicked to loue or to hate Gods children.
o Meanīg, Moſes and Aarón.
Exod 7, 20.
Exod. 8, 6.
p So that this vermine came not by fortune, but as God had appoīted, & his Prophet Moſés ſpake
q It was ſtrāge to ſe raine in Egypt, muche more it was fearefal to ſe haile.

trees, and brake downe the trees in their coaſtes.

r He ſheweth ỹ all creatures are armed againſt mã, whẽ God is his enemie: as at his cõmandement the graſshoppers deſtroyed the land.

34 r He ſpake, and the graſshoppers came, & caterpillers innumerable,

35 And did eat vp all the graſſe in their lãd, and deuoured the frute of their grounde.

Exod 12,29.

36 *He ſmote alſo all the firſt borne in their land, *euen* the beginning of all their ſtrength.

ſ When their enemies felt Gods plagues, his childrẽ by his prouidẽce were exẽpted

37 He broght them forthe alſo with ſiluer and golde, and there was ſ none feble among their tribes.

t For Gods plagues cauſed them rather to departe ẅ the Iſraelites then ẅ their liues.

38 Egypt was t glad at their departing: for the feare of them had fallen vpon them.

39 He ſpred a cloude to be a couering, and fyre to giue light in the nĩght.

u Not for neceſsitie, but for ſatiſfying of their luſt

40 They u aſked, and he broght quailes, & he filled them with the bread of heauẽ.

41 He opened the rocke, and the waters flowed out, *and* ran in the drye places *like* a riuer.

x Which he confirmeth to the poſteritie, in whome after a ſorte the dead liue and enioye the promiſes

42 For he remembred his holie x promes to Abrahám his ſeruant,

y When the Egyptians lamẽted & were deſtroyed

43 And he broght forthe his people with y ioye, & his choſen with gladnes,

z This is the end, why God preſerueth his Church, becauſe they ſhulde worſhip, and call vpon him in this worlde.

44 And gaue them the lands of the heathẽ, and they toke the labours of the people in poſſeſsion,

45 That they might z kepe his ſtatutes, and obſerue his Lawes. Praiſe ye the Lord.

PSAL. CVI.

1 The people diſperſed Vnder Antiochus do magnifie the goodnes of God among the iuſte and repentãt: 4 Deſiring to be broght againe into the land by Gods merciful viſitation 8 And after the manifolde maruels of God wroght in their deliuerance forthe of Egypt, and the great ingratitude of the people rehearſed, 47 They do pray & deſire to be gathered from amõg the heathẽ to the intent they may praiſe the Name of the God of Iſraël

¶ *Praiſe ye the Lord.*

a The Prophet exhorteth the people to praiſe God for his benefites paſt, ỹ thereby their mindes maie be ſtẽgthened agãſt all preſent troubles & deſpaire

1 PRaiſe a ye ỹ Lord becauſe he is good, for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

2 Who can expreſſe the noble actes of the Lord, *or* ſhewe forthe all his praiſe?

b He ſheweth that it is not ynough to praiſe God with mouth, except ỹ whole heart agree therunto, and all our life be thereunto framed.

3 Bleſſed *are* they that b kepe iudgement, and do righteouſnes at all times.

c Let ỹ good wil that thou beareſt to thy people, extend vnto me, that thereby I maie be receiued in to the nomber of thine

4 Remember me, ô Lord, with the c fauour of thy people: viſit me with thy ſaluacion,

5 That I may ſe the felicitie of thy choſen, and reioyce in the ioye of thy people, and glorie with thine inheritance.

d By earneſt confeſsion aſwel of their owne, as of

6 We haue d ſinned with our fathers: we haue committed iniquitie, *and* done wickedly.

7 Our fathers vnderſtode not thy wõders in Egypt, nether remembred they ỹ multitude of thy mercies, but rebelled at the Sea, *euen* at the red Sea.

e The ineſtimable goodnes of God appeareth in

8 Neuertheles he e ſaued them for his Names ſake, that he might make his power to be knowen.

9 And he rebuked the red Sea, and it was dryed vp, and he led them in the depe, as in the wildernes.

Exod. 14,27.

f The wõderful workes of God cauſed thẽ to beleue for a time and to praiſe him.

10 And he ſaued them frõ the aduerſaries hand, and deliuered them from the hand of the enemie.

g They wolde preuẽt his wiſdome and prouidence

11 *And the waters couered their oppreſſers: not one of them was left.

h The abũdance that God gaue thẽ, profited not, but made thẽ pine away, becauſe God curſed it.

12 Then f beleued they his wordes, & ſang praiſe vnto him.

13 But incontinently they forgate his workes: they waited not for his g counſel,

i By ỹ greatnes of the puniſhment the hainous offence maie be cõſidered: for they that riſe againſt Gods miniſters, rebel againſt him.

14 But luſted with concupiſcẽce in the wildernes, & tempted God in the deſert.

15 Then he gaue them their deſire: but he ſent h leannes into their ſoule.

k He ſheweth ỹ all idolaters renounce God to be their glorie, when in ſtead of him they worſhip anie creature, muche more wood, ſtõne, metal or ẽxlues.

16 They enuied Moſés alſo in the tentes, & Aarón the holie one of the Lord.

17 *Therefore* the earth opened and i ſwalowed vp Dathán, and couered the companie of Abirám.

l If Móſés by his interceſsiõ had not obteined Gods fauour againſt their rebelliõ

18 And the fyre was kindled in their aſſemblie: the flame burnt vp the wicked.

19 They made a calfe in Horéb, & worſhiped the molten image.

m Tharis, Canáan, ẅ was as it were an earneſt penie of ỹ heauenlie inheritance

20 Thus they turned their k glorie into the ſimilitude of a bullocke, that eateth graſſe.

21 They forgate God their Sauiour, which had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderous workes in the land of Hàm, and fearful things by the red Sea.

n That is, he ſware. Sõtime alſo it meaneth to puniſh.

23 Therefore he minded to deſtroye them, had l not Moſés his choſen ſtand in the breache before hí to turne away his wrath, leſt he ſhulde deſtroye *them*.

o Which was ỹ idole of the Moabites

24 Alſo they contemned that m pleaſant land, & beleued not is worde,

p Sacrifices offred to ỹ dead idoles

25 But murmured in their tentes, & harkened not vnto the voyce of the Lord.

q Signifying, ỹ whatſoeuer man inuenteth of him ſelf to ſerue God by, is deteſtable & prouoketh his angre

26 Therefore n he lifted vp his hãd againſt them, to deſtroye them in the wildernes,

27 And to deſtroye their ſede among the nacions, and to ſcater them throughout the countreis.

r When all other neglected Gods glorie, he in his zeale killed ỹ adulterers & preuented Gods wrath

28 They ioyned them ſelues alſo vnto o Baal-peór, & did eat the offrings of the p dead.

Nom 25,13.

29 Thus they q prouoked *him* vnto angre with their owne inuentions, and the plague brake in vpon them.

ſ This acte declarred his liuelie faith, & for his faithes ſake was accepted

30 But r Phinehás ſtode vp, and executed iudgement, and the plague was ſtaied.

Nom. 20,2. pſal. 95,8.

31 *And it was ſ imputed vnto him for righteouſnes from generacion to generacio for euer.

t If ſo notable a Prophet of God eſcape not puniſhmẽt thogh others prouoked him to ſinne, how mucue more ſhal they be ſubiect to Gods iudgement, which cauſe God chil-

32 They angred him alſo at the waters of *Meribáh, ſo that t Moſés was puniſhed for their ſakes,

33 Becauſe they vexed his ſpirit, ſo that he ſpake vnaduiſedly with his lippes.

34 Nether deſtroyed they the people, as ỹ Lord had commanded them,

d By earneſt confeſsion aſwel of their fathers ſinnes, they ſhew that they had hope that God according to his promes wolde pitie them.

e The ineſtimable goodnes of God appeareth in this, that he wolde change the ordre of nature, rather then his people ſhulde not be deliuered, although they were wicked.

35 But were mingled among the heathen, & learned their workes,
36 And serued their idoles, which were their ruine.
a He sheweth how mōstruo⁹ a thing idolatrie is, ẅ can winne vs to things abhorring to nature, where as Gods worde can not obteine moste smale things. 37 Yea, they offred their a sonnes, and their daughters vnto diuels,
38 And shed innocent blood, *euen* the blood of their sonnes, and of their daughters, whome they offred vnto the idols of Canáan, and the land was defiled with blood.
39 Thus were they steined with their owne workes, and went x a whoring with their owne inuentions.
x Then true chastitie is to cleaue wholly & onely vnto God. 40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people, & he abhorred his owne inheritance.
41 And he gaue them into the hand of the heathen: and they that hated them, were lords ouer them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were humbled vnder their hand.
y The Prophet sheweth ẏ neither by menaces, nor promises we can come to God, except we be all together newly reformed, & ẏ his mercie ouercōuer and hide our malice. 43 Manie y a time did he deliuer them, but they prouoked him by their counsels: therefore they were broght downe by their iniquitie.
44 Yet he sawe when they were in afflictiō, and he heard their crye.
45 And he remembred his couenāt toward them, and z repēted according to the multitude of his mercies,
z Not ẏ God is chaogeable in him self, but that then he semeth tovs to repent, whē he altereth his punishment, & forgiueth vs 46 And gaue them fauour in the sight of all them, that led them captiues.
a Gather thy Church, ẅ is dispersed, and giue vs constācie vnder the crosse, that ẅ one cōsent we may all praise thee. 47 Saue vs, ô Lord our God, and a gather vs from among the heathen, that we maie praise thine holie Name, and glorie in thy praise.
48 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israél for euer & euer, and let all the people say, So be it. Praise ye the Lord.

PSAL. CVII.

b The Prophet exhorteth all those that are redemed by the Lord, & gathered vnto him to giue thankes. 9 For this merciful prouidence of God gouerning all things at his good pleasure. 20 Sending good & euil, prosperitie and aduersitie to bring men vnto him 42 Therefore as the righteous therat reioyce, so shal the wicked haue their mouthes stopped.

1 PRaise a the Lord, because he is good: for his mercie *endureth* for euer.
a This notable sentence was in the beginning vsed, as the fote or tenour of the song, ẅ was often times repeted.
2 Let them, b which haue bene redemed of the Lord, shewe how he hathe deliuered them from the hand of the oppresser,
b As this was true in ẏ Iewes, so is there none of Gods elect, ẏ fele not his helpe in their necessitie 3 And gathered them out of the lāds, from the East and from the West, from the North and from the c South.
c Or, from the Sea: meaning the red Sea, which is on the South parte of the land 4 *When* they wandered in the desert & wildernes out of the way, *and* founde no citie to dwell in,
c He sheweth that there is none affliction so grieuous, out of the which God wil not deliuer vs, and also exhorteth them, that are deliuered, to be mindeful of so great a benefite. 5 c Bothe hungrie & thirstie, their soule fainted in them.
6 Then they cryed vnto the Lord in their trouble, *and* he deliuered them from their distres,
7 And led thē forthe by the right way, that they might go to a citie of habitacion.
8 Let them *therefore* cōfesse before the Lord his louing kindenes, & his wonderful workes before the sonnes of men.
d Then ẏ true way to obeie God, is to followe his expresse cōmandement: also hereby all are exhorted to de scēde into thē selues, forasmuch as none are punished, but for their sinnes 9 For he satisfied the thirstie soule, and filled the hungrie soule with goodnes.
10 They, that dwell in darkenes and in the shadowe of death, being bounde in miserie and yron,
e He sheweth that the cause why God doeth punish vs extremely, is becauſe we cā be broght vnto him by none other meanes. 11 Because they d rebelled against the wordes of the Lord, and despised the counsel of the moste High,
12 When he humbled their heart with heauines, *then* they fell downe and there was no helper.
f When there semeth to mā iudgement no recouerie, but all things are broght to despaire, thē God chiefly sheweth his mightie power 13 Then they e cryed vnto the Lord in their trouble, *and* he deliuered them from their distres.
14 He broght them out of darkenes, and *out of* the shadowe of death, and brake their bands a sunder.
15 Let them *therefore* confesse before the Lord his louing kindenes, & his wonderful workes before the sonnes of men.
g Then ẏ haue no feare of God, by his sharp rods are broght to call vpon him and so finde mercie 16 For he hathe broken ẏ f gates of brasse, and brast the barres of yron a sundre.
17 g Fooles by reason of their transgression & because of their iniquities are afflicted.
h By healing thē he declareth his good wil toward them 18 Their soule abhorreth all meat, & they are broght to deaths dore.
i Meaning their diseases, ẃ had almost broght thē to the graue & corruption 19 Then they crye vnto the Lord in their trouble, & he deliuereth them from their distres.
20 h He sendeth his worde and healeth them, and deliuereth them from their i graues.
k Praise and confession of Gods benefits are the true sacrifices of the godlie 21 Let them *therefore* confesse before the Lord his louing kindenes, & his wonderful workes before the sonnes of men,
l He sheweth by ẏ sea what care God hathe ouer man, for in that ẏ he deliuereth thē from the great dangers of the sea, he deliuereth them, as it were, from a thousand deaths 22 And let them offer sacrifices of k praise, and declare his workes with reioycing.
m Their feare & danger is so great 23 They that go downe to the l sea in shippes, & occupie by the great waters,
n When their arte & meanes faile thē, they are compelled to cōfesse that onely Gods puidēce doeth preserue them 24 They se the workes of the Lord, & his wonders in the depe.
o Though before euerie drop semed to fight one against an other, yet at his cōmandement they are as stil, as though they were frosen. 25 For he commandeth and raiseth the stormie winde, and it lifteth vp the waues thereof.
26 They mounte vp to the heauē, & descēd to the depe, so that their soule m melteth for trouble.
27 They are tossed to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and all their n cunning is gone.
28 Then they crye vnto the Lord in their trouble, *and* he bringeth them out of their distres.
29 He turneth the storme to calme, so that the waues thereof are stil.
30 When they are o quieted, they are glad, & he

he bringeth them vnto the hauen, where they wolde be.

31 Let thē *therefore* confesse before the Lord his louing kindenes, and his wonderful workes before the sonnes of men.

32 And let them exalt him in the p Congregacion of the people, and praise him in the assemblie of the Elders.

33 He turneth the floods into a wildernes, and the springs of waters into drienes,

34 *And* a fruteful land into *barrennes for the wickednes of them that dwell therein.

35 *Againe* he q turneth the wildernes into pooles of water, & the drye land into water springs.

36 And there he placeth the hungrie, and they buyld a citie to dwell in,

37 And sowe the fields, & plant vineyardes, which bring forthe fruteful r increase.

38 For he blesseth them, and they multiplie excedingly, and he diminisheth not their cattel.

39 sAgaine *men* are diminished, and brought lowe by oppression, euil and sorowe.

40 He powreth t contempt vpon princes, and causeth them to erre in desert places out of the way.

41 Yet he raiseth vp the poore out of miserie, and maketh him families like a flocke of shepe.

42 The u righteous shal se it, and reioyce, and all iniquitie shal stop her mouth.

43 Who is wise that he maie obserue these things? for they shal vnderstād the louing kindenes of the Lord.

p This great benefite ought not onely to be considered particularly, but magnified in all places & assemblies

*Or, *salteres.*

q For the loue y he beareth to his Church he changeth y ordre of nature for their commoditie

r Cōtinual increase & yearlie.

s As God by his prouidēce doeth exalte men, so doeth he also hūble them by afflictiōs to knowe them selues

t For their wickednes and tyrānie he causeth y people & subiects to contēne them.

u They, whose faith is lightened by Gods Spirit, shal reioyce to se Gods iudgements against the wicked & vngodlie.

PSAL. CVIII.

This Psalme is composed of two other Psalmes before, the seuen and fiftieth & the sixtieth. The matter here conteined is, 1 That Dauid giueth him self with heart and voyce to praise the Lord. 7 And assureth him self of the promes of God concerning his kingdome ouer Israél, and his power against other nacions: 11 Who though he seme to forsake vs for a time, yet he glorie wil in the end cast downe our enemies.

¶ *A song or Psalme of Dauid.*

1 O God, mine heart *is* a prepared, so *is* my tongue: I wil sing & giue praise.

2 Awake viole & harpe: I wil awake early.

3 I wil praise thee, ô Lord, amōg the b people, and I wil sing vnto thee among the nacions.

4 For thy mercie is great aboue the heauēs, and thy trueth vnto the cloudes.

5 c Exalt thy self, ô God, aboue the heauēs, and *let* thy glorie *be* vpon all the earth,

6 That thy beloued maie be deliuered: d helpe with thy right hand and heare me.

7 God hathe spoken in his e holines: *therefore* I wil reioyce, I shal diuide Shechém and measure the valley of Succóth.

8 Gileád *shalbe* mine, *and* Manasséh *shalbe* mine: Ephráim also *shalbe* the strength of mine head: Iuda *is* my Lawegiuer.

9 *Móab *shalbe* my washpot: ouer Edóm wil I cast out my shoe: vpon Palestina wil I triumph. *Psal 60.8.*

10 Who wil leade me into the strong citie? who wil bring me vnto Edóm?

11 f Wilt not thou, ô God, *which* hadest forsaken vs, & didest not go forthe, ô God, with our armies?

12 Giue vs helpe against trouble: for vaine is the helpe of man.

13 Through God we shal do valiantly: for he shal tread downe our enemies.

a Let all the worlde se thy iudgements, in that that thou art God ouer all, & so cōfesse that thou art glorious

b Whē God by his benefites maketh vs partakers of his mercies, he admonisheth vs to be earnest in praier to desire him to continue and finish his graces

c As he hathe spoken to Samuél concerning me, so wil he shewe him self constant, and holie in his promes, so that these nacions following shalbe subiect vnto me.

d He prophecieth of y calling of y Gentiles: for except thei were called, they colde not heare the goodnes of God

e This earnest affection declareth that he is fre frō hypocrisie, and y sluggishnes staieth hī not

*Or, *my glorie, because it chiefly seeketh forthe the glorie of God*

f From y sixte verse of this psalme vnto y last read y exposicion in the threscore psalme, and fifte verse.

PSAL. CIX.

1 Dauid being falsely accused by flatterers vnto Saúl, praieth God to helpe him and to destroy his enemies. 8 And vnder thē he speaketh of Iudas the traitour vnto Iesus Christ, and of all the like enemies of the children of God 27 And desireth so to be deliuered, that his enemies maie knowe the worke to be of God. 30 Then doeth he promise to giue praises vnto God.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.*

1 HOlde not thy tongue, ô God of my a praise.

2 For the mouth of the wicked, and the mouth *ful* of deceit are opened vpon me: thei haue spoken to me with a lying tongue.

3 Thei compassed me about also with wordes of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.

4 For my friendship thei were mine aduersaries, b but I gaue my self to praier.

5 And they haue rewarded me euil for good, and hatred for my friendship.

6 c Set thou the wicked ouer him, and let y aduersarie stand at his right hand.

7 When he shalbe iudged, let him be condemned, and let his d praier be turned into sinne.

8 Let his daies be fewe, and let another take his e charge.

9 Let his children be fatherles, & his wife a widowe.

10 Let his children be vagabunds & begge and seke *bread, comming out* of their places destroied.

11 Let f the extorcioner catche all y the hathe, and let the strangers spoile his labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercie vnto him: nether let there be anie to shewe mercie vpon his fatherles children.

13 Let his posteritie be destroied, & in the generacion following let their name be put out.

14 g Let the iniquitie of his fathers be had in remembrance with the Lord: and let not the sinne of his mother be done awaie.

a Though all y worlde condemne me, yet thou wilt approue mine innocencie, & that is a sufficiēt praise to me.

b To declare y I had none other refuge, but thee, in whome my cōscience was at rest

c Whether it were Doeg or Saúl, or some familiar friēd y had betrated hī, he praieth not of priuate affection, but moued by Gods Spirit, y God wolde take vengeāce vpon him

d As to the elect all things turne to their profite: so to y reprobat euen those things, y are good, turne to their damnation

e This was chiefly accōplished in Iudas, Act 1 20.

f He declareth that y curse of God lieth vpō the extorcioners: who thīking to enriche their children by their vnlawful gotten goods, are by Gods iust iudgement depriued of all

g Thus punisheth the Lord to the third, and fourth generacion the wickednes of the parents in their wicked children

15 But let them alway be before the Lord, that he maie cut of their memorial from the earth.

h He ſheweth ỹ God accuſtometh to plague them after a ſtrange ſort, ỹ ſhewe them ſelues cruel toward other.

16 Becauſe h he remembred not to ſhewe mercie, but perſecuted the afflicted and poore man, and the ſorowful hearted to ſlaye him.

i Thus mueth the Lord to enerie miſ the thing, wherin he deliteth, ỹ the reprobate can not accuſe God of wrõg, when thei are giuen vp to their luſts and reprobat mindes.

17 As he loued curſing, i ſo ſhal it come vnto him, & as he loued not bleſsing, ſo ſhal it be farre from him.

18 As he clothed him ſelf with curſing like a raiment, ſo ſhal it come into his bowels like water, and like oyle into his bones.

19 Let it be vnto him as a garment to couer him, and for a girdle, wherewith he ſhalbe alwaie girded.

k For being deſtitute of mans helpe, he fully truſted in the Lord, that he wolde deliuer him.

20 Let this be the rewarde of mine aduerſarie k from the Lord, and of them, that ſpeake euil againſt my ſoule.

l As ỹ art ꝛa med merciful, gracious and long ſuffring, ſo ſhewe thy ſelf in effect in Meaning: ỹ he hathe no ſtaie nor aſſurance in this worlde

21 But thou, ô Lord my God, deale with me according vnto thy l Name: deliuer me, (for thy mercie is good)

m For hunger, that came of ſorow, he was leane, and his natural moyſture failed hi.

22 Becauſe I am poore and nedie, and mine heart is wounded within me.

23 I departe like ỹ ſhadowe that declineth, and am ſhaken of as the m graſhopper.

n The more grieuous ỹ Satan aſſailed him, the more earneſt & inſtant was he in praier.

24 My knees are weake through faſting, & my fleſh n hathe loſt *all* fatnes.

25 I became alſo a rebuke vnto them: they that loked vpon me, ſhaked their heads.

o The more grieuous ỹ Satan aſſailed him, the more earneſt & inſtant was he in praier.

26 Helpe me, ô Lord my God: o ſaue me according to thy mercie.

27 And they ſhal knowe, that this is thine hand, & *that* thou, Lord, haſt done it.

p They ſhal gaine nothing by curſing me.

28 *Though* they p curſe, yet thou wilt bleſſe: they ſhal ariſe and be confounded, but thy ſeruant ſhal reioyce.

q Not onely in cõfeſsing it ſecretly in my ſelf, but alſo in declaring it before all the cõgregacion.

29 Let mine aduerſaries be clothed with ſhame, and let them couer thẽ ſelues with their confuſion, as with a cloke.

r Hereby he ſheweth ỹ he had not to do wt them, that were of litle power, but wt the iudges and princes of the worlde.

30 I wil giue thãkes vnto the Lord greatly with my q mouthe, and praiſe him amõg the multitude.

31 For he wil ſtand at the right hand of the poore, to ſaue him from them that wolde r condemne his ſoule.

PSAL. CX.

Dauid prophecieth of the power and euerlaſting kingdome giuẽ to Chriſt. 4 And of his Prieſthode, which ſhulde put an end to the Prieſthode of Leui.

¶ *A Pſalme of Dauid.*

a Deſcribe Chriſt in the two & twentie of Mare gueth the interpretacion hereof, & ſheweth ỹ this cãnot properly be applied vnto Dauid, but to him ſelf

1 THe a Lord ſaid vnto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, vntil I make thine enemies thy foteſtole.

2 The Lord ſhal ſend the rod of thy power out of b Zión: be thou ruler in the middes of thine enemies.

3 Thy people *ſhal come* willingly at the time *of aſſembling*: c thine armie in holie beautie: the youth of thy wombe *ſhalbe* as the morning dewe.

b He ſhalbe mighty, & ſhal ſtretch through all the worlde: & this power chiefly ſtandeth in the preaching of his worde.

c By thy worde thy people ſhalbe aſſembled into thy Church, whoſe increaſe ſhalbe ſo abundant & wonderful, as the drops of the dewe.

4 The Lord ſware and wil not repent, Thou art a Prieſt for euer after the ordre of d Melchi-zédek.

d As Melchizédek ỹ figure of Chriſt was bothe King & Prieſt: ſo the effect can not be accompliſhed in anie King, ſaue onely in Chriſt. 2 Chro. 26. 21.

5 The Lord, *that is* at thy right hand, ſhal wounde Kings in the daie of his wrath.

e No power ſhalbe able to reſiſt him

6 He ſhalbe Iudge among the heathen: he ſhal fil *all* with dead bodies, *and* ſmite the e head ouer great countreis.

f Vnder this ſimilitude of a captaine, that is ſo gredie to deſtroie his enemies, that he wil not ſtarue nor drinke by the waie, he ſheweth how God wil deſtroy his enemies.

7 He ſhal f drinke of the brooke in ỹ waie: therefore ſhal he lift vp *his* head.

PSAL. CXI.

1 He giueth thankes to the Lord for his merciful workes toward his Church, 10 And declareth wherein true wiſdome and right knowledge conſiſteth.

¶ *Praiſe ye the Lord.*

a The Prophet declareth that he wil praiſe God bothe priuately & openly, & that from ỹ heart, as he ỹ conſecrateth hi ſelfe wholly & onely vnto God

1 I Wil a praiſe the Lord with my whole heart in the aſſemblie and Congregacion of the iuſt.

b He ſheweth ỹ Gods workes are a ſufficient cauſe, wherefore we ſhulde praiſe him, but chiefly his benefites toward his Church.

2 The workes of the Lord *are* b great, and ought to be ſoght out of all them that loue them.

3 His worke *is* beautiful and glorious, and his righteouſnes endureth for euer.

c God hathe giuen to his people all that was neceſſarie for thẽ, & wil do ſtil euẽ for his couenants ſake, and in this ſenſe the Ebrewe worde is takẽ, Prou. 30, 8 & 31, 15

4 He hathe made his wonderful workes to be had in remembrance: the Lord *is* merciful and ful of compaſsion.

5 He hathe giuen c a portion vnto thẽ that feare him: he wil euer be mindeful of his couenant.

*Or, praie, & ſo it

6 He hathe ſhewed to his people the power of his workes in giuing vnto them the heritage of the heathen.

d As God promiſed to take the care of his Church: ſo in effect doeth he declare himſelfe iuſt and true in ỹ gouernement of the ſame

7 The d workes of his hands *are* trueth and iudgement: all his ſtatutes are true.

8 Thei are ſtabliſhed for euer & euer, and are done in trueth and equitie.

9 He ſent redemption vnto his people: he hathe commanded his couenant for euer: holie and feareful *is* his Name.

e Thei onely are wiſe, that feare God: and none haue vnderſtanding, but thoſe that obey his worde.

10 e The beginning of wiſdome *is* the feare of the Lord: all they that obſerue f them, haue good vnderſtanding: his praiſe endureth for euer.

f To wit, his commandements, as vers. 7.

PSAL. CXII.

1 He praiſeth the felicitie of thẽ that feare God, 10 And condemneth the curſed ſtate of the contemners of God.

¶ *Praiſe ye the Lord.*

a He meaneth thus reuerent feare, which is in ỹ children of God, whereby they ſeruẽ them to delite onely in ỹ worde of God

1 BLeſſed *is* the man, that a feareth the Lord, & deliteth greatly in his commandements.

b The godlie ſhal haue abõdance & contentement, becauſe their hearte is ſatisfied in God

2 His ſede ſhalbe mightie vpon earth: the generacio of the righteous ſhalbe bleſſed.

3 b Riches and treaſures *ſhalbe* in his houſe, and his righteouſnes endureth for euer.

4 Vnto the c righteous ariſeth light in darkenes: *he is* merciful and ful of compaſsiõ and righteous.

c The faithful in all their aduerſities knowe that all ſhal go well with them: for God wilbe merciful and iuſte.

d He sheweth what is ỹ frute of mercie: to lend frely & not for game, & so to measure his doings, that he maie be able to helpe where nede requireth, and not to bestowe all on hi self

e The godlie pinche not nigardely, but distribute liberally, as the necessitie of ỹ poore requireth, & as his power is able

f His power & prosperous estate

5 A good man *is* merciful and d lendeth, *and* wil measure his affaires by iudgement.
6 Surely he shal neuer be moued: *but* the righteous shalbe had in euerlasting remembrance.
7 He wil not be afraid of euil tidings: *for* his heart is fixed, & beleueth in the Lord.
8 His heart is stablished: *therefore* he wil not feare, vntil he se *his desire* vpon his enemies.
9 He hathe e distributed *and* giuen to the poore: his righteousnes remaineth for euer: his f horne shalbe exalted with glorie.
10 The wicked shal se it and be angrie: he shal gnash with his teeth, and g consume awaie: the desire of the wicked shal perish.

PSAL. CXIII.

1 An exhortacion to praise the Lord for his prouidence. 7 In that that contrarie to the course of nature he worketh in his Church.

¶ *Praise ye the Lord.*

g The blessings of God vpon his children shal cause the wicked to dye for enuie

a By this ofte repeticion he stirreth vp our colde dulnes to praise God, seing his workes are so wõderful, & that we are created for the same cause

b If Gods glorie shine through all ỹ world, therefore of all ought to be praised, what great condemnation were it to his people, among whome chiefly it shineth, if they shulde not carnestly extoll his Name?

c By preferrig the poore to high honour, and giuing the barre childe, he sheweth ỹ God worketh not onely in his Church by ordinarie meanes, but also by miracles

1 PRaise, ô ye seruãts of the Lord, a praise the Name of the Lord.
2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord from hence forthe and for euer.
3 The Lords Name is praised from the rising of the sunne vnto the going downe of the same.
4 The Lord is high aboue all b nacions, & his glorie aboue the heauens.
5 Who is like vnto the Lord our God, that hathe his dwelling on high!
6 Who abaseth him self to beholde *things* in the heauen and in the earth.
7 He raiseth the nedie out of the dust, & lifteth vp the c poore out of the dung,
8 That he maie set him with the princes, *euen* with the princes of his people.
9 He maketh the baren woman to dwell with a familie, & a ioyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.

PSAL. CXIIII.

1 How the Israelites were deliuered forthe of Egypt, & of the wonderful miracles, that God wroght at that time Which put vs in remembrance of Gods great mercie toward his Church, who, when the course of nature faileth, preserueth his miraculously

Exod. 14. 21

a That is, frõ thẽ that were of a strãge language

b The whole people were witnesses of his holie maiestie, in adopting them, and of his mightie power in deliuering them

c Seing that theese deade creatures felt Gods power, & after a sorte sawe it, muche more his people ought to consider it & glorifie him for the same

1 WHen a Israél went out of Egypt, & the house of Iaakób from the a barbarous people,
2 Iudáh was b his sanctificacion, & Israél his dominion.
3 The Sea sawe it and fled: Iordén was turned backe.
4 The c moũtaines leaped like rams, & the hilles as lambs.
5 What ailed thee, ô Sea, that thou fleddest? ô Iordén, *why* wast thou turned backe?
6 Ye mountaines, *why* leaped ye like rams, *and ye* hilles as lambs?
7 The d earth trembled at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Iaakób.
8 Which e turneth the rocke into waterpooles, & the flint into a fountaine of water.

d Oght them his people to be insensible, when thei se his power & maiestie?

e That is, caused miraculously water to come out of the rocke in moste abũdance. Exod. 17, 6.

PSAL. CXV.

1 A praier of the faithful oppressed by idolatrous tyrãts against whome they desire that God wolde succour thẽ, 9 Trusting moste constantly that God wil preserue thẽ in this their nede, seing that he hathe adopted and receiued them to his fauour, 18 Promising finally that thei wil not be vnmindeful of so great a benefite, if it wolde please God to heare their praier, & deliuer them by his omnipotent power.

a Because God promised to deliuer them, not for their sakes, but for his Name, Isa 48, 11, therfore they grounde their praier vpon this promes

b Whẽ ỹ wicked se ỹ God accomplisheth not his pines, as thei imagine, thei thinke there is no God.

c No impediments can let his worke, but he vseth euen ỹ impedimẽts to serue his wil

d Seing that nether ỹ matter, nor ỹ forme can commẽd ỹ idoles, it followeth ỹ there is nothig, why thei shulde be estemed

e He sheweth what great vanitie it is to aske helpe of thẽ, which not onely haue no helpe in them, but lacke sense and reason.

f As muche with out sense, as blockes & stones

g For thei were appointed by God as instructers & teachers of faith and religion for others to followe

h That is, he wil continue his graces toward his people

i And therfore doeth stil gouerne & cõtinue all thigs therein

k And thei declare ynough his sufficiẽcie, so ỹ the worlde serueth hi not

1 NOt a vnto vs, ô Lord, not vnto vs, but vnto thy Name giue the glorie, for thy louing mercie *and* for thy trueths sake.
2 Wherefore shal the heathen saie, b Where is now their God?
3 But our God *is* in heauen: he doeth what soeuer he c wil.
4 Their idoles *are* d siluer and golde, *euen* the worke of mens hands.
5 Thei haue a mouth and speake not: thei haue eyes and se not.
6 Thei haue eares and heare not: thei haue noses and smell not.
7 Thei haue e hands and touche not: thei haue fete and walke not: nether make thei a sounde with their throte.
8 Thei that make them are f like vnto thẽ: *so are* all that trust in them.
9 O Israél, trust thou in the Lord: *for* he is their helpe and their shield.
10 g O house of Aarón, trust ye in ỹ Lord: *for* he is their helpe and their shield.
11 Ye that feare the Lord, trust in the Lord: *for* he is their helper and their shield.
12 The Lord hathe bene mindeful of vs: he wil blesse, he h wil blesse the house of Israél, he wil blesse the house of Aarón.
13 He wil blesse them that feare the Lord, bothe smal and great.
14 The Lord wil encrease *his graces* toward you, *euẽ* toward you and toward your children.
15 Ye are blessed of the Lord, which i made the heauen and the earth.
16 The k heauens, *euen* the heauens *are* the Lords: but he hathe giuen the earth to the sonnes of men.
17 The dead praise not the Lord, nether anie that l go downe into the *place of* silence.
18 But we wil praise the Lord from hence forthe and for euer. Praise ye the Lord.

thing but to shewe his fatherlie care toward men

l Thogh the dead set forthe Gods glorie, yet he meaneth here, that thei praise hi not in his Church and Congregacion.

PSAL. CXVI.

1 Dauid being in great dænger of Saúl in the deſert of Maón, perceiuing the great and meſtimable loue of God toward him, magnifieth ſuche great mercies. 13 And proteſteth that he wil be thákeful for the ſame.

1 I [a] Loue ỹ Lord, becauſe he hathe heard my voice *and* my praiers.
2 For he hathe inclined his eare vnto me, when I did call *vpon him* [b] in my daies.
3 *When* the ſnares of death compaſſed me, and the griefs of the graue caught me: *whē* I founde trouble and ſorowe,
4 Then I called vpon the Name of the Lord, *ſaying*, I beſeche thee, ô Lord, deliuer my ſoule.
5 The Lord *is* [c] merciful & righteous, and our God *is* ful of compaſsion.
6 The Lord preſerueth the ſimple: I was in miſerie and he ſaued me.
7 Returne vnto thy reſt, ô [d] my ſoule: for ỹ Lord hathe bene beneficial vnto thee,
8 Becauſe thou haſt deliuered my ſoule from death, mine eies from teares, & my fete from falling.
9 I ſhal [e] walke before the Lord in the land of the liuing.
10 [f] I beleued, therefore did I ſpeake; *for* I was ſore troubled.
11 I ſaid in my [g] feare, All men are lyers.
12 What ſhal I rendre vnto the Lord for all his benefites toward me?
13 I wil [h] take the cup of ſaluacion, and call vpon the Name of the Lord.
14 I wil paie my vowes vnto ỹ Lord, *euen* now in the preſence of all his people.
15 Precious in the ſight of the Lord *is* the [i] death of his Saints.
16 Beholde, Lord: for I am thy ſeruant, I am thy ſeruant, & the ſonne of thine hand maied: thou haſt broken my bonds.
17 I wil offer to thee a ſacrifice of praiſe, & wil call vpon the Name of the Lord.
18 I wil paie my [k] vowes vnto the Lord, *euen* now in the preſence of all his people,
19 In the courtes of the Lords houſe, *euen* in the middes of thee, ô Ieruſalém. Praiſe ye the Lord.

a He granteth ỹ no pleaſure is ſo great, as to fele Gods helpe in our neceſsitie, nether that anie thīg more ſtirreth vp our loue toward him
b That is, in cōuenīēt time to ſeke helpe. ỹ was whē he was in diſtres
c He ſheweth forthe ỹ frute of his loue in calling vpon him, cōfeſsing him to be iuſt & merciful, & to helpe them ỹ are deſtitute of aide & cōſel
d Which was vnquieted before, now reſt vpō the Lord: for he hathe bene beneficial towards thee
e The Lord wil preſerue me, & ſaue my life
f I felt all the ſe things, and therefore was moued by faith to cōfeſſe thē, 2. Cor 4, 13
g In my great diſtreſſe I thoght God wolde not regarde man, ỹ is but lies and vaoitie, yet I ouercame this temtacion, and felt ỹ cōtrarie
h In the Law thei vſed to make a bāket, whē thei gaue ſolēne thākes to God, and to take the cup & drinke in ſigne of thankeſgiuing
i I perceiue ỹ God hathe a care ouer his, ſo that he bothe diſpoſeth their death and taketh an account.
k I wil thanke him for his benefites: for that is a iuſte puniſhement, to confeſſe that we owe all to God.

PSAL. CXVII.

2. He exhorteth the Gentiles to praiſe God, becauſe he hathe accompliſhed his counſel to them as to the Iewes, the promes of life euerlaſting by Ieſus Chriſt.

Rom. 15, 11. 1 All * nacions, praiſe ye the Lord: all ye people, praiſe him.
2 For his louing kindenes is great toward vs, and the [a] trueth of the Lord *endureth* for euer. Praiſe ye the Lord.

a That is, the moſte certeine & cōtinual teſtimonies of his Fatherlie grace.

PSAL. CXVIII.

3. Dauid reiected of Saúl and of the people, at the time appointed obteined the kingdome. 4 For the which he biddeth all them, that feare the Lord, to be thankeful. And vnder his perſone in all this was Chriſt liuely ſet forthe, who ſhulde be of his people reiected.

1 PRaiſe [a] ye ỹ Lord, becauſe he is good: for his mercie *endureth* for euer.
2 Let Iſraél now ſaie, That his mercie *endureth* for euer.
3 Let the houſe of Aarón now ſaie, That his mercie *endureth* for euer.
4 Let them, that feare the Lord, now ſaie, That his mercie *endureth* for euer.
5 I called vpon the Lord in [b] trouble, *and* the Lord heard me, *and ſet me* at large.
6 The Lord *is* with me: *therefore* I wil not feare what [c] man can do vnto me.
7 The Lord *is* with me among them that helpe me: therefore ſhal I ſe *my deſire* vpon mine enemies.
8 It is better to truſt in the Lord, then to haue confidence [d] in man.
9 It is better to truſt in the Lord, then to haue confidence in princes.
10 All nacions haue compaſſed me: but in the Name of the Lord I ſhal deſtroie them.
11 Thei haue compaſſed me, yea, they haue compaſſed me: but in the Name of the Lord I ſhal deſtroie them.
12 Thei came about me like bees, *but* they were quenched as a fyre of thoines: for in the Name of the Lord I ſhal deſtroie them.
13 [e] Thou haſt thruſt ſore at me, that I might fall. but the Lord hathe holpen me.
14 The Lord *is* my ſtrength and [f] ſong: for he hathe bene my deliuerance.
15 The [g] voice of ioye and deliuerance *ſhalbe* in the tabernacles of the righteous, *ſaying*, The right hand of the Lord hathe done valiantly.
16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted: [h] the right hand of the Lord hathe done valiantly.
17 I ſhal not dye, but liue, and declare the workes of the Lord.
18 The Lord hathe chaſtened me ſore, but he hathe not deliuered me to death.
19 Open ye vnto me the [i] gates of righteouſnes, *that* I maie go in to thē, & praiſe the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous ſhal entre into it.
21 I wil praiſe thee: for thou haſt heard me, and haſt bene my deliuerance.
22 *The ſtone, *which* the buylders [k] refuſed, is the head of the corner.
23 This was the Lords doing, & it is marueious in our eyes.
24 This is the [l] daie, *which* the Lord hathe made: let vs reioyce and be glad in it.
25 [m] O Lord, I praie thee, ſaue now: ô Lord, I praie thee now giue proſperitie.

a Becauſe God by creating Dauid King, ſhewed his mercie toward his afflicted Church, ỹ Prophet doeth not onely hī ſelf thanke God, but exhorteth all ỹ people to do the ſame
b We are here taught, that ỹ more ỹ troubles oppreſſe vs, the more ogīt we to be inſtāt I praier.
c Beig exalted to this eſtate, he aſſured him ſelfe to haue mā euer to be his enemie. Yet he doubted not, but God wolde maineine him becauſe he had placed him
d He ſheweth ỹ he had truſted in vaine, if he had put his confidence in man, to haue bene preferred to ỹ kīgdome, & therefore he put his truſt in God & obteined.
e He noteth Saúl his chief enemie
f In ỹ he was deliuered, it cam not of him ſelfe, nor of ỹ power of man, but onely of Gods fauour: therefore he wil praiſe hī.
g He promiſeth bothe to rēdre graces him ſelf, & to taūſe others to do ỹ ſame, becauſe ỹ in his perſone the Church was reſtored.
h So that all, ỹ are bothe farre & nere, maie ſe his mighte power
i He willeth the dores of ỹ Tabernacle to be opened, ỹ he maie declare his thankeful minde

Iſa. 28, 16. mat. 21, 42. act. 4, 11. rom. 9, 33. 1. pet. 2, 6.

k Thogh Saúl and the chief powers refuſed me to be King, yet God hathe preferred me aboue them all
l Whereí God hathe ſhewed chiefly his mercie by appointing me King, and deliuering his Church.
m The people praie for the proſperitie of Dauids kingdome, who was the figure of Chriſt.

26 Bleſſed *be he*, that cometh in the Name of the Lord: [n] we haue bleſſed you out of the houſe of the Lord.

27 The Lord [o] is mightie, and hathe giuen vs light: binde the ſacrifice with cordes vnto the hornes of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I wil praiſe thee, *euen* my God: therefore I wil exalt thee.

29 Praiſe ye the Lord, becauſe he is good: for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

n Which are the prieſts and haue the charge thereof, as Nomb 6,23

o Becauſe he hathe reſtored vs from darkenes to light, we wil offer ſacrifices and praiſes vnto him

PSAL. CXIX.

The Prophet exhorteth the children of God to frame their liues according to his holie worde. 123 Alſo he ſheweth wherein the true ſeruice of God ſtandeth. that is, whē we ſerue him according to his worde, & not after our one fantaſies.

ALEPH.

1 BLeſſed *are* [a] thoſe that are vpright in *their* waie, & walke in the Lawe of ỹ Lord.

2 Bleſſed *are* thei that kepe his teſtimonies, & ſeke him with their whole heart.

3 Surely they woike [b] none iniquitie, *that* walke in his waies.

4 Thou haſt commanded tō kepe thy precepts diligently.

5 [c] Oh that my waies were directed to kepe thy ſtatutes.

6 Then ſhulde I not be confounded, when I haue reſpect vnto all thy commandements.

7 I wil praiſe thee with an vpright [d] heart, when I ſhal learne the [e] iudgements of thy righteouſnes.

8 I wil kepe thy ſtatutes: forſake me not [f] ouerlong.

a Here thei are not called bleſſed, which thinke themſelues wiſe in their owne iudgement, nor which imagine to themſelues a certeine holines, but thei whoſe cōuerſation is without hypocriſie

b For thei are ruled by Gods Spirit and imbrace no doctrine but his.

c Dauid acknowledgeth his imperfectiō, deſiring God to reforme it that his life maie be conformable to Gods worde

d For true religion ſtādeth in ſeruing God without hypocriſie.

e That is, thy precepts, ỹ cōteine perfite righteouſnes.

f He refuſeth not to be tryed by tentatiōns, but he feareth to faint, if God ſuccor not his infirmitie in time.

BETH.

9 Wherewith ſhal a [a] yong mā iedreſſe his waie? in taking hede *thereto* according to thy worde.

10 With my whole heart haue I ſoght thee: let me not wander from thy commandements.

11 I haue [b] hid thy promes in mine heart, that I might not ſinne againſt thee.

12 Bleſſed art thou, ô Lord: teache me thy ſtatutes.

13 With my lippes haue I declared all the iudgements of thy mouth.

14 I haue had as great [c] delite in the waie of thy teſtimonies, as in all riches.

15 I wil meditate in thy precepts, and conſider thy waies.

16 I wil delite in thy ſtatutes, & I wil not forget thy worde.

a Becauſe youth is moſt giuen to licentiouſnes, he chiefly warneth them to frame their liues betime to Gods worde

b If Gods worde be grauen in ỹ heartes, we ſhalbe more able to reſiſt the aſſaltes of Satan: and therefore the Prophet deſireth God to inſtruct him dately more & more therein

c The Prophet doeth not boaſt of his vertues, but ſetteth forthe an exāple for others to followe Gods worde & leaue worldelie vanities

GIMEL.

17 Be benificial vnto thy ſeruāt, *that* I maie [a] liue and kepe thy worde.

18 Open mine eies, that I maie ſe the wonders of thy Law.

19 I am a [b] ſtranger vpon earth: hide not thy commandements from me.

20 Mine heart breaketh for ỹ deſire to thy iudgements alwaie.

21 Thou [c] haſt deſtroied the proude: curſed are they that do erre from thy commandements.

22 Remoue from me ſhame and contempt: for I haue kept thy teſtimonies.

23 [d] Princes alſo did ſit, & ſpeake againſt me: *but* thy ſeruant did meditate in thy ſtatutes.

24 Alſo thy teſtimonies *are* my delite, & my counſelers.

a He ſheweth that we oght not to deſire to liue but to ſerue God, and that we can nor ſerue him aright, except he open our eyes and mindes

b Seing mans life in this worlde is but a paſſage, what ſhulde become of him, if thy worde were not his guide?

DALETH.

25 My ſoule cleaueth to the [a] duſt: quicken me according to thy worde.

26 I haue [b] declared my waies, and thou heardeſt me: teache me thy ſtatutes.

27 Make me to vnderſtand the waie of thy precepts, and I wil meditate in thy wōderous workes.

28 My ſoule melteth for heauines: raiſe me vp according vnto thy [c] worde.

29 Take from me the [d] waie of lying, and grant me graciouſly thy Law.

30 I haue choſen the waie of trueth, & thy iudgements haue I laied *before me*.

31 I haue cleaued to thy teſtimonies, ô Lord: confounde me not.

32 I wil runne the waie of thy commandements, when ỹ [e] ſhalt enlarge mine heart.

a In all ages ỹ haſt plagued all ſuche, ỹ maliciouſly & contempteouſly depart from thy trueth

b When the powers of the worlde gaue falſe ſentence againſt me, thy worde was a guide & counſeler to teache me what to do, & to comfort me.

c That is, it is almoſt broght to the graue, & without thy worde I can not liue

b I haue confeſſed mine offences, and now depend wholly on thee

c If God did not maintene vs by his worde, ô life wolde drop awaie like water.

d Inſtruct me in thy worde, whereby my minde maie be purged frō vanitie & taught to obey thy wil

e By this he ſheweth ỹ we can neither chooſe good, cleane to Gods word, nor runne forwarde in his waie, except he make ô hearts large to receiue his grace, & willig to obey.

HE.

33 Teache [a] me, ô Lord, the waie of thy ſtatutes, and I wil kepe it vnto the end.

34 Giue me vnderſtanding, and I wil kepe thy Law: yea, I wil kepe it with *my* whole [b] heart.

35 Direct me in the path of thy commādements: for therein is my delite.

36 Incline mine heart vnto thy teſtimonies, and not to [c] couetouſnes.

37 Turne awaie mine [d] eyes from regarding vanitie, & quicken me in thy waie.

38 Stabliſh thy promes to thy ſeruant, becauſe he feareth thee.

39 Take awaie [e] my rebuke that I feare: for thy iudgements *are* good.

40 Beholde, I deſire thy commandements: [f] quicken me in thy righteouſnes,

a He ſheweth that he cā not followe on to ỹ end, except God teache him oft times and lead him forwarde

b Not onely in outward cōuerſation, but alſo w̄ inward affection

c Hereby meaning all other vices, becauſe ỹ couetouſnes is the rote of all euil

d Meaning, all his ſenſes

e Let me not fall to thy diſhonour, but let mine heart ſtil delite in thy gracious worde

f Giue me ſtrength to cōtinue in thy worde euen to the end

VAV.

41 And let thy [a] louing kindenes come vnto me, ô Lord, & thy ſaluacion according to thy promes.

42 So ſhal I [b] make anſwer vnto my blaſphemers: for I truſt in thy worde.

43 And take not the worde of trueth vtterly out of my mouth: for I wait for thy iudgements.

44 So ſhal I alwaie kepe thy Lawe for euer and euer.

45 And I wil [c] walke at libertie: for I ſeke

a He ſheweth ỹ Gods mercie and loue is the firſt cauſe of our ſalnacion.

b By truſting in Gods worde he aſſureth hi ſelf to be able to confute the ſclanders of his aduerſaries

c Thei, that ſim ply walke after Gods worde, haue no lets to intangle them, where as thei that do contrary, are euer in nets and ſnares.

thy precepts.

46 I wil ſpeake alſo of thy teſtimonies before [d] Kings, and wil not be aſhamed.

47 And my delite ſhalbe in thy commandements, which I haue loued.

48 Mine hands alſo wil I lift vp vnto thy commandements, which I haue loued, and I wil meditate in thy ſtatutes.

ZAIN.

49 Remẽbre [a] the promes *made* to thy ſeruãt, wherein thou haſt cauſed me to truſt.

50 It is my comfort in my trouble: for thy promes hathe quickened me.

51 The [b] proude haue had me excedingly in deriſion: *yet* haue I not declined from thy Law.

52 I remembred thy [c] iudgements of olde, ô Lord, and haue bene comforted.

53 [d] Feare is come vpon me for the wicked, that forſake thy Law.

54 Thy ſtatutes haue bene my ſongs in the houſe of my [e] pilgrimage.

55 I haue remembred thy Name, ô Lord, in the [f] night, and haue kept thy Law.

56 [g] This I had becauſe I kept thy precepts.

CHETH.

57 O Lord, *that art* my [a] porcion, I haue determined to kepe thy wordes.

58 I made my ſupplication in thy preſence with *my* whole heart: be merciful vnto me according to thy promes.

59 I haue conſidered my [b] waies, & turned my fete into thy teſtimonies.

60 I made haſte and delayed not to kepe thy commandements.

61 The bands of the wicked haue [c] robbed me: *but* I haue not forgotten thy Law.

62 At midnight wil I riſe to giue thankes vnto thee, becauſe of thy righteous iudgements.

63 I am [d] companion of all them that feare thee, and kepe thy precepts.

64 The earth, ô Lord, is ful of thy mercie: [e] teache me thy ſtatutes.

TETH.

65 O Lord, thou haſt delt [a] graciouſly with thy ſeruant according vnto thy worde.

66 Teache me good iudgement and knowledge: for I haue beleued thy commandements.

67 Before I was [b] afflicted, I went aſtraie: but now I kepe thy worde.

68 Thou art good and gracious: teache me thy ſtatutes.

69 The proude haue imagined a lie againſt me: *but* I wil kepe thy precepts with *my* whole heart.

70 [c] Their heart is fat as greaſe: *but* my delite is in thy Law.

71 It is [d] good for me that I haue bene afflicted, that I maie learne thy ſtatutes.

72 The Law of thy mouth is better vnto me, then thouſands of golde and ſiluer.

IOD.

73 Thine hands haue [a] made me and facioned me: giue me vnderſtanding *therefore*, that I maie learne thy commandements.

74 So thei ỹ [b] feare thee, ſeing me ſhal reioyce, becauſe I haue truſted in thy worde.

75 I knowe, ô Lord, that thy iudgements *are* right, and that thou haſt afflicted me "iuſtly.

76 I praie thee that thy mercie maie comfort me according to thy promes vnto thy ſeruant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come vnto me, that I maie liue: for thy Law *is* my delite.

78 Let the proude be aſhamed: for thei haue dealt wickedly *and* falſely with me: *but* I meditate in thy precepts.

79 Let ſuche as feare thee [d] turne vnto me, and thei that [e] knowe thy teſtimonies.

80 Let mine heart be vpright in thy ſtatutes, that I be not aſhamed.

CAPH.

81 My ſoule [a] fainteth for thy ſaluacion: *yet* I waite for thy worde.

82 Mine eyes faile for thy promes, ſaying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am like a [b] bottel in the ſmoke: *yet* do I not forget thy ſtatutes.

84 How manie are the [c] daies of thy ſeruãt? when wilt thou execute iudgement on thẽ that perſecute me?

85 The proude haue [d] digged pittes for me, which is not after thy Law.

86 All thy commandements *are* true: they perſecute me falſely: [e] helpe me.

87 They had almoſt conſumed [f] me vpon the earth: but I forſoke not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me according to thy louing kindenes. ſo ſhal I kepe the teſtimonie of thy mouth.

LAMED.

89 O Lord, thy worde endureth for euer in [a] heauen.

90 Thy trueth *is* from generacion to generacion: thou haſt laied the fundacion of the earth, and it abideth.

91 Thei [b] continue *euen* to this daie by thine ordinances: for all *are* thy ſeruants.

92 Except thy Law had bene my delite, I ſhulde now haue periſhed in mine affliction.

93 I wil neuer forget thy precepts: for by them thou haſt quickened me.

94 I am [c] thine, ſaue me: for I haue ſoght thy precepts.

95 The wicked haue waited for me to deſtroye me: *but* I wil conſider thy teſtimonies.

96 I [d] haue ſene an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandement *is* exceding large.

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d He ſheweth ỹ the children of God oghe not to ſuffer their Fathers glorie to be obſcured by the vaine pompe of princes.

a Thogh he felte Gods hãd ſtil to lie vpon him, yet he reſteth on his promes & comforteth him ſelf therein.

b Meaning the wicked, ỹ cõtemne Gods worde, & tread his religiõ vnder fote.

c That is, the exãples, whereby thou declareſt thy ſelf to be iudge of the worlde.

d That is, a vehement zeale to thy glorie, & indignacion againſt ỹ wicked.

e In the courſe of this life and ſorowful exile

f Euẽ when other ſlepe.

g That is, all theſe benefits.

a I am perſuaded ỹ to kepe thy Law is an heritage and great gaine for me.

b He ſheweth ỹ none can imbrace ỹ worde of God, exceept he conſider his owne imperfections and waies.

c They haue gone about to drawe me into their cõpanie.

d Not onely in mutual cõſent, but alſo with aide & ſuccour.

e For ỹ knowledge of Gods worde is a ſingular token of his fauour.

a Hauing proued by experience that God was true in his promes, he deſireth that he wolde increaſe in hi knowledge and iudgement.

b So Ieremie ſaith, ỹ before the Lord touched him, he was like a calfe vntamed: ſo that the vſe of Gods rods is to call vs home to God.

c Their heart is indurate & hardened, puffed vp with proſperitie & vaine eſtimacion of them ſelues.

d He confeſſeth that before that he was chaſtened, he was rebellious, as mã by nature is.

a Becauſe God leaueth not his worke, that he hathe begon, he deſireth a newe grace ỹ is, ỹ he wolde continue his mercies.

b When God ſheweth his grace towarde anie, he teſtifieth to others that he faileth not them that truſt in him.

"*Eóre.in truth.*

c He declareth, ỹ when he felte not Gods mercies, he was as dead.

d That is, be comforted by mine exãple

e He ſheweth that there can be no true feare of God without the knowledge of his worde.

a Thogh my ſtrength faile me, yet my ſoule groneth and ſigheth, reſting ſtil in thy worde.

b Like a ſkynbottel or bladder that is parched in the ſmoke.

c How long wilt ỹ afflict thy ſeruant?

d They haue not onely oppreſſed me vniuſtly, but alſo craftely cõſpired againſt me.

e He aſſureth him ſelf, that God wil deliuer his & deſtroy ſuche as vniuſtly perſecute them.

f Finding no helpe in earth, he lifteth vp his eyes to heauen.

a Becauſe none ſhulde eſteme Gods words according to the changes of things in this worlde, he ſheweth that it abideth in heauen & therefore is immutable.

b Seing the earth and all creatures remaine in that eſtate, wherin ỹ haſt created them, muche more thy trueth remaineth cõſtant & vnchangeable.

c He proueth by effect, ỹ he is Gods childe, becauſe he ſeketh to vnderſtand his worde.

d There is no thing ſo perfite in earth, but it hathe an end: onely Gods worde laſteth for euer.

MEM.

97 Oh how loue I thy Law! [a] it is my meditacion continually.

98 By thy commandements thou haſt made me wiſer then mine enemies: for they are euer with me.

99 I haue had more [b] vnderſtanding then all my teachers: for thy teſtimonies *are* my meditacion.

100 I vnderſtode more then the ancient, becauſe I kept thy precepts.

101 I haue refrained my fete from euerie euil way, that I might kepe thy worde.

102 I haue not declined frō thy iudgemēts: for [c] thou dideſt teache me.

103 How ſwete are thy promiſes vnto my mouth! *yea*, more then honie vnto my mouth.

104 By thy precepts I haue gotten vnderſtanding: therefore I hate all the wayes of falſehode.

NVN.

105 Thy worde *is* a [a] lanterne vnto my fete, and a light vnto my path.

106 I haue [b] ſworne and wil performe it, ỹ I wil kepe thy righteous iudgements.

107 I am verie ſore afflicted: ô Lord, quicken me according to thy worde.

108 O Lord, I beſeche thee accept the [c] fre offrings of my mouth, and teache me thy iudgements.

109 My [d] ſoule is continually in mine hād: yet do I not forget thy Law.

110 The wicked haue layed a ſnare for me: but I ſwarued not from thy precepts.

111 Thy teſtimonies haue I take *as* an [e] heritage for euer. for they are the ioye of mine heart.

112 I haue applied mine heart to fulfil thy ſtatutes alwaie, *euen* vnto the end.

SAMECH.

113 I hate [a] vaine inuentions: but thy Law do I loue.

114 Thou art my refuge and ſhield, *and* I truſt in thy worde.

115 [b] Awaie from me, ye wicked: for I wil kepe the commandements of my God.

116 Stabliſh me according to thy promes, that I maye liue, and diſapoint me not of mine hope.

117 [c] Staie thou me, and I ſhalbe ſafe, and I wil delite continually in thy ſtatutes.

118 Thou haſt troden downe all them that depart from thy ſtatutes: for their [d] deceit *is* vaine.

119 Thou haſt taken away all the wicked of the earth *like* [e] droſſe: therefore I loue thy teſtimonies.

120 My fleſh [f] trembleth for feare of thee, and I am afraied of thy iudgements.

AIN.

121 I haue executed iudgement and iuſtice: leaue me not to mine oppreſſours.

122 [a] Anſwer for thy ſeruant in that, which is good, *and* let not the proude oppreſſe me.

123 Mine eyes haue failed *in waiting* for thy ſaluacion, and for thy iuſte promes.

124 Deale with thy [b] ſeruant according to thy mercie, & teache me thy ſtatutes.

125 I am thy ſeruant: grante me *therefore* vnderſtanding, that I maie knowe thy teſtimonies.

126 It is [c] time for the Lord to worke: *for* they haue deſtroyed thy Law.

127 Therefore loue I thy commandements aboue golde, yea, aboue moſte fine golde.

128 Therefore I eſteme all thy precepts moſte iuſte, and hate all falſe [d] waies.

PE.

129 Thy teſtimonies *are* [a] wonderful: therefore doeth my ſoule kepe them.

130 The entrance into thy [b] wordes ſheweth light, *and* giueth vnderſtanding to the ſimple.

131 I opened my mouth & [c] panted, becauſe I loued thy commandements.

132 Loke vpō me and be merciful vnto me, as thou vſeſt to do vnto thoſe that loue thy Name.

133 Direct my ſteppes in thy worde, and let none iniquitie haue dominion ouer me.

134 Deliuer me from the oppreſsion of mē, and I wil kepe thy precepts.

135 Shewe the light of thy countenance vpon thy ſeruant, and teache me thy ſtatutes.

136 Mine eyes guſh [d] out with riuers of water, becauſe they kepe not thy Law.

TSADDI.

137 Righteous art thou, ô Lord, and iuſte *are* thy iudgements.

138 Thou haſt commanded [a] iuſtice by thy teſtimonies and trueth eſpecially.

139 * My zeale hathe euen conſumed me, becauſe mine enemies haue forgoten thy wordes.

140 Thy worde is proued [b] moſte pure, and thy ſeruant loueth it.

141 I am [c] ſmale and deſpiſed. *yet* do I not forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteouſnes *is* an euerlaſting righteouſnes, and thy Law *is* trueth.

143 Trouble and anguiſhe are come vpon me: *yet are* thy commandements my delite.

144 The righteouſnes of thy teſtimonies *is* euerlaſting: grante me vnderſtanding, & I ſhal [d] liue.

KOPH.

145 I haue [a] cryed with *my* whole heart: heare me, ô Lord, & I wil kepe thy ſtatutes.

146 I called vpon thee: ſaue me, and I wil

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a He ſheweth ỹ we can not loue Gods worde, except we exerciſe our ſelues therein and practiſe it

b Whoſoeuer doeth ſubmit him ſelf onely to Gods worde, ſhal not onely be ſafe againſt ỹ practiſes of his enemies, but alſo learne more wiſdome, thē they ỹ profeſſe it, & are mē of experience.

c So then of our ſelues we cā do nothing, but whē God doeth inwardely inſtruct vs ẅ his Spirit, we fele his graces ſweter then honie

a Of our ſelues we are but darkenes, and can not ſe, except we be lightened with Gods worde

b So all the faithful ought to binde them ſelues to God by a ſolemne othe and promes, to ſtir vp their zeale to imbrace Gods worde

c That is, my praiers & thākeſgiuing, ẅ ſacrifice Hoſea calleth ỹ calues of the lippes Chap 14 verſ 3

d That is, I am in continual danger of my life

e I eſteemed no wordlie thīgs, but made thy worde mine inheritance

a Whoſoeuer wil imbrace Gods worde aright, muſt abhorre all fātaſies & imaginacions bothe of him ſelf & of others

b And hinder me not to kepe the Law of ỹ Lord

c He deſireth Gods cōtinual aſsiſtance leſt he ſhulde faint in this race, ẅ he had begon

d The craftie practiſes of thē that contemne thy Law, ſhal be brought to nought

e Which infected thy people, as droſſe doeth ỹ metal

f Thy iudgements do not onely teache me obedience, but cauſe me to feare, cōſidering mine owne weakenes, which feare cauſeth repentance.

a Put thy ſelf betweene mine enemies & me, as if thou were my pledge.

b He boaſteth not that he is Gods ſeruant, but herby puteth God in minde, that as he made him his by his grace, ſo he wolde cōtinue his fauour toward him

c The Prophet ſheweth ỹ whē the wicked haue broght all things to confuſion, and Gods worde to vtter contempt, then is it Gods time to helpe & ſēd remedie

d That is, whatſoeuer diſſenteth frō the puritie of thy worde

a Conteining high & ſecret myſteries, ſo ỹ I am moued ẅ admiracion & reuerence

b The ſimple idiotes, ỹ ſubmit thē ſelues to God, haue their eyes opened, and their mindes illuminated ſo ſone as they begin to read Gods worde.

c My zeale toward thy worde was ſo great

d He ſheweth what ought to be the zeale of Gods childrē, when they ſe his worde contemned

a We can not confeſſe God to be righteo⁹, except we liue vprightly and truely, as he hathe commāded *Pſal 69,10. 2.pet 2,1.*

b Golde hathe nede to be fined, but thy worde is perfection it ſelf.

c This is the true trial, to praiſe God in aduerſitie

d So that the life of man without the knowledge of God is death.

a He ſheweth that all his affectiōs & whole heart were bent to God ward for to haue helpe in his dangers.

kepe thy teſtimonies.

147 I preuẽted the morning light, & cryed: *for* I waited on thy worde.

b He was more earneſt in ỹ ſtudie of Gods worde, then they, that kept the watche, were in their charge.

148 Mine eyes b preuent the *night* watches to meditate in thy worde.

149 Heare my voice according to thy louing kindenes: ô Lord, quicken me according to thy iudgement.

Or, cuſtome

150 They drawe nere, that followe after c malice, *and* are farre from thy Law.

c He ſheweth the nature of the wicked to be to perſecute againſt their conſcience

151 Thou art nere, ô Lord: for all thy commandements *are* true.

152 I haue knowen long ſince d by thy teſtimonies, that thou haſt eſtabliſhed them for euer.

d His faith is grounded vpõ Gods worde, that he wolde euer be at hãd when his children be oppreſſed.

RESH.

153 Beholde mine afflictiõ, and deliuer me: for I haue not forgotten thy Law.

154 Pleade my cauſe, and deliuer me: quicken me according vnto thy a worde.

a For without Gods promes there is no hope of deliuerance

155 Saluacion *is* farre from the wicked, becauſe they ſeke not thy ſtatutes.

156 Great are thy tender mercies, ô Lord: quicken me according to thy b iudgements.

b According to thy promes made in the Law, ỹ becauſe the wicked lacke, they cã haue no hope of ſaluacion

157 My perſecutours and mine oppreſſours *are* manie: *yet* do I not ſwarue from thy teſtimonies.

c My zeale cõſumed me, whẽ I ſawe their malice & contempt of thy glorie

158 I ſawe the tranſgreſſours & was c grieued, becauſe they kept not thy worde.

d It is a ſure ſigne of our adoption, whẽ we loue the Law of God.

159 Conſider, ô Lord, how I d loue thy precepts: quicken me according to thy louing kindenes.

e Since ỹ firſt promiſed, euen to the end all thy ſayings are true

160 The e begining of thy worde is trueth, and all the iudgements of thy righteouſnes *endure* for euer.

SCHIN.

a The threateninges & perſecutiõs of princes colde not cauſe me to ſhrinke to cõfeſſe thee, who me I more feare then men

161 Princes haue a perſecuted me without cauſe, but mine heart ſtode in awe of thy wordes.

162 I reioyce at thy worde, as one that findeth a great ſpoile.

163 I hate falſehode and abhorre it, *but* thy Lawe do I loue.

b That is, oftẽ & ſondrie times

164 b Seuen times a daie do I praiſe thee, becauſe of thy righteous iudgements.

c For their cõſciẽce aſſureth them, that thei pleaſe thee, whereas they, that loue not thee, haue the contrarie

165 They, c that loue thy Law, ſhal haue great proſperitie, and they ſhal haue none hurt.

d He ſheweth ỹ we muſt firſt haue faith, before we can worke & pleaſe God.

166 Lord, I haue d truſted in thy ſaluacion, and haue done thy commandements.

167 My ſoule hathe kept thy teſtimonies: for I loue them excedingly.

e I had no reſpect of mẽ, but ſet thee alwaies before mine eies, at ỹ iudge of my doings.

168 I haue kept thy precepts and thy teſtimonies: e for all my waies *are* before thee.

TAV.

a As thou haſt promiſed to be the ſchole-maſter vnto all them, ỹ depẽd vpon thee.

169 Let my complaint come before thee, ô Lord, *and* giue me vnderſtãding, a according vnto thy worde.

170 Let my ſupplicatiõ come before thee, *and* deliuer me according to thy promes.

171 My lippes ſhal b ſpeake praiſe, when thou haſt c taught me thy ſtatutes.

b The words ſignifieth to powre forthe continually.

c All his prayer, & deſire is, to profit in ỹ worde of God.

172 My tongue ſhal intreate of thy worde: for all thy commandements *are* righteous.

173 Let thine hãd helpe me: for I haue choſen thy precepts.

d That is, thy prouident care ouer me, and wherewith ỹ wilt iudge mine enemies

174 I haue longed for thy ſaluaciõ, ô Lord, and thy Law *is* my delite.

175 Let my ſoule liue, & it ſhal praiſe thee, and thy d iudgements ſhal helpe me.

e Beig chaſed to and fro by mine enemies, and hauing no place to reſt in.

176 I haue e gone aſtraye like a loſt ſhepe: ſeke thy ſeruant, for I do not forget thy commandements.

PSAL. CXX.

1 The prayer of Dauid being vexed by the falſe reportes of Sauls flatterers. 5 And therefore he lamenteth his long abode among thoſe infideles. 7 Who were giuen to all kinde of wickednes and contention.

¶ *A ſong of* a *degrees.*

a That is, of lifting vp the tune & riſing in ſinging

1 I Called vnto the Lord in my b trouble, and he heard me.

b Albeit the children of God ought to reioyce, when they ſuffer for righteouſnes ſake, yet it is a great grief to the fleſh to heare euil for wel doing

2 Deliuer my ſoule, ô Lord, frõ lying lippes, *and* from a deceitful tongue.

c He aſſured him ſelf that God wolde turne their craft to their owne deſtruction

3 What doeth *thy* c deceitful tongue bring vnto thee? or what doeth it auaile thee?

d He ſheweth that there is nothing ſo ſharpe to perce, nor ſo hote to ſet on fyre as a ſclãderous tongue.

4 *It is as* the d ſharpe arrowes of a mightie man, and *as* the coles of iuniper.

e Theſe were people of Arabia, which came of Iaphet, Gen 10, 2

5 Wo is to me that I remaine in e Méſhech, & dwell in the tentes of f Kedár.

f That is, of the Iſhmaelites

6 My ſoule hathe to long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

g He declareth what he meaneth by Méſhech, and Kedár: to wit, the Iſraelites which had degenerate from their godlie fathers and hated and contended againſt the faithful.

7 I *ſeke* g peace, and when I ſpeake *thereof*, they are *bent* to warre.

PSAL. CXXI.

1 This Pſalme teacheth that the faithful ought onely to loke for helpe at God. 7 Who onely doeth mainteine, preſerue and proſper his Church

¶ *A ſong of degrees.*

Or, about the mountaines: meaning, that there is nothig ſo high in this worlde, wherein he can truſt, but onely in God

1 I Will lift mine eyes *Or,* vnto the mountaines, from whence mine helpe ſhal come.

a He accuſeth mans ingratitude, ỹ cã not depẽd on Gods power

2 Mine helpe *commeth* from the Lord, which hathe made the a heauen and the earth.

b He ſheweth that Gods prouidence not onely watcheth ouer his Church in general, but alſo ouer euerie mẽber therof.

3 He wil not ſuffer thy fote to ſlippe: *for* he that kepeth thee, wil not b ſlumber.

4 Beholde, he that kepeth Iſraél, wil nether ſlumber nor ſlepe.

c Nether heate nor colde, nor anie incõmoditie ſhalbe able to deſtroie Gods Church: albeit for a time they maie moleſt it.

5 The Lord *is* thy keper: the Lord *is* thy ſhadowe at thy right hand.

6 The ſunne ſhal not c ſmite thee by daie, nor the moone by night.

7 The Lord ſhal preſerue thee from all euil: he ſhal kepe thy ſoule.

d Wharſoeuer thou doeſt enterpriſe, ſhal haue good ſucceſſe.

8 The Lord ſhal preſerue thy d going out, and thy comming in from hence forthe and for euer.

PSAL. CXXII.

1 Dauid reioyceth in the name of the faithful, that God hathe

hathe accompliſhed his promes, and placed his Arke in Zión. 5 For the which he giueth thankes. 6 And praieth for the proſperitie of the Church.

¶ *A ſong of degrees,* or Pſalme *of Dauid.*

a He reioyceth 1 I [a] Reioyced, when they ſaid to me, We wil go into the houſe of the Lord.

Our [b] fete ſhal ſtand in thy gates, ô Ieruſalém.

Ieruſalém *is* buylded as a citie, that is [c] compact together in it ſelf:

Whereunto [d] the tribes, *euen* the tribes of the Lord go vp *according* to the teſtimonie to Iſraél, to praiſe the Name of the Lord.

For there are thrones ſet for iudgement, *euen* the thrones of the houſe of [e] Dauid.

Praie for the peace of Ieruſalém: let thē proſper that loue thee.

Peace be within thy [f] walles, & proſperitie within thy palaces.

For my [g] brethren and neighbours ſakes I wil wiſh thee now proſperitie.

Becauſe of the Houſe of the Lord our God, I wil procure thy welth.

PSAL. CXXIII.

A praier of the faithful, which were afflicted ether in Babylon or vnder Antiochus by the wicked worldelings and contemners of God.

¶ *A ſong of degrees.*

I Lift vp mine eyes to thee, that dwelleſt in the heauens.

Beholde, as the eyes of [a] ſeruants *loke* vnto the hand of their maſters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden vnto the hād of her maſtres: ſo our eyes *waite* vpon the Lord our God vntil he haue mercie vpon vs.

Haue mercie vpon vs, ô Lord, haue mercie vpon vs: for we haue [b] ſuffred to muche contempt.

Our ſoule is filled to ful of the mocking of the welthie, & of the deſpitefulnes of the proude.

PSAL. CXXIIII.

The people of God, eſcaping a great peril, do acknowledge them ſelues to be deliuered not by their owne force, but by the power of God 4 They declare the greatnes of the peril, 6 And praiſe the Name of God.

¶ *A ſong of degrees* or Pſalme *of Dauid.*

a He ſheweth 1 IF the Lord had not [a] bene on our ſide, (maie Iſraél now ſay)

2 If the Lord had not bene on our ſide, whē men roſe vp againſt vs,

3 They had then ſwallowed vs vp [b] quicke, whē their wrath was kindled againſt vs.

4 Then the [c] waters had drowned vs, *and* the ſtreame had gone ouer our ſoule:

5 Then had the ſwelling waters gone ouer our ſoule.

6 Praiſed *be* the Lord, which hathe not giuen vs *as* a praye vnto their teeth.

7 Our ſoule is eſcaped, euen as a birde out of the [d] ſnare of the foulers: the ſnare is broken and we are deliuered.

8 Our helpe *is* in the Name of the Lord, which hathe made heauen and earth.

PSAL. CXXV.

1 He deſcribeth the aſſurance of the faithful in their afflictions. 4 And deſireth their welth. 5 And the deſtruction of the wicked.

¶ *A ſong of degrees.*

1 THei that truſt in the Lord, *ſhalbe* as mount Zión, *which* can not be [a] remoued, *but* remaineth for euer.

2 *As* the mountaines *are* about Ieruſalém: ſo *is* the Lord about his people from hence forthe and for euer.

3 For the [b] rod of the wicked ſhal not reſt on the lot of the righteous, leſt the righteous put forthe their hand vnto wickednes.

4 Do wel, ô Lord, vnto thoſe that be good and true in their hearts.

5 [c] But theſe that turne aſide by their croked *waies*, them ſhal the Lord leade with the workers of iniquitie: *but* peace *ſhalbe* vpon Iſraél.

PSAL. CXXVI.

1 This pſalme was made after the returne of the people from Babylon, and ſheweth that the meane of their deliuerance was wonderful after the ſeuentie yeres of captiuitie foreſpoken by Ieremie chap 25,12. & 29,10.

¶ *A ſong of degrees* or Pſalme *of Dauid.*

1 WHen the Lord brought againe the captiuitie of Zión, we were like them that [a] dreame.

2 Then was our mouth [b] filled with laughter, and our tongue with ioye: then ſaid thei among the [c] heathē, The Lord hathe done great things for them.

3 The Lord hathe done great things for vs, *whereof* we reioyce.

4 O Lord, bring againe our captiuitie, as the [d] riuers in the South.

5 Thei that ſowe in teares, ſhal reape in ioye.

6 Thei went weping and caried [e] precious ſede: *but* thei ſhal returne with ioye and bring their ſheaues.

a He ſheweth 1 *that God was readie to helpe at nede, & that* 2 *there was none other waie to be ſaued, but by his* 3 *onelie meanes.* b *So vnable were we to* 4 *reſiſt* c *He vſeth moſte propre ſimilitudes to expreſſe the* 5 *great danger & the Church was in, & out of & God miraculouſly deliuered them.* 6 7

d *For the wicked did not oney furiouſly rage againſt the faithful, but craftely imagined to deſtroye them.*

a *Thogh the worlde be ſubiect to mutacions, yet the people of God ſhal ſtand ſure & be defended by Gods prouidence.*

b *Though God ſuffer his to be vnder ỹ croſſe, leſt thei ſhulde imbrace wickednes, yet this croſſe ſhal not reſt vpon thē, that it ſhulde driue thē frō hope.*

c *He deſireth God to purge his Church from hypocrites & ſuche as haue no zeale of the trueth.*

a *Their deliuerance was aſ a thing incredible, and therefore toke awaie all excuſe of ingratitude*

b *He ſheweth how ỹ godlie ought to reioyce, when God gathereth his Church or deliuereth it*

c *If the infideles confeſſe Gods wonderful worke, the faithful cā neuer ſhewe thē ſelues ſufficiēt to deliuer his*

ly thankeful d *It is no more impoſsible to God* people, *then to cauſe the riuers to runne in the wildernes and* barren *places.*

e *That is, ſede which was ſcarſe & dere: meaning, that thei which truſted in Gods promes to returne, had their deſire*

PSAL. CXXVII.

1 He ſheweth that the whole eſtate of the worlde, bothe domeſtical and politicall ſtandeth by Gods mere prouidence and bleſsing. 3 And that to haue children wel nurtred is an eſpecial grace and gift of God.

¶ *A ſong of degrees* or Pſalme *of Salomón.*

a *That is, gouerne & diſpoſe all things perteining to ỹ familie*

EXcept the Lord [a] buylde the houſe, thei labour in vaine that buylde it: except the Lord kepe the [b] citie, the keper watcheth in vaine.

b *The publike eſtate of ỹ cōmune welth*

2 It is in vaine for [c] you to riſe early, & to lye downe late, & eat ỹ bread [d] of ſorow: *but* he wil ſurely giue [e] reſt to his beloued.

c *Which watche, & warde, & are alſo magiſtrates, & rulers of ỹ citie*

3 Beholde, children are the inheritance of the Lord, *and* the frute of the wombe *his*

d *Eccles that, ẅ is gotten by hard labour, or*

eaten with grief of minde e *Not exempting them from* labour, *but* ma*king their labours comfortable, and as it were a reſt.*

rewarde.

4 As *are* the arrowes in the hand of the ſtrong man: ſo *are* the [f] children of youth.

5 Bleſſed *is* the man, that hathe his quiuer ful of them: *for* they [g] ſhal not be aſhamed, when they ſpeake with *their* enemies in the gate.

f That is, indued w̄ ſtrēgth & vertues frō God: for theſe are ſignes of Gods bleſsīgs, & not ỹ nōber.

g Suche children ſhalbe able to ſtop their aduerſaries mouthes, whē their godlie life is maliciouſly accuſed before iudges.

PSAL. CXXVIII.

1 He ſheweth that bleſſednes appertaineth not to all vniuerſally, but to them onely that feare the Lord, and walke in his wayes.

¶ *A ſong of degrees.*

1 BLeſſed *is* euerie one that feareth the Lord and walketh in his [a] wayes.

2 When thou eateſt the labours of thine [b] hands, thou ſhalt be bleſſed, and it ſhalbe wel with thee.

3 Thy wife *ſhalbe* as the fruteful vine on the ſides of thine houſe, *and* thy [c] children like the oliue plants round about thy table.

4 Lo, ſurely thus ſhal the man be bleſſed, that feareth the Lord.

5 The Lord out of Zión ſhal [d] bleſſe thee and thou ſhalt ſe the welth of [e] Ieruſalém all the dayes of thy life.

6 Yea, thou ſhalt ſe thy childrens children, *and* peace vpon Iſraél.

a God approueth not our life, except it be reformed, according to his worde.

b The worlde eſteemeth them happie, w̄ liue in welth, and ydlenes: but ỹ holie Goſt approueth them beſt, ỹ liue of the meane ꝑfit of their labours.

c Because Gods fauour appeareth in none outward thig more thē in increaſe of children, he promiſeth to enriche the faithful with this gift. d Because of the ſpirituall bleſsing, which God hathe made to his Church, theſe temporal things ſhalbe granted mate bleſsing were nothing. e For except God bleſſed his Church publikely, tuis pri-

PSAL. CXXIX.

1 He admoniſheth the Church to reioyce though it be afflicted. 4 For by the righteous Lord it ſhalbe deliuered, 6 And the enemies for all their glorious ſhewe, ſhal ſuddenly be deſtroyed.

¶ *A ſong of degrees.*

a The Church now afflicted ought to remēber, how her conditiō hathe euer bene ſuch from the beginning: to be moleſted moſt grieuouſly by ỹ wicked: yet in time it hath euer bene deliuered.

1 THey haue often times afflicted me frō my youth, (may [a] Iſraél now ſay)

2 They haue often times afflicted me from my youth: but they colde not preuaile againſt me.

3 The plowers plowed vpon my backe, *and* made long forrowes.

4 *But* the [b] righteous Lord hathe cut the cordes of the wicked.

b Because God is righteous, he can not but plague his aduerſaries, and deliuer his, as oxen out of ỹ plowe.

5 They that hate Zión, ſhalbe all aſhamed and turned backwarde.

c The enemies ỹ liſt thē ſelues moſt high, and as it were, approche nere to ỹ ſunne, are cōſumed with the heate of Gods wrath, becauſe they are not grounded in godlie humilitie.

6 [c] They *ſhalbe* as ỹ graſſe on the houſe toppes, w̄ withereth afore it cōmeth forthe.

7 Whereof the mower filleth not his hand, nether the glamer his lap:

8 [d] Nether they, which go by, ſay, The bleſſing of the Lord *be* vpon you, *or*, We bleſſe you in the Name of the Lord.

d That is, ỹ wicked ſhal periſh and none ſhal paſſe for thē.

PSAL. CXXX.

1 The people of God from their bottomles miſeries do crye vnto God, and are heard. 3 They confeſſe their ſinnes and flee vnto Gods mercie.

¶ *A ſong of degrees.*

a Beſs in great diſtreſſe and ſorowe.

1 OVt of the [a] depe places haue I called vnto thee, ô Lord.

2 Lord, heare my voyce: let thine eares attend to the voice of my praiers.

3 If thou, ô Lord, ſtraitly markeſt iniquities, ô Lord, [b] who ſhal ſtand?

b He declareth ỹ we can not be iuſt before God, but by forgiuenes of ſinnes.

4 But mercie *is* with thee, that thou [c] maieſt be feared.

c Because of nature ỹ art merciful: therfore the faithful reuerence thee.

5 I haue waited on the Lord: my ſoule hathe waited, and I haue truſted in his worde.

6 My ſoule *waiteth* on the Lord more then the mornig watche watcheth for the morning.

7 Let Iſraél waite on the Lord: for with the Lord *is* [d] mercie, and with him *is* great redemption.

d He ſheweth to whome the mercie of God doeth appertaine: to Iſraél, that is to the Church, & not to the reprobate.

8 And he ſhal redeme Iſraél from all his iniquities.

PSAL. CXXXI.

1 Dauid charged with ambitiō and gredie deſire to reigne, proteſteth his humilitie & modeſtie before God, and teacheth all men, what they ſhulde do.

¶ *A ſong of degrees* or Pſalme *of Dauid.*

1 LOrd, [a] mine heart is not hawtie, nether are mine eies loftie, nether haue I walked in great [b] matters and hid from me.

a He ſetteth forthe his great humilitie, as an example to all rulers and gouerners.

b Which paſſe the meaſure & limites of his vocation.

2 Surely I haue behaued my ſelf, like one waned frō his mother, and kept ſilence: I am in my ſelf as one that is [c] waned.

c He was voide of ambitiō & wicked deſires.

3 Let Iſraél waite on the Lord from hence forthe and for euer.

PSAL. CXXXII.

1 The faithful, grouding on Gods promes made vnto Dauid, deſire that he wolde eſtabliſh the ſame, bothe as touching his poſteritie and the buylding of the Temple, to praie there as was foreſpoken, Deut 12,5.

¶ *A ſong of degrees.*

a That is, with how great difficultie he came to the kingdome, & w̄ how great zeale & care he went about to build thy Temple.

1 LOrd, remēber Dauid with all his [a] affliction.

2 Who ſware vnto the Lord, & vowed vnto the mightie *God* of Iaakób, *ſaying*,

3 I [b] wil not enter into the tabernacle of mine houſe, nor come vpon my palet *or* bed,

b Because the chief charge of the King was to ſet forthe Godsglorie, he ſheweth, ỹ he colde take no reſt, nether wolde go about ante worldelie thing, were it neuer ſo neceſſarie, before he had executed his office.

4 Nor ſuffer mine eyes to ſlepe, nor mine eye lids to ſlumber,

5 Vntil I finde out a place for the [c] Lord, an habitacion for the mightie *God* of Iaakób.

c That is, the Arke, ỹ was a ſigne of Gods preſence.

6 Lo, we heard of it in [d] Ephráthah, & foūde it in the fields of the foreſt.

d The cōmune brute was that ỹ Arke ſhulde remaine in Ephráthah: ỹ is, in Beth-lehem a pleaſiful place but after we perceiued ỹ ỹ wolde ſet place it in Ieruſalém, which was barren as a foreſt & cōpaſſed about onely with hilles.

7 We wil entre into his Tabernacles, *and* worſhip before his foteſtole.

8 Ariſe, ô Lord, *to come* into thy [e] reſt, thou, and the Arke of thy ſtrength.

e That is, Ieruſalém, becauſe that afterward his Arke ſhulde remoue to none other place.

9 Let thy Prieſts be clothed with [f] righteouſnes, and let thy Saintes reioyce.

f Let the effect of thy grace bothe appeare in the Prieſts & in the people.

10 For thy [g] ſeruant Dauids ſake refuſe not the face of thine Anointed.

g As thou firſt madeſt promes to Dauid, ſo continue it to his poſteritie, that whatſoeuer thei ſhal aſke for their people, it maie be granted.

11 The Lord hathe ſworne in trueth vnto Dauid, and he wil not ſhrinke from it,

saiyng, Of the frute of thy bodie wil I set vpon thy throne.

12 If thy sonnes kepe my couenant, and my testimonies, that I shal teache them, their sonnes also shal sit vpon thy throne for [h] euer.

13 For the Lord hathe chosē Zión, & loued to dwell in it, *saiyng*,

14 This is my rest for euer: here wil I dwell, for I haue a [i] delite therein.

15 I wil surely blesse her vitailes, & wil satisfie her poore with bread,

16 And wil clothe her Priests with [k] saluacion, and her Saintes shal showte for ioye.

17 There wil I make the [l] horne of Dauid to bud: *for* I haue ordeined a light for mine Anoynted.

18 His enemies wil I clothe with shame, but on him his crowne shal florish.

h Because this can not be accōplished but in Christ, it followeth that ỹ promes was spiritual

i Meaning, for his owne sake, & not for the plentifulnes of the place: for he promiseth to blesse it, declaring before, ỹ it was barrē

k That is, with my protection, whereby thei shalbe safe.

l Though his force for a time seemed to be broken, yet he promiseth to restore it.

PSAL. CXXXIII.

1 This psalme conteineth the commendacion of brotherlie amitie among the seruants of God

¶ *A song of degrees or* Psalme *of Dauid.*

1 BEholde, how good and how comelie a thīg it is, brethren to dwell euen [a] together.

2 *It is* like to the precious [b] ointment vpon the head, that runneth downe vpon the beard, *euen* vnto Aarons beard, which wēt downe on the border of his garments:

3 *And* as the dewe of [c] Hermón, which falleth vpon the moūtaines of Zión: for [d] there the Lord appointed the blessing & life for euer.

a Because the greatest parte were against Dauid, though some fauoured him, yet when he was establi shed King, at length thei ioyned all togethet like brethren: & therefore he sheweth by these similitudes the commoditie of brotherlie loue

b The ointment was a figure of the graces, which come frō Christ the head vnto his Church

c By Hermón & Zión he meaneth the plentiful countrey about Ierusalém

d Where there is suche concorde

PSAL. CXXXIIII.

1 He exhorteth the Leuites, watching in the Temple, to praise the Lord.

¶ *A song of degrees.*

1 BEholde, praise ye the Lord, all ye [a] seruants of the Lord, ye that by night stand in the House of the Lord.

2 Lift vp your [b] hands to the Sanctuarie, & praise the Lord.

3 The Lord, that hathe [c] made heauen and earth, blesse thee out of Zión.

a Ye ỹ are Leuites & chiefly appointed to this office

b For their charge was not onely to kepe ỹ Temple, but to praie there & to giue God thankes

c And therefore hathe all power, blesse thee with his Fatherlie loue declared in Zión Thus the Leuites vsed to praise the Lord, and blesse the people

PSAL. CXXXV.

1 He exhorteth all the faithful, of what estate so euer thei be, to praise God for his maruelous workes, 12 And specially for his graces toward his people, wherein he hathe declared his maiestie. 15 To the confusion of all idolaters and their idoles.

¶ *Praise ye the Lord.*

1 PRaise the Name of the Lord: ye seruants of the Lord, praise *him*.

2 Ye ỹ stand in the [a] House of the Lord, & in the [b] courtes of the House of our God,

3 Praise ye ỹ Lord: for the Lord is good: sing praises vnto his Name: for it is a comelie thing.

a Ye Leuites ỹ are in his Sanctuarie

b Meaning the people: for the people and Leuites had their courtes, which were places of the Temple separate.

4 For the Lord hathe [c] chosen Iaakób to him selfe, *and* Israél for his chief treasure.

5 For I knowe that the Lord *is* great, and that our Lord *is* aboue all gods.

6 Whatsoeuer pleased the Lord, that [d] did he in heauen and in earth, in the sea, & in all the depths.

7 He bringeth vp the cloudes from the ends of the earth, and maketh the * lightnings with the raine: he draweth forthe the winde out of his treasures.

8 *He smote the first borne of Egypt bothe of man and beast.

9 He hathe sent tokens and wonders into the middes of thee, ô Egypt, vpon Pharaóh, and vpon all his seruants.

10 *He smote manie nacions, & slewe mighty Kings:

11 *As* Sihón King of the Amorites, and Og King of Bashan, and all the kingdomes of Canáan:

12 And [e] gaue their land for an inheritance, *euen* an inheritance vnto Israél his people.

13 Thy Name, ô Lord, *endureth* for euer: ô Lord, thy remembrance *is* from generation to generation.

14 For the Lord wil [f] iudge his people, and be pacified towards his seruants.

15 The [g] idoles of the heathen *are* siluer & golde, *euen* the worke of mens hands.

16 Thei haue a mouth, & speake not: thei haue eyes and se not.

17 Thei haue eares and heare not, nether is there anie breath in their mouth.

18 Thei that make them, are like vnto them: so *are* all that trust in them.

19 Praise the Lord, ye house of Israél: praise the Lord, ye house of Aarón.

20 Praise the Lord, ye house of Leuí: ye that feare the Lord, praise the Lord.

21 Praised *be* the Lord out of Zión, which dwelleth in Ierusalém. Praise ye the Lord.

c That is, hath frely loued the posteritie of Abrahám.

d He ioyneth Gods power w his wil, to the intent that we shulde not separat them: & hereby he wil leth Gods people to depend on his power, & he cōfirmeth by examples. *Ier. 10. 12. exod 12. 29.*

Nom 21. 1. & 24. 33.

e He sheweth what frute the godlie cōceme of Gods power. whereby thei se how he destroyeth his enemies, & deliuereth his people.

f That is, gouerne & defende his people.

g By shewing what punishment God appointeth for ỹ heathen idolaters, he warneth his people to beware the like offence, seing ỹ idoles haue nether power nor life, & ỹ their deliuerance came not by idoles, but by ỹ might tie power of God read psal 115 vers. 4.

PSAL. CXXXVI.

1 A moste earnest exhortation to giue thankes vnto God for the creation and gouernance of all things which stādeth in confessing that he giueth vs all of his mere liberalitie.

1 PRaise ye ỹ Lord, because he is good: for his [a] mercie *endureth* for euer.

2 Praise ye the God of gods: for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

3 Praise ye the Lord of lords: for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

4 Which onelie doeth great wonders: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

5 Which by *his* wisdome made the heauēs: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

6 Which hathe stretched out the earth

a By this repetition he sheweth that ỹ least of Gods benefices bīde vs to thankesgiuing: but chiefly his mercie, w is principally declared towards his Church.

vpon the waters: for his b mercie *endureth* for euer:

7 Which made great lights: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

8 *As* the ſunne to rule the daie: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

9 The moone and the ſtarres to gouerne the night: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

10 Which ſmote Egypt with their firſt borne (for his mercie *endureth* for euer)

11 And c broght out Iſraél from among them (for his mercie *endureth* for euer)

12 With a mightie hand and d ſtretched out arme: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

13 Which diuided the red Sea in two partes: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

14 And made Iſraél to paſſe through the middes of it: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

15 And ouerthrewe Pharaóh and his hoſte in the red Sea: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

16 Which led his people through the e wildernes: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

17 Which ſmote great Kings: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

18 And ſlewe f mightie Kings: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

19 *As* Sihón King of the Amorites: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

20 And Og the King of Baſhán: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

21 And gaue their land for an heritage: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

22 *Euen* an heritage vnto Iſraél his ſeruant: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

23 Which remembred vs in our g baſe eſtate: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

24 And hathe reſcued vs from our oppreſſours: for his mercie *endureth* for euer:

25 Which giueth foode to all h fleſh: for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

26 i Praiſe ye the God of heauen: for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

b This was a cõmune kinde of thãkeſgiuíg, & the whole people vſed, when thei had receiued anie benefite of God, as 2 Chr 7,6 & 20,21: meaning ỹ God was not onely merciful to their fathers, but alſo continued ỹ ſame to their poſteritie

c Gods merciful prouidence toward mã appeareth in all his creatures, but chiefly in that that he deliuered his Church from ỹ thraldome of their enemies

d In doíg ſuch a worke as was neuer done before, nor that anie other colde do

e Where for ỹ ſpace of fortie yeres he ſhewed infinite and moſte ſtrange wonders

f Declaring therby that no power nor auctoritie was ſodere vnto him, as the loue of his Church.

g In our greateſt afflictiõ & ſclaueríe, whẽ we loked for nothing leſſe then to haue had anie ſuccour.

h Seing ỹ God prouideth, cũ for the beaſtes: muche more hathe he care ouer his.

i Seing that all ages haue had moſt plaine teſtimonies of Gods benefites.

PSAL. CXXXVII.

1 The people of God in their baniſhment ſeing Gods true religion decaie, liued in great anguiſh and ſorowe of heart: the which grief the Chaldeans did ſo litle pitie, 3 That thei rather increaſed the ſame daiely with taũtes, reproches and blaſphemies againſt God 7 Wherefore the Iſraelites deſire God firſt to puniſh the Edomites, who prouoked the Babylonians againſt them. 8 And moued by the Spirit of God, prophecie the deſtruction of Babylon, where thei were handled ſo tyrannouſly.

BY the riuers of Babél we a ſate, and there we wept, when we remembred Zión.

2 We hanged our harpes vpõ the willowes in the middes b thereof.

3 Then thei that led vs captiues, c required of vs ſongs and mirth, when we had hanged vp *our harpes, ſaying*, Sing vs *one* of the ſongs of Zión.

4 How ſhal we ſing, *ſaid we*, a ſong of the Lord in a ſtrange land?

5 d If I forget thee, ô Ieruſalém, let my right hand forget *to play*.

6 If I do not remembre thee, let my tongue cleaue to the rofe of my mouth: *yea*, if I preferre not Ieruſalém to my e chief ioye.

7 Remember the children of f Edôm, ô Lord, in the g daie of Ieruſalém, which ſaid, Raſe it, raſe it to the fundacion thereof.

8 O daughter of Babél, worthie to be deſtroied, bleſſed *ſhal he be* ỹ rewardeth thee, as thou haſt ſerued vs.

9 h Bleſſed *ſhal he be* that taketh & daſheth thy children againſt the ſtones.

a That is, we abode a long time: & albeit ỹ the countrea was pleaſant, yet colde it not driue our teares, nor turne vs frõ the true ſeruice of our God.

b To wit, of that countrey

c The Babylonians ſpake thus in mocking vs, as though by our ſilence we ſhulde ſignifie that we hoped no more in God.

d Albeit the faithful are touched with their particular griefs, yet the cõmune ſorowe of the Church is moſte grieuous vnto them, & are ſmitte as thei can not but remember and lament

e The decaie of Gods religion & their countrei was ſo grieuous, that no ioye colde make them glad, except it were reſtored.

f According as Ezekiel 25,13. & Ieremie 49, 7 verſ prophecied: & Abdias verſ 10 ſheweth that the Edomites, ỹ came of Eſau,

g Whẽ thou 13, & 16 verſ moued to fight enemies.

cõſpired with ỹ Babyloniãs againſt their brethren & kinſfolke dideſt viſit Ieruſalém h He alludeth to Iſaies prophecie chap promiſing good ſucces to Cyrus and Darius, whome ambition againſt Babylón: but God vſed them as his rods to puniſh his

PSAL. CXXXVIII.

1 Dauid with great courage praiſeth the goodnes of God toward him, the which is ſo great. 4 That it is knowen to forren princes, who ſhal praiſe the Lord together with him 6 And he is aſſured to haue like comfort of God in the time following, as he hathe had heretofore.

¶ A Pſalme *of Dauid.*

1 I Wil praiſe thee with my whole heart: *euen* before the a gods wil I praiſe thee.

2 I wil worſhip toward thine holie b Temple and praiſe thy Name, becauſe of thy louing kindenes and for thy trueth: for thou haſt magnified thy Name aboue all things by thy worde.

3 When I called, then thou heardeſt me, & haſt c increaſed ſtrength in my ſoule.

4 All the d Kings of the earth ſhal praiſe thee, ô Lord: for they haue heard the wordes of thy mouth.

5 And thei ſhal ſing of the waies of the Lord, becauſe the glorie of the Lord *is* great.

6 For the Lord is high: yet he beholdeth the lowely, but the proude he knoweth e a farre of.

7 Thogh I walke in the middes of trouble, *yet* wilt thou reuiue me: thou wilt ſtretch forthe thine hand vpon the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand ſhal ſaue me.

8 The Lord wil f performe *his worke* toward me: ô Lord, thy mercie *endureth* for euer: forſake not the workes of thine hands.

a Euen in the preſence of Angels & of the, ỹ haue autoritie among mẽ.

b Bothe ỹ Tẽple & ceremonial ſeruice at Chriſts cõming were abolifhed: ſo that now God wil be worſhiped onely in ſpirit and trueth

c Thou haſt ſtrengthened me againſt mine outward & inward enemies.

d All ỹ worlde ſhal confeſſe ỹ thou haſt wonderfully pſerued me, & performed thy promes

e Diſtance of place can not hinder God to ſhewe mercie to his, and to iudge the wicked, thogh thei thinke ỹ he is farre of

f Thogh mine enemies rage neuer ſo much, yet the Lord, ỹ hathe begon his worke in me, wil cõtinue his grace to ỹ end.

PSAL. CXXXIX.

1 Dauid to cleanſe his heart from all hypocriſie ſheweth that there is nothing ſo hid, which God ſeeth not, 13 Which he confirmeth by the creation of man. 14 After declaring his zeale and feare of God, he proteſteth to be enemie to all them that contemne God.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Pſalme of Dauid.*

1 O Lord, thou haſt tryed me and knowē *me.*
2 Thou knoweſt my [a] ſitting & my riſing: thou vnderſtandeſt my thoght a farreof.
3 Thou [b] compaſſeſt my paths, and my lying downe, and art accuſtomed to all my waies.
4 For there is not a worde in my [c] tongue, *but* lo, thou knoweſt it wholly, ô Lord.
5 Thou holdeſt me ſtrait behinde and before, and laieſt thine [d] hand vpon me.
6 *Thy* knowledge is to wonderful for me: it is ſo high that I can not *attayne* vnto it.
7 Whether ſhal I go from thy [e] Spirit? or whether ſhal I flee from thy preſence?
8 If I aſcend into heauen, thou art there: if I lie downe in hel, thou art there.
9 Let me take the wings of the morning, & dwell in the vttermoſt partes of the ſea:
10 Yet thether ſhal thine [f] hand leade me, & thy right hand holde me.
11 If I ſaie, Yet the darkenes ſhal hide me, euen the night *ſhalbe* [g] light about me.
12 Yea, the darkenes hideth not from thee: but the night ſhineth as the daie: [ỹ] darknes and light are bothe alike.
13 For thou haſt [h] poſſeſſed my reines: [ỹ] haſt couered me in my mothers wombe.
14 I wil praiſe thee, for I am [i] fearfully & wonderouſly made: maruelous *are* thy workes, and my ſoule knoweth it wel.
15 My bones are not hid from thee, thogh I was made in a ſecret *place*, & facioned [k] beneth in the earth.
16 Thine eyes did ſe me, when I was without forme: [l] for in thy boke were all things writen, *which* in continuance were facioned, when there was none of them *before.*
17 How [m] dere therefore are thy thoghts vnto me, ô God! how great is [ỹ] ſumme of thē!
18 If I ſhulde counte them, thei are mo then the ſand: whē I wake, [n] I am ſtil with thee.
19 Oh that thou woldeſt ſlay, ô God, [ỹ] wicked and bloodie men, *to whome I ſaie*, Departe ye from me:
20 Which ſpeake wickedly of thee, & [ỹ] thine enemies are lifted vp in vaine.
21 Do not I [o] hate them, ô Lord, that hate thee [p] and do not I earneſtly contend with thoſe that riſe vp againſt thee?
22 I hate them with an vnfained hatred, as they were mine *vtter* enemies.
23 Trye me, ô God, and knowe mine heart: proue me and knowe my thoghts,
24 And conſider if there be anie [p] waie of wickednes in me, and lead me in the [q] waie for euer.

a He cōfeſſeth [ỹ] nether our actiōs, thoghts or anie parte of our life can be hid to God, thogh he ſeme to be farre of.
b So that thei are euidently knowē to thee
c Thou knoweſt my meanig before I ſpeake
d Thou ſo guideſt me with thine hand, [ỹ] I can turne no waie, but where thou appointeſt me
e From thy power and knowledge?
f Thy power doeth ſo faſt holde me, that I can eſcape by no meanes from thee
g Thogh darkenes be an hinderance to mans ſight, yet it ſerueth thine eyes as wel as the light
h Thou haſt made me in all partes & therfore muſt nedes knowe me
i Conſidering thy wonderful worke in forming me, I can not but praiſe thee & feare thy mightie power
k That is, in y mothers wōbe: [ẅ] he cōpareth to the inward partes of the earth
l Seing that [ỹ] didſt knowe me before I was compoſed of ether fleſh or bone, much more now muſt [ỹ] knowe me when [ỹ] haſt facioned me.
m How oght we to eſteme [ỹ] excellēt declaration of thy wiſdome in [ỹ] creaciō of man
n I cōtinually ſe newe occaſiōs to meditate in thy wiſdome and to praiſe thee
o He teacheth vs boldely to contemne all the hatred of the wicked & friendſhip of [ỹ] worlde, whē thei wolde let vs to ſerue God ſyncerely
p Or anie henous waie or rebellious: meaning, that thogh he were ſubiect to ſinne: yet was he not giuen to wickednes and to prouoke God by rebellion
q That is, continue thy fauour towards me to the end.

PSAL. CXL.

1 Dauid complaineth of the crueltie, falſehode & iniuries of his enemies. 8 Againſt the which he praieth vnto the Lord and aſſureth him ſelf of his helpe and ſuccour. 12 Wherefore he prouoketh the iuſt to praiſe the Lord, & to aſſure them ſelues of his tuition.

¶ *Vnto him that excelleth. A pſalme of Dauid.*

1 DEliuer me, ô Lord, from the euil man: preſerue me from the [a] cruel man:
2 Which imagine euil things in *their* [b] heart, & make waire continually.
3 Thei haue ſharpened their tongues like a ſerpent: [c] adders poyſon *is* vnder their lippes. Sélah.
4 Kepe [d] me, ô Lord, from the hands of the wicked: preſerue me from the cruel man, which purpoſeth to cauſe my ſteppes to ſlide.
5 The proude haue laid a ſnare for me & ſpied a net with cordes in my pathwaie, & ſet grennes for me. Sélah.
6 *Therefore* I ſaid vnto the Lord, Thou art my God: heare, ô Lord, the voice of my praiers.
7 O Lord God the ſtrength of my ſaluacion, thou [e] haſt couered mine head in the daie of battel.
8 Let not [ỹ] wicked haue his deſire, ô Lord: [f] performe not his wicked thoght, *leſt* thei be proude. Sélah.
9 *As for* [g] the chief of them, that compaſſe me about, let the miſchief of their owne lippes come vpon them.
10 Let coles fall vpon them: let [h] him caſt them into the fyre, & into the depe pittes, that thei riſe not.
11 *For* [ỹ] backebiters ſhal not be eſtabliſhed vpon the earth: euil ſhal [i] hunt the cruel man to deſtruction.
12 I knowe that the Lord wil auenge the afflicted, & iudge the poore.
13 Surely the righteous ſhal praiſe thy Name, & the iuſt ſhal [k] dwell in thy preſence.

a Which perſecuteth me of malice & without cauſe
b That is, by their falſe cauillacions and lies: thei kīdle [ỹ] hatred of the wicked againſt me
c He ſheweth what weapons [ỹ] wicked vſe, when power & force faile thē.
d He declareth what is [ỹ] remedie of the godlie, when thei are oppreſſed by the worldelings
e He calleth to God with liuelie faith, beīng aſſured of his mercies, becauſe he had before time *proued*, that God helped him euer in his dangers
f For it is in Gods hand to ouerthrowe [ỹ] counſels & enterpriſes of [ỹ] wicked
g It ſemeth [ỹ] he alludeth to Saūl.
h To wit, God: for Dauid ſaw [ỹ] thei were reprobat & that there was no hope of repentaūce in them
i Gods plagues ſhal light vpō him in ſuche ſort, [ỹ] he ſhal not eſcape
k That is, ſhalbe defended & preſerued by thy Fatherlie prouidence & care

Pſal. CXLI.

1 Dauid being grieuouſly perſecuted vnder Saūl, onely fleeth vnto God to haue ſuccour. 3 Deſiring him to bridle his affections, & that he maie patiently abide til God take vengeance of his enemies.

¶ *A Pſalme of Dauid.*

1 O Lord, I [a] call vpō thee: haſte thee vnto me: heare my voyce, when I crye vnto thee.
2 Let my praier be directed in thy ſight *as* incenſe, & the [b] lifting vp of mine hands *as* an euening ſacrifice.
3 Set a watche, ô Lord, before my mouth, & kepe the [c] dore of my lippes.
4 Incline not mine heart to euil, that I ſhulde commit wicked workes with men that worke iniquitie: and let me not eat of their [d] delicates.
5 Let the righteous ſmite me: *for that is* a benefite: & let [e] him reproue me, *& it ſhalbe* a precious oyle, that ſhal not breake mine head: for within a while I ſhal euen [f] praie in their miſeries.
6 When their iudges ſhalbe caſt downe in I ſhal ſe the wicked ſo ſharpely handled, that I ſhal for pitie

a He ſheweth [ỹ] there is none other refuge in ô neceſsities, but onely to flee vnto God for comfort of ſoule
b He meaneth his earneſt zeale & reuerence, [ẅ] he vſed in praier: alluding to the ſacrifices, which were by Gods cōmādement offred in [ỹ] olde Law
c He deſireth God to kepe his thoghts & waies ether from thinking or executing vengeance
d Let not their proſperitie allure me to be wicked as thei are
e He colde abide all correctiōs, that came of a louing heart
f By pacience praie for them.

ſtonie places, thei ſhal g heare my wordes, for thei are ſwete.

7 Our bones lie ſcattered at the h graues mouth, as he that heweth *wood* or diggeth in the earth.

8 But mine eyes *loke* vnto thee, ô Lord God: in thee is my truſt: leaue not my ſoule deſtitute.

9 Kepe me from the ſnare, *which* thei haue laied for me, and from the grennes of the workers of iniquitie.

10 Let the wicked fall into i his nettes k together, whiles I eſcape.

PSAL. CXLII.

1 The Prophet nether aſtonied with feare, nor caried awaie with angre, nor forced by deſperation, wolde kil Saul, but with a quiet minde directed his earneſt prayer to God, who did preſerue him.

¶ A Pſalme *of Dauid, to giue inſtruction, & a prayer, when he was in the caue.*

1 I Cryed vnto the Lord with my voyce: with my voyce I a praied vnto ỹ Lord.

2 I powred out my meditacion before him, & declared mine afflictiõ in his preſence.

3 Thogh my ſpirit "was in perplexitie in me, yet thou kneweſt my path: in ỹ waie, wherein I walked, haue thei priuely laied a ſnare for me.

4 I loked vpon my right hand, & behelde, but there was none that wolde knowe me: all refuge failed me, & none ' cared for my ſoule.

5 *Then* cryed I vnto thee, ô Lord, & ſaid, Thou art mine b hope, & my porcion in ỹ land of the liuing.

6 Hearken vnto my crye, for I am broght verie lowe: deliuer me from my perſecuters, for thei are to ſtrong for me.

7 Bring my ſoule out of c priſõ, that I maie praiſe thy Name: *then* ſhal the righteous d come about me, when thou art beneficial vnto me.

PSAL. CXLIII.

1 An earneſt prayer for remiſsion of ſinnes, acknowledging that the enemies did thus cruelly perſecute him by Gods iuſt iudgement. 8 He deſireth to be reſtored to grace. 10 To be gouerned by his holie Spirit, that he maie ſpende the remnant of his life in the true feare & ſeruice of God.

¶ *A Pſalme of Dauid.*

1 HEare my praier, ô Lord, & hearken vnto my ſupplicacion: anſwer me in thy a trueth & in thy b righteouſnes.

2 (And entre not into iudgement with thy ſeruant: for in thy c ſight ſhal none that liueth, be iuſtified)

3 For the enemie hathe perſecuted my ſoule: he hathe ſmiten my life downe to the earth: he hathe laied me in the darkenes, as thei that haue bene dead d long ago:

4 And my ſpirit was in perplexitie in me, & mine e heart within me was amaſed.

5 *Yet* do I remember the time f paſt: I meditate in all thy workes. *yea*, I do meditate in the workes of thine hands.

6 I ſtretche for the mine hands vnto thee: my ſoule deſireth after thee, as the thirſtie land. Sélah.

7 Heare me ſpedely, ô Lord, *for* my ſpirit fealeth: hide not thy face from me, els I ſhalbe like vnto them that go downe into the pit.

8 Let me heare thy louing kindenes in the g morning, for in thee is my truſt: h ſhewe me the waie, that I ſhulde walke in, for I lift vp my ſoule vnto thee.

9 Deliuer me, ô Lord, from mine enemies: *for* i I hid me with thee.

10 Teache me to k do thy wil, for thou art my God: let thy good Spirit lead me vnto the land of l righteouſnes.

11 Quicken me, ô Lord, for thy Names ſake, & for thy righteouſnes bring my ſoule out of trouble.

12 And for thy mercie m ſlay mine enemies, and deſtroie all them that oppreſſe my ſoule: for I am thy n ſeruant.

PSAL. CXLIIII.

1 He praiſeth the Lord with great affection and humilitie for his kingdome reſtored, and for his victories obteined. 5 Demanding helpe and the deſtruction of the wicked. 9 Promiſing to acknowledge the ſame with ſongs of praiſes. 15 And declareth wherein the felicitie of ame people conſiſteth

¶ A Pſalme *of Dauid.*

1 BLeſſed *be* the Lord my ſtrength, ẅ a teacheth mine hands to fight, & my fingers to battel.

2 *He is* my goodnes & my fortres, my tower & " my deliuerer, my ſhield, and in him I truſt, which ſubdueth my b people vnder me.

3 Lord, what is man that thou c regardeſt him! *or* the ſonne of man that thou thinkeſt vpon him!

4 Man is like to vanitie: his daies *are* like a ſhadowe, that vaniſheth.

5 d Bowe thine heauens, ô Lord, and come downe: touche the mountaines & thei ſhal ſmoke.

6 e Caſt forthe the lightening and ſcatter them: ſhote out thine arrowes, and conſume them.

7 Send thine hand from aboue: deliuer me, and take me out of the great f waters, *and* from the hand of ſtrangers,

8 Whoſe mouth talketh vanitie, and their right hand *is* a right hand g of falſehode.

9 I wil ſing a h newe ſong vnto thee, ô God, & ſing vnto thee vpon a viole, & an inſtrument of ten ſtrings.

10 *It is he* that giueth deliuerance vnto

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g The people, which followed their wicked rulers in perſecuting ỹ Prophet, ſhal repent & turne to God, when they ſe their wicked rulers puniſhed

h Here appeareth ỹ Dauid was miraculouſly deliuered out of manie deaths, as 2 Cor 1,9

i Into Gods nettes, wherby he catcheth ỹ wicked i their owne malice

k So that none of thẽ eſcape.

a Dauids patience & inſtãt prayer to God cõdemneth their wicked rage, which in their troubles ether deſpaire and murmur againſt God, or els ſeke to others, thẽ to God, to haue redreſs in their miſeries.

"Ebr *Was folded or wrapped in wretmeaning, as a thing that wolde haue none yſſue.*

'Or, *ſoghte for my ſoule.*

b Thogh all meanes failed him, yet he knewe ỹ God wolde neuer forſake him

c For he was on all ſides beſet w his enemies, as thogh he had bene in a moſt ſtrait priſon

d Ether to reioyce at my wonderful deliuerance, or to ſet a crowne vpon mine head.

a That is, as ỹ haſt promiſed to be faithful i in thy promes to all that truſt in thee

b That is, according to thy 2 fre goodnes, whereby thou defẽdeſt thine.

c He knewe ỹ 3 his afflictions were Gods meſſingers to call him to repentance for his ſinnes, thogh toward his enemies he was innocent; & ỹ In Gods ſight all men are ſinners

d He acknowledgeth that God is the onelie & true phiſicion to heale him: & that he is able to raiſe him to life, thogh he were dead long ago, & turned to aſhes

e So that onely by faith, & by the grace of Gods Spirit he was vpholden.

f To wit, thy great benefites of olde, & the manifolde examples of thy fauour toward thine

g That is, ſpedely & in due ſeaſon

h Let thine holie Spirit counſel me how to come forthe of theſe great cares & troubles

i I hid my ſelf vnder the ſhadow of thy wings, ỹ I might be defẽded by thy power

k He cõfeſſeth that bothe the knowledge & obedience of Gods wil commeth by ỹ Spirit of God, who teacheth vs by his worde, giueth vnderſtãding by his Spirit, & frameth our hearts by his grace to obey him.

l That is, iuſtly & aright for ſo ſone as we decline from Gods wil, we fall into errour

m Which ſhal be a ſigne of thy Fatherlie kindenes toward me

n Reſigning my ſelfe wholly vnto thee, and truſting in thy protection.

Pſal CXLIIII

a Who of a poore ſhepherd hathe made me a valiant warriour and mightie conquerour

"Ebr *my deliuerer vnto me: for the Prophet can not ſatiſfie him ſelf with any wordes.*

b He cõfeſſeth that nether by his owne autoritie, power nor policie his kigdome was quiet, but by the ſecret grace of God

c To giue vnto God iuſt praiſe is to confeſſe our ſelues to be vnworthie of ſo excellent benefites, & ỹ he beſtoweth them vpon vs of his fre mercie.

d He deſireth God to continue his graces & to ſend helpe for the preſẽt neceſsitie.

e By theſe maner of ſpeaches he ſheweth that all the letres in the worlde can not hinder Gods power, which he apprehended by faith

f That is, deliuer me from ỹ tumultes of them that ſhulde be my people, but are corrupt in their iudgemẽt & enterpriſes, as thogh thei were ſtrangers.

g For thogh thei ſhake hands, yet thei kepe not promes

h That is, a rare & excellent ſong, as thy great benefites deſerue.

Kings, & reſcueth Dauid his [i] ſeruãt frõ the hurtful ſworde.

11 Reſcue me, and deliuer me from the hãd of ſtrangers, whoſe mouth talketh vanitie, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falſehode:

12 That our [k] ſonnes *maye be* as the plantes growing vp in their youth, & our daughters as the corner *ſtones*, grauen after the ſimilitude of a palace:

13 That our [l] corners *may be* ful, *and* abunding with diuers ſortes, *and* that our ſhepe may bring forth thouſands and tẽ thouſand in our ſtreetes:

14 That our [m] oxen may be ſtrong to labour: that there be none inuaſiõ, nor going out, nor no crying in our ſtreetes.

15 Bleſſed *are* the people, that be [n] ſo, *yea*, bleſſed *are* the people, whoſe God is the Lord.

i Though wicked Kings be called Gods ſeruãts, as Cyrus, Iſa 45.1, foraſmuche as he ſerueth thẽ to execute his iudgements yet Dauid becauſe of Gods gifts, and they, that rule godly, are properly ſo called, becauſe they ſerue not their owne affections, but ſet forthe Gods glorie.

k He deſireth God to continue his benefites toward his people, counting the procreaciõ of children and their good educatiõ among ỹ chiefeſt of Gods benefites

l That the verie corners of our houſes may be ful of ſtore for the great abundance of thy bleſsings

m He attributeth not onely the great commodities, but euen the leaſt alſo to Gods fauour

n And if God giue not to all his children all theſe bleſsings, yet he recompenſeth them with better things

PSAL. CXLV.

This Pſalme was compoſed, when the kingdome of Dauid flouriſhed. 1 Wherein he deſcribeth the wonderful prouidence of God, aſwel in gouerning man, as in preſeruing all the reſt of his creatures. 17 He praiſeth God for his iuſtice & mercie. 18 But ſpecially for his louing kindenes toward thoſe that call vpon him, that feare him, and loue him: 21 For the which he promiſeth to praiſe him for euer.

¶ A Pſalme *of Dauid of praiſe.*

1 O My God *and* King, [a] I wil extoll thee, and wil bleſſe thy Name for euer and euer.

2 I wil bleſſe thee daily, and praiſe thy Name for euer and euer.

3 [b] Great *is* the Lord, & moſte worthie to be praiſed, and his greatnes *is* incomprehenſible.

4 Generacion ſhal praiſe thy workes vnto [c] generacion, and declare thy power.

5 I wil meditate of the beautie of thy glorious maieſtie, & thy wonderful workes,

6 And they ſhal ſpeake of the power of thy [d] feareful Actes, and I wil declare thy greatnes.

7 They ſhal breake out into the mencion of thy great goodnes, & ſhal ſing aloude of thy righteouſnes.

8 * The Lord is gracious and [e] merciful, ſlowe to angre, and of great mercie.

9 The Lord is good to all, & his mercies *are* ouer all his workes.

10 All thy workes praiſe thee, ô Lord, and thy Saints bleſſe thee.

11 [f] They ſhewe the glorie of thy kingdome and ſpeake of thy power,

a He ſheweth what ſacrifices are pleaſant & acceptable vnto God: euen praiſe & thãkeſgiuing, and ſeing that God ſtil cõtinueth his benefites towards vs, we ought neuer to be wearie in praiſing him for the ſame

b Herby he declareth ỹ all power is ſubiect vnto God, & ỹ no worldlie promotion ought to obſcure Gods glorie.

c For aſmuche as the end of mans creation, & of his preſeruatiõ i this life is to praiſe God, therefore he requireth, ỹ not onely we our ſelues do this, but cauſe all other to do the ſame

d Of thy terrible iudgemẽts againſt the wicked

Exod. 34.6.

e He deſcribeth after what ſorte God ſheweth him ſelf to all his creatures, though our ſinnes haue prouoked his vengeance againſt all: to wit, merciful not onely in pardoning the ſinnes of his elect, but in doing good euen to the reprobate, though they cã not fele the ſwete comfort of the ſame

f The praiſe of thy power appeareth in all thy creatures: & though ỹ wicked wolde obſcure ỹ glorie of them by their ilfeee, yet ỹ faithful are euer mindeful of the ſame

12 To cauſe his [g] power to be knowen to the ſonnes of men, & the glorious renome of his kingdome.

13 Thy * kingdome *is* an euerlaſting kingdome, & thy dominion *endureth* throughout all ages.

14 The Lord vpholdeth all [h] that fall, and lifteth vp all that are readie to fall.

15 The eyes of [i] all waite vpon thee, and thou gieueſt them their meat in due ſeaſon

16 Thou openeſt thine hand, and filleſt all things liuing of *thy* good pleaſure.

17 The Lord *is* [k] righteous in all his waies, and holie in all his workes.

18 The Lord *is* nere vnto all that call vpon him: *yea*, to all that call vpon him in [l] trueth.

19 He wil fulfil the [m] deſire of them that feare him: he alſo wil heare their crye, & wil ſaue them.

20 The Lord preſerueth all them that loue him: but he wil deſtroye all the wicked.

21 My mouth ſhal ſpeake the praiſe of the Lord, and all [n] fleſh ſhal bleſſe his holie Name for euer and euer.

g He ſheweth ỹ all thigs are out of ordre, but onely where God reigneth *Luk. 1.33. dan 7.14.*

h Who being in miſerie and afflictiõ wolde fainte and fall away, if God did not vpholde them, and therefore they ought to reuerence him, that reigneth in heauen, and ſuffer them ſelues to be gouerned by him

i To wit, aſwel of man, as of beaſt

k He praiſeth God, not onely for that he is beneficial to all his creatures, but alſo in that that he iuſtly puniſheth ỹ wicked, & mercifully examineth his by the croſſe, giuing them ſtrength & deliuering them

l Which onely appertaineth to the faithful: and this verue is contrarie to infidelitie, douting, impacience and murmuring

m For they wil aſke or wiſh for nothing but ſuch thing as is agreeable to his wil, 1 Ioh 5. 14

n That is, all men ſhalbe [illegible] to glorifie him

PSAL. CXLVI.

1 Dauid declareth his great zeale that he hathe to praiſe God. 3 And teacheth, not to truſt in man, but onely in God almightie. 7 Which deliuereth the afflicted. 9 Defendeth the ſtrangers, comforteth the fatherles, and the widowes. 10 And reigneth for euer.

¶ *Praiſe ye the Lord.*

1 PRaiſe thou the Lord, ô my [a] ſoule.

2 I wil praiſe the Lord during my life: as long as I haue anie being, I wil ſing vnto my God.

3 Put not your truſt in [b] princes, *nor* in the ſonne of mã, for there is none helpe in hĩ.

4 His breath departeth, & he returneth to his earth: then his [c] thoghts periſh.

5 Bleſſed *is* he, that hathe the God of Iaakób for his helpe, whoſe hope *is* in ỹ Lord his God.

6 Which made [d] heauen & earth, the ſea, and all that therein is: which kepeth *his* fidelitie for euer:

7 Which executeth iuſtice [e] for the oppreſſed: which gieueth bread to the hũgrie: the Lord looſeth the priſoners.

8 The Lord gieueth ſight to the blinde: the Lord raiſeth vp the croked: the Lord [f] loueth the righteous.

9 The Lord kepeth the [g] ſtrangers: he relieueth the fatherles and widowe: but he ouerthroweth the way of the wicked.

a He ſtirreth vp him ſelf, & all his affectiõs to praiſe God.

b That God may haue the whole praiſe wherin he forbiddeth all vaine cõfidẽce, ſhewing ỹ of nature we are more enclined to put our truſt in creatures, then in God ỹ Creator

c As their vaine opinions, whereby they flattered them ſelues, and ſo imagined wicked entrepriſes

d He encourageth vs to truſt onely in the Lord, bothe for that his power is able to deliuer them from all danger, & for his promes ſake his wil is moſte readie to do it

e Whoſe faith & pacience for a while he tryeth, but at length he puniſheth ỹ aduerſaries, that he may be knowen to be iudge of the worlde

f Though he viſit them by afflictiõs, he is [illegible] yet his Fatherlie loue and [illegible] are ſignes of his loue

g Meaning all them, that are deſtitute of worldelie meanes and ſuccour.

h He aſſureth the Church ſ God reigneth for euer for ſ preſeruatiō of the ſame.

10 The Lord ſhal h reigne for euer: ô Zión, thy God *endureth* from generacion to generacion. Praiſe ye the Lord.

PSAL. CXLVII.

1 The Prophet praiſeth the bountie, wiſdome, power, iuſtice & prouidence of God vpō all his creatures. 2 But ſpecially vpon his Church, which he gathereth together after their diſperſion. 19 Declaring his worde and iudgements ſo vnto them, as he hathe done to none other people.

1 PRaiſe ye the Lord, for it is good to ſing vnto our God: for it is a pleaſant thing, & praiſe is comelie.

a He ſheweth wherī we ogħt to exerciſe our ſelues continually, & to take our paſtime: to wit, in praiſing God

2 The Lord doeth buyld vp b Ieruſalém, & gather together the diſperſed of Iſraél.

3 He healeth thoſe that are c broken in heart, and bindeth vp their ſores.

b Becauſe the Lord is ſ foūder of ſ Church it can not be deſtroyed, thogh ſ mēbers thereof be diſperſed, and ſeme, as it were, for a time to be cut of.

4 He d counteth the nomber of the ſtarres, & calleth them all by their names.

5 Great *is* our Lord, and great *is his* power: his wiſdome is infinite.

6 The Lord releueth the meke, & abaſeth the wicked to the e grounde.

c With affliction or ſorow for ſinne.

7 Sing vnto the Lord with praiſe: ſing vpō the harpe vnto our God,

d Thogh it ſeme to man incredible, that God ſhulde aſſemble his Church, being ſo diſperſed, yet nothing cā be to hard to him, that can nōber & name all the ſtarres.

8 Which f coūereth the heauē with cloudes and prepareth raine for the earth, and maketh the graſſe to growe vpon the mountaines:

e For the more high that the wicked clime, the greater is their fall in the end.

9 Which giueth to beaſtes their fode, *and* to the yong rauens that g crye.

f He ſheweth by the exāples of Gods mightie power, goodnes & wiſdome, that we cā neuer wāt moſte iuſt occaſiō to praiſe God.

10 He hathe not pleaſure in the h ſtrength of an horſe, nether deliteth he in the legges of man.

g For their crying is as it were a confeſſion of their nede, which cā not be relieued but by God onely: then if God ſhew him ſelf mindeful of ſ moſte cōtēptible foules, can he ſuffer them to dye ✠ famine, whome he hathe aſſured of life euerlaſting?

11 *But* the Lord deliteth in them that feare him, and attend vpon his mercie.

12 Praiſe the Lord, ô Ieruſalém: praiſe thy God, ô Zión.

13 For he hathe made the barres of thy gates i ſtrong, *and* hathe bleſſed thy childrē within thee.

14 He ſetteth peace in thy borders, & ſatiſfieth thee with the " floure of wheat.

15 He ſendeth forthe his k commandemēt vpon earth, *and* his worde runneth verie l ſwiftly.

16 He giueth ſnow like wool, & ſcattereth the hoare froſt like aſſhes.

17 He caſteth forthe his yce like morſels: who can abide the colde thereof?

18 He ſendeth his worde and melteth thē: he cauſeth his winde to blowe, & the waters flowe.

19 He ſheweth his m worde vnto Iaakób, his ſtatutes and his iudgements vnto Iſraél.

20 He hathe not dealt ſo with euerie nacion, nether haue they n knowen *his* iudgemēts. Praiſe ye the Lord.

h Thogh to vſe lawful meanes is bothe profitable & pleaſeth God, yet to put our truſt in them, is to defraude God of his honour

PSAL. CXLVIII.

1 He prouoketh all creatures to praiſe the Lord in heauē and earth and all places. 14 Specially his Church for the power that he hathe giuen to the ſame after that he had choſen them and ioyned them vnto him.

¶ *Praiſe ye the Lord.*

1 PRaiſe ye the Lord from the heauen: praiſe ye him in the high places.

2 Praiſe ye him, all ye a his Angels: praiſe him, all his armie.

3 Praiſe ye him, b ſunne and moone: praiſe ye him all bright ſtarres.

4 Praiſe ye him, c heauens of heauens, & d waters, that be aboue the heauens.

5 Let them praiſe the Name of the Lord: for he commāded, and they were created.

6 And he hathe eſtabliſhed them for euer and euer: he hathe made an ordinance, which ſhal not paſſe.

7 Praiſe ye the Lord frō the earth, *ye* e dragons and all depths:

8 f Fyre and haile, ſnowe and vapors, ſtormie winde, which execute his worde:

9 Mountaines and all hilles, fruteful trees and all cedres:

10 Beaſtes and all cattel, creaping things & feathered foules:

11 g Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all iudges of the worlde:

12 Yong men and maidens, alſo olde men and children:

13 Let them praiſe the Name of the Lord: for his Name onely is to be exalted, *and* his praiſe aboue the earth and the heauēs.

14 For he hathe exalted the h horne of his people, *which is* a praiſe for all his Saincts, *euen* for the i children of Iſraél, a people *that is* nere vnto him. Praiſe ye the Lord.

a Becauſe thei are mēbers of ſ ſame bodie, he ſetteth thē before our eyes, wherē we ought the willig hertunto, and by their prompt obedience teache vs to do our duetie

b In that Gods glorie ſhineth in theſe inſenſible creatures, this their beautie is as a cōtinual praiſing of God

c Not ſ there are diuers heauens, but becauſe of the ſpheres and of the ſituacion of the fixed ſtarres & planets, he cōprehendeth by this worde ſ whole heauē

d That is, the raine, which is in the midle region of the aire, which he here compreendeth vnder the name of the heauens

e Meaning, ſ great and monſtruous fiſhes, as whales and ſuche like.

f Which come not by chaunce or fortune, but by Gods appointed ordinance

g For the greater giftes that anie hathe receiued, and the more high that one his preferred, the more bound is he to praiſe God for the ſame, but nether high nor lowe condition of degre can be exempted from this duetie.

h That is, the dignitie, power and glorie of his Church

i By reaſon of his couenant made with Abrahám.

PSAL. CXLIX.

1 An exhortation to the Church to praiſe the Lord for his victorie and conqueſt that he giueth his Saints againſt all mans power.

Praiſe ye the Lord.

1 SIng ye vnto the Lord a new ſong: let his praiſe *be heard* in the Congregacion of Saints.

a For his rare and manifolde benefites beſtowed on his Church

2 Let Iſraél reioyce in him that b made him, and let the children of Zión reioyce in their c King.

b In that that they were preferred before all other nacions, it was as a newe creacio, & therefore Pſal 95, 6. thei were called the worke of Gods hāds.

3 Let them praiſe his Name with the flute: let them ſing praiſes vnto him with the timbrel and harpe.

c For God as he is the Creator of ſ ſoule & bodie ſo wil he ſ both twoſerue him, & ſ his people be

4 For the Lord hathe pleaſure in his people: he wil make the meke glorious by deliuerance.

d He alludeth

5 Let the Saints be ioyful with glorie: let them ſing loude vpon their d beddes.

m As before he called Gods ſecret working in all his creatures his word: ſo he meaneth here, by his worde, ſ doctrine of life euerlaſting, ✠ he hathe left to his Church as a moſte precious treaſure

n The cauſe of this difference is Gods free mercie, which hathe elected his in his Sonne Chriſt Ieſus to ſaluacion: & his iuſte iudgemēt, whereby he hathe appointed the reprobate to eternal damnation.

i He doeth not onely furniſh his Church ✠ all things neceſſarie, but preſerueth alſo the ſame, & maketh it ſtrong againſt all outward force "Ebr fac

k His ſecret working in all creatures is as a cōmandemēt to kepe thē in ordre, & to giue thē moūing & force

l For immediatly & without reſiſting all things obei him

continually ſubiect vnto him as to their moſte lawful King to that continual reſt, and quietnes, which they ſhulde haue, if they wolde ſuffre God to rule them

6 Let the high Actes of God be in their mouth, and a two edged ſworde in their hands,

7 [e] To execute vengeance vpon the heathen, & corrections among the people:

8 To binde [f] their Kings in chaines, and their nobles with fetters of yron,

9 That they maye execute vpon them the iudgement that is [g] writen: this honour ſhalbe to all his Saints. Praiſe ye the Lord.

e This is chiefly accompliſhed in the kingdome of Chriſt, when Gods people for iuſte cauſes execute Gods iudgements againſt his enemies: & it giueth no libertie to ante to reuenge their priuate iniuries f Not onely the people but the Kings, that were their enemies, ſhulde be deſtroyed g Hereby God bindeth the hands and myndes of all his to enterpriſe no farther then he appointeth

PSAL CL.

1 An exhortacion to praiſe the Lord without ceaſe by all maner of wayes for all his mightie, and wonderful workes.

¶ *Praiſe ye the Lord*

1 PRaiſe ye God in his [a] Sanctuarie: praiſe ye him in the [b] firmament of his power.

2 Praiſe ye him in his mightie Actes: praiſe ye hī accordīg to his excellēt greatnes.

3 Praiſe ye him in the ſounde of the [c] trū pet: praiſe ye him vpon the viole and the harpe.

4 Praiſe ye him with timbrel & flute: praiſe ye him with viginales and organs.

5 Praiſe ye him with ſounding cymbals: praiſe ye him with high ſoūding cymbals.

6 Let euerie thing that hathe [d] breath praiſe the Lord. Praiſe ye the Lord.

a That is, in heauen. b For his wōderful power appeareth in ỹ firmament, ẅ in Ebr is called a ſtretchīg out or ſpreading abroad, wherein the mightie worke of God ſhineth c Exhorting ỹ people onely to reioyce in praiſing God, he maketh mēcion of thoſe inſtruments, ẅ by Gods cōmādemēt were appointed in the olde Law, but vnder Chriſt the vſe thereof is aboliſhed in the Church d He ſheweth that all the ordre of nature is bound to this duetie, and muche more Gods childrē, who ought neuer to ceaſe to praiſe him, til they be gathered into that kingdome, which he hathe prepared for his, where they ſhal ſīg euerlaſting praiſe.

THE *PROVERBES of Salomón.

*This worde Prouerbe, or Parable ſignifieth a graue & notable ſentēce, worthie to be kept in memorie: and is ſometime taken in the euil parte for a mocke, or ſcoffe.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe wonderful loue of God toward his Church is declared in this boke: foraſmuche as the ſumme and effect of the whole Scriptures is here ſet forthe in theſe briefe ſentences, which partely conteine doctrine, and partely maners, and alſo exhortacions to bothe. Whereof the nine firſt chapters are as a preface ful of graue ſentences, and depe myſteries, to allure the haerts of men to the diligent reading of the parables that follow: which are left as a moſte precious iewel to the Churche, of thoſe thre thouſand parables mencioned 1. King. 4, 32, and were gathered and commit to writing by Salomons ſeruants and indited by him.

CHAP. I.

1 The power and vſe of the worde of God 7 Of the feare of God and knowledge of his worde 10 We may not conſent to the entiſings of ſinners 20 Wiſdome complaineth that ſhe is contemned. 24 The puniſhment of them that contemne her.

1 THe Parables of Salomón the ſonne of Dauid King of Iſraél,

2 To knowe wiſdome, [a] & inſtruction, to vnderſtand the wordes of knowledge,

3 To receiue [c] inſtruction to do wiſely, *by* [d] iuſtice and iudgement and equitie,

4 To giue vnto the [e] ſimple ſharpenes of wit, & to the childe knowledge and diſcretion.

5 A wiſe man ſhal heare and increaſe in learning, and a man of [f] vnderſtanding, ſhal atteine vnto wiſe counſels,

6 To vnderſtand a parable, and the interpretation, the wordes of the wiſe, & their darke ſayings.

7 ¶ *The feare of ỹ Lord is ỹ beginnīg of knowledge: but fooles deſpiſe wiſdome & inſtruction.

a That is, what we oght to knowe & followe, & what we oght to refuſe b Meaning the worde of God wherein is the onelie true knowledge c To learne to ſubmit our ſelues to the correction of thoſe that are wiſe d By liuing iuſtely and rendring to euery man that ẅ apperteineth vnto him e To muche as haue not diſcretion to rule them ſelues f As he ſheweth ỹ theſe parables conteining the effect of religion astouching maners & do at time do apperteine to the ſimple people: ſo doeth he declare that the ſame is alſo acceſſarie for them that are wiſe and learned *Pſal. 111, 10. eccl 1, 16

8 My ſonne, heare thy [g] fathers inſtruction, and forſake not thy [h] mothers teaching.

9 For they ſhalbe "a comelie ornament vnto thine head, and *as* chaines for thy necke.

10 ¶ My ſonne, [i] if ſinners do intiſe thee, conſent thou not.

11 If they ſay, Come with vs, we wil lay wait for [k] blood, & lie priuelie for the innocent without a cauſe:

12 We wil ſwallow thē vp aliue like a [l] graue euen whole, as thoſe that go downe into the pit:

13 We ſhal finde all precious riches, & fil our houſes with ſpoile:

14 Caſt in thy lot among vs: we wil all haue one [m] purſe:

15 My ſonne, walke not thou in the way with them: reframe thy fote from their [n] path.

16 For their fete runne to euil, & make haſt to ſhed blood.

17 Certeinly *as* without cauſe the net is ſpred before ỹ eyes of all that hathe wing:

18 So they laye wait for blood & lie priuelie for [o] their liues.

g He ſpeaketh this in ỹ Name of God, ẅ is the vniuerſal Father of all creatures, or in the Name of the paſtor of ỹ Churche, who is as a father h That is, of ỹ Church, wherein the faithful are begotten by the incorruptible ſede of Gods worde. "Ebr. *increaſe of grace* i To wit, the wicked, which haue not the feare of God. k He ſpeaketh not onely of ỹ ſheding of blood with hand, but of all craftie practiſes which tēde to the detriment of our neighbour. l As the graue is neuer ſatiat ſo the auarice of the wicked and their cruelte hathe none end m He ſheweth whereby the wicked are allured to ioyne together, becauſe they haue euerie one parce of the ſpoile of the innocent n That is, haue nothing at all to do with them o He ſheweth that there is no cauſe to moue theſe wicked to ſpoile the innocent, but their auarice and cruelte.

19 Suche *are* the wayes of euerie one that is gredie of gaine: he wolde take away the p life of the owners thereof.

20 ¶ q Wiſdome crieth without: ſhe vttereth her voyce in the r ſtretes.

21 She calleth in the hye *ſtrete among* the preaſe in the entrings of the gates, & vttereth her wordes in the citie, *ſaying*,

22 O ye ſ fooliſh, how long wil ye loue fooliſhnes? & the ſkorneful take their pleaſure in ſkorning, & the fooles hate knowledge?

23 (Turne you at my correction: lo, I wil powre out my minde vnto you, & make you vnderſtand my wordes)

24 Becauſe I haue called, and ye refuſed: I haue ſtretched out mine hand, and none wolde regarde.

25 But ye haue deſpiſed all my counſel, & wolde none of my correction.

26 I wil alſo t laugh at your deſtruction, *and* mocke, when your feare cometh.

27 When u your feare cometh like *ſudden* deſolation, and your deſtruction ſhal come, like a whirle winde: when affliction & anguiſh ſhal come vpon you,

28 Then ſhal they call vpon me, but I wil not anſwer: they ſhal ſeke me early, but they ſhal not x finde me,

29 Becauſe they hated knowledge, and did not chuſe the feare of the Lord.

30 Thei wolde none of my coũſel, *but* y deſpiſed all my correction.

31 Therefore ſhal they eat of the z fruite of their owne way, and be filled with their owne deuiſes.

32 For a eaſe ſlayeth the fooliſh, and the proſperitie of fooles deſtroyeth them.

33 But he that obeieth me, ſhal dwell ſafely, & be quiet from feare of euil.

CHAP. II.

1 Wiſdome exhorteth to obey her. 5 She teacheth the feare of God. 6 She is giuen of God. 10 She preſerueth from wickednes.

1 MY ſonne, if thou wilt receiue my wordes, and a hide my commandements within thee,

2 And cauſe thine eares to hearken vnto wiſdome, & encline b thine heart to vnderſtanding,

3 (For if thou calleſt after knowledge, c & cryeſt for vnderſtanding:

4 If thou ſekeſt her as ſiluer, and ſearcheſt for her as for d treaſures,

5 Then ſhalt thou vnderſtand the feare of the Lord, and finde the e knowledge of God.

6 For the Lord giueth wiſdome, out of his mouth *commeth* knowledge and vnderſtanding.

7 He f preſerueth the ſtate of ỹ righteous: *he is* a ſhield to them that walke vprightly,

8 That they may kepe the wayes of iudgement: and he preſerueth the way of his Saincts)

9 Then ſhalt thou vnderſtand righteouſnes, and iudgement, and equitie, & euerie good path.

10 ¶ Whẽ wiſdome entreth into thine heart, and knowledge deliteth thy ſoule,

11 *Then* ſhal f counſel preſerue thee, & vnderſtanding ſhal kepe thee,

12 And deliuer thee from the euil way, *and* from the man that ſpeaketh froward things,

13 *And from* them that leaue the g waies of righteouſnes to walke in the waies of darkenes:

14 Which reioyce in doing euil, & delite h in the frowardnes of the wicked,

15 Whoſe waies are croked and they are lewde in their paths.

16 And it ſhal deliuer thee from the ſtrange i woman, *euen* from the ſtranger, which flattereth with her wordes.

17 Which forſaketh the k guide of her youth, and forgetteth the l couenant of her God.

18 Surely her m houſe tendeth to death, & her paths vnto n the dead.

19 All thei that go vnto her, returne not againe, neither take they holde of the waies of life.

20 Therefore walke thou in the waie of good men, & kepe the waies of the righteous.

21 For the iuſt ſhal dwell in the o land, and the vpright men ſhal remaine in it.

22 But the wicked ſhalbe cut of from the earth and the tranſgreſſers ſhalbe rooted out of it.

CHAP. III.

1 The worde of God giueth life 5 Truſt in God 7 Feare him. 9 Honour him. 11 Suffre his correction. 22 To them that follow the worde of God, all things ſhal ſuccede wel.

1 MY ſonne, forget not thou my Law, but let thine heart kepe my commãdements.

2 For thei ſhal increaſe the length of thy a daies and the yers of life, and *thy* proſperitie.

3 Let not b mercie and trueth forſake thee: binde them on thy c necke, & write them vpon the table of thine d heart.

4 So ſhalt thou finde fauour and good vnderſtanding in the ſight of God and man.

5 ¶ Truſt in the Lord with all thine heart, and leane not vnto thine owne wiſdome.

6 In all thy waies acknowledge him, and he ſhal direct thy waies.

7 ¶ Be not wiſe in thine owne eyes: *but* feare the Lord, and departe from euil.

8 *So* health ſhalbe vnto thy e nauel, and marow

p Whereby he concludeth ỹ the couetous man is a murtherer

q This wiſdome is the eternal worde of God

r So that none can pretend ignorance.

ſ Wiſdome reproueth thre kindes of mẽ: the fooliſh or ſimple, which erre of ignorãce, and ỹ mockers, that can not ſuffer to be taught, & ỹ fooles which are drowned in worldelie luſtes, & hate the knowledge of godlines

t This is ſpoken according to our capacitie, ſignifying that the wicked, ẅ mocke & ieſt at Gods worde, ſhal haue the iuſte rewarde of their mocking.

u That is, your deſtruction, ẅ thing you feared

x Becauſe thei ſoght not with an affection to God, but for eaſe of their owne grief

y Shewing ỹ without faith and obedience we cã not call vpon God aright.

z They ſhal feele what cõmoditie their wicked life ſhal giue thẽ.

a That is the proſperitie, & ſenſualitie, wherein they delite.

a That is, kepe them in thine heart.

b If thou giue thy ſelf to the true knowledge of God without hypocriſie

c Meaning, ỹ we muſt ſeke the knowledge of God with care and diligence.

d Shewing ỹ no labour muſt be ſpared

e This ſayeth he, is the true wiſdome to knowe, & feare God

f Or, braeth the ſalnacion.

f The worde of God ſhal teache thee & counſel thee how to gouerne thy ſelf

g That is, the worde of God, ẅ is the onelie light, to ſtoppe their owne fantaſies ẅ are darkenes

h Whẽ thei ſe anie giuen to euil as thei are

i Meanig, that wiſdome, ẅ is the worde of God, ſhal preſerue vs from all vices: naming this vice of whoredome wherevñ to mã is moſte prone

k That is, her houſband, ẅ is her head & guide to gouerne her, frõ whome ſhe ought not to departe, but remaine in his iubiection

l Which is, the promes made in mariage

m Her acquiſitance ẅ her familiars & thẽ that hante her.

n To thẽ that are dead in bodie and ſoule.

o They ſhal enioye the tẽporal & ſpiritual promiſes of God, as ỹ wicked ſhalbe voyde of them.

Deut 8, 1. & 30, 16

a Lõg life is ỹ bleſsig of God ẅ he giueth to his, ſo farre forthe as it is expedient for them.

b By mercie & trueth, he meaneth the commandements of the firſt & ſecõd table: or els the mercie & faithfulnes ỹ we oght to vſe towarde our neighbours

c Kepe thẽ as a moſte precious iewel

d Haue them euer in remembrance

e By this part he comprehẽdeth the whole bodie, as by health he meaneth all the benefites promiſed in the Law both corporal and ſpiritual.

marow vnto thy bones.

9 f Honour the Lord with thy riches, and with the firſt *fruites* of all thine increaſe.

10 So ſhal thy barnes be filled with abundance, and thy preſſes ſhal g burſt with newe wine.

11 ¶ My ſonne, refuſe not the chaſtening of ỹ Lord, nether be grieued with his correction.

12 *For ỹ Lord correcteth him, whome he loueth, euẽ as the father *doeth* the childe in *whome* he deliteth.

13 Bleſſed *is* the man that findeth wiſdome, and the man that getteth vnderſtanding.

14 For the marchandiſe thereof is better then the marchandiſe of ſiluer, and the gaine thereof *is better* then golde.

15 It is more precious then pearls: and all things that thou canſt deſire, are not to be compared vnto her.

16 Length of daies *is* in her right hand, h & in her left hand riches and glorie.

17 Her waies *are* waies of pleaſure, and all her paths proſperitie.

18 She is a tree i of life to them that laie holde on her, and bleſſed *is* he that reteineth her.

19 The Lord k by wiſdome hathe laied the fundacion of the earth, and hathe ſtabliſhed the heauens through vnderſtanding.

20 By his knowledge the deapths are broken vp, and the cloudes droppe downe the dewe.

21 My ſonne, let not *theſe things* departe frõ thine eies, *but* obſerue wiſdome, and counſel.

22 So thei ſhalbe life to thy ſoule, and grace vnto thy l necke.

23 Thẽ ſhalt thou walke ſafely by thy waie: and thy fote ſhal not ſtumble.

24 If ỹ m ſleapeſt, thou ſhalt not be afraied, and when thou ſlepeſt, thy ſlepe ſhalbe ſwete.

25 Thou ſhalt not feare for *anie* ſuddẽ feare, nether for the n deſtruction of the wicked, when it cometh.

26 For the Lord ſhal be for thine aſſuiance, & ſhal preſerue thy fote from taking.

27 ¶ Withholde not the good from o the owners thereof, thogh there be power in thine hand to do it.

28 Saie not vnto thy neighbour, Go & come againe, and to morowe wil I giue *thee*, if thou *now* haue it.

29 ¶ Intẽde none hurt agaīſt thy neighbour, ſeing he doeth dwell p without feare by thee.

30 ¶ Striue not with a man cauſeles, when he hathe done thee no harme.

31 ¶ Be not q enuious for the wicked man, nether chuſe anie of his waies.

32 For the froward *is* abominacion vnto the Lord: but his r ſecret *is* with the righteous.

33 The curſe of the Lord *is* in the houſe of the wicked: but he bleſſeth the habitation of the righteous.

34 With the ſkorneful s he ſkorneth, but he giueth grace vnto the humble.

35 The wiſe ſhal inherite glorie: but fooles diſhonour, *thogh* they be exalted.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Wiſdome and her frutes oght to be ſearched 14 The way of the wicked muſt be refuſed 20 By the worde of God the heart, eyes and courſe of life muſt be guided

1 HEare, ô ye children, the inſtruction of a t father, and giue eare to learne vnderſtanding.

2 For I do giue you a good doctrine: *therefore* forſake ye not my law.

3 For I was my fathers ſonne, tender and u dere in the ſight of my mother,

4 When he x taught me, and ſaid vnto me, Let thine heart holde faſt my wordes: kepe my commandements, and thou ſhalt liue.

5 Get wiſdome: get vnderſtanding: forget not, nether decline from the wordes of my mouth.

6 Forſake her not, and ſhe ſhal kepe thee: loue her and ſhe ſhal preſerue thee.

7 y Wiſdome *is* the beginning: get wiſdome *therefore*: and aboue all thy poſſeſſion get vnderſtanding.

8 Exalt her, and ſhe ſhal exalt thee: ſhe ſhal bring thee to honour, if thou embrace her.

9 She ſhal giue a comelie ornament vnto thine head, *yea*, ſhe ſhal giue thee a crowne of glorie.

10 ¶ Heare my ſonne, and receiue my wordes, and the yeres of thy life ſhalbe manie.

11 I haue z taught thee in the waie of wiſdome, *and* led thee in the paths of righteouſnes.

12 When thou goeſt, thy gate ſhal not be a ſtrait, and when thou runneſt, thou ſhalt not fall.

13 Take holde of inſtruction, & leaue not: kepe her, for ſhe is thy life.

14 ¶ Entre not into the way of the wicked, & walke not in the waie of euil men.

15 Auoide it & go not by it: turne from it, & paſſe by.

16 For thei can not b ſlepe, except thei haue done euil, and their ſlepe departeth, except thei cauſe *ſome* to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of c wickednes, and drinke the wine of violence.

18 But the way of ỹ righteous ſhineth as the light, that d ſhineth more and more vn-

f As was commanded in the lawe, Exod 23, 19 deut. 26, 2 & by this thei acknowledged that God was the giuer of all things, and that thei were ready to beſtowe all at his cõmandement

g For to the faithful diſtributer God giueth in greater abundance *Ebr. 12, 5 Peuel 3, 17.*

h Meaning ỹ he that ſeketh wiſdome: that is, ſuffreth him ſelf to be gouerned by the worde of God, ſhal haue all ỹ heritte both corporal and ſpiritual.

i Which bringeth forthe ſuche frute ỹ thei that eat thereof, haue life: and he alludeth to the tre of life in Paradiſe.

k Hereby he ſheweth ỹ this wiſdome, whereof he ſpeaketh, is euerlaſting, becauſe it was before all creatures, & ỹ all thigs, euen the whole worlde were made by it. *Ebr. 1, 2 throte, read chap. 1, 9*

l For whẽ God deſtroieth the wicked, he wil ſaue his, as he did Lot in Sodom

m Not onely from them to whome ỹ poſſeſſion belongeth, but alſo thou ſhalt not kepe it from them, ẅ haue nede of the vſe thereof

n That is, putteth his truſt in thee.

o Deſire not to be like vnto them

p That is, his couenant & fatherlie affectiõ ẅ is hid & ſecret from the worlde

q He wil ſhewe by his plagues that their ſkornes ſhal turne to their owne deſtruction, as Chap 1, 26.

a He ſpeaketh this in the perſone of a prezcher & miniſter, w is as a father vnto ỹ people read Chap 1, 8

b In Ebrewe it is Onely: for thogh ſhe had thre others by Vriáh, yet Salomón was onely her ſonne by Dauid

c Meaning Dauid his father.

d He ſheweth that we muſt firſt begin at Gods worde, if ſo be we wil ỹ other things proſper with vs coerarie to the iudgement of the worlde, which make it their laſt ſtudy or els, care not for it at all.

e Salomón declareth what care his father had to bring him vp in the true feare of God: for this was Dauids proteſtation

f Thou ſhalt walke at libertie without offence

g Meaning, that to do euil is more propre & natural to the wicked, then to ſleep, eat or drinke

h Gotten by wicked meanes and cruel oppreſsion

i Signifying ỹ the godlie increaſe daily in knowledge & perfection, til thei come to ful perfection, ẅ is whẽ thei ſhalbe ioyned to their head in the heauens

to the perfite daie.

19 The waie of the wicked *is* as the darkenes: they knowe not wherein thei shal fall.

20 ¶ My sonne, hearkē vnto my wordes, encline thine eare vnto my sayings.

21 Let them not departe from thine eyes, *but* kepe them in the middes of thine heart.

22 For thei are life vnto those that finde them, and helthe vnto all their [k] flesh.

k That is, thei shal haue health of body. vnder the which all other blessings promised in ỹ sawe are conteined.

23 Kepe thine heart with all diligence: for thereout cometh [l] life.

l For as the heart is either pure or corrupt, so is the whole course of mans life.

24 Put awaie from thee a frowarde mouth, and put wicked lippes farre from thee.

25 Let thine eyes beholde the right, and let thine eyeliddes direct thy way before thee.

26 [m] Pondre the path of thy fete, & let all thy waies be ordred aright.

m Kepe a measure in all thy doinge.

27 Turne not to the right hand, nor to the left, *but* remoue thy fote from euil.

CHAP. V.

3 Whoredome forbidde. 9 And prodigalitie. 15 He willeth a mā to liue on his labours & to helpe others. 18 To loue his wife. 22 The wicked taken in their owne wickednes.

1 MY sonne, hearken vnto my wisdome, *and* encline thine eare vnto my [n] knowledge,

n Or, vnderstādig

2 That thou maiest regarde counsel, and thy lippes obserue knowledge,

3 For the lippes [a] of a strange woman drop *as* an honie combe, and her mouth is more soft then [b] oyle.

a That is, an harlot which giueth her self to another then to her housband.

b By oyle and honie he meaneth flatterig and craftie intisements.

4 But the end of her is bitter as worme wood, & sharpe as a two edged sworde.

5 Her [c] fete go downe to death, and her stepes take holde on hel.

c All her doings lead to destruction.

6 She weigheth not the way of life: her paths are [d] moueable: thou cāst not knowe *them*.

d She hathe euer newe meanes to allure to wickednes.

7 Heare ye me now therefore, ô children, & departe not from the wordes of my mouthe.

8 Kepe thy waie farre from her, and come not nere the dore of her house,

9 Lest thou giue thine [e] honour vnto others, and thy yeres to the cruel:

e That is, thy strength and goods to her ỹ wil haue no pitie vpon these as is red of Samson, & the prodigal sonne.

10 Lest the stranger shulde be filled with thy strength, and thy [f] labours be in the house of a stranger,

f The goods gotten by thy trauail.

11 And thou mourne at thine end, & when thou hast consumed thy flesh and thy bodie)

12 And saie, How haue I hated instruction, and mine heart despised correction!

13 And haue not obeied the voice of them that taught me, nor inclined mine eare to them that instructed me!

g Although I was faithfully instructed in ỹ trueth, yet had I almoste falle to vtter shame and destructiō, notwithstādig my good bringing vp in the assemblie of the godlie.

14 I was almost *brought* into all euil in the middes of the Congregacion & assemblie.

15 ¶ Drinke the water of [h] thy cisterne, and of the riuers out of the middes of thine owne well.

h He teacheth vs sobrietie, exhorting vs to liue of our owne labours & to be beneficial to ỹ godlie that want.

16 Let thy fountaines flowe forthe, and the riuers of waters in the stretes.

17 But let them be thine, *euen* [i] thine onely, and not the strangers with thee.

i Distribute them not to the wicked & infidelles, but reserue them for thy self, thy family & them that are of the housholde of faith.

18 Let thy [k] fountaine be blessed, and reioyce with the wife of thy [l] youth.

k Thy childrē ỹ shal come of thee in great abundāce, shewing ỹ God blesseth mariage and curseth whoredome.

19 *Let her be as* the louing hinde and pleasant roe: let her breasts satisfie thee at all times, & delite in her loue continually.

l Which thou didest marie in thy youth.

20 For why shuldest thou [m] delite, my sonne, in a strange woman, or embrace the bosome of a stranger?

m Or, go astray with a stranger?

21 For the waies of mā *are* before the [n] eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his pathes.

n He declareth that except man do ioyne to his wife bothe in heart and in outward conuersation, that he shal not escape the iudgements of God.

22 His owne iniquities shal take the wicked him self, and he shalbe holden with the cordes of his owne sinne.

23 He shal [o] dye for faute of instruction, & shal go astray through his great folie.

o Because he wil not giue eare to Gods worde and be admonished.

CHAP. VI.

1 Instruction for suerties. 6 The slouthful and sluggish is stirred to worke. 12 He describeth the nature of the wicked. 16 The things that God hateth. 20 To obserue the worde of God. 24 To flee adulterie.

1 MY sonne, if thou be suertie for thy neighbour, & hast striken hāds with the stranger,

a He forbiddeth vs not to become suretie one for another, according to the rule of charitie, but ỹ we cōsider for whome and after what sort, so that the creditour may not be defrauded.

2 Thou art [a] snared with the wordes of thy mouth: thou art *euen* taken with the wordes of thine owne mouth.

b If the word of God cā not instruct thee, yet learne at the little pismire to labour for thy self and not to burden others. *Chap. 24, 32.*

3 Do this now, my sonne, and deliuer thy self: seing thou art come into the hand of thy neighbour, go, and humble thy self, & solicit thy friends.

4 Giue no slepe to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyeliddes.

5 Deliuer thy self as a doe from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a birde from the hand of the fouler.

c He expresseth liuely ỹ nature of the slugga ds, ỹ thogh they slepe neuer so lōg yet haue neuer ynough, but euer seke occasiōs thereunto.

6 ¶ Go to [b] the pismire, ô sluggard: beholde her waies, and be wise.

d That is suddely, & when ỹ lokest not for it.

7 For she hauing no guide, gouernour, nor ruler,

8 Prepareth her meat in the sommer, & gathereth her fode in haruest.

9 * How long wilt thou slepe, ô sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy slepe?

e It shal come in such sort as thou art not able to resist it.

10 *Yet* a litle slepe, a litle slumber, [c] a litle folding of the hands to slepe.

f He sheweth to what inconuenience the idle persones & sluggardes come, by calling them vnthriftie or the men of Belial & scladerous.

11 Therefore thy pouertie cometh as one that [d] trauaileth by the waie, & thy necessitie like [e] an armed man.

12 The vnthriftie man [f] & the wicked man walketh with a frowarde mouth.

13 He maketh a signe with his eyes: he [*] signifieth

** Ebr. speaketh*

g Thus all his geſture tēdeth to wickednes.

fieth with his fete: he g inſtructeth with his fingers.

14 Lewde things *are* in his heart: he imagineth euil at all times, *and* raiſeth vp contentions.

15 Therefore ſhal his deſtructiō come ſpedely: he ſhalbe deſtroyed ſuddenly without recouerie.

16 ¶ Theſe ſix things doeth the Lord hate: yea, his ſoule abhorreth ſeuen:

17 The hautie eyes, a lying tongue, and the hands that ſhede innocent blood,

18 An heart that imagineth wicked enterpriſes, h fete that be ſwift in running to miſchief,

h Meaning, the raging affections, which carie a man away in ſuche ſort that he cā not tel what he doeth

19 A falſe witnes that ſpeaketh lyes, & him that raiſeth vp cōtentions amōg brethrē.

Or, neighbours

20 ¶ My ſonne, kepe thy fathers commandement, and forſake not thy mothers inſtruction.

i Read Chap 3.3

21 Binde them alway vpon thine i heart, *and* tye them about thy necke.

22 It ſhal leade thee, when thou walkeſt: it ſhal watch for thee, when thou ſlepeſt, *and* when thou wakeſt, it ſhal talke with thee.

k By the commandement I e meaneth the worde of God: & by the inſtruction, the preaching and declaration of the ſame, wh is cōmitted to the Church

23 For the k commandement *is* a lanterne, and inſtruction a light: and l corrections for inſtruction *are* the waie of life,

l And reprehēſions whē the worde is preached bring vs to life

24 To kepe thee from the wicked woman, & from the flatterie of the tongue of a ſtrange woman.

m With her wanton lokes and geſture

25 Deſire not her beautie in thine heart, neither let her take thee with her m eyeliddes.

n Meaning, ỹ ſhe wil neuer ceaſe, til ſhe haue broght thee to beggerie, & thē ſeke thy deſtructiō

26 For becauſe of the whooriſh womā *a man is brought* to a morſel of bread, & a woman wil hunte for the precious life of a man.

o He approueth not theft, but ſheweth that it is not ſo abominable as whoredome, foraſmuche as theft might be redemed: but adulterie was a perpetual infamie, and death by the Law of God

27 n Can a man take fyre in his boſome, & his clothes not be burnt?

28 Or can a man go vpon coles, and his fete not be burnt?

p Meaning, for very neceſſitie

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbours wife, ſhal not be innocent, whoſoeuer toucheth her.

Eb faileth in heart

30 Men do not o deſpiſe a thief, when he ſtealeth, to ſatiſfie his p ſoule, becauſe he is hungrie.

q That is, death appointed by ỹ Law

31 But if he be founde, he ſhal reſtore ſeuen folde, *or* he ſhal giue all the ſubſtance of his houſe.

r He ſheweth that man by nature ſeketh his death, that hathe abuſed his wife, and ſo concludeth that neither God is Law nor the law of nature admitteth any raunſome for the adulterie.

32 But he that committeth adulterie with a woman, he " is deſtitute of vnderſtanding: he ỹ doeth it, deſtroyeth his owne ſoule.

Or, lacketh

33 He ſhal finde q a wounde and diſhonour, & his reproche ſhal neuer be put away.

34 For ielouſie *is* ỹ rage of a man: therefore he wil not r ſpare in the day of vēgeance.

35 He can not beare the ſight of anie raunſome: nether wil he conſent, thogh thou augment the giftes.

CHAP. VII.

1 An exhortacion to wiſdome and to the worde of God. 5 Which wil preſerue vs from the harlot. 6 Whoſe maners are deſcribed.

MY ſonne, kepe my wordes, and hide my commandements with thee.

a By this diuerſitie of wordes he meaneth ỹ nothing ought to be ſo dere vnto vs, as the worde of God, nor ỹ we loke on any thing more, nor mīde any thing ſo muche

2 Kepe my commandements, & thou ſhalt liue, and mine inſtruction as the a apple of thine eyes.

3 Binde them vpon thy fingers, *and* write them vpon the table of thine heart.

4 Saie vnto wiſdome, Thou art my ſiſter: and call vnderſtanding *thy* kinſwoman,

5 That they maie kepe thee from the ſtrange woman, *euen* from the ſtranger that is ſmothe in her wordes.

b Salomōn vſeth this parable to declare their folie, ỹ ſuffer thē ſelues to be abuſed by harlottes

6 ¶ b As *I was* in the windowe of mine houſe, I loked through my windowe,

c He ſheweth that there was almoſt none ſo impudent, but they were afraid to be ſene, and alſo their owne cōſciences did accuſe them, which cauſed them to ſeke the night to couer their filthines

7 And I ſawe among the fooles, *and* conſidered among the children a yong man deſtitute of vnderſtanding,

8 Who paſſed through the ſtrete by her corner, and went toward her houſe,

Or, garment.

9 In the twilight in the euening, when the night began to be c blacke and darke.

Or, bid

10 And beholde, there met him a woman with an harlots " behauiour, and " ſubtil in heart.

d He deſcribeth certeine condicions, wh are peculiar to harlottes

11 (She d is babling and lowde: whoſe fete can not abide in her houſe.

Ebr ſhe ſtrengthened her face

12 Now *ſhe is* without, now in the ſtretes, & lieth in waite at euerie corner)

e Because that in peacoffrigs a portion retur ned to them, ỹ offred, ſhe ſheweth him that ſhe hath meat at home to make good chere with: or els ſhe wolde vſe ſome cloke of holines, til ſhe had goten him in her nas

13 So ſhe caught him & kiſſed him & " with an impudent face ſaid vnto him,

f Which declareth that harlottes outwardly wil ſeme holie & religious: bothe becauſe they may the better deceiue others, and alſo thinking by obſeruing of ceremonies & offrings to make ſatisfactiō for their ſinnes

14 I haue e peace offrings: this f day haue I paied my vowes.

Or, ſtarued worke.

15 Therefore came I forthe to mete thee, ỹ I might ſeke thy face: & I haue foūde thee.

Ebr in hu hād

16 I haue deckt my bed with ornaments, " carpets and laces of Egypt.

17 I haue perfumed my bed with myrrhe, aloes, and cynamom.

g Which thinking he goeth to the paſture, goeth willigly to his owne deſtructiō

18 Come, let vs take our fil of loue vntil the morning: let vs take our pleaſure in dalīāce.

19 For *mine* houſband is not at home: he is gone a iourney farre of.

h Which goeth cheruſully, not knowing that he ſhalbe chaſtiſed

20 He hathe taken " with him a bagge of ſiluer, *and* wil come home at the day appointed.

Eb it is for hu life.

21 Thus with her great craft ſhe cauſed him to yelde, & with her flattering lippes ſhe entiſed him.

i Nether wit nor ſtrength cā deliuer thē that fall into the hands of the harlot.

22 And he followed her ſtraightwaies, as an g oxe that goeth to the ſlaughter, & h as a foole to the ſtockes for correction,

23 Til a darte ſtrike through his liuer, as a birde haſteth to the ſnare, not knowing that " he is in danger.

24 ¶ Heare me now therefore, ô children, and hearken to the wordes of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her waies: wander thou not in her paths.

26 For ſhe hathe cauſed manie to fall downe wounded, *and* the i ſtrong men *are* all ſlayne by her.

27 Her houſe is the waie * vnto the graue, which goeth downe to the chambers of death.

Chap. 2. 18.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Wisdome declareth her excellẽcie. 11 Riches. 15 Power 22 Eternitie. 32 She exhorteth all to loue and followe her.

Chap.1,20. a Salomón declareth that man is cause of his owne perdition, and that he can pretend no ignorãce, for asmuche as God calleth to all men by his worde, and by his workes to followe vertue and to flee frõ vice.

1 Doeth not a wisdome crye? and vnderstanding vtter her voyce?
2 She standeth in the top of the high places by the way in the place of the paths.
3 She cryeth besides b the gates before the citie at the entrie of the dores,
4 O men, I call vnto you, and *vtter* my voice to the children of men.
5 O *ye* foolish men, vnderstand wisdome, and *ye*, ô fooles, be wise in heart.
6 Giue care, for I wil speake of excellent things, and the opening of my lippes *shal teache* things that be right.
7 For my mouth shal speake the trueth, and my lippes abhorre wickednes.
8 All the wordes of my mouth *are* righteous: there is no lewdenes, nor frowardenes in them.
9 Thei are all c plaine to him that wil vnderstand, and straight to them that wolde finde knowledge.
10 Receiue mine instruction, and not siluer, and knowledge rather then fine golde.
11 For wisdome is better then precious stones: and all pleasures are not to be compared vnto her.
12 I wisdome dwell with d prudence, and I finde forthe knowledge *and* counsels.
13 The feare of the Lord *is* to hate e euil *as* pride, and arrogancie, and the euil waie: and a mouth *that speaketh* lewde things, I do hate.
14 I haue counsel and wisdome: I am vnderstanding, & I haue strength.
15 By me, Kings f reigne, and princes decree iustice.
16 By me princes rule and the nobles, *and* all the iudges of the earth.
17 I loue them that loue me: & thei that seke me g early, shal finde me.
18 Riches and honour *are* with me: h *euen* durable riches and righteousnes.
19 My frute is better then golde, *euen* thẽ fine golde, and my reuenues *better* then fine siluer.
20 I cause to walke in the waie of righteousnes, & in the middes of the paths of
21 iudgement, That I maie cause them that loue me, to inherite substance, and I wil fil their treasures.
22 The Lord hathe possessed me in the beginning of his waie: *I was* k before his workes of olde.
23 I was set vp from euerlasting, from the beginning & before the earth.
24 When there were no depths, was I begotten, when there were no fountaines abunding with water.
25 Before the mountaines were setled: & before the hilles, was I begotten.
26 He had not yet made the earth, nor the open places, nor the height of the dust in the worlde.
27 When he prepared the heauens, I was l there, when he set the compas vpon the depe.
28 When he established the cloudes aboue, when he confirmed the fountaines of the depe,
29 When he gaue his decree to the sea, that the waters shulde not passe his commandement: when he appointed the fundacions of the earth,
30 Then m was I with him *as* a nourisher, and I was daily *his* delite reioycing alwaie before him,
31 And toke my n solace in the compasse of o his earth: & my delite *is* with the childrẽ of men.
32 Therefore now hearken, ô children, vnto me: for blessed *are thei that* kepe my waies.
33 Heare instruction, and be ye wise, & refuse it not. blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, & giuing attendance at the postes of my dores.
34 For he that findeth me, findeth life, and shal obteine fauour of the Lord.
35 But he that sinneth against me, hurteth his owne soule: & all that hate me, loue death.

b Where the people did moste resort, and which was ỹ place of iustice.
c Meanig, that the worde of God is easie vnto all, that haue a desire vnto it, & ẅ are not blinded by the prince of this worlde.
d That is, except a man haue wisdome, ẅ is ỹ true knowledge of God, he can neither be prudent nor good counseller
e So that he ỹ doeth not hate euil, feareth not God.
f Whereby ỹe declareth that honors, dignitie or riches come not of mans wisdome or industrie, but by the prouidẽce of God
g That is, studie the worde of God diligently, and ẅ a desire to profite.
h Signifying ỹ he chiefly meaneth the spiritual treasures and heauenlie riches.
i For there can be no true iustice or iudgement, which is not directed by this wisdome.
k He declareth hereby the diuinitie & eternitie of this wisdome, ẅ he magnifieth and praiseth through this boke: meaning thereby ỹ eternal Sonne of God Iesus Christ our Sauiour, whome S. Iohn calleth the worde ỹ was in ỹ beginning, Iohn.1,1.
l He declareth the eternitie of the Sonne of God, which is ment by this worde Wisdome, who was before all time and euer present ẅ the Father.
m Some read a chief worker: signifying that this Wisdome, euen Christ Iesus, was equal ẅ God his Father, and created, preserued and stil worketh ẅ him, as Ioh.5, 17.
n Whereby is declared that the worke of ỹ creation was no peine, but a solace vnto the wisdome of God.
o By earth, he meaneth man, which is the worke of God in whome wisdome toke pleasure: in somuche as formans sake ỹ Diuine Wisdome toke mans nature, and dwelt among vs, & filled vs with vnspeakeable treasures: and this is that solace & passetime whereof is here spoken.

CHAP. IX.

2 Wisdome calleth all to her feast. 7 The scorner wil not be corrected. 10 The feare of God. 13 The condicions of the harlot.

1 Wisdome hathe buylt her a house, & hewen out her b seuen pilliers.
2 She hathe killed her vitailes, drawen her wine, and c prepared her table.
3 She hathe sent forthe her d maidens *and* cryeth vpon the highest places of the citie, *saying*,
4 Whoso is e simple, let him come hether, & to him ỹ is destitute of wisdome, she saith,
5 Come, & eat of my f meat, and drinke of the wine *that* I haue drawen.
6 Forsake *your way*, ye foolish, and ye shal liue: & walke in ỹ waie of vnderstanding.
7 He that reproueth a scorner, purchasseth to him self shame: and he that rebuketh the wicked, *getteth* him self g a blot.
8 Rebuke not a h scorner, lest he hate thee: *but* rebuke a wise man, & he wil loue thee.
9 Giue *admonicion* to the wise, and he wil be the wiser: teache a righteous man, & he wil increase in learning.
10 The beginning of wisdome *is* ỹ feare of the Lord, & the knowledge of holy thigs, *is* vnder-

a Christ hathe prepared him a Church.
b That is, many chief states and principal partes of his Church, as were the Patriarkes, Prophetes, Apostles, Pastors & Doctors.
c He compareth wisdome with great princes ỹ kepe open house for all ỹ come.
d Meanig true preachers, ẅ are not infected with mãs wisdome.
e He that knoweth his owne ignorance and is voide of malice.
f By the meat and drinke, is ment the worde of God and the ministratiõ of the sacramẽts, whereby God nourisheth his seruants in his house, ẅ
15 ỹ Church. g For the wicked wil contemne him & labour to diffame him.
h Meaning, them that are incorrigible, which Christ calleth dogs & swine: or he speaketh this in comparison, not that ỹ wicked shuld not be rebuked, but he shewеth their malice, and the smale hope of profite.

15 [1] vnderſtanding.
11 For thy dayes ſhalbe multiplied by me, and the yeres of thy life ſhalbe augmẽted.
12 If thou be wiſe, thou ſhalt be wiſe for [k] thy ſelf, *and if* thou be a ſcorner, thou alone ſhalt ſuffre.
13 ¶A [l] fooliſh woman *is* troubleſome: ſhe *is* ignorant, and knoweth nothing.
14 But ſhe ſitteth at the dore of her houſe on a ſeat in the hye places of the citie,
15 To call them that paſſe by the way, that go right on their way, *ſaying*,
16 Who ſo is ſimple, let him come hether, and to him that is deſtitute of wiſdome, ſhe ſaith alſo,
17 Stollen waters are ſwete, and hid bread is pleaſant.
18 But he knoweth not, that the dead *are* there, *and that* her gheſtes *are* in the depth of hel.

s He ſheweth what true vnderſtanding is, to know ſ wil of God in his worde, ẅ is ment by holie things.
k Thou ſhalt haue the chief profite, and commoditie there of.
l By ſ fooliſh woman, ſome vnderſtand, the wicked preachers, who cõterfait ſ worde of God, as appeareth verſ. 16. ẅ were the wordes of the true pachers, as verſ. 4: but their doctrine is but as ſtollẽ waters: meanig that they are but mens tradi tions, which are more pleaſant to ſ fleſh then ſ worde of God and therefore they them ſelues boaſt thereof.

CHAP. X.

In this chapter and all that followe vnto the thirteth, the wiſe man exhorteth by diuers ſentences, which he calleth parables, to followe vertue, and flee vice and ſheweth alſo what profite cõmeth of wiſdome, & what hinderance proceadeth of fooliſhnes.

THE PARABLES OF SALOMON.

Chap 15,20. 1 A Wiſe [*] ſonne maketh a glad father: but a fooliſh ſonne *is* an heauines to his mother
2 The treaſures of wickednes [a] profite nothing: but righteouſnes deliuereth frõ death.
3 The Lord wil [b] not famiſh the ſoule of the righteous: but he caſteth away the ſubſtance of the wicked.
4 A [*] ſlouthful hand maketh poore: but the hand of the diligent maketh riche.
5 He that gathereth in ſommer, *is* the ſonne of wiſdome: *but* he that ſlepeth in harueſt, *is* the ſonne of confuſion.
6 Bleſsings *are* vpon the head of the righteous: but iniquitie ſhal couer the mouth of [c] the wicked.
7 The memorial of the iuſte *ſhalbe* bleſſed: but the name of the wicked ſhal [d] rotte.
8 The wiſe in heart wil receiue commãdemẽts: but the fooliſh in [*] talke ſhalbe beatẽ.
9 He that walketh vprightly, walketh [*] boldely: but he that peruerteth his waies, ſhal be knowen.
10 He that [e] winketh with the eye, worketh ſorowe, and he that is [f] fooliſh in talke, ſhalbe beaten.
11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well ſpring of life: but iniquitie couereth the mouth of the wicked.
12 Hatred ſtirreth vp contentions: [*] but loue couereth all treſpaſſes.
13 In the lippes of him that hathe vnderſtãding wiſdome is foũde, and [g] a rod ſhalbe for the backe of him that is deſtitute of wiſdome.
14 Wiſe men laye vp knowledge: but the mouth of the foole *is* a preſent deſtruction.
15 The riche mans goods are his [h] ſtrongcitie: *but* the feare of the nedie *is* their pouertie.
16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: *but* the reuenues of the wicked to ſinne.
17 He that regardeth inſtruction, *is in* the way of life: but he that refuſeth correctiõ, goeth out of the way.
18 He that diſſembleth hatred with lying lippes, and he that inuenteth ſclandre, is a foole.
19 In manie wordes there can not wãt iniquitie: but he that refraineth his lippes, is wiſe.
20 The tongue of the iuſte man *is as* fined ſiluer: *but* the heart of the wicked *is* litle worthe.
21 The lippes of the righteous do [i] fede manie: but fooles ſhal dye for want of wiſdome.
22 The bleſsing of the Lord, it maketh riche, and he doeth adde [k] no ſorowes with it.
23 *It is* as a paſſe time to a foole to do wickedly: but wiſdome *is* vnderſtanding to a man.
24 That which the wicked feareth, ſhal come vpon him: but *God* wil grante the deſire of the righteous.
25 As the whirle winde paſſeth, ſo *is* the wicked no more: but the righteous *is as* an euerlaſting fundacion.
26 As vinegre *is* to ſ teeth, and as ſmoke to the eyes, ſo *is* the ſlouthful to them that [l] ſend him.
27 The feare of the Lord increaſeth the dayes: but the yeres of the wicked [m] ſhalbe diminiſhed.
28 The pacient abiding of the righteous *ſhalbe* gladnes: but the hope of the wicked ſhal periſh.
29 The way of the Lord *is* ſtrength to the vpright mã: but feare ſhalbe for the workers of iniquitie.
30 The righteous ſhal [n] neuer be remoued: but the wicked ſhal not dwell in the land.
31 The mouth of the iuſte ſhalbe fruteful in wiſdome: but the tongue of the frowarde ſhal be cut out.
32 The lippes of the righteous knowe what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *ſpeaketh* frowarde things.

a That is, wickedly gotten.
b Thogh he ſuffer ſ iuſte to want for a time, yet ne wil ſend him comforte in due ſeaſon.
*Or, deceiful.
c When their wickednes ſhalbe diſcouered, they ſhal be as dumme, & not knowe what to ſay
d Shal be vile and abhorred bothe of God and man, contrarie to their owne expectation, ẅ thinke to make their name immortal.
*Ebr. lippes.
*Or, ſurely.
e He that beareth a faire countenance, & imagineth miſchief in his heart, as Chap. 6,13
f For the corruption of his heart is knowẽ by his taike.
*2 Cor. 13,4.
1 Pet. 4,8.
g That is, God wil finde him out to puniſh him.
h And ſo maketh him bolde to do euil, where as pouertie bridleth the poore from manie euil thinges.
i For they ſpeake truth and edifie manie by exhortations, admonition and counſel.
k Meaning, ſ all worldelie things bring care, & ſorow, where as they that feele the bleſsings of God, haue none.
l He is but a trouble, and grief to him ſ ſetteth him about anie buſines.
m The time of their proſperitie ſhalbe ſhort, becauſe of their great fall, thogh they ſeme to liue long.
n They enioye in this life by faith, and hope their euerlaſting life.

CHAP. XI.

1 FAlſe [a] balances *are* an abomination vnto the Lord: but a perfite "weight pleaſeth him.
2 When pride cometh, then cometh [b] ſhame: but with the lowlie *is* wiſdome.

a Vnder this worde he condẽneth all falſe weights, meaſures and deceit.
"Ebr. ſtone.
b When man forgetteth himſelf, and thinketh to be exalted aboue his vocation, then God bringeth him to confuſiõ

3 The vprightenes of the iuſte ſhal guide them: but the frowardnes of the tranſgreſſers ſhal deſtroye them.

Ezek.7.19. ecclef.5.18. 4 *Riches auaile not in the day of wrath: but righteouſnes deliuereth from death.

5 The righteouſnes of the vpright ſhal direct his way: but the wicked ſhal fall in his owne wickednes.

6 The righteouſnes of the iuſte ſhal deliuer them: but the tranſgreſſers ſhalbe take in *their* owne wickednes.

Wiſd.5.15. 7 *When a wicked man dyeth, *his* hope periſheth, and the hope of the vniuſt ſhal periſh.

8 The righteous eſcapeth out of trouble, & the wicked ſhal come in his [c] ſtead.

c That is, ſhal enter into trouble.

9 An [d] hypocrite with *his* mouth hurteth his neighbour: but the righteous ſhalbe deliuered by knowledge.

d A diſſembler that pretendeth friendſhip, but is a priuie enemie.

10 In the proſperitie of the righteous the citie [e] reioyceth, and when the wicked periſh, *there is* ioye.

e The countrey is bleſſed, where there is godlie men, & they ought to reioyce, when the wicked are take away.

11 By the [f] bleſsing of ỹ righteous, the citie is exalted: but it is ſubuerted by the mouth of the wicked.

f Or, proſperitie.

12 He that deſpiſeth his neighbour, is deſtitute of wiſdome: but a man of vnderſtanding wil [f] kepe ſilence.

f Wil not make light report of others.

13 He that goeth about *as a* ſclãderer, diſcouereth a ſecret: but he that is of a faithful heart, conceileth a matter.

14 Where no counſel is, the people fall: but where manie [g] counſelers are, *there is* health.

g Where God giueth ſtore of men of wiſdome, and counſel

15 He ſhal be ſore vexed, that is ſuretie for a [h] ſtranger, and he [i] that hateth ſuretieſhip, is ſure.

h Whoſe conuerſation he knoweth not

i He ỹ doeth not without iudgement, and conſideratiõ of the circumſtãces put him ſelf in danger, as Chap 6,1.

16 A [k] gracious woman atteineth honour, & the ſtrong men atteine riches.

k Or, modeſt

17 He that is merciful, [l] rewardeth his owne ſoule: but he that troubleth his owne [m] fleſh, *is* cruel.

k Is bothe good to him ſelf, and to others

l Or, neighbour.

18 The wicked worketh a diſceitful wórke: but he that ſoweth righteouſnes, *ſhal receiue* a ſure rewarde.

19 As righteouſnes *leadeth* to life: ſo he that followeth euil, *ſeketh* his owne death.

20 They that are of a froward heart, *are* abomination to the Lord: but they that are vpright in *their* way, *are* his delite.

l Though they make neuer ſo manie friends, nor thinke thẽ ſelues neuer ſo ſure, yet they ſhal not eſcape.

21 [l] *Though* hand *ioyne* in hãd, the wicked ſhal not be vnpuniſhed: but the ſede of the righteous ſhal eſcape.

m Or, in vnſeemely behauiour

22 *As* a iewel of golde in a ſwines ſnoute: *ſo is* a faire woman, which [n] lacketh diſcretiõ.

m They cã looke for nothing but Gods vengeance

23 The deſire of the righteous *is* onely good: *but* the hope of the wicked [o] *is* indignacion.

n Meaning thẽ, that giue liberally, whome God bleſſeth.

24 There is that ſcatereth, [p] and is more increaſed: but he that ſpareth more [q] then is right, ſurely *cometh* to pouertie.

o That is, the niggard

25 The [r] liberal perſone ſhal haue plentie: and he that watereth, ſhal alſo haue raine.

r Ebr. the ſoule of bleſſing ſhalbe made fat.

26 He that withdraweth the corne, the people wil curſe him: but bleſsing *ſhal be* vpon the head of him that [s] ſelleth corne.

p That prouideth for ỹ vſe of them that are in neceſsitie.

27 He that ſeketh good things, getteth fauour: but he that ſeketh euil, it ſhal come to him.

28 He that truſteth in his riches, ſhal fall: but the righteous ſhal floriſh as a leafe.

29 He that troubleth his owne [t] houſe, ſhal inherite ỹ winde, and the foole *ſhalbe* [u] ſeruant to the wiſe in heart.

q The couetous men ỹ ſpare their riches to the hinderance of their families, ſhalbe depriued thereof miſerably.

r For thogh ỹ wicked be riche, yet are thei but ſclaues to ỹ godlie, & are the true poſſeſſers of ỹ giftes of God.

30 The fruite of the righteous *is as a* tre of life, and he that [x] winneth ſoules, *is* wiſe.

f That is, bringeth them to the knowledge of God.

31 Beholde, the righteous ſhalbe [y] recompenſed in the earth: how muche more the wicked and the ſinner?

CHAP. XII.

1 HE that loueth inſtructiõ, loueth knowledge: but he that hateth correction, *is* a foole.

t Shal be puniſhed as he deſerueth, as 1 Pet 4,18.

2 A good man getteth fauoure of the Lord: but the man of wicked imaginacions wil he condemne.

3 A man can not be eſtabliſhed by wickednes: but the [a] roote of the righteous ſhal not be moued.

a They are ſo grounded in ỹ fauour or God, that their rote ſhal proſper continually

4 A [b] verteous woman *is* the crowne of her houſband: but ſhe that maketh *him* aſhamed, *is* as corruption in his bones.

b Ebr ſtrong or puiſſant.

5 The thoghts of the iuſte *are* right: but the counſels of the wicked are diſceitful.

6 The talking of the wicked *is* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the righteous wil [c] deliuer them.

b As their conſcience is vpright, ſo ſhal they be able to ſpeake for them ſelues againſt their accuſers.

7 *God* ouerthroweth the wicked, and they are not: but the houſe of ỹ righteous ſhal ſtand.

8 A man ſhalbe commended for his wiſdome: but the froward of heart ſhalbe deſpiſed.

9 He that is deſpiſed, [d] and *is* his owne ſeruant, is better thẽ he that boaſteth him ſelf and lacketh bread.

c The poore man that is cõtemned, & yet liueth of his owne trauail.

10 A righteous man [e] regardeth the life of his beaſt: but the mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.

d Is merciful, euen to the very beaſt that doeth him ſeruice.

11 *He that tilleth his land, ſhal be ſatiſfied with bread: but he that followeth the idle, *is* deſtitute of [f] vnderſtanding.

Chap 28,19. eccleſ 20,30.

e Or, defeate

12 The wicked deſireth the [g] net of euils: but the [h] roote of the righteous giueth *frute*.

e Continually imagineth meanes how to do harme to others.

13 The euil man is ſnared by the wickednes of *his* lippes, but the iuſt ſhal come out of aduerſitie.

f Meaning, their heart within, which is vpright, and doeth good to all.

14 A man ſhal be ſatiate with good things by the frute of *his* mouth, and the recompenſe of a mans hands ſhal *God* giue vnto him.

15 The way of a foole *is* [i] right in his owne eyes: but he that heareth counſel, *is* wiſe.

g He ſtandeth in his owne cõceit, and condemneth all others in reſp & of him ſelf.

16 A foole in a day ſhal be knowen by his angre:

angre: but he [h] that couereth ſhame, *is* wiſe.

17 He that ſpeaketh trueth, wil ſhewe righteouſnes: but a falſe witnes vſeth diſceit.

18 *There is that ſpeaketh *wordes* like the prickings of [i] a ſworde: but the tongue of wiſe men *is* health.

19 The lippe of trueth ſhalbe ſtable for euer: but a lying tongue *vanyeth* incontinently.

20 Diſceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine euil: but to the counſeilers of peace *ſhalbe* ioye.

21 There ſhal none iniquitie come to the iuſte: but the wicked are ful of euil.

22 The lying lippes *are* an abomination to the Lord: but they that deale truely *are* his delite.

23 A wiſe man conceileth knowledge: but [y] heart of the fooles publiſheth fooliſhnes.

24 *The hand of the diligent ſhal beare rul: but the idle *ſhalbe* vnder tribute.

25 Heauines in the heart of mã doeth bring it downe: but a [k] good worde reioyceth it.

26 The righteous [l] *is* more excellent then his neighbour: but the way of the wicked wil diſceiue them.

27 The diſceitful man roſteth not, that he [m] toke in hunting: but the riches of the diligent man *are* precious.

28 Life *is* in the way of righteouſnes, and *in that* pathway *there is* no death.

CHAP. XIII.

1 A Wiſe ſonne *wil obey* the inſtruction of his father: but a ſkorner wil heare no rebuke.

2 A man ſhal eat good things by the frute [a] of *his* mouth: but the ſoule of the treſpaſſers *ſhal ſuffer* violence.

3 He that kepeth his mouthe, keepeth his life: *but* he that opneth his lippes, deſtruction *ſhalbe* to him.

4 The ſluggarde [b] luſteth, but his ſoule hathe nought: but the ſoule of the diligent ſhal haue plentie.

5 A righteous man hateth lying wordes: but the wicked cauſeth ſclander and ſhame.

6 Righteouſnes preſerueth the vpright of [c] life: but wickednes ouerthroweth the ſinner.

7 There is that maketh him ſelf riche, and hathe nothing, & that maketh him ſelf poore, hauing great riches.

8 A mã *wil giue* his riches for the raũſome of *his* life: but the poore [c] cã not heare the reproche.

9 The light of the righteous reioyceth: but the candle of the wicked ſhalbe put out.

10 *Onely by pride [d] doeth *man* make contention: but with the wel aduiſed *is* wiſdome.

11 The [e] riches of vanitie ſhal diminiſh: but he that gathereth with [f] the hand, ſhal increaſe *them*.

12 The hope that is *differred*, *is* the fainting of the heart: but when the deſire commeth, *it is as a* tree of life.

13 He that deſpiſeth the worde, he ſhalbe deſtroied: but he that feareth the commãdement, he ſhal be rewarded.

14 The inſtruction of a wiſe man *is as* the well ſpring of life, to turne away from the ſnares of death.

15 Good vnderſtading maketh acceptable: but the way of the diſobedient *is* hated.

16 Euerie wiſe man wil worke by knowledge: but a foole wil ſpread abroad follie.

17 *A wicked meſſenger falleth [h] into euil: but a faithful ambaſſadour *is* preſeruation.

18 Poueritie and ſhame *is* to him that refuſeth inſtructiõ: but he that regardeth correction, ſhal be honored.

19 A deſire accõpliſhed deliteth the ſoule: but *it is* an abominatiõ to fooles to departe from euil.

20 He that walketh with the wiſe, ſhalbe wiſe: but a companion of fooles ſhalbe [i] afflicted.

21 Affliction followeth ſinners: but vnto the righteous *God* wil recompenſe good.

22 The good mã ſhal giue inheritance vnto *his* children's children: and the [k] riches of the ſinner is laied vp for the iuſte.

23 Muche foode *is* in the field of the [l] poore: but *the field* is deſtroyed without diſcretiõ.

24 *He [y] ſpareth his rod, hateth his ſonne: but he that loueth him, chaſteneth him betime.

25 The righteous eateth to the contentatiõ of his minde: but the bellie of the wicked ſhal want.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 A Wiſe woman [a] buyldeth her houſe: but the fooliſh deſtroieth it with her owne hands.

2 *He that walketh in his [b] righteouſnes, feareth the Lord: but he that is lewde in his waies, deſpiſeth him.

3 In the mouth of the fooliſh *is* the [c] rodde of pride: but the lippes of the wiſe preſerue them.

4 Where none [d] oxen *are*, there the crib *is* emptie: but muche increaſe *cometh* by the ſtrength of the oxe.

5 A faithful witnes wil not lye: but a falſe recorde wil ſpeake lyes.

6 A ſcorner [e] ſeketh wiſdome, and *findeth* it not: but knowledge *is* eaſie to him that wil vnderſtand.

7 Departe from the fooliſh man, when thou perceiueſt not *in him* the lippes of knowledge.

8 The wiſdome of the prudent *is* to vnderſtand his way: but the fooliſhnes of the fooles *is* diſceit.

h Which ouerdeleth his affections.

Chap 14,5. i Which ſeke nothing more then to prouoke others to angre

k That is, wordes of cõfort, or a cheerful minde, which is declared by his wordes, reioyceth a mã, as a couetous minde killeth him

l That is, more liberal in giuing

m Although he get muche by vnlaw ful meanes, yet wil he not ſpend it vpon him ſelf

a If he vſe his tõgue to Gods glorie, and the profite of his neighbour, God ſhal bleſſe him

b He euer deſireth, but taketh no peines to get anie thing.

c Bi the way.

c For his poouertie, he is not able to eſcape the threatings, which ſtrong oppreſſers vſe againſt him.

d Where euerie man cõtendeth to haue ſ preeminẽce, & wil not giue place to another

e That is, goods euil gotten

f That is, with his owne labour

g Meaning, wordes of God, wherby he is admoniſhed of his duetie.

Chap 25,25. h Bringeth miſerie vpon himſelfe and others

i As he is partaker of their wickednes & ſtarueth with their vices, ſo ſhal he be puniſhed alike as they are

k Read Iob. 27,16

l God bleſſeth the labour of the poore & cõſumeth their goods, which are negligent, becauſe they thinke they haue ynough.

Chap. 23,13. *ecclc 30,1.*

a That is, taketh peine to profite her familie and to do that which concerneth her duetie in her houſe

Ioh 12,4. b That is ſo vprightner of heart and without hypocriſie

c His wroude tongue ſhal cauſe him to be puniſhed

d By the oxe is ment labour, and by ſ cribbe the barne meaning, without labour there is no profite

e For ſ maintenance of his owne ambitiõ and not for Gods glorie, as Simon Magus.

9 The foole maketh a mocke [f] of sinne: but among the righteous *there is* fauour.

f Doeth not knowe ỹ grieuousnes therof nor Gods iudgemẽts against the same.

10 The heart knoweth the [g] bitternes of his soule, and the stranger shal not medle with his ioye.

g As a mans conscience is witnes of his owne grief: so another cã not feele the ioye and comforte, which a man feeleth in him self.

11 The house of ỹ wicked shalbe destroyed: but the tabernacle of the righteous shal florish.

12 * There is a way which semeth right to a man: but the yssues thereof *are* the wayes of death. *Chap.16,25.*

13 Euen in laughing the heart is sorowful, [h] and the end of that mirth *is* heauines.

h He sheweth that the alluremẽt vnto sinne semeth swete, but the end thereof is destruction.

14 The heart that declineth, [i] shalbe saciate with his owne wayes: but a good man *shal departe* from him.

i He that forsaketh God, shal be punished, and made wearie of his sinnes wherein he delited.

15 The foolish wil beleue euerie thing: but the prudent wil consider his steppes.

16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from euil: but a foole rageth, and is careles.

17 He that is hastie to angre, committeth folie, and a "busie bodie is hated.

"Ebr. the mã of imaginations.

18 The foolish do inherite folie: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The euil shal bowe before the good, and the wicked [k] at the gates of the righteous.

k If this come not daiely to passe, we muste cõsider that it is because of our sinnes, & let Gods working.

20 The poore is hated euen of his owne neighbour: but the friends of the riche *are* manie.

21 The sinner despiseth his neighbour: but he that hathe mercie on the poore, *is* blessed.

22 Do not they erre that imagine euil? but to them that thinke on good things, *shalbe* mercie, and trueth.

23 In all labour there is abundance: but the talke of the lippes *bringeth* onely want.

24 The crowne of the wise *is* their riches, & the folie of fooles *is* foolishnes.

25 A faithful witnes deliuereth soules: but a disceiuer speaketh lies.

26 In ỹ feare of ỹ Lord *is* an assured strẽgth, and his children shal haue hope.

27 The feare of the Lord *is as* a well spring of life, to auoide the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of the [l] people is the honour of a King, and for the want of people *cometh* the destruction of the prince.

l That is, the strength of a King standeth in many people.

29 He that is slowe to wrath, *is* of great wisdome: but he that is of an hastie minde, exalteth folie.

30 A sound heart *is* the life of the "flesh: but enuie *is* the rotting of the bones.

"Or, bodie.

31 * He that oppresseth the poore, reproueth him that made him: but he honoreth him that hathe mercie on the poore. *Chap.17.5.*

32 The wicked shalbe cast away for his malice: but the righteous hathe hope [k] in his death.

33 Wisdome resteth in the heart of him that hathe vnderstanding, and is knowen [m] in the middes of fooles.

m For as much as they are conuict thereby, and put to silence.

34 Iustice exalteth a nation, "but sinne is a shame to the people.

"Or, & the mercie of the people is a sacrifice for sinne.

35 The pleasure of a King *is* in a wise seruãt: but his wrath shalbe toward him that is lewde.

CHAP. XV.

1 A * Soft answer putteth away wrath: but grieuous wordes stirre vp angre. *Chap.25,15.*

2 The tongue of the wise vseth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fooles * bubleth out foolishnes. *Vers 28.*

3 The eyes of the Lord in euerie place beholde the euil and the good.

4 A wholsome tongue *is as* a tre of life: but the frowardnes thereof *is* the breaking of the minde.

5 A foole despiseth his fathers instructiõ: but he that regardeth correctiõ, is prudẽt.

6 The house of the righteous *hathe* muche treasure: but in the reuenues of the wicked is [a] trouble.

a For though thei haue muche, yet it is ful of trouble & care.

7 The lippes of the wise do spread abroad knowledge: but the heart of the fooliish *doeth* not so.

8 The [b] sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination to the Lord: but the praier of ỹ righteous is acceptable vnto him.

b That thing is abominable before God, & the wicked thinke to be moste excellẽt, and whereby thei thinke moste to be accepted.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination vnto the Lord: but he loueth him ỹ followeth righteousnes.

10 Instructiõ is euil to him that [c] forsaketh the way, & he ỹ hateth correctiõ, shal dye.

c He that swareth from the worde of God, can not abide to be admonished.

11 [d] Hel & destruction *are* before the Lord: how much more the hearts of the sonnes of men?

d There is nothing so depe, or secret that can be hid frõ the eyes of God, much lesse mẽs thoghts *Chap. 17, 22.*

12 A scorner loueth not him that rebuketh him, nether wil he go vnto the wise.

13 * A ioyful heart maketh a chereful countenance: but by the sorow of the heart the minde is heauie. *Chap. 17, 22.*

14 The heart of him that hathe vnderstanding, seketh knowledge: but the mouth of the foole is fed with foolishnes.

15 All ỹ daies of the afflicted *are* euil: but a good "conscience *is* a continual feast. "Ebr. heart.

16 * Better *is* a litle with ỹ feare of the Lord, thẽ great treasure and trouble therewith. *Psal.37,16.*

17 Better *is* a dinner of grene herbes where loue *is*, then a stalled oxe and hatred therewith.

18 * An angrie man stirreth vp strife: but he that is slowe to wrath, appeaseth strife. *Chap. 29, 22.*

19 The way of a slouthful man *is* as an hedge of [e] thornes: but the way of ỹ righteous is plaine.

e That is, he euer findeth some let or stay, and dare not go forward. *Chap. 10, 26.*

20 * A wise sonne reioyceth the father: but a fooliish man despiseth his mother.

21 Fooliishnes *is* ioye to him that is destitute of vnderstanding: but a man of vnderstanding walketh vprightly.

22 Without counsel thoghtes come to nought: but [f] in the multitude of counsellers there is stedfastnes.

f Read Chap. 11,14.

23 A ioye *cometh* to a man by the anſwer of his mouth: and how good *is* a worde g in due ſeaſon?

g If we wil ỹ our talke be cõfortable, we muſte waite for time and ſeaſon.

24 The waie of life *is* on high to the prudẽt, to auoide from hel beneth.

25 The Lord wil deſtroy the houſe of the proude men: but he wil ſtabliſh the borders of the widowe.

26 The thoghts of the wicked are abominatiõ to the Lord: but the pure *haue* h pleaſant wordes.

h That is, holſome and profitable to the hearers.

27 He ỹ is gredie of gaine, troubleth his owne houſe: but he ỹ hateth giftes, ſhal liue.

i That ſuffreth him ſelf to be admoniſhed by Gods worde, ẅ bringeth life: and ſo amendeth

28 The heart of the righteous ſtudieth to anſwer: but ỹ wicked mans mouth bableth euil things.

k Meaning, that God exalteth none, but them that are truely humbled

29 The Lord is farre of from the wicked: but he heareth the praier of ỹ righteous.

Chap. XVI.

30 The light of ỹ eies reioyceth the heart, & a good name maketh the bones fat.

a He derideth ỹ preſumptiõ of man, who dare attribute to him ſelf anie thing, as to prepare his heart or ſuche like, ſeing that he is not able to ſpeake a worde, except God giue it hi.

31 The eare that hearkeneth to the l correction of life, ſhal lodge among the wiſe.

32 He that refuſeth inſtruction, deſpiſeth his owne ſoule: but he that obeieth correction, getteth vnderſtanding.

b He ſheweth hereby, that man flattereth him ſelf in his doings: callig that vertue ẅ God termeth vice.

33 The feare of the Lord *is* the inſtructiõ of wiſdome: & before honour *goeth* k humilitie.

CHAP. XVI.

1 THe a preparations of the heart *are* in man: but the anſwer of the tongue *is* of the Lord.

"Ebr. rolle.

2 All the waies of a mã *are* b cleane in his owne eies: but the Lord põdereth ỹ ſpirits.

c So that the iuſtice of God ſhal appeare to his glorie, euẽ in the deſtruction of the wicked.

3 "Cõmit thy workes vnto the Lord, & thy thoghts ſhal be directed.

Chap. 11, 21.

4 The Lord hathe made all things for his owne ſake: yea, euẽ the wicked for the day of c euil.

d Their vpright and repenting life ſhal be a tokẽ that their ſinnes are forgiuen.

5 All that are proude in heart, *are* an abomination to the Lord: *thogh* *hand *ioyne* in hand, he ſhal not be vnpuniſhed.

Chap. 15, 16.

Pſal. 37, 16.

6 By d mercie and trueth iniquitie ſhalbe forgiuẽ, and by the feare of the Lord they departe from euil.

e He ſheweth the folie of mã ẅ thinketh ỹ his waies are in his owne hand: & yet is not able to remoue one fote except God giue force.

7 When the waies of a man pleaſe ỹ Lord, he wil make alſo his enemies at peace with him.

8 *Better is a litle with righteouſnes, then great reuenues without equitie.

Chap. 11, 1.

9 The heart of mã e purpoſeth his way: but the Lord doeth direct his ſteppes.

f If they be true and iuſte, then are Gods worke & he deliteth therein, but otherwiſe if they be falſe, then are the worke of the deuil, and to their condẽnation that vſe them.

10 A diuine ſentence *ſhalbe* in the lippes of the King: his mouth ſhal not tranſgreſſe in iudgement.

11 *A true weight and balance are of the Lord: all the weights of the bagge *are* his f worke.

g They are appointed by God to rule according to equitie and iuſtice.

12 It is an abomination to Kings to commit wickednes: for the throne is ſtabliſhed g by iuſtice.

13 Righteous lippes are the delite of Kigs, and the King loueth him that ſpeaketh right things.

14 The wrath of a King *is as* h meſſengers of death: but a wiſe man wil pacifie it.

h That is, he findeth out mane meanes to execute his wrath.

15 In the light of the Kings countenance *is* life: and his fauour *is* i as a cloude of the latter raine.

i Which is moſte cõfortable to the drye grounde, Deu. 11, 14.

16 *How muche better is it to get wiſdome then golde? and to get vnderſtanding, is more to be deſired then ſiluer.

Chap. 8, 10.

17 The path of the righteous is to decline from euil, & he kepeth his ſoule, that kepeth his way.

18 Pride *goeth* before deſtruction, and an high minde before the fall.

19 Better it is to be of humble mind with the lowlie, then to deuide the ſpoiles with the proude.

20 He that is wiſe in *his* buſines, ſhal finde good: and *he that truſteth in the Lord, he is bleſſed.

Pſal. 125, 1.

21 The wiſe in heart ſhalbe called prudẽt: & k the ſwetenes of the lippes ſhal increaſe doctrine.

k The ſweete wordes, &c. cõſolation, ẅ come forthe of a godlie heart.

22 Vnderſtanding *is* a well ſprig of life vnto them that haue it: and the l inſtruction of fooles *is* folie.

l Rather that ỹ the wicked teache ornery, or els it is folie to teache them that are malicious.

23 The heart of the wiſe guideth his mouth wiſely, and addeth doctrine to his lippes.

24 Faire wordes *are as* an honie combe, ſwetenes to the ſoule, & health to the bones.

25 *There is a way that ſemeth right vnto man: but the yſſue thereof *are* the waies of death.

Chap. 14, 12.

26 The perſone that trauaileth, trauaileth for him ſelf: for his mouth "craueth it of him.

"Ebr. bowrth vp on him.

27 A wicked man diggeth vp euil, and in his lippes *is* like m burning fyre.

m For he cõſumeth him ſelf and others.

28 A froward perſone ſoweth ſtrife: and a tale teller maketh diuiſion among princes.

n With his whole indeuour he laboureth to bring his wickednes to paſſe.

29 A wicked man diſceiueth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.

o That is, whẽ it is ioyned ẅ vertue ore ſis the eloer that ỹ wicked are, the more they are to be abhorred.

30 nHe ſhutteth his eyes to deuiſe wickednes: he moueth his lippes, & bringeth euil to paſſe.

p So that there is nothing ỹ ought to be attributed to fortune for all things are determined in ỹ counſel of God which ſhal come to paſſe.

31 Age is a crowne of glorie, *when* it is founde in the way of o righteouſnes.

Chap. XVII.

32 He that is ſlowe vnto angre, is better thẽ the mightie man: and he that ruleth his owne minde, *is better* then he that winneth a citie.

a For where as were manie ſacrifices, there were manie portions giuen to the people, wherewith they feaſted.

33 The lot is caſt into the lappe: but the whole diſpoſition thereof *is* p of the Lord.

1 BEtter is a drye morſel, if peace *be* with it, then an houſe ful of a ſacrifices *with* ſtrife.

Eccle. 10, 30.

2 *A diſcrete ſeruant ſhal haue rule ouer a lewde ſonne, and he ſhal deuide the b heritage among the brethren.

b That is, ſhal be made gouernour ouer the children.

3 *As is* ỹ fining pot for ſiluer, & the fornace for golde, ſo the Lord tryeth ỹ hearts.
4 The wicked giueth hede to falſe lippes, & a lyer hearkeneth to the naughtie tongue.
Chap.14.31. 5 *He that mocketh the poore, reprocheth him, that made him: and he that reioyceth at deſtruction, ſhal not be vnpuniſhed.
6 Childrens children are the crowne of ỹ elders: and the glorie of the children *are* their fathers.
Hebr. the lippe of excellencie. 7 "Hie talke becõmeth not a foole, muche leſſe a lying talke a prince.
8 A rewarde *is as* a ſtone pleaſant in the eyes of thẽ that haue it: it proſpereth, whether ſoeuer it [c] turneth.
c The reward hathe great force to gaine ỹ hearts of men.
9 He that couereth a tranſgreſsion, ſeketh loue: but he that repeateth a matter, ſeparateth the [d] prince.
d He that admoniſheth the prince of his faute, maketh him his enemie.
10 A reprofe entreth more into him that hathe vnderſtanding, then an hundreth ſtripes into a foole.
11 A ſedicious perſone ſeketh onely euil, & a cruel [e] meſſenger ſhal be ſent againſt him.
e By the meſſenger is mẽt ſuche meanes, as God viſeth to puniſh the rebelles.
12 *It is better* for a mã to mete a beare robbed of her whelpes, then [f] a foole in his folie.
f Whereby he meaneth the wicked in his rage, who hathe no feare of God.
13 *He that rewardeth euil for good, euil ſhal not departe from his houſe.
14 The beginning of ſtrife *is as* one that openeth the waters: therefore or the contention be medled with, leaue of.
Rom.12.17. 1.Theſſ.5.15. 1.pet.3.9. Iſa.5.23. &hap.24.24. 15 *He that iuſtifieth the wicked, and he ỹ condemneth the iuſt, euen thei bothe are abominacion to the Lord.
16 Wherefore is there a [g] price in the hand of the foole to get wiſdome, and *he hathe* none heart?
g What auaileth it the wicked to be riche, ſeing he ſetteth not his minde to wiſdome?
17 A friend loueth at all times: and [h] a brother is borne for aduerſitie.
h So that he is more then a friend, euen a brother ỹ helpeth in time of aduerſitie.
18 A man deſtitute of vnderſtanding [i] toucheth the hand, and becometh ſuretie for his neighbour.
i Read Chap. 6.1
19 He loueth trãſgreſsiõ, that loueth ſtrife: *and* he that exalteth his [k] gate, ſeketh deſtruction.
k Lifteth vp his ſelf aboue his degre.
20 The frowarde heart findeth no good: and he that hathe a naughtie tongue, ſhal fall into euil.
21 He that begetteth a foole, *getteth* him ſelf ſorowe, and the father of a foole can haue no ioye.
Chap.15.13. 22 *A ioyful heart cauſeth good health: but a ſorowful minde dryeth the bones.
l That is, ſecretly & out of the boſome of the riche.
23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the [l] boſome to wreſt the waies of iudgement.
Eccl.2.14. & 8.1. 24 * Wiſdome *is* in the face of him that hathe vnderſtanding: but the eyes of a foole *are* in the [m] corners of the worlde.
m That is, wander to & fro & ſeke not after wiſdome.
25 A fooliſh ſonne is a grief vnto his father, and a * heauines to her that bare him.
Chap.10.1.
26 Surely it is not good to condemne the iuſte, nor that the princes ſhulde ſmite *ſuche* [n] for equitie.
n For their wel doing.
27 He that hathe knowledge, ſpareth his wordes, and a man of vnderſtanding *is* of an excellent ſpirit.
28 Euen a foole (when he holdeth his peace) is counted wiſe, and he that ſtoppeth his lippes, prudent.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 FOr the deſire *thereof* he wil [a] ſeparate him ſelf to ſeke it, & occupie him ſelf in all wiſdome.
a He ỹ loueth wiſdome, wil ſeparate him ſelf from all impediments, and giue him ſelf wholly to ſeke it.
2 A foole hathe no delite in vnderſtanding: but that his heart may be [b] diſcouered.
b That is, that he may talke licenciouſly of whatſoeuer cometh to minde.
3 When the wicked commeth, then commeth [c] contempt, and with the vile man reproche.
c Meaning, ſuche one as cõtemneth all others
4 The wordes of a mans mouth *are like* depe [d] waters, & the well ſpring of wiſdome *is like* a flowing riuer.
d Which can neuer be drawne ẽptie, but bring euer profite.
5 It is not good to [e] accept the perſone of the wicked, to cauſe the righteous to fall in iudgement.
e That is, to fauour him & ſupport him.
6 A fooles lippes come with ſtrife, and his mouth calleth for ſtripes.
f Thei are ſone beleued & enter moſt depely.
7 A fooles mouth *is* his owne deſtruction, and his lippes *are* a ſnare for his ſoule.
g He ſheweth what is the refuge of ỹ godlie againſt all troubles.
8 The wordes of a tale bearer *are* as flatterings, and thei go downe into [f] the bowels of the bellie.
Chap.10.15. Chap.16.18. Eccle.11.8.
9 He alſo that is ſlouthful in his worke, is euen the brother of him that is a great waſter.
h The minde can wel beare the infirmitie of the bodie, but when the ſpirit is wounded, it is a thig moſte hard to ſuſteine.
10 The Name of the Lord *is* a ſtrong towre: the righteous runneth [g] vnto it, and is exalted.
i Getteth him liberte to ſpeake, & fauour of them that are moſte in eſtimation.
11 *The riche mans riches *are* his ſtrong citie: and as an hie wall in his imagination.
k He that ſpeaketh firſt, is beſt heard of ỹ wicked iudge, but when his aduerſarie inquireth out ỹ matter, it turneth to his ſhame.
12 *Before deſtruction the heart of a man is hautie, and before glorie *goeth* lowlines.
13 *He that anſwereth a matter before he heare it, it is folie and ſhame vnto him.
l If a controuerſie can not otherwiſe be decided, it is beſt to caſt lottes: to knowe whoſe ỹ thing ſhalbe.
14 The ſpirit of a man wil ſuſteine his infirmitie: but [h] a wounded ſpirit, who can beare it?
15 A wiſe heart getteth knowledge, and the eare of the wiſe ſeketh learning.
16 A mans gift [i] enlargeth him, and leadeth him before great men.
m Appeaſeth their controuerſie, ỹ are ſo ſtoute that can not otherwiſe be pacified.
17 [k] *He that is* firſt in his owne cauſe, *is* iuſt: then cometh his neighbour, and maketh inquirie of him.
n Which for ỹ ſtrength thereof wil not bowe nor yelde.
18 The lot [l] cauſeth contentions to ceaſe, & [m] maketh a particion among the mighty.
19 A brother offended *is harder to winne* then a ſtrong citie, & *their* contentions *are* like the [n] barre of a palace.
20 With the fruite of a mans mouthe ſhal

his

his belly be satisfied & with the increase of his lippes shal he be filled.

o By the vsing of the tongue wel or euil, cometh the frute thereof either good or bad

21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, and they that o loue it, shal eat the frute thereof.

p He that is ioyned with a vertuous woman in mariage, is blessed of ỹ Lord, as Chap 19,14

22 He that findeth a p wife, findeth a good thing, and receiueth fauour of the Lord.

23 The poore speaketh *with* prayers: but the riche answereth roughly.

q That is, otte times suche are foūd ẅ are more readie to do pleasure the he ỹ is more bounde by due rie

24 A man *that hathe* frieds, *ought* to shewe him self friendly: for a friend is nerer q then a brother.

CHAP. XIX.

1 BEtter* is ỹ poore that walketh in his vprightnes, then he that abuseth his lippes, and is a foole.

Chap.28,6.

2 For without knowledge the minde is not good, and he that hasteth with his fete, sinneth.

3 The foolishnes of a man peruerteth his way, & his heart freateth against ỹ Lord.

4 Riches gather manie friends: but the poore is separated from his neighbour.

Deu.19 19. dan.13,60.

5 *A false witnes shal not be vnpunished: & he that speaketh lies, shal not escape.

6 Manie reuerence the face of the prince, & euerie man *is* friend to him that giueth gifres.

7 All ỹ brethren of the poore do hate him: how muche more wil his friends departe farre from him? thogh he be instant a with wordes, *yet* they wil not.

a To haue cōfor: of them

b He that is vpright in mediemēt, findeth fauour of God

8 He ỹ possesseth vnderstanding, b loueth his owne soule, & kepeth wisdome to finde goodnes.

9 A false witnes shal not be vnpunished: & he that speaketh lyes, shal perish.

e The fre vse of things, are not to be permitted to him that can not vse them aright

d That is, to couer it by charitie and to do therin as maie moste serue to Gods glorie.

10 c Pleasure is not comelie for a foole, muche lesse for a seruāt to haue rule ouer princes.

Chap 20,2.

11 The discretion of a man differreth his angre: and his glorie *is* d to passe by an offence.

Chap 17,21.

Chap 21,9.

12 *The Kings wrath *is* like the roaring of a lyon: but his fauour *is* like the dewe vpon the grasse.

13 *A foolish sonne *is* the calamitie of his father, * and the contentions of a wife *are like* a continual e dropping.

e As rame ỹ droppeth and roteeth the house

Chap. 18,22.

14 House and riches *are* the inheritance of the fathers: but * a prudent wife *cometh* of the Lord.

15 Slouthfulnes causeth to fall a slepe, and a disceitful person shal be affamished.

16 He that kepeth the commandement, kepeth his owne soule: *but* he that despiseth his waies, shal dye.

17 He that hathe mercie vpon the poore, lendeth vnto the Lord: and the Lord wil recōpense him that which he hathe giuē.

18 Chasten thy sonne while there is hope, and let not thy soule spare for his mur muring.

19 *A man* of muche angre shal suffer punishment: & thogh thou f deliuer *him*, yet wil *his angre* come againe.

f Though for a time he giue place to counsel, yet sone after wil he giue place to his raging affections

20 Heare counsel, and receiue instruction, that thou maiest be wise in thy latter end.

21 Manie deuices *are* in a g mans heart: but the counsel of the Lord shal stand.

g Mans deuice shal not haue succes, except God gouerne it, whose purpose is vnchangeable

22 That that is to be desired of a man, *is* his h goodnes, and a poore man is better then a lyer.

h That is, that he be honest: for the poore man that is honest, is to be esteemed aboue ỹ riche which is not verteous

23 The feare of the Lord *leadeth* to life: and he that is filled *therewith*, shal continue, & shal not be visited with euil.

Chap 26,15.

Chap 21,11.

24 *The slouthful hideth his hand in *his* bosome, and wil not put it to his mouth againe.

25 *Smite a scorner, and i the foolish wil beware: and reproue the prudent, and he wil vnderstand knowledge.

i That is, the simple and ignorant men learne, when thei se the wicked punished.

26 He that destroyeth *his* father, *or* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a lewde and shameful childe.

27 My sonne, heare no more the instructiō, that causeth to erre from the wordes of knowledge.

28 A wicked witnes mocketh at iudgemēt, and the mouth of the wicked k swalloeth vp iniquitie.

k Taketh a pleasure and delite therein, as gluttons & drunkardes in delicate meats and drinkes.

29 *But* iudgemēts are prepared for the scorners, & stripes for the backe of the fooles.

CHAP. XX.

1 WIne a *is* a mocker & strong drinke is raging: & whosoeuer is deceiued thereby, is not wise.

a By wine here is ment him that is giuen to wine, and so by strōg drinke

Chap.19,18.

2 *The feare of the King *is* like the roaring of a lyon: he that prouoketh him vnto angre, b sinneth against his owne soule.

b Putteth his life in danger.

3 *It is* a mans honour to cease from strife: but euerie foole wil be medling.

4 The slouthful wil not plowe, because of winter: *therefore* shal he begge in sommer, but haue nothing.

5 The counsel in the heart of c man *is like* depe waters: but a man that hathe vnderstanding, wil drawe it out.

c It is hard to finde out: for it is as depe waters, whose bottome can not be found: yet the wise mā wil knowe a man ether by his wordes or maners.

6 Manie men wil boast, euerie one of his owne goodnes: but who can finde a faithful man?

7 He that walketh in his integritie, *is* iuste: & blessed *shal* his children *be* after him.

8 A King that sitteth in the throne of iudgement, d chaseth away all euil ẅ his eyes.

d Where righteous iudgement is executed, there sinne ceaseth and vice dare not appeare

1 King 8,46 2 chro 6,36. eccles.7,21. 1 iohn.1,8.

9 *Who can say, I haue made mine heart cleane, I am cleane from sinne?

10 Diuers "weightes, and diuers measures, bothe e these are euen abomination vnto the Lord.

" Ebr stone and stone, ephah & ephah

e Read Chap. 16,11.

11 A childe also is knowen by his doings, whether his worke be pure and right.

12 The Lord hathe made bothe these, euen the eare to heare, and the eye to se.

13 Loue not slepe, lest thou come vnto pouertie: open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be

satisfied with bread.

14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the byer: but when he is gone a parte, he boasteth.

15 There is golde, and a multitude of precious stones: but the lippes of knowledge *are* a precious iewel.

16 * Take his f garment, that is suretie for a stranger, and a pledge of him for the stranger.

17 The bread of deceit *is* swete to a man: but afterwarde his mouth shalbe filled with grauel.

18 Establish the thoghts by counsel: and by counsel make warre.

19 He that goeth about *as* a slanderer, discouereth * secrets: therefore medle not w̄ him that flattereth with his lippes.

20 * He that curseth his father or his mother, his light shalbe put out in obscure darkenes.

21 An heritage *is* hastely gotten at the beginning, but the end thereof shal not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, * I wil recompense euil: *but* waite vpon the Lord, and he shal saue thee.

23 * Diuers weightes *are* an abominacion vnto the Lord, and disceitful balances *are* not good.

24 * The steppes of man *are ruled* by the Lord: how can a man then vnderstand his owne way?

25 It is a destruction for a man to ꝫ deuoure that which is sanctified, and after the vowes to inquire.

26 A wise King scattereth the wicked, and causeth the h whele to turne ouer them.

27 The i light of the Lord *is* the breth of man, and sercheth all the bowels of the bellie.

28 * Mercie and trueth preserue the King: for his throne shalbe established w̄ mercie.

29 The beautie of yong mē *is* their strēgth, and the glorie of the aged *is* the graye head.

30 k The blewenes of the wounde serueth to purge the euil, and the stripes within the bowels of the bellie.

CHAP. XXI.

1 THe a Kings heart *is* in the hand of the Lord, *as* the riuers of waters: he turneth it whether ſoeuer it pleaseth him.

2 Euerie * way of a man *is* right in his owne eyes: but the Lord ponderēth the hearts.

3 * To do iustice and iudgement is more acceptable to the Lord then sacrifice.

4 * A hautie loke, and a proude heart, *which is* the * b light of the wicked, *is* sinne.

5 The thoghts of the diligent *do* surely *bring* abundance: but c whosoeuer is hastie, *cometh* surely to pouertie.

6 * The gathering of treasures by a disceitful tongue *is* vanitie tossed to and fro of them that seke death.

7 The d robberie of the wicked shal destroye them: for thei haue refused to execute iudgement.

8 The way of some *is* peruerted and strange: but of the pure man, his worke *is* right.

9 * It is better to dwell in a corner of ỹ house toppe, then with a contentious woman in a * wide house.

10 The soule of the wicked wisheth euil: *and* his neighbour hathe no fauour in his eyes.

11 e When the scorner is punished, the foolish is wise: and when one instructeth the wise, he wil receiue knowledge.

12 The righteous f teacheth the house of the wicked: *but God* ouerthroweth the wicked for *their* euil.

13 He that stoppeth his eare at the crying of the poore, he shal also crye and not be heard.

14 A g gift in secret pacifieth angre, and a gift in the bosome great wrath.

15 It is ioye to the iust to do iudgement: but destruction *shalbe* to the workers of iniquitie.

16 A man that wandereth out of the way of wisdome, shal remaine in the congregacio̅ of the dead.

17 He that loueth pastime, *shalbe* a poore man: & he that loueth wine & oyle, shal not be riche.

18 The h wicked *shalbe* a ransome for the iust, and the trāsgressour for the righteous.

19 * It is better to dwell in the wildernes, then with a contentious & angrie womā.

20 In ỹ house of the wise is a pleasant treasure and i oyle: but a foolish man deuoureth it.

21 He that followeth after righteousnes & mercie, shal finde life, righteousnes, and glorie.

22 A k wise man goeth vp into the citie of the mightie, and casteth downe ỹ strength of the confidence thereof.

23 He that kepeth his mouth and his tōgue, kepeth his soule from afflictions.

24 Proude, hautie & scorneful *is* his name that worketh in *his* arrogancie wrath.

25 The desire of the slouthful l slaieth him: for his hands refuse to worke.

26 He coueteth gredely, but the righteous giueth, and spareth not.

27 The * sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abominacio̅: how muche more when he bringeth it with a wicked minde?

28 * A false witnes shal perish: but he that heareth, m speaketh continually.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but the iuste, he wil dire& his way.

30 There is no wisdome, nether vnderstanding, nor counsel against the Lord.

31 The horse is prepared against the daie

Chap.27,13. f Teache him wit, that he cast not him self rashly into danger.

Chap.11,15. Exod 21,27. Ieuit 20,9. mat 15,4. Deut.32,31. chap 17,13. & 24,29. rom 12,17. 1 thess.5,15. 1 pet.3,9.

Chap.11,1. & vers.20. Ieuem.10,23. g That is, to applie it, or take it to his owne vse, which was appointed to Gods, and the̅ inquire how thei maie be exempted fro̅ the faute

h Which was a kinde of punishment then vsed

i The worde of God giueth life vnto man, and causeth vs to se & crye the secrets of our darke hearts. Ebr 4,12.

Chap 29,14. k Sharpe punishement, ỹ perceth euen the inward partes, is profitable for the wicked, to bring them to amendement

Chap XXI.

a Though Kings seme to haue all things at commandement, yet are thei not able to bring their owne purposes to passe anie otherwise the̅ God hathe appointed: much lesse are the inferiours able.

Chap 16,2. Mach 6,8.

b Or, plowing.

b That is, the thing whereby he is guided, or which he bringeth forthe as the frute of his worke

c He that goeth rashely about his busines and without counsel

Chap 13,11.

d He meaneth this chiefly of iudges and princes which leaue that vocation whereunto God hath called them, & powle their subiects to mainteine their lustes.

Chap 19,13. & 25,24.

e Or, in a great familie

e Read Chap. 19,25.

f Though the godlie admonish the̅ bothe by wordes & example of life, yet the wicked wil not amend, til God destroie them.

g To do a pleasure to the angrie man pacifieth him.

h God shal cause that to fall on their owne heads, ẅ they intēded against the iust, by deliuering the iuste and putting the wicked in their places

Eccle 25,23.

i Meaning, abundance of all things.

k Wisdōme ouercometh strēgth & confidēce in worldelie things.

l He thinketh to liue by wishing and desiring all things, but wil take no peine to get oght

Chap 15,8. isa 1,13. eccles 34,21. Chap.29,5.

m He maie boldely testifie the trueth that he hathe learned.

of battel. but ſaluacion *is* of the Lord.

CHAP. XXII.

Eccleſ 7,2. a Which cometh by wel doing

1 A *good name is to be choſen aboue great riches, and a louing fauour is aboue ſiluer and aboue golde.

Chap 29,13 b Liue together, and haue nede the one of the other

2 * The riche and poore b mete together: the Lord *is* the maker of them all.

c That is, the puniſhment, which is prepared for the wicked & ſeeth to God for ſuccour

3 *A prudent man ſeeth the c plague, and hideth him ſelf: but the fooliſh go on ſtil, and are puniſhed.

4 The rewarde of humilitie, & the feare of God *is* riches, and glorie, and life.

5 Thornes *and* ſnares *are* in the way of the frowarde. *but* he that regardeth his ſoule, wil departe farre from them.

d Bring him vp vertuouſly, and he ſhal not commune.

6 Teache a childe d in the trade of his way, and when he is olde, he ſhal not departe from it.

7 The riche ruleth ẏ poore, and ẏ borower *is* ſeruant to the man that lendeth.

e His authoritie, whereby he may appreſſe others, in ſtil be taken from him

8 He that ſoweth iniquitie, ſhal reape affliction, & the e rodde of his angre ſhal faile.

f He that is mercifull, and liberal.

9 *He that hathe a good f eye, he ſhalbe bleſſed: for he giueth of his bread vnto ẏ poore.

10 Caſt out the ſcorner, and ſtrife ſhal go out: ſo contention and reproche ſhal ceaſe.

11 He that loueth purenes of heart *for* the grace of his lips, the g King *ſhalbe* his frẽd.

g He ſheweth that princes ſhuld vſe their ſam̃arie, whoſe conſeiẽce is good, and their talke wiſe and godlie.

12 The eyes of the Lord h preſerue knowledge: but he ouerthroweth the wordes of the tranſgreſſour.

h Fauour thẽ ẏ loue knowledge

13 The ſlouthful man ſaith, i A lyon *is* without, I ſhal be ſlaine in the ſtrete.

i He ceaſeth thẽ from inuẽtion vaine excuſes, becauſe they wolde not do their dueties

14 The mouth of ſtrange womẽ *is as* a depe pit. he with whome ẏ Lord is angrie, k ſhal fall therein.

k So God puniſheth one ſinne by another, when he ſuffreth the wicked to fall into the acquaintance of an harlot

15 Fooliſhnes is bounde l in the heart of a childe: but the rodde of correction ſhal driue it away from him.

l He is naturally giuen vnto it.

16 He that oppreſſeth the poore to increaſe him ſelf, & giueth vnto the riche, *ſhal* ſurely *come* to poouertie.

17 ¶ Incline thine eare, & heare ẏ wordes of the wiſe, and applie thine heart vnto my knowledge.

18 For *it ſhalbe* pleaſant, if thou kepe them in thy bellie, & *if* they be directed together in thy lippes.

m He ſheweth what the end of wiſdome is to wit, to direct vs to the Lord

19 That thy confidẽce may be in m ẏ Lord, I haue ſhewed thee this day: *euen* thou therefore *take hede*.

n That is, ſundrie times.

20 Haue not I writẽ vnto thee n thre times in counſels and knowledge,

21 That I might ſhewe thee the aſſurãce of the wordes of trueth to anſwer the wordes of trueth to them that ſend to thee?

"Ebr is the gate

22 Robbe not ẏ poore, becauſe he is poore, nether oppreſſe ẏ afflicted "in iudgemẽt.

Chap 23,11. o Haue not to do with him ẏ is not able to rule his affections for he wolde hurt thee by his euil conuerſation

23 For the Lord *will* defende their cauſe, & ſpoile the ſoule of thoſe that ſpoile them.

24 Make o no frẽdſhip with an angrie mã, nether go with the furious man,

25 Leſt thou learne his wayes, and receiue deſtruction to thy ſoule.

p Which ſeeke by iuſt the ſtates in danger for others as Chap 6,1

26 Be not thou of them that p touche ẏ hãd, *nor* among thẽ that are ſuretie for debts.

27 If thou haſt nothing to paye, why *ſeeſt thou* ẏ he ſhuld take thy bed frõ vnder thee?

Deut 27,17. chap 23,10.

28 Thou ſhalt not *remoue the ancient boũdes which thy fathers haue made.

29 Thou ſeeſt that a diligent mã in his buſines ſtandeth before Kings, *and* ſtandeth not before the baſe ſorte.

CHAP. XXIII.

a Eat with ſobrietie

1 WHen thou ſitteſt to eat with a ruler, a conſider diligently what is before thee,

b Bridel thine appetite, as it were by force and violence

2 b And put the knife to thy throte, if thou be a man giuen to the appetite.

c For oft times there be, whẽ the rulers bid their inferiours to their tables, it is not for the loue they bare them, but for their owne ſecret purpoſes

3 Be not deſirous of his deintie meats: c for it is a diſceiuable meat.

d Beſtowe not the giftes that God hath giuen thee, to get worldely riches

4 Trauail not to muche to be riche: *but* ceaſe from thy d wiſdome.

e That is, couetous, as contrarie a good eye as take for liberal, as Chap 22,9

5 Wilt thou caſt thine eyes vpon it, which is nothing? for *riches* taketh her to her winges, as an egle, and flieth into the heauen.

f He wil not ceaſe til he haue done thee ſome harme, & his flattering wordes ſhal come to no ẏ e

6 Eat ẏ not the bread of him that hathe an e euil eye, nether deſire his deintie meats.

Deut 27,17. chap 22,28

7 For as though he thoght it in his heart, ſo wil he ſay vnto thee, Eat and drinke: but his heart is not with thee.

Chap 22,23.

8 Thou ſhalt vomit thy f morſels that thou haſt eaten, and thou ſhalt loſe thy ſwete wordes.

9 Speake not in the eares of a fooliſh: for he wil deſpiſe the wiſdome of thy wordes.

10 *Remoue not the ancient boundes, and entre not into the fields of the fatherles.

11 For he that redemeth thẽ, is mightie: he wil * defende their cauſe againſt thee.

12 Applie thine heart to inſtruction, & thine eares to the wordes of knowledge.

Chap 13,24. & 19,18. eccl 30,1.

13 *Withholde not correctiõ frõ the childe: if thou ſmite him with the rod, he ſhal not dye.

g That is, from deſtruction

14 Thou ſhalt ſmite him with the rodde, and ſhalt deliuer his ſoule from g hel.

15 My ſonne, if thine heart be wiſe, mine heart ſhal reioyce and I alſo.

16 And my reines ſhal reioyce, when thy lippes ſpeake righteous things.

Pſal 37,1. chap 24,1.

17 *Let not thine heart be enuious againſt ſinners. but *let it be* in the feare of the Lord continually.

h The proſperitie of ẏ wicked ſhal not continue

18 For ſurely there is an end, h and thy hope ſhal not be cut of.

i In the obſeruation of Gods cõmandemẽts

19 O thou my ſonne, heare, and be wiſe, & guide thine heart in the i way.

"Or wine bibbers

20 Kepe not compaine with " dronkards, *nor* with "gluttons.

"Or diſcoureers of fleſh.

21 For ẏ drõkard & ẏ glutton ſhalbe poore, & the ſleper ſhalbe clothed with ragges.

k Spare no coſt for your

22 Obey thy father that hathe begotẽ thee, & deſpiſe not thy mother whẽ ſhe is olde.

23 Bye k the trueth, but ſel it not. *likewiſe* wiſdome, and inſtruction, and vnderſtãding.

24 The father of the righteous shal greatly reioyce, & [f] he that begetteth a wise childe, shal haue ioye of him.
25 Thy father and thy mother shalbe glad, and she that bare thee, shal reioyce.
[1] Giue thy self wholly to wisdome
26 My sonne, giue me [g] thine heart, and let thine eyes delite in my wayes.
Chap.22,14. 27 *For a whores is an depe ditche, & a strãge woman *is* a narow pit.
Chap 7.8. 28 *Also she lieth in waite as for a pray,
[m] She seduceth manie, & causeth them to offend God
[m] and she increaseth the transgressers among men.
29 To whome is wo? to whome is sorowe? to whome is strife? to whome is murmuring? to whome are woundes without cause? & to whome is the rednes of the eyes?
30 *Euen* to them that tarie long at the wine, to them that go, [n] and seke mixt wine.
[n] Which by art make wine stronger, and more pleasant.
31 Loke not thou vpon the wine, when it is red, & when it sheweth his colour in the cuppe, *or* goeth downe pleasantly.
32 In the end thereof it wil bite like a serpent, and hurt like a cockatrise.
[o] That is, drõkennes shal bring thee to whoredome
33 Thine [o] eyes shal loke vpõ strãge womẽ, and thine heart shal speake lewde things.
[p] In suche great danger shalt thou be
34 And thou shalt be as one that slepeth in the middes of the [p] sea, and as he that slepeth in the top of the mast.
[q] Though drõkennes make them more insensible then beasts, yet cã they not refraine *Psal.37.1. chap.23.17.*
35 They haue striken me, *shalt thou say*, *but* I was not sicke: they haue beaten me, *but* I knewe not, when I awoke: *therefore* wil I [q] seke it yet stil.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 BE *not thou enuious against euil men, nether desire to be with them.
2 For their heart imagineth destructiõ, and their lippes speake mischief.
3 Through wisdome is an house buylded, and with vnderstanding it is established.
4 And by knowledge shal the chambers be filled with all precious, & pleasant riches.
5 A wise man *is* strong: for a man of vnderstanding encreaseth *his* strength.
Chap.20,18. 6 *For with counsel thou shalt enterprise thy warre, and in the multitude of them that can giue counsel, *is* health.
7 Wisdome is hie to a foole: *therefore* he cã not open his mouth in the [a] gate.
[a] In the place where wisdome shulde be shewed.
8 He that imagineth to do euil, men shal call him an autor of wickednes.
9 The wicked thoght of a foole *is* sinne, and the scorner *is* an abomination vnto men.
[b] Man hathe no cryal of his strength til he be in troubles.
10 *If* thou be [b] faint in the day of aduersitie, thy strength *is* smal.
[c] None can be excused, if he helpe not the innocent whẽ he is in dãger.
11 Deliuer them that are drawen [c] to death: and wilt thou not preserue them that are led to be slaine?
12 If thou say, Beholde, we knewe not of it: he that põdereth the hearts, doeth not he vnderstand it? and he that keepeth thy soule, knoweth he it not? wil not he also recompense euerie man according to his workes?
13 My sonne, eat [d] honie, for it is good, and the honie combe, *for it is* swete vnto thy mouth.
[d] As honie is swete & pleasant to ỹ taste, so wisdome is to the soule.
14 So shal the knowledge of wisdome be vnto thy soule, if thou finde it, and there shalbe an [e] end, and thine hope shal not be cut of.
[e] Or, rewarde.
15 Lay no waite, ô wicked man, against the house of the righteous, and spoyle not his resting place.
16 For a iuste man [e] falleth seuen times, & riseth againe: but the wicked fall into mischief.
[e] He is subiect to manie perils but God deliuereth him
17 Be thou not glad when thine enemie falleth, and let not thine heart reioyce when he stumbleth,
18 Lest the Lord se it, and it displease him, and he turne his wrath [f] from him.
[f] To be auenged on thee. *Psal 37,1. chap 23,17.*
19 *Freat not thy self because of the malicious, nether be enuious at the wicked.
20 For there shal be none end *of plagues* to the euil man: *the light of the wicked shal be put out. *Chap 13,9.*
21 My sonne, feare the Lord, and the King, & meddle not with thẽ that are sedicious.
22 For their destruction shal rise suddenly, & who knoweth the ruine of thẽ [g] bothe?
[g] Meaning, either of ỹ wicked, and sedicious, as vers. 19, and 21, or of them that feare not God nor obey their King
23 ALSO THESE THINGS "PERTEINE TO THE WISE, It is not good "to haue respect of anie persone in iudgement.
"Ebr *is knowe the face* *Chap.17,15. isa 5,23.*
24 He that saith to the wicked, *Thou art righteous, him shal the people curse, and the multitude shal abhorre him.
25 But to them that rebuke *him*, shalbe pleasure, and vpon them shal come the blessing of goodnes.
26 They shal kisse the lippes of him that answereth vpright wordes.
27 Prepare thy worke without, and make ready thy things in the field, [h] and after, buylde thine house.
[h] Be sure of ỹ meanes how to compasse it before ỹ take anie enterprise in hand.
28 Be not a witnes against thy neighbour without cause: for wilt thou deceiue with thy lippes?
29 *Say not, I wil do to him, as he hathe done to me, I [i] wil recompense euerie man according to his worke. *Chap 20,22.*
[i] He sheweth what is the nature of ỹ wicked, to reuenge wrong for wrong.
30 I passed by the field of the slouthful, & by the vineyarde of the man destitute of vnderstanding.
31 And lo, it was all growen ouer with thornes, & nettles had couered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken downe.
32 Then I behelde, *and* I considered it wel: I loked vpon it, *and* [k] receiued instructiõ.
[k] That I might learne by another mans faute
33 *Yet* a litle slepe, [l] a litle slumber, a litle folding of the hands to slepe.
[l] Read Chap. 6,10.
34 So thy pouertie cometh *as* one that trauaileth by the way, and thy necessitie like an armed man.

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CHAP. XXV.

1 THESE ARE ALSO PARABLES of Salomón, which the [a] men of Hezekiáh King of Iudáh [b] copied out.

a Whome Hezekiáh appointed for this purpose

b That is gathered out of diuers bokes of Sálomón.

2 THe glorie of God *is* to [c] conceile a thing ſecret: but the [d] Kings honour *is* to ſearche out a thing.

c God doeth not reueile ỹ cauſe or his iudgemẽts to man

3 The heauens in height, and the earth in depenes, and the [e] Kings heart can no man ſearche out.

d Becauſe the King vſeth by the reueiled wordeof God, ỹ cauſe of his doings muſt appeare, & therefore he muſt vſe diligence in trying out of cauſes

4 Take the [f] droſſe from the ſiluer, and there ſhal procede a veſſel for the finer.

5 Take [g] away the wicked from the King, and his throne ſhalbe ſtabliſhed in righteouſnes.

e He ſheweth ỹ it is to hard for mẽ to attaine to ỹ reaſon of all the ſecret doings of ỹ King euẽ when he is vpright, & doeth his dutie

6 Boaſt not thy ſelf before the King, and ſtand not in the place of great men.

f When vice is remoued frõ a king, he is a mete veſſel for the Lords vſe

7 *For it is better, that it be ſaid vnto thee, Come vp hither, thẽ thou to be put lower in the preſence of the prince whome thine eyes haue ſene.

g It is not ynough that he be pure him ſelf, but ỹ he put away others that be corrupted. *Luk.14.10.*

8 Go not forthe haſtely to ſtrife, leſt thou knowe not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hathe put thee to ſhame.

9 D bate thy matter with thy neighbour, & diſcouer not the ſecret to another,

10 Leſt he that heareth it, put thee to ſhame, and thine infamie do not [h] ceaſe.

h Leſt where as thou thinkeſt by this meanes to haue an end of ỹ matter, it put thee to farther trouble

11 A worde ſpokẽ in his place, *is like* appels of golde with pictures of ſiluer.

i In the time of great heat when men deſire colde

12 He that reproueth the wiſe, & the obedient eare, *is* a golden earing and an ornament of fine golde

13 As the colde of the ſnow in the time of harueſt, *ſo is* a faithful meſſenger to them that ſend him: for he refreſheth the ſoule of his maſters.

k Which haue an outward appearance, and are nothing within

14 A man that boaſteth of falſe liberalitie, *is like* [k] cloudes and winde without raine.

l By not miniſtring occaſion to prouoke him farther.

15 A prince is pacified by ſtaying [l] of anger, and a ſofte tõgue breaketh ỹ bones.

16 *If* thou haue founde honie, eat that is [m] ſufficient for thee, leſt thou be ouerfull, and vomit it.

m That is, the heart ỹ is but so angrie, as Chap 15,1

17 Withdrawe thy fote from thy neighbours houſe, leſt he be weary of thee, and hate thee.

n Vſe moderately the pleaſures of this worlde

18 A man that beareth falſe witnes againſt his neighbour, *is like* an hammer & a ſworde, and a ſharpe arrowe.

o Which melteth it, and cõſumeth it *Or, ſlume*

19 Cõfidence in an vnfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tothe and a ſliding fote.

Rom.12.19

p Thou ſhalt as it were by force ouercome him to ſo muche that his owne conſcience ſhal moue him to acknowledge ỹ benefites, and his heart ſhalbe inflamed.

20 He ỹ taketh away the garmẽt in ỹ colde ſeaſon, *is like* vinegar *powred* vpõ nitre, *or like* him ỹ ſingeth ſongs to an heauie heart.

21 * If he that hateth thee be hungrie, giue him bread to eat, and if he be thirſtie, giue him water to drinke.

22 For thou ſhalt lay [p] coles vpon his head, and the Lord ſhal recompenſe thee.

23 *As* the Northwind driueth away the raine, ſo doeth an angrie coũtenance ỹ ſclandering tongue.

24 *It is better to dwell in a corner of the houſe toppe, then with a contentious woman in a wide houſe. *Chap.21.9.*

25 *As are* the colde waters to a wearie ſoule, ſo *is* good newes from a farre countrey.

26 A righteous man falling downe before the wicked, *is like* a troubled well, and a corrupt ſpring.

27 It is not good to eat muche honie. *ſo to ſearch their owne glorie *is not* glorie. *Eccle.3.21.*

28 A man that refraineth not his appetite, *is like* a citie which is [q] broken downe, & without walles.

q And ſo is in extreme danger.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 AS the ſnow in the ſommer, and as the raine in the harueſt *are not mete*, ſo is honour vnſemely for a foole.

2 As the ſparow by fleing, and the ſwalowe by flying *eſcape*, ſo the curſe *that is* cauſeles, ſhal not come.

3 Vnto the horſe *belongeth* a whip, to the aſſe a bridle, and a rodde to the fooles backe.

4 Anſwer not a foole [a] according to his fooliſhnes, leſt thou alſo be like him.

a Conſent not vnto him in his doings

5 Anſwer a foole [b] according to his fooliſhnes, leſt he be wiſe in his owne "conceite.

b Reproue him as the matter requireth "*Ebr eyes.*

6 He that ſendeth a meſſage by the hand of a foole, *is as* he that cutteth of [c] the fete, [d] and drinketh iniquitie.

c To wit, of the meſſenger, whome he ſendeth.

d That is, receiueth domage thereby.

7 *As* they that lift vp the legges of the lame, ſo *is* a parable in a fooles mouth.

8 As the cloſing vp of a *precious* ſtone in an heape of ſtones, ſo *is* he that giueth glorie to a foole.

e Whereby he bothe hurteth him ſelfe and others

9 *As* a thorne ſtanding [e] vp in the hand of a drunkard, ſo *is* a parable in the mouth of fooles.

f Meanig, God

10 [f] The excellent that formed all things, bothe rewardeth the foole and rewardeth the tranſgreſſers.

11 *As a dogge turneth againe to his owne vomite, *ſo* a foole turneth to his fooliſhnes. *2.Pet.2.22.*

12 Seeſt thou a man wiſe in his owne conceite? [g] more hope *is* of a foole then of him.

g For ỹ foole wil rather be counſeled thẽ he alſo ỹ foole ſinneth of ignorance and the other of malice

13 The ſlouthful man ſaith, [h] A lyon *is* in the waye: a lyon *is* in the ſtretes.

h Read Chap. 22.13

14 *As* the dore turneth vpon his henges, ſo *doth* the ſlouthful man vpon his bed. *Chap.19.24.*

15 * The ſlouthful hideth his hand in *his* boſome, *and* it grieueth him to put it againe to his mouth.

16 The ſluggard is wiſer in his owne conceit, then ſeuen *men* that can rendre a reaſon.

17 He that paſſeth by and medleth with the ſtrife *that belongeth* not vnto him, *is* euen *that* taketh a dogge by the eares.

18 As he that faineth him ſelf mad, caſteth
fyre brandes, arrowes and mortal things,
19 So *dealeth* the deceitful man [i] with his
friend and ſaith, Am not I in ſporte?
20 Without wood the fyre is quenched, &
without a tale bearer ſtrife ceaſeth.
21 *As* the cole *maketh* burning coles, and
wood a fyre, ſo the contentious man *is apt*
to kindle ſtrife.
22 *The wordes of a tale bearer *are* as flat-
terings, and they go downe into the bow-
els of the bellie.
23 *As* ſiluer droſſe ouerlayed vpon a pot-
ſhard, *ſo are* burning lippes, and [k] an euil
heart.
24 He that hateth, wil counterfait with his
lippes, but in his heart he layeth vp de-
ceit.
25 Thogh he ſpeake fauorably, beleue him
not: for *there are* [l] ſeuen abominacions in
his heart.
26 Hatred may be couered by deceit: *but*
the malice thereof ſhalbe diſcouered in
the [m] Congregacion.
27 *He that diggeth a pit, ſhal fall therein,
and he that rolleth a ſtone, it ſhal returne vnto him.
28 A falſe tongue hateth the afflicted, and a
flattering mouth cauſeth ruine.

i Which diſſembleth him ſelf to be that he is not.
Eccl.38,12.
Chap.18,8.
k They wil ſone breake out and vtter thē ſelues.
l Meaning manie: he vſeth ỹ nōber certeine for the vncertein.
m In the aſſemblie of the godlie.
Eccleſ.10,8.
Eccl.27,30.

CHAP. XXVII.

a Delaye not the time, but take occaſion when it is offred.
BOaſt not thy ſelf of to [a] morowe: for
thou knoweſt not what a day may
bring forthe.
2 Let another man praiſe thee, and not thi-
ne owne mouth: a ſtranger, and not thine
owne lips.
Eccleſ.22,18.
3 *A ſtone *is* heauie, and the ſand weightie:
but a fooles wrath *is* heauier then them
bothe.
4 Angre *is* cruel, and wrath *is* raging: but
who can ſtand before [b] enuie?
b For the enuious are obſtinate and cā not be reconciled.
5 Open rebuke *is* better then ſecret loue.
6 The woundes of a louer *are* faithful, and
the kiſſes of an enemie *are* [c] pleaſant.
c They are flattering, and ſeme friendful.
Iob.6,6.
7 *The perſone that is ful, deſpiſeth an ho-
nie combe: but vnto the hungrie ſoule e-
uerie bitter thing is ſwete.
8 As a birde that wandereth from her neſt,
ſo *is* a man that wandereth from his owne
place.
9 *As* ointement and perfume reioyce the
heart, *ſo doeth* the ſwetenes of a mans frīd
by hartie counſel.
10 Thine owne friend and thy fathers frīd
forſake thou not: nether entre into thy bro
thers [d] houſe in the day of thy calamitie:
for better is a neighbour *that is* nere, then a
brother farre of.
d Go not to an vnworldelie helpe in the day of thy trouble.
11 My ſonne, be wiſe, & reioyce mine heart,
that I may anſwer him that reproacheth
me.
12 [e] A prudent man ſeeth the plague, and
hideth him ſelf: *but* the fooliſh go on ſtil,
e Read Chap. 22,3.
and are puniſhed.
13 *Take his garment that is ſuretie for a
ſtranger, & a pledge of him for the ſtrā-
ger.
Chap.20,16.
14 He that [f] praiſeth his friend with a low-
de voyce, riſing [g] early in the morning, it
ſhalbe counted to him as a curſe.
f *Ebr.bleſſeth.*
g Haſtely and without cauſe.
15 *A cōtinual dropping in the day of rai-
ne, and a contentious woman are a like.
Chap.19,20. & 21,9.
16 He that hideth her, hideth the winde, &
ſhe is as the oyle in his right hand, that vtte
reth it ſelf.
17 Yron ſharpeneth yron, ſo doeth [g] man
ſharpen the face of his friend.
g One haſtie manprouoketh another to angre.
18 He that kepeth the figge tre, ſhal eat the
frute thereof: ſo he that waiteth vpon his
maſter, ſhal come to honour.
19 As in water face *anſwereth* to face, [h] ſo the
heart of man to man.
h There is no difference betwene man & mā by nature, but onely the grace of God maketh the difference.
20 The graue and deſtruction can neuer be
ful, ſo *the eyes of man can neuer be ſatiſ-
fied.
21 *As is* the fining pot for ſiluer & the for-
nace for golde, ſo *is* euerie man according
to his [i] dignitie.
Eccl.14,9.
Chap.17,3.
i That is, he is either knowen to be ābitious and glorious, or humble and modeſt.
22 Thogh thou ſhuldeſt braye a foole in a
morter among wheat brayed with a pe-
ſtel, *yet* wil not his fooliſhnes departe
from him.
23 Be diligēt to knowe the ſtate of thy floc-
ke, and take hede to the heards.
24 For riches *remaine* not alwaye, nor
the crowne from generation to genera-
tion.
25 The heye diſcouereth it ſelf, and the
graſſe appeareth, and the herbes of the
mountaines are gathered.
26 The [k] lambes *are* for thy clothing, and
the goats *are* the price of the field.
k This declareth the great goodnes of God towardes man, & the diligence that he requireth of him for ỹ preſeruation of his giftes.
27 And let the milke of the goats *be* ſuffi-
cient for thy foode, for the foode of thy
familie, and for the ſuſtinance of thy mai-
des.

CHAP. XXVIII.

a Becauſe their owne conſcience accuſeth them.
THe wicked [a] flee when none purſu-
eth: but the righteous are bolde as a
lyon.
2 For the tranſgreſsion of the land [b] *there*
are manie princes thereof: but by a man
of vnderſtanding and knowledge *a real-
me* likewiſe endureth long.
b The ſtate of the commune weale is often times chāged.
3 A poore man, if he oppreſſe the poore,
is like a raging raine, that *leaueth* no fo-
ode.
4 They that forſake the Law, praiſe the
wicked: but thei that kepe the Law, ſet thē
ſelues againſt them.
5 Wicked men vnderſtand not iudgement:
but they that ſeke the Lord, vnderſtand all
things.
6 *Better is the poore that walketh in his
vprightnes, then he that peruerteth *his*
waies, thogh he be riche.
Chap.19,1.

7 He

7 He that kepeth the law, *is* a childe of vnderſtanding. but he that fedeth the gluttons, ſhameth his father.

8 He that increaſeth his riches by vſurie and intereſt, gathereth [e] them for him that wilbe merciful vnto the poore.

9 He that turneth away his eare from hearing the Law, euen his praier ſhalbe [d] abominable.

10 He that cauſeth the righteous to go aſtray by an euil way, ſhal fall into his owne pit, and the vpright ſhal inherit good things.

11 The riche man is wiſe in his owne conceit: but the poore that hathe vnderſtanding, can trye [e] him.

12 * When righteous men reioyce, *there is* great glorie: but when the wicked come vp, the man [f] is tryed.

13 He that hideth his ſinnes, ſhal not proſper: but he that confeſſeth, and forſaketh *them*, ſhal haue mercie.

14 Bleſſed *is* the man that [g] feareth alwaye: but he that hardeneth his heart, ſhal fall into euil.

15 As a roaring lyon, and an hũgrie beare, *ſo is* [h] a wicked ruler ouer the poore people.

16 A prince deſtitute of vnderſtanding, is alſo a great oppreſſour: but he that hateth couetouſnes, ſhal prolong *his* daies.

17 A man that doeth violence againſt the blood of a perſone, ſhal flee vnto the graue, *and* thei ſhal not [i] ſtay him.

18 He that walketh vprightly, ſhalbe ſaued: but he that is froward in *his* waies, ſhal once fall.

19 * He that tilleth his land, ſhal be ſatiſfied with bread: but he [y] followeth the ydle, ſhal be filled with pouertie.

20 A faithful man ſhal abounde in bleſſings, & * he that maketh haſte to be riche, ſhal not be innocent.

21 To haue reſpect of perſones is not good: for *that* man wil tranſgreſſe for a piece of [k] bread.

22 A man with a wicked [l] eye haſteth to riches, and knoweth not, that pouertie ſhal come vpon him.

23 He that rebuketh a man, ſhal finde more fauour at the length, then he that flattereth with *his* tongue.

24 He that robbeth his father and mother, & ſaith, it is no tranſgreſſion, is the companion of a man that deſtroieth.

25 He that is of a proude heart, ſtirreth vp ſtrife. but he that truſteth in the Lord, ſhal be [m] fat.

26 He that truſteth in his owne heart, is a foole: but he that walketh in wiſdome, ſhalbe deliuered.

He that giueth vnto the poore, ſhal not lacke: but he that hideth his eyes, *ſhal haue* many curſes.

28 * When the wicked riſe vp, men hide thẽ ſelues: but when thei periſh, the righteous increaſe.

Chap 29,2.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 A Man that hardeneth his necke, when he is rebuked, ſhal ſuddenly be deſtroied and can not be cured.

2 * When the righteous [n] are in autoritie, the people reioyce: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people ſigh.

3 A mã that loueth wiſdome, reioyceth his father: * but he that fedeth harlots, waſteth *his* ſubſtance.

4 A King by iudgement maintaineth the countrey: but a man *receiuing* giftes, deſtroieth it.

5 A man [y] flattereth his neighbour, [a] ſpreadeth a net for his ſteppes.

6 In the tranſgreſſion of an euil man *is* his [b] ſnare: but the righteous doeth ſing and reioyce.

7 The righteous knoweth the cauſe of the poore: *but* the wicked regardeth not knowledge.

8 Scornful men bring a citie into a ſnare: but wiſe men turne away wrath.

9 *If* a wiſe man contend with [c] a fooliſh man, whether he be angrie or laugh, there *is* no reſt.

10 Bloodie men hate him that is vpright: but the iuſte haue care of his ſoule.

11 A foole powreth out all his mynde: but a wiſe man kepeth it in til afterwarde.

12 Of a prince that hearkeneth to lyes, all his ſeruants *are* wicked.

13 * The poore and the vſurer mete together, *and* the Lord lighteneth bothe their eyes.

14 * A King that iudgeth the poore in trueth, his throne ſhalbe eſtabliſhed for euer.

15 The rodde and correction giue wiſdome: but a childe ſet at libertie, maketh his mother aſhamed.

16 When the wicked are increaſed, tranſgreſsion increaſeth: but the righteous ſhal ſe their fall.

17 Correct thy ſonne and he wil giue thee reſt, and wil giue pleaſures to thy ſoule.

18 [d] Where there *is* no viſion, the people decay: but he that kepeth the Law, *is* bleſſed.

19 A [e] ſeruant wil not be chaſtiſed with wordes: thogh he vnderſtand, yet he wil not [f] anſwere.

20 Seeſt thou a man haſtie in his matters? *there is* more hope of a foole, then of him.

21 He that delicately bringeth vp his ſeruãt

e For God wil take away the wicked vſurer, & giue his goods to him that ſhal beſtowe them wel

d Becauſe it is not of faith, ẅ is grounded of Gods word, or Law, ẅ the wicked contemne.

e And iudge ỹ he is not wiſe. *Chap 29,2.*

f He is knowẽ by his doings to be wicked.

g Which ſtandeth in awe of God and is afraid to offẽd him

h For he can neuer be ſatiſfied, but euer oppreſſeth and ſpoileth.

i None ſhalbe able to deliuer him

Chap 12,11. & 28,20.

Chap 13,11. & 20,21.

k He wil be abuſed for nothing

l Meaning him that is couetous.

m Shal haue all things in abundance.

Chap 28,12. & 28 Or, are increaſed.

Luk 15,13.

a He ỹ giueth eare to ỹ flatterer, is in dãger as ỹ bird is before ỹ fouler. b He is euer ready to fall into ỹ ſnare ỹ he lyeth for others.

c He can beare no admonitiõ, in what ſorte ſoeuer it is ſpoken.

Chap 22,2.

Chap 20, 28.

d Where there are not faithful miniſters of the worde of God

e He ỹ is of a ſeruile & rebellious nature.

f Or, regarde.

from youthe, at length he wil be euen as his sonne.

Chap 15,18. 22 * An angrie man stirreth vp strife, and a furious man abundeth in transgression.

Iob.22,29. 23 * The pride of a man shal bring him lowe: but the humble in spirit shal enioye glorie.

24 He that is partener with a thief, hateth his owne soule: he heareth cursing, and declareth it not.

f They feareth man more the God falleth into a snare & is destroyed

25 The feare of man bringeth a f snare: but he that trusteth in ỹ Lord, shalbe exalted.

g He nedeth not to flatter ỹ ruler for what God hathe appointed, that shal come to him.

26 Manie do seke the face of the ruler: but euerie mās iudgement *commeth* from the Lord.

27 A wicked man *is* abominacio to the iust, and he that is vpright in *his* way, *is* abomination to the wicked.

CHAP. XXX.

1 To humble our selues in consideration of Gods workes. 5 The worde of God is perfite. 11 Of the wicked & hypocrites 15 Of things that are neuer satiate 18 Of others that are wonderful.

a Who was an excellent man in vertue and knowledge in the time of Salomón

THE WORDES OF a AGVR THE SONNE OF IAKEH.

b Which were Agurs scholers, or frends.

1 THe prophecie *which* the mā spake vnto b Ithiel, *euen* to b Ithiel, and Vcal.

2 Surely I am more foolish then anie man, and haue not the vnderstanding of a man in me.

3 For I haue not learned wisdome, nor atteined to the knowledge of holie things.

c Herein he declareth his great humilitie who wolde not attribute anie wisdome to hi self, but all vnto God.

4 Who hathe ascended vp to c heauen, and descended? Who hathe gathered the winde in his fist? Who hathe bounde the waters in a garmēt? Who hathe establi shed all ỹ ends of the worlde? What is his name, & what is his sonnes name, if thou canst tel?

d Meaning, to knowe the secretes of God, as thogh he wolde saye, None.

Psal.19.8. 5 * Euerie worde of God is pure: he is a shield to those, that trust in him.

Deut.4.2. & 12,32. 6 * Put nothing vnto his wordes, lest he reproue thee, and thou be founde a lyer.

e He maketh this sequel to God.

7 Two e things haue I required of thee: deny me them not before I dye.

8 Remoue farre frō me vanitie and lies: giue me not pouertie, nor riches: fede me with foode conuenient for me,

9 Lest I be ful, and denie *thee*, and say, f Who is the Lord? or lest I be poore and steale, and take the Name of my God *in vaine*.

f Meaning, ỹ they that put their trust in their riches forget God, & that by to much wealth me happen occasion to ỹ same, & by accusing him without cause.

10 Accuse not a seruant vnto his master, lest he curse thee, & thou hast offended.

11 *There is* a generacion that curseth their father, and doeth not blesse their mother.

12 *There is* a generacion that are pure in there owne conceit, and *yet* are not washed from their filthines.

13 *There is* a generacion, whose eyes are hautie, and their eye liddes are lifted vp.

14 *There is* a generacion, whose teeth *are as* swordes, and their chawes *as* knives to eat vp the afflicted out of the earth, and the poore from among men.

h The leach hathe two forkes in her tongue, which here he calleth her two daughters, whereby she sucketh ỹ blood and is neuer satiat euen so are the couetous extorsioners insatiable

15 The horse leache hathe two h daughters *which crie*, Giue, giue. There be thre thigs that wil not be satisfied: *yea*, foure that say not, It is ynough.

16 The graue, & the baren wombe, the earth that can not be satisfied with water, and the fyre that saith not, It is ynough.

i Which hante in the valley for carions

17 The eye that mocketh *his* father and despiseth the instructiō of *his* mother, let the rauens i of the valley picke it out, and the yong egles eat it.

18 There be thre things hid from me: yea, foure that I knowe not.

19 The way of an egle in the aire, the waie of a serpent vpon a stone, the waie of a shippe in the middes of the sea, and the way of a man with a maide.

k She hath her desires, & after counterfaiteth as thogh she were an honest woman.

20 Suche is the way also of an aduouterous woman: she eateth & k wipeth her mouth, and saith, I haue not committed iniquitie.

21 For thre things the earth is moued: yea, for foure it can not susteine it self:

l These cōmunely abuse the state whereun to they are called

22 For l a seruant when he reigneth, and a foole when he is filled with meat,

m Which is maried to her master after the death of her maistres

23 For the hateful woman, when she is maried, and for a handmaid that is m heire to her maistres.

n They conteine great doctrine & wisdome.

24 These be foure smal things in the earth, yet they are n wise and ful of wisdome:

25 The pismires a people not strong, yet prepare they their meat in sommer:

26 The conies a people not mightie, yet make they their houses in the rocke:

27 The grashopper hathe no King, yet go they forthe all by bandes:

o If man be not able to cō passe these cōmune things by his wisdome, we can not attribute wisdome to man but folie.

28 The spider taketh holde o with *her* hāds, and is in Kings palaces.

29 There be thre things that order wel *their* going: yea, foure are comelie in going,

30 A lyon which is strong among beastes, and turneth not at the sight of anie:

31 A lustie grayhound, and a goat, and a King against whome there is no rising vp.

p Make a stay & cōtinue not in doing euil.

32 If thou hast bene foolish in lifting thy self vp, and if thou hast thoght wickedly, *lay* thine hand p vpon *thy* mouth.

33 When one churneth milke, he bringeth forthe butter: and he that wringeth his nose, causeth blood to come out: so he that forceth wrath, bringeth forthe strife.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 He exhorteth to chastitie and iustice. 10 And she with the condsions of a wise and worthy woman.

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1 THE WORDES OF KING a Lemuel: The b prophecie which his mother taught him.

2 What my sonne! and what the sonne of c my wombe! and what, ô sonne of my desires!

3 Giue not thy strength vnto wome, d nor thy waies, *which is* to destroy Kings.

4 It is not for Kings, ô Lemuél, it is not for Kings to drinke wine, nor for princes e strong drinke,

5 Lest he drinke, and forget the decree, and change the iudgement of all the children of affliction.

6 Giue ye strong drinke vnto him, that is readie to perish, and wine vnto them that haue grief of heart.

7 Let him drinke, that he may forget f his pouertie, and remember his misrie no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the g domme in the cause of all the children of destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, iudge righteously, and iudge the afflicted, and the poore.

10 ¶ Who shal finde a vertuous woman? for her price *is* farre aboue the pearles.

11 The heart of her husband trusteth in her, and he shal haue no nede of h spoile.

12 She wil do him good, and not euil all the daies of her life.

13 She seketh woll and flaxe, and laboreth cherefully with her hands.

14 She is like the shippes of marchants: she bringeth her fode from a farre.

15 And she riseth, whiles it is yet night: and giueth i the portion to her household, and their ordinarie to her maids.

16 She considereth a field, and k getteth it: & with the frute of her hands she plãteth a vineyarde.

17 She girdeth her loynes with strength, & strengtheneth her armes.

18 She feleth that her marchandise is good: her candle is not put out by night.

19 She putteth her hands to the wherue, & her hands handle the spindle.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poore, and putteth forthe her hands to the needie.

21 She feareth not the snowe for her familie, for all her familie is clothed with l skarlet.

22 She maketh her self carpets: fine linen & purple *is* her garment.

23 Her husband is knowen in the m gates, when he sitteth with the Elders of ỹ land.

24 She maketh n shetes, and selleth them, & giueth girdels vnto the marchant.

25 o Strength and honour *is* her clothing, and in the latter day she shal reioyce.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdome, and the p law of grace *is* in her tongue.

27 She ouerseeth ỹ waies of her household, and eateth not the bread of ydlenes.

28 Her children rise vp, and q call her blessed. her husband also shal praise her, *saying*,

29 Manie daughters haue done vertuously: but thou surmountest them all.

30 Fauour *is* deceitful, and beautie *is* vanitie *but* a woman that feareth the Lord, she shal be praised.

31 Giue r her of the frute of her hands, and let her owne workes praise her in ỹ gates.

a That is, of Salomõ, who was called Iedidiah of God, because God had ordained him to be king ouer Israel

b The destruction of Hierusalem his mother Bathsheba taught him

c This often repetition of one thing she declare her singular affection and Motherly womanly care for the destruction of Kings, if they hate them

d That is, the king must not giue himself to wantõnes & neglect his office, which is to execute iudgement

e For wine doeth comfort the heart, as Psal 104.15

f Defend their cause that are not able to helpe themselues

g He shal not nede to vse anie vnlawful meanes to gaine his liuing

h Or, wrat, as Psal 111.5.

i She prepareth their meat betime

k She purchaseth it with ỹ gaines of her trauaile.

l Or, fine, cloth

m After that he had spokẽ of the apparel of the bodie, he now declareth the apparel of the spirit

n Her tongue is as a boke whereby one might learne manie good things for she deliteth to talke of the worde of God

o That is, do her reuerence

p Confesse her diligent labours and cõmende her therefore

q For as much as the most honorable are clad in the apparel that she made.

ECCLESIASTES, OR the Preacher.

THE ARGVMENT.

Salomõ, as a preacher and one that desired to instruct all in the way of saluation, describeth the deceiuable vanities of this worlde, that man shulde not be addicted to anie thing vnder the sunne, but rather inflamed with the desire of the heauenlie life: therefore he confuteth their opinions, which set their felicitie, either in knowledge, or in pleasures, or in dignitie and riches, shewing that mans true felicitie consisteth in that that he is vnited with God and shal inioye his presence: so that all other things must be reiected, saue in as muche as they further vs to attaine to this heauenlie treasure, which is sure and permanent, and can not be founde in anie other saue in God alone.

CHAP. I.

2 All things in this worlde are ful of vanitie, and of none endurance. 13 All mans wisdome is but folie and grief.

THE wordes of the a Preacher, the sonne of Dauid King in Ierusalém.

2 b Vanitie of vanities, saith ỹ Preacher: vanitie of vanities, all *is* vanitie.

3 What remaineth vnto mã in all his c trauail, which he suffreth vnder the sunne?

4 *One* generacion passeth, and *another* generacion succedeth: but the earth remaineth for d euer.

5 The sunne riseth, & the sunne goeth downe, & draweth to his place, where he riseth.

6 The e winde goeth toward ỹ South, & cõpasseth toward ỹ North: the winde goeth round about, & returneth by his circuites.

7 *All the riuers go into the sea, yet the sea is not ful: for the riuers go vnto the place,

a Salomõ is here called a Preacher, or one that assembleth the people, because he teacheth the true knowledge of God, & how men ought to passe their life in this transitorie world

b He condemneth the opinions of all mẽ that set felicitie in anie thing, but in God alone, seing that in this worlde all thinges are as vanitie and nothing

c Salomon doeth not condemne mans labour or diligence, but sheweth that there is no ful contentation in anie thing vnder ỹ heauen, nor in anie creature, for asmuche as all things are transitorie.

d One man dieth after another, and the earth remaineth longest, euen to the last daie, which yet is subiect to corruption

e By the sunne, winde and riuers he sheweth that the greatest labour and longest hath an end, and therefore there can be no felicitie in this worlde

f The sea ẅ compasseth all the earth, filleth the veines thereof, the ẅ powre out springs and riuers into the sea againe

g He speaketh of times & seasons & things done in them, which as they haue bene in times past, so come they to passe againe

h He proueth that if anie colde haue attained to felicitie in this worlde by labour and studie, he chiefly shulde haue obteined it, because he had giftes and aydes of God thereunto aboue all other

i Man of nature hathe a desire to knowe, and yet is not able to come to the perfection of knowledge, ẅ is the punishment of sinne, to humble man, and to teache him to depende onely vpon God.

k Man is not able by all his diligence to cause things to go otherwise then they do nether can he nombre the faultes that are committed, muche lesse remedie them

f whence they returne, and go.

8 All things are ful of labour: man can not vtter it: the eye is not satisfied with seing, nor the eare filled with hearing.

9 g What is it that hathe bene? that that shalbe: & what is it that hathe bene done that which shalbe done: and there *is* no new thing vnder the sunne.

10 Is there anie thing, whereof one may say, Beholde this, it is newe? it hathe bene alreadie in the olde time ỹ was before vs.

11 There is no memorie of ỹ former, nether shal there be a remẽbrance of the later that shalbe, with them that shal come after.

12 ¶ h I the Preacher haue bene King ouer Israél in Ierusalém:

13 And I haue giuen mine heart to search & finde out wisdome by all things that are done vnder the heauen. (this sore trauail hathe God giuen to the sonnes of men, i to humble them thereby)

14 I haue considered all the workes that are done vnder the sunne, and beholde, all *is* vanitie, and vexacion of the spirit.

15 That which is k croked, can none make straight: & that ẅ faileth, cã not be nõbred.

16 I thoght in mine heart, & said, Beholde, I am become great, and excel in wisdome all them that haue bene before me in Ierusalém: and mine heart hathe sene muche wisdome and knowledge.

17 And I gaue mine heart to knowe wisdome & knowledge, l madnes & foolishnes: I knewe also ỹ this is a vexaciõ of the spirit.

18 For in ỹ multitude of wisdome *is* muche m grief: & he that encreaseth knowledge, encreaseth sorowe.

l That is, vaine things, which serued vnto pleasure, wherin was no commoditie, but grief & trouble of conscience m Wisdome & knowledge can not be come by without great peine of bodie and minde for when a man hathe attained to the hieft, yet is his minde neuer fully content. therefore in this worlde is no true felicitie.

CHAP. II.

Pleasures, sumptuous buyldings, riches and possessiõs are but vanitie. 14 The wise and the foole haue bothe one end, touching the bodelie death.

1 I Said in mine heart, Go to now, I wil proue a thee with ioye: therefore take thou pleasure in pleasant things: & beholde, this also is vanitie.

a Salomõn maketh this discours with him self, as though he wolde trye whether there were contentation in ease and pleasures

2 I said of laughter, Thou art mad: and of ioye, What is this that thou doest?

3 I soght in mine heart "to giue my self to wine, & to lead mine heart in b wisdome, and to take holde of folie, til I might se where is that goodnes of the children of men, which they "enioye vnder the sunne: the *whole* nomber of the daies of their life.

"Ebr drawe my flesh to wine.

b Albeit I gaue my self to pleasures, yet I thoght to kepe wisdome & the feare of God in mine heart, and gouerne mine affaires by the same.

4 I haue made my great workes: I haue buylt me houses: I haue plãted me vineyards.

5 I haue made me gardens and "orchardes, and planted in them trees of all frute.

6 I haue made me cisternes of water, to "watter therewith the woods that growe with trees.

"Ebr do

"Ebr. paradises

7 I haue gotten seruants & maids, and had children *borne* in the c house: also I had great possession of beues and shepe aboue all that were before me in Ierusalém.

c Meaning, of the seruants or sclaues, ẅ he had boght: so the childrẽ borne in their seruitude, were the masters.

8 I haue gathered vnto me also siluer and golde, and the chief treasures of Kings & prouinces: I haue prouided me mẽ singers and women singers, and the d delites of the sonnes of men, *as* a woman e taken captiue, and women taken captiues.

d That is, what soeuer men take pleasure in.

e Which were the most beautiful of them that were taken in warre, as Iudges. 5, 30. Some vnderstand by these wordes, noe women but instruments of musike

9 And I was great, and encreased aboue all that were before me in Ierusalem: also my wisdome f remained with me.

f For all this God did not take his gift of wisdome from me

10 And what soeuer mine eyes desired, I withhelde it not from thẽ: I withdrew not mine heart from anie ioye: for mine heart reioyced in all my labour: and this was my g portion of all my trauail.

g This was ỹ frute of all my labour, a certeine pleasure mixt with care, which he calleth vanitie in the next verse

11 Thẽ I loked on all my workes that mine hands had wroght, and on the trauail that I had labored to do: and beholde, all *is* vanitie and vexacion of the spirit: and there *is* no profite vnder the sunne.

12 ¶ And I turned to beholde h wisdome, & madnes and folie: (for who is the man that 'wil come after the King in things, which men now haue done?)

h I bethoght with my self whether it were better to followe wisdome, or mine owne affections and pleasures, which he calleth madnes.

'Or, *compare with the King. Prou. 17, 24.*

13 Then I sawe that there is profite in wisdome, more then in folie: as the light is more excellent then darkenes.

14 *For the wise mans i eyes *are* in his head, but the foole walketh in darkenes: yet I knowe also that the same k condition falleth to them all.

i He foreseeth things, ẅ the foole can not for lacke of wisdome

k For bothe dye & are forgotten, as verse 16, or they bothe alike haue prosperitie or aduersitie.

15 Then I thoght in mine heart, It befalleth vnto me, as it befalleth to the foole. Why therefore do I thẽ labour to be more wise? And I said in mine heart, that this also is vanitie.

16 For there shalbe no remembrance of the wise, nor of the foole l for euer. for that that now is, in the daies to come shal all be forgotten. And m how dyeth the wise man, as doeth the foole?

l Meaning, in this worlde.

m He wondereth that men forget a wise man, being dead, assone as they do a foole.

17 Therefore I hated life: for the worke ỹ is wroght vnder ỹ sunne is grieuous vnto me: for all *is* vanitie, & vexacion of the spirit.

18 I hated also all my labour, wherein I had trauailed vnder ỹ sunne, which I shal leaue to the man that shalbe after me.

19 And who knoweth whether he shalbe wise or foolish? yet shal he haue rule ouer all my labour, wherein I haue trauailed, & wherein I haue shewed my self wise vnder the sunne. This is also vanitie.

n That I might seke the true felicitie which is in God.

o Among other griefs this was not ỹ least to leaue that which he had gotten by great trauail, to one ỹ had taken no peine therefore, and whome he knew not whether he were a wise man or a foole.

20 Therefore I went about to make mine heart n abhorre all the labour, wherein I had trauailed vnder the sunne.

21 For there is a man whose trauail is in wisdome, & in knowledge and in equitie: yet to a mã that hathe not trauailed herein, shal he o giue his portion: this also is vanitie and a great grief.

22 For

22 For what hathe man of all his trauail and griefe of his heart, wherein he hathe trauailed vnder the sunne?
23 For all his dayes are sorowes, and his trauail griefe. his heart also taketh not rest in the night, which also is vanitie.
24 There is no profite to mā but that he eat, and drinke, and delite his soule with the profite of his labour. I sawe also this, that it was of the hand of God.
25 For who colde eat, and who colde haste to outward things more then I?
26 Surely to a mā that is good in his sight, *God* giueth wisdome, and knowledge, and ioye: but to the sinner he giueth paine, to gather, and to heape to giue to him that is good before God this is also vanitie, & vexacion of the spirit.

g When man hathe all his labour can get no more then our mere sustenaunce he cōcludeth also that the chiefe ende of Gods seruice, as Christ also willeth vs, is not to pleasures.

CHAP. III.

All things haue their time 14 The workes of God are perfite, and cause vs to feare him. 17 God shal iudge bothe the iuste, and vniuste.

a He speaketh of this diuersitie of time for two causes, first to declare y there is nothing in this worlde perpetuall next to teache vs not to be grieued, sith we haue not all things at once according to our desires, nether enioye them so long as we wolde wish.

1 TO all things *there is* an a appointed time, and a time to euerie purpose vnder the heauen.
2 A time to be borne, & a time to dye: a time to plant, and a time to plucke vp that, which is planted.
3 A time to slay, and a time to heale: a time to breake downe, and a time to buylde.
4 A time to wepe, and a time to laugh: a time to mourne, and a time to dance.
5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones: a time to embrace, and a time to be farre from embracing.
6 A time to seke, and a time to lose: a time to kepe, and a time to cast away.
7 A time to rēt, & a time to sowe: a time to kepe silence, and a time to speake.
8 A time to loue, and a time to hate: a time of warre, and a time of peace.

b Read Chap 3,13.
c God hathe giuen man a desire and affection to labour out the things of this worlde and to labour therein
d Read Chap 2,24 and these places declare that we shulde do all things with sobrietie, & by feare of God, forasmuche as he giueth not his gifts to y intēt that they shulde be abused
e That is, man shal neuer be able to let Gods workes, but as he hathe determined, so it shal come to passe: & God onely considereth that, which is past, to returne.

9 What profite *hathe* he that worketh, of y thing wherein he trauaileth?
10 I haue sene the trauail that God hathe giuen to the sonnes of men b to humble them therby.
11 He hathe made euerie thing beautiful in his time: also he hathe set the c worlde in their heart, yet can not man finde out the worke that God hathe wroght from the beginning euen to the end.
12 I knowe that there is nothing good in thē, but to reioyce, & to do good in his life.
13 And also that euerie mā eateth and drinketh, and seeth the commoditie of all his labour. this is the d gift of God.
14 I knowe that whatsoeuer God shal do, it shalbe for euer: to it can no man adde, and frō it can none diminish: for God hathe done it, y they shulde feare before him.
15 What is that that hathe bene? that is now: & that that shalbe, hathe now bene: for God f requireth that which is past.
16 And moreouer I haue sene vnder the sunne the place of iudgement, where *was* wickednes, and the place of iustice where *was* iniquitie.
17 I thoght in mine heart, God wil iudge the iuste & the wicked. for time is g there for euerie purpose and for euerie worke.
18 I considered in mine heart the state of the children of men that God had h purged them: yet to se to, they are in thē selues as beasts.
19 For the condition of the children of mē, and the condition of beastes *are* euē *as* one condition vnto them. As the one dyeth, so dyeth the other. for they haue all one breath, and there is no excellencie of man aboue the beast. for all *is* vanitie.
20 All go to one place, and all was of the dust, and all shal returne to the dust.
21 Who k knoweth whether the spirit of man ascende vpward, and the spirit of the beast descend downeward to the earth?
22 Therefore I se that there is nothing better then y a man shulde l reioyce in his affaires, because y is his portion. For who shal brīg him to se what shalbe after him?

g Meaning, y God, howsoeuer man neglecte his duetie
h And made them pure in their first creation
i Man is not able by his reason, & iudgement to put difference betwene man & beast, as touching those things as hereto both are subiect & for the eye cā not iudge one other wise of a man being dead, thē of a beast, y is dead yet by y worde of God and faith we easily knowe the diuersitie, as vers 21
k Meaning, that reason cā not comprehend y which faith beleueth herein
l By the often repetition of this sentēce, as Chap 2,24 & chap 3,12, and 22 chap 5,17 & chap 8,15 he declareth that mā by reason cā cōprehend nothing better in this life thē to vse the gifts of God iustly & cōtentedly for to know further is a speciall gift of God reuealed by his Spirit

CHAP. IIII.

1 The innocents are oppressed. 4 Mens labours are ful of abuse and vanitie. 9 Mans societie is necessarie 13 A yong man poore, and wise is to be preferred to an olde King that is a foole.

1 SO a I turned, and cōsidered all the oppressions that are wroght vnder the sunne, & beholde, the teares of the oppressed, and none comforteth them. and lo, the strength *is* of the hand of them that oppresse them, and none comforteth them.
2 Wherefore I praised the b dead which now are dead, aboue the liuing, which are yet aliue.
3 And *I counte* him c better then them bothe, which hathe not yet bene. for he hathe not sene the euil workes which are wroght vnder the sunne.
4 Also I behelde all trauail, and all d perfection of workes that this is the enuie of a man against his neighbour. this also *is* vanitie and vexacion of spirit.
5 The foole foldeth his hands, and e eateth vp his owne flesh.
6 Better is an handful with quietnes, then two handfuls with labour and vexacion of spirit.
7 Again I returned, and sawe vanitie vnder the sunne.
8 There is one *alone*, and there is not a secōde, which hathe nether sonne nor brother, yet is there none end of all his trauail, nether cā his eye be satisfied with riches: nether *doth he thinke*, For whome do I trauail and defraude my soule of pleasure? this also is vanitie, and this is an euil trauail.
9 f Two *are* better then one: for they haue

a He maketh here another discours with him self cōcerning the tyrānie of them y oppressed the poore
b Because they are no more subiect & to the oppressions of the speaker, according to y iudgemēt of y flesh, w cā not abide to se, or sensibly feele the miseries of the wicked
c The more part of the workes of the wicked is enuied of y wicked
d For vtterlie he is cōpelled to destroye him self
e Forasmuche as when mā is aloue, he can neither helpe him self nor others, he sheweth y mē ought to liue in mutuall societie, to y intent they may helpe one another, & y their things may encrease

better wages for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one wil lift vp his fellowe: but wo vnto him *that is* alone: for he falleth, and there *is* not a ſeconde to lift him vp.

g By this prouerbe he declareth how neceſſarie it is, ẏ men ſhulde liue in ſocietie

h That is, frō a poore, & baſe eſtate, or out of trouble, & priſon, as Ioſeph did, Gen 41, 14

i Meaning, ẏ is borne a King.

11 Alſo if two ſlepe *together*, then ſhal they haue heat: but to one how ſhulde there be heat?

k Which follow, & flatter ẏ Kings ſonne, or him ẏ ſhal ſucceede to enter into credit with them in hope of gaine.

12 And if one ouercome him, two ſhal ſtande againſt him: and a threfolde g coard is not eaſely broken.

l They neuer ceaſe by all meanes to crepe into fauour: but when they obteine not their greadie deſires, they thinke thē ſelues abuſed, as other haue bene ī time paſt, and ſo care no more for him

13 Better is a poore and wiſe childe, then an olde and fooliſh King, which wil no more be admoniſhed.

m That is, w what affection thou comeſt to heare ẏ worde of God.

14 For out of the h priſon he cometh forthe to reigne: when as he that is i borne in his kingdome, is made poore.

n Meaning, of the wicked, w thinke to pleaſe God w ceremonies, and haue neither faith nor repentance.

15 I behelde all the liuing, which walke vnder the ſunne, k with the ſeconde childe, which ſhal ſtande vp in his place.

16 There is none l end of all the people, *nor* of all that were before them, and they that come after, ſhal not reioyce in him: ſurely this is alſo vanitie and vexation of ſpirit.

17 Take hede to thy m foote when thou entreſt into he Houſe of God, and be more nere to heare then to giue the ſacrifice of n fooles: for they knowe not that they do euil.

CHAP. V.

Not to ſpeake lightely, chefely in Gods matters. 9 The couetous can neuer haue ynough. 11 The laborers ſlepe is ſwete. 14 Man when he dyeth, taketh nothing with him. 18 To liue ioyfully, and with a contēted minde is the gift of God.

1 BE not a raſh with thy mouth, nor let thine heart be haſtie to vtter a thing before God: for God *is* in the heauens, and thou art on ẏ earth: therefore let thy wordes be b fewe.

a Ether ſ vowing or in praying meaning ẏ we ſhulde vſe all reuerēce to God warde

b He heareth thee not for thy manie wordes ſake, or often repetitions, but conſidereth thy faith, and feruent minde

2 For *as* a dreame cometh by the multitude of buſines: ſo the voyce of a foole *is* in the multitude of wordes.

3 *Deut. 23, 21.* *When thou haſt vowed a vowe to God, deferre not to pay it: for he deliteth not in fooles. paye *therefore* ẏ thou haſt c vowed.

c He ſpeaketh of vowes, w are approued by Gods worde, and ſerue to his glorie.

4 It is better that thou ſhuldeſt not vowe, then that thou ſhuldeſt vowe and not paye it.

d Cauſe not thy ſelf to ſinne by vowing raſhely: as thei do w make a vowe to liue vnmaried, and ſuche like.

5 Suffer not thy mouth to make thy d fleſh to ſinne: nether ſay before the e Angel, that this is ignorance: wherefore ſhal God be angrie by thy voyce, & deſtroye the worke of thine hands?

e That is, before Gods meſſenger whē he ſhal examine thy doing: as though thy ignorāce ſhulde be a iuſt excuſe

6 For in the multitude of dreames, & vanities *are* alſo manie wordes: but feare thou God.

f Meaning, ẏ God wil redreſſe theſe things, & therfore we muſt depēd vpō hī.

7 If in a countrey thou ſeeſt the oppreſsiō of the poore, and the defrauding of iudgement and iuſtice, be not aſtonied at the matter: for he that is f higher then the higheſt, regardeth, and *there be* higher then they.

8 And the g abundance of the earth is ouer all: the King h *alſo conſiſteth* by the field that is tilled.

g The reuenues of ẏ earth are to be preferred aboue all things, w apperteine to this life.

h Kings and princes cā not maintein their eſtate without tillage, w thīg commēdeth ẏ excellencie of tillage.

9 He that loueth ſiluer, ſhal not be ſatiſfied with ſiluer, & he that loueth riches, *ſhal be* without the frute *therof*: this alſo is vanitie.

10 Whē goods encreaſe, they are encreaſed that eat them: and what good cometh to the owners thereof, but the beholding *thereof* with their eyes?

i That is, his great abūdāce of riches, or ẏ ſurfeting, w cometh by his great feding.

11 The ſlepe of him that trauaileth, *is* ſwete, whether he eat litle or muche: but the i ſacietie of the riche wil not ſuffer him to ſlepe.

k When couetous men heape vp riches, which turne to their deſtruction.

12 There is an euil ſickēnes *that* I haue ſene vnder the ſunne: *to wit*, riches k reſerued to the owners thereof for their euil.

l He doeth nor enioye his fathers riches. *Iob. 1, 21.* *Wiſd. 7, 6.* *1 Tym. 6, 7.*

13 And theſe riches periſh by euil trauail, & he begetteth a ſonne, and in his l hand *is* nothing.

14 As he came forthe of his mothers belly, he ſhal returne naked to go as he came, & ſhal beare away nothing of his labour, which he hathe cauſed to paſſe by his hād.

15 And this alſo is an euil ſickenes *that* in all pointes as he came, ſo ſhal he go, and what profite hathe he that he hathe trauailed for the m winde?

m Meaning, in vaine, & without profit

16 Alſo all his dayes he eateth in n darkenes with muche grief, and *in* his ſorow & angre.

n In affliction, and griefe of minde.

17 Beholde then, what I haue ſene good, that it is comelie to o eat, and to drinke, & to take pleaſure in all his labour, wherein he trauaileth vnder the ſunne, ẏ *whole* nōber of the dayes of his life, which God giueth him: for this is his portion.

o Read Chap. 3, 22.

18 Alſo to euerie man to whome God hathe giuen riches and treaſures, and giueth him power to eat thereof, and to take his parte, and to enioye his labour: this is the gift of God.

p He wil take no greate thoght for the peines that he hathe endured in time paſt.

19 Surely he wil not muche remember the dayes of his p life, becauſe God anſwereth to the ioye of his heart.

CHAP. VI.

The miſerable eſtate of him to whome God hathe giuen riches, and not the grace to vſe them.

1 THere is an euil, which I ſawe vnder the ſunne, and it is muche among mē:

q He ſheweth that it is the plague of God when ẏ riche man hathe not a liberal heart to vſe his riches

2 A man to whome God hathe giuen riches and treaſures and honour, and he wanteth nothing for his ſoule of all that it deſireth: but a God giueth him not power to eat thereof, but a ſtrange man ſhal eat it vp: this is vanitie, and this is an euil ſickenes.

b If he cā neuer haue ynough.

c As we ſe often times, that ẏ couetous mā ether falleth into crimes ẏ deſerue death, or is murthered or drowned or hangeth hī ſelf or ſuch like, & ſo lacketh the honour of buryal which is the laſt office of humanitie

3 If a man beget an hundreth *children* and liue manie yeres, and the dayes of his yeres be multiplied, and his ſoule be not b ſatiſfied with good things, and he be not c buryed, I ſay that an vntimelie frute is better then he.

d Meaning, ẏ vntimelie ſcrute whole life did neither profite or hurt aule.

4 For d he cometh into vanitie and goeth into

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into darkenes: & his name ſhalbe couered with darkenes.

5 Alſo he hathe not ſene ỹ ſunne, nor knowē it: *therefore* this hathe more reſt then the other.

6 And if he had liued a thouſād yeres twiſe tolde, and had ſene no good, ſhal not all go to one place?

a His deſire & affection is to get knowledge, but he findeth to vse his goods well in the one nor the other.

7 All the labour of mā *is* for his mouth: yet the [c] ſoule is not filled.

b He ſpeaketh this to ſhew that which God hathe giuen, is better then to followe the deſires that neuer can be ſatisfied in this liuing. God who wil make him to feele that he is mortal

8 For what hathe the wiſe man more then the foole? what hathe ỹ poore that [f] knoweth how to walke before the liuing?

9 The [g] ſight of the eye is better then to walke in the luſtes: this alſo is vanitie and vexacion of ſpirit.

10 What is that that hathe bene? the name thereof is now named: and it is knowen that it is man, and he can not ſtriue with him that is [h] ſtronger then he.

CHAP. VII.

Diuers precepts to followe that which is good, and to auoide the contrarie.

Chap VII

a There is no ſtate, wherein man can liue to haue perfite quietnes in this life *Iob 14,2. pſal 145,4. Prou 22,1.*

b He ſpeaketh thus after the iudgement of ỹ fleſh, which thinketh death to be the end of all euils or elſe, b cauſe ỹ this corporal death is the entring into the euerlasting life. c Where we muſt learne ỹ hād of God & learne to examine our liues d Which crackel for a while and profite nothing

1 Vrely there be manie things that increaſe vanitie & what auaileth it mā?

2 For who knoweth what is [a] good for man in the life & in the nomber of the dayes of the life of his vanitie, ſeing he maketh thē as a* ſhadow? For who can ſhewe vnto man what ſhalbe after him vnder ỹ ſunne?

*A good name *is better* then a good oyntment, and the day of [b] death, then the day that one is borne.

4 It is better to go to the houſe of [c] mourning, then to go to the houſe of feaſting, becauſe this is the end of all men. and the liuing ſhal lay it to his heart.

5 Angre is better then laughter: for by a ſad ſoke the heart is made better.

6 The heart of the wiſe *is* in the houſe of mourning: but the heart of fooles *is* in the houſe of mirth.

7 Better it is to heare the rebuke of a wiſe man, then that a mā ſhulde heare the ſong of fooles.

8 For like the noiſe of the [d] thornes vnder the pot, ſo is the laughter of the foole. this alſo is vanitie.

9 Surely oppreſsiō maketh a wiſe mā mad: and the rewarde deſtroyeth the heart.

e A man that is eſteemed wiſe, when he falleth to oppreſsion, becōmeth like a beaſt

10 The [e] end of a thing is better then the beginning thereof, & the pacient in ſpirit is better then the proude in ſpirit.

f He noteth their lightnes ẅ entreprise a thing, & ſuddenly leaue it of againe

11 Be not ỹ [n] of an haſtie ſpirit to be angrie: for angre reſteth in the boſome of fooles.

g Murmure not againſt God when he ſendeth aduerſities for mans ſinnes

12 Say not thou, Why is it that the former daies were better thē theſe? for thou doeſt not enquire [g] wiſely of this thing.

h He anſwereth to them ỹ eſteme not wiſdome, except riches be ioyned therewith, ſhewing that bothe are the gifres of God, but that wiſdome is farre more excellent & may be without riches.

13 Wiſdome [h] is good with an inheritāce, and excellent to them that ſe the ſunne.

14 For *man ſhal reſt* in the ſhadowe of wiſdome, & in ỹ ſhadowe of ſiluer: but the excellencie of the knowledge of wiſdome giueth life to the poſſeſſers thereof.

15 Beholde the worke of God: for who can make * ſtraight that which he hathe made croked? *Chap.1,15.*

16 In the day of wealth be of good comfort, & in the day of affliction [i] conſider: God alſo hathe made this contrary to that, to the intent that mā ſhulde finde [k] nothing after him.

i Conſider wherefore God doeth ſend it and what mate comfort thee

k That man ſhulde be able to controlle nothing in his workes.

17 I haue ſene all things in the daies of my vanitie: there is a iuſte man that periſheth in his [l] iuſtice, and there is a wicked man that continueth long in his malice.

l Meaning, that cruel tyrants put the godlie to death and let the wicked go free

18 Be not thou iuſte [m] ouermuche, nether make thy ſelf ouer wiſe: wherefore ſhuldeſt thou be deſolate?

m Boaſt not to muche of thine owne iuſtice and wiſdome

19 Be not thou wicked [n] ouermuche, nether be thou fooliſh: wherefore ſhuldeſt thou periſh not in thy time?

n Tarie not long when ỹ art admoniſhed to come out of the waie of wickednes

20 It is good that thou laie holde on [o] this: but yet withdrawe not thine hand from [p] that: for he that feareth God, ſhal come forthe of them all.

o To wit, on theſe admonitions that go before

p Conſider what deſolatiō & deſtructiō ſhal come, if thou do not obeie them *1 King 8,46. 2 chro 6,48. prou 20,9. 1 ioh 1,8.*

21 Wiſdome ſhal ſtrengthen the wiſe man more then ten mightie princes that are in the citie.

22 * Surely there is no man iuſt in the earth, that doeth good and ſinneth not.

23 Giue not thine [q] heart alſo to all ỹ wordes that men ſpeake, leſt thou do heare thy ſeruant curſing thee.

q Credit them not, nether care for them, *for ofte ſpoken euil of others*

24 For often times alſo thine heart knoweth that thou likewiſe haſt [r] curſed others

25 All this haue I proued by wiſdome: I thoght I wil be wiſe, but it went farre from me.

r Meaning, wiſdome

26 It is farre of, what maner it be? and it is a profound depenes, who can finde it?

27 I haue compaſſed about, *bothe* I and mine heart to knowe and to enquire and to ſearche wiſdome and reaſon, and to knowe the wickednes of folie, and the fooliſhnes of madnes,

28 And I finde more bitter then death the woman whoſe heart is *as* nettes & ſnares, *and* her hands *as* bands: he that is good before God, ſhalbe deliuered from her, but ỹ ſinner ſhalbe taken by her.

29 Beholde, ſaith the Preacher, this haue I founde, *ſeking* one by one to [s] finde ỹ cōſute:

s That is, to come to a concluſion

30 And yet my ſoule ſeketh, but I finde it not. I haue founde one man of a thouſand: but a woman among them all haue I not founde.

31 Onely lo, this haue I founde, that God hathe made man righteous: but they haue ſought manie [t] inuentions.

t And ſo are cauſe of their owne deſtruction

CHAP. VIII.

To obey Princes and Magiſtrates. 17 The workes of God paſſe mans knowledge.

1 Who is as the wiſe man? and who knoweth the interpretacion of a thing? the wiſdome of a man [a] eth make

his [a] face to ſhine: and the [b] ſtrength of his face ſhalbe changed.

2 I *aduertiſe thee* to take hede to the [c] mouth of the King, and to the worde of the othe of God.

3 [d] Haſte not to go forthe of his ſight: ſtand not in an euil thing: for he wil do whatſoeuer pleaſeth him.

4 Where the worde of the King is, *there is* power, and who ſhal ſay vnto him, What doeſt thou?

5 He that kepeth the commandement, ſhal knowe none euil thing, and the heart of the wiſe ſhal knowe the [e] time and iudgement.

6 For to euerie purpoſe there is a time and iudgement becauſe the [f] miſerie of man is great, vpon him.

7 For he knoweth not that which ſhalbe: for who can tel him when it ſhalbe?

8 Man is not lord [g] ouer the ſpirit to reteine the ſpirit: nether hathe he power in the day of death, nor deliuerance in the battel, nether ſhal wickednes deliuer the poſſeſſers thereof.

9 All this haue I ſene, and haue giuen mine heart to euerie worke, which is wroght vnder the ſunne, *and I ſawe* a time that man ruleth ouer man to his owne [h] hurt.

10 And likewiſe I ſawe the wicked buryed, and [i] they returned, and they that came from the holie [k] place, were yet forgotten in the citie where they had done right: this alſo is vanitie.

11 Becauſe ſentence againſt an euil worke is not [l] executed ſpedely, therefore the heart of the children of men is fully ſet in thē to do euil.

12 Though a ſinner do euil an hūdreth times, and *God* prolongeth *his dayes*, yet I knowe that it ſhalbe wel with them that feare the Lord, and do reuerence before him.

13 But it ſhal not be wel to the wicked, nether ſhal he prolong *his* dayes: *he ſhalbe* like a ſhadowe, becauſe he feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanitie, which is done vpō the earth, that there be righteous men to whome it cometh according to the [m] worke of the wicked: and there be wicked men to whome it cometh according to the worke of the iuſte: I thoght alſo that this is vanitie.

15 And I praiſed ioye: for there is no goodnes to man vnder the ſunne, ſaue [n] to eat and to drinke and to reioyce: for this is adioyned to his labour, the dayes of his life that God hathe giuen him vnder the ſunne.

16 When I applied mine heart to knowe wiſdome, and to beholde the buſines that is done on earth, that nether day nor night the eyes of man take ſlepe,

17 Then I beheld e ẏ whole worke of God, that mā can not finde out the worke that is wroght vnder the ſunne. for the which man laboreth to ſeke it, and can not finde it: yea, and thogh the wiſe man thinke to knowe it, he can not finde it.

CHAP. IX.

1 By no outward thing can man knowe whome God loueth or hateth. 12 No man knoweth his end. 16 Wiſdome excelleth ſtrength.

1 I haue ſuerly giuen mine heart to all this, and to declare all this, that the iuſte, & the wiſe, and their workes *are* in the hand of God. & no man knoweth ether loue or [a] hatred of all *that is* before them.

2 All things *come* alike to all: and the ſame condition *is* to the iuſte and to the wicked, to the good and to the pure, & to the polluted, & to him that ſacrificeth, & to him that ſacrificeth not: as *is* the good, ſo *is* the ſinner, he that ſweareth, as he that feareth an othe.

3 This is euil among all that is done vnder the ſunne, that there is one [b] condition to all, and alſo the heart of the ſonnes of men is ful of euil, and madnes *is* in their hearts whiles they liue, and after that, *they go* to the dead.

4 Surely whoſoeuer is ioyned to all the liuing, there is hope: for it is better to a liuing dog, then to a dead lyon.

5 For the liuing knowe that they ſhal dye, but the dead knowe nothing at all: nether haue they anie more a rewarde: for their remembrance is forgotten.

6 Alſo their loue, and their hatred, & their enuie is now periſhed, and they haue no more portion foreuer, in all that is done vnder the ſunne.

7 Go, eat thy bread with ioye, & drinke thy wine with a chereful heart: for God now [d] accepteth thy workes.

8 At all times let thy garments be [e] white, and let not oyle be lacking vpon thine head.

9 "* Reioyce with the wife whome ỹ haſt loued all the dayes of the life of thy vanitie, ẅ *God* hathe giuen thee vnder the ſunne all the dayes of thy vanitie: for this is thy portion in the life, & in thy trauail wherein thou laboreſt vnder the ſunne.

10 All that thine hand ſhal finde to do, do it with *all* thy power: for there is nether worke nor inuention, nor knowledge, nor wiſdome in the graue whether thou goeſt.

11 I returned, & I ſawe vnder thē ſunne that the race is not to the ſwift, nor the battel to thē ſtrōg, nor yet bread to the wiſe, nor alſo riches to men of vnderſtāding, nether yet fauour to men of knowledge: but time and [f] chance cometh to them all.

12 For nether doeth man knowe his [g] time, *but* as the fiſhes, which are taken in an euil net,

a That is, doeth get him fauour & proſperitie
b Whereas before he was proude and arrogant, he ſhal become humble and meke.
c That is, that thou obey the King, & kepe the othe that thou haſt made for the ſame cauſe
d Withdrawe not thy ſelfe lightly from the obedience of thy prince.
e That is, whē time is to obey, and how farre he ſhulde obey
f Man of him ſelf is miſerable, and therefore ought to do nothing to increaſe the ſame, but to worke all things by wiſdome, & counſel
g Man hathe no power to ſaue his owne life, & therefore muſt not raſhely caſt him ſelf into danger.
h As cometh oft times to tyrāts, and wicked rulers.
i That is, others as wicked as they
k They that feared God, & worſhiped hī according as he had appointed.
l Where iuſtice is delayed, there ſinne reigneth.
m Which are puniſhed as thogh they were wicked, as Chap. 7, 16.
n Read Chap. 5, 22.

a Meaning, what things he eg it to enuie or refuſe or mā knoweth not by theſe outward things, ỹ is by proſperitie or aduerſitie, whome God doeth fauour or hate: for he ſendeth them aſwel to the wicked as to the godlie
b In outward things as riches, and pouertie, ſickues, & helth there is no differēce betwene the godlie, & the wicked but ỹ difference is that ỹ godlie are aſſured by faith of Gods fauour & aſſiſtance
c He noteth ỹ Epicures, and carnal men, ẅ made their belly their god, & had no pleaſure but in this life, wiſhing rather to be an abiect, & vile perſone in this life, then a man of authoritie, and ſo to dye, which is ment by the dog and lyon.
d They flatter them ſelues to be in Gods fauour, becauſe they haue all things in abūdance
e Reioyce, be merry, and ſpare for no coſt. thus ſpeake ỹ wicked belligods
* *Ebr. regarde the life*
Chap 5, 18.
f Thus ỹ worldeling ſay to proue that all things are lawful for thē and attribuce that to chance and fortune, ẅ is done by the prouidence of God
g That is, he doeth not fore ſe what ſhal come.

net, & as the birdes that are caught in the ſnare: ſo are the children of men ſnared in the euil time when it falleth vpon them ſuddenly.

13 I haue alſo ſene this wiſdome vnder the ſunne, and it is great vnto me.

14 A litle citie and fewe men in it, and a great King came againſt it, and compaſſed it about, and buylded fortes againſt it.

15 And there was founde therein a poore and wiſe man, and he deliuered the citie by his wiſdome: but none remembred this poore man.

16 Then ſaid I, Better is wiſdome then ſtrength: yet the wiſdome of the poore is deſpiſed, and his wordes are not heard.

17 The wordes of the wiſe are more heard in quietnes, then the crye of him that ruleth among fooles.

18 Better is wiſdome then weapons of warre: but one ſinner deſtroyeth muche good.

CHAP. X.

1 The difference of fooliſhnes and wiſdome. 11 A ſclanderer is like a ſerpent that cannot be charmed. 16 Of fooliſh Kings, and dronken princes. 17 And of good Kings and princes.

1 DEad flies cauſe to ſtinke, and putrifie the ointment of the apoticarie: *ſo doeth* a litle folie him that is in eſtimation for wiſdome, *and* for glorie.

a So that he doeth all thigs wel, & iuſtly, where as the foole doeth ỹ contrary

2 The heart of a[a] wiſe mã *is* at his right hãd: but the heart of a foole *is* at his left hand.

b By his doĩgs he bewraieth him ſelf.

3 And alſo whẽ the foole goeth by the way, his heart faileth, and he [b] telleth vnto all that he is a foole.

c If thy ſuperiour be angry with thee, be thou diſcrete, & not moued

4 If the [c] ſpirit of him that ruleth, riſe vp againſt thee, leaue not thy place: for gentlenes pacifieth great ſinnes.

d Meaning, ỹ it is an euil thing whẽ thei that are in authoritie, faile, & do not their duetie

5 There is an euil *that* I haue ſene vnder the ſunne, as an [d] error that procedeth frõ the face of him that ruleth.

e They that are riche in wiſdome and vertue.

6 Folie is ſet in great excellencie, and the [e] riche ſet in the lowe place.

7 I haue ſene ſeruants on horſes and princes walking as ſeruants on the grounde.

Pſal.7.16. prou.26,27. eccleſ.27,30.

8 *He that diggeth a pit, ſhal fall into it, & he that breaketh the hedge, a ſerpent ſhal bite him.

9 He ỹ remoueth ſtones, ſhal hurt him ſelf thereby, & he that cutteth wood, ſhalbe in danger thereby.

10 If the yron be blunt, and one hathe not whet the edge, he muſt then put to more [f] ſtrength: but the excellencie to direct a thing *is* wiſdome.

f Without wiſdome what ſoeuer a man taketh in hãd, turneth to his owne hurte.

11 If the ſerpent bite, when he is not charmed: no better is a babler.

12 The wordes of the mouth of a wiſe man *haue* grace: but the lippes of a foole deuoure him ſelf.

13 The beginning of ỹ wordes of his mouthe *is* fooliſhnes, and the latter end of his mouth *is* wicked madnes.

14 For the foole multiplieth wordes, *ſaying*, Man knoweth not what ſhalbe: and who can tel him what ſhalbe after him?

15 The labour of the fooliſh doeth weary him: for he knoweth not to go into the [g] citie.

g The ignorance & beaſtlines of ỹ wicked is ſuch, ỹ thei knowe not cõmune thigs, & yet wil thei diſcuſſe hie matters.

16 Wo to thee, ô land, when thy King *is* a [h] childe, and thy princes [i] eat in the morning.

h That is, without wiſdome and coũſel.

i Are giuen to their luſtes & pleaſures.

17 Bleſſed art thou, ô land, when thy King *is* the ſonne [k] of nobles, and thy princes eat in time, for ſtrength and not for dronkinnes.

k Meaning, whẽ he is noble for vertue & wiſdome & with the giftes of God.

18 By ſlouthfulnes ỹ roofe of the houſe goeth to decay, and by the ydlenes of the hands the houſe droppeth through.

19 Thei prepare bread for laughter, and wine comforteth the liuing, but ſiluer anſwereth to all.

20 Curſe not the Kĩg, no not in thy thoght, nether curſe the riche in thy bed chamber: for the [l] foule of the heauen ſhal cary the voice, & that which hathe wings, ſhal declare the matter.

l Thou canſt not worke euil ſo ſecretly, but it ſhal be knowen.

CHAP. XI.

1 To be liberal to the poore. 4 Not to doute of Gods prouidẽce. 8 All worldelie proſperitie is but vanitie. 9 God wil iudge all.

1 CAſt thy bread vpon the [a] waters: for after manie daies thou ſhalt finde it.

a That is, be liberal to the poore, & though it ſeme to be as a thing ventred on ỹ ſea, yet it ſhal brĩg thee profite.

2 Giue a portion to ſeuen, & alſo to eight: for thou knoweſt not what euil ſhalbe vpon the earth.

b As the cloudes that are ful, powre out raine, ſo theriche that haue abũdance, muſt diſtribute it liberally

3 If the [b] cloudes be ful, they wil powre forthe raine vpon the earth: and if the [c] tre do fall toward the South, or toward the North, in the place that the tre falleth, there it ſhalbe.

c He exhorteth to be liberal, while we liue: for after there is no power

4 He that obſerueth the [d] winde, ſhal not ſowe, and he that regardeth the cloudes, ſhal not reape.

d He that feareth inconueniences, when neceſſitie requireth, ſhal neuer do his duetie.

5 As thou knoweſt not which is the way of the ſpirit, *nor* how the bones *do growe* in the wombe of her that is with childe: ſo thou knoweſt not the worke of God that worketh all.

6 In the morning ſowe thy ſede, and in the euening let not thine hand [e] reſt: for thou knoweſt not whether ſhal proſper, this or [f] that, or whether bothe ſhalbe alike good.

e Be not weary of well doing.

f That is, ỹ of thy workes are moſte agreable to God.

7 Surely the light is a pleaſant thing: and it is a good thing to the eyes to ſe ỹ ſunne.

8 Though a man liue manie yeres, *and* in them all he reioyce, yet he ſhal remember the daies of [g] darknes, becauſe thei are manie, all that cometh *is* vanitie.

g That is, of affliction & trouble

9 [h] Reioyce, ô yong man, in thy youth, & let thine heart chere thee in the daies of thy youth: and walke in the waies of thine heart, and in the ſight of thine eyes: but knowe that for all theſe things, God wil bring thee to iudgement.

h He derideth them that ſet their delite in worldelie pleaſures, as though God wolde not call them to an accounte.

10 Therefore take away [a] grief out of thine heart, and cauſe euil [k] to departe from thy fleſh. for childehoode & youth *are* vanitie.

CHAP. XII.

1 To thinke on God in youth and not to differre til age. 7 The ſoule returneth to God as it came to the gift of God and conſiſteth in fearing him and keping his commandements.

1 REmember now thy Creator in the [b] daies of thy youth, whiles the euil daies come not, nor the yeres approche, wherein thou ſhalt ſay, I haue no pleaſure in them:

2 Whiles the ſunne is not darke, nor the light, nor the moone, nor the ſtarres, nor the [a] cloudes returne after the raine:

3 When the [b] keepers of the houſe ſhal tremble, and the [c] ſtrong men ſhal bowe themſelues, and the [d] grinders ſhal ceaſe, becauſe thei are fewe, and they [e] waxe darke that loke out by the windowes:

4 And the [f] doores ſhal be ſhut without by the baſe ſounde of the [g] grinding, and he ſhal riſe vp at the voice of the [h] birde: & all the [i] daughters of ſinging ſhalbe abaſed.

5 Alſo thei ſhalbe afraied of the [k] hie thing, and feare *ſhalbe* in [l] the way, and the almonde tree ſhal [m] floriſh and the [n] graſshopper ſhalbe a burden, and concupiſcence ſhalbe driuen away. for man goeth to the houſe of his age, and the mourners go about in the ſtrete.

6 Whiles the [o] ſiluer corde is not lengthened, nor the golden [p] ewer broken, nor the [q] pitcher broke at the [r] well, nor the [s] wheele broken at the [t] ciſterne.

7 And duſt returne to the earth as it was, and the [u] ſpirit returne to God that gaue it.

8 Vanitie of vanities, ſaith the Preacher, all *is* vanitie.

9 And the more wiſe the Preacher was, the more he taught the people knowledge, & cauſed them to heare, & ſearched forthe, and prepared manie parables.

10 The Preacher ſought to finde out pleaſant wordes, & an vpright writing, *euē* the wordes of trueth.

11 The wordes of the wiſe are like goades, and like nailes [x] faſtened by the maiſters of the aſſemblies, *which* are giuē by one [y] paſtour.

12 And of other thīgs beſides theſe, my ſonne, take thou hede. for there is none end in making manie bookes: and muche reading is a wearines of the fleſh.

13 Let vs heare the end of all: feare God & kepe his commandements: for this is the whole *dueтie* of man.

14 For God wil bring euerie worke vnto iudgement, with euerie ſecret thing, whether it be good or euil.

a To wit, anger, and crudelitie. Meaning, euerie euil ſuffered in youth is punished.

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a For thei ſhal alwaies come to a continuall miſerie for when the clouds remaine vtterly raine, more griefe is increaſed.

b The hands, which kepe ỹ bodie

c The legs

d The teethe.

e The eyes.

f The lippes, or mouth

g When the chawes ſhal ſcarſe open & not be able to chewe nomore

h He ſhal not be able to ſleepe

i That is, the winde pipes, or the eares ſhalbe deafe & not able to heare ſinging

k To climbe hie because of their weakenes, or thei ſtoupe downe, as though they were afraid leſt any thing ſhuld hurt them

l Thei ſhal tremble as thei go, as though they were afraied

m Their head ſhalbe as white as the bloſſomes of an almonde tree

n Thei ſhalbe able to beare nothing.

o Meaning the ſtrength of the backe bone of the ſpine.

p The lung ſpitte that cometh of bruſing, which is an ouerlong like gourde.

q That is, the veines

r Meaning, the liuer

s Which is the head

t That is, the heart, out of ỹ which ỹ bloud draweth the powers of life

u The ſoule immortal cōtinually endureth, goeth to ioy or torment, & ſleepeth not as the wicked imagine

Which are well applied by ỹ miniſters, whom he calleth maiſters

x That is by God

y Theſe things can not be compaſſed in bookes or learned leſſons, but God muſt inſtruct the heart that ỹ muſt only knowe ỹ wiſedome is the true holineſſe, & the way therunto is to feare God.

AN EXCELLENT SONG which was Salomons.

a Ebr. a ſong of ſongs, ſo called because it excelleth all other ſongs, which Salomon made as aforetime, 1 Kin. 4. 32.

THE ARGVMENT.

IN this Song, Salomón ly moſte ſwete and comfortalle allegories and parables deſcribeth the perfite loue of Ieſus Chriſt, the true Salomón and King of peace, and the faithful ſoule or his Church, which he hathe ſanctified and adorned to be his ſpouſe, holy, chaſt and without reprehenſion. So that here is declared the ſingular loue of the bridegrome toward the bride, and his great and excellent benefites wherewith he doth enriche her of his pure bountie and grace without ame of her deſeruings. Alſo the earneſt affection of the Church which is inflamed with the loue of Chriſt deſiring to be more and more ioyned to him in loue, and not to be forſaken for ame ſpot or blemiſh that is in her.

CHAP. I.

1 The familiar talke and myſtical communication of the ſpiritual bride betwene Ieſus Chriſt and his Church. 6 The domeſtical enemes that perſecute the Church.

1 LEt him kiſſe me with the kiſſes of his mouth: for thy loue is better than wine.

2 Becauſe of the [b] ſauour of thy good ointments thy name *is as* an ointment powred out: therefore the [c] virgines loue thee.

3 [d] Drawe me: we wil runne after thee: the King hathe broght me into his [e] chambers. we wil reioyce and be glad in thee: we wil remember thy loue more then wine. the righteous do loue thee.

4 I am [f] blacke, ô daughters of Ieruſalém, but comelie, as the frutes of [g] Kedár, & as the [h] curtines of Salomón.

5 Regarde ye me not becauſe I am [i] black: for the [k] ſonne hathe loked vpon me. The [l] ſonnes of my mother were angrie againſt me: thei made me the keper of the vines: but I [m] kept not mine owne vine.

6 Shewe me, [n] *o thou*, whome my ſoule loueth,

a This is ſpoken in the perſone of the Church, or of the faithful ſoules, inflamed with ỹ deſire of Chriſt who me ſheweth

b The ſmelling of thy great benefites

c Thei that are pure in heart & conuerſion

d The faithful confeſſe that thei can not come to Chriſt except thei be drawen

e Meaning the ſecret ioye ỹ is not knowen to the worlde.

f The Church confeſſeth her ſpots & ſinne, but hathe confidence in ỹ fauour of Chriſt.

g Kedar was Iſhmaels ſonne, of whome came the Arabians ỹ dwelt in tentes

h Which curtines were all ſet with precious ſtones &c.

i Conſider not the Church by ỹ outward appearance.

k The corruption of nature through ſinne, and afflictions.

l Mine owne brethren, ỹ ſhulde haue moſte fauoured me

m She confeſſeth her owne negligence

n The ſpouſe feling her frailtie, fleeth to her houſbande only for ſuccour.

ueth, where thou fedeſt, where thou lieſt at noone: for why ſhulde I be as ſhe that turneth aſide to ỹ flockes of o thy cõpanions?

o Whome thou haſt called to the dignitie of paſtures, and thei ſet forthe their owne dreames in ſtead of thy doctrine

7 p If thou knowe not, ô thou the faireſt among women, get thee forthe by the ſteppes of the flocke, and fede thy kiddes by the tents of the ſhepherdes.

p Chriſt ſpeaketh to his Church, bidding thẽ that are ignorãt, to go to the paſtors to learne

8 I haue compared thee, ô my loue, to the troupe of horſes in ỹ q charets of Pharaó h.

q For thy ſpiritual beautie and excellẽcie there was no worldelie treaſure to be compared vnto thee

9 Thy chekes are comelie ẅ rowes of ſtones, and thy necke with chaines.

10 We wil make thee borders of golde with ſtuddes of ſiluer.

r The Church reioyceth that ſhe is admitted to the compaine of Chriſt

11 r Whiles the King was at his repaſt, my ſpikenarde gaue the ſmel thereof.

12 My welbeloued *is as* a bundle of myrrhe vnto me: he ſhal lye betwene myſ breaſtes.

13 My welbeloued *is as* a cluſtre of camphire vnto me in the vines of Engédi.

ſ He ſhal be moſte deare vnto me

14 My loue, beholde, ỹ art t faire: beholde, ỹ art faire: thine eyes *are like* the dooues.

t Chriſt accepteth his Churche and commendeth her beautie

15 My welbeloued, beholde, thou art faire and pleaſant: alſo our u bed is grene: the beames of our houſe *are* cedres.

u That is, the heart of the faithful where in Chriſt dwelleth by his Spirit

CHAP. II.

3 The Church deſireth to reſt Vnder the ſhadowe of Chriſt. 8 She heareth his voyce. 14 She is compared to the dooue. 15 And the enemies to the foxes.

1 I Am the roſe of the field, & the lilie of the valleis.

a Thus Chriſt preferreth his Church aboue all other thigs

2 Like a lilie among the thornes, ſo *is* my a loue among the daughters.

b The ſpouſe teſtifieth her great deſire toward her houſband, but her ſtrẽgth faileth her, and therefore ſhe deſireth to be comforted, & felt ir

3 b Like the apple tre amõg the trees of the foreſt: ſo *is* my welbeloued among the ſonnes *of men*: vnder his ſhadowe had I delite, & ſate downe: and his frute *was* ſwete vnto my mouth.

4 He broght me into the wine celler, and loue *was* his banner ouer me.

c Chriſt chargeth them ẅ haue to do in the Church, as it were by a ſolemne othe, that thei trouble not the quietnes thereof

5 Stay me with flagons, and comfort me with apples: for I am ſicke of loue.

6 His left hand *is* vnder mine head, & his right hand doeth imbrace me.

7 c I charge you, ô daughters of Ieruſalém, by the roes & by the hindes of the field, that ye ſtirre not vp, nor wakẽ *my* loue, vntil ſhe pleaſe.

d This is ſpoken of Chriſt, who toke vpõ him our nature to come to helpe his Church.

8 d *It is* the voice of my welbeloued. beholde, he cometh leaping by the mountaines, and ſkipping by the hilles.

e For aſmuche as his diuinitie was hid vnder the cloke of our fleſh

9 My welbeloued is like a roe, or a yong heart: lo, he e ſtandeth behinde our wall, loking forthe of the windowes, ſhewing him ſelfe through the f grates.

f So that we can not haue ful knowledge of him in this life

10 My welbeloued ſpake & ſaid vnto me, Ariſe, my loue, my faire one, & come thy way.

g That is, ſinne and error is driuen backe by the comming of Chriſt which is here ofter bed by ỹ ſpring time, when all things flouriſh

11 For beholde, g winter is paſt. the raine is changed, and is gone away.

12 The flowers appeare in ỹ earth· the time of the ſinging of birdes is come, & the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

13 The figtre hathe broght forthe her yong figges. & the vines with *their* ſmall grapes haue caſt a ſauour: ariſe my loue, my faire one, and come away.

14 My dooue, that art in the h holes of the rocke, in ỹ ſecret places of ỹ ſtaires, ſhewe me thy ſight, let me heare thy voice: for thy voyce is ſwete, and thy ſight comelie.

h Thou that art aſhamed of thy ſinnes, come & ſhewe thy ſelf vnto me

15 Take vs ỹ foxes, ỹ i litle foxes, ẅ deſtroy the vines: for our vines *haue* ſmale grapes.

i Suppreſſe ỹ heretikes whiles thei are yong, that is, when thei beginne to ſhewe their malice & deſtroy ỹ vine of the Lord.

16 My welbeloued *is* mine, and I am his: he fedeth among the lilies,

17 Vntil ỹ day breake, & the ſhadowes flee away: returne, my welbeloued, & be like a k roe, or a yong hart vpon the mountaines of Béther.

k The Church deſireth Chriſt to be moſte ready to helpe her in all dangers.

CHAP. III.

1 The Church deſireth to be ioyned inſeparably to Chriſt her houſband. 6 Her deliuerance out of the wildernes.

1 IN my bed by a night I ſoght him that my ſoule loued: I ſoght him, but I foũde him not.

a The Church by night, ỹ is in troubles ſeketh to Chriſt, but is not incõtinẽtly heard.

2 I wil riſe *therefore* now, and go about in the citie, by the ſtretes & by the open places, & wil b ſeke him that my ſoule loueth: I ſoght him, but I founde him not.

b Shewing ỹ although we be not heard at ỹ firſt, yet we muſt ſtil cõtinue in prayer til we fele cõfort

3 The c watchemen that went about the citie, founde me: *to whome I ſaid*, Haue you ſene him whome my ſoule loueth?

c Which declareth, that we muſt ſeke vnto all, of whome we hope to haue anie ſuccour.

4 When I had paſt a litle from them, then I founde hĩ whome my ſoule loued: I toke holde on him and left him not, til I had broght him vnto my mothers houſe into the chamber of her that conceiued me.

5 d I charge you, ô daughters of Ieruſalém, by the roes and by the hindes of the field, that ye ſtirre not vp, nor wakẽ *my* loue vntil ſhe pleaſe.

d Read Chap. 2. 7.

6 Who is ſhe that commeth vp out of the e wildernes like pillers of ſmoke perfumed with myrrhe and incenſe, & with all the "ſpices of the marchant?

e This is referred to the Church of Iſraél, ẅ was led by the wildernes forte yeres.

" Ebr powdre.

7 Beholde his f bed, which is Salomons: threſcore ſtrong men *are* round about it, of the valiant men of Iſraél.

f By the bed is ment the Tẽple, which Salomón made

8 Thei all handle the ſworde, & *are* expert in warre, euerie one *hathe* his ſworde vpon his thigh for the feare g by night.

g He alludeth to the watche, which kept ỹ Temple

9 King Salomón made him ſelfe a "palace of the trees of Lebanón.

" Or, chaiet.

10 He made the pillers thereof of ſiluer, & ỹ pauemẽt thereof of golde, the hangings thereof of purple, whoſe middes *was* paued ẅ the loue of ỹ daughters of Ieruſalém.

h All ye, that are of the nõber of ỹ faithful

11 Come forthe, ye h daughters of Zión, & beholde the King Salomón ẅ the i crowne, wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his mariage, and in the day of the gladnes of his heart.

i Chriſt becõme man was crowned by ỹ loue of God ẅ the glorious crowne of his diuinitie

CHAP. IIII.

1 The praiſes of the Church 7 She is without blemiſh in his ſight 9 The loue of Chriſt towardes her.

1 BEholde, thou art faire my loue· beholde, thou art faire. thine eies *are like* the dooues. among thy lockes * thine heere is

a Becauſe Chriſt dwelleth in his Church, he cõmendeth all that is in her

* Chap. 6. 4.

&c. v.

like the [b] flocke of goates, ẅ loke downe from the mountaine of Gileád.

2 Thy teethe *are* like a flocke of *ſhepe* in good ordre, which go vp frõ ỹ waſhing: which enerie one bring out twinnes, and none is baren among them.

3 Thy lippes are like a threde of ſkarlet & thy talke is comelie: thy temples *are* within thy lockes as a piece of a pomegranate.

4 Thy necke is as the towre of Dauid buylt for defenſe: a thouſand ſhields hang therein, *and* all the targates of the ſtrong men.

5 Thy two [c] breaſtes *are* as two yong roes that are twinnes, feding among the lilies.

6 Vntil the day breake, and the ſhadowes flee away, I wil go into the mountaine of myrrhe and to the mountaine of incenſe.

7 Thou art all faire, my loue, and there is no ſpot in thee.

8 [d] Come with me from Lebanón, *my* ſpouſe, *euen* with me from Lebanón, *and* loke from the top of Amanáh, from the top of Shenír and Hermón, from the dennes of the lyons *and* from the mountaines of the leopardes.

9 My [e] ſiſter, *my* ſpouſe, thou haſt wounded mine heart: thou haſt wounded mine heart with one of thine [f] eyes, & with a chaine of thy necke.

10 My ſiſter, *my* ſpouſe, how faire is thy loue? how muche better is thy loue then wine? & the ſauour of thine ointmẽts thẽ all ſpices?

11 Thy [g] lippes, *my* ſpouſe, droppe *as* honie combes: honie and milke are vnder thy tõgue, & the ſauour of thy gaiments *is* as the ſauour of Lebanón.

12 My ſiſter my ſpouſe *is as* a garden incloſed, as a ſpring ſhut vp, *and* a fountaine ſealed vp.

13 Thy plantes *are as* an orcharde of pomegranates with ſwete frutes, *as* camphire, ſpikenarde,

14 *Euen* ſpikenarde, and ſafran, calamus, & ſynamom with all the trees of incenſe, myrrhe and aloes, with all the chief ſpices.

15 [h] O fountaine of the gardens, ô well of liuing waters, and the ſprings of Lebanón.

16 Ariſe, ô [i] North, and come ô South, *and* blowe on my garden that the ſpices thereof may flowe out: let my welbeloued come to his garden, and eat his pleaſant frute.

CHAP. V.

1 Chriſt calleth his Church to the participation of all his treaſures. 2 She heareth his Voyce. 6 She confeſſeth her nakednes. 10 She praiſeth Chriſt her huſband.

1 I am come into my [a] gardẽ, my ſiſter, my ſpouſe: I gathered my myrrhe with my ſpice: I ate mine honie cõbe with mine honie, I dranke my wine with my milke: eat, ô friends, drinke, and make you mery, ô welbeloued.

2 [b] I ſlepe, but mine heart waketh, *it is* the voyce of my welbeloued that knocketh, *ſaying*, Open vnto me, my ſiſter, my loue, my dooue, my vndefiled: for mine head is ful of dewe, and my lockes with the droppes of the [c] night.

3 I haue put of my [d] coate, how ſhal I put it on? I haue waſhed my fete, how ſhal I defile them?

4 My welbeloued put in his hand by the hole *of the dore*, & [*] mine heart was affectioned toward him.

5 I roſe vp to opẽ to my welbeloued, & mine hãds did droppe downe myrrhe, & my [e] fingers pure myrrhe vpon the handels of the barre.

6 I opened to my welbeloued: but my welbeloued was gone, & paſt: mine heart was gone when he did ſpeake: I ſoght him, but I colde not finde him: I called him, but he anſwered me not.

7 The [f] watchemen that went about the citie, founde me: they ſmote me & wounded me: the watchemen of the walles toke away my vaile from me.

8 I charge you, [g] ô daughters of Ieruſalém, if you finde my welbeloued, that you tel him that I am ſicke of loue.

9 [h] O the faireſt among women, what is thy welbeloued more then *other* welbeloued? what is thy welbeloued more then *another* louer, that thou doeſt ſo charge vs?

10 My welbeloued is white and ruddy, the chiefeſt of ten thouſand.

11 His [i] head *is as* fine golde, his lockes curled, & blacke as a rauen.

12 His eyes *are* like dooues vpõ the riuers of waters, which are waſht with milke, & remaine by the ful *veſſels*.

13 His chekes *are* as a bed of ſpices, *and as* ſwete flowres, & his lippes *like* lilies dropping downe pure myrrhe.

14 His hands *as* rings of golde ſet with the [*] chryſolite his bellie like white yuorie couered with ſaphirs.

15 His leggs *are as* pillers of marble, ſet vpon ſockets of fine golde: his countenãce as Lebanón, excellent as the cedres.

16 His mouth *is as* ſwete things, and he is wholy delectable: this is my welbeloued, & this is my louer, ô daughters of Ieruſalém.

17 [k] O the faireſt among womẽ, whether is thy welbeloued gone? whether is thy welbeloued turned aſide, that we may ſeke him with thee?

CHAP. VI.

2 The Church aſſureth her ſelfe of the loue of Chriſt. 3 The praiſes of the Church. 8 She is but one and vndefiled.

1 My

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b He hathe reſpect to the multitude of the faithful, ẅ are manie in nomber.

c Wherein are knowledge, & zeale, two precious iewels

d Chriſt promiſeth his Church to call his faithful from all the corners of the worlde.

e Chriſt calleth his Churche ſiſter in reſpect that he had taken the fleſh of man.

f In that he made his Church beautiful, & riche, he loued his giftes in her.

g Becauſe of thy confeſſion and thankeſgiuing.

h The Church confeſſeth that all her glorie, & beautie cometh of Chriſt who is ỹ true fountaine of all grace

i She deſireth Chriſt to comforte her, and to powre the graces of his Spirit vpõ her, which Spirit is ment by the North and South winde.

Chap V.

a The garden ſignifieth the kingdome of Chriſt where he prepareth the banket for his elect.

b The ſpouſe ſeeth that ſhe is troubled ẅ the cares of worldly things, which is ment by ſleping

c Declaring ỹ long patience of the Lord toward ſinners

d She ſpouſe confeſſeth her nakednes, and that of her ſelf ſhe hateth nothing or ſeing that ſhe is once made cleane, ſhe promiſeth not to defile her ſelf againe

[*] *Ebr My bowels were moued towards him.*

e The ſpouſe ẅ ſhulde be anoynted of Chriſt, ſhal not finde him if ſhe thinke to anoint him ẅ her good workes.

f Theſe are ỹ falſe teachers, ẅ wounde ỹ conſcience ẅ their traditiõs

g She aſketh of them which are godlie (tho almuche as ỹ law & ſaluatiõ ſhulde come out of Zion & Ieruſalẽ) that they wolde direct her to Chriſt

h Thus ſay they of Ieruſalem

i She deſcribeth Chriſt to be of perfite beautie, & comelines.

[*] *Ebr. Tarſhiſh.*

k Hearing of ỹ excellencie of Chriſt, ỹ faithful deſire to knowe how to finde him.

1 MY welbeloued is gone downe into his [a] garden to the beds of ſpices, to fede in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
2 I am my welbeloueds, and my welbeloued is mine, who fedeth among the lilies.
3 Thou art beautiful, my loue, as [b] Tirzáh, comelie as Ieruſalém, terrible as an armie with banners.
4 [c] Turne away thine eyes frō me: for they ouercome me: * thine heere is like a flocke of goats, which loke downe from Gileád.
5 Thy tethe *are* like a flocke of ſhepe, which go vp from the waſhing, which euerieone brīg out twins, & none is barē amōg thē.
6 Thy temples *are* within thy lockes as a piece of a pomegranate.
7 There are [d] threſcore Quenes & foreſcore concubines, & of the dameſels without nomber.
8 *But* my dooue is alone, & my vndefiled, ſhe is the onelie *daughter* of her mother, and ſhe is deare to her that bare her: the daughters haue ſene her and counted her bleſſed: *euen* the Quenes and the concubines, and thei haue praiſed her.
9 [e] Who is ſhe that loketh forthe as the morning, faire as the moone, pure as the ſunne, terrible as an armie with banners!
10 I went downe to the [f] garden of nuttes, to ſe the frutes of the valley, to ſe if the vine budded, *and if* the pomegranates floriſhed.
11 [g] I knewe nothing, my ſoule ſet me [h] as the charets of my noble people.
12 Returne, returne, ô [i] Shulamite, returne: returne that we may beholde thee. What ſhal you ſe in the Shulamite, *but* as the cōpanie of an armie?

a That is, is cōuerſant here in earth amōg men.
b Which was a faire & ſtrōg citie, 2 King. 14,17.
c This declareth the exceding loue of Chriſt toward his Church. *Chap.4,1.*
d Meaning, ỹ the giftes are infinite which Chriſt giueth to his Church or that his faithful are ma ny in nomber.
e He ſheweth what the beginning of the Church was ſmale, but ỹ it grewe vp to a great multitude
f He wēt downe into ỹ Synagogue to ſe what frutes came of ỹ Lawe, & ỹ Prophets
g I founde nothing but rebellion
h I ran as ſwift as the nobles of my people in their charets.
i O ye people of Ieruſalém for Ieruſalem was called Shalém, which ſignifieth peace

CHAP. VII.

1 The beautie of the Church in all her members. 10 She is aſſured of Chriſts loue towardes her.

1 HOw beautiful are thy [a] goings with ſhoes, ô princes daughter: the iointes of thy thighs *are* like iewels: the worke of the hand of a cunning workeman.
2 Thy nauel *is as* a rounde cuppe that wanteth not lickour: thy belly *is as* an heape of wheat compaſſed about with lilies.
3 [b] Thy two breaſtes *are* as two yong roes that are twinnes.
4 Thy necke *is* like a towre of yuorie: thine eyes *are like* ỹ fiſh pooles in Heſhbón by the gate of Bath-rabbím. thy noſe *is* as the towre of Lebanón, that loketh toward Damaſcus.
5 Thine head vpon thee *is* as ſkarlet, and the buſhe of thine head like purple: the King *is* tyed [c] in the rafters.
6 How faire art thou, and how pleaſant art thou, ô *my* loue, in pleaſures!
7 This thy ſtature is like a palme tree, and thy breaſtes like cluſters.
8 I ſaid, I wil go vp into the palme tre, I wil take holde of her boughes: thy breaſtes ſhal now be like the cluſters of the vine: and the ſauour of thy noſe like apples,
9 And the roufe of thy mouth like good wine, which goeth ſtraight to my welbeloued, & cauſeth the lippes of the ancient to ſpeake.
10 [d] I am my welbeloueds, and his deſire is toward me.
11 Come, my welbeloued, let vs go forthe into the field: let vs remaine in ỹ villages.
12 Let vs get vp early to the vines, let vs ſe if the [e] vine floriſh, *whether* it hathe budded the ſmale grape, *or whether* the pomegranates floriſh: there wil I giue thee my loue.
13 The mādrakes haue giuē a ſmel, & in our gates are all ſwete things, newe & olde: my welbeloued, I haue kept *them* for thee.

b Read Chap. 4,5.
c He deliteth to come nere thee and to be in thy companie *Or galerie.*

CHAP. VIII.

1 The Church wil be taught by Chriſt. 3 She is vpholden by him. 6 The vehement loue wherewith Chriſt loueth her. 11 She is the vine that bringeth forth frute to the ſpiritual Salomón, which is Ieſus Chriſt.

1 OH [a] that thou wereſt as my brother ỹ ſucked the breaſtes of my mother: I wolde finde thee without, I wolde kiſſe thee, then thei ſhulde not deſpiſe [f] thee.
2 I wil lead thee & bring thee into my mothers houſe: *there* thou ſhalt teache me: & I wil cauſe thee to drinke ſpiced wine, & newe wine of the pomegranate.
3 [b] His left hand *ſhalbe* vnder mine head, & his right hand ſhal embrace me.
4 [c] I charge you, ô daughters of Ieruſalém, that you ſtirre not vp, nor waken *my* loue, vntil ſhe pleaſe.
5 (Who is this that commeth vp out of the wildernes, leaning vpon her welbeloued?) I raiſed thee vp vnder an apple tre: there thy mother conceiued thee: there ſhe conceiued that bare thee.
6 [d] Set me as a ſeale on thine heart, & as a ſignet vpon thine arme: for loue *is* ſtrong as death: ielouſie is cruel as the graue: the coles thereof *are* fyrie coles, & a vehemēt flame.
7 Muche water cā not quenche loue, nether can the floods drowne it: if a man ſhulde giue all the ſubſtāce of his houſe for loue, they wolde greatly contemne it.
8 [e] We haue a litle ſiſter, and ſhe hathe no breaſtes: what ſhal we do for our ſiſter whē ſhe ſhalbe ſpoken for?
9 [f] If ſhe be a walle, we wil buylde vpō her a ſiluer palace: and if ſhe be a dore, we wil kepe her in with bordes of cedre.
10 [g] I am a walle & my breaſtes *are* as towres: then was I in his eyes as one that findeth peace.
11 [h] Salomón had a vine in Baal-hamón: he gaue the vineyard vnto kepers: euerie one bringeth for the frute thereof a thouſand *pieces* of ſiluer.

a The Church called of the Gentiles, ſpeaketh thus to ỹ Church of Ieruſalém. *f Or, me.*
b Read Chap. 2,6.
c Read Chap. 3,5.
d The ſpouſe deſireth Chriſt to be ioyned in perpetual loue with him.
e The Iewiſh Church ſpeaketh this of ỹ Church of the Gentiles
f If ſhe be ſure & faſt, ſhe is mete for the houſband to dwel in
g The Church promiſeth fidelitie & conſtancie
h This is the vineyarde of ỹ Lord hired out, Mat. 22,33.

12 But my vineyarde which is mine, is before me: to thee, ô Salomón, apperteineth a thousand pieces of siluer, & two thousan to them that kepe the frute thereof.

13 O thou that dwellest in the [i] gardens, the companions hearken vnto thy voyce: cause me to heare it.

14 O my welbeloued, [k] flee away, and be like vnto the roe, or to the yong heart vpon the mountaines of spices.

i Christ dwelleth in his Church whose voyce ỹ faithful heare.

k The Church desireth Christ that if he depart from thẽ, y t that he wolde haste to helpe them in their troubles

ISAIAH.

THE ARGVMENT.

God, according to his promes Deut. 18, 15. that he wolde neuer leaue his Church destitute of a Prophet, hathe from time to time accomplished the same: whose office was not onely to declare vnto the people the things to come, whereof thei had a special reuelation, but also to interpret & declare the Law, and to applie particularly the doctrine, conteined briefely therein, to the vtilitie & profite of those, to whome thei thoght it chiefly to appertaine, and as the time and state of things required. And principally in the declaration of the Lawe they had respect to thre things, which were the grounde of their doctrine: First to the doctrine conteined briefly in the two tables: secondely to the promises & threatenings of the Law: & thirdely, to the couenant of grace & reconciliation, grounded vpon our Sauiour Iesus Christ, who is the end of the Law. Whereunto thei neither added nor diminished, but faithfully expounded the sense and meaning thereof. And according as God gaue them vnderstanding of things, thei applied the promises particularly for the comfort of the Church and the members thereof, and also denounced the menaces against the enemies of the same: not for anie care or regarde to the enemies, but to assure the Church of their sauegarde by the destruction of their enemies. And as touching the doctrine of reconciliation they haue more clearely intreated it then Moses, and set forthe more liuely Iesus Christ, in whome this couenant of reconciliation was made. In all these things Isaiah did excell all the Prophetes, and was moste diligent to set out the same, with moste vehement admonitions, reprehensions, and consolations: euer applying the doctrine, as he sawe that the disease of the people required. He declareth also manie notable prophecies which he had receiued of God, as touching the promes of the Messiah, his office, and his kingdome. Also of the fauour of God toward his Church, the vocation of the Gentiles, and their vnion with the Iewes. Which are as moste principal pointes conteined in this boke, and a gathering of his sermons that he preached. Which after certeine daies that thei had stand vpon the Temple dore (for the maner of the Prophetes was to set vp the summe of their doctrine for certeine dayes that the people might the better marke it, as Isa. 8, 1. & Habak. 2, 2.) the Priests toke it downe and reserued it among their registers: and so by Gods prouidence these bokes were preserued as a monument to the Church for euer. As touching his persone and time, he was of the Kings stocke: for Amoz his father was brother to Azariah King of Iudah, as the best writers agre, and prophecied more then 64 yeres from the time of Vzziah vnto the reigne of Manasseh, whose father in lawe he was (as the Ebrewes write) and of whome he was put to death. And in reading of the Prophetes this one thing among other is to be obserued, that thei speake of things to come as thogh thei were now past, because of the certeintie thereof, and that thei colde not but come to passe, because God had ordeined them in his secret counsel, and so reueiled them to his Prophetes.

CHAP. I.

2 Isaiah reproueth the Iewes of their ingratitude and stubbernes, that nether for benefites nor punishmet wolde amend. 11 He sheweth why their sacrifises are reiected, and wherein Gods true seruice standeth. 24 He prophecieth of the destruction of Ierusalem, 25 And of the restitution thereof

a This is a reuelation, prophecie, which was one of the two meanes, whereby God declared himselfe to his seruants in olde time, as Nom 12,6 & therefore the Prophetes were called Seers, 1 Sam 9,9

b Isaiah was chiefly sent to Iudah and Ierusalem, but not onely for in this boke are propheties cocerning other nations also

c Called also Azariah 2 King 15,1 of these kings read 2 King from chap 14 vnto Chap 21, and 2 Chro from Chap 25. vnto Chap 33

d Because they were obstinate and miserable, he calleth to ye dumme creatures, which were more prompte to obey Gods worde, as Deu 32,1 ese accuseth his great mercie towards ye Iewes, for whome he chose them aboue all other nations to be his people & childre sDeu 10,15

f The moste brute and dul beasts do more acknowledge their duetie toward their masters, then my people do toward me, of whome they haue receiued benefits without cõparison

g They were not onely wicked, as were their fathers, but vtterly corrupte, and by their euil exaple infected others

h That is, him ye sanctifieth Israél

a The vision of Isaiáh, the sonne of Amóz, which he sawe b concerning Iudáh and Ierusalém: in the daies of c Vzziáh, Iothám, Aház & Hezekiah Kings of Iudah.

2 Heare, ô d heauens, and hearken, ô earth: for the Lord hathe said, I haue nourished and broght vp children, but they haue rebelled against me.

3 The e oxe knoweth his owner, and the asse his masters cryb, *but* Israel hathe not knowen, my people nathe not vnderstand.

4 Ah, sinful nacion, a people laden with iniquitie, a sede of the wicked, corrupt childrẽ, they haue forsaken the Lord, they haue prouoked the h holy one of Israel to anger they are gone backwarde.

5 Wherefore shulde ye be i smitten anie more? for ye fall away more and more: the whole k head is sicke, and the whole heart is heauie.

6 From the l sole of the foote vnto the head, there *is* nothing whole therein, *but* woundes, & swelling, and sores ful of corruption, they haue not ben wrapped, m nor bounde vp, nor mollified with oyle.

7 Your land is waste, your cities *are* burnt with fyre, strangers deuoure your land in your presence, and *it is* desolate like the ouerthrowe n of strangers.

8 And the daughter of o Zión shal remaine like a cotage in a vineyarde, like a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, & like a besieged citie.

9 Except the Lord of hostes p had reserued vnto vs, euen a smale remnant: we shulde haue bene as Sodóm, & shulde haue bene like vnto Gomoráh.

10 Heare the worde of the Lord, ô r princes of Sodóm: hearken vnto the Law of our God, ô people of Gomoráh.

11 What haue I to do with the multitude of your sacrifices, saith the Lord? I am ful of the burnt offrings of rams, & of the fat of fed beastes: and I f desire not the blood of bullockes, nor of lambes, nor of goates.

12 Whẽ ye come to appeare before me, who required this of your hãds to tread in my courtes?

13 Bring no mo oblacions, t in vaine incẽse is an abominacion vnto me. I can not suffer, *our* newe moones, nor sabbaths, *nor* solemne daies (*it is* iniquitie) nor solemne assemblies.

14 My soule hateth your u newe moones & your appointed feasts: they are a burden vnto me, I am weary to beare *them*.

15 And whẽ you shal stretch out your hãds, I wil hide mine eyes from you: and thogh ye make manie prayers, I wil not heare: *for* your hands are ful x of blood.

16 y Wash you, make you cleane: take away the euil of your workes from before mine eyes, cease to do euil.

17 Learne to z do wel seke iudgement, relieue the oppressed: iudge the fatherles & defend the widowe.

18 Come now, & let vs reasõ together, saith the Lord. though your sinnes were as crimsin, they shalbe made a white as snowe: thogh they were red like skarlet, they shal be b as woll.

19 If ye c consent and obey, ye shal eat the good *things* of the land.

20 But if ye refuse and be rebellious, ye shalbe deuoured with the sworde: for the mouth of the Lord hathe spoken it.

21 How is the d faithful citie become an harlot? it was ful of iudgement, & iustice lodged therein, but now e *they are* murtherers.

22 Thy f siluer is become drosse, thy wine is mixt with water.

23 Thy princes *are* rebellious and companions of g theues: euerie one loueth gifts, & followeth after rewards, they iudge not the fatherles, nether doeth the widowes cause come before them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord God of hostes, the h mightie one of Israél, Ah, I wil ease me of mine aduersaries, and auenge me of mine enemies.

25 Then I wil turne mine hand vpon thee, and burne out thy drosse, til it k be pure, & take away all thy tynne.

26 l And I wil restore thy iudges as at the first, and thy coũsellers as at the beginning.

t Without faith & repentaunce

u Your sacrifices offred in the newe moones & feastes

x That is, ye conducte hereby hypocrites, which thinke to please God with ceremonies, & they themselues are voide of faith and mercie

y That is, he meaneth ye spirituall exercising the Iewes to repent & amend their liues

z This kinde of reasoning, by the secondarie table, the Scriptures vse in manie places against the hypocrites, who pretend moste holines & religion in worde, but when their charitie & loue toward their brethren should appeare, they declare ye they haue neither faith nor religion

a To knowe if I do accuse you without cause

b Lest sinners shulde pretend anie rigour on Gods parte, he onely willeth the to be pure in heart, & he wil forgiue all their sinnes, were they neuer so manie or great

c He sheweth that whatsoeuer aduersitie a man indureth, it ought to be attributed to his owne incredulitie and disobedience

d That is Ierusalém, which had promised fidelitie vnto me, as a wife to her husband

e Giuen to couetousnes and extorcion, which he signified before by blood, vers 15

f Whereas we was pure in thee before, is now corrupt, though thou haue an outward shewe

g That is, they maintene the wicked & the extorcioners, & not onely do not punish them, but are them selues suche

h When God wil shewe him self merciful to his Church, he calleth him self, The holie one of Israél but when he hathe to do with his enemies, he is called Mightie, as against whome no power is able to resist

i I wil take vengeance of mine aduersaries the Iewes, and so satisfie my desire by punishing them

Which thing yet he doeth with a grief because of his couenant

k Lest the faithful among them shulde be ouercome with this threatning, he addeth this consolacion

l It is onely the worke of God to pourge the heart of man, which thing he doeth because of his promes, made concerning the saluacion of his Church

1 What auaileth it to seke to amend you by punishment, seing the more I correct you, the more ye rebell

k By naming the chief partes of the boare, he signifieth, that there was no parte of the whole bodie of the Iewes free from his roddes

l Euerie parte of the bodie, as wel the least as the chefest was plagued

m Their plagues were so grieuous that they were incurable, and yet they wolde not repent

n Meaning, of them, that dwell farre of, which, because they loke for no aduauntage of that, which remaineth, destroye all before them

o That is, Ierusalem.

p Because that he wil euer haue a Church to call vpon his Name

q That is, all destroyed

r Ye that for your vices deserued all to be destroyed as they of Sodóm, saue that God of his mercie reserued a little nomber, Lam 3,22

s Although God commanded these sacrifices for a time, as rites and exercises of their faith yet because the people had not faith nor repentance, God detesteth them, Psal 50,14 Ier 6,20. amos 5,21 mich 6,7.

afterwarde shalt thou be called a citie of
righteousnes, & a faithful citie.
27 Zión shalbe redemed in iudgement, and
they that returne in her, in m iustice.
28 And the n destruction of the trangressours and of the sinners shalbe together:
and they that forsake the Lord, shalbe consumed.
29 For they shal be cõfounded for the o okes,
which ye haue desired, and ye shalbe ashamed of the gardens, that ye haue chosen.
30 For ye shalbe as an oke, whose leafe fadeth: & as a garden that hathe no water.
31 And the strong shalbe as p towe, and the
maker thereof, as a sparke: and they shal
bothe burne together, & none shal quenche *them*.

m By iustice is meant Gods faithful promes, ẅ is the cause of ỹ deliuerance of his Church
n The wicked shal not be partakers of Gods promes, Psal. 92,9
o That is, the trees & pleasant places, where ye commit idolatrie, which was forbidden, Deut 16,22
p The false god, wherein ye put your cõfidence, shal be consumed as easely, as a piece of towe.

CHAP. II.

2 The Church shalbe restored by Christ, and the Gentiles called. 6 The punishment of the rebellious & obstinate.

1 THe worde that Isaiáh the sonne of Amóz sawe vpon Iudáh and Ierusalém.
2 *It a shalbe in the last daies, that the moũtaine of the house of the Lord shalbe prepared in the top of the moũtaines, & b shal be exalted aboue the hilles, & all nacions shal c flowe vnto it.
3 And manie people shal go, & say, Come, and let vs go vp to d the mountaine of the Lord, to the house of the God of Iaakób, & he wil teache vs his waies, and we wil walke in his paths: for the e Law shal go forthe of Zión, and the worde of the Lord from f Ierusalém,
4 And g he shal iudge among the natiõs, & h rebuke manie people: they shal i breake their swordes also into mattockes, & their speares into sithes. nacion shal not lift vp a sworde against nacion, nether shal they learne k to fight anie more.
5 O house of Iaakób, come ye, and let vs l walke in the light of the Lord.
6 Surely thou m hast forsaken thy people, the house of Iaakób, because they are n ful of the East *maners*, and *are* sorcerers as the Philistims, o and abunde with strange children.
7 Their land also was ful of p siluer and golde, and there *was* none end of their treasures: and their land was ful of horses, and their charets *were* infinite.
8 Their land also was ful of idoles: they worshipped the worke of their owne hãds, which their owne fingers haue made.
9 And a man bowed him self, and a man
q hũbled him self: therefore r spare thẽ not.
10 Enter into the rocke, & hide thee in the dust from before the feare of the Lord, and from the glorie of his maiestie.
11 The hie loke of man shalbe humbled, and the loftines of men shalbe abased, & ỹ Lord onely shalbe exalted in s that day.
12 For the day of the Lord of hostes *is* vpon all the proude and hautie, and vpon all that is exalted: and it shalbe made lowe.
13 Euen vpon all the cedres of Lebanón, that are hie and exalted, and vpon all the okes of Bashan,
14 And vpon all the high t mountaines, & vpon all the hilles that are lifted vp,
15 And vpon euerie hie towre, and vpon euerie strong wall,
16 And vpon u all the shippes of Tarshísh, and vpon all pleasant pictures.
17 And the hautines of men shalbe brogh lowe, and the loftines of men shalbe abased, and the Lord shal onely be exalted in that day.
18 And the idoles wil he vtterly destroye.
19 Then they shal go * into the holes of the rockes, and into the caues of the earth, from before the feare of the Lord, & from the glorie of his maiestie, when he shal arise to destroye the earth.
20 At that day shal man cast away his siluer idoles, and his golden idoles (which they had made them selues to worship them)
x to the mowles and to the backes,
21 To go into the holes of the rockes, and into the toppes of the ragged rockes from before the feare of the Lord, and from the glorie of his maiestie, when he shal rise to destroy the earth.
22 Cease you from the man whose y breath is in his nostrelles. for wherein is he to be estemed?

Mich. 4,1.
a The decre and ordinance of God, touching the restauracion of the Church, ẅ is chiefly ment of the time of Christ.
b In an euident place to be sene and discerned
c When the kingdome of Christ shalbe enlarged by ỹ preaching of the doctrine Here also is declared the zeale of the children of God, when they are called
d Alluding to mount Zion, where the visible Church then was
e Meaning, the whole doctrine of salvacio
f This was accomplished, whẽ the Gospel was first preached in Ierusalem, and from thence went through all ỹ worlde
g The Lord, ẅ is Christ, shal haue all power giuen him
h That they may acknowledge their sinnes, & turne to him
i He sheweth the frute of the peace, which the Gospel shulde bring to wit, that men shulde do good one to another, where as before they were enemies
k He speaketh not against the vse of weapons and lawful warre, but sheweth how the hearts of the godlie shalbe affected one toward another which peace and loue doeth begynne and growe in this life, but shal be perfited, when we are ioyned with our head Christ Iesus
l Seing the Gentiles wilbe so readie, make you haste and shewe them the way to worship God
m The Prophet seing the smale hope, that the Iewes wolde conuert, complaineth to God, as though he had vtterly forsaken them for their sinnes.
n Ful of the corruptions that reigned chiefly in the East partes
o They altogether gaue them selues to the factions of other nacions
p The Prophet first condemned their superstition and idolatrie, next their couetousnes, and thirdly, their vaine trust in worldelie meanes.
q He noteth the nature of the idolaters, which are neuer satisfied in their superfticions
r This ỹ Prophet spake, being inflamed with the zeale of Gods glorie, & that he might feare them ẅ Gods iudgement
s Meaning, assone as God shal begin to execute his iudgements.
t By high trees & mountaines are ment them ỹ are proude, and lofty, and thinke them selues moste strong in this worlde
u He cõdemneth their vaine cõfidence, which they had in strong holdes, & in their riche marchandise, ẅ brogne in vaine pleasures, wherewith mes mindes became effeminate. *Hoseáh 10, 8. luk 23,30. reuel 6,36. & 9,6.*
x They shal cast them into moste vile and filthie places, when they perceiue ỹ they are not able to helpe them.
y Cast of your vaine confidẽce of man, whose life is so fraile, that if his nose be stopped, he is dead, & consider that you haue to do with God.

Chap III.

a Because they trusted in their abundance & prosperitie, he sheweth that they shulde be taken frõ thẽ
b The téporal gouernour & the minister
c By these he meaneth that God wolde take away euerie thing that was in any estimacion, and wherein they had matie occasion to vãte them selues
d Not onely in age, but in wit, maners knowledge & strength.
e For lacke of good regimẽt and order.

3 When

f He sheweth that this plague shalbe so horrible, that cõtrarie to the cõmune maner of men, which by nature are ambitious, none shalbe founde able or willig to be their gouernour

6 When euerie one shal f take holde of his brother of the house of his father, *& say,* Thou hast clothing thou shalt be our prince, and let this fall be vnder thine hand.

7 In that day he shal s sweare, saying, I can not be an helper: for there is no bread in mine house, nor clothing: *therefore* make me no prince of the people.

8 Douteles Ierusalém is fallen, and Iudáh is fallen downe, because their tongue and workes *are* against the Lord, to prouoke the eyes of his glorie.

9 The h tryal of their coũtenance testifieth against them, yea, they declare their sinnes, as Sodóm, they hide them not. Wo be vnto their soules: for they haue rewarded euil vnto them selues.

10 i Say ye, Surely it shalbe wel with ỹ iuste: for they shal eat the fruite of their workes.

11 Wo be to the wicked, it shalbe euil *with him:* for the reward of his hãds shalbe giuen him.

12 k Children *are* extorcioners of my people, and women haue rule ouer them: ô my people, they that lead thee, cause thee to erre, and destroye the way of thy paths.

13 The Lord standeth vp to pleade, yea, he standeth to iudge the people.

14 The Lord shal entre into iudgemẽt with the l Anciẽts of his people and the princes thereof. for ye haue eaten vp the vineyarde: the spoyle of the poore *is* in your houses.

15 What haue ye to do, that ye beat my people to pieces, *and* grinde the faces of the poore, saith the Lord, *euen* the Lord of hoste,

16 The Lord also saith, m Because the daughters of Zión are haute, and walke with o stretched out neckes, and with p wandring eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a r tinkeling with their fete,

17 Therefore shal the Lord make the heads of the daughters of Zión balde, and the Lord shal discouer their secret partes.

18 In that day shal the Lord take away the ornament of the slippers, & the calles, & the roundetyres,

19 The swete balles, and the brasselets, and the bonnets,

20 The tyres of the head, and the sloppes, & the head bands, & the tablets, & ỹ earings,

21 The rings and the mufflers,

22 The costelie apparel and the vailes, and the wimpels, and the crisping pinnes,

23 And the glasses and the fyne linen, and the hoodes, and the slaunes.

24 And in stead of swete sauour, there shalbe stinke, and in stead of a girdle, a rent, & in stead of diessing of ỹ heer, baldnes, and in stead of a stomacher, a girding of sacke cloth, *&* burning in stead of beautie.

25 Thy men t shal fall by the sworde, & thy strength in the battel.

26 Then shal her gates mourne and lamẽt, and she, being desolate, shal sit vpon the grounde.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The smale remnant of men after the destruction of Ierusalem. 2 The graces of God vpõ them that remaine.

1 AND in that day shal a seuen women take holde of one man, saying, We wil eat our owne bread, and we wil weare our owne garments: onely b let vs be called by thy name, *&* take away our c reproche.

2 In that day shal the d budde of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the frute of the earth shalbe excellent and pleasant for them that are escaped of Israel.

3 Then he that shalbe left in Zión, and he ỹ shal remaine in Ierusalém, shal be called holie, *and* euerie one shalbe e written among the liuing in Ierusalém,

4 When the Lord shal wash the filthines of the daughters of Zión, & purge the f blood of Ierusalém out of ỹ middes thereof by the spirit of g iudgement, and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the Lord shal creat vpon euerie place of mount Zión, and vpõ the assemblies thereof, h a cloude and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fyre by night: for vpon all the i glorie *shalbe* a defense.

6 And a couering shalbe for a shadowe in the day for the heat, and a place of refuge and a couert for ỹ storme k & for the raine.

t Meaning, ỹ God wil not onely punish ỹ women, but their housbãdes, ẃ haue suffred this dissolutenes, and also ỹ cõmune weale, ẃ hath not remeded it

Chap IIII

a When God shal execute his vengeance, there shal not be one man foũde to be ỹ head to manie women, & their contrarie to womanly shamefastnes, shal sue vnto men, and offer them selues to ame condition

b Be thou our housband, and let vs be called thy wiues

c For so they thoght it to be without an head & housband

d He comforteth ỹ Church in this desolatiõ, which shal spring vp like a bud, signifying that Gods graces shalde be as plentiful towarde the faithful, as though they sprung out of the earth, as Chap 45,8

Some by the bud of ỹ Lord meane Christ

e He alludeth to the boke of life, whereof read Exod 32, 32 meaning Gods secret counsel, wherein his electiõ stedfastly standeth to life euerlasting

f That is, out of cruelte, extorsion, iniurice, and all wickednes

g When things shalbe redressed, that were amisse

h He alludeth to the piller of the cloude, Exod 13, 21 meaning that Gods fauour & protectiõ shulde appeare in euerie place

i The faithful are called the glorie or God because his image, and tokens of his grace shine in them

k God promiseth to be the defeate of his Church against all troubles and dangers

CHAP. V.

1 Vnder the similitude of the vine he describeth the state of the people. 8 Of their auarice. 11 Their drũkennes 13 Of their captiuitie

1 NOw wil I sing to my b beloued a sõg of my beloued to his vineyard. * My beloued had a c vineyard in a verie fruteful hil,

2 And he hedged it, and gathered out the stones of it, and he planted it with the best plants, d and he buylt a towre in ỹ middes thereof, & made a wine presse therein e thẽ he loked ỹ it shulde bring forthe grapes: but it broght e forthe wilde grapes.

3 Now therefore, ô inhabitants of Ierusalém & mẽ of Iudah, iudge, I pray you, f betwene me, and my vineyarde.

4 What colde I haue done anie more to my vineyarde ỹ I haue not done vnto it? why haue I loked that it shulde bring forthe grapes, & it bringeth forthe wilde grapes?

5 And now I wil tel you what I wil do to my vineyard: I g wil take away ỹ hedge

1 The Prophet by this song teacheth yet before ỹ peoples wives their ingratitude, and Gods mercie

b That is, to God

Iere 2,21.
mat 21,33.

c Meaning, ỹ he had plãted his Church in a place meete plentiful and abundãt

d He spared no diligence nor cost

e In ỹ seuenth verse he declareth what thes were.

f He maketh thẽ iudges in their own cause, for ỹ muche as it was enidẽt ỹ they were the cause of their owne ruine

g I wil take no more care for it meaning ỹ he wolde take frõ thẽ his worde & all other cõfortes, & send them contrarie plagues.

as can not be content ẃ comelie apparel according to their degre.

thereof, & it ſhal be eaten vp: I wil breake the wall thereof, & it ſhal be trodē downe:
6 And I wil lay it waſte it ſhal not be cut, nor digged, but briers, & thornes ſhal growe vp. I wil alſo commande the cloudes that they raine no raine vpon it.

h Iudgement and righteouſnes are true frutes of the feare of God, and therefore in the cruel oppreſſers there is no religion

7 ¶Surely the vineyarde of the Lord of hoſtes *is* the houſe of Iſraél, and the men of Iudáh *are* his pleaſant plant, and he loked for [h] iudgemēt: but beholde oppreſſiō: for righteouſnes, but beholde [i] a crying.

i Of them that are oppreſſed.

8 Wo vnto thē that ioyne houſe to houſe, *and* lay field to field, til there be no [k] place, that ye may be placed by your ſelues in the middes of the earth.

k To wit, for the poore to dwell in

9 *Thus* in mine [l] eares, *ſaith* the Lord of hoſtes. Surely manie houſes ſhalbe deſolate, *euē* great, & fayre without inhabitāt.

l I haue heard the cōplaint, and crye of ſ poore

10 For ten acres of vines ſhal yelde one [m] bath, & the ſede of an [n] hómer ſhal yelde an [o] epháh.

m Which cōteineth about tē pottels ſo ỹ euerie acre ſhulde but yelde one pottel

n Which conteineth an hūdreth pottels.

o An Epháh conteineth ten pottels, & is in drye things as muche as bath is in licours

11 ¶Wo vnto them, that [p] riſe vp early to followe drunkennes, and to them that cōtinue vntil [q] night, *til* the wine do inflame them.

p That ſpare no peine nor diligence to followe their luſtes

12 And the harpe and viole, timbrel, and pipe, and wine *are* in their feaſtes: but they regarde not the [r] worke of ỹ Lord, nether conſider the worke of his hands.

q Which are neuer weary of their riotig and exceſsme pleaſures but vſe all meanes to pronoke to the ſame

r They regarde not the prouident care of God ouer them, nor for what end he hathe created them.

13 Therefore my people [s] is gone into captiuitie, becauſe they had [t] no knowledge, and the glorie thereof *are* men famiſhed, & the multitude thereof is dryed vp with thirſt.

s That is, ſhal certeinly go: for ſo the Prophetes vſe to ſpeake, as thogh the thig which ſhal come to paſſe, were done already

t Becauſe thei wolde not obey the worde of God

14 Therefore [u] hel hathe inlarged it ſelf, and hathe opened his mouth, without meaſure, and their glorie, and their multitude, and their pompe, and he that reioyceth among them, ſhal deſcende *into it*.

u Meaning, ỹ graue ſhal ſwallowe vp them that ſhal dye for hungre and thirſt, and yet for all this great deſtruction it ſhal neuer be ſatiate

15 And man ſhalbe broght downe, and man ſhalbe humbled, euē the eyes of the proude ſhalbe humbled.

16 And the Lord of hoſtes ſhalbe exalted in iudgement, and the holie God ſhalbe ſanctified in iuſtice.

17 Then ſhal [x] the lambes fede after their maner, and the ſtrangers ſhal eat the deſolate places of the fat.

x God comforteth ỹ poore lambes of his Church, w had bene ſtrangers in other coūtreis, promiſing that they ſhulde dwel in thoſe places againe, whereof thei had bene depriued by the fat, and cruel tyrants

18 ¶Wo vnto them, that drawe iniquitie [w] y cordes of vanitie, and ſinne, as with cart ropes:

w Which vſe all allurements, occaſions, and excuſes to harden their conſcience in ſinne

19 Which ſay, [z] Let him make ſpede let him haſten his worke, that we may ſe it: & let the coūſel of the holie one of Iſraél drawe nere and come, that we may knowe it.

z He ſheweth what are the wordes of the wicked, when they are menaced with Gods iudgements, 2 Pet 3.4

20 Wo vnto them that ſpeake good of euil, [a] and euil of good, which put darkenes for light, and light for darkenes, that put bitter for ſwete, and ſwete for ſowre.

a Which are not aſhamed of ſinne, nor care for honeſtie, but are growen to a deſperate impietie.

21 Wo vnto them that are [b] wiſe in their owne eyes, and prudent in their owne ſight.

b Which are contemners of all doctrine & admonition

22 Wo vnto them that are [c] mightie to drinke wine, and to them that are ſtrong to powre in ſtrong drinke

c Which are neuer weary, but ſhew their ſtrength, and brągge in gluttonie and drūkennes.

23 Which iuſtifie the wicked for a rewarde, and take away the righteouſnes of the righteous from him.

24 Therefore as ỹ flame of fyre deuoureth the ſtubble, and *as* the chaffe is conſumed of the flame: *ſo* their [d] roote ſhalbe as rottennes, and their budde ſhal riſe vp like duſt, becauſe they haue caſt of the Law of the Lord of hoſtes, and contemned the worde of the holie one of Iſraél.

d Bothe they and their poſteritie, ſo that nothing ſhalbe left.

25 Therefore is the wrath of the Lord kindled againſt his people, & he hathe ſtretched out his [e] hand vpon them, and hathe ſmitten them that ỹ mountaines did trēble: and their karcaſes were torne in the middes of the ſtretes, *&* for all this his wrath was not turned away, but his hand was ſtretched out ſtil.

e He ſheweth that God had ſo ſore punished this people, that the dumme creatures, if they had bene ſo plagued, wolde haue bene more ſenſible, and therefore his plagues muſt continue, til they begin to fele them

26 And he will liſt vp a ſigne [f] vnto the nations a farre, and wil hiſſe vnto them from the end of the earth: & beholde, they ſhal come haſtely with ſpede.

f He wil make ỹ Babylonias to come againſt thē at his becke, and to fight vnder his ſtāderd

27 None ſhal [g] faint nor fall among them: none ſhal ſlumber nor ſlepe, nether ſhal the girdle of his loynes be loſed, nor [h] the latchet of his ſhoes be broken:

g They ſhalbe prompt, and lustie to execute Gods vengeāce

28 Whoſe arrowes ſhalbe ſharpe, & all his bowes bent: his horſe hooſes ſhalbe thoght like flint, & his wheles like a whirle wīde.

h The enemie ſhal haue none impediment

29 His roaring *ſhalbe* like a lyon, and he ſhal roare like lyons whelpes: they ſhal [i] roare, and lay holde of the pray: thei ſhal take it away, and none ſhal deliuer it.

i Whereby is declared the cruelnie of the enemie

30 And in that day ỹ they ſhal roare vpon them, as the roaring of the ſea: & if [k] they loke vnto the earth, beholde darkenes, *and* ſorow, and the light ſhalbe darkened in their [l] ſkie.

k The Iewes ſhal finde no ſuccour

l In the land of Iudáh.

CHAP. VI.

1 Iſaiáh ſheweth his vocation by the Viſion of the diuine maieſtie 9 He ſheweth the obſtinacie of the people. 11 The deſtruction of the land. 13 The remnant reſerued.

1 IN the yere of the death of King Vzziáh, [a] I ſawe alſo the Lord ſitting vpō an [b] high throne, and lifted vp, and the lower [c] paites thereof filled the temple.

a God ſheweth not him ſelf to mā in his maieſtie, but according as mās capacitie is able to cōprehend him that is by viſible ſignes, as Iohn Baptiſt ſawe the holie Goſt in the forme of a doone

2 The Seraphims [d] ſtode vpon it: euerie one had ſix wings: with twaine he couered his [e] face, and with twaine he couered his [f] fete, and with twaine he did [g] flie.

3 And one cryed to another, and ſaid, [h] Ho-

b As a iudge ready to giue ſentence c Of his garment, or of his throne. d They were Angels ſo called becauſe they were of a fyrie colour, to ſignifie ỹ they burnt in the loue of God, or were light as fyre to execute his wil. e Signifying, that they were not able to endure the brightnes of Gods glorie f Whereby was declared that man was not able to ſe the brightnes of God in them g Which thing declareth the prompt obedience of the Angels to execute Gods cōmandement h This oft repetition ſignifieth, that the holy Angels can not ſatiſfie them ſelues in praiſing God, to teache vs that in all our liues we ſhulde giue our ſelues to the continual praiſe of God.

ly,holy,holy *is* ỹ Lord of hostes:the whole
a worlde is ful of his glorie.
4 And the linsels of the dore chekes b moued at the voyce of him that cryed, and the house was filled with smoke.
5 Then I said, c Wo is me: for I am vndone,because I am a man of polluted lippes, and I dwell in the middes of a people of polluted lippes.for mine eyes haue sene the King *and* Lord of hostes.
6 Then flewe one of the Seraphims vnto me with an hote cole in his hand,*which* he had take from the d altar with the tongs:
7 And he touched my mouth, & said, Lo, this hathe touched thy lippes, and thine iniquitie shalbe taken away,and thy e sinne shalbe purged.
8 Also I heard the voyce of the Lord,saying,Whome shal I send? and who shal go for vs? Then I sayd,Here am I,send me.
9 And he said, Go, and say vnto this people, f Ye shal heare in dede, but ye shal not vnderstand: ye shal plainly se, & not perceiue.
10 Make the heart of this people fat, make their eares heauie,and shut their eyes,lest they se with their eyes,& heare with their eares, and vnderstand with their hearts, and conuert, and he heale them.
11 Then said I, Lord, g how long? And he answered,Vntil the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man,and the land be vtterly desolate,
12 And the Lord haue remoued men farre away,and *the e be* a great desolation in the middes of the land.
13 But yet in it *shalbe* h a tenth, and shal retuine,and shalbe eaten vp as an elme i or as an oke,which haue a substance in them, when they cast *their leaues* so the holie sede shalbe the substance thereof.

His glorie doeth not onely appeare in ỹ heauens, but through all ỹ worlde, and therefore all creatures are boūde to praise him
b Which thīgs were to confirme the Prophet, that it was not the voyce of man and by the smoke was signified the blindenes ỹ shulde come vpon the Iewes
c He speaketh this for two causes ỹ one, because he ỹ was a mortal creature, and therefore had more nede to be ornide of God then the Angels,didst not and the other, because ỹ more nere ỹ man approcheth to God,the more doeth he knowe his owne sinne, & corruption
d Of ỹ burnt offrings where the tyre neuer went out
e This declareth that man can not rendre true obedience to God, til he haue purged vs
f Whereby is declared that for the malice of man God wil not immediatly take away his worde,but he wil cause it to be preached to their condemnation, when as they wil not learne thereby to obey his wil,and be saued hereby he exhorteth the ministers to do their duetie,and answereth to the wicked murmurers, that through their owne malice their heart is hardned, Mat 13,14 act 28,26 rom 11,8
g As he was moued with the zeale of Gods glorie,so was he touched with a charitable affection toward the people
h Meaning,the tenth parte or as some write, it was reuciled to Isaiah for the confirmation of his prophecie,that ten Kings shulde come before their captiuitie,as were from Vzziah to Zedekiáh
i For the fewenes they shal serue to be eaten vp yet they shal after florish as a tre,which in winter loseth his leaues,and semeth to be dead,yet in sommer is fresh,and grene.

CHAP. VII.

1 Ierusalém besieged 4 Isaiáh comforteth the King. 14 Christ is promised

2.King 16,5 1 AND in the dayes of* Aház,the sonne of Iothám,the sonne of Vzziah King of Iudáh,Rezín the King of Arám a came vp,and Pekáh the sonne of Remaliáh King of Israél,to Ieruselém to fight against it,but he colde not ouercome it.
2 And it was told the house of b Dauid, saying, Arám is ioyned with c Ephráim: therefore his heart was d moued, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest are moued by the winde.
3 ¶ Then said the Lord vnto Isaiáh, Go forthe now to mete Aház (thou and e Shear-iashúb thy sonne) at the end of the conduit of the vpper poole,in the path of the fullers field,
4 And say vnto him, Take hede, & be stil: feare not,nether be faint hearted for the two tailes of these smoking f fyrebrandes, for the furious wrath of Rezín and of Aram,and of Remaliahs sonne:
5 Because Arám hathe taken wicked counsel against thee,& Ephráim,& Romaliahs sonne,saying,
6 Let vs go vp against Iudáh, & let vs wake them vp,and make a breche therein for vs,and set a King in the middes thereof, *even* the sonne of g Tabeal.
7 Thus saith the Lord God, It shal not stand,nether shal it be.
8 For the head of Arám is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezín and within five & threscore yere, Ephráim shalbe destroied from being a people.
9 And the head of Ephráim *is* Samaria,and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliahs sonne. If ye beleue not,surely ye shal not be established.
10 ¶ And the Lord spake againe vnto Aház, saying,
11 Aske h a signe for thee of the Lord thy God: aske it, *ether* in the depth or in the height aboue.
12 But Aház said,I wil not aske, nether wil I k tempt the Lord.
13 Thē he said, Heare you now,ô house of Dauid,Is it a smale thing for you to grieue l men,that ye wil also grieue my God?
14 Therefore the Lord m him self wil giue you a signe. Beholde,the virgine shal conceiue and beare a sonne, and she shal call his name n Immánu-él.
15 o Butter and honie shal he eat,til he haue knowledge to refuse the euil, & to chuse the good.
16 For a fore ỹ p childe shal haue knowledge to eschewe the euil, and to chuse the good, the land,that thou abhorrest,shalbe forsaken of bothe her Kings.
17 The Lord shal bring vpon thee,and vpon thy people,and vpon thy fathers house (the daies that haue not come frō the daie that q Ephráim departed from Iudáh) *euen* the King of r Asshúr.
18 And in that day shal the Lord hisse for the s flie that is at the vttermoste parte of the floods of Egypt, & for the bee which is in the land of Asshúr,
19 And they shal come and shal light all in the desolate valleis,and in the holes of the rockes, and vpon all thornie places, and

e That is to say, The rest shal returne w name Isaiáh gaue his sonne,to signifie, that ỹ rest of the people shulde returne out of their captiuitie
f Which haue but a litle smoke and shal quickely be quenched.
g Which was an Israelite & as semeth,enemie to the house of Dauid
h Courting from ỹ fiue & twentieth yere of ỹ reigne of Vzziah, at what time Amos prophecied this thīg, and now Isaiah confirmeth it vnto the Israelites shulde be led into perpetual captiuitie, & thing came to pas xl yere after that Isaiáh did this message
i For the confirmation of this thing that thine enemies shalbe destroyed & ỹ cō pre serued.
k Not to beleue Gods worde without a signe is to tēpt God: but to refuse a signe wh God offereth it for ỹ aide & helpe of our infirmitie,is to rebel against him
l You thinke you haue to do w men,whē ye contemne Gods messengers but it is God, against whome you bend your selues
m For asmuche as thou art vnworthy,ỹ Lord for his owne premes sake wil giue a signe ỹ shalbe that Christ the Sauiour of his Church & the ouerthrow of all signes & miracles shalbe reuealed
n Meaning,that Christ is not onely God,but man also,because he shal

Or,Syria
a To wit, the seconde time for in the first battel Aház was ouercome
b Meaning, ỹ Kings house
c That is, Israel,because ỹ tribe was the greatest,Genesis 49
d For feare

Or, God with vs, which name can agre to none, but to him, that is both God and man.

be nourished as other men,vntil ỹ age of discretiō
o Not meaning Christ,but anie childe for before a childe can come to the yeres of discretiō,the Kings of Samaria and Syria shal be destroied
p Since the time that the twelue tribes rebelled vnder Roboam
q In whome thou shalt put thy trust
r Meaning,the Egyptians for by reason the countrei is hote and moiste, it is ful of flies,as Assyria is ful of bees.

vpon all busshie places.

20 In that day shal the Lord shaue with a raser that is hired, *euen* by them beyonde the Riuer, by the King of Assh́r, the head and the heere of the f sete, and it shal cõsume the beard.

21 And in the same day shal a mã u nourish a yong kowe, and two shepe.

22 And for the x abundance of milke, that they shal giue, he shal eat butter. for butter and honie shal euerie one eat, which is left within the land.

23 And at the same day euerie place, where in shalbe a thousand vines, shalbe at a thousand *peces* of siluer, *sout* shalbe for the briers and for the thornes.

24 With arrowes and with y bowe shal one come thether: because all the land shalbe briers and thornes.

25 But on z all the mountaines, which shalbe digged with ŷ mattocke, there shal not come thether the feare of briers & thornes: but they shalbe for the sending out of bullockes and for the treading of shepe.

f Signifying, no place shalbe free fro thẽ
t That is, that which is from ŷ belly downeward meaning, that he wolue destroy bothe great & small
u He that before had a great nomber of cattel, shal be content wt one kowe & two shepe
x The nomber of men shal be so smale, that the fewe beastes shalbe able to nourish all abundantly
y As they that go to seke wilde beastes among the bushes
z The mountaines contrarie to their wonte, shalbe tilled by suche as shal flee to them for succour

CHAP. VIII.

1 The captiuitie of Israel & Iudah by the Assyrians. 6 The infidelitie of the Iewes. 9 The destruction of the Assyrians 14 Christ the stone of stombling to the wicked. 19 The worde of God must be inquired at.

1 MOreouer, ŷ Lord said vnto me, Take thee a a great role, and write in it b with a mans penne, Make spede to the spoyle: haste to the pray.

2 Then I toke vnto me c faithful witnesses to recorde, Vriáh the Priest, and Zechariáh the sonne of Iberechiáh.

3 After, I came vnto the d Propheteſſe, w conceiued, and bare a sonne. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name, e Mahérshalál hash-baz.

4 For before the e childe shal haue knowledge to crye, My father, and my mother, f he shal take away the riches of Damascus and the spoile of Samaria, before the Kíg of Assh́ur.

5 ¶ And ŷ Lord spake yet againe vnto me, saying,

6 Because this people hathe refused the waters of g Shiloáh that runne softely, and reioyce with Rezín, and the sonne of Remaliáh,

7 Now therefore beholde, the Lord bringeth vp vpon thẽ the waters of h the Riuer mightie and great, *euen* the King of Assh́ur with all his glorie, and he shal come vp vpon all their riuers, and go ouer all their bankes,

8 And shal breake into Iudáh, & shal ouerflowe and passe through, & shal come vp to the i necke, & the stretching out of his wings shal fil the breadth of thy land, ô k Immánu-él.

9 Gather together on heapes, ô ye l people, and ye shalbe broken in pieces, and hearkẽ all ye of farre countreis: girde your selues, and you shalbe broken in pieces girde your selues, & you shalbe broken in pieces.

10 Take counsel together, yet it shalbe brought to naught pronounce a decre, yet shal it not stand. for God is with vs.

11 For ŷ Lord spake thus to me in takíg m of *mine* hãd, & taught me, ŷ I shulde not walke in the way of this people, saying,

12 Say ye not, A n confederacie to all them, to whome this people saith a confederacie, nether feare yo° their feare, nor be afraied of them.

13 p Sanctifie the Lord of hostes, and let him be your feare, and let him be your dread,

14 And he shalbe as a q Sanctuarie: *but* as a stõbling stone & as a rocke to fall vpon, to bothe the houses of Israél, & as a snare & as a net to the inhabitants of Ierusalem.

15 And manie among them shal stomble, and shal fall and shal be broken and shalbe snared & shalbe taken.

16 r Binde vp the testimonie: seale vp the Law among my disciples.

17 Therefore I wil wait vpõ the Lord that hathe hid his face from the house of Iaakób, and I will loke for him.

18 Beholde I, and the s children whome the Lord hathe giuẽ me, *are* as signes & as wõders in Israél, t by ŷ Lord of hostes, which dwelleth in mount Zíon.

19 And whẽ they shal say vnto you, Enquire at them that haue a spirit of diuination, and at the south saiers, which whisper and murmur, u Shulde not a people enquire at their God? from the x liuing to the dead?

20 To the y Lawe, and to the testimonie, if they speake not according to this worde: it *is* because there *is* no z light in them.

21 Thẽ he that is afflicted & famished, shal go to and fro in a it: & when he shalbe hungrie, he shal euen freat him self, b and curse his King and his gods, & shal loke vpwarde.

22 And whẽ he shal loke to the earth, beholde trouble, & c darkenes, vexacion & anguish, and he *is* driuen to darkenes.

a That ŷ maiest write in great letters to the intent it may be more rately red.
b Meaning, after the cõmune facio be cause all men might read it
c Because the thing was of great importance, he toke these to witnesses, which were of credit wt ŷ people, whẽ he set this vp vpon the dore of the temple, albeit Vriáh was a flat erig hypocrite, 2 King 16,11
d Meaning, to his wife, & this was done in a vision.
e Or, *Make spede to the spoile haste to the pray.*
e Before ane childe be able to speake
f That is, the armie of Assyria
g Which was a fountaine at the fote of mount Zíon, out of ŷ which rã a smale riuer through ŷ citie meaning ŷ they of Iudah, distrusting their owne power, wt ich was smale, desired such power and riches as they sawe in Syria and Israél
h That is, the Assyrians, which dwel beyonde Euphrates.
i It shalbe ready to drowne them
k He speaketh this to Messiáh, or Christ, in whome the faithful were comforted, and wt o would not suffer Christe to be destroied vtterly
l Howsoeuer ŷ are enemies to the Church, as the Assyrians, Egyptians, Syrians &c in so great courage me, that I should not shrinke for the rebellion of this people, and to make me afraied of mine office
m Consider not ye that re godlie, ne the leagues & confederacies of ŷ people, nor stombling stones, nor snares
n Of Iewes, Gentiles & idolaters
o Meaning, ŷ men should not feare ŷ thing that they feared, & learne to hope in God
p In praising ye Lord, & onely in him, in calling vpon him and serue him, patiently looking for his helpe, and feasing to commit thing contrarie to his Law
q He will reserue vnto which are his church, & reiect all the rest, which is matter of Christ against whome ye Iewes should stomble and fall, Luk 2,34 rom 9,33 1 pet 2,7
r Though all forsake me, yet ye that are mine, kepe my worde sure sealed in your hearts
s Meaning, thẽ that were willing to heare and obeye the worde of God, whome ŷ world dede hated as though they were monsters and not worthie to liue
t This was a consolation in their troubles, knowing that nothing colde come vnto them, but by the wil of the Lord
u Answer the wicked thus, Shulde not Gods people seke succour onely at him
x That is, wil they refuse to be taught of the Prophet, who is the mouth of God, and seke helpe at the dead, which is the illusion of Satan
y Seke remedie in the worde of God where his wil is declared
z They haue no knowledge, but are blinde leaders of ŷ blinde
a That is, in Iudáh, where they shulde haue had rest, if they had not thus grieuously offended God
b In whome afore they put their trust
c They shal thinke ŷ heauen and earth & all creatures are bent against thẽ to trouble thẽ.

CHAP. IX.

1 The vocation of the Gentiles & A prophecie of Christ. 14 The destruction of the ten tribes for their pride and contempt of God.

1 YEt a the darkenes shal not *be* according to the affliction, b that it had when at the first he touched lightly the

a He comforteth the Church againe after these great threatnings, promising to restore them to great glorie in Messiáh
b Wherewith Israél was punished, first by Tigláth-pilesar, which was a light scourge in respect of that which they suffred afterward by Shalma-neser, who caried the Israelites awaie captiues.

land of Zebulún and the land of Naphtalí, nor afterward *when* he was more grieuous by ẏ way of the ſea beyonde Iordén in Galile of c the Gentiles.

2 The people that d walked in darkenes, haue ſene a great e light: thei that dwelled in the land of the ſhadow of death, vpon them hathe the f light ſhined.

3 Thou haſt g multiplied the natiõ, & not increaſed *their* ioye: thei haue reioyced before thee according to the ioye in harueſt, & as men reioyce whẽ they diuide a ſpoile.

4 For h the yoke of their burdẽ, & the ſtaffe of their ſhulder *&* the rodde of their oppreſſour haſt thou broken as in the day of Midian.

5 Surely euerie battel of the warriour *is* with noiſe, & with tumbling of garmẽts in blood. but *this* ſhalbe i with burning *and* deuouring of fyre.

6 For vnto vs a Childe is borne, & vnto vs a ſonne is giuẽ: & the gouernement is vpõ his ſhulder, & he ſhal call his name Wonderful, Coũſeller, The mightie God, The euerlaſtig k Father, The prince of peace,

7 The increaſe of *his* gouernement and peace ſhal haue none end: he ſhal ſit vpõ the throne of Dauid, & vpon his kingdome, to order it, and to eſtabliſh it with iudgement and with iuſtice, from hence forthe, *euẽ* for euer l the zeale of the Lord of hoſtes wil performe this.

8 ¶ The Lord hathe ſent a worde into Iaakób, and it hathe lighted vpon m Iſraél.

9 And all the people ſhal knowe, *euẽ* Ephraim, and the inhabitant of Samaria, that ſaie in ẏ pride & preſumptiõ of ẏ heart,

10 The n brickes are fallẽ, but we wil buylde it with hewen ſtones: the wilde figtrees are cut downe, but we wil change thẽ into cedres.

11 Neuertheles the Lord wil raiſe vp the aduerſaries of o Rezín againſt him, & ioine his enemies togethei.

12 Arám before & the Philiſtims behind, and thei ſhal deuoure Iſraél with open mouth: *yet* for all this his wrath is not turned awaie, but his hand *is* ſtretched out ſtil.

13 For the people turneth not vnto him that ſmiteth thẽ, nether do thei ſeke the Lord of hoſtes.

14 Therefore wil the Lord cut of from Iſraél head and taile, branch and ruſh in one daie.

15 The ancient and the honorable man, he is the head: & the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the taile.

16 For the leaders of the people cauſe thẽ to erre: and thei that are led by them, are deuoured.

17 Therefore ſhal the Lord haue no pleaſure in their yong men, nether wil he haue compaſsion of their fatherles and lot their widowes: for euerie one is an hypocrite and wicked, and euerie mouth ſpeaketh folie. *yet* for all this his wrath is not turned awaie, but his hand *is* ſtretched out ſtil.

18 For wicke lust burneth as a fyre: it deuoureth ẏ briers & the thornes & wil kindle in the thicke places of the foreſt. and thei ſhal mounte vp *like* the liſting vp of ſmoke.

19 By the wrath of the Lord of hoſtes ſhal the land be darkened, and the people ſhalbe as ẏ meat of the fyre. no man ſhal q ſpare his brother.

20 And he ſhal ſnatche at the right hand, & be hungrie: & he ſhal eat on the left hand, and ſhal not be ſatisfied: euerie one ſhal eat the r fleſh of his owne arme.

21 Manaſſéh, Ephráim: & Ephráim Manaſſéh, *and* thei bothe ſhalbe againſt Iudah: *yet* for all this his wrath is not turned awaie, but his hand *is* ſtretched out ſtil.

CHAP. X.

1 Of wicked lawe makers. 5 God wil punish his people by the Aſſyrians and after deſtroie them. 20 The remnant of Iſrael ſhalbe ſaued

1 WO vnto them that decre wicked decrees, & s write grieuous things,

2 To kepe backe the poore from iudgemẽt, and to take awaie the iudgement of the poore of my people, that widowes may be their praie, and that thei may ſpoile the fatherles.

3 What wil ye do now in the daie of viſitation, & of deſtruction, which ſhal come frõ farre: to whome wil ye flee for helpe and where wil ye leaue your glorie?

4 t Without me *euerie one* ſhal fall among them ẏ are bounde, & thei ſhal fall downe among the ſlaine. *yet* for all this his wrath is not turned awaie, but his hand *is* ſtretched out ſtil.

5 ¶ O u Aſſhúr, the rodde of my wrath: and ẏ ſtaffe in their hands is mine indignatiõ.

6 I wil ſend x him to a diſſembling nation, and I wil giue him a charge againſt the people of my wrath to take the ſpoile & to take the praie, and to treade them vnder fete like the myre in the ſtrete.

7 But he thinketh not ſo, nether doeth his heart eſteme it ſo: but he imagineth to deſtroye and to cut of not a fewe nacions.

c Where as ẏ Iewes & Gentiles dwelt together by reaſon of thoſe twentie cities, which Salomon gaue to Hyram

d Which were captiue in Babylon & ẏ Prophet ſpeaketh of that thing, which ſhulde come to paſſe threeſcore yeres after, as though it were nowe done

e Meaning, the ẽdeut of their deliuerance

f The captiuitie & deliuerãce were figures of our captiuitie by ſin, and of our deliuerance by Chriſt through the preaching of the Goſpel, Mat 4.16

g Their nomber was greater when thei went into captiuitie then when thei returned, but their ioye was greater at their returne, Hag 2.10

h Thou grieueſt them perfore ioye, by deliuering them & by deſtroying ẏ tyrants that had kept them in cruel bondage, as thou diddeſt deliuer them by Gidon from the Midianites, Iudg 7.22

i He ſpeaketh of the deliuerance of his Church, ẏ he hathe deliuered miraculouſly from his enemies, but eſpecially by the comming of Chriſt, of whome he ſpeaketh in the next verſe

k The author of eternitie, and by whome the Church and euerie member thereof ſhalbe preſerued for euer, and haue immortal life.

l His ſingular loue and care for his elect

m This is another prophecie againſt thẽ of Samaria, ẏ were mockers and contemners of Gods prouiſes and menaces

n We were but weake, when the enemie ouercame vs, but we wil make our ſelues ſo ſtrong, that we wil nether care for our enemies, nor feare Gods threatnings

o Rezin king of Syrie, who was in league with Iſraél, was ſlaine by the Aſſyrians, after whoſe death Arám, that is, the Syrians were againſt Iſrael, which on the other ſide were aſſailed by the Philiſtims.

p Wickednes as a bel lowse kindleth the ẏ ire of Gods wrath which conſumeth all his obſtinate enemies

q Though there were no foren enemie yet thei ſhal deſtroy one another

r Their gredines ſhalbe inſatiable, ſo that one brother ſhal eate vp another, as though he ſhuld deuour his owne fleſh

s Which write and pronoice a wicked ſentẽce to oppreſſe the poore

t Without me ſignifieth, that a people forſaken of their chief, ſhalbe baſhfull, &c.

u Aſſyria, from Aſſur

x You reade & ſtomache y thei ſhuld be ſafe, and that ye ſhuld receiue them againe

a Becauſe thei haue forſaken me, ſome ſhal go into captiuitie, and the reſt ſhalbe ſlaine

b God calleth for the Aſſyrians to be his executioners of his vengeance vpon the Iewes, which were but hypocrites & in their ſinnes

c God declareth ẏ difference of ẏ worke of God & of ẏ wicked in one verſe thing and ſo for God is ment to chaſtice them for their amendement, and the Aſſyrians purpoſe is to deſtroie them to enriche them ſelues thus in reſpect of Gods iuſtice, it is Gods worke, but in reſpect of their owne malice, it is the worke of the deuil

8 For he ſaith, Are not my princes all together Kings?
9 Is not Calnó as g Carchemiſh? Is not Hamáth like Arpád? Is not Samaria as Damaſcus?
10 Like as mine hãd hathe founde the kingdomes of the idoles, ſeing their idoles were aboue Ieruſalém, and aboue Samaria:
11 Shal not I, as I haue done to Samaria, & to the idoles thereof, ſo do to Ieruſalém and to the idoles thereof?
12 ¶ But when the Lord hathe accõpliſhed h all his worke vpon mount Zión and Ieruſalém, I wil viſit the frute of the proude heart of the King of Aſſhúr, and his glorious and proude lokes,
13 Becauſe he ſaid, By the power of mine owne hand haue I done it, and by my wiſdome, becauſe I am wiſe: therefore I haue remoued the borders of the people, and haue ſpoiled their treaſures, and haue pulled downe the inhabitants like a valiant man.
14 And mine hand hathe founde as a neſt the riches of the people, and as one gathereth egges that are left, ſo haue I gathered all the earth: and there was none to moue the wing or to open the mouth, or to whiſper.
15 Shal the k axe boaſt it ſelf againſt him ẏ heweth therewith? or ſhal the ſawe exalt it ſelf againſt him that moueth it? as if the rod ſhulde lift vp it ſelf againſt him that taketh it vp, or the ſtaffe ſhulde exalt it ſelf, as it were no wood.
16 Therefore ſhal the Lord God of hoſtes ſend among his fat men, leanenes, and vnder his glorie he ſhal kindle a burning, like the burning of fyre.
17 And the light of Iſraél ſhalbe as a l fyre, and the Holy one thereof as a flame, and it ſhal burne, and deuoure m his thornes and his briers in one day:
18 And ſhal conſume the glorie of his foreſt, & of his fruteful fields bothe ſoule n and fleſh: and he ſhalbe as the o fainting of a ſtanderd bearer.
19 And the reſt of the trees of his foreſt ſhalbe fewe, that a childe may tel them.
20 ¶ And at that day ſhal the remnant of Iſraél, and ſuch as are eſcaped of the houſe of Iaakób, ſtaye no more vpon him that ſmote them, but ſhal p ſtay vpon the Lord, the holy one of Iſraél in trueth.
21 The remnant ſhal returne, euen the remnant of Iaakób vnto the mightie God.
22 For thogh thy people, ô Iſraél, be as the ſand of the ſea, yet ſhal the remnant of thẽ returne. The conſumption q decreed ſhal ouerflowe with righteouſnes.
23 For the Lord God of hoſtes ſhal make the conſumption, euen r determined, in the middes of all the land.
24 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes, O my people, that dwelleſt in Zión, be not afraied of Aſſhúr: he ſhal ſmite thee with a rod, and ſhal lift vp his ſtaffe againſt thee after the maner of s Egypt
25 But yet a very litle time, and the wrath ſhalbe conſumed, and mine angre in their deſtruction.
26 And the Lord of hoſtes ſhal raiſe vp a ſcõurge for him, according to the plague of t Midian in the rocke Oréb: and as his ſtaffe was vpon the u Sea, ſo he wil lift it vp after the maner of Egypt.
27 And at that day ſhal his burdẽ be taken away from of thy ſhulder, & his yoke frõ of thy necke: & the yoke ſhalbe deſtroyed becauſe of x the anointing.
28 He is come y to Aiáth: he is paſſed into Migrón: at Michmáſh ſhal he lay vp his armour.
29 They haue gone ouer the foorde: they lodged in the lodging at Gebá: Ramáh is afraied: Gibeáh of Saúl is fled away.
30 Lift vp thy voice, ô daughter Gallím, cauſe Laiſh to heare, ô poore Anathóth.
31 Madmenáh is remoued: the inhabitãts of Gebím haue gathered them ſelues together.
32 Yet there is a time ẏ he wil ſtay at Nob: he ſhal lift vp his hand toward the mount of the daughter Zión, the hil of Ieruſalém.
33 Beholde, the Lord God of hoſtes ſhal cut of the z bough with feare, and thei of high ſtature ſhalbe cut of, and the hie ſhalbe humbled.
34 And he ſhal cut away the thicke places of the foreſt with yron, & Lebanón ſhal haue a mightie fall.

CHAP. XI.

1 Chriſt borne of the roote of Iſhái: 2 His Vertues and kingdome 6 The frutes of the Goſpel. 10 The calling of the Gentiles.

1 BVt there ſhal come a a rod forthe of ẏ ſtocke of Iſhái, & a grafe ſhal growe out of his rootes.
2 And the Spirit of the Lord ſhal reſt vpon him: the Spirit of wiſdome and vnderſtanding, the Spirit of counſel & ſtrength, the Spirit of knowledge, and of the feare of the Lord,
3 And ſhal make him prudent in the feare of the Lord: for he ſhal not iudge after the ſight of his eyes, nether reproue by the hearing of his eares.
4 But with righteouſnes ſhal he iudge the poore, and with equitie ſhal he reproue for the meke of the earth: and he ſhal b ſmite the earth with the rodde of his mouth, & with the breath of his lippes ſhal he ſlaye the wicked.
5 And iuſtice ſhalbe the girdle of his loynes, & faithfulnes the girdle of his raines.

g Seing that I haue ouercome, aſwel one citie as another, ſo that none colde reſiſt, ſhal Ieruſalem be able to eſcape mine hands?

h Whẽ he hathe ſufficiently chaſtified his people (for he beginneth at his owne houſe) thẽ wil he burne the roddes

i Meaning, of Sancherib.

k Here we ſe that no creature is able to do ante thing, but as God appointeth him, & that they are all but his inſtruments to do his worke, thogh the intentions be diuerſe, as ver 6

l Meaning, that God is a light to comfort his people, & a fyre to burne his enemies

m That is, the Aſſyrians

n To wit, bodie and ſoule vtterly

o When ẏ hoſt is loſt and the ſtanderd taken

p This is the end of Gods plagues towards his, to bring them to him and to forſake all truſt in others

q This ſmale nomber, which ſeemed to be conſumed, and yet according to Gods decre is ſaued, ſhalbe ſufficient to fil all the worlde with righteouſnes

r God wil deſtroye thus lãd as he hathe determined, and after ſome a ſmale portiõ.

s As ẏ Egyptians did puniſh vs

t Read Chap. 9.4

u When the Iſraelites paſſed through by ẏ lifting vp of Moſes rod, & the enemies were drowned, Exod 14.28

x Becauſe of ẏ promes made to that kingdome, whereby Chriſts kingdome was ſignified

y He deſcribeth by what way the Aſyrias ſhulde come againſt Ieruſalem to cõfirme ẏ faithful, when it ſhulde come to paſſe, that as their plague was com'o ſhulde thei be delivered.

z Perre & deſtruction ſhal come vpon Iudah for the princes and ẏ people ſhal all be led awaie captiues.

a Becauſe the captiuitie of Babylon was a figure of ẏ ſpiritual captiuitie vnder ſinne, he ſheweth that our true deliuerance muſt come by Chriſt for as David came out of Iſhái a mã with out dignitie ſo Chriſt ſhulde come of a poore carpenters houſe as out of a dead ſtocke, Chap 53.2

b All theſe properties can agre to none but onely vnto Chriſt for it is he that toucheth the hearties of the faithful and mortifieth their concupiſcences & to the wicked he is ẏ ſauour of death & to them that ſhal periſh: ſo ẏ all ẏ worlde ſhal be ſmitten w this rodde, ẏ is his worde.

6 The c wolfe alſo ſhal dwell with the lãbe, and the leoparde ſhal lye with the kid, and the calfe, and the lyon, and the fat beaſt together, and a litle childe ſhal lead them.
7 And the kowe and the beare ſhal fede. their yong ones ſhal lie together: and the lyon ſhal eat ſtrawe like the bullocke.
8 And the ſucking childe ſhal play vpon ỹ hole of the aſpe, & the weaned childe ſhal put his hand vpon the cockatrice hole.
9 Then ſhal none hurt nor deſtroy in all the mountaine of mine holines: for the earth ſhalbe ful of the knowledge of the Lord, as d the waters that couer the ſea.
10 And in that day ỹ roote of Iſhái, which ſhal ſtand vp for a ſigne vnto the e people, the naciõs ſhal ſeke vnto it, & his f reſt ſhal be glorious.
11 And in the ſame day ſhal the Lord *ſtretch out* his hand g againe the ſecond time, to poſſeſſe the remnant of his people, (which ſhalbe left) of Aſſhúr, and of Egypt, and of Pathros, and of Ethiopia, and of Elám, & of Shinár, and of Hamáth, and of the yles of the ſea.
12 And he ſhal ſet vp a ſigne to the nacions, and aſſemble the diſperſed of Iſraél, and gather the ſcattered of Iudáh from the foure corners of the worlde.
13 The hatred alſo of Ephráim ſhal departe, and the aduerſaries of Iudah ſhalbe cut of. Ephraim ſhal not enuie h Iudáh, nether ſhal Iudáh vexe Ephráim:
14 But they ſhal flee vpon the ſhoulders of the Philiſtims toward the Weſt: they ſhal ſpoyle them of the East together: Edóm & Moáb ſhalbe the ſtretching out of their hands, & the children of Ammón *ſhalbe* in their obedience.
15 The Lord alſo ſhal vtterly deſtroye the i tongue of the Egyptians ſea, & with his mightie winde ſhal lift vp his hand k ouer the riuer, and ſhal ſmite him in *his* ſeuen ſtreames, and cauſe men to walke *therein* with ſhoes.
16 And there ſhalbe a path to the remnant of his people, which are left of Aſſhúr, like as it was vnto Iſraél in the day that he came vp out of the land of Egypt.

CHAP. XII.

A thankeſgiuing of the faithful for the mercies of God.

1 AND thou a ſhalt ſay in that day, O Lord, I wil praiſe thee: thogh thou waſt angrie with me, thy wrath is turned away, and thou comforteſt me.
2 Beholde, God *is* my b ſaluació: I wil truſt, and wil not feare: for the Lord God *is* *my ſtrength and ſong: he alſo is become my ſaluacion.
3 Therefore with ioy ſhal ye c drawe waters out of the welles of ſaluacion.
4 And ye ſhal ſay in that day, ᵛ Praiſe the Lord: call vpon his Name: declare his workes among the people: make mention of them, for his Name is exalted.
5 Sing vnto the Lord, for he hathe done excellent things: this is known in all the worlde.
6 Crye out, and ſhoute, d ô inhabitant of Zión for great *is* the holy one of Iſraél in the middes of thee.

CHAP. XIII.

The Medes and Perſians ſhal deſtroye Babylon.

1 THE a burden of Babél, which Iſaiáh the ſonne of Amóz did ſe.
2 Lift vp a ſtãdard vpon the hie mountaine: lift vp the voyce vnto them: wagge the b hãd, that thei may go into the gates of the nobles.
3 I haue cõmanded them, that I haue c ſanctified. and I haue called the mightie to my wrath, & thẽ that reioyce in my d glorie.
4 The noyſe of a multitude *is* in the mountaines, like a great people: a tumultuous voyce of the kingdomes of the naciõs gathered together: the Lord of hoſtes nombreth the hoſte of the battel.
5 They come from a farre countrey, from the end of the heauen: *euen* the Lord with the e weapons of his wrath to deſtroy the whole land.
6 Howle f you, for the day of the Lord is at hand. it ſhal come as a deſtroyer from the Almightie.
7 Therefore ſhal all hands be weakened, & all mens hearts ſhal melt,
8 And thei ſhalbe afrayed: anguiſh & ſorow ſhal take *them*, and they ſhal haue peine, as a woman that trauaileth: euerie one ſhalbe amaſed at his neighbour, and their faces *ſhalbe like* g flames of fyre.
9 Beholde, the daye of the Lord cometh, cruel, with wrath and fierce angre to lay the land waſte: and he ſhal deſtroy the ſinners out of it.
10 For the h ſtarres of heauen and the planets thereof ſhal not giue their light: the ſũne ſhalbe darkened in his going forthe, and the moone ſhal not cauſe her light to ſhine.
11 And I wil viſite the wickednes vpon the i worlde, and their iniquitie vpon the wicked, and I wil cauſe the arrogancie of the k proude to ceaſe, and wil caſt downe the pride of tyrants.
12 I wil make a l man more precious then fine golde, euen a man aboue the wedge of golde of Ophir.
13 Therefore I wil ſhake the heauen, and the earth ſhal remoue out of her place in the wrath of the Lord of hoſtes, and in the day

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e Mẽ becauſe of their wicked affections are named by the names of beaſts, wherein the like affections reigne but Chriſt by his Spirit ſhal reforme them, & worke in them ſuche mutual chriſtie, that they ſhal be like lambes fauoring & louing one another, and eaſt of all their cruel affectiõs. Chap 65,25.

d It ſhalbe in as great abundance as the waters in the ſea

e He propheciеth of the calling of the Gentiles

f That is, his Church, ẅ he alſo calleth his reſt, Pſal 132.14

g For God firſt deliuered his people out of Egypt, and now promiſeth to deliuer thẽ out of their enemies hãds, as from ỹ Parthians, Perſians, Chaldeans, & them of Antiochia, among whome thei were diſperſed & this is chiefly mẽt of Chriſt, who calleth his people, being diſperſed thorgh all ỹ worlde

h Here he deſcribeth the conſent that ſhalbe in his Church, and their victorie againſt their enemies

i Meaning, a corner of the ſea, ỹ entreth into the land, and hathe the forme of a tõgue

k To wit Nilus, the great riuer of Egypt, which entreth into ỹ ſea with ſeuẽ ſtreames

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a He ſheweth how ỹ Church ſhal praiſe God, whẽ thei are deliuered from their captiuitie

b Our ſaluació ſtandeth onely in God, who giueth vs an aſſured confidence, conſtãcie & occaſion to praiſe him for the ſame

*Exod 15,2 pſal 118 14.

c The graces of God ſhalbe ſo abundant, that ye may receiue them in as great plenty, as waters out of a fountaine that is ful *1 Chron 16,8.

d Ye that are of the Church

a That is, the great calamitie, which was propheciеd to come on Babel, as a moſte grieuous burdẽ ẅ thei were not able to beare. In theſe 12 Chapters following, he ſpeaketh of ỹ plagues, wherewith God wolde ſmite theſe ſtrange nacions, (whome thei knew) to declare that God chaſtiſed ỹ Iſraelites as his children, & theſe other as his enemies & alſo that if God ſpare not theſe that are ignorant, ỹ they muſt not thinke ſtrange, if he puniſhed them, ẅ haue knowledge of his Law and kepe it not

b To wit, to ỹ Medes & the Perſians

c That is, prepared & appointed to execute my iudgements

d Which wil gly go about ỹ worke, whereunto I appoint thẽ, but how the wicked do this, read Chap 10, 6

e The armie of the Medes & the Perſiãs againſt Babylon

f Ye Babylonians

g The Babylonians angre, & griefe ſhalbe ſo muche, that their faces ſhal burne as fyre

h They that are ouercome, ſhal thinke ỹ all the powers of heauen and earth are againſt them, Ezek 32,7 Ioel. 3,15 mat. 24,29

i He compareth Babylon to the whole worlde, becauſe they ſo eſtemed them ſelues by reaſon of their great empire

k He noteth the principal vice, whereunto they were moſte giuen, as are all that abunde in welth

l He noteth the great ſlaughte ỹ ſhalbe, ſeing the enemie ſhal nether for golde, or ſiluer ſpare a mans life, as verſ 17.

of his fierce angre.

m Meanig, the power of Babylon with their hired souldiers.

14 And m it shalbe as a chased doe, and as a shepe that no man taketh vp. euerie man shal turne to his owne people, and flee eche one to his owne land.

15 Euerie one that is found, shalbe striken through: and whosoeuer ioyneth him self, shal fall by the sworde.

Psal 137,9. n This was not accomplished when Cyrus roke Babylon, but after the death of Alexandre ỹ Great.

16 *Their n children also shalbe broken in pieces before their eies: their houses shalbe spoiled, and their wiues rauished.

17 Beholde, I wil stirre vp the Medes against them, which shal not regard siluer, nor be desirous of golde.

18 With bowes also shal they destroie the children, & shal haue no compassion vpō the frute of the wombe, and their eies shal not spare the children.

19 And Babél the glorie of kingdomes, the beautie and pride of the Chaldeans, shalbe as the destruction of God * in Sodóm & Gomoráh.

Genes. 19,25. &c. 50,40.

20 It shal not be inhabited for euer, nether shal it be dwelled in from generacion to generacion: nether shal the o Arabian pitche his tēts there, nether shal the shepherdes make their foldes there.

o Who vseth to go from countrey to coūtrey to finde pasture for their beasts, but there shal thei finde none

21 But p Zlim shal lodge there, and their houses shalbe ful of Ohim: Ostriches shal dwell there, & the Satyrs shal dance there.

p Which were ether wilde beasts, or fowles, or wicked spirits, where by Satan deluded man, as by the fairies, gobblins and suche like fantasies

22 And Iim shal crye in their palaces, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and the time thereof is readie to come, & the dayes thereof shal not be prolonged.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The returne of the people from captiuitie. 4 The derision of the King of Babylon. 11 The death of the King. 29 The destruction of the Philistims.

a He sheweth why God wil haste to destroy his enemies to wit, because he wil deliure his Church

1 For a the Lord wil haue compassion of Iaakób, and wil yet chuse Israél, and cause them to rest in their owne land: and the stranger b shal ioyne him self vnto them, and they shal cleaue to the house of Iaakób.

b Meaning, ỹ the Gentiles shalbe ioyned with the Church and worship God.

2 And the people shal receiue thē & bring them to their owne place, & the house of Israél shal possesse them in the land of the Lord, for c seruants & handmaids: & they shal take thē prisoners, whose captiues thei were, & haue rule ouer their oppressors.

c Signifying ỹ ỹ Iewes should be superiours to the Gētiles, & ỹ thei should be broght vnder the seruice of Christ by the preaching of the Apostles, whereby all are broght to the subiectiō of Christ, 2 Co 10,5.

3 ¶ And in that day whē the Lord shal giue thee rest from thy sorow, and from thy feare, and from the sore bondage, wherein thou didest serue,

4 Then shalt thou take vp this prouerbe against the King of Babél, and say, How hathe the oppressor ceased? and the golde thirstie *Babél* rested?

5 The Lord hathe broken the rodde of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the rulers:

a That is, he suffred all violence and iniuries to be done.

6 Which smote the people in angre with a continual plague, & ruled the nations in wrath: if anie were persecuted, he did d not let.

7 The whole worlde is at e rest & is quiet: they sing for ioye.

e Meanig, that when tyrants reigne, there can be no rest nor quietnes, and also how detestable a thig tyrānie is, seing the inuen sible creatures h ue occasion to reioyce at their destructiō

8 Also the fyrre trees reioyced of thee, & the cedres of Lebanón, *saying*, Since thou art laide downe, no hewer came vp against vs.

f As though thei feared lest thou shuldest trouble the dead, as ỹ didest the lyuing and here he derideth ỹ proude tyrannie of the wicked, which knowe not ỹ all creatures wish their destruction that thei mai reioyce

9 Hell beneth is moued for thee to f mete thee at thy comming, raising vp the dead for thee, *euen* all the princes of the earth, and hathe raised from their thrones all the Kings of the nations.

10 All thei shal crye, and say vnto thee, Art thou become weake also as we? art thou become like vnto vs?

11 Thy pompe is broght downe to the graue, & the sounde of thy violes: the worme g is spread vnder thee, and the wormes couer thee.

g In stead of thy costly carpets and couerings

12 How art thou fallen from heauē, ô h Lucifer, sonne of the morning? & cut downe to the grounde, which didest cast lottes vpon the nations?

h Thou that thoughtest thy self most glorious, and as it were, placed in ỹ heauē for ỹ morning starre, that goeth before the sunne, is called lucifer to whome Nebuchad-nezzar is compared

13 Yet thou saidest in thine heart, I wil ascend into heauen, and exalt my throne aboue beside the starres of God: I wil sit also vpon the mount of the Congregacion in the sides of the i North.

i Meaning, Ierusalem, whereof the Temple was on the North side, as psal 48 2 whereby he meaneth that tyrāts fight against God, when thei persecute his Church, and wolde set thē selues in his place

14 I wil ascēd aboue ỹ height of the cloudes, & I wil be like the moste high.

15 But thou shalt be broght downe to the graue, to the sides of the pit.

k In marueling at thee

16 Thei that se thee, shal k loke vpon thee & consider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, & that did shake the kingdomes?

17 He made the worlde as a wildernes, and destroied the cities thereof, & opened not l the house of his prisoners.

l To set them at liberte noting his crueltie

18 All the Kings of the nacions, *euen* they all slepe in glorie, euerie one in his owne house.

m Thou wast not buryed in the sepulchre of thy fathers thy tyrannie was so abhorred.

19 But thou art m cast out of thy graue like an abominable branche: *like* the raimēt of thos ỹ are slaine, & thrust thorowe with a sworde, which go downe to the stones of the pit, as a carkeise troden vnder fete.

20 Thou shalt not be ioyned w̄ them in the graue, because ỹ hast destroied thine owne land, & slaine thy people: the sede of the wicked shal not be renoumed for euer.

n He calleth to the Medes and Persians and all those that shulde execute Gods vengeance.

21 n Prepare a slaughter for his children, for the iniquitie of their fathers: let them not rise vp nor possesse the land, nor fil the face of the worlde with enemies.

22 ¶ For I wil rise vp against thē (saith the Lord of hostes) and wil cut of from Babél the name and the remnant and the sonne, and the nephewe, saith the Lord:

23 And I wil make it a possession to ỹ hedgehog, and pooles of water, and I wil swepe it with the besome of destruction, saith the Lord of hostes.

o Or swepers.

24 The Lord of hostes hathe sworne, saying,

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Surely like as I haue purpoſed, ſo ſhal it come to paſſe, and as I haue conſulted, it ſhal ſtand:

o As I haue begóne to deſtroy the Aſſyrians in Sancherib, ſo wil I continue, & deſtroye them wholy, when I ſhal deliuer you from Babylón

25 o That I wil breake to pieces Aſſhúr in my land, and vpon my mountaines wil I treade him vnder fote: ſo ẏ his yoke ſhal departe from p them, and his burden ſhal be taken from of their ſhuldre.

p Frō ẏ Iewes

26 This is the counſel that is cōſulted vpō the whole worlde, and this is the hād ſtretched out ouer all the nacions,

q Read Caap 13,1

27 Becauſe the Lord of hoſtes hathe determined it, and who ſhal diſanul it? and his hand is ſtretched out, and who ſhal turne it away?

r He willeth ẏ Philiſtims not to reioyce becauſe ẏ Iewes are diminiſhed in their power for their ſtrēgth ſhalbe greater then euer it was

28 ¶ In the yere that King Aház dyed, was this q burden.

29 Reioyce not, (thou whole r Paleſtina) becauſe the rod of him that did beat thee, is brokē: for out of the ſerpents roote ſhal come forthe a cockatriſe, and the frute thereof *ſhalbe* a fyrie flying ſerpent.

ſ The Iſraelites, ẅ were broght to moſte extreme miſerie

t To wit, my people

30 For the ſ firſtborne of the poore ſhalbe fed, & the nedie ſhal lye downe in ſafety: and I wil kil thy roote with famine, & t it ſhal ſlay thy remnant.

u That is, frō the Iewes, or Aſſyrians for they were borne North from Paleſtina

x But they ſhalbe all ready, and come together

31 Howle, ô gate, crye ô citie: thou whole land of Paleſtina art diſſolued, for there ſhal come from the u North a ſmoke, and none *ſhalbe* alone, x at his time appointed.

y Which ſhal come to enquire of the ſtate of the Church

z Thei ſhal anſwer, ẏ ẏ Lord doeth defēnu his Church, & thē that ioyne them ſelues thereunto.

32 What ſhal then one anſwer y ẏ meſſengers of the Gentiles? That the Lord hathe ſtabliſhed z Zión, & the poore of his people ſhal truſt in it.

CHAP. XV.

A prophecie againſt Moáb.

a Read Chap 15,1

b The chief citie, whereby the whole countrey was ment

THe a burden of Moáb. Surely b Ar of Moáb was deſtroyed & broght to ſilence in a night: ſurely Kir of Moáb was deſtroyed, & broght to ſilence in a night.

c The Moabites ſhal flee to their idoles for ſuccour, but it ſhalbe to late

d Which were cities of Moáb

2 c He ſhal go vp to the temple, and to Dibón to the hie places to wepe: for d Nebó and for Medebá ſhal Moáb howle: vpon all c their heads *ſhalbe* baldenes, and euerie beard ſhauen.

e For as in the Weſt partes ẏ people vſed to let their heere growe long, when they mourned, ſo in the eaſt partes they cut it of.

3 In their ſtretes ſhal they be girded with ſackecloth: on the toppes of their houſes, and in their ſtretes euerie one ſhal howle, *and* come downe with weping.

f The Prophet ſpeaketh this in the perſone of the Moabites, or as one that felt the great iudgement of God that ſhulde come vpon them

4 And Heſhbón ſhal crye, & Elealéh: their voyce ſhalbe heard vnto Iáhaz: therefore ẏ warriers of Moáb ſhal ſhowte: the ſoule of euerie one ſhal lament in him ſelf.

g Meaning, that it was a citie that euer liued in pleaſure, and neuer felt ſorowe.

5 Mine f heart ſhal crye for Moáb: his fugitiues *ſhal flee* vnto Zóar, g an heiffer of thre yere olde: for they ſhal go vp ẅ weping by the mounting vp of Luhith: and by the way of Horonáim they h ſhal raiſe vp a crye of deſtruction.

h He deſcribeth the miſerable diſſipation, and flight of the Moabites.

6 For the waters of Nimrim ſhal be dryed vp: therefore the graſſe is withered, the herbes conſumed, & there was no grene herbe.

7 Therefore what *euerie man* hathe left, & their ſubſtance ſhal they beare to ẏ i broke of the willowes.

i To hide thē ſelues, & their goods there

8 For the crye went rounde aboute ẏ borders of Moáb: & the howling thereof vnto Eglaím, & the ſkriking thereof vnto Beer Elím,

k Of thē that are ſlaine

9 Becauſe the waters of Dimón ſhalbe ful k of blood: for I wil bring more vpon Dimón, euen lyons l vpon him that eſcapeth of Moáb, and to the remnant of the land.

l So that by no meanes they ſhulde eſcape the hand of God thus wil God punith ẏ enemies of his Church

CHAP. XVI.

The cauſes wherefore the Moabites are deſtroyed.

a That is, offer a ſacrifice whereby he derideth their long delay, which wolde not repent whē the Lord called thē, ſhewing them that it is now to late, ſeing the vengeance of God is vpō thē.

1 SEnd a ye a lambe to the ruler of the worlde from the rocke of the wildernes, vnto the mountaine of the daughter Zión.

b There is no remedie, but you muſt flie

2 For it ſhalbe as a birde that b flyeth, and a neſt forſaken: the daughters of Moáb ſhal be at the foordes of Arnón.

c He ſheweth what Moab ſhulde haue done, when Iſrael their neighbour was in affliction, to whome becauſe they wolde gyue no ſhadowe nor cōfort, they are now left cōfortles.

3 Gather a counſel, execute iudgement: c make thy ſhadowe as the night in the midday: hide them that are chaſed out: bewraye not him that is fled.

d The Aſſyrians ſhal oppreſſe the Iſraelites, but for a while

4 Let my baniſhed dwel with thee: Moáb be thou their couert from the face of the deſtroyer: for the extorcioner d ſhal end: the deſtroyer ſhalbe conſumed, & the oppreſſour ſhal ceaſe out of the land.

e Meaning, Chriſt

5 And in mercie ſhal the throne be prepared, e and he ſhal ſit vpon it in ſtedfaſtnes, in the tabernacle of Dauid, iudging, and ſeking iudgement, and haſting iuſtice.

f Their vaine confidence, & prowde bragges ſhal deceiue them, as Ier 48,2

6 We haue heard of the pride of Moáb (he is verie proud) *euen* his pride, and his arrogancie, and his indignacion, *but* his f lies *ſhal* not *be* ſo.

g For all your mourning, yet the citie ſhalbe deſtroyed, euen vnto the foundations

7 Therefore ſhal Moáb howle vnto Moáb: euerie one ſhal howle: for the foundacions of Kir-haréſeth ſhal ye mourne, yet thei ſhal be g ſtriken.

h That is, the Aſſyrians, and other enemies.

8 For the vineyardes of Heſhbón are cut downe, & the vine of Sibmáh: h the lords of the heathen haue broken the principal vines thereof. they are come vnto i Iaazér: they wandred in the wildernes: her goodlie branches ſtretched out them ſelues, & went ouer the ſea.

i Meaning, ẏ the countrey of Moáb was now deſtroyed and all the precious thīgs thereof were caried into the borders, yea, into other countreys, and ouer the ſea

9 Therefore wil k I wepe with the weping of Iaazér, & of ẏ vine of Sibmáh, ô Heſhbón: and Elealéh, I wil make thee drunke with my teares, becauſe vpon thy ſommer frutes, and vpon thy harueſt l a ſhowting is fallen.

k He ſheweth that their plague was ſo great, that it wolde haue moued anie mā to lament with them, as Pſal 141,5

l The enemies are come vpon thee, and ſhowte for ioye, when they carie thy commodities from thee, as Ier 48,33.

10 And gladnes is taken away, & ioye out of the plentiful field: and in the vineyardes ſhalbe no ſinging nor ſhouting for ioye: the treader ſhal not tread wine in the wine preſſes: I haue cauſed the reioycing to ceaſe.

11 Wherefore, my [m] bowels ſhal ſounde like an harpe for Moáb, and mine inwarde partes for Ker-háreſh.

12 And when it ſhal appeare that Moáb ſhalbe wearie of his hie places, then ſhal he come to his [n] temple to pray, but he ſhal not preuaile.

13 This is the worde that the Lord hathe ſpoken againſt Moáb ſince that time.

14 And now the Lord hathe ſpoken, ſaying, [o] In thre yeres, as the yeres of a [p] hyreling, and the glorie of Moáb ſhalbe contẽned in all the great multitude, & the remnãt ſhalbe very ſmale & feble.

m For verie ſorow and cõpaſsion.
n They ſhal vſe all meanes to ſeke helpe of their idoles & all in vaine: for Chemóz their great god ſhal not be able to helpe them
o He appointed a certeine time to puniſh the enemies in.
p Who wil obſerue iuſtely ỹ time, for the which he is hyred, & ſerue no longer, but wil euer long for it.

CHAP. XVII.

A prophecie of the deſtruction of Damaſcus and Ephráim. 7 Calamitie moueth to repentance.

1 THe [a] burden of [b] Damaſcus. Beholde, Damaſcus is taken away from being a citie, for it ſhalbe a ruinous heape.

2 The cities of [c] Aroér *ſhalbe* forſaken: they ſhalbe for ỹ flockes: for thei ſhal lye *there*, and none ſhal make them afraide.

3 The munition alſo ſhal ceaſe from [d] Ephráim, & the kingdome from Damaſcus, and the remnant of Arám ſhalbe as the [e] glorie of the children of Iſraél, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

4 And in that day the glorie of [f] Iaakób ſhalbe impoueriſhed, and the fatnes of his fleſh ſhal be made leane.

5 And it ſhalbe as when the harueſt man gathereth [g] the corne, and reapeth the eares with his arme, and he ſhalbe as he that gathereth the eares in the valley of [h] Repháim.

6 Yet a gathering of grapes ſhal [i] be left in it, as the ſhaking of an oliue tre, two *or* thre beries *are* in the top of the vpmoſte boughs, & foure *or* fiue in the hye branches of the frute thereof, ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél.

7 At that day ſhal a man loke to his [k] maker, and his eyes ſhal loke to the holie one of Iſraél.

8 And he ſhal not loke to the altars, the workes of his owne hands, nether ſhal he loke to thoſe things, which his owne fingers haue made, as groues and images.

9 In that day ſhal the cities of their ſtrẽgth be as the forſaking of boughs & brãches, which [l] they did forſake, becauſe of the childrẽ of Iſraél, & there ſhalbe deſolatiõ.

10 Becauſe thou haſt forgotten the God of thy ſaluacion, and haſt not remembred the God of thy ſtrength, therefore ſhalt thou ſet pleãſant plants, and ſhalt graffe ſtrange [m] vine branches:

11 In the day ſhalt thou make thy plant to growe, and in the morning ſhalt thou make thy ſede to floriſh: *but* the harueſt ſhal be gone in the day [n] of poſſeſsion, and *there ſhalbe* deſperate ſorow.

12 [o] Ah, the multitude of manie people, they ſhal make a ſounde like the noyſe of the ſea: for the noyſe of the people ſhal make a ſounde like the noyſe of mightie waters.

13 The people ſhal make a ſounde like the noyſe of manie waters: *but God* ſhal [p] rebuke them, and they ſhal flee farre of, and ſhalbe chaſed as the chaffe of the mountaines before the winde, and as a rolling thing before the whirle winde.

14 And lo, in the euening there *is* [q] trouble: *but* afore the morning it is gone. This is the porcion of them that ſpoile vs, and the lot of them that robbe vs.

a Read Chap. 15,1.
b The chief citie of Syria.
c It was a cõtrey of Syria by the riuer Arnón
d It ſemeth ỹ the Prophet wolde cõfort ỹ Church in declaring the deſtructiõ of theſe two Kings of Syria & Iſraél, when as they had conſpired ỹ ouerthrowe of Iudáh
e The ten tribes gloried in their multitude, and alliãce with other nacions therefore he ſaith ỹ they ſhal be broght downe and the Syriãs alſo.
f Meaning of ỹ ten tribes, ẅ boaſted them ſelues of their nobilitie, ỹſpe ritie, ſtrẽgth & multitude
g As the abũdance of corne doeth not feare the harueſt men ỹ ſhulde cut it downe: no more ſhal ỹ multitude of Iſraél make ỹ enemies to ſhrike, whome God ſhal appoint to deſtroye them
h Which valley was plentiful & fertile.
i Becauſe God wolde haue his couenãt ſtable, he promiſeth to reſerue ſome of this people, and to bring them to repentance
k He ſheweth that Gods correctiõs euer bring forthe ſome frute, and cauſe his to turne from their ſinnes, and to humble them ſelues to him
l As the Canaanites left their cities, whẽ God did place the Iſraelites there, ſo the cities of Iſraél ſhal no more be able to defend their inhabitants, then buſhes, when God ſhal ſend the enemie to plague them.

CHAP. XVIII.

Of the enemies of the Church. 7 And of the vocation of the Gentiles.

1 OH, the [a] land ſhadowing with wings, which is beyonde the riuers of Ethiopia,

2 Sending ambaſſidours by the ſea, euẽ in veſſels of [b] redes vpon the waters, *ſaying*, [c] Go, ye ſwift meſſengers, to a nacion that is ſcatred abroad, and ſpoiled, vnto a terrible [d] people from their beginning cuẽ hitherto: a nacion by litle and litle, euen troden vnder fote, whoſe land the [e] floods haue ſpoiled.

3 All ye the inhabitants of the worlde and dwellers in the earth, ſhal ſe when [f] he ſetteth vp a ſigne in the mountaines, and whẽ he bloweth the trumpe, ye ſhal heare.

4 For ſo the Lord ſaid vnto me, I wil [g] reſt & beholde in my tabernacle, as [h] the heat drying vp the raine, & as a cloude of dewe in the heat of harueſt.

5 For afore the harueſt when the floure is finiſhed, & the frute is riping in the floure, then he ſhal cut downe the branches with hookes, and ſhal take away, & cut of the boughs:

6 They ſhal be left together vnto the foules of the mountaines, and to the [i] beaſtes of the earth: for the foule ſhal ſommer vpõ it, and euerie beaſt of the earth ſhal winter vpon it.

7 At that time ſhal a [k] preſent be broght

m Which are excellent, and broght out of other countreys
n As the Lord threatneth the wicked in his Law, Leuit 26,16
o The Prophet lamenteth, conſidering the horrible plague ỹ was prepared againſt Iſraél by ỹ Aſſyriãs, which were infinite in nõber, and gathered of many nacions.
p He addeth this for ỹ cõſolation of the faithful, which were in Israel.
q He compareth ỹ enemies ỹ Aſſyrians to a tẽpeſt, which riſeth ouer night, and in the morning is gone.

a He meaneth that parte of Ethiopia, ẅ lieth toward ỹ ſea, ẅ was ſo ful of ſhippes that the ſeales (which he cõpareth to wings) ſemed to ſhadow the ſea
b Which in thoſe cõtreis were great inſo muche as they made ſhippes of thẽ for ſwiftenes.
c This may be taken ỹ they ſent other to comforte the Iewes, and to promiſe them helpe againſt their enemies, and ſo ỹ Lord did threaten to take away their ſtrength that ỹ Iewes ſhulde not truſt therein: or that they did ſolicite ỹ Egyptians, & promiſed thẽ aide to go againſt Iudah.
d To wit, the Iews, who becauſe of Gods plagues made all other nacions afraid of the like, as God threatened. Deu. 28,37.
e Meaning the Aſſyrians, as Chap 8,7.
f When ỹ Lord prepareth to fight againſt ỹ Ethiopians
g I wil ſtay a while from puniſhing ỹ wicked
h Which two ſeaſons are moſte profitable for the ripeing of frutes: whereby he meaneth, ỹ he wil ſeme to fauour them, & giue them abundance for a time, but he wil ſuddenly cut them of
i Not onely mẽ ſhal contẽne them, but the brute beaſts.
k Meaning, that God wil pitie his Church, and receiue that litle remnant as an offring vnto him ſelf.

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vnto the Lord of hoſtes, (a people that is ſcatred abroad, and ſpoiled, and of a terrible people from their beginning hitherto, a nacion, by litle and litle euen troden vnder fote, whoſe lād the riuers haue ſpoiled) to the place of the Name of the Lord of hoſtes, *euen* the mount Zión.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The deſtruction of the Egyptians by the Aſſyrians. 18 Of theer converſion to the Lord.

1 THe [a] burden of Egypt. Beholde, the Lord [b] rideth vpon a ſwift cloude, & ſhal come into Egypt, & [y] idoles of Egypt ſhal be moued at his preſence, & the heart of Egypt ſhal melt in the middes of her.

2 And I wil ſet the Egyptians againſt the Egyptiās. ſo euerie one ſhal [c] fight againſt his brother, and euerie one againſt his neighbour, citie againſt citie, & kingdome againſt kingdome.

3 And the [d] ſpirit of Egypt ſhal faile in the middes of her, and I wil deſtroye their counſel, and they ſhal ſeke at the idoles, & at the ſorcerers, & at them that haue ſpirits of diuination, and at the ſouthſayers.

4 And I wil deliuer the Egyptians into the hand of cruel lords, and a mightie King ſhal rule ouer them, ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes.

5 Then the waters of the ſea ſhal [e] faile, & the riuer ſhal be dryed vp, and waſted.

6 And the riuers [f] ſhal go farre away: the riuers of defenſe ſhalbe emptyed & dryed vp: the redes & flagges ſhalbe cut downe.

7 The graſſe in the riuer, *and* at the [g] head of the riuers, and all that groweth by the riuer, ſhal wither, & be driuen away, and be no more.

8 The fiſhers alſo ſhal [h] mourne, and all they that caſt angle into the riuer, ſhal lament, and they that ſpread their net vpon the waters, ſhalbe weakened.

9 Moreouer, they that worke in flax of diuers ſortes, ſhalbe confounded, and they that weaue nettes.

10 For their nettes ſhalbe broken, and all they, [i] make ponds, *ſhalbe* heauie in heart.

11 Surely [y] princes of [l] Zoán *are* fooles: the counſel of the wiſe counſelers of Pharaóh is become fooliſh: how ſay ye vnto Pharaóh, I [k] am the ſonne of the wiſe? I am the ſonne of the ancient Kings?

12 Where are now thy wiſe men, that they may tel thee, or may know what the Lord of hoſtes hathe determined againſt Egypt?

13 The princes of Zoán are become fooles: the princes of [l] Noph are deceiued, they haue deceiued Egypt, *euen* the [m] corners of the tribes thereof.

14 The Lord hathe mingled among them the ſpirit [n] of errours and they haue cauſed Egypt to erre in euerie worke thereof, as a dronken man erreth in his vomite.

15 Nether ſhal there be anie worke [o] in Egypt, which the head maie do, nor the taile, the branche nor the ruſh.

16 In that daie ſhal Egypt be like vnto women: for it ſhalbe afraide & feare becauſe of the mouing of the hand of the Lord of hoſtes, which he ſhaketh ouer it.

17 And the land of Iudah ſhalbe a feare [p] vnto Egypt euerie one [y] maketh mencion of it, ſhalbe afraid thereat, becauſe of the counſel of the Lord of hoſtes, which he hathe determined vpon it.

18 In that daie ſhal fiue cities in the land of Egypt [q] ſpeake the language of Canáan, and ſhal [r] ſweare by the Lord of hoſtes: one ſhalbe called the citie of [s] deſtruction.

19 In that daie ſhal the altar of the Lord be [t] in the middes of the land of Egypt, and [t] a pillar by the border thereof vnto [y] Lord.

20 And it ſhalbe for a ſigne and for a witnes vnto the Lord of hoſtes in the land of Egypt: for thei ſhal crye vnto the Lord, becauſe of the oppreſſers, and he ſhal ſend them [u] a Sauiour and a great man, and ſhal deliuer them.

21 And the Lord ſhalbe knowen of the Egyptiās, and the Egyptians ſhal knowe the Lord in that daie, and do [x] ſacrifice & oblacion, & ſhal vowe vowes vnto the Lord, and performe *them*.

22 So the Lord ſhal ſmite Egypt, he ſhal ſmite and heale it: for he ſhal returne vnto the Lord, and he ſhalbe intreated of the and ſhal heale them.

23 In that daie ſhal there be a path fro [y] Egypt to Aſſinúr, & Aſſhúr ſhal come into Egypt, & Egypt into Aſſhúr. ſo the Egyptians ſhal worſhip with Aſſhúr.

24 In that daie ſhal Iſraél be the third with Egypt and Aſſhúr, *euen* a bleſſing in the middes of the land.

25 For the Lord of hoſtes ſhal bleſſe it, ſaying, Bleſſed *be* my people Egypt and Aſſhúr, the worke of mine hands, and Iſraél mine inheritance.

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a Read Chap 13,1

b Becauſe the Egyptians truſted in the defenſe of their countrey, in ý multitude of their idoles, & in the valiantnes of their men, the Lord ſheweth that he wil come ouer all their munitions in a ſwift cloude, and that their idoles ſhal trēble at his coming, and that mens hearts ſhal faint

c As he cauſed the Ammonites, Moabites, and Idumeans to kil one another, whē they came to deſtroye the Church of God, 2 Chron 20, 22 chap 49 26

d Meaning, their policie, and wiſdome

e He ſheweth ý the ſea & Nilus their great riuer, whereby ether thoght thē ſelues moſt ſure, ſhulde not be able to defend them frō his angre, but that he wolde ſend the Aſſyrians amōg thē that ſhulde kepe them vnder as ſclaues

f For Nilus rā into the ſea by ſeuē ſtreames, as though they were ſo manie riuers

g The Ebrewe worde is mouth, whereby they meane the ſpring, out of the ý the water guſheth as out of a mouth

h The Scriptures vſe to deſcribe the deſtruction of a countrey by taking away of the commodities thereof, as by vines, fleſh, fiſh, and ſuche other things, whereby countreis are enriched.

i Called alſo Tanes, a famous citie vpon Nilus

k He noteth the flatterers of Pharaoh who perſuaded the King that he was wiſe, and noble, and that his houſe was moſte ancient, and ſo he flattered him ſelf, ſaying, I am wiſe.

l Or Memphis, others Alexandria, and now called the great Caira

m The principal vpholders thereof are the chiefeſt cauſe of theer deſtruccō.

n For the ſpirit of wiſdome he hathe made thē drōken & giddie with ý ſpirit of errour

o Nether the great nor the ſmale, ý ſtrong nor ý weake.

p Conſidering that through their occaſion the Iewes made not God their defence, but put their truſt in them, & were therefore now puniſhed, they ſhal feare leſt the like light vpon them

q Shal make one confeſsiō of faith with the people of God by the ſpeache of Canáan meaning, the language, wherein God was then ſerued

r Shal renoūce their ſuperſticiōs & proteſt to ſerue God a right

s Meaning, of ſix cities fiue ſhulde ſerue God, and the ſixt remaine in their wickednes & ſo of the ſixt parte there ſhulde be but one loſt

t There ſhalbe euident ſignes & tokens, that Gods religiō

t there which maner of ſpeach is taken of the Patriarkes and anciēt times, when God had not as yet appointed the place, and ful maner how he wolde be worſhiped.

u This declareth that thes ꝓphecie ſhulde be accompliſhed in the time of Chriſt.

x By theſe ceremonies he comprehendeth the ſpiritual ſeruice vnder Chriſt

y By theſe two nacions, which were then chief enemies of the Church, he ſheweth that the Gētiles, & the Iewes ſhulde be ioyned togither in one faith and religion, and ſhulde be all one folde vnder Chriſt their ſhepherd

CHAP. XX.

2 The thre yeres captiuitie of Egypt and Ethopia deſcribed by the thre yeres going naked of Iſaiah.

1 IN the yere that [a] Tartán came to [b] Aſhdód, (whē [c] Sargón King of Aſſhúr ſēt him) and had foght againſt Aſhdód, and taken it,

2 At the ſame time ſpake the Lord by the hand of Iſaiáh the ſonne of Amóz, ſaying, Go, and loſe the [d] ſackeclothe from thy loynes, and put of thy ſhoe from thy fote.

a Who was captaine of Sancherib, 2 Kig 18

b A citie of ý Philiſtims

c The Ebrewes write that Sancherib was ſo called.

d Which ſignifieth that ý Prophet did lament the miſerie that he ſawe prepared, before the thre yeres, that he went naked and bare foted.

And he did so, walking naked and barefote.

3 And the Lord said, Like as my seruant Isaiáh hathe walked naked, & barefote thre yeres, *as* a signe & wondre vpon Egypt, & Ethiopia,

4 So shal the King of Asshúr take away the captiuitie of Egypt, and the captiuitie of Ethiopia, *bothe* yong men and olde men, naked and barefote, with their buttockes vncouered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 And they shal feare, and be asshamed of [e] Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt [f] their glorie.

6 The shal ỹ inhabitãt of this [g] yle saye in that day, Beholde, suche is our expectation, whether we fled for helpe to be deliuered from the King of Asshúr, and how shal we be deliuered?

e In whose aide they trusted.
f Of whome they boasted, and gloried
g Meaning Iudea, which was cõpassed about with their enemies, as an yle with waters.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Of the destruction of Babylon by the Persiãs and Medes. 11 The ruine of Idumea, 13 And of Arabia.

1 THe burden of [a] the desert sea. As the whirlwindes in the South vse to passe from the wildernes, *so* shal it [b] come from the horrible land.

2 A grieuous vision was shewed vnto me, The [c] transgressour *against* a trãsgressour, and the destroyer *against* a destroyer. Go vp [d] Elám, besige Media: I haue caused all the mourning [e] thereof to cease.

3 Therefore are my loynes filled ẅ sorow: sorowes haue taken me as the sorowes of a woman that trauaileth: I was bowed downe when I heard it, & I was amased when I sawe it.

4 Mine heart failed: fearfulnes troubled me: the night [g] of my pleasures hathe he turned into feare vnto me.

5 Prepare thou the table: watche in ỹ watche towre: eat, drinke: [h] arise, ye princes, anoynt the shield.

6 For thus hathe the [i] Lord said vnto me, Go, set a watchman, to tel what he seeth.

7 And he sawe a charet with two horsemen: [k] a charet of an asse, & a charet of a camel: and he hearkened & toke diligent hede.

8 And he cryed, A [l] lyon: my lord, I stand continually vpon the watch towre in the day time, and I am set in my watch euerie night:

9 And beholde, this mans charet cometh with two horsemen. And [m] he answered and said, * Babél is fallen: it is fallen, and all the images of her gods hathe he broken vnto the grounde.

10 O [n] my threshing, and the "corne of my floore. That which I haue heard of the Lord of hostes, the God of Israél, haue I shewed vnto you.

a On the sea side betwene Iudea, & Chaldea was a wildernes, whereby he meaneth Chaldea
b That is, the ruine of Babylon by the Medes and Persians
c The Assyriãs and Chaldeãs, which had destroyed other nations, shal be ouercome of the Medes & Persians. and this he prophesied an hundreth yere before it came to passe.
d By Elám, he meaneth the Persians
e Because thei shal finde no succour, they shal mourne no more, or, I haue caused them to cease mourning, whome Babylon had afflicted
f This the Prophet speaketh in ỹ persone of the Babylonians
g He prophecieth ỹ death of Belshazar, as Dan 5,30, who in the middes of his pleasures was destroyed
h Whiles they are eating, and drinking they shalbe commãded to runne to their weapons
i To wit, in a vision by the spirit of prophecie.
k Meaning charets of men of warre, and others that caryed the baggage
l Meaning. Darius which ouercame Babylon.
m The watcheman, whome Isaiáh set vp, tolde him, who came toward Babylón, and the Angel declared that it shulde be destroyed all this was done in a vision. * *Iere 51,8 reuel,14,8.*
n Meaning, Babylon. "*Hér sonne.*

11 ¶ The burden of [o] Dumáh. He calleth vn to me out of [p] Seír, Watchman, what was in the night? Watchman, what was in the night?

12 The watchman said, The [q] morning cometh, & also the night. If ye wil aske, enquire: returne & come.

13 ¶ The burdẽ against Arabia In [r] the forest of Arabia shal ye tary all night, *euen* in the waies of Dedanim.

14 O inhabitants of the land of Temá, brĩg forthe [s] water to mete the thirstie, *and* preuent him that fleeth with his bread.

15 For they flee from the drawen swordes, *euen* from the drawen sworde, and from the bent bowe, and from the grieuousnes of warre.

16 For thus hathe ỹ Lord said vnto me, Yet a yere [t] according to the yeres of an [u] hyreling, & all the glorie of Kedár shal fayle.

17 And the residue of the nomber of the strong archers of the sonnes of [x] Kedár shalbe fewe: for the Lord God of Israél hathe spoken it.

o Which was a citie of the Ishmaelites & was so named of Duman, Gen 25,14
p A mountaine of the Idumeans.
q He describeth the vnquietnes of ỹ people of Dumah, who were night and day in feare of their enemies, and euerran to and fro to enquire newes
r For feare, the Arabians shal flee into the woods, and he appointeth what wayes thei shal take.
s Signifying ỹ for feare they shal not tary to eat or drinke
t He appointeth them respit for one yere only and then they shulde be destroied
u Read Chap. 16,14
x Which was the name of a people of Arabia and by the horrible destruction of all these nations, he teacheth ỹ Iewes that there is no place for refuge or to escape Gods wrath, but onely to remaine in his Church, and to liue in his feare

CHAP. XXII.

1 He prophecueth of the destruction of Ierusalém by Nebuchadnezzár. 15 A threatening against Shebna. 20 To whose office Eliakim is preferred.

1 THe burden of the [a] valley of vision. What [b] aileth thee now that thou art wholy gone vp vnto the house toppes?

2 Thou that art ful of [c] noise, a citie ful of brute, a ioyous citie: thy slaine men shal not *be* slaine [d] with sworde, nor dye in battel.

3 All thy princes shal flee together from ỹ bowe: thei shal be [e] bound: all that shalbe founde in thee, shalbe bounde together, which haue fled from [f] farre.

4 [f] Therefore said I, Turne away from me: I wil wepe [g] bitterly: labour not to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

5 For *it is* a day of trouble, and of ruine, & of perplexitie by the Lord God of hostes in the valley of vision, breaking downe the citie: and a [h] crying vnto the mountaines.

6 ¶ And Elám [i] bare the quiuer in a mans charet with horsemen, and Kir vncouered the shield.

7 And thy chief valleis were ful of charets, & the horsemen set them selues in aray

a Meaning, Iudea, ẅ was cõpassed about with mountaines, and was called the valley of visions, because of the Prophetes, ẅ were alwaies there, whom o thei named Seers
b He speaketh to Ierusalém, whose inhabitants were fled vp to ỹ house toppes for fear of their enemies.
c Which was wont to be ful of people and ioye.
d But for hunger
e And led into captiuitie.
f Which haue fled from other places to Ierusalém for succour
g He sheweth what is the duetie of the godlie, when Gods plagues hang ouer the Church, and specially of the ministers, Ier 9,1.
h That is, the shewte of the enemies whome God had appointed to destroy the citie
i He putteth thẽ in minde how God deliuered them once from Sancherib, who broght the Persiãs & Cyremãs with him, that thei might by returning to God auoyd that great plague which they shulde els suffer by Nebuchad-nezzar.

against the gate.

8 And he discouered the k couering of Iudáh: & thou dideſt loke in that day to the armour of the houſe of the foreſt.

9 And ye haue ſene l the breaches of the citie of Dauid: for thei were manie, and ye gathered the waters of the lower poole.

10 And ye nombred the houſes m of Ieruſalém, and the houſes haue ye broken downe to fortifie the wall,

11 And haue alſo made a ditch betwene the two walles, for the n waters of the olde poole, and haue not loked vnto the maker o thereof, nether had reſpect vnto him that formed it of olde.

12 And in that day did ỹ Lord God of hoſtes call vnto weping & mourning, & to baldnes and girding with ſackecloth.

13 And beholde, ioye and gladnes, ſlaying oxen and killing ſhepe, eating fleſh, and drinking wine, p eating and drinking: for to morowe we ſhal dye.

14 And it was declared in the eares of the Lord of hoſtes. Surely this iniquitie ſhal not be purged from you, til ye dye, ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes.

15 Thus ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes, Go, get thee to that q treaſurer, to Shebná, the ſteward of the houſe, & ſay,

16 What haſt thou to do here? and whome haſt thou r here? that thou ſhuldeſt here hewe thee out a ſepulchre, as he ỹ heweth out his ſepulchre in an hie place, or that graueth an habitacion f for him ſelf in a rocke?

17 Beholde, the Lord wil carye thee awaye with a great captiuitie, and wil ſurely couer thee.

18 He wil ſurely rolle & turne thee like a ball in a large countrey: there ſhalt thou dye, and there the charets of thy glorie ſhalbe the t ſhame of thy lords houſe.

19 And I wil dryue thee from thy ſtatiō, & out of thy dwelling wil he deſtroy thee.

20 And in that day wil I u call my ſeruant Eliakím the ſonne of Hilkiáh,

21 And with thy garments wil I clothe him, and with thy girdle wil I ſtrengthen him: thy power alſo wil I commit into his hād, and he ſhalbe a father of the inhabitants of Ieruſalém, and of the houſe of Iudáh.

22 And the x keye of the houſe of Dauid wil I laie vpon his ſhoulder: ſo he ſhal open & no man ſhal ſhut: and he ſhal ſhut, and no man ſhal open.

23 And I wil faſten him as a y naile in a ſure place, and he ſhalbe for the throne of glorie to his fathers houſe.

24 And thei ſhal hang vpon him all the glorie of his fathers houſe, *euen* of the nepheweſ and poſteritie z all ſmale veſſels, from the veſſels of the cuppes, euen to all the inſtruments of muſike.

25 In that daie, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, ſhal the a naile, that is faſtened in the ſure place, departe & ſhal be broken, and fall. and the burden, that was vpon it, ſhalbe cut of. for the Lord hathe ſpoken it.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 A prophecie againſt Tyrus 17 A promiſe that it ſhal be reſtored.

1 THe a burden of Tyrus. Howle, ye ſhippes of b Tarſhiſh: for it is deſtroied, ſo ỹ there is none houſe: none ſhal come from the land of d Chittím: it is e reueiled vnto them.

2 Be ſtil, ye that dwell in the yles: the marchants of Zidón, & ſuch as paſſe ouer the ſea, haue f repleniſhed thee.

3 The g ſede of Nilus *growing* by the abundance of waters, & the harueſt of the riuer *was* her reuenues, and ſhe was a marte of the nations.

4 Be aſhamed, thou Zidón: for the h ſea hathe ſpoken, *euen* the ſtrength of the ſea, ſaying, I haue not i trauailed, nor brogh forthe childrē, nether nouriſhed yong mē *nor* brogh vp virgins.

5 When the fame commeth to the Egyptians, they ſhalbe k ſorie, concerning the rumor of Tyrus.

6 Go you ouer to l Tarſhíſh: howle, ye that dwell in the yles.

7 Is not this that your glorious *citie*? her antiquitie *is* of ancient daies: her owne fete ſhal lead her a farre of to be a ſoiourner.

8 Who hathe decreed this againſt Tyrus (that m crowneth *men*) whoſe marchāts *are* princes? whoſe chapmen *are* the nobles of the worlde?

9 The Lord of hoſtes hathe decreed this, to ſtaine the pride of all glorie, and to bring to contempt all them that be glorious in the earth.

10 Paſſe through thy land like a flood *to* ỹ n daughter of Tarſhíſh: there is no more ſtrength.

11 He ſtretched out his hand vpon the ſea: he ſhoke the kingdomes: the Lord hathe giuen a commandement concerning the place of marchādiſe, to deſtroye the power thereof.

12 And he ſaid, Thou ſhalt no more reioyce when ỹ art oppreſſed o ô virgin p daughter of Zidón: riſe vp, go ouer vnto Chittím: yet there thou ſhalt haue no reſt.

13 Beholde the land of the Chaldeans: this was no people: q Aſſhúr founded it by the in habitants of the wildernes: thei ſet vp the towres thereof. they raiſed the palaces

k The ſecret place where ỹ armour was to wit, in the houſe of ỹ forcſt, 1 King 2.

l Yt fortified the ruinous places, which were neglected in time of peace meaning, the whole citie & the caſtle of Dauid which was within the compaſſe of ỹ other

m Ether to pul downe ſuch as might hurt, or el. to know what men thei were able to make

n To prouide if nede ſhulde be of water

o To God that made Ieruſalém: that is, thei truſted more in their worldely meanes than in God

p In ſtead of repentance ye were ioyful & made great cheare, contemning the admonitions of the Prophetes, ſaying, Let vs eat and drinke for our Propheteſ ſay, that we ſhal dye to morowe

q Becauſe the Ebrew worde doeth alſo ſignifie one that doeth nouriſh & cheriſh, there are of the learned that thinke, ỹ this wicked man did nouriſh ſecret frendſhip with the Aſſyrians and Egyptians, to betray ỹ Church and to prouide for him ſelf againſt all dangers in ỹ meane ſeaſon he packt craftely & gate of the beſt offices into his hand vnder Hezekias, euer aſpiring to the hieſt

r Meaning, ỹ he was a ſtranger and came vp of nothig

ſ Where as he thoght to make his name immortal by his famous ſepulchre, he dyed moſte miſerably among the Aſſyrians

t Sygnifying ỹ whatſoeuer diligence the wicked attēpt vnto, at length it wil turne to the ſhame of thoſe Princes, by whome thei are preferred

u To be ſteward againe, out of the which office he had bene put by the craft of Shebna

x I wil commit vnto him the full charge & gouernement of the Kings houſe

y I wil eſtabliſh him & confirme him in his office. of this phraſe reade Ezra 9.9.

z Meaning bothe ſmale & great: that ſhal come of Eliakim, ſhal haue praiſe & glorie by this faithful officer

a He meaneth Shebna, who by means iudgement ſhulde neuer attayne.

a Read Chap. 13.

b Ye of Cilicia ỹ come thether for marchandie

c Tyrus is deſtroied by Nebuchadnezzar

d By Chittim thei meant all the yles and countreis Weſtward from Paleſtina

e All mē knowe of this deſtruction

f Hath haunted trade & enriched thee

g Meaning, the come of Egypt which was fed by ỹ ouerflowing of Nilus

h That is, Tyrus, which was the chief port of the Sea

i I haue no people left in me, and am as a baren woman that neuer had childe

k Becauſe theſe two countreis were ioined in league together

l Tyrus wileth other marchants to go to Cilicia and to come no more there.

m Who maketh her marchāts like princes.

n Thy ſtrength wil no more ſerue thee therefore flee to other countreis for ſuccour

o For Tyrus was neuer touched nor afflicted before

p Becauſe Tyrus was buylt by them of Zidón

q The Chaldeans which dwelt in tentes in the wildernes, were gathered by ỹ Aſſyrians into cities.

thereof & he [z] broght it to ruine.
14 Howle ye shippes of Tarshish, for your [f] strength is destroyed.
15 And in that daie shal Tyrus be forgotte seuentie yeres, (according to the yeres of one King) at the end of [t] seuetie yeres shal Tyrus [u] sing as an harlot.
16 Take an harpe, & go about the citie: (thou harlot that hast bene forgotten) [x] make swete melodie, sing mo songs that thou maiest be remembred.
17 And at the end of seuentie yeres shal the Lord visite Tyrus, & she shal returne to her [y] wages, and shal commit fornication with all the kingdomes of the earth, *that are* in the worlde.
18 Yet her occupying and her wages shal be [z] holie vnto ỹ Lord: it shal not be laied vp nor kept in store, but her marchandise shal be for thē that dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and to haue durable clothing.

z The people of ỹ Chaldeans destroyed the Assyrians: whereby the Prophet meaneth, that seing the Chaldeās were able to ouercome the Assyrians, which were so great a nation, much more shal these two nations of Chaldea & Assyria be able to ouerthrowe Tyrus
f That is, Tyrus, by whome ye are enriched
t Tyrus shal lie destroied 70 yeres, which he calleth the reigne of one King, or a mās age
u Shal vse all craft and flatterie to entise men againe to her
x She shal labour by all meanes to recouer her first credit, as an harlot when she is long forgotten, seketh by all meanes to entertaine her louers.
y Though she haue bene chastised of the Lord, yet she shal returne to her olde wicked practises, & for gaine shal giue her self to all mens lusts like an harlot
z He sheweth that God yet by the preaching of the Gospel wil call Tyrus to repentance, & turne her heart from auarice and filthie game vnto the true worshiping of God and liberalitie toward his Saints.

CHAP. XXIIII.

A prophecie of the curse of God for the sinnes of the people. 13 A remnant reserued, shal praise the Lord.

1 BEholde, the Lord maketh the [a] earth emptie, & he maketh it waste: he turneth it vpside downe, & scatereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.
2 And there shalbe like people, like [b] Priest, and like seruant, like master, like maide, like mastresse, like byer, like seller, like lender, like borrower, like giuer, like taker to vsurie.
3 The earth shalbe cleane emptied, and vterly spoyled: for the Lord hathe spoken this worde.
4 The earth lamenteth and fadeth away: the worlde is febled & decayed: the proude people of the earth are weakened.
5 The earth [c] also deceiueth, because of the inhabitāts thereof: for thei trāsgressed the lawes: they changed the ordinances, *and* brake the euerlasting couenant.
6 Therefore hathe the [d] curse deuoured the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are desolate. Wherefore the inhabitants of the land are [e] burned vp, and fewe mē are left.
7 The wine faileth, ỹ vine hathe no might: all that were of merie heart, do mourne.
8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth: the noise of them that reioyce, endeth: the ioye of the harpe ceaseth.
9 They shal not drinke wine with mirth: strong drinke shalbe bitter to them that drinke it.
10 The citie of [f] vanitie is broken downe: euerie house is shut vp, that no man may come in.
11 There is a crying for wine in the stretes: all ioye is darkened: the [g] mirth of the worlde is gone away.
12 In the citie is left desolacion, & the gate is smitten with destruction.
13 ¶ Surely thus shal it be in the middes of the earth, among the people, [h] as the shaking of an oliue tre, *and* as the grapes when the vintage is ended.
14 They shal lift vp their voyce: thei shal shoute for the magnificence of the Lord: they shal reioyce from [i] the sea.
15 Wherefore praise ye ỹ Lord in the valleis, *euē* the Name of the Lord God of Israél, in the yles of the sea.
16 From the vttermost parte of the earth we haue heard praises, *euen* glorie to the [k] Iuste, & I said, [l] My leanenes, my leanenes, wo is me: the transgressors haue offended: yea, the transgressors haue grieuously offended.
17 Feare, and the pit, and the snare *are* vpon thee, ô inhabitant of the earth.
18 And he that fleeth from the noise of the feare, shal fall into the pit: & he that commeth vp out of the pit, shalbe taken in the snare: for the [m] windowes from on high are open, and the fundacions of the earth do shake.
19 The earth is vtterly broken downe: the earth is cleane dissolued: the earth [n] is moued excedingly.
20 The earth shal rele to & fro, like a dronken man, and shalbe remoued like a tent, and the iniquitie thereof shalbe heauie vpon it: so that it shal fall, and rise no more.
21 ¶ And in that day shal the Lord [o] visite ỹ hoste aboue that is on hie, euen the Kings of the worlde that are vpon the earth.
22 And thei shalbe gathered together, as the prisoners in the pit: and thei shalbe shut vp in the prison, & after manie daies shal thei be [o] visited.
23 [p] Then the moone shalbe abasshed, & the sunne ashamed, when the Lord of hostes shal reigne in mount Zion and in Ierusalém: and glorie shalbe before his ancient men.

a This prophecie is as a cōclusiō of that, which hathe bene threatened to the Iewes & other nacions from the 13 Chap. & therefore by ỹ earth he meaneth those lands, which were before named
b Because this was a name of a ḡuise, it was also applied to thē, which were not of Aarōs familie, & so signifieth also a man of dignitie, as 2 Sam 8,18 and 20,25 1 chron. 18,17 and by these wordes the Prophet signifieth an horrible confusion, where shalbe neither religiō, order nor policie, Hosea. 4.9.
c That is, rendreth not her fruite for the sinne of ỹ people, whome ỹ earth deceiued of their nourriture, because they deemed God of his honour.
d Writen in the Law, as Leui. 26,14 deut. 28,16. thus the Prophetes vsed to applie particularly the menaces, and promises which are general in the Law
e With heat and drought, or els, that they were consumed with the fyre of Gods wrath.
f Which as it was without ordre, so now shulde it be broght to desolacion and confusion and this was not onely ment of Ierusalém, but of all ỹ other wicked cities.
g Because thei did not vse Gods benefits aright, their pleasures shulde faile, and they fall to mourning
h He comforteth the faithful, declaring that in this great desolacion the Lord wil assemble his Church, & shal praise his name, as Chap 10,22.
i From ỹ vtmost coastes of the worlde, where ỹ Gospel shal be preached, as vers 16
k Meaning, to God, who wil publish his Gospel through all ỹ worlde
l I am consumed with care, considering the afflictiō of the Church, bothe by forē enemies & domestical Some read, my secret, my secret: that is, it was reuealed to ỹ Prophet, that the good shulde be pserued & the wicked destroyed.
m Meaning, ỹ Gods wrath, and vengeance shulde be ouer & vnder them: so that thei shuld not escape no more then thei did at Noahs flood.
n There is no power so high or mightie, but God wil visite him & his roddes.
o Not with his roddes, as vers 21, but shalbe cōfor-
p When God shal restore his Church, the glorie thereof and his ministers (which are called his ancient men) that the moone shal be darke in comparison thereof.

CHAP. XXV.

A thankesgiuing to God in thas that he shewth him self iudge of the worlde, by punishing the wicked & maintening the godlie.

1 O Lord, thou [a] art my God: I wil exalte thee, I wil praise thy Name: for thou hast done wonderful things, *according*

to

ted.
a Thus the Prophet giueth thankes to God, because he wil bring vnder subiectiō these nacions by his corrections, & make them of his Church, & before were his enemies.

to the counſels of olde, with a ſtable trueth.

2 For thou haſt made of a [b] citie an heap, of a ſtrong citie, a ruine: *euen* the palace [c] of ſtrangers of a citie, it ſhal neuer be buylt.

3 Therefore ſhal the [d] mightie people giue glorie vnto thee: the citie of the ſtrong nacions ſhal feare thee.

4 For thou haſt bene a ſtrength vnto the poore, *euen* a ſtrength to the nedie in his trouble, a refuge againſt the tempeſt, a ſhadowe againſt the heate: for the blaſt [e] of the mightie is like a ſtorme *againſt* the wall.

5 Thou ſhalt bring downe the noiſe of the ſtrangers, [f] as the heat in a drye place: he wil bring downe the ſong of the mightie, *as* [g] the heat in the ſhadowe of a cloude.

6 And in this [h] mountaine ſhal the Lord of hoſtes make vnto all people a feaſt of fat things, *euen* a feaſt of fined *wines*, & of fat things ful of marowe, of *wines* fined & puryfied.

7 And he wil deſtroye in this mountaine [i] the couering that couereth all people, & the vaile that is ſpred vpon all nacions.

8 He wil deſtroye death for euer: and the Lord God wil [k] wipe away the teares from all faces, and the rebuke of his people wil he take away out of all the earth: for the Lord hathe ſpoken it.

9 And in that day ſhal men ſay, Lo, this is our God, we haue waited for him, and he wil ſaue vs. This is the Lord, we haue waited for him: we wil reioyce and be ioyful in his ſaluacion.

10 For in this mountaine ſhal the hand of the Lord reſt, and [l] Moáb ſhalbe threſhed vnder him, euen as ſtrawe is threſhed in [m] Madmenáh.

11 And he ſhal ſtretch out his hand in the middes of thé (as he that ſwimmeth, ſtretcheth *them* out to ſwimme) and with the ſtrength of his hands ſhal he bring downe their pride.

12 The defenſe alſo of the height of thy walles ſhal he bring downe and lay lowe, & caſt them to the grounde, *euen* vnto the duſt.

b Not only of Ieruſalém, but alſo of their other cities, which haue bene thine enemies

c That is, a place where all vagabónds may liue without danger, and as it were, at eaſe, as in a palace.

d The righteous and proude wil beare no lorde ouer them

e God ſhal by thy correctiós feare & glorifie thee

f The rage of the wicked is furious, til God breake ỹ force therof. Meaning, ỹ as the heate is aſſwaged by the raine, ſo ſhal God bring downe the rage of the wicked

g As a cloude in adow thrō ỹ heat of the ſunne, ſo ſhal God aſwage ỹ reioyſing of ỹ wicked againſt the godly

h In Sion, in Ieruſalém, whereby he vnderſtandeth his Church, which ſhulde vnder Chriſt be aſſembled of the Iewes and the Gentiles, and ſometime deſcribed vnder the figure of a coſtly banket, as Mat 22,2

i Meaning that ignorance and blindeneſs, whereby we are kept backe frō Chriſt

k He wil take away all occaſions of ſorow & ſhewith perfite ioye, Reuel 7,17 & 21,4

l By Moáb are ment all the enemies of his Church

m There were two cities of this name one in Iudáh, 1 Chron 2,49, and another in the land of Moáb, Ierc 48,2 which ſemeth to haue bene a plentiful place of corne Chap 10,31.

CHAP. XXVI.

A ſong of the faithful, wherein is declared, in what conſiſteth the ſaluacion of the Church, and wherein they ought to truſt.

1 IN that day ſhal [a] this ſong be ſung in the land of Iudáh, We haue a ſtrong citie: [b] ſaluacion ſhal *God* ſet for walles & bulwarkes.

2 [c] Opē ye the gates that the righteous nació, which kepeth the trueth, may entre in.

3 Ỹ an aſſuried [d] purpoſe wilt thou preſerue perfite peace, becauſe they truſted in thee.

4 Truſt in the Lord for euer for in ỹ Lord God *is* ſtrength for euer more.

5 For he wil bring downe them that dwell on hie. [e] the hie citie he wil abaſe, *euen* vnto the grounde wil he caſt it downe and bring it vnto duſt.

6 The fote ſhal treade it downe, *euen* the fete of the [f] poore, *and* the ſteps of the nedie.

7 The way of the iuſte [g] righteouſnes: thou wilt make equal the righteous path of the iuſt.

8 Alſo we, ô Lord, haue waited for thee in the way of thy [h] iudgements the deſire of *our* ſoule [i] is to thy Name, & to the remembrance of thee.

9 With my ſoule haue I deſired thee in the night, and with my ſpirit within me wil I ſeke thee in the morning: for ſeing thy iudgements [k] are in the earth, the inhabitants of the worlde ſhal learne [l] righteouſnes.

10 Let mercie [m] be ſhewed to the wicked, *yet* he wil not learne righteouſnes: in ỹ lād of vprightnes wil he do wickedly, and wil not beholde the maieſtie of the Lord.

11 O Lord, they wil not beholde thine hie hand *but* they ſhal ſee it, and be confounded with [n] the zeale of the people, & the fyre of thine enemies ſhal deuoure them.

12 Lord, vnto vs thou wilt ordeine peace: for thou alſo haſt wrought all our workes for vs.

13 O Lord our God, *other* [o] lords beſide thee haue ruled vs, *but* we wil remember thee onely, & thy Name.

14 The [p] dead ſhal not liue, *neither* ſhal the dead ariſe, becauſe thou haſt viſited and ſcattered them, & deſtroyed all their memorie.

15 Thou haſt encreaſed [q] ỹ nacion, ô Lord: thou haſt encreaſed the nacion: thou art made glorious: thou haſt enlarged all the coaſtes of the earth.

16 Lord, in trouble haue they [r] viſited thee. they powred out a prayer when thy chaſtening *was* vpon them.

17 Like as a woman with childe, that draweth nere to the trauail, is in ſorow, & crieth in her peines, ſo haue we bene in thy [s] ſight, ô Lord.

18 We haue conceiued, we haue borne in peine, as thoghwe ſhulde haue broght forth winde. there was no helpe in ỹ earth, neither did the inhabitants of [t] the worlde fall.

19 ¶ [u] Thy dead men ſhal liue: *euen* with my bodie ſhal they riſe. Awake, & ſing, ye that dwell in duſt for thy [u] dewe *is as* the dewe

a This ſong was made to comfort the faithful, when their captiuitie ſhulde come, aſſuring them alſo of their deliuerance, for the which they ſhulde ſing this ſong

b Gods protection and defence ſhalbe ſufficient for vs.

c He aſſureth the godlie to returne after the captiuitie to Ieruſalém.

d Thou haſt decreed ſo, & thy purpoſe cā not be chāged

e There is no power to hie, that can let God, when he wil deliuer his

f God wil ſet the poore aſſiſted ouer ỹ power of the wicked

g He haue cōtinuly aboūdāce of iuſtifications wherewith ỹ hote afflicted vs

h Meaning ỹ by iuſtificatiō he ſhal learne to feare God

i The hatred thegh God ſhewe them eminent ſignes of his grace, ſhalbe neuer the better

k Through ſeuere & ſharpe correctiō agaīſt thy people

l The fyre & vēgeāce, wherewith the wicked deſtroye thine enemies, is the obſeruatiō of thy lawes, which haue not gouerned accordīg to thy worde

n Meaning ỹ the repētāt, euen in this life ſhal haue the beginning of euerlaſting death

o To wit, the cōpanie of ỹ faithful by the ſeruīg of the Gētiles

p That is, the faithful by thy rooddes were moued to pray vnto thee for deliuerance

q To wit, in exceadīg ſorowe

r Our forefwes had none ād neither did we ſo feele the correctiō, that we loued for

s The wicked and men without religion were not deſtroyed

t He comforteth the faithful in their afflictiōs ſhewing them that as euen in death they ſhal haue life, and that they ſhulde moſte certainly riſe to glorie the contrarie ſhulde come to the wicked, as verſ. 14.

u As herbes dead in winter, floriſh againe by the raine in the ſpring time ſo they ỹ lie in the duſt, ſhal riſe vp to ioye when they feele ỹ dewe of Gods grace.

of herbes, & the earth ſhal caſt out ỹ dead.

x He exhorteth the faithful to be patient in their afflictions, and to waite vpon Gods worke.

20 Come, my people: x entre thou into thy chambers, and ſhutte thy dores after thee: hide thy ſelf for a very litle while, vntil the indignacion paſſe ouer.

y The earth ſhal vomit & caſt out the innocent blood, which it hath drunke, that it may crye for vengeance againſt the wicked.

21 For lo, the Lord cometh out of his place, to viſite the iniquitie of the inhabitáts of the earth vpon them: and the earth ſhal diſcloſe her y blood, and ſhal no more hide her ſlayne.

CHAP. XXVII.

A prophecie againſt the kingdome of Satán, 2 And of the ioye of the Church for their deliuerance.

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a At the time appointed.

b That is, by his mightie power and by his worde. He prophecieth here of the deſtruction of Satán and his kingdome vnder the name of Liuiathán, Aſſhúr and Egypt

IN that a day the Lord with his ſore & great and mightie b ſworde ſhal viſite Liuiathán, that pearcing ſerpent, euen Liuiathán, that croked ſerpent, & he ſhal ſlay the dragon that is in the ſea.

c Meaning, of the beſt wine, which this vineyarde, that is ỹ Church, ſhulde bring forthe as moſte agreeable to the Lord

2 In that day ſing of the vineyarde c of red wine.

3 I the Lord do kepe it: I wil watter it euery moment: leſt anie aſſaile it, I wil kepe it night and day.

d Therefore he wil deſtroy ỹ kingdome of Satán, becauſe he loueth his Church for his owne mercies-ſake, & ſhal not be angrie ẅ it, but wiſheth that he may powre his angre vpon ỹ wicked infideles, whome he meaneth by briers & thornes

4 Angre d is not in me: who wolde ſet the briers and the thornes *againſt* me in battel? I wolde go through them, I wolde burne them together.

e He marueileth, that Iſrael wil not come by gentleneſs, except God make thẽ to fele his rod ſhe, & ſo brig thẽ vnto him.

5 Or wil he e fele my ſtrength, that he may make peace with me, & be at one with me?

f Here after, Iaakób ſhal take rote: Iſraél ſhal floriſh and growe, and the worlde ſhal be filled with frute.

6 f Hathe he ſmitten him as he ſmote thoſe that ſmote him? or is he ſlayne according to the ſlaughter of them that were ſlayne by him?

g He ſheweth that God puniſheth his enemeis in meaſure, & his enemies in iuſtice

7 In h meaſure in the branches thereof wilt thou cõtend ẅ it, *when* he bloweth with his rough winde in the day of the Eaſt winde.

h That is, thou wilt not deſtroie the rote of thy Church thogh ỹ branches thereof ſeme to periſh by the ſharpe winde of affliction.

8 By this therefore ſhal ỹ iniquitie of Iaakób be purged, and this is all the i frute, the taking away of his ſinne: when he ſhal make all the ſtones of the altars, as chalke ſtones, broken in pieces, *that* the groues and images may not ſtand vp.

i He ſheweth that there is no true repentance, nor ful reconciliacion to God, til the heart be purged from all idolatrie, and the monuments thereof deſtroyed

k Notwithſtanding his fauour that he wil ſhewe them after, yet Ieruſalém ſhalbe deſtroyed, and graſſe for cattel ſhal growe in it

l God ſhal not haue nede of mightie enemies: for the verie women ſhal do it, to their great ſhame.

9 Yet the k deſenſed citie *ſhalbe* deſolate, & the habitacion *ſhalbe* forſaken, and left like a wildernes. There ſhal the calfe fede, and there ſhal he lie, & conſume the branches thereof.

10 When the boughs of it are drye, they ſhalbe broken: the women come, and ſet them on fyre. for it is a people of none vnderſtanding: therefore he that made them, ſhal not haue compaſsion of them, and he that formed them, ſhal haue no mercie on them.

11 And in that day ſhal the Lord threſh frõ the chanel of the m Riuer vnto the riuer of Egypt, and ye ſhalbe gathered, one by one, ô children of Iſraél.

m He ſhal deſtroy all from Euphrates to Nilus: for ſome fled toward Egypt, thiking to haue eſcaped

n In the time of Cyrus, by whome they ſhulde be delmered but this was chiefly accõpliſhed vnder Chriſt.

12 In that day alſo ſhal the great trumpe be n blowen, and they ſhal come, which periſhed in the land of Aſſhúr: and they that were chaſed into the land of Egypt, and they ſhal worſhip the Lord in the holy mount at Ieruſalém.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Againſt the pride & dronkennes of Iſraél, 9 The vntowardnes of them that ſhulde learne the worde of God. 24 God doeth all things in time and place.

Chap XXVIII

a Meaning, the proude kingdome of the Iſraelites, ẅ were dronken with worldly proſperitie

b Becauſe the Iſraelites for the moſt parte dwelt in pleaſaũt valleis, he meaneth here by ỹ valley of them, ỹ had abundãce of worldelie proſperitie, & were, as it were, crowned therewith, as with garlãds.

1 WO to the a crowne of pride, the dronkards of Ephráim: for his glorious beautie *ſhalbe* a fading floure, ẅ is vpon the head of the b valley of them that be fat, & are ouercome with wine.

c He ſemeth to meane the Aſſyrians, by whome ỹ ten tribes were caryed away.

2 Beholde, the Lord hathe a mightie and c ſtrong *hoſte*, like a tempeſt of haile, & a whirlwinde that ouerthroweth, like a tempeſt of mightie waters ỹ ouerflowe, which throwe to the grounde mightely.

d Which is not of long cõtinuance, but as ſone ripe, & firſt eaten

3 They ſhalbe troden vnder fote, *euen* the crowne *and* the pride of the dronkards of Ephráim.

4 For his glorious beautie ſhalbe a fading floure, which is vpon the head of the valley of them that be fat, *and* as d ỹ haſtie frute afore ſommer, which, whẽ he that loketh vpon it, ſeeth it, while it is in his hand, he eateth it.

e Signifying, ỹ the faithful, ẅ put not their truſt in anie worldely proſperitie, but made God their glorie, ſhalbe preſerued

5 In that day ſhal the Lord of hoſtes be for a crowne of glorie, and for a diademe of beautie vnto the e reſidue of his people:

f He wil giue counſel to the gouernour, & ſtrength to the captaine, to drive the enemies in at their owne gates.

6 And for a ſpirit of iudgemẽt to him that ſitteth in iudgement, & for f ſtrength vnto thẽ that turne away the battel to the gate.

g Meaning, the hypocrites, ẅ were among them, & were all together corrupt in life & doctrine, ẅ is here ment by dronkénes & vomiting.

7 But g thei haue erred becauſe of wine, & are out of the way by ſtrong drinke: the Prieſt & the Prophet haue erred by ſtrong drinke: they are ſwallowed vp with wine: they haue gone aſtray through ſtrong drinke: thei faile in viſion: thei ſtomble in iudgement.

8 For all *their* tables are ful of filthy vomiting: no place *is* cleane.

h For there was none that was able to vnderſtãd anie good doctrine: but were fooliſh, & as vnmete as yong babes

9 h Whome ſhal he teache knowledge? and whome ſhal he make to vnderſtand the things that he heareth? them that are weined from the milke *and* drawen from the breaſts.

i They muſt haue one thig oft times told.

10 For i precept *muſt be* vpon precept, precept vpon precept, line vnto line, line vnto line, there a litle & there a litle.

k Let one teache what he can, yet they ſhal no more vnderſtãd him, thẽ if he ſpake in a ſtrange language

11 For with a ſtammering k tongue & with a ſtrange lãguage ſhal he ſpeake vnto this people.

l That is, the Prophet, whome God ſhulde ſend.

12 Vnto whome l he ſaid, m This is the reſt: n giue reſt to him that is wearie. and this is the refreſhing, but thei wolde not heare.

m This is the doctrine, whereupon ye ought to ſtay & reſt

n Shewe to them that are wearie and haue nede of reſt, what is the true reſt.

Therefore

o Because they wil not receiue the worde of God, when it is offred, it commeth of their owne malice, if after their hearts be so hardened, that they care not for it, is before Chap 6,9

13 Therefore shal the worde of the o Lord be vnto them precept vpon precept, precept vpon precept, line vnto line, line vnto line, there a litle & there a litle, that they may go, and fall backewarde, and be broken and be snared and be taken.

14 Wherefore, heare the worde of the Lord, ye scorneful men ỹ rule this people, which is at Ierusalém.

p They thoght they had shiftes to auoid Gods iudgemẽts, and thought they colde escape though all other perished

15 Because ye haue said, We haue made a p couenant with death, & w hell are we at agreement: though a scourge runne ouer, & passe through, it shal not come at vs: for we haue made q falshode our refuge, and vnder vanitie are we hid,

q Though the Prophetes cõdemned their idoles, & vaine trust, of falshode, & vanitie, yet the wicked thoght in them selues that it wolde auayle in these thinges

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Beholde, I wil lay in Zión a stone, a tryed stone, a precious corner stone, a sure fundacion. He that beleueth, r shal not make haste.

r That is, Christ, by who me all ỹ bylding must be tryed and vpholden, Psal 118,22 mat 21, 42 act 4, 11 rom. 9,33 1 pet. 2,6

17 Iudgement also wil I laye to the rule, & s righteousnes to the balace, and the t haile shal swepe away the vaine confidence, and the waters shal ouerflowe u the secret place.

s He shal be quiet and seke none other remedies, but be content with Christ

t In the repentẽce of his Church, iudgement, and this shal be the remedie

u Gods correctiõs and afflictiõ

18 And your couenant with death shalbe disanulled, & your agreement with hel shal not stand: when a scourge shal runne ouer and passe through, then shal ye be trodde downe by it.

a ffl & thō shal discouer their vanitie to thẽselues

19 When it passeth ouer, it shal take you away for it shal passe through euerie morning in the day, and in the night, and there shalbe onely vexacion to make you to vnderstand the hearing.

y Terrour and destrucō shal make you to learne that, w exhortations and gentlenes colde not brīg you vnto

20 For the bed is streict that it can not suffise, and the couering narowe that one cā not wrap him self.

z Your affliction shalbe so sore, that you are not able to endure it

21 For the Lord shal stand as in mount a Perazím: he shalbe wrath as in the valley b of Gibeón, ỹ he may do his worke, his strange worke, and bring to passe his acte, his strange acte.

a When Dauid ouercame the Philistims, 2 Samuel 5 20 1 chro 14,11

b Where Iosuá discomfited fiue Kings of the Amorites, Iosh 10,12

22 Now therefore be no mockers, lest your bonds increase: for I haue heard of the Lord of hostes a consumption, euen determined vpon the whole earth.

23 Hearken ye, and heare my voyce: hearké ye, and heare my speache.

c As ỹ plowe man hathe his appointed time, and druers instruments for his labour, so hathe the Lord for his vengeance for he punisheth

24 Doeth the plow man plow all the day, to sowe? doeth he opē, and breake the clottes of his grounde?

25 When he hathe made it c plaine, wil he not then sowe the fitches, and sowe cummin, and cast in wheat by measure, & the appointed barly and rye in their place?

26 For his God doeth instruct him to haue discrecion, *and* doeth teache him.

27 For fitches shal not be thresshed with a thresshing instrumẽt, nether shal a cart whele be turned about vpon the cummin: but the fitches are beaten out with a staffe, and cummin with a rod.

28 Bread *corne* when it is thresshed, he doeth not alway thresh it, nether doeth the whele of his cart *stil* make anoyse, nether wil he breake it with the tethe thereof.

29 This also cometh from the Lord of hostes, which is wonderful in counsel, & excellent in workes.

some at one time, and some at another, some after one sorte and some after another, so that his chosen sede is beaten, and tryed, but not broken, as are the wicked.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 A prophecie against Ierusalem. 13 The vengeance of God on them that follow the traditions of men.

1 AH d altar, altar of the citie that Dauid dwelt in: adde yere vnto yere. e let them kil lambes.

d Or hearth

e Or, let them kil the sacrifices

2 but I wil bring the altar into distres, and there shalbe heauines & sorow, and it shalbe vnto me like f an altar.

f The Ebrewe worde Ariel signifieth the lyon of God, & significth ỹ altar, because the altar seemed to deuoure the sacrifice ỹ was offred to God, as Ezek. 43,16

3 And I wil besege thee as a circle, & fight against thee on a mount, & wil cast vp ramparts against thee.

4 So shalt thou be humbled, & shalt speake out of the g grounde, and thy speache shal be *as* out of the dust. thy voyce also shalbe out of the grounde like him that hathe a spirit of diuination, and thy talking shal whisper out of the dust.

g Your citie shalbe ful of blood, as an altar whereon they sacrifice

h Thy speache shalbe no more loftie, but abased, & low as the very charmers, w are in lowe places, and whisper, so ỹ the prouoce cā scarce be heard

5 Moreouer, the multitude of thy h strangers shal be like smale dust, and the multitude of strong men shalbe as chaffe that passeth away, and it shalbe in a moment, *euen* suddenly.

h Thine hired souldiers, in whome ỹ trust is, shalbe destroyed as dust or chaffe in a whirlwinde

6 Thou shalt be visited of ỹ Lord of hostes with thundre, and shaking, and a great noyse, a whirlwinde, and a tempest, and a flame of a deuouring fyre.

7 And the i multitude of all the nacions ỹ fight against the altar, shalbe as a dreame *or* vision by night: euen all they that make the warre against it, and strong holds against it, and laye sege vnto it.

i The enemies ỹ I wil bring to destroye thee, and that which thou maiest feare, shal come at vnwares, euen as a dreame

8 And it shalbe like as an hũgrie man dreameth, and beholde, k he eateth and when he awaketh, his soule is emptie: or like as a thirstie man dreameth, and lo, he is drinking, and when he awaketh, beholde, he is fainte, and his soule longeth: so shal the multitude of all nacions be that fight against mount Zión.

k The thoght that he eateth

9 l Stay your selues, and wonder: they are blinde, & make *you* blinde: they are dronken, but not with wine: they staggei, but not by strong drinke.

l Muse hereon as long as ye list yet shal ye finde nothing, but occasion to be astonied, for your Prophetes are blinde, and therefore can not direct you

10 For the Lord hathe couered you with a spirit of slomber, and hathe shut vp your eyes: the Prophetes, and your chief Seers hathe he couered.

11 And the vision of them all is become vnto you, as the wordes of a boke that is sealed vp, which they deliuer to one that can read, saying, Read this, I pray thee. Then shal he say, I can m not: for it is sealed.

m Meaning, ỹ it is ill aiske other to read, or not to reade, except God open ỹ eies to vnderstãde

12 And the boke is giuen vnto him that can not read, saying, Read this, I pray thee. And he shal say, I can not read.

13 Therefore the Lord said, Because this people [k] come nere vnto me with their mouth, and honour me with their lippes, but haue remoued their heart far frō me, and their [l] feare toward me was taught by the precept of men,

14 Therefore beholde, I wil againe do a maruelous worke in this people, *euen* a maruelous worke, and a wonder: for the wisdome of their wisemen shal [m] perish, and the vnderstanding of their prudent men shalbe hid.

15 Wo vnto them that [n] seke depe to hide *their* counsel from the Lord: for their workes are in darknes, and they say, Who seeth vs? and who knoweth vs?

16 Your turning *of deuises* shal it not be estemed [o] as the potters claye? for shal ỹ worke say of him that made it, He made me not? or the thing formed, say of him that fashioned it, He had none vnderstanding?

17 Is it not yet but a litle while, and Lebanón shalbe [p] turned into Carmél? & Carmél shalbe counted as a forest?

18 And in that day shal the deafe heare the wordes of the boke, & the eyes of the blind shal se out of obscuritie, and out of darkenes.

19 The meke in the Lord shal receiue ioye againe, and the poore men shal reioyce in the holie one of Israél.

20 For the cruel man shal cease, and the scorneful shalbe consumed: and all that hasted to iniquitie, shalbe cut of:

21 Which made a man to sinne in ỹ [q] worde, & toke him in a snare: which reproued *them* in the gate, and made the iuste to fall without cause.

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord vnto the house of Iaakób, *euen* he that redemed Abrahám, Iaakób shal not now be confounded, nether now shal his face be pale.

23 But when he seeth his children, the worke of mine hāds, in the middes of him, they shal sanctifie my Name, and sanctifie the holie one of Iaakób, & shal feare the God of Israél.

24 Then they that erred in spirit, [r] shal haue vnderstanding, and they that murmured, shal learne doctrine.

CHAP. XXX.

He reproueth the Iewes which in their aduersitie vsed their owne counsels, and sought helpe of the Egyptians to Despising the Prophetes 16 Therefore he sheweth what destruction shal come vpon them. 18 But offreth mercie to the repentant.

WO to the [a] rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me, and [b] couer with a couering, but not by my spirit, that they may lay sinne vpon sinne:

2 Which walke forthe to go downe into Egypt (& haue not asked at my mouth) to strengthen them selues with the strength of Pharaóh, and trust in the shadowe of Egypt.

3 But the strength of Pharaóh shalbe your shame, & the trust in ỹ shadowe of Egypt your confusion.

4 For his [c] princes were at Zóan, and his ambassadours came vnto Hanés.

5 They shalbe all ashamed of the people ỹ can not profite them, nor helpe nor do thē good, but *shalbe* a shame and also a reproche.

6 ¶ The [d] burden of the beastes of the South, in a land of trouble and anguish, from whence shal come the yong and olde lyon, the viper and fyrie flying serpent *against them* that shal beare their riches vpō the shoulders of the coltes, and their treasures vpon the bounches of the camels, to a people that can not profite.

7 For the Egyptians are vanitie, and they shal helpe in vaine. Therefore haue I cryed vnto [e] her, Their strength [f] is to sit stil.

8 Now go, & write it before them in a table, & note it in a boke that it may be for the [h] last day for euer and euer:

9 That it is a rebellious people, lying children, & children that wolde not [i] heare the Law of the Lord.

10 Which say vnto the Seers, Se not: and to the Prophetes, Prophecie not vnto vs right things *but* speake flattering things vnto vs: prophecie [k] errours.

11 Depart out of the way: go aside out of the path. cause the holie one of Israél to cease from vs.

12 Therefore thus saith the holie one of Israél, Because you haue cast of this worde, and trust in [l] violence, and wickednes, and stay thereupon,

13 Therefore this iniquitie shalbe vnto you as a breache that falleth, *or* a swelling in an hie wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly in a moment.

14 And the breaking thereof is like ỹ breaking of a potters por, which is broke without pitie, and in the breaking thereof is not founde [m] a sheard to take fyre out of the heith, or to take water out of the pit.

15 For thus said the [n] Lord God, the holie one of Israél, In rest and quietnes shal ye be saued: in quietnes and in confidence shalbe your strength, but ye wolde not.

16 For ye haue said, No, but we wil flee away vpon [o] horses. Therefore shal ye flee. We wil ride vpon the swiftest. Therefore shal your persecuters be swifter.

17 A thousand *as* one *shal flee* at the rebuke of one:

k Because they are hypocrites & not sincere in heart, as Mat 15 8.

l That is, their religion was learned by mās doctrine, & not by my worde

m Meaning, ỹ where as God is not worshiped according to his worde, bothe magistrates, and ministers are but fooles, & without vnderstanding.

n This is spoken of thē, ẃ in heart despised Gods worde & mocked at the admonitions, but outwardly bare a good face

o For all your craft, saith the Lord, you can not be able to escape mine hands no more thē the claye, that is in the potters hande, hathe power to deliuer it silf

p Shal there not be a chāge of all things? and Carmel, that is a plentiful place in respect of that it shalbe then, may be taken, as a forest, as Chap 32, 15. & thus he speaketh to comfort the faithful

q They that went about to finde faute ẃ the Prophetes wordes, and wolde not abide admonitions, but wolde intāgle thē and bring thē into daoger.

r Signifying, ỹ except God giue vnderstāding, & knowledge, man can not but stil erre, and murmure against him.

s Who cōtrarie to their promes, take not me for their protectour, & contrarie to my commandement, seke helpe at strangers

t They seke shiftes to cloke their doings, and not godlie meanes.

a Whereas God had promised to be their protectour, & saued them, if they had called vpon him, they wolde not, but sought helpe of the Egyptians.

b Meaning, in their stubbernes against God, and the admonitiōs of his Prophetes.

c The chiefe of Israél went into Egypt in ambassage to seke helpe, and abode at these cities.

d That is, a heauy sentence or propharcie against the beasts that caried their treasures into Egypt, by the wildernes, ẃ was South frō Iudáh signifying that if ỹ beastes shalbe not spared, the men shulde be punished muche more grieuously

e To wit, to Ierusalem

f And not to come to & fro to seke helpe

g That is, this prophecie.

h That it may be a witnes, against them for all posterite

i He sheweth what was the cause of their destruction, & bringeth also all miserie to mā to wit, because they wolde not heare the worde of God, but delited to be flattered, and led in errour.

k Threaten vs not by ỹ worde of God, nether be sorrowous, nor talke vnto vs in the name of the Lord, as Ier 11, 21

l Meaning, in their stubbernes against God, and the admonitiōs of his Prophetes.

m Signifying, that the destruction of the wicked shalbe without recouerie

n Oft times by his Prophetes he put you in remembrance of this, ỹ you shulde onely depēd on him.

o We wil trust to escape by our horses.

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of one: at the rebuke of fiue shal ye flee, til ye be left as a shippe mast vpon the p top of a mountaine, and as a beaken vpō an hill.

p Whereas all the trees are cut downe saue two or thre to make masts.

18 Yet therefore wil ỹ Lord waite, that he may haue q mercy vpon you, and therefore wil he be exalted, that he may haue cōpassion vpon you: for the Lord *is* the God of r iudgement. Blessed *are* all they that waite for him.

q He commēdeth the great mercies of God who with pacience waiteth to call sinners to repentance.

r Not onely in punishing, but in vsing moderation in the same, as Ier.10, 24, and 30,11.

19 Surely a people shal dwell in Zión, & in Ierusalém: thou shalt wepe no more: he wil certeinly haue mercie vpō thee at ỹ voyce of thy crye: whē he heareth thee, he wil answer thee.

20 And when the Lord hathe giuē you the bread of aduersitie, and the water of affliction, thy raine shalbe no more kept backe, but thine eyes shal se thy s raine.

s Or, instructour.

21 And thine eares shal heare a worde behinde thee, saying, This is the way, t walke ye in it, when thou turnest to the right hand, and when thou turnest to the left.

t God shal direct all thy wayes, and appoint thee how to go ether hether or thether.

22 And ye shal u pollute the couering of the images of siluer, and the riche ornament of thine images of golde, & cast thē away as a menstruous cloth, and thou shalt say vnto it, x Get thee hence.

u Ye shal cast away your idoles, which you haue made of golde, & siluer with all that belongeth vnto them, as a moste filthy thing and polluted.

x Shewing that there can be no true repentāce except both in heart and dede we shewe our selues enemies to idolatrie.

23 Then shal he giue raine vnto thy sede, when thou shalt sowe the groūde, & bread of the increase of the earth, and it shalbe fat and as oyle: in that day shal thy cattel be fed in large pastures.

y By these diuerse maners of speache he sheweth ỹ the felicitie of the Church shalbe so great, ỹ none is able sufficiently to expresse it.

24 The oxen also and the yong asses, that til the grounde, shal eat cleane prouendre, which is winowed with the shouel and with the fanne.

25 And vpon euerie hie z mountaine, and vpon euerie hie hil shal there be riuers & streames of waters, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers shal fall.

z When the Church shalbe restored, ỹ glorie thereof shal passe seuē times ỹ brightnes of ỹ sunne: for by the sunne and moone, which are two excellent creatures, he sheweth what shalbe the glorie of the children of God in the kingdome of Christ.

26 Moreouer, the light of the moone shalbe as the light of the a sunne, and the light of the sunne shal be seuen folde, and like the light of seuen dayes in the day that the Lord shal binde vp the breache of his people, & heale the stroke of their woūde.

a This threatning is against the Assyrians, the chief enemies of the people of God

27 Beholde, b the Name of the Lord commeth from farre, his face is burning, and the burden thereof *is* heauie: his lippes are ful of indignacion, and his tongue *is* as a deuouring fyre.

b To driue thee to nothing: and thus God consumeth the wicked by ỹ meanes, whereby he clenseth his.

28 And his Spirit *is* as a riuer ỹ ouerfloweth vp to ỹ necke: it diuideth asondre, to fanne the nations with the fanne of c vanitie, and there *shalbe* a bridle to cause them to erre in the chawes of the people.

c Gods plague

29 *But* there shalbe a song vnto you as in the d night, whē a solemne feast is kept: & gladnes of heart, as he that cometh with a pipe to go vnto the mount of the Lord, to the mightie one of Israél.

d Ye shal reioice at the destruction of your enemies, as they that sing for ioye of the solemne feast, which began in the euening.

30 And the Lord shal cause his glorious voyce to be heard, & shal declare the lighting downe of his arme with the angre of *his* countenance, and flame of a dououring fyre, with scattering & tempest, and haile stones.

d It shal destroy.

31 For with the voyce of the Lord shal Asshúr be destroyed, which smote with the e rodde.

e With ioye & assurance of ỹ victorie.

32 And in euerie place that the staffe shal passe, it shal f cleaue fast, which the Lord shal lay vpon him with g tabrets and harpes: and with battels, & lifting vp *of hands* shal he fight h against it.

f Against Babél: meaning ỹ Assyrians and Babylonians.

g Here it is taken for hel, where the wicked are tormented. read 2. King.23,10.

33 For i Tóphet is prepared of olde: it is euē prepared for the k King: he hathe made it l depe and large: the burning thereof *is* fyre & muche wood: the breth of the Lord, like a riuer of brimstone, doeth kindle it.

h So that their estate or degre can not exēpt the wicked.

i By these figuratiue speaches he declareth ỹ condition of ỹ wicked after this life.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 He curseth them that forsake God, and seke for the helpe of men.

1 WO vnto them that a go downe into Egypt for helpe, and stay vpon horses, and trust in charettes, because they are manie, and in horsemen, because they be very strong: but thei loke not vnto the holie one of Israél, nor b seke vnto the Lord.

a There were two special causes, why ỹ Israelites shuld de not ioyne amitie with ỹ Egyptiās: first, because the Lord had commanded them neuer to returne thether, Deu 17,16. & 28,68, left they shulde forget the benefite of their redemption: & secōdly, left they shulde be corrupted with the superstitiō & idolatrie of the Egyptians, and so forsake God, Ier.2,18.

b Meanig, that thei forsake the Lord, that put their trust in worldelie things: for thei can not trust in bothe.

2 But he yet is c wiseste: therefore he wil bring euil, and not turne backe his worde, but he wil arise against the house of the wicked, and against the helpe of them that worke vanitie.

c And knoweth their craftie enterprises & wil bring all to naught.

3 Now the Egyptians *are* men, & not God, and their horses flesh and not spirit: and when the Lord shal stretche out his hand, the d helper shal fall, and he that is holpē shal fall, and thei shal altogether faile.

d Meaning, both the the Egyptians and the Israelites.

4 For thus hathe the Lord spoken vnto me, As the lion or lions whelpe roareth vpon his praie, against whome *if* a multitude of shepherds be called, he wil not be afraide at their voice, nether wil humble him self at their noise: so shal the Lord of hostes come e downe to fight for mount Zión, and for the hill thereof.

e He sheweth the Iewes, that if thei wolde put their trust in him, he is so able, that none can resist his power: and so careful ouer thē, as a bird ouer her yōg, which euer flieth about them for their defence: which similitude the Scripture vseth in diuerse

5 As birdes that flie, so shal the Lord of hostes defend Ierusalém by defending and deliuering, by passing through & preseruing it.

6 O ye children of Israél, turne againe, in asmuche as ye are f sunken depe in rebellion.

f He toucheth their conscience that thei might earnestly sele their grieuous sinnes and so truely repent, forasmuche as now thei are almost drowned and past recouerie.

7 For in that day euerie man shal g cast out his idoles of siluer, and his idoles of golde, which your hands haue made you, *euē* a sinne.

g By these frutes your repentance shalbe knowen, as Chap.2,18.

8 Thē shal Asshúr fall by h the sworde, not of man, nether shal the sworde of man

h When your repentace appeareth.

places, as Deut. 32,11. matt.23,37.

deuoure him, and he ſhal flé fró the ſworde, and his yong men ſhal faint.

9 And he ſhal go for feare to his [i] towre, & his princes ſhal be afraide of the ſtandart, ſaith the Lord, whoſe [k] fyre is in Zión, and his fornace in Ieruſalém.

i This was accompliſhed ſone after whē Sancheribs armie was diſcomfited, and he fled to his caſtell in Nineueh for ſuccour

k To deſtroye his enemies.

CHAP. XXXII.

The conditions of good rulers and officers deſcribed by the gouernement of Hezekiah, who was the figure of Chriſt.

1 BEholde, [a] a King ſhal reigne in iuſtice, & the princes ſhal rule [b] in iudgement.

2 And *that* man ſhalbe as an hiding place from the winde, and as a refuge for the tẽpeſt, as riuers of water in a drye place, *and* as the ſhadowe of a great rocke in [c] a wearie land.

3 The eyes of [d] the ſeing ſhal not be ſhut, and the eares of them that heare, ſhal hearken.

4 And the heart of the fooliſh ſhal vnderſtand knowledge, and the tongue of the ſtutters ſhalbe ready to ſpeake diſtinctly.

5 A [e] nigarde ſhal no more be called liberal, nor the churle riche.

6 But the nigarde wil ſpeake of nigardnes, and his heart wil worke iniquitie, and do wickedly, and ſpeake falſely againſt the Lord, to make emptie the hungrie ſoule, and to cauſe the drinke of the thirſtie to faile.

7 For the weapons of the churle *are* wicked: he diuiſeth wicked counſels, to vndo the poore with lying wordes, and to ſpeake *againſt* the poore in iudgement.

8 But the liberal man wil diuiſe of liberal things, and he wil continue *his* liberalitie.

9 ¶Riſe vp, ye womẽ that are at eaſe: heare my voyce, ye [f] careles daughters: hearkẽ to my wordes.

10 Ye womẽ, that are careleſs, ſhalbe in feare [g] aboue a yere in dayes: [h] for the vintage ſhal faile, & the gathering ſhal come no more.

11 Ye women, that are at eaſe, be aſtonied: feare, ô ye careles womẽ put of the clothes: make bare, and girde *ſacke clothe* vpon the loynes.

12 Men ſhal lament for the [i] teates, *euen* for the pleaſant fields, & for the fruteful vine.

13 Vpon the land of my people ſhal growe thornes & briers: yea, vpon all the houſes of ioye in the citie of reioycing,

14 Becauſe the [j] palace ſhalbe forſaken, *and* the [k] noyſe of ỹ citie ſhalbe left: the towre & fortreſſe ſhal be dennes for euer, & the delite of wilde aſſes, *and* a paſture for flockes,

15 Vntil the [l] Spirit be powred vpon vs from aboue, and the wildernes become a fruteful field, & the [m] plenteous field be counted as a foreſt.

16 And iudgemẽt ſhal dwell in the deſert, & iuſtice ſhal remaine in the fruteful field.

17 And the worke of iuſtice ſhalbe peace, euen the worke of iuſtice & quietnes, and aſſurance for euer.

18 And my people ſhal dwell in the tabernacle of peace and in ſure dwellings, & in ſafe reſting places.

19 Whē it haileth, it ſhal fall on the foreſt, and the [n] citie ſhalbe ſet in the lowe place.

20 Bleſſed are ye [o] that ſowe vpon all waters, and [p] driue *thether* the fete of the oxe and the aſſe.

a This propheſie is of Hezekiah who was a figure of Chriſt, & therefore it ought chiefly to be referred to him

b By iudgemẽt and iuſtice is mẽt an vpright gouernment, both in policie & religiõ

c Where men are wearie & ſtriuling, for lacke of water

d He promiſeth to giue the true light, which is the pure doctrine of Gods worde, & vnderſtãding, and zeale of the ſame, contrarie to ỹ threatnings againſt ỹ wicked, Chap 6, 9. & 29 10

e Vice ſhal no more be called vertue, nor vertue eſteemed by power, and riches.

f He propheſieth of ſuche calamitie to come, that thei wil not ſpare the women & children, and therefore willeth them to take hede and prouide

g Meaning, ỹ the affliction ſhulde continue long, and when one yere were paſt, yet they ſhulde loke for newe plagues

h God wil take from you ỹ meanes and occaſions, which made you to contemne him, to wit, abundãce of worldly goods

i By the teates he meaneth ỹ pleaſaũt fieldes, whereby men are nouriſhed, as children with the teate or the mothers ſorow, & leanes ſhal lacke milke

Or, multitude

k That is, when the Church ſhal be reſtored thus the Prophetes after they haue denoũced Gods iudgements againſt the wicked, vſe to comfort the godly, leſt they ſhulde faint.

l The field which is now fruteful, ſhalbe but as a barē foreſt in compariſon of ỹ it ſhalbe then, as Chap 29, 17. which ſhalbe fulfilled in Chriſts time: for then they that were before as the barē wildernes, being regenerat, ſhalbe fruteful, and they that had ſome beginning of godlines ſhal bring forthe fruites in ſuch abundance, ỹ their former life ſhal ſeme but as a wildernes, where no fruites were

m They ſhal not nede to build or it in thē places for feare of the enemie for God wil defend it and tume away the ſtormes from hurting of their commodities

n That is, vpon ſuche ground & wel watered, which bringeth forth in abundance or in places which before were couered with waters, and now made dry for your vſes

o The fields ſhal be ſo rancke, that they ſhal ſuffer their cattel to eat vp the firſt croppe, which abundance in deede ſignifies of Gods fauour and loue towards them

CHAP. XXXIII.

The deſtruction of them, by whome God hathe puniſhed his Church.

1 WO to thee that [a] ſpoileſt, and waſt not ſpoiled: and doeſt wickedly, and thei did not wickedly againſt thee: whē thou ſhalt [b] ceaſe to ſpoile, thou ſhalt be ſpoyled. when thou ſhalt make an end of doing wickedly, [c] they ſhal do wickedly againſt thee.

2 [d] O Lord, haue mercie vpon vs, we haue waited for thee be thou, *which* [e] *waſt* their arme in the morning, our helpe alſo in time of trouble.

3 At the noiſe of the tumult, the [f] people fled, at thine [g] exalting the nations were ſcatered.

4 And your ſpoile ſhal be gathered *like* the gathering of [h] caterpillers. and [i] he ſhal go againſt him like the leaping of graſſhoppers.

5 The Lord is exalted: for he dwelleth on hie: he hathe filled Zión with iudgement and iuſtice.

6 And there ſhalbe ſtabilitie of [k] thy times, ſtrength, ſaluacion, wiſdome & knowledge: *for* ỹ feare of the Lord ſhalbe his treaſure.

7 Beholde, [l] their meſſengers ſhal crye without, and the [m] ambaſſadours of peace ſhal wepe bitterly.

8 The [n] paths are waſte: the waifaring man ceaſeth: he hathe broken the couenant: he hathe contemned the cities: he regarded no man.

9 The earth mourneth and fainteth: Lebanón is a ſhamed, and hewen downe: [o] Sharon is

a Meaning the enemies of the Church, as were ỹ Chaldeãs, and Aſſyrians but chiefly of Sancherib, but not onely.

b Whē thine appointed time ſhal come that God ſhal take away thy power & that which thou haſt wrongfully gotten, ſhalbe giuen to others, as Amos 9. 11

c The Chaldeans ſhal do like to the Aſſyrians, as the Aſſyrians did to Iſrael and the Medes, & Perſians ſhal do the ſame to the Chaldeãs.

d He declareth hereby what is the chiefe refuge of the faithful when troubles come to pray & ſeke helpe of God.

e Which helpedſt our fathers ſo ſone as they called vpon thee

f That is, the Aſſyrians fled before the armie of ỹ Chaldeãs, or ỹ Chaldeans for feare of the Medes and Perſians

g When thou, ô Lord, dideſt liſt vp thine arme to puniſh thine enemies.

h Ye that as caterpillers deſtroied with your nomber ỹ whole worlde, ſhal haue no ſtrength to reſiſt your enemies the Chaldeans, but ſhal be gathered on an heape and deſtroied

i Meaning the Medes & Perſians againſt the Chaldeans.

k That is, in the dayes of Hezekiáh.

l Sent from Sancherib

m Whome thei of Ieruſalém ſent to intreat of peace.

n Theſe are the wordes of the ambaſſadours, when thei returne from Sancherib

o Which was a plentiful countrei, meaning, that Sancherib wolde deſtroy all.

rón is like a wildernes, and Baſhán is ſhaken and Carmél.

10 Now wil I p ariſe, ſaith the Lord: now wil I be exalted, now wil I lift vp my ſelf.

11 q Ye ſhal conceiue chaffe, & bring forthe ſtubble: the fyre of your breth ſhal deuoure you.

12 And the people ſhalbe *as* the burning of lime: & *as* the thornes cut vp, ſhal they be burnt in the fyre.

13 Heare, ye that are r farre of, what I haue done, & ye that are neie, knowe my power.

14 The ſ ſinners in Zión are afraied: a feare is come vpon the hypocrites: who among vs ſhal dwell with the deuouríg fyre? who among vs ſhal dwell with the euerlaſting burnings?

15 He that walketh in iuſtice, and ſpeaketh righteous thigs, refuſing gaine of oppreſſion, ſhaking his hands from taking of giftes, ſtopping his eares from hearing of blood, and ſhutting his eyes from ſeing euil.

16 He ſhal dwell on t hye: his defence *ſhalbe* the munitions of rockes: bread ſhalbe giuen him, & his waters ſhal be ſure.

17 Thine eyes ſhal u ſe the King in his glorie: they ſhal beholde the land x farre of.

18 Thine heart y ſhal meditate feare, Where is the ſcribe? where is the receauer? where is he that counted the towres?

19 Thou ſhalt not ſe a fierce people, a people of a darke ſpeache, that thou canſt not perceiue, & of a ſtammering tongue that thou canſt not vnderſtand.

20 Loke vpon Zión the citie of our ſolemne feaſtes: thine eyes ſhal ſe Ieruſalém a quiet habitacion, a Tabernacle that can not be remoued: & the ſtakes thereof can neuer be taken away, nether ſhal any of the cordes thereof be broken.

21 For ſurely there the mightie Lord *wilbe* vnto vs, *as* a place z of floods & brode riuers, whereby ſhal paſſe no ſhippe with ores, nether ſhal great ſhip paſſe thereby.

22 For the Lord *is* our iudge, the Lord *is* our law giuer. the Lord *is* our King, he wil ſaue vs.

23 Thy a cordes are looſed. they colde not wel ſtrengthen their maſt, nether colde they ſpread the ſaile: thē ſhal the b pray be deuided for a great ſpoyle: *yea*, the lame ſhal take awaie the pray.

24 And none inhabitant ſhal ſay, I am ſicke: the people that dwell therein, ſhal haue their iniquitie forgiuen.

p To helpe & deliuer my Church

q This is ſpoken againſt the enemies, who thogh t all was their owne but he ſheweth ỹ their enterpriſe ſhal be in vaine, & that ỹ fyre, wch they had kidled for others, ſhuld cõſume them

r His vẽgeance ſhal be ſo great that all ỹ world de ſhal talke thereof

ſ Which do not beleue the wordes of the Prophet & the aſſurance of their deliuerance

t Meaning that God wilbe a ſure defence to all them that liue according to his worde.

u That ſhal ſe Hezekiáh deliuered frō his enemies & reſtored to honour & glorie.

x That ſhalbe no more ſhut in as they were by Sancherib, but go where it pleaſeth thē

y Before ỹ this libertie cometh, ỹ ſhalt thinke ỹ thou art in great dãger for ỹ enemie ſhal ſo ſharpely aſſaile you, ỹ one ſhal cry, Where is the clarke that writ th ỹ names of thē ỹ are taxed? another, Where is there receiuer? another ſhal crye for him ỹ valueth ỹ riche houſes, but God wil deliuer you from this feare

z Let vs bee cõtẽt wt this ſmale riuer of Shiloah, & not deſire the great ſtreames & riuers, whereby ỹ enemies may bring in ſhippes & deſtroy vs

a He derideth ỹ Aſſyrians & enemies of the Church, declaring their deſtructiõ is then ſhal periſh by ſhipwreke

b He conforteth ỹ Church, & ſheweth ỹ this ſhalbe enriſhed wt al ſo be riches both of bodie & ſoule.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

He ſheweth that God puniſheth the wicked for the loue that he beareth toward his Church.

COme neie, ye a nations and heare, and hearken, ye people. let the earth heare and all that is therein, the worlde and all that procedeth thereof.

2 For the indignation of the Lord *is* vpon all nations, and *his* wrath vpon all their armies: he hathe b deſtroied thē & deliuered them to the ſlaughter.

3 And their ſlaine ſhalbe caſt out, and their ſtincke ſhal come vp out of their bodies, and the mountaines ſhalbe melted with their blood.

4 And all the hoſte of heauen c ſhal be diſſolued, and the heauens ſhal be folden like a boke: and all their hoſtes ſhal fall as the leafe falleth from the vine, and as it falleth from the figtre.

5 For my ſworde ſhalbe d dronken in the heauen. beholde, it ſhal come downe vpon Edóm, euen vpon the people of e my curſe to iudgement.

6 The ſworde of the Lord is filled with blood: it is made fat with the fat & with the blood of the f lambes and the goats, with the fat of the kidneis of the rams: for the Lord hathe a ſacrifice in g Bozráh, and a great ſlaughter in the land of Edóm.

7 And the h vnicornes ſhal come downe with them and the heiffers with the bulls, and their land ſhal be dronkē with blood, and their duſt made fat with fatnes.

8 For *it is* the day of the Lords vengeance, *and* the yere of recompẽce for the iudgement of Zión.

9 And the riuers thereof ſhalbe turned in to pitch, & the duſt thereof into i brimſtone, and the land thereof ſhalbe burning pitch.

10 It ſhal not be quenched night nor day: the ſmoke thereof ſhal go vp euermore. it ſhal be deſolate from generation to generation: none ſhal paſſe through it for euer.

11 But the pelicane k & the hedgehog ſhal poſſeſſe it, and the great owle, & the rauẽ ſhal dwell in it, & he ſhal ſtretch out vpon it the line l of vanitie, and the ſtones of emptines.

12 m The nobles thereof ſhal call to the kingdome, and there ſhalbe none, and all the princes thereof ſhalbe *as* nothing.

13 And it ſhal bring for thornes in ỹ palaces thereof, nettles & thiſtles in ỹ ſtrong holdes thereof, and it ſhalbe an habitacion for dragons and a court for oſtriches.

14 There ſhal n mete alſo Ziim and Iim, and the Satyre ſhal crye to his fellowe, and the ſhriche owle ſhal reſt there, & ſhal finde for her ſelf a quiet dwelling.

15 There o ſhal the owle make her neſt, and lay, and hatche, and gather thē vnder her ſhadowe: there ſhal ỹ vultures alſo be gathered, euerie one with her make.

16 Seke in the p boke of the Lord & reade: none of q theſe ſhal faile, none ſhal wante her make: for his mouth hathe cõmaunded, & his verie Spirit hathe gathered them.

a He propheſieth of ỹ deſtruction of ỹ Edomites, and other natiõs which were enemies to the Church.

b God hathe determined in his counſel & hathe grieuous cause for their deſtruction

c He ſpeaketh this in reſpect of mans iudgement, who in great feare & horrible troubles thinketh that heauen & earth periſheth

d I haue determined in my ſecret counſel & in the heauẽs to deſtroy the til my ſworde be weary with ſhedíg blood

e The Iewes had an opiniõ of holines becauſe they came of the Patriarke Izhak, but in deede were accurſed of God & enemies vnto his Church, as ỹ Prophets are.

f Lambes, Goates, bothe of yong & olde people & riche of all ſexes & maners

g In it famous citie Sirabe cõſumed as a ſacrifice burnt to aſhes

h The mightie & riche ſhal be as well deſtroyed as the inferiours.

i He alludeth to ỹ deſtruciõ of Sodóm and Gomoráh, Gen 19,24.

k Read Chap. 13,22 and Zephan 2,14.

l In vaine ſhal anie men go about to buylde it againe

m Meaning, there ſhalbe neither gouernor nor people, nor ſtate of cõmune weale.

n Read Chap. 13,21

o Signifying ỹ let them ſhilde be in deſolate & deſolate and barẽ buildings

p That is, in ỹ Law, wherein Gods threatnings were recorded

q So yt no beaſt ſhal want her make

r That is, the mouth of ỹ Lord.

f He hathe giuen the beastes and foules Idumea for an inheritance.

And he hathe cast the f lot for them, and his hãd hathe diuided it vnto them by line: thei shal possesse it for euer: from generacion to generacion shal thei dwell in it.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 The great ioye of them that beleue in Christ, 3 Their office which preache the Gospel. 4 The frutes that followe thereof.

a He propheciseth of the ful restauratiõ of the Church bothe of the Iewes and Gentiles vnder Christ, which shalbe fully accomplished at ỹ last day: albeit as yet it is cõpared to a desert and wildernes.

1 a THe desert and the wildernes shal reioyce: and the waste grounde shalbe glad and florish as the rose.

2 It shal florish abundantly & shal greatly reioyce also and ioy: the glorie of Lebanón shalbe giuen vnto it: the beautie of b Carmél, and of Sharón, they shal se the glorie of the Lord, & the excellẽcie of our God.

b The Church ẅ was before compared to a baren wildernes, shal by Christ be made moste plenteous and beautiful.

3 d Strengthen the weake hands, & comfort the feble knees.

4 Say vnto them that are feareful, Be you strõg, feare not: beholde, your God commeth with e vengeance: *euen* God with a recompence, he wil come and saue you.

c He sheweth ỹ the presence of God is the cause that the Church doeth bring forthe frute and florish

5 Thẽ shal the eyes of the f blinde be lightened, and the eares of the deafe be opened.

d He willeth all to encourage one an other, and specially the ministers to exhort & strẽg then the weake, ỹ thei may patiently abide the comig of God, ẅ is at hand

6 Then shal the lame man leape as an hart, & the dõme mans tongue shal sing: for in the g wildernes shal waters breake out, & riuers in the desert.

e To destroy your enemies.

7 And the drye grounde shal be as a poole, and the thistle (as springs of water in the habitation of dragõs: where thei lay) *shal be* a place for redes and rushes.

f When the knowledge of Christis reuerled.

8 And there shalbe a path and a way, and the way shalbe called h holy: the polluted shal not passe by it: for i he shalbe with them, and walke in the way, and the fooles shal not erre.

g They ỹ were baren & destitute of ỹ graces of God. shal haue them giuen by Christ.

9 There shalbe no lyon, nor noisome beastes shal ascend by it, nether shal they be founde there, that the redemed may walke.

h It shalbe for ỹ Saits of God & not for the wicked

10 Therefore the l redemed of the Lord shal returne and come to Zión with praise: and euerlasting ioy shal be vpon their heads: thei shal obtaine ioy and gladnes, & sorowe and mourning shal flee away.

i God shal lead and guide them, alluding to the bringing forthe of Egypt

k As he threatened to the wicked to be destroied hereby, Chap. 30, 6.

l Whome the Lord shal deliuer from the captiuitie of Babylon.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Sancherib sendeth Rabshakéh to besege Ierusalém. 15 His blasphemies against God.

a This historie I is rehearsed, bicause it is as a seale & confirmation of the doctrine afore, bothe for the threatnings & promises to wit, that God wolde suffer his Church to be afflicted, but at length wolde send deliuerance

NOw a in the b fourteenth yere of King Hezekiáh, Sancherib King of Asshúr came vp against all the strong cities of Iudáh, and toke them.

2 And the King of Asshúr sent Rabshakéh frõ Lachísh toward Ierusalém vnto King Hezekiáh, with a great hoste, and he stode by the conduite of the vpper poole in the path of the fullers field.

restored religion, yet God wolde exercise his Church to trye their faith and patience.

b When he had abolished superstition, & idolatrie, &

3 Then came forthe vnto him Eliakím the sonne of Hilkiáh the c steward of the house, and Shebná d the chanceller, and Ioah the sonne of Asáph the recorder.

c For he was now restored to his office, as Isaiáh had prophecied, Chap 22, 20

4 And e Rabshakéh said vnto them, Tel you Hezekiáh, I pray you, Thus saith the great King, the King of Asshúr, What confidence is this, wherein thou trusteste?

d This declareth that there were fewe godlie to be founde in the Kigs house, whe he was driuen to send this wicked man in sũche a weightie matter

5 I saie, f Surely *I haue* eloquence, *but* counsel and strength *are* for the warre: on whome then doeste thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

e Sancheribs chiefe captaine.

6 Lo, thou trusteste in this broken staffe of rede on Egypt, whereupon if a man leane, it wil go into his hand, and perce it: so *is* g Pharaóh King of Egypt, vnto all that trust in him.

f He speaketh this in the persone of Hezekiah, falsely charging him, that he put his trust in his wit and eloquence, where as his onelie confidẽce was in the Lord

7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the Lord our God. Is not that he, whose hie places and whose altars Hezekiáh toke downe, and said to Iudáh and to Ierusalém, Ye shal worship before this altar?

g Satan laboreth to pul the godlie King from one vaine confidence to another. to wit, from trust in ỹ Egyptiãs, whose power was weake & wold deceiue them: to yelde him self to ỹ Assyrians and (o not to hope for any helpe of God

8 Now therefore giue hostages to my lord the King of Asshúr, & I wil giue thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy parte to set riders vpon them.

*Or, turne backe

9 For how canst thou *despise anie captaine of the h least of my lords seruants: and put thy trust on Egypt for charets and for horsemen?

h He reprocheth to Hezekiáh his smale power, which is not able to resist one of Sancheribs least captaines

10 And am I now come vp without ỹ Lord to this land to destroy it? The Lord said vnto me, i Go vp against this land & destroy it.

i Thus the wicked to deceiue vs, wil pretend the Name of ỹ Lord but we must trye the spirits, whether thei be of God or no

11 ¶ Then said Eliakím, and Shebná and Ioáh vnto Rabshakéh, k Speake, I pray thee, to thy seruants in the Aramites language, (for we vnderstand it) and talke not with vs in the Iewes tongue, in the audience of the people that are on the wall.

k Thei were afraid, lest by his wordes he shulde haue stirred the people against the King, and also pretended to growe to some appointment with him.

12 Then said Rabshakéh, Hathe my master sent me to thy master, & to thee to speake these wordes, and not to the men that sit on the wall? that they may eat their owne doung, and drinke their owne " pisse with you?

" *Ebr. the waters of their feete.*

13 So Rabshakéh stode, & cryed with a loude voyce in the Iewes language, and said, Heare the wordes of the great King, of ỹ King of Asshúr.

14 Thus saith the King, Let not Hezekiáh deceiue you: for he shal not be able to deliuer you.

15 Nether let Hezekiáh make you to trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord wil surely deliuer vs: this citie shal not be giuen ouer into the hand of the King of Asshúr.

l The Ebrewe word signifieth blessing whereby this wicked captaine wolde haue persuaded ỹ people, that their condition shulde be better vnder Sancherib then vnder Hezekiah

16 Hearken not to Hezekiáh: for thus saith the King of Asshúr, Make l appointment with me, and come out to me, that euerie man may eat of his owne vine, and euerie man of his owne figtre, and drinke euerie

man the water of his owne well,
27 Till I come and bring you to a land like your owne land, *euen* a land of wheat and wine, a land of bread and vineyardes,
28 Lest Hezekiah discreiue you, seying, The Lord wil deliuer vs. Hathe anie of ỹ gods of the naciõs deliuered his land out of the hand of the King of Asshúr?
m That is, of Antiochia in Syria, of ẽwhiche two other cities also were wherby we se how euery towne had his peculiar idole and how the wicked make God an idole, because they do not vnderstãd that God mitigeth them his scourge & punisheth cities for sinne
n Neither did they did not mowe by euident signes ỹ their idol detest his blasphemie for whi had now rent their clothes, but they knewe it was in vaine to vse lõg reasoning with this infidel, whose rage ther shulde haue so much more prouoked
29 Where is the god of m Hamáth, and of Arpád? Where is the god of Sepharuáim? or how haue they deliuered Samaria out of mine hand?
30 Who is he among all the gods of these lands, that hathe deliuered their countrey out of mine hand, that the Lord shulde deliuer Ierusalém out of mine hand?
31 Then they n kept silence, and answered him not a worde: for the Kings commandement was, saying, Answer him not.
32 Then came Eliakím the sonne of Hilkiáh the steward of the house, and Shebná the chancellor, and Ioáh the sonne of Asaph the recorder, vnto Hezekiáh with rẽt clothes, and tolde him the wordes of Rabshakéh.

Chap XXXVII
2 *King 19,1.*
a In signe of grief and repentance
b To haue cõfort of him by the worde of God, that his faith might be confirmed and so his prayer be more earnest teaching hereby that in all dãgers these two are the onelie remedies to seke vnto God and his ministers
c We are in as great sore we as a woman ỹ trauaileth of childe, and cannot be deliuered
d That is, will declare by effect that he hathe heard it for when God differreth to punish, it seemeth to the flesh, that he knoweth not ỹ sinne, or heareth not the cause
e Declaring, ỹ the ministers office doeth not onely stãd in cõfort ing by the worde, but also in praying for the people

CHAP. XXXVII.

Hezekiáh asketh counsel of Isaiáh, who promiseth him the Victorie 10 The blasphemie of Sancherib 16 Hezekiahs prayer. 36 The armie of Sancherib is slayne of the Angel. 38 And he him self of his owne sonnes.

1 AND *whẽ the King Hezekiáh heard it, he a rent his clothes, and put on sackecloth & came into the House of the Lord.
2 And he sent Eliakím the steward of the house, and Shebná the chancellor, with the Elders of the Priests, clothed in sackecloth vnto b Isaiáh the Prophet, the sonne of Amóz.
3 And they said vnto him, Thus saith Hezekiáh, This day is a day of tribulacion & of rebuke and blasphemie: for the children are come to the c birth, and there is no strength to bring forthe.
4 If so be the Lord thy God hathe d heard the wordes of Rabshakéh, whome the King of Asshúr his master hathe sent to raile on ỹ liuing God, & to reproche him with wordes which ỹ Lord thy God hathe heard, then e lift thou vp *thy* praier for the remnant that are left.
5 So the seruants of the King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
6 And Isaiah said vnto them, Thus say vnto your master, Thus saith the Lord, Be not afraied of the wordes that thou hast heard, wherewith the seruants of the King of Asshúr haue blasphemed me.
7 Beholde, I wil send a blast vpon him, & he shal heare a f noise, and retu ne to his owne land, and I wil cause him to fall by the sworde in his owne land.
8 ¶ So Rabshakéh returned, and founde the King of Asshúr fighting against g Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed frõ Lachísh.
9 He heard also men say of Tirhakáh, King of Ethiopia, *Behold*, he is come out to fight against thee: and when he heard it, he sent *other* messengers to Hezekiáh, saying,
10 Thus shal ye speake to Hezekiáh King of Iudáh, saying, Let not thy God h deceiue thee, in whome thou trustest, saying, Ierusalém shal not be giuen into the hand of the King of Asshúr.
11 Beholde, thou hast heard what ỹ Kings of Asshúr haue done to all lands in destroying them, & shalt thou be deliuered?
12 Haue the gods of the nacions deliuered them, which my fathers haue destroyed? as Gozán, and k Harán, and Rézeph, and the children of Eden, which were at Telassár?
13 Where is the King of Hamáth, and the King of Arpád, and the King of the citie of Sepharuáim, Hena and Iuáh?
14 ¶ So Hezekiáh receiued the letter of the hand of the messengers and red it, and he went vp into the House of the Lord, and Hezekiáh spred it before the Lord.
15 And Hezekiáh praied vnto the Lord, saying,
16 O Lord of hostes, God of Israél, which l dwellest betwene the Cherubims, thou art very God alone ouer all the kingdomes of the earth: thou hast made the heauen & the earth.
17 Encline thine eare, ô Lord, and heare: open thine eyes, ô Lord, and se, and heare all the wordes of Sancherib, who hathe sent to blaspheme the liuing God.
18 Trueth it is, ô Lord, that the Kings of Asshúr haue destroyed all lands, & m their countrey,
19 And haue cast their gods in the fyre: for they were no gods, but the worke of mans hands, *euen* wood or stone: therefore they destroyed them.
20 Now therefore, ô Lord our God, saue thou vs out of his hand, that n all the kingdomes of the earth may knowe, that thou onely art the Lord.
21 ¶ Then Isaiáh the sonne of Amóz sent vnto Hezekiáh, saying, Thus saith ỹ Lord God of Israél, Because thou hast prayed vnto me, concerning Sancherib King of Asshúr,
22 This is the worde that the Lord hathe spoken against him, O o virgine, daughter of Zión, he hathe despised thee, & laughed thee to scorne: ô daughter of Ierusalém, he hathe shaken his head at thee.
23 Whome hast thou railed on & blasphemed? and against whome hast thou exalted

f Of the Egyptians and Ethiopians, that shal come and fight against him.
g Which was a citie toward Egypt, thinking thereby to haue staied ỹ force of his enemies.
h Thus God wolde haue him to vtter a more horrible blasphemie before his destruction as to call that author of all trueth, a deceiuer: and gather hereby, ỹ Shebnáh had disclosed vnto Sanherib ỹ answer ỹ Isaiáh sent to the King
i Which was a citie of the Medes
k Called also Charre a citie in Mesopotamia, whence Abraham came after his fathers death.
l He groũdeth his praier on Gods promes, who promised to hearc them from betwene the Cherubis
m Meaning of the ten tribes
n He declareth for what cause he praied, ỹ they might be deliuered, to wit, ỹ God might be glorified thereby through all ỹ worlde
o Whome God had chosen to him self as a chaste virgine, and ouer whome he had care to preserue her from ỹ iustes of ỹ tyrãt, as a father wolde ouer his daughter.

thy voyce,& lifted vp thine eyes on hie: *euen* against the p holy one of Israél.

p Declaring hereby that they that are enemies to Gods Church, fight against him, whose quarel his Church onely maintaineth

24 By thy seruants hast thou railed on the Lord, and said, By the multitude of my chariets I am come vp to the top of the mountaines to the sides of Lebanón, and wil cut downe the hie cedres thereof, *and* the faire fyrre trees thereof, and I wil go vp to the heights of his toppe & to the forest of his fruteful places.

q He boasteth of his policie, in that that he can finde meanes to nourish his armie and of his power, in that that his armie is so great, that it is able to drye vp whole riuers, and to destroy the waters, w the sewes had closed in

25 I haue digged q & dronke the waters, & with the plant of my fete haue I dryed all the riuers closed in.

r Signifying y God made not his Church to destroy it, but to preserue it, & therefore he saieth that he formed it of olde, enē in his eternal counsel, which cā not be chāged

26 Hast thou not heard how I haue of olde time madé it, r and haue formed it long ago? & shulde I now bring it, that it shulde be destroyed, *and layed* on ruinous heapes, *as* cities defensed?

Ebr. are short in hand

27 Whose inhabitants" haue smale power, & are afraied & confounded: they are like the graisse of the field and grene herbe, *or* graisse on the house toppes, or corne blasted s afore it be growen.

s He sheweth that the state and power of moste florishig cities ēdureth but a momět in respect of the Church, w shal remaine for euer, because God is y maintainer therof

28 But I knowe thy dwelling, & thy t going out, and thy comming in, and thy furie against me.

t Meaning, his counsels & enterprises

29 Because thou rageste against me, and thy tumult is come vp vnto mine eares, therefore wil I put mine u hoke in thy nostrels, and my bridle in thy lippes, and wil bring thee backe againe the same way y x camest.

u Because Sancherib shewed him self, as a deuouring fish & furious beast, he vseth these similitudes, to teache how he wil take him and guide him

30 And this shalbe a y signe vnto thee, *o Hezekiáh*, Thou shalt eat this yere suche as groweth of it self. and the z second yere, suche things as grow without sowīg: and in the third yere, sow ye and reape, & plant vineyardes, & eat the frute thereof.

x Thou shalt loose thy labour

31 And a the remnant that is escaped of the house of Iudáh, shal againe take roote downeward and beare frute vpward.

y God giueth signes after ẅ sortes: some go before the thing, as y signes y Moses wroght in Egypt, which were for the confirmacion of their faith: an I some go after y thing, as y sacrifice, w they were commāded to make thre daies after their departure & these later are to kepe the benefits of God in our remembrance, of the which sorte this here is.

32 For out of Ierusalém shal go a remnant, & they that escape out of mount Zión: the zeale of the Lord of hostes shal do this.

z He promiseth that for two yeres the grounde of it self shulde fede them

33 Therefore thus saith the Lord, concerning y King of Asshúr, He shal not enter into this citie, nor shoote an arrowe there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a mount against it.

a They whome God had deliuered out of the hands of the Assyrians, shal prosper. and this properly belongeth to the Church

34 By the same way that he came, he shal returne, and not come into this citie, saith the Lord.

35 For I wil defend this citie to saue it, for mine owne sake, & for my seruāt b Dauids sake.

b For my promes sake made to Dauid

36 ¶* Then the Angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the campe of Asshúr an hundreth, foure score, and fiue thousand: so when they arose early in the morning, beholde, they were all dead corpses.

37 So Sancherib King of Asshúr departed, and went away and returned and dwelt at c Nincuéh.

38 And as he was in the temple worshiping of Nisióch his god, Adramélech & Sharézer his sonnes slewe him w the sworde, and they escaped into the land of d Ararát: and d Esarhaddon his sonne reigned in his stead.

c Which was the chiefest citie of the Assyrians

d Or *Armenia*.

d Who was also called Sardanapalus in whose dayes ten yeres after Sancheribs death, the Chaldeans ouercame y Assyrians by Merodach their king

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 Hezekiáh is sicke. 5 He is restored to health by the Lord, and liueth fiftene yeres after. 10 He giueth thanke for his benefit

Chap XXXVIII

1 ABout* that a time was Hezekiáh sicke vnto the death, and the Prophet Isaiáh sonne of Amóz came vnto him, and said vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, Put thine house in an oidre, for thou shalt dye, and not liue.

2 King 20,1. 2 chro 32,24.

a Sone after that the Assyrians were slayne so that God wil haue the exercise of his childrē continual, that they may learne only to depend vpō God & aspire to y heauens

2 Then Hezekiáh b turned his face to the wall, and praied to the Lord,

b For his heart was touched w feare of Gods iudgement, seing he had appointed him to dye, so quickely after his deliuerance frō so great calamitie, as one vnworthie to remaine in y estate, & also foreseing the great change, y shulde come in the Church, forasmuche as he left no sonne to reigne after him (or is yet Manasseh was not borne & when he reigned, we se what a tyrant he was

3 And said, I beseche thee, Lord, remember now how I haue walked before thee in trueth, & with a perfite heart, and haue done that which is good in thy sight: & Hezekiah wept sore.

4 ¶ Then came the worde of the Lord to Isaiáh, saying,

5 Go, & say vnto Hezekiáh, Thus saith the Lord God of Dauid thy father, I haue heard thy praier, & sene thy teares: beholde, I wil adde vnto thy daies fiftene yeres.

c He doeth not onely promise to prolong his life, but to giue him rest & quietnes from the Assyrians, who might haue renued their armie to reuenge their former discomfiture.

6 And I wil deliuer thee c out of the hand of the King of Asshúr, and this citie: for I wil defend this citie.

7 And d this signe shalt thou haue of the Lord, that y Lord wil do this thing, that he hathe spoken,

d For Hezekiáh had asked for y confirmacīo of his faith a signe, as vers 22 and 2. King 20,8

8 Beholde, I wil bring againe y shadowe of the degrees (whereby it is gone downe in y dial of Ahaz by the e sunne) ten degrees backeward: so the sūne returned by tē degrees, by the w degrees it was gone downe.

wh reunto he was moued by y singular mocion of Gods Spirit

e Read 2 King 20,10

9 f The writing of Hezekiáh King of Iudah, when he had bene sicke, and was recouered of his sickenes.

f He left this song of his lamentacion & thankesgiuing to all posterite, as a monument of his owne infirmitie & thākeful heart for Gods benefites, as Dauid did, Psal 51

10 I said in y g cutting of of my daies, I shal go to y gates of the graue: I am depriued of the residue of my yeres.

g At what time it was told me, that I shulde dye

11 I said, h I shal not se the Lord, *euen* the Lord in the land of the liuing: I shal se man no more amōg the inhabitants of the worlde.

h I shal no more praise the Lord here in his Temple among the faithful thus God suffreth his deerest children to want his consolacion for a time.

12 Mine habitacion is departed, and is remoued from me, like a shepherds tent: I i haue cut of like a weauer my life: he wil cut me of from the height: from day k to night, thou wilt make an end of me.

y his grace afterward may the more appeare whē they feele th ir owne weaknes

i By my sinne I haue prouoked God to take my life from me

13 I reckened l to the morning: but he brake

k That is, in one day, or shortly

l Our right I thoghte y I shulde liue til morning, but my pangs in the night perswaded me the contrarie he sheweth the horrour, that the faithful haue when they apprehend Gods iudgement against their sinne.

2.King.19,35.2.chro.33,21.tob.1,21.eccles.48,24.1.mac.7,41.2.mac.8,19.

all my bones, like a lion: from daie to night wilt thou make an end of me.

m I was ſo oppreſt with ſorowe, that I was not able to vtter my wordes, but onely to grone & ſigh

14 Like a crane *or* a ſwalow, ſo did I [m] chatter: I did mourne as a doue. mine eies were lift vp on hie. ô Lord, [n] it hathe oppreſſed me, comfort me.

n To wit, ſorow, and grief bothe of bodie and minde

15 What ſhal I ſaie? o for he hathe ſaid it to me, and he hathe done it: I ſhal walke [p] weakely all my yeres in the bitternes of my ſoule.

o God hathe declared by his Prophet

16 O Lord, [q] *to them* that ouerliue them, & to all *that are* in them, the life of my ſpirit *ſhalbe knowen*, that thou cauſedſt me to [r] ſlepe and haſt giuen life to me.

p I ſhal haue no releaſe, but continual ſorowes while I liue

17 Beholde, for [s] felicitie I had bitter grief, but it was thy pleaſure *to deliuer* my ſoule from the pit of corruption: for thou haſt caſt all my [t] ſinnes behinde thy backe.

q They that ſhal ouerliue the men that are now alive, and all they ỹ are in theſe yeres ſhal acknowledge this benefite

18 For [u] the grane cã not cõfeſſe thee: death can not praiſe thee: thei that go downe into the pit, can not hope for thy trueth.

r That after that thou hadeſt condemned me to death, thou reſtoredſt me to life

19 *But* the liuing, the liuing, he ſhal confeſſe thee, as I *do* this day: the father to the [x] children ſhal declare thy trueth.

s Where as I thoght to haue liued in reſt and eaſe, being deliuered from mine enemies, I had griefe vpon griefe

20 The Lord *was ready* to ſaue me: therefore we wil ſing my ſong, all the dayes of [y] our life in the Houſe of the Lord.

t He eſteemeth more the remiſſion of his ſinnes, & Gods fauour then a thouſand liues

21 Thẽ ſaid Iſaiáh, Take a lumpe of drye figges and [z] laie it vpon the boile, and he ſhal recouer.

22 Alſo Hezekiáh [a] had ſaid, What is the ſigne, that I ſhal go vp into the Houſe of the Lord?

u For aſmuche as God hathe placed man in this worlde to glorifie him, the godlie take it as a ſigne of his wrath when their dayes were ſhortened, either becauſe that they ſemed vnworthie for their ſinnes to liue longer in his ſeruice, or for their zeale to Gods glorie, ſeing that there is ſo fewe in earth, that do regarde it as Pſal 6,5 and 115,17

x All poſteritie ſhal acknowledge, and accordíng to their ouerie toward their children ſhal inſtruct them in thy graces, & mercies toward me

y He ſheweth what is the vſe of the Congregation and Church to wit, to giue the Lord thankes for his benefites

z Read 2. King 20,7.

a As verſ 7

CHAP. XXXIX.

Hezekiáh is reproued, becauſe he ſhewed his treaſures vnto the ambaſſadours of Babylon.

2.King.20,12.

1 AT *the ſame time, [a] Merodách Baladán, the ſonne of Baladán, King of Babél, ſent [b] letters, & a preſent to Hezekiáh: for he had heard that he had bene ſicke, and was recouered.

a This was ỹ firſt King of Babylõ which ouercame the Aſſyrians in ỹ tenth yere of his reigne.

b Partely moued with ỹ greatnes of ỹ miracle, partely becauſe he ſhewed him ſelf enemie to his enemies, but chiefly, becauſe he wolde ioine with thẽ whome God fauoured, and haue their helpe, if occaſion ſerued

2 And Hezekiáh was [c] glad of them, and ſhewed them the houſe of the treaſures, the ſiluer, and the golde, and the ſpices, & the precious ointement, and all the houſe of his armour, and all that was found in his treaſures: there was nothing in his houſe, nor in all his kingdome that Hezekiáh ſhewed them not.

c Read 2 King 20,13, & 2.chr. 32,25.

3 Thẽ came Iſaiáh the Prophet vnto King Hezekiáh, and ſaid vnto him, What ſaid theſe men? and from whence came they to thee? And Hezekiáh ſaid, They are come from a farre countrey vnto me, from Babél.

4 Thẽ ſaid he, What haue [d] they ſene in thine houſe? And Hezekiáh anſwered, All that is in mine houſe haue they ſene: there is nothing among my treaſures, that I haue not ſhewed them.

d He aſketh him of the particulers to make him vnderſtand the craft of the wicked, which he before being ouercome with their flatterie, and blinded with ambition colde not ſe.

5 And Iſaiáh ſaid to Hezekiáh, Heare the worde of the Lord of hoſtes,

6 Beholde, the dayes come that all that is in thine houſe, and which thy fathers haue laid vp in ſtore vntil this day, ſhalbe [e] caryed to Babél. nothing ſhalbe left, ſaith the Lord.

e By the grieuouſnes of the puniſhment is declared how greatly God deteſteth ambition & vaine glorie

7 And of thy ſonnes, that ſhal procede out of thee, & which thou ſhalt beget, ſhal they take away, and they ſhalbe [f] eunuches in the palace of the King of Babél.

f That is, officers and ſeruantes

8 [g] Then ſaid Hezekiáh to Iſaiáh, The worde of the Lord is good, which thou haſt ſpoken: and he ſaid, Yet let there be peace, and trueth in my dayes.

g Read 2. King 20,19.

CHAP. XL.

2 Remiſſion of ſinnes by Chriſt 3 The comming of Iohn Baptiſt 18 The Prophet reproueth the idolaters and them that truſt not in the Lord.

1 COmfort [a] ye, comfort ye my people, wil your God ſay.

a This is a cõſolacion for the Church, aſſuring them that thei ſhalbe neuer deſtitute of Prophetes, whereby he exhorteth the true miniſters of God that thẽ were, & thoſe alſo that ſhulde come after him, to comfort the poore afflicted, and to aſſure them of their deliuerãce bothe of body and ſoule

2 Speake comfortably to Ieruſalém, & crye vnto her, that hir [b] warrefare is accompliſhed, that her iniquitie is pardoned: for ſhe hathe receiued of the Lords hand [c] double for all her ſinnes.

b The time of her affliction

c Meaning, ſufficiẽt, as chap. 61,7 & ful correction, or double grace, where as ſhe deſerued double puniſhment

3 A [d] voyce cryeth in the [e] wildernes, [f] Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make ſtreight in the deſert a path for our God.

d To wit, of ỹ Propheres

e That is, in Babylon, and other places where they were kept in captiuitie, and miſerie

f Meaning, Cyrus and Darius which ſhulde deliuer Gods people out of captiuitie, and make them a ready way to Ieruſalem & this was fully

4 Euerie valleie ſhalbe exalted, and euerie [g] mountaine and hill ſhalbe made lowe: & the croked ſhalbe ſtreight, and the rough places plaine.

g Meaning, vnſufficiẽt, as chap. 61,7 & ful correction, or double grace, where as ſhe deſerued double puniſhment

5 And ỹ glorie of the Lord ſhalbe reueiled, and all [h] fleſh ſhal ſe it together: for the mouth of the Lord hathe ſpoken it.

h To wit, of ỹ Propheres

6 A [i] voyce ſaid, Crye. And he ſaid, What ſhal I crye? All fleſh *is* graſſe, and all the [k] grace thereof *is* as ỹ floure of the field.

i That is, in Babylon, and other places where they were kept in captiuitie, and miſerie

7 The graſſe withereth, the floure fadeth, becauſe the [l] Spirit of the Lord bloweth vpon it: ſurely the people *is* graſſe.

l Meaning, Cyrus and Darius which ſhulde deliuer Gods people out of captiuitie, and make them a ready way to Ieruſalem & this was fully

8 The graſſe withereth, ỹ floure fadeth: but thẽ worde of our God ſhal ſtãd for euer.

9 ¶ O Zión, that bringeſt good tidigs, get thee vp into the hie [n] mountaine: ô Ieruſalém, that bringeſt good tidings, lift vp thy voyce with ſtrength. lift it vp, be not afraide: ſay vnto the cities of Iudáh, Beholde [o] your God.

10 Beholde, the Lord God wil come with

accõpliſhed, whẽ Iohn ỹ Baptiſt broght tidings of Ieſus Chriſts cõming, who was the true deliuerer of his Church frõ ſinne and Satán, Mat 3,3

g Whatſoeuer may let or hinder this deliuerance, ſhalbe removed

h This miracle ſhalbe ſo great, that it ſhalbe knowen through all the worlde

i The voyce of God, which ſpake to the Prophete Iſaiáh

k Meaning, all mans wiſdome and natural powers, Iohn 1,10 1 pet 1,24

l The Spirit of God ſhal diſcouer the vanitie in all that ſeme to haue ane excellencie of them ſelues.

m Thogh cõſidering ỹ frailtie of mans nature manie of ỹ Iewes ſhulde periſh & ſo not be partakers of this deliuerance, yet Gods promiſe ſhalde be fulfilled, & they that remained, ſhulde fele ỹ frute thereof

n To publiſh this benefite through all the worlde

o He ſheweth at one worde the perfection of all mans felicitie, which is to haue Gods preſence

power, and p his arme shal rule for him: beholde, his wages is with him, & his worke before him.

11 He shal fede his flocke like a shepherd: he shal gather the lambes with his arme, & carie them in his bosome, *and* shal guide them with q yong.

12 Who hathe measured the waters in his r fist, and counted heauen with the spanne, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountaines in a weight, and the hilles in a balance?

13 Who hathe instructed the Spirit of the Lord, or *was* his coūsellour or taught him?

14 Of whome toke he counsel, and *who* instructed him and taught him in the way of iudgement, or taught him knowledge, & shewed vnto him the way of vnderstāding?

15 Beholde, the nations *are* as a droppe of a bucket, and are counted as the dust of the balāce: beholde, he taketh away the yles as a litle dust.

16 And Lebanón is not sufficient for fyre, nor the beastes thereof sufficient for a burnt offring.

17 All nations before him *are* as t nothing, and they are counted to him, lesse then nothing, and vanitie.

18 To whome then u wil ye liken God? or what similitude wil ye set vp vnto him?

19 The workeman melteth an image, or the goldesmith beateth it out in golde, or the goldesmith *maketh* siluer plates.

20 Doeth not x the poore chuse out a tre that wil not rote, for an oblation? he seketh also vnto him a cunning workeman, to prepare an image, that shal not be moued.

21 Knowe ye nothīg? haue ye not heard y it? hathe it not bene tolde you from the beginning? haue ye not vnderstād it by the z fundacion of the earth?

22 He sitteth vpon the circle of the earth, & the inhabitāts thereof *are* as grashoppers, he stretcheth out the heauēs, as a curtaine, & spreadeth thē out, as a tent to dwell in.

23 He bringeth the princes to nothing, *and* maketh the iudges of the earth, as vanitie,

24 As though they were not plāted, as though they were not sowen, as though their stocke toke no roote in the earth: for he did euē a blow vpon them, and they withered, and the whirle winde wil take them away as stubble.

25 To whome now wil ye liken me, that I shulde be like *him*, saith the holie one?

26 Lift vp your eyes on hie, and beholde, who hathe created these things, and bringeth b out their armies by nomber, and calleth them all by names, by the greatnes of *his* power and mightie strength nothing faileth.

27 Why saiest thou, ô Iaakób, and speakest ô Israél, c My waye is hid from the Lord, and my iudgement is passed ouer of my God.

28 Knowest thou not? *or* hast thou not heard, that the euerlasting God, the Lord hathe created the d ends of the earth? he nether fainteth, nor is weary there is no searching of his e vnderstanding.

29 *But* he giueth strēgth vnto him that fainteth, & vnto him that hathe no strength, he encreaseth power.

30 f Euen the yong men shal faint, and be wearie, and the yong men shal stumble and fall.

31 But they that waite vpon the Lord, shal renue *their* strength: they shal lift vp the wings as the egles: they shal runne, & not be wearie, & they shal walke and not faint.

CHAP. XLI.

2 Gods mercie in chusing his people 6 Their idolatrie. 27 Deliuerance promised to Zion

1 KEpe a silence before me, ô ylands, & let the people b renue *their* strength: let them come nere, and let them speake: let vs come together into iudgement.

2 Who raised vp c iustice from the East, & called him to his fote? *and* gaue the nacions before him, and subdued the Kings? he gaue them as dust to his sworde, & as scatred stubble vnto his bowe.

3 He pursued them, and passed safely by the way that he had not gone with his fete.

4 Who hathe wroght and done it? he that calleth the d generations from the beginning. I the Lord *am* the e first, and with the last I am the same.

5 The yles sawe it, & did f feare, & the ends of the earth were abashed, drewe nere, and g came.

6 Euerie man helped his neighbour and said to his brother, h Be strong.

7 So the workeman comforted the founder & he that smote w the hammer, him that smote by course, sayīg, It is ready for the sodering, & he fastened it with nailes that it shulde not be moued.

8 ¶ But thou, Israél, art my i seruant, & thou Iaakób, whome I haue chosen, the sede of Abrahám my friend.

9 For I haue taken thee from the ends of the earth, and called thee before the chief thereof, and said vnto thee, Thou art my seruant: I haue chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

10 Feare thou not, for I am with thee: be not afraid, for I am thy God: I wil strengthen thee, and helpe thee, and wil susteine thee with the k right hand of my iustice.

11 Beholde, all they y prouoke thee, shalbe ashamed, and confounded: they shalbe as nothing, & they that striue with thee, shal perish.

12 Thou shalt seke thē and shalt not l finde

p His power shalbe sufficient without helpe of anie other, and shal haue all meanes in him selfe to bring his wil to passe.

q He shal shewe his care & fauour ouer them that are weake, and tender

r Declaring y as God onely hathe all power so doeth he vse y same for y defence, and maintenace of his Church

s He sheweth Gods infinite wisdome *for* y same end and purpose

t He speaketh all this to the intent y they shulde nether feare man nor put their truste in anie, saue onely in God

u Hereby he armeth them against y idolatrie, wherewith they shulde be tempted in Babylon

x He sheweth the rage of the idolaters seing that the poore that haue not to suffise their owne necessities, wil defraude them selues to serue their idoles

y Haue ye not the worde of God, w plainely condēneth idolatrie?

z Cā you not learne by y visible creatures whome God hathe made to serue your vse, that you shuld not serue them nor worshipthem?

a So that his power appeareth in euerie place whereso euer we turne our eyes

b Who hathe set in order y infinit nomber of the starres

c He rebuketh the Iewes, because they did not rest on the prouidence of God, but thoght y he had forsaken them in their troubles.

d And therefore all power is in his hād to deliuer when his time cometh

e Shewing y man muste patiently abide, & not curiously seke out the cause of Gods delay in our afflictions

f They y trust in their owne vertue, and do not acknowledge that all cometh of God.

a God, as though he pleaded his cause w all nacions, requireth silence that he may be heard in his right

b That is, gather all their power & supportes

c Who called Abrahám (who was the paterne of Gods iustice in deliuering his Churche) from the idolatrie of y Chaldeans to go to and fro at his cōmandemeot, & placed him in the land of Canaan?

d Who hathe created man & maintened his succession

e Though the worlde set vp neuer so manie gods, yet they diminish nothing of my glorie. for I am all one, vnchāgeable, w haue euer bene, and shalbe for euer

f Considering mine excellent workes among my people

g They assembled them selues, and conspired against me, to maintein their idolatrie.

h He noteth y obstinacie of y idolaters to maiteine their superstitions.

i And therefore ought not to pollute thy self with the superstitiō of the Gētiles.

k That is, by the force of my promes in y performāce whereof I wil shewe my self faithful and iuste.

l Because they shalbe destroyed.

them:

them: *to wit*, the men of thy ſtrife, *for* they ſhalbe as nothing, and the men that warre againſt thee, as a thing of naught.

13 For I the Lord thy God wil holde thy right hand, ſaying vnto thee, Feare not, I wil helpe thee.

14 Feare not, thou [m] worme, Iaakób, & ye men of Iſraél: I wil helpe thee, ſaith the Lord & thy redemer [y] holie one of Iſraél.

15 Beholde, I wil make thee a roller, and a newe threſhing inſtrument hauing tethe: thou ſhalt threſh the [n] mountaines, and bring them to poudre, and ſhalt make the hilles as chaffe.

16 Thou ſhalt fanne them, & the winde ſhal carye them away, & the whirlwinde ſhal ſcater them: and thou ſhalt reioyce in the Lord, & ſhalt glorie in the holy one of Iſraél.

17 *When* [o] the poore and the nedie ſeke water, and there [s] none (their tongue faileth for thirſt: I the Lord wil heare them: I the God of Iſraél wil not forſake them)

18 I wil open riuers in the toppes of the hilles, and fountaines in the middes of the valleis: I wil make the wildernes as a poole of water, & the waſte plád as ſprings of water.

19 I wil ſet in the wildernes the cedre, the ſhittah tre, & the myrre tre & the pine tre, & I wil ſet in the wildernes the fyrre tre, the elme and the boxe tree together.

20 Therefore let them ſe and knowe, and let them conſider and vnderſtand together that the hand of the Lord hathe done this, and the holie one of Iſraél [q] hathe created it.

21 [r] Stand to your cauſe, ſaith the Lord: bring forthe your ſtrong reaſons, ſaith the King of Iaakób.

22 Let thé bring thé forthe, & let thé tel vs what ſhal come: let them ſhewe the former things what thei be, that we maie conſider them, and knowe the later end of them: ether declare vs things for to come.

23 Shewe the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods: yea, do good or do euil, that we may declare it, and beholde it together.

24 Beholde, ye are of no value, & your making is of naught: *man* hathe [t] choſen an abomination by them.

25 ¶ I haue raiſed vp [t] from the North, and he ſhal come: from the Eaſt ſunne ſhal [u] he call vpon my Name, and ſhal come vpon [x] princes as vpon claye, and as the potter treadeth myre vnder the fote.

26 Who hathe declared frō the beginning, that we may knowe [y] or before time, that we may ſay, He is righteous? Surely there is none that ſheweth: ſurely there is none [ỹ] declareth: ſurely there is none that heareth [y] your wordes.

27 *I am* the firſt, *that ſaith* to Zión, Beholde, beholde [z] them: and I wil giue to Ieruſalém [a] one that ſhal bring good tidings.

28 But when [b] I behelde, there was none, & when I enquired of them, there *was* no counſelour, & whē I demanded of them, thei anſwered not a worde.

29 Beholde, they are all vanitie: their worke is of nothing, their images are winde & confuſion.

CHAP. XLII.

1 The obedience and humilitie of Christ. 6 Why he was ſent vnto the worlde. 11 The vocation of the Gentiles.

1 BEholde, [a] my ſeruant: [b] I wil ſtay vpon him: mine elect, *in whome* my ſoule [c] deliteth: I haue put my Spirit vpon him: he ſhal bring forthe [d] iudgement to the Gentiles.

2 He ſhal not [e] crye, nor lift vp, nor cauſe his voyce to be heard in the ſtrete.

3 A [f] bruiſed rede ſhal he not breake, and the ſmoking [g] flax ſhal he not quenche: he ſhal bring forthe iudgement in [h] trueth.

4 He ſhal not faile nor be diſcouraged til he haue [i] ſet iudgement in the earth: and the [k] yles ſhal wait for his law.

5 Thus ſaith God the Lord (he that created the heauens and ſpred them abrode: he that ſtretched forthe the earth, and the buddes thereof: he that giueth breth vnto the people vpon it, and ſpirit to them that walke therein)

6 I the Lord haue called thee in [l] righteouſnes, and wil holde [m] thine hand, and I wil kepe thee, and giue thee for a [n] couenant of the people, & for a light of the Gentiles,

7 That thou maieſt open the eies of the blinde, & brīg out the priſoners from the priſon: and them that ſit in darkenes, out of the priſon houſe.

8 I am the Lord, this is my Name, and my [o] glorie wil I not giue to another, nether my praiſe to grauen images.

9 Beholde, the former things are [p] come to paſſe, and newe things do I declare: before they come forthe, I tel you of them.

10 Sing vnto the Lord a newe ſong, & his praiſe from the end of the earth: ye that go downe to the ſea, and all that is therein: the yles and the inhabitants thereof.

11 Let the wildernes and the cities thereof lift vp *their voice*, the townes that [q] Kedár

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m Thus he calleth thē becauſe they were conteined of all the worlde, & that they conſidering their owne poore eſtate, ſhulde ſeke vnto him for helpe

n I wil make thee able to deſtroye all thine enemies, be thy neuer ſo mightie: and this chiefly is referred to ỹ kingdome of Christ

o That is, thei that ſhalbe afflicted in the captiuitie of Babylon

p God wil rather change ỹ order of nature, then they ſhulde want anie thing that cry to him by true faith in their miſeries: declaring to them hereby ỹ they ſhal lacke nothing by the way, whē they returne from Babylon

q That is, hathe appointed, & determined ỹ it ſhal come ſo to paſſe

r He biddeth the idolaters to proue their religion, and to bring forthe their idoles, ỹ they may be tryed whether thei knowe all things, and cā do all thīgs ẅ if they can not do, he concludeth that they are no gods, but vile idoles

ſ So that a mā can not make an idole, but he muſt do that, which God deteſteth, and abhorreth for he chuſeth his ōwne deuiſes, and forſaketh the Lords

t Meaning, the Chaldeans

u That is, Cyrus, who ſhal do all thing in my Name, & by my direction whereby he meaneth that both their captiuitie, and deliuerance ſhal be ordered by Gods prouidēce and appointement.

x Bothe of the Chaldeans and others.

y Meaning, ỹ none of the gētiles gods can worke anie of theſe things

z That is, ỹ Iſraelites, which returne from ỹ captiuitie.

a To wit, a continual ſucceſſion of Prophetes & miniſters

b Whē I loked whether ỹ idoles colde do theſe things, I foūde that they had nether wiſdome nor power to do anie thing. therefore he concludeth that all are wicked, that truſt in ſuche vanitie

a That is, Christ, who in reſpect of his mahode is called here ſeruant The Prophetes vſe to make mencion of Christ after that thei haue declared anie great promes, becauſe he is the fundacion whereupon all the promiſes are made & ratified

b For I haue committed all my power to him, as to a moſte faithful ſteward Some read, I wil eſtabliſh him: to wit, in his office, by giuing him the fulnes of my Spirit.

c He onely is acceptable vn to me & they that come vnto me by him. for there is no nother meanes of reconciliatiō, Mat 12, 18. eph. 1. 4

d He ſhal declare him ſelf gouernour ouer the Gentils, & call them by his worde and rule them by his Spirit

e His cōming ſhal not be ẅ pompe and noiſe, as earthlie princes

f He wil not hurt the weake and feble, but ſupport & comfort them

g Meaning the weke of a lampe, or candel which is almoſt out, but he wil cheriſh it and ſnoffe it, that it may ſhine brigheer.

h Although he fauour the weake yet wil he not ſpare the wicked, but wil iudge them according to trueth and equitie

i Til he haue ſet all things in good order

k The Gentiles ſhalbe deſirous to receiue his doctrine

l Meaning, vnto a lawful and iuſt vocation.

m To aſſiſt and guide thee

n As him, by whome the promiſe, made to all nations in Abrahám, ſhal be fulfilled

o I wil not ſuffer my glorie to be diminiſhed which I ſhuld do, if I were not faithful in performing the ſame, and the idolaters thereby wolde extol their idoles aboue me

p As in time paſt I haue bene true in my promiſes, ſo wil I be in time to come

q Meaning the Arabians, vnder whome he comprehendeth all the people of the Eaſt

doeth inhabite: let the inhabitants of the rockes ſing: let them ſhoute from the top of the mountaines.

12 Let them giue glorie vnto the Lord, & declare his praiſe in the ylandes.

r He ſheweth the zeal of ỹ Lord, and his power in the conſeruatiõ of his Church

13 The Lord ſhal go forthe as a [1] gyant: he ſhal ſtirre vp *his* courage like a mã of warre: he ſhal ſhoute and crye, & ſhal preuaile againſt his enemies.

14 I haue a long time holden my peace: I haue bene ſtil & refrained my ſelf: *now* wil I crye like a [ſ] trauailing woman: I wil deſtroye and deuoure at once.

ſ I wil haſte to execute my vengeance, ẅ I haue ſo long differred, as a woman that deſireth to be deliuered whẽ ſhe is in trauail

15 I wil make waſte mountaines, and hilles, and drye vp all their herbes, and I wil make the floods ylandes, and I wil drye vp the pooles.

t That is, my poore people, which are in perplexitie & care.

16 ¶And I wil bring the [t] blinde by a way, that they knew not, & leade them by paths that they haue not knowen: I wil make darkenes light before them, and croked things ſtreight. Theſe things wil I do vnto them, and not forſake them.

u To wit, Iſraél, ẅ ſhulde haue moſte light becauſe of my Law

17 They ſhalbe turned backe: they ſhalbe greatly aſhamed, that truſt in grauẽ images, and ſay to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

x The Prieſt to whome my worde is cõmitted, which ſhulde not onely heare it him ſelf, but cauſe others to heare it

18 ¶Heare, ye deafe: and ye blinde, regarde, that ye may ſe.

y As ỹ Prieſts & Prophetes that ſhulde be lights to others

19 Who is blinde but my [u] ſeruant? or deafe as my [x] meſſenger, that I ſent? who is blinde as the [y] perfite, and blinde as the Lords ſeruant?

z Becauſe thei wil not acknowledge this benefite of the Lord, who is ready to deliuer them, he ſuffreth them to be ſpoiled of their enemies through their owne fawte and incredulitie

20 Seẽg manie things, but thou kepeſt them not? opening the eares, but he heareth not?

21 The Lord is willing for his righteouſnes ſake *that* he may magnifie the Law, & exalt it.

a There ſhalbe none to ſuccour them, or to wil the enemie to reſtore that, ẅ he hathe ſpoiled.

22 But this people is [z] robbed and ſpoiled, and ſhalbe all ſnared in dongeons, & they ſhalbe hid in priſon houſes: thei ſhalbe for a pray, and none ſhal deliuer: a ſpoile, and none ſhal ſay, [a] Reſtore.

b Meaning, Gods wrath.

23 Who amõg you ſhal hearken to [c] this, & take hede, and heare for [b] afterwardes?

24 Who gaue Iaakób for a ſpoile, and Iſraél to the robbers? Did not the Lord, becauſe we haue ſinned againſt him? for they wolde not walke in his wayes, nether be obedient vnto his Law.

25 Therefore he hathe powred vpon him his fierce wrath, and the ſtrength of battel: and it ſet him on fyre round about, and he knewe not, and it burned him vp, yet he cõſidered not.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 The Lord comforteth his people. He promiſeth deliuerance to the Iewes. 11 There is no God but one alone.

a After theſe threatnings he promiſeth deliuerance to them & called them.

BVt now thus ſaith the Lord, [a] that created thee, ô Iaakób: and he that formed thee, ô Iſraél, [b] Feare not: for I haue redemed thee: I haue called thee by thy name, thou art mine.

b When thou ſeeſt dangers and conſpiracies on all ſides, remember this benefite and the loue of thy God, and it ſhal encourage thee

2 When thou paſſeſt through the [c] waters, I wil be with thee, & through the floods, that thei do not ouerflowe thee. When thou walkeſt through the verie fyre, thou ſhalt not be burnt, nether ſhal the flame kindle vpon thee.

c By water & fyre, he meaneth all kinde of troubles and perils

3 For I am the Lord thy God, the holy one of Iſraél, thy Sauiour: I gaue [d] Egypt for thy ranſome, Ethiopia, and Sebá for thee.

d I turned Sanecheribs power againſt theſe countreies and made thẽ to ſuffer that afflictiõ which thou ſhuldeſt haue done, and ſo were as the payment of thy ranſome, Cha. 37,9.

4 Becauſe thou waſt precious in my ſight, & thou waſt honorable, and I loued thee, therefore wil I giue [e] man for thee, & people for thy ſake.

e I wil not ſpare ane man rather then thou ſhuldeſt periſhe: for God more eſteemeth one of his faithful, then all the wicked in the worlde

5 Feare not, for I am with thee: I wil bring thy ſede from the [f] Eaſt, and gather thee from the Weſt.

f He propheciethe of their deliuerance from the captiuitie of Babylon, and ſo of the calling of the vniuerſal Church, alluding to that which is writen Deut 30,3.

6 I wil ſaie to the North, Giue: and to the South, Kepe not backe: bring my ſonnes from farre, and my daughters from the endes of the earth.

g Meaning, that he colde not be vnmindful of them, except he wolde neglect his owne Name & glorie

7 Euerie one ſhalbe called by my [g] Name: for I created him for my glorie, formed him and made him.

h Signifying, that no power can reſiſt him in doing this miraculous worke, nor all their idoles are able to do the like, as Chap 41,22

8 I wil bring forthe the blinde people, and thei ſhal haue eyes, and the deafe, & they ſhal haue eares.

i To proue that the things, which are ſpoken of them, are true

9 Let all the nacions be gathered [h] together, and let the people be aſſembled: who among them can declare this and ſhewe vs former things? let them bring forthe their [i] witneſſes, ỹ thei maie be iuſtified: but let them [k] heare, and ſaie, It *is* trueth.

k Shewing, that the malice of the wicked hindereth them, in the knowledge of the trueth becauſe thei wil not heare when God ſpeaketh by his worde

10 You [l] are my witneſſes, ſaith the Lord, and my [m] ſeruant, whome I haue choſen: therefore ye ſhal knowe and beleue me & ye ſhal vnderſtand that I am: before me there was no God formed, nether ſhal there be after me.

l The Prophetes and people to whome I haue giuen my Law

11 I, *euen* I, am the Lord, & beſide me there is no Sauiour.

m Meaning, ſpecially Chriſt and by him, all ỹ faithful

12 I haue declared, and I haue ſaued, and I haue ſhewed, when there was no ſtrange *god* among you: therefore you are my witneſſes, ſaith the Lord, that I am God.

13 Yea, before the day *was*, I am, and there is none that can deliuer out of mine hãd: I wil do it, and who ſhal let it?

14 Thus ſaith the Lord your redemer, the holy one of Iſraél, For your ſake I haue ſent to Babél, and [n] broght it downe: they are all fugitiues and the Chaldeans crye in [o] the ſhippes.

n By Darius and Cyrus

o Thei ſhal crye when thei wolde eſcape by water, ſeing ỹ the courſe of Euphrates is turned another way by ỹ enemie.

15 I am the Lord your holy one, the creator of Iſraél, your King.

16 Thus saith the Lord which maketh a way in p the Sea, and a path in the mightie q waters.

17 When he r bringeth out the s charet, & horse, the armie & the power he together, & shal not rise: they are extinct, and quenched as towe.

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither regarde the things of olde.

19 Beholde, I do a newe thing, nowe shal it come forth: shal you not knowe it? I wil euē make awaie in the t desert & floods in the wildernes.

20 The wilde u beasts shal honour me, the dragons and the ostriches, because I gaue water in the desert & floods in the wildernes to giue drinke to my people, euen to mine elect.

21 This people haue I formed for my self: they shal shewe forth my praise.

22 And thou hast not x called vpō me, ô Iaakób, but thou hast y wearied me, ô Israél.

23 Thou z hast not broght me the shepe of thy burntoffrings, neither hast thou honored me with thy sacrifices. I haue not caused thee to serue with an offring, nor wearied thee with incense.

24 Thou boghtest me no swete a sauour w̄ monie, neither hast thou made me drunke with the fatte of thy sacrifices, but thou hast made me b to serue with thy sinnes, & wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I, *euen* I, am he that putteth awaie thine iniquities for mine owne sake, & wil not remember thy sinnes.

26 Put me in c remembrance: let vs be iudged together: count thou that thou maiest be iustified.

27 Thy d first father hathe sinned, and thy e teachers haue transgressed against me.

28 Therefore I haue f prophaned the rulers of the Sanctuarie, and haue made Iaakób a curse, and Israél a reproche.

p When he deliuered Israel from Pharáoh, Exod 14,22
q When the Israelites passed through Iordán, Iosh 3,17
r Whē he deliuered his people out of Egypt
s Pharáoh & his mightie armie
t Meaning, that their deliuerāce out of Babylón shulde be more famous then that from Egypt w s, Iere 23,7 hag 2,10 2 cor 5, 17 reuel 21,5
u Thei shal haue suche abundance of all things as they returne home, euen in ỹ drye and baren places, that the verie beasts shal fele my benefites, & shal acknowledg thē muche more mē ought to be thankeful for the same
x Thou hast not worshipped me as ỹ oghtest to haue done
y Because thou hast not willingly receiued that which I did comman de thee, thou dideste grieue me Whereby he sheweth that his mercies were the onelie cause of their deliuerāce, forasmuch as thei had deserued the cōtrary.
z Meaning, in true faith & obedience.
a Ether for ỹ con position of the swete ointement, Exod, 30, 34, or for the swete incense, Exod, 30, 7
b Thou hast made me to be vnto me heauie burden by thy sinnes. c If I forget anie thing that may make for thy iustification, put me in remembrance & speake for thy self d Thine ancestres e Thy Priests and thy Prophets.
f That is, reiected, abhorred and destroied them in the wildernes, and at other times.

CHAP. XLIIII.

1 The Lord promiseth comfort and that he wil assemble his Church of diuers nations 9 The Vanitie of idoles. 17 The beastlines of idolaters.

1 YEt now heare, ô Iaakób my seruant, and Israél, whome I haue chosen.

2 Thus saith the Lord, that made thee, and formed a thee from the wōbe: he wil helpe thee. Feare not, ô Iaakób, my seruant, and thou righteous, b whome I haue chosen.

3 For I wil powre water vpon c the thirstie, & floods vpon the drie ground: I wil powre my Spirit vpon thy sede, and my blessing vpon thy buddes,

4 And thei d shal growe as among the grasse, & as the willowes by the riuer of waters.

5 One shal say, I am ỹ Lords: another e shal be called by the name of Iaakób: & another shal subscribe with his hand vnto the Lord, and name him self by the name of Israél.

6 Thus saith the Lord the King of Israél & his redemer, the Lord of hostes, f I am ỹ first, and I am the last, and without me is there no God.

7 And who is like me, that shal g call, and shal declare it, and set h it in order before me, since I appointed the i ancient people? and what is at hand, and what things are to come let k them shewe vnto them.

8 Feare ye not, neither be afraied: haue not I tolde thee of olde, and haue declared it? you are euen my witnesses, whether there be a God beside me, and that there is no God that I knowe not

9 All thei that make an image, are vanitie, and m their delectable things shal nothing profite: & thei are their owne witnesses, n that thei se not nor knowe: therefore thei shalbe confounded.

10 Who hathe made o a god, or molten an image, that is p profitable for nothing?

11 Beholde, all that are of the q felowship thereof, shalbe cōfounded: for the workemen them selues are men: let them all be gathered together, and r stand vp, *yet* thei shal feare, and be confounded together.

12 The smith *taketh* an instrument, & worketh in the coles, and facioneth it with hammers, & worketh it with the strength of his armes: yea, he is an s hungred, & his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, & is faint.

13 The carpenter stretcheth out a line: he facioneth it with a red thread, he planeth it, and he purtreieth it with the compasse, and maketh it after the figure of a man, & according to the beautie of a man that it maie remaine in an house.

14 He wil hewe him downe cedres, and take the pine tre and the oke, and taketh courage among the trees of the forest: he planteth a fyrre tre, and the raine doeth nourish it.

15 And man burneth thereof: for he wil

a He created & chose thee from the begining of his owne mercie, & before ỹ coldest merite anie thing
b Whome God accepteth as righteous or which hadest occasion thereunto becaus of the Law, and of thine holy vocation c Because man of him self is as the drye and baren land, he promiseth to moisten him with the waters of his holy Spirit, Ioel 2,18 Ioh 7,38 act. 2,17.

d That is, thy children and posteritie shal increase wonderfully after their deliuerance from Babylon
e By this diuersitie of speche he meaneth one thing that is, that the people shalbe holy & receiue the true religion of God, as psal 87,5
f I am alwaies like my self, that is, merciful to vnto my Church, and moste able to maintein it, as chap 41,4, & 48,12 reuel 1,17 & 22 13
g And so, no themselues shal deliuer the Church
h That is declare vnto vs hov I ought to procede herein
i God calleth the Israelites ancient, because he preferred them to all other in his eternal election
k Meaning, their idoles
l Read Chap. 41 to
m Whatsoeuer thei bestowe vpon their idoles to make thē to seme glorious
n That is, the idolaters seing their idoles blinde, must redes be witnesses of their owne blindenes, and seing that thei are not able to helpe them, must confesse that thei haue no power
o Meaning, that whatsoeuer is made by the hand of man, if it be esteemed as God, is moste detestable
p Whereby appeareth their blasphemie, which call images the bookes of the laitie, seing that thei are not onely he calleth them the re called vnprofitable, but Chap 41,24 abominable and lere worke of errors ier 10,15, Habak 2 lying teacher 2,18
q That is, which by any way consenteth to the making or worshipping.
r Signifying, that the multitude shal not then saue the idolaters, when God wil take vengeance, although thei excuse them selues thereby among men
s He describeth the raging affection of the idolaters, which forget their owne necessities to set forthe their deuocion toward their idoles
t To place it in some Temple.

take thereof and [u] warme hī ſelf. he alſo kindleth it and baketh bread, yet he maketh a god, and worſhipeth it: he maketh it an idole and boweth vnto it.

16 He burneth the halfe thereof euen in the fyre, & vpon the halfe thereof he [x] eateth fleſh: he rofteth the roſte and is ſatisfied: alſo he warmeth him ſelf and ſaith, Aha, I am warme, I haue bene at the fyre.

17 And ỹ reſidue thereof he maketh a god, *euen* his idole: he boweth vnto it and worſhipeth and praieth vnto it, and ſaith, Deliuer me: for thou art my god.

18 Thei haue not knowen, nor vnderſtand: [y] for *God* hathe ſhut their eyes that thei can not ſe, *and* their hearts, that thei cannot vnderſtand.

19 And none [z] conſidereth in his heart, neither [a] there knowledge nor vnderſtandīg to ſaie, I haue burnt halfe of it, euē in the fyre, & haue baked bread alſo vpon ỹ coles thereof: I haue rofted fleſh, and eaten it, & ſhal I make the reſidue thereof an abominacion? ſhal I bowe to the ſtocke of a tre.

20 He fedeth [z] of aſhes: a ſeduced heart hathe deceiued him, that he can not deliuer his ſoule, nor ſay, Is their not a lye in my right hand?

21 [a] Remembre theſe (ô Iaakób and Iſraél) for ỹ art my ſeruant: I haue formed thee: thou art my ſeruāt: ô Iſraél forget me not.

22 I haue put awaie thy trāſgreſsions like a cloude, and thy ſinnes, as a miſt: turne vnto me, for I haue redemed thee.

23 [b] Reioyce, ye heauens: for the Lord hathe done it: ſhoute, ye lower partes of ỹ earth: braſt forthe into praiſes, ye mountaines, ô foreſt and euerie tre therein: for ỹ Lord hathe redemed Iaakób and wilbe glorified in Iſraél.

24 Thus ſaith the Lord thy redemer & he that formed thee from the wombe, I am the Lord, that made all things, that ſpred out the heauens alone, and ſtretched out the earth by my ſelf.

25 I deſtroye the [c] tokens of the ſoothſaiers and make them that coniecture, fooles, & turne the wiſe men backward, and make their knowledge fooliſhnes.

26 ¶ He confirmeth the worde of his [d] ſeruant and performeth the counſel of his meſſengers, ſayīg to Ieruſalém, Thou ſhalt be inhabited: and to the cities of Iudáh, ye ſhalbe buylt vp, and I wil repaire the decaied places thereof.

27 He ſaith to the [e] depe, Be drye and I wil drye vp thy floods.

28 He ſaith to [f] Cyrus, *Thou art* my ſhepherd: & he ſhal reforme all my deſire, ſayīg alſo to Ieruſalém, Thou ſhalt be buylt: and to the Temple, Thy fundacion ſhalbe ſurely laied.

CHAP. XLV.

1 The deliuerance of the people by Cyrus. 9 God is iuſt in all his workes. 20 The calling of the Gentiles.

1 THus ſaith the Lord vnto [a] Cyrus his [b] anointed, whoſe right hand I haue holden [c] to ſubdue nations before him: therefore wil I weakē the loynes of Kigs and open the dores before him, & the gates ſhal not be ſhut.

2 I wil go before thee & make ỹ [d] croked ſtreight: I wil breake the braſen dores, & burſt the yron barres.

3 And I wil giue thee ỹ treaſures of darkenes, and the things hid in ſecret places, that thou maiſt [e] knowe that I am the Lord which call thee by thy name, euen the God of Iſraél.

4 For Iaakób my ſeruants [f] ſake, and Iſraél mine elect, I wil euē call *thee* by thy name & name thee, thogh thou haſt not knowen me.

5 I am the Lord and there is none other: there is no God beſides me I girded thee thogh thou haſt not knowen me,

6 That thei maie knowe from the riſing of the ſunne & from the Weſt, that there is none beſides me. I am the Lord, and there is none other.

7 I forme the [h] light and creat darkenes: I make peace & creat euil: I the Lord do all theſe things.

8 Ye heauens, ſend the dewe from aboue, & let ỹ cloudes drop downe [i] righteouſnes: let the earth open, and let ſaluacion and iuſtice growe forthe: let it bring them forthe together: I the Lord haue [k] created him.

9 [l] Wo be vnto him that ſtriueth with his maker, the potſherd w̄ the potſherds of the earth: ſhal the claie ſaie to him that facioneth it, What makeſt ỹ? or thy worke, [m] it hathe none hands?

10 Wo vnto him that ſaith to *his* father, What haſt thou begotten? or to *his* mother, What haſt thou broght forthe?

11 Thus ſaith the Lord, the holy one of Iſraél, and his maker, Aſke me [n] of things to come concerning my ſonnes, and concerning the workes of mine hands: commande you me.

12 I haue made the earth, and created man vpon it: I, whoſe hands haue ſpred out

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u He ſetteth forth the obſtinacie and miſerie of the idolaters, w̄ thogh thei ſe by dailie experience ỹ their idoles are no better thē the reſt of ỹ matter whereof thei are made, yet thei refuſe the one parte & make a god of ỹ other, as the papiſts make their cake, god and the reſt of their idoles.

x That is, he ether maketh a table or trenchers

y The Prophet giueth here an anſwer to all them that wonder how it is poſsible that anie ſhulde be ſo blinde to commit ſuch abomination, ſaying, ỹ God hathe blinded their eyes, and hardened their hearts

z *Ebr turareth.*

z He is abuſed as one ỹ wold eat aſhes, thinking to ſatiſfie his hungre

a Shewing ỹ mans heart is moſt enclined to idolatrie, & therefore he warneth his people by theſe exāples, that thei ſhulde not cleaue to anie but to the liuing God whē thei ſhulde be among the idolaters

b He ſheweth that the worke of ỹ Lord toward his people ſhalbe ſo great that ỹ inſenſible creatures ſhalbe moued therewith.

c He armeth them againſt ỹ ſothe ſayers of Babylon, w̄ wolde haue borne them in hand, that thei knew by ỹ ſtarres that God wold e not deliuer them, and that Babylon ſhulde ſtand.

d Of Iſaiáh & the reſt of his Prophetes, w̄ did aſſure the Church of Gods fauour & deliuerance.

e He ſheweth that Gods worke ſhulde be no leſſe notable in this their deliuerance, then when he broght them out of Egypt through the Sea.

f To aſſure them of their deliuerance, he nameth the perſone, by whome it ſhulde be more then an hundreth yere before he was borne.

a To aſſure ỹ Iewes of their deliuerāce againſt ỹ great tentations that thei ſhulde abide, he nameth ỹ perſone and ỹ meanes

b Becauſe Cyrus ſhulde execute ỹ office of a deliuerer, God called hī his anointed for a time, but after another ſort thē he called Dauid

c To guide hī in ỹ deliuerance of ỹ people

d I wil take away all impediments and letres

e Not that Cyrus did knowe God to worſhip hī aright, but he had a certeine particular knowledge, as profane men may haue, of his power, & ſo was compelled to deliuer Gods people

f Not for anie thing, that is in thee, or for thy worthines.

g I haue giuen thee ſtrength, power & authoritie

h I ſend peace and warre, proſperitie & aduerſitie, as Amos 3,6

i He comforteth the Iewes as if he wolde ſay, thogh whē ye loke to the heauens and earth for ſuccour, ye ſe nothing now but ſignes of Gods wrath, yet I wil cauſe thē to bring forth moſte certeine tokens of your deliuerance, & of the performance of my promes, which is mēt by righteouſnes

k I haue appointed Cyrus to this vſe & purpoſe

l Hereby he bridleth their impacience, which in aduerſitie & trouble murmure againſt God and wil not take his pleaſure willing that man ſhulde matche with his like and not contend againſt God m That it is, it is not perfitely made n In ſtead of murmuring, humble your ſelues and aſke what ye wil for the conſolation of my children, and you ſhalbe ſure of it, as ye are of theſe things which are at your commandement Some read it with an interrogation, and make it the application of the ſimilitude.

the heauens, I haue euen commanded all their o armie.

o That is, the ſtarres

13 I haue raiſed p him vp in righteouſnes, & I wil direct all his waies: he ſhal buylde my citie, and he ſhal let go my captiues, not q for price nor reward, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

p To wit, Cyrus, that I may ſhewe by him ỹ faithfulnes of my promes in deliuering my people

14 Thus ſaith the Lord, The labour r of Egypt, and the marchandiſe of Ethiopia, & of the Sabeans, men of ſtature ſhal come vnto thee, and thei ſhalbe ſ thine: thei ſhal followe thee, *and* ſhal go in chaines: they ſhal fall downe before thee, and make ſupplicacion vnto thee, *ſaying*, Surely God is in thee, and there *is* none other God beſides.

q Meaning, freely & without ranſome, or any grieuous condition

r Thoſe people were tributaries to ỹ Perſians, & to King Artaxerxes ſuſtentague their money towarde the buylding of the Tẽple, Ezra 7,21

15 Verely thou, ô God, t hideſt thy ſelf, ô God, the Sauiour of Iſraél.

16 All they ſhalbe aſhamed and alſo confounded: they ſhal go to confuſion togeth r. that are the makers of images.

17 *But* Iſraél ſhalbe ſaued in the Lord, with an euerlaſting ſaluacion: ye ſhal not be aſhamed nor confounded worlde without end.

s Where as to fore thei were ſtrangers, thei ſhal now honour thee, and thou ſhalt rule them: which was accompliſhed in the time of Chriſt

t Hereby he exhorteth the Iewes to patience, thogh their deliuerãce be differred for a time: ſhewing that they ſhulde not repẽt their long patience, but ỹ wicked and idolaters ſhalbe deſtroyed

18 For thus ſaith the Lord (that created heauen, God him ſelf, that formed ỹ earth, and made it: he that prepared it, he created it not in vaine: he formed it to be u inhabited) I am the Lord, and there *is* none other.

u To wit, of mã, but chiefly of his Church

19 I haue not ſpoken in ſecret, *neither* x in a place of darkenes in the earth: I ſaid not in vaine vnto ỹ ſede of Iaakób, Seke you me: I the Lord do ſpeake righteouſnes, & declare righteous things.

x As do the falſe gods, which giue vncertein anſwers

20 Aſſemble your ſelues, and come: drawe neie together, y ye abiect of the Gentiles: they haue no knowledge, that ſet vp the wood of their idole, and pray vnto a god, that can not ſaue them.

y All ye idolaters, which thogh you ſeme to haue peper ſo much worldelie dignitie, yet in Gods ſight you are vile & abiect

21 Tel ye and bring them, & let them take counſel togither, who hathe declared this from the beginning? *or* hathe tolde it of olde? Haue not I the Lord? & there *is* none other God beſide me, a iuſt God, & a Sauiour: there *is* none beſide me.

z He calleth the idolaters to repentance, wiſhing them to loke vnto him with the eye of faith

22 Loke vnto me, and ye ſhal be ſaued: all z the ends of the earth ſhal be ſaued: for I am God, and there *is* none other.

a That is, that ỹ thing, which I haue promiſed, ſhalbe faithfully performed

23 I haue ſworne by my ſelf: the worde is gone out of my mouth in a righteouſnes, and ſhal not returne, That euerie b knee ſhal bowe vnto me, *and* euerie tongue ſhal ſweare *by me*.

b The knowledge of God and the true worſhiping ſhalbe through all the world, Rom 14,11 phil 2,10 whereby he ſignifieth that we muſt not onely ſerue God in heart, but declare the ſame alſo by outward profeſſiõ

24 Surely c he ſhal ſay, In the Lord haue I righteouſnes and ſtrength: he ſhal come vnto him, and all that d prouoke him, ſhal be aſhamed.

c Meaning, the faithful ſhal fele & confeſſe this. d All the cõtemners of God.

25 The whole ſede of Iſraél ſhalbe iuſtified, and glorie in the Lord.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 The deſtruction of Babylon and of their idoles. 3 He calleth the Iewes to the conſideration of his workes.

1 BEl is bowed downe: a Nebó is fallen: their idoles were vpon the b beaſtes, and vpon the cattel: they which did beare you, *were* laden with a wearie burden.

a These were the chief idoles of Babylõ.

b Becauſe thei were of golde and ſiluer, the Medes & Perſians caryed them away

2 c They are bowed downe, & fallen togeather: for thei colde not rid thẽ of the burden, & thei d ſoule is gone into captiuitie.

c The beaſts that caryed ỹ idoles, fel downe vnder their burden

3 Heare ye me, ô houſe of Iaakób, & all that remaine of the houſe of Iſraél, which are e borne of me *from* the wombe, and broght vp of me *from* the birth.

d He derideth the idoles, which had neither ſoule nor ſence

4 Therefore vnto olde age, I the ſame, euẽ I wil beare you vntil the hore heeres: I haue made *you*, I wil alſo beare *you*, and I wil carye you f and I wil deliuer *you*.

e He ſhewth the difference betwene the idoles and the true God for thei muſt be caryed of others, but God him ſelf caryeth his, as Deut 32,11

5 ¶ To whome wil ye make me like, or make me equal, or g compare me, that I ſhulde be like him?

f Seing I haue begotten you I wil nouriſh and preſerue you for euer

6 They drawe golde out of the bagge and weigh ſiluer in the balance, *and* hyre a goldſmith to make a god of it, & they bowe downe, and worſhip it.

g The people of God, ſeing their owne calamitie & the florißhing eſtate of the Babylonis, muſt not be tempted to thinke that their God was not ſo mightie as the idols of their enemies therefore he deſcribeth the original of all the idoles, to make them to be abhorred of all men

7 They beare it vpon the ſhoulders. they cary him and ſet him in his place: ſo doeth he ſtand, & can not remoue from his place. Thogh one crye vnto him, yet can he not anſwer, nor deliuer him out of his tribulacion.

8 Remember this, and be aſhamed: bring it againe h to minde, ô you tranſgreſſers.

9 Remember the former things of olde: for I am God, and there *is* none other God, and there *is* nothing like me,

shewing that the moſte that can be ſpoken in their commendacio is but to giue them vile, Bar 6,25

10 Which declare the laſt thing from the beginning: and from of olde, the things that were not done, ſaying, My counſel ſhal ſtand, & I wil do whatſoeuer I wil.

h Become wiſe, meaning ỹ all idolaters are without wit or ſenſe, like mad mẽ

11 I call a i birde from the Eaſt, & the man of my k counſel from far: as I haue ſpoken, ſo wil I bring it to paſſe: I haue purpoſed it, and I wil do it.

i That is Cyrus, which ſhal come as ſwift as a birde ind fight againſt Babylon

k Him by whome I haue appointed to execute that, which I haue determined.

12 Heare me, ye ſtubburne hearted, that are farre from l iuſtice.

l Which by your incredulitie wolde let the performance of my promes

13 I bring m nere my iuſtice: it ſhal not be farre of, and my ſaluacion ſhal not tary: for I wil giue ſaluacion in Zión, *and* my glorie vnto Iſraél.

m He ſheweth that mans incredulitie can not aboliſh the promes of God, Rom 3,3.

CHAP. XLVII.

The deſtruction of Babylon and the cauſes wherefore.

1 COme downe and ſit in the duſt: ô virgine, daughter Babél, ſit on the grounde: there is no b throne, ô daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou ſhalt no more be called, Tendre and delicate.

a Which haſt liued in wealth, & wantõnes, and haſt not yet bene ouercome by any enemie

b Thy gouernement ſhalbe taken from thee

2 Take the mille ſtones, & c grinde meale.

c Thou ſhalt be broght to moſte vile ſeruitude for to turne the mille was the office of ſlaues.

looſe thy lockes: d make bare the fete: vncouer ỹ legge, & paſſe through the floods.
3 Thy filthines ſhalbe diſcouered, and thy ſhame ſhalbe ſene: I wil take vengeance, and I wil not mete thee as a e man.
4 f Our redemer, the Lord of hoſtes is his Name, the holy one of Iſraél.
5 g Sit ſtil, and get thee into darkenes, ô daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou ſhalt no more be called, The ladie of kingdomes.
6 I was wrath with my people: I haue polluted mine inheritance, and giuen them into thine hand: thou dideſt ſhewe them no h mercie, but thou dideſt lay thy very heauie yoke vpon the ancient.
7 And thou ſaideſt, I ſhalbe a ladie for euer, ſo that thou dideſt not ſet thy minde to theſe things, nether dideſt thou remember the latter end thereof.
8 Therefore now heare, thou that art giuen to pleaſures, & dwelleſt careles, She ſaith in her heart, I am and none els: I ſhal not ſit as a widdow, nether ſhal knowe ỹ loſſe of children.
9 But theſe two things ſhal come to thee ſuddenly on one day, the loſſe of children and widdowehead: they ſhal come vpon thee in their i perfection, for the multitude of thy diuinacions, & for the great abundance of thine inchanters.
10 For thou haſt truſted in thy wickednes: thou haſt ſaid, None ſeeth me. Thy k wiſdome & thy knowledge, thei haue cauſed thee to rebell, and thou haſt ſaid in thine heart, I am, and none els.
11 Therefore ſhal euil come vpon thee, and thou ſhalt not know the morning thereof: deſtruction ſhal fall vpõ thee, which thou ſhalt not be able to put away: deſtruction ſhal come vpon thee ſuddenly, or thou beware.
12 Stand now among thine inchanters, and in the multitude of thy ſoti eſayers (with whome thou haſt l wearied thy ſelf from thy youth) if ſo be thou maieſt haue profite, or if ſo be thou maieſt haue ſtrength.
13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counſels: let now the aſtrologers, the ſtarre gaſers, & pronoſticatours ſtand vp, and ſaue thee from theſe things, that ſhal come vpon thee.
14 Beholde, they ſhalbe as ſtubble: the fyre ſhal burne them: thei ſhal not deliuer their owne liues from the powei of the flame: there *ſhal be* no coles m to warme at, *nor* light to ſit by.
15 Thus ſhal they ſerue thee, with whome thou haſt wearied thee, euẽ thy marchants from thy youth: euery one ſhal wander to his owne n quarter: none ſhal ſaue thee.

d The things wherin ſhe ſetteth her greateſt pride ſhal be made vile, euen from the head to the foote
e I wil vſe no humanitie nor pitie toward thee
f The Iſraelites ſhal confeſſe, that the Lord doeth this for his Church ſake.
g For very ſhame, & hide thy ſelf
h Thei abuſed Gods iudgements thinkíg that he puniſhed ỹ Iſraelites, becauſe he wolde vtterly caſt them of, and therefore in ſtead of pitying their miſerie, thou diddeſt increaſe it.
i So that thy puniſhment ſhalbe ſo great, as is poſſible to be imagined.
k Thou dideſt thinke ỹ thine owne wiſdome & policie wolde haue ſaued thee
l He derideth their vaine cõfidence, ỹ put their truſt in any thing, but in God, conſidering alſo ſuche vaine ſcieces, which ſerue to no vſe, but to delude the people and to bring them frõ depending onely in God
m They ſhal vtterly periſh and no parte of thẽ remaine
n They ſhal flee euery one to that place, & he thoght by his ſpeculacions to be moſte ſure: but that ſhal deceiue them.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 The hypocriſie of the Iewes is reproued. 11 The Lord alone wil be worſhipped. 20 Of their deliuerance out of Babylon.

1 HEare ye this, ô houſe of Iaakób, which are a called by the name of Iſraél, and are come out of b the waters of Iudáh: which ſweare by the Name of the Lord, and make mencion of the God of Iſraél, *but* not in trueth, nor in righteouſnes.
2 For they are called of the holy citie, and ſtaie them ſelues c vpon the God of Iſraél, whoſe Name *is* the Lord of hoſtes.
3 I haue declared the former things of olde, and they went out of my mouth, and I ſhewed d them: I did them ſuddenly, and they came to paſſe.
4 Becauſe I knewe, that e thou art obſtinate, and thy necke *is* an yron ſinew, and thy browe braſſe,
5 Therefore I haue declared it to thee of olde: before it came to paſſe, I ſhewed f it thee, leſt thou ſhuldeſt ſay, Mine idole hathe done them, and my carued image, and my molten image hathe commanded them.
6 Thou haſt heard, beholde all this, & wil not ye g declare it? I haue ſhewed thee new things, euen now, and hid things, which thou kneweſt not.
7 They are created now, and not of olde, and euen before this thou heardeſt them not, leſt ỹ ſhuldeſt ſay, Beholde, I h knewe them.
8 Yet thou heardeſt thẽ not, nether dideſt knowe them, nether yet was thine eare opened of olde: for I knewe that thou woldeſt grieuouſly tranſgreſſe: therefore haue I called thee a tranſgreſſour from the i wombe.
9 For my Names ſake wil I differ my wrath, and for my praiſe wil I refraine it from thee, k that I cut thee not of.
10 Beholde, I haue fined thee, but l not as ſiluer: I haue m choſen thee in the fornace of affliction.
11 For mine owne ſake, for mine owne ſake wil I do it: for how ſhulde *my Name* n be polluted? ſurely I wil not giue my glorie vnto another.
12 Heare me, ô Iaakób & Iſraél, my called, p I am, I am the firſt, and I am the laſt.
13 Surely mine hãd hathe layed the fundacion of the earth, & my right hand hathe ſpanned the heauens: when I call them, q they ſtand vp together.
14 All you, aſſemble your ſelues, & heare: which among them hathe declared theſe thigs? The Lord hathe loued r him: he wil

a He deteſteth their hypocriſie, which vanted them ſelues to be Iſraelites & were not ſo in dede.
b Meaning, the fountaine and ſtocke
c They make a ſhew, as though they wolde haue none other God
d He ſheweth that thei colde not accuſe him in anie thing, for aſmuche as he had performed whatſoeuer he had promiſed
e I haue done for thee more then I promiſed, that thy ſtubbernes and impudencie might haue bene ouercome.
f How ỹ ſhuldeſt be deliuered out of Babylon
g Wil he not acknowledge this my benefite & declare it vnto others?
h Shewing ỹ mans arrogancie is the cauſe why God doeth not declare all thigs at once, leſt thei ſhuld attribute this knowledge to their owne wiſdome
i From ỹ time that I brought thee out of Egypte for that deliuerance was as ỹ birth of the Church.
k As it was my fre mercie ỹ I did chuſe thee. ſo is it my fre mercie that muſt ſaue thee
l For I had reſpect to thy weakenes and infirmitie for in ſiluer there is ſume pureneſ, but in vs there is nothing, but droſſe.
m I toke thee out of the fornace where thou ſhuldeſt haue bene conſumed
n God ioyneth the ſaluacion of his with his owne honour ſo that they can not periſh, but his glorie ſhulde be diminiſhed, as Deut 32,27
o Read Chap 42,8
p Read 41,4
q To obey me, & to do whatſoeuer I commande them.
r Meaning, Cyrus, whome he had choſen to deſtroy Babylon.

do

do his wil in Babél, and his arme *shalbe* against the Chaldeans.

15 I, *euen* I haue spoken it, and I haue called him: I haue brogh̄t him, and his waie shal prosper.

16 Come neie vnto me: heare ye this: I haue not spoken it in secret frō the [f] beginning: from the time that the thing was, I was there, and now the Lord God and his spirit hathe [t] sent me.

17 Thus saith the Lord thy redemer, the Holie one of Israél, I am the Lord thy God, which teache thee [u] to profite, & lead thee by the waie, that thou shuldest go.

18 O [x] that thou hadest hearkened to my commandements, then had thy prosperitie bene as the flood, and thy righteousnes as the waues of the sea.

19 Thy sede also had bene as the sande, and ỹ frute of thy bodie like the grauel thereof. his [y] name shulde not haue bene cut of nor destroied before me.

20 [y] Go ye out of Babél flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of ioye: tel and declare this: shewe it forthe to the end of the earth: saye ye, The Lord hathe redemed his seruant Iaakób.

21 And they [z] were not thirstie: he led them through the wildernes he caused ỹ waters to flowe out of the rocke for them: for he claue the rocke, and the water gushed out.

22 There is no [a] peace, saith the Lord, vnto the wicked.

CHAP. XLIX.

The Lord exhorteth all nacions to beleue his promises. 6 Christ is the saluacion of all that beleue, and wil deliuer them from the tyranne of their enemies.

1 HEare ye me, ô yles, & hearké, ye people frō farre. The Lord hathe called [a] me from [b] the wombe, and made mencion of my name from my mothers bellie.

2 And he hathe made my mouth like a sharpe [c] sworde: vnder the shadowe of his hād hathe he [d] hid me, and made me a chosen shafte & hid me in his quiver,

3 And said vnto me, Thou art my seruant, [e] Israél, for I wil be glorious in thee.

4 And I said, I haue [f] labored in vaine: I haue spent my strength in vaine and for nothing: but my iudgement *is* with the Lord, and my worke with my God.

5 And now saith the Lord, that formed me frō the wombe to be his seruant, that I maie bring Iaakób againe to him (thogh Israél be not gathered, [g] yet shal I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord: and my God shalbe my strength)

6 And he said, It is a smale thing that thou shuldest be my seruant, to raise vp the tribes of Iaakób, and to restore the desolations of Israel. I wil also giue [h] thee for a light of the Gentiles, that thou maiest be my saluacion vnto the end of the worlde.

7 Thus saith the Lord the redemer of Israél, & his Holie one, to him that is despised in soule, to a nation that is abhorred, to a [i] seruant of rulers, Kings shal se, and [k] arise, and princes shal worship, because of the Lord, that is faithful, and the Holie one of Israél, which hathe chosen thee.

8 Thus saith the Lord, [l] In an acceptable time haue I heard thee, and in a day of saluacion haue I helped thee. and I wil preserue thee, and wil giue [m] thee for a couenant of the people, that thou maiest raise vp the [n] earth, and obteine the inheritance of the desolate heritages:

9 That thou maiest say to ỹ [o] prisoners, Go forthe: and to them that are in darkenes, Shewe your selues: they shal fede in the wayes, & their [p] pastures shalbe in all the toppes of the hilles.

10 They shal not be [q] hūgrie, nether shal thei be thirstie, nether shal the heat smite thē nor the sunne: for he that hathe compassion [r] on them, shal lead them, euen to the springs of waters shal he driue them.

11 And I wil make all my mountaines, as a way, & my paths shalbe exalted.

12 Beholde, these shal come frō farre. & lo, these from the North and from the West, and these from the land of [s] Sinim.

13 Reioyce, ô [t] heauens: and be ioyful, ô earth braste forthe in to praise, ô mountaines: for God hathe comforted his people, & wil haue mercie vpon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, The Lord hathe [v] forsaken me, and my Lord hathe forgotte me.

15 Can a woman forget her childe, and not haue compassion on the sonne of her wōbe? thogh they shulde forget, yet wil I not forget thee.

16 Beholde, I haue grauē thee vpon the palme of *mine* [u] hands, thy [x] walles *are* euer in my sight.

17 Thy buylders make ỹ haste: thy destroyers and they that made thee waste, are departed from thee.

18 Lift vp thine eyes rounde about & beholde: all these gather thē selues together & come to thee. as I liue, saith the Lord, thou shalt surely [z] put thē all vpō thee as a garmēt, & gird thy self w̄ thē like a bride.

19 For thy desolations, & thy waste places, & thy land destroyed, shal surely be now narrow for them: ỹ shal dwell in it, & thei that did deuoure thee, shalbe farre away.

20 The children of thy barennes shal say againe in thine eares, The place is straict for me: giue place to me that I may dwell.

21 Thē shalt ỹ say in thine heart, Who hathe begotten me these, seing I am baren and

f Since the time that I declared my self to your fathers

t Thus ỹ Prophet speaketh for him self, & to assure them of these thīgs w what things shal do thee good

x That is, the prosperous estat of Israel

y After that he had forewarned them of their captiuitie, and of the cause therof, he sheweth them the great ioye, ỹ shal come of their deliuerance

z He sheweth that it shalbe as easy to deliuer them, as he did their fathers out of Egypt

a Thus he sheweth that the wicked hypocrites shuld not abuse Gods promises in whome was neither faith, nor repentance, as Chap 57,21

u This is spoken in the persone of Christ to assure the faithful, that these promises shulde come to passe for they were all made in him, and in him shulde be performed

b This is mēt of the time, ỹ Christ shulde be manifested to the worlde, as Psal 2,7

c By the sworde, and shafte, he signifieth ỹ vertue and efficacie of Christs doctrine

d God hathe takē me to his protection and defence this chiefly is mēt of Christ, and may also be applied to ỹ ministers of his worde

e By Israél is mēt Christ, & all the body of ỹ faithful as the members and their head

f Thus Christ in his members complaineth, that his labour, and preaching take none effect, yet he is conten ed, ỹ his doings are approued of God.

g Thogh the Iewes refuse my doctrine, yet God wil approue my ministerie.

h To declare my Gospel to the Gentiles, Cha 42,6 act 13,47 luk 2,32.

i Meaning, the Iewes whome tyrants kept in bondage

k The benefit of their deliuerance shalbe so great, that great, & smale shal acknowledge it, & reuerēce God for it

l Thus he speaketh of his Church, when he wolde shew his merete toward it, 2. Cor 6,2.

m Meaning, Christ alone

n Signifying, ỹ before Christ reuse ỹ earth by his worde, there is no thing, but cōfusiō & disorder.

o To thē that are in the prison of sinne, & death

p Being in Christs protection, they shal be sure against all dangers, & fre from the feare of the enemies

q Meaning, ỹ there shulde be nothīg in their way from Babylon ỹ shulde hinder or hurt them but this is accomplished spiritually

r Meaning, ỹ Southcountrey so that Christ shal deliuer his from all the partes of the worlde

s Read Chap. 44,23

t He obiecteth what ỹ faithful might say in their long affliction, and answereth thereunto to comfort them, with a moste proper similitude, and ful of consolatiō

u Because I wolde not forget thee

x Meaning, ỹ good order of policie & discipline

y I haue a cōtinual care to buylde thee vp againe, & to destroye thine enemies

z He sheweth what are the ornamēts of ỹ Church to haue mane childrē, which are assembled by the worde of God & gouerned by his Spirit

desolate, a captiue and a wanderer to and fro? & who hathe nourished thē? beholde, I was left alone: whence are these?

22 Thus saith the Lord God, Beholde, I wil lift vp mine hand to the [a] Gentiles and set vp my standart to the people, and they shal bring thy sonnes in *their* armes: and thy daughters shalbe caryed vpon *their* shoulders.

23 And Kigs [b] shalbe thy nourcing fathers, and Quenes shalbe thy nources: thei shal worship thee with *their* faces toward the earth, and licke vp the [c] dust of thy fete: & thou shalt knowe that I am the Lord: for they shal not be ashamed ỹ waite for me.

24 Shal the praie be [d] taken from the mightie? or the iust captiuitie deliuered?

25 But thus saith the Lord, [e] Euen the captiuitie of the mightie shalbe taken awaie: & the praie of the tyrant shalbe deliuered: for I wil contend with him that contendeth with thee, & I wil saue thy children,

26 And wil fede them that spoile thee, with [f] their owne flesh, and they shalbe drunken with their owne blood, as with swete wine: & all flesh shal knowe that I ỹ Lord am thy Sauiour & thy redemer, the mightie one of Iaakób.

a He sheweth, ỹ Christ wil not onely gather this great nōber of the Iewes, but also of the Gentiles

b Meaning, ỹ Kings shalbe cōuerted to ỹ Gospel and be stow their pow er, & autoritie for the preseruation of the Church

c Being ioyned with the Church, they shal hūble thē selues to Christ their head, and giue him all honour

d He maketh this as an obiectiō, as though the Chaldeas were strong, & had them in iuste possessiō.

e This is, the answer to their obiectiō, ỹ none is strōger then the Lord, nether hathe a more iuste title vnto them

f I wil cause them to destroye one another, as Iud. 7, 22. 2 chro 20, 22. chap. 19, 2.

CHAP. L.

1 The Iewes forsaken for a time. 2 Yet the power of God is not diminished. 5 Christs obedience & victorie.

1 THus saith the Lord, Where is that [a] bil of your mothers diuorcement, [b] whome I haue cast of? or who is the creditour [c] to whome I solde you? Beholde, for your iniquities are ye solde, and because of your transgressions is your mother forsaken.

2 Wherefore [d] came I, & there was no mā? I called, and none answered: is mine hand so [e] shortened, that it can not helpe? or haue I no power to deliuer? beholde, at my rebuke I dryc vp the Sea: I make the floods desert: their fish rotteth for want of water, and dyeth for thirst.

3 I clothe the heauēs with darknes, & make a [f] sacke their couering.

4 The Lord God hathe giuen [g] me a tōgue of the learned, that I shulde knowe *to minister* a worde in time to him ỹ is [h] weary: he wil raise me vp in the morning: in the morning he wil waken mine eare to heare, [i] as the learned.

5 The Lord God hathe opened mine eare and I was not rebellious, nether turned I backe.

a Meaning, ỹ he had not forsaken her, but through her owne occasiō, as Hosea 2, 2

b Which shulde declare, ỹ I haue cut her of. meaning, ỹ they colde shewe none

c Signifying ỹ he solde them not for anie det or pouertie, but ỹ they solde thē selues to sinne to bie their owne lustes, & pleasures

d He came by his Prophetes and ministers, but thei wolde not beleue their doctrine and conuert

e Am I not as able to helpe you, as I haue holpen your fathers of olde, when I dryed vp ỹ red Sea, and killed the fish in the riuers, & also afterwarde in Iorden?

f As I did in Egypt in tokē of my displeasure, Exod 10, 21

g The Prophet doeth represente here the persone and charge of them that are iustely called to the ministerie of Gods worde

h To him that is oppressed by affliction and miserie

i As they that are taught, and made meete by him.

6 I gaue my backe vnto the [k] smiters, and my chekes to the nippers: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

k I did no shrinke from God for anie persecution or calumitie

7 For the Lord God wil helpe me, therefore shal I not be confounded: therefore haue I set my face like a flint, and I knowe that I shal not be ashamed.

8 He is nere that iustifieth me: who wil cōtend with me? Let vs stand together: who is mine aduersarie? let him come nere to me.

9 Beholde, the Lord God wil helpe me: who is he that can condemne me? lo, thei shal waxe olde as a garment: the mothe shal eat them vp.

Whereby he sheweth, that the true ministers of God can loke for none other recompence of ỹ wicked but after this sorte and also what is their comfort.

10 [l] Who is amōg you that feareth ỹ Lord? let him heare the voyce of his seruant. he that walketh in darkenes, & hathe no light, let him trust in the Name of the Lord, & stay vpon his God.

11 Beholde, all you kindle [m] a fyre, and are compassed about with sparkes: walke in ỹ light of your fyre, and in the sparkes that ye haue kindled. This shal ye haue of mine hand: ye shal lie downe in sorowe.

l Shewing ỹ it is a rare thing that anie shulde obey aright Gods true ministers, though they labour to bring thē frō hel to heauen.

m Yon haue soght consolacion by your owne deuises, & haue refused the light, and consolation, ỹ God hathe offred therefore ye shal remaine in sorowe, and not be cōforted

CHAP. LI.

1 To trust in God alone by Abrahams example 7 Not to feare men. 17 The great affliction of Ierusalem, & her deliuerance.

1 HEare me, ye [a] that follow after righteousnes, & ye that seke the Lord: loke vnto the [b] rocke, *whence* ye are hewen, and to the hole of the pit, *whence* ye are digged.

a He comforteth ỹ Church, that thei shulde not be discouraged for their smale nomber

2 Consider Abrahám your father, and Saráh that bare you: for I called him alone, & blessed him, and increased him.

b That is, to Abrahám, of whome ye were begotten, & to Saráh, of whome ye were borne

3 Surely the Lord shal comfort Zión: he shal comfort all her desolations, and he shal make her desert [c] like Eden, and her wildernes like the garden of the Lord: ioye and gladnes shalbe founde therein: praise, and the voyce of singing.

c As plēteful as Paradise, Genes 2, 3.

4 Hearken ye vnto me, my people, and giue eare vnto me, ô my people. for a [d] Law shal procede from me, and I wil bring forthe my iudgement for the light of the people.

d I wil rule, & gouerne my Church by my worde, and doctrine.

5 My [e] righteousnes is nere: my saluacion goeth forthe, and mine [f] armes shal iudge the people: the yles shal waite for me, and shal trust vnto mine arme.

e The time, ỹ I wil accomplish my promes

f My power, and strength.

6 Lift vp your eyes to the heauens, and loke vpon the earth beneth: for the [g] heauens shal vanish away like smoke, and the earth shal waxe olde like a garment, and thei that dwell therein, shal perish in like maner: but my saluacion shalbe for euer, & my righteousnes shal not be abolished.

g He forewarneth them of the horrible changes & mutations of all things, & how he wil preserue his Church in the middes of all these dangers.

7 Hearken vnto me, ye that knowe righteousnes, the people in whose heart is my Law. Feare ye not the reproche of men, nether be ye afraied of their rebukes.

For

8 For the mothe ſhal eat thẽ vp like a garment, and the worme ſhal eat them like wolle: but my righteouſnes ſhal be for euer, and my ſaluacion from generacion to generacion.

9 Riſe vp, riſe vp, and put on ſtrength, ô arme of the Lord: riſe vp, as [g] in the olde time in the generacions of the worlde. Art not thou the ſame, that haſt cut [h] Rahab, and wounded the [i] dragon?

10 Art not thou the ſame, which hath dryed the Sea, *euen* the waters of the great depe, making the depth of the Sea a way for the redemed to paſſe ouer?

11 Therefore the redemed of the Lord ſhal [l] returne, and come with ioye vnto Zión, and euerlaſting ioye ſhalbe vpon their head: they ſhal obteine ioye & gladnes: & ſorowe and mourning ſhal flee away.

12 I, *euen* I, am he, that comfort you. Who art thou, that thou ſhuldeſt feare a mortal man, and the ſonne of man, which ſhalbe made as graſſe?

13 And forgeteſt the Lord thy maker, that hathe ſpred out the heauens, and laide the fundacions of the earth? and haſt feared continually all the day, becauſe of the rage of the oppreſſour, which is ready to deſtroye? Where is now the rage of the oppreſſour?

14 The captiue [m] haſteneth to be looſed, and that he ſhulde not dye in the pit, nor that his bread ſhulde faile.

15 And I am the Lord thy God that diuided the Sea, when his waues roared: the Lord of hoſtes *is* his Name.

16 And I haue put my wordes in thy [n] mouthe, and haue defended thee in the ſhadow of mine hand, that I may plant [o] heauẽs, and laye the fundacion of the earth, & ſay vnto Zón, Thou art my people.

17 Awake, awake, and ſtand vp, ô Ieruſalém, which haſt drũke at the hand of the Lord the [p] cup of his wrath: thou haſt drunken the dregges of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

18 There is none to guide her among all [q] ſonnes, whome ſhe hathe broght forthe: there *is* none that taketh her by the hand of all the ſonnes that ſhe hathe broght vp.

19 Theſe two [r] things are come vnto thee: who wil lament thee? deſolation and deſtruction, and famine, and the ſworde: by whome ſhal I comforte thee?

20 Thy ſonnes haue fainted, and lie at the head of all the ſtretes as a wilde bulle in a net, and are full of the wrath of the Lord, & rebuke of thy God.

21 Therefore heare now this, thou [s] miſerable and dronken, but [t] not with wine.

22 Thus ſaith thy Lord God, euen God that pleadeth the cauſe of his people, Beholde, I haue taken out of thine hand the cuppe of trembling, *euen* the dregges of the cuppe of my wrath: thou ſhalt drinke it no more.

23 But I wil put it into their hãd that ſpoile thee, which haue ſaid to thy ſoule, Bowe downe, that wẽ may go ouer, and thou haſt laid thy bodie as the ground, and as the ſtrete to them that went ouer.

CHAP. LII.

1 A conſolation to the people of God. 7 Of the meſſengers thereof.

1 ARiſe, ariſe: put on thy ſtrength, ô Zión: put on the garments of thy beautie, ô Ieruſalém, the holy citie: for hence forthe there ſhal no more come into thee the vncircumciſed and the vncleane.

2 Shake thy ſelf from the [b] duſt, ariſe, and ſit downe, ô Ieruſalém: looſe the bandes of thy necke, ô thou captiue daughter, Zión.

3 For thus ſaith the Lord, Ye were ſolde for [c] naught: therefore ſhal ye be redemed without money.

4 For thus ſaith the Lord God, My people went [d] downe afore time into Ægypt to ſoiourne there, and Aſſhúr [e] oppreſſed them without cauſe.

5 Now therefore what haue I here, ſaith the Lord, that my people is takẽ away for naught, and they that rule ouer them, make them to howle, ſaith the Lord? & my Name all the day continually is [f] blaſphemed?

6 Therefore my people ſhal knowe my Name: therefore *they ſhal knowe* in that day, that I am he that do ſpeake: beholde, it is I.

7 How beautiful vpon the mountaines are the feete of him, that declareth & publiſheth peace: that declareth good tidings, & publiſheth ſaluacion, ſaying vnto Zión, Thy God reigneth!

8 [g] The voice of thy watchemen *ſhalbe heard*: they ſhal lift vp their voyce, and ſhout together: for they ſhal ſe eye to eye, when the Lord ſhal bring again Zion.

9 O ye deſolate places of Ieruſalém, be glad and reioyce together: for the Lord hathe comforted his people: he hathe redemed Ieruſalém.

10 The Lord hathe made [h] bare his holy arme in the ſight of all the Gentiles, and all the ends of the earth ſhal ſe the ſaluacion of our God.

11 [k] Departe, departe ye, go out from thẽce and touche no vncleane thing: go out of the middes of her: be ye cleane, that [l] beare the veſſels of the Lord.

g He putteth the remembrance of his great benefite for their deliuerance out of Egypt, thereby they might learne to truſt in him conſtantly.
1 Meaning Egypt. Pſal 87.4
h Or, it, Pharao. Exo 15.3.
i From Babylon.
m He comforteth them by ſ ſhort time of their baniſhement for an ſeuentie yeres they were reſtored: and the greateſt empire of the world deſtroyed. In Meaning, of Iſaiáh, and of all true miniſters, who are defended by his protection o That all things may be reſtored in heauen, and earth, Epheſ 1.10
p Thou haſt beate iuſtly & puniſhed and iuſt ſufficiently, as Chap 40.2 and cauſe puniſhem as it is the eſt & is by meaſure, & accordig as God giueth grace to beare it but in the top of are ſ iuſt vẽgeance of God to driue them to inſenſibleneſs & madnes, as Ierem 25.15
q Whereof the one is outward, as of ſ things ſ come to ſ body: as warre & famine & ſ other is ſoward, & appertaineth to the miſe that is, to be without comfort therefore he ſaith, how ſhal it ou be comforted?
r But ſ miſchief & feare.
a No wicked tyrãny ſhal ſubuert Gods true religiõ, & oppreſſe the cõſcẽces
b Out of ſ graue of ſorowe & ſeruitude, & put on the apparel of ioy & gladnes.
c The Babyloniãs paied no thig to me for you: therefore I wil take you againe without ranſome
d Whẽ Iacób went thether in time of famine
e The Egyptians might pretend ſome cauſe to oppreſſe my people becauſe they were thether and remained amõg them, but the Aſſyrians haue no cauſe to excuſe their tyrannie by and therefore wil I puniſh them more thẽ I did the Egyptiãs
f To wit, by ſ wicked which thinke that I haue no power to deliuer thẽ.
g Signifying ſ the ioyful good tidings of their deliuerance ſhulde be ſo great ſ no neceſſy but this ſhulde chiefly be matter of ſpirituall ioy, as Nah 1.15 Rom 10.15
h The Prophets thereby wil tel, ſhal publiſh this thy deliuerance that is begũne vnder Zerubbabel, Ezrá & Nehemiáh, but was accõpliſhed vnder Chriſt
i As ready to ſmite his enemies & to deliuer his people
k He warneth the faithful not to pollute themſelues with the ſuperſtitions of the Babyloniãs as Chap 48.20 2 cor 6.17
l For the ſeruants of God, that the Prieſts and Leuites chiefly ſhulde by this call the people which ſhalbe vnder their miniſtery office, ſhal carry home the veſſels of the Temple, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken away.

12 For ye shal not go out [m] with haste, nor
depart by fleing away: but the Lord wil
go before you, and the God of Israél wil
gather you together.
13 Beholde, my [n] seruant shal prosper: he
shalbe exalted and extolled, & be very hie.
14 As manie were astonied at thee (his vi-
sage was so [o] deformed of men, and his
forme of the sonnes of men) so [p] shal he
sprincle manie nations: the Kings shal
shut their [q] mouths at him. for that which
had not bene tolde them, shal they se,
and that which they had not heard, shal
they [r] vnderstand.

m As your fathers did out of Egypt
n Meaning Christ by whome our spiritual deliuerãce shulde be wroght, whereof this was a figure
o In the corrupt iudgement of men Christ in his persone was not eftemed
p He shal spread his word through manie natiõs
q In signe of reuerence, and as being astonished at his excellencie
r By the preaching of the Gospel.

CHAP. LIII.

1 Of Christ and his kingdome, whose worde fewe wil beleue. 6 All men are sinners. 11 Christ is our righteousnes. 12 And is dead for our sinnes.

1 WHo [a] wil beleue our report? and
[b] to whome is the arme of the
Lord reueiled?
2 But he shal growe vp before him as a
branche, & as a [c] roote out of a drye [d] grounde: he hathe neither forme nor beautie:
whẽ we shal se him, there shalbe no forme
that we shulde desire him.
3 He is despised and reiected of mẽ: he is a
man ful of sorows and hathe experience
of [e] infirmities: we hid as it were our faces
from him: he was dispised and we estemed
him not.
4 Surely he hathe borne our infirmities, &
caried [f] our sorowes: yet we did iudge hĩ,
as [g] plagued, and smitten of God, & humbled.
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was broken for our iniquities: the
[h] chastisemẽt of our peace *was* vpon him,
and with his stripes we are healed.
6 All we like shepe haue gone astraie: we haue turned euerie one to his owne way, and
the Lord hathe layed vpon him the [i] iniquitie of vs all.
7 He was oppressed & he was afflicted, yet
did he not [k] opẽ his mouth: he is broght as
a shepe to the slaughter, and as a shepe before her shearer is dumme, so he openeth
not his mouth.
8 He was taken out from [l] prison, and frõ
iudgement: [m] & who shal declare his age?
for he was cut out of the lãd of the liuig:
for the transgression of my people was he
plagued.
9 [n] And he made his graue with ỹ wicked,
and with the riche in his death, thogh he
had done no wickednes, nether *was* anie
deceite in his mouth.
10 Yet the Lord wolde breake him, & make him subiect to infirmities: whẽ [o] he shal
make his soule an offring for sinne, he shal
se *his* sede & shal prolong *his* daies, and the
wil of the Lord shal prosper in his hand.
11 He shal se of the [p] trauaile of his soule,
& shalbe satisfied: by his knowledge shal
my [q] righteous seruant iustifie manie: for
he shal beare their iniquities.
12 Therefore wil I giue him a portion with
the great, and he shal deuide the spoyle
with the strong, because he [r] hathe powred out his soule vnto death: and he was
counted with the transgressers, and he bare the sinne [s] of many, and praied for the
trespassers.

a The Prophet sheweth ỹ verie fewe shal receiue this their preaching of Christ, and of their deliuerãce hy him, Ioh 12,38 rom 10.16
b Meaning ỹ none can beleue, but whose hearts God toucheth with the vertue of his holie Spirit
c The beginning of Christs kingdome shalbe smale, and contemptible in ỹ sight of man, but it shal growe wonderfully, and florish before God
d Read Chap. 11.1
e Which was by Gods singular prouidence for the comforte of sinners, Ebr 4.15.
f That is, the punishement due to our sinnes: for the whe hathe both suffred, & made satisfactiõ. Mat 8, 17, 1. pet. 2, 24
g We iudged euil, thinking that he was punished for his owne sinnes, & not for ours
h He was chastifed for our reconciliation. 2 Cor 15.3
i Meaning, the punishement of our iniquitie, & not the faute it self.
k But willingly, & pacientfy obeyed his fathers appointement, Mat 26, 63 act 8, 32.
l From the crosse, and graue after that he was condemned
m. Thogh he dyed for sinne, yet after his resurrection he shal liue for euer, and this his death is to restore life to his members, Rom 6, 9
n. God the Father deliuered him into the hands of the wicked, and to the powers of the worlde to do with him what they wolde.

CHAP. LIIII.

1 Mo of the Gentiles shal beleue the Gospel then of the Iewes. 7 God leaueth his for a time, to whome afterward he sheweth mercie.

1 REioyce, ô [a] baren that dideſt not bea-
re: breake forthe into ioye & reioyce,
thou that dideſt not trauaile with childe:
for the [b] desolate hathe mo children then
the maried wife, saith the Lord.
2 [c] Enlarge the place of thy tentes, and let
them spread out the curtaines of thine habitacions: spare not, stretch out thy cordes, and make faste thy stakes.
3 For thou shalt increase on the right hand
and on the left, and thy sede shal possesse
ỹ Gentiles & dwell in the desolate cities.
4 Feare not: for ỹ shalt not be ashamed, nether shalt ỹ be confounded: for ỹ shalt not
beput to shame: yea, ỹ shalt forget ỹ shame
of thy [d] youth, & shalt not remẽber the reproche of thy [e] widdowhead anie more.
5 For he that [f] made thee, *is* thine housbãd
(whose Name *is* the Lord of hostes) and
thy redemer the holie one of Israél, shalbe
called the God of the whole [g] worlde.
6 For the Lord hathe called thee, being as
a woman forsaken, and afflicted in spirit,
and *as a* [h] yong wife when thou wast refused, saith thy God.
7 For a litle while haue I forsaken thee,
but with great compassion wil I gather
thee.
8 For a moment, in *mine* angre, I hid my
face from thee for a litle season, but with
euerlasting mercie haue I had compassiõ
on thee, saith the Lord thy redemer.
9 For this is vnto me *as* the [i] waters of No
áh: for as I haue sworne that the waters of
Noáh shulde no more go ouer the earth,
so haue I sworne that I wolde not be angrie with thee, nor rebuke thee.
10 For the mountaines shal remoue and the
hilles shal fall downe: but my mercie shal

o Christ by offring vp him self shal giue life to his Church, & so cause them to liue w him for euer
p That is, the fruite & effect of his labour, ỹ is ỹ saluacio of his Church
q Christ shal iustifie by faith through his worde, where as Moses colde not iustifie by the Lawe
r Because he hũbled him self, therefore he shalbe exalted to glorie, Phil. 2, 7
s That is, in all that beleue in him

Chap LIIII
a After ỹ he hathe declared the death of Christ, he speaketh to the Church, because it shulde tele ỹ fruite of ỹ same, & calleth her baren, because ỹ in the captiuitie she was as a widdowe without hope to haue anie children.
b The Church in this her afflictiõ, & captiuitie shal brig forth mo children then whẽ she was at libertie or this may be spoken by admiratiõ, considering ỹ great nombe ỹ shulde come of her. Her deliuerãce vnder Cyrus was as her childe hode, & therefore this was accomplished, when she came to her age, & was vnder ỹ Gospel
c Signifying, ỹ for ỹ great nõber of childrẽ, ỹ God shulde giue her, she shulde seme to lacke roume to lodge them.
d The afflictions which thou suffred at the beginning
e When as ỹ wast refused for thy sinnes, Chap 50, 1
f That did regenerate thee by his holy spirit
g His glorie shal shine through the whole worlde, which semed before to be shut vp in Iudea.
h As a wife which wast forsaken in thy youth.
i As sure as the promes that I made to Noáh, that the waters shulde no more ouerflowe the earth.

not

not depart from thee, nether shal the couenant of my peace fall away, saith the Lord, that hathe compassion on thee.

11 O thou afflicted and tossed with tempest, that hast no comfort, beholde, I wil lay thy stones with [h] the carbuncle, and lay thy fundacion with saphirs,

12 And I wil make thy wyndowes of [i] emeraudes, and thy gates shining stones, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children *shal be* [k] taught of the Lord, and muche peace shalbe to thy children.

14 In [m] righteousnes shalt thou be stablished, & be farre from oppressiō: for thou shalt not feare it: and frō feare, for it shal not come neare thee.

15 Beholde, *the enemie* shal gather him self, but without me: whosoeuer shal gather him self in thee, [o] against thee, shal fall.

16 Beholde, I haue created the [p] smith that bloweth the coles in the fyre, and him that bringeth forthe an instrument for his worke, and I haue created the destroyer to destroye.

17 But all the weapons that are made against thee, shal not prosper: and euerie tongue that shal rise against thee in iudgement, thou shalt condemne. This is the heritage of the Lords seruants, and their righteousnes *is* of me, saith the Lord.

CHAP. LV.

1 An exhortation to come to Christ & Gods counsels are not as mans 12 The ioy of the faithful

1 HO, euerie one [a] that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and ye that haue [b] no siluer, come bie and eat: come, I saie, bie [c] wine and milke without siluer and without money.

2 Wherefore do ye laie out siluer [d] & not for bread? & your labour without beīg satisfied? hearkē diligently vnto me, & eat that which is good, and let your soule delite in [e] fatnes.

3 Encline your eares, and come vnto me: heare, and your soule shal liue, and I wil make an euerlasting couenant with you, *even* the [f] sure mercies of Dauid.

4 Beholde, I gaue him for a witnes to the people, for a prince and a maister vnto the people.

5 Beholde, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, [h] and a nation that knewe not thee, shal rūne vnto thee, because of [g] the Lord thy God, and the holie one of Israél. for he hathe glorified thee.

6 Seke ye the Lord while he maie [l] be founde: call ye vpon him while he is nere.

7 Let the wicked [k] forsake his waies, and the vnrighteous his owne imaginations, and returne vnto the Lord, and he wil haue mercie vpon him: and to our God, for he is verie readie to forgiue.

8 For my [l] thoghts *are* not your thoghts, nether *are* your waies my waies, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heauens are hier thē the earth, so are my waies hier then your waies, and my thoghts aboue your thoghts.

10 Surely as the raine cometh downe and the snowe from heauen, and returneth not thether, but watereth the earth and maketh it to bring forthe and budde that it maie giue sede to the sower, and bread vnto him that eateth,

11 So shal my [m] worde be, that goeth out of my mouth: it shal not returne vnto me voyde, but it shal accomplish that which I wil, and it shal prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12 Therefore ye shal go out with ioye, and be led forthe with peace: the [n] mountaines and the hils shal breake forthe before you into ioye, and all the trees of the field shal clappe *their* hands.

13 For thornes there shal growe fyrre trees: for nettles shal growe the myrthe tree, and it shalbe to the Lord [o] for a name, *and* for an euerlasting [p] signe that shal not be taken awaie.

CHAP. LVI.

1 An exhortacion to iudgement and iustice to Against Shepherds that deuoure their flocke.

1 THus saith the Lord, [a] Kepe iudgemēt & do iustice: for my saluacīō is at hād to come & my [b] righteousnes to be reuealed.

2 Blessed *is* the man that doeth this, and the sonne of man which layeth holde on it: he that keepeth the [c] Sabbath and polluteth it not, and kepeth his hand from doing anie euil.

3 And let not the sonne of the stranger, which [d] is ioyned to the Lord, speake and say, The Lord hathe surely separat me frō his people: nether let the Eunuch say, Beholde, I am a drye tree.

4 For thus saith the Lord vnto the Eunuches, that kepe my Sabbaths, and chuse the thing that pleaseth me, and take holde of my couenant,

5 Euen vnto thē wil I giue in mine [e] House & within my walles, a place and a [f] name better then of the sonnes & of the daughters: I wil giue them an euerlasting name, that shal not be put out.

6 Also the strangers that cleaue vnto the Lord, to serue him, & to loue the Name of the Lord, & to be his seruants: euerie one that keepeth the Sabbath, & polluteth it not & imbraceth my couenant,

7 Thē wil I bring also to mine holy mountaine, & make them ioyful in mine House of prayer: their burnt [g] offrings and their sacrifices *shalbe* accepted vpon mine altar: for mine House shalbe called an house of prayer for [h] all people.

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k Hereby he declareth y excellencie of y state of y Church vnder Christ

Or rashness, or feare

l By y hearing of his worde & inward moouing of his Spirit.

m In stablishe and in ones so y it shal stand for euer.

n And therefore shal not prosaile

o Meaning y domesticall enemies of the Church as are the hypocrites

p Signifying hereby y men can do nothing out so farre as God giueth power for seing the creatures, he must nedes go before and guide them

Chap LV

a Christ by proposing his graces & gifts to his Church exempteth y hypocrites which are ful with their imagined workes, & the Epicures, which are ful with their worldelie lusts & so thirst not after these waters

b Signifying y Gods benefits can not be bought for money

c By waters, wine, milke & bread, he meaneth all things necessarie to y spirituall life, as these are necessarie to this corporal life

d He reproueth their importunitie, which refuse those thinges y God offereth willingly, and in the meane time spare neither cost nor labour to obteine those, which are nothing profitable

e You shalbe fed wonderfully

f The same couenant, which through my mercie, I ratified & confirmed to Dauid that it shulde be eternal, 2. Sam 7, 13 & 23 34

g Meaning, Christ, of whome Dauid was a figure

h To wit, the Gentiles, which before time did not knowe me to be thy people

i When he offreth him self by the preaching of his worde

k Hereby he sheweth that repentance must be ioyned with faith & how we can not call vpon God aright, except y frutes of our faith appeare.

l Although you are not fully reconciled one to another & iudge me by your selues, yet I am most ernie to be reconciled, yea I offer my mercies to you

m If these small thinges haue their effect, as daily experience sheweth, much more shal my promises which I haue made & confirmed, bring to passe the thing which I haue spoke for your deliuerance

n Read Chap. 44, 23 49, 13

o To set forth his glorie

p Of Gods deliuerance, & y he wil neuer forsake his Church

Chap LVI.

a God sheweth what he requireth of the after y he are be deliuered thē to wit, y workes of charitie whereby true faith is declared

b Which I wil declare toward you & powre into your hearts by my Spirit

c Vnder y Sabbath he cōprehendeth the whole seruice of God & true religion

d Let none thinke himself vnmete to receiue y grace of y Lord for y Lord wil take away all impedimentes, and wil forsake no more & wil receiue his true religion & beleue in him

e Meaning, in his Church

f They shalbe called after a people & be of y same religion vnder Christ y dignitie of y faithful shalbe greater then y Iewes were at y time

g Here by he meaneth y spirituall seruice of God, to whome y faithful offer continuall thanksgiuing, yea thē selues & all y they haue as a liuely & acceptable sacrifice

h Not onely for y Iewes but for all others, Matt 21, 13.

8 The Lord God saith, which gathereth the scatered of Israél, Yet wil I gather to them those that are to be gathered to thē.

9 All ye [i] beastes of the field, come to deuoure, *euen* all ye beasts of the forest.

10 Their [k] watchemen are all blinde: they haue no knowledge: thei are all domme doggs: thei can not barke: thei lie & slepe and delite in sleping.

11 And these gredie doggs can neuer haue ynough: and these shepherds can not vnderstand; *for* they all loke to their owne way, euerie one for his aduantage, & for his owne purpose.

12 Come, I wil bring wine, and we wil fil our selues with strong drinke, and to [l] morowe shalbe as this daie, *and* muche more abundant.

i Meaning, the enemies of the Church, as the Babylonians, Assyrians &c. thus he speaketh to feare ỹ hypocrites & to assure the faithful, that when this cometh, thei may knowe it was tolde thembefore.

k He sheweth that his affliction shal come through ỹ faute of ỹ gouernours, Prophetes & pastors, whose ignorance, negligence, auarice & obstinacie prouoked Gods wrath against them.

l We are wel yet, and tomorowe shal be better: therefore let vs not feare the plagues before they come: thus the wicked contemned the admonitions and exhortations which were made them in the Name of God.

CHAP. LVII.

God taketh awaie the good, that he shulde not se the horrible plagues to come. 3 Of the wicked idolaters. 9 And their vaine confidence.

1 THe righteous perisheth, and no man considereth it in heart: and merciful men are taken awaie, and no man vnderstandeth that the righteous is taken awaie [a] from the euil *to come*.

2 [b] Peace shal come: thei shal rest in their beddes, *euerie one* that walketh before him.

3 But you [c] witches children, come hither, the sede of the adulterer and of ỹ whore.

4 On whome haue ye iested [d] vpon whome haue ye gaped and thrust out your tongue? are not ye rebellious children, *and* a false sede?

5 Inflamed with idoles vnder euerie grene tree? and sacrificing the [d] children in the valleis vnder the toppes of the rockes?

6 Thy porcion *is* in the smooth stones [e] of the riuer, thei, thei are thy lotte: euen to them hast thou powred a drinke offring: thou hast offred a sacrifice. Shulde I delite in [f] these?

7 Thou hast made thy [g] bed vpon a verie hie mountaine: thou wentest vp thether, euen thether wentest thou to offre sacrifice.

8 Behinde the [h] dores also and postes hast thou set vp thy remembrance: for thou hast discouered thy self *to another* then me, and wentest vp *and* didest [i] enlarge thy bed, & make a couenant betwene thee and them, and louedst their bed in *euerie* place where thou sawest it.

9 Thou wentest [k] to the Kīgs with oyle, & didest increase [l] thine oyntmentes & send thy messengers farre of, and didest humble thy selfe vnto hel.

10 Thou weariedst thy self in thy manifold iourneis, *yet* saidest thou not, [l] There is no hope: thou [m] hast founde life by thine hād, therefore thou wast not grieued.

11 And whome didest thou reuerence or feare, seing thou hast [n] lied vnto me, and hast not remēbred me, nether set thy minde thereon? is it not *because* I holde my peace, and that of long [o] time? therefore thou fearest not me.

12 I wil declare thy [p] righteousnes & thy workes, and thei shal not profite thee.

13 When thou cryest, let them that thou hast gathered together deliuer thee: but ỹ winde shal [q] take thē all away: vanitie shal pul them awaie: but he that trusteth in me, shal inherit the land, and shal possesse mine holie Mountaine.

14 [r] And he shal saie, Cast vp, cast vp: prepare the waie: take vp the stōbling blockes out of the waie of my people.

15 For thus saith he, that is hie and excellēt, he that inhabiteth ỹ eternitie, whose Name is the Holie one, I dwell in the hie & holie place: with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit to reuiue the spirit of the humble, and to giue life to them that are of a contrite heart.

16 For I wil not contende for euer, nether wil I be alwaies wrath, [f] for ỹ spirit shulde faile before me: and I haue made the breathe.

17 For his wicked [t] couetousnes I am angrie with him, & haue smitē him: I hid me & was angrie, yet he went awaie, & turned after the waie of his owne heart.

18 I haue sene his waies, and wil [u] heale him: I wil leade him also, & restore cōfort vnto him, and to those that lament him.

19 I creat the [x] frute of ỹ lippes *to be* peace: peace vnto them that are [y] farre of, and to them that are nere, saith the Lord: for I wil heale him.

20 But the wicked *are* like the raging sea, that cā [z] not rest, whose waters cast vp myre and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

a From ỹ plague that is at hand, & also because God wil punish the wicked.

b The soule of the righteous shal be in ioye & their bodie shal rest in ỹ graue vnto the time of ỹ resurrection; because thei walked before the Lord.

c He threatneth the wicked hypocrites, who vnder the pretence of ỹ name of Gods people derided Gods worde & his promises: boasting openly that thei were ỹ childrē of Abrahám, but because they were not faithful & obedient as Abrahám was, he calleth thē bastards, & the childrē of sorcerers, whē forsoke God and fled to wicked meanes for succour.

d Read Leui 18,21. 2. King. 23,10.

e Meaning, euerie place was polluted with their idolatrie: or euerie faire stone that they founde, thei made an idole of it.

f In the sacrifices which you, offring before these idoles, thoght you did serue God.

g To wit, thine altars, in an open place like an impudent harlot that careth not for the sight of her housband.

h Instead of setting vp the worde of God in the open places on the postes & dores to haue it in remembrance, Deut. 6,9. & 27,2. thou hast set vp figures and markes of thine idolatrie in euerie place.

i That is, dide st increase thine idolatrie more and more.

k Thou didest seke the fauour of ỹ Assyrians by giftes and presents, to helpe thee against ỹ Egyptians: & when thei failed, ỹ soughtest to ỹ Babylonians & more and more didest torment thy self.

l Although ỹ sawest all thy labours to be in vaine, yet wouldest ỹ neuer acknowledge thy faute & leaue of.

m He derideth their vnprofitable diligēce whē thoght to haue made all sure, & yet were deceiued.

n Broken promes with me.

o Meaning, ỹ wicked abuse Gods lenitie & growe to farther wickednes.

p That is, thy naughtines, idolatries & impieties: which ỹ wicked call Gods seruice: thus he derideth their obstinacie.

q Meaning, ỹ Assyrians & other, whose helpe thei loked for.

r God shal say to Darius and Cyrus.

f I wil not vse my power against fraile mā whose life is but a blast.

t That is, for ỹ vices & faultes of ỹ people, whē is ment here by couetousnes.

u Thogh thei were obstinat, yet I did not withdraw my mercie from them.

x That is, I frame ỹ speache & wordes of my messengers whē shal bring peace.

y As wel to hī ỹ is in captiuitie as to him ỹ remaineth at home.

z Their euil conscience doeth euer torment them, & therefore they cā neuer haue rest, read Cha. 48,22.

CHAP. LVIII.

1 The office of Gods ministers. 2 The workes of the hypocrites. 6 The fast of the faithful. 13 Of the true Sabbath.

1 CRye ā [a] loud, spare not: lift vp thy voyce like a trumpet, and shewe my people their transgression, & to the house of Iaakób, their sinnes.

2 Yet thei [b] seke me daily, & wil knowe my waies, euen as a nacion that did righte-

a The Lord thus speaketh to ỹ Prophet, willing him to vse all diligence & feuentie to rebuke the hypocrites.

b They wil seme to worship me and haue outward holines.

ouſly, and had not forſaken the ſtatutes of their God: thei aſke of me the ordinances of iuſtice: they wil drawe nere vnto God, *ſaying*,

3 [c] Wherefore haue we faſted, & thou ſeeſt it not? we haue puniſhed our ſelues, & thou regardeſt it not. Beholde, in ỹ day of your faſt you wil ſeke [d] *your* wil, and require all your dettes.

4 Beholde, ye faſt to ſtrife and debate, and to ſmite with the fiſt of wickednes: ye ſhal not faſt as *ye do* to day, to make your voyce be [e] heard aboue.

5 Is it ſuche a faſt, that I haue choſen that a man ſhulde afflict his ſoule for a day, & to bowe downe his head, as a bulle ruſh, and to lie downe in ſackecloth and aſhes? wilt thou call this a faſting, or an acceptable day to the Lord?

6 Is not this ỹ faſting, that I haue choſen, to looſe the bands of wickednes, to take of the heauy burdens, & to let the oppreſſed go fre, and that ye breake euery [f] yoke?

7 Is it not to deale thy bread to the hungry, & that thou bring the poore that wander, vnto thine houſe? when thou ſeeſt the naked, that thou couer him, and hide not thy ſelf from [g] thine owne fleſh?

8 Then ſhal thy [h] light breake forthe as the morning, and thine health ſhal growe ſpedely: thy [i] righteouſnes ſhal go before thee, *and* the glorie of the Lord ſhal embrace thee.

9 Then ſhalt thou call, and the Lord ſhal anſwer: thou ſhalt crye and he ſhal ſay, Here I am: if thou take away from the middes of thee the yoke, the putting forthe of the [k] finger, and wicked ſpeaking:

10 If thou [l] powre out thy ſoule to the hungry, & refreſh the troubled ſoule: then ſhal thy light ſpring out in the [m] darkenes, and thy darkenes *ſhalbe* as the none day.

11 And the Lord ſhal guide thee cõtinually, and ſatiſfie thy ſoule in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou ſhalt be like a watred garden, and like a ſpring of water, whoſe waters faile not.

12 And they ſhalbe of thee, that ſhal buylde the olde [n] waſte places: thou ſhalt raiſe vp the fundacions for manie generacions, & ỹ ſhalt be called the repairer of ỹ breache & the reſtorer of the paths to dwell in.

13 If thou [o] turne away thy fote from the Sabbath, from doing thy wil on mine holy day, & call the Sabbath a delite, to conſecrat it, *as* glorious to the Lord, and ſhalt honour him, not doing thine owne waies, nor ſeking thine owne wil, nor ſpeaking a vaine worde,

14 Then ſhalt thou delite in the Lord, and I wil cauſe thee to mounte vpon the hie places of the earth, and fede thee with the heritage of Iaakób thy father. for ỹ mouth of the Lord hathe ſpoken it.

c He ſetteth forthe the malice and diſdayne of ỹ hypocrites, & grudge againſt Gods iuſtice, if their workes be not accepted

d Thus he cõmaundeth the hypocrites by the ſecõde table & by their duetie toward their neighbor, that hei haue neither faith nor religion

e So long as you vſe oppreſſion & oppreſſion, your faſting & prayer ſhal not be hard.

f That you leaue of all your extorſions.

g For in him thou ſeeſt thy ſelf as in a glaſſe

h That is, the proſperous eſtate, wherewith God wil bleſſe thee.

i The teſtimonie of thy goodnes ſhal appeare before God & mã.

k Whereby is mẽt all maner of iniurie.

l That is, haue compaſsiõ on their miſeries.

m Thine aduerſitie ſhalbe turned into proſperitie.

n Signifying ỹ of the Iewes ſhulde come ſuche, as ſhuld buylde againe ỹ ruines of Ieruſalem & Iuden but chiefly this is ment of the ſpirituall Ieruſalẽ: whoſe buylders were the Apoſtles.

o If thou refraine thy ſelf from thy wicked workes.

CHAP. LIX.

1 The wicked periſh through their owne iniquities. 12 The confeſsion of ſinnes. 16 God alone wil preſerue his Church, though all men faile.

1 BEholde, * the Lords hand is not ſhortened, that it can not ſaue: nether is his eare heauy, that it can not heare. *Nomb 11,23. chap.50,2.*

2 But * your iniquities haue ſeparated betwene you and your God, and your ſinnes haue hid *his* face from you, that he wil not heare. *Iere.5,25.*

3 For your hands are defiled with [a] blood, and your fingers with iniquitie: your lippes haue ſpoken lies & your tongue hathe murmured iniquitie. a Read Chap. 1,15

4 No man calleth for iuſtice: no man [b] contendeth for trueth: they truſt in vanitie, & ſpeake vaine things: thei cõceiue miſchief, and [c] bring forthe iniquitie.

5 They hatche cockatrice [d] egges, & weaue the ſpiders [e] webbe: he that eateth of their egges, dyeth, and that which is trod vpon, breaketh out into a ſerpent.

6 Their webbes ſhalbe no garment, nether ſhal they couer them ſelues with their labours: *for* their workes *are* workes of iniquitie, and the worke of crueltie *is* in their hands.

7 Their fete runne to euil, and they make haſte to ſhed innocẽt blood: their thoghts are wicked thoghts: deſolacion & deſtruction *is* in their paths.

8 The way of peace they knowe not, and there *is* none equitie in their goings: thei haue made them croked paths: whoſoeuer goeth therein, ſhal not knowe peace.

9 Therefore *is* [f] iudgement fatre from vs, nether doeth [g] iuſtice come nere vnto vs: we waite for light, but lo, it *is* darkenes, for brightnes: *but* we walke in darkenes.

10 We grope for the wall like the [h] blinde, and we grope as onẽ without eyes: we ſtõble at the none day as in the twilight: *we are* in ſolitarie places, as dead men.

11 We roare all like [i] beares, and mourne like doues: we loke for equitie, but there *is* none: for health, *but* it is farre from vs.

12 For our treſpaces are manie before thee, and our [k] ſinnes teſtifie againſt vs: for our treſpaces *are* with vs, and we knowe our iniquities

13 In treſpacing & lying againſt the Lord, and we haue departed away frõ our God, & haue ſpoken of crueltie and rebellion, concerning and vttering out of the heart falſe [l] matters.

14 Therefore [m] iudgement is turned backeward, and iuſtice ſtandeth farre of: for trueth is fallen in the ſtrete, and equitie can not enter.

15 Yea, trueth faileth, and he that refraineth from euil, maketh him ſelf [n] a pray: and

b All mẽ wilbe at the iniuries & oppreſsions, & none go about to remedie them

c According to their wicked deuiſes, they hurt their neighbours.

d Whatſoeuer cometh from thẽ, is poyſon and bringeth death

e Their are profitable to no purpoſe.

f That is, Gods vengeãce to puniſh our enemies.

g Gods protectiõ to defẽd vs

h We are altogether deſtitute of counſel and can finde no end of our miſeries

i We expreſſe our ſorowes by outwarde ſignes, ſome more ſome leſſe

k This confeſſion is general to the Church to obteine remiſsiõ of ſinnes, & the Prophetes did not exempt themſelues frõ the ſame.

l To wit, againſt our neighbours.

m There is neither iuſtice nor vprightnes among men

n The wicked wil deſtroye him.

o Meaning, to do iustice & to remedie the things ỹ were so irre out of order

p That is, his Church or his arme did helpe it self, and did not seke ayde of any other

q Signifying ỹ God hath al meanes at hād to deliuer his Church, and to punish their enemies.

when the Lord sawe it, it displeased him, that there was no iudgement.

16 And when he saw that there was no mā, he wondred that none wolde offer him self. o Therefore his arme did p saue it, & his righteousnes it self did sustayne it.

17 For he put on righteousnes, as an habergeon, and an q helmet of saluacion vpon his head, and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, & was clad with zeale as a cloke.

18 As *to make* recompence, as to requite the furie of the aduersaries *with* a recompence to his enemies: he wil fully repaire the r ylands.

r Towns, your enemies, ẅ dwel in diuers places, and beyonde the sea

19 So shal they feare the Name of the Lord from the West, and his glorie from the rising of the sunne: for the enemie shal s come like a flood: *but* the Spirit of the Lord shal chase him away.

s He sheweth ỹ there shalbe great afflictiō in ỹ Church, but God wil euer deliuer his

20 And the Redemer shal come vnto Zión, and vnto t them that turne from iniquitie in Iaakób, saith the Lord.

t Whereby he declareth that the true deliuerance from sinne & Satan belongeth to more, but to ỹ children of God, whome he iustifieth

21 And I wil *make* this my couenant with them, saith the Lord, My Spirit that is vpon thee, & my wordes, which I haue put in thy mouth, u shal not departe out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy sede, nor out of the mouth of the sede of thy sede, saith the Lord, from hence forthe euen for euer

u Because the doctrine is made profitable by the vertue of the Spirit, he ioyneth the one with ỹ other, and promiseth to giue them bothe to his Church

CHAP. LX.

3 The Gentiles shal come to the knowledge of the Gospel. 8 They shal come to the Church in abundance. 16 They shal haue abundance, though they suffer for a time.

1 Chap LX

a The time of thy prosperitie and felicitie where as speaking of Babylon he cōmāded her to go downe, Chap 47,1

A Rise, *ó Ierusalém*: be bright, for thy a light is come, & the glorie of the Lord is risen vpon thee.

2 For beholde, darkenes shal couer ỹ b earth, and grosse darkenes the people: but the Lord shal arise vpon thee, and his glorie shalbe sene vpon thee.

b Signifying, ỹ all men are in darkenes til God giue thē the light of his Spirit, and that this light shineth to none but to those that are in his Church

3 And the Gentiles shal walke in c thy light, & Kings at ỹ brightnes of thy rising vp.

c Meaning, ỹ Iudea shulde be as the morning starre & ỹ the Gētiles shulde receiue light of her

4 Lift vp thine eyes rounde about, & beholde: all d these are gathered, & come to thee: thy sonnes shal come from farre, and thy daughters shalbe nourished at *thy* side.

d An infinite nomber from all countres, as Chap 49,18.

5 Then thou shalt se and shine: thine heart shalbe astonied e & enlarged, because the multitude of the sea shalbe conuerted vnto thee, and the riches of the Gentiles shal come vnto thee.

e For ioye, as ỹ heart is drawen in for sorowe

6 The f multitude of camels shal couer thee: and the dromedaries of Midián & of Epháh: all they of Shebá shal come: they shal bring golde & incense, and shewe forthe the praises of the Lord.

f Meaning, ỹ euery one shal honour ỹ Lord with that, wherewith he is able signifyig

7 All the shepe g of Kedár shalbe gathered vnto thee: ỹ rams of Nebaióth shal serue thee: they shal come vp to be accepted vpon mine h altar: and I wil beautifie the house of my glorie.

g That is, the Arabians ỹ haue great abundance of cattel

8 Who are these i that flee like a cloude, & as the doues to their windowes?

i Shewing what great nōber shal come to the Church & with what great diligence and zele.

9 Surely the yles shal waite for me, and the shippes k of Tarshish, as at the beginning ỹ they may bring thy sonnes from farre, & their siluer, and their golde with thē, vnto the Name of the Lord thy God, & to the holy one of Israél, because he hathe glorified thee.

k The Gētiles that are now enemies, shal become frēds & letters for the of the Church

10 And the sonnes of strangers shal buylde vp thy walles, and their l Kings shal minister vnto thee? for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my mercie I had compassion on thee.

l Meaning, Cyrus and his succ ssors but chiefly this is accomplished in them that serue Christ beig cōuerted by his Gospel.

11 Therefore thy gates shal be open continually: nether day nor night shal they be shut that men may bring vnto thee the riches of the Gentiles, and that their Kings may be broght.

12 For the nacion and the m king dome, that wil not serue thee, shal perish. & those nacions shalbe vtterly destroyed.

m He sheweth ỹ God hathe gyuē all power & autoritie here in earth for the vse of his Church: and that they which wil not serue and profit ỹ same, sh. be destroyed.

13 The n glorie of Lebanón shal come vnto thee, ỹ fyre tre, the elme & ỹ boxe tre together, to beautifie ỹ place of my Sanctuarie: for I wil glorifie the place of my o fete

n There is nothing so excellent which shal not serue the necessitie of ỹ Church.

o Signifying, that Gods maiestie is not included in ỹ temple, ẅ is but the place for his fete, ỹ we may learne to rise vp to ỹ heauens.

14 The sonnes also of them that afflicted thee, shal come and bowe vnto thee: and all they that despised thee, shal fall p downe at the soles of thy fete: and they shal call thee, The citie of the Lord, Zión of the holy one of Israél.

p To worship their head Christ by obeyig his doctrine

15 Where as thou hast bene forsaken & hated: so that no man went *by thee*, I wil make thee an eternal glorie, and a ioye from generacion to generacion.

16 Thou shalt also sucke the milke of the Gentiles, and shalt sucke the q breasts of Kings: and ỹ shalt knowe, that I the Lord am thy Sauiour, & thy Redemer, ỹ mightie one of Iaakób.

q Bothe hie and lowe shal be readie to helpe and succour thee

17 For brasse wil I bring golde, & for yron wil I bring siluer, & for wood brasse, & for stones yrō. I wil also make thy gouernemēt peace, & thine exactours righteousnes.

r Thy gouernours shal loue thee and seke ỹ welth and prosperitie

18 Violence shal no more be heard of in thy land, nether desolacion, nor destruction within thy borders: but thou shalt call s saluacion, thy walles, and praise, thy gates.

s Meaning, not a temporal felicitie, but a spiritual, ẅ is fulfilled in Christs kingdome

19 Thou shalt haue no more sonne to shine by day, nether shal the brightnes of the t moone shine vnto thee: for the Lord shal be thine euerlasting light, and thy God, thy glorie.

t Signifying that all worldly meanes shal cease, & that Christ shalbe all in all, as Reuel 21,22 & 22,5.

20 Thy sunne shal neuer go downe, nether shal thy moone be hid. for the Lord shal be thine euerlasting light, & the daies of thy sorowe shalbe ended.

21 Thy people also shalbe all righteous: they shal possesse the land for euer, the u grafte of my planting shalbe the worke of mine

u The children of the Church

hand is,

h Because the altar was a figure of Christ, Ebr 13,10 he sheweth that nothing can be acceptable to him, which is not offred to him by this altar, who was bothe the offring and the altar & fete.

hands, that I maie be glorified.

x Meaning, ỹ ỹ Church shulde be miraculously multiplied

22 A litle one shal become as a x thousand, & a smale one as a strong nation: I the Lord wil hasten it in due time.

CHAP. LXI.

1 He prophecyeth that Christ shalbe anointed and sent to preache. 10 The ioye of the faithful.

Luk 4,18.
a This appertaineth to all the Prophetes and ministers of God, but chiefly to Christ, of whose abundãt graces euerie one receiueth according as it pleaseth him to distribute.
b To them that are liuely touched with the feeling of their sinnes
c Which are in the bondage of sinne
d The time when it pleased God to shewe his good fauour to man, which S Paul calleth the fulnes of time, Gal 4,4
e For when God deliuereth his Church, he punisheth his enemies
f Which was the signe of mourning
g Trees that bring forthe good frutes, as Mat 3,8
h That is, for a long time
i Thei shalbe readie to serue you in all your necessities
k This is accõplished in the time of Christ, by whome all ỹ faithful are made Priests and Kings, 1 Pet 2,9, reuel 1,6, & 5,10.
l Read Chap. 60,16, & chap. 60,11
m Abundãt recompence, as this worde is vsed, Chap 40,2
n That is, the Iewes.
o To wit, of the Gentiles
p Where as the Gentiles had dominion ouer ỹ Iewes in times past, now they shal haue double autoritie ouer them and possesse twise so much

1 THe *Spirit of the Lord God is a vpon me, therefore hathe the Lord anointed me: he hathe sent me to preache good tidings vnto the poore, to binde vp the b broken hearted, to preache libertie to the c captiues, and to them that are bounde, the opening of the prison,

2 To preache the d acceptable yere of the Lord, and the daie of e vengeance of our God, to comfort all that mourne,

3 To appoint vnto thẽ that mourne in Zión, & to giue vnto thẽ beautie for f ashes, the oyle of ioye for mourning, the garmẽt of gladnes for the spirit of heauines, that thei might be called g trees of righteousnes, the planting of ỹ Lord, that he might be glorified.

4 And thei shal buylde the olde waste places, & raise vp the former desolations, & thei shal repaire the cities ỹ were desolate and waste through manie h generations.

5 And the strangers shal i stande and fede your shepe, & the sonnes of the strangers shalbe your plowe men & dressers of your vines.

6 But ye shalbe named k the Priests of the Lord, & men shal saie vnto you, The ministers of our God, Ye shal eat the l riches of the Gentiles, and shalbe exalted with their glorie.

7 For your shame *you shal receiue* m double, and for confusion n they shal reioyce in o their porcion: for in their land thei shal possesse the p double: euerlasting ioye shalbe vnto them.

8 For I the Lord loue iudgement & hate q robberie for burnt offring, and I wil direct their worke in trueth, and wil make an euerlasting couenant with them.

9 And r their sede shal be knowen among ỹ Gentiles, & their buddes among the people. All that se thẽ, shal knowe them, ỹ thei are the sede which the Lord hathe blessed.

10 s I wil greatly reioyce in the Lord, *and* my soule shalbe ioyful in my God: for he hathe clothed me with the garments of saluacion, and couered me with the robe of righteousnes: he hathe decked me like a bridegrome, and as a bride tireth her self with her iewels.

11 For as the earth bringeth forthe her budde, & as the garden causeth to growe that which is sowen in it: so the Lord God wil cause righteousnes to growe & praise before all the heathen.

CHAP. LXII.

1 The great desire that the Prophetes haue had for Christs comming. 6 The diligence of the Pastors to preache.

1 FOr Zions sake I wil not a holde my tongue, and for Ieruselems sake I wil not rest, vntil the righteousnes thereof breake forthe as the b light, and saluacion thereof as a burning lampe.

2 And the Gentiles shal se thy righteousnes, and all Kings thy glorie: and thou shalt be called by c a newe name, which ỹ mouth of the Lord shal Name.

3 Thou shalt also be a d crowne of glorie in the hand of the Lord, & a royal diademe in the hand of thy God.

4 It shal no more be said vnto thee, e Forsaken, nether shal it be said any more to thy lãd, Desolate, but ỹ shalt be called f Hephzi-báh, and thy land g Beuláh: for the Lord deliteth in thee, and thy land shal haue an h housband.

5 For *as* a yong man marieth a virgine, *so* shal thy sonnes i mary thee: and *as* a bridegrome is glad of the bride, *so* shal thy God reioyce ouer thee.

6 I haue set k watche men vpõ thy walles, ô Ieruselém, which all the daie and all the night continually shal not cease: l ye that are mindeful of the Lord, kepe not silence,

7 And giue him no rest, til he repaire and vntil he set vp Ieruselém the k praise of the worlde.

8 The Lord hathe sworne by his right hãd & by his strõg arme, Surely I wil no more giue thy corne to be meat for thine enemies, & surely the sonnes of the strangers shal not drinke thy wine, for the which thou hast labored.

9 But thei that haue gathered it, shal eat it, & praise the Lord, & the gatherers thereof shal drinke it in the courts of my Sanctuarie.

10 l Go through, go through the gates: prepare you the waie for the people: cast vp, cast vp the waie, and gather out the stones & set vp a standart for the people.

11 Beholde, the Lord hathe proclaimed vn to the ends of the worlde: m tel the daughter Zión, Beholde, thy Sauiour commeth: beholde, his wages n *is* with him, and his worke *is* before him.

12 And thei shal call thẽ, The holie people, the redemed of the Lord, and thou shalt be named, A o citie sought out & not forsaken.

a The Prophet saith that he wil neuer cease to declare vnto the people ỹ good tydings of their deliuerance
b Til they haue ful deliuerance: and thus the Prophet speaketh to all courage all other ministers to the setting forth of Gods mercies towarde his Church
c Thou shalt haue a more excellent fame then thou hast had hetherto.
d He shal esteme thee as dere & pcious as a King doeth his crowne
e Thou shalt nomore be cõtemned as a woman forsaken of her housband
f Or, my delite in her
g Or, married
f That it may be replenished with children.
g For asmuche as thei confesse one faith & religion with thee, thei are in the same bond of marriage with thee: and thei are called the children of the Church, in asmuch as Christ maketh her plentiful to bring forthe children vnto him.
h Prophets, pastors, and ministers
i He exhorteth the ministers neuer to cease to call vpon God by praier for the deliuerance of his Church and to teache others to do ỹ same
k For the restauraciõ whereof all the worlde shal praise him
l Signifying ỹ great nomber ỹ shulde come to the Church, & what meanes he wolde prepare for ỹ restitution of ỹ same, as Chap. 57,14
m Ye Prophets and ministers shew ỹ people of this their deliuerance ẅ was chiefly ment of our saluaciõ by Christ, Zach 9,9 mat. 21,5.
n He shal haue all power to bring his purpose to passe, as Chap. 40,10
o That is, one ouer whome God hathe had a singular care to recouer her whe she was lost.

q I wil not receiue their offring, which are extorsioners, deceiuers, hypocrites, or that deprime me of my glorie
r That is, of the Church.
s He sheweth what shalbe the affection, when they sele this their deliuerance.

CHAP. LXIII.

1 God shal destroy his enemies for his Churches sake. 7 Gods benefites towards his Church.

WHo is this that commeth a from Edóm, with red garments from Bozráh? he is glorious in his apparel and walketh in his great strength? b I speake in righteousnes, & am mightie to saue.

c Wherefore is thine apparel red, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine presse?

I haue troden the wine presse alone, and of all people there was none with me: for I wil tread them in mine angre, & tread them vnder fote in my wrath, and their blood shalbe sprincled vpon my garmentes, and I wil staine all my raiment.

For the daie of vengeance is in mine heart, & the d yere of my redemed is come.

And I loked, & there was none to helpe, & I wondered that there was none to vphold: therefore mine owne e arme helped me, and my wrath it self susteined me.

Therefore I wil treade downe the people in my wrath, and make them drunken f in mine indignatiō, & wil bring downe their strength to the earth.

I wil g remembre the mercies of ỹ Lord & the praises of the Lord according vnto all that the Lord hathe giuen vs, and for the great goodnes towarde the house of Israél, which he hathe giuen them according to his tendre loue, and according to his great mercies.

For he said, Surely thei are my h people, children that wil not lie: so he was their sauiour.

In all their troubles he was i troubled, & the Angel k of his presence saued them: in his loue and in his mercie he redemed them, and he bare them and caried them all waies continually.

But thei rebelled and vexed his holie Spirit: therefore was he turned to be their enemie & he foght against them.

Then he l remembred the olde time of Moses and his people, saying, Where is he that broght them vp out of the Sea with the m shepherd of his shepe? where is he ỹ put his holie Spirit within n him?

He led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his owne glorious arme, deuiding the water before them, to make him self an euerlasting Name.

He led thē through the depe, as an o horse in the wildernes, that thei shulde not stomble,

As the beast goeth downe into ỹ valley, the Spirit of the Lord gaue them rest: so didest thou lead thy people, to make thy self a glorious Name.

p Loke downe from heauē, and beholde frō the dwelling place of thine holines, & of thy glorie. Where is thy q zeale and thy strength, the multitude of thy mercies, & of thy compassions? they are restrained from r me.

Doutles ỹ art our Father: though s Abrahám be ignorant of vs, and Israél knowe vs not, *yet* thou, ô Lord, art our Father, *and* our redemer: thy Name *is* for euer.

O Lord, why hast t thou made vs to erre from thy wayes? *and* hardened our heart from thy feare? Returne for thy u seruants sake, *and* for the tribes of thine inheritance.

The people of thine holines haue possessed it, but a litle x while: for our aduersaries haue troden downe thy Sanctuarie.

We haue bene *as they*, ouer whome ỹ neuer barest rule, and vpon whome thy Name was not called.

a This prophecie is against ỹ Iuuenals, and enemies which persecuted ỹ Church, on whome God wil take vengeance, and is here set for the all bloody after that he hathe destroyed them in Bozráh, the chief citie of the Idumeans: for these were their greatest enemies, and vnder the title of circumcisiō, and the kinred of Abrahám claimed to thē selues ỹ chief religion, and hated ỹ true worshippers, Psal 137, 7

b God answereth them that asked this question, Who is this? &c and saith, Ye se now performed in dede the vengeance, ẅ my Prophetes threatned.

c Another question, to the which ỹ Lord answereth

d Shewing, ỹ when God punisheth his enemies, it is for the profite and deliuerance of his Church

e God sheweth that he hathe no nede of mans helpe for the deliuerance of his, and thogh men refuse to do their duetie through negligence, & ingratitude, yet he him self wil deliuer his Church, and punish the enemies, read cha. 59, 16

f I wil so astonie them, and make thē so giddy, that they shal not knowe, which way to go

g The Prophet speaketh this to moue the people to remember Gods benefites in times past, that they may be confirmed in their troubles

h For I did chuse them to be mine, that they shulde beholy, & not deceiue mine expectation

i He bare their afflictiōs and griefs as thogh they had bene his owne

k Which was a witnes of Gods presence and this may be referred to Christ, to whome belongeth the office of saluation

l That is, the people of Israél being afflicted, called to remembrance Gods benefites, which he had bestowed vpon their fathers in times past

m Meaning, Moses

n That is, in Moses that he might wel gouerne the people: some referre this giuing of the Spirit to the people.

o Peaceably and gently, as an horse is led to his pasture.

p Hauing declared Gods benefites shewed to their forefathers, he turneth him self to God by prayer, desiring hi to continue the same graces toward them

q Thy great affectiō which thou bare st towards vs

r Meanig frō ỹ whole bodie of the Church

s Thogh Abrahám wolde refuse vs to be his childrē, yet ỹ wil not refuse to be our father.

t By taking away thy holie Spirit from vs, by whome we were gouerned, and so for our ingratitude didest deliuer vs vp to our owne cōcupiscence, & didest punish sinne by sinne according to thy iuste iudgemēt

u Meaning, for the couenants sake made to Abrahám, Izhák & Iaakób his seruants

x That is, in respect of the promes, which is perpetual albeit thei had now possessed the land of Canáā, a thousand, & foure hundreth yere and thus they lament, to moue God rather to remember his couenant then to punish their sinnes.

CHAP LXIIII.

1 The Prophet prayeth for the sinnes of the people. 6 Mās righteousnes is like a filthy cloth.

OH, that thou woldest a breake the heauens, & come downe, *and* that ỹ mountaines might melt at thy presence!

As ỹ melting fyre burned, *as* the fyre caused b the waters to boile, (that thou mightest declare thy Name to thy aduersaries) the people did tremble at thy presence.

When thou didest terrible things, which we looked not for, thou camest downe, & the mountaines melted at thy presence.

For since the beginning of the worlde they haue not c heard nor vnderstand with the eare, nether hathe the eye sene *another* God beside thee, which doeth so to him that waiteth for him.

Thou didest mete him, d that reioyced *in thee*, and did iustely: they remēbred thee in thy e wayes: beholde, thou art angrie, for we haue sinned: *yet* in f them is continuance, and we g shal be saued.

But we haue all bene as an vncleane thig & all our h righteousnes is as filthy cloutes, and we all do fade like a leafe, and our iniquities like the winde haue taken vs away.

And there is none that calleth vpon thy Name, nether that stirreth vp him self to take holde of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from vs, and hast consumed vs because of our iniquities.

But now, ô Lord, thou art our Father: we are the i claye, and thou art our potter, & we

a The Prophet continueth his prayer, desiring God to declare his loue toward his Church by miracles, and mightie power as he did in mount Sinái

b Meaning, ỹ rayne, haile, fyre, thūder, & lightenings

c S Paul vseth the same kinde of admiration, 1 Cor 2, 9, marueling at Gods great benefits shewed to his Church by the reasoning of

d That is, ỹ knew God

e That is, ỹ consideration of thy great mercies

f That is, in thy iudgements, wherein we delite to walke in the waies of the Lord

g Thou wilt haue pitie vpō vs

h We are iustely punished & brought into captiuitie, because we haue prouoked thee to angre, and though we welde excuse our selues, yet our righteousnes, & best vertues are before thee as vile cloutes, or, (as some read) like the menstruous clothes of a woman

i Albeit, o Lord, by thy iuste iudgement thou mayst vtterly destroye vs, as the potter may his pot, yet we appeale to thy mercies, whereby it hathe pleased thee to accept vs to be thy children.

we all are the worke of thine hands.

9 Be not angrie, ô Lord, [k]aboue measure, neither remẽber iniquitie for euer: lo, we beseeche thee beholde, we are all thy people.

10 [l] Thine holie cities lye waste: Zión is a wildernes, & Ierusalém a desert.

11 The House of our Sanctuarie & of our glorie, [m] where our fathers praised thee, is burnt vp with fyre, and all our pleasant things are wasted.

12 Wilt thou holde thy self stil [n] at these things, ô Lord? wilt thou holde thy peace and afflict vs aboue measure?

CHAP. LXV.

The Vocation of the Gentiles and the reiection of the Iewes. 13 The ioy of the elect and the punishment of the wicked.

1 I Haue bene soght of them that [a] asked not: I was founde of them that soght me not: I said, Beholde me, beholde me, vnto a nation that called not vpon my Name.

2 I haue [b] spred out mine hands all the day vnto a rebellious people, which walked in a way that was not good, *euen* after their owne [c] imaginacions:

3 A people that prouoked me euer vnto my face: that sacrificeth in [d] gardens, and burneth incense vpon [e] brickes.

4 Which remaine among the [f] graues, and lodge in the deserts, which eat [g] swines flesh, and the broth of things polluted *are* in their vessels.

5 Which say, [h] Stand aparte, come not nere to me: for I am holier then thou: these are a smoke in my wrath & a fyre that [i] burneth all the day.

6 Beholde, it is [k] writen before me: I wil not kepe silence, but wil rendre it and recompense it into their bosome.

7 Your iniquities & the iniquities of your fathers *shalbe* [l] together (saith the Lord) which haue burnt incense vpon the mountaines, and blasphemed me vpon the hilles: therefore wil I measure their olde worke into their bosome.

8 Thus saith the Lord, As the wine is foũde in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not, for a [m] blessing *is* in it, so wil I do for my seruants sakes, that I may not destroy them whole.

9 But I wil bring a sede out of Iaakób, & out of Iudáh, that shal enherit my mountaine: and mine elect shal inherit it, & my seruants shal dwell there.

10 And Sharón [n] shalbe a shepe folde, and the valley of Achór shalbe a resting place for the cattel of my people, that haue soght me.

11 But ye are thei that haue forsaken the Lord and forgotten mine holie Mountaine, & haue prepared a table for the [o] multitude, & furnish the drinke offrings vnto the nomber.

12 Therefore wil I [p] nomber you to the sworde, and all you shal bowe downe to ỹ slaughter, because I called, and ye did not answer: I [q] spake, & ye heard not, but did euil in my sight and did chuse that thing which I wolde not.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Beholde, my seruants shal [r] eat, & ye shal be hungrie: beholde, my seruants shal drinke, and ye shal be thirstie: beholde, my seruãtes shal reioyce, and ye shalbe ashamed.

14 Beholde, my seruants shal sing for ioye of heart, and ye shal crye for sorowe of heart, & shal howle for vexation of minde.

15 And ye shal leaue your name as a curse vnto my [s] chosen: for the Lord God shal slaie you and call his seruants by [t] another name.

16 He that shal blesse in the [u] earth, shal blesse him self in the true God, and he that sweareth in the earth, shal sweare by the true God: for the former [x] troubles are forgotten, and shal surely hide them selues from mine eyes.

17 For lo, I wil creat [y] newe heauens and a newe earth: and the former shal not be remembred nor come into minde.

18 But be you glad & reioyce for euer in ỹ things that I shal creat: for beholde, I wil creat Ierusalém *as* a reioycing & her people *as* a ioye,

19 And I wil reioyce in Ierusalém, & ioye in my people, and the voice of weping shalbe no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shalbe no more there a childe of yeres, nor an olde man that hathe [z] not filled his daies: for he that shalbe an hũdreth yeres olde, shal dye *as* a yong man: but the sinner being [a] an hũdreth yeres olde shalbe accursed.

21 And thei shal [b] buylde houses and inhabit them, and thei shal plant vineyardes, and eat the frute of them.

22 Thei shal not buylde, and another inhabit: thei shal not plant, and another eat: for as the daies of the tre are the daies of my people, and mine elect shal inioye in olde age the worke of their hands.

23 Thei shal not labour in vaine, nor bring forthe in feare: for thei are the sede of the blessed of ỹ Lord, & their buddes with thẽ.

24 Yea, before thei call, I wil answer, & whiles thei speake, I wil heare.

25 The [c] wolfe & the lambe shal fede together, and the lion shal eat strawe like the

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k For so ỹ flesh iudgeth when God doeth not immediatly send succor.

l Which were dedicat to thy seruice and to call vpon thy Name.

m Wherein we reioyced and worshiped thee

n That is, at the contempt of thine owne glorie: thogh our sinnes haue deserued this, yet thou wilt not suffer thy glorie thus to be diminished.

a Meaning, the Gentiles which knew not God, shulde seke after him when he had moued their hearts with his holy Spirit, Rom. 10,20

b He sheweth the cause of the reiection of the Iewes, because they wolde not obey him for anie admonitiõ of his Prophetes, by whome he called them continually & stretched out his hand to drawe them

c He sheweth that to delite in our owne fantasies is the declining from God & the beginning of all superstition & idolatrie

d Which were dedicat to idoles

e Meanig their altars, ỹ he thus nameth by contempt

f To consult wt spirits & to conjure deuils ỹ was forbidde, Deut. 18, 11.

g Which was contrarie to Gods commandement, Leuit. 11,7 deut 14,8.

h He sheweth that hypocrisie is euer ioyned with pride & contempt of others

i Their punishement shal neuer haue end

k So that ỹ remẽbrance thereof can not be forgotten

l Shalbe bothe punished togethers: and this declareth how the children are punished for their fathers faultes: to wit, when the same fautes or like are founde in them

m That is it is profitable meaning, that God wil not destroy the faithful branches of his vineyard when he destroieth the rotten stuckes, that is the hypocrites

n Which was a plentiful place in Iudea to fede shepe, as Achór was for cattel

o By the multitude & nomber he meaneth their innumerable idoles, of whome they thoght they colde neuer haue ynough.

p Seing you cã not nomber your gods, I wil nomber you with the sworde

q By my Prophetes, whome ye wolde not obey.

r By these wordes, Eat & drinke, he meaneth the blessed life of the faithful, ẅ haue alwaies consolacion, & ful contentement of all things in their God, thogh some times they lacke these corporal things.

s Meaning, ỹ he wolde call the Gentiles, who shulde abhorre, euen the very name of the Iewes for their infidelities sake

t Then by the name of the Iewes.

u By blessing, & by swearig, is ment the praising of God for his benefites, and the true worshipig of him, which shal not be onely in Iudea, but through all the worlde.

x I wil no more suffer my Church to be desolate as in times past

y I wil so alter and change the state of my Church, that it shal seme to dwel in a newe worlde.

z Meaning, in this wonderful restauracio of the Church there shulde be no weakenes of youth, nor infirmities of age, but all shulde be fresh, and florishing & this is accoplished in the heauenlie Ierusalém, when all sinnes shal cease and the teares shalbe wiped away.

a Whereby he sheweth that the infideles and vnrepentant sinners haue no parte of this benediciõ

b He proposeth to the faithful the blessings which are conteined in the Law, and so vnder temporal things comprehendeth the spirituall promises.

c Read Chap 11,6

bullocke: and to the serpent dust *shall be* his meat. Thei shal no more hurt nor destroy in all mine holie Mountaine, saith ỹ Lord.

CHAP. LXVI.

1 God dwelleth not in temples made with hands. 3 He despiseth sacrifices done without mercie and faith. 5 God comforteth them that are troubled for his sake. 19 The vocation of the Gentiles 23 The perpetual Sabbath 24 The punishment of the wicked is euerlasting.

1 THus saith the Lord, *The a heauen is* my throne, and the earth *is* my foote-stole: where is ỹ house that ye wil buylde vnto me? & where is that place of my rest? 2 For all these things hathe mine hād made, b & all these things haue bene, saith the Lord: & to him wil I loke, euen to him, that is poore, and of c a contrite spirit and trembleth at my wordes.

3 He that killeth a bullocke, *is as* if he d slew a man: he that sacrificeth a shepe, *as* if he cutte of a dogges necke: he that offreth an oblation, *as* if he offred swines blood: he ỹ remēbreth incense, *as* if he blessed an idole: yea, thei haue chosē their owne waies, & their soule deliteth in their abominaciōs. 4 Therefore wil I e chuse out their delusiōs, & I wil bring their feare vpon thē, because I called, & none wolde answer: I spake and they wolde not heare: but they did euil in my sight, & chose ỹ things w̄ I wolde not. 5 Heare the worde of the Lord, all ye that tremble at his f worde, Your brethren that hated you, & cast you out for my Names sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shal appeare to your ioye, and thei shal be ashamed.

6 A voyce soundeth from the citie, *euen* a voyce from the Temple, the voyce of the Lord, that recōpenceth his enemies fully. 7 Before g she trauailed, she broght forthe: and before her peine came, she was deliuered of a man childe. 8 Who hathe heard such a thing? who hathe sene suche things? shal the earth be broght forthe in one h day? or shal a nation be borne at once? for assone as Zión trauailed, she broght forthe her children. 9 Shal I k cause to trauaile, and not bring forthe? shal I cause to brīg forthe & shalbe baren, saith thy God?

10 Reioyce ye with Ierusalém, and be glad with her, all ye that loue her: reioyce for ioye with her, all ye that mourne for her, 11 That ye may sucke l & be satisfied with the breasts of her cōsolation: that ye may milke out & be delited with the brightnes of her glorie.

12 For thus saith the Lord, Beholde, I wil extend m peace ouer her like a flood & the glorie of ỹ n Gentiles like a flowing streame: then shal ye sucke, ye shal be o borne vpō *her* sides, and be ioyful vpō *her* knees. 13 As one whome his mother comforteth, so wil I comforte you, and ye shalbe comforted in Ierusalém.

14 And when ye se this, your heart shal reioyce, and your p bones shal florish like an herbe: and the hand of the Lord shal be knowen among his seruants, and *his* indignacion against his enemies.

15 For beholde, ỹ Lord wil come with fyre, & his charets like a whirlewinde, that he may q recōpence his angre with wrath, & his indignacion with the flame of fyre. 16 For the Lord wil iudge with fyre, and w his sworde all flesh, & the slaine of ỹ Lord shalbe manie.

17 They that sanctifie r thē selues, & purifie them selues in the gardens behinde one *tre* in ỹ middes eating s swines flesh, & suche abominacion, euen the mouse, shalbe consumed togethei, saith the Lord.

18 For I *wil visit* their workes, and their imaginations. *for* it shal come that I wil gather all nations, and tongues, and thei shal come, and se my t glorie.

19 And I wil set a u signe amōg thē, & wil send those that x escape of them, vnto the nacions of y Tarshish, z Pul, and a Lud, & to them that drawe the b bowe, to c Tubal and d Iauán, yles a farre of, that haue not heard my fame, nether haue sene my glorie, & e thei shal declare my glorie among the Gentiles.

20 And they shal bring all your f brethren for an offring vnto the Lord out of all nations, vpon g horses, and in charets, and in horse litters, & vpō mules, & swift beasts, to Ierusalé mine holie Moūtaine, saith the Lord, as the children of Israél, offer in a cleane vessel in the House of the Lord. 21 And I wil take of them for h Priests, *and* for Leuites, saith the Lord.

22 For as ỹ newe i heauēs, & the newe earth which I wil make, shal remaine before me, saith the Lord, so shal your sede and your name continue.

23 And from moneth to moneth, and from Sabbath to Sabbath shal all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.

24 And they shal go forthe, and loke vpon the k carkeises of the men that haue transgressed against me: for their l worme shal not dye, nether shal their fyre be quēched, & thei shalbe an abhorrīg m vnto all flesh.

Act 7.48.
a My maiestie is so great ỹ it filleth bothe heauē & earth, & therefore cā not be included in a temple like an idole cōdemning hereby their vaine confidence, w̄ trusted in the Temple & sacrifices
b Seing that bothe the Temple & ỹ things therein w̄ the sacrifices were made & done by his appointment, he sheweth that he hathe no nede thereof, & that he can be without thē Psal 50.10
c To him that is humble and pure in heart, which receiueth my doctrine with reuerence & feare.
d Because the Iewes thoght thē selues holy by offring of their sacrifices, and in the meane seasō had nether faith nor repētance, God sheweth that he doeth no lesse detest these ceremonies, then he doeth the sacrifices of the heathen who offred mē, doggs & swine to their idoles which things were expresselỹ forbidden in the Law
e I wil discouer their wickednes & hypocrisie, wherewith thei think to blinde mine eies, to all the worlde
f He incourageth ỹ faithful by promising to destroy their enemies which pretended to be as brethren, but were hypocrites and hated them that feared God
g The enemies shal shortely heare a more terrible voyce, euen fyre and slaughter, seing thei wolde not heare the gentle voyce of the Prophets which called them to repentance
h Meaning, that the restauration of the Church shulde be so suddē & contrarie to all mens opinion as when a woman is delmered before she loke for it, and that without peine in trauail.
i This shal passe the capacitie of man to se suche a multitude that shal come vp at once, meaning vnder the preaching of the Gospel, whereof thei that came vp out of Babylon, were a figure
k Declaring hereby, that as by his power, & prouidence woman trauaileth & is deliuered so hathe he power to bring forth his Church at his time appointed
l That ye may reioyce for all ỹ benefites that God bestoweth vpon his Church
m I wil giue her felicitie, & prosperitie in great abūdāce.
n Read Ch. p 60.16
o Ye shalbe cherished, as her derelite beloued children
p Ye shal haue newe strength and newe beautie
q This vēgeāce God began to execute at ỹ destruction of Babylon, and hathe euer cōtinued against the enemies of his Church, & wil do til the last day, which shalbe the accōplishement thereof
r Meaning, the hypocrites
s Whereby are ment them that did maliciously transgresse ỹ Law, by eating beasts forbidden, cuē to the mouse which abhorreth nature
t The Gētiles shalbe partakers of that glorie, which before I shewed to the Iewes
u I wil marke these ỹ I chuse that they perish not with the rest of the infideles whereby he alludeth to ỹ marking of the postes of his people, whome he preserued, Exod 12.7.
x I wil scatter the rest of the Iewes, which escape destruction, into diuers nations
y That is, Cilicia
z Meaning, Affrica.
a To wit, Lidia, or Asia minor
b Signifying the Parthians.
c Italie
d Grecia.
e Meaning, ỹ Apostles, disciples, & others which he did first chuse of ỹ Iewes to preache vnto the Gentiles
f That is, the Gentiles, w̄ by faith shalbe made the children of Abraham as you are
g Whereby he meaneth ỹ no necessarie meanes shal want whē God shal call ỹ Gentiles to ỹ knowledge of the Gospel
h To wit, of ỹ Gētiles, as he did Luke, Timothie & Tite first, & others after
i Hereby he signifieth ỹ kigdome of Christ wherein his Church shal be rested, & where as before there were appointed seasons to sacrifice in this there shalbe one continual Sabbath so ỹ all times and seasons shalbe mete.
k As he hathe declared ỹ felicitie that shalbe within ỹ Church for ỹ cōfort of the godlie, so doeth he shewe what horrible calamitie shal come to the wicked, ỹ are out of the Church
l Meaning, a cōtinual rorm ēt of conscience, w̄ shal euer gnawe them & neuer suffer them to be at rest, Mark 9.44.
m This is the iuste recompence for the wicked, which contemning God and his worde, shalbe by Gods iuste iudgemēt abhorred of all his creatures.

IEREMIAH.

THE ARGUMENT.

THe Prophet Ieremiáh borne in the citie of Anathóth in the countrey of Beniamin, was the ſonne of Hilkiáh, whome ſome thinke to be he that founde out the boke of the Lawe, and gaue it to Ioſiáh. This Prophet had excellent gifties of God, and moſte euident reuelations of prophecie, ſo that by the commandement of the Lord he began very yong to prophecie, that is, in the thirtenth yere of Ioſiáh, and continued eightene yere vnder the ſaid King, and thre moneths vnder Iehoahás, and vnder Iehoiakím eleuen yeres, and thre moneths vnder Iehoiachín, and vnder Zedekiáh eleuen yeres: vnto the time that they were caryed away into Babylon. So that this time amounteth to aboue fourty yere, beſides the time that he prophecied after the captiuitie. In this boke he declareth with teares, and lamentation the deſtruction of Ieruſalém, and the captiuitie of the people, for their idolatrie, couetouſnes, ſubtiltie, crueltie, exceſſe, rebellion, and contempt of Gods worde, and for the conſolacion of the Church, reuealeth the iuſte time of their deliuerance. And here chiefly are to be conſidered thre things. Firſt the rebellion of the wicked, which waxe more ſtubberne and obſtinate, when the Prophetes do admoniſh them moſte plainely of their deſtruction. Next how the Prophetes and miniſters of God ought not to be diſcouraged in their vocatiō, though they be perſecuted & rigorouſly handeled of the wicked for Gods cauſe. And thirdely, though God ſhewe his iuſte iudgemēt againſt the wicked, yet wil he euer ſhewe him ſelf a preſeruer of his Church, and when all meanes ſeme to mans iudgement to be aboliſhed, thē wil he declare him ſelf victorious in preſeruing his.

CHAP. I.

1 In what time Ieremiáh prophecied. 6 He acknowledgeth his imperfection, and is ſtrengthened of the Lord. 11 The Lord ſheweth him the deſtruction of Ieruſalém. 17 He commandeth him to preache his worde without feare.

1 THE [a] wordes of Ieremiáh the ſonne of [b] Hilkiáh *one* of the Prieſts that were at [c] Anathóth in the land of Beniamín.

2 To whome the [d] worde of the Lord came in the daies of Ioſiáh the ſonne of Amón King of Iudáh in the thirtenth yere of his reigne:

3 And alſo in the daies of Iehoiakím the [e] ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iudáh vnto the end of the eleuenth yere of Zedekiáh the ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iudáh, *euen* vnto the caryīg awaie of Ieruſalém captiue in the fift [f] moneth.

4 Then the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſayīg,

5 Before I [g] formed thee in the wombe, I knewe thee, and before thou cameſt out of the wombe, I ſanctified thee, & ordeined thee to be a Prophet vnto the [h] nations.

6 Then ſaid I, [i] Oh, Lord God, beholde, I can not ſpeake, for I am a childe.

7 But the Lord ſaid vnto me, Saie not, I am a childe: for thou ſhalt go to all that I ſhal ſend thee, and whatſoeuer I commande thee, ſhalt thou ſpeake.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliuer thee, ſaith the Lord.

9 Then the Lord ſtretched out his hand & [k] touched my mouth, and the Lord ſaid vnto me, Beholde, I haue put my wordes in thy mouth.

10 Beholde, this daie haue I ſet thee ouer [l] natiōs and ouer the kingdomes to plucke vp, and to roote out, and to deſtroy and throwe downe, to buylde, and to plant.

11 After this the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſayīg, Ieremiáh, what ſeeſt thou? And I ſaid, I ſe a [m] rod of an almonde tre.

12 Then ſaid the Lord vnto me, Thou haſt ſene aright: for I wil haſten my worde to performe it.

13 Againe the worde of the Lord came vnto me the ſeconde time, ſayīg, What ſeeſt thou? And I ſaid, I ſe a ſeething [n] pot lokīg out of the North.

14 Then ſaid the Lord vnto me, Out of the [o] North ſhal a plague be ſpred vpon all the inhabitans of the land.

15 For lo, I wil call all the families of the kingdomes of the North, ſaith the Lord, and thei ſhal come, and euerie one ſhal ſet his throne in the entring of the gates of Ieruſalém, and on all the walles thereof rounde about, and in all the cities of Iudáh.

16 And I wil declare vnto them my [p] iudgements touching all the wickednes of them that haue forſaken me, and haue burnt incenſe vnto other gods, and worſhiped the workes of their owne hands.

17 Thou therefore truſſe vp thy loynes, & ariſe & ſpeake vnto them all that I commande thee: be not afrayed of their faces, leſt I [q] deſtroye thee before them.

18 For I, beholde, I this day haue made thee a

a That is, the ſermons and prophecies.
b Which is thoght to be he that founde the booke of the Law vnder King Ioſiáh, 2. King. 22, 8.
c This was a citie about thre miles diſtāt frō Ieruſalém, and belonged to the Prieſts the ſonnes of Aarón, Ioſh. 21, 18.
d This is ſpoken to cōfirme his vocation & office, foraſmuche as he did not preſume of him ſelf to preache, & prophecie, but was called thereunto by God.
e Meaning, that nephewe of Ioſiáh: for Iehoahás was his father, who reigned but thre moneths and therefore is not mencioned, no more is Ioachín that reigned no longer.
f Of the eleuenth yere of Zedekiáh, who was alſo called Mattaniáh, and at this time the Iewes were caried away into Babylon by Nebuchadnezzár.
g The Scripture vſeth this maner of ſpeache to declare, that God hathe appointed his miniſters to their offices before they were borne, as Iſa. 49, 1. gal. 1, 15.
h For Ieremiáh did not onely prophecie againſt the Iewes, but alſo againſt the Egyptians, Babylonians, Moabites, and other nations.
i Conſidering the great iudgements of God, which according to his threatenings ſhulde come vpon the worlde, he was moued with a certeine compaſsion on the one ſide to pitie them that ſhulde thus periſh, & on the other ſide by the infirmitie of mās nature knowing how hard a thing it was to enterpriſe ſuche a charge, as Iſa. 6, 11. exod 3, 11. & 4, 1.
k Which declareth that God maketh them mete, & aſſureth thē, whome he calleth to ſet forthe his glorie: giuing them all meanes neceſſarie for the ſame, Exod. 4, 12. Iſa. 6, 7.
l He ſheweth, what is the authoritie of Gods true miniſters, & by his worde haue power to beat downe whatſoeuer lifteth it ſelf vp againſt God: & to plant & aſſure the humble, & ſuche as giue them ſelues to the obedīce of Gods worde, 2. Cor. 10, 4. ebr. 4, 12. and theſe are the keyes which Chriſt hathe left to looſe, & binde, Mat. 18, 18.
m He ioyneth the ſigne with the worde for more ample confirmation: ſignifying by the rod of the almond tre, which firſt buddeth, the haſtie cōming of the Babylonians againſt the Iewes.
n Signifying, that the Caldeans, & Aſſyrians ſhuld be as a pot to ſeethe the Iewes, which boyled in their pleaſures, and luſtes.
o Syria & Aſſyria were North ward in reſpect of Ieruſalēm, which were the Caldeans dominion.
p I wil giue them charge and power to execute my vengeance againſt the idolaters, which haue forſaken me for their idoles.
q Which declareth that Gods vengeāce is prepared againſt them, which dare not execute their duetie faithfully, either for feare of mā, or for ani other cauſe, 1. Cor. 9, 16.

defenced citie, and an [r] yron piller & walles of brasse against the whole lād, against the Kings of Iudáh, & against the princes thereof, against the Priests thereof and against the people of the land.

19 For they shal fight against thee, but thei shal not preuaile against thee: for I am [w] thee to deliuer thee, saith the Lord.

r Signifying on ỹ one parte, that the more that Satan, and the worlde rage against Gods ministers, the more present wil he be to help thē, Iosh. 1,5. chr. 13,5. & on the other parte, that thei are vtterly vnmete to serue God, and his Church, which are afraide, and do not resist wickednes, whatsoeuer danger depende thereon, Isa. 50,7, ezek. 3,8.

CHAP. II.

2 *God rehearseth his benefites done vnto the Iewes. 9 Against the Priests and false prophetes. 12 The Iewes are destroyed, because they forsake God.*

1 MOreouer, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

2 Go, and cry in the eares of Ierusalém, saying, Thus saith the Lord, I remember thee, with the [a] kindenes of thy youth *and* ỹ loue of thy mariage, when thou wentest after me in the wildernes [b] in a land that was not sowen.

a According to that grace, and fauour, w I shewed thee from the beginning, when I did first chuse thee to be my people, and maried thee to my self, Ezek. 16,3.
b When I had deliuered thee out of Egypt.

3 Israél *was as* a thing [c] halowed vnto the Lord, & his first frutes: all they [d] that eat it, shal offend. euil shal come vpon them, saith the Lord.

c Chosen aboue all other to serue the Lord onely, & she first offred to the Lord of all other natiōs
d Whosoeuer did chaleng this people, or els did annoy them, was punished.

4 Heare ye the worde of the Lord, ô house of Iaakób, and all the families of the house of Israél.

5 Thus saith the Lord, What iniquitie haue your fathers founde in me, that they are gone [e] farre from me, and haue walked after vanitie, and are become [f] vaine?

e That is, fallen to moste vile idolatrie.
f Altogether giuen to vanitie, and are become blinde and insensible as the idoles, that thei serue.

6 For they said not, Where is ỹ Lord that brought vs vp out of the land of Egypt? that led vs through ỹ wildernes, through a desert, and waste land, through a drye land, and [g] by the shadowe of death, by a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

g Where for lacke of all things necessarie for life, ye colde loke for nothing euerie houre but present death.

7 And I brought you into a plentiful countrey, to eat the frute thereof, and the commodities of the same: but when ye entred, ye defiled [h] my land, and made mine heritage an abominacion.

h By your idolatrie, & wicked maners, Psal. 78,58, and 106,38.

8 The Priests said not, [i] Where is the Lord? and they that shulde minister the [k] Law, knewe me not: ỹ [l] pastours also offended against me, and the prophetes prophecied in [m] Báal, and went after *things* that did not profite.

i Thei taught not the people to seke after God.
k As the Scribes, w shulde haue expounded the Law to the people.
l Meaning, the princes and ministers. signifying that all estates were corrupt.

9 Wherefore I wil yet [n] plead with you, saith the Lord, and I wil plead with your childrens children.

10 For go ye to the yles of [o] Chittím, & beholde, and send vnto [p] Kedár, and take diligent hede, and se whether there be suche things.

m That is, spake vaine things, and brought the people from the true worship of God to serue idoles: for by Báal, which was the chief idole of the Moabites, are ment all idoles.

11 Hathe *anie* nation changed their gods, which yet are no gods? but my people haue chāged their [q] glorie, for that which doeth not [r] profite.

n Signifying, that he wolde not as he might, streight way condemne them, but sheweth them by euident examples their great ingratitude, that they might be ashamed, and repent.
o Meaning, the Grecians & Italians.
p Vnto Arabia.

12 O ye [s] heauens, be astonied at this: be afrayed and vtterly cōfounded, saith the Lord.

13 For my people haue cōmitted two euils: they haue forsakē me [t] the fountaine of liuing waters, to digge thē pittes, *euen* broken pittes, that can holde no water.

14 Is Israél a [u] seruant, or is he borne in the house? why *then* is he spoiled?

15 The [x] lyons roared vpon him & yelled, and they haue made his land waste: his cities are burnt without [y] an inhabitant.

16 Also the children of [z] Noph and Tahapanés haue [a] broken thine head.

17 Hast not thou procured this vnto thy self, because thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, when he [b] led thee by the way?

18 And what hast thou now to do in the way of [c] Egypt? to drinke the water of Nilus? or what makest thou in the way of Asshúr? to drinke the water of the [d] Riuer?

19 Thine owne wickednes shal [e] correct thee, and thy turnings backe shal reproue thee: knowe therefore and beholde, that it is an euil thing, and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my feare *is* not in thee, saith the Lord God of hostes.

q That is, God which is their glorie, & who maketh them glorious aboue all other people: reproouing the Iewes, that they were lesse diligēt to serue ỹ true God, then were the Idolaters to honour their vanities.
r Meaning, the idoles, which were their destruction, Psal. 106,36
s He sheweth, that the insensible creatures abhorre this vile ingratitude, and as it were, tremble for feare of Gods great iudgements against the same.
t Signifying, ỹ when men forsake Gods worde, which is the fountaine of life, they reiect God hī selfe, and so fall to their owne inuentions, & vaine confidēce, and procure to the selues destructiō. Iona 2,8. zach. 10,2.
u Haue I ordered them like seruants, & not like dereliē beloued children: Exo. 4,22. therefore it is their faut onely, if the enemie spoile them.
x The Babylonians, Chaldeans & Assyrians.
y Not one shal be left to dwell there.
z That is, the Egyptians: for there were two great cities in Egypt
a Haue grieuously vexed thee at sondrie times.

20 For of olde time I haue brokē thy yoke, & burst thy bōds, and thou saidest, [f] I wil no more trāsgresse, but *like* an harlot thou runnest about vpon all hie hilles, and vnder all grene trees.

21 Yet I had plāted thee, a noble vine, whose [g] plants were all natural: how then art thou turned vnto me into the plants of a strange vine?

22 Thogh thou wash thee with [g] nitre, & take thee muche sope, *yet* thine iniquitie is marked before me, saith the Lord God.

23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, nether haue I [h] followed Baalím? beholde thy wayes in the valley, and knowe, what thou hast done: *thou art like* a swift [i] dromedarie, that runneth by his wayes.

24 *And as* a wilde [k] asse, vsed to the wildernes, that snoffeth vp the winde by occasiō at her pleasure: who cā turne her backe? all thei that seke her, wil not weary them selues, *but* wil finde her in her [l] moneth.

b Shewing, ỹ God wolde haue stil led them aright, if thei wolde haue followed hī.
c To seke helpe of man, as thogh God were not able ynough to defende thee, which is to drinke of the puddels, and to leaue the fountaine, read Isa 31,1.
d To wit, Euphrates.
e Meaning, that the wicked are insensible til the punishment for their sinne waken them, as verse. 26. Isa. 3,9.
f When I deliuered thee out of Egypt, Deu. 27,12. Iosh. 24,16. ezra. 10, 12. nehem. 8,7. *"Ebr. sede was all true.*
g Thogh thou vse all ỹ purifications and ceremonies of the Law, thou canst not escape punishment, except thou turne to me by faith, and repentance.
h Meaning, that hypocrites denie ỹ thei worship the idoles, but that they honour God in them, and therefore they call their doings Gods seruice.
i He compareth the idoles to these beastes, because they neuer cease running to and fro: for bothe valleys, and hils are ful of their idolatrie.
k He compareth the idolaters to a wilde asse: for she cā neuer be tamed, nor yet wearied: for as she rūneth, she can take her winde at euerie occasion.
l That is, whē she is w fole, & therefore the hūters waite their time: so thogh thou canst not be turned backe now from thine idolatrie, yet when thine iniquitie shalbe at the ful, God wil mete with thee.

m Hereby he warneth them that thei ſhulde not go into ſtrange countreis to ſeke helpe: for thei ſhuld but ſpēd their labour, & hurt them ſelues, which is here ment by the bare fote and thirſt, Iſa. 57,10.

25 Kepe thou thy fete from m barenes, and thy throte from thirſt: but thou ſaidſt deſperatly, No, for I haue loued ſtrangers, & them wil I followe.

n As a thefe wil not acknowleage his faute, til he be taken with the dede, & ready to be puniſhed, ſo they wil not confeſſe their idolatrie, til the plagues due to ỹ ſame light vpon them.

26 As the n theefe is aſhamed, when he is founde, ſo is the houſe of Iſraél aſhamed, they, their Kings, their princes and their Prieſts, and their Prophetes,

o Meaning, ỹ idolaters ſpoyle God of his honour: & where as he hathe taught to call him the father of all fleſh, they arrribute this title to their idoles.

27 Saying to a tre, Thou art my o father, & to a ſtone, Thou haſt begotten me: for they haue turned their backe vnto me, and not their face: but in ỹ time of their trouble they wil ſay, Ariſe, and helpe vs.

p Thou thoghteſt that thy gods of blockes and ſtones colde haue holpē thee, becauſe they were many in nomber & preſent in euery place: but now let vs ſe whether eſher the multitude, or their preſence can deliuer thee from my plague, Chap 11,13

28 But where are thy gods, that thou haſt made thee? let them ariſe, if thei can helpe thee in the time of thy trouble: for according p to the nomber of thy cities, are thy gods, ô Iudáh.

q As thogh I did you iniurie in puniſhig you, ſeing that your fautes are ſo euident:

29 Wherefore wil q ye pleade with me? ye all haue rebelled againſt me, ſaieth the Lord.

r That is, you haue killed your Prophetes, that exhorted you to repentance, as Zechariáh, Iſaiáh, &c.

30 I haue ſmitten your children in vaine, they receiued no correction: your r owne ſwerde hathe deuoured your Prophetes like a deſtroying lyon.

ſ Haue I not giuen them abundance of all things?

31 O generacion, take hede to the worde of the Lord: haue I bene *as* a ſ wildernes vnto Iſraél? or a land of darkenes? Wherefore ſaith my people *then*, We are t lords, we wil come no more vnto thee?

t But wil truſt in our owne power & policie.

32 Can a maide forget her ornament, or a bride her attire? yet my people haue forgotten me, daies without nomber.

u With ſtrangers.

33 Why doeſt thou prepare thy way, to u ſeke amitie? euen therefore wil I teache *thee*, that thy waies *are* wickednes.

x The Prophetes and the faithful are ſlayne in euery corner of your countrey.

34 Alſo in thy x wings is founde the blood of the ſoules of the poore innocents: I haue not founde it in holes, but vpon all theſe *places*.

35 Yet thou ſaiſt, Becauſe I am giltles, ſurely his wrath ſhal turne frō me: beholde, I wil entre with thee into iudgement, becauſe thou ſaieſt, I haue not ſinned.

y For the Aſſyrians had taken away the ten tribes out of Iſraél, and deſtroyed Iudá, euen vnto Ieruſalém: and the Egyptians ſlewe Ioſiáh, and vexed the Iewes in ſondry ſortes.

36 Why runneſt thou about ſo muche to change thy waies? for thou ſhalt be confounded of Egypt, y as thou art confounded of Aſſhúr.

z In ſigne of lamentacion, as 2 Sam. 13,19.

37 For thou ſhalt go forthe from thence, & thine hands vpon z thine head, becauſe the Lord hathe reiected thy confidence, and thou ſhalt not proſper thereby.

CHAP. III.

God calleth his people vnto repentance. 14 He promiſeth the reſtitucion of his Church. 20 He reproueth Iudáh & Iſraél, comparing them to a woman diſobedient to her houſband.

a According as it is writē, Deut. 24,4.

THey a ſay, If a mā put away his wife, and ſhe go from him, and become another mans, ſhal he returne againe vnto her? ſhal not this land b be polluted? but ỹ haſt plaied the harlot with manie c louers: yet d turne againe to me, ſaith the Lord.

b If he take ſuche one to wife againe

c That is, with idoles, & with them, whome thou haſt put thy confidence in

2 Lift vp thine eies vnto the high places, & beholde, where thou haſt not plaied the harlot: thou haſt ſit *waiting* for them in the waies, as the e Arabian in the wildernes: & ỹ haſt polluted the land with thy whordomes, and with thy malice.

d And I wil not caſt thee of, but receiue thee, accordig to my mercie.

e Which dwelleth in tents & waiteth for thē that paſſe by to ſpoyle them

3 Therefore the ſhowres haue bene reſtrained, and the f latter raine came not, and thou haddeſt a g whores forheade: thou woldeſt not be aſhamed.

f As God threatned by his Law, Deut 28, 24

4 Dideſt thou not ſtil crye h vnto me, Thou art my father, & the guide of my youth?

g Thou woldeſt neuer be aſhamed of thine actes & repent: & this impudencie is cōmune to idolaters, & wil not giue of, though they be neuer ſo manifeſtly cōuicted

5 Wil he kepe *his angre* for euer? wil he reſerue it to the end? thus haſt thou ſpoken, but thou doeſt euil, euen more and more.

h He ſheweth that ỹ wicked in their miſeries wil crye vnto God and vſe outward praier as the godlie do, but becauſe they turne not frō their euil, they are not heard, Iſa 18,41

6 The Lord ſaid alſo vnto me, in the daies of Ioſiáh the King, Haſt thou ſene what this rebel i Iſraél hathe done? for ſhe hathe gone vp vpon euery high mountaine, and vnder euery grene tre, & there plaied the harlot.

i Meaning, ỹ ten tribes

7 And I ſaid, when ſhe had done all this, Turne thou vnto me: but ſhe returned not, as her rebellious ſiſter Iudáh ſawe.

k And gaue her vnto the hands of the Aſſyrians.

8 When I ſawe, how that by all occaſions rebellious Iſraél had plaied the harlot, I caſt k her away, & gaue her a byl of deuorcement: yet her rebellious ſiſter Iudáh was not afrayed, but ſhe went alſo, & plaied the harlot.

l The Ebrew worde may ether ſignifie lightnes & wā tones, or noiſe and brute.

9 So that for the l lightnes of her whoredome ſhe hathe euen defiled the land: for ſhe hathe committed fornicaciō with ſtones and ſtockes.

m Iudáh fayned for a time as that ſhe did returne, as vnder Ioſiáh and other good Kings, but ſhe was neuer truely touched, or wholy reformed, as appeared when occaſion was offred by any wicked prince

10 Neuertheles for all this, her rebellious ſiſter Iudáh hathe not returned vnto me with m her whole heart, but fainedly, ſaith the Lord.

n Iſraél hathe not declared her ſelf ſo wicked, as Iudáh, which yet hathe had more admonicions and examples to call her to repentance

11 And the Lord ſaid vnto me, The rebellious Iſraél hathe n iuſtified her ſelf more then the rebellious Iudáh.

o Where as ỹ Iſraelites were now kept in captiuitie by the Aſſyrians, to whome he promiſeth

12 Go and crye theſe wordes towarde o the North and ſaie, Thou diſobedient Iſraél, returne, ſaith the Lord, & I wil not let my wrath fall vpon you: for I am merciful, ſaith the Lord, & I wil not alway kepe *mine angre*.

13 But knowe thine iniquitie: for thou haſt rebelled againſt the Lord thy God & haſt p ſcatered thy waies to the ſtrange *gods* vnder euerie grene tre, but ye wolde not obeye my voyce, ſaith the Lord.

14 O ye diſobedient childrē, turne againe, ſaith the Lord, for I am your Lord, and I wil take you one of a citie, and two of a tribe and wil bring you to Zión,

15 And I wil giue you paſtours according

mercie, if they wil repent.

p There was no way, which thou dideſt not haunte to ſeke after the idoles, and to trot a pilgrimage.

to mine heart, which ſhal fede you with knowledge and vnderſtanding.

16 Moreouer, when ye be increaſed & multiplied in the land, in thoſe daies, ſaith the Lord, thei ſhal ſay no more, The q Arke of the couenant of the Lord: for it ſhal come no more to minde, nether ſhal they remēber it, nether ſhal they viſit it, for that ſhalbe no more done.

17 At that time they ſhal call Ieruſalém, r The throne of the Lord, & all the nacions ſhalbe gathered vnto it, *euen* to ỹ Name of the Lord in Ieruſalém: and thence forthe they ſhal followe no more the hardenes of their wicked heart.

18 In thoſe daies the houſe of Iudáh ſhal walke with the houſe of Iſraél, & thei ſhal come together out of ỹ land of ỹ t North, into the land, that I haue giuen for an inheritance vnto your fathers.

19 But I ſaid, How did I take thee for children & giue thee a pleaſant land, *euen* the glorious heritage of the armies of the heathen, and ſaid, Thou ſhalt call me, *ſaying*, My father, and ſhalt not turne frō me?

20 But *as* a woman rebelleth againſt her t houſbād: ſo haue ye rebelled againſt me, ô houſe of Iſraél, ſaith the Lord.

21 u A voyce was heard vpon the high places, weping and ſupplicacions of the childrē of Iſraél: for thei haue peruerted their way, & forgotten the Lord their God.

22 O ye diſobedient children, returne *and* I wil heale your rebellions. x Beholde, we come vnto thee, for thou art the Lord out God.

23 Truely *the hope* of the hilles *is* but vaine, *nor* the multitude of mountaines: but in the Lord our God is the health of Iſraél.

24 For confuſion hathe deuoured our y fathers labour, from our youth their ſhepe & their bullockes, their ſonnes and their daughters.

25 We lie downe in our confuſion, and our ſhame couereth vs! z for we haue ſinned againſt the Lord our God, we and our fathers from our youth: euen vnto this day, & haue not obeied the voyce of the Lord our God.

CHAP. IIII.

1 True repentance. 4 He exhorteth to the circumciſion of the heart. 5 The deſtruction of Iudáh is prophecied. 7 for the malice of their hearts. 19 The Prophet lamēteth it.

1 O Iſraél, if thou returne, a returne vnto me, ſaith the Lord: & if thou put away thine abóminacións out of my ſight, then ſhalt thou not remoue.

2 And thou ſhalt b ſweare, The Lord liueth in trueth, in iudgement, and in righteouſnes, and the nacions ſhalbe bleſſed in him, and ſhal glorie in him.

3 For thus ſaith the Lord to the men of Iudáh, and to Ieruſalém,

4 Breake vp c your fallow grounde, & ſowe not among the thornes: be circumciſed to the Lord, and take away the foreſkinnes of your hearts, ye men of Iudáh, and inhabitants of Ieruſalém, leſt my wrath come forthe like fyre, and burne, that none can quench it, becauſe of the wickednes of your inuentions.

5 d Declare in Iudáh, and ſhewe forthe in Ieruſalém, and ſay, Blowe the trumpet in the land: crye, and gather together, & ſay, Aſſemble your ſelues, and let vs go into ſtrong cities.

6 Set vp the ſtandart in Zión: e prepare to flee, & ſtay not: for I wil bring a plague from the North, and a great deſtruction.

7 The f lyon is come vp from his denne, and the deſtroyer of the Gentiles is departed, & gone forthe of his place to lay thy land waſte, *and* thy cities ſhalbe deſtroyed without an inhabitant.

8 Wherefore girde you with ſackecloth: lament, and howle, for the fierce wrath of the Lord is not turned backe from vs.

9 And in that day, ſaith the Lord, the heart of the King ſhal periſh, and the heart of thē princes and the Prieſts ſhalbe aſtoniſhed, and the g Prophetes ſhal wonder.

10 Then ſaid I, Ah, Lord God, ſurely thou haſt h deceiued this people & Ieruſalém, ſaying, Ye ſhal haue peace, and the ſworde perceth vnto the heart.

11 At that time ſhal it be ſaid to this people and to Ieruſalém, A drye i winde in the hie places of the wildernes *cometh* toward the daughter of my people, *but* nether k to fan, nor to clenſe.

12 A mightie winde ſhal come vnto me frō thoſe *places*, *and* now wil I alſo giue ſentence vpon them.

13 Beholde, he ſhal come vp as the l cloudes, and his charets *ſhalbe* as a tempeſt: his horſes are lighter then egles. m Wo vnto vs, for we are deſtroied.

14 O Ieruſalém, waſh thine heart from wickednes, that thou maieſt be ſaued: how long ſhal thy wicked thoghts remaine within thee?

15 For a voyce declareth from n Dan, and publiſheth affliction frō moūt o Ephraim.

16 Make ye mentiō of the heathē, *and* publiſh in Ieruſalém, Beholde, the ſkoutes come from a farre countrey, and crye out againſt the cities of Iudáh.

17 They haue compaſſed her about as the watchemen of the p field, becauſe it hathe prouoked me to wrath, ſaith the Lord.

18 Thy waies & thine inuentions haue pro-

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q This is to be vnderſtand of the comming of Chriſt. for then they ſhal not ſeke the Lord by ceremonies, & all figures ſhal ceaſe.

r Meaning the Church, where the Lord wil be preſēt to the worldes end, Mat. 28,20.

s Where they are now in captiuitie.

t The Ebrewe worde ſignifieth a friēd or companiō, & here may be taken for a houſbād, as it is vſed alſo Hoſeáh.3,1.

u Signifying, ỹ God, whome they had forſaken, w[illegible] brig the[illegible] mies vp[illegible] who ſhulde lead thē captiue and make them to crye and lament.

x This is ſpoken in the perſone of Iſraél to the ſhame of Iudáh, which ſtaied ſo long to turne vnto God.

y For their idolatrie Gods vengeance hathe light vpon thē & theirs.

z They inſtifie not thē ſelues, or ſay ỹ they wolde follow their fathers, but condemne their wicked doings and deſire forgiuenes of the ſame, 1. Ezra 9 7. 2a pſal.106,6. iſa. 64,6.

Chap.IIII.

a That is, wholy, & without hypocriſie, Ioel. 2,12, not diſſembling to turne & ſerue God as they do which ſerue him by halues, as Hoſ. 7, 2 16

b Thou ſhalt deteſt the name of idoles. Pſal 16,4. & ſhalt with reuerence ſweare by the lyuing God, when thine othe may aduance Gods glorie, & profite others, & here, by ſwearing he meaneth the true religion of God.

c He willeth them to pluck vp the impietie and wicked affection and worldelie reſpectes out of their heart, that the true ſede of Gods worde may be ſowen therein. Hoſ. 10, 12. and this is the true circumcetiō of ỹ heart, Deut.10,16. rom.2,29.col. 2,11.

d He warneth them of the great dangers ỹ ſhal come vpon them by the Caldeans, except they repent, and turne to ỹ Lord.

e He ſpeaketh this to admoniſh them of ỹ great danger when euery mā ſhal prepare to ſaue him ſelf, but it ſhal be to late, 2. King.25,4.

f Meanig Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylō 2 King 24,1.

g That is, the falſeprophetes which ſtil prophecied peace and ſecuritie.

h By the falſe prophetes, ẅ promiſed peace and tranquillitie: and thus thou haſt puniſhed their rebellious ſtubernes by cauſing them to hearken vnto lies which wolde not beleue thy trueth 2. King 22,23. ezek. 14,9.2. theſſ 2,11.

i The North winde whereby he meaneth Nebuchadnezzár.

k But to cary away bothe corne and chaffe.

l Meaning ỹ Nebuchadnezzár ſhulde come as ſuddenly, as a cloude that is caryed with ỹ winde.

m This is ſpoken in the perſone of all the people who in their affliction ſhulde crye thus.

n Which was a citie in the vtmoſt border of Iſraél Northward toward Babylon.

o Which was in the midway betwene Dan and Ieruſalém.

p Which kepe the frutes ſo ſtreitly, that nothing can come in nor out: ſo ſhulde the Babylonians compaſſe Iudáh.

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cured thee theſe things, ſuche is thy wickednes: therefore it ſhalbe bitter, therefore it ſhal perce vnto thine heart.

19 My bely, q my bely, I am pained, euen at the very heart: mine heart is troubled within me: I can not be ſtyl: for my ſoule hathe heard the ſounde of the trumpet, & the alarme of the battel.

20 Deſtruction vpon deſtruction is cryed, for the whole land is waſted: ſuddenly are my r tentes deſtroyed, *and* my curteines in a moment.

21 How long ſhal I ſe the ſtandart, & heare the ſounde of the trumpet?

22 For my people is fooliſh, thei haue not knowen me: thei are fooliſh childrē, & haue none vnderſtanding: ſ thei are wiſe to do euil, but to do wel thei haue no knowledge.

23 I haue loked vpon the earth, and lo, it was without forme and t voide: and to the heauens, and thei had no light.

24 I beheld the moũtaines: & lo, they trembled and all the hilles ſhooke.

25 I beheld, and lo, there was no man, and all the birdes of the heauen were departed.

26 I beheld, and lo, the fruteful place *was* a wildernes, and all their cities thereof were brokē downe at the preſence of the Lord, and by his fierce wrath.

27 For thus hathe ŷ Lord ſaid, The whole land ſhalbe deſolate: yet wil I u not make a ful end.

28 Therefore ſhal the earth mourne, and the heauens aboue ſhalbe darkened, becauſe I haue pronounced it: I haue thoght it, and wil not repent, nether wil I turne backe from it.

29 The whole citie ſhal flee, for the noiſe of the horſmen and bowe mē: thei ſhal go into thickets, and clime vp vpon the rockes: euerie citie ſhalbe forſaken, and not a man dwell therein.

30 And when thou ſhalt be deſtroyed, what wilt thou do? Thogh thou x clotheſt thy ſelf with ſkarlet, thogh thou deckeſt thee with ornamēts of golde, thogh thou painteſt thy face with colours, yet ſhalt thou trimme thy ſelf in vaine: *for* thy louers wil abhorre thee & ſeke thy life.

31 For I haue heard a noiſe as of a woman trauailing, or as one laboring of her firſt childe, *euen* the voice of the daughter Zión that ſigheth and ſtretcheth out her hands: y wo is me now: for my ſoule fainteth becauſe of the murtherers.

q He ſheweth that the true miniſters are liuely touched with the calamities of the Church, ſo that all the partes of their bodie fele the grief of their heart, albeit with zeale to Gods glorie thei pronounce his iudgements againſt the people.

r Meaning the cities, which were as eaſely caſt downe as a tent.

ſ Their wiſdome and policie tende to their owne deſtruction, and pulleth them from God.

t By theſe maner of ſpeaches he ſheweth the horrible deſtruction that ſhulde come vpon the land, and alſo condemneth the obſtinacie of the people, who repent not at the feare of theſe terrible tydings, ſeing that ŷ inſēſible creatures are moued therewith, as if the order of nature ſhulde be chāged, Iſa. 13, 10 and 24, 23. ezek. 32, 7. ioel. 2, 31. & 3, 15.

u But for his mercie ſake he wil reſerue him ſelfe a reſidue to be his Church, and to praiſe him in earth, Iſa. 2, 9.

x Nether thy ceremonies) nor riche gyftes ſhal deliuer thee.

y As the Prophetes were moued to pitie the deſtructiō of their people, ſo thei declared it to the people to moue them to repentance, Iſa. 22, 4. chap. 9.

CHAP. V.

a In Iudáh no righteous man found nether among the people nor the rulers. 13 Wherefore Iudáh is deſtroied of the Caldeans.

1 RVnne to & fro by the ſtretes of Ieruſalém, and beholde now, & knowe, & inquire in the open places thereof, if ye can finde a man, *or* if there be any that executeth iudgement, and ſeketh the trueth, and I wil ſpare a it.

2 For thogh thei ſay, The b Lord liueth, yet do thei ſweare falſely.

3 O Lord, are not thine eies vpon ŷ c trueth? thou haſt d ſtriken them, but thei haue not ſorowed: thou haſt cōſumed them, *but* thei haue refuſed to receiue correction: thei haue made their faces harder then a ſtone, *and* haue refuſed to returne.

4 Therefore I ſaid, Surely thei are poore, they are fooliſh, for thei knowe not the way of the Lord, *nor* ŷ iudgement of their God.

5 I wil get me vnto the e great men, and wil ſpeake vnto them: for thei haue knowen ŷ way of the Lord, *and* the iudgement of their God: but theſe haue altogether broken the yoke, *and* burſt the bondes.

6 Wherefore f a lion out of the foreſt ſhal ſlay them, and a wolfe of the wildernes ſhal deſtroye them: a leoparde ſhal watche ouer their cities: euerie one that goeth out thence, ſhalbe torne ī pieces, becauſe their treſpaces are many, *and* their rebellions are encreaſed.

7 How ſhulde I ſpare thee for this? thy children haue forſakē me, & g ſworne by them ŷ are no gods: thogh I fed them to ŷ ful, yet thei committed adulterie, and aſſembled them ſelues by companies in the harlottes houſes.

8 They roſe vp in ŷ morning *like* fed horſes: *for* euerie man neyed after his neighbours wife.

9 Shal I not viſit for theſe things, ſaith the Lord? Shal not my ſoule be auenged on ſuche a nation, as this?

10 h Clime vp vpon their walles, and deſtroy them, but make not a ful end: i take away their batilmēts, for thei are not the Lords.

11 For the houſe of Iſraél, and the houſe of Iudáh haue grieuouſly treſpaced againſt me, ſaith the Lord.

12 Thei haue k denied the Lord, & ſaid, It is not he, nether ſhal ŷ plague come vpon vs, nether ſhal we ſe ſworde nor famine.

13 And the Prophetes ſhalbe *as* l winde, and the worde is m not in them: thus ſhal it come vnto them.

14 Wherefore thus ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes, Becauſe ye ſpeake ſuche wordes, beholde, I wil put my wordes n into thy mouth, like a fyre, and this people ſhal be *as* wodde, and it ſhal deuoure them.

15 Lo, I wil bring a nation vpon you o from far, ô houſe of Iſraél, ſaith the Lord, which is a mightie nacion, & an ancient nacion, a nacion whoſe language ŷ knoweſt not, nether vnderſtandeſt what thei ſay.

16 Whoſe quiuer is as an p open ſepulchre: thei are all very ſtrong.

a That is, the citie.

b Thogh they pretend religion and holines, yet all is but hypocriſie for vnder this kinde of ſweāring is conteined the true religion.

c Doeſt not ŷ loue vprightnes and faithful dealing?

d Thou haſt oft times puniſhed them, but all is in vayne, Iſa. 9, 13

e He ſpeaketh this to the reproche of thē, which ſhulde gouerne and teache others, & yet are farther out of ŷ way then the ſimple people.

f Meaning, Nebuchadnezzar and his armie.

g He ſheweth that no ſweare by any thing then by God, is to forſake him.

Ezek. 22, 11.

h He cōmandeth the Babylonians and enemies to deſtroye them.

i Read Chap. 4, 27.

k Becauſe thei gaue no credit to the wordes of his Prophetes, as Iſa. 28, 15

l Their wordes ſhalbe of none effect, but vaine.

m Thei are not ſent of ŷ Lord, & therefore that ŵ thei threaten to vs, ſhal come vpō them.

n Meaning Ieremiáh.

o To wit, the Babylonians & Caldeans.

p Who ſhal kil many with their arrowes.

17 And thei ſhal eat thine haruest and thy bread: thei ſhal deuoure thy ſonnes & thy daughters: thei ſhal eat vp thy ſhepe and thy bullocks: thei ſhal eat thy vines & thy figtrees: thei ſhal deſtroie with ỹ ſworde thy fenſed cities, wherein ỹ dideſt truſt.

18 Neuertheles at thoſe daies, ſaith the Lord, I wil not make a ful end of [q] you.

19 And when* ye ſhal ſaie, Wherefore doeth ỹ Lord our God do theſe things vnto vs? then ſhalt [r] thou anſwer them, Like as ye haue forſaken me and ſerued ſtrange gods in your land, ſo ſhal ye ſerue ſtrangers in a land that is not yours.

20 Declare this in the houſe of Iaakób & publiſh it in Iudáh, ſaying,

21 Heare now this, ô fooliſh people, and "without vnderſtãding, which haue* eyes and ſe not, which haue eares & heare not.

22 Feare ye not me, ſaith the Lord? or wil ye not be afraid at my preſence, which haue placed the ſande for the bondes of the ſea by the perpetual decre that it can not paſſe it, and thogh the waues thereof rage, yet can thei not preuaile, thogh thei roare, *yet* can thei not paſſe ouer it?

23 But this people hathe an vnfaithful and rebellious heart: thei are departed & gone.

24 For they ſay not in their heart, Let vs now feare the Lord our God, that giueth raine bothe early & late in due ſeaſon: he reſerueth vnto vs the appointed wekes of the haruest.

25 *Yet* your [f] iniquities haue turned awaie theſe things, and your ſinnes haue hindred good things from you.

26 For among my people are founde wicked perſones, that laie waite as he that ſetteth ſnares: thei haue made a pit to catche mẽ.

27 As a cage is ful of birdes, ſo are their houſes ful of deceit: thereby thei are become great and waxen riche.

28 Thei are waxen fat & ſhining: thei do ouerpaſſe the dedes of ỹ wicked: * thei execute no iudgement, no not the iudgemẽt of the fatherles: yet thei [t] proſper, thogh thei execute no iudgement for the poore.

29 Shal I not viſite for theſe things, ſaith the Lord? or ſhal not my ſoule be auenged on ſuche a nation as this?

30 An horrible and filthie thing is committed in the land.

31 The [u] Prophetes Prophecie lies, and the Prieſtes [v] receiue *gifies* in their hãdes, and my people delite therein. What wil ye then do in the end thereof?

CHAP. VI.

1 The comming of the Aſſyrians and Caldeans. 16 He exhorteth the Iewes to repentance.

1 OYe children of [a] Beniamín, prepare to flee out of the middes of Ieruſalém and blow the trumpet in [b] Tekoá: ſet vp a ſtandart vpon [c] Beth-haccérem: for a plague appeareth out of the North and great deſtruction.

2 I haue compared the daughter of Zión to [d] a beautiful and deintie woman.

3 The paſtors with their flockes [e] ſhal come vnto her: thei ſhal pitch *their* tents round about by her, & euerie one ſhal fede in his place.

4 [f] Prepare warre againſt her: ariſe, and let vs go vp toward the South: wo vnto vs: for the day declineth, and the ſhadowes of the euening are ſtretched out.

5 Ariſe, and let vs go vp by night, and deſtroy her palaces.

6 For thus hathe the Lord of hoſtes ſaid, Hewe downe wood, and caſt a mount againſt Ieruſalém: this citie muſt be viſited: all oppreſion is in the middes of it.

7 As ỹ fountaine caſteth out her waters, ſo ſhe caſteth out her malice: [g] crueltie and ſpoile is continually heard in her before me *with* ſorow and ſtrokes.

8 Be thou inſtructed, ô [h] Ieruſalém, leſt my ſoule departe from thee, leſt I make thee deſolate *as* a land, that none inhabiteth.

9 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Thei ſhal gather as a vine, the reſidue of Iſraél: turne [i] backe thine hand as the grape gatherer into the baſkets.

10 Vnto whome ſhal I ſpeake, & admoniſh that thei may heare? beholde, their eares are* [k] vncircumciſed, and thei can not hearken: beholde, the worde of ỹ Lord is vnto them as a reproche: thei haue no delite in it.

11 Therefore I am ful of the wrath of the Lord: I am wearie with holding it: [l] I wil powre it out vpon the [m] childrẽ in ỹ ſtrete, & likewiſe vpô ỹ aſſemblie of the yong men: for the houſband ſhal euen be taken with the wife, & the aged with him that is ful of daies.

12 And their houſes *with* their lands, and wiues alſo ſhalbe turned vnto ſtrangers: for I wil ſtretch out mine hand vpon the inhabitants of the land, ſaith the Lord.

13 For frõ the leaſt of them, euen vnto the greateſt of them, euerie one is giuen vnto couetouſnes, and from the Prophet euen vnto the Prieſt, thei all deale falſely.

14 Thei haue healed alſo the hurt of the daughter of my people with ſwete wordes, ſaying, [n] Peace, peace, when there is no peace.

15 Were thei aſhamed when they had committed abomination? nay, thei were not aſhamed, no nether colde they haue anie ſhame: therefore thei ſhal fall among the "ſlaine: when I ſhal viſit them, they ſhalbe caſt downe, ſaith the Lord.

16 Thus ſaith the Lord, Stand in the waies and beholde, and aſke for the [o] olde waie, which is the good waye & walke therein,

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q Heré ỹ Lord declareth his vnſpeakeable fauour toward his Church, as Chap. 4, 27. *Chap. 16, 10.*

r Meaning the Prophet Ieremiáh.

"Ebr. without heart. Iſa. 6, 9. mat. 13, 14. act. 28, 26. rom. 11, 8. Iob. 26, 10.

f If there be anie ſtay, that we receiue not gods bleſsings in abundance, we muſt conſider that it is for our owne iniquities. Iſa. 59, 1. *Iſa. 3, 23. Zechar. 7, 10.*

t Thei fele not the plague of God for it.

uMeaning, that there colde be nothing but diſorder where ỹ miniſters were wicked perſones & corrupt.

vOr, beare rule.

Chap. VI.

a He ſpeaketh to the chiefly becauſe thei ſhuld take hede by ỹ example of their brethren, ỹ other halfe of their tribe, ẅ were now caried away priſoners.

b Which was a citie in Iudáh ſix miles from Bethléhem. 2. Chro. 11, 6.

c Read Nehe. 3, 14.

d I haue intreated her gétely & giuen her abundance of all things.

e She ſhalbe ſo deſtroied, ỹ ỹ ſhepe may be fed in her.

f He ſpeaketh this in ỹ perſone of ỹ Babylonians, ẅ complaine that the time faileth them before thei haue brought their enterpriſes to paſſe.

g He ſheweth ỹ cauſe why it ſhulde be deſtroyed & how it cometh of them ſelues.

h He warneth thẽ to amẽd by his correctiõs, & to turne to him by repentance.

i He exhorteth ỹ Babyloniãs to be diligent to ſearche out all & to leaue none.

k Thei delite to heare vayne thigs & to ſhut vp their eares to true doctrine.

l As the Lord had giuen him his worde to be as a fyre of his indignatiõ to burne ỹ wicked, Chap. 5, 14. ſo he kĩdeleth it now whẽ he ſeeth ỹ all remedies are paſt.

m None ſhalbe ſpared.

n When ỹ people began to feare Gods iudgements, ỹ falſe Prophets cõforted them by flatterings, ſhewing ỹ God wolde ſend peace and not warre.

"Ebr. them that fall

o Wherein the patriarkes and Prophets walked, directed by ỹ worde of God: ſignifyig ỹ there is no true way, but that ỹ God preſcribeth.

and ye ſhal finde reſt for your ſoules: but thei ſaid, We wil not walke *therein*.

p Prophetes ẅ ſhulde warne you of the dangers that were at hand.

17 Alſo I ſet p watchemen ouer you, *which ſaid*, Take hede to ỹ ſound of the trumpet: but thei ſaid, We wil not take hede.

q God taketh all ỹ worlde to witnes and the inſenſible creatures of ỹ ingratitude of the Iewes.

18 Heare therefore, ye q Gentiles, and thou Congregacion knowe, what is among them.

19 Heare, ô earth, beholde, I wil cauſe a plague to come vpon this people, *euen* the frute of their owne imaginacions: becauſe thei haue not taken hede vnto my wordes, nor to my Law, but caſt it of.

r Read Iſa.1,11. & Amos.5,21.

20 To what purpoſe bringeſt thou me r incenſe from Shebá, and ſwete calamus frō a farre countrey? Your burnt offrings are not pleaſant, nor your ſacrifices ſwete vnto me.

21 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, I wil lay ſtumbling blockes before this people, and the fathers and the ſonnes together ſhal fall vpon them: the neighbour and his friend ſhal periſh.

s From Babylon by Dan, & was North frō Ieruſalém.

22 Thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, a people cometh from the s North countrey, and a great nation ſhal ariſe from the ſides of the earth.

23 With bowe and ſhield ſhal they be weaponed: thei are cruel and wil haue no compaſſion: their voyce roareth like the ſea, and they ride vpon horſes, wel appointed, like men of warre againſt thee, ô daughter Zión.

t For feare of the enemie, he ſpeaketh this in the perſone of the Iewes.

24 We haue heard their fame, & our hands waxe t feble: ſorowe is come vpon vs, as the ſorowe of a woman in trauail.

25 Go not forthe into the field, nor walke by the way: for the ſworde of the enemie & feare *is* on euerie ſide.

26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with ſackecloth, and wallowe thy ſelf in the aſhes: make lamentation, and bitter mourning *as* for thine onely ſonne: for the deſtroier ſhal ſuddenly come vpon vs.

u Meaning, Ieremiáh, whom God had appointed to trie out the godlie from ỹ wicked as a founder doeth ỹ pure metral from ỹ droſſe.

27 I haue ſet u thee for a defence & fortreſſe among my people, that thou maieſt knowe and trye their waies.

28 Thei are all rebellious traitors, walking craftely: *they are* braſſe, & yron, thei all are deſtroyers.

x All the paine & labour ỹ hathe bene tāke with them, is loſt.

29 The x bellowes are burnt: the leade is cōſumed in the fyre: the founder melteth in vaine: for the wicked are not taken away.

30 Thei ſhal call them reprobate ſiluer, becauſe the Lord hathe reiected them.

CHAP. VII.

Ieremiáh is commanded to ſhewe vnto the people the worde of God, which truſteth in the outward ſeruice of the Temple. 13 The euils that ſhal come to the Iewes for the deſpiſing of their Prophetes. 21 Sacrifices doeth not the Lord chiefly require of the Iewes, but that they ſhulde obeye his worde.

1 THe wordes that came to Ieremiáh from the Lord, ſaying,

2 Stand in the gate of the Lords Houſe & crye this worde there, and ſaie, Heare the worde of the Lord, all ye of Iudáh that entre in at theſe gates to worſhip the Lord.

3 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, * Amēd your waies & your workes, and I wil let you dwell in this place. *Chap.26,13.*

a Beleue not ỹ falſe Prophetes ẅ ſay that for ỹ Tēples ſake, & the ſacrifices there, ỹ Lord wil preſerue you, & ſo nouriſh you in your ſinne, & vaine cōfidēce

4 Truſt not in a lying wordes, ſaying, The Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord: this is the Temple of the Lord.

b God ſheweth ou what cōdition he made his promes to this Temple: ỹ they ſhulde be an holie people vnto him, as he wolde be a faithful God to them.

5 For if you amend & redreſſe your waies and your workes: if you execute iudgemēt betwene a man and his neighbour,

6 *And* oppreſſe not the ſtranger, the fatherles and the widdowe & ſhed no innocent blood in this place, nether walke after other gods to your deſtruction,

7 Then b wil I let you dwell in this place in the land that I gaue vnto your fathers, for euer and euer.

8 Beholde, you truſte in lying wordes, that can not profite.

c As theues hid in holes, and dennes thinke thē ſelues ſafe, ſo whē you are in my Tēple, you thinke to be coūered ẅ ỹ holines thereof, & that I can not ſe your wickednes, Mat. 21,12.

9 Wil you ſteale, murder, and commit adulterie and ſweare falſely and burne incenſe vnto Báal, & walke after other gods whome ye knowe not?

d Becauſe thei depended ſo muche on the Temple, ẅ was for his ꝓmes, that he wolde be preſent, and defend them where ỹ Arke was: he ſenderh them to Gods iudgements againſt Shiló, where ỹ Arke had remained about 300 yeres, and after was take, the Prieſts ſlaine, & ỹ people miſerably diſconfited, 1. Sam 4 11, Cha. 26,6.

10 And come and ſtand before me in this Houſe, whereupon my Name is calle d, & ſaie, We are deliuered, thogh we haue done all theſe abominations?

11 Is this Houſe become c a dēne of theues, whereupō my Name is called before your eies? beholde, euen I ſee it, ſaith the Lord.

12 But go ye now vnto my place which was in Shiló, d where I ſet my Name at the beginning, and beholde, what I did to it for the wickednes of my people Iſraél.

e That is, I neuer ceaſed to warne you, as Iſa. 65,2 prouer. 1,23.

13 Therefore now becauſe ye haue done all theſe workes, ſaith the Lord, (& I e roſe vp earely and ſpake vnto you: but when I ſpake, ye wolde not heare me, nether whē I called, wolde f ye anſwer)

f He ſheweth what is ỹ onelie remedie to redreſſe our fautes: to ſuffer God to lead vs into ỹ way, & to obey his calling, Iſa. 66,4.

14 Therefore wil I do vnto this Houſe, whereupō my Name is called, wherein alſo ye truſt, euen vnto the place that I gaue to you and to your fathers, as I haue done vnto Shiló.

g I wil ſend you into captiuitie as I haue done Ephráim, that is, the ten tribes.

15 And I wil caſt g you out of my ſight, as I haue caſt out all your brethren, *euen* the whole ſede of Ephráim.

16 Therefore thou ſhalt not h praie for this people, nether lift vp crie or praier for thē nether intreat me, for I wil not heare thee.

h To aſſure thē ỹ God had determined ẅ him ſelf to puniſh their wickednes, he ſheweth that ỹ prayer of the godlie can nothing auaile them, whiles they remaine in their obſtinacie againſt God, & wil not vſe ỹ meanes ỹ he vſeth to call thē to repentāce, Chap. 11,14 & 14,11.

17 Seeſt thou not what thei do in the cities of Iudáh and in the ſtretes of Ieruſalém?

i That is, thei ſacrifice to ỹ ſunne, moone & ſtarres, which thei called the Queue of heauen, Chap 44,17. 2 king. 23,5.

18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle ỹ fyre, and the women knede the dough to make cakes to i the Queene

of heauen & to powre out drinke offrings vnto other gods, that thei maie prouoke me vnto angre.

19 Do thei prouoke me to angre, saith the Lord, and not them selues to the confusion of their owne faces?

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Beholde, mine angre and my wrath shalbe powred vpon this place, vpon man & vpon beast, and vpon the tre of the field and vpon the frute of the grounde, and it shal burne and not be quenched.

21 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, the God of Israél, Put your burnt offrings vnto your sacrifices, and eat the flesh.

k Shewing that it was not his chief purpose and intet that thei shulde offer sacrifices: but that thei shuld regarde, wherefore thei were ordeined: to wit, to be ioyned to the worde as seales and confirmations of remissionof sins in Christ: for without ỹ worde thei were vaine & vnprofitable.

22 For k I spake not vnto your fathers, nor commanded them, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, cõcerning burnt offrings and sacrifices.

23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, & I wil be your God, and ye shal be my people: and walke ye in all the waies which I haue commanded you, that it maie be wel vnto you.

24 But thei wolde not obey, nor incline their eare, but went after the counsels *and* the stubbernes of their wicked heart, & went backewarde and not forwarde.

25 Since the daie that your fathers came vp out of the Land of Egypt, vnto l this day, I haue euen sent vnto you all my seruants the Prophetes, m rising vp early euerie daie, and sending them.

l Which was about foretene hundreth yeres.

m Read vers. 13

26 Yet wolde thei not heare me nor incline their eare, but hardened their necke *and* did worse then their fathers.

27 Therefore shalt ỹ speake all these wordes vnto thẽ, but thei n wil not heare thee: thou shalt also crye vnto thẽ, but thei wil not answer thee.

n Whereby he sheweth that the pastours ought not to leaue their flockes in their obstinacie: for ỹ Lord wil vse the meanes of his seruants to make the wicked more fautie and to proue his.

28 But thou shalt saie vnto them, This is a nation ỹ heareth not the voice of ỹ Lord their God, nor receiueth discipline: trueth is perished, and is cleane gone out of their mouth.

o In signe of mourning, as Iob. 1, 20. mich. 1, 16.

29 Cut of thine o heere, ô Ierusalém, & cast it awaie, and take vp a complaint on the hie places: for the Lord hathe reiected & forsaken the generation of his

p Against whome he had iuste occasion to powre out his wrath.

p wrath.

30 For the children of Iudáh haue done euil in my sight, saith the Lord: thei haue set their abominations in the House, whereupon my Name is called, to pollute it.

q Of Topheth read 2. King 23 10.

31 And thei haue buylt the hie place of q Tópheth, which is in the vallei of Ben-Hinnóm to burne their sonnes & their daughters in the fyre, which I r commanded thẽ not, nether came it in mine heart.

r But commanded the contrarie, as Le. 18, 21 & 20, 2. deu. 18, 10.

32 Therefore beholde, ỹ daies come, saith the Lord, that it shal no more be called Tópheth, nor the vallei of Ben-Hinnóm, but the valley of slaughter: for thei shal burye in Tópheth til there be no place.

33 And the carkeises of this people shalbe meat for the foules of the heauen & for the beastes of the earth, and none shal fray them awaie.

34 *Thẽ I wil cause to cease from the cities of Iudáh and from the stretes of Ierusalém the voyce of mirth and the voice of gladnes, the voyce of the bridegrome and the voyce of the bride: for the land shalbe desolate. *Ezg 26, 13.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The destruction of the Iewes. 4 The Lord moueth the people to amendement. 10 He reprehendeth the lying doctrine & the couetousnes of the Prophetes & Priests.

1 AT that time, saith the Lord, thei shal bring out the bones of the Kings of Iudáh, and the bones of their princes, and the bones of the Priestes and the bones of the Prophetes, and the bones of the inhabitans of Ierusalém out of their a graues.

a The enemie for greedines of gaine shal rifle your graues, and laye you before those idoles, which in your life you worshiped, no se if they can helpe you.

2 And thei shal spread thẽ before the sunne & the moone, and all the hoste of heauen, whome they haue loued, and whome thei haue serued, & whome thei haue followed, & whome thei haue soght, and whome thei haue worshiped: thei shal not be gathered nor be buryed, *but* shal be as dung vpon the earth.

b Because of the afflictions that thei shal fele through Gods iudgements.

3 And death shalbe desired b rather then life of all ỹ residue that remaineth of this wicked familie, which remaine in all the places where I haue scatred them, saith ỹ Lord of hostes.

c Is there no hope, that thei wil returne?

4 Thou shalt saie vnto them also, Thus saith the Lord, Shal thei c fall & not arise? shal he turne awaie and not turne againe?

5 Wherefore is this people of Ierusalém turned backe by a perpetual rebellion? thei gaue thẽ selues to deceit, & wolde not returne

d They are ful of hypocrisie, and euerie one followeth his owne fantasie without any consideracion.

6 I hearkened and heard, *but* none spake aright: no man repented him of his wickednes, saying, What haue I done? euerie one turned to their race, as the horse rusheth into the battel.

e He accuseth them in that ỹ they are more ignorant of Gods iudgements then these birdes are of their appointed seasons to discerne the colde and heat, as Isa. 1, 3.

7 Euen the storcke in the aire knoweth her appointed times, & the turtle and the crane and the swallowe obserue the time of their coming, but my people knoweth not the e iudgement of the Lord.

f The Lawe doeth not profite you, nether ned it to haue bene writen for ought that you haue learned by it.

8 How do ye saie, We are wise, & the Lawe of ỹ Lord is with vs? Lo, certeinly in vaine made he it, ỹ pen of the scribes is in vaine.

g They that seme wise, may be ashamed of their ignorance: for all wisdome cõsisteth in Gods worde.

9 The g wise men are ashamed: thei are afraid and taken. lo, thei haue reiected the worde of the Lord, and what wisdome is in them?

10 Therefore wil I giue their wiues vnto others, & their fields to thẽ that shal possesse thẽ: *for euerie one from the least euẽ vnto the greatest is giuen to couetousnes & from the Prophet euẽ vnto the Priest, euerie one dealeth falsely.

11 For thei haue healed ỹ hurt of ỹ daughter

*Isa. 56, 11. chap. 5, 31. & 6, 13.

of

of my people with ſwete wordes, ſaying, h Peace, peace, when there is no peace.

12 Were they aſhamed whē they had cōmitted abominatiō? nay, they were not aſhamed, neither colde they haue ane ſhame: therefore ſhal they fall among the ſlaine: when I ſhal viſit them, they ſhalbe caſt downe, ſaith the Lord.

13 I wil ſurely cōſume them, ſaith ỹ Lord: there ſhal be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the figtre, and the leaf ſhal fade, & the things that I haue giuen them, ſhal departe from them.

14 Why do we ſtay? i aſſemble your ſelues, & let vs entre into the ſtrong cities, & let vs be quiet there: for the Lord our God hathe put vs to ſilence and giuen vs water with k gall to drinke, becauſe we haue ſinned againſt the Lord.

15 *We loked for peace, but no good *came*, & for a time of health, & beholde troubles.

16 The neying of his horſes was heard frō l Dan, the whole land trembled at the noiſe of the neying of his ſtrōg *horſes*: for they are come, and haue deuoured the lād with all that is in it, the citie, and thoſe that dwell therein.

17 For beholde, I wil m ſend ſerpents, & cockatrices among you, which wil not be charmed, & they ſhal ſting you, ſaith ỹ Lord.

18 I wolde haue n cōforted my ſelf againſt ſorowe, *but* mine heart is heauie in me.

19 Beholde, the voyce of the crye of ỹ daughter of my people *for feare of thē* of a farre countrey, Is not ỹ Lord in Zión? is not her King in her? Why o haue they prouoked me to angre with their graué images, and with the vanities of a ſtrange *god*?

20 The p harueſt is paſt, the ſomer is ended and we are not holpen.

21 I am q ſore vexed for ỹ hurt of ỹ daughter of my people: I am heauy, & aſtoniſhment hathe taken me.

22 Is there no balme r at Gileád? is there no Phiſicō there? Why thē is not ỹ health of the daughter of my people recouered?

CHAP. IX.

1 The complaint of the Prophet for the malice of the people. 24 In the knowledge of God ought we onely to reioyce. 26 The Uncircumciſion of the heart.

1 OH, that mine head were *ful of* a water and mine eyes a fountaine of teares, that I might wepe day and night for the ſlaine of the daughter of my people.

2 Oh, that I had in the wildernes a b cottage of way faring men, that I might leaue my people, & go from them: for they be all c adulterers & an aſſemblie of rebels,

3 And they bend their tongues *like* their bowes for d lies: but they haue no courage for the trueth vpon ỹ earth: for they procede from euil to worſe, and they haue not knowen me, ſaith the Lord.

4 Let euerie one take hede of his neighbour, & truſt you not in anie e brother: for euerie brother wil vſe deceit, and euerie friend wil deale deceitfully,

5 And euerie one wil deceiue his friend, & wil not ſpeake the trueth: *for* they f haue taught their tongues to ſpeake lies, and take great paines to do wickedly.

6 Thine habitation is in the middes of deceiuers: g becauſe of *their* deceit they refuſe to knowe me, ſaith the Lord.

7 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Beholde, I wil h melt them, & trye thē: for what ſhulde I *els* do for the daughter of my people?

8 Their tongue *is* as an arrowe ſhot out, & ſpeaketh deceit: one ſpeaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth waite for him. *Pſal.28,3. & 120,4.*

9 Shal I not viſit thē for theſe things, ſaith the Lord? or ſhal not my ſoule be auenged on ſuche a nation as this?

10 Vpon the i mountaines wil I take vp a weping and a lamentacion, and vpon the faire places of the wildernes a mourning, becauſe they are burnt vp: ſo that none cā paſſe through them, neither can men heare the voyce of the flocke: both the foule of ỹ aire, & the beaſt are fled away & gone.

11 And I wil make Ieruſalém an heape, & a den of dragons, & I wil make the cities of Iudáh waſte, without an inhabitant.

12 Who is k wiſe, to vnderſtand this, and to whome ỹ mouth of the Lord hathe ſpokē, euē he ſhal declare it. Why doeth ỹ land periſh, & is burnt vp like a wildernes, that none paſſeth through?

13 And the Lord ſaith, Becauſe they haue forſaken my Law, which I ſet before them, & haue not obeied my voice, neither walked there after,

14 But haue walked after the ſtubbernes of their owne heart, and after Baalims, which l their fathers taught them,

15 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil fede this people with wormewodde, and giue them waters of gall m to drinke:

16 I wil ſcatre them alſo among the heathē, whome neither they nor their fathers haue knowen, and I wil ſend a ſworde after thē, til I haue conſumed them.

17 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Take hede, & call for n the mourning women, ỹ they may come, & ſend for ſkilful womē that they may come,

18 And let thē make haſte, & let thē take vp a lamētation for vs, ỹ our eyes may caſt out teares & our eye liddes guſh out of water.

19 For a lamentable noyſe is heard out of Zión, How are we deſtroyed, *and*

h Read Chap. 6,14

i He ſpeaketh in the perſone of the people, who when the enemie cometh, wil runne about to hide them ſelues, & acknowledge that it is Gods hand.

k That is, hathe brought vs into extreme affliction, and thus they ſhal not attribute this plague to fortune, but to Gods iuſt iudgement, Chap. 9,15. & 23,15. *Chap.14,19.*

l Read Chap. 4,15.

m God threateneth to ſend ỹ Babylonians among them, who ſhal vtterly deſtroye them in ſuche ſorte as oy no meanes they ſhal eſcape

n Read Chap. 4,19.

o Thus the Lord ſpeaketh.

p The people wonder that they haue ſo long time loked for ſuccour in vaine.

q The Prophet ſpeaketh this.

r Meaning, ỹ no mans helpe or meanes cold ſaue thē, for in Gileád was precious balme, Chap. 46. 11. or els deriding the vaine confidēce of the people who loked for helpe at their Prieſts, who ſhulde haue beneficiſions of their ſoules, & dwelt at Gilead, Hoſe. 6,8.

s The Prophet ſheweth the great cōpaſſiō that he had toward this people, ſeing, that he colde neuer ſufficiently lament the deſtruction that he ſaw to hāg ouer them. Which is a ſpecial note to diſcerne the true paſtours from the hireſigs, read chap. 4,19

b He ſheweth that this were more quietnes, & greater ſafety for him to dwell amoog the wilde beaſtes then among this wicked people, ſaue that God hathe imoyned him this charge.

c Vtterly turned from God.

d To belye, and ſclaunder their neighbours.

e Meaning, ỹ all were corrupt and none colde finde an honeſt man.

f They haue ſo practiſed deceit ỹ they can not forſake it.

g They had rather forſake God, then leaue their wicked trade.

h With the fyre of affliction.

i Signifying that all ỹ places about Ieruſalém ſhulde be deſtroyed.

k Meaning, ỹ they are all without ſenſe, and vnderſtāding, and that God hathe taken his Spirit from them.

l He ſheweth that the children can not excuſe them ſelues by their fathers: for bo the father, & childe if they be wicked, ſhal periſh.

m Read Chap. 8,14

n Seing you cā not lament your owne ſinnes, call for thoſe fooliſh women, whome of a ſuperſtition you haue to lament for the dead, ỹ they by their fained teares may prouoke you to ſome ſorow.

vtterly confounded for we haue forsaken the land, and our dwellings o haue cast vs out.

o As though thei were weerie of vs, because of our iniquities, Leu. 18,28, & 20,22.

20 Therefore heare the worde of ỹ Lord, ô ye womẽ, and let your eares regarde the wordes of his mouth, and p teache your daughters to mourne, and euerie one her neighbour to lament.

p He derideth the superstitiõ of the women, which made an arte of mourning, & taught to wepe with fained teares.

21 For death is come vp into our q wĩdowes, & is entred into our palaces, to destroye ỹ children without, and the yong men in the stretes.

q Signifying, that there is no meanes to deliuer ỹ wicked frõ Gods iudgemẽts: but whẽ thei thinke to be moste sure, and moste farre of, then are they soneste taken.

22 Speake, thus saith the Lord, The carkeises of men shal lie, euen as the dung vpon the field, & as the hãdful after the mower, and none shal gather *them*.

23 Thus saith the Lord, Let not the r wise man glorie in his wisdome, nor the strong man glorie in his strength, nether the riche man glorie in his riches.

r Forasmuche as none cã saue him self by his owne labour or anie worldlie meanes, he sheweth ỹ it is in vaine to put our truste therein, but ỹ we trust in the Lord, & reioyce in him, who onely can deliuer vs, 1. Cor. 1,31. 2 cor. 10, 17.

24 But let him that glorieth, glorie in this, that he vnderstandeth, and knoweth me: for I am the Lord, which s shewe mercie, iudgement, and righteousnes in the earth: for in these things I delite, saith the Lord.

s These thre pointes are necessarie to knowe aright: his mercie wherein consisteth our saluation: his iudgement, ẅ he executeth cõtinually against the wiked, and his iustice, whereby he defendeth, and maintaineth the faithful.

25 Beholde, the dayes come, saith the Lord, that I wil visit all them, which are t circũcised with the vncircumcised:

t Meaning, bothe Iewes and Gentiles, as in the next verse he sheweth the cause, read Chap. 4,4.

26 Egypt and Iudáh, and Edóm, and the children of Ammón, and Moáb, & all the vtmost corners of them that dwell in the wilderners: for all *these* nations *are* vncircumcised, & all the house of Israél *are* vncircumcised in the heart.

CHAP. X.

1 The constellacions of the starres are not to be feared. 5 The weaknes of idoles, & of the power of God. 21 Their pastours are become brute beasts.

1 HEare ye the worde of the Lord that he speaketh vnto you, ô house of Israél.

2 Thus saith the Lord, Learne not the way of the heathen, and be not afraide for the a signes of heauen, thogh the heathen be afraide of suche.

a God forbiddeth his people to giue credit or feare the constellations & commũciõs of starres, and planers, which haue no power of thẽ selues, but are gouerned by him, & their secret motions & influẽces are not knowẽ to mã, and therefore there can be no certaine iudgemẽt thereof, Deut. 18,9.

3 For the b customes of the people are vaine: for one cutteth a tre out of the forest (which is the worke of the hãds of the carpenter) with the axe,

4 And *another* decketh it c with siluer, and with golde: they fasten it with nailes, and hammers, that it fall not.

5 The *idoles* stand vp as the palme tre, but speake not: they are borne because they cã not go: feare them not, for they can not do euil, nether can they do good.

b Meaning not onely in the obseruation of the starres, But their laws and ceremonies whereby they confirme their idolatrie, which is forbidden, Deu. 12,30. c The Propheres vse thus plainely & simply to set forthe the vile absurditie of the idolaters, that men might learne to be ashamed of ỹ, whereunto their corrupt nature is moste subiect, read Isa. 44,12.

6 There is none like vnto thee, ô Lord: d thou art great, and thy Name is great in power.

d He teacheth ỹ people to lift vp their eyes to God, who hathe all power, and therefore ought onely to be feared: and hereein he sheweth them not onely the euil that they ought to eschew but the good, which they ought to follow Reuel. 15,4.

7 Who wolde not feare thee, ô King of nations? for to thee apperteineth *the dominion*: for amõg all the wise men of the Gẽtiles, and in all their kingdomes there is none like thee.

8 But altogether thei dote, and are fooliish: *for* the stocke is a e doctrine of vanitie.

e Because the people thoght that to haue images was a meane to serue God and to bring them to ỹ knowledge of him, he sheweth that nothing more displeaseth God, nor brigeth man into greater errors & ignorãce of God: & therefore he calleth them the doctrine of vanitie, ỹ worke of errors, ver. 15, & Habak 2,18. calleth them ỹ teachers of lies: contrarie to that wicked opinion, ỹ thei are the bokes of the laye people.

9 Siluer plates are broght from Tarshísh, and golde f from Vphaz, *for* the worke of the workeman, and the hands of the founder: the blewe silke, and the purple *is* their clothing: all these things are made by cunning men.

f Where as they founde ỹ best golde: shewing, ỹ thei thoght nothig to deare for their idoles: some read Ophir, as 1 Kin. 9,28.

10 But the Lord *is* the God of trueth: he is the liuing God, and an euerlasting King: at his angre the earth shal tremble, & the nations can not abide his wrath.

g This declareth that all, ỹ hathe bene in this Chapter spoken of idoles, was to arme the Iewes whẽ they shulde be in Caldea among ỹ idolaters, and now ẅ one sẽtence he instructeth thẽ bothe how to protest their owne religion against ỹ idolaters, & how to answer thẽ to their shame which shulde exhorte thẽ to idolatrie, and therefore he writeth this sentence in the Caldeans tongue for a memorial, where as all the rest of his writing is Ebrewe.

11 (Thus shal you say vnto them, The gods g that haue not made the heauens and the earth, shal perish from the earth, and from vnder these heauens)

12 He hathe made the earth by his power, and e stablished the worlde by his wisdome, and hathe stretched out the heauen by his discretion.

13 He giueth by *his* voyce the multitude of waters in the heauen, and he causeth the cloudes to ascend from the ends of the earth: he turneth lightnings to raine, and bringeth forthe the winde out of his treasures.

14 Euerie man is a h beast by *his owne* knowledge: euerie foũder is cõfounded by the grauen image: for his melting is but falsehode, and there is no breth therein.

h The more that man thinketh to do anie thing wel by his owne wisdome, and not as God instructeth him, the more doeth he proue him self to be a vile beast.

15 They are vanitie, & ỹ worke of errours: in the time of their visitation they shal perish.

16 The i portion of Iaakób *is* not like thẽ: for he is the maker of all things, & Israél *is* the rod of his inheritante: the Lord of hostes *is* his Name.

i By these wordes, Portion and rod, he signifieth their inheritance: meaning, that God shulde be all sufficient for them, and that their felicitie consisted in him alone, & therefore thei ought to renounce all other helpes, & succours as of idoles. &c. Deut. 32,9. psal. 16,5.

17 ¶ k Gather vp thy wares out of the lãd, ô thou that dwellest in the strong place.

k The Prophet willeth the Iewes to prepare thẽ selues to this captiuitie, shewing that it was now at hand, that they shulde fele the things, whereof he had tolde thẽ.

18 For thus saith the Lord, Beholde, at this time I wil throwe as with a sling the inhabitans of the land, and wil trouble them, and they shal finde it *so*.

19 Wo is me for my destruction, & my grieuous plague: but I thoght, Yet it l is my sorowe, and I wil beare it.

l It is my moste plague & therefore I will take it paciently: whereby he teacheth the people how to behaue thẽ selues toward God.

20 m My tabernacle is destroyed, and all my

m He sheweth how Ierusalem shal lament.

coards are broken: my children are gone from me, & are not: there is none to ſpread out my tent any more, and to ſet vp my courtaines.

n The gouernours and miniſters. o Read Chap. 4.15.

21 For the paſtors n are become beaſtes, and haue not ſoght ỹ Lord: therefore haue they none vnderſtanding: and all the *flockes* of their paſtures are ſcatered.

p He ſpeaketh this, becauſe ỹ Nebuchadnezzár purpoſed to haue made warre againſt ỹ Moabites and Ammonites, but hearing of Zedechiahs rebelliõ, he turned his power to go againſt Ierusalém, Ezek. 21,21. therefore ỹ Prophet ſaith, ỹ this was the Lords direction.

22 Beholde, the noiſe of the brute is come, and a great commotion out of the o North countrey to make the cities of Iudáh deſolate, *and* a denne of dragons.

23 O Lord, I knowe, that p the way of man is not in him ſelf, nether *is it* in man to walke and to direct his ſteps.

q Conſidering that God had reuealed vnto him the certitude of their captiuitie, Chap 7,16, he onely prayeth, that he wolde puniſh them with mercie, which Iſaiáh calleth, in meaſure, Chap 27,8. meaſuring his roddes by their infirmitie, 1. Cor. 10,13. for here by iudgement is ment not onely the puniſhment, but alſo the merciful moderation of the ſame, as Chap 30,11. r For aſmuche as God can not onely be knowen and glorified by his mercie, that he vſeth toward his Church, but alſo by his iuſtice in puniſhing his enemies, he praieth that his glorie may fully appeare both in the one and the other, Pſal. 79,6.

24 O Lord, correct me, but with q iudgement, not in thine angre, leſt thou bring me to nothing.

25 Powre out r thy wrath vpon the heathen, that knowe thee not, & vpon the families that call not on thy Name: for they haue eaten vp Iaakób & deuoured him & conſumed him, and haue made his habitacion deſolate.

CHAP. XI.

A curſe of them that obey not the worde of Gods couenant. 10 The people of Iudáh following the ſteppes of theer fathers, worſhippe ſtrange gods. 15 The Lord forbiddeth Ieremiáh to praie for them.

1 THe worde that came to Ieremiáh frõ the Lord, ſaying,

2 Heare ye the wordes of this couenant, & ſpeake vnto the men of Iudáh, and to the inhabitants of Ieruſalém,

s He calleth ỹ Iewes to the conſideracion of Gods mercies, who freely choſe thẽ, made a couenant of eternal felicitie with them, & how he-euer perfourmed it on his behalf, & how they euer ſhewed them ſelues rebellious & ingrate toward him & brake it on their parte, & ſo are ſubiect to the curſe of the Law, Deut. 27,26.

3 And ſay thou vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, s Curſed be the man that obeieth not the wordes of this couenant,

4 Which I commanded vnto your fathers, when I broght them out of the land of Egypt, from the yron fornace, ſaying, Obey my voyce, and do according to all theſe things, which I commande you: ſo ſhal ye be my people, and I wil be your God,

5 That I may confirme the othe, that I haue ſworne vnto your fathers, to giue them a land, which floweth with milke and hony, as *appeareth* this day. Then anſwered b I & ſaid, So be it, ô Lord.

b Thus he ſpeaketh in ỹ perſone of the people, which agreed to the couenant.

6 Then the Lord ſaid vnto me, Crye all theſe wordes in the cities of Iudáh, and in the ſtretes of Ieruſalém, ſaying, Heare ye the wordes of this couenant, and do thẽ.

c Read Chap. 7.25.

7 For I haue proteſted vnto your fathers, when I broght them vp out of the land of Egypt vnto this day, c riſing earely & proteſting, ſaying, Obey my voyce.

8 Neuertheles they wolde not obey, nor encline their eare: but euery one walked in the ſtubbernes of his wicked d heart: therefore I wil bring vpon them all the e wordes of this couenant, which I commanded them to do, but thei did it not.

d According to his owne faſhe, and not as my worde appointed him. e Meaning, the menaces and curſes conteined in ỹ Law. Leu. 26,14. deut. 28,16.

9 And the Lord ſaid vnto me, A f conſpiracie is founde among the men of Iudáh, & among the inhabitants of Ieruſalém.

f That is, a generall conſent to rebellie againſt me.

10 They are turned backe to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refuſed to heare my wordes: and they went after other gods to ſerue them: *thus* the houſe of Iſraél, and the houſe of Iudáh haue broken my couenant, which I made with their fathers.

11 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, I wil bring a plague vpon them, which they ſhal not be able to eſcape, and thogh they crye vnto me, g I *wil* not heare them.

g Becauſe thei wil not pray with true faith & repentance, but for the ſmart & griefe which thei feſe, Prou. 1,28.

12 Then ſhal the cities of Iudáh, and the inhabitants of Ieruſalém go, and crye vnto the gods vnto whome thei offer incenſe, but they ſhal not be able to helpe them in time of their trouble.

13 h For according to the nomber of thy cities were thy gods, ô Iudáh, and *according* to the nomber of the ſtretes of Ieruſalém haue ye ſet vp altars of confuſion, *euen* altars to burne incenſe vnto Báal.

h Read Chap. 2,28.

14 Therefore thou ſhalt not pray i for this people, nether lift vp a crye, or prayer for them: for when thei crye vnto me in their trouble, I wil not heare them.

i Read Chap. 7,16. & 14,11.

15 What ſhulde my k beloued *tary* in mine houſe, ſeing they haue committed abominacion with many? and the holy fleſh l goeth away frõ thee: yet when thou doeſt euil, thou reioyceſt.

k My people of Iſraél whome I haue hetherto ſo greatly loued. l Meaníg, that they offer not in the Temple to God, but vpon the altars of Báal & the idoles, and ſo reioyced in their wickednes.

16 The Lord called thy name, A grene olíue tre, faire, *and* of goodlie frute: *but* with m noiſe and great tumult he hathe ſet fyre vpon it, and the branches of it are broken.

m Of the Babylonians and Caldeans.

17 For the Lord of hoſtes that planted thee, hathe pronounced a plague againſt thee, (for the wickednes of the houſe of Iſraél, and of the houſe of Iudáh) which thei haue done againſt them ſelues to proucke me to angre in offring incenſe vnto Báal.

n Which wer about priuely to cõſpire my death. o Let vs deſtroy ỹ Prophet & his doctrine. Some read, let vs corrupt his meat with wood, meaníg, poyſon.

18 And the Lord hathe taught me, and I knowe it, *euen* then ỹ ſhewedſt me n their practiſes.

19 But I was like a lambe, *or* a bullocke, that is broght to the ſlaughter, and I knewe not ỹ thei had deuiſed thus againſt me, *ſaying*, Let vs o deſtroye the tre with the frute thereof, and cut him out of the land of the liuing, that his name may be no more in memorie.

p Thus he ſpake not for hatred, but being moued with the Spirit of God, he deſireth the aduãcemẽt of Gods glorie and the verifying of his worde, which is by the deſtrũctiõ of his enemies.

20 But ô Lord of hoſtes, that iudgeſt righteouſly, and tryeſt the reines & the heart, let me ſe thy p vengeance on them: for vnto thee haue I opened my cauſe.

21 The Lord therefore speaketh thus of the men of q Anathóth, (that seke thy life, & say, r Prophecie not in the Name of the Lord, that thou dye not by our hands)

22 Thus therefore saith the Lord of hostes, Beholde, I wil visit them: the yong men shal dye by ỹ sworde: their sonnes & their daughters shal dye by famine,

23 And none of them shal remaine: for I wil bring a plague vpō the men of Anathóth, *euen* the yere of their visitacion.

q To wit, both the the priests and the reste of the people: for this towne was the priests, & they dwelt in it, read Chap 1,1.

r Not ỹ they colde not abide to heare God named: (for herei thei wolde shewe them. selues most holy) but becaus they colde not abide to be sharpely reproued and therefore desired to be flattered, Isa. 30, 10, and to be mainteined in their pleasures, Mich 2, 11, and not to heare vice cōdēned, Amos 7.12

CHAP. XII.

1 The Prophet marueleth at the prosperitie of the wicked, although he confesse God to be righteous. 7 The Iewes are forsakē of the Lord 10 He speaketh against pastors and preachers, that seduce the people. 14 The Lord threatneth destruction vnto the nacions, that troubled Iudáh.

1 O Lord, if I dispute with thee, thou art a righteous: yet let me talke with thee of *thy* iudgements; wherefore doeth the waye of the wicked b prosper? *why* are all they in welth that rebelliously transgresse?

2 Thou hast planted them, and they haue taken roote: thei growe, and bring forthe frute: thou art nere in their mouth, and farre from their c reines.

3 But thou, Lord, knoweste me: thou hast sene me, and tryed mine heart toward thee: pul them out like shepe for the slaughter, and d prepare them for the day of slaughter.

4 How long shal the land mourne, and the herbes of euery field wither, for the wickednes of them that dwell therein? the beasts are cōsumed and the byrdes, because they said, e He wil not se our last end.

5 If thou hast runne with the f fotemen, and they haue wearied thee, then how canst thou matche thy self with horses? & if thou thoghtest thy self safe in a peaceable lād, what wilt thou do in the swelling of Iordén?

6 For euen thy brethren, and the house of thy father, euen thei haue delt vnfaithfully with thee, and they haue cryed out altogether vpon thee: *but* beleue them not, thogh they speake faire to thee.

7 I haue forsaken g mine house: I haue left mine heritage: I haue giuen the derelie beloued of my soule into the hands of her enemies.

8 Mine heritage is vnto me, as a h lyon in the forest: it cryeth out against me, therefore haue I hated it.

9 Shal mine heritage be vnto me, as a birde i of diuerse colours are not ỹ birdes about her, *saying*, Come, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to eat her?

10 Many pastors haue destroyed my k vineyarde, and troden my porcion vnder foote: of my pleasant porcion they haue made a desolate wildernes.

11 They haue laid it waste, and it, being waste, mourneth vnto me: *and* the whole land lyeth waste, becaus no mā setteth *his* minde on l it.

12 The destroyers are come vpon all the high places in the wildernes: for ỹ sworde of the Lord shal deuoure from the one end of the land, euen to the *other* end of the land: no flesh shal haue peace.

13 m They haue sowen wheat, and reaped thornes: they were n sicke, *and* had no profite: and they were ashamed of o your frutes, because of the fierce wrath of ỹ Lord.

14 Thus saith the Lord against all mine euil p neighbours, that touche the inheritāce, which I haue caused my people Israél to inherite, Beholde, I wil plucke them out of their land, and plucke out the house of Iudáh from among them.

15 And after that I haue plucked them out, I q wil returne, and haue compassion on them, and wil bring againe euery man to his heritage, and euery man to his land.

16 And if they wil learne the r wayes of my people, to sweare by my Name, (s The Lord liueth, as they taught my people to sweare by Báal) then shal they be buylt t in the middes of my people.

17 But if they wil not obey, then wil I vterly plucke vp, and destroye that nacion, saith the Lord.

a The prophet confesseth God to be iuste in all his doings, although man be not able to giue a reason of all his actes

b This question hathe bene alway a great tentation to ỹ godlie, to se ỹ wicked enemies of God in prosperitie, and his dere children in aduersitie, as Iob 21,7 psal 37,1. 73,1 Haba 1,3

c They professe God in mouthe, but denie him in heart, which is here ment by the reines, Isa 29, 13. mat 15, 8

d The Ebrewe worde is, Sanctifie them, meaning, that God wolde be sanctified in ỹ destruction of the wicked, to whome God for a while giueth prosperitie, that afterwarde they shulde ỹ more fele his heauy iudgemēt whē they lacke their riches, & were a signe of his mercie.

e Abusing Gods lenitie & his promises, they flattered thē selues as thogh God wolde euer be mereiful, and not vtterly destroy thē: therfore they hardened them selues in sinne, til at length the beastes and insensible creatures felt the punishment of their stubberne rebellion against God

f Some thinke that God reproueth Ieremiáh in that, that he wolde reason with him, saying, that if he were not able to matche with men, that he were farre vnable to dispute with God. Others, by the fotemen, meane them of Anathóth, & by ỹ horse men them of Ierusalém, which shulde trouble the Prophet worse then his owne countrey men did.

g God willeth the Prophet to denounce his iudgements against Ierusalém, notwithstanding that they shal bothe by threatnings and flatteries labour to put him to silence.

h Euer ramping and raging against me and my Prophecie.

i In stead of bearing my liuerey & wearing onely my colours, they haue change and diuersitie of colours of their idoles & superstitions. therfore their enemies as thicke as the foules of the ayre, shal come about thē to destroy them

k He prophecieth of the destruction of Ierusalém by the captaines of Nebuchadnezzár, whome he calleth pastors

l Because no man regardeth my worde, or the plagues ỹ I haue sent vpon the land

m To wit, the Prophetes.

n They lamented the sinnes of the people.

o For in stead of amendemēt you grewe worse & worse as Gods plagues testified

p Meanig, the wicked enemies of his Church & blasphemed his name, & whome he wolde punish after that he hathe deliuered his people.

q After that I haue punished ỹ Gētiles, I wil haue mercie vpon them.

r The true doctrine and maner to serue God. s Read Chap 4,2. t They shalbe of the nomber of the faithful, and haue a place in my Church.

CHAP. XIII.

The destruction of the Iewes is prefigured 11 Why Israél was receiued to be the people of God, and why they were forsaken 15 He exhorteth them to repentance.

1 THus saith the Lord vnto me, Go, and bye thee a linen girdle, and put it vpon thy loynes, and put it not in water.

2 So I boght the girdle according to the commandement of the Lord, and put it vpon my loynes.

3 And the worde of the Lord came vnto me the seconde time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast boght, which is vpon thy loynes, and arise, go toward a Peráth, and hide it there in the cleft of the rocke.

5 So I went, & hid it by Peráth, as the Lord had commanded me.

6 And after many daies, the Lord said vnto me, Arise, go toward Peráth, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee

a Because this riuer Perāth or Euphrates was farre frō Ierusalém, it is euidēt, that this was a vision, whereby was signified that the Iewes shulde passe ouer Euphrates to be captiues in Babylon & there for length of time shulde seme to be rotē: although they were ioyned to the Lord before as a girdle about a man.

thee to hide there.

7 Then wēt I to Peráth, and digged, & toke the girdle from the place where I had hid it, & beholde, the girdle was corrupt, *and* was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the worde of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

9 Thus saith the Lord, After this maner wil I destroye the pride of Iudáh, & the great pride of Ierusalém.

10 This wicked people haue refused to hea re my worde, & walke after the stubbernes of their owne heart, and walke after other gods to serue them, and to worship them: therefore they shalbe as this girdle, which is profitable to nothing.

11 For as the girdle cleaueth to the loines of a man, so haue I tyed to me the whole house of Israél, and the whole house of Iudáh, saith the Lord, that thei might be my people: that they might haue a name and praise, and glorie, but thei wolde not heare!

12 Therefore thou shalt saie vnto them this worde, Thus saith ỹ Lord God of Israél, Euerie [b] bottel shalbe filled with wine, and thei shal saie vnto thee, Do we not knowe that euerie bottle shalbe filled with wine?

13 Then shalt thou saie vnto them, Thus saith the Lord, Beholde, I wil fil all the inhabitants of this land, euen the Kings that sit vpon the throne of Dauid, and the Priests and the Prophetes and all the inhabitants of Ierusalém with drunkēnes.

14 And I [c] wil dash them one against a nother, euen the fathers and the sonnes together, saith the Lord: I wil not spare, I wil not pitie nor haue compassiō, but destroie them.

15 Heare and giue eare, be not proude: for the Lord hathe spoken it.

16 Giue glorie to ỹ Lord your God before he bring [d] darkenes, and or euer your fete stumble in the darke mountaines, and whiles you loke for [e] light, he turne it into the shadowe of death *and* make it as darkenes.

17 But if ye wil not heare this, my soule shal [f] wepe in secret for *your* pride, & mine eye shal wepe and drop downe teares, because the Lords flocke is caried awaie captiue.

18 Saie vnto the [g] King and to the Queene, Humble your selues, sit downe, for the crowne of your glorie shal come downe from your heads.

19 The cities of [h] the South shalbe shut vp, and no man shal open them: all Iudáh shal be caried awaie captiue: it shalbe wholy caried awaie captiue.

20 Lift vp your eyes and beholde them ỹ come from the North, where is ỹ [i] flocke ỹ was giuē thee, *euen* thy beautiful flocke.

21 What wilt thou saie, when he shal visit thee? (for thou hast [k] taught thē to be captaines & as chief ouer thee) shal not sorow take thee as a woman in trauail?

22 And if thou saie in thine heart, Wherefore come these things vpon me? For the multitude of thine iniquities are thy skirts [l] discouered & thy heles made bare.

23 Can the blacke More change his skin? or the leopard his spottes? *then* maie ye also do good, that are accustomed to do euil.

24 Therefore wil I scatre thē, as the stubble that is taken awaie with the South winde.

25 This is thy portion, *and* the parte of thy measures from me, saith the Lord, because thou hast forgoten me and trusted in lies.

26 Therefore I haue also discouered thy skirts vpon thy face, [m] that thy shame may appeare.

27 I haue sene thine adulteries, & thy [n] neyings, ỹ filthines of thy whoredome on the hilles in [o] the fields, *and* thine abominatiós. Wo vnto thee, ô Ierusalém: wilt thou not be made cleane? when shal it once be?

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Of the dearth that shulde come. 7 The prayer of the people asking mercie of the Lord. 10 The vnfaithful people are not heard. 12 Of prayer, fasting, and of false prophetes that seduce the people.

1 THe worde of the Lord that came vnto Ieremiáh, concerning the [a] dearth.

2 Iudáh hathe mourned, and the gates thereof are desolate, they haue bene [b] brogh t to heauines vnto the grounde, and the crye of Ierusalém goeth vp,

3 And their nobles haue sent their inferiours to the water, who came to the welles, *and* founde no water: they returned with their vessels emptie: they were ashamed & confounded, and [c] couered their heads.

4 For the grounde was destroyed, because there was no raine in the earth: the plowmen were ashamed, *and* couered their heades.

5 Yea, the hinde also calued in the field, and forsoke [d] it, because there was no grasse.

6 And the wilde asses did stād in the high places, and drewe in their winde like [e] dragons: their eyes did faile, because there was no grasse.

7 [f] O Lord, thogh our iniquities testifie against vs, deale *with vs* according to thy Name: for our rebellions are manie, we sinned against thee.

8 O the hope of Israél, the sauiour thereof in the time of trouble, why art thou as a [g] stranger in the lād, as one that passeth by to tarie for a night?

9 Why art thou as a man astonied, and as [h] a strong man that can not helpe? yet thou, ô Lord, art in the middes of vs, and thy Name is called vpon vs: forsake vs not.

b Euerie one of you shalbe filled with spiritual drunkēnes, and be without all knowledge to seke how to helpe your selues.

c It shalbe as easie for me to destroye ỹ greatest, and ỹ strongest, as it is for a man to breake earthē bottels.

d That is, affliction & miserie by the Babylonians, Isa. 8, 22.

e Meaning, for helpe and support of the Egyptians.

f You shal surely be led away captiue & I, according to mine affection toward you, shal wepe, and lamēt for your stubbernes.

g For Iehoiachin, & his mother rendred them selues by Ieremiahs counsel to the King of Babylon, 2. King. 24, 12.

h That is, of Iudáh wherin lieth Southward frō Babylon.

i He asketh ỹ King, where his people is become.

k By seking to strāgers for helpe thou hast made thē skilful to fight against thee.

l Thy cloke of hypocrisie shal be pulled of and thy shame sene.

m As thine iniquities haue bene manifest to all the worlde: so shal thy shame, & punishment.

n He compareth idolaters to horses inflamed after mares.

o There is no place so hie nor lo, where as the markes and signes of thine idolatrie appeare not.

a Which came for lacke of raine, as ver. 4.

b The worde signifieth to be made blacke, and so is here taken for extreme sorowe.

c To wit, with ashes in token of sorowe.

d Meaning, ỹ ỹ brute beasts for drought were compelled to forsake their yong, cōtrarie to nature, & to go seke water, which they colde not finde.

e Which are so hote of nature, that thei can not be cōuled with drinking of water, but stil gape for the aire to refresh them.

f He sheweth the onely way to remedie Gods plagues, which is by vnfained confession of our sinnes, and returning to him by repentāce.

g That taketh no care for vs.

h As one that hathe strength to helpe, & yet is afraid to put to his handes

10 Thus saith the Lord vnto this people, Thus haue they delited to wãdre: they haue not refrained their fete, therefore the Lord hathe no delite in thẽ: *but* he wil now remember their iniquitie, and visit their sinnes.

i Read Chap. 7.16 & 11.14.

11 Then said the Lord vnto me, [i] Thou shalt not praye to do this people good.

12 Whẽ thei fast, I wil not heare their crye, and when they offer burnt offring, and an oblation, I wil not accept them: but I wil consume them by the sworde, and by the famine and by the pestilence.

13 Then answered I, Ah Lord God, beholde, the [k] Prophetes say vnto them, Ye shal not se the sworde, nether shal famine come vpon you, but I wil giue you assured peace in this place.

k He pitieth the people, & accuseth the false prophetes, which deceiued them: but the Lord answered, that bothe ỹ Prophetes, which deceiued, and the people, ẃ suffred thẽ selues to be seduced, shal perish, Chap. 23. 15. & 27,21, & 29,8. *Chap.23,21. & 27.21. & 14.14.*

14 Then the Lord said vnto me, The Prophetes prophecie lies in my Name: [*] I haue not sent them, nether did I commande them, nether spake I vnto them, *but* they prophecie vnto you a false visiõ, and diuination, and vanitie, and deceitfulnes of their owne heart.

15 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Concerning the Prophetes that prophecie in my Name, whome I haue not sent, yet they say, Sworde and famine shal not be in this land, by sworde & famine shal those Prophetes be consumed.

16 And the people to whome these Prophetes do prophecie, shalbe cast out in the stretes of Ierusalém, because of the famine, & the sworde, & there shalbe none to burye them, *bothe* they, and their wiues, and their sonnes, & their daughters: for I wil powre their wickednes vpon them.

l The false prophets promised peace, & assurãce, but Ieremiáh calleth to teares, and repentance for their affliction, ẃ is at hand, as Chap. 9,1. lament. 1, 16 & 2,18.

17 Therefore thou shalt say this worde vnto them, Let mine eyes drop downe [l] teares night and day without ceasing: for ỹ virgine daughter of my people is destroyed with a great destruction, *and* with a sore grieuous plague.

m Bothe hie, & lowe shalbe led captiues into Babylon.

18 For if I go into the field, beholde the slaine with the sworde: and if I entre into the citie, beholde thẽ that are sicke for hunger also: moreouer the Prophet also and the Priest go a wandring [m] into a land that they know not.

n Though the Prophet knew that God had erst of ỹ multitude, which were hypocrites, and bastard children, yet he was assured that for his promes sake he wolde haue sau a Church, for the which he prayeth.

19 Hast thou vtterly reiected [n] Iudáh, or hathe thy soule abhorred Zión? Why hast thou smitten vs, that we can not be healed? We loked for peace, & there is no good, & for the time of health, & beholde trouble.

o He teacheth the Church a forme of prayer, to humble thẽ selues to God by true repentance, ẃ is the onelie meane to auoide this famine, ẃ was the beginning of Gods plagues.

20 We [o] acknowledge, ô Lord, our wickednes & the iniquitie of our fathers: for we haue sinned against thee.

21 Do not abhorre vs: for thy Names sake cast not downe the throne of thy glorie: remember *and* breake not thy couenant with vs.

p Meaning, their idoles, read Chap. 10,15.

22 Are there anie among ỹ [p] vanities of the Gentiles, that can giue raine? or can the heauẽs giue showers? is it not thou, ô Lord our God? therefore we wil waite vpõ thee: for thou hast made all these things.

CHAP. XV.

1 The Lord wolde heare no prayer for the Iewes, 3 But threatneth to destroye them with foure plagues.

1 THẽ said the Lord vnto me, [a] Though Moses and Samuél stode before me, *yet* mine affectiõ colde not be toward this people: cast *them* out of my sight, and let them departe.

a Meaning, that if there were anie man liuing moued with so great zeale toward ỹ people, as were these two, yet that he wolde not grante this requst, to rase muche as he had determined the contrarie, Ezek. 14,14. *Zach.11,9.*

2 And if they say vnto thee, Whether shal we departe? then tel them, Thus saith the Lord, [*] Suche as are *appointed* to death, vnto death: & suche as are for the sworde, to the sworde, & suche as are for the famine to the famine, and suche as are for the captiuitie, to the captiuitie.

b The dogs, birdes & beastes shulde deuoure them, ỹ were slaine.

3 And I wil appointe ouer them foure kindes, saith the Lord, the sworde to slay, and the [b] doggs to teare in pieces, & the fowles of the heauen, & the beastes of the earth to deuoure, and to destroye.

c The worde signifieth to rũne to & fro for feare, and vnquietnes of cõscience, as did Kain.

4 I wil [c] scater them also in all kingdomes of the earth, [d] because of Manasséh the sõne of Hezekiáh King of Iudáh, for that which he did in Ierusalém.

d Not that ỹ people was punished for the Kings sinne onely, but for their owne sinnes also, because they cõsented to his wickednes, 2. King.21,9.

5 Who shal then haue pitie vpõ thee, ô Ierusalém? or who shalbe sorie for thee? or who shal go to pray for thy peace?

e That is, I wil not call backe my plagues, or spare thee anie more.

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the Lord, & gone backwarde: therefore wil I stretch out mine hand against thee, and destroye thee: *for* I [e] am wearie with repenting.

f Meaning, the cities.

7 And I wil scatre thẽ with the fanne [f] in ỹ gates of the earth: I haue wasted, & destroyed my people, *yet* they wolde not returne from their wayes.

g Because I had slaine their housbands.

8 Their widdowes [g] are increased by me aboue the sand of the sea: I haue broght vpon thẽ, & against the [*] assemblie of the yong men a destroyer at none day: I haue caused *him* to fall vpon them, & the citie suddenly, and [*] spedely.

*Or, mother. *Or, fearefully.*

h She that had manie, lost all her children.

i She was destroyed in the middes of her prosperitie.

9 She that hathe borne [h] seuen, hathe bene made weake: her heart hathe failed: the sunne hathe failed [i] her, whiles it was day: she hathe bene confounded, & ashamed, and the residue of them wil I deliuer vnto the sworde before their enemies, saith ỹ Lord.

k These are ỹ Prophets words, cõplaining of ỹ obstinacie of ỹ people, & that he was reserued to so wicked a time wherei also he sheweth what is the cõditiõ of Gods ministers: to wit, to haue all the worlde against thẽ, though they giue none occasion.

10 ¶ [k] Wo is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me, a contentious man, & a mã that striueth with ỹ whole earth: I haue nether [l] lent on vsurie, nor mẽ haue lent vnto me on vsurie: *yet* euerie one doeth curse me.

l Which is an occasion of cõtention and hatred.

11 The Lord said, [m] Surely thy remnãt shal haue welth: surely I wil cause thine enemie to intreat thee in the time of trouble, and in the time of affliction.

m In this perplexitie the Lord cõforted me, & said ỹ my last dayes shulde be quiet: & by ỹ enemie he meaneth here, Nebuzardán the captaine of Nebuchadnezzar, who gaue Ieremiáh ỹ choise either to remaine in his countrey, or to go whether he wolde: or by the enemie he meaneth the Iewes, ẃ shulde afterward knowe Ieremiahs fidelitie, and therefore fauour him.

12 Shal

12 Shal the n yron breake the yron, and the braſſe *that commeth* from the North?

13 Thy ſubſtance & thy treaſures wil I giue to be ſpoiled without o gaine, and that for all thy ſinnes euen in all thy borders.

14 And I wil make thee to go with thine enemies into a lād that thou knowest not: for a fyre is kindled in mine angre, *which* ſhal burne you.

15 O Lord, thou knoweſt, remembre me, & viſit me, and reuenge me of my p perſecuters: take me not awaie in the continuance of thine angre: knowe that for thy ſake I haue ſuffred rebuke.

16 Thy wordes were founde *by me*, and I did q eat them, and thy worde was vnto me the ioye and reioycing of mine heart: for thy Name is called vpon me, ô Lord God of hoſtes.

17 I ſate not in the aſſemblie of the mockers, nether did I reioyce, but ſate alone r becauſe of thy plague: for thou haſt filled me with indignation.

18 Why is mine heauines continual? & my plague deſperate & can not be healed? *why* art thou vnto me ſ as a lyer, *and as* waters that faile.

19 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, If thou t returne, then wil I bring thee againe, & thou ſhalt ſtand before me: and if thou take awaie the u precious from the vile, thou ſhalt be x according to my worde: let them returne y vnto thee, but returne not thou vnto them.

20 And I wil make thee vnto this people a ſtrong braſen wall, and thei ſhal fight againſt thee, but thei ſhal not z preuaile againſt thee: for I am with thee to ſaue thee & to deliuer thee, ſaith the Lord.

21 And I wil deliuer thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I wil redeme thee out of the hand of the tyrants.

CHAP. XVI.

The Lord forbidding Ieremiáh to marie, ſheweth him what ſhulde be the afflictiõs vpõ Iudáh. 13 The captiuitie of Babylon. 15 Their deliuerance. 19 The calling of the Gentiles.

1 THe worde of the Lord came alſo vnto me, ſaying,

2 Thou ſhalt not take a thee a wife, nor haue ſonnes nor daughters in this place.

3 For thus ſaith the Lord concerning the ſonnes, and cõcerning the daughters that are borne in this place, and concerning their mothers that beare them, & concerning their fathers, that beget them in this land.

4 Thei ſhal dye of deaths & diſeaſes: thei ſhal not be lamented, nether ſhal thei be buryed, *but* thei ſhalbe as dongue vpon the earth, and thei ſhalbe conſumed by the ſworde, and by famine, and their carkeiſes ſhalbe meat for the foules of the heauen, and for the beaſtes of the earth.

5 For thus ſaith the Lord, b Entre not into the houſe of mournig, nether go to lamẽt, nor be moued for them: for I haue taken my peace frõ this people, ſaith the Lord, *euen* mercie and compaſsion.

6 Bothe ŷ great, & the ſmale ſhal dye in this land: thei ſhal not be buryed, nether ſhal men lamẽt for them c nor cut them ſelues, nor make them ſelues bald for them.

7 Thei ſhal not ſtretche out *the hands* for them in the mourning to cõfort them for the dead, nether ſhal thei giue them the d cup of conſolation to drinke for their father or for their mother.

8 Thou ſhalt not alſo go into the houſe of feaſting to ſit with thẽ to eat & to drinke.

9 For thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil cauſe to ceaſe out of this place in your eyes, euen in your daies the voice of mirth, & the voice of gladnes, the voice of the bride grome and the voice of the bride.

10 And when thou ſhalt ſhewe this people all theſe wordes, & thei ſhal ſaie vnto thee, *Wherefore hathe the Lord pronounced all this great plague againſt vs? or what is e our iniquitie? and what is our ſinne that we haue f omitted againſt ŷ Lord our God?

11 Then ſhalt thou ſaie vnto them, Becauſe your fathers haue forſaken me, ſaith the Lord, and haue walked after other gods, and haue ſerued them, & worſhiped thẽ, & haue forſakẽ me, & haue not kept my Law,

12 (*And ye haue done worſe then your fathers: for beholde, you walke euerie one after the ſtubbornes of his wicked heart, and wil not heare me)

13 Therefore wil I driue you out of this land into a land that ye knowe not, *nether* you, nor your fathers, and there ſhal ye ſerue other gods daie and night: for I wil ſhewe you no grace.

14 *Beholde, therefore, ſaith the Lord, the daies come that it ſhal no more be ſaid, The Lord liueth, which broght vp ŷ children of Iſraél out of the land of Egypt,

15 But the Lord liueth, that broght vp the children of Iſraél f from the land of the North, and from all the lands where he had ſcatered them, and I wil bring them againe into their land that I gaue vnto their fathers.

16 Beholde, ſaith the Lord, I wil ſend out many g fiſhers, and thei ſhal fiſh them, and after, wil I ſend out many hunters, & thei ſhal hunt them from euerie mountaine and from euerie hill, and out of the caues of the rockes.

17 For mine eyes *are* vpon all their waies: thei are not hid from my face, nether is their iniquitie hid from mine eyes.

18 And firſt I wil recompence their iniquitie and their ſinne double, becauſe they

a As for the people though they ſemed ſtrong as yron, yet muſde thei not be able to reſiſt ŷ hard yron of Babylon, but ſhuld be led captiues

o Or, ranſome.

p He ſpeaketh not this for deſire of reuẽgeãce, but wiſhig ŷ God wolde deliuer his Church of thẽ whome he knewe to be hardened and incorrigible

q I had nothig ado with the wicked cõtemners of thy worde, but lamented bitterly for thy plagues ſhewing what the faithful ſhulde do whẽ thei ſe tokens of Gods angre

r And haſt not aſsiſted me according to thy promes: whereõ appeareth, ŷ in the Saints of God is imperfectiõ of faith, ẃ through impatiẽcie is oftimes wãted as Chap 20, 7

s If thou forget theſe carnal conſideratiõs, & faithfully executo thy charge

t That is, ſeke to winne the good from the bad

u To wit, as my mouth hathe pronoũced Chap 1, 18, & as here follow eth verſ 20

x Cõforme not thy ſelf to their wickednes, but let them followe thy godlie example

y I wil arme thee ẃ an inuincible ſtrẽgth & cõſtancie, ſo that all the powers of the worlde ſhal not ouercome thee

Chap XVI.

a Meaning, ŷ the affliction ſhulde be ſo horrible in Ieruſalem, that wife, and childrẽ ſhulde but increaſe his ſorowe.

b Signifying that ŷ afflictiõ ſhulde be ſo great ŷ one ſhulde not haue leaſure to comfort another.

c That is, ſhal de not rent their clothes in ſigne of mourning.

d For in theſe great extremities all conſolation & comfort ſhalbe in vaine.

Chap 5.19

e Becauſe the wicked are alwaies rebellious and diſſemble their owne ſinnes, & murmur againſt Gods iudgemẽts as though he had no iuſt cauſe to punniſh thẽ, he ſheweth him what to aniwer.

Chap.7.25

Chap.23.7

f Signifying ŷ beneãte of their deliuerance out of Babylon ſhulde be ſo great, that it ſhulde aboliſh the remembrance of their deliuerance frõ Egypt: but he I athe here chiefly reſpect to the ſpiritual deliuerance vnder Chriſt

g By ŷ fiſhers and hunters are ment ŷ Babylonians, and Caldeans who ſhulde deſtroy them in ſuch ſort that if they eſcaped the one, ŷ other ſhulde take them.

haue defiled my land, *and* haue filled mine inheritance with their filthie [h] carions and their abominations.

19 O Lord, *thou art* my [i] force, & my ſtrẽgth & my refuge in the day of affliction: the Gentiles ſhal come vnto thee frõ the ends of the worlde, and ſhal ſay, Surely our fathers haue inherited [k] lies, & vanitie, wherein there was no profite.

20 Shal a man make gods vnto him ſelf, & they are no gods?

21 Beholde, therfore I wil this once [l] teache thẽ: I wil ſhew thẽ mine hãd & my power, & thei ſhal know ỹ my Name is the Lord.

h That is, their ſonnes & daughters, w̃ they offred to Molech.
i He wondereth at ỹ great mercie of God in this deliuerance, w̃ ſhal not onely extend to the Iewes, but alſo the Gentiles.
k Our fathers were moſt vile idolaters: therefore it cometh onely of Gods mercie, that he performeth his promes, & hathe not vtterly caſt vs of.
l They ſhal once againe fele my power, & mercie for their deliuerãce, that thei may learne to worſhip me.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The frowardnes of the Iewes. 5 Curſed be thoſe that put their confidence in man. 9 Mans heart is wicked. 10 God is the ſearcher of the heart. 13 The liuing waters are forſaken. 21 The right keping of the Sabbath commanded.

1 THe ſinne of Iudáh is [a] writen with a penne of yron, & with the point of a diamõde, & graué vpõ the [b] table of their heart, & vpon the hornes of your [c] altars.

2 [d] They remẽber their altars as their children, with their groues by the grene trees vpon the hie hilles.

3 [e] O my mountaine in the field, I wil giue thy ſubſtance, & all thy treaſures to be ſpoiled, for the ſinne of thy high places through out all thy borders.

4 And thou ſhalt reſt, [f] and in thee *ſhalbe areſt* frõ thine heritage that I gaue thee, & I wil cauſe thee to ſerue thine enemies in the lãd, which thou knoweſt not: for ye haue kindeled a fyre in mine angre, *which* ſhal burne for euer.

5 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord, [g] Curſed *be* the mã that truſteth in mã, & maketh fleſh his arme, & withdraweth his heart frõ ỹ Lord.

6 For he ſhalbe like the heath in the wildernes, and ſhal not ſe when *anie* good cometh, but ſhal inhabit the partched places in the wildernes, in a ſalt land, and not inhabited.

7 Bleſſed *be* the man, that truſteth in the Lord, and whoſe hope the Lord is.

8 [h] For he ſhalbe as a tre that is planted by the water, which ſpreadeth out her rootes by the riuer, and ſhal not fele when the heat cometh, but her leaf ſhalbe grene, and ſhal not care for the yere of drought, nether ſhal ceaſe from yelding frute.

9 [i] The heart is deceitful and wicked aboue all things, who can knowe it?

10 I the Lord ſearche the heart, & trye the reines, euen to giue euerie man according to his wayes, *and* according to the frute of his workes.

11 [k] *As* the partryche gathereth *the yong*, which ſhe hathe not broght forthe: *ſo* he that getteth riches, and not by right, ſhal leaue them in the middes of his dayes, and at his end ſhalbe a foole.

12 *As* a glorious throne [l] exalted from the beginning, *ſo is* the place of our Sãctuarie.

13 O Lord, the hope of Iſraél, all that forſake thee, ſhalbe confounded: thei that departe from thee, ſhalbe writtẽ [m] in the earth, becauſe they haue forſakẽ the Lord, the fountaine of liuing waters.

14 Heale me, ô Lord, and I ſhalbe whole: [n] ſaue me, and I ſhal be ſaued: for thou art my praiſe.

15 Beholde, [o] they ſay vnto me, Where is the worde of the Lord? let it come now.

16 But [p] I haue not thruſt in my ſelf for a paſtor after thee, nether haue I deſired the daye of miſerie, thou knoweſt: that which came out of my lippes, was *right* before thee.

17 Be not [q] terrible vnto me: thou art mine hope in the day of aduerſitie.

18 Let them be confounded, that perſecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be afraid, but let not me be afraid: bring vpon them the day of aduerſitie, [r] & deſtroy them with double deſtruction.

19 Thus hathe the Lord ſaid vnto me, Go and ſtand in the [ſ] gate of the children of the people, whereby ỹ Kings of Iudáh come in, and by the which thei go out, and in all the gates of Ieruſalém,

20 And ſay vnto them, Heare the worde of the Lord, ye Kings of Iudáh, and all Iudáh, and all the inhabitants of Ieruſalém, that entre in by theſe gates.

21 Thus ſaith the Lord, Take hede to your ſoules, and beare no burden in the [t] Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Ieruſalém.

22 Nether carye forthe burdẽs out of your houſes in the Sabbath day: nether do ye anie worke, but ſanctifie the Sabbath, as I commanded your fathers.

23 But they obeyed not, nether inclined their eares, but made their neckes ſtiffe & wolde not heare, nor receiue correction.

24 Neuertheles if ye wil heare me, ſaith the Lord, & beare no burden through the gates of the citie in the Sabbath day, but ſanctifie the Sabbath day, ſo that ye do no worke therein,

25 Then ſhal the Kings and the princes entre in at the gates of this citie, and ſhal ſit [*] vpon the throne of Dauid, and ſhal ride vpon charets, and vpon horſes, *bothe* thei and their princes, the men of Iudáh, and

a The remẽbrãce of their cõcẽpt of God can not paſſe, albeit for a time he deferre the puniſhmẽt. for it ſhalbe manifeſt to mẽ & Angels.
b In ſtead of ỹ Law of God, thei haue writen idolatrie & all abominations in their heart.
c Your ſinnes appeare in all the altars that you haue erected to idoles.
d Some read, So that their children remẽber their altars that is follow their fathers wickednes.
e Zion ỹ was my mouũtaine, ſhal nowbe left as a waſte field.
f Becauſe thou woldeſt not giue the lãd reſt at ſuch times, dayes, & yeres as I appointed, thou ſhalt here after be caried away, & it ſhal reſt for lacke of laborers.
g The Iewes were giuen to worldelie policies, & thoght to make them ſelues ſtrong by the friendſhip of the Egyptians, Iſa. 31,3. and ſtrangers, & in the meane ſeaſon did not depẽd on God, & therefore he denounceth Gods plagues againſt them, ſhewing that they preferre corruptible man to God, which is immortal, Iſa 2,22. chap. 48,6.
h Read Pſal.1,3.
i Becauſe the wicked haue euer ſome excuſe to defend their doings, he ſheweth, that their owne lewde imaginations deceiue them, & bring thẽ to theſe inconuentences: but God wil examine their dedes by the malice of their hearts, 1.Sam.16,7. 1.chro.28,9. pſal.7,10. chap.11,20, & 20,12. Ezeuel.2,25.
k As the partriche by calling gathereth others, which forſake her, when they ſe that ſhe is not their dam. ſo the couetous man is forſaken of his riches, becauſe he cometh by them falſely.
l Shewing that ỹ godlie ought to glorie in nothing, but in God: who doeth exalt his, and hathe left a ſigne of his fauour in his Temple.
m Their names ſhal not be regiſtred in the boke of life.
n He deſireth God to preſerue him that he fall not into tentation conſidering the great cõtempt of Gods worde, & the multitude that fall from God.
o The wicked ſay ỹ my prophecie ſhal not come to paſſe becauſe thou deferreſt the time of thy vẽgeance.
p I am aſſured of my vocatiõ, and therefore knowe that ỹ thing which thou ſpeakeſt by me, ſhal come to paſſe, & that I ſpeake not of any worldelieaffectiõ.
q How ſoeuer ỹ wicked deale rigorouſly with me, yet let me finde cõfort in thee.
r Read Chap. 11,20.
ſ Where as thy doctrine may be beſt vnderſtãd both of hie & lowe.
t By naming the Sabbath day, he cõprehendeth the thing, that is thereby ſignified for if they trãſgreſſed in the ceremonie, they muſt nedes be culpable of ỹ reſt, read Exo. 20.8. and by ỹ breaking of this one commandement, he maketh them tranſgreſſors of the whole Lawe, for as muche as the firſt and ſeconde table are conteined herein.

Chap.22,4.

and the inhabitants of Ieruſalém: and this citie ſhal remaine for euer.

26 And thei ſhal come from the cities of Iudáh, and from about Ieruſalém, and from the land of Beniamín, and from the plaine, and from the mountaines, and from ỹ South, which ſhal bring burnt offrings, & ſacrifices, and meat offrings, and incenſe, & ſhal bring ſacrifice of praiſe into the Houſe of the Lord.

27 But if ye wil not heare me tó ſanctifie ỹ Sabbath daie, and not to beare a burden nor to go through the gates of Ieruſalém in ỹ Sabbath daie, then wil I kindle a fyre in the gates thereof, and it ſhal deuoure the palaces of Ieruſalém, and it ſhal not be quenched.

CHAP. XVIII.

2 God ſheweth by the example of a potter, that it is in his power to deſtroie the diſpiſers of his worde. 18 The conſpiracie of the Iewes againſt Ieremiáh. 19 His praier againſt his aduerſaries.

1 THe worde which came to Ieremiáh from the Lord, ſaying,

2 Ariſe, & go downe into the potters houſe, and there ſhal I ſhewe thee my wordes.

3 Then I went downe to the potters houſe, and beholde, he wroght a worke on the wheles.

a As the potter hathe power ouer the clay to make what pot he wil, or to breake thẽ, when he hathe made them: ſo hathe I power ouer you to do with you as ſemethgood to me, Iſa 45,9 wiſd 15,7 rom 9,20

4 And the veſſel that he made of a claie, was broken in the hand of the potter. ſo he returned, & made it another veſſel, as ſemed good to the potter to make it.

5 Then the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

6 O houſe of Iſraél, can not I do with you as this potter, ſaith the Lord? behold, as ỹ claie *is* in the potters hand, ſo are you in mine hand, ô houſe of Iſraél.

b When ỹ Scripture attributeth repentance vnto God, it is not that he doeth contrary to that which he hathe ordeined in his ſecret counſel: but whẽ he threateneth, it is a calling to repentance, and when he giueth man grace to repent, ỹ threatening (which euercõteineth a condition in it) taketh no place: and this the Scripture calleth repentance in God, becauſe it ſo appeareth to mans iudgement

7 I wil ſpeake ſuddẽly againſt a nation or a againſt a kingdome to plucke it vp, & to roote it out and to deſtroie it.

8 But if this nation, againſt whome I haue pronounced, turne frõ their wickednes, I wil b repent of ỹ plague that I thoght to bring vpon them.

9 And I wil ſpeake ſuddenly concerning a nacion, and concerning a kingdome to buylde it and to plant it.

10 But if it do euil in my ſight and heare not my voice, I wil repẽt of the good that I thoght to do for them.

11 Speake ỹ now therefore vnto the men of Iudáh, and to the inhabitãrs of Ieruſalém, ſaying, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord, Behold, I prepare a plague for you, and purpoſe a thing againſt you: returne you therefore euerie one from his euil waie, and make your waies and your workes good.

& As men that had no remorſe, but were altogether bent to rebellion and to their owne ſelf wil.

12 But thei ſaid c deſperatly, Surely we wil walke after our owne imaginacions & do euerie man *after* the ſtubbernes of his wicked heart.

13 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Aſke now among the heathen, who hath heard ſuche things? the virgine of Iſraél hathe done verie filthily.

14 Wil a man forſake the ſnowe of Lebanón, *which cometh* from ỹ rocke of the field? d or ſhal the colde flowing waters, that come from another place, be forſaken?

d As no man ỹ hathe thirſt, refuſeth freſh cõduit waters which he hathe at home, to go and ſeke waters abroad to quench his thirſt: ſo they ought not to ſeke for helpe & ſuccour at ſtrãgers and leaue God, which was preſent with them

15 Becauſe my people hathe forgotten me, & haue burnt incenſe to vanitie, and *their Prophetes* haue cauſed them to ſtumble in their waies *from* the e ancient waies to walke in the paths *and* waie that is not troden,

e That is, the way of trueth, which God had taught by his Law, read chap 6,16

16 To make their land deſolate & a perpetual deriſion, *ſo that* euerie one that paſſeth thereby, ſhalbe aſtoniſhed and wagge his head,

f I wil ſhewe mine angre & not my fauour toward them.

17 I wil ſcattre them with an Eaſt winde before the enemie: I wil ſhewe them the backe, and f not the face in the day of their deſtruction.

18 Then ſaid they, Come, and let vs imagine ſome deuiſe againſt Ieremiáh: for the Law ſhal not periſh from the Prieſt, nor counſel from the wiſe, nor the worde from the Prophet: come, and let vs ſmite him with the h tongue, and let vs not giue hede to any of his wordes.

g This argument ỹ wicked haue euer vſed againſt the ſeruants of God, The Church can not erie: we are the Church, and therefore who ſoeuer ſpeaketh againſt vs, they ought to dye, 1. King 22, 24, chr 7,4 & 20,2 mala 2,4 and thus the falſe Church perſecuteth ỹ true Church, which ſtãdeth not in outward pompe, and in multitude, but is knowen by the graces of the holie Goſt.

19 Hearken vnto me, ô Lord, and heare the voyce of them that contend with me.

20 Shal euil be recompenced for good? for they haue digged a pit for my ſoule: remembre that I ſtode before thee, to ſpeake good for them, *and* to turne away thy wrath from them.

h Let vs ſclander him, and accuſe him: for we ſhalbe beleued

21 Therefore, i deliuer vp their children to famine, and let them drop away by the force of the ſworde, and let their wiues be robbed of their children, and be widdowes: and let their huſbands be put to death, *and* let their yong men be ſlayne by the ſworde in the battel.

i Seing the obſtinate malice of the aduerſaries, which grewe daicly more & more, the Prophet being moued with Gods Spirit, without any carnal affection prayeth for their deſtruction becauſe he knew that it ſhulde tend to Gods glorie, & profite of his Church.

22 Let the crye be heard from their houſes, when thou ſhalt bring an hoſte ſuddenly vpon them: for they haue digged a pit to take me, and hid ſnares for my fete.

23 Yet Lord thou knoweſt all their counſel againſt me *tendeth* to death: forgiue not their iniquitie, nether put out their ſinne from thy ſight, but let them be ouerthrowen before thee: deale *thus* with them in the time of thine angre.

CHAP. XIX.

He propheciath the deſtruction of Ieruſalém for the contempt and deſpiſing of the worde of God.

1 THus ſaid the Lord, Go, and bye an earthen bottel of a potter, and *take* of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the Prieſts,

2 And go forthe vnto ỹ vallei of Ben-him-

nóm, which is by the entrie of the 'East gate: & thou ſhalt preache there the wordes, that I ſhal tel thee,

3 And ſhalt ſay, Heare ye the worde of the Lord, ô [a] Kings of Iudáh, and inhabitáts of Ieruſalém, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, ỹ God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil bring a plague vpon this place, the which whoſoeuer heareth, his eares ſhal [b] tingle.

4 Becauſe they haue forſaken me, and prophaned this place, and haue burnt incenſe in it vnto other gods, whome *nether* they, nor their fathers haue knowen, nor the Kings of Iudáh (they haue filled this place alſo with the blood of innocents,

5 And they haue buylt the hie places of Báal, to burne their ſonnes with fyre for burnt offrings vnto Báal, which I [c] commãded not, nor ſpake it, nether came it into my minde)

6 Therefore beholde, the dayes come, ſaith the Lord, that this place ſhal nomore be called [d] Tópheth, nor the vallei of Benhinnóm, but the vallei of ſlaughter.

7 And I wil bring the counſel of Iudáh & Ieruſalém to noght in this place, and I wil cauſe thẽ to fall by the ſworde before their enemies, & by the hand of them that ſeke their liues: & their carkeiſes wil I giue to be meat for the foules of ỹ heauen, and to the beaſtes of the field.

8 *And I wil make this citie deſolate & an hiſſing, *ſo that* euerie one ỹ paſſeth thereby, ſhalbe aſtoniſhed & hiſſe becauſe of all the plagues thereof.

9 *And I wil fede thẽ with ỹ fleſh of their ſonnes and with the fleſh of their daughters, and euerie one ſhal eat the fleſh of his friend in the ſiege and ſtreitnes, wherewith their enemies that ſeke their liues, ſhal holde them ſtreit.

10 Then ſhalt thou breake the bottle in the ſight of the men that go with thee,

11 And ſhalt ſaie vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Euen ſo wil I breake this people & this citie, as one breaketh a [e] potters veſſel, that can not be made whole againe, & thei ſhal buryе *them* in Tópheth til ſhere be no place to burye.

12 Thus wil I do vnto this place, ſaith the Lord, and to the inhabitans thereof, and I wil make this citie like Tópheth.

13 For the houſes of Ieruſalém, and the houſes of the Kings of Iudáh ſhalbe defiled as the place of Tópheth, becauſe of all the [f] houſes vpon whoſe [g] rofes thei haue burnt incenſe vnto all the hoſte of heauen, and haue powred out drinke offrings vnto other gods.

14 Then came Ieremiáh from Tópheth, where the Lord had ſent him to prophecie, and he ſtode in the court of the Lords houſe, and ſaid to all the people,

15 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil bring vpon this citie, and vpon all her townes, all the plagues ỹ I haue pronounced againſt it, becauſe they haue hardened their neckes, and wolde not heare my wordes.

CHAP. XX.

Ieremiáh is ſmitten and caſt into priſon for preaching of the worde of God. 3 He propheciеth the captiuitie of Babylon. 7 He complaineth that he is a mocking ſtocke for the worde of God 9 He is compelled by the ſpirit to preache the worde.

1 WHen Paſhúr, the ſonne of Immér, the Prieſt, which was appointed gouernour in ỹ Houſe of the Lord, heard that Ieremiáh prophecied theſe things,

2 Then Paſhúr ſmote Ieremiáh the Prophet, and put him in the [a] ſtockes that were in the hie gate of Beniamín which was by the Houſe of the Lord.

3 And on the morning, Paſhúr broght Ieremiáh out of the ſtockes. Then ſaid Ieremiáh vnto him, The Lord hathe not called thy name Paſhúr, but [*] Magór-miſſabíb.

4 For thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, I wil make thee to be a terrour to thy ſelf, & to all thy friends, and thei ſhal fall by the ſworde of their enemies, & thine eyes ſhal beholde it, and I wil giue all Iudáh into the hand of the King of Babél, and he ſhal carie them captiue into Babél, and ſhal ſlaie them with the ſworde.

5 Moreouer I wil deliuer all the ſubſtance of this citie, and all the labours thereof & all the precious things thereof, and all ỹ treaſures of the Kings of Iudáh wil I giue into the hand of their enemies, which ſhal ſpoyle them, and take them awaie and carie them to Babél.

6 And thou Paſhúr, & all that dwell in thine houſe, ſhal go into captiuitie, and thou ſhalt come to Babél, and there thou ſhalt dye, and ſhalt be buryed there, thou & all thy [b] friends, to whome thou haſt prophecied lies.

7 O Lord, thou haſt deceiued me, and I am [c] deceiued: thou art ſtronger then I, and haſt [d] preuailed: I am in deriſion daiely: euerie one mocketh me.

8 For ſince I ſpake, I eryed out of wrong, and proclaimed [e] deſolation: therefore the worde of the Lord was made a reproche vnto me, and in deriſion daiely.

9 Then I ſaid, I wil not make mencion of him, nor ſpeake any more in his Name. But *his worde* was in mine hẽart as a burning fyre ſhut vp in my bones, and I was wearie with forbearing, & I colde not *ſtay*.

10 For I had heard the railing of many, & feare on euerie ſide. [f] Declare, *ſaid thei*, & we wil declare it: all my familiars watched for mine

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'Or, gate of the fauns.

a By Kings here and in other places are ment counſellours & gouernours of ỹ people: which he called the Ancients, ver. 1.

b Read of this phraſe, 1. Sam. 3,11.

c Whereby is declared that what ſo euer is not cõmanded by Gods word touchig his ſeruice, is againſt his worde

d Read Chap 7,31 & 2 king. 23,10 & Iſa 30,33.

Chap 18,16. & 49,30. & 50,13.

Deut. 28,53 Lament. 4,10

e This viſible ſigne was to confirme them touching ỹ aſſurãce of this plague, which ỹ Lord threatened by his Prophet

f He noteth the great rage of the idolaters, which left no place free frõ their abominations, inſomuche as they polluted their owne houſes therewith, as we ſe yet among the papiſtes

g Read Deut. 22,8.

a Thus we ſe that the thing which nether the King, nor the princes nor the people durſt entreprẽſe againſt ỹ Propher of God, this prieſt as a chief inſtrumẽt of Saran firſt attẽpted, read Chap 18,18

'Or, feare round about.

b Which haue ſuffred thẽ ſelues to be abuſed by thy falſe propheties.

c Herein appeareth ỹ impacienciе, & oftentimes ouercometh the ſeruants of God, whẽ thei ſe not their labours to profite, and alſo ſele their owne weaknes, read cha 15,18.

d Thou dideſt thruſt me forth to this worke againſt my wil

e He ſheweth that he did his office in that he reproued ỹ people of their vices & threatened them ỹ Gods iudgements: but becauſe he was derided and perſecuted for this, he was diſcouraged & thoght to haue ceaſed to preache, ſaue that Gods Spirit did force him thereunto

f Thus the enemies conferred together to knowe what they had heard him ſay ỹ they might accuſe him thereof, read Iſa. 29,21.

mine halting, *saying*, It may be that he is deceiued: so we shal preuaile against him, and we shal execute our vengeance vpon him.

g Here he sheweth how his faith did striue against temptation and sought to the Lord for strength.

11 g But the Lord is with me like a mightie gyant: therefore my persecuters sha be ouerthrowen, and shal not preuaile, & shal be greatly confounded: for they haue done vnwisely, *and their* euerlasting shame shal neuer be forgotten.

1 Sam 16,7. 1 chro 28,9. psal 7,10. chap 11,20. & 17,10.

12 * But, ô Lord of hostes, that tryest the righteous, & seest the reines & the heart, let me se thy vengeance on them: for vnto thee haue I opened my cause.

13 Sing vnto the Lord, praise ye the Lord: for he hathe deliuered the soule of the poore from the hand of the wicked.

h How the children of God are ouercome in this battel of the flesh and the Spirit, and into what inconueniences they fall til God raise them vp againe, read Iob 3, 1, and chap 15,10.

14 ¶ h Cursed *be* the day wherein I was borne: & let not the day wherein my mother bare me, be blessed.

15 Cursed *be* the man, that shewed my father, saying, A man childe is borne vnto thee, and comforted him.

i Alluding to the destruction of Sodóm and Gomoráh, Ge. 19,25

16 And let that man be as the i cities, which the Lord hathe ouer turned and repented not: & let him heare the crye in the morning, and the shouting at noone tide,

17 Because he hathe not slayne me, *euen* frō the wombe, or that my mother might haue bene my graue, or her wombe a perpetual k conception.

k Meanig, that the frute thereof might neuer come to profite.

18 How is it, *that* I came forthe of the wombe, to se labour and sorowe, that my daies shulde be consumed with shame?

CHAP. XXI.

He prophecieth that Zedekiáh shalbe taken, and the citie burned.

1 THe worde which came vnto Ieremiáh from the Lord, when King Zedekiáh sent vnto him Pashúr, the sonne of Malchiáh, & Zephaniáh, the sonne of Maaseáh the Priest, saying,

a Not that the King was touched with repentāce of his sinnes and so sought to God, as did Hezekiáh when he sent to Isaiáh, 2 King 19, 1 isa 37, 2, but because the Prophet might pray vnto God to take this present plague away, as Pharaōh sought vnto Moses, Exod 9,28

2 a Inquire, I pray thee, of the Lord for vs (for Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél maketh warre against vs) if so be that the Lord wil deale with vs according to all his wonderous workes, that he may returne vp from vs.

3 Then said Ieremiáh, Thus shal you say to Zedekiáh,

4 Thus saith the Lord God of Israél, Beholde, I wil b turne backe the weapons of warre that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the King of Babél, and against the Caldeans, which besiege you without the walles, & I wil assemble them into the middes of this citie.

b To wit, from your enemies to destroye your selues.

5 And I my self wil fight against you with an outstretched hand, and with a mightie arme, euen in angre and in wrath, and in great indignacion.

6 And I wil smite the inhabitants of this citie, bothe man, and beast: thei shal dye of a great pestilence.

7 And after this, saith the Lord, I wil deliuer Zedekiáh the King of Iudáh, and his seruants, and the people, and suche as are left in this citie, from the pestilence, from the sworde and from the famine into the hād of Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seke their liues, and he shal smite them with the edge of the sworde: he shal not spare them, neither haue pitie nor compassion.

8 ¶ And vnto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord, Beholde, I set before you the c way of life, & the way of d death.

c By yelding your selues to Nebuchadnezzár

d By resisting him

9 *He that abideth in this citie, shal dye by the sworde and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Caldeans, that besiege you, he shal liue, and his life shalbe vnto him for a e pray.

Chap 38,2.

e As a thing recouered frō extreme danger. Chap 37,2 & 39, 18, & 45, 5

10 For I haue set my face against this citie, for euil and not for good, saith the Lord: it shal be giuen into the hand of the King of Babél, and he shal burne it with fyre.

11 ¶ And *say* vnto the house of the King of Iudáh, Heare ye the worde of ỹ Lord.

12 O house of Dauid, thus saith the Lord, *Execute iudgement f in the morning, and deliuer the oppressed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath go out like fyre and burne, that none can quenche it, becaus of the wickednes of your workes.

Chap 22,3.

f Be diligent to do iustice.

13 Beholde, I *come* against thee, g ô inhabitant of the valley, & rocke of the plaine, saith the Lord, which say, Who shal come downe against vs? or who shal enter into our habitacions?

g Meaning, Ierusalém, which was buylded parte on the hill and parte in ỹ valley, & was cōpassed about with mountaines.

14 But I wil visite you according to ỹ frute of your workes, saith the Lord, and I wil kindle a fyre h in the forest thereof, and it shal deuoure rounde about it.

h That is, in ỹ houses therof, which stode as thicke as trees in the forest.

CHAP. XXII.

1 He exhorteth the King to iudgement and righteousnes. 9 Why Ierusalém is broght into captiuitie. 11 The death of Shallúm the sonne of Iosiáh is prophecied.

1 THus said the Lord, Go downe to the house of the King of Iudáh, and speake there this thing,

2 And say, Heare the worde of the Lord, ô King of Iudáh, that sittest vpon the throne of Dauid, thou and thy seruants, and thy people that enter in by these gates.

3 Thus saith the Lord, *Execute ye iudgement and a righteousnes, and deliuer the oppressed from the hand of the oppressor, and vexe not the stranger, the fatherles, nor the widdowe: do no violence, nor shede innocent blood in this place.

Chap. 21,12.

a This was his ordinarie maner of preaching before ỹ Kings from Iosiáh vnto Zedekiáh, which was about fourtie yeres.

4 For if ye do this thing, then shal the Kings sitting vpon the throne of Dauid enter in by the gates of this house, * and ride vpon charets, and vpon horses, *bothe* he

Chap 17, 25.

and his ſeruants and his people.
5 But if ye wil not heare theſe wordes, I
b ſweare by my ſelf, ſaith ỹ Lord, that this
Houſe ſhalbe waſte.
6 For thus hathe the Lord ſpoken vpon the
Kings houſe of Iudah, Thou art c Gileád
vnto me, *and* the head of Lebanón, *yet* ſu-
rely I wil make thee a wildernes *& as* cí-
ties not inhabited,
7 And I wil d prepare deſtroyers againſt
thee, euery one with his weapons, and thei
ſhal cut downe thy chief e cedre trees, and
caſt them in the fyre.
8 f And many nacions ſhal paſſe by this ci-
tie, & thei ſhal ſay euery man to his neigh-
bour, Wherefore hathe ỹ Lord done thus
vnto this great citie?
9 Then ſhal they anſwer, Becauſe they ha-
ue forſaken the couenant of ỹ Lord their
God, and woꝛſhiped other gods & ſeꝛued
them.
10 ¶Wepe not for the dead, & be not mo-
ued for them, *but* wepe for him g that go-
eth out: for he ſhal returne no more, nor ſe
his natiue countrey.
11 For thus ſaith the Lord, As touching
h Shallúm the ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iu-
dáh, which reigned for Ioſiáh his father,
which wẽt out of this place, he ſhal not re-
turne thether,
12 But he ſhal dye in ỹ place, whether they
haue led him captiue, and ſhal ſe this land
no more.
13 ¶Wo vnto him ỹ buyldeth his houſe by
i vnrighteouſnes, & his chambers without
equitie: he vſeth his neighbour without
wages and giueth him not for his worke.
14 He ſaith, I wil buylde me a wide houſe
and large chambers: ſo he wil make him
ſelf large windowes, and ſiling with cedre
and painte them with veꝛmelon.
15 Shalt thou reigne, becauſe thou cloſeſt
thy ſelf in cedre? did not thy k father eat
and drinke and proſper, when he executed
iudgement and iuſtice?
16 When he iudged the cauſe of ỹ afflicted
& the poore, he proſpered: was not this be-
cauſe he knewe me, ſaith the Lord?
17 But thine eies and thine heart are but o-
nely for thy couetouſnes, and for to ſhed
innocent blood, & for oppreſsion, and for
deſtruction, *euen* to do this.
18 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord againſt
Iehoiakím, the ſonne of Ioſiáh Kíg of Iu-
dáh, Thei ſhal l not lamẽt him, *ſaying*, Ah,
my bꝛother, oꝛ ah, ſiſter: nether ſhal they
mourne for him, *ſaying*, Ah, lord, oꝛ ah, his
glorie.
19 He ſhalbe buryed as an aſſe m is buryed,
euẽ drawen and caſt forthe without the ga-
tes of Ieruſalém.
20 ¶Go vp to n Lebanón, & crye: ſhowte in
o Baſhán & crye by the paſſages: for all thy
louers are deſtroyed.
21 I ſpake vnto thee whẽ thou waſt in proſ-
peritie: *but* thou ſaidſt, I wil not heare: this
hathe bene thy maner from thy youth that
thou woldeſt not obey my voyce.
22 The winde ſhal fede all thy paſtors, p &
thy louers ſhal go into captiuitie: and then
ſhalt thou be aſhamed and confounded of
all thy wickednes.
23 Thou that dwelleſt in Lebanón, *and* ma-
keſt thy neſt in the q cedres, how beautiful
ſhalt thou be when ſoꝛowes come vpon
thee, as the ſoꝛow of a woman in trauail?
24 As I liue, ſaith the Lord, thogh r Co-
niáh the ſonne of Iehoiakim King of Iu-
dáh, were the ſignet of my right hand, yet
wolde I plucke thee thence.
25 And I wil giue thee into the hand of thẽ
that ſeke thy life, and into the hand of
them, whoſe face thou feareſt, euẽ into the
hand of Nebuchad nezzá King of Ba
bél, and into the hand of the Caldeans.
26 And I wil cauſe them to cary thee away,
and thy mother that bare thee, into ano-
ther countrey, where ye were not boꝛne, &
there ſhal ye dye.
27 But to the land, whereunto they deſire
to returne, they ſhal not returne thether.
28 Is not this man Coniáh *as* a deſpiſed *and*
broken idole? oꝛ *as* a veſſel, wherein is no
pleaſure? Wherefore are thei caryed away,
he and his ſede, & caſt out into a land that
they knowe not?
29 O ſ earth, earth, earth, heare the worde
of the Lord.
30 Thus ſaith the Lord, Write this t man
deſtitute of *children*, a man that ſhal not
proſper in his dayes: for there ſhalbe no
man of his ſede that ſhal proſper and ſit
vpõ the thꝛone of Dauid, oꝛ beare rule any
more in Iudáh.

CHAP. XXIII.

Againſt falſe Paſtors. 5 A prophecie of the great Paſtor Ieſus Chriſt.

1 WO *be* vnto a the Paſtors that de-
ſtroie and ſcatter b the ſhepe of
my paſture, ſaith the Lord.
2 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God of
Iſraél vnto the Paſtors that c feede my peo-
ple, Ye haue ſcattred my flocke and thruſt
them out, & haue not viſited thẽ: beholde,
I wil viſite you for the wickednes of your
worke, ſaith the Lord.
3 And I wil gather the d rẽnant of my ſhe-
pe out of all countreys, whether I had dri
uen them, and wil bring them againe to
their foldes, and they ſhal growe and en-
creaſe.
4 And I wil ſet vp ſhepherdes ouer them,
which ſhal fede them: and they ſhal dread
no more nor be afraid, nether ſhal any of
them be lacking, ſaith the Lord.

b Shewing ỹ there his none greater then he is, Ebr 6, 13, and that he wil moſte certenly performe his othe
c He compareth Ieruſalém to Gilead, & was beyonde Iordén, and ỹ beautie of Iudeáh to Lebanón.
d The Ebrewe worde ſignifieth to ſanctifie, becauſe ỹ Lord doeth dedicate to his vſe & purpoſe ſuche as he prepareth to execute his worke, Iſa. 13, 3 chap 6, 4. and 22, 3
e Thy buyldings made of cedre trees.
f As they that wonder at a thing which they thoght wolde neuer haue come ſo to paſſe, Deut. 29, 24 1 king 9, 8.
g Siguifying ỹ they ſhulde loſe their kig: for Iehoiachí went forth to mete Nebuchad-nezzár & yelded hí ſelf and was caryed into Babylon, 2 King 24 12
h Whome ſome thinke to be Iehoiachin & ỹ Ioſiáh was his grand father: but as ſeemeth, this was Iehoiakim, as verſ 18
i By bribes & extorſion
k Meaning, Ioſiáh, who was nog giuen to ambition and ſuperfluitie, but was cõtent with mediocritie and did onely delite in ſetting forthe Gods glorie & to do iuſtice to all
l For euery one ſhal haue ynough to lament for him ſelf
m Not honorably amongs his fathers, but as carions are caſt in a hole becauſe their ſtinke ſhulde not infect, read 2. King 24, 9 Ioſephus Antiq 10, 8 writeth that the enemie ſlewe him in the citie & commanded him to be caſt before the walles vnburyed.
n To call to the Aſſyrians for helpe.
o For this was the way out of Iudeáh to Aſſyria whereby is mẽt that all helpes ſhulde faile for the Caldeans haue ſubdued bothe them and the Egyptians.
p Bothe thy gouernours & they ỹ ſhulde helpe thee, ſhal vaniſh away as wind
q Thou that art buylt of ỹ faire cedre trees of Lebanón.
r Who was called Iehoiachin or Ieconiáh, whome he calleth here Coniáh in cõtempt, who thoght his kingdome col de neuer departe frõ him, becauſe he came of ỹ ſtocke of Dauid, and therefore for ỹ promes ſake colde not be taken from his houſe: but he abuſed Gods promes, and therefore was iuſtely depriued of the kingdome
ſ He ſheweth that all poſteritie ſhalbe witneſſes of this iuſte plague as though it were regiſtred for perpetual memorie
t Not that he had no children (for after he begate Salathiél in the captiuitie, Mat. 1, 12) but that none ſhulde reigne after him as King.

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a Meaníg, the princes, gouernours & falſe propheres, as Ezek 34, 2
b For the which I haue eſpecial care and haue prepared good paſtures for them
c Whoſe charge is to fede the flocke, but they eat the frute thereof, Ezek 34, 3
d Thus the Prophets euer vſe to mixt the promiſes with ỹ threatnings, leſt the godlie ſhulde be to muche beaten downe, and therefore

he ſheweth how God wil gather his Church after this diſperſion.

5 Beholde, The daies come, ſaith the Lord, that I wil raiſe vnto Dauid a righteous [e] branche, & a King ſhal reigne, and proſper, and ſhal execute iudgement, and iuſtice in the earth.

6 In his daies * Iudáh ſhalbe ſaued, and Iſraél ſhal dwell ſafely, and this is the name whereby thei ſhal call him, * The Lord our righteouſnes.

7 Therefore beholde, the daies come, ſaith the Lord, that thei ſhal no more ſay, The [f] Lord liueth, which brought vp the children of Iſraél out of ỹ land of Egypt,

8 But the Lord liueth, which brought vp and led the ſede of the houſe of Iſraél out of the North countrey & from all contreys where I had ſcattered them, and thei ſhal dwell in their owne land.

9 Mine heart breaketh within me, becauſe of the [g] Prophetes, all my bones ſhake: I am like a drunken man (& like a man whome wine hathe "ouercome) for the preſence of the Lord and for his holie wordes.

10 For the land is ful of adulterers, *and* becauſe of othes ỹ land mourneth, the pleaſant places of the wildernes are dryed vp, and their [h] courſe is euil, and their force is not right.

11 For bothe the Prophet and the Prieſt [o] do wickedly: and their wickednes haue I founde in mine [i] Houſe, ſaith the Lord.

12 Wherefore their waie ſhalbe vnto them as ſliperie *waies* in the darkenes: thei ſhal be driuen forthe and fall therein: for I wil bring a plague vpon them, *euen* the yere of their viſitacion, ſaith the Lord.

13 And I haue ſene fooliſhnes in the Prophetes of Samaria, ỹ prophecied in Báal and cauſed my people Iſraél to erre.

14 I haue ſene alſo in the Prophetes of Ieruſalém [k] filthines: thei commit adulterie & walke in lies: thei ſtrengthen alſo the hãds of the wicked that none can returne from his wickednes: thei are all vnto [l] me as Sodóm, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomoráh.

15 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes concerning the Prophetes, Beholde, I wil fede them with [m] wormewood, and make them drinke the water of gall: for from ỹ Prophetes of Ieruſalém is [n] wickednes gone forthe into all the land.

16 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Heare not the wordes of the Prophetes that prophecie vnto you, and teache you vanitie: thei ſpeake the viſiõ of their owne [o] heart & not out of the mouth of the Lord.

17 Thei ſaie ſtil vnto them that deſpiſe me, The Lord hath ſaid, Ye [p] ſhal haue peace: & thei ſaie vnto euerie one that walketh after the ſtubbernes of his owne heart, No euil ſhal come vpon you.

18 For [r] who hathe ſtand in the counſel of the Lord that he hathe perceiued & heard his worde? Who hathe marked his worde and heard it?

19 Beholde, the tempeſt of the Lord goeth forthe in *his* wrath, & a violent whirlwinde ſhal fall downe vpon the head of the wicked.

20 The angre of the Lord ſhal not returne vntil he *haue* executed, and til he haue performed the thoghts of his heart: in the latter daies ye [q] ſhal vnderſtand it plainely.

21 * I haue not ſent theſe Prophetes, ſaith the Lord, yet thei ranne: I haue not ſpokẽ to them, and yet thei prophecied.

22 But if thei had ſtand in my counſel, and [r] had declared my wordes to my people, then they ſhulde haue turned them from their euil waie, and from the wickednes of their inuentions.

23 Am I a God *at hand*, ſaith the Lord, and not a God [s] farre of?

24 Can anie hide him ſelf in ſecret places, that I ſhal not ſe him, ſaith the Lord? Do not I fil heauen and earth, ſaith the Lord?

25 I haue heard what the Prophetes ſaid, that prophecie lies in my Name, ſaying, I [t] haue dreamed, I haue dreamed.

26 How long [u] "Do the Prophetes delite to prophecie lies, euen prophecying the deceit of their owne heart?

27 Thinke thei to cauſe [x] my people to forget my Name by their dreames, which thei tel euerie man to his neighbour, as their forefathers haue forgotte my Name for Báal?

28 The Prophet that hathe a dreame, let him [y] tel a dreame, and he that hathe my worde, let him ſpeake my worde faithfully: [z] what is ỹ chaffe to the wheat, ſaith the Lord?

29 Is not my worde euen like a fyre, ſaith the Lord? and like an hammer, that breaketh the ſtone?

30 Therefore beholde, I *wil come* againſt the Prophetes, ſaith the Lord, that [a] ſteale my worde euerie one from his neighbour.

31 Beholde, I *wil come* againſt the Prophetes, ſaith the Lord, which haue ſwete tongues, and ſaye, [b] He ſaith.

32 Beholde, [c] *wil come* againſt them that prophecie falſe dreames, ſaith the Lord, & do tel them, and cauſe my people to erre by their lies, and by their flatteries, and I ſend them not, nor cõmanded them: therefore thei bring no profite vnto this people, ſaith the Lord.

33 And when this people, or the Prophet, or a Prieſt ſhal aſke thee, ſaying, What is the [d] burden of the Lord? thou ſhalt then ſay vnto them, What burden? I wil euen forſake you, ſaith the Lord.

e This prophecie is of the reſtitution of the Church in the time of Ieſus Chriſt, who is ỹ true branche, read Iſa. 11, 1 & 45, 8. chap 33, 15 dani 9, 24. *Deut 33, 28. chap. 33, 16.*

f Read Chap. 16, 15.

g Meaning, the falſe propnets which deceiue ỹ people: wherein appeareth his great loue toward his naciõ, read Chap 14, 13

"*Ebr paſſed ouer or troubled.*

h They runne head long to wickednes, and ſeke vaine helpe

Or, are hypocrites

i My Temple is ful of their idolatrie and ſuperſtitions.

k They which ſhulde haue profited by my roddes againſt Samaria, are become worſe then they

l Though to ỹ worlde they ſeme holy fathers, yet I deteſt them as I did theſe abominable cities.

m Read Chap. 8, 14

Or, hypocriſie.

n Which thei haue inuented of their owne braine

o Read Chap 6, 14, & 8, 11

p Thus thei did deride Ieremiáh as though the worde of God were not reueiled vnto him. ſo alſo ſpake Zedekiáh to Micháh, 1. King. 22, 24.

q Bothe that God hathe ſent me, and that my wordes ſhal be true. *Chap. 14, 13. & 27, 21. & 29, 8*

r He ſheweth the difference betwene the true Prophetes and the falſe, betwene the hireling and the true miniſter

ſ Do not I ſe your falſehode, howſoeuer you cloke it, and whereſoeuer you commit it?

t I haue a prophecie reueiled vnto me, as Nombr 12, 6

"*Ebr Is it in the heart of the prophetes?*

u He ſheweth that Satan raiſeth vp falſe prophetes to bring the people from God.

x Let the falſe prophet declare that it is his owne fantaſie, & not ſclãder my worde as though it were a cloke to couer his lyes

y Meaning, ỹ it is not ſufficient for Gods miniſters to abſtaine from lies, & to ſpeake the worde of God, but that there be iudgement in alledging it, & that it may appeare to be applied to the ſame purpoſe ỹ it was ſpoken, Ezek. 3, 17. 1 cor 2, 17 & 4, 2 tim. 2, 15. 1 pet. 4, 11

z Which ſet forthe in my Name ỹ which I haue not cõmanded

a To wit, the Lord

b The Prophetes called their threatenings Gods burden, which the ſinners were not able to ſuſteine: therefore ỹ wicked in deriding the worde, wolde aſke of the Prophetes, what was the burden, as though thei wolde ſay, You ſeke nothing elſe, but to lay burdens on our ſhulders. and thus thei reiected the worde of God, as a grieuous burden.

34 And the Prophet, or the Prieſt, or the people that ſhal ſay, The [c] burden of the Lord, I wil euen viſit euerie ſuche one, & his houſe.

35 Thus ſhal ye ſay euerie one to his neighbour, and euerie one to his brother, What hathe the Lord anſwered? and what hathe the Lord ſpoken?

36 And ỹ burden of the Lord ſhal ye mencion no more: for euerie mans [d] worde ſhal be his burden: for ye haue peruerted the wordes of the liuing God, the Lord of hoſtes our God.

37 Thus ſhalt thou ſay to ỹ Prophet, What hathe the Lord anſweted thee? and what hathe the Lord ſpoken?

38 And if you ſay, The burden of the Lord, Then thus ſaith the Lord, Becauſe ye ſay this worde, The burden of the Lord, and I haue ſent vnto you, ſaying, Ye ſhal not ſay, The burden of the Lord,

39 Therefore beholde I, euen I, wil vtterly [e]forget you, and I wil forſake you, & the citie that I gaue you & your fathers, *and caſt you* out of my preſence,

40 And wil bring *an euerlaſting reproche vpō you, & a perpetual ſhame which ſhal neuer be forgotten.

c Becauſe this worde was broght to contempt & derſion, he wil teache them anorher maner of ſpeache, and wil cauſe this worde Burden to ceaſe, and teache them to aſke with reuerēce, What ſaith ỹ Lord? d The thing which they mocke & contemne, ſhal come vpon them.

e Or, take you away.

Chap. 20, 11.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 The viſion of the baſkets of figges 5 Signifieth that parte of the people ſhulde be broght againe from captiuitie. 8 And that Zedekiáh and the reſt of the people ſhulde be caryed away.

1 THe Lord ſhewed me, & beholde, two [a] baſkets of figges were ſet before ỹ Tēple of the Lord, after that Nebuchadnezzár Kīg of Babél had caried away captiue Ieconiáh ỹ ſonne of Iehoiakím King of Iudáh, and the princes of Iudáh with the workemen, and cunning men of Ieruſalém, and had broght them to Babél.

2 One baſket *had* verie good figgs, *euen* like the figges that are firſt ripe: & the other baſket *had* verie noghtie figges which colde not be eaten, thei were ſo euil.

3 Then ſaid the Lord vnto me, What ſeeſt thou, Ieremiáh? And I ſaid, Figges: the good figgs verie good, & the noghtie verie noghtie, which can not be eaten, thei are ſo euil.

4 Againe the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

5 Thus ſaith the Lord, the God of Iſraél, Like theſe good figges, ſo wil I knowe them that are caried away captiue of Iudáh to be good, whome I haue ſent out of this [b] place, into the land of the Caldeans.

6 For I wil ſet mine eyes vpon them for good, and I wil bring them againe to this land, and I wil buylde them, and not deſtroy them, and I wil plant them, and not roote them out,

7 And I wil giue them [c] an heart to knowe me, that I am the Lord, and they ſhalbe my* people, and I wil be their God: for they ſhal returne vnto me with their whole heart.

8 *And as the noghtie figges which can not be eaten, they are ſo euil (ſurely thus ſaith the Lord) ſo wil I giue Zedekiáh the King of Iudáh, and his princes, and the reſidue of Ieruſalém, that remaine in this land, & them that dwell [d] in the land of Egypt:

9 I wil euen giue them for a terrible plague to all the kingdomes of the earth, *and* for a reproche, and for a prouerbe, for a commune talke, and for a curſſe, in all places, where I ſhal caſt them.

10 And I wil ſend the ſworde, the famine, and the peſtilence among them, til they be conſumed out of the land, that I gaue vnto them and to their fathers.

a The good figgs ſignified the that were gone into captiuitie, and ſo ſaued their life, as chap 21, 8 and the noghty figgs them ỹ remained, which were yet ſubiect to the ſworde, famine and peſtilence.

b Whereby he approueth the yelding of Ieconiáh, & his companie, becauſe thei obeied the Prophet, who exhorted them thereunto.

c Which declareth that man of him ſelfe can knowe nothing, til God giue the heart and vnderſtanding *Chap 31, 33. ebr 8, 10.*

d Which fled thether for ſuccour. *Chap 29, 17.*

CHAP. XXV.

1 He prophecieth that thei ſhalbe in captiuitie ſeuentie yeres, 12 And that after the ſeuentie yeres the Babylonians ſhulde be deſtroyed. 14 The deſtruction of all nations is prophecied.

1 THe worde that came to Ieremiáh, concerning all the people of Iudáh in the [a] fourth yere of Iehoiakím the ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iudáh that was in the firſt yere of Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél:

2 The which Ieremiáh the Prophet ſpake vnto all the people of Iudáh, & to all the inhabitants of Ieruſalém, ſaying,

3 From the thirtéth yere of Ioſiáh the ſonne of Ammón King of Iudáh, euen vnto [b] this daye (that is the thre and twentieth yere) the worde of the Lord hathe come vnto me, & I haue ſpoken vnto you [c] riſing early and ſpeaking, but ye wolde not heare.

4 And the Lord hathe ſent vnto you all his ſeruants the Prophetes, riſing early and ſending *them*, but ye wolde not heare, nor encline your eares to obeie.

5 Thei [d] ſaid, Turne againe now euerie one from his euil waie, and from the wickednes of your inuencions, & ye ſhal dwell in the land that the Lord hathe giuen vnto you, and to your fathers for euer and euer.

6 And go not after othei gods to ſeruue thē & to worſhip them, and prouoke me not to angre with the workes of your hands, & I wil not puniſh you.

7 Neuertheles ye wolde not heare me, ſaith the Lord, but haue prouoked me to angre with the workes of your hands to your owne hurt.

8 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Becauſe ye haue not heard my wordes,

9 Beholde, I wil ſend and take *to me* all the fami-

a That is, in ỹ third yere accompliſhed, & in the beginning of the fourth: for thogh Nebuchad-nezzár began to reigne in the end of the thirde yere of Iehoiakís reigne, yet that yere is not here counted, becauſe it was almoſt expired, Dan 1, 1.

b Which was the fift yere & the ninth moneth of Iehoiakims reigne

c That is, I haue ſpared no diligence or labour, Chap 7, 13

d He ſheweth that the Prophets wholly with one conſent did labour to pul ỹ people from thoſe vices, wherein reigned: to wit, fro idolatrie, and the vaine confidence of men. for vnder theſe two all other were conteined 2 King 17, 13 cha 18 11 & 35, 15, Ionáh. 3, 8

e families of the North, saith the Lord, & Nebuchad-nezzár the King of Babél my f seruant, and wil bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, & against all these nations rounde about, and wil destroye them, and make them an astonishment and an hissing, and a continual desolation.

10 * Moreouer f I wil take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladnes, the voice of the bridegrome and the voice of the bride, the noise of the h millestones, and the light of the candle.

11 And this whole land shal be desolate, and an astonishment, & these nacions shal serue the King of Babél seuenty yeres.

12 And when the i seuentie yeres are accomplished, I wil visite k the King of Babél and that nacion, saith the Lord, for their iniquities, euen the land of the Caldeans, and wil make it a perpetual desolation,

13 And I wil bring vpon that land all my wordes which I haue pronounced against it, *euen* all ỹ is writen in this boke, which Ieremiáh hathe prophecied against all nations.

14 For many nacions, and great Kings shal euen l serue them selues of them: thus wil I recompẽce them according to their dedes, and according to the workes of their owne hands.

15 For thus hathe the Lord God of Israél spoken vnto me, m Take the cup of wine of this *mine* indignacion at mine hand, and cause all the nacions, to whome I send thee, to drinke it.

16 And they shal drinke, and be moued & be madde, because of the sworde, that I wil send among them.

17 Then toke I the cuppe at ỹ Lords hand, and made all people to drinke, vnto whome the Lord had sent me:

18 *Euen* Ierusalém, and the cities of Iudáh, and the Kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them desolate, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse, n as *appeareth* this day:

19 Pharaóh *also*, King of Egypt, and his seruantes, and his princes, and all his people:

20 And all sortes of people, and all the Kings of the land o of Vz: and all the Kings of the land of the Philistims, & p Ashkelón, and Azzáh, & Ekrón, and ỹ remnant of Ashdód:

21 q Edóm, and Moáb, and the Ammonites,

22 And all the Kings of Tyrus, and all the Kings of Zidón, & the Kings of ỹ r Yles, that are beyonde the sea,

23 And Dedán, and s Temá, & Buz, and all that dwell in the vttermost corners,

24 And all the Kings of Arabia, and all the Kings of Arabia, that dwell in the t desert,

25 And all the Kings of Zimrí, and all the Kings of u Elám, and all the Kings of the Medes.

26 And all ỹ Kings of the North farre, and nere one to another, and all the kingdomes of the worlde, which are vpon the earth, & the King of x Sheshách shal drinke after them.

27 Therefore say thou vnto them, Thus saith the Lord of hostes, the God of Israél, Drinke and be drunken, and spewe and fall, and rise no more, because of the sworde, which I wil send among you.

28 ¶ But if they refuse to take ỹ cup at thine hand to drinke, then tel them, Thus saith ỹ Lord of hostes, ye shal certeinly drinke.

29 For lo, y I beginne to plague the citie, where my Name is called vpon, & shulde you go free? Ye shal not go quite: for I wil call for a sworde vpon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hostes.

30 Therefore prophecie thou against them all these wordes, and saie vnto them, * The Lord shal roare from aboue, and thrust out his voice from his holie habitacion: he shal roare vpon his habitacion, & crye aloude, as they that presse the grapes against all ỹ inhabitants of the earth,

31 The sounde shal come to the ends of the earth: for the Lord hathe a controuersie w the natiõs, and wil entre into iudgement with all flesh, & he wil giue them that are wicked, to the sworde, saith the Lord.

32 ¶ Thus saith the Lord of hostes, Beholde, a plague shal go forthe from nation to nation, and a * great whirlewinde shalbe raised vp from the coastes of the earth,

33 And z the slaine of the Lord shalbe at ỹ daie, from *one* end of the earth, euen vnto the *other* end of the earth. they shal not be mourned, nether gathered nor buryed, *but* shalbe as the dõgue vpon the grounde.

34 Howle, a ye shepherds, and crye, and wallowe your selues in the ashes, ye principal of the flocke: for your daies of slaughter are accomplished, and of your dispersion, and ye shal fall like b precious vessels.

35 And the c flight shal faile from the shepherds, and the escaping from the principal of the flocke.

36 A voice of the crye of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flocke *shalbe heard*: for the Lord hathe destroyed their pasture.

37 And the d best pastures are destroyed because of the wrath and indignation of the Lord.

38 He hathe forsaken his couert, as the lion: for their land is waste, because of ỹ wrath of the oppressor, and because of the wrath of his indignation.

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e The Caldeans, & all their power

f So the wicked and Satan him selfe are Gods seruants, because he maketh them to serue him by constreint and turneth that which they do of malice, to his honour & glorie

g As the Philistims, Ammonites, Egyptiãs and others

Chap 16,9.

Or, destroy

h Meaning, ỹ bread and all things that shulde serue vnto their feastes, shulde be taken away.

i This reuelacion was for the confirmacion of his prophecie, because he tolde thẽ of ỹ time, that they should entre & remaine in captiuitie, 2 Chro 36, 22, ezra 1, 1 chap 29,10 dan 9,2

k For seing the iudgement began at his owne house, the enemies must nedes be punished most grieuously, Ezek 9,6 1 pet 4,17

l That is, of the Babylonians, as Chap 27,7

m Signifying the extreme afflictions that God had appointed for euerie one, as Psal 75,8 isa. 51, 17 and this cup, which the wicked drinke is more bitter thẽ that which he giueth to his children, for he measureth ỹ one by mercie, and the other by iustice

n For now it beginneth and shal so continue til it be accomplished

o Read Iob 1, 1.

p Which were cities of the Philistims

q Edóm is here taken for the whole countrey and Vz for a part thereof

r As Grecia, Italie, and the rest of those countreis

s These were people of Arabia, which came of Dedan the sonne of Abrahám and Keturáh.

t For there were two countreis so named the one called plentiful, and the other barren, or desert

Or, Perfia

u That is, of Babylon, as Chap 51,41.

x That is, Ierusalém, read vers 12

Ioel 3,16 amos 1,2.

Chap 30,23.

y Thei which are slaine at ỹ Lords appointement.

z Ye that are chief rulers, & gouernours.

a Which are moste easily broken

b It shal not helpe them to seke to flee.

Eb, peaceable

Iii. iii.

CHAP. XXVI.

Ieremiáh moueth the people to repentance. 7 He is taken of the falſe Prophetes and Prieſtes and broght to iudgement. 23 Vriiáh the Prophet is killed of Iehoiakim cõtrarie to the wil of God.

1 IN the beginning of the reigne of Iehoiakím the ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iudáh, came this worde from the Lord, ſaying,

a That is, in that place of the Temple whereunto the people reſort out of all Iudáh to ſacrifice
2 Thus ſaith the Lord, Stand in the a court of the Lords Houſe, and ſpeake vnto all the cities of Iudáh, which come to worſhip in the Lords Houſe, all the wordes ỹ I commãd thee to ſpeake: kepe not b a worde backe,

b To the intent that they ſhulde pretend no ignorance, as Act 20,27.
3 If ſo be they wil hearken, and turne euerie man from his euil way, that I may c repent me of the plague, which I haue determined to bring vpon them, becauſe of the wickednes of their workes.

c Read Chap 18,8.
4 And ỹ ſhalt ſay vnto thẽ, Thus ſaith the Lord, If ye wil not heare me to walke in my Lawes, which I haue ſet before you,

5 And to heare the wordes of my ſeruants the Prophetes, whome I ſent vnto you, both riſing vp early, and ſending *them*, and wil not obeie *them*,

d Read Chap 7,12
6 Then wil I make this Houſe like d Shilóh, and wil make this citie e a curſſe to all the nacions of the earth.

e So ỹ when they wolde curſſe any, they ſhal ſay, God do to thee as to Ieruſalém.
7 So the Prieſtes, and the Prophetes, and all the people heard Ieremiáh ſpeaking theſe wordes in the Houſe of the Lord.

8 Now when Ieremiáh had made an end of ſpeaking all that the Lord had commanded *him* to ſpeake vnto all the people, thẽ the Prieſtes, and the Prophetes, and all the people toke him, and ſaid, Thou ſhalt dye the death.

f Becauſe of Gods promes to the Temple, Pſal. 132, 14. ỹ he wolde for euer remaine there, ỹ hypocrites thoght this Temple colde neuer periſh, and therefore thoght it blaſphemie to ſpeake againſt it, Mat 26, 61. act 6,13, not cõſidering ỹ this was ment of ỹ Church, where God wil remaine forever.
9 Why haſt thou prophecied in the Name of ỹ Lord, ſaying, This f Houſe ſhalbe like Shilóh, & this citie ſhalbe defolate without an inhabitãt? & all the people were gathered againſt Ieremiáh in the Houſe of the Lord.

g So called, becauſe it was repaired by Ioathám, 2 Kings 15,35.
10 And when the princes of Iudáh heard of theſe things, thei came vp from ỹ Kings houſe into the Houſe of the Lord, & ſate downe in the entrie of the g newe gate of the Lords *Houſe*.

By iudgement of death belongeth to thē man.
11 Then ſpake the Prieſtes, and the Prophetes vnto the princes, & to all ỹ people, ſaying, "This man is worthie to dye: for he hathe prophecied againſt this citie, as ye haue heard with your eares.

h He bothe ſheweth the cauſe of his doings plainely, and alſo threateneth them ỹ they ſhulde nothig auaile, thogh they ſhulde put him to death, but heape greater vengeance vpon their heads.
12 Then ſpake Ieremiáh vnto all the princes, & to all the people, ſaying, The Lord hathe h ſent me to prophecie againſt this Houſe and againſt this citie all the things that ye haue heard.

13 Therefore now amẽd your waies & your workes, & heare the voice of ỹ Lord your God, ỹ the Lord may repent him of ỹ plague, ỹ he hathe pronounced againſt you.

14 As for me, beholde, I am in your hands: do with me as ye thinke good and right.

15 But knowe ye for certeine, ỹ if ye put me to death, ye ſhal ſurely bring innocent blood vpon your ſelues, and vpon this citie, and vpon the inhabitants thereof: for of a trueth ỹ Lord hath ſent me vnto you, to ſpeake all theſe wordes in your eares.

16 Then ſaid the princes and all the people vnto the Prieſts & to the Prophetes, This man is not worthie to dye: for he hathe ſpoken vnto vs in the Name of the Lord our God.

17 ¶ Then roſe vp certeine of the Elders of the land, and ſpake to all the aſſemblie of the people, ſaying,

18 Michàh the Moraſhite *prophecied in ỹ dayes of Hezekiáh King of Iudáh, and ſpake to all the people of Iudáh, ſaying, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord of hoſtes, Zión ſhalbe plowed *like* a field, and Ieruſalém ſhalbe an heape, & the mountaine of the i Houſe *ſhalbe* as the high places of the foreſt.

Michàh 1,1. & 3,12.

i That is, of the Houſe of ỹ Lord: to wit, Zión, and theſe examples the goulie alledged to deliuer Ieremiáh out of the Prieſts hands whoſe rage els wold not haue bene ſatiſfied, but by his death

19 Did Hezekiáh King of Iudáh, and all Iudáh put him to death? did he not feare the Lord, and prayed before the Lord, and the Lord repented him of the k plague, that he had pronoũced againſt them? thus might we procure great euil againſt our ſoules.

k So that the citie was not deſtroyed, but by miracle was deliuered out of the hands of Sancherib.
20 And there was alſo a man that prophecied in ỹ Name of the Lord, *one* Vriiáh the ſonne of Shemaiáh, of Kiriáth-iarem, who prophecied againſt this citie, and againſt this land, according to all the wordes of Ieremiáh.

l Here is declared the furie of tyrants, who can not abide to heare Gods worde declared, but perſecute the miniſters thereof, and yet in the end they preuaile nothing, but prouoke Gods iudgements ſo muche ỹ more.
21 Now when Iehoiakím the King with all his men of power, & all the princes heard his wordes, the King ſoght to ſlaie him. But when Vriiáh heard it, he was afraied and fled, and went into Egypt.

22 Thẽ Iehoiakim the King l ſent men into Egypt, *euen* Elnathán the ſonne of Achbór, and certeine with him into Egypt.

m As in the firſt Hezekiahs example is to be followed. ſo in this other Iehoiakims act is to be abhorred: for Gods plague did light on him, and his houſholde
23 And thei fet Vriiáh out of Egypt, and broght him vnto Iehoiakím the King, who ſlewe him with the ſworde, and m caſt his dead bodie into the graues of the children of the people.

n Which declareth that nothing colde haue appeaſed their furie, if God had not moued this noble man to ſtãd valiantly in his defence.
24 But the hand of Ahikám n the ſonne of Shaphán was with Ieremiáh ỹ thei ſhulde not giue him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

CHAP. XXVII.

Ieremiáh at the commandement of the Lord ſendeth bondes to the King of Iudáh and to the other Kings that were nere, whereby thes are monſhed to ſubmitte them vnto Nebuchad-nezzár. 9 He warneth the people & the Kings & rulers that thei beleue not falſe Prophetes.

1 IN the beginning of the reigne of a Iehoiakím ỹ ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iu

a As touching the diſpoſitiõ of theſe prophecies, they that gathered them into a booke, did not altogether obſerue the order of times, but did ſet ſome afore, which ſhulde be after, and contrarie wiſe: which if the reader marke wel, it ſhal auoide many doutes, & make the reading muche more eaſy.

dáh

dáh came this worde vnto Ieremiáh from the Lord, ſaying,

2 Thus ſaith the Lord to me, Make thee [b] bondes, and yokes, and put them vpon thy necke,

3 And ſend them to the King of Edóm, & to the King of Moáb, and to the King of the Ammonites, and to the King of Tyrus, and to the King of Zidón, by the hād of the meſſengers which come to Ieruſalém vnto Zedekiáh the King of Iudáh,

4 And commande them to ſay vnto their maſters, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, Thus ſhal ye ſay vnto your maſters,

5 I haue made the earth, the man, and the beaſt that are vpō the groūde, by my great power, & by my outſtretched arme, & haue giuen it vnto whome it pleaſed me.

6 But now I haue giuen all theſe lands into the hād of Nebuchad-nezzár the King of Babél my [c] ſeruant, and the beaſtes of the field haue I alſo giuē him to ſerue him.

7 And all nations ſhal ſerue him, and his [d] ſonne, and his ſonnes ſonne vntil the verie time of his land come alſo: then manie nations and great Kings ſhal [e] ſerue them ſelues of him.

8 And the nation & kingdome which wil not ſerue ỹ ſame Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél, and that wil not put their necke vnder the yoke of the King of Babél, the ſame nation wil I viſite, ſaith the Lord, with the ſworde, and with the famine, and with the peſtilence, vntil I haue wholy *giuen* them into his hands.

9 Therefore heare not your Prophetes nor your ſouthſayers, nor your dreamers, nor your inchanters, nor your ſorcerers, which ſaie vnto you thus, Ye ſhal not ſerue the King of Babél.

10 For their prophecie a lie vnto you to cauſe you to go farre from your land, and that I ſhulde caſt you out, and you ſhulde periſh.

11 But the nation that put their neckes vnder the yoke of the King of Babél, & ſerue him, thoſe wil I let remaine ſtil in their owne land, ſaith the Lord, and their ſhal occupie it and dwell therein.

12 ¶ I ſpake alſo to Zedekiáh King of Iudáh according to all theſe wordes, ſaying, Put your neckes vnder the yoke of the King of Babél, and ſerue him and his people, that ye may liue.

13 Why wil ye dye, thou, & thy people by the ſworde, by the famine, and by the peſtiléce, as the Lord hathe ſpokē againſt ỹ nation, that wil not ſerue ỹ King of Babél?

14 Therefore heare not the wordes of the Prophetes, that ſpeake vnto you, ſaying, Ye ſhal not ſerue the King of Babél: for they prophecie a lie vnto you.

15 For I haue not * ſent thē, ſaith the Lord, yet they prophecie a lie in my Name, that I might caſt you out, and that ye might periſh, *bothe* you, & the Prophetes that prophecie vnto you. *Chap 14.13. & 23.21. & 29.8.*

16 ¶ Alſo I ſpake to ỹ Prieſtes, & to all this people, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, Heare not the wordes of your Prophetes that prophecie vnto you, ſaying, Beholde, * the veſſels of the Houſe of the Lord ſhal now ſhortely be [f] broght againe from Babél, for they prophecie a lie vnto you. *Chap. 28.3.*

17 Heare thē not, *but* ſerue the King of Babél, that ye may liue: wherefore ſhulde this citie be deſolate?

18 But if they be Prophetes, and if the worde of the Lord be with thē, let them [g] intreat the Lord of hoſtes, that the veſſels, which are left in the Houſe of the Lord, & in the houſe of the King of Iudáh, & at Ieruſalém, go not to Babél.

19 For thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, concerning the * pillers, and concerning the ſea, and concerning the baſes, and concerning the reſidue of the veſſels that remaine in this citie,

20 Which Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél toke not, when he caryed * away captiue Ieconiáh the ſonne of Iehoiakím King of Iudáh from Ieruſalém to Babél, with all the nobles of Iudáh and Ieruſalém. *2 King 25.13 2. King 24.12*

21 For thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes ỹ God of Iſraél, cōcerning the veſſels ỹ remaine in the Houſe of the Lord, & in ỹ houſe of the King of Iudáh, and at Ieruſalém,

22 They ſhalbe broght to Babel, and there they ſhalbe vntil the day that I viſite [h] thē, ſaith the Lord: then wil I bring them vp, and reſtore them vnto this place.

[b] By ſuche ſignes ỹ Prophetes vſed ſome times to confirme their prophecies, wꝰ notwithſtanding they colde not do of them ſelues, but inaſmuche as they had a reuelation for the ſame, Iſa. 20,2. and therefore the falſe prophetes to get more credit did vſe alſo ſuche viſible ſignes, but they had no reuelation, 1. King 22,11.

[c] Read Chap. 25,9.

[d] Meaning, Euilmerodách, and his ſonne Beilſhazar

[e] They ſhal bring him, and his kingdome in ſubiection, as Chap 25,14.

[f] Which were taken whē Ieconiáh was led captiue into Babél.

[g] For it was not onely the Prophetes office to ſhewe the worde of God, but alſo to pray for the ſinnes of the people, Gen 20, 7 Which theſe colde not do becauſe they had no expreſſe worde for God had pronounced ỹ contrarie

[h] That is, for the ſpace of ſeuentie yeres, til I haue cauſed the Medes and Perſiās to ouercome the Caldeans.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 The falſe prophecie of Hananiáh 12 Ieremiáh repro ueth Hananiah, and prophecieth.

1 AND that ſame yere in the beginning of the [a] reigne of Zedekiáh King of Iudáh in the [b] fourth yere, *and* in the fift moneth Hananiáh the ſonne of Azúr the Prophet, ẅ was of [c] Gibeón, ſpake to me in the Houſe of the Lord in the preſence of the Prieſts, and of all the people, and ſaid,

2 Thus ſpeaketh the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, ſaying, I haue broken the yoke of the King of Babél.

3 "Within two yeres ſpace I wil bring into this place all the veſſels of the Lords Houſe, ỹ Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél toke away from this place, and caried them into Babél.

4 And I wil bring againe to this place Ieconiáh the ſonne of Iehoiakím King of Iudáh, with all thē that were caryed away captiue of Iudáh, and wēt into Babél, ſaith the Lord: for I wil breake the yoke of the King of Babél.

[a] When Ieremiáh began to beare theſe bondes and yokes

[b] After that the land had reſted, as Leu. 25,1 deu 15,1

[c] This was a citie in Benamín belonging to the ſonnes of Aarón, Ioſh. 21,17.

"*Eyr two yeres of dayes.*

5 Then the Prophet Ieremiáh ſaid vnto the
d He was ſo eſteemed, though he was a falſe Prophet.
d Prophet Hananiáh in the preſence of the Priests, & in the preſence of all the people
6 that ſtode in the House of the Lord.
Euē the Prophet Ieremiáh ſaid, So be it:
e That is, I wolde with ȳ ſame for Gods honour, & welthe of my people, but he hathe appointed the contrarie.
the e Lord ſo do, the Lord confirme thy wordes which thou haſt prophecied to reſtore the veſſels of the Lords House, and all that is caried captiue from Babél into this place.
7 But heare thou now this worde that I wil ſpeake in thine eares and in the eares of all the people.
8 The Prophetes that haue bene before me and before thee in time paſt, f prophecied
f Meaning, that the Prophetes that did ether denounce warre or peace, were tryed ether true or falſe by the ſucceſſe of their prophecies. Albeit God maketh to come to paſſe ſometime that which the falſe prophet ſpeaketh, to trye the faith of his, Deut. 13.3.
againſt manie countreis, and againſt great kingdomes, of warre, & of plagues, and of peſtilence.
9 *And* the Prophet which prophecieth of peace, when the worde of the Prophet ſhal come to paſſe, *then* ſhal the Prophet be knowen that the Lord hathe truely ſent him.
10 Then Hananiáh the Prophet toke the yoke from the Prophet Ieremiahs necke, and g brake it.
g This declareth the impudencie of the wicked hirelings, which haue no zeale to the trueth, but are led w ambition to get the fauour of mē, & therefore can not abide any, that might diſcredit them, but burſt forthe into rages and contrarie to their owne cōſcience, paſſe not what lies they report, or how wickedly they do, ſo ȳ thei may maintein their eſtimation
11 And Hananiáh ſpake in the preſence of all the people, ſaying, Thus ſaith ȳ Lord, Euen ſo wil I breake the yoke of Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél, frō the necke of all nations within the ſpace of two yeres: and the Prophet Ieremiáh went his way.
12 ¶ Then the worde of the Lord came vnto Ieremiáh the Prophet, (after that Hananiáh the Prophet had broken the yoke from the necke of the Prophet Ieremiáh) ſaying,
13 Go, & tel Hananiáh, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, Thou haſt broken the yokes of wood: but thou ſhalt make for them yokes of yron.
14 For thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, I haue put a h yoke of yron vpon ȳ necke of all theſe natiōs, that they may ſerue Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babél: for thei ſhal ſerue him, and I haue giuen him the i beaſts of the field alſo.
h That is, a hard, and cruel ſeruitude.
i Signifying, that all ſhulde be his, as Dan. 2,38.
15 Thē ſaid the Prophet Ieremiáh vnto the Prophet Hananiáh, Heare now Hananiáh, the Lord hathe not ſent thee, but thou makeſt this people to truſt in a lye.
16 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, I wil caſt thee from of the earth: this yere thou ſhalt dye, becauſe thou haſt ſpoken rebelliouſly againſt the Lord.
k Seing this thing was euident in the eyes of ȳ people, and yet they returned not to ȳ Lord, it is manifeſt, that miracles can not moue vs, nether the worde it ſelf, except God touche the heart.
17 So Hananiáh the Prophet k dyed the ſame yere in the ſeuenth moneth.

CHAP. XXIX.

Ieremiáh writeth vnto them that were in captiuitie in Babylon. 10 He prophecieth their returne after ſeuentie yeres. 16 He prophecieth the deſtruction of the King and of the people that remaine in Ieruſalém. 21 He threateneth the prophetes that ſeduce the people. 25 The death of Semeiah is prophecied.

NOw theſe are ȳ wordes of the l boke that Ieremiáh the Prophet ſent frō Ieruſalém vnto a the reſidue of the Elders which were caryed away captiues, and to the Priests, and to the Prophetes, and to all the people whome Nebuchad-nezzár had caryed away captiue from Ieruſalém to Babél.
l Or, letter.
a For ſome dyed in the way.
2 (After that Ieconiáh the King, and the b Quene, and the eunuches, the * princes of Iudáh, and of Ieruſalém, and the worke men, and cūning men were departed from Ieruſalém)
b Meaning, Ieconias mother
* Or, captains
(chap 24.1.
3 By the hand of Elaſáh the ſonne of Shaphán and Gemariáh the ſonne of Hilkiah (whome Zedekiáh King of Iudáh c ſent vnto Babél to Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél) ſaying,
c To intreat of ſome equal cōditions.
4 Thus hathe the Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél ſpoken vnto all that are caryed away captiues, whome I haue d cauſed to be caried away captiues from Ieruſalém vnto Babél
d To wit, the Lord, whoſe worke this was.
5 Buylde you houſes to dwell in, and plant you gardens, and eat the frutes of them.
6 Take you wiues, and beget ſonnes, and daughters, and take wiues for your ſonnes, and giue your daughters to houſbands, that they may beare ſonnes & daughters, that ye may be increaſed there, and not diminiſhed.
e The Prophet ſpeaketh not this for the affection that he bare to the tyrant, but that they ſhulde pray for the commune reſt, and quietnes, ȳ their troubles might not be increaſed, and that they might w more pacience and leſſe grief waite for the time of their deliuerance, which God had appointed moſte certeine: for els not onely the Iſraelites, but all the worlde: yea, & the inſenſible creatures ſhulde reioyce when theſe tyrants ſhulde be deſtroyed, as Iſa. 14.4
7 And ſeke the proſperitie of the citie, whether I haue cauſed you to be caryed away captiues, and e pray vnto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof ſhal you haue peace.
8 ¶ For thus ſaith ȳ Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, Let not your prophetes, & your ſothe ſayers that be amōg you, deceiue you, nether giue eare to your dreames, which you dreame.
9 For they prophecie you a lye in my Name: I haue not ſent them, ſaith the Lord.
10 But thus ſaith the Lord, That after ſeuentie yeres be accompliſhed at Babél, I wil viſit you, and performe my good promes toward you, and cauſe you to returne to this place.
f When your oppreſsion ſhalbe great, & your afflictiōs cauſe you to repent your diſobedience, & alſo whē ȳ ſeuentie yeres of your captiuitie ſhalbe expired, 2. Chro 36,22 ezrá 1,1. chap 25 10. dan 9,2.
11 For I knowe ȳ thoghts, that I haue thoght towardes you, ſaith the Lord, *euen* the thoghts of peace, and not of trouble, to giue you an end, and *your* hope.
12 Then ſhal you crye vnto me, and ye ſhal go and pray vnto me, and I wil heare you,
13 And ye ſhal ſeke me and finde *me*, becauſe ye ſhal ſeke me with all f your heart.
14 And I wil be founde of you, ſaith ȳ Lord, and I wil turne away your captiuitie, and I wil gather you from all the nations and from all the places, whether I haue caſt you, ſaith the Lord, and wil bring you

againe vnto the place, whence I caused you to be caryed away captiue.

15 ¶Because ye haue said, The Lord hathe raised vs vp g Prophetes in Babél,

g As Aháb, Zedekiáh, and Shemaiáh.

16 Therefore thus saieth the Lord of the King, that sitteth vpon the throne of Dauid, & of all the people, that dwell in this citie, your brethren that are not gone forthe with you into captiuitie:

17 *Euen* thus saith the Lord of hostes, Beholde, I wil send vpon them the h sworde, the famine, and the pestilence, & wil make them like vile i figges, that can not be eatē, they are so noghtie.

h Whereby he assureth them, ỹ there shalbe no hope of returning before the time appointed

i According to ỹ comparison, Chap. 24,1

18 And I wil persecute them with the sworde, with the famine, & with the pestilēce: & I wil make them a terror to all kingdomes of the earth, & k a curse, and astonishmēt and an hissing, and a reproche among all the nations whether I haue cast them,

k Read Chap. 26,6.

19 Because thei haue not heard my wordes, saith the Lord, which I sent vnto them by my seruāts the Prophetes, l rising vp earely, & sending *them*, but ye wolde not heare, saith the Lord.

l Read Chap. 7,13 & 25,3 & 26,5.

20 ¶Heare ye therefore the worde of the Lord all ye of the captiuitie, whome I haue sent from Ierusalém to Babél.

21 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, the God of Israél, of Aháb the sonne of Kolaiáh, & of Zedekiáh the sonne of Maaseiáh, which prophecie lies vnto you in my Name, Beholde, I wil deliuer them into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzár Kīg of Babél & he shal slaye them before your eyes.

22 And all they of the captiuitie of Iudáh, that are in Babél, shal take vp this curse against them & say, The Lord make thee like Zedekiáh and like Aháb, whome the King of Babél burnt m in the fyre,

m Because thei gaue the people hope of spedy returning.

23 Because they haue cómitted n vilenie in Israél, and haue committed adulterie with their neighbours wiues, and haue spoken lying wordes in my Name, which I haue not commanded them, euen I knowe it, & testifie it, saith the Lord.

n Which was adulterie, and falsifying the worde of God.

24 ¶ Thou shalt also speake to Shemaiáh the o Nehelamite, saying,

o Or, dreamer

25 Thus speaketh ỹ Lord of hostes, the God of Israél, saying, Because thou hast sēt letters in thy name vnto all the people, that are at Ierusalém, & to Zephaniáh the sonne of Maaseiáh the Priest, and to all the Priests, saying,

o Shemaiáh ỹ false prophet flattereth Zephaniáh the chief Priest, as though God had giuen him the spirit and zeale of Iehoiadá to punish wnotocuer trespaced against the worde of God, of the w he wolde haue made Ieremiáh one, calling him a rauer & a false pphet

26 The Lord hathe made thee Priest, for o Iehoiadá the Priest, that ye shulde be officers in the House of ỹ Lord, for euery mā that raueth & maketh him self a Prophet, to put him in prison and in the stockes.

27 Now therefore why hast not thou reproued Ieremiáh of Anathóth, which prophecieth vnto you?

28 For, for this cause he sent vnto vs in Babél, saying, This *captiuitie* is long: buylde houses to dwell in, and plant gardens, and eat the frutes of them.

29 And Zephaniáh the Priest red this lettre in the eares of Ieremiáh the Prophet.

30 Then came the worde of the Lord vnto Ieremiáh, saying,

31 Send to all thē of the captiuitie, saying, Thus saith the Lord of Shemaiáh the Nehelamite, Because that Shemaiáh hathe prophecied vnto you, & I sent him not, & he caused you to trust in a lye,

32 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Beholde, I wil visite Shemaiáh the Nehelamite, and his sede: he shal not haue a man p to dwell among this people, nether shal he beholde the good, that I wil do for my people, saith ỹ Lord, because he hathe spoken rebelliously against the Lord.

p He & his sede shalbe destroied, so that none of thē shulde se the benefite of this deliuerance.

CHAP. XXX.

1 The returne of the people from Babylon. 16 He menaceth the enemies. 18 And comforteth the Church.

1 THe worde, that came to Ieremiáh frō the Lord, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israél, saying, Write thee all the wordes, that I haue spoken vnto thee in a a boke.

a Because thei shulde be assured and their posteritie confirmed in the hope of this deliuerance promised.

3 For lo, the daies come, saith the Lord, that I wil bring againe ỹ captiuitie of my people Israél and Iudáh, saith the Lord: for I wil restore them vnto the land, that I gaue to their fathers, & they shal possesse it.

4 Againe, these are the wordes ỹ the Lord spake concerning Israél, and concerning Iudáh.

5 For thus saith the Lord, We haue heard a b terrible voyce, of feare & not of peace.

b He sheweth that before ỹ this deliuerāce shal come, the Caldeans shulde be extremely afflicted by their enemies, and ỹ they shulde be in suche perplexitie & sorow as a woman in her trauail, as Isa. 13, 8.

6 Demande now & beholde, if man trauail with childe? wherefore do I beholde euery man with his hands on his loines as a woman in trauail, & all faces are turned into a palenes?

7 Alas, for this c day is great: none *hathe bene* like it: it is euen the time of Iaakobs trouble, yet shal he be deliuered from it.

c Meaning, ỹ the time of their captiuitie shulde be grieuous

8 For in that d day, saith the Lord of hostes, I wil breake e his yoke from of thy necke, and breake thy bondes, and strangers shal no more serue them selues f of him.

d Wheo I shal visit Babylon.

e Of the King of Babylon

f To wit, of Iaakób

9 But they shal serue the Lord their God, & g Dauid their King, whome I wil raise vp vnto them.

g That is, Messiáh, w̄ shulde come of ỹ stocke of Dauid, according to the flesh and shulde be the true pastor, as Ezek. 34,23 who is set forth and his kingdome that shulde be euerlasting in the persone of Dauid, Hos. 3,5.

10 Therefore feare not, ô my seruāt Iaakób, saith the Lord, nether be afraied, ô Israél: for lo, I wil deliuer thee from a farre *countrey*, and thy sede from the land of their captiuitie, & Iaakób shal turne againe, & shalbe in rest and prosperitie & none shal make him afraid.

11 For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to saue thee, thogh I vtterly destroy all the nacions where I haue scattered thee: yet wil I not vtterly destroy thee, but I wil correct

thee by iudgement, and not [b] vtterly cut thee of.

[b] Read Chap 10,24.

12 For thus ſaith the Lord, Thy bruiſing is incurable, *and* [i] thy wounde is dolorous.

[i] Meaning, that no man is able to finde out a meane to deliuer them, but ẏ it muſt be the worke of God

13 There is none to iudge thy cauſe, *or to lay* a plaiſter: there are no medecines, nor helpe for thee.

[k] The Aſſyrians & Egyptians whome thou dideſt entertein with giftes, who left thee in thine affliction.

14 All thy [k] louers haue forgotten thee: thei ſeke thee not: for I haue ſtriken thee with the wounde of an enemie, & with a ſharpe chaſtiſemẽt for the multitude of thine iniquities, *becauſe* thy ſinnes were increaſed.

15 Why cryeſt thou for thine affliction? thy ſorowe is incurable, for the multitude of thine iniquities: *becauſe* thy ſinnes were increaſed, I haue done theſe thigs vnto thee.

[l] Herein is commended Gods great mercie toward his, who doeth not deſtroye them for their ſinnes, but correct and chaſtiſe them, til he haue purged & pardoned them, & ſo burneth the roddes by the which he did puniſh them, Iſa 33,1.

16 [l] Therefore all they that deuoure thee, ſhal be deuoured, and all thine enemies euery one ſhal go into captiuitie: and they that ſpoyle thee, ſhalbe ſpoyled, & all thei that robbe thee, wil I giue to be robbed.

17 For I wil reſtore helth vnto thee, & I wil heale thee of thy woundes, ſaith the Lord, becauſe they called thee, The caſt away, *ſaying*, This is Zión, whome no man ſeketh after.

18 Thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, I wil brig againe the captiuitie of Iaakobs tentes, and haue compaſsion on his dwelling places: and the citie ſhalbe buylded vpon her owne heape, [m] and the palace ſhal remaine after the maner thereof.

[m] Meaning, ẏ the citie and the Temple ſhulde be reſtored to their former ſtate.

19 And out of them ſhal procede [n] thankeſgiuing, and the voyce of them that are ioyous, and I wil multiplie them, and thei ſhal not be fewe: I wil alſo glorifie them, and they ſhal not be diminiſhed.

[n] He ſheweth how the people ſhal with praiſe and thankeſgiuing acknowledge this benefite.

20 Their childrẽ alſo ſhalbe as afore time, and their congregacion ſhalbe eſtabliſhed before me: & I wil viſite all that vexe thẽ.

[o] Meaning, Zerubbabél, who was the figure of Chriſt, in whome this was accompliſhed

21 And their [o] noble *ruler* ſhalbe of them ſelues, and their gouernour ſhal procede from the middes of them, and I wil cauſe him to drawe nere, and approche vnto me: for who is this that directeth his [p] heart to come vnto me, ſaith the Lord?

[p] Signifying, ẏ Chriſt doeth willingly ſubmit him ſelf to the obedience of God his Father

22 And ye ſhalbe my people, and I wil be your God.

[q] Leſt the wicked hypocrites ſhulde flatter thẽ ſelues with theſe promiſes, the Prophet ſheweth what ſhalbe their portion

23 Beholde, [q] the tẽpeſt of the Lord goeth forthe with wrath: the whirlwinde ẏ hangeth ouer, ſhal light vpon the head of the wicked.

[r] When this Meſsiáh and deliuerer is ſent.

24 The fierce wrath of the Lord ſhal not returne, vntil he haue done, and vntil he haue performed the intents of his heart: in the [r] latter daies ye ſhal vnderſtand it.

CHAP. XXXI.

He rehearceth Gods benefites after their returne from Babylon, 23 And the ſpiritual ioye of the faithful in the Church.

[a] When this noble gouernour ſhal come: meaning Chriſt, not onely Iudáh & Iſraél, but the reſt of ẏ worlde ſhalbe called.

AT the [a] ſame time, ſaith the Lord, wil I be the God of all the families of Iſraél, and they ſhalbe my people.

2 Thus ſaith the Lord, The people which [b] eſcaped the ſworde, founde grace in the wildernes: [c] he walked *before* Iſraél to cauſe him to reſt.

[b] Which were deliuered frõ the cruelte of Pharaóh

[c] To wit, God.

3 The Lord hath he appeared vnto me [d] of olde, *ſay they*: [e] Yea, I haue loued thee with an euerlaſting loue, therefore with mercie I haue drawen thee.

[d] The people thus reaſon as thogh he were not ſo beneficial to them now, as he had bene of olde.

[e] Thus the Lord anſwereth that his loue is not changeable

4 Againe I wil buylde thee, and thou ſhalt be buylded, ô virgine Iſraél: thou ſhalt ſtil [f] be adorned with thy tymbrels, and ſhalt go forthe in the dãce of thẽ that be ioyful.

[f] Thou ſhalt haue ſtil occaſiõ to reioyce: which is mẽt by tabrets and dancing, as their cuſtome was after notable victories, Exod 15, 20. Iudg 5,2 and chap. 11,34

5 Thou ſhalt yet plãt vines vpon the mountaines of [g] Samaria, and the planters that plant them, [h] ſhal make them commune.

[g] Becauſe the Iſraelites, ẅ were the ten tribes, neuer returned to Samaria, therefore this muſt be ſpiritually vnderſtand vnder ẏ kingdome of Chriſt, which was ẏ reſtauracion of the true Iſraél.

[h] That is, ſhal eat the frute therof, as Leu. 19,23 dan 20,6

6 For the daies ſhal come that thei [i] watchemen vpon the mount of Ephráim ſhal crye, Ariſe, and let vs go vp vnto [k] Zión to the Lord our God.

[i] The miniſters of the worde

[k] They ſhal exhorte all to the imbracig of the Goſpel, as Iſa 2,3.

7 For thus ſaith the Lord, Reioyce with gladnes for Iaakób, and ſhoute for ioye among the chief of the [l] Gentiles: publiſh praiſe, and ſay, O Lord, ſaue thy people, the remnant of Iſraél.

[l] He ſheweth what ſhal be the concorde and loue of all vnder the Goſpel, where none ſhalbe refuſed for their infirmities: & euery ône ſhal exhort one another to imbrace it.

8 Beholde, I wil bring thẽ from the North countrey, and gather them from the coaſtes of the worlde, *with* the blinde & the lame among them, *with* the woman with childe, & her that is deliuered alſo: a great companie ſhal returne hether.

9 They ſhal come [m] weping, and with mercie wil I bring them againe: I wil leade them by the riuers of [n] water in a ſtraight way, wherein they ſhal not ſtumble: for I am a Father to Iſraél, and Ephráim is [o] my firſt borne.

[m] That is, lamenting their ſinnes, which had not giuen eare to the Propheres, & therefore it followeth ẏ God receiued thẽ to mercie, Chap 50, 4 Some take it ẏ they ſhulde wepe for ioy.

[n] Where they founde no impedimẽts, but abundance of all things.

[o] That is, my derely beloued, as ẏ firſt childè is to the father

10 ¶ Heare the worde of the Lord, ô ye Gẽtiles, and declare in the yles a farre of, & ſay, He ẏ ſcattered Iſraél, wil gather him and wil kepe him, as a ſhepherd *doeth* his flocke.

[p] That is, from the Babylonians, and other enemies

11 For the Lord hathe redemed Iaakób, & rãſomed him from the hand [p] of him, that was ſtronger then he.

[q] By theſe temporal benefites he meaneth the ſpiritual graces, which are in the Church, and whereof there ſhulde be euer plentie, Iſa 58 21

12 Therefore they ſhal come, and reioyce in the light of Zión, and ſhal [q] runne to the bountifulnes of the Lord, *euen* for ẏ wheat and for the wine, and for the oyle, and for the increaſe of ſhepe, and bullockes: and their ſoule ſhalbe as a watered gãrden, and thei ſhal haue no more ſorow.

[r] In the compaſſe of the faithful, which euer praiſe God for his benefites.

13 Thẽ ſhal the virgine reioyce in the [r] dãce, and the yong men, & the olde men together: for I wil turne their mourning into ioye, and wil comforte them, & giue them ioye for their ſorowes.

[ſ] Meaning the Spirit of wiſdome, knowledge and zeale.

14 And I wil repleniſh the ſoule of the Prieſts with [ſ] farnes, and my people ſhalbe ſatiſfied with my goodnes, ſaith the Lord.

15 Thus

15 Thus ſaith the Lord, A voice was heard on hie, a mourning *and* bitter weping. [t] Rahél weping for her children, refuſed to be comforted for her children, becauſe thei were not.

16 Thus ſaith the Lord, Refraine thy voice from weping, and thine eyes from teares: for thy worke ſhalbe rewarded, ſaith ỹ Lord, and thei ſhal come againe from the land of the enemie:

17 And there is hope in thine end, ſaith the Lord, that *thy* children ſhal come againe to their owne borders.

18 I haue heard [u] Ephráim lamenting *thus*, Thou haſt corrected me, and I was chaſtiſed as an [x] vntamed calfe: [y] conuert thou me, and I ſhalbe conuerted: for thou art ỹ Lord my God.

19 Surely after that I conuerted, I repented: & after that I was inſtructed, I ſmote vpon *my* [z] thigh: I was aſhamed, yea, euen confounded, becauſe I did beare the repro che of my youth.

20 Is Ephráim [a] my dere ſonne or pleaſant childe? yet ſince I ſpake vnto him, I ſtil [b] remembred him: therefore my bowelles are troubled for him: I wil ſurely haue cõpaſſion vpon him, ſaith the Lord.

21 Set thee vp [c] ſignes: make thee heapes: ſet thine heart towarde the path and waie, that thou haſt walked: turne againe, ô virgine of Iſraél: turne againe to theſe thy cities.

22 How long wilt thou go aſtraie, ô thou rebellious daughter? for the Lord hathe created [d] a newe thing in the earth: A WOMAN ſhal compaſſe a man.

23 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, Yet ſhal thei ſaie this thing in the land of Iudáh, and in the cities thereof, when I ſhal bring againe their captiuitie, The Lord bleſſe thee, ô habitation of iuſtice & holie mountaine.

24 And Iudáh ſhal dwell in it, & all the cities thereof together, the houſbandmen and thei that go forthe with the flocke.

25 For I haue ſatiat the weary ſoule, and I haue repleniſhed euerie ſorowful ſoule.

26 Therefore I awaked and behelde, and my ſlepe [e] was ſwete vnto me.

27 Beholde, the daies come, ſaith the Lord, that I wil ſowe the houſe of Iſraél, and the houſe of Iudáh [f] with the ſede of man and with the ſede of beaſt.

28 And like as I haue watched vpon them, to plucke vp and to roote out, & to throwe downe, and to deſtroye, and to plague *them*, ſo wil I watche ouer them, to buylde and to plant *them*, ſaith the Lord.

29 In thoſe dayes ſhal they ſay no more, The fathers haue eaten a ſowre grape, & the childrens teeth are ſet on edge.

30 But euerie one ſhal dye for his owne iniquitie: euerie man that eateth the ſowre grape, his teeth ſhalbe ſet on edge.

31 ¶ Beholde, the daies come, ſaith ỹ Lord, that I wil make a [h] newe couenant with the houſe of Iſraél, and with the houſe of Iudáh,

32 Not according to the couenant that I made with their fathers, when I toke them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, the which my couenant they [i] brake, althogh I was [k] an houſband vnto them, ſaith the Lord.

33 But this ſhalbe the couenant that I wil make with the houſe of Iſraél, After [k] thoſe daies, ſaith the Lord, I wil put my Law in their inwarde partes, & write it in their hearts, & wil be their God, and thei ſhalbe my people.

34 And thei ſhal [l] teache no more euerie mã his neighbour and euerie man his brother, ſaying, Knowe the Lord: for they ſhal all knowe me from the leaſt of them vnto the greateſt of them, ſaith the Lord: for I wil forgiue their iniquitie, and wil remember their ſinnes no more.

35 Thus ſaith the Lord, which giueth [m] the ſunne for a light to the day, *and* the courſes of ỹ moone and of the ſtarres for a light to the night, which breaketh the ſea, whẽ the waues thereof roare: his Name *is* the Lord of hoſtes.

36 If theſe ordinances departe out of my ſight, ſaith the Lord, then ſhal the ſede of Iſraél ceaſe from being a nation before me, for euer.

37 Thus ſaith the Lord, If the heauens can be meaſured, [n] or the fundacions of the earth be ſearched out beneth, then wil I caſt of all the ſede of Iſraél, for all that they haue done, ſaith the Lord.

38 Beholde, the dayes come, ſaith the Lord, that the [o] citie ſhalbe buylt to the Lord frõ the tower of Hananeél, vnto the gate of the corner.

39 And the line of the meaſure ſhal go forthe in his preſence vpon the hil Garéb, & ſhal compaſſe about to Goáth.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the aſſhes, and all the fields vnto the broke of Kidrón, *and* vnto the corner of the horſegate towarde the Eaſt, *ſhalbe* holie vnto the Lord, nether ſhal it be plucked vp nor deſtroyed anie more for euer.

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c To declare the greatnes of Gods mercie in deliuering the Iewes he ſheweth them that thei were like to the Beniamites, or Iſraelites: that is, vtterly deſtroyed, and caryed away in ſo muche that if Rahél the mother of Beniamin colde haue riſen againe to ſeke for her childrẽ ſhe ſhulde haue founde none remaining

u That is, the people that were led captiue

x Which was wanton and colde not be ſubiect to the yoke

y He sheweth how ỹ faithfulvſe to pray: that is, deſire God to turne them, for as muche as they can not turne ot them ſelues

z In ſigne of repentance, & deteſtation of my ſinne

a As thogh he wolde ſay, No: for by his iniquitie he did what laye in him to caſte me of

b To wit, in pitying him for my promes ſake

c Marke by what way thou dideſt go into captiuitie, and thou ſhalt turne againe by the ſame

d Becauſe their deliuerance from Babylon was a figure of their deliuerance from ſinne, he ſheweth how this ſhulde be procured, to wit by Ieſus Chriſt whome a woman ſhulde conceiue, & beare in her wõbe Which is a ſtrange thing in earth, becauſe he ſhulde be borne of a virgine without man or, he meaneth, that Ieruſalém which was like a barẽ woman in her captiuitie ſhulde be fruteful as ſhe, that is ioyned in mariage, and whome God bleſſeth with children

e Hauing vnderſtand this viſiõ of the Meſsiah to come in whome the two houſes of Iſraél, and Iudáh ſhulde be ioyned, I reioyced.

f I wil multiplie, and enrithe them with people and cattel.

g The wicked vſed this prouerbe, when they did murmure againſt Gods iudgements pronoũced by the Prophetes, ſaying, That their fathers had committed the faute, and that the children were puniſhed, Eze. 18,3

h Thogh the couenant of redemptiõ made to the fathers, & this which was giuen after, ſeme diuers, yet thei are all one, & grounded on Ieſus Chriſt, ſaue that this is called newe becauſe of the manifeſtation of Chriſt, and the abundant graces of the holie Goſt giuen to his Church vnder the Goſpel.

i And ſo were the occaſion of their owne diuorcement through their infidelitie, Iſa. 50,1

k Or, maſter.

k In the time of Chriſt my Law ſhal in ſtead of tables of ſtone be writen in their hearetes by mine holie Spirit. Ebr 8,8

l Vnder the kingdome of Chriſt there ſhalbe none blinded with ignorance, but I wil giue thẽ faith, & knowledge of God for remiſsion of their ſinnes, and daily increaſe the ſame: ſo that it ſhal not ſeme to come ſo muche by the preaching of my miniſters, as by the inſtruction of mine holie Spirit, Iſa 54,13. but the ful accompliſhing hereof is referred to the kingdome of Chriſt, when we ſhalbe ioyned with our head

m If the ſunne, moone, and ſtarres can not but giue light according to mine ordinance, ſo long as this worlde laſteth ſo ſhal my Church neuer faile, nether ſhal anie thing hinder it: and as ſure as I wil haue a people, ſo certeine is it, that I wil leaue them my worde for euer to gouerne them with

n The one and the other is impoſsible

o As it was performed, Nehemiáh 3,1 By this deſcription he ſheweth that the citie ſhulde be as ample, and beautiful as euer it was: but he alludeth to the ſpiritual Ieruſalém, whoſe beautie ſhulde be incomparable

CHAP. XXXII.

Ieremiáh is caſt into priſon becauſe he prophecied that the citie ſhulde be take of the King of Babylon. 7 He ſheweth, that the people ſhulde come againe to their owne poſſeſſion. 38 The people of God are his ſeruants, and he is their Lord.

1 THe worde that came vnto Ieremiáh from the Lord, in the [a] tenth yere of Zedekiáh King of Iudáh, which was the eighteenth yere of Nebuchad-nezzár.

a So that Ieremiáh had now prophecied frō the thirteenth yere of Ioſiáh vnto the laſt yere ſauelone of Zedekiahs reigne, which was almoſt fourtie yeres.

2 For then the King of Babels hoſte beſieged Ieruſalém: and Ieremiáh the Prophet was ſhut vp in the court of the priſon, which was in the King of Iudahs houſe.

3 For Zedekiáh Kīg of Iudáh had ſhut him vp, ſaying, Wherefore doeſt thou prophecie, & ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord, *Behold, I wil giue this citie into the hands of the King of Babél, and he ſhal take it?

*Chap. 29. 16. & 34. 2.

4 And Zedekiáh the King of Iudáh ſhal not eſcape out of the hand of ỹ Caldeans, but ſhal ſurely be deliuered into the hāds of the King of Babél, and ſhal ſpeake with him mouthe to mouthe, and his eyes ſhal beholde his face,

b Til I take Zedekiáh away by death: for he ſhal not dye by the ſworde, as Chap 34. 4.

5 And he ſhal lead Zedekiáh to Babél, and there ſhal he be, vntil [b] I viſite him, ſaith the Lord: thogh ye fight with the Caldeans, ye ſhal not proſper.

c Whereby was ment that the people ſhulde returne againe out of captiuitie and enioye their poſſeſsions & vineyardes, as ver 15, & 44.

6 ¶ And Ieremiáh ſaid, The worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

*Or, right to redeme it.

7 Beholde, Hanameél, the ſonne of Shallúm thine vncle, ſhal come vnto thee and ſaie, [c] Bye vnto thee my field, that is in Anathóth: for the [*] title by kinred *apperteineth* vnto thee [d] to bye it.

d Becauſe he was next of ỹ kinred, as Ruth 4. 4.

8 So Hanameél, mine vncles ſonne, came to me in the court of the priſon, according to the worde of the Lord, and ſaid vnto me, Bye my [e] field, I praie thee, that is in Anathóth, which is in the countrei of Beniamín: for the right of the poſſeſſion *is* thine, and the purchaſe *belongeth* vnto thee: bye it for thee. Then I knewe that this was the worde of the Lord.

e Of the poſſeſſion of the Leuites read Leu. 25. 32.

9 And I boght the field of Hanameél, mine vncles ſonne, that was in Anathóth and weighed him ỹ ſiluer, *euen* ſeuen [f] ſhekels, and ten *pieces* of ſiluer.

f Which moūteth to of our money, about ten ſhilings ſix pence, if this ſhekel were ỹ commune ſhekel, read Gen. 23. 15. for the ſhekel of the Temple was of double value & tē pieces of ſiluer were halfe a ſhekel: for twentie made the ſhekel

10 And I writ it in the boke and ſigned it, & toke witneſſes, and weighed him the ſiluer in the balances.

11 So I toke the boke of the poſſeſſion, being ſealed [g] *according* to the Law, and cuſtome, with the boke that was open,

g According to the cuſtome the inſtrumēt or euidēce was ſealed vp with ỹ cōmune ſeale, and a copie thereof remained, which cōteined the ſame in effect, but was not ſo authentical as the other, but was left open to be ſene if any thīg ſhulde be called into doum.

12 And I gaue the boke of the poſſeſſion vnto Barúch the ſonne of Neriáh, the ſonne of Maaſeiáh, in the ſight of Hanameél mine vncles *ſonne*, and in ỹ preſence of the witneſſes, writen in the boke of the poſſeſſion, before all the Iewes that ſate in the court of the priſon.

13 And I charged Barúch before them, ſaying,

14 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, Take the writings, *euen* this boke of the poſſeſsion, bothe that is ſcaled, and this boke that is open, and put them in an earthen [h] veſſel, that thei maie continue a long time.

h And ſo to hide them in the grounde, ỹ thei might be preſerued as a token of their deliuerance.

15 For the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél ſaith thus, Houſes and fields, and vineyardes ſhalbe poſſeſſed againe in this land.

16 ¶ Now when I had deliuered the boke of the poſſeſsion vnto Barúch, the ſonne of Neriáh, I prayed vnto the Lord, ſaying,

17 Ah Lord God, beholde, thou haſt made the heauē and the earth by thy great power, and by thy ſtretched out arme, and there is nothing [*] hard vnto thee.

*Or, hid

18 *Thou ſheweſt mercie vnto thouſands, and recompenceſt the iniquitie of the fathers into ỹ boſome of their [i] childrē after them: ô God the great and mightie, whoſe Name *is* the Lord of hoſtes,

*Exod 34. 7. deut. 5. 9.

i Becauſe the wicked are ſubiect to the curſe of God, he ſheweth, ỹ their poſteritie, which by nature are vnder this malediction, ſhalbe puniſhed bothe for their owne wickednes & that the iniquitie of their fathers, wh is likewiſe in thē, ſhal be alſo reuenged on their head.

19 Great in counſel, and mightie in worke, (for thine eyes are opē vpon all the waies of the ſonnes of men, to giue to euerie one according to his waies, and according to the frute of his workes)

20 Which haſt ſet ſignes and wonders in the land of Egypt vnto this [k] day, & in Iſraél, and among *all* men, and haſt made thee a Name, as *appeareth* this daie,

k Meaning, ỹ his miracles in deliuering his people, ſhulde neuer be forgotten.

21 And haſt broght thy people Iſraél out of the lād of Egypt with ſignes, and with wonders, and with a ſtrong hand, with a ſtretched out arme, and with great terror,

22 And haſt giuen them this land, which thou dideſt ſweare to their fathers to giue them, *euen* a land, that floweth with milke and honie,

23 And they came in, and poſſeſſed it, but they obeyed not thy voyce, nether walked in thy Law: all that thou commandedſt them to do, they haue not done: therefore thou haſt cauſed this whole plague to come vpon them.

l The worde ſignifieth anie thing that is caſt vp, as a mount or rampart, and is alſo vſed for ingines of warre, which were layed on an hie place to ſhoot into a citie, before that gonnes were in vſe

24 Beholde, the [l] mounts, they are come into the citie to take it, and the citie is giuen into the hand of the Caldeans, that fight againſt it by meanes of the ſworde, and of the famine, and of the peſtilence, and what thou haſt ſpoken, is come to paſſe, and beholde, thou ſeeſt it.

25 And thou haſt ſaid vnto me, ô Lord God, Bye vnto thee the field for ſiluer, and take witneſſes: for the citie ſhalbe giuen into the hand of the Caldeans.

26 ¶ Thē came the worde of the Lord vnto Ieremiáh, ſaying,

m That is, of euerie creature: who as thei are his worke, ſo doeth he gouerne and guide them as pleaſeth him, whereby he ſheweth ỹ, as he is the autor of this their captiuitie for their ſinnes, ſo wil he for his mercies be their redemer to reſtore thē againe to libertie.

27 Beholde, I am the Lord God of all [m] fleſh: is there anie thing to hard for me?

28 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, I wil giue this citie into the hand of the Caldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzár

chad-nezzár, King of Babél, and he shal take it.

29 And the Caldeans shal come and fight against this citie, and set fyre on this citie and burne it, with the houses, vpon whose rooses they haue offred incense vnto Báal, and powred drinke offrings vnto other gods, to prouoke me vnto angre.

30 For the children of Israél, and the children of Iudáh haue surely done euil before me from their [n] youth: for the children of Israél haue surely prouoked me to angre with the workes of their hands, saith the Lord.

n From the time, ỹ I brought them out of Egypt, & made them my people. & called them my first borne.

31 Therefore this citie hathe bene vnto me *as a prouocation* of mine angre, and of my wrath, from the daye, that they buylt it, euen vntothis daye, that I shulde remoue it out of my sight,

32 Because of all the euil of the children of Israél, and of the children of Iudáh, which they haue done to prouoke me to angre, *euen* they, their Kings, their princes, their Priests, and their Prophetes, and the mẽ of Iudáh, and the inhabitáts of Ieruśalém.

o Read Prou 1,25 Iia 65,2 chap 7,13 and 19,7 & 25,3 & 26,5 & 29,19.

33 And they haue turned vnto me the backe & not the face: thogh I taught them, [o] rising vp early, and instructing them, yet they were not obediẽt to receiue doctrine,

34 But they set their abominations in the house (whereupon my Name was called) to defile it,

p That is, the altars, which were made to offer sacrifice vpon to their idoles

35 And they buylt the hye [p] places of Báal, which are in the valley of [q] Ben-hinnóm, to cause their sonnes, and their daughters to [r] passe through *the fyre* vnto Moléch, [s] w̃ I commáded them not, nether came it into my minde, that they shulde do suche abomination, to cause Iudáh to sinne.

q Read Chap. 7,30 2 King 21,4

r Read 2 Kin. 16,3.

s Read Chap 30,16.

36 And now [s] therefore, thus hathe the Lord God of Israél spoken, concerning this citie, whereof ye say, It shalbe deliuered into the hand of the King of Babél by the sworde, and by the famine, and by the pestilence,

Deut.30,3.

37 * Beholde, I wil gather thẽ out of all countreis, wherein I haue scatred them in mine angre, & in my wrath, and in great indignation, and I wil bring them againe vnto this place, and I wil cause them to dwell safely.

Chap.30,22.

38 And they shal be * my people, and I wil be their God.

t One consent and one religion, as Ezek. 11,19, & 39,27.

39 And I wil giue thẽ [t] one heart & one way ỹ thei may feare me for euer for the welth of them, & of their children after them.

u Read Chap. 32,32.

40 And I wil make an [u] euerlasting couenãt w̃ thẽ, that I wil neuer turne away frõ thẽ to do thẽ good, but I wil put my feare in their hearts, ỹ thei shal not departe frõ me.

41 Yea, I wil delité in thẽ to do thẽ good, & I wil plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart, & with all my soule.

42 For thus saith the Lord, Like as I haue broght all this great plague vpon this people, so wil I bring vpon them all the good that I haue promised them.

43 And the fields shal be possessed in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast, and shalbe giuen into the hand of the Caldeans.

44 Mẽ shal bye [x] fields for siluer, and make writings, and seale them, and take witnesses in the land of Beniamín, and round about Ieruśalém, & in the cities of Iudáh, and in the cities of the mountaines, and in the cities of the plaine, and in the cities of the South: for I wil cause their captiuitie to returne, saith the Lord.

x This is the declaration of that, which was spoken, ver 8.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 The Prophet is monished of the Lord to pray for the deliuerance of the people, which the Lord promised. 8 God for giueth sinnes for his owne glorie. 15 Of the birth of Christ. 20 The kingdome of Christ in the Church shal neuer be ended.

1 MOreouer, the worde of the Lord came vnto Ieremiáh the seconde time (while he was yet shut vp in the [a] court of the prison) saying,

a Which was in the Kings house at Ieruśalém, as Chap 32,1

2 Thus saith the Lord, the maker [b] thereof, the Lord that formed it, and established it, the Lord is his Name.

b To wit, of Ieruśalém, who as he made it, so wil he preserue it, read Isa.37,26.

3 Call vnto me, and I wil answer thee, and shewe thee great & mightie things, which thou knowést not.

4 For thus saith the Lord God of Israél, concerning the houses of this citie, and concerning the houses of the Kings of Iudáh, which are destroied by the [c] mountes, and by the sworde,

c Read Chap. 32,24

5 Thei come to [d] fight with the Caldeans, but it *is* to fil thẽ selues with the dead bodies of men, whome I haue slaine in mine angre and in my wrath: for I haue hid my [e] face from this citie, because of all their wickednes.

d The Iewes thinke to ouercome the Caldeans, but thei seke their owne destruction.

e He sheweth ỹ Gods fauour is cause of all prosperitie, as his angre is of all aduersitie.

6 ¶ Beholde, [f] I wil giue it helth & amendement: for I wil cure them, and wil reueile vnto them the abundance of peace, and trueth.

f In the middes of his threatnings God remembreth his and comforteth them.

7 And I wil cause the captiuitie of Iudáh, and the captiuitie of Israél to returne, & wil buylde them as at the first.

8 And I wil [g] cleanse them from all their iniquitie, whereby they haue sinned against me: yea, I wil pardone all their iniquities, whereby thei haue sinned against me, and whereby thei haue rebelled against me.

g Declaring ỹ there is no deliuerance nor ioye, but where as we fele remissiõ of sinnes

9 And it shalbe to me a name, a [h] ioy, a praise, and an honour before all the nacions of the earth, which shal heare all the good that I do vnto them: and thei shal feare, & tremble for all the goodnes, and for all the welth, that I shewe vnto this *citie*.

h Whereby he sheweth that the Church, wherein is remission of sinnes, is Gods honour & glorie, so ỹ whosoeuer is enemie to it, laboreth to dishonor God.

10 Thus saith the Lord, Againe there shalbe heard in this place (which ye say shalbe

desolote, without man, and without beast,
euen in the cities of Iudáh, & in the stretes
of Ieruſalém, that are desolate without
man, and without inhabitant, and without
beast)
11 The voyce of ioye & the voyce of glad-
nes, the voice of the bridegrome, and the
voyce of the bride, the voyce of them that
shal say, [1] Praise the Lord of hostes, be-
cause the Lord is good: for his mercie *en-*
dureth for euer, & of them that offre *the sa-*
crifice of praise in ỹ House of the Lord, for
I wil cause to returne the captiuitie of the
land, as at the first, saith the Lord.
12 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, Againe in
this place, which is desolate, without man,
and without beast, and in all the cities the-
reof there shalbe dwelling for shepher-
des to rest their flockes.
13 In the cities of the [k] mountaines, in the
cities in the plaine, and in the cities of the
South, and in the land of Beniamín, and
about Ieruſalém, and in the cities of Iudáh
shal the shepe passe againe, vnder the hand
of him that telleth them, saith the Lord.
14 Beholde, the dayes come, saith the Lord,
that I wil performe ỹ good thing, which
I haue promised vnto the house of Israél,
and to the house of Iudáh.
15 In those daies and at that time, wil I cau-
se [l] the brãche of righteousnes to growe
vp vnto Dauid, & he shal execute iudge-
ment, and righteousnes in the land.
16 In those dayes shal Iudáh be saued, and
Ieruſalém shal dwell safely, & he that shal
call [m] her, is the Lord our [n] righteousnes.
17 For thus saith the Lord, Dauid shal ne-
uer want a man to sit vpõ the throne of the
house of Israél.
18 Nether shal the Priests and Leuites wãt
a man before me to offer [o] burnt offrings,
and to offer meat offrings, and to do sacri-
fice continually.
19 ¶And the worde of the Lord came vnto
Ieremiáh, saying,
20 Thus saith the Lord, If you can breake
my couenãt of the [p] day, and my couenãt
of the night, that there shulde not be day,
and night in their season,
21 Then may my couenant be broken with
Dauid my seruant, that he shulde not ha-
ue a sonne to reigne vpon his throne, and
with the Leuites, & Priests my ministers.
22 As ỹ armie of heauen can not be nõbred,
nether the sand of the sea measured: so wil
I multiplie the sede of Dauid my seruant,
and the Leuites, that minister vnto me.
23 ¶Moreouer, the worde of the Lord came
to Ieremiáh, saying,
24 Considerest thou not what [q] this people
haue spoken, saying, The two families,
which the Lord hathe chosen, he hathe
euen cast them of? thus they haue despised
my people, that they shulde be no more a
nacion before them.
25 Thus saith the Lord, If my couenant be
not with day and night, *and if* I haue not
appointed the ordre of heauen and earth,
26 Then wil I cast away the sede of Iaakób
and Dauid my seruãt, & not take of his se-
de to be rulers ouer the sede of Abrahám,
Izhák, and Iaakób: for I wil cause their
captiuitie to returne, and haue compas-
sion on them.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 He threatneth that the citie, and the King Zedekiáh
shalbe giuen into the hands of the King of Babylon.
11 He rebuketh their cruelnie towarde their seruants.

1 THe worde ẅ came vnto Ieremiáh
frõ the Lord (when [a] Nebuchad-nez-
zár King of Babél, and all his hoste, & all
the kingdomes of the earth, *that were* vn-
der the power of his hand, and all people
foght against Ieruſalém, and against all
the cities thereof) saying,
2 Thus saith the Lord God of Israél, Go,
and speake to Zedekiáh King of Iudáh,
& tel him, Thus saith the Lord, Behold,
[b] I wil giue this citie into the hand of the
King of Babél, and he shal burne it ẅ fyre,
3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hãd,
but shalt surely be taken, and deliuered
into his hand, and thine eies shal beholde
the face of the King of Babél, and he shal
speake with thee mouthe to mouthe, and
thou shalt go to Babél.
4 Yet heare the worde of the Lord, ô Zede
kiáh, King of Iudáh: thus saith the Lord
of thee, Thou shalt not dye by ỹ sworde,
5 *But* thou shalt dye in [b] peace: & according
to the burning for thy fathers the former
Kings which were before thee, so shal thei
burne *odours* for thee, and thei shal lament
thee, *saying*, Oh [c] lord: for I haue pronoun-
ced the worde, saith the Lord.
6 Then Ieremiáh ỹ Prophet spake all the-
se wordes vnto Zedekiáh King of Iudáh
in Ieruſalém,
7 (When the King of Babels hoste foght a-
gainst Ieruſalém, and against all the cities
of Iudáh, that were left, *euen* against La-
chísh, & against Azekáh: for these strong
cities remained of the cities of Iudáh)
8 This *is* the worde that came vnto Iere-
miáh from the Lord, after that the King
Zedekiáh had made a couenant with all ỹ
people, which were at Ieruſalém, [d] to pro-
claime libertie vnto them,
9 That euerie man shulde let his [e] seruant
go fre, & euerie man his handmaide, which
was an Ebrue or an Ebruesse, & that none
shulde serue him selue of them, *to wit*, of a
Iewe his brother.
10 Now when all the princes, & all the peo
ple which had agreed to ỹ couenant, heard
that euerie one shulde let his seruãt go fre,
&

ỹ Which was a song appointed for the Leuites to praise God by, 1 Chro. 16, 8 psal 105, 1. isa. 12, 4.

k Meaning, ỹ all the coũtrei of Iudáh shalbe inhabited a gaine.

l That is, I wil sende the Meſsiáh, which shal come of ỹ house of Dauid, of whome this prophecie is ment, as testifie all the Iewes, and that which is writen Chap 23, 6

m To wit, Christ that shal call his Church.

n That is, Christ is our Lord God, our righteousnes, sanctification, & redemptiõ, 1 Cor 1, 30.

o This is chiefly ment of the spiritual sacrifice of thankesgiuing, which as left to the Church in the time of Christ, who was the euerlasting Priest and the euerlasting sacrifice figured by the sacrifices of ỹ Law ỹ Read Chap. 31, 35.

p Meaning, the Caldeans and other infidels which thoght God had vtterly cast of Iudáh and Israél or Beniamin, becausehe did correct them for a time for their amendement.

q Meaning, the Caldeans and other infidels which thoght God had vtterly cast of Iudáh and Israél or Beniamin, becausehe did correct them for a time for their amendement.

a Who cõmonly of Ieremiáh was called Nebuchad-rezzár and of others Nebuchad-nezzár.

b *2. Chr. 36, 18. chap. 29, 16. & 23, 3.*

b Not of any violent death.

c The Iewes shal lamẽt for thee their lord & King.

d When the enemie was at hand, and thei sawe them selues in danger, thei wolde seme holy, & so began some kinde of reformation: but sone after they vttered their hypocrisie

e According to ỹ Lawe, Exod. 21, 2 deut 15, 12

and euerie one his handmaide, and that none ſhulde ſerue them ſelues of them any more, thei obeied and let them go.

[a] Ebr returned. 11 But afterwarde thei [a] repented and cauſed the ſeruants & the handmaids, whome thei had let go free to returne & helde thē in ſubiection as ſeruants and handmaides.

12 Therefore the worde of the Lord came vnto Ieremiáh from the Lord, ſaying,

13 Thus ſaith ỹ Lord God of Iſraél, I made a couenant with your fathers, when I broght them out of the land of Egypt, out of the houſe of [a] ſeruants, ſaying,

[a] Or, bondage.

Deut 15.12. 14 *At the terme of ſeuen yeres let ye go, euerie mā his brother an Ebrewe which hathe bene ſolde vnto thee: & when he hathe ſerued thee ſix yeres, thou ſhalt let him go fre from thee: but your fathers obeied me not, nether inclined their eares.

15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my ſight in proclaiming libertie, euerie man to his neighbour, and ye had made a couenant before me in [f] the Houſe, whereupon my Name is called.

[f] Meaning, in the Temple, to declare that it was a moſt ſolemne & ſtreit couenant, made in the Name of ỹ Lord.

16 But ye repented, and polluted my Name: for ye haue cauſed euerie man his ſeruant, & euerie man his handmaide, whome ye had ſet at libertie at their pleaſure, to returne, and holde them in ſubiection to be vnto you as ſeruants and as handmaides.

17 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Ye haue not obeied me, in proclaiming fredome euerie man to his brother, and euerie man to his neighbour: beholde, I proclaime a libertie for you, ſaith ỹ Lord, to [g] the ſworde, to the peſtilence, and to the famine, & I wil make you a terrour to all the kingdomes of the earth.

[g] That is, I giue the ſworde libertie to deſtroy you.

18 And I wil giue thoſe men that haue broken my couenant, and haue not kept the wordes of the couenant, which thei had made before me, when thei [h] cut the calfe in twaine, and paſſed betwene the partes thereof.

[h] As touching this maner of ſolemne couenant which the Ancient vſed by paſſing betwene the two partes of a beaſt, to ſignifie that ỹ tranſgreſſor of the ſame couenant ſhulde be ſo diuided in pieces, read Ge 15.10.

19 The princes of Iudáh, and the princes of Ieruſalém, the Eunuches, and the Prieſtes, and all the people of the land, which paſſed betwene the partes of the calfe,

20 I wil euen giue them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hands of thē that ſeke their life: and their dead bodies ſhalbe for meat vnto the foules of the heauen, and to the beaſtes of the earth.

21 And Zedekiáh King of Iudáh, and his princes wil I giue into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of thē that ſeke their life, & into the hand of the King of Babels hoſte, ẅ [i] are gone vp from you.

[i] To fight againſt ỹ Egyptians, as Chap. 37.11.

22 Beholde, I wil cōmande, ſaith the Lord, and cauſe them to returne to this citie, and thei ſhal fight againſt it, and take it, and burne it with fyre: and I wil make ỹ cities of Iudáh deſolate without an inhabitant.

CHAP. XXXV.

He propoſeth the obedience of the Rechabites, & thereby confoundeth the pride of the Iewes.

1 THe worde which came vnto Ieremiáh from the Lord, in the daies [a] of Iehoiakím the ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iudáh, ſaying,

[a] For the diſpoſition and order of theſe prophecies, read, Chap 27. 1

2 Go vnto the houſe of the [b] Rechabites, & ſpeake vnto them, & bring them into the Houſe of ỹ Lord into one of the chābers, and giue them wine to drinke.

[b] Thei came of Hobáb Moſes father in law, who was no Iſraelite, but after ioyned with them in the ſeruice of God.

3 Then toke I Iaazaniáh, the ſonne of Ieremiáh the ſonne of Habazziniáh, and his brethren, and all his ſonnes, and the whole houſe of the Rechabites,

4 And I broght them into ỹ Houſe of the Lord, into the chamber of the ſonnes of Hanán, the ſonne of Igdaliáh a man [c] of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was aboue the chamber of Maaſeiáh the ſonne of Shallúm, the keper of the [d] treaſure.

[c] That is, a Prophete.

[d] Or, dore.

5 And I ſet before the ſonnes of the houſe of the Rechabites, pottes ful of wine, and cuppes, and [d] ſaid vnto them, Drinke wine.

[d] The Prophet ſaith not, The Lord ſaith thus: for then thei ought to haue obeyed. but he tendeth to another end: ỹ is, to declare their obedience to man, ſeing the Iewes wolde not obey God him ſelfe

6 But thei ſaid, We wil drinke no wine: for [e] Ionadáb the ſonne of Recháb our father commanded vs, ſaying, [f] Ye ſhal drinke no wine, *nether* you nor your ſonnes for euer.

[e] Whome Iehu the King of Iſrael fauored for his zeale, 2 King 10.15

[f] Teaching them hereby to flee all occaſiō of intemperaancie, ambicion and auarice, and that thei might knowe that thei were ſtrangers in ỹ earth, and be ready to departe at all occaſions

7 Nether ſhal ye buylde houſe, nor ſowe ſede, nor plant vineyarde, nor haue any, but all your daies ye ſhal dwell in tentes, that ye may liue a long time in the land where ye be ſtrangers.

8 Thus haue we obeied ỹ voice of Ionadáb the ſonne of Recháb our father, in all that he hathe charged vs, and we drinke no wine all our daies, *nether* we, our wiues, our ſonnes, nor our daughters.

9 Nether buylde we houſes for vs to dwell in, nether haue we vineyarde, nor field, nor ſede,

10 But we haue remained in tētes, and haue obeied, & done according to [g] all that Ionadáb our father commanded vs.

[g] Which was now for the ſpace of thre hundreth yeres from Iehu to Iehoiakim

11 But when Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél came vp into the land, we ſaid, Come, and let vs go to Ieruſalém, from the hoſte of the Caldeans, and from the hoſte of Arám: ſo we [h] dwell at Ieruſalém.

[h] Which declareth that thei were not ſo bound to their vowe, that it colde not be broke for any neceſsitie: for where thei were recōmanded to dwel in tētes, thei dwel now at Ieruſalém for feare of ỹ warres

12 Then came the worde of the Lord vnto Ieremiáh, ſaying,

13 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, Go, and tel the men of Iudáh, and the inhabitans of Ieruſalém, Wil ye [i] not receiue doctrine to obey my wordes, ſaith the Lord?

[i] Whome I haue choſen to be my childré, ſeing these ẅ were the children of an heathen man, obeied the commandement of their father?

14 The cōmandement of Ionadáb the ſonne of Recháb that he cōmanded his ſonnes, that thei ſhulde drike no wine, is ſurely kept: for vnto this day thei drike none, but obey their fathers commandement:

notwithſtanding I haue ſpoken vnto you,
k rifing early, and ſpeaking, but ye wolde
not obeie me.
15 I haue ſent alſo vnto you all my ſeruan-
tes the Prophetes, riſing vp early, and ſen-
ding *them*, ſaying, *Returne now euerie mā
from his euil waie, and amende your wor-
kes, and go not after other gods to ſeiue
them, & ye ſhal dwell in the land which I
haue giuen vnto you, and to your fathers,
but ye wolde not incline your eare, nor o-
beie me.
16 Surely the ſonnes of Ionadáb the ſonne
of Rechāb, haue kept ỹ cōmandement of
their father, which he gaue them, but this
people hathe not obeied me.
17 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes,
ỹ God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil bring vp-
on Iudáh, and vpon all the inhabitants of
Ieruſalém, all ỹ euil that I haue pronoun-
ced againſt them, becauſe I haue l ſpoken
vnto them, but thei wolde not heare, and
I haue called vnto them, but thei wolde
not anſwer.
18 And Ieremiáh ſaid to the houſe of the
Rechabites, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord of hoſtes
thē God of Iſraél, Becauſe ye haue obeied
the commandement of Ionadáb your fa-
ther, and kept all his precepts, and done ac
cording vnto all that he hathe comman-
ded you,
19 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes,
the God of Iſraél, Ionadáb the ſonne of
Rechāb ſhal m not want a man, to ſtād be-
fore me for euer.

k I haue moſt diligently exhorted & warned you bothe by my ſelfe & my Prophetes. *Chap 18,11. & 25,5.*

l That is by his Prophets & miniſters: which ſheweth that it is as muche as thogh he ſhulde ſpeake to vs him ſelfe, whenſoeuer he ſendeth his miniſters to ſpeake in his Name.

m His poſterītie ſhal continue and be in my fauour for euer.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Barúch writeth as Ieremiáh enditeth, the boke of the curſes againſt Iudáh and Iſraél. 9 He is ſent with the boke vnto the people and readeth it before them all, 14 He is called before the rulers and readeth it before thē alſo. 23 The King caſteth it in the fyre. 28 There is another writen at the commandement of the Lord.

a Read Chap. 1 25,1.

AND in the fourth a yere of Iehoia-
kím the ſonne of Ioſiáh King of
Iudáh, came this worde vnto Ieremiáh
from the Lord, ſaying,
2 Take thee a roole *or* boke, and write there-
in all the wordes that I haue ſpoken to
thee againſt Iſraél, & againſt Iudáh, and a-
gainſt all the nacions, from the daie that I
ſpake vnto thee, *euen* b from the daies of
Ioſiáh vnto this daie.
3 It maie be that the houſe of Iudáh wil
heare of all the euil, which I determi-
ned to do vnto them that thei may ſeturne
euerie man from his euil waie, that I maie
forgiue their iniquitie and their ſinnes.
4 Then Ieremiáh called Barúch the ſonne
of Neriáh, and Barúch wrote c at ỹ mouth
of Ieremiáh all the wordes of the Lord,
which he had ſpoken vnto him, vpō a roo-
le *or* boke.
5 And Ieremiáh cōmanded Barúch, ſaying,
I am ſhut vp, d & can not go into ỹ Hou-
ſe of the Lord.
6 Therefore go thou, and read the roole
wherein thou haſt writen at my mouth the
wordes of the Lord in the audience of the
people in the Lords Houſe vpon the e fa-
ſting day: alſo thou ſhalt read them in the
hearing of all Iudáh, ỹ come out of their
cities.
7 It may be that thei wil f pray before the
Lord, and euerie one returne from his e-
uil way, for the angre & the wrath, that
the Lord hathe declared againſt this peo-
ple.
So Barúch the ſonne of Neriáh did ac-
cording vnto all, that Ieremiáh ỹ Prophet
commanded him, reading in the boke the
wordes of the Lord in the Lords Houſe.
9 ¶ And in the fift g yere of Iehoiakím the
ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iudáh, in the
ninth moneth, they proclaimed a faſt be-
fore the Lord to all the people in Ieruſa-
lém, and to all the people that came from
the cities of Iudáh vnto Ieruſalém.
10 Then red Barúch in the boke the wor-
des of Ieremiáh in the Houſe of the Lord,
in the chambre of Gemariáh the ſonne of
Shaphán the ſecretarie, in the hier court at
the entrie of the h newe gate of the Lords
Houſe, in the hearing of all the people.
11 When Michaiáh the ſonne of Gema-
riáh, the ſonne of Shaphán had heard out
of the boke all the wordes of the Lord,
12 Then he went downe to the Kings hou-
ſe into the Chancellours chamber, and lo,
all ỹ princes ſate there, *euen* Eliſhamá the
Chancellour, & Delaiáh the ſonne of She-
maiáh, and Elnathán ỹ ſonne of Achbór,
and Gemariáh the ſonne of Shaphán, and
Zedekiáh the ſonne of Hananiáh, and all
the princes.
13 Then Michaiáh declared vnto them all
the wordes that he had heard whē Barúch
red in the boke in the audience of the peo-
ple.
14 Therefore all the princes ſent Iehudí the
ſonne of Nethaniáh, the ſonne of Shele-
miáh, the ſonne of Chuſhí, vnto Barúch,
ſaying, Take in thine hand the roole, whe-
rein thou haſt red in the audience of the
people, and come. So Barúch the ſonne of
Neriáh, toke the roole in his hand, and ca-
me vnto them.
15 And thei ſaid vnto him, Sit downe now,
and read it, that we may heare. So Barúch
red it in their audience.
16 Now when thei had heard all the wor-
des, they where i afraied bothe one and
other, and ſaid vnto Barúch, We wil cer-
tifie the King of all theſe wordes.
17 And thei examined Barúch, ſaying, Tel
vs now, how dideſt ỹ write all theſe wor-
des at his mouth.

b Which were twenty and thre yere, as Cha 25,3 counting from the thirteenth yere of Ioſiahs retgne.

c As he did ſudite.

d Meaning, in priſō, through the malice of the Prieſtes.

e Which was proclaimed for feare of the Babylonians, as their cuſtome was when thei ſe redwar re or any great plague of God f He ſheweth that faſting without prair and repentāce auaileth nothing, but is mere hypocriſie.

g The faſt was then proclaimed, and Barúch red this roole, which was a litle before that Ieruſalém was firſt taken, and then Iehoiakim and Daniel, and his cōpanions were led away captiues.

h Which is ỹ Eaſt gate of the Temple.

i The godlie were afraid, ſeing God ſo offended, & the wicked were aſtonied for ỹ horror of the puniſhement.

18 Then

28 Then Barúch answered them, He pronounced all these wordes vnto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with yncke in the boke.

19 Then said the princes vnto Barúch, Go, [k] hide thee, thou and Ieremiáh, and let no man knowe where ye be.

k Thei ỹ were godlie among the princes, gaue this counsel, by whose meanes it is like that Ieremiáh was deliuered: for thei knewe the rage of ỹ King and of ỹ wicked to be such that they colde not escape without dãger of their liues.

20 ¶ And thei wẽt in to the Kíg to ỹ court, but thei laied vp ỹ roole in the chãbre of Elishamá the Chancellour & tolde ỹ King all the wordes, that he might heare.

21 So the King sent Iehudí to fet ỹ roole, & he toke it out of Elishamá the Chancellors chambre, and Iehudi red it in the audience of the King, and in the audience of all the princes, which stode beside the King.

22 Now the King sate in the winter house, in the [l] ninth moneth, and there was a fyre burning before him.

l Which contained parte of Nouember & parte of Decẽber.

23 And when Iehudi had red thre, or foure sides, he cut it with the penknife and cast it into the fyre, that was on the herth vntil all the roole was cõsumed in the fyre, that was on the herth.

m Shewing, ỹ the wicked in stead of repenting, when thei heare Gods iudgements, grow into farther malice against him and his wordes.

24 Yet thei were not afraid, nor rent [m] their garments, *nether* the King, nor any of his seruants, that heard all these wordes.

25 Neuertheles, Elnathán, and Delaiáh, and Gemariáh had besought the King, that he wolde not burne the roole: but he wolde not heare them.

26 But the King commanded Ierahmeél the sonne of Hammélech, & Seraiáh the sonne of Azriél, & Shelemiáh the sonne of Abdiél, to take Baruch the scribe, and Ieremiáh the Prophet, but the Lord [n] hid them.

n Thus we se the continual care, that God hathe euer ouer his to preserue them frõ the rage of the wicked.

27 ¶ Then the worde of the Lord came to Ieremiáh (after that the King had burnt the roole and the wordes ẅ Barúch wrote at the mouth of Ieremiáh) saying,

o Thogh the wicked thinke to haue abolished the worde of God, when they haue burnt the boke thereof: yet this declareth that God wil not onely raise it vp againe, but also increase it in greater abundance to their condemnation, as vers. 32.

28 Take thee againe [o] another roole and write in it all ỹ former wordes that were in the first roole which Iehoiakím ỹ King of Iudáh hathe burnt,

p Theſe are Iehoiakims wordes

29 And ỹ shalt say to Iehoiakím Kíg of Iudáh, Thus saith ỹ Lord, Thou hast burnt this roole, saying, [p] Why hast thou written therein, saying, that the King of Babél shal certeinly come and destroye this land, and shal take thence *bothe* man and beast?

q Thogh Iehoiachin his sone succeeded hi, yet because he reigned but thre moneths, it was esteemed as no reigne r Ad Chap. 22.19.

30 Therefore thus saith the Lord of Iehoiakím King of Iudáh, He shal haue [q] none to sit vpon the throne of Dauid, and his [r] dead bodie shalbe cast out in the day to the heate, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I wil visite him and his sede, and his seruãtes for their iniquitie, & I wil bring vpon them, and vpon the inhabitans of Ierusalém, & vpon the men of Iudáh all the euil that I haue pronoũced against them: but they wolde not heare.

32 Then toke Ieremiáh another roole, and gaue it Barúch the scribe ỹ sonne of Neriáh, which wrote therein at the mouth of Ieremiáh all the wordes of the boke which Iehoiakím Kíg of Iudáh had burnt in the fyre, and there were added besides them many like wordes.

CHAP. XXXVII.

Zedekiáh succeded Ieconiáh. 3 He sendeth vnto Ieremiáh to praye for him. 12 Ieremiáh, going into the land of Beniamin, is taken. 15 He is beaten and put in prison.

1 AND [*] Kíg Zedekiáh the sonne of Iosiáh reigned for [a] Coniáh the sonne of Iehoiakím, whome Nebuchad-nezzar King of Babél [b] made King in the land of Iudáh.

2. King 24, 17. 2 chro. 36, 10. chap 52, 1.

a Who was called Iehoiachín or Iecomiáh

b And called him Zedekiáh where as before his name was Mattaniáh 2 King 24, 17.

2 But nether he, nor his seruants, nor the people of the land wolde obey the wordes of the Lord, which he spake by the "ministerie of the Prophet Ieremiáh.

"Ebr hand

3 And Zedekiáh the King [c] sent Iehucál the sonne of Shelemiáh, and Zephaniáh the sonne of Maaseiáh the Priest to the Prophet Ieremiáh, saying, Pray now vnto the Lord out God for vs.

c Because he was afraid of the Caldeans that came against him

4 (Now Ieremiáh [d] went in and out among the people: for they had not put him into the prison.

d That is, was out of prison and at liberte.

5 Thẽ Pharaohs hoste was [e] come out of Egypt: and whẽ the Caldeans that besieged Ierusalém, heard tidings of them, thei "departed from Ierusalém)

e To helpe the Iewes.

"Ebr. went vp.

6 Then came the worde of the Lord vnto the Prophet Ieremiáh, saying,

7 Thus saith the Lord God of Israél, Thus shal ye say to the King of Iudáh, ỹ sent you vnto me to inquire of me, Beholde, Pharaohs hoste, which is come forthe to helpe you, shal returne to Egypt into their owne land.

8 And the Caldeans shal come againe, and fight against this citie, and take it & burne it with fyre.

9 Thus saith the Lord, [*] Deceiue not your selues, saying, The Caldeans shal surely departe from vs: for thei shal not departe.

Or, lift not vp your minder.

10 For thogh ye had smiten the whole hoste of the Caldeans that fight against you, & there remained *but* wounded men among them, *yet* shulde euery man rise vp in his tent, and burne this citie with fyre.

11 ¶ When the hoste of the Caldeans was broken vp from Ierusalém, because of Pharaohs armie,

12 Then Ieremiáh went out of Ierusalém to go into the [f] land of Beniamín, separating him self thence from among the people.

f As some thinke, to go to Anathoth his owne towne.

13 And when he was in the [g] gate of Beniamín, there was a chief officer, whose name was Iriáh, the sonne of Shelemiáh, the sonne of Hananiáh, and he toke Ieremiáh the Prophet, saying, Thou "flest to the Caldeans.

g By ỹ which men went into the countrey of Beniamin.

"Ebr falleſt.

14 Then ſaid Ieremiáh, That is falſe, I flee not to the Caldeás: but he wolde not heare him: ſo Iriiáh toke Ieremiáh, and broght him to the princes.

15 Wherefore the princes were angry with Ieremiáh, and ſmote him, and laid him in priſon in the houſe of Iehonathán the ſcribe: for they had made that the h priſon.

h Becauſe it was a vile and ſtraite priſon.

16 When Ieremiáh was entred into the dõgeon, and into the priſons, and had remained there a long time,

17 Then Zedekiáh the King ſent, and toke him out, and the King aſked him ſecretly in his houſe, and ſaid, Is there any worde from the Lord? And Ieremiáh ſaid, Yea: for, ſaid he, thou ſhalt be deliuered into the hand of the King of Babél.

18 Moreouer, Ieremiáh ſaid vnto King Zedekiáh, What haue I offended againſt thee, or againſt thy ſeruants, or againſt this people, that ye haue put me in priſon?

Chap. 28. 4. 19 *Where are now your Prophetes, which prophecied vnto you, ſaying, The King of Babél ſhal not come againſt you, nor againſt this land?

20 Therefore heare now, I pray thee, ô my lord the King: let my prayer "be accepted before thee, that thou cauſe me not to returne to the houſe of Iehonathán the ſcribe, leſt I dye there.

"Ebr fall.

21 Then Zedekiáh the King commanded, that they ſhulde put Ieremiáh in the court of the priſon, and that they ſhulde giue him daiely a piece of bread out of the bakers ſtrete vntil all the i bread in the citie were eaten vp. Thus Ieremiáh remained in the court of the priſon.

i That is, ſo long as there was any bread in the citie: thus God prouideth for his ẏ he wil cauſe their enemies to preſerue them to ẏ end whereunto he hathe appointed them.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 By the mocion of the rulers Ieremiáh is put into a dongeon. 14 At the requeſt of Ebed-mélech the King commandeth Ieremiáh to be broght forthe of the dongeon. 17 Ieremiáh ſheweth the King how he might eſcape death.

1 THen Shephatiáh the ſonne of Mattán, and Gedaliáh the ſonne of Paſhhúr, and Iucál the ſonne of Shelemiáh, & Paſhhúr the ſonne of a Malchiáh, heard the wordes that Ieremiáh had ſpoken vnto all the people, ſaying,

a For Zedekiáh had ſent theſe to Ieremiáh to inquire at the Lord for the ſtate of the cõtrey now whẽ Nebuchad-nezzár came, as Chap 21, 1

2 Thus ſaith the Lord, He that remaineth in this citie, ſhal dye by the ſworde, by the famine and by the peſtilence: but he that goeth forthe to the Caldeans, ſhal liue: for he ſhal haue his life for b a pray, and ſhal liue.

b Read Chap. 21, 9.

3 Thus ſaith the Lord, This citie ſhal ſurely be giuen into the hand of the King of Babels armie, which ſhal take it.

c Or, diſcouraged.

4 Therefore the princes ſaid vnto ẏ King, We beſeche you, let this man be put to death: for thus he c weakeneth the hands of the men of warre c that remaine in this citie, and the hands of all the people, in ſpeaking ſuche wordes vnto them: for this man ſeketh not the wealth of this people, but the hurt.

d Thus we ſe how the wicked whẽ they can not abide to heare ẏ truth of Gods worde, ſeke to put the miniſters to death as tranſgreſſors of politiqs.

5 Then Zedekiáh the King ſaid, Beholde, he is in your hands, for the King can *denie* d you nothing.

d Wherein he grieuouſly offended in that that not onely he wolde not heare the truth ſpoken by ẏ Prophet, but alſo gaue him to ẏ luſts of the wicked to be cruelly intreated

6 Then toke they Ieremiáh, and caſt him into the dongeon of Malchiáh the ſonne of Hammélech, that was in the court of the priſon: and they let downe Ieremiáh with coards: and in the dongeon there was no water but myre: ſo Ieremiáh ſtacke faſt in the myre.

7 Now when Ebed-mélech the "blacke More one of the Eunuches, which was in the Kings houſe, heard that they had put Ieremiáh in the dongeon (then the King ſate in the e gate of Beniamín)

"Ebr. Cuſhite, or Ethiopian.

e To heare matters & giue ſentence.

8 And Ebed-mélech wẽt out of the Kings houſe, and ſpake to the King, ſaying,

9 My lord the King, f theſe men haue done euil in all ẏ they haue done to Ieremiáh the Prophet, whome they haue caſt into ẏ dongeon, and he dyeth for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the citie.

f Hereby is declared that the Prophet founde more fauour at this ſtrãgers hands then he did by all them of his cõtrey which was to their great condemnatiõ.

10 Then the King commanded Ebed-mélech ẏ blacke More, ſaying, Take frõ hence thirtie men "with thee, and take Ieremiáh the Prophet out of the dongeon before he dye.

"Ebr vnder thine hand.

11 So Ebed-mélech toke the men with him and went to the houſe of the King vnder the treaſurie, and toke there olde rotten *ragges*, and olde worne *cloutes*, and let them downe by coardes into the dongeon to Ieremiáh.

12 And Ebed-mélech the blacke More ſaid vnto Ieremiáh, Put now theſe olde rotten *ragges* and worne vnder thine arme holes, betwene the coardes. And Ieremiáh did ſo.

13 So they drewe vp Ieremiáh with coardes and toke him vp out of the dongeon, and Ieremiáh remained in g the court of the priſon.

g Where the King had ſet him before to be at more libertie, as Chap 37. 21.

14 ¶ Then Zedekiáh the King ſent, and toke Ieremiáh the Prophet vnto him, into the third entrie that is in the Houſe of the Lord, & the Kĩg ſaid vnto Ieremiáh, I wil aſke thee a thing: hide nothing from me.

15 Then Ieremiáh ſaid to Zedekiáh, If I declare it vnto thee, wilt not thou ſlaye me? and if I giue thee counſel, thou wilt not heare me.

16 So the King ſware ſecretly vnto Ieremiáh, ſaying, As the Lord liueth, that made vs theſe ſoules, I wil not ſlaie thee, nor giue thee into the hands of thoſe men that ſeke thy life.

17 Then ſaid Ieremiáh vnto Zedekiáh, Thus ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes, ẏ God of Iſraél, If thou wilt go forthe vnto the King

h And yelde thy ſelf vnto them.

King of Babels h princes, then thy ſoule ſhal liue, and this citie ſhal not be burnt vp with fyre, and thou ſhalt liue, and thine houſe.

18 But if thou wilt not go forthe to ỹ King of Babels princes, then ſhal this citie be giuen into the hand of the Caldeans, and thei ſhal burne it with fyre, and thou ſhalt not eſcape out of their hands.

19 And Zedekiáh the King ſaid vnto Ieremiáh, I am careful for the Iewes that are fled vnto the Caldeans, leſt thei deliuer me into their hands, and thei i mocke me.

i Which declareth that he more feared the reproche of men, then ỹ threatenings of God.

20 But Ieremiáh ſaid, Thei ſhal not deliuer *thee*: hearken vnto the voice of the Lord, I beſeche thee, which I ſpeake vnto thee: ſo ſhal it be wel vnto thee, and thy ſoule ſhal liue.

21 But if thou wilt refuſe to go forthe, this is the worde ỹ the Lord hathe ſhewed me.

22 And beholde, all the women that are k left in the King of Iudahs houſe, ſhalbe broght forthe to ỹ King of Babels princes: and thoſe *women* ſhal ſay, Thy frendes haue perſuaded thee, and haue preuailed againſt thee: thy fete are faſtened in the myre, *and* thei are turned backe.

k When Ieconiáh and his mother with others were caryed away, the fewe ome of the Kings houſe were left: ẅ ſhalbe taken, ſaith the Prophet, and tel ỹ King of Babél how Zedekiáh hathe bene ſeduced by his familiar friéds and falſe Prophetes, which haue léft him in the myre.

23 So thei ſhal bring out all thy wiues, and thy children to the Caldeans, and thou ſhalt not eſcape out of their hands, but ſhalt be taken by the hand of the King of Babél: and this citie ſhalt thou cauſe to be burnt with fyre.

24 Then ſaid Zedekiáh vnto Ieremiáh, Let no man knowe of theſe wordes, and thou ſhalt not dye.

25 But if the princes vnderſtand that I haue talked with thee, and thei come vnto thee, and ſay vnto thee, Declare vnto vs now, what thou haſt ſaid vnto the King, hide it not from vs, and we wil not ſlay thee: alſo what the King ſaid vnto thee,

26 Then ſhalt thou ſay vnto them, I humbly l beſoght the King that he wolde not cauſe me to returne to Iehonathans houſe, to dye there.

l Herein, appeareth the infirmitie of the Prophet, who did diſſemble to ſaue his life albeit it was not to the denial of his doctrine, or to ỹ hurte of any.

27 Thẽ came all the princes vnto Ieremiáh and aſked him. And he tolde them according to all theſe wordes that ỹ King had commanded: ſo thei left of ſpeaking with him, for the matter was not perceiued.

28 So Ieremiáh abode ſtil in ỹ court of the priſon, vntil the day that Ieruſalém was taken: and he was *there*, when Ieruſalém was taken.

CHAP. XXXIX.

Nebuchad-nezzár beſiegeth Ieruſalém. 4 Zedekiáh fleing is taken of the Caldeans. 6 His ſonnes are ſlaine. 7 His eyes are thruſt out. 11 Ieremiáh is prouided for. 15 Ebed-mélech is deliuered from captiuitie.

8. King. 25, 1. & chap. 52, 4.

IN* the ninth yere of Zedekiáh King of Iudáh in ỹ tenth moneth, came Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél and all his hoſte againſt Ieruſalém, and thei beſieged it.

2 *And* in the eleuenth yere of Zedekiáh in the fourth moneth, the ninth *daie* of the moneth, the citie was broken a vp.

a The gates & wales were broken downe.

3 And all the princes of the King of Babél came in, and ſate in the middle gate, *euen* Neregál, Sharézer, Samgar-nébo, Sarſechím, Rab-ſarís, Neregál, Sharézer, Rab-mag with all the reſidue of the princes of the King of Babél.

4 And when Zedekiáh the King of Iudáh ſawe them, and all the men of warre, then thei fled, & went out of the citie by night, through the Kings garden, & by the b gate betwene the two walles, and he went toward the wildernes.

b Which was a poſterne dore, read 2 Kig. 25, 4.

5 But the Caldeans hoſte purſued after them, and ouertoke Zedekiáh in the deſert of Ierichó: and when thei had taken him, thei broght him to Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél vnto c Ribláh in the land of Hamáth, where he gaue iudgemẽt vpon him.

c which is called Antiochia in Syria.

6 Then the King of Babél ſlewe the ſonnes of Zedekiáh in Ribláh before his eyes: alſo the King of Babél ſlewe all the nobles of Iudáh.

7 Moreouer he put out Zedekiahs eyes, and bounde him in chames, to carye him to Babél.

8 And the Caldeans burnt the Kings houſe, and the houſes of the people with fyre, and brake downe the walles of Ieruſalém.

9 Then Nebuzar-adán the d chief ſteward caryed away captiue into Babél the remnãt of the people, that remained in the citie, and thoſe that were fled and fallen vnto him, with the reſt of the people that remained.

d *Or, captaine of the garde.*

10 But Nebuzar-adán ỹ chief ſteward left the e poore that had nothing in the land of Iudáh, and gaue them vineyardes and fields at the ſame time.

e For ỹ riche & the mighty ẅ put their truſt in their ſhuldes & meanes, were by Gods iuſt iudgements moſte rigorouſly handled

11 Now Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél gaue charge concerning Ieremiáh "vnto Nebuzar-adán ỹ chief ſteward, ſaying,

"*Ebr by the hand of*

12 Take him, and "loke wel to him, and do him no harme, but do vnto him f euen as he ſhal ſay vnto thee.

"*Ebr ſet thine eyes vpon him.*

f Thus God preſerued his Prophet by his meanes, whome he made ỹ ſcourge to puniſh the King, and them that were his enemies.

13 So Nebuzar-adán the chief ſteward ſent and Nebuſhazbán, Rabſaris, & Neregál, Sharézer, Rab-mag, and all the King of Babels princes:

14 Euen thei ſent, and toke Ieremiáh out of the court of the priſon, and cõmitted him vnto g Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám the ſonne of Shaphán, that he ſhulde carie him home: ſo he dwelt among the people.

g Whome the King of Babél had now appointed gouernour ouer the reſt of the Iewes that he left behinde.

15 Now ỹ worde of the Lord came vnto Ieremiáh, while he was ſhut vp in ỹ court of

the priſon, ſaying,

16 Go & ſpeake to Ebed-mélech the blacke More, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil bring my wordes vpon this citie for euil, and not for good, and thei ſhalbe *accompliſhed* in that daie before thee.

17 But I wil deliuer thee in that daie, ſaith the Lord, and thou ſhalt not be giuen into the hand of the men whome thou feareſt.

18 For I wil ſurely deliuer thee, and thou ſhalt not fall by the ſworde, but thy life ſhalbe for a pray vnto thee, becauſe thou haſt put thy truſt in me, ſaith the Lord.

g Thus God recompenſed his zeale and fauour, which he ſhewed to his Prophet in his troubles.

CHAP. XL.

Ieremiáh hathe licence to go whether he wil. 6 He dwelleth with the people that remaine with Gedaliáh.

1 THe worde which came to Ieremiáh from the Lord after that Nebuzaradan the chief ſteward had let him go frō Ramáth, when he had taken him being bounde in chaines among all that were caryed awaie captiue of Ieruſalém and Iudáh, which were caryed awaie captiue vnto Babél.

a From this ſecōde verſ vnto chap 42,7 it ſeemeth to be as a parenthesis, and ſeparated matter: & there this ſtorie beginneth again, & this viſiō is declared what it was.

2 a And the chief ſteward toke Ieremiáh, and ſaid vnto him, The Lord thy God hathe pronounced this plague vpon this place.

3 Now the Lord hathe broght it, & done according as he hathe ſaid: becauſe ye haue b ſinned againſt the Lord, and haue not obeied his voice, therefore this thing is come vpon you.

b God moued this infidele to ſpeake this, to declare the great blindnes and obſtinacie of the Iewes, which colde not fele that which this heathen man confeſſed.

4 And now beholde, I loſe thee this daie from the chaines which were on thine handes, if it pleaſe thee to come with me into Babél, come, and I wil loke wel vnto thee: but if it pleaſe thee not to come with me into Babél, "tary ſtil: beholde, all the land *is* °before thee: whether it ſemeth good, and conuenient for thee to go, thether go.

"Or ceaſe.

°Or, as thy commandement.

5 For yet he was not returned: therefore *he ſaid*, Returne to Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám, the ſonne of Shaphán, whome the King of Babél hathe made gouernour ouer all the cities of Iudáh, and dwell with him among the people, or go whereſoeuer it pleaſeth thee to go. So the chief ſteward gaue him vitailes and a rewarde, and let him go.

6 Then went Ieremiáh vnto Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám, c to Mizpáh, and dwelt there with him among the people that were left in the land.

c Which was a citie of Iudáh.

7 Now when all the captaines of the hoſte, d which were in the fields, *euen* thei and their men heard, that the King of Babél had made Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám gouernour in the land, and that he had committed vnto him, men, and women, and children, and of the poore of the land, that were not caryed away captiue to Babél,

d Which were ſcattered abroad for feare of the Caldeans.

8 Then they came to Gedaliáh to Mizpáh, *euen* e Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh, and Iohanán, and Ionathán the ſonnes of Karéah, and Seraiáh the ſonne of Tanehuméth, and the ſonnes of Ephái, the Netophathite, and Iezaniáh the ſonne of Maachathí, thei and their men.

e Who was of the Kings blood and after ſlew him, Cha. 41.2.

9 And Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám, the ſonne of Shaphán * ſware vnto them, and to their men, ſaying, Feare not to ſerue the Caldeans: dwell in the land, and ſerue the King of Babél, and it ſhalbe wel with you.

* 2. King. 25.24

10 As for me, beholde, I wil dwell at Mizpáh to f ſerue the Caldeans, which wil come vnto vs: but you, gather you wine, and ſommer frutes, and oyle, and put them in your veſſels, & dwell in your citties, that ye haue g taken.

f Or, to receiue them, or to intreat them for vs.

g Or, choſen to dwel in.

11 Likewiſe when all the Iewes that were in h Moáb, and among the Ammonites, and in Edóm, and that were in all the countreis, heard that the King of Babél had left a remnant of Iudáh, and that he had ſet ouer them Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám the ſonne of Shaphán,

h Which were fled alſo for feare of the Caldeans.

12 Euen all the Iewes returned out of all places where thei were driuen, and came to the land of Iudáh to Gedaliáh vnto Mizpáh, and gathered wine and ſommer frutes, very muche.

13 Moreouer Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah, and all the captaines of the hoſte, that were in the fields, came to Gedaliáh to Mizpáh,

14 And ſaid vnto him, Knoweſt thou not that i Baalís the King of the Ammonites hathe ſent Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh to ſlay thee? But Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám beleued them not.

i For vnder the colour of interteining of Iſhmaél he ſoghe onely to make the to deſtroy one another.

15 Then Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah ſpake to Gedaliáh in Mizpáh ſecretly, ſaying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I wil ſlay Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh, and no man ſhal knowe it. Wherefore ſhulde he kyl thee, that all the Iewes, which are gathered vnto thee, ſhulde be ſcattered, and the remnant in Iudáh periſh?

k Thus the godlie, which thinke no harme to others, are ſoneſt deceiued & neuer lacke ſuch as conſpire their deſtruction.

16 But Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám ſaid vnto Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah, Thou ſhalt k not do this thing: for thou ſpeakeſt falſely of Iſhmaél.

CHAP. XLI.

Iſhmaél killeth Gedaliáh guilefully, and many other with him. 11 Iohanan followeth after Iſhmaél.

1 BVt in the a ſeuenth moneth came Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh, the

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a The citie was deſtroied in the fourth moneth and in the ſeuēth moneth, which cōteined part of September, & part of October, was the gouernour Gedaliáh ſlaine.

ſonne of Eliſhamá of the ſede royal, and the princes of the [b] King, & ten men with him, vnto Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám to Mizpáh, and there thei did [c] eate bread together in Mizpáh.

[b] Meaning, Zedekiáh.

[c] They did eate together as familiar friends.

2 Then aroſe Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh with theſe ten men that were with him, and ſmote Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám the ſonne of Shaphán with the ſworde, and ſlewe him, whome the King of Babél had made gouernour ouer the land.

3 Iſhmaél alſo ſlewe all the Iewes that were with Gedaliáh at Mizpáh, & all the Caldeans that were founde there, & the men of warre.

4 Now the ſeconde daie that he had ſlaine Gedaliáh, and no man knewe it,

5 There came men from Shechém, frō Shilóh, & from Samaria, *euen* foure ſcoremen, hauing their beardes ſhauen, and their clothes rent and cut, with [d] offrings and incenſe in their hands to offre in the Houſe of the Lord.

[d] For they thoght that ỹ Temple had not beene deſtroied, & therefore came vp to the feaſt of Tabernacles.

6 And Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh went forthe from Mizpáh to mete them, weping as he went: & when he met them, he ſaid vnto them, Come [e] to Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám.

[e] But hearing of the burning thereof in the way, they ſhewed theſe ſignes of ſorowe.

7 And when thei came into the middes of the citie, Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh ſlewe thē, *and caſt them* into the middes of the pit, he and the men that were with him.

[e] For his death was kept ſecret, & he fained that he lamented for the deſtructiō of Ieruſalém & the Temple: but after ſlewe ihē when thei ſemed to fauour Gedaliáh

8 But ten men were founde among them, that ſaid vnto Iſhmaél, Slay vs not: for we haue treaſures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oyle, and of honie: ſo he ſtaied, and ſlewe them not among their brethren.

9 Now the pit wherein Iſhmaél had caſt the dead bodies of the men (whome he had ſlaine becauſe of Gedaliáh) is it, which Aſá the King had [f] made becauſe of Baſhá King of Iſráel, *and* Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh filled it with them that were ſlaine.

[f] Aſa fortified Mizpáh for feare of the enemie, and caſt dyches & trenches, 1. King. 15.22.

10 Then Iſhmaél caryed away captiue all the reſidue of the people that were in Mizpáh, *euen* the Kings daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpáh, whome Nebuzar-adán the chief ſteward had cōmitted to Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám, and Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh caryed them away captiue, and departed to go ouer to the Ammonites.

11 But when Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah, & all the [g] captaines of the hoſte that were with him, heard of all the euil that Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh had done,

[g] Which had beene captaines vnder Zedekiáh.

12 Then they all toke *their* men, and went to fight with Iſhmaél ỹ ſonne of Nethaniáh, and founde him by the great waters that are in Gibeón.

13 Now when all the people whome Iſhmaél caryed away captiue, ſawe Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah, and all the captaines of the hoſte, that were with him, they were glad.

14 So all the people, that Iſhmaél had caryed away captiue from Mizpáh, returned and came againe, and went vnto Iohanán the ſonne of Kareah.

15 But Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh, eſcaped from Iohanán with eight men, and went to the [h] Ammonites.

[h] For Baalis ỹ King of the Ammonites was the cauſe of this murther.

16 Thē toke Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah, & all the captaines of the hoſte, that were with him all the remnant of the people, whome Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh, had caryed away captiue from Mizpáh, (after that he had ſlaine Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám) *euen* the ſtrong men of warre, and the women, and the children, & the eunuches, whome he had broght againe from Gibeón:

17 And thei departed and dwelt in Gerúth [i] Chimham, which is by Beth-léhem, to go & to entre into Egypt,

[i] Which place Dauid of olde had giuen to Chimhám the ſonne of Barzillai the Gileadite, 2. Sam. 19.38.

18 Becauſe of the Caldeans: for they feared them, becauſe Iſhmaél the ſonne of Nethaniáh had ſlaine Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám, whome the King of Babél made gouernour in the land.

CHAP. XLII.

1 The captaines aſke counſel of Ieremiáh what they ought to do. 7. He admoniſheth the remnant of the people not to go into Egypt.

1 THen all the captaines of the hoſte, and Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah, & Iezaniáh the ſonne of Hoſhaiáh, and all the people from the leaſt vnto the moſte came,

ugh let my prayer fall before thee, as Chap 36.7

2 And ſaid vnto Ieremiáh ỹ Prophet, "Heare our prayer, we beſeche thee, & pray for vs vnto the Lord thy God, euē for all this remnant (for we are left, *but* a fewe of manie, as thine eyes do beholde)

a This declareth the nature of hypocrites, which wold de knowe of Gods worde what they ſhulde do, but wil not follow it, but in aſmuche as it agreeth with ỹ thing which they haue purpoſed to do.

3 That the Lord thy God may ſhewe vs the way wherein we may walke, and the thing that we may [a] do.

4 Then Ieremiáh the Prophet ſaid vnto them, I haue heard *you*: beholde, I wil pray vnto the Lord your God according to your wordes, and whatſoeuer thing the Lord ſhal anſwer you, I wil declare it vn to you: I wil kepe nothing backe frō you.

b There are none more ready to abuſe ỹ Name of God and take it in vaine, thē the hypocrites, ỹ to colour their falſehode vſe it without all reuerence, and make it a meanes for them to deceiue the ſimple, and the godlie.

5 Then they ſaid to Ieremiáh, [b] The Lord be a witnes of trueth, and faith betwene vs, if we do not, euen according to all things for the which the Lord thy God ſhal ſend thee to vs.

6 Whether it be good or euil, we wil obey the voyce of the Lord God, to whome we

ſend thee that it may be wel with vs, when we obey the voyce of the Lord our God.

c Here is declared the viſion & the occaſiõ thereof, whereof mencion was made, Chap 40,1.

7 ¶ c And ſo after ten dayes came ỹ worde of the Lord vnto Ieremiáh.

8 Then called he Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah, and all the captaines of the hoſte, which were with him, and all the people from the leaſt to the moſte,

9 And ſaid vnto thẽ, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél, vnto whome ye ſent me to preſent your prayers before him,

10 If ye wil dwell in this land, then I wil buyld you, and not deſtroye *you*, and I wil plant you, and not roote *you* out: for I d repent me of the euil that I haue done vnto you.

d Read Chap. 18,8.

11 Feare not for the King of Babél, of whome ye are afraid: be not afraid of him, ſaith the Lord: for I am with you, to ſaue you, and to deliuer you e from his hand,

e Becauſe all Kings hearts and wates are in his hands, he can turne them & diſpoſe them as it pleaſeth him, and therefore they nede not to feare man, but onely obey God, Prou. 21,1 *Or, Ieremiáh.*

12 And I wil grant you mercie that he may haue compaſsion vpon you, and he ſhal cauſe you to dwell in your owne land.

13 But if ye ſay, We wil not dwell in this land, nether heare the voyce of the Lord your God,

14 Saying, Nay, but we wil go into the lãd of Egypt, where we ſhal ſe no warre, nor heare the ſounde of the trumpet, nor hãr hungre of bread, and there wil we dwell,

15 (And now therefore héare the worde of the Lord, ye remnant of Iudáh: thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, If ye ſet your faces to entre into Egypt, and go to dwell there)

f Thus God turneth ỹ policie of the wicked to their owne deſtruction. for they thoght thẽſelues ſure in Egypt, and there Nebuchadnezzár deſtroyed them, and the Egyptians, Chap. 46,25.

16 Then the ſworde that ye feared, f ſhal take you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, for ỹ which ye care, ſhal there hãg vpõ you in Egypt, & there ſhal ye dye.

17 And all the men that ſet their faces to entre into Egypt to dwell there, ſhal dye by the ſworde, by the famine & by ỹ peſtilence, & none of them ſhal remaine nor eſcape frõ the plague, that I wil bring vpon them.

g Read Chap. 26,6 & 24,22. ſhewing that this ſhulde come vpon them for their infidelitie & ſtubbornes.

18 For thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes ỹ God of Iſraél, As mine angre and my wrath hathe bene powred forthe vpõ the inhabitants of Ieruſalém: ſo ſhal my wrath be powred forthe vpõ you, when ye ſhal entre into Egypt, & ye ſhalbe a deteſtation, & an aſtoniſhmẽt, and a g curſſe, and a reproche, and ye ſhal ſe this place no more.

19 O ye remnant of Iudáh, the Lord hathe ſaid concerning you, Go not into Egypt: knowe certeinly that I haue admoniſhed you this day.

h For you were fully minded to go into Egypt, whatſoeuer God ſpake to the contrarie.

20 Surely ye h diſſembled in your hearts when ye ſent me vnto the Lord your God, ſaying, Pray for vs vnto ỹ Lord our God and declare vnto vs euen according vnto all that the Lord our God ſhal ſay, and we wil do it.

21 Therefore I haue this day declared it you, but you haue not obeyed the voyce of the Lord your God, nor anie thing for the which he hathe ſent me vnto you.

22 Now therefore, knowe certeinely that ye ſhal dye by the ſworde, by the famine, and by the peſtilence, i in the place whether ye deſire to go and dwell.

i To wit, in Egypt.

CHAP. XLIII.

Iohanán caryeth the remnant of the people into Egypt contrarie to the minde of Ieremiáh. 8 Ieremiah prophecieth the deſtruction of Egypt.

1 NOw whẽ Ieremiáh had made an end of ſpeaking vnto the whole people all the wordes of the Lord their God, for the which ỹ Lord their God had ſent him to them, *euen* all theſe wordes,

a Who was alſo called Iezaniáh, Chap. 42,1

2 Then a ſpake Azariáh the ſonne of Hoſhaiáh, and Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah and all the b proude men, ſaying vnto Ieremiáh, c Thou ſpeakeſt falſly: the Lord our God hathe d not ſent thee to ſay, Go not into Egypt to dwell there,

b This declareth that pride is the cauſe of rebellion, & contempt of Gods miniſters

c When the hypocriſie of the wicked is diſcouered their braſt forthe into open rage: for they cãnot abide nothing but flatteries, read Iſa. 30,10.

d He ſheweth what is the nature of the hypocrites: to wit, to fame that they wolde obey God and imbrace his worde, if they were aſſured that his meſſengers ſpake the trueth: thogh in dede they be moſte farre from all obedience.

3 But Baruch the ſonne of Neriáh e prouoketh thee againſt vs, for to deliuer vs into the hand of the Caldeans, that they might ſlaye vs, and carie vs away captiues into Babél.

e Thus the wicked do not onely condemne, & hurt the meſſengers of God, but ſclander, and ſpeake wickedly of all thẽ that ſupport or fauour the godlie.

4 So Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah, and all the captaines of the hoſte, and all the people obeyed not the voyce of the Lord, to dwell in the land of Iudáh.

5 But Iohanán the ſonne of Karéah, and all the captaines of the hoſte toke all ỹ remnant of Iudáh, that were returned from all f nacions, whether they had bene driuẽ, to dwell in the land of Iudáh:

f As from the Moabites, Ammonites, and Edomites, Chap 40,11.

6 *Euen* men and women, and children, and the Kings daughters, and euerie perſone, that Nebuzar-adán the chief ſteward had left with Gedaliáh the ſonne of Ahikám, the ſonne of Shaphán, and Ieremiáh g the Prophet, & Baruch the ſonne of Neriáh.

g Whome thefe wicked led away by force.

7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voyce of the Lord: thus came they h to Tahpanhes.

h A citie in Egypt nere to Nilus.

8 ¶ Thẽ came the worde of the Lord vnto Ieremiáh in Tahpanhes, ſaying,

9 Take great ſtones in thine hand, and i hide them in the clay in the bricke kil, which is at the entrie of Pharaohs houſe in Tahpanhes in the ſight of the men of Iudáh,

i Which ſignified that Nebuchad-nezzár ſhuld come eũe to the gates of Pharaoh, where were his bricke killes for his buyldings.

10 And ſay vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, Behold, I wil ſend and bring Nebuchad-nezzár the King of Babél k my ſeruant, and wil ſet his throne vpõ theſe ſtones ỹ I haue hid, and he ſhal ſpreade his pauillion euer thẽ.

k Read Chap. 25,9.

11 And when he ſhal come, he ſhal ſmite the land of Egypt: l ſuche as are *appointed* for death, to death, & ſuch as are for captiuitie, to captiuitie, and ſuche as are for the ſworde, to the ſworde.

l Euerie one ſhal be ſlaine by that meanes ỹ God hathe appointed, Chap. 15,2.

12 And

12 And I wil kindle a fyre in the houſes of the gods of Egypt, and he ſhal burne them and carye them awaie captiues, and he ſhal araye him ſelf with the land of Egypt, as a m ſhepheid putteth on his garment, and ſhal departe from thence in peace.

m Meaning, moſte eaſily, & ſuddenly ſhal he cary the Egyptiás away.

13 He ſhal breake alſo the images of "Beth-ſhémeſh, that is in the land of Egypt, and the houſes of the gods of the Egyptians ſhal he burne with fyre.

"Or, the houſe of the ſunne.

CHAP. XLIIII.

He reproueth the people for their idolatrie 15 Thei that ſet light by the threatening of the Lord, are chaſtened. 26 The deſtruction of Egypt and of the Iewes therein, is prophecied.

1 THe worde that came to Ieremiáh concerning all the Iewes, which dwell in the land of Egypt, and remained at Migdól and at a Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the countrey of Pathrós, ſaying,

a Theſe were all famous and ſtrong cities in Egypt, where ỹ Iewes, ỹ were fled, dwelt for their ſafetie: but the Prophet declareth that there is no holde ſo ſtrong, that can preſerue them from Gods vẽgeance.

2 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, Ye haue ſene all the euil that I haue broght vpon Ieruſalém, and vpon all ỹ cities of Iudáh: & beholde, this day thei are deſolate, & no man dwelleth therein,

3 Becauſe of their wickednes which thei haue committed, to prouoke me to angre in that thei went to burne incenſe, & to ſerue other gods, whome thei knewe not, *neither* thei *nor* you nor your fathers.

4 Howbeit I ſent vnto you all my ſeruants the Prophetes b riſing early, and ſending *them*, ſaying, Oh do not this abominable thing that I hate.

b Read Chap 7,25 & 25,3 & 26,5 & 29,19. & 32,33.

5 But thei wolde not heare nor incline their eare to turne from their wickednes, and to burne no more incéſe vnto other gods.

e He ſetteth before their eyes Gods iudgements againſt Iudáh & Ieruſalém for their idolatrie, that they might beware by their example, and not with the like wickednes prouoke the Lord: for then they ſhulde be double puniſhed

6 Wherefore c my wrath, and mine angre was powred forthe and was kindled in the cities of Iudáh, and in the ſtretes of Ieruſalém, and thei are deſolate, & waſted, as *appeareth* this daye.

7 Therefore now thus ſaith ỹ Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, Wherefore commit ye *this* great euil againſt your ſoules, to cut of from you man and woman, childe & ſuckeling out of Iudáh, and leaue you none to remaine?

d He ſheweth that we oght to kepe in memorie Gods plagues from the beginning that conſidering them, we might liue in his feare, and knowe if he haue not ſpared our fathers yea, Kigs, princes, and rulers, and alſo whole countreis, and nations for their ſinnes, ỹ we vile wormes can not loke to eſcape puniſhmẽt for ours

8 In that ye prouoke me vnto wrath with the workes of your hands, burning incenſe vnto other gods in the land of Egypt whether ye be goneto dwell: ỹ ye might bring deſtruction vnto your ſelues, and that ye might be a curſſe and a reproche among all nations of the earth.

9 Haue ye forgotten the wickednes of your fathers, and the wickednes of the d Kings of Iudáh and the wickednes of their wiues and your owne wickednes and the wickednes of your wiues, which thei haue committed in the land of Iudáh and in ỹ ſtretes of Ieruſalém?

"Or, beaten downe.

10 Thei are not " humbled vnto this daie, nether haue thei feared nor walked in my Lawe nor in my ſtatutes, that I ſet before you and before your fathers.

Amos 9, 4.

e Which haue fully ſet their mindes, & are gone thether on purpoſe. Whereby he excepteth the innocentes as Ieremiáh and Barúch ỹ were forced: therefore the Lord ſheweth, ỹ he wil ſet his face againſt thẽ: that is, purpoſely deſtroye them

11 Therefore thus ſaith ỹ Lord of hoſtes ỹ God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil ſet my face againſt you *to cuil & to deſtroy all Iudáh,

12 And I wil take the remnant of Iudáh, that e haue ſet their faces to go into the land of Egypt there to dwell, and thei ſhal all be conſumed & fall in the land of Egypt: they ſhal *euen* be conſumed by the ſworde & by ỹ famine: thei ſhal dye from the leaſt vnto the moſte, by the ſworde, & by the famine, & thei ſhalbe a deteſtation and an aſtoniſhment and a f curſſe and a reproche.

f Read Chap. 26,6

"Ebr lift vp their ſoules

13 For I wil viſit them that dwell in the lãd of Egypt, as I haue viſited Ieruſalém, by ỹ ſworde, by the famine, & by the peſtilence,

g Meaning, but a fewe

14 So that none of the remnant of Iudáh, which are gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there, ſhal eſcape or remaine, that thei ſhuld returne into the lãd of Iudáh to the which thei "haue a deſire to returne to dwell there: for none ſhal returne, but g ſuche as ſhal eſcape.

h This declareth how dangerous a thing it is to decline once from God, & to followe our owne fantaſies: for Satan euer ſolliciteth ſuche and doeth not leaue thẽ til he haue broght them to extreme impudẽcie & madnes, euẽ to iuſtifie their wickednes againſt God, & his prophetes. i Read Chap. 7 17 It ſemeth that the Papiſtes gathered of this place their *Salue Regina*, and *Regina celi, lætare*, calling ỹ virgine Marie Quene of heauẽ, & ſo of the bleſſed virgine, & mother of our Sauiour Chriſt made an idole: for here the Prophet condemneth their idolatrie.

15 Then all the men which knewe that their wiues had burnt incenſe vnto other gods and all the women that ſtode by, a great multitude, euen all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt in Pathrós, anſwered Ieremiáh, ſaying,

"Ebr we were facrat with bread

16 The worde that thou haſt ſpoken vnto vs in the Name of the Lord, we wil h not heare it of thee,

17 But we wil do whatſoeuer thing goeth out of our owne mouth, *as* to burne incenſe vnto i the Quene of heauẽ, & to powre out drinke offrings vnto her, as we haue done, *bothe* we and our fathers, our Kings and our princes in the citie of Iudáh, and in the ſtretes of Ieruſalém: for *then* had we k plentie of vitailes and were wel and "felt none euil.

k This is ſtil ỹ argument of idolaters, w eſteme religion by the bellie, & in ſtead of acknowledging Gods workes, who ſendeth bothe plentie & dearth, health, & ſickenes, they attribute it to their idoles, and ſo diſhonour God

18 But ſince we left of to burne incenſe to the Qnene of heauen, and to powre out drinke offrings vnto her, we haue had "ſcarcenes of all things, and haue bene conſumed by the ſworde and by the famine.

"Or, ſawe.

19 And when we burnt incenſe to the Quene of heauen & powred out drinke offrings vnto her, did we make her cakes to "make her glad, and powre out drinke offrings vnto her without l our houſbandes?

"Or, want.

"Or, ſo appeaſe her

20 Then ſaid Ieremiáh vnto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all ỹ people ỹ had giuẽ him ỹ anſwer, ſaying,

l This teacheth vs how great dãger it is for the houſbandes to permit their wiues anie thing wherof they be not aſſured by Gods worde: for thereby tahey take an accompt there-

21 Did not ỹ Lord remẽber the incéſe, that ye burnt in ỹ cities of Iudáh, & in the ſtretes of Ieruſalém, *bothe* you, & your fathers, your Kings, and your princes, and the people of ỹ lãd, & "hathe he not cõſidered it?

"Ebr. is it not come vp into his heart?

occaſion to iuſtifie their doings, & their houſbãds ſhal giue an accompt thereof before God, read Iſa 3,25

22 So that the Lord colde no longer forbeare, becauſe of the wickednes of your inuencions, & becauſe of the abominations, which ye haue cõmitted: therefore is your land deſolate and an aſtoniſhment, & a curſſe & without inhabitant, as *appeareth* this daie.

23 Becauſe ye haue burnt incẽſe and becauſe ye haue ſinned againſt the Lord, & haue not obeied the voice of the Lord, nor walked in his Law nor in his ſtatutes, nor in his teſtimonies, therefore this plague is come vpon you, as *appeareth* this day.

24 Moreouer Ieremiáh ſaid vnto all the people and to all the women, Heare the worde of the Lord, all Iudáh that are in the land of Egypt.

25 ¶ Thus ſpeaketh ỹ Lord of hoſtes, ỹ God of Iſraél, ſaying, Ye and your wiues haue bothe ſpoken with your mouthes, and fulfilled with your [m] hand, ſaying, We wil performe our vowes ỹ we haue vowed to burne incenſe to ỹ Queene of heauen, and to powre out drinke offrings to her: ye wil performe your vowes and do the things that ye haue vowed.

26 Therefore heare the worde of the Lord, all Iudáh that dwell in the land of Egypt. Beholde, I haue ſworne by my great Name, ſaith the Lord, that my Name [n] ſhal no more be called vpon by the mouth of any man of Iudáh, in all the land of Egypt, ſaying, The Lord God liueth.

27 Beholde, I wil watche ouer them for euil and not for good, and all men of Iudáh that are in the land of Egypt, ſhal be conſumed by the ſworde, and by the famine, vntil thei be vtterly deſtroyed.

28 Yet a ſmale nombre that eſcape the ſworde, [o] ſhal returne out of the land of Egypt into the land of Iudáh: and all the remnant of Iudáh that are gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there, ſhal knowe whoſe wordes ſhal ſtand, mine or theirs.

29 And this ſhalbe a ſigne vnto you, ſaith the Lord, when I viſite you in this place, that ye maie knowe that my wordes ſhal ſurely ſtand againſt you for euil.

30 Thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, I wil [p] giue Pharaóh Hophrá King of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that ſeke his life: as I gaue Zedekiáh King of Iudáh into the hand of Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél his enemie, who alſo ſoght his life.

m You haue cõmitted double euil in making wicked vowes, and in performing ỹ ſame.

n This declareth an horrible plague towarꝺ idolaters, ſeing that God wil not vouchſafe to haue his Name mencioned by ſuche as haue pollυted it.

o We ſe therefore, that God hathe a perpetual care ouer his, whereſoeuer they are ſcattred: for thogh they be but twoorthre, yet he wil deliuer them when he deſtroyeth his enemies.

p He ſheweth the meanes whereby they ſhulde be deſtroyed: to aſſure them of ỹ certeintie of ỹ plague, and yet they remaine ſtil in their obſtinacie til they periſh: for Ioſephus lib. 10 de Antiq. cap. 11. writeth that fiue yere after the taking of Ieruſalém, Nebuchad-nezzár the yonger, hauing ouercome the Moabites and the Ammonites, wẽt againſt Egypt, & ſlew the King, & ſo broght theſe Iewes, and other into Babylon.

CHAP. XLV.

2 Ieremiáh cõforteth Barúch aſſuring him that he ſhulde not periſh in the deſtruction of Ieruſalém.

1 THe worde that Ieremiáh the Prophet ſpake vnto [a] Barúch the ſonne of Neriah, when he had writen theſe [b] wordes in a boke at the mouth of Ieremiáh, in the fourth yere of Iehoiakím the ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iudáh, ſaying,

2 Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſraél vnto thee, ô Barúch,

3 Thou dideſt ſay, Wo is me now: for the Lord hathe layed ſorowe vnto my ſorow: I [c] fainted in my mourning, and I can finde no reſt.

4 Thus ſhalt thou ſay vnto him, The Lord ſaith thus, Beholde, that which I haue buylt, wil I [d] deſtroye, & that which I haue planted, wil I plucke vp, euen this whole land.

5 And ſekeſt [e] thou great things for thy ſelfe? ſeke them not: for beholde, I wil bring a plague vpon all fleſh, ſaith the Lord: but thy life wil I giue thee for [f] a pray in all places, whether thou goeſt.

a Which was Ieremiahs diſciple, & wrote his prophecie vnder him.

b Whereof read Chap. 36.9.

c Barúch moued with an inconſiderat zeale of Ieremiahs impriſonment, but chiefly for the deſtruction of the people, and the Temple, maketh this lamentation, as Pſal. 6.6.

d Meaning, ỹ God might deſtroye this people becauſe he had planted them.

e Thinkeſt ỹ to haue honour and credit? wherein he ſheweth his infirmitie.

f Read Chap. 21,9.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 He prophecieth the deſtruction of Egypt. 27 Deliuerance is promiſed to Iſraél.

1 THe wordes of the Lord, which came to Ieremiáh the Prophet againſt the [a] Gentiles,

2 As againſt Egypt, againſt the armie of [b] Pharaóh Nechó King of Egypt, which was by the riuer Peráth in Carchemiſh, which Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél ſmote in the fourth yere of Iehoiakím the ſonne of Ioſiáh King of Iudáh.

3 [c] Make readie buckeler and ſhield, and go fourth to battel.

Make readie the horſes, and let the horſemen get vp, & ſtand vp w̃ *your* ſallets, fourbiſh the ſpeares, and put on the brigandines.

5 [d] Wherefore haue I ſene them afraide, & driuen backe? for their mightie men are ſmitten, and are fled away, and loke not backe: *for* feare *was* round about, ſaith the Lord.

6 The ſwift ſhal not flee away, nor the ſtrong man eſcape: they ſhal ſtomble, and fall towarde the [e] Northe by the riuer Peráth.

7 Who is this, that cometh vp, as [f] a flood, whoſe waters are moued like the riuers?

8 Egypt riſeth vp like the flood, and *his* waters are moued like the riuers, and he ſaith, I wil go vp, & wil couer the earth: I wil deſtroye the citie with them that dwell therein.

9 Come vp, ye horſes, and rage ye charets, and let the valiant men come forthe, [g] the blacke Mores, and the Lybians that beare the ſhield, and the Lydians that handle & bend the bowe.

10 For this is the day of the Lord God of hoſtes, & a day of vengeance, that he may aduẽge him of his enemies: for the ſworde ſhal deuoure, and it ſhalbe ſatiat, and made drunke with their blood: for the Lord God of hoſtes hathe [h] a ſacrifice in the North

a That is, nine nations, w̃ are rounde about the land of Egypt.

b Read 2 Kin. 23,29. & 24,7. & 2 chro. 35. 20.

c He warneth the Egyptians to prepare theſelues to warre.

d The Prophet had this viſion of the Egyptians w̃ ſhulde be put to flight by the Babylonians at Carchemiſh.

e The Babylonians ſhal diſcomfit them at the riuer Euphrates.

f He derideth ỹ boaſtings of the Egyptians who thoght by their riches, & power to haue ouercome all the worlde, alluding to the riuer Nilus, w̃ at certeine times ouerfloweth the countrey of Egypt.

g For theſe nations toke parte with the Egyptians.

h He calleth the ſlaughter of Gods enemies a ſacrifice, becauſe it is a thing that doeth pleaſe him, Iſa. 34. &c.

North countrey [i] by the riuer Peráth.
11 Go vp vnto Gileád, [k] and take balme, ô virgine, [l] the daughter of Egpyt: in vaine ſhalt thou vſe many [m] medicines: *for* thou ſhalt haue no health.
12 The nations haue heard of thy ſhame, & thy crye hathe filled the land: for ỹ ſtrong hathe ſtombled againſt the ſtrong & they are fallen bothe together.
13 ¶ The worde that the Lord ſpake to Ieremiáh the Prophet, how Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél ſhulde come and ſmite the land of Egypt.
14 Publiſh in Egypt & declare in Migdól, and proclaime in Noph, & in Tahpanhés, & ſay, Stand ſtil, and prepare thee: for the ſworde ſhal deuoure rounde about thee.
15 Why are thy valiant men put backe? thei colde not ſtand, becauſe the Lord did driue them.
16 He made many to fall, and one fel vpon another: and they ſaid, Ariſe, let vs go againe to our [n] owne people, & to the land of our natiuitie from the ſworde of the violent.
17 They did crye there, Pharaóh King of Egypt, *and* of a great multitude [o] hathe paſſed the time appointed.
18 As I liue, ſaith the King, whoſe Name is the Lord of hoſtes, ſurely as Tabór *is* in the mountaines, & as Carmél *is* in the ſea: *ſo* ſhal [p] it come.
19 O thou daughter dwellíg in Egypt make thee geare to go into captiuitie: for Noph ſhalbe waſte and deſolate, without an inhabitant.
20 Egypt *is like* a [q] faire calfe, *but* deſtruction cometh: out of the North it cometh.
21 Alſo her hired men [r] *are* in the middes of her like fat calues: thei are alſo turned backe and fled away together: they colde not ſtand, becauſe the day of their deſtruction was come vpon them, & the time of their viſitacion.
22 The voyce thereof ſhal go forthe like a [ſ] ſerpent: for they ſhal marche with an armie, and come againſt [t] her with axes, as hewers of wood.
23 They ſhal cut downe [u] her foreſt, ſaith ỹ Lord: for they can not be counted, becauſe they are more then the [x] greſhoppers, and are innumerable.
24 The daughter of Egypt ſhalbe confounded. ſhe ſhalbe deliuered into the hands of the people of the North.
25 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, ỹ God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil viſite the [y] cómune people of No & Pharaóh, and Egypt, with their gods & their Kings, euen Pharaóh, and all them that truſt in him,
26 And I wil deliuer them into the hands of thoſe, that ſeke their liues, and into the hãd of Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél, and into the hands of his ſeruantes, and afterward ſhe ſhal dwell as [z] in the olde time, ſaith the Lord.
27 ¶ [a] But feare not ỹ, ô my ſeruant Iaakób, & be not thou afraied, ô Iſraél: for behold, I wil deliuer thee from a farre *cõtrey*, & thy ſede from the land of their captiuitie, and Iaakób ſhal returne and be in reſt, and proſperitie, & none ſhal make him afraid.
28 Feare thou not, ô Iaakób my ſeruãt, ſaith the Lord: for I am with thee, and I wil vtterly deſtroy all the natiõs, whether I haue driuen thee: but I wil not vtterly deſtroy thee, but correct [b] thee by iudgement, and not vtterly cut thee of.

CHAP. XLVII.

The worde of the Lord againſt the Philiſtims.

1 THe wordes of the Lord that came to Ieremiáh the Prophet, againſt ỹ Philiſtims, before that Pharaóh ſmote [a] Azzáh.
2 Thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, waters riſe vp out of the [b] North, & ſhalbe as a ſwelling flood, and ſhal ouerflowe the land, & all that is therein, and the cities with them that dwell therein: then the men ſhal crye, & all the inhabitans of ỹ land ſhal howle,
3 At the noyce & ſtamping of the hoofes of his ſtrõg *horſes*, at the noyce of his charets, and at the rumbling of his wheles: the fathers ſhal not [c] loke backe to *their* children, for feblenes of [d] hands,
4 Becauſe of the daye that cometh to deſtroye all the Philiſtims, and to deſtroye Tyrus, and Zidón, & all the reſt, that take their parte: for the Lord wil deſtroye the Philiſtims, ỹ remnant of the yle of [e] Caphtór.
5 [f] Baldenes is come vpõ Azzáh: Aſhkelón is cut vp *with* the reſt of their valleis. How long wilt [g] thou cut thy ſelf?
6 O thou ſworde of the Lord, how long wil it be or thou ceaſe? turne againe into thy ſcaberde, reſt and be ſtil.
7 How can it [h] ceaſe, ſeing the Lord hathe giuen it a charge againſt Aſhkelón, & againſt the ſea bancke? euen there hathe he appointed it.

CHAP. XLVIII.

The worde of the Lord againſt the Moabites, 26 Becauſe of their pride and crueltie.

1 COncerning Moáb, thus ſaith ỹ Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, Wo vnto [a] Nebó: for it is waſted: Kiriathaím is confounded & taken: Miſgáb is confoũded and afraied.
2 Moáb ſhal boaſt no more of Heſhbón: *for* thei haue deuiſed euil againſt it. [b] Come, and let vs deſtroye it, that it be no more a nacion: alſo thou ſhalt be deſtroyed, [c] ô Madmén, *and* the ſworde ſhal purſue thee.
3 A voice of crying *ſhalbe* from Horonáim *with* deſolacion & great deſtruction.

i That is, at Charchemiſh
k For at Gileád did grow moſte ſouerane balme for woundes
l So called becauſe Egypt had not yet ben ouercome by the enemie.
m He ſheweth that no ſalue or medicine can preuaile where as God giueth the wounde.
n As they that ſhulde repent ỹ they helped the Egyptiãs.
o He derideth them ẅ ſhal impute their ouerthrowe to lacke of counſel & policie, or to fortune: and not obſeruing of time, not conſideríg that it is Gods iuſt iudgement
p To wit, that the Egyptians ſhalbe deſtroyed.
q They haue abundance of all things, and therefore are diſobedient & proude.
r As verſ. 9.
ſ They ſhalbe ſcarſe able to ſpeake for feare of the Caldeans
t Meaning, Egypt
u That is, they ſhal ſlay the great & mighte men of power
x To wit, Nebuchad-nezzars armie.
y Some take the Ebrewe worde Amón for the Kings name of No, that is of Alexandria.
z Meanig, that after ỹ ſpace of fourty yeres Egypt ſhulde be reſtored Iſa 19.23 ezek 29,13.
a God comforteth all his ỹ were in captiuitie, but ſpecially ỹ ſmale Church of the Iewes, whereof were Ieremiáh and Barúch, which remained amõg the Egyptiãs: for the Lord neuer forſaketh his, Iſa. 44,1 chap 30, 10
b Read Chap. 10,24.
a Which was alſo called Gazá a citie of ỹ Philiſtims.
b He meaneth the armie of the Caldeans, Iſa 8,8
c The great feare ſhal take away their natural affection.
d Their heart ſhal ſo faile them
e For ỹ Caphtorims, which are alſo called Cappadociãs, had deſtroied in olde time the Philiſtims and dwelt in their land euẽ to Gazá, Deu. 2,23
f They haue pulled of the ir heere for ſorowe & heauines
g As the heathen vſed in their mournig which ỹ Lord forbade his people to do, Deut 14,1
h Meaning, ỹ it is not poſſible that the wicked ſhulde by any meanes eſcape or ſtay the Lord, whẽ he wil take vengeance.
a Theſe were cities of the Moabites, ẅ Nebuchadnezzár toke before he wẽt to fight againſt Necho King of Egypt.
b Thus ſhal the Babylonians incourage one another
c Read Iſa. 25,10.

4 Moáb is deſtroyed: her litle ones haue cauſed their crye to be heard.

d Horonáim & Luhith were two places whereby the Moabites ſhulde flee, Iſa 15.5

5 For at the going vp of d Luhith, the mourner ſhal go vp with weping: for in ỹ going downe of Horonáim, the enemies haue heard a crye of deſtruction,

e Hide your ſelues in baren places, where the enemie wil not purſue after you, Chap 17. 6.

6 Flee and ſaue your liues, and be like vnto the e heath in the wildernes.

f That is, the idoles which are the workes of thine hãds. Some read in thy poſſeſsions, for ſo ỹ worde may ſignifie, as 1. Sam 25.2

7 For becauſe thou haſt truſted in thy f workes and in thy treaſures, thou ſhalt alſo be taken, and g Chemóſh ſhal go forth into captiuitie with his Prieſts and his princes together.

g Bothe thy great idole & his maintenners ſhalbe led away captiues, ſo that they ſhal then knowe that it is in vaine to loke for helpe at idoles, Iſa 15.2.

8 And ỹ deſtroier ſhal come vpon all cities, & no citie ſhal eſcape: the valley alſo ſhal periſh and the plaine ſhalbe deſtroied as the Lord hathe ſpoken.

9 Giue wings vnto Moáb, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof ſhalbe deſolate, without any to dwell therein.

h He ſheweth that God wolde puniſh the Caldeans, if they did not deſtroy the Egyptians and that with a courage, and calleth this executing of his vengeance againſt his enemies his worke: thogh the Caldeas ſoght another end, Iſa. 10, 12.

10 h Curſed *be he* that doeth the worke of ỹ Lord i negligently, and curſed *be he* that kepeth backe his ſworde from blood.

i Or, deceitfully

11 Moáb hathe bene at reſt from his youth, and he hathe ſetled on his lees, & hathe not bene k powred from veſſel to veſſel, neither hathe he gone into captiuitie: therefore his taſte remained in him and his ſent is not changed.

k Hathe not bene remoued as the Iewes haue, but hath liued at eaſe and as a wine ỹ fedeth him ſelf on his lees

12 ¶ Therefore beholde, ỹ daies come, ſaith the Lord, that I wil ſend vnto him ſuche as ſhal cary him away, and ſhal emptie his veſſels, and breake their bottels.

13 And Moáb ſhal be aſhamed of Chemóſh as the houſe of Iſraél was aſhamed of l Beth-él their confidence.

l As the calfe of Beth-él was not able to deliuer the Iſraelites: no more ſhal Chemóſh deliuer the Moabites

14 How thinke you *thus*, We are mightie & ſtrong men of warre?

15 Moáb is deſtroyed, and his cities m burnt vp, & his choſen yong mẽ are gone downe to ſlaughter, ſaith the King, whoſe name *is*, The Lord of hoſtes.

m Ebr. gone vp, or deſtroyed

16 The deſtruction of Moáb is readie to come, and his plague haſteth faſt.

17 All ye ỹ are about him, mourne for him, & all ye that knowe his name, ſay, n How is the ſtrong ſtaffe broken, & the beautiful rod!

n How are thei deſtroied that put their truſt in their ſtrength and riches!

18 Thou daughter that doeſt inhabite Dibón, come downe from *thy* glorie, & ſit in thirſt: for the deſtroyer of Moáb ſhal come vp vpon thee, *and* he ſhal deſtroy thy ſtrong holdes.

19 Thou that dwelleſt in Aroér, ſtãd by the way, and beholde: aſke him that fleeth and that eſcapeth, & ſay, What is done?

o Thus they that flee, ſhal anſwer.

20 o Moáb is confounded: for it is deſtroyed: howle, and crye, tel ye it in Arnón, that Moáb is made waſte,

21 And iudgement is come vpon the plaine countrey, vpon Holón & vpon Iahazáh, and vpon Mephaáth,

22 And vpon Dibón, and vpon Nebó, and vpon the houſe of Diblathaim,

23 And vpon Kiriathaim, and vpon Beth-gamúl, and vpon Beth-meón,

24 And vpon Kerióth, and vpon Bozráh, & vpon all the cities of the land of Moáb farre or nere.

n That is, his power and ſtrength

25 The n horne of Moáb is cut of, and his arme is broken, ſaith the Lord.

o He willed ỹ Caldeans to lay afflictions ynough vpon them, til they be like drũken men that fall downe to their ſhame and are derided of all

26 Make ye him o drunken: for he magnified him ſelf againſt the Lord: Moáb ſhal p wallow in his vomite, and he alſo ſhalbe in derision.

p Or, ſhal be ful or clappe his hands

27 For dideſt not ỹ deride Iſraél, as thogh he had bene founde among theues? for when thou ſpeakeſt of him, thou art q moued.

q Thou reioyceſt to heare of his miſerie.

28 O ye that dwell in Moáb, leaue the cities, and dwell in the rockes, and be like the doue, that maketh her neſte in the ſides of the holes mouth.

29 * We haue heard the pride of Moáb (*he is* exceding proude) his ſtoutnes, and his arrogancie, and his pride, and the hautenes of his heart.

Iſa. 16, 6.

30 I knowe his wrath, ſaith the Lord, r but it ſhal not *be ſo*: *&* his diſsimulacions, *for* thei do not right.

r He ſhal not execute his malice againſt his neighbours

31 s Therefore wil I howle for Moáb, and I wil crye out for all Moáb: *mine heart* ſhal mourne for the men of Kir-héres.

s Read Iſa 16, 1.

32 O vine of Sibmáh, I wil wepe for thee, as I wept for Iazér: thy plantes are gone ouer the ſea, thei are come to the ſea t of Iazér: the deſtroyer is fallen vpon thy ſommer fruits, and vpon thy vintage,

t Which citie was in the vtmoſte border of Moáb: and hereby he ſignifieth that the whole land ſhulde be deſtroied & the people caried away.

33 And ioye, and gladnes is taken from the plentiful field & from the land of Moáb: and I haue cauſed wine to faile from the wine preſſe: none ſhal tread with ſhouting: *their* ſhouting *ſhalbe* no ſhouting.

34 Fro the crye of Heſhbón vnto Elaléh & vnto Iahaz haue thei made their noyſe from Zóar vnto Horonáim, the u heiffer of thre yere olde *ſhal go lowing*: for the waters alſo of Nimrim ſhalbe waſted.

u Read Iſa. 15.5

35 Moreouer, I wil cauſe to ceaſe in Moáb, ſaith the Lord, him that offred in the high places, and him that burneth incenſe to his gods.

36 Therefore mine heart ſhal ſoũd for Moáb like a x ſhaume & mine heart ſhal ſoũde like a ſhaume for the men of Kir-héres, becauſe the riches that he hathe gotte, is periſhed.

x Their cuſtome was to play on flutes or inſtruments. heauie & grane tunes at buryales and in the time of mourning, as Mat. 9, 23. *Iſa. 1.13.*

37 * For euery head ſhalbe balde, and euery beard plucked: vpon all the handes ſhalbe cuttings, and vpon the loynes ſackecloth.

ezek. 7.18.

38 *And* mourning ſhalbe vpon all the houſe toppes of Moáb and in all the ſtretes thereof: for I haue broke Moáb like a veſſel wherein is no pleaſure, ſaith the Lord.

Or, ſhaken.

39 Thei ſhal howle, *ſaying*, How is he deſtroied

troyed? how hathe Moáb turnèd the backe with ſhame? ſo ſhal Moab be a deriſion, & a feare to all them about him.

x That is, Nebuchad-nezzár as Chap 49,22

40 For thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, x he ſhal flee as an egle, & ſhal ſpread his wings ouer Moáb.

41 The cities are taken and the ſtrong holdes are wonne, & the mightie mens hearts in Moáb at that day ſhalbe as the heart of a woman in trauail.

42 And Moáb ſhalbe deſtroyed from being a people, becauſe he hathe ſet vp him ſelf againſt the Lord.

y He that eſcapeth one dãger, ſhalbe taken of another Iſa 24,17

43 y Feare, and pit and ſnare *ſhalbe* vpõ thee, ô inhabitant of Moáb, ſaith the Lord.

44 He that eſcapeth from the feare, ſhal fall in the pit, & he that getteth vp out of the pit, ſhalbe takẽ in the ſnare: for I wil bring vpon it, *euen* vpon Moáb, the yere of their viſitation, ſaith the Lord.

z They fled thether thinking to haue ſuccour of the Amorites

a The Amorites had deſtroyed the Moabites 10 times paſt, and now becauſe of their power, ỹ Moabites ſhal ſeke to them for helpe

45 They that fled, ſtode vnder ỹ ſhadowe z of Heſhbón, becauſe of the force: for a ỹ fyr came out of Heſhbón, & a flame frõ Sihón, and deuoured the corner of Moáb, and the top of the ſeditious children.

b Which vanted themſelues of their idole as though he colde haue defended them

46 Wo *be* vnto thee, ô Moáb: the people of b Chemóſh periſheth: for thy ſonnes are taken captiues, and thy daughters *led* into captiuitie.

c That is, thei ſhalbe reſtored by the Meſsiáh

47 Yet wil I bring againe the captiuitie of Moáb in the c later daies, ſaith the Lord. Thus farre of the iudgement of Moáb.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 The worde of the Lord againſt the Ammonites, 7 Edomea, 23 Damaſcus, 28 Kedar, 34 & Elam.

a They were 1 ſeparated frõ the Moabites by the riuer Arnón, & after that the ten tribes were caryed away into captiuitie, they inuaded ỹ countrey of Gad

b To wit, of ỹ Ammonites

c Meaning, of the Iſraelites

d Which was one of ỹ chief cities of the Ammonites, as were Heſhbón and Ai: there was alſo a cittie called Heſhbón amõg ỹ Moabites

e In thy plentiful countrei.

f Signifying ỹ power and riches can not prenaile when as God wil execute his iudgements

g That is, without loking backe and as euerie one can finde away to eſcape.

h In the time of Chriſt whẽ ỹ Gentiles ſhal be called.

VNto the children of a Ammón thus ſaith the Lord, Hathe Iſraél no ſonnes? or hathe he none heire? Why *then* hathe their b King poſſeſſed Gad? and his people dwelt in c his cities?

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2 Therefore beholde, the dayes come, ſaith the Lord, that I wil cauſe a noyſe of warre to be heard in d Rabbáh of the Ammonites, and it ſhalbe a deſolate heape, & her daughters ſhalbe burnt with fyre: then ſhal Iſraél poſſeſſe thoſe that poſſeſſed him, ſaith the Lord.

3 Howle, ô Heſhbón, for Ai is waſted: crye ye daughters of Rabbáh: girde you with ſackeclothe: mourne & runne to & fro by ỹ hedges: for their King ſhal go into captiuitie, & his Prieſts, and his princes likewiſe.

4 Wherefore glorieſt thou in the e valleis? thy valley floweth away, ô rebellious daughter: ſhe truſted in her treaſures, *ſaying*, Who ſhal come vnto me?

5 Beholde, I wil bring f a feare vpon thee, ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes, of all thoſe that be about thee, and ye ſhalbe ſcatred euerie man g right forthe, & none ſhal gather him that fleeth.

6 And h afterward I wil bring againe the captiuitie of the children of Ammón.

7 ¶ To Edóm thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Is wiſdome no more in i Temán? is coũſel periſhed from *their* children? is their wiſdome vaniſhed?

i Which was a citie of Edom called by the name of Temã Eliphaz ionne who came of Eſáu

8 Flee, ye inhabitants of Dedán (k they are turned backe, and haue conſulted to dwell) for I haue broght the deſtruction of Eſáu vpon him, *and* the time of his viſitation.

k The enemies that ſhal diſſemble as though thei fled away, ſhal turne backe, & inuade your land, and poſſeſſe it

9 If the l grape gatherers come to thee, wolde they not leaue *ſome* grapes? if theues come by night, they wil deſtroye til they haue ynough.

l Meaning that God wolde vtterly deſtroy them, and not ſpare one, though the grape garberers leaue ſome grapes, & theues ſeke but til they haue ynough, Obad. 1,5

10 For I haue diſcouered Eſáu: I haue vncouered his ſecrets, and he ſhal not be able to hide him ſelf: his ſede is waſted, and his brethrẽ and his neighbours, and there ſhalbe none *to ſay*,

m The deſtruction ſhalbe ſo great, that there ſhalbe none left to take care ouer ỹ widdowes, & fatherles

11 Leaue thy m fatherles children, & I wil preſerue them aliue, and let thy widowes truſt in me.

n I haue not ſpared mine owne people, & how ſhulde I pitie thee?

12 For thus ſaith the Lord, n Beholde, thei whoſe iudgement was not to drinke of the cuppe, haue aſſuredly drunkẽ, and art thou he that ſhal eſcape free? thou ſhalt not go free, but thou ſhalt ſurely drinke of it.

o Which was a chief citie of Edóm.

13 For I haue ſworne by my ſelf, ſaith the Lord, that o Boziáh ſhal be waſte, and for a reproche, and a deſolation, and a curſe, and all the cities thereof ſhalbe perpetual deſolations.

14 I haue heard a rumour from the Lord, & an embaſſadour is ſent vnto the heathen, *ſaying*, Gather you together, and come againſt p her, and riſe vp to the battel.

p That is, Bozráh

15 For lo, I wil make thee but ſmale among the heathen, and deſpiſed among men.

16 Thy q feare, *and* the pride of thine heart hathe deceiued thee, thou that dwelleſt in the cleftes of the rocke, and kepeſt the height of the hill: thogh thou ſhulde make thy neſt as hie as the egle, I wil bring thee downe from thence, ſaith the Lord.

q Or, *idole*

17 ¶ Alſo Edóm ſhalbe deſolate: euerie one that goeth by it, ſhalbe aſtoniſhed, & ſhal hiſſe at all the plagues thereof,

18 As in the ouerthrowe of Sodóm, and of Gomoráh, and the places thereof nere about, ſaith the Lord: no man ſhal dwell there, nether ſhal the ſonnes of men remaine in it.

q To wit, Nebuchad-nezzár after he hathe ouercome Iudáh, which ment by the ſwelling of Iordén, ſhal come againſt mount Seir & Edóm.

19 Beholde, q he ſhal come vp like a lyon from the ſwelling of Iordén vnto the ſtrong dwelling place: for I wil make *Iſraél* to reſt, *euen* I wil make r him to haſte away from her, & who is a choſen mã that I may appoint againſt her? for who is like me? & who wil appoint me ỹ time? & who is the ſ ſhepherd that wil ſtand before me?

r That is, the Iſraelites, whome the Edomites kept as priſoners to haſte away from thence

ſ The captaine and gouernour of the armie, meaning, Nebuchadnezzár.

20 Therefore heare the coũſel of the Lord that he hathe deuiſed againſt Edóm, & his purpoſe ỹ he hathe cõceiued againſt ỹ in

habitans of Temán: surely the least of the flocke shal drawe them out: surely u he shal make their habitations desolate with thé.

t They shal not be able to resist his petit captaines.
u To wit, the enemie.

21 The earth is moued at the noyce of their fall: the crye of their voyce is heard in the red Sea.

22 Beholde, he shal come vp, and flie as the egle, x and spread his wings ouer Bozráh, and at that day shal the heart of the strog men of Edóm be as the heart of a woman in trauail.

x As Chap 48, 40 was said of Moáb.

23 ¶Vnto y Damascus *he saith*, Hamáth is confoûded and Arpád, for thei haue heard euil tidings, and they are faint hearted *as one* on the feareful sea that can not rest.

y Which was the chief citie of Syria, whereby he meaneth the whole countrey.

24 Damascus is discouraged, *and* turneth her self to flight z and feare hathe seased her: anguish & sorowes haue taken her as a woman in trauail.

z When she heard the sudden coming of the enemie.

25 How is the glorious a citie not reserued, the citie?

a He speaketh this in the persone of ỹ King and of them of the countrey who shal wonder to se Damascus ỹ chief citie destroyed

26 Therefore her yong mẽ shal fall in her stretes, and all her men of warre shalbe cut of in that day, saith the Lord of hostes.

27 And I wil kindle a fyre in the walle of Damascus, which shal cõsume the palaces of b Ben-hadád.

b Who was King of Syria, 1. King. 20, 26, and had buylt these palaces, which were stil called the palaces of Ben-hadád.

28 ¶Vnto c Kedár, and to the kingdomes of Hazór, which Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél shal smite, thus saith the Lord, Arise, *&* go vp vnto Kedár, and destroye the men of the East.

c Meaning the Arabians, and their borderers

29 Their tentes and their flockes shal they take away: yea, they shal take to thẽ selues their d curtaines, and all their vessels, and their camels & they shal crye vnto them, Feare is on euerie side.

d Because thei vsed to dwell in tentes, he nameth ỹ thigs that perteine thereunto

30 Flee, get you farre of (e thei haue consulted to dwell) ô ye inhabitants of Hazór, saith ỹ Lord: for Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél hathe taken counsel against you, and hathe deuised a purpose against you.

e The enemies wil dwell in your places.

31 f Arise, *&* get you vp vnto the welthie nation that dwelleth without care, saith the Lord, which haue nether gates nor barres, *but* dwell alone.

f He sheweth that they of Hazór wil flee to the Arabiãs for succour, but that shal not auaile thẽ

32 And their camels shalbe a boutie, and the multitude of their cattel a spoile, and I wil scatter thẽ into all windes, and to the vtmost corners, and I wil bring their destruction from all the sides thereof, saith the Lord.

33 And Hazór shal be a dwelling for dragons, *&* desolation for euer: there shal no man dwell there, nor the sonnes of men remaine in it.

g That is, Persia, so called of Elám the sonne of Shem.
h Because the Persians were good archers, he sheweth ỹ the thing wherein they put their trust shal de not profite them.

34 ¶The wordes of the Lord that came to Ieremiáh the Prophet, cõcerning g Elám, in the beginning of the reigne of Zedekiáh King of Iudáh, saying,

35 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, Beholde, I wil breake the h bowe of Elám, *euen* the chief of their strength.

36 And vpon Elám I wil bring the foure winds frõ the foure quarters of heauen, & wil scattre thẽ towardes all these windes, and there shalbe no nation, whether the fugitiues of Elám shal not come.

37 For I wil cause Elám to be afraied before their enemies, and before them that seke their liues, and wil bring vpon them a plague, *euen* the indignation of my wrath, saith the Lord, and I wil send the sworde after them til I haue consumed them.

i I wil place Nebuchad-nezzár there, and in these prophecies Ieremiáh speaketh of those countreies, which shulde be subdued vnder the first of those foure monarchies whereof Daniel maketh mencion.

38 And I wil set my i throne in Elám, and I wil destroye *bothe* the King and the princes from thẽce, saith the Lord: but k in the latter dayes I wil bring againe the captiuitie of Elám, saith the Lord.

k This may be referred to the empire of the Persians, and Medes after ỹ Caldeans, or vnto the time of Christ, as Chap 48, 47.

CHAP. L.

He prophecieth the destruction of Babylon, and the deliuerance of Israil, which was in captiuitie.

1 THe worde that the Lord spake, concerning Babél, *&* cõcerning the land of the Caldeans by the "ministerie of Ieremiáh the Prophet.

"Hebr. hand.

2 Declare among the nations, and publish it, and set vp a standart, proclaime it *&* cõceile it not: say, a Babél is taken, Bel is confoûded, b Merodách is broken downe: her idoles are confoûded, *and* their images are burst in pieces.

a After that God hathe vsed the Babylonians seruice to punish other nations, he sheweth that their turne shal come to be punished.
b These were two of their chiefe idoles.

3 For out of the North there c cometh vp a nation against her, which shal make her land waste, and none shal dwell therein: they shal flee, *and* departe, bothe man and beast.

c To wit, the Medes, and the Persians.

4 In those dayes, and at that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israél shal d come, they, and the children of Iudáh together, going, and e weping shal they go, and seke the Lord their God.

d When Cyrus shal take Babél
e Read Chap. 31, 9.

5 They shal aske the waye to Zión, with their faces thetherward, *saying*, Come, and let vs cleaue to the Lord in a perpetual couenant that shal not be forgotten.

6 ¶My people hathe bene *as* lost shepe: their f shepherdes haue caused them to go astray, and haue turned them away to the mountaines: they haue gone from g moũtaine to hil, *&* forgottẽ their resting place.

f Their gouernours & ministers by their examples haue prouoked them to idolatrie

7 All that found them, haue deuoured thẽ, and their enemies said, We offend not because they haue sinned against the Lord, h the habitation of iustice, euen the Lord the hope of their fathers.

g They haue commit idolatrie in euerie place.
h For the Lord dwelt among them in his Tẽple, and wolde haue maintened thẽ by his iustice against their enemies.

8 i Flee from the middes of Babél, and departe out of the land of the Caldeans, and be ye as the he goates k before the flocke.

i When God shal deliuer you by Cyrus.
k That is, more forward and without feare.

9 For lo, I wil raise, and cause to come vp against Babél a multitude of mightie nations from the North countrey, and thei shal set them selues in aray against her, whereby she shalbe taken: their arrowes *shalbe* as of a strong man, which is expert *for* none shal returne in vaine.

10 And

10 And Caldea ſhalbe a ſpoile: all that ſpoile her, l ſhalbe ſatiſfied, ſaith the Lord.
11 Becauſe ye were glad and reioyced in deſtroying mine heritage, & becauſe ye are growen fat, as the calues in the graſſe, m & neyed like ſtrong *horſes*,
12 *Therefore* your mothers ſhalbe ſore confoũded, and ſhe that bare you, ſhalbe aſhamed: beholde, the vttermoſt of the nations *ſhalbe* a deſert, a drye land, & a wildernes.
13 Becauſe of the wrath of the Lord it ſhal not be inhabited, but ſhalbe wholy deſolate: euerie one that goeth by Babél, ſhal be aſtoniſhed, n & hiſſe at all her plagues.
14 o Put your ſelues in araye againſt Babél round about: all ye that bend the bowe, ſhoote at her, ſpare no arrowes: for ſhe hathe p ſinned againſt the Lord.
15 Crye againſt her round about: ſhe hathe q giuen her hand: her foundacions are fallẽ, & her walles are deſtroyed: for it is ỹ vengeance of the Lord: take vengeance vpon her: as ſhe hathe done, do vnto her.
16 Deſtroye the r ſower from Babél, and him that handleth the ſieth in the time of harueſt: becauſe of the ſworde of the oppreſſour they ſhal turne euerie one to his people, and they ſhal flee euerie one to his owne land.
17 Iſraél *is like* ſcattered ſhepe: the lyons haue diſperſed them: firſt the King s of Aſſhúr hathe deuoured him, & laſt this Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél hathe brokẽ t his bones.
18 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, Beholde, I wil viſite the King of Babél, and his land, as I haue viſited the King of Aſſhúr.
19 And I wil bring Iſraél againe to his habitation: he ſhal fede on Carmél and Baſhán, and his ſoule ſhalbe ſatiſfied vpon the mount Ephráim and Gileád.
20 In thoſe dayes, and at that time, ſaith the Lord, the iniquitie of Iſraél ſhalbe ſought for, and there ſhal be none: and the ſinnes of Iudáh, & they ſhal not be found: for I wil be merciful vnto them, whome I reſerue.
21 Go vp againſt the land of the u rebelles, *euen* againſt it, and againſt the inhabitants x of y Pekód: deſtroye, and lay it waſte after them, ſaith the Lord, and do according to all that I haue commanded thee.
22 A crye of battel *is* in the land, & of great deſtruction.
23 How is the z hãmer of the whole worlde deſtroyed, and broken! how is Babél become deſolate among the nations!
24 I haue ſnared thee, and thou art taken, ô Babél, and thou waſt not aware: thou art founde, and alſo caught, becauſe thou haſt ſtriuen againſt the Lord.
25 The Lord hathe opened his treaſure, and hathe broght forthe the weapons of his wrath: for this is the worke of the Lord God of hoſtes in ỹ land of the Caldeans.
26 Come againſt her " frõ the vtmoſt border: open her ſtore houſes: tread on her as on ſheaues, and deſtroie her vtterly: let nothing of her be left.
27 Deſtroie all her a bullockes: let them go downe to the ſlaughter. Wo vnto them, for their day is come, *and* the time of their viſitation.
28 The voice of them that b flee, and eſcape out of the land of Babél to declare in Zión ỹ vengeance of the Lord our God, *and* the vengeance of his Temple.
29 Call vp the archers againſt Babél: all ye that bend ỹ bowe, beſiege it rounde about: let none thereof eſcape: c recompence her according to her worke, *and* according to all that ſhe hathe done, do vnto her: for ſhe hathe bene proude againſt the Lord, *euen* againſt the holy one of Iſraél.
30 Therefore ſhal her yong men fall in the ſtretes, and all her men of warre ſhalbe deſtroied in that day, ſaith the Lord.
31 Beholde, I *come* vnto thee, ô proude *man*, ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes: for thy day is come, *euẽ* the time that I wil viſite thee.
32 And the proude ſhal ſtomble and fall, & none ſhal raiſe him vp: and I wil kindle a fyre in his cities, and it ſhal deuoure all rounde about him.
33 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, The children of Iſraél, and the children of Iudáh were oppreſſed together: and all that toke them captiues, helde them, *and* wolde not let them go.
34 *But* their ſtrong redemer, whoſe Name *is* the Lord of hoſtes, he ſhal mainteine their cauſe, that he may giue reſt to the land, d & diſquiet the inhabitants of Babél.
35 A ſworde *is* vpon the Caldeans, ſaith the Lord, and vpon the inhabitants of Babél, and vpon her princes, and vpon her wiſe men.
36 A ſworde *is* vpon the " ſothe ſayers, and thei ſhal dote: a ſworde *is* vpon her ſtrong men, and thei ſhal be afraied.
37 A ſworde *is* vpon their horſes and vpon their charets, and vpon all the multitude that are in the middes of her, and thei ſhal be like women: a ſworde *is* vpon her treaſures, and thei ſhal be ſpoiled.
38 A e drought *is* vpon her waters, and thei ſhal be dryed vp: for it is the lãd of grauẽ images, and thei dote vpon their idoles.
39 Therefore ỹ f Ziims with the Iims ſhal dwell *there*, & " the oſtriches ſhal dwell therein: for it ſhal be no more inhabited, nether ſhal it be inhabited from generacion vnto generacion.
40 As God deſtroied g Sodóm and Gomo-

l Shalbe made riche thereby.
m For ioye of the victorie, ỹ ye had againſt my people.
n In ſigne of contempt, and diſdaine
o He ſpeaketh to the enemies the Medes and Perſians
p Thogh the Lord called ỹ Babyloniáshis ſeruants, and their worke his worke in puniſhing his people, yet becauſe they did it not to glorifie God, but for their owne malice, & to profite them ſelues, it is here called ſinne.
q Or, yelded or made peace.
r Deſtroye her ſo that none be left to labour the groũde or to take ỹ frute thereof.
s Meaning, Tiglath-Pelezár who caryed away the ten tribes
t He caryed away the reſt, to wit, Iudáh, & Beniamin.
u That is, Babylon: thus the Lord raiſeth vp Cyrus *Eſa.23.23.*
x Or, of thẽ that ſhulde be viſited.
y Nebuchad-nezzár, who had ſmitten downe all the princes, and people of the worlde.
z Ebr from the end.
a Her princes and mightie men.
b Of ỹ Iewes which ſhulde be deliuered by Cyrus.
c *Reuel.18.6.*
d He ſheweth ỹ when God executeth his iudgements againſt his enemies, that his Church ſhal then haue reſt.
e Ebr Lyers
f For Cyrus did cut the riuer Euphrates and deuided ỹ courſe thereof into many ſtreames, ſo ỹ it might be paſſed ouer as thogh there had bene no water: which thing he did by the counſel of two of Belſhazzars captaines, who cõſpired againſt their King, becauſe he had gelded the one of them in deſpite, and ſlaine the ſonne of the other.
g Read Iſa 13. 21
h Ebr ſonnes of the oſtriches, or yong
Gen.19.24.
Iſa.13.19.

ráh with the places thereof nere about, ſaith the Lord: ſo ſhal no man dwell there, nether ſhal ỹ ſonne of mā remaine therein.

41 ¶ Beholde, a people ſhal come from the North, and a great natiō, & manie Kings ſhal be raiſed vp from c the coaſtes of the earth.

c Meaning, ỹ the Perſians ſhulde gather their armie of manie nations

42 Thei ſhal holde ỹ bowe & the buckelet: they are cruel & vnmerciful: their voyce ſhal roare like the ſea, and they ſhal ride vpon horſes, & be put in aray like men to ỹ battel againſt thee, ô daughter of Babél.

43 The King of Babél hathe heard the report of them, and his hands d waxed feole: ſorowe came vpon him, *euen* ſorowe as of a woman in trauail.

d Which is ment of Belſhazzár, Dan. 5,6

Chap. 49,19

44 Beholde, he *ſhal come vp like a lyon fiō the ſwelling of Iordén vnto the ſtrōg habitation: for I wil make *Iſraél* to reſt, & I wil make them to haſte away from her: and who is a choſen man that I may appoint againſt her? for who is like me, & who wil appoint me the time? and who is the e ſhepherd that wil ſtand before me?

e Read Chap. 49,19.

45 Therefore heare the coūſel of the Lord that he hathe deuiſed againſt Babél, and his purpoſe ỹ he hathe conceiued againſt the land of the Caldeans: ſurely the leaſt of the flocke ſhal drawe them out: ſurely he ſhal make *their* habitatiō deſolate w̄ thē.

46 At the noyſe of the winning of Babél the earth is moued, and the crye is heard among the nations.

CHAP. LI.

1 Why Babylon is deſtroyed. 41 The vaine confidence of the Babylonians. 43 The vanitie of idolaters. 59 Ieremiah giueth his booke to Seraiáh.

1 THus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, I wil raiſe vp againſt Babél, and againſt the inhabitants that lift vp *their* heart againſt me, a deſtroying a winde,

a Or, *of the land that riſeth vp.*

2 And wil ſend vnto Babél fanners that ſhal fanne her, and ſhal emptie her land: for in ỹ day of trouble thei ſhalbe againſt her on euerie ſide.

a The Medes and Perſians, ỹ ſhal deſtroye them as the winde doeth ỹ chaffe.

3 Alſo to the bender that bendeth his bowe, and to him that lifteth himſelf vp in his brigandine, *wil I ſay*, Spare not her yong men, but deſtroye all her hoſte.

4 Thus the ſlaine ſhal fall in the lād of the Caldeans, and they that are thruſt through in her ſtretes.

b Though they were forſaken for a time, yet they were not vtterly caſt of as though their houſband were dead.

5 For Iſraél hathe bene no b widow, nor Iudáh from his God, from the Lord of hoſtes, though their lād was filled with ſinne againſt the holy one of Iſraél.

c He ſheweth that there remaineth nothing for them that abide in Babylon, but deſtruction. Chap 17,6 & 48,6.

6 ¶ c Flee out of the middes of Babél, & deliuer euerie mā his ſoule: be not deſtroyed in her iniquitie: for this is the time of the Lords vengeance: he wil rendre vnto her a recompence.

d By whome ỹ Lord powred out the drinke of his vengeāce, or whome it pleaſed him

7 Babél *hathe bene as* a golden cuppe in the d Lords hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nacions haue drunken of her wine, therefore do the nacions e rage.

e For ỹ great affliction that thei haue felt by the Babylonians. *Iſa 21,9. Reuel 14,8.*

8 *Babél is ſuddēly fallen, & deſtroied: howle for her, bring balme for her ſore, if ſhe may be healed.

9 We wolde haue cured Babél, but ſhe could not be healed: forſake her, and let f vs go euerie one into his owne countrie: for her iudgement is come vp vnto heauen, & is lifted vp to the cloudes.

f Thus ỹ people of God exhort one another to go to Zión and praiſe God

10 The Lord hathe broght forthe our g righteouſnes: come and let vs declare in Zión the worke of the Lord our God.

g In approuing our cauſe and puniſhing our enemies

11 Make bright the arrowes: h gather ỹ ſhildes: the Lord hathe raiſed vp the ſpirit of the King of the Medes: for his purpoſe is againſt Babél to deſtroie it, becauſe it is the i vengeance of the Lord, *and* the vengeance of his Temple.

h Or, *fil, or multiply.*

i For the wrong done to his people and to his Temple Chap 50,28.

12 Set vp the ſtandart vpon the walles of Babél, make the watche ſtrong: ſet vp the watchmen: prepare the ſkoutes: for the Lord hathe both deuiſed, and done that which he ſpake againſt the inhabitants of Babél.

13 O thou that dwelleſt vpō many k waters, abundant in treaſures, thine end is come, *euen* the l end of thy couetouſnes.

k For ỹ land of Caldea was ful of riuers w̄ ran into Euphrates.

l Or, *meaſure.*

14 The Lord of hoſtes hathe ſworne by m him * ſelfe, *ſaying*, Surely I wil fil thee with men, as with caterpillers, and thei ſhal crye and ſhoute againſt thee.

m Or, *his ſoule* *Amos 6,8*

15 * He hathe made the earth by his power, and eſtabliſhed the worlde by his wiſdome, and hathe ſtretched out the heauen by his diſcretion.

Chap. 10,12.

16 He giueth by *his* voice the multitude of waters in the heauen, and he cauſeth the cloudes to aſcend frō the ends of ỹ earth: he turneth lightnings to raine, and bringeth forthe the winde out of his treaſures.

17 Euerie man is a beaſt by *his owne* k knowledge: euerie founder is cōfounded by the grauen image: for his melting is but falſehod and there is no breth therein.

k Read Chap. 10,14.

18 Thei are vanitie, & the worke of errors: in the time of their l viſitacion they ſhal periſh.

l When God ſhal execute his vengeance.

19 The m portion of Iaakób *is* not like them: for he is the maker of all things, and *Iſraél is* the rod of his inheritance: the Lord of hoſtes *is* his Name.

m That is, the true God of Iſraél is not like to theſe idoles: for he can helpe when all things are deſperate

20 Thou art mine n hammer, *and* weapons of warre: for with thee wil I breake the nations, and with thee wil I deſtroie kingdomes,

n He meaneth the Medes and Perſians, as he did before call the Babylonians his hammer, Chap. 50, 23.

21 And by thee wil I breake horſe and horſeman, and by thee wil I breake the charret and him that rideth therein.

22 By thee alſo wil I breake man & womā, and by thee wil I breake olde and yong, and by thee wil I breake the yong man &

the maid.

23 I wil alſo breake by thee the ſhepherd & his flocke, & by thee wil I breake the houſ bandman and his yoke of oxen, & by thee wil I breake the dukes and princes.

24 And I wil rédre vnto Babél, & to all the inhabitans of the Caldeans all their euil, that thei haue done in Zión, *euen* in your ſight, ſaith the Lord.

25 Beholde, I *come* vnto thee, ô deſtroying [o] mountaine, ſaith the Lord, which deſtroieſt all the earth: and I wil ſtretch out mine hand vpon thee, and roll thee downe from the [p] rockes, & wil make thee a burnt mountaine.

26 Thei ſhal not take of thee a ſtone for a corner, nor a ſtone for fundacións, but thou ſhalt be deſtroied for euer, ſaith the Lord.

27 Set vp a ſtandart in the land: blowe the trumpets among the nacions: prepare the naciós againſt her: call vp the kingdomes [q] of Ararát, Minní, and Aſhchenáz againſt her: appoint the prince againſt her: cauſe horſes to come vp as the rough caterpillers.

28 Prepare againſt her the nacions with the Kings of the Medes, the dukes thereof, & the princes thereof, and all the land of his dominion.

29 And the land ſhal tremble & ſorowe: for the deuiſe of the Lord ſhal be perform d againſt Babél, to make the land of Babél waſte without an inhabitant.

30 The ſtróg men of Babél haue ceaſed to fight: thei haue remained in their holdes: their ſtrength hathe failed, *and* thei were like women: thei haue burnt her dwelling places, *and* her barres are broken.

31 A poſt ſhal runne to mete the poſt, and a meſſenger to mete the meſſenger, to ſhewe the King of Babél, that his citie is taken on a [r] ſide thereof,

32 And that the paſſages are ſtopped, and [ſ] the redes burnt with fyre, and the mẽ of warre troubled.

33 For thus ſaith [ſ] Lord of hoſtes the God of Iſraél, The daughter of Babél *is* like a threſſhing floore: the time of her threſſhing *is come*: yet a litle while, and the time of her harueſt [t] ſhal come.

34 Nebuchad nezzár [ſ] King of Babél hathe [t] deuoured me, & deſtroied me: he hathe made me an emptie veſſel: he ſwalowed me vp like a dragon, and filled his belie with my delicates, & hathe caſt me out.

35 The ſpoile of me, & that which was left of me, *is brought* vnto Babél, ſhal the inhabitant of Zión ſay: and my blood vnto the inhabitants of Caldea, ſhal Ieruſalem ſay.

36 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Behold, I wil mainteine thy [u] cáuſe, and take vengeance for thee, and I wil drye vp the ſea, and drye vp her ſprings.

37 And Babél ſhal be *as* heapes, a dwelling place for dragons, an aſtoniſhment, and an hiſsing, without an inhabitant.

38 Thei ſhal roare together like lions, and yell as the lions whelpes.

39 In their [x] heat I wil make them feaſtes, and I wil make them drunken, that they may reioice, and ſlepe a perpetual ſlepe, and not wake, ſaith the Lord.

40 I wil bring them downe like lambes to the ſlaughter, & like rams and goates.

41 How is [y] Sheſhách taken! and how is the glorie of the whole earth taken! how is Babél become an aſtoniſhement among the nacions!

42 The [z] ſea is come vp vpon Babél: ſhe is couered with the multitude of the waues thereof.

43 Her cities are deſolate: the land is drye & a wildernes, a land wherein no mã dwelleth, nether doeth the ſonne of man paſſe thereby.

44 I wil alſo viſite Bel in Babél, and I wil bring out of his mouth, that which [a] he hathe ſwallowed vp, and the nacions ſhal runne no more vnto him, and the wall of Babél ſhal fall.

45 My people, go out of the middes of her, & deliuer ye euerie man his ſoule frõ the fierce wrath of the Lord,

46 Leſt your heart euen faint, and ye feare the rumour, that ſhalbe heard in the land: the rumour ſhal come *this* yere, and after that in the *other* [b] yere *ſhal come* a rumour, and crueltie in the land, and ruler againſt ruler.

47 Therefore beholde, the dayes come, that I wil viſite the images of Babél, and the whole land ſhal be confounded, & all hei ſlaine ſhal fall in the middes of her.

48 Then the heauen and [c] the earth, and all that is therein, ſhal reioice for Babél: for the deſtroyers ſhal come vnto her frõ the North, ſaith the Lord.

49 As Babél cauſed the [d] ſlaine of Iſraél to fall, ſo by Babél the ſlaine of all the earth did fall.

50 Ye that [e] haue eſcaped the ſworde, go away, ſtande not ſtil: remembre the Lord afarre of, & let Ieruſalém come into your minde.

51 We are [f] confounded becauſe we haue heard reproche: ſhame hath couered our face, for ſtrangers are come into the ſanctuaries of the Lords Houſe.

52 Wherefore beholde, the daies come, ſaith the Lord, that I wil viſite her grauen images, and through all her land the wounded ſhal grone.

53 Though Babél ſhulde mounte vp to ſhaue, & though ſhe ſhulde defend her ſtrẽgth on hie, *yet* from me ſhal hei deſtroiers co-

Mmm. iiii.

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o Not that Babylon ſtode on a mountaine, but becaule it was ſtrong and ſemed inuincible

p From thy ſtrong holdes and forteresſes

q By theſe three nations he meaneth Armenia the hier, and Armenia the lower, and Syria: for Cyrus had gathered an armie of diuers nacions.

r By turning the course of the riuer one ſide was made open, and the redes that did growe in the water, were deſtroied which Cyrus did by the counſel of Gobria & Gobatha Beſſhazzars capitaines

ſ When the ſhalbe cut vp and threſhed

t This is ſpoken in the perſone of the Iewes bewayling their ſtate and the crueltie of the Babylonians

u Thus the Lord eſteemeth the iniurie done to his Church as done to himſelf, becaule their cauſe is his.

x When thei are inflamed with ſurfeting and drinking, I wil feaſt with them, alluding to Belſhazzars bãket, Dan 5.2.

y Meaning Babél, as Chap. 25.26.

z The great armie of the Medes and Perſians

a That is, his giftes & preſents which he had receiued as part of the ſpoile of other nacions, and ẅ the idolaters broght vnto him from all countreys.

b Meaning, ẏ Babylon ſhuld not be deſtroied all at once, but by litle & litle ſhulde be broght to nothing: for the firſt yere came the tydings, ẏ next yere the ſiege, and in the third yere it was taken: yet this is not that horrible deſtruction ẅ the Prophetes threatned in many places: for that was after this, whẽ they rebelled and Darius ouercame thẽ by the policie of Zopirus and hanged thre thouſand gentlemen & ſides the cõmune people.

c All creatures in heauẽ & earth ſhal reioyce and praiſe God for the deſtruction of Babylon the great enemie of his Churche

d Babylon did not onely deſtroy Iſraél, but many other nacions

e Ye that are now captiues in Babylon

f He ſheweth how they ſhulde remember Ieruſalém by lamenting the miſerable affliction thereof.

g For the walles were two hundreth foote hie.

me, saith the Lord.

54 A sounde of a crye *cometh* frō Babél, and great destruction from the land of the Caldeans.

55 Becausе the Lord hathe laid Babél waste and destroied, from her the great voyce, & her waues shal roare like great waters, *and* a sounde was made by their noice.

56 Becausе the destroier is come vpon her, *euen* vpon Babél, and her strong men are taken, their bowes are broken: for the Lord God that recompenceth, shal surely recompence.

57 And I wil [h] make drunke her princes, and her wise men, her dukes, and her nobles, & her strong men: & thei shal slepe a perpetual slepe, and not wake, saith the King, whose Name *is* the Lord of hostes.

58 Thus saith ỹ Lord of hostes, The [i] thicke wall of Babél shalbe broken, and her hye gates shalbe burnt with fyre, and the people shal labour in vaine, and the folke in the fyre, for thei shalbe weary.

59 The worde which Ieremiáh the Prophet commanded Sheraiáh the sonne of Neriiáh, the sonne of Maaseiáh, when he went with Zedekiáh the King of Iudáh into Babél, in the [k] fourth yere of his reigne: and this Sheraiáh was a peaceable prince.

60 So Ieremiáh wrote in a boke all the euil that shulde come vpon Babél: *euen* all these things, that are writen against Babél.

61 And Ieremiáh said to Sheraiáh, When thou comest vnto Babél, and shalt se, and shalt read all these wordes,

62 Then shalt thou say, O Lord, thou hast spokē against this place, to destroie it, that none shulde remaine in it, nether man nor beast, but ỹ it shulde be desolate for euer.

63 And when thou hast made an end of reading this boke, thou shalt binde a [l] stone to it, and cast it in the middes of Euphrates,

64 And shalt say, Thus shal Babél be drowned, and shal not rise from the euil, that I wil bring vpō her: and thei shal [m] be wearie. Thus farre *are* ỹ wordes of Ieremiáh.

CHAP. LII.

Ierusalém is taken. 10 Zedekiahs sonnes are killed before his face, and his eyes put out. 13 The citie is burned. 31 Iehoiachin is brought forthe of prison, and fed like a King.

ZEdekiáh [a] *was* one & twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yeres in Ierusalém, and his mothers name *was* Hamutál, the daughter of Ieremiáh of Libnáh.

2 And he did euil in the eyes of the Lord, acccording to all that Iehoiakím had done.

3 [a] Doutles becausе the wrath of the Lord was against Ierusalém and Iudáh, til he had cast them out from his presence, therefore Zedekiáh rebelled against ỹ King of Babél.

4 *But in the ninth yere of his reigne, in the tēth moneth ỹ tēth *day* of ỹ moneth came Nebuchad-nezzár Kig of Babél, he & all his hoste against Ierusalém, & pitched against it, & buylt fortes against it rounde about. *2. King. 25, 1. & chap 39, 1*

5 So the citie was besieged vnto ỹ eleuenth yere of the King Zedekiáh.

6 Now in the fourth moneth, the ninth *day* of the moneth, the famine was sore in the citie, so that there was no more bread for the people of the land.

7 Then the citie was broken vp and all the men of warre fled, and went out of the citie by night, by the [b] way of the gate betwene the two walles, which was by the Kings garden: (now the Caldeans *were* by the citie rounde about) and thei went by the way of the wildernes. [b] Read Chap. 39, 4.

8 But the armie of the Caldeans pursued after the King, and toke Zedekiáh in the desert of Ierichó, & all his hoste was scattered from him.

9 Then thei toke the King and caryed him vp vnto the King of Babél to Ribláh in the land of Hamáth, [c] where he gaue iudgement vpon him. [c] Read 2. King 25, 6. and chap 39, 5.

10 And ỹ King of Babél slewe the sonnes of Zedekiáh, before his eyes: he slewe also all the princes of Iudáh in Ribláh.

11 Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiáh, & the King of Babél bounde him in chaines, and caryed him to Babél, and put him in prison til the day of his death.

12 Now in the fift moneth in the [d] tēth *day* of the moneth (which was the nintenth yere of the King Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél) came Nebuzar-adán chief steward *which* [e] stode before the King of Babél in Ierusalém, [d] In the 2. King 25, 8 it is called the seuenth day, becausе the fyre began then, & so continued to the tenth. [e] That is, was his seruāt, as 2. King. 25, 8

13 And burnt the Houſe of the Lord, and the Kings house, and all the houses of Ierusalém, and all the great houses burnt he with fyre.

14 And all the armie of the Caldeans ỹ were with the chief steward, brake downe all the walles of Ierusalém rounde about.

15 Then Nebuzar-adán the chief steward caryed away captiue *certeine* of the poore of the people, & the residue of the people that remained in ỹ citie, & those that were fled, & fallen to the King of Babél, with the rest of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzar-adán ỹ chief steward left *certeine* of the poore of the land, to dresse the vines, and to til the land.

17 Also the [f] pillers of brasse that were in the Houſe of the Lord, & the bases, & the brasen Sea, that was in the Houſe of the Lord, the Caldeans brake, and caryed all the brasse of them to Babél. [f] Of these pillers read 1 King 7.

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[h] I wil so astonish thē by afflictions that thei shal not know ẅ waye to turne them.

[i] The thicknes of the walle was fiftie foote thicke.

[k] This was not in the time of his captiuitie, but seuen yeres before, when he went ether to gratulat Nebuchadnezzár or to intreat of some matters.

[l] S. Iohn in his reuelation alludeth to this place when he saith that the Angel toke a millestone and cast into the sea: signifying whereby the destruction of Babylon, Reuel. 18, 21.

[m] Thei shal not be able to resist, but shal labour invaine

Chap. LII.

a. King. 24, 18 2. chro. 36, 11.

[a] So the Lord punished sinne by sinne & gaue him vp for his rebellious heart, all he had brought the enemie vpon him to lead him away and his people.

g Which were also made of brasse

18 The pottes also and the g besomes, and the instruments of musike, and the basins, and the incense dishes, and all the vessels of brasse wherewith they ministred, toke they away.

19 And the bowles, and the ashpannes, & the basins, & the pottes, and the candlesticks, & the incense dishes, and the cuppes, *& all* that was of golde, and that was of siluer, toke the chief steward away,

20 With the two pillers, one Sea, & twelue brasen bulles, that were vnder the bases, which King Salamón had made in ỹ House of the Lord: the brasse of all these vessels

h It was so muche in quãtite. was without h weight.

21 And concerning the pillers, the height of one piller *was* eightene cubites, & a threde of twelue cubites did compasse it, and the thickenes thereof *was* foure fingers: *it was* holow.

22 And a chapiter of brasse *was* vpon it, and the height of one chapiter was fiue cubites with networke, & pomegranates vpon the chapiters roũde about, all of brasse: the seconde piller also, and the pomegranates *were* like vnto these.

23 And there were ninetie & six pomegranates on a side: *and* all the pomegranates vpon the net worke *were* an i hundreth rounde about.

i But beeause of the roundenes no more colde be sene but ninetye and six

24 And the chief steward toke Sheraiáh the chief Priest, and Zephaniáh k the seconde Priest, and the thre kepers of the dore.

k Which serued in the hie Priests stead, if he had any necessarie impediment

25 He toke also out of the citie an Eunuche, which had the ouersight of the men of warre, and l seuen men that were in the Kings presence, which were founde in the citie, and Sophér captaine of the hoste who mustred the people of the land, and thre score men of the people of the land, ỹ were founde in the middes of the citie.

l In the 2 King. 25,19 is red but of fiue: those were the most excellẽt and the other two, which were not so noble, are not there mẽtioned with them.

26 Nebuzar-adán the chief steward toke them, and broght them to the King of Babél to Ribláh.

27 And the King of Babél smote them, and slewe them in Ribláh, in the land of Hamath: thus Iudáh was caryed away captiue out of his owne land.

28 ¶ This is the people, whome Nebuchadnezzár caryed away captiue, in the m seuenth yere, *euen* thre thousand Iewes, and thre and twentie.

m Which was the latter end of the seuenth yere of his reigne & the beginning of the eight

29 In the n eighteenth yere of Nebuchadnezzár he caryed away captiue from Ierusalém eight hundreth thirtie & two "persones.

n In the latter end also of ỹ yere, and the beginning of the nineteenth. "*Ebr. soules.*

30 In the thre and twentieth yere of Nebuchad-nezzár, Nebuzar-adán the chief steward caryed away captiue of the Iewes seuen hundreth fourtie and fiue persones: all the persones *were* foure thousand and six hundreth.

31 And in the seuen and thirtieth yere of the captiuitie of Iehoiachín King of Iudáh, in the twelfth moneth, in the fiue and twentieth *day* of the moneth, Euil-merodách King of Babél, in the *first* yere of his reigne, o lifted vp the head of Iehoiachín King of Iudáh, and broght him out of prison,

o That is, restored him to libertie and honour.

32 And spake kindely vnto him, and set his throne aboue the throne of the Kings, that were with him in Babél,

33 And changed his prison p garments, and he did continually eat bread before him all the dayes of his life.

p And gaue him princelie apparel

34 His porcion *was* a q continual porcion giuẽ him of the King of Babél, euery day a certeine, all the dayes of his life vntil he dyed.

q That is, he had allowance in the court, & thus at length he had rest & quietnes because he obeyed Ieremiáh the Prophet, where as the other were cruelly ordered, that wolde not obey him.

LAMENTACIONS.

CHAP. I.

r The Prophet bewaileth the miserable estate of Ierusalém. 5 And sheweth that they are plagued because of their sinnes. The first and seconde chapter begin e euery Verse according to the letters of the Ebrewe Alphabet. The third hathe thre Verses for euery letter, & the fourth is as the first.

r The Prophet wondereth at the great iudgemẽt of God seing Ierusalém, which was so strõg & so ful of people, to be now destroyed and desolate

HOw doeth a the citie remaine solitarie that was ful of people? she is as a widdow: she that was great among the nacions *and* b princesse amõg the prouinces, is made tributarie.

b Which had chief rule ouer many prouinces and countreys

2 She wepeth continually in the c night, & her teares *runne downe* by her chekes: amõg all her d louers, she hathe none to comfort her: all her friends haue delt vnfaithfully with her, *&* are her enemies.

c So that she taketh no rest. d Meaning, the Egyptians and Assyrians, ẅ promised helpe.

3 Iudáh is caryed away captiue, because e of affliction, and because of great seruitude: she dwelleth among the heathẽ, *&* findeth no rest: all her persecuters toke her in the straites.

e For her cruelte toward the poore and oppression of seruants, Ierem 34,11.

4 The wayes of Zión lament, because no man cometh f to the solemne feasts: all her gates are desolate: her Priests sigh: her virgines are discomfited, and she is in "heaumes.

f As they vsed to come vp, ẅ myrrh & ioye, Psal 42,4. "*Or bitternes.*

5 Her aduersaries g are the chief, *and* her enemies prosper: for the Lord hathe afflicted her, for the multitude of her transgressions. *&* her children are gone into captiuitie before the enemie.

g That is: haue rule ouer her, Deu 28,44.

6 And from the daughter of Zión all her beautie is departed: her princes are become

h As men pined away w ſorow & that haue no courage

b like harts that finde no paſture, & thei are gone without ſtrength before the purſuer.

7 Ieruſalém remembred the daies of her affliction, and of her rebellion, *and* all her pleaſant things, that ſhe had in times paſt, when her people i fell into the hand of the enemie, & none did helpe her: ỹ aduerſaries ſawe her, & did mocke at her k Sabbaths.

i In her miſerie ſhe conſidered ỹ great benefites and cõmodities ỹ ſhe had loſt. k At her religion and ſeruing of God, which was ỹ greateſt grief to the godlie

8 Ieruſalém hathe grieuouſly ſinned, therefore ſhe is ª in deriſion: all ỹ honoured her, deſpiſe her, becauſe thei haue ſene her filthines: yea, ſhe ſigheth and turneth backeward.

ª Or, diuẽ away

9 l Her filthines *is* in her ſkirtes: ſhe remembred not her laſt end, therefore ſhe came downe wonderfully: ſhe had no cõforter: ô Lord, beholde mine affliction: for the enemie ª is proude.

l She is not aſhamed of her ſinne, although it be manifeſt.

ª Ebr. hathe magnified him ſelf.

10 The enemie hathe ſtretched out his hãd vpon all her pleaſant things: for ſhe hathe ſene the heathen entre into her Sanctuarie, whome m thou dideſt cõmande, that they ſhulde not entre into thy Church.

m God forbiddeth that the Ammonites & Moabites ſhulde enter into the Congregation of the Lord, and vnder the he cõprehendeth all enemies, Deut. 23, 3

11 All her people ſigh and ſeke *their* bread: they haue giuen their pleaſant things for meat to refreſh the ſoule: ſe, ô Lord, & conſider: for I am become vile.

12 Haue ye no regarde, all ye that paſſe by *this* way? beholde, & ſe, if there be any n ſorowe like vnto my ſorowe, which is done vnto me, wherewith the Lord hathe afflicted *me* in the day of his fierce wrath.

n Thus Ieruſalém lamenteth, mouing others to pitie her and to learne by her example

13 From aboue hathe o he ſent fyre into my bones, which preuaile againſt them: he hathe ſpred a net for my fete, & turned me backe: he hathe made me deſolate, & daily in heauines.

o This declareth that we ſhuld acknowledge God to be the autor of all our afflictions, to the intẽt that we might ſeke vnto him for remedie

14 The p yoke of my trãſgreſsions is bounde vpon his hand: they are wrapped, and come vp vpõ my necke: he hathe made my ſtrẽgth to fall: ỹ Lord hathe deliuered me into *their* hãds, neither am I able to riſe vp.

p Mine heauy ſinnes are continually before his eies, as he that tyeth a thing to his hand for a remembrance.

15 The Lord hathe troden vnder fote all my valiant mẽ q in the middes of me: he hathe called an aſſemblie againſt me to deſtroy my yong men: the Lord hathe troden q the wine preſſe vpon the virgine the daughter of Iudáh.

q He hathe troden them vnder fote as they ỹ tread grapes in the wyne prẽſſe. *Iere 14, 17. chap. 2, 18.*

16 * For theſe things I wepe: mine eye, *euen* mine eye caſteth out water, becauſe the comforter that ſhulde refreſh my ſoule, is farre from me: my children are deſolate, becauſe the enemie preuailed.

17 Zión ſtretcheth out her hands, and there ſs none to comfort her: the Lord hathe appointed the enemies of Iaakób rounde about him: Ieruſalém is r as a menſtruous woman in the middes of them.

r Which becauſe of her pollution was ſeparate from her houſbãd. Leu 15, 19. and was abhorred for the time. ª Ebr mouth.

18 The Lord is righteous: for I haue rebelled againſt his ª commandement: heare, I pray you, all people & beholde my ſorow: my virgines and my yong men are gone into captiuitie.

19 I called for my louers, *but* they deceiued me: my Prieſts and mine Elders periſhed in the citie while they ſ ſoght their meat to refreſh their ſoules.

ſ That is, they dyed for hungre.

20 Beholde, ô Lord, how I am troubled: my bowels ſwell: mine heart is turned within me, for I am full of heauines: the ſworde ſpoyleth abroad, as death *doeth* at home.

21 They haue heard that I mourne, *but* there ſs none to comfort me: all mine enemies haue heard of my trouble, & are glad, that thou haſt done it: thou wilt bring the day, that thou haſt pronounced, and they ſhalbe like vnto me.

22 t Let all their wickednes come before thee: ª do vnto them, as thou haſt done vnto me, for all my tranſgreſsions: for my ſighs are many, and mine heart is heauie.

t Of deſiring vengeance againſt the enemie, read Iere. 11, 20. & 18, 21. ª Or, gather the like grapes.

CHAP. II.

1 HOw hathe the Lord a darkened the daughter of Zión in his wrath! *and* hathe caſt downe from b heauen vnto the earth the beautie of Iſraél, & remembred not his c fote ſtole in the day of his wrath!

a That is, broght her frõ proſperitie to aduerſitie
b Hathe giuen her a moſt ſore fall
c Alluding to the Temple or to the Arke of the couenant, which was called the fote-ſtole of ỹ Lord becauſe they ſhulde not ſee their mindes ſo lowe, but lift vp their hearts toward the heauens

2 The Lord hathe deſtroyed all the habitacions of Iaakób, and not ſpared: he hathe throwen downe in his wrath the ſtrong holdes of the daughter of Iudáh: he hathe caſt them downe to the grounde: he hathe polluted the kingdome and the princes thereof.

3 He hathe cut of in his fierce wrath all the d horne of Iſraél: he hathe drawẽ backe his e right hand from before the enemie, and there was kindled in Iaakób like a flame of fyre, which deuoured rounde about.

d Meaning, the glorie and ſtrength, as 1. Sam 2, 1
e That is, his ſuccour which he was wonte to ſẽd vs, whẽ our enemies oppreſſed vs

4 He f hathe bẽt his bowe like an enemie: his right hand was ſtretched vp as an aduerſarie, and ſlewe all that was pleaſant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zión: he powred out his wrath like fyre.

f Shewing, ỹ there is no remedie but deſtruction, where God is the enemie.

5 The Lord was as an enemie: he hathe deuoured Iſraél, & conſumed all his palaces: he hathe deſtroyed his ſtrong holdes, and hathe increaſed in the daughter of Iudáh lamentacion and mourning.

6 For he hathe deſtroyed his tabernacle, as a garden, he hathe deſtroyed his cõgregacion: ỹ Lord hathe cauſed the feaſts & Sabbaths to be forgotte in Zión, & hathe deſpiſed in the indignacion of his wrath the King and the Prieſt.

g As the people were accuſtomed to praiſe God in the ſolẽne feaſtes with a lowde voice, ſo now the enemies blaſpheme him with ſhowting & erying.

7 The Lord hathe forſaken his altar: he hathe abhorred his Sanctuarie, he hathe giuẽ into the hand of the enemie the walles of her palaces: thei haue made a g noyſe in the Houſe of ỹ Lord, as in the day of ſolẽnitie.

h This is a figuratiue ſpeache, as ỹ was, when he ſaid, the wayes did lament, Chap. 1, 4: meaning, ỹ thus ſorowe was ſo great that the inſenſible thigs had their parte thereof

8 The Lord hathe determined to deſtroye the wall of the daughter of Zión: he ſtretched out a line: he hathe not withdrawen his hãd from deſtroying: therefore he made the rampart h and the wall to lament: they were deſtroyed together.

9 Her

9 Hei gates are ſonke to the grounde: he hathe deſtroied and broken her barres: her King and her princes *are* among the Gentiles: the Lawe *is* no more, nether can her Prophetes *or, fynde.* receiue *any* viſion frō the Lord.

10 The Elders of the daughter of Zión ſit vpō the grounde, and kepe ſilence: thei haue caſt vp duſt vpon their heades: thei haue girded thē ſelues with ſackecloth: the virgines of Ieruſalém hang downe their heades to the ground.

11 Mine eyes do faile ẅ teares: my bowels ſwell: my lieuer is powred vpon the earth, for the deſtruction of the daughter of my people, becauſe the children and ſucklings *or, faint.* ſwoune in the ſtretes of the citie.

12 Thei haue ſaid to their mothers, Where *a Ebr. wheat & wyne* is "bread and drinke? when thei ſwouned as the wounded in the ſtretes of the citie, & whē thei "gaue vp the goſt in their mothers boſome *b Ebr. powred out the ſoule*

13 [i] What thīg ſhal I take to witnes for thee? what thing ſhal I cōpare to thee, ô daughter Ieruſalém: what ſhal I likē to thee, that I may comfort thee, ô virgine daughter Zión? for thy breache *is* great like the ſea: who can heale thee? *i Meaning, ẏ her calamitie was ſo euidēt that it nede no witneſſes.*

14 Thy Prophetes haue [k] loked out vaine, and fooliſh things for thee, and thei haue not diſcouered thine iniquitie, to turne away thy captiuitie, but haue loked out for thee falſe "prophecies, and cauſes of baniſhement. *k Becauſe the falſe Prophetes called thē ſelues ſeers, as the other were called, therefore he ſheweth that they ſaw amiſſe, becauſe thei did not reproue the peoples faures, but flattered them in their ſinnes, which was the cauſe of their deſtruction* *"Or, lies.*

15 All that paſſe by the way, clappe their handes at thee: thei hiſſe and wagge their head vpon the daughter Ieruſalém, *ſaying,* Is this the citie that men call, The perfection of beautie, *and* the ioye of the whole earth?

16 All thine enemies haue opened their mouthe againſt thee: thei hiſſe and gnaſh the teeth, ſaying, Let vs deuoure it: certeinly this is the day that we loked for, we haue founde *and* ſene it.

17 *The Lord hathe done that which he had purpoſed: he hathe fulfilled his worde that he had determined of olde time: he hathe throwen done, and not ſpared: he hathe cauſed thine enemie to reioice ouer thee, and ſet vp the horne of thine aduerſaries. *Leu. 26, 14. deu. 28, 15.*

18 Their heart * cryed vnto ẏ Lord, O wall of ẏ daughter Zión, let teares runne downe like a riuer, day and night: take thee no reſt, nether let the apple of thine eye ceaſe. *Iere 14, 17. chap. 2, 18.*

19 Ariſe, crye in the night: in ẏ beginning of the watches powre out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift vp thine hands toward him for ẏ life of thy yong childrē, that faint for hungre in the corners of all the ſtretes.

20 Beholde, ô Lord, and conſidre to whome thou haſt done thus? ſhal the women eat their frute, *and* children of a ſpanne long? *"Or, bright vp in their owne hands.*

ſhal the Prieſt and the Prophet be ſlaine in the Sanctuarie of the Lord? *"Or, enemies, whome I feare.*

21 The yong and the olde lye on the grounde in the ſtretes: my virgines and my yong mē are fallen by the ſworde: ẏ haſte ſlaine *them* in the day of thy wrath: thou haſte killed and not ſpared.

22 Thou haſt called as in a ſolemne day my "terrours rounde about, ſo ẏ in the day of the Lords wrath none eſcaped nor remained: thoſe that I haue nouriſhed & brought vp, hathe mine enemie conſumed.

CHAP. III.

1 I Am the man, that hathe ſene [a] affliction in the rod of his indignation.

2 He hathe led me, and broght me into darckenes, but not to light.

3 Surely he is turned againſt me: he turneth his hand *againſt me* all the day.

4 My fleſh and my ſkinne hathe he cauſed to waxe olde, & he hathe brokē my bones.

5 He hathe [b] buylded againſt me, & cōpaſſed *me* with gall, and labour.

6 He hathe ſet me in darke places, as thei that be dead for euer.

7 He hathe hedged about me, that I can not get out: he hathe made my chaines heauie.

8 Alſo when I crye and ſhoute, he ſhutteth out my [c] prayer.

9 He hathe [d] ſtopped vp my waies with hewen ſtone, *and* turned away my paths.

10 [e] He was vnto me *as* a beare lyig in waite, & *as* a lion in ſecret places.

11 He hathe ſtopped my waies, & pulled me in pieces: he hathe made me deſolate.

12 He hathe bent his bow and made me a marke for the arrowe.

13 He cauſed "the arrowes of his quiuer to entre into my reines.

14 I was a deriſion to all my people, *and* their ſong all the daye.

15 He hathe filled me with bitternes, & made me drunken with [f] worme wood.

16 He hathe alſo broken my teeth with ſtones, *and* hathe couered me with aſſhes.

17 Thus my ſoule was farre of frō peace: I forgat proſperitie,

18 And I ſaid, My ſtrēgth & mine hope is periſhed from the Lord,

19 Remēbring mine affliction, & my mourning, the wormewood and the gall.

20 My ſoule hathe them in remembrance, and is humbled [h] in me.

21 I conſider this in mine heart: therefore haue I hope.

22 It is the Lords [i] mercies that we are not cōſumed, becauſe his cōpaſsions faile not.

23 *Thei are* renued [k] euerie morning: great is thy faithfulnes.

24 The Lord *is* my [l] portion, ſaith my ſoule: therefore wil I hope in him.

25 The Lord is good vnto them, that truſt in him, & to the ſoule that ſeketh him.

a The Prophet complaineth of the puniſhments and afflictions that he endured by the falſe Prophetes & hypocrites, when he declared the deſtruction of Ieruſaléin. as Ierem 20, 2. b He ſpeaketh this as one ẏ felt Gods heauie iudgemēts, ẅ he greatly feared, & therefore ſetteth them out with this diuerſitie of wordes

c This is a great tentacion to the godlie, when thei ſe not the frute of their prayers, and cauſeth them to thinke that thei are not heard, which thing God vſeth to do, that thei might praie more earneſtly and the oftener.

d And kepeth me in holde, as a priſoner

e He hathe no pitie on me *"Ebr ſounes*

f With great anguiſh & ſorowe he hathe made me to loſe my ſenſe.

g Thus with paine he was driuen to and fro betwene hope and diſpaire, as ẏ godlie oft times are, yet in the end the Spirit getteth the victorie

h He ſheweth that God thus vſeth to exerciſe his to the intent that hereby thei maie knowe them ſelues and feele his mercies.

i Conſidering the wickednes of man, it is maruel that ane remaineth aliue: but only that God for his owne mercies ſake and for his promes wil euer haue his Church to remaine though thei be neuer ſō fewe. id nō ber, Iſa 1, 9

k We feele thy benefites daily.

l The godlie put their whole cōfidence in God, & therefore looke for none other inheritance, as pſal 16, 5.

26 It is good bothe to truſt, and to waite for the ſaluation of the Lord.
27 It is good for a man that he beare the yoke in his [m] youth.
28 He ſitteth alone, [n] and kepeth ſilence, becauſe he hathe borne it vpon him.
29 He putteth his [o] mouth in the duſt, if there maie be hope.
30 He giueth his cheke to him that ſmiteth him: he is filled ful with reproches.
31 For the Lord wil not forſake for euer.
32 But thogh he ſend affliction, yet wil he haue compaſsion according to the multitude of his mercies.
33 For he doeth not [p] puniſh " willingly, nor afflict the children of men,
34 In ſtamping vnder his fete all the priſoners of the earth,
35 In ouerthrowing the right of a man before the face of the moſt high,
36 In ſubuerting a man in his cauſe: the Lord [q] ſeeth it not.
37 Who is he then that ſaith, and it cometh to paſſe, & the Lord [r] commandeth it not?
38 Out of the mouth of the moſt high proceadeth not [s] euil and good?
39 Wherefore *then* is the liuing [t] man ſorowful? man *ſuffreth* for his ſinne.
40 Let vs ſerche and trye our waies, & turne againe to the Lord.
41 Let vs lift vp [u] our hearts with our handes vnto God in the heauens.
42 We haue ſinned, and haue rebelled, *therefore* thou haſt not ſpared.
43 Thou haſt couered *vs* with wrath, and perſecuted vs: thou haſt ſlaine & not ſpared.
44 Thou haſt couered thy ſelf [w] a cloude, that *our* praier ſhulde not paſſe through.
45 Thou haſt made vs *as* the * offcouring and refuſe in the middes of the people.
46 All our enemies haue opened their mouthe againſt vs.
47 Feare, and a ſnare is come vpon vs *with* deſolation and deſtruction.
48 Mine eye caſteth out riuers of water, for [y] deſtruction of [y] daughter of my people.
49 Mine eye droppeth without ſtaie and ceaſeth not,
50 Til the Lord loke downe, and beholde from heauen.
51 Mine eye [x] breaketh mine heart becauſe of all the daughters of my cities.
52 Mine enemies chaſed me ſore like a birde, without cauſe.
53 They haue ſhut vp my life [y] in the dungeon, and caſt a ſtone vpon me.
54 Waters flowed ouer mine head, *then* thogh I, I am deſtroied.
55 I called vpon thy Name, ô Lord, out of the lowe dungeon.
56 Thou haſt heard my voice: ſtoppe not thine eare fro my ſigh & from my crye.
57 Thou dreweſt nere in the daye that I called vpon thee: thou ſaideſt, Feare not.
58 O Lord, thou haſt mainteined the cauſe of my [z] ſoule, & haſt redemed my life.
59 O Lord, thou haſt ſene my wrong, iudge thou my cauſe.
60 Thou haſt ſene all their vengeance, & all their deuiſes againſt me,
61 Thou haſt heard their reproche, ô Lord, & all their imaginations againſt me:
62 The lippes *alſo* of thoſe that roſe againſt me, and their whiſpering againſt me continually.
63 Beholde, their ſitting downe & their riſing vp, *how* I am their ſong.
64 * Giue them a recompence, ô Lord, according to the worke of their hands.
65 Giue them [r] ſorowe of heart, *euen* thy curſſe to them.
66 Perſecute with wrath and deſtroie thē from vnder the heauen, ô Lord.

CHAP. IIII.

1 HOw is the [a] golde become ſo [b] dimme? the moſte fyne golde is chāged, & the ſtones of the Sanctuarie are ſcattered in the corner of euerie ſtrete.
2 The noble [c] men of Zión comparable to fyne golde, how are thei eſtemed as earthē [b] pitchers, *euen* the worke of the hands of the potter!
3 Euen the dragons [c] drawe out the breaſts, & giue ſucke to their yong, *but* the daughter of my people *is become* cruel like [d] ostriches in the wildernes.
4 The tongue of the ſucking childe cleaueth to the roofe of his mouth for thirſt: the yong children aſke bread, *but* no man breaketh it vnto them.
5 Thei that did fede delicately, periſh in the ſtretes: they that were broght vp in ſkarlet, embraſe the dongue.
6 For the iniquitie of the daughter of my people is become greater then * the ſinne of Sodóm, that was deſtroied as in a moment, and [e] none pitched campes againſt her.
7 Her Nazarites were purer then [f] ſnowe, *and* whiter then the milke: thei were more ruddie in body, then the red precious ſtones: thei were *like* poliſhed ſaphir.
8 *Now* their [g] viſage is blacker then a cole: they can not knowe them in the ſtretes: their ſkinne cleaueth to their bones, it is withered, like a ſtocke.
9 Thei that be ſlaine with the ſworde are better, then thei that are killed with hunger: for thei fade awaie *as* thei were ſtriken through for the [h] frutes of the field.
10 The handes of the pitiful women haue ſodden their owne children, *which* were their meat in the deſtruction of [y] daughter of my people.

11 The

m He ſheweth that we can neuer begin to timely to be exerciſed vnder the croſſe, that when the afflictiõs grow greater, our patience alſo by experiēce may be ſtronger
n He murmureth not againſt God, but is patient
o He bubbleth him ſelfe as thei that falle downe with their face to the grounde, & ſo with patience waiteth for ſuccour
p He taketh no pleaſure in it, but doeth it of neceſsitie for our amendement, when he ſuffreth the wicked to oppreſſe the poore
" *Ebr with his heart*
q He doeth not delite therein
r He ſheweth that nothing is done without Gods prouidēce
s That is, aduerſitie, and proſperitie, Amos 3,6.
t When God afflicteth him.
u That is, both heartes & handes: for els to lift vp ỹ handes is but hypocriſie.
w Lam. 4,13.
x I am ouercome with ſore weping for all my people.
y Read Ierem. 37, 16, how he was in the myrie dungeon.
z Meaning, the cauſe wherefore his life was in danger.
r *Pſal. 28, 4.*
r *Or, an obſtinate heart.*
a By the golde he meaneth the Princes, as by the ſtones he vnderſtandeth the Prieſtes.
" *Or, hid*
" *Or, ſonner*
b Which are of ſmale eſtimation & haue none honour.
c Thogh the dragons be cruel, yet thei pitie their yong and nouriſh them: wherein Ieruſalem doeth not.
d The women forſake their childrē as the oſtriche doeth her eggs, Iob. 39, 17.
e *Gene. 19, 25.*
e *Or, no ſtrength was againſt her.*
f They that were before moſte in Gods fauour, are now in greateſt abomination vnto him, Nomb. 6, 2.
g For lacke of fode they pyne away, and conſume
h The

11 The Lord hathe accompliſhed his indignacion: he hathe powred out his fierce wrath, he hathe kindled a fyre in Zión, which hathe deuoured the fundaciõs thereof.

12 The Kings of the earth, and all the inhabitans of the worlde wolde not haue beleued that the aduerſarie and the enemie ſhulde haue entred into the gates of Ieruſalém:

13 For the ſinnes of her Prophetes, *and* the iniquities of her Prieſtes, that haue ſhed the blood of the iuſt in the middes of g her.

g He meaneth that theſe things are come to paſſe therefore, contrary to all mens expectation.

14 Thei haue wandered *as* blinde men h in the ſtretes, and they were polluted with blood, ſo ỹ i thei wolde not touche their garments.

h Some referre this to ỹ blinde men, which as they went, ſtombled on the blood, whereof the citie was ful

15 *But* thei cryed vnto them, Departe, ye polluted, departe, departe, touche not: therefore they fled away, and wandered: thei haue ſaid among the heathen, They ſhal no more dwell there.

i Meaning, the heathen which came to deſtroy the, colde not abyde them

16 The k angre of the Lord hathe ſcattered them, he wil no more regarde them: l thei reuerenced not the face of the Prieſts, nor had compaſsion of the Elders.

*Or, face

k That is, the enemies

l He ſheweth two principal cauſes of their deſtruction: their cruelte, & their vaine confidence in man: for they truſted in the helpe of the Egyptians

17 Whiles we waited for our vaine helpe, our eyes failed: for in our waiting we loked for m a nation that colde not ſaue vs.

18 They hunte our ſteppes that we can not go in out ſtretes: our end is nere, our daies are fulfilled, for our end is come.

m Our King Ioſiah, in whome ſtode our hope of Gods fauour, and on whome depended our ſtate & life, was ſlayne whome he calleth anointed, becauſe he was a figure of Chriſt

19 Our perſecuters are ſwifter then the egles of the heauen: thei purſued vs vpon the mountaines, and laied waite for vs in the wildernes.

20 The n breth of our noſtrels, the Anointed of the Lord was taken in their nets, of whome we ſaid, Vnder his ſhadowe we ſhalbe preſerued aliue among the heathen.

n This is ſpoken by deriſiõ.

21 Reioyce & be glad, n ô daughter Edóm, that dwelleſt in the land of Vz, the cup alſo ſhal paſſe thoughvnto thee: thou ſhalt be drunken o and vomite.

*Or, ſhew thy nakednes

22 Thy puniſhment is accompliſhed, ô daughter Zión: he p wil nomore carie thee awaie into captiuitie, *but* he wil viſit thine iniquitie, ô daughter Edóm, he wil diſcouer thy ſinnes.

p He comforteth the Churche by ỹ after ſeuẽtie yeres their ſorowes ſhal haue ãn end, where at the wicked ſhulde be tormented for euer.

CHAP. V.

The prayer of Ieremáh.

1 Remembre, ô Lord, what is come vpon vs: a conſider, and beholde our reproche.

a This prayer as is thoght, was made whẽ ſom of the people were caryed away captiue, others as the pooreſt remained, and ſome went into Egypt & other places for ſocour: albeit it ſemeth that ỹ Prophet foreſeing their miſeries to come, thus prayed

2 Our inheritance is turned to the ſtrangers, our houſes to the aliantes.

3 We are fatherles, euen without father, & our mothers are as widowes.

4 We haue dronke our b water for money, & our wood is ſolde vnto vs.

b Meaning, their extreme ſeruitude and bondage

5 Our neckes are vnder perſecution: we are weary, and haue no reſt.

6 We haue giuen our c hands to the Egyptians, & to Aſſhúr, to be ſatiſfied with bread.

c We are ioyned in league and amitie with them, or haue ſubmitted our ſelues vnto them

7 Our fathers haue ſinned, and are not, and we haue borne their d iniquities.

d As our fathers haue bene punished for their ſinnes, ſo we that are culpable of ỹ ſame ſinnes, are puniſhed.

8 Seruants haue ruled ouer vs, none wolde deliuer vs out of their hands.

9 We gate our bread with the *peril* of our liues, becauſe of the ſworde e of the wildernes.

e Becauſe of ỹ enemie that came from the wilderne, and wolde not ſuffer vs to go, & ſeke our neceſſaries fode

10 Our ſkin was blacke like as an ouen becauſe of the terrible famine.

11 They defiled the women in Zión, & the maides in the cities of Iudáh.

12 The princes are hanged vp by f their hand: the faces of the Elders were not had in honour.

f That is by ỹ enemies hands.

13 They toke the yong men to grinde, and the children fell vnder g the wood.

g Their ſeruitude was ſo great, that thei were not able to abide it

14 The Elders haue ceaſed from the h gate & the yong men from their ſonges.

h There were no more laws nor ſorme of cõmune welth

15 The ioye of our heart is gone, our dance is turned into mourning.

16 The crowne of our head is fallen: wo now vnto vs, that we haue ſinned.

17 Therefore our heart is heauy for theſe things, our i eyes are dimme,

i With weping

18 Becauſe of the mountaine of Zión which is deſolate: the foxes runne vpon it.

k And therefore thy couenant, and mercies can neuer faile

19 *But* thou, ô Lord, remaineſt for k euer: thy throne is frõ generacion to generacion.

20 Wherefore doeſt thou forget vs for euer, & forſake vs ſo long time?

21 l Turne thou vs vnto thee, ô Lord, and we ſhalbe turned: renue our dayes as of olde.

l Whereby is declared that it is not in mãs power to turne to God, but is onely his worke to converte vs: and thus God worketh in vs before we can turne to him, Ieremie 31,18

22 But thou haſt vtterly reiected vs: thou art excedingly angrie againſt vs.

EZEKIEL.

THE ARGUMENT.

After that Ieholachin by the counſel of Ieremiáh & Ezekiél had yelded him ſelf to Nebuchadnezzár, and ſo went into captiuitie with his mother & diuers of the princes & of the people, certeine began to repent and murmur that thei had obeid the Prophets counſel, as though the thing wold not haue come to paſſe, & therfore their eſtate ſhulde be ſtil miſerable vnder the Caldeans. By reaſon whereof he confirmeth his former propheceies, declaring by new viſions & reuelatio[illegible] ſhewed

Ezekiél.

vnto him that the citie ſhulde moſte certeinly be deſtroied, & the people grieuouſly tormẽted by Gods plagues, inſomuche that thes that remained ſhulde be broght into cruel bondage. And leſt the godlie ſhulde diſpaire in theſe great troubles, he aſſureth them that God will deliuer his Church at his time appointed, and alſo deſtroie their enemies which either afflicted them or reioyced in their miſeries. The effect of the one and the other ſhulde chiefly be performed vnder Chriſt, of whome in this boke are many notable promiſes, and in whome the glorie of the new Temple ſhulde perfectly be reſtored. He prophecied theſe things in Caldea at the ſame time that Ieremiáh prophecyed in Iudáh, and there began in the fifi yere of Iehoiachins captiuitie.

a After that ỹ boke of the Law was founde, which was the eighteenth yere of the reigne of Ioſiáh, ſo that fiue & twentie yeres after this boke was founde, Ieconiáh was led awaie captiue with Ezekiél & manie of ỹ people who the firſt yere after ſawe theſe viſions

b Which was a part of Enphrates, ſo called

c That is, notable, and excellent viſions, ſo that it might be knowen, it was no natural dreame but came of God

CHAP. I.

The time wherein Ezekiél prophecied and in what place 3 His kinred. 15 The viſion of the foure beaſtes. 26 The viſion of the throne.

IT came to paſſe in the a thirtieth yere in the fourth *moneth*, *and* in the fifi *day* of the moneth (as I was amõg the captiues by the riuer b Chebár), that ỹ heauens were opened and I ſawe viſions of c God.

2 In the fifi *daye* of the moneth (which was the fifi yere of King Ioiachins captiuitie)

3 The worde of the Lord came vnto Ezekiél the Prieſt, the ſonne of Buzí, in the land of the Caldeans, by ỹ riuer Chebár, where the d hãd of the Lord was vpõ him.

4 And I loked, & beholde, e a whirlewinde came out of the North, a great cloude & a fyre wrapped about it, and a brightnes *was* about it, and in the middes thereof, *to wit*, in the middes of the fyre *came out* as the likenes of f ambre.

d That is, the Spirit of prophecie, as chap 3,22 and 37,1

e By this diuerſitie of wordes he ſignifieth ỹ feareful iudgement of God, and the great afflictions, that ſhulde come vpon Ieruſalẽm

f *Or, pale yellow.*

THE VISION OF EZEKIEL.

A The whirlwinde that came out of the North, or Aquilon.
B The great cloude
C The fyre wrapped about it.
D The brightnes about it.
E The likenes of amber, or the pale colour
F The forme of the foure beaſtes
G Their fete like calues fete
H. Hands comming out from vnder their wings
I. K L M The facion of the foure faces of euerie beaſt.
N Their wings ioyned one to another.
O Their two wings, which coucred their bodies.
P Fyre running among the beaſtes
Q Wheles hauing euerie one foure faces
R The rings of the wheles which were ful of eyes.
S. The firmament like vnto chryſtal
T The throne, which was ſet vpon the firmament.
V Where ſate like the appearance of a man
X. The appearance of ambet aboue, and benethe the man.
Y The fyre about him
Z The brightnes of fyre like the raine bowe.

Midi, or the South

5 Alſo out of the middes thereof *came* the likenes of foure beaſts, f and this was their forme: they had the appearance of a man,

6 And euerie one had foure faces, and euerie one had foure wings.

7 And their fete *were* ſtreight fete, and the ſole

f Which were ỹ foure Cherubims ỹ repreſented ỹ glorie of God, as Chap 3.13.

sole of their fete *was* like the sole of a calues fote, and they sparkled like the appearance of bright brasse.

8 And the hands of a mã *came out* frõ vnder their wings in the foure partes of thẽ, and their foure had their faces, & their wings.

g The wing of the one touched ỹ wing of the other.

9 They were g ioyned by their wings one to another, & when they went forthe, they returned not, *but* euerie one went streight forwarde.

10 And the similitude of their faces *was as* h the face of man: and they foure had the face of a lyon on the right side, and they foure had the face of a bullocke on the left side: they foure also had the face of an egle.

h Euerie Cherubim had foure faces, the face of a man, & of a lyon on ỹ right side, and the face of a bullocke, and of an egle on the left side

11 Thus were their faces: but their wings *were* spred out aboue: two *wings* of euerie one were ioyned one to another, and two couered their bodies.

12 And euerie one went streight forwarde: they went whether their "spirit led them, & they returned not whẽ they wẽt forthe.

"Or whether their spirit, or wil was to go

13 The similitude also of the beastes, *and* their appearance *was* like burning coles of fyre, *and* like the appearance of lampes: *for the fyre* ran among the beastes, & the fyre gaue a glister, and out of the fyre there went lightening.

i That is, when they had executed Gods wil: for afore they returned not, til God had changed the state of thinges.

14 And the beastes ran, and i returned like vnto lightening.

15 ¶ Now as I beholde the beastes, beholde, a whele *appeared* vpon the earth by the beastes, hauing foure faces.

16 The facio of the wheles and their worke *was* like vnto a k chrysolite: & they foure had one forme, and their facion, and their worke *was* as one whele in *another* whele.

k The Ebrewe wordes is tarshish: meaning, that the couloure was like the Cilician sea, or a precious stone so called

17 Whẽ they wẽt, they wẽt vpõ their foure sides, & they returned not when they wẽt.

18 They had also l rings, and height, & were *fearefull* to beholde, and their rings were ful of eyes, round about them foure.

l Or, the crews

19 And when the beastes went, the wheles wẽt with them: and when the beastes were lift vp frõ the earth, ỹ wheles were lift vp.

20 Whether their spirit led thẽ, they wẽt, *and* whether did the spirit of the wheles lead them, and the wheles were lifted vp beside them: for the Spirit of the beastes *was* in the wheles.

21 When the *beastes* went, they went, and when they stode, they stode, & when they were lifted vp from the earth, the wheles were lifted vp besides them: for the spirit of the beastes *was* in the wheles.

22 And the similitude of the firmament vpõ the heads of the beastes *was* wonderful, like vnto chrystal, spred ouer their heads aboue

23 And vnder the firmament *were* their wings streight, the one towarde the other: euerie one had two, which couered thẽ, & euerie one had two, ỹ couered their bodies.

24 And when they went forthe, I heard the noise of their m wings, like ỹ noise of great waters, *and* as the voice of the Almightie, *euen* the voyce of speache, as the noise of an hoste: *and* when they stode, they n let downe their wings.

m Which signified, that they had no power of them selues but only waited to execute Gods commãdement.

25 And there was a voyce from the firmament, that was ouer their heades, whẽ they stode, *and* had let downe their wings.

26 And aboue the firmament that was ouer their heades, *was* the facion of a throne like vnto a saphir stone, and vpon the similitude of the throne *was* by appearance, as the similitude of a man aboue vpon it.

27 And I sawe as the appearance of ambre, *and* as the similitude of fyre o rounde about within it to loke to, euen from his loynes vpwarde, and to loke to, euẽ from his loynes downewarde: I saw as a likenes of fyre, and brightnes rounde about it.

n Whereby was signified a terrible iudgement toward the earth.

28 As the likenes of the bowe, that is in the cloude in the day of raine, so was the appearance of the light rounde about.

29 This was the appearance of the similitude of the glorie of the Lord: and when I sawe it, I fel p vpon my face, and I heard a voyce of one that spake.

o Considering the maiestie of God, and the weakenes of flesh

CHAP. II.

The Prophet is sent to call the people from their errour

1 AND a he said vnto me, b Sonne of man, stand vp vpon thy fete, & I wil speake vnto thee.

Chap II

a That is, the Lord

b Meaning mã, which is but earth, & ashes, which was to humble him, & cause him to consider his owne state, & Gods grace

2 c And the Spirit entred into me, when he had spoken vnto me, and set me vpon my fete, so ỹ I heard him that spake vnto me.

c So that he colde not abide Gods presence til Gods Spirit did enter into him.

3 And he said vnto me, Sonne of mã, I send thee to the childrẽ of Israél, to a rebellious nation, that hathe rebelled against me: *for* they & their fathers haue rebelled against me, euen vnto this very day.

"Ebr hard of face.

4 For *thei are* "impudent children, and stiffe hearted: I do send thee vnto them, & thou shalt say vnto thẽ, Thus saith ỹ Lord God.

d This declareth on ỹ one parte Gods great affection toward his people, that notwithstanding their rebellio, yet he wil sẽd his Prophetes amõg them, & admoniseth his ministers on the other parte that thei cease not to do their duetie, though the people be euer so obstinat: for ỹ worde of God shal be either to their saluation or greater condẽnation.

5 But surely they wil not heare, nether in dede wil they cease: for they are a rebellious house: yet shal they knowe that d there hathe bene a Prophet among them.

6 And thou sonne of man, e feare them not, nether be afrayed of their wordes, although rebelles, and thornes *be* with thee, & thou remainest with scorpions: feare not their wordes, nor be afraide at their lokes, for they are a rebellious house.

e Read Ezech. 17: he weth ỹ for none affliõs thei should cease to do their duetie

7 Therefore thou shalt speake my wordes vnto them: *but* surely they wil not heare, nether wil they in dede cease: for thei are rebellious.

8 But thou sonne of man, heare what I say vnto thee: be not thou rebellious, like *this* rebellious house: opẽ thy mouth, and f eat that I giue thee.

f He doeth not onely exhorte him to his duetie, but also giueth him the meanes where with he may be able to execute it.

9 And whẽ I loked vp, behold, an hãd was sẽt vnto me, & lo, a rolle of a booke *was* therein.

10 And he ſpred it before me, and it was
written within and without, and there was
writtē therein, Lamentacions, & mourning, and wo.

g He ſheweth what were the contentes of this boke: to wit, Gods iudgements againſt the wicked

CHAP. III.

1 The Prophet being fed with the worde of God and with the conſtant boldnes of the Spirit, is ſent vnto the people that were in captiuitie. 17 The office of true miniſters.

3 MOreouer he ſaid vnto me, Sonne of
mā, eat that thou findeſt: a eat this
rolle, and go, *and* ſpeake vnto the houſe of
Iſraél.

a Whereby is ment, that none is meete to be Gods meſſenger before he haue receiued the worde of God in his heart, as verſ. 10, and haue a zeale therevnto, and delite therein, as Ierem. 15, 16, reuel 10, 10.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he gaue me
this rolle to eat.

3 And he ſaid vnto me, Sonne of man, cauſe
thy belly to eat, and fil thy bowels with
this rolle that I giue thee. Thē did I eat it,
and it was in my mouth as ſwete as honie.

4 And he ſaid vnto me, Sonne of man, go,
& entre into the houſe of Iſraél, and de-
clare them my wordes.

5 For thou art not ſent to a people of an
vnknowen b tongue, or of an hard langua-
ge, *but* to the houſe of Iſraél,

b Ebr. deepe ligges.

6 Not to manie people of an vnknowen tō-
gue, or of an hard language, whoſe wordes
thou canſt not vnderſtand: yet if I ſhulde
ſend thee to them, they wolde obey thee.

b God promiſeth his aſſiſtance to his miniſters, and that he wil giue them boldnes & cōſtācie in their vocation, Iſa 50, 7. Ier. 1, 18 mich 3, 8.

7 But the houſe of Iſraél wil not obey thee:
for they wil not obey me: yea, all the houſe
of Iſraél are impudent and ſtif hearted,

8 Beholde, I haue made thy face b ſtrong
againſt their faces, and thy forehead hard
againſt their foreheads.

c He ſheweth what is ment by the eating of the boke, w is, that the miniſters of God may ſpeake no thing as of thē ſelues, but that onely, which they haue receiued of the Lord

9 I haue made thy forehead as the adamāt,
& harder then the flint: feare them not
therefore, nether be afraid at their lokes:
for they are a rebellious houſe.

10 He ſaid moreouer vnto me, Sonne of
man, c receiue in thine heart all my wor-
des that I ſpeake vnto thee, and heare *them*
with thine eares,

d Whereby he ſignifieth, that Gods glorie ſhulde not be diminiſhed, although he departed out of his Temple: for this declared, that the citie & Temple ſhulde be deſtroyed.

11 And go & entre to them that are led a-
way captiues vnto the children of thy peo-
ple, and ſpeake vnto them, and tel them,
Thus ſaith the Lord God: *but* ſurely they
wil not heare, nether wil thei in dede ceaſe.

12 Then the Spirit toke me vp, and I heard
behinde me a noyſe of a great ruſſhing,
ſaying, d Bleſſed *be* the glorie of the Lord
out of his place.

e This ſheweth that there is euer an infirmitie of the fleſh which can neuer be ready to render ful obedience to God, and alſo Gods grace who euer aſſiſteth his, and ouercommeth their rebellious affections

13 *I heard* alſo the noyſe of the wings of the
beaſts, that touched one another, and the
ratling of the wheles that were by them,
euen a noyſe of a great ruſſhing.

14 So the Spirit lift me vp, & toke me away
and I e went in bitternes, & indignation
of my ſpirit, but the hād of the Lord was
ſtrong vpon me.

f Which was a place by Euphrates where the Iewes were priſoners.

15 Thē I came to them that were led away
captiues to f Tel-ābib, that dwelt by the
riuer Chebár, and I ſate where they ſate,
and remained there aſtoniſhed amōg thē
ſeuen dayes.

g Declaring hereby, that Gods miniſters muſt with aduiſement, and deliberation vtter his iudgements.

16 And at the end of ſeuen dayes, the wor-
de of the Lord came againe vnto me,
ſaying,

h Of this read Chap 33, 2.

17 Sonne of man, I haue made thee a h watch-
man vnto the houſe of Iſraél: therefore
heare the worde at my mouth, and giue thē
warning from me.

18 When I ſhal ſay vnto the wicked, Thou
ſhalt ſurely dye, and thou giueſt not him
warnig, nor ſpeakeſt to admoniſh the wic-
ked of his wicked way, that he may liue, the
ſame wicked man ſhal dye in his iniquitie:
but his blood wil I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warne the wicked, & he tur-
ne not from his wickednes, nor from his
wicked way, he ſhal dye in his iniquitie,
but thou haſt deliuered thy ſoule.

i If he that hathe been inſtructed in right way turne backe

20 Likewiſe if a i righteous man turne frō
his righteouſnes, and commit iniquitie, I
wil lay a k ſtumbling blocke before him,
and he ſhal dye, becauſe thou haſt not gi-
uen him warning: he ſhal dye in his ſinne,
and his l righteous dedes, which he hathe
done, ſhal not be remēbred: but his blood
wil I require at thine hand.

k I wil giue him vp into a reprobat minde. Rom 1, 28

l Which ſeemed to haue bene done in faith, and were not.

21 Neuertheles, if thou admoniſh that ri-
ghteous man, that the righteous ſinne not,
and that he doeth not ſinne, he ſhal liue be-
cauſe he is admoniſhed: alſo thou haſt de-
liuered thy ſoule.

m That is, the Spirit of propheſie

22 And the m hand of the Lord was there
vpon me, and he ſaid vnto me, Ariſe, & go
into the n field, and I wil there talke with
thee.

n Or, valley.

23 So when I had riſen vp, and gone forthe
into the field, beholde, the o glorie of the
Lord ſtode there, as ȳ glorie which I ſawe
by the riuer Chebár, and I fel downe vpon
my face.

o Meaning, the viſion of the Cherubims, & the wheles.

24 Then the Spirit entred into me, which
p ſet me vp vpon my fete, and ſpake vnto
me, and ſaid to me, Come, & q ſhut thy
ſelf within thine houſe.

o Read Chap 2, 2

p Signifying that not onely he ſhulde not profit, but they ſhuld grieuouſly trouble, & afflict him.

25 But thou, ô ſonne of man, beholde, they
ſhal put bandes vpon thee, and ſhal binde
thee with them, and thou ſhalt not go out
among them,

q Which declareth the terrible plague of the Lord whē God ſtoppeth the monthes of his miniſters, & that all ſuche are the rods of his vēgeance that do it.

26 And I wil make thy tongue r cleaue to
the rooſe of thy mouth, that thou ſhalt be
dumme, and ſhalt not be to them as a man
that rebuketh: for they are a rebellious
houſe.

r Reuel 22, 18.

27 But when I ſhal haue ſpoken vnto thee,
I wil open thy mouth, and thou ſhalt ſay
vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God, He
that heareth, let him heare, and he that
leaueth of, * let him leaue: for they are a
rebellious houſe.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The beſieging of the citie of Ieruſalém is ſignified. 9 The long continuance of the captiuitie of Iſraél. 16 Auhungre is propheſied to come.

1 THou alſo ſonne of man, take thee a bricke, and lay it before thee, & pourtray vpon it the citie, *euen* Ieruſalém,
2 And lay ſiege againſt it, and buylde a fort againſt it, and caſt a mount againſt it: ſet the campe alſo againſt it, and lay engins of warre againſt it rounde about.
3 Moreouer, take an [a] yron panne, and ſet it for a wall of yron betwene thee and the citie, and direct thy face toward it, & it ſhal be beſieged, and thou ſhalt lay ſiege againſt it: this ſhalbe a ſigne vnto the houſe of Iſraél.
4 Slepe thou alſo vpon thy left ſide, & lay the iniquitie of the [b] houſe of Iſraél vpon it: *according* to the nõbre of the daies, that thou ſhalt ſlepe vpon it, thou ſhalt beare their iniquitie.
5 For I haue laied vpon thee the yeres of their iniquitie, according to the nomber of the daies, *euen* thre hundreth and ninty daies: ſo ſhalt thou beare the iniquitie of the houſe of Iſraél.
6 And when thou haſt accompliſhed them, ſlepe againe vpon thy [c] right ſide, and thou ſhalt beare the iniquitie of the houſe of Iudáh fourtie daies: I haue appointed thee a day for a yere, *euen* a day for a yere.
7 Therefore [ỹ] ſhalt direct thy face toward the ſiege of Ieruſalém, & thine [d] arme *ſhalbe* vncouered, and thou ſhalt prophecie againſt it.
8 And beholde, I wil lay [e] bands vpon thee, and thou ſhalt not turne thee from one ſide to another, til thou haſt ended the daies of thy ſiege.
9 Thou ſhalt take alſo vnto thee wheat, & barly, and beanes, and lentiles, and millet, [f] and fitches, and put them in one veſſel, & make thee bread thereof *according* to the nomber of the daies, that thou ſhalt ſlepe vpon thy ſide: *euen* [g] thre hundreth & ninty daies ſhalt thou eat thereof.
10 And the meat, whereof thou ſhalt eat, *ſhalbe* by weight, *euẽ* [h] twẽtie ſhekels a day: *and* from time to time ſhalt thou eat thereof.
11 Thou ſhalt drinke alſo water by meaſure, *euen* the ſixt parte of [i] an Hin: from time to time ſhalt thou drinke.
12 And thou ſhalt eat it *as* barly cakes, and thou ſhalt bake it [k] in the dongue that cometh out of man, in their ſight.
13 And the Lord ſaid, So ſhal the children of Iſraél eat their defiled bread amõg the Gentiles, whether I wil caſt them.
14 Then ſaid I, Ah, Lord God, beholde, my ſoule hathe not bene polluted: for fr̃ my youth vp, euen vnto this houre, I haue not eaten of a thing dead, or torne in pieces, nether came there any [l] vncleane fleſh in my mouth.
15 Then he ſaid vnto me, Lo, I haue giuen thee bullockes [m] dõgue for mans dongue, & thou ſhalt prepare thy bread therewith.
16 Moreouer he ſaid vnto me, Sonne of mã, beholde, I wil breake [n] the ſtaffe of bread in Ieruſalém, and they ſhal eat bread by weight, and with care, and they ſhal drinke water by meaſure, and with aſtoniſhment.
17 Becauſe that bread and water ſhal faile, they ſhal be aſtonied one with another, & ſhal conſume away for their iniquitie.

a Which ſignified the ſtubbernes & hardnes of their heart.
b Hereby he repreſented the idolatrie and ſinne of the tẽ tribes (for Samaria was on his left hand from Babylõ) and how they ſtd remained herein thre hundreth and nynetie yeres.
c Which declared Iudáh, who had now from the time of Ioſiáh ſlept in their ſinnes fourty yeres
d In token of a ſpedie vengeance.
e The people ſhuldeſo ſtreitely be beſieged, that they ſhulde not be able to turne them.
f Meanig. that the famine ſhulde be ſo great, ỹ they ſhulde be glad to eat whatſoeuer they colde get
g Which were fourtene moneths that the citie was beſieged, & this was as many daies as Iſraél ſinned yeres.
h Which make a pounde
i Read Exod. 29,40
k Signifying hereby ỹ great ſcarſetie of fuel, and matter to burne
l Muche leſſe ſuche vile corruption.
m To be as fyre to bake thy bread w.
n That is, the force & ſtrẽgth wherewith it ſhulde nõriſh. Iſa 3, 1. chap 5,17 & 14,13.

CHAP. V.

The ſigne of the heeres, whereby is ſignified the deſtruction of the people.

1 AND thou ſonne of man, take thee a ſharpe knife, *or* take thee a barbours raſor & cauſe it [a] to paſſe vpõ thine head, and vpon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and deuide the *heere*.
2 Thou ſhalt burne with fyre the third part in the middes of [b] the citie, whẽ the dayes of the ſiege are fulfilled, & thou ſhalt take the *other* third parte, & ſmite about it with a knife, and the *laſt* third parte thou ſhalt ſcatter in the winde, and I wil drawe out a ſworde after them.
3 Thou ſhalt alſo take thereof a fewe in nomber, and binde them in thy [c] lappe.
4 Then take of them againe and caſt them into the middes of the fyre, & burne them in the fyre: [d] *for* thereof ſhal a fyre come forthe into all the houſe of Iſraél.
5 Thus ſaith the Lord God, This is Ieruſalém: I haue ſet it in the middes of the nacions and countreys, *that* are rounde about her.
6 And ſhe hathe changed my [e] iudgements into wickednes more then the nacions, & my ſtatutes more then the countreys, that are rounde about her: for thei haue refuſed my iudgements and my ſtatutes, *and* they haue not walked in them.
7 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Becauſe your [f] multitude is greater then the nacions that are rounde about you, and ye haue not walked in my ſtatutes, nether haue ye kept my iudgements: no, ye haue not done according to the iudgements of the nacions, that are rounde about you,
8 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I, euen I *come* againſt thee, and wil execute iudgement in the middes of thee, *euen* in the ſight of the nacions.
9 And I wil do in thee, that I neuer did *before*, nether wil do anie more the like, becauſe of all thine abominacions.
10 For in the middes of thee, the fathers *ſhal eat their ſonnes, and the ſonnes ſhal eat their fathers, and I wil execute iudgement in thee, and the whole rẽnant of thee wil I ſcatter into all the windes.
11 Wherefore, as I liue, ſaith the Lord God, Surely becauſe thou haſt defiled my Sanctuarie with all thy filthines, & [w] all thine

a To ſhaue thine head & thy beard
b To wit, of that citie ỹ he had pourtrated vpon ỹ bricke, Chap. 4,1
c By the fyre and peſtilence he meaneth the famine, wherewith one part periſhed, during ỹ ſiege of Nebuchad-nezzár
d By the ſworde thoſe that were ſlayne whẽ Zedekiáh fled and thoſe that were caried away captiue. And by the ſcattering into the wind thoſe that fled into Egypt and into other partes after the citie was takẽ.
e Meaning, that a very fewe ſhulde be left, which ỹ Lord wolde preſerue among all theſe ſtormes, but not without troubles and tryal
f Out of that fyre which ỹ kindeleſt, ſhal a fyre come, which ſhal ſignifie the deſtruction of Iſraél.
e My worde and I lawe into idolatrie and ſuperſtitions.
f Becauſe your idoles are in greater nõber and your ſuperſtitions more then among the profeſſed idolaters, read Iſa 65, 11: or he condẽneth their ingratitude in reſpect of his benefites
Leu. 26,29 deu 28,53. 2 king. 6,29. lament. 4,10. baruch. 2,3.

abominacions, therefore wil I alſo deſtroy thee, nether ſhal mine eye ſpare *thee*, nether wil I haue anie pitie.

12 The third parte of thee ſhal dye with the peſtilence, and with famine ſhal they be conſumed in the middes of thee: and *another* third parte ſhal fall by the ſworde rounde about thee: and I wil ſcatter the *laſt* third parte into all windes, and I wil drawe out a ſworde after them.

13 Thus ſhal mine angre be accompliſhed, & I wil cauſe my wrath to ceaſe in thē, & I wil be [g] comforted: & thei ſhal knowe, that I ỹ Lord haue ſpoken it in my zeale, when I haue accompliſhed my wrath in them.

[g] That is, I wil not be pacified til I be reuenged. Iſa. 5.24.

14 Moreouer, I wil make thee waſte, and abhorred among the nacions, that are rounde about thee, & in the ſight of all that paſſe by.

15 So thou ſhalt be a reproche and ſhame, a chaſtiſement and an aſtoniſhmēt vnto the nacions, that are rounde about thee, when I ſhal execute iudgements in thee, in angre and in wrath, and in ſharpe rebukes: I the Lord haue ſpoken it.

16 When I ſhal ſend vpon thē the [f] euil [h] arrowes of famine, which ſhalbe for *their* deſtruction, *and* which I wil ſend to deſtroye you: and I wil encreaſe the famine vpon you, and wil breake your ſtaffe of bread.

[f] Or, dangerous [h] Which were ỹ graſhoppers, mildewe, and whatſoeuer were occaſions of famine.

17 *So wil I ſend vpon you famine, and euil beaſts, and they ſhal ſpoyle thee, and peſtilence and blood ſhal paſſe through thee, & I wil bring the ſworde vpon thee: I the Lord haue ſpoken it.

Chap. 5.17. & 14.13.

CHAP. VI.

He ſheweth that Ieruſalém ſhalbe deſtroyed for their idolatrie. 8 He prophecieth the repentance of the remnant of the people and their deliuerance.

1 AGaine the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, Set thy face towards the *mountaines of Iſraél, and prophecie againſt them,

Chap. 36.1.

3 And ſay, Ye mountaines of Iſraél, heare the worde of the Lord God: thus ſaith the Lord God to the [a] mountaines and to the hilles, to the riuers and to the valleis, Beholde, I, *euen* I, wil bring a ſworde vpon you, and I wil deſtroye your hie places:

[a] He ſpeaketh to all the places where the Iſraelites accuſtomed to commit their idolatries threatening them deſtruction.

4 And your altars ſhalbe deſolate, and your images of the [b] ſunne ſhalbe broken: and I wil caſt downe your ſlayne men before your idoles.

[b] Read 2 King. 23.11.

5 And I wil lay the dead carkeiſes of the children of Iſraél before their idoles, and I wil ſcatter your bones roūde about [c] your altars.

[c] In contempt of their power and force, ẅ ſhal neither be able to deliuer you nor them ſelues, 2 King. 19.29.

6 In all your dwelling places the cities ſhal be deſolate, and the hie places ſhalbe laied waſte, ſo ỹ your altars ſhalbe made waſte and deſolate, & your idoles ſhalbe broken, and ceaſe, and your images of the ſunne ſhalbe cut in pieces, and your woikes ſhalbe aboliſhed.

7 And the ſlayne ſhal fall in the middes of you, and ye ſhal knowe that I am ỹ Lord.

8 Yet wil I leaue a remnant, [d] that you may haue *ſome* that ſhal eſcape the ſworde among the nacions, when you ſhalbe ſcattred through the countreis.

[d] He ſheweth that in all dangers God wil preſerue a few which ſhalbe as the ſede of his Church & call vpon his Name.

9 And they that eſcape of you, ſhal remember me among the nacions, where they ſhalbe in captiuitie, becauſe I am grieued for their whoriſh hearts, which haue departed from me, and for their eyes, which haue gone a whoring after their idoles, and they [e] ſhalbe diſpleaſed in them ſelues for the euils, which they haue committed in all their abominacions.

[e] They ſhalbe aſhamed to ſe that their hope in idoles was but vaine, and ſo ſhal repent.

10 And thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord, *and* that I haue not ſaid in vaine, that I wolde do this euil vnto them.

11 Thus ſaith the Lord God, [f] Smite with thine hand, and ſtretche forthe with thy fote, and ſay, Alas, for all the wicked abominacions of the houſe of Iſraél: for they ſhal fall by the ſworde, by the famine, and by the peſtilence.

[f] By theſe ſignes he wolde that the Prophet ſhulde ſignifie the great deſtruction to come

12 He that is farre of, ſhal dye of the peſtilence, and he that is nere, ſhal fall by the ſworde, and he that remaineth and is beſieged, ſhal dye by the famine: thus wil I accompliſh my wrath vpon them.

13 Then [g] ye ſhal knowe, that I am ỹ Lord, when their ſlayne men ſhalbe among their idoles rounde about their altars, vpon euery hie hill in all the toppes of the mountaines, and vnder euery grene tre, and vnder euery thicke oke, *which is* the place where they did offer ſwete ſauour to all their idoles.

[g] That is, all nacions, when you ſhal ſe my iudgements.

14 So wil I *ſtretch mine hand vpon them, & make the land waſte, and deſolate [h] frō the wildernes vnto Dibláth in all their habitacions, and they ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord.

Chap. 5.14.

[h] Some read, more deſolate then the wildernes of Dibláth, which was in Syria, and bordered vpon Iſraél, or from the wildernes, which was South vnto Dibláth, ẅ was North meaning, the whole countrey

CHAP. VII.

The end of all the land of Iſraél ſhal ſuddenly come.

1 MOreouer the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Alſo thou ſonne of man, thus ſaith the Lord God, An end *is* come vnto the lād of Iſraél: the end is come vpon the foure corners of the land.

3 Now *is* the end *come* vpon thee, and I wil ſend my wrath vpon thee, and wil iudge thee according to thy waies, and wil laye vpon thee all [a] thine abominacions.

[a] I wil puniſh thee as thou haſt deſerued for thine idolatrie

4 Nether ſhal mine eye ſpare thee, nether wil I haue pitie: but I wil laie thy waies vpon thee: and thine abominacion ſhalbe in the middes of thee, and ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord.

5 Thus ſaith the Lord God, [g] Beholde, one euil, *euen one* euil is come.

[g] Or, beholde, euil cometh after euil.

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b It sheweth ỹ the iudgemẽts of God euer watch to destroye the sinners, watch not withstanding he delayeth til there be no more hope of repentance

6 An end is come, the end is come, it b watched for thee: beholde, it is come.

7 The c morning is come vnto thee, that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is nere, and not the d sounding againe of the mountaines.

c The beginning of his punishments is already come.

d Which was a voyce of ioye, and mirth.

8 Now I wil shortely powre out my wrath vpon thee, and fulfil mine angre vpõ thee: I wil iudge thee according to thy wayes, and wil lay vpon thee all thine abominacions.

9 Nether shal mine eye spare *thee*, nether wil I haue pitie, *but* I wil lay vpon thee according to thy wayes, and thine abominacions shal be in the middes of thee, & ye shal know that I am the Lord that smiteth.

10 Beholde, the day, beholde, it is come: the morning is gone forthe, the e rod flourisheth: f pride hathe budded.

e The scourge is in a readines

f That is, the proude tyrant Nebuchad-nezzar hathe gathered his force & is ready.

11 gCrueltie is risen vp into a rod of wickednes: none of them *shal remaine*, nor of their riches, nor of anie of theirs, nether shal there be h lamentation for them.

g This cruel enemie shalbe a sharpe scourge for their wickednes

h Their owne affliction shalbe so great, that they shal haue no regarde to lamente for others

12 The time is come, the day draweth nere: let not the byer i reioyce, nor let him that selleth, k mourne: for the wrath is vpõ all the multitude thereof.

i For the present profite

k For he shal lose nothing.

13 For he that selleth, shal not l returne to that, which is solde, although they were yet aliue: for the m visiõ was vnto all the multitude thereof, *and* they returned not, n nether doeth anie encourage him self in the punishment of his life.

l In the yere of the Iubile, meaning, that none shulde enioye the priuiledge of the Law, Leui 25.13 for they shuld all be caryed away captiues.

m This vision signified, that all shulde be caryed away, and none shulde returne for the Iubile

n No man for all this, endeuoreth him self or taketh heare to repent for life

14 o They haue blowen the trumpet, and prepared all, but none goeth to the battel: for my wrath is vpon all the multitude thereof.

15 The sworde *is* without, and the pestilence, and the famine within: he that is in the field, shal dye with ỹ sworde, & he that is in the citie, famine and pestilence shal deuoure him.

16 But they that flee away from them, shal escape, and shalbe in the mountaines, like ỹ doues of the valleis: all thei shal mourne, euerie one for his iniquitie.

17 *All hands shal be weake, and all knees shal fall away *as* water.

So for not be fined in his iniquitie of his life: meaning, that thei shulde game nothing by flatering them selues in euil

18 *They shal also gird them selues with sackecloth, and fearc shal couer them, and shame *shalbe* vpon all faces, and baldenes vpon their heads.

o The Israelites made a brag, but their hearts failed them.

19 They shal cast their siluer in the stretes, and their golde shalbe *cast* far of: their *siluer and their golde can not deliuer them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shal not satisfie their soules, nether fil their bowels: for *this* ruine is for their iniquitie.

Isa 13.7. iere.6.24. Isa 13.8. iere 48.37. Prou. 11.4. Zephan.1.18 eccle 5.16.

20 He had also set the beautie of his p ornament in maiestie: but they made images of their abominations, *and* of their idoles therein: therefore haue I set it farre from them.

p Meaning, the Sanctuarie.

21 And I wil giue it into the hands of the q strangers to be spoiled, and to the wicked of the earth to be robbed, & they shal pollute it.

q That is, of ỹ Babylonians.

22 My face wil I turne also from them, and they shal pollute my r secret place: for the destroyers shal entre into it, and defile it.

r Whichsignifieth ỹ Most holie place, wherevnto no one might enter but the hie Priest

23 ¶Make a f chaine: for the land is ful of the s iudgement of blood, and the citie is ful of crueltie.

f Signifying, ỹ they shulde be bounde, & led away captiues

s That is, of sinnes that deserue death

24 Wherefore I wil bring the moste wicked of the heathen, and they shal possesse their houses: I wil also make the pompe of the mightie to cease, and their u holie places shalbe defiled.

u Which was the Temple, ỹ was deuided into three partes, Psal 64.33.

25 When destruction cometh, they shal seke peace, and shal not *haue* it.

26 Calamitie shal come vpon calamitie, and rumour shalbe vpon rumour: thẽ shal they seke a vision of the Prophet: but the Law shal perish from the Priest, & counsel from the Ancient.

27 The King shal mourne, and the prince shalbe clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people in the land shal be troubled: I wil do vnto them according to their wayes, and according to their iudgements wil I iudge them, and they shal knowe that I am the Lord.

CHAP. VIII.

1 An appearance of the similitude of God: 3 Ezekiél is broght to Ierusalim in the spirit. 6 The Lord sheweth the Prophet the idolatries of the house of Israél.

1 AND in the a sixt yere, in the b sixt *moneth, and* in the fift *day* of the moneth, as I sate in mine house, and the Elders of Iudáh sate before me, the hand of the Lord God fel there vpon me.

a Of the captiuitie of Ieconiáh

b Which contained parte of August, & parte of September.

2 Then I behelde, and lo, *there was* a likenes, as the appearance of c fyre, to loke to, from his loynes downewarde, and from his loynes vpwarde, as the appearance of brightnes, and like vnto ambre.

c As Chap. 1.27.

3 And he stretched out the likenes of an hand, and toke me by an heerie locke of mine head, and the Spirit lift me vp betwene the earth, and the heauẽ, and broght me "by a Diuine d vision to Ierusalem, into the entrie of the inner e gate that lieth toward the North, where remained the idole of f indignation, which prouoked indignation.

"Eor in the visions of God

d Meaning, ỹ he was thus caried in spirit, and not in bodie

e Which was the porche or the court where the people assembled.

f So called because it prouoked Gods indignation, & was the idole of Baal

4 And beholde, the glorie of the God of Israél *was* there according to the vision, that I saw g in the field.

g Read Chap. 3.22

5 Then said he vnto me, Sonne of man, lift vp thine eyes now towarde ỹ North. So I lift vp mine eyes towarde the North, and beholde, Northwarde, at the gate of

h That is, in ỹ court where ỹ people had made an altar to Báal.

the h altar, this idole of indignation *was* in the entrie.

6 He ſaid furthermore vnto me, Sonne of man, ſeeſt thou not what thei do? *euen* the great abominations that the houſe of Iſraél committeth here to cauſe *me* to de-

i For God wil not be where idoles are.

parte from i my Sanctuarie? but yet turne thee & thou ſhalt ſe greater abominations.

7 And he cauſed me to entre at the gate of the court: and when I loked, beholde, an hole *was* in the wall.

8 Then ſaid he vnto me, Sonne of man, digge now in the wall. And when I had digged in the wall, beholde, *there was* a dore.

9 And he ſaid vnto me, Go in, and beholde the wicked abominations that they do here.

10 So I went in, and ſawe, and beholde, *there was* euerie ſimilitude of creping things and k abominable beaſtes and all the idoles of the houſe of Iſraél painted vpon the wall rounde about.

k Which were forbidden in ỹ Law, Leuit 11.

11 And there ſtode before them ſeuentie l men of the Ancients of the houſe of Iſraél, and in the middes of them ſtode Iaazaniáh, the ſonne of Shaphán, with euerie man his cenſour in his hand, and the vapour of the incenſe went vp *like* m a cloud.

l Thus they that ſhulde haue kept all the reſt in the feare, & true ſeruice of God, were the ring leaders to all abominatiõ, & by their example pulled others frõ God.

m It was in ſuche abundãce

12 Then ſaid he vnto me, Sonne of man, haſt thou ſene what the Ancients of the houſe of Iſraél n do in the darke, euerie one in the chambre of his imagerie? for thei ſaie, The Lord ſeeth vs not, the Lord hathe forſaken the earth.

n For beſides their commune idolatrie, they had particular ſeruice, which they had in ſecret chambers.

13 Againe he ſaid alſo vnto me, Turne thee againe, & thou ſhalt ſe greater abominacions that thei do.

14 And he cauſed me to entre into the entrie of the gate of the Lords houſe, which was towarde the North: and beholde there ſate women mourning for o Tammúz.

o The Iewes write that this was a Prophet of the idoles, who after his death was once a yere mourned for in the night.

15 Then ſaid he vnto me, Haſt thou ſene *this*, ô ſonne of man? Turne thee againe, & thou ſhalt ſe greater abominacions then theſe.

16 And he cauſed me to entre into the inner court of the Lords houſe, and beholde, at the dore of the Temple of the Lord, betwene the porche and the altar *were* about fiue and twentie men with their backes towarde the Temple of the Lord, and their faces towarde the Eaſt, and thei worſhiped the ſunne, toward the Eaſt.

17 Then he ſaid vnto me, Haſt thou ſene *this*, ô ſonne of man? Is it a ſmale thing to the houſe of Iudáh to commit theſe abominaciõs w thei do here? for thei haue filled the land with crueltie, and haue returned to prouoke me: and lo, thei haue caſt out p ſtinke before their noſes.

p Declaring that the cenſings, and ſeruice of the idolaters are but infection and vilenie before God.

18 Therefore wil I alſo execute *my* wrath: mine eye ſhal not ſpare *them*, nether wil I haue pitie, and q thogh thei crye in mine eares with a loude voyce, *yet* wil I not heare them.

Prou. 21, 13. Iſa. 46, 7. Ieram. 11, 11. mich 3, 4.

CHAP. IX.

1 The deſtruction of the citie. 4 They that ſhalbe ſaued, are marked. 8 A complaint of the prophet for the deſtruction of the people.

1 HE cryed alſo with a loude voice in mine eares, ſaying, The viſitacions of a the citie drawe nere, and euerie man hathe a weapon in his hand to deſtroye it.

a The time to take vengeance.

2 And beholde, ſix b men came by the way of the hie gate, which lieth toward the c North, and euerie man a weapon in his hand to deſtroye it: and one man among them was clothed with linnen, with a writers d ynkhorne by his ſide, & thei went in and ſtode beſide the braſen altar.

b Which were Angels in the ſimilitude of men.

c Signifying that the Babylonians ſhulde come from the North to deſtroye the citie and the Tẽple.

3 And the glorie of the God of Iſraél was e gone vp from the Cherúb, whereupon he was *and ſtode* on the f dore of the houſe & he called to the man clothed with linnen, which had the writers ynkhorne by his ſide.

d To marke them that ſhulde be ſaued

e Which declared, that he was not bound thereunto, nether wolde remaine anie lõger, thẽ there was hope that they wolde returne frõ their wickednes, & worſhip him aright.

f *Or, thre ſholde.* g *Or, marke with Thau*

4 And ỹ Lord ſaid vnto him, Go through the middes of the citie, *euen* through the middes of Ieruſalém, and ſet g a marke vpon the foreheads of them that f mourne, and crye for all the abominacions that be done in the middes thereof.

f He ſheweth what is the maner of Gods children, whome he marketh to ſaluation: to wit, to mourne, and crye out againſt ỹ wickednes, which they ſe cõmitted againſt Gods glorie.

5 And to the other he ſaid, that I might heare, Go ye after him through the citie, and ſmite: let your eye ſpare none, nether haue pitie.

6 Deſtroye vtterly the olde, & the yong, and the maids, and the children, and the women, but touche no man, vpon whome *is* the g marke, and begin at my Sanctuarie. Then they began at the h Ancient men, which were before the houſe.

g Thus in all his plagues ỹ Lord preſerueth his ſmale nombre, which he marketh as Exod 12, 22 reuel 7, 3 but the chief marke is the Spirit of adoption, wherewith ỹ heart is ſealed vp to life euerlaſting which were the chief occaſiõ of all theſe euils, as Chap 8, 12.

h This declareth, that the ſeruantes of God haue a cõpaſſion, when they ſe his iudgements executed.

7 And he ſaid vnto thẽ, Defile the Houſe, and fil the courtes with the ſlaine, *then* go forthe: and they went out, and ſlewe *them* in the citie.

8 Now when they had ſlaine them, and I had eſcaped, I fel downe vpõ my face, and cryed, ſaying, i Ah Lord God, wilt thou deſtroye all the reſidue of Iſraél, in powring out thy wrath vpon Ieruſalém?

i That is, with all kinde of wickednes, read Iſa 1, 15.

9 Then ſaid he vnto me, The iniquitie of the houſe of Iſraél, and Iudáh *is* exceding great, ſo that the land is ful k of blood, & the citie ful of corrupt iudgement: for thei ſay, The Lord hathe forſaken the earth, and the Lord ſeeth *vs* not.

10 As touching me alſo, mine eye ſhal not ſpare *them*, nether wil I haue pitie, *but* wil recompence their wayes vpon their heads.

11 And beholde, the mã clothed with linen which had the ynkhorne by his ſide, made

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report, and ſaid, *Lord* I haue done as thou haſt commanded me.

CHAP. X.

1 Of the man that toke hote burning coles out of the middle of the wheles of the Cherubims. 8 A rehearſal of the viſion of the wheles, of the beaſtes, and of the Cherubims.

Chap.1,22. 1 AND as I loked, beholde, in the * firmament that was aboue the head of the [a] Cherubims there appeared vpon thē like vnto the ſimilitude of a throne, as *it were* a ſaphir ſtone.

a Which in the firſt chap ver. 5 he called the foure beaſtes.

2 And he ſpake vnto the man clothed with linen, and ſaid, Go in betwene the wheles, *euen* vnder the Cherúb, and fil thine hands with coles of fyre from betwene the Cherubims, and ſcatter them ouer [b] the citie. And he went in in my ſight.

b This ſignified, that the citie ſhulde be burnt.

3 Now the Cherubims ſtode vpō the right ſide of the houſe when the man went in, & the cloude filled the inner court.

c Meaning, that the glorie of God ſhulde departe from the Temple.

4 Then the glorie of the Lord [c] went vp frō the Cherúb, *and ſtode* ouer the dore of the houſe, and the houſe was filled with the cloude, and ỹ court was filled with the brightnes of the Lords glorie.

d Read Chap. 9,4.

5 And the [d] ſoūde of the Cherubims wings was heard into the vtter court, as the voyce of the Almightie God, when he ſpeaketh.

6 And when he had cōmanded the man clothed with linnen, ſaying, Take fyre from betwene the wheles, *&* from betwene the Cherubims, then he went in and ſtode beſide the whele.

7 And one Cherúb ſtretched forthe his hād from betwene the Cherubims vnto the fyre, that was betwene the Cherubims, & toke *thereof*, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who toke it and went out.

8 And there appeared in the Cherubims, ỹ likenes of a mās hād vnder their wings.

9 And whē I loked vp, beholde foure wheles *were* beſide the Cherubims, one whele by one Cherúb, and another whele by another Cherúb, and the appearance of the wheles *was* as the colour of a [e] chryſolite ſtone.

e Read Chap. 1,16.

10 And their appearance (*for* they were *all* foure of one facion) was as if one whele had bene in *another* whele.

11 When they went forthe, they went vpon their foure ſides, and they returned not as they went: but to the place whether the firſt went, they went after it, *&* they [f] turned not as they went.

f Until they had executed Gods iudgements.

12 And their whole body, and their [g] rings, & their hāds, and their wings, & the wheles were ful of eyes round about, *euen* in the ſame foure wheles.

g Or, ſtreets.

13 And *the Cherúb* cryed to theſe wheles in mine hearing, *ſaying*, O whele.

14 And euery *beaſt* had foure faces: ỹ firſt face *was* the face of a Cherúb, and the ſeconde face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an egle.

15 And the Cherubims were lifted vp: *this is the beaſt that I ſawe at the riuer Chebár. Chap.1,5.

16 And whē the Cherubims went, the wheles went by them: and when the Cherubims lift vp their wings to mount vp from the earth, the ſame wheles alſo turned not from beſide them.

17 When the *Cherubims* ſtode, thei ſtode: and when thei were lifted vp, thei lifted them ſelues vp *alſo*: for the [g] ſpirit of the beaſt *was* in them.

g There was one conſent betwene the Cherubims & the wheles

18 [h] Then the glorie of the Lord departed from aboue the dore of the Houſe, & ſtode vpon the Cherubims.

h Read Chap. 9,3.

19 And the Cherubims lift vp their wings, and mounted vp frō the earth in my ſight: whē thei went out, the wheles alſo *were* beſides them: & *euerie one* ſtode at the entrie of ỹ gate of the Lords Houſe at the Eaſt ſide, & the glorie of the God of Iſraél *was* vpon them on hie.

20 *This is the [i] beaſt that I ſaw vnder the God of Iſraél by the riuer Chebár, and I knewe that thei were the Cherubims. Chap.14,1.

i That is, the whole body of the foure beaſts or Cherubims.

21 Euerie one had foure faces, and euerie one foure wings, and the likenes of mans hands *was* vnder their wings.

22 And the likenes of their faces *was* the ſelfe ſame faces, which I ſawe by the riuer Chebár, *and* the appearance of the *Cherubims was* the ſelfe ſame, *and* thei went euerie one ſtraight forwarde.

CHAP. XI.

1 Who thei were that ſeduced the people of Iſraél. 5 Againſt theſe he prophecieth, ſhewing them how thei ſhal be diſperſed abroade. 19 The renuing of the heart commeth of God. 21 He threatneth them that leane vnto their owne counſels.

1 MOreouer, the Spirit lift me vp, and brought me vnto the Eaſt gate of the Lords Houſe, which lieth Eaſtward, and beholde, at the entrie of the gate *were* fiue, and twentie mē: amōg whome I ſawe Iaazaniáh the ſonne of Azúr, & Pelatiáh the ſonne of Benaiáh, the princes of ỹ people.

2 Then ſaid he vnto me, Sonne of man, theſe are the men that imagine miſchief, and deuiſe wicked counſel in this citie:

[a] Thus the wicked derided the Prophetes, as though they preached but errors, & therfore gaue thē ſelues ſtil to their pleaſures

3 *For* thei ſay, [a] It is not nere, let vs buylde houſes: this *citie* is the [b] caldron, and we be the fleſh.

b We ſhal not be pulled out of Ieruſalém, til the houre of our death comeas ỹ fleſh is not take out of the caldrō til it be ſod.

4 Therefore prophecie againſt them, ſonne of man prophecie.

5 And ỹ Spirit of the Lord fel vpon me, & ſaid vnto me, Speake, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord, O ye houſe of Iſraél, this haue ye ſaid, & I know that ẅ riſeth vp of your mindes.

6 Manie haue ye murthered in this citie, and ye haue filled the ſtretes thereof with the ſlaine.

7 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Thei that ye haue ſlaine, and haue layed in the middes of it, thei are [c] the fleſh, and this *citie* is the caldrõ, but I wil bring you forthe of the middes of it.

c Cõtrarie to their vaine cõfidence he ſheweth in what ſenſe this citie is the caldrõ: that is, becauſe of the dead bodies that haue bene murthered therein, and ſo lie as fleſh in the caldron

8 Ye haue feared the ſworde; and I wil bring a ſworde vpon you, ſaith the Lord God.

9 And I wil bring you out of the middes thereof, and deliuer you into [d] the hands of ſtrangers, and wil execute iudgements among you.

d That is, of ỹ Caldeans

10 Ye ſhal fall by ỹ ſworde, & I wil iudge you in the border of [e] Iſraél, and ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord,

e That is, in Riblàh, read 2 King 25.7

11 This *citie* ſhal not be your caldron, nether ſhal ye be the fleſh in the middes thereof, *but* I wil iudge you in the border of Iſraél.

12 And ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord: for ye haue not walked in my ſtatutes, nether executed my iudgements, but haue done after the maners of the heathen, that are rounde about you.

13 ¶ And when I prophecied, Pelatiáh the ſonne of [f] Benaiáh dyed: then fel I downe vpon my face & cryed with a loude voice, and ſaid, Ah Lord God, wilt thou then vtterly deſtroie all the remnant of Iſraél?

f It ſemeth ỹ this noble mã dyed of ſome terrible death & therefore ỹ Prophet feared ſome ſtrange iudgement of God towarde the reſt of ỹ people.

14 Againe the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

15 Sonne of man, thy [g] brethren, *euen* thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the houſe of Iſraél, wholly *are thei* vnto whome the inhabitants of Ieruſalém haue ſaid, Departe ye farre from the Lord: *for* the land is giuen vs in poſſeſsion.

g Thei that remained ſtil at Ieruſalém thus reproched thẽ that were gone into captiuitie, as though thei were caſt of and forſaken of God.

16 Therefore ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Althogh I haue caſt them farre of among the heathen, and althogh I haue ſcattered them among the countreis, yet wil I be to them as a litle [h] Sanctuarie in the countreis where they ſhal come.

h Thei ſhalbe yet a litle Church, ſhewing that the Lord wil euer haue ſome to call vpon his Name, whome he wil preſerue and reſtore, thogh thei be for a time afflicted.

17 Therefore ſaie, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord God, I wil gather you againe from the people, & aſſemble you out of the countreis where ye haue bene ſcattered, and I wil giue you the land of Iſraél.

18 And thei ſhal come thether, and thei ſhal take awaie all the idoles there of, and all ỹ abominations thereof from thence.

Ierem.32.39. chap.36.27.

19 * And I wil giue them one heart, and I wil put a newe ſpirit within their bowels: and I wil take the [i] ſtonie heart out of their bodies, & wil giue them an heart of fleſh,

i Meaning, the heart whereunto nothing can enter, and regenerat them a newe, ſo that their heare may be ſoft, & ready to receiue my grace

20 That thei maie walke in my ſtatutes, & kepe my iudgements, and execute them: and thei ſhal be my people, and I wil be their God.

21 But vpõ thẽ, whoſe heart is toward their idoles, & whoſe affection goeth after their abominations, I wil laie their waie vpon their owne heades, ſaith the Lord God.

22 ¶ Then did the Cherubims lift vp their wings, and the wheles beſides them, and the glorie of the God of Iſraél *was* vpon them on hie.

23 And the glorie of the Lord went vp frõ the middes of the citie, and ſtode vpon ỹ mountaine which is toward the Eaſt ſide of the citie.

24 Afterwarde the Spirit toke me vp and broght me in a viſion by the Spirit of God into Caldea to them ỹ were led awaie captiues: ſo the viſion that I had ſene, went vp from me.

25 Thẽ I declared vnto thẽ that were [k] led awaie captiues, all the things that ỹ Lord had ſhewed me.

k When Ieconiáh was led awaie captiue.

CHAP. XII.

1 The parable of the captiuitie. 18 Another parable whereby the diſtres of hunger and thirſt is ſignified.

1 THe worde of ỹ Lord alſo came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, thou dwelleſt in the middes of a rebellious houſe, which haue eyes to ſe, and ſe [a] not: thei haue eares to heare, & heare not: for thei are a rebellious houſe.

a That is, thei receiue not ỹ frute of that which thei ſe and heare

3 Therefore thou ſonne of man, [m] prepare thy ſtuffe to go into captiuitie & go forthe by daie in their ſight: and thou ſhalt paſſe from thy place to another place in their ſight, if it be poſſible that thei maie conſider it: for thei are a rebellious houſe.

m Ebr. make thee veſſels to go into captiuitie.

4 Then ſhalt thou bring forthe thy ſtuffe by daie in their ſight as the ſtuffe of him ỹ goeth into captiuitie: & ỹ ſhalt go forthe at euen in their ſight, as thei that go forthe into captiuitie.

5 Dig thou through the wall in their ſight, and carie out thereby.

6 In their ſight ſhalt thou beare it vpon *thy* ſhulders, & carie it forthe in the darke: thou ſhalt couer thy face that thou ſe not the earth: for I haue ſet thee *as* a [b] ſigne vnto the houſe of Iſraél.

b That as ỹ doeſt, ſo ſhal thei do, and therefore in thee thei ſhal ſe their owne plague and puniſhment.

7 And as I was cõmanded, ſo I broght forthe my ſtuffe by day, as ỹ ſtuffe of one that goeth into captiuitie: and by night I digged through the wall with mine hand, and broght it forthe in the darke, *and* I bare it vpon *my* ſhulder in their ſight.

8 And in the morning came the worde of ỹ Lord vnto me, ſaying,

9 Sonne of man, hathe not the houſe of Iſraél, the rebellious houſe, ſaid vnto thee, What [c] doeſt thou?

c Do not thei deride thy doings?

10 *But* ſaie thou vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God, This [o] burden *concerneth* the chief in Ieruſalém, and all the houſe of Iſraél that are among them.

o Or, prophecie.

11 Saie, I am your ſigne: like as I haue done, ſo ſhal it be done vnto them: thei ſhal go

into bondage & captiuitie.

12 And the chiefeſt that is amóg them, ſhal beare vpon his ſhulder in the darke and ſhal go forthe: thei ſhal digge through the wall, to carie out thereby: he ſhal couer his face ỹ he ſe not the grounde with *his* eyes.

d When the Kig ſhal thike to eſcape by fleing, I wil take him in my net, as Cha 17,20 & 32,3

13 My net alſo wil I ſpread vpon d him, and he ſhalbe taken in my net, and I wil bring him to Babél to ỹ land of the Caldeãs, yet ſhal he not ſe it, thogh he ſhal dye there.

14 And I wil ſcatter towarde euerie winde all that are about him to helpe him, and all his garniſons, and I wil drawe out the ſworde after them.

15 And thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord, when I ſhal ſcatter thẽ amóg the nacions, and diſperſe them in the countreis.

e Which ſhulde beare his Name & ſhuld be his Churche, read Chap 14,16.

16 But I wil leaue a e litle nombre of them from the ſworde, from the famine, and fró the peſtilence, that thei may declare all theſe abominations among the heathen, where thei come, and thei ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord.

17 ¶ Moreouer, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

18 Sonne of man, eat thy bread with trembling, and drinke thy water with trouble, & with carefulnes,

19 And ſay vnto the people of the land, Thus ſaith the Lord God of the inhabitants of Ieruſalém, *and* of the land of Iſraél, Thei ſhal eat their bread with carefulnes, & drinke their water with deſolatiõ: for the land ſhalbe deſolate frõ her abundance becauſe of the crueltie of them that dwell therein.

20 And the cities that are inhabited, ſhal be left voide, & the land ſhalbe deſolate, and ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord.

21 ¶ And the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

22 Sonne of man, what is that prouerbe that you haue in the land of Iſraél, ſaying, The dayes f are prolonged and all viſions faile?

f Becauſe thei did not immediatly ſe the prophecies accomplished, thei contemned them as thogh thei ſhulde neuer be fulfilled

23 Tel them therefore, Thus ſaith the Lord God, I wil make this prouerbe to ceaſe, & thei ſhal no more vſe it as a prouerbe in Iſraél: but ſay vnto them, The dayes are at hand and the effect of euerie viſion.

* Or, *take none effect.*

24 For no viſion ſhalbe any more in vaine, nether *ſhalthere be* anie flatering diuinaciõ within the houſe of Iſraél.

25 For I am the Lord: I wil ſpeake, *and* that thing that I ſhal ſpeake, ſhal come to paſſe: it ſhalbe no more prolonged: for in youi daies, ó rebellious houſe, wil I ſay the thing, & wil perfome it, ſaith ỹ Lord God.

g That is, it ſhal not come to paſſe in our daies, and therefore we care not for it: thus ỹ wicked euer abuſe Gods pacience and benignitie.

26 Againe the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

27 Sonne of man, beholde, thei of the houſe of Iſraél ſay, The viſion that he ſeeth, is forꝛ many daies *tocome*, & he prophecieth of the times that are far of.

28 Therefore ſay vnto thẽ, Thus ſaith the Lord God, All my woꝛdes ſhal no longer be delayed, but ỹ thing which I haue ſpoken, ſhalbe done, ſaith the Lord God.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The worde of the Lord againſt falſe prophetes, which teache the people the counſels of their owne hearts.

1 AND the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, prophecie againſt the Prophetes of* Iſraél, that prophecie, and ſay thou vnto thẽ, that prophecie out of their a owne hearts, Heare the woꝛde of ỹ Lord. *Chap.14,9.*

a After their owne fantaſie, and not as hauing ỹ reuelatiõ of ỹ Lord, Iere,23,16

3 Thus ſaith the Lord God, Wo vnto the fooliſh prophetes that followe their owne ſpirit, and haue ſene nothing.

4 O Iſraél, thy Prophetes aꝛe like the foxes b in the waſte places.

b Watching to deſtroie the vineyarde

5 c Ye haue not riſen vp in ỹ gappes, nether made vp the hedge for the houſe of Iſraél, to ſtand in ỹ battel in the day of the Lord.

c He ſpeaketh to the gouernours and true miniſters that ſhulde haue reſiſted them.

6 Thei haue ſene vanitie, & lying diuinatiõ, ſaying, The Lord ſaith it, & the Lord hathe not ſent thẽ: & thei haue made *others* to hope that thei wolde confirme ỹ woꝛde *of their prophecie.*

7 Haue ye not ſene a vaine viſion? & haue ye not ſpoken a lying diuination? d ye ſay, The Lord ſaith it, albeit I haue not ſpokẽ.

d Ye promiſed peace to this people & now ye ſe their deſtruction, ſo that it is manifeſt, that ye are falſe prophetes.

8 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Becauſe ye haue ſpoken vanitie & haue ſene lies, therefore beholde, I am againſt you, ſaith the Lord God,

9 And mine hand ſhal be vpó the Prophetes ỹ ſe vanitie, & deuine lies: thei ſhal not be in the aſſemblie of my people, nether ſhal thei be writtẽ in the e writing of the houſe of Iſraél, nether ſhal thei entre into the land of Iſraél: and ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord God.

e That is, in the boke of life, wherein the true Iſraelites are writen

10 And therefore, becauſe thei haue deceiued my people, ſaying, f Peace, & there was no peace: & one buyld vp a wall, & beholde, ỹ others daubed it w̃ vntẽpered *morter*,

f Read Ierem. 6,14

g Where as ỹ true Prophetes prophecied the deſtruction of the citie to bring ỹ people to repentance, the falſe Prophetes ſpake the cõtrarie & flattered them in their vanities, ſo ỹ what ooe falſe prophet ſaid, (which is here called ỹ buylding of ỹ wall) an other falſe Prophet wold affirme, thogh he had nether occaſiõ nor good groũde to beare him.

11 Say vnto thẽ which dawbe it w̃ vntempered *morter*, that it ſhal fall: *for* there ſhal come a great ſhowre, & I wil ſend haile ſtones, *which* ſhal cauſe it to fall, and a ſtormie winde ſhal breake it.

12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, ſhal it not be ſaid vnto you, Where is ỹ dawbing wherewith ye haue dawbed it?

13 Therefore thus ſaith ỹ Lord God, I wil cauſe a ſtormie winde to breake forthe in my wrath, & a great ſhowre ſhalbe in mine angre, & haile ſtones in *mine* indignation to conſume it.

14 So I wil deſtroy the wall ỹ ye haue dawbed with vntẽpered *morter*, & bring it downe to ỹ grounde, ſo ỹ the fundaciõ thereof ſhal be diſcouered, & it ſhal fall, & ye ſhal be conſumed in the middes thereof, & ye ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord.

15 Thus wil I accompliſh my wrath vpon the wall, and vpon thé that haue dawbed it with [h] vntempered *morter*, & wil ſay vnto you, The wall is no more, nether the dawbers thereof.

16 *To wit*, the Prophetes of Iſraél, which prophecie vpon Ieruſalém, and ſe viſions of peace for it, and there is no peace, ſaith the Lord God.

17 Likewiſe thou ſonne of man, ſet thy face againſt ỹ daughters of thy people, which [i] prophecie out of their owne heart: and prophecie thou againſt them, and ſay,

18 Thus ſaith the Lord God, Wo vnto the *women* that ſowe [i] pillowes vnder all arme holes, and make vailes vpon the head of euerie one that ſtãdeth vp, to hunt ſoules: wil ye hunt the ſoules of my people, and wil ye giue life to the ſoules that come vnto you?

19 And wil ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of [k] barlie, & for pieces of bread to ſlay the ſoules of them that ſhulde not dye, and [l] to giue life to the ſoules that ſhuldenot liue in lying to my people, that heare *your* lies?

20 Wherefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Behold, I wil *haue to do* with your pillowes, wherewith ye hunt ỹ [m] ſoules to make thẽ to flie, and I wil teare them from your armes, and wil let the ſoules go, *euen* the ſoules, that ye hunt to make them to flie.

21 Your vailes alſo wil I teare, and deliuer my people out of your hand, and thei ſhal be no more in your handes to be hunted, & ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord.

22 Becauſe with *your* lyes ye haue made the heart of the [n] righteous ſad, whome I haue not made ſad, and ſtrengthened the hands of the wicked, that he ſhulde not returne from his wicked way, by promiſing him life,

23 Therefore ye ſhal ſe no more vanitie, nor diuine diuinations: for I wil deliuer my people out of your hand, & ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XIIII.

The Lord ſendeth falſe prophetes for the ingratitude of the people. 22 He reſerueth a ſmale portion for his Church.

1 THen came certeine of the Elders of Iſraél vnto me, and [a] ſate before me.

2 And the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

3 Sonne of man, theſe men haue ſet vp their idoles in their [b] heart, & put the ſtumbling blocke of their iniquitie before their face: ſhulde I, being required, anſwer them?

4 Therefore ſpeake vnto them, and ſay vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Euerie man of the houſe of Iſraél that ſetteth vp his idoles in his heart, & putteth ỹ ſtumbling blocke of his iniquitie before his face, and cometh to the [c] Prophet, I the Lord wil anſwer him, that cometh according to the multitude [d] of his idoles:

5 That [e] I may take the houſe of Iſraél in their owne heart, becauſe thei are all departed from me through their idoles.

6 Therefore ſay vnto the houſe of Iſraél, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Returne, and withdrawe your ſelues, and turne your faces from your idoles, and turne your faces from all your abominacions.

7 For euerie one of the houſe of Iſraél, or of the ſtranger that ſoiourneth in Iſraél, which departeth frõ me, and ſetteth vp his idoles in his heart, and putteth the ſtumbling blocke of his iniquitie before his face, and cometh to a Prophete, for to inquire of him for me, I the Lord wil anſwer him [f] for my ſelfe,

8 And I wil ſet my face againſt that man, and wil make him an example and prouerbe, and I wil cut him of from the middes of my people, and ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord.

9 And if the Prophet be [g] deceiued, when he hathe ſpoken a thing, I the Lord haue deceiued that Prophet, and I wil ſtretche out mine hand vpõ him, and wil deſtroy him frõ the middes of my people of Iſraél.

10 And thei ſhal beare their puniſhement: the puniſhement of ỹ Prophet ſhalbe euen as the puniſhement of him that aſketh,

11 That the houſe of [h] Iſraél may go no more aſtray from me, nether be polluted any more with all their tranſgreſsions, but that thei may be my people, and I may be their God, ſaith the Lord God.

12 ¶ The worde of the Lord came againe vnto me, ſaying,

13 Sonne of man, when the land ſinneth againſt me by committing a treſpas, then wil I ſtretche out mine hand vpon it, [i] and wil breake the ſtaffe of the bread thereof, and wil ſend famine vpon it, and I wil deſtroy man and beaſt forthe of it.

14 Though theſe thre men [i] Nóah, Daniél, and Iob were among them, thei ſhulde deliuer *but* their owne ſoules by their [k] righteouſnes, ſaith the Lord God.

15 If I bring noiſome beaſts into the land and thei ſpoile it, ſo that it be deſolate, that no man may paſſe through, becauſe of beaſtes,

16 *Though* theſe thre men were in the middes thereof, As I liue, ſaith the Lord God, thei ſhal ſaue nether ſonnes nor daughters: thei onely ſhalbe deliuered, but the land ſhalbe waſte.

17 Or *if* I bring a ſworde vpon this land, & ſay, Sworde, go through ỹ land, ſo that I deſtroy man and beaſt out of it,

18 Though theſe thre men were in the middes thereof, As I liue, ſaith the Lord God, thei ſhal

h Whereby is ment what ſoeuer man of him ſelfe ſetteth forthe vnder the autoritie of Gods worde.

i Theſe ſuperſticious women for lucre wolde prophecie & tél euerie man his fortune, giuíg thẽ pillowes to leane vpõ & kerchefes to couer their heades, to the intẽt they might the more allure them and bewitch them

k Wil ye make my worde to ſerue your bellies?

l Theſe forcerers made the people beleue that they colde preſerue life or deſtroy it, and that it ſhulde come to euerie one according as thei propheſied

m That is, to cauſe them to periſh, & that thei ſhulde departe from the body

n By threteníng thẽ that were godly, & vpholding the wicked

Chap XIIII.

a He ſheweth the hypocriſie of the idolaters, who wil diſſemble to heare the Propheres of God though in their heart thei folowothig leſſe, then their admonitions, and alſo how by one meanes, or other God doeth diſcouer thẽ

b Thei are not only idolaters in heart, but alſo worſhip their filthie idoles opẽly, which lead thẽ in blindnes, and cauſe them to ſtumble, and caſt them out of Gods fauour, ſo that he wil not heare thẽ, whẽ thei call vnto him, read Ierem. 10, 15.

c To inquire of thigs which ỹ Lord hathe appointed to come to paſſe.

d As his abominatiõ hathe deſerued: ỹ is, he ſhal be led with lies according as he delited therein 2. Theſſ 2, 10.

e That is, conuince thẽ by their owne cõſcience.

f Or, by my ſelf.

g The Prophet declareth that God for mans ingratitude raiſeth vp falſe Prophets to ſeduce thẽ that delite in lies rather thẽ in the trueth of God, & thus he puniſheth ſinne by ſinne. 1 King 22, 20. and deſtroieth aſwel thoſe Prophetes as th t people

h Thus Gods iudgements againſt ỹ wicked are admonicions to the godlie to cleaue vnto the Lord, and not to defile themſelues with like abominations

i Read Chap. 4, 16 & 5, 17. Iſa 3, 1.

k Though Noáh and Iob were now aliue, whichin their time were moſte godlie men (for at this time Daniél was in captiuitie with Ezekiél) and ſo theſe thre together ſhulde pray for this wicked people, yet wolde I not heare thẽ, read Iere 15, 1.

l Meaning, ỹ a very fewe (which he calleth the remnant, ver. 22) ſhulde eſcape theſe plagues whome God hathe ſanctified and made righteous, ſo ỹ this righteouſnes is a ſigne that thei are ỹ Church of God, whome he wolde preſerue for his owne ſake.

ſhal deliuer nether ſonnes nor daughters, but they onely ſhalbe deliuered them ſelues.

19 Or *if* I ſend a peſtilence into this land, & powre out my wrath vpon it in blood, to deſtroye out of it man and beaſt,

20 And *though* Nóah, Daniél and Iob *were in* the middes of it, As I liue, ſaith the Lord God, they ſhal deliuer nether ſonne nor daughter: they ſhal *but* deliuer their owne ſoules by their righteouſnes.

21 For thus ſaith the Lord God, How muche more when I ſend my *foure ſore iudgements vpon Ieruſalém, *euen* the ſworde, and famine, and the noiſome beaſt and peſtilence, to deſtroy man & beaſt out of it?

Chap 5.17.

22 Yet beholde, therein ſhalbe left a [1]rẽnant of them ỹ ſhalbe caryed away *both* ſonnes & daughters: beholde, thei ſhal come forthe vnto you, & ye ſhal ſe their way, & their enterpriſes: and ye ſhalbe comforted, concerning the euil that I haue broght vpon Ieruſalém, *euen* concerning all that I haue broght vpon it.

[1] Read Chap. 5.3.

23 And they ſhal comforte you, when ye ſe their way and their enterpriſes: and ye ſhal knowe, that I haue not done without cauſe all that I haue done in it, ſaith the Lord God.

CHAP. XV.

As the vnprofitable wood of the vine tree is caſt into the fyre, ſo Ieruſalém ſhalbe burnt.

1 AND the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, what cometh of the vine tre aboue all *other* trees? and of the vine branche, which is among [a] the trees of the foreſt?

[a] Which brigeth forthe no frute, no more then the other trees of the foreſt do: meaning that if Ieruſalém, which bare the name of his Church, did not bring forthe frute, it ſhulde be vterly deſtroied.

3 Shal wood be take thereof to do any worke? or wil men take a pyn of it to hang any veſſel thereon?

4 Beholde, it is caſt in the fyre to be conſumed: the fyre conſumeth bothe the ends of it, and the middes of it is burnt. Is it mete for *any* worke?

5 Beholde, when it was whole, it was mete for no worke: how muche leſſe ſhal it be mete for any worke, when the fyre hathe conſumed it, and it is burnt?

6 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, As the vine tre, *that is* among the trees of the foreſt, which I haue giuen to the fyre to be conſumed, ſo wil I giue the inhabitants of Ieruſalém.

7 And I wil ſet my face againſt them: they ſhal go out from *one* [b] fyre, & *another* fyre ſhal conſume them: & ye ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord, when I ſet my face againſt them,

[b] Thogh they eſcape one dãger, yet another ſhal take them.

8 And *when* I make the land waſte, becauſe they haue greatly offended, ſaith the Lord God.

CHAP. XVI.

The Prophet declareth the beneſites of God toward Ieruſalém 15 Their vnkindnes. 46 He iuſtifieth the wickednes of other people in compariſon of the ſinnes of Ieruſalém 49 The cauſe of the abominacions, into which the Sodomites fel 60 Mercie is promiſed to the repentant.

1 AGaine, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, cauſe Ieruſalém to knowe her abominacions,

3 And ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord God vnto Ieruſalém, Thine habitacion & thy kinred is of the land [a] of Canáan: thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

[a] Thou boaſteſt to be of ỹ ſede of Abrahám, but thou art degenerate and followeſt the abominacions of the wicked Canaanites, as children do the maners of their fathers. Iſa 1.4. & 57.3.

4 And in thy natiuitie whẽ thou waſt [b] borne, thy nauel was not cut: thou waſt not waſhed in water to ſoften *thee*: thou waſt not ſalted with ſalt, nor ſwadeled in cloutes.

[b] When I firſt broght thee out of Egypt, & plãted thee in this land to be my Church

5 None eye pitied thee to do any of theſe vnto thee, for to haue compaſsion vpon thee, but thou waſt caſt out in the opẽ field to the contempt of thy perſone in the day that thou waſt borne.

6 And when I paſſed by thee, I ſawe thee polluted in thine [c] owne blood, and I ſaid vnto thee, when thou waſt in thy blood, Thou ſhalt liue: euen when ỹ waſt in thy blood, I ſaid vnto thee, Thou ſhalt liue.

[c] Being thus in thy filthines and forſaken of all mẽ, I toke thee & gaue thee life: whereby is ment that before God waſh his Church, & giue life, there is nothing, but filthines and death

7 I haue cauſed thee to multiplie, as ỹ bud of the field, and thou haſt increaſed, and waxen great, and thou haſt gotten excellent ornamẽts: *thy* breſts are facioned, thine heere is growen, where as thou waſt naked and bare.

8 Now when I paſſed by thee, and loked vpon thee, beholde, thy time *was as* the time of loue, & I ſpred my ſkirres ouer thee, and couered [d] thy filthines: yea, I ſwate vnto thee, and entred into a couenant with [e] thee, ſaith the Lord God, and thou becameſt mine.

[d] Theſe wordes, as blood, pollucion, nakednes & filthines are oft times repeted, to beate downe their pride, and to cauſe them to conſider what thei were before God receiued them to mercie, ſanctified them & couered their ſhame

[e] That thou ſhuldeſt be a chaſte wife vnto me, and that I ſhulde maintene thee & enduc thee w all graces

9 Then waſhed I thee with [f] water: yea, I waſhed away thy blood from thee, and I [g] anointed thee with oyle.

[f] I waſhed away thy ſinnes

[g] I ſanctified thee with mine holy Spirite.

10 I clothed thee alſo with broydred worke, and ſhod thee with badgers ſkinne: and I girded thee about with fine linen, & I couered thee with ſilke.

11 I decked thee alſo with ornaments, and I put braſſelets vpon thine hands, & a chaine on thy necke.

12 And I put a frontelet vpon thy face, and earigs in thine eares, & a beautiful [h] crowne vpon thine head.

[h] Hereby he ſheweth how he ſaued his Church, enriche it & gaue it power and dominion to reigne

13 Thus waſt thou deckt with golde and ſiluer, and thy raiment was of fine linen, and ſilke, & broydered worke: thou dideſt eat fine floure, and hony and oyle, & thou waſt very beautiful, and thou dideſt growe vp into a kingdome.

[i] He declareth wherein the dignitie of Ieruſalém ſtode: to wit, to that ther the Lord gaue them of his beautie and excellencie.

14 And thy name was ſpred among the heathen for thy beautie: for it was perfite through my [i] beautie which I had ſet vpon thee, ſaith the Lord God.

10 Beholde, it was planted: but shal it prosper? shal it not be dryed vp, and wither? *i* when the East winde shal touche it, it shal wither in the trenches, where it grewe.

i By this drye wynde, he meaneth the Babylonians.

11 Moreouer, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

12 Say now to this rebellious house, Knowe ye not, what these things *meane*? tel them, Beholde, the King of Babél is come to Ierusalém, and hathe taken *k* the King thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babél,

k That is, Ieconiáh, 2 king 24, 15.

13 And hathe taken *one* of the Kings sede, and made a couenant with him, and hathe taken *l* an othe of him: he hathe also taken the princes of the land,

l For his subiection and obedience.

14 That the kingdome might be in subiection, and not lift it self vp, *but* kepe their couenant, and stand to it.

15 But he rebelled against him, and sent his ambassadours into Egypt, that thei might giue him horses, & muche people: shal he prosper? shal he escape, that doeth suche things? or shal he breake the couenant, & be deliuered?

16 As I liue, saith the Lord God, he shal dye in the middes of Babél, in the place of the King, that had made him King, whose othe he despised, and whose couenant *made* with him, he brake.

17 Nether shal Pharaóh with *his* mightie hoste, & great multitude of people, mainteine him in the warre, when thei haue cast vp mounts, and buylded ramparts to destroy many persones.

18 For he hathe despised the othe, and broken the couenant (yet lo, he had giuen *m* his hand) because he hathe done all these things, he shal not escape.

m Because he toke the Name of God in vaine & brake his othe ẏ he had cõfirmed by giuing his hand, therefore ẏ Prophet declareth ẏ God wolde not suffer suche periurie and infidelitie to escape punishement *Chap 12, 13. & 32, 3.*

19 Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, As I liue, I wil surely bring mine othe that he hathe despised, and my couenant that he hathe broken, vpon his owne head.

20 *And I wil spread my net vpõ him, & he shalbe taken in my net, & I wil bring him to Babél, and wil entre into iudgement with him there for his trespas that he hathe committed against me.

21 And all that fle from him with all his hoste, shal fall by the sworde, and thei that remaine, shal be scatered toward all ẏ windes: and ye shal knowe that I the Lord haue spoken it.

22 Thus saith the Lord God, I wil also take of the toppe *n* of this hie cedre, and wil set it, and cut of the *o* toppe of the tendre plante thereof, and I wil plante it vpon an hie mountaine and great.

n This promes is made to the Church ẏ shal be as a smale remnãt & as the top of a tree

o I wil trymme it and dresse it

23 *Euen* in the hye mountaine of Israél wil I plant it: and it shal bring forthe boughes and beare frute, and be an excellent cedre, and vnder it shal remaine all birdes, and euerie *p* foule shal dwell in the shadowe of the branches thereof.

p Bothe the Iewes & Gentils shalbe gathered into it.

24 And all ẏ *q* trees of the field shal knowe that I the Lord haue broght downe ẏ hye tre, and exalted the lowe tre, that I haue dryed vp the grene tre, and made the drye tre to florish: I the Lord haue spoken it, & haue done it.

q All ẏ worlde shal know that I haue pluct downe ẏ proude enemies and set vp my Church which was lowe and contemned.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 He sheweth that euerie man shal beare his owne synne. 21 To him that amendeth, is saluacion promised. 24 Death is prophesied to the righteous, which turneth backe from the right waye.

1 THe worde of the Lord came vnto me againe, saying,

2 What meane ye that ye speake this prouerbe, concerning ẏ land of Israél, saying, *a* The fathers haue eaten soure grapes, & the childrens teeth are set on edge?

a The people murmured at ẏ chastisings of the Lord & therefore vsed this prouerbe, meaning that their fathers had synned & their children were punished for their transgressions, read Ier 31, 29

3 As I liue, saith the Lord God, ye shal vse this prouerbe no more in Israél.

4 Beholde, all soules are mine, bothe the soule of the father, and also the soule of the sonne are mine: the soule that sinneth, it shal dye.

5 But if a man be iust, and do that which is lawful, and right,

6 *And* hathe not eaten *b* vpõ the mountaines, nether hathe lift vp his eyes to the idoles of the house of Israél, nether hathe defiled his neighbours wife, nether hathe "lien with a * menstruous woman,

b If he hathe not eaten of ẏ flesh ẏ hathe bene offred vp to idoles, to honour them thereby.

"Ebr come nere

Leu. 20, 18.

7 Nether hathe oppressed any, *but* hathe restored the pledge to his dettour: he that hathe spoiled none by violence, * *but* hathe giuen his bread to the hungrie, and hathe couered the naked with a garment,

Isa 58, 7. matt. 25, 35.

8 And hathe not giuen forthe vpon * vsurie, nether hathe taken any increase, *but* hathe withdrawen his hand from iniquitie, and hathe executed true iudgement betwene man and man,

Exo. 22, 25. leu. 25, 37. deu 23, 19. psal. 15, 5.

9 And hathe walked in my statutes, and hathe kept my iudgements to deale truely, he is iuste, he shal surely liue, saith ẏ Lord God.

10 ¶If he beget a sonne, that is *'a* thief, *or* a sheader of blood, if he do any one of these things,

'Or, a cruel mã

11 Though he do not all these things, but ether hathe eaten vpon the mountaines, or defiled his neighbours wife,

12 *Or* hathe oppressed the poore and nedy, *or* hathe spoiled by violence, *or* hathe not restored the pledge, or hathe lift vp his eyes vnto the idoles, *or* hathe committed abomination,

13 *Or* hathe giuen forthe vpon vsurie, or hathe taken increase, shal he liue? he shal not liue: seing he hathe done all these abominacions, *c* he shal dye the death, *and* his blood shalbe vpon him.

c He sheweth how the sonne is punished for his fathers faute: ẏ is, if he be wicked as his father was, and doeth not repent, he shalbe punished as his father was, or els not.

14 ¶But if he beget a sonne, that seeth all his fathers sinnes, which he hathe done, and

and feareth, nether doeth ſuche like,
15 That hathe not eaten vpon the mountaines, nether hathe lift vp his eyes to the idoles of the houſe of Iſraél, nor hathe defiled his neighbours wife,
16 Nether hathe oppreſſed anie, nor hathe withholden the pledge, nether hathe ſpoiled by violence, *but* hathe giuē his bread to the hungrie, and hathe couered the naked with a garment,
17 Nether hathe withdrawen his hand frō the afflicted, nor receiued vſurie nor increaſe, *but* hathe executed my iudgements, & hathe walked in my ſtatutes, he ſhal not dye in the iniquitie of his father, *but* he ſhal ſurely liue.
18 His father, becauſe he cruelly oppreſſed and ſpoiled his brother by violence, and hathe not done good among his people, lo, euen he dyeth in his iniquitie.
19 Yet ſaie ye, Wherefore ſhal not the ſonne beare the iniquitie of the father? becauſe the ſonne hathe executed iudgement & iuſtice, & hathe kept all my ſtatutes, and done them, he ſhal ſurely liue.
20 * The ſame ſoule that ſinneth, ſhal dye: the ſonne ſhal not beare the iniquitie of the father, nether ſhal the father beare the iniquitie of the ſonne, *but* the righteouſnes of the righteous ſhalbe vpon him, and the wickednes of the wicked ſhalbe vpon him ſelf.
21 But if the wicked wil returne from all his ſinnes that he hathe committed, and kepe all my [d] ſtatutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he ſhal ſurely liue, & ſhal not dye.
22 All his tranſgreſsions that he hathe committed, thei ſhal not be [e] mencioned vnto him, *but* in his [e] righteouſnes that he hathe done, he ſhal liue.
23 [f] Haue I anie deſire that the wicked ſhulde dye, ſaith the Lord God? [g] or ſhal he not liue, if he returne from his waies?
24 But if the righteous turne awaie from his righteouſnes, and commit iniquitie, & do according to all the abominacións, that the wicked man doeth, ſhal he liue? all his [g] righteouſnes that he hathe done, ſhal not be mencioned: *but* in his tranſgreſsion that he hathe committed, and in his ſinne that he hathe ſinned, in them ſhal he dye.
25 Yet ye ſaie, The waie of the Lord is not [h] equal: heare now, ô houſe of Iſraél. Is not my waie equal? *or* are not your waies vnequal?
26 *For* when a righteous man turneth awaie from his righteouſnes, and cōmitteth iniquitie, he ſhal *euen* dye for the ſame, he ſhal *euen* dye for his iniquitie, that he hathe done.
27 Againe when the wicked turneth away from his wickednes that he hathe committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he ſhal ſaue his ſoule aliue.
28 Becauſe he conſidereth, & turneth awaie from all his tranſgreſsions that he hathe committed, he ſhal ſurely liue & ſhal not dye.
29 Yet ſaith the houſe of Iſraél, The waie of the Lord is not equal. O houſe of Iſraél, are not my waies equal? *or* are not your waies vnequal?
30 Therefore I wil iudge you, ô houſe of Iſraél, euerie one according to his waies, ſaith the Lord God: returne *therefore* and cauſe *others* to turne awaie from all your tranſgreſsions: ſo iniquitie ſhal not be your deſtruction.
31 Caſt away from you all your tranſgreſsions, whereby ye haue tranſgreſſed & make [i] you a newe heart and a newe ſpirit: for why wil ye dye, ô houſe of Iſraél?
32 For I deſire not the death of him that dyeth, ſaith the Lord God: cauſe therefore *one another* to returne, and liue ye.

Deu.24,16. 2.king.14,6. 2.chro 25,4.

d He loyneth the obſeruation of thecō maundements with repentance: for none cā repent in dede except he labour to kepe the Law

e Or, not lifted to his charge.

f That is, in ſ frutes of his faith, which declare that God doeth accepte him

f He ſpeaketh this to cōmēd Gods mercie to poore ſinners, who rather is ready to pardon, thē to puniſh, as his long ſuffering declareth Chap 33,11 Albeit God in his eternal counſel appointed the death and damnation of the reprobat, yet the end of his counſel was not their death only, but chiefly his owne glorie And alſo becauſe he doeth not approue ſinne, therfore it is here ſaid that he wolde haue them to turne awaie from it ſ thei might liue.

g Or, whether that he wold returne frō his waies and liue.

g That is, ſ falſe opinion that the hypocrites haue of their righteouſnes.

h Punishing the father & the children.

i He ſheweth that man cannot forſake his wickednes til his heart be changed, which is only the worke of God

CHAP. XIX.

1 The captiuitie of the Kings of Iudah ſignified by the lions whelpes, and by the lion. 10 The proſperitie of the citie of Ieruſalém that is paſt, and the miſerie therof that is preſent.

1 THou alſo, take vp a lamentacion for the [a] princes of Iſraél,
2 And ſaie, Wherefore laie thy [b] mother as a lioneſſe among the lions? ſhe nouriſhed her yong ones among the lyons whelpes,
3 And ſhe brought vp one of her whelpes & it became a lion, and it learned to catch ſ praie, & it deuoured men.
4 The [c] nations alſo heard of him, *and* he was taken in their nettes, and thei brought him in chaines vnto the land of Egypt.
5 Now when ſhe ſawe, that ſhe had waited and her hope waſt loſt, ſhe toke another of her [d] whelpes, and made him a lion.
6 Which went among the lions, & became a lion, and learned to catche the praie, *and* he deuoured [e] men.
7 And he knewe their widowes, and he deſtroied their cities, and the land was waſted, and all that was therein by the noiſe of his roaring.
8 Then the [f] nations ſet againſt him on euerie ſide of the coūtreis & laid their nettes for him: ſo he was taken in their pit.
9 And thei put him in priſon & in chaines and brought him to the King of Babél, & thei put him in holdes, that his voice ſhulde no more be heard vpon the mountaines of Iſraél.
10 Thy [g] mother *is* like a vine in thy blood, planted by ſ waters: ſhe brought forthe fruite and branches by the abundant waters,
11 And ſhe had ſtrong rods for the ſcepters of them that beare rule, and her ſtature was exalted among the branches, and ſhe

a That is, Iehoház and Iehoiakim Ioſiahs ſonnes, who for their pryde and crueltie are compared vnto lyons.

b To wit, Iehoházmother, or Ieruſalém

c By Pharaóh Necho King of Egypt 2. King.23,33

d Which was Iehoiakim.

e He ſheweth of ſ Prophets & thē, ſ feared God, and rauiſhed their wiues.

f Nebuchadnezzár with his great armie which was gathered of diuers nations.

g He ſpeaketh this in the reproche of this wicked King, in whoſe blood, that is, in the race of his predeceſſors Ieruſalém ſhulde haue bene bleſſed, according to Gods promes, and floriſhed as a fruteful vine.

appeared in her height with ỹ multitude of her branches.

12 But she was plucked vp in wrath: she was
h Meaning, ỹ the Caldeans shulde destroy them as the East winde doeth the frute of the vine
caſt downe to the grounde, and the h East winde dryed vp her frute: *her branches* were broken, and withered: *as for* the rod of her
i Destruction is come by Zedekiáh who was the occasion of this rebellion.
strength, the fyre consumed it.

13 And now she is planted in the wildernes in a drye and thirstie grounde.

14 And fyre is gone out i of a rod of her branches, which hathe deuoured her frute, so that she hathe no strong rod *to be* a scepter to rule: this is a lamentacion and shalbe for a lamentacion.

CHAP. XX.

3 The Lord denieth that he wil answere them when thei praie becauſe of their vnkindenes. 33 He promiseth that his people shal returne from captiuitie. 46 By the forest that shulde be burnt, is signified the burning of Ieruſalem.

g Of the captiuitie of Iecoiáh
h This declareth the great lenitie and patience of God which calleth sinners to repentance before he condemne them.
e I sware ỹ I wolde be their God, which maner of othe was obserued from all antiquitie, where thei vsed to lift vp their hands toward the heauen, acknowledging God to be autor of trueth, and the defender therof, & also ỹ iudge of the heart, wishing that he shulde take vengeance, if thei concealed anie thing which thei knewe to be trueth
d God had forbidden them to make mencion of the idoles, Exo 23, 13, psal 16, 4
e Which thing declareth the wickednes of mans heart which iudge Gods seruice by their eyes and outwarde senses
f. God had euer this respect to his glorie, that he wolde not haue his Name euil spoken of among the Gētiles for ỹ punishment ỹ his people deserued, incōsidēce whereof the godlie euer praied, as Exod 32, 12. nom 14, 13.

AND in the a seuenth yere in the fift *moneth*, ỹ tenth *day* of ỹ moneth, came certaine of the Elders of Isiaél to enquire of the Lord, and sate before me.

2 Then came the worde of the Lord vnto me, saying,

3 Sonne of man, speake vnto the Elders of Israél, and saie vnto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Are ye come to inquire of me? as I liue, saith the Lord God, when I am asked, I wil not answer you.

4 Wilt thou iudge them, sonne of mā? wilt thou iudge *them*? cause b them to vnderstand the abominations of their fathers,

5 And saie vnto them, Thus saith ỹ Lord God, In the daie when I chose Israél, and c lift vp mine hand vnto the sede of the house of Iaakób, and made my self knowē vnto them in the land of Egypt, when I lift vp mine hand vnto them, and said, I am the Lord your God,

6 In the daie that I lift vp mine hand vnto them to bring them forthe of the land of Egypt, into a land that I had prouided for them, flowing with milke & honie which is pleasant among all lands,

7 Then said I vnto them, Let euerie man caſt awaie the abominacions of his eyes, d and defile not your selues with ỹ idoles of Egypt: *for* I am the Lord your God.

8 But thei rebelled against me, and wolde not heare me: *for* none caſt awaie the abominacions of e their eyes, nether did thei forsake ỹ idoles of Egypt: then I thoght to powre out mine indignacion vpon thē, & to accomplish my wrath against them in the middes of the land of Egypt.

9 But I had respect to my f Name, that it shulde not be polluted before the heathen, among whome thei were, & in whose sight I made my self knowē vnto thē in bringing them forthe of the land of Egypt.

10 Now I caried them out of the land of Egypt & broght them into the wildernes.

11 And I gaue them my statutes, and declared my iudgements vnto them, * which if a man do, he shal liue in them. *Leu 18,6. rom 10,5. gal.3,12.*

12 Moreouer I gaue thē also my * Sabbaths to be a signe betwene me and thē, that thei might knowe that I am ỹ Lord, that sanctifie them. *Exod.20,8. & 31,13. deut.5,12.*

13 But the house of Israél rebelled against me in the wildernes: thei walked not in my statutes, and thei caſt awaie my iudgements, which if a man do, he shal liue in them, and my Sabbaths haue thei greatly polluted: then I thoght to powre out mine indignation vpon them * in the wildernes to consume them, *Nom.14, 28. & 26,65*

14 But I had respect to g my Name, that it shulde not be polluted before the heathen in whose sight I broght them out.

15 Yet neuertheles, I lift vp mine hand vnto them in the wildernes that I wolde not bring them into the land, which I had giuen them, flowing with milke & hony, which was pleasant aboue all lands,

16 Because thei caſt awaie my iudgements, and walked not in my statutes, but haue polluted my h Sabbaths: for their heart went after their idoles.

17 Neuertheles, mine eye spared thē, that I wolde not destroye them, nether wolde I consume them in the wildernes.

18 But I said vnto their children in the wildernes, Walke ye not in the ordinances of your fathers, nether obserue their maners, nor defile your selues with their idoles.

19 I am the Lord your God: walke in my statutes, and kepe my iudgements & do thē,

20 And sanctifie my Sabbaths, & thei shalbe a signe betwene me & you, that ye maie knowe that I am the Lord your God.

21 Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: thei walked not in my statutes, nor kept my iudgements to do thē, which if a man do, he shal liue in them, *but* thei polluted my Sabbaths: then I thoght to powre out mine indignation vpon them, & to accomplish my wrath against them in the wildernes.

22 Neuertheles I withdrewe mine hand & had respect to my Name that it shulde not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I broght them forthe.

23 Yet I lift vp mine hand vnto them in the wildernes, that I wolde scatter them among the heathen, and disperce them through the countreis.

24 Because thei had not executed my iudgements, but had caſt awaie my statutes & had polluted my Sabbaths, and their eyes were after k their fathers idoles.

25 Wherefore I l gaue them also statutes that were not good, & iudgemēts, wherein they shulde not liue.

26 And

g Who might thereby take an occasion to blaspheme my Name & to accuse me of lacke of ability, or els that I had soght a meanes to destroy them more commodiously.

h That is, my true religion, which I had commanded them and gaue them selues to serue me according to their owne fantasies.

i Whereby the holy Goſt cōfuteth them that saie that thei wil follow the religion and example of their fathers, and not measure their doigs by Gods worde, whether thei be approuable thereby or no.

k Meaning ỹ thei set their delite vpon them.

l Because thei wolde not obey my Lawes, I gaue them vp to them selues that thei shulde obey their owne fantasies, as ver 39. rom 1,24.

m I condéned thoſe things, & counted them as abominable which they thoght had bene excellent, & to haue declared moſte zeale, Luk 16,15 for that which God required as moſte excellent, that gaue they to their idoles

n Nor onely in the wildernes, when I broght thē out of Egypt, but ſince I placed them in this lād: which declareth how prompt mans heart is to idolatrie, ſeing ỹ by no admonitiōs he can be drawen backe

o Which ſignifieth, an hie place, declaring that they vanted thē ſelues of their idolatrie, and were not aſhamed thereof, thogh God had commanded them expreſſely, that they ſhulde haue no altar lifted vp on hie by ſtaires, Exod 20,26

p Ebr is the way

p He ſheweth, that the ingratitude of the people deſerueth, that God ſhulde cut thē of & that they ſhulde not haue the comfort of his worde

q He declareth that man of nature is wholy enemie vnto God & to his owne ſaluatiō, and therefore God calleth him to ỹ right way, partely by chaſtiſing, but chiefly by his mercie in forgiuing his rebellion, and wickednes

r I wil bring you amōg ſtrāge nations as into a wildernes, and there wil viſit you, & ſo call you to repentāce & thē bring the godliehome againe, Iſa 65,9.

f Signifying, ỹ he wil not burne the corne with ỹ chaffe, but chuſe out the wicked to puniſh thē whē he wil ſpare his

t This is ſpoken to the hypocrites

26 And I polluted thē in their owne m giftes in that they cauſed to paſſe *by the fyre* all that *firſt* openeth the wōbe, that I might deſtroye them, to the end that they might knowe that I am the Lord.

27 Therefore, ſonne of man, ſpeake vnto the houſe of Iſraél, & ſay vnto thē, Thus ſaith the Lord God, yet in this your fathers haue blaſphemed me, thogh thei had *before* grieuouſly tranſgreſſed againſt me.

28 n For when I had broght them into the land, for the which I lifted vp mine hand to giue it, then they ſawe euerie hie hil, & all the thicke trees, and they offred there their ſacrifices, and there they preſented their offring of prouocation: there alſo they made their ſwete ſauour, and powred out there their drinke offrings.

29 Then I ſaid vnto them, What is the hie place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof was called o Bamáh vnto this day.

30 Wherefore, ſay vnto the houſe of Iſraél, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Are ye not polluted" after the maner of your fathers? & commit ye not whoredome after their abominatiōs?

31 For when you offer your giftes, and make your ſonnes to paſſe through the fyre, you pollute your ſelues with all your idoles vnto this day: ſhal I anſwer you whē I am aſked, ô houſe of Iſraél? as I liue, ſaith the Lord God, p I wil not anſwer you when I am aſked.

32 Nether ſhal that be done that cometh into your minde: for ye ſay, We wil be as the heathen, and as the families of the countreis, and ſerue wood, and q ſtone.

33 As I liue, ſaith the Lord God, I wil ſurely rule you with a mightie hand, and with a ſtretched out arme, & in *my* wrath powred out,

34 And wil bring you from the people, and wil gather you out of the countreis, wherein ye are ſcatred, with a mightie hand, & with a ſtretched out arme and in *my* wrath powred out.

35 And I wil bring you into the r wildernes of the people, & there wil I plead with you face to face.

36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wildernes of the lād of Egypt, ſo wil I pleade with you, ſaith the Lord God.

37 And I wil cauſe you to paſſe vnder the rod, and wil bring you into the bonde of the couenant.

38 And I wil f chuſe out from amōg you the rebelles, and them that tranſgreſſe againſt me: I wil bring them out of the lād where thei dwell, & they ſhal not entre into ỹ lād of Iſraél, & you ſhal knowe ỹ I am ỹ Lord.

39 As for you, ô houſe of Iſraél, thus ſaith the Lord God, t Go you, and ſerue euerie one his idole, ſeing that ye wil not obey me, and pollute mine holie Name no more with your giftes and with your idoles.

40 For in mine holie mountaine *euen* in the hie moūtaine of Iſraél, ſaith ỹ Lord God, there ſhal all the houſe of Iſraél, and all in the land, ſerue me: there wil I accept thē, and there wil I require your offrings and the firſt frutes of your oblations, with all your holy things.

41 I wil accept your ſwete ſauour, when I bring you from the people, & gather you out of the countreis, wherein ye haue bene ſcattered, that I may be ſanctified in you before the heathen.

42 And ye ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord, when I ſhal bring you into the land of Iſraél, into the lād, for the which I lifted vp mine hand to giue it to your fathers.

43 And there ſhal ye remēber your wayes, and all your workes, wherein ye haue bene defiled, and ye u ſhal iudge your ſelues worthy to be cut of, for all your euils, that ye haue committed.

u Your owne cōſciences ſhal conuict you after that you haue felt my mercies.

44 And ye ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord, when I haue reſpect vnto you for my Names ſake, *and* not after your wicked waies, nor according to your corrupt workes, ô ye houſe of Iſraél, ſaith the Lord God.

45 ¶ Moreouer, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

46 Sonne of man, ſet thy face toward the way of Temán, and droppe *thy worde* towarde x the South, and prophecie toward the foreſt of the field of the South,

x For Iudáh ſtode South from Babylon.

47 And ſay to the foreſt of the South, Heare the worde of the Lord: thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I wil kindle a fyre in thee, and it ſhal deuoure all the y grene wood in thee, and all the dry wood: the cōtinual flame ſhal not be quenched, & euerie face from the South to the North ſhal be burnt therein.

y Bothe ſtrōg and weake in Ieruſalém

48 And all fleſh ſhal ſe, that I ỹ Lord haue kindled it, & it ſhal not be quēched. Thē ſaid I, Ah Lord God, thei ſay of me, Doeth not he ſpeake z parables?

z The people ſaid, that the Prophet ſpake darkely: therefore he deſireth the Lord to giue them a plaine declaration hereof.

CHAP. XXI.

a He threateneth the ſworde, and deſtruction to Ieruſalém. 25 He ſheweth the fall of King Zedekiáh. 28 He u cōmanded to prophecie the deſtruction of the children of Ammon. 30 The Lord threatneth to deſtroye Nebuchad-nezzár.

1 THe worde of the Lord came to me againe, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, ſet thy face toward Ieruſalém, a & droppe *thy worde* toward ỹ holy places, & prophecie againſt ỹ lād of Iſraél,

a Speake ſenſibly, that all may vnderſtād.

3 And ſay to the lād of Iſraél, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord, Beholde, I *come* againſt thee, and wil drawe my ſworde out of his ſheath, & cut of from thee *bothe* the b righteous and the wicked.

b That is, ſuche which ſeme to haue an outward ſhew of righteouſnes, by obſeruation of the ceremonies of the Law.

4 Seing thē that I wil cut of frō thee *bothe* the righteous and wicked, therefore ſhal

my ſworde go out of his ſheath againſt all
e Meaning, through all the land. flesh from the South to the North,
5 That all fleſh may knowe that I the Lord
haue drawen my ſworde out of his ſheath,
& it ſhal not returne anie more.
6 Mourne therefore, thou ſonne of man, as
d As though ỳ were in extreme anguiſh. in the paine of thy reines, & mourne bitterly before them.
7 And if they ſay vnto thee, Wherefore
e Becauſe of the great noiſe of the armie of the Caldeans. mourneſt thou? then anſwer, Becauſe of the bruite: for it cometh, and euerie heart
ſhal melt, and all hands ſhalbe weake, and
all mindes ſhal faint, and all knees ſhal fall
away as water: beholde, it cometh, and ſhal
be done, ſaith the Lord God.
8 ¶ Againe, the worde of the Lord came vn-
to me, ſaying,
9 Sonne of man, prophecie, and ſay, Thus
ſaith the Lord God, ſay, A ſworde, a ſworde
f And ſo cauſe a feare. is ſharpened, and fourbiſhed.
10 It is ſharpened to make a ſore ſlaughter,
& it is fourbiſhed that it may f glitter:
g Meaning, the ſceptre: ſhewing, that it wil not ſpare the King who ſhulde be as the ſonne of God, and in his place. how ſhal we reioyce? for it contemneth the
g rod of my ſonne, as all other trees.
11 And he hathe giuen it to be fourbiſhed,
that he may handle it: this ſworde is ſharpe, and is fourbiſhed, that he may giue it
into the hand of the h ſlayer.
h That is, the reſt of the people. 12 Crye, and houle, ſonne of man: for this
i To wit, vnto the armie of ỳ Caldeans ſhal come to my people, and it ſhal come
vnto all the princes of Iſraél: the terrours
of the ſworde ſhalbe vpon my people:
k Read here. 31,19 l Ezekiél moued with compaſſion, thus complaineth fearing the deſtruction of the kingdome, ẅ God had confirmed to Dauid, and his poſteritie by promes: ẅ promes God performed, although here it ſeemeth to mans eye ỳ it ſhulde vterly periſh. ſmite therefore vpon thy thigh.
13 For it is a tryal, l and what ſhal this be, if
m That is, incourage the ſworde the ſworde contemne euen the rod? It ſhal
be no more, ſaith the Lord God.
14 Thou therefore, ſonne of man, prophe-
cie, and ſmite m hand to hand, and let the
ſworde be doubled: let the ſworde that ha-
the killed, returne the thirde time: it is the
ſworde of the great ſlaughter entring into
their priuie chambers.
15 I haue broght the feare of the ſworde
into all their gates to make their heart to
faint, and to multiplie their ruines. Ah it is
made bright, & it is dreſſed for the ſlaughter.
16 Get thee n alone: go to the right hand, or
n Prouide for thy ſelf: for ỳ ſhalt ſe Gods plague of all parts on this countrey get thy ſelf to the left hād, whether ſoeuer
thy face turneth.
17 I wil alſo ſmite mine hands together, &
wil cauſe my wrath to ceaſe. I the Lord
haue ſaid it.
18 ¶ The worde of the Lord came vnto me
againe, ſaying,
19 Alſo thou ſonne of man, appoint thee
o This was ſpoken, becauſe that when Nebuchad-nezzár came againſt Iudáh, his purpoſe was alſo to go againſt ỳ Ammonites: but douting in the way, which enterpriſe to vndertake firſt, he conſulted with his ſoothſayers, and ſo went againſt Iudáh o two wayes, that the ſworde of the King
of Babél may come: bothe twaine ſhal co-
me out of one land, and chuſe a place, and
chuſe it in the corner of the way of ỳ citie.
20 Appoint a way, that the ſworde may co-
me to Rabbáth of the Ammonites, and
p That is, to ỳ tribe of Iudáh, that kepe thē ſelues in Ieruſalém. to Iudáh in Ieruſalém the ſtrong citie.
m And ỳ King of Babél ſtode at the q part-
ing of the way, at the head of the two
wayes, conſulting by diuinatiō, and made
his arrowes bright: he conſulted with ido-
les, and loked in r the liuer.
q To knowe whether he ſhulde go againſt the Ammonites or thē of Ieruſalém. r He vſed coniuring & ſorcerie.
22 At his right hand was the diuination for
Ieruſalém to appoint captaines, to open
their mouthe in the ſlaughter, and to lift
vp their voyce with ſhouting, to lay engi-
nes of warre againſt the gates, to caſt a
mount, and to buyld a fortres.
23 And it ſhalbe vnto them f as a falſe diui-
nation in their ſight for the othes made
vnto them: t but he wil call to remēbrance
their iniquitie, to the intent they ſhulde
be taken.
f Becauſe there was a league betwene ỳ Iewes, and the Babylonians, they of Ieruſalē ſhal thinke nothīg leſſe then that this thing ſhulde come to paſſe. t That is, Nebuchad-nezzár wil remember the rebellion of Zedekiáh, and ſo come vpon them.
24 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Be-
cauſe ye haue made your iniquitie to be re-
membred, in diſcouering your rebellion, ỳ
in all your workes your ſinnes might ap-
peare: becauſe, I ſay, that ye are come to re-
membrāce, ye ſhalbe taken with the hand.
25 And thou u prince of Iſraél polluted, &
wicked, whoſe day is come, when iniquitie
ſhal haue an end,
u Meaning, Zedekiáh, who practiſed with the Egyptians to make him ſelf hie, and able to reſiſt the Babylonians.
26 Thus ſaith the Lord God, I wil take a-
way the x diademe, & take of the crowne:
this ſhalbe no more the ſame: I wil exalt
the humble, and wil abaſe him that is hie.
x Some referre this to the Prieſts attire: for Iehozadék the Prieſt wēt into captiuitie with the King
27 I wil ouerruine, ouerruine, ouerturne it,
and it ſhalbe no more vntil he y come,
whoſe right it is, and I wil giue it him.
y That is, vnto the cōming of Meſsiáh: for thogh ỳ Iewes had ſome ſigne of gouernemēt afterward vnder the Perſians, Grekes, and Romains, yet this reſtitution was not til Chriſts coming, and at length ſhulde be accompliſhed, as was promiſed, Gen. 49.10
28 ¶ And thou, ſonne of man, prophecie, and
ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord God to the chil-
dren of Ammón, and to their z blaſphemie:
ſay thou, I ſay, The ſworde, the ſworde is
drawē for the, & fourbiſhed to the ſlaugh-
ter, to conſume, becauſe of the glittering.
z Thogh the Iewes and Ammonites wolde not beleue, ỳ thou, ſonne, it, the ſworde, ſhulde ſt come vpō them and ſaid that the Prophets, which threatned, ſpake lies, yet ỳ ſhalt as ſurely come as thogh thou were ſt already vpon their neckes.
29 Whiles they ſe a vanitie vnto thee, and
prophecied a lye vnto thee to bring thee
vpon the neckes of the wicked that are
ſlaine, whoſe day is come when their in-
iquitie ſhal haue an end.
30 Shal I cauſe it to returne into his ſhea-
the? I wil iudge thee in the place where
thou waſt created, euen in the land of thi-
ne habitation.
31 And I wil powre out mine indignacion
vpō thee, & wil blowe againſt thee in the
fyre of my wrath, & deliuer thee into the
hand of beaſtlie mē, & ſkilful to deſtroy.
32 Thou ſhalt be in ỳ fyre to be deuoured:
thy blood ſhalbe in the middes of the lād
and thou ſhalt be no more remembred: for
I the Lord haue ſpoken it.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Ieruſalém is reproued for crueltie. 21 Of the wicked doctrine of the falſe prophets and prieſts, and of their vnſaciable couetouſnes. 27 The tyrannie of rulers. 29 The wickednes of the people.

1 MOreouer, the worde of the Lord ca-
me vnto me, ſaying,
2 Now thou ſonne of mā, wilt thou a iudge,
a Are ỳ ready to execute thy charge, which I cōmit vnto thee? againſt Ieruſalém, that murthereth ỳ Prophets, and them that are
wilt godlier

wilt ỹ iudge this bloody citie? wilt thou ſhewe her all her abominacions?

3 Then ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord God, The citie ſheddeth blood in the middes of it, that her [b] time may come, and maketh idoles [c] againſt her ſelf to pollute her ſelf.

4 Thou haſt offended in thy blood, that thou haſt ſhed, and haſt polluted thy ſelf in thine idoles, which thou haſt made, and thou haſt cauſed thy dayes to drawe neie, & art come vnto thy terme: therefore haue I made thee a repioche to the heathé, & a mocking to all countreys.

5 Thoſe that be nere, and thoſe that be farre from thee, ſhal mocke thee, *which art* vile in [d] name & ſore in affliction.

6 Beholde, the princes of Iſraél euery one in thee was *ready* to his power, to ſhed blood.

7 In thee haue thei deſpiſed father & mother: in the middes of thee [e] haue they oppreſſed the ſtranger: in thee haue thei vexed the fatherles and the widowe.

8 Thou haſt deſpiſed mine holy things, & haſt polluted my Sabbaths.

9 In thee are men that cary tales to ſhed blood: in thee *are they* that eat vpon the mountaines: in the middes of thee they commit abominacion.

10 * In thee haue thei diſcouered their fathers ſhame: in thee haue they vexed her that was polluted in *her* floures.

11 And euery one * hathe committed abominacion with his neighbours wife, and euery one hath wickedly defiled his daughter in law, & in thee hathe euery man forced his owne ſiſter, *euen* his fathers daughter.

12 In thee haue they taken giftes to ſhed blood: thou haſt taken vſurie and the encreaſe, and thou haſt defrauded thy neighbours by extorcion, and haſt forgotten me, ſaith the Lord God.

13 Beholde, therefore I haue [f] ſmitten mine hands vpō thy couetouſnes, that thou haſt vſed, and vpon the blood, which hathe bene in the middes of thee.

14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands [g] be ſtrong, in the daies that I ſhal haue to do with thee? I the Lord haue ſpoken it, and wil do it.

15 And I wil ſcatter thee amōg the heathē, and diſperſe thee in the countreis, and wil cauſe thy [h] filthines to ceaſe from thee.

16 And thou ſhalt take thine [i] inheritance in thy ſelf in the ſight of the heathen, and thou ſhalt knowe, that I am the Lord.

17 ¶ And the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

18 Sonne of man, the houſe of Iſraél is vnto me as [k] droſſe: all they are braſſe, & tynne, and yron, and lead in the middes of the fournace: thei are *euen* the droſſe of ſiluer.

19 Therefore, thus ſaith the Lord God, Becauſe ye are all as droſſe, beholde, therefore I wil gather you in the middes of Ieruſalém.

20 As they gather ſiluer and braſſe, & yron, and lead, & tynne into the middes of the fornace, to blowe the fyre vpon it to melt it, ſo wil I gather you in mine angre and in my wrath, and wil put you *there* [l] & melt you.

21 I wil gather you, I ſay, and blowe the fyre of my wrath vpon you, and you ſhal be melted in the middes thereof.

22 As ſiluer is melted in the middes of the fournace, ſo ſhal ye be melted in the middes thereof, and ye ſhal knowe, that I the Lord haue powred out my wrath vpō you.

23 And the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

24 Sonne of man, ſay vnto her, Thou art the land, that is vncleane, [m] & not rained vpon in the day of wrath.

25 *There is* a conſpiracie [n] of her Prophetes in the middes thereof like a roaring lyon, rauening the pray: thei haue deuoured ſoules: they haue taken the riches & precious thīgs: thei haue made her many widdowes in the middes thereof.

26 Her Prieſts haue broken my Law, & haue defiled mine holy things: they haue put no difference betwene the holy & prophane, nether diſcerned betwene the vncleane, and the cleane, and haue hid their [o] eyes from my Sabbaths, and I am prophaned among them.

27 Her princes in * the middes thereof *are* like wolues, rauening ỹ pray to ſhed blood, *and* to deſtroye ſoules for their owne couetous lucre.

28 And her [p] Prophetes haue dawbed them with vntempered *morter*, ſeing vanities, & diuinīg lies vnto them, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord God, when the Lord had not ſpoken.

29 The people of the land haue violently oppreſſed by ſpoyling and robbing, & haue vexed the poore & the neady: yea, they haue oppreſſed the ſtranger againſt right.

30 And I ſoght for a man among them, that ſhulde [q] make vp the hedge, & ſtand in the gap before me for the land, that I ſhulde not deſtroy it, but I founde none.

31 Therefore haue I powred out mine indignacion vpon them, & conſumed them with the fyre of my wrath: their owne waies haue I rendred vpon their heads, ſaith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of the idolatrie of Samaria and Ieruſalém, vnder the names of Aholáh and Oholibáh.

1 THe worde of the Lord came againe vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, there were two women,

b That is, the time of her deſtruction

c To her owne vndoing.

d Whoſe very name all men hate.

e He meaneth hereby that there was no kinde of wickednes, which was not committed in Ieruſalém, & therefore the plagues of God ſhulde ſpedely come vpon her

Leuí 20,11.

Iere.5,8.

f In token of my wrath and vengeance.

g That is, able to defend thy ſelf.

h I wil thus take away ỹ occaſiō of thy wickednes

i Thou ſhalt be no more ỹ inheritance of the Lord, but forſaken.

k Which before was moſte precious.

l Meaning hereby, that the godlie ſhuld be tryed and the wicked deſtroyed.

m Thou art like a baren lād which ỹ Lord plagueth with drought

n The falſe prophetes haue conſpired together to make their doctrine more probable.

o They haue neglected my ſeruice.

Mich.3,11.

Zephan.3.4.

p They which ſhulde haue reproued the flattered ſi in their vices and couered their doings w lies, Chap 13. 10.

q Which wolde ſhewe him ſelf zealous in my cauſe by reſiſting vice, Iſa 59,16 & 63 5, & alio pray vnto me to withholde my plagues, Pſal. 106,23.

the daughters of one [a] mother.

3 And they committed fornicacion [b] in Egypt, they committed fornicacion in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, & there thei bruised the teates of their virginitie.

4 And the names of [c] them *were* Aholáh, the elder, and Aholibáh her sister: & thei were mine, and thei bare sonnes and daughters: thus *were* their names. Samaria *is* Aholáh, and Ierusalém Aholibáh.

5 And Aholáh plaied the harlot [d] whē she was mine, and she was set on fyre with her louers, *to wit*, with the Assyrians *her* neighbours,

6 Which were clothed with blewe silke, *bothe* captaines & princes: thei were all pleasant yong men, & horsemen riding vpon horses.

7 Thus she cōmitted her whoredome with them, *euen* with all them that were the chosen men of Asshúr, and with all on whome she doted, & defiled her self with all their idoles.

8 Nether left she her fornicaciōs, *learned* of the Egyptians: for in her youth thei [e] laye with her, & thei bruised the breasts of her virginitie, and powred their whoredome vpon her.

9 Wherefore I deliuered her into the hands of her louers, *euen* into the hands of the Assyrians, vpon whome she doted.

10 These discouered her shame: thei toke away her sonnes & her daughters, & slewe her with the sworde, & she had an *euil* name among women: for [f] thei had executed iudgement vpon her.

11 And when her sister Aholibáh sawe this, she marred her self with inordinate loue, more then she, and with her fornicacions more then her sister with *her* fornicaciōs.

12 She doted vpon the Assyrians *her* neighbours, *bothe* captaines and princes clothed with diuers sutes, horsemen riding vpon horses: thei were all pleasant yong men.

13 Then I sawe, that she was defiled, *and* that they were bothe after one sorte,

14 And that she encreased her fornicacions: for when she sawe men [g] painted vpon the wall, the images of the Caldeans painted with vermelon,

15 And girded with girdles vpon their loynes, and with dyed attyre vpon their heads (loking all like princes after the maner of the Babylonians in Caldea, ȳ land of their natiuitie)

16 Assone, I say, as she sawe them, she doted vpon them, & sent messengers vnto them into Caldea.

17 Now when the Babylonians came to her into the bed of loue, they defiled her with their fornicacion, & she was polluted with them, and her lust departed from them.

18 So she discouered her fornicacion, & discloséd her shame: then mine heart forsoke her, like as mine heart had forsakē her sister

19 Yet, she encreased her whoredome more, & called to remembrance the dayes of her youth, wherein she had plaied the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 For she doted vpō their seruants whose membres are *as* the membres of asses, and whose yssue is *like* the yssue of horses.

21 Thou calledst to remembrance the wickednes of thy youth, when thy teates were bruised by the Egyptians: therefore ȳ pappes of thy youth *are thus*.

22 Therefore, ô Aholibáh, thus saith the Lord God, Beholde, I wil raise vp thy louers against thee, from whome thine heart is departed, and I wil bring them against thee on euery side,

23 *To wit*, the Babylonians, and all the Caldeans, [h] Peked, and Shoáh, and Kóa, & all the Assyrians with thē: they were all pleasant yong men, captaines and princes: all thei were valiant & renoumed, riding vpon horses.

24 Euen these shal come against thee with charettes, waggens, and wheles, and with a multitude of people, *which* shal set against thee, buckler & shield, and helmet rounde aboute: and [m] I wil leaue the punishement vnto them, & they shal iudge thee according to their [l] iudgements.

25 And I wil lay mine indignation vpon thee, and thei shal deale cruelly with thee: they shal cut of thy [i] nose and thine eares, and thy remnant shal fall by the sworde: they shal cary away thy sonnes and thy daughters, and thy residue shalbe deuoured by the fyre.

26 They shal also strippe thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy faire iewels.

27 Thus wil I make thy wickednes to cease from thee and thy fornicacion out of the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift vp thine eyes vnto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

28 For thus saith the Lord God, Beholde, I wil deliuer thee into the hand of them, whome thou hatest: *euen* into the hands of them frō whome thine heart is departed.

29 And they shal handle thee dispitefully, and shal take away all thy [k] labour, & shal leaue thee naked and bare, and the shame of thy fornicaciōs [l] shalbe discouered, bothe thy wickednes, and thy whoredome.

30 I wil do these things vnto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathē, & because ȳ art polluted with their idoles.

31 Thou hast walked in ȳ way of thy sister: therfore wil I giue her [m] cup into thine hād

32 Thus saith the Lord God, Thou shalt drinke of thy sisters cup, depe and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorne & had in derision,

[a] Meaning, Israél & Iudáh, which came bothe out of one familie

[b] Thei became idolaters after the maner of the Egyptiās

[c] Aholáh signifieth a mansiō or dwelling in her self, meaning Samaria which was the royal cittie of Israél: and Aholibáh, signifieth my mansion in her, whereby is mēt Ierusalém where Gods Temple was

[d] When the Israelites were named the people of God, they became idolaters and forsoke God, and put their truste in the Assyrians.

[e] The holy Gost vseth these termes ẅ seme strange to chaste eares to cause this wicked vice of idolatrie so to be abhorred ẏ vneth any shulde abyde to heare ȳ name thereof mencioned.

[f] Meaning, the Assyrians.

[g] This declareth ȳ no wordes are able sufficiently to expresse the rage of idolaters, & therefore the holy Gost here compareth them to those which in their raging lone & filthy lustes dote vpon the images & paintings of thē after whome they lust.

[h] These were the names of certeine princes & captaines vnder Nebuchad-nezzár

[i] They shal destroy thy princes and Priests with the reste of thy people.

[k] All thy treasures & riches which thou hast gotten by labour

[l] All the worlde shal se thy shameful forsakīg of God to serue idoles.

[m] I wil execute the same iudgements & vengeance against thee, & ȳ with greater seuerite.

[l] *I wil giue iudgement before them*
[l] *Or, lawes.*

deriſion, becauſe it conteineth muche.

a Meaning, ſ the afflictions ſhulde be ſo great that they ſhulde cauſe them to loſe their ſenſes, & reaſon

33 Thou ſhalt be filled with [a] drunkēnes & ſorowe, *euen* with the cup of deſtruction, and deſolation, with the cup of thy ſiſter Samaria.

34 Thou ſhalt euen drinke it, and wring it out *to the dregges*, & thou ſhalt breake the ſherdes thereof, & teare thine owne breaſtes: for I haue ſpokē it, ſaith ỹ Lord God.

35 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Becauſe thou haſt forgotten me, and caſt me behind thy backe, therefore thou ſhalt alſo beare thy wickednes & thy whoredome.

36 ¶ The Lord ſaid moreouer vnto me, Sonne of man, wilt thou iudge Aholáh & Aholibáh? and wilt thou declare to them their abominacions?

37 For they haue played the whores, and blood *is* in their hands, and with their idoles haue they committed adultetie, and haue alſo cauſed their ſonnes, whome they bare vnto me, to paſſe *by the fyre* to be their [o] meat.

o That is, to be ſacrifices to their idoles, read Chap. 16,20.

38 Moreouer thus haue they done vnto me: they haue defiled my ſanctuarie in the ſame day, & haue prophaned my Sabbaths.

39 For when they had ſlaine their children to their idoles, they came the ſame day into my Sanctuarie to defile it: and lo, thus haue they done in ỹ middes of mine houſe.

p They ſent into other countreis to haue ſuche as ſhulde teache the ſeruice of their idoles.

40 And how muche more *is it* that they ſent for men to come from [p] farre vnto whome a meſſenger was ſent, & lo, they came? for whome thou dideſt waſh thy ſelf, and painted thine eyes, & deckedſt thee with ornaments,

q He meaneth the altar, that was prepared for the idoles

41 And ſateſt [q] vpon a coſtlie bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou haſt ſet mine incenſe and mine oyle.

42 And a voyce of a multitude being at eaſe, *was* with her: and with the men to make the companie great were broght men of [r] Sabá from the wildernes, which put bracelets vpon their hands, and beautiful crownes vpon their heads.

r Which ſhulde teache the maner of worſhiping their gods.

43 Then I ſaid vnto her, that was olde in adulteries, Now ſhal ſhe and her fornicacions come to an end.

44 And they went in vnto her as they go to a cōmune harlot: ſo wēt they to Aholáh and Aholibáh the wicked women.

45 And the righteous men they ſhal iudge them, after the maner of [ſ] harlotes, and after the maner of murtherers: for they are harlotes, and blood *is* in their hands.

ſ That is, worthy death, read Chap 16,38.

46 Wherefore thus ſaith the Lord God, I wil bring a multitude vpon them, and wil giue them vnto the tumulte, and to the ſpoyle,

47 And the multitude ſhal ſtone them with ſtones, and cut them with their ſwordes: they ſhal ſlay their ſonnes, and their daughters, & burne vp their houſes with fyre.

48 Thus wil I cauſe wickednes to ceaſe out of the lād, that all [t] women may be taught not to do after your wickednes.

t Meaning, all other cities, & countreis.

49 And they ſhal lay your wickednes vpō you, and ye ſhal beare the ſinnes of your idoles, and ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord God.

CHAP. XXIIII.

t He ſheweth the deſtruction of Ieruſalēm by a parable of a ſeething pot. 16 The parable of Ezekiels wife being dead.

1 AGaine in the [a] ninth yere, in the tēth moneth, in the tenth *day* of the [b] moneth came the worde of the Lord vnto me, ſaying,

a Of Ieconiahs captiuitie, and of the reigne of Zedekiáh, 2 King 25,1

b Called Tebeth, which cōteineth parte of December and parte of Ianuarie: in ỹ which moneth and day Nebuchad-nezzár beſieged Ieruſalém

2 Sonne of man, write thee the name of the day, *euen* of this ſame day: *for* the King of Babél ſet him ſelf againſt Ieruſalém this ſame day.

3 Therefore ſpeake a parable vnto ỹ rebellious houſe, and ſay vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Prepare a [c] pot, prepare it, and alſo power water into it.

c Whereby was ment Ieruſalém

4 Gather the [d] pieces thereof into it, *euen* euerie good piece, *as* the thigh and the ſhuldre, & fil it with the chief bones.

d That is, the citizens, & the chief men thereof

5 Take one of the beſt ſhepe, and [e] burne alſo the [f] bones vnder it, & make it boyle wel, and ſethe the bones of it therein,

e Or, *he ſpe*

f Meaning, of the innocents, whome they had ſlaine, who were the cauſe of the kindeling of Gods wrath againſt them

6 Becauſe the Lord God ſaith thus, Wo to the bloodie citie, *euen* to the pot, [g] whoſe ſkome is therein, and whoſe ſkome is not gone out of it: bring it out [h] piece by piece: let no [i] lot fall vpon it.

g Whoſe iniquities, & wicked citizens there yet remaine

h Signifying, that they ſhulde not be deſtroyed all at once, but by litle & litle

i Spare none eſtate or condition.

7 For her blood is in the middes of her: ſhe ſet it vpon an high [k] rocke, *and* powred it not vpon the grounde to couer it wᵗʰ duſt,

k The citie ſhewed her cruelte to all the worlde, & was not aſhamed thereof, nether yet hid it

8 That it might cauſe wrath to ariſe, & take vengeance: *euen* I haue ſet her blood vpon an high rocke ỹ it ſhulde not be couered.

9 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, *Wo to the bloodie citie, for I wil make [l] the burning great.

*Nah. 3,1. *habak. 2,12.

l Or, *an heape of wood*

10 Heape on muche wood: [m] kindle the fyre, conſume the fleſh, and caſt in ſpice, and let the bones be burnt.

m Meaning, ỹ the citie ſhulde be vtterly deſtroyed, and that he wolde giue the enemies an appetite thereunto.

11 Then ſet it emptie vpon the coles thereof, that [n] the braſſe of it may be hot, and may burne, and that the filthines of it may be molten in it, *and* that the ſkome of it may be conſumed.

n Or, *boreme*

12 [o] She hathe wearied her ſelf with lies, & her great ſkome went not out of her: *therefore* her ſkome *ſhalbe conſumed* with fyre.

o The citie hathe flattered her ſelf in vaine

13 *Thou remaineſt* in thy filthines & wickednes: becauſe I wolde [p] haue purged thee, and thou waſt not purged, thou ſhalt not be purged frō thy filthines, til I haue cauſed my wrath to light vpon thee.

p I labored by ſending my Propheres to call thee to repentance, but thou wouldeſt not.

14 I the Lord haue ſpoken it: it ſhal come to paſſe, and I wil do it: I wil not go backe, nether wil I ſpare, nether wil I repent;

according to thy wayes, and according to thy workes shal [a] they iudge thee, saith the Lord God.

15 ¶Also the worde of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

16 Sonne of man, beholde, I take away frō thee the [o] pleasure of thine eyes with a plague: yet shalt thou nether mourne nor wepe, nether shal thy teares runne downe.

17 Cease from sighing: make no mourning for the dead, & binde the tyre of thine head vpon thee, [p] and put on thy shoes vpon thy fete, & couer not thy lippes, and eat [q] not the bread of men.

18 So I spake vnto the people in the morning, and at euen my wife dyed: and I did in [r] the morning, as I was commanded.

19 And the people said vnto me, Wilt thou not tel vs what these thigs meane toward vs, that thou doest so?

20 Then I answered them, The worde of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

21 Speake vnto the house of Israél, Thus saith ỹ Lord God, Beholde, I wil [s] pollute my Sanctuarie, *euen* the [t] pride of your power, the pleasure of your eyes, and your hearts desire, & your sonnes, & your daughters whome ye haue left, shal fall by the sworde.

22 And ye shal do as I haue done: ye shal not couer your lippes, nether shal ye eat the bread of men.

23 And your tyre *shalbe* vpon your heads, & your shoes vpon your fete: ye shal not mourne nor wepe, but ye shal pine away for your iniquities, & mourne one toward another.

24 Thus Ezekiél is vnto you a signe: according to all that he hathe done, ye shal do: and when this cometh, ye shal knowe that I am the Lord God.

25 Also, thou sonne of man, shal it not be in the day when I take from thē their power, the ioye of their honour, the pleasure of their eyes, and the [u] desire of their heart, their sonnes and their daughters?

26 That he that escapeth in that day, shal come vnto thee *to tel thee* that which he hathe heard with *his* eares?

27 In that day shal thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speake, and be no more domme, and thou shalt be a signe vnto them, and they shal knowe that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXV.

[a] The worde of the Lord against Ammon, which reioyced at the fall of Ierusalém. 8 Against Moáb and Seir, Idumea and the Philistims.

1 THe worde of the Lord came againe vnto me, saying,

2 Sonne of man, set thy face against ỹ Ammonites, and prophecie against them,

3 And say vnto the Ammonites, Heare the worde of the Lord God, Thus saith the Lord God, Because thou saydest, [a] Ha, ha, against my Sanctuarie, when it was polluted, and against the land of Israél, when it was desolate, and against the house of Iudáh, when they went into captiuitie,

4 Beholde, therefore I wil deliuer thee to ỹ [b] mē of the East for a possession, and they shal set their [c] palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shal eat thy frute, and they shal drinke thy milke.

5 And I wil make [d] Rabbáh a dwelling place for camels, and the Ammonites a shepecote, & ye shal knowe that I am the Lord.

6 For thus saith the Lord God, Because thou hast clapped the hands, and stamped with the fete, and reioyced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israél,

7 Beholde, therefore I wil stretche out mine hand vpon thee, and wil deliuer thee to be spoiled of the heathen, & I wil roote thee out from the people, and I wil cause thee to be destroyed out of the countreis & I wil destroye thee, & thou shalt knowe that I am the Lord.

8 Thus saith the Lord God, Because that Moáb and Seír do say, Beholde, the house of Iudáh is like vnto all the heathen,

9 Therefore, beholde, I wil open the side of Moáb, *euen* of the cities [e] of his cities, *I say*, in his frontiers with the pleasant countrey, Beth-ieshimóth, Báal-meon, and Kariathaím.

10 *I wil call* the men of the East against the Ammonites, and wil giue them in possession, so that the Ammonites shal no more be remembred among the nations,

11 And I wil execute iudgements vpon Moáb, & thei shal knowe ỹ I am the Lord.

12 ¶Thus saith the Lord God, Because that Edóm hathe done *euil* by taking vengeance vpō the house of Iudáh, and hathe cōmitted great offence, and reuenged him self vpon them,

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, I wil also stretche out mine hand vpon Edóm, and destroye man, and beast out of it, and I wil make it desolate frō Temán, and they of Dedán shal fall by ỹ sworde.

14 And I wil execute my vengeance vpon Edóm by the hand of my people Israél, & they shal do in Edóm according to mine angre, and according to mine indignatiō, and they shal knowe my vengeance, saith the Lord God.

15 Thus saith the Lord God, Because the Philistims haue executed vengeance, and reuēged thē selues with a despiteful heart, to destroye it for the olde hatred,

16 Therefore thus saith ỹ Lord God, Beholde, I wil stretche out mine hād vpon ỹ Philistims, & I wil cut of the [f] Cherethims, & destroye the remnant of the sea coast.

17 And

a That is, the Babylonians.

o Meaning, his wife in whome he delited, as ver. 18.

p For in mourning they went bare headed and bare foted, and also couered their lippes

q That is, ẏ the neighbours sent to them ỹ mourned

r Meaning, the morning following.

s By sending ỹ Caldeans to destroie it, as Chap 7,22.

t Wherein you boast and delite.

u Ebr. lifting vp, of their soules.

a Because ye reioyced whē the enemie destroied my citie and Tēple.

b That is, to ỹ Babylonians

c They shal chase thee awaie and take thy gorgeous houses to dwell in

d Called also Philadelphia, which was ỹ chief citie of ỹ Ammonites and ful of couduites, 2 Sam. 12,27.

e So that no power or strēgth shulde be able to resist the Babylonians.

f Which were certeine garisons of Philistims, whereby thei oft times molested the Iewes of ỹ Cherethims Dauid also had a garde, 2. Sam 8,18

17 And I wil execute great vengeáce vpon thē with rebukes of mine indignation, & thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord, when I ſhal laie my vengeance vpon them.

CHAP. XXVI.

He prophecieth that Tyrus ſhalbe ouerthrowen becauſe it reioyced at the deſtruction of Ieruſalém. 15 The wondring and aſtoniſhment of the marchantes for the deſtruction of Tyrus.

1 AND in the [a] eleuenth yere, in the firſt *daie* of the moneth, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, becauſe that Tyrus hathe ſaid againſt Ieruſalém, A ha, the [b] gate of the people is broken: it is turned vnto me: *for* ſeing ſhe is deſolate, I ſhalbe [c] repleniſhed,

3 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I come againſt thee, ô Tyrus, and I wil bring vp manie nations againſt thee, as the ſea mounteth vp with his waues.

4 And thei ſhal deſtroie the walles of Tyrus & breake downe her towers: I wil alſo ſcrape her duſt from her, and make her like the toppe of a rocke.

5 Thou ſhalt be for the ſpreading of nettes in the middes of the ſea: for I haue ſpoken it, ſaith the Lord God, and it ſhalbe a ſpoyle to the nations.

6 And her [d] daughters which are in the fielde, ſhalbe ſlaine by the ſworde, and thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord.

7 For thus ſaith the Lord God, beholde, I wil bring vpon Tyrus Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél, a King of Kings from the North, with horſes and with charets, and with horſemen, with a multitude and muche people.

8 He ſhal ſlaie with the ſworde thy daughters in the field, and he ſhal make a forte againſt thee, and caſt a mount againſt thee, and lift vp the buckler againſt thee.

9 He ſhal ſet engines of warre before him againſt thy walles, and with his weapons breake downe thy towres.

10 The duſt of his horſes ſhal couer thee, for their multitude: thy walles ſhal ſhake at the noiſe of the horſemen, and of the wheles, & of the charets, whē he ſhal entre into thy gates as into the entrie of a citie that is broken downe.

11 With ỹ houes of his horſes ſhal he tread downe all thy ſtretes: he ſhal ſlaie thy people by the ſworde, and the [e] pillers of thy ſtrength ſhal fall downe to the grounde.

12 And thei ſhal róbbe thy riches and ſpoile thy marchandiſe, and thei ſhal breake downe thy walles, and deſtroie thy pleaſant houſes, and thei ſhal caſt thy ſtones and thy timbre and thy duſt into the middes of the water.

13 *Thus wil I cauſe ỹ ſounde of thy ſongs to ceaſe, and the ſounde of thine harpes ſhalbe no more heard.

14 I wil laie thee like the toppe of a rocke: [f] thou ſhalt be for a ſpreading of nettes: thou ſhalt be buylt no more: for I the Lord haue ſpoken it, ſaith the Lord God.

15 Thus ſaith the Lord God to Tyrus, Shal not the yles tremble at the ſounde of thy fall? and at the crye of the wounded, when thei ſhalbe ſlaine and murthered in the middes of thee?

16 Then all ỹ princes of the [g] ſea ſhal come downe from their thrones: thei ſhal laie awaie their robes, & put of their broydred garments, and ſhal clothe them ſelues with aſtoniſhment: thei ſhal ſit vpon the grounde, and be aſtoniſhed at *euerie* moment, and be amaſed at thee.

17 And thei ſhal take vp a lamentacion for thee, and ſaie to thee, How art thou deſtroyed, that waſt inhabited [h] of ỹ ſea *men*, the renoumed citie which was ſtrōg in the ſea, *bothe* ſhe & her inhabitants, which cauſe their feare to be on all ỹ haunt therein!

18 Now ſhal the yles be aſtoniſhed in the daie of thy fall: yea, the yles that are in the ſea, ſhalbe troubled at thy departure.

19 For thus ſaith the Lord God, Whē I ſhal make thee a deſolate citie, like the cities that are not inhabited, & whē I ſhal bring the deape vpon thee, and great waters ſhal couer thee,

20 When I ſhal caſt thee downe with them that deſcende into the pit, with the people [i] of olde time, and ſhal ſet thee in the lowe partes of the earth, like the olde ruines, with them, *I ſay*, which go downe to the pit, ſo that thou ſhalt not be inhabited, and I ſhal ſhewe my glorie in the lād of the [k] liuing,

21 I wil bring thee to nothing, and thou ſhalt be no *more*: thogh thou be ſoght for, yet ſhalt thou neuer be founde againe, ſaith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXVII.

The Prophet bewaileth the deſolatiō of Tyrus, ſhewing what were the riches, power and autoritie thereof in time paſt.

1 THE worde of the Lord came againe vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, take vp a lamentation for Tyrus,

3 And ſay vnto Tyrus, ỹ is ſituat at the entrie of the ſea, which is the marte [a] of the people for manie yles, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord God, O Tyrus, thou haſt ſaid, I am of perfite beautie.

4 Thy borders are in the [*] middes of ỹ ſea, & thy buylders haue made thee of perfite beautie.

5 Thei haue made all thy *ſhip* bordes of fyrre trees of [b] Shenir: they haue broght cedres frō Lebanón, to make maſts for thee.

6 Of ỹ kes of Baſhán haue they made thine ores: the companie of the Aſſyrians

a Ether of the captiuitie of Iecōniáh, or of the reigne of Zedekiáh

b That is, the famous citie Ieruſalém, whereunto all people reſorted

c My riches & fame ſhal increaſe: thus ỹ wicked reioyce at their fall by whome thei maie haue any profite or aduantage.

d The townes that belonged vnto her.

e For Tyrus was muche buylt by art, and by labour of men was wōne out of ỹ ſea Some refer ce this vnto ỹ images of the noble men ẅ thei had erected vp for their glorie and renowme *Iere 7.34.*

f I wil make thee ſo bare ỹ thou ſhalt haue nothing to couer thee.

g The gouernours and rulers of other countreyes ỹ dwell by the ſea: whereby he ſignifieth ỹ her deſtrūction ſhulde be ſohorrible, ỹ all ỹ worlde ſhulde heare thereof and be afraied

h Meaning, marchantes ẅ by their traffique did enriche her wonderfully and increaſe her power.

i Which are dead lōg ago.

k Meaning, in Iudea, when it ſhal be reſtored.

a Which ſeruest all the worlde ẅ thy marchandiſe.

* *Ebi beam.*

b This mountaine was called Hermon, but the Amorites called it Shenir, Deu 3. 9.

haue made thy bankes of yuorie, *brought* out of the yles of c Chittim.

c Which is taken for Grecia and Italie

7 Fine linen with broydred worke, *brought* from Egypt, was spred ouer thee to be thy saile, blewe silke & purple, *brought* from the yles of Elishah, was thy couering.

8 The inhabitants of Zidón, and Aruád were thy mariners: ô Tyrus, thy wise men that were in thee, thei were thy *Or, shipmasters.* pilotes.

9 The ancients of Gebál, and the wise mẽ thereof were in thee thy d calkers, all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupie thy marchandise.

d Meaning, ỹ thei buylt the walles of the citie, which is here ment by the shipstand of these were ỹ buylders of Salomõs Temple. 1. Kin. 5. 18.

10 Thei of Perlia, and of Lud and of Phut were in thine armie: thy men of warre thei hanged ỹ shield & helmet in thee: thei set forthe thy beautie.

11 The mẽ of Aruád with thine armie *were* vpon thy walles rounde about, and the e Gammadims were in thy towers: thei hãged their shields vpon thy walles rounde about: thei haue made thy beautie perfite.

e That is, thei of Cappadocia or Pigmes and dwarfs which were so called because that out of the bie bowres thei semed little

12 They of Tarshish *were* thy marchants for the multitude of all riches, for siluer, yron, tynne, and lead, *which* thei broght to thy faires.

f Of Grecia, Italie and Cappadocia

13 Thei of f Iauán, Tubál and Meshéch were thy marchants, g concerning the liues of men, and thei broght vessels of brasse for thy marchandise.

g By selling sclaues.

14 Thei of ỹ house of h Togarmáh broght to thy faires horses, & horsmen, & mules.

h Which are take for a people of Asia minor.

15 The men of Dedán *were* thy marchants: and the marchandise of manie yles *were* in thine hands: thei broght thee for a present i hornes, bones, teeth, and peacockes.

i Meaning, vnicornes hornes, and elephants teeth

16 Thei of Arám *were* thy marchants for the multitude of thy k wares: thei occupied in thy faires with l emeraudes, purple, and broydred worke, and m fine linin, and coral, and perle.

k Or, workes. *l Or, carbuncles.* *m Or, silke.*

17 They of Iudáh and of the land of Israél were thy marchants: thei broght for thy marchandise wheat of n Minnith, and Pannág, and hony and oyle, and o balmé.

n Where ỹ best wheat growed

18 Thei of Damascus *were* thy marchants in ỹ multitude of thy wares, for the multitude of all riches, *as* in the wine of Helbon and white wolle.

o Or, treacle, or, triacle.

19 Thei of Dan also and of Iauán, going to and fro, occupied in thy faires: yron worke, cassia and calamus were amóg thy marchandise.

20 Thei of Dedán *were* thy marchants in precious clothes for the charets.

21 Thei of Arabia, & all the princes of Kedár occupied with thee, in lambes, & rams & goats: in these were thei thy marchãts.

p Or, were marchants whose marchandise passid through their hands.

22 The marchants of Shebá, and Raamáh were thy marchants: thei occupied in thy faires with the chief of all spices, and with all precious stones and golde.

23 Thei of Harám and Canneh and Edén, the marchants of Shebá, Asshúr & Chilmád were thy marchants.

24 These were thy marchants in all sortes *of things*, in raiment of blewe silke, and of broydred worke, and in coffers for the riche apparel, which were bounde w cordes: chaines also *were* among thy marchãdise.

q Or, came incense vnto towards thee.

25 The shippes of Tarshish q were thy chief in thy marchãdise, and thou wast replenished and made very glorious in the middes of the sea.

r Or, rowers.

26 Thy r robbers haue broght thee into great waters: the s East winde hathe broken thee in the middes of the sea.

s That is, Nebuchadnezzar.

27 Thy riches and thy faires, thy marchandise, thy mariners and pilotes, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy marchandise and all thy men of warre that are in thee, & all thy multitude which is in the middes of thee, shal fall in the middes of the sea in the daie of thy ruine.

m That is, the cities nere about thee, as was Zidón, Aruád and others.

28 The t suburbes shal shake at the sounde of the crye of the pilotes.

29 And all that handle the ore, the mariners & all the pilotes of the sea shal come downe from their ships, & shal stand vpon the land,

30 And shal cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shal crye bitterly, and shal cast dust vpon their heads, and wallowe them selues in the asshes.

31 Thei shal plucke of their heere for thee and gyrd them with a sackecloth, and thei shal wepe for thee with sorowe of heart & bitter mourning.

32 And in their mourning thei shal take vp a lamẽtaciõ for thee, *saying*, What *citie* is like Tyrus, so destroied in ỹ middes of ỹ sea!

33 Whẽ thy wares went forthe of the seas, thou filledst manie people & ỹ diddest enriche the Kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches & of thy marchãdise.

34 When thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy marchandise and all thy multitude, which was in the middes of thee, shal fall.

35 All the inhabitãts of the yles shalbe astonished at thee, & all their Kigs shal be sore afraied & troubled in their countenance.

36 The marchants among the people shal hisse at thee: thou shalt be a terrour, and neuer shalt be u anie more.

u Whereby is ment a long time: for it was prophecied to be destroyed but seuenty yeres, as Isay 23. 15.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 The worde of God against the King of Tyrus for his pride. 21 The worde of the Lord against Zidón. 25 The Lord promiseth that he wil gather together the children of Israél.

1 THe worde of the Lord came againe vnto me, saying,

2 Sõne of mã, say vnto ỹ prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God, Because thine heart is exalted, and thou hast said, x I am a god, I sit in the seat of God in the middes of the sea, yet thou art but a man and not God, & y thogh thou didest thinke in thine

x I am safe ỹ none can come to hurt me, as God is in the heauen

y *Thogh thou set thine heart as the heart of God.*

thine heart, ỹ thou waſt equal with God,

3 Beholde, thou art wiſer thē [b]Daniél: there is no ſecret, that thei can hide from thee.

4 With thy wiſdome and thine vnderſtanding thou haſt gotten thee riches, and haſt gotten gold and ſiluer into thy treaſures.

5 By thy great wiſdome *and* by thine occupying haſt ỹ increaſed thy riches, and thine heart is lifted vp becauſe of thy riches.

6 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Becauſe thou dideſt thīke in thine heart, that thou waſt equal with God,

7 Beholde, therefore I wil bring ſtrangers vpon thee, *euen* the terrible nacions: and thei ſhal drawe their ſwordes againſt the beautie of thy wiſdome, and thei ſhal defile thy brightnes.

8 Thei ſhal caſt thee downe to the pit, and thou ſhalt dye the death of them, that are ſlaine in the middes of the ſea.

9 Wilt thou ſay *then* before him, ỹ ſlaieth thee, I am a god? but thou ſhalt be a man, and no God, in the hands of him that ſlaieth thee.

10 Thou ſhalt dye the death of the [c] vncircumciſed by the hands of ſtrangers: for I haue ſpoken it, ſaith the Lord God.

11 ¶ Moreouer the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

12 Sonne of man, take vp a lamentacion vpon the King of Tyrus, and ſay vnto him, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Thou ſealeſt vp the ſumme, & art ful of [d] wiſdome and perfite in beautie.

13 Thou haſt bene in Eden ỹ gardē of God: euerie precious ſtone *was* in thy garment, ỹ rubie, ỹ topaze & the [e] diamōd, ỹ chryſolite, ỹ onix, & the iaſper, ỹ ſaphir, [e] emeraud, & the carbūcle & golde: ỹ worke manſhip of thy timbrels, & of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that ỹ waſt created.

14 Thou art [f] the anointed Cherūb, that couereth, and I haue ſet thee [f] *in honour*: thou waſt vpō ỹ holy mountaine of God: ỹ haſt walked in ỹ middes of the [g] ſtones of fyre.

15 Thou waſt perfite in thy waies from the day that thou waſt [h] created, til iniquitie was founde in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy marchandiſe, thei haue filled the middes of thee with crueltie, and thou haſt ſinned: therefore I wil caſt thee as prophane out of ỹ [i] mountaine of God: & I wil deſtroy thee, ô couering Cherūb from the middes of the ſtones of fyre.

17 Thine heart was lifted vp becauſe of thy beautie, & thou haſt corrupted thy wiſdome by reaſon of thy brightnes: I wil caſt thee to the grounde: I wil lay thee before Kings that thei may beholde thee.

18 Thou haſt defiled thy [k] ſanctification by ỹ multitude of thine iniquities, & by the iniquitie of thy marchādiſe: therefore wil I bring forthe a fyre frō ỹ middes of thee, which ſhal deuoure thee: & I wil brīg thee to aſſhes vpon the earth, in the ſight of all them that beholde thee.

19 All thei ỹ knowe thee among the people, ſhalbe aſtoniſhed at thee: thou ſhalt be a terrour, & neuer ſhalt thou be any more.

20 ¶ Againe, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

21 Sonne of man, ſet thy face againſt Zidón, and prophecie againſt it,

22 And ſay, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord God, Behold, I *come* againſt thee, ô Zidón, & I wil be [l] glorified in ỹ middes of thee: & thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord, when I ſhal haue executed iudgements in her, and ſhalbe ſanctified in her.

23 For I wil ſend into her peſtilēce & blood into her ſtretes, and the ſlaine ſhal fall in ỹ middes of her: [m] *the enemie ſhal come* againſt her with the ſworde on euerie ſide, & thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord.

24 And thei ſhalbe no more a pricking thorne vnto ỹ houſe of Iſraél, nor *any* grieuous thorne of all that are rounde about them, and deſpiſed thē, and thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord God.

25 Thus ſaith ỹ Lord God, Whē I ſhal haue gathered ỹ houſe of Iſraél frō ỹ people where thei are ſcattred, & ſhal be [n] ſanctified in thē in the ſight of the heathen, then ſhal thei dwell in the land, that I haue giuen to my ſeruant Iaakób.

26 And thei ſhal dwell ſafely therein, & ſhal buyld houſes, & plant vineyardes: yea, thei ſhal dwell ſafely, whē I haue executed iudgemēts vpō all rounde about thē ỹ deſpiſe thē, & thei ſhal knowe ỹ I am ỹ Lord their God.

CHAP. XXIX.

He prophecieth againſt Pharaóh and Egypt. 13 The Lord promiſeth that he wil reſtore Egypt after fourtie yeres. 18 Egypt is the rewarde of King Nebuchadnezzár for the labour, which he toke againſt Tyrus.

1 IN the [a] tēth yere, & in ỹ tenth moneth in the twelfth *day* of the moneth, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sōne of mā, ſet thy face againſt Pharaóh the King of Egypt, and prophecie againſt him, and againſt all Egypt.

3 Speake, & ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I *come* againſt thee, Pharaóh King of Egypt, ỹ great [b] dragō, that lieth in the middes of his riuers, ẅ hathe ſaid, The riuer is mine, & I haue made it for my ſelf.

4 But I wil put [c] hokes in thy chawes, & I wil cauſe ỹ fiſh of thy riuers to ſticke vnto thy ſcales, & I wil drawe thee out of the middes of thy riuers, & all the fiſh of thy riuers ſhal ſticke vnto thy ſcales.

5 And I wil leaue thee in ỹ wildernes, *bothe* thee & all the fiſh of thy riuers: ỹ ſhalt fall vpon the open field: ỹ ſhalt not be broght together, nor gathered: *for* I haue giuen thee for meat to ỹ beaſtes of the field, and to the foules of the heauen.

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b Thus he ſpeaketh by deriſion: for Daniél had declared notable ſignes of his wiſdome in Babylon, when Ezekiél wrote this

c Like ỹ reſt of ỹ heathen and infideles, ẅ are Gods enemies.

d He derideth the vaine opinion and confidence that ỹ Tyrians had in their riches ſtrength and pleaſures

a Or, iaſper

b Or, carbuncle.

e He meaneth ỹ royal ſtate of Tyrus, ẅ for the excellencie and glorie thereof he compareth to ỹ Cherubims ẅ couered ỹ Arke: and by this worde *anointed* he ſignifieth the ſame

f I did thee this honour to make thee one of the buylders of my Tēple, which was when Hirám ſent vnto Salomon things neceſſarie for the worke

g To wit, among my people Iſraél, ẅ ſhined as precious ſtones

h Which was when I firſt called thee to this dignitie

i Thou ſhalt haue no parte amōg my people

k That is, the honour, wherewith I called thee.

l By executing my iudgemēts againſt thy wickednes.

m That is, Nebuchadnezzar

n He ſheweth for what cauſe God wil aſſemble his Church, and preſerue it ſtil though he deſtroy his enemies: to wit, ỹ they ſhulde praiſe him, & giue thankes for his great mercies.

a To wit, of ỹ captiuitie of Ieconiáh or of the reigne of Zedekiah

Of the order of theſe prophecies and how the ſother ſome time ſtaudeth after the latter, read Iere. 27.

b He compareth Pharaóh to a dragon ẅ hideth him ſelf in the riuer Nilus, as Iſa 51.9

c I wil ſend enemies againſt thee, ẅ ſhal plucke thee & thy people ẅ truſt in thee out of thy ſure places.

6 And all ỹ inhabitãts of Egypt ſhal knowe that I am the Lord, becauſe thei haue bene a ſtaffe of [d] reed to the houſe of Iſraél.

d Read.2. King 18,21.Iſa 36,6.

7 When thei toke holde of thee with their hand, thou dideſt breake, and rent all their ſhulder: and when thei leaned vpon thee, thou brakeſt and madeſt all their loines to [a] ſtand [e] vpright.

a Or, ſhake.
e When thei felt their hurt, thei wolde ſtay no more vpon thee, but ſtode vpon their fete and put their truſt in others.

8 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I wil bring a ſworde vpon thee, and deſtroy man and beaſt out of thee,

9 And the land of Egypt ſhalbe deſolate, & waſte, and thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord: becauſe he hathe ſaid, [f] The riuer is mine, and I haue made it,

f Thus God can not ſuffer that man ſhulde arrogat any thing to him ſelf, or put his truſt in any thing ſaue in him alone

10 Beholde, therefore I *come* vpon thee, and vpon thy riuers, and I wil make the land of Egypt vtterly waſte and deſolate from the towre of Seueneh, euen vnto the borders of the [b] blacke Mores.

b Ebr Cuſh, or Ethiopia.

11 No foote of mã ſhal paſſe by it, nor foote of beaſt ſhal paſſe by it, nether ſhal it be inhabited fourtie yeres.

12 And I wil make the land of Egypt deſolate in the middes of the countreis, that are deſolate, and her cities ſhalbe deſolate amõg the cities that are deſolate, for fourtie yeres: and I wil ſcattre the Egyptians among the nacions, and wil diſperſe them through the countreis.

Ierem.46,26 13 Yet thus ſaith ỹ Lord God, * At the end of fourtie yeres wil I gather the Egyptiãs frõ the people, where thei were ſcattred,

14 And I wil bring againe the captiuitie of Egypt, and wil cauſe them to returne into the land of Pathrós, into the land of their habitation, and thei ſhal be there a [g] ſmall kingdome.

g Meaning, ỹ thei ſhuld not haue ful dominion, but be vnder the Perſiãs, Grecians and Romans, and the cauſe is, that the Iſraelites ſhulde no more put their truſt in them, but learne to depend on God.

15 It ſhalbe the ſmalleſt of the kingdomes, nether ſhal it exalt it ſelf any more aboue the nacions: for I wil diminiſh them, that thei ſhal no more rule the nacions.

16 And it ſhal be no more the confidence of the houſe of Iſraél, to bring *their* [h] iniquitie to remembrance by loking after them, ſo ſhal thei knowe, that I am ỹ Lord God.

h Leſt I ſhulde by this meanes puniſh their ſinnes.

17 ¶ In the [i] ſeuen and twentieth yere alſo in the firſt *moneth*, & in ỹ firſt *day* of the moneth came the worde of the Lord vnto me, ſaying,

i Counting frõ the captiuitie of Ieconiáh.

18 Sonne of man, Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél cauſed his armie to ſerue a great [k] ſeruice againſt Tyrus: euerie head was made balde, and euerie ſhulder was made bare: yet had he no wages, [l] nor his armie for Tyrus, for the ſeruice that he ſerued againſt it.

k He toke great paines at the ſiege of Tyrus and his armie was ſore handled.
l Signifying ỹ Nebuchadnezzár had more paines then profite, by the taking of Tyrus.

19 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I wil giue the land of Egypt vnto Nebuchad-nezzár the King of Babél, and he ſhal take her multitude, and ſpoile her ſpoile, and take her pray, and it ſhal be the wages for his armie.

20 I haue giuen him the land of Egypt for his labour, that he ſerued againſt it, becauſe thei wroght for me.

21 In that day wil I cauſe the horne of the houſe of Iſraél to growe, and I wil giue thee an open mouth in the middes of thẽ, and thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXX.

The deſtruction of Egypt & the cities thereof.

1 THe worde of the Lord came againe vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, prophecie, and ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Houle *& crye*, Wo *be* vnto this day.

3 For the day is nere, and the day of ỹ Lord is at hand, a cloudie day, *and* it ſhalbe the time of the heathen.

4 And the ſworde ſhal come vpon Egypt, and feare ſhalbe in Ethiopia, whẽ the ſlaine ſhal fall in Egypt, when thei ſhal take away her multitude, and *when* her fundacions ſhalbe broken downe.

5 [a] Ethiopia, and Phut, & Lud, and all the commune people, and Cub, and the mẽ of the land, that is in league, ſhal fall with them by the ſworde.

a By Phut and Lud are ment Aphrica and Libya.

6 Thus ſaith ỹ Lord, Thei alſo that mainteine Egypt, ſhal fall, and the pride of her power ſhal come downe from the towre of [b] Seueneh ſhal thei fall by ỹ ſworde, ſaith the Lord God.

b Which was a ſtrong citie of Egypt. cha. 29,10.

7 And thei ſhalbe deſolate in the middes of the countreis that are deſolate, and her cities ſhalbe in ỹ middes of the cities that are waſted.

8 And thei ſhal knowe that I am the Lord, when I haue ſet a fyre in Egypt, *and when* all her helpers ſhalbe deſtroied.

9 In that day ſhal their meſſengers go forthe from me in ſhippes, to make the careles Mores afraied, and feare ſhal come vpõ them, as in the day of Egypt: for lo, it cometh.

10 Thus ſaith the Lord God, I wil alſo make the multitude of Egypt to ceaſe by the hãd of Nebuchad-nezzár King of Babél.

11 For he and his people with him, *euen* the terrible nacions ſhal be broght to deſtroy the land: and thei ſhal drawe their ſwordes againſt Egypt, & fil the land with ỹ ſlaine.

12 And I wil make the riuers drye, and ſel the land into the hands of the wicked, and I wil make the land waſte, and all that therein is by the hands of ſtrangers: I the Lord haue ſpoken it.

13 Thus ſaith the Lord God, I wil alſo deſtroy the idoles, and I wil cauſe their idoles to ceaſe out of [c] Noph, and there ſhal be no more a prince of the land of Egypt, & I wil ſend a feare in the land of Egypt.

c Or, Memphis in Altaira.

14 And I wil make Pathrós deſolate, & wil ſet fyre in [d] Zóan, and I wil execute iudgement in No.

d Or, Tanis.

15 And

15 And I wil powre my wrath vpon [o] Sin, *which is* the ſtrength of Egypt: and I wil deſtroy the multitude of [o] No.

16 And I wil ſet fyre in Egypt: Sin ſhal haue great ſorow, and No ſhalbe deſtroyed, and Noph ſhal haue ſorowes daiely.

17 The yong men of [o] Auen, and of [o] Phibéſeth ſhal fall by the ſworde: and theſe *cities* ſhal go into captiuitie.

18 At Tehaphnehes the day [c] ſhal reſtreine *his light*, when I ſhal breake there the [d] barres of Egypt: and when the pompe of her power ſhal ceaſe in her, the cloude ſhal couer her, & her daughters ſhal go into captiuitie.

19 Thus wil I execute iudgemẽts in Egypt, and they ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord.

20 ¶ And in the [e] eleuenth yere, in the firſt *moneth, &* in the ſeuẽth *day* of the moneth, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

21 Sonne of man, [f] I haue broken the arme of Pharaóh King of Egypt: and lo, it ſhal not be bounde vp to be healed, nether ſhal they put a roole to binde it, and *ſo* make it ſtrong, to holde the ſworde.

22 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I *come* againſt Pharaóh King of Egypt, and wil breake [g] his arme, that was ſtrong, but is broken, and I wil cauſe the ſworde to fall out of his hand.

23 And I wil ſcatter the Egyptians among the nacions, and wil diſperſe thẽ through the countreis.

24 And I wil ſtrengthen the arme of the King of Babél, and put my ſworde in his hand, but I wil breake Pharaohs armes, & he ſhal caſt out ſighings as the ſighings of him, that is wounded before him.

25 But I wil ſtrengthen the armes of the King of Babél, and the armes of Pharaóh ſhal fall downe, and they ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord, [h] when I ſhal put my ſworde into the hand of the King of Babél, & he ſhal ſtretch it out vpon the land of Egypt.

26 And I wil ſcatter the Egyptians among the nacions, and diſperſe them among the countreys, and they ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXI.

2 A compariſon of the proſperitie of Pharaóh with the proſperitie of the Aſſyrians. 10 He prophecieth a like deſtruction to them bothe.

1 AND in the [a] eleuenth yere, in ỹ third *moneth, &* in the firſt *day* of the moneth the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, ſpeake vnto Pharaóh Kíg of Egypt, and to his multitude, Whome art thou [b] like in thy greatnes?

3 Beholde, Aſſhúr *was like* a cedre in Lebanón with faire branches, and with thicke ſhadowing boughes, and ſhot vp verie hie, and his top was amõg the thicke boughes.

4 The waters nouriſhed him, and the depe exalted him on hie with her riuers rũning rounde about his plants, and ſent out her [c] litle riuers vnto all the trees of the [o] field.

5 Therefore his height was exalted aboue all the trees of the field, & his boughes were multiplied, and his branches were long, becauſe of the multitude of the waters, which *the depe* ſent out.

6 All the foules of the heauen made their neſts in his boughes, and vnder his branches did all the beaſts of the field bring forthe their yong, and vnder his ſhadow dwelt all mightie nacions.

7 Thus was he faire in his greatnes, *and* in the length of his branches: for his roote was nere great waters.

8 The cedres in the garden [d] of God colde not hide him: no fir e tre was like his branches, and the cheſſenut trees were not like his boughes: all the trees in the garden of God were not like vnto him in his beautie.

9 I made him faire by the multitude of his branches: ſo that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, enuied him.

10 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Becauſe [o] he is lift vp on high, and hathe ſhot vp his toppe among the thicke boughes, & his heart is lift vp in his height,

11 I haue therefore deliuered him into the hands of the [e] mightieſt among the heathen: he ſhal handle him, *for* I haue caſt him away for his wickednes.

12 And the ſtrangers haue deſtroyed him, *euen* the terrible nacions, and thei haue left him vpon the mountaines, and in the valleis his branches are fallen, & his boughes are [f] broken by all the riuers of the land: and all the people of the earth are departed from his ſhaddowe, and haue forſaken him.

13 Vpon his ruine ſhal all the foules of the heauen remaine, and all the beaſts of the field ſhalbe vpon his branches,

14 So that none of all the trees by the waters ſhal be exalted by their height, nether ſhal ſhoote vp their toppe amõg the thicke boughes, nether ſhal their leaues ſtand vp in their height, which drinke ſo muche water: for thei are all deliuered vnto death in the nether partes of the earth in the middes of the children of men among thẽ that go downe to the pit.

15 Thus ſaith the Lord God, In the daye when he went downe to hel, I cauſed them to mourne, & I couered ỹ depe for him, and I did reſtreine the floods thereof, and the great waters were ſtaied: I cauſed Lebanón to mourne for him, and all the trees of the field fainted.

16 I made the naciõs to ſhake at the ſounde of his fall, when I caſt him downe to hell,

[o] Or, Peluſium

[o] Or, Alexãdria

[o] Or, Heliopolis. [o] Or, Pubaſtum.

c Meaning, that there ſhal be great ſorowe and affliction

d That is, the ſtrength and force.

e Of the captiuitie of Ieremiáh, or of Zedekiahs reigne.

f For Nebuchad-nezzár deſtroyed Pharaóh Nechó at Carchemiſh, Iere 46, 26

g His force & power.

h Whereby we ſe that tyrants haue no power of them ſelues, nether can do any more harme, thẽ God appointeth, & when he wil, thei muſt ceaſe.

a Of Zedekiahs reigne or of Ieconiahs captiuitie.

b Meaning, that he was not like in ſtrength to the King of the Aſſyrians, whome the Babyloniãs ouercame.

c Many other nations were vnder their dominion

[o] Or, countrey.

d Signifying, that there was no greater power in the worlde then his was.

[o] Or, then waſt lift vp.

e That is, of Nebuchad-nezzár, who afterward was the monarche and onelie ruler of the worlde.

f Hereby is ſignified the deſtruction of ỹ power of the Aſſyrians by the Babylonians.

g The depe waters ỹ cauſed hi to mourne ſo hie (meaning his great abundance & pompe) ſhal now lament as though they were couered ỹ ſackecloth.

with them that deſcend into the pit, & all the excellent trees of Eden, and the beſt of Lebanón: *euen* all that are nouriſhed with waters, ſhal [h] be comforted in the nether partes of the earth.

17 They alſo went downe to hel with him vnto them that be ſlaine with the ſworde, and his arme, & they that dwelt vnder his ſhaddowe in the middes of the heathen.

18 To whome [i] art thou thus like in glorie & in greatnes amõg the trees of Eden? yet thou ſhalt be caſt downe with the trees of Eden vnto the nether partes of the earth: thou ſhalt ſlepe in ỹ middes of the [k] vncircumciſed, with them that be ſlaine by the ſworde: this is Pharaóh & all his multitude, ſaith the Lord God.

h To cauſe this deſtructiõ of the King of Aſſyria to ſeme more horrible, he ſetteth forthe other Kings and princes which are dead, as though thei reioyced at the fall of ſuche a tyrant.
i Meaning, that Pharaohs power was no thing ſo great as his was.
k Read Chap. 28,10.

CHAP. XXXII.

The Prophet is commanded to bewaile Pharaóh King of Egypt. 12 He prophecieth that deſtruction ſhal come vnto Egypt through the King of Babylon.

1 [a] AND in ỹ twelfth yere in the twelfth moneth, & in the firſt *day* of the moneth, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, take vp a lamentacion for Pharaóh King of Egypt, & ſay vnto him, Thou art like a [b] lyon of the nations & art as a [c] dragon in the ſea: thou caſteſt out thy riuers [c] and troubleſt the waters with thy fete, and ſtampeſt in their riuers.

3 Thus ſaith the Lord God, [*] I wil therefore ſpread my net ouer thee with a great multitude of people, & thei ſhal make thee come vp into my net.

4 Then wil I leaue thee vpon the land, & I wil caſt thee vpon the open field, & I wil cauſe all the foules of the heauẽ to remaine vpon thee, and I wil fil all the beaſts of the field with thee.

5 And I will laye thy fleſh vpon the mountaines, & fil the valleis [d] with thine height.

6 I wil alſo water with thy blood the land, wherein thou [e] ſwimmeſt, *euen* to the moũtaines, and the riuers ſhalbe full of thee.

7 And when I ſhal [f] put thee out, I wil couer the heauen, and make the ſtarres thereof darke: [*] I wil couer the ſunne with a cloude, and the moone ſhal not giue her light.

8 All the lights of heauen wil I make darke for thee, and bring [g] darkenes vpon thy land, ſaith the Lord God.

9 I wil alſo trouble the hearts of many people, when I ſhal bring thy deſtruction among the nacions, *and* vpon the countreis which thou haſt not knowen.

10 Yea, I wil make many people amaſed at thee, & their Kings ſhalbe aſtoniſhed with feare for thee, when I ſhal make my ſworde to glitter againſt their faces, & thei ſhal be afraied at euery moment: euery man for his owne life in the day of thy fall.

11 For thus ſaith the Lord God, The ſworde of the King of Babél ſhal come vpõ thee.

12 By the ſwordes of the mightie wil I cauſe thy multitude to fall: they all ſhalbe terrible nacions, and they ſhal deſtroye the [h] pompe of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof ſhalbe conſumed.

13 I wil deſtroye alſo all the beaſts thereof from the great waterſides, nether ſhal the fote of man trouble them any more, nor the houes of beaſt trouble them.

14 Then wil I make [i] their waters depe, and cauſe their riuers to runne like oyle, ſaith the Lord God.

15 When I ſhal make the land of Egypt deſolate, and the countrey with all that is therein, ſhalbe laied waſt: when I ſhal ſmite all them, which dwell therein, then ſhal thei knowe, that I am the Lord.

16 This is the mourning wherewith they ſhal lament her: the daughters of the nacions ſhal lament her: thei ſhal lament for Egypt, and for all her multitude, ſaith the Lord God.

17 ¶ In the twelfth yere alſo in the fifteenth *day* of the moneth, came the worde of the Lord vnto me, ſaying,

18 Sonne of man, lament for the multitude of Egypt, and [k] caſt them downe, *euen* thẽ and the daughters of the mightie nations vnto the nether partes of the earth, with them that go downe into the pit.

19 Whome doeſt thou paſſe [l] in beautie? go downe and ſlepe with the vncircumciſed.

20 Thei ſhal fall in the middes of them that are ſlayne by ỹ ſworde: [m] ſhe is deliuered to the ſworde: drawe her downe, & all her multitude.

21 The moſte [n] mighty & ſtrõg ſhal ſpeake to her out of the middes of hel with them ỹ helpe her: they are gone downe *and* ſlepe with the vncircumciſed that be ſlaine by ỹ ſworde.

22 Aſſhúr is there & all his companie: their graues are about him: all they are ſlayne *and* fallen by the ſworde.

23 Whoſe graues are made in the ſide of the pit, & his multitude are rounde about his graue: all they are ſlaine *and* fallen by the ſworde, which cauſed feare *to be* in the land of the liuing.

24 There [o] Elám and all his multitude rounde about his graue: all they are ſlaine *and* fallen by the ſworde ẅ are gone downe with the vncircumciſed into the nether partes of the earth, which cauſed thẽ ſelues to be feared in the land of the [p] liuing, yet haue they borne their ſhame with thẽ that are gone downe to the pit.

25 Thei haue made his bed in the middes of the ſlaine with all his multitude: their graues *are* rounde about him: all theſe vncircũciſed are ſlaine by the ſworde: thogh thei

a Which was the firſt yere of the generall captiuitie vnder Zedekiah.
b Thus the ſcriptures cõpare tyrants to cruel and huge beaſtes ẅ deuoure all thatbe weaker then they, and ſuche as they may ouercome.
*Or, whale.
c Thou preparedſt great armies *Chap. 12,13. & 17,20.*
d With heapes of the carkeſſes of thine armie.
e As Nilus ouerfloweth Egypt, ſo wil I make ỹ blood of thine hoſte to ouerflowe it.
f The worde ſignifieth to be put out as a candel is put out. *Iſa. 13,10. Ioel 2,31. & 3,15. matt. 24,29.*
g By this maner of ſpeache is ment the great ſorowe ỹ ſhalbe for the ſlaughter of the King & his people.

h This came to paſſe in leſſe then foure yeres after this prophecie.
i To wit, of ỹ Caldeans thine enemies, which ſhal quietly enioy all thy cõmodities.
k That is, prophecie, that they ſhal be caſt downe: thus the Lord giueth his Prophetes power bothe to plant and to deſtroy by his worde, read Iere 1,10
l Haue not other kigdoms, more beautiful then thou, periſhed?
m That is, Egypt.
n To make the matter more ſenſible, he bringeth in Pharaóh, whome the dead ſhal mete & marueile at him, read Iſa. 14,9.
o Meaning, ỹ Perſians.
p Whome in this life all ỹ worlde feared

thei haue cauſed their feare in the land of the liuing, yet haue thei borne their ſhame with them that go downe to the pit: thei are laide in the middes of them, that be ſlaine.

q That is, the Cappadocians & Italians, or Spanyardes, as Ioſephus writeth

26 There *is* q Méſhech, Tubál, & all their multitude: their graues *are* rounde about them: all theſe vncircumciſed were ſlaine by the ſworde, thogh thei cauſed their feare *to be* in the land of the liuing.

r Which dyed not by cruel death, but by the courſe of nature and are honorably buryed with their cote armour and ſignes of honour.

27 And thei ſhal not lye with the valiant r of the vncircumciſed, that are fallen, which are gone downe to the graue, with their weapons of warre, and haue layed their ſwordes vnder their heads, but their iniquitie ſhalbe vpō their bones: becauſe *thei were* ỹ feare of the mightie in the lād of the liuing.

28 Yea, thou ſhalt be broken in the middes of the vncircumciſed, and lye with them that are ſlaine by the ſworde.

29 There *is* Edóm, his Kings, and all his princes, which with their ſtrength are laied by them that were ſlaine by the ſworde: they ſhal ſlepe with the vncircumciſed, and with them that go downe to the pit.

f The Kings of Babylon.

30 There *be* all the princes of the f North, with all the Zidonians, which are gone downe with the ſlaine, with their feare: thei are aſhamed of their ſtrength, and the vncircumciſed ſl pe with them that be ſlaine by the ſworde, and beare their ſhame with them that go downe to the pit.

t As the wicked reioyce when they ſe others parrakers of their miſeries

31 Pharaóh ſhal ſe thē, and he ſhalbe t comforted ouer all his multitude: Pharaóh, & all his armie *ſhalbe* ſlaine by the ſworde, ſaith the Lord God.

u I wil make the Egyptians afraid of me, as thei cauſed others to feare them.

32 For I haue cauſed my u feare *to be* in the land of the liuing: and he ſhalbe laid in the middes of the vncircumciſed with them, that are ſlaine by the ſworde, *euen* Pharaóh and all his multitude, ſaith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXXIII.

The office of the gouernours and miniſters. 14 He ſtrengtheneth them that diſparre, and boldeneth them with the promes of mercie. 30 The worde of the Lord againſt the mockers of the Prophet.

1 AGaine, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,

2 Sonne of man, ſpeake to the children of thy people, and ſay vnto them, When I bring the ſworde vpon a land, if the people of the land take a man x from among them, and make him their a watcheman,

x Or, of their coaſts

a He ſheweth that ỹ people ought to haue continually gouernours & teachers ẅ may haue a care ouer them, and to warne them euer of the dangers which are at hand.

3 If when he ſeeth the ſworde come vpon the land, he blowe the trumpet and warne the people,

4 Then he that heareth the ſounde of the trumpet, and wil not be warned, if the ſworde come, & take him away, his blood ſhalbe vpon his owne head.

5 For he heard the ſounde of the trumpet, and wolde not be admoniſhed: *therefore* his blood ſhalbe vpon him: but he that receiueth warning, ſhal ſaue his life.

6 But if the watchman ſe the ſworde come, and blowe not the trumpet, and the people be not warned: if the ſworde come, and take any perſone from among them, he is taken away for his b iniquitie, but his blood wil I require at the watchmans hand.

b Signifying ỹ the wicked ſhal not eſcape puniſhment thogh ỹ watchman be negligent, but if the watchman blowe ỹ trumpet, and then he wil not obey, he ſhal deſerue double puniſhment. *Chap. 3. 19.*

7 * So thou, ô ſonne of man, I haue made thee a watchman vnto the houſe of Iſraél: therefore thou ſhalt heare the worde at my c mouth, and admoniſhe them from me.

c Which teacheth that he ỹ receiueth not his charge at ỹ Lords mouth, is a ſpie, and not a true watchman.

8 When I ſhal ſay vnto the wicked, O wicked man, thou ſhalt dye the death, if thou doeſt not ſpeake, and admoniſh the wicked of his way, that wicked man ſhal dye for his iniquitie, but his blood wil I d require at thine hand.

d The watchman muſt anſwer for the blood of all ỹ periſh through his negligēce.

9 Neuertheles, if thou warne the wicked of his way, to turne from it, if he do not turne from his way, he ſhal dye for his iniquitie, but thou haſt deliuered thy ſoule.

10 Therefore, ô thou ſonne of man, ſpeake vnto the houſe of Iſraél, Thus ye ſpeake and ſay, If our tranſgreſsions and our ſinnes *be* vpon vs, and we are conſumed becauſe of them, e how ſhulde we then liue?

e Thus ỹ wicked whē they heare Gods iudgements for their ſinnes, deſpaire of his mercies and murmur

11 Say vnto them, as I liue, ſaith the Lord God, f I deſire not the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turne from his way and liue: turne you, turne you from your euil wayes, for why wil ye dye, ô ye houſe of Iſraél?

f Read Chap. 18. 23.

12 Therefore thou ſonne of man, ſay vnto the children of thy people, The g righteouſnes of the righteous ſhal not deliuer him in the day of his tranſgreſsion, nor the wickednes of the wicked *ſhal cauſe* him to fall therein, in the day that he returneth from his wickednes, nether ſhal the righteous liue for *his righteouſnes* in the day that he ſinneth.

g Read of this righteouſnes Chap. 18. 23.

13 When I ſhal ſay vnto the righteous, that he ſhal ſurely liue, if he truſt to his owne righteouſnes, and commit iniquitie, all his righteouſnes ſhalbe no more remembred, but for his iniquitie that he hath cōmitted, he ſhal dye for the ſame.

14 Againe when I ſhal ſay vnto the wicked, Thou ſhalt dye the death, if he turne from his ſinne, & do that which is lawful and h right,

h Hereby he condemneth all them ỹ of hypocriſie, ẅ pretēce to forſake wickednes & yet declare not thēſelues ſuche by their frutes, that is, in obeying Gods commandements and by godlie life.

15 *To wit*, if the wicked reſtore the pledge, *and* giue againe that he had robbed, *and* walke in the ſtatutes of life, without committing iniquitie, he ſhal ſurely liue, *and*

not dye.
16 None of his ſinnes that he hathe committed, ſhal be mencioned vnto him: *becauſe* he hathe done that, which is lawful, & right, he ſhal ſurely liue.
17 Yet the children of thy people ſay, *Chap.18,25.* *The way of the Lord is not equal: but their owne way is vnequal.
18 When the righteous turneth from his righteouſnes, and committeth iniquitie, he ſhal euen dye thereby.
19 But if the wicked returne from his wickednes, and do that which is lawful, and right, he ſhal liue thereby.
20 Yet ye ſay, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye houſe of Iſraél, I wil iudge you euerie one after his wayes.
21 Alſo in the twelfth yere of [1] our captiuitie, in the tenth *moneth*, *and* in the fift *day* of the moneth, one that had eſcaped out of Ieruſalém, came vnto me, and ſaid, The citie is ſmitten.
22 Now the [k] hand of the Lord had bene vpon me in the euening afore he that had eſcaped, came, and had opened my mouth, vntil he came to me in the morning: and when he had opened my [l] mouth, I was no more domme.
23 Againe the worde of the Lord came vnto me, and ſaid,
24 Sonne of man, theſe that dwell in the deſolate places of the land of Iſraél, talke and ſay, [m] Abrahám was but one, and he poſſeſſed ỹ land: but we are many, *therefore* the land ſhalbe giuen vs in poſſeſsion.
25 Wherefore ſay vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Ye eat with the [n] blood, and lift vp your eyes towarde your idoles, and ſheade blood: ſhulde ye then poſſeſſe the land?
26 Ye leane vpon your [o] ſwordes: ye worke abominacion, and ye defile euerie one his neighbours wife: ſhulde ye then poſſeſſe the land?
27 Say thus vnto them, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord God, As I liue, ſo ſurely thei that are in the deſolate places, ſhal fall by the ſworde: and him that is in the open field, wil I giue vnto the beaſtes to be deuoured: and thei that be in the fortes and in the caues, ſhal dye of the peſtilence.
28 For I wil lay the land deſolate and waſte, and the * pompe of her ſtrength ſhal ceaſe: and the mountaines of Iſraél ſhalbe deſolate, and none ſhal paſſe through. *Chap.7,24. & 24,21. & 30,6.*
29 Then ſhal thei knowe that I am ỹ Lord, when I haue laide the land deſolate and waſte, becauſe of all their abominacions, that thei haue committed.
30 Alſo thou ſonne of man, the children of thy people that [p] talke of thee by the walles and in the dores of houſes, and ſpeake one to another, euerie one to his brother, ſaying, Come, I pray you, and heare what is the worde that commeth from the Lord.
31 For thei come vnto thee, as the people vſeth to come: and my people ſit before thee, and heare thy wordes, but thei wil not do them: for with their mouthes thei make [q] ieſtes, *and* their heart goeth after their couetouſnes.
32 And lo, thou art vnto them, as a [r] ieſting ſong of one that hathe a pleaſant voice, and can ſing wel: for thei heare thy wordes, but thei do them not.
33 And when this commeth to paſſe (*for* lo, it wil come) then ſhal thei knowe, that a Prophet hathe bene among them.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

Againſt the ſhepherdes that deſpiſed the flocke of Chriſt, & ſeke their owne gain. 7 The Lord ſaith that he wil viſite his diſperſed flocke, and gather them together. 23 He promiſeth the true ſhepherd Chriſt, and with him peace.

1 And the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,
2 Sonne of man, prophecie againſt the ſhepherdes of Iſraél, prophecie and ſay vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God vnto the ſhepherdes, * Wo *be* vnto the [a] ſhepherdes of Iſraél, that fede them ſelues: ſhulde not the ſhepherdes fede the flockes? *Ierem.23,1.*
3 Ye eat the [b] fat, and ye clothe you with the woll: ye kil them that are fed, but ye fede not the ſhepe.
4 The [c] weake haue ye not ſtrengthened: the ſicke haue ye not healed, nether haue ye bounde vp the broken, nor broght againe that which was driuē away, nether haue ye ſoght that which was loſt, but with crueltie, & with rigour haue ye ruled thē.
5 And they were ſcattred without a ſhepherde: and when thei were diſperſed, thei were [d] deuoured of all the beaſts of the field.
6 My ſhepe wādred through all the mountaines, and vpon euerie hye hil: yea, my flocke was ſcattred through all the earth, and none did ſeke or ſerche *after them*.
7 Therefore ye ſhepherdes, heare the worde of the Lord.
8 As I liue, ſaith the Lord God, ſurely becauſe my flocke was ſpoiled, and my ſhepe were deuoured of all ỹ beaſtes of the field, hauing no ſhepherd, nether did my ſhepherdes ſeke my ſhepe, but the ſhepherdes fed them ſelues, and fed not my ſhepe,
9 Therefore, heare ye the worde of ỹ Lord, ô ye ſhepherdes.
10 Thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I *come* againſt the ſhepherdes, and wil require my ſhepe at their hands, and cauſe them to ceaſe from feding the ſhepe: nether ſhal the ſhepherds fede them ſelues

k I was indued with the Spirit of prophecie, Chap. 3,22

l Whereby is ſignified that the miniſters of God cā not ſpeake til God giue them courage and open their mouths, Chap.24,27,& 29,21 ephe 6.19

m Thus ỹ wicked thinke thē ſelues more worthie to enioye Gods promes then ỹ Saīts of God, to whome they were made: and wolde binde God to be ſubiect to them, thogh they wolde not be bounde to him

n Contrary to the Law, Leui 17,14

o As thei that are ready ſtil to ſhed blood.

p In derision.

q This declareth that we ought to heare Gods worde with ſuche zeale and affection that we ſhulde in all points obey it, els we abuſe the worde to our owne condemnation, and make of his miniſters as thogh they were ieſtes to ſerue mens fooliſh fantaſies

r Or, pleaſant, & loue ſongs.

a By the ſhepherds he meaneth the Kings, the magiſtrates, Prieſts, & Prophetes

b Ye ſeke to inriche your ſelues by their comodities, & ſo ſpoile their riches & ſubſtance.

c He deſcribeth the office and duetie of a good paſtor, who ought to loue and ſucor his flocke and not to be cruel toward them.

d For lacke of good gouernement & doctrine they periſhed.

any more: for I wil deliuer my ſhepe from
e their mouthes, and thei ſhal nomore de-
uoure them.

e By deſtroying the couetous hirelings and reſtoring true ſhepherdes whereof we haue a ſigne ſo oft as God ſendeth true preachers who bothe by doctrine and life labour to fede his ſhepe in the pleaſant paſtures of his worde

11 For thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I
wil ſerche my ſhepe, and ſeke them out.
12 As a ſhepherd ſercheth out his flocke,
when he hathe bene among his ſhepe that
are ſcattered, ſo wil I ſeke out my ſhepe &
wil deliuer them out of all places, where
thei haue bene ſcattered in f the cloudie &
darke daie,

f In the daie of their affliction and miſerie: and this promes is to comfort the Church in all dangers.

13 And I wil bring them out from the peo-
ple, and gather them from the countreis,
and wil bring them to their owne land,
and fede them vpon the mountaines of
Iſraél, by the riuers, and in all the inhabi-
ted places of the countrey.
14 I wil fede thē in a good paſture, and vp-
on the hie mountaines of Iſraél ſhal their
folde be: there ſhal thei lie in a good folde
and in fat paſture ſhal thei fede vpon the
mountaines of Iſraél.
15 I wil fede my ſhepe, and bring them to
their reſt, ſaith the Lord God.
16 I wil ſeke that which was loſt, and bring
againe that which was driuen awaie, and
wil binde vp that which was broken, and
wil ſtrengthen the weake, but I wil de-
ſtroy the fat and the g ſtrong, & I wil fede
them with h iudgement.

g Meaning ſuch as lift vp them ſelues aboue their brethren, & think thei haue no nede to be gouerned by me

h That is, by putting difference betwene the good and the bad, and ſo giue to ether as thei deſerue

17 Alſo you my ſhepe, thus ſaith the Lord
God, Beholde, I iudge betwene ſhepe, and
ſhepe, *betwene* the rams & the goates.
18 Semeth it a ſmale thing vnto you to ha-
ue eaten vp the good i paſture, but ye muſt
tread downe with your fete the reſidue of
your paſture? & to haue dronke of the de-
pe waters, but ye muſt trouble the reſidue
with your fete?

i By good paſture and depe waters is mēt the pure word of God and ȳ adminiſtracio of iuſtice, ẅ thei did not diſtribute to ȳ poore til thei had corrupt it.

19 And my ſhepe eat that which ye haue
troden with your fete, and drinke that ẅ
ye haue troubled with your fete.
20 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God vn-
to them, Beholde, I, *euen* I wil iudge be-
twene the fat ſhepe and the leane ſhepe.
21 Becauſe ye haue thruſt with ſide & with
ſhulder, and puſht all the weake with your
hornes, til ye haue ſcattred them abroade,
22 Therefore wil I helpe my ſhepe, and
thei ſhal nomore be ſpoiled, and I wil iud-
ge betwene ſhepe and ſhepe.
23 And I wil ſet vp a ſhepherd ouer them,
and he ſhal fede them, *euen* my ſeruant
k Dauid, he ſhal fede them, and he ſhalbe
their ſhepherde.

k Meaning, Chriſt, of whome Dauid was a figure, Iere 30,9 hoſea 3,5.

24 And I the Lord wil be their God, and
my ſeruant Dauid *ſhalbe* the prince amōg
them. I the Lord haue ſpoken it.
25 And I wil make with them a couenant
of peace, and wil cauſe the euil beaſtes to
ceaſe out of the land: and thei ſhal l dwell
ſafely in the wildernes, and ſlepe in the
woods.

l This declareth, that vnder Chriſt the flocke ſhulde be truely deliuered frō ſinne, and hel, and ſo be ſafely preſerued in the Church where thei ſhulde neuer perith.

26 And I wil ſeke them, *as* a bleſsing, euen
rounde about my mountaine: & I wil cau-
ſe raine to come downe in due ſeaſon, and
there ſhalbe raine of bleſsing.
27 And the m tre of the field ſhal yelde
her frute, & the earth ſhal giue her frute,
and thei ſhalbe ſafe in their land, and ſhal
knowe that I am the Lord, when I haue
broken the cordes of their yoke, and deli-
uered them out of the hands of thoſe that
ſerued them ſelues of them.

m The frutes of Gods graces ſhal appeare in great abundance in his Church.

28 And thei ſhal nomore be ſpoiled of the
heathen, nether ſhal the beaſts of the land
deuoure them, but thei ſhal dwell ſafely
and none ſhal make them afraied.
29 And I wil raiſe vp for them a n plant of
renoume, and they ſhalbe no more con-
ſumed with hungre in the land, nether
beare the reproche of the heathen anie
more.

n That is, the rod that ſhal come out of ȳ roote of Iſhai, Iſa 11,1

30 Thus ſhal thei vnderſtand, that I the
Lord their God am with them, and that
thei, *euē* the houſe of Iſraél, are my people,
ſaith the Lord God.
31 And ye my ſhepe, the ſhepe of my paſture
are men, & I am your God, ſaith ȳ Lord
God.

CHAP. XXXV.

a The deſtruction that ſhal come on mount Seír, becauſe thei troubled the people of the Lord.

1 MOreouer the worde of the Lord ca-
me vnto me, ſaying,
2 Sonne of man, ſet thy face againſt mount
a Seír, and prophecie againſt it,
3 And ſaie vnto it, Thus ſaith the Lord
God, Beholde, ô mount Seír, I *come* a-
gainſt thee, and I wil ſtretche out mine
hand againſt thee, and I wil make thee de-
ſolate and waſte.

a Where the Idumeans dwelt.

4 I wil laie thy cities waſte, and thou ſhalt
be deſolate, and thou ſhalt knowe that I
am the Lord.
5 Becauſe thou haſt had a perpetual hatred
& haſt put the children of Iſraél to ſlight
by the force of the ſworde in the time of
their calamitie, when *their* b iniquitie had
an end,

b When by their puniſhment I called them frō their iniquitie

6 Therefore as I liue, ſaith the Lord God,
I wil prepare thee vnto blood, and blood
ſhal purſue thee: except thou c hate blood,
euen blood ſhal purſue thee.

c Except thou repent thy former crueltie.

7 Thus wil I make mount Seír deſolate
and waſte, and cut of from it him that paſ-
ſeth out and him that returneth.
8 And I wil fil his mountaines with his
ſlaine mē: in thine hils, and in thy valleis
and in all thy riuers ſhal thei fall, that are
ſlaine with the ſworde.
9 I wil make thee perpetual deſolatiōs, and
thy cities ſhal not d returne, and ye ſhal
knowe that I am the Lord.

d To wit, to their former eſtate

10 Becauſe thou haſt ſaid, e Theſe two na-

e Meaning, Iſraél & Iudáh.

cions, and these two countreis shalbe mine, and we wil possesse them (seing the Lord was [f] there)

f And so by fighting against Gods people, thei shulde go about to put him out of his owne possession

11 Therefore as I liue, saith the Lord God, I wil euen do according to thy [g] wrath, & according to thine indignatiō which thou hast vsed in thine hatred against them: & I wil make my self knowen among [h] them when I haue iudged thee.

g As thou hast done cruelly, so shalt thou be cruelly handled

h Shewing, that when God punisheth the enemies, the godlie ought to consider that he hathe a care ouer them and so praise his Name: and also that the wicked rage as though there were no God, til thei felé his hand to their destruction.

12 And thou shalt knowe, that I the Lord haue heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountaines of Israél, saying, Thei lye waste, thei are giuen vs to be deuoured.

13 Thus with your mouthes ye haue boasted against me, and haue multiplied your wordes against me: I haue heard *them*.

14 Thus saith the Lord God, So shal all the worlde reioyce *when* I shal make thee desolate.

15 As thou dideſt reioyce at the inheritance of the house of Israél, because it was desolate, so wil I do vnto thee: thou shalt be desolate, ô mount Seír, & all Idumea wholly, and thei shal knowe, that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 He promiseth to deliuer Israél from the Gentiles.
22 The benefites done vnto the Iewes, are to be ascribed to the mercie of God, and not vnto their deserungs.
26 God renueth our hearts, that we maie walke in his commandements.

1 Also thou sonne of man, prophecie vnto the *mountaines of Israél, and saie, Ye mountaines of Israél, heare ye woorde of the Lord.

Chap 6,2.

2 Thus saith the Lord God, Because the [a] enemie hathe said against you, Aha, euen the [b] hie places of the worlde are ours in possession,

a That is, the Idumean

b That is, Ierusalém, which for Gods promises was the chiefest of all the worlde.

3 Therefore prophecie, and saie, Thus saith the Lord God, Because that they haue made you desolate, and swallowed you vp on euerie syde, that ye might be a possession vnto the residue of the heathen, and ye are come vnto the lippes & [c] tongues *of men*, and vnto the reproche of the people,

c Ye are made a matter of talke and derision to all the worlde

4 Therefore ye mountaines of Israél, heare the worde of the Lord God, Thus saith the Lord God to the mountaines and to the hilles, to the riuers, and to the valleis, and to the waste, & desolate places, and to the cities that are forsaken: which are spoiled and had in derision of the residue of the heathen that are rounde about.

5 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Surely in the fyre of mine indignation haue I spoken against the residue of the heathé, and against all Idumea, which [d] haue taken my land for their possession, with the ioye of all *their* heart, & with despiteful mindes to cast it out for a praie.

d Thei appointed with them selues to haue it, and therefore came with Nebuchad-nezár against Ierusalém for this purpose.

6 Prophecie therefore vpon the land of Israél, and saie vnto the mountaines, and to the hilles, to the riuers, and to the valleis, Thus saith the Lord God, Beholde, I haue spoken in mine indignation, and in my wrath, because ye haue suffered the [e] shame of the heathen,

e Because you haue bene a laughīg stocke vnto them

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, I haue [f] lifted vp mine hand, surely the heathen that are about you, shal beare their shame.

f By making a solemne othe, read chap 20,5

8 But you, ô mountaines of Israél, ye shal [g] shoote forthe your branches, and bring forthe your frute to my people of Israél: for thei are ready to come.

g God declareth his mercies and goodnes toward his Church who stil preserueth his, euen when he destroieth his enemies.

9 For beholde, I *come* vnto you, and I wil turne vnto you, and ye shal be tilled and sowen.

10 And I wil multiplie the men vpon you, *euen* all the house of Israél wholly, & the cities shalbe inhabited, & the desolate places shalbe buylded.

11 And I wil multiplie vpon you man and beast, and thei shal encrease, and bring frute, and I wil cause you to dwell after your olde estate, & I wil bestowe benefites vpon you more then [h] at the first, and ye shal knowe that I am the Lord.

h Which was accomplished vnder Christ, to whome all these temporal deliueraces did dire & the

12 Yea, I wil cause men to walke vpon you, [i] euē my people Israél, & thei shal possesse [k] you, and ye shal be their inheritance, and ye shal nomore hence forthe depriue thē *of men*.

i That is, vpon the mountaines of Ierusalém

k Or, thee.

13 Thus saith the Lord God, Because thei saie vnto you, Thou [l] *land* deuourest vp men, and hast bene a waster of thy people,

l Thus the enemies imputed as the reproche of the land which God did for the sinnes of the people according to his iuste iudgements.

14 Therefore thou shalt deuoure men nomore, nether waste thy people hēce forthe, saith the Lord God,

15 Nether wil I cause men to heare in thee the shame of the heathen any more, nether shalt thou beare the reproche of the people any more, nether shalt cause thy folke to fall any more, saith the Lord God.

16 ¶ Moreouer the worde of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

17 Sonne of man, when the house of Israél dwelt in their owne land, thei defiled it by their owne waies, & by their dedes: their waie was before me as the filthines of the menstruous.

18 Wherefore I powred my wrath vpon them, for the blood that thei had shed in the land, and for their idoles, *wherewith* thei had polluted it.

19 And I scattred them among the heathen, and thei were dispersed through the countreis: *for* according to their waies, and according to their dedes, I iudged them.

20 *And when thei entred vnto the heathē, whether thei wēt, thei polluted mine holy Name, when they said of them, These are the people of the Lord, and are gone out of his land.

Isa 52,5. Rom 2,24.

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l And therefore wolde not ſuffre my Name to be had in contempt, as the heathen wolde haue reproched me, if I had ſuffred my Church to periſh

21 But I fauoured mine holy l Name which the houſe of Iſraél had polluted amõg the heathen, whether they went.

22 Therefore ſay vnto the houſe of Iſraél, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord God, I do not this for your ſakes, ô houſe of Iſraél, but for mine m holie Names ſake, which ye polluted among the heathen whether ye went.

m This excludeth from mã all dignitie, & meane to deſerue anie thing by, ſeing that God referreth the whole to him ſelf, and that onely for the glorie of his holy Name

23 And I wil ſanctifie my great Name, ẅ was polluted among the heathen, among whome you haue polluted it, & the heathẽ ſhal knowe that I am the Lord, ſaith the Lord God, when I ſhalbe ſanctified in you before r their eyes.

r Or, your.

24 For I wil take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countreis, and wil bring you into your owne land.

n That is, his Spirit whereby he reformeth the heart and regenerateth his. Iſa 44.3 Ierem 32.39. chap.11.19.

25 Then wil I powre cleane n water vpon you, and ye ſhalbe cleane: *yea*, frõ all your filthines, and frõ all your idoles wil I clẽſe you.

26 *A new heart alſo wil I giue you, and a new ſpirit wil I put within you, and I wil take away the ſtonie heart out of your bodye, & I wil giue you an heart of fleſh.

27 And I wil put my Spirit within you, & cauſe you to walke in my ſtatutes, & ye ſhal kepe my iudgements and do them.

28 And ye ſhal dwell in the lãd, that I gaue to your fathers, and ye ſhal be my people and I wil be your God.

o Vnder the abundance of temporal benefites he concludeth the ſpiritual graces.

29 I wil alſo deliuer you from all your filthines, and I wil call for o corne, and wil increaſe it, and lay no famine vpon you.

30 For I wil multiplie the frute of the trees, and the encreaſe of the field, that ye ſhal beare no more the reproche of famine among the heathen.

p Ye ſhal come to true repentance, and thinke your ſelues vnworthie to be of ỹ nõber of Gods creatures for your ingratitude againſt him

31 Thẽ ſhal ye remẽber your owne wicked wayes, & your dedes that were not good, & ſhal iudge your ſelues worthie to haue bene p deſtroyed for your iniquities, and for your abominacions.

32 Be it knowen vnto you that I do not this for your ſakes, ſaith the Lord God: *therefore*, ô ye houſe of Iſraél, be aſhamed, and confounded for your owne wayes.

33 Thus ſaith the Lord God, What time as I ſhal haue clenſed you from all your iniquities, I wil cauſe *you* to dwell in the cities, and the deſolate places ſhal be buylded.

34 And the deſolate lãd ſhalbe tilled, where as it lay waſte in the ſight of all that paſſed by.

q He declareth ỹ it ought not to be referred to the ſoyle or plentifulnes of the earth that anie countrey is riche, and abundant, but onely to Gods mercies, as his plagues, and curſes declare when he maketh it barrẽ

35 For they ſaid, This waſte lãd was like the garden of Eden, and theſe waſte and deſolate and ruinous cities were ſtrong, *and* were inhabited.

36 Then the reſidue of the heathen that are left round about you, ſhal q knowe that I the Lord buylde the ruinous places, *and* plant the deſolate places: I the Lord haue ſpoken it, and wil do it.

37 Thus ſaith the Lord God, I wil yet for this be ſought of the houſe of Iſraél, to performe it vnto them: I wil encreaſe them with men like a flocke.

38 As the holie flocke, as the flocke of Ieruſalém in their ſolemne feaſtes, ſo ſhal the deſolate cities be filled with flockes of men, and they ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 He prophecieth the bringing againe of the people, being in captiuitie 16 He ſheweth the vnion of the ten tribes with the two.

1 THe hand of the Lord was vpon me, & caryed me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and ſet me downe in the middes of the s field, which was ful of a bones.

s Or, valley.

a He ſheweth by a greater miracle, that God hathe power, and alſo wil deliuer his people frõ their captiuitie in aſmuche as he is able to giue life to ỹ dead bones, & bodyes & raiſe them vp againe.

2 And he led me round about by them, and beholde, there *were* very manie in the opẽ field, and lo, *they were* verie drye.

3 And he ſaid vnto me, Sonne of man, can theſe bones liue? And I anſwered, ô Lord God, thou knowẽſt.

4 Againe he ſaid vnto me, Prophecie vpon theſe bones and ſay vnto them, O ye drye bones, heare the worde of the Lord.

5 Thus ſaith the Lord God vnto theſe bones, Beholde, I wil cauſe breath to entre into you, and ye ſhal liue.

6 And I wil lay ſinewes vpõ you, and make fleſh growe vpon you, and couer you with ſkin, and put breath in you, that ye may liue, and ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord.

7 So I prophecied, as I was commanded: and as I prophecied, there was a noiſe, and beholde, *there was* a ſhaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheelde, lo, the ſinewes, and the fleſh grewe vpon them, and aboue, the ſkin couered thẽ, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then ſaid he vnto me, Prophecie vnto the winde: prophecie, ſonne of man, and ſay to the winde, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Come from the foure b windes, ô breath, and breathe vpon theſe ſlaine, that they may liue.

b Signifying all places where as the Iſraelites were ſcattered: that is, the faithful ſhal be broght to the ſame vnitie of Spirit, and doctrine, whereſoeuer they are ſcattered through the worlde.

10 So I prophecied as he had commanded me: and the breath came into them, and they liued, and ſtode vp vpon their fete, an exceding great armie.

11 Then he ſaid vnto me, Sonne of man, theſe bones are the whole houſe of Iſraél. Beholde, they ſay, Our bones are dryed, and our hope is gone, & we are cleane cut of.

12 Therefore prophecie, and ſay vnto thẽ, thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, my people, I wil open your graues, and cauſe you to come vp out of your ſepulchres, and bring you into the land of Iſraél,

13 And ye ſhal knowe that I am the Lord,
c when I haue opened your graues, ô my
people, and broght you vp out of your
ſepulchres,
14 And ſhal put my Spirit in you, and ye
ſhal liue, & I ſhal place you in your owne
land: then ye ſhal knowe that I the Lord
haue ſpoken it, and performed it, ſaith
the Lord.
15 ¶ The worde of the Lord came againe
vnto me, ſaying,
16 Moreouer thou ſonne of man, take thee a
piece of wood, and write vpon it, Vnto Iu-
dáh, and to the children of Iſraél his com-
panions: then take d another *piece* of wood
and write vpon it, Vnto Ioſéph the tre of
Ephráim, and to all the houſe of Iſraél his
companions.
17 And thou ſhalt ioyne them one to an-
other into one tre, and they ſhalbe as one
in thine hand.
18 And whē the children of thy people ſhal
ſpeake vnto thee, ſaying, Wilt thou not
ſhewe vs what thou meaneſt by theſe?
19 Thou ſhalt anſwer them, Thus ſaith the
Lord God, Beholde, I wil take the tre e of
Ioſéph, which is in the hand of Ephráim,
and the tribes of Iſraél his fellowes, and
wil put them with him, *euen* with the tre
of Iudáh, and make them one tre, and they
ſhalbe one in mine hand.
20 And the *pieces* of wood, whereon thou
writeſt, ſhal be in thine hand, in their
ſight.
21 And ſay vnto them, Thus ſaith the Lord
God, Beholde, I wil take the children of
Iſraél from among the heathen, whether
they be gone, and wil gather them on eue-
rie ſide, and bring them into their owne
land.
22 And I wil make them one people in the
land, vpon the mountaines of Iſraél, *and
one King ſhalbe King to them all: & they
ſhalbe no more two peoples, neither be de-
uided anie more hence forthe into two
kingdomes.
23 Nether ſhal they be polluted anie more
with their idoles, nor with their abomina-
cions, nor with anie of their trāſgreſsiōs:
but I wil ſaue them out of all their dwel-
ling places, wherein they haue ſinned, and
wil clenſe them: ſo ſhal they be my peo-
ple, and I wilbe their God.
24 And Dauid my *ſeruāt *ſhalbe* King ouer
them, and they all ſhal haue one ſhepherd:
they ſhal alſo walke in my iudgements,
and obſerue any ſtatutes, and do them.
25 And they ſhal dwell in the f land, that I
haue giuen vnto Iaakób my ſeruāt, where
your fathers haue dwelt, & they ſhal dwell
therein, *euen* they, and their ſonnes, & their
ſonnes ſonnes for euer, and my ſeruāt Da-
uid *ſhalbe* their prince for euer.
26 Moreouer, I wil make *a couenant of pea-
ce with them: it ſhal be an euerlaſting co-
uenant with them, and I wil place them, &
multiplie them, and wil ſet my Sanctuarie
among them for euer more.
27 My tabernacle alſo ſhalbe with thē: yea,
I wil be their God, and they ſhalbe my
people.
28 Thus the heathen ſhal knowe, that I the
Lord do ſanctifie Iſraél, when my Sāctua-
rie ſhalbe among them for euer more.

Pſal 109,4. & 116,2.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

2 He prophecieth that Gog and Magog ſhal fight with great power againſt the people of God. 21 Their deſtruction.

1 AND the worde of ỹ Lord came vnto
me, ſaying,
2 Sonne of man, ſet thy face againſt a Gog
and againſt the land of Magóg, the chief
prince of Méſhech and Tubál, & prophe-
cie againſt him,
3 And ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Be-
holde, I *come* againſt thee, ô Gog the chief
prince of Méſhech and Tubál.
4 And I wil deſtroye thee, and put hokes
in thy chawes, and I wil bring thee forthe,
and all thine hoſte *bothe* horſes, and horſe-
men, all clothed with all ſortes of *armour*,
euen a great multitude with bucklers, and
ſhields, all b handling ſwordes.
5 They of c Parás, of Cuſh, and Phut with
them, *euen* all they *that beare* ſhield and
helmet.
6 d Gomér and all his bandes, *and* the hou-
ſe of Togarmáh of the North quarters,
and all his bandes, *and* muche people with
thee.
7 Prepare thy ſelf, and e make thee ready,
bothe thou, and all thy multitude, that are
aſſembled vnto thee, and be their
ſauegarde.
8 After manie dayes thou ſha visited:
for in the latter yeres thou ſha ome into
the land, that hathe bene deſtouyed with
the ſworde, and is gathered out of manie
people vpon the moūtaines of Iſraél, which
haue long lien waſte: yet they haue bene
broght out of the people, and they ſhal
dwell all ſafe.
9 Thou ſhalt aſcend and come vp like a tē-
peſt, & ſhalt be like a cloude to couer the
land, *bothe* thou, and all thy bandes, & ma-
nie people with thee.
10 Thus ſaith the Lord God, Euen at the
ſame time ſhal *manie* things come into
thy minde, and thou ſhalt thinke f euil
thoghts.
11 And thou ſhalt ſay, I wil go vp to the lād
that hathe no walled towres: g I wil go to
them that are at reſt, and dwell in ſafetie,
which dwell all without walles, and haue
nether barres nor gates,
12 *Thinking* to ſpoile the pray, and to take a
bootie,

a Which was a people that came of Magog the ſonne of Iaphet, Gen 10,2 Magog alſo here ſignifieth a certeine countrey, ſo that by theſe two countreis, ỹ had the gouernement of Grecia & Italia, he meaneth the principal enemies of the Church, Reuel 20,8
b He ſheweth that the enemies ſhulde bend them ſelues againſt the Church, but it ſhulde be to their owne deſtruction
c The Perſiās, Ethiopiās and men of Aphrica
d Gomér was Iaphets ſonne, and Togarmáh the ſonne of Gomér, and are thoght to be they that inhabite Aſia minor.
e Signifying, ỹ all the people of the worlde ſhulde aſſemble them ſelues againſt the Churche and Chriſt their head
Or, ſtrengthen, meaning, the land of Iſraél
f That is, to moleſt, and deſtroye the Church
g Meaning, Iſraél which had now bene deſtroyed, & was not yet buyld againe: declaring hereby ỹ ſimplicitie of the godlie, who ſeke not ſo muche to fortifie them ſelues by outward force, as to depende on the prouidēce & goodnes of God.

Ioh.10,16.

Iſa 40,11. ier 23,5. chap.34,23. dan.9,24.

f Meaning, ỹ the elect by Chriſt ſhal dwell in the heauenlie Ieruſalém, which is ment by the land of Canaan.

e That is, whē I haue broght you out of thoſe places, and townes where you are captiues.

d Which ſignifieth the ioyning together of the two houſes of Iſraél, and Iudáh.

e That is, the houſe of Iſraél

bootie, to turne thine hand vpon the deſolate places that are *now* inhabited, and vpon the people, that are gathered out of the nations which haue gotten cattel and goods & dwell in the middes of the land.

13 Sheba and Dedán, and the marchantes of Tarſhiſh with all the lions thereof ſhal ſay vnto thee, [h] Art thou come to ſpoile ỹ pray? haſt thou gathered thy multitude to take a bootie? to cary away ſiluer and golde, to take away cattel & goods, & to ſpoile a great pray?

14 Therefore, ſonne of man, prophecie, and ſay vnto Gog, Thus ſaith the Lord God, In ỹ day when my people of Iſraél [i] dwelleth ſafe, ſhalt thou not knowe it?

15 And come from thy place out of the North partes, thou & muche people with thee? all *ſhal* ride vpon horſes, *euen* a great multitude and a mightie armie.

16 And thou ſhalt come vp againſt my people of Iſraél, as a cloude to couer the land: thou ſhalt be in the [k] latter daies, and I wil bring thee vpon my land that the heathen may knowe me, when I [l] ſhalbe ſanctified in thee, ô Gog, before their eyes.

17 Thus ſaith the Lord God, Art not thou he, of whome I haue ſpoken in olde time [m] by the hand of my ſeruants the Prophetes of Iſraél which prophecied in thoſe dayes *and* yeres, that I wolde bring thee vpon them?

18 At the ſame time alſo whē Gog ſhal come [n] againſt the land of Iſraél, ſaith ỹ Lord God, my wrath ſhal ariſe in mine angre.

19 For in mine indignation & in the fyre of my wrath haue I ſpokē it: ſurely at that time there ſhalbe a great ſhaking in the lād of [illegible].

20 [illegible]e fiſhes of the ſea, & the fowles [illegible]en, and the beaſtes of the field and [illegible]t moue & crepe vpon the earth, and a[illegible]e men that are vpon the earth, ſhal tremble at my preſence, & the mountaines ſhalbe ouerthrowen, & the [o] ſtaires ſhal fall, and euery wall ſhal fall to the grounde.

21 For I wil call for a ſworde againſt him [o] thrugh out all my mountaines, ſaith the Lord God: euery mans ſworde ſhal be againſt his brother.

22 And I wil pleade againſt him with peſtilence, and with blood, and I wil cauſe to raine vpon him and vpon his bandes, and vpon the great people, that are with him, a ſore raine, and haile ſtones, fyre, & brimſtone.

23 Thus wil I be * magnified, and ſanctified, and knowen in the eyes of many nacions, and thei ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord.

h One enemie ſhal enuie another becauſe euery one ſhal thike to haue the ſpoile of the Church

I Shalt not ỹ ſpie thine occaſions to come againſt my Church, when they ſuſpect nothing?

k Meaning, in the laſt age, and from the comming of Chriſt vnto ỹ end of the worlde

l Signifying ỹ God will be ſanctified by maintening his Church, and deſtroying his enemies, as Chap 36,23 & 37,28

m Hereby he declareth that none affliction can come to ỹ Church, whereof they haue not bene aduertited afore time, to teache thē to indure all things with more patience when they knowe ỹ God hathe ſo ordened.

n All meanes whereby man ſhulde thinke to ſaue him ſelf ſhal faile, the affliction in thoſe daies ſhalbe ſo great & the enemies deſtruction ſhal be ſo terrible.

o Againſt the people of Gog and Magóg.

Chap 36,23. & 37,28.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 He ſheweth the deſtruction of Gog and Magog. 11 The graues of Gog and his hoſte. 17 Thei ſhalbe deuoured of birdes and beaſts 23 Wherefore the houſe of Iſraél is captiue 24 Their bringing againe from captiuitie is promiſed.

1 THerefore, thou ſonne of man, prophecie againſt Gog, & ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Beholde, I *come* againſt thee, ô Gog, the chief prince of Méſhech and Tubál.

2 And I wil deſtroy thee [a] & leaue but the ſixt part of thee, & wil cauſe thee to come vp from the North partes and wil bring thee vpon the mountaines of Iſraél:

3 And I wil ſmite thy bowe out of thy left hand, and I wil cauſe thine arrowes to fall out of thy right hand.

4 Thou [b] ſhalt fall vpon the mountaines of Iſraél, and all thy bāds and the people, that is with thee: *for* I wil giue thee vnto the birdes *and* to euery feathered foule & beaſt of the field to be deuoured.

5 Thou ſhalt fall vpon the open field: for I haue ſpoken it, ſaith the Lord God.

6 And I wil ſend a fyre on Magóg, and among them that dwell ſafely in the [c] yles, and thei ſhal knowe, that I am the Lord.

7 So wil I make mine holy Name knowē in the middes of my people Iſraél, and I wil not ſuffer them to pollute mine holy Name anie more, and the heathen ſhal knowe that I am the Lord, the holie one of Iſraél.

8 Beholde, [d] it is come, and it is done, ſaith the Lord God: this is the day whereof I haue ſpoken.

9 And thei that dwell in the cities of Iſraél, ſhal [e] go forthe, and ſhal burne and ſet fyre vpon the weapons, and on the ſhields, and buckiers, vpon the bowes, and vpon the arrowes, and vpon the ſtaues *in their* hands, and vpon the ſpeares, and thei ſhal burne them with fyre ſeuen yeres.

10 So that they ſhal bring no wood out of the field, nether cut downe *any* out of the foreſts: for they ſhal burne the weapons with fyre, and they ſhal robbe thoſe, that robbed them, and ſpoyle thoſe that ſpoyled them, ſaith the Lord God.

11 And at ỹ ſame time wil I giue vnto Gog [f] a place there for buryal in Iſraél, *euen* the valley whereby men go toward ỹ Eaſt part of the Sea: and it ſhal cauſe thē that paſſe by, to ſtop their [g] noſes, and there ſhal they burye Gog with all his multitude: & they ſhal call it the valley of [o] Hamón-Gog.

12 [h] And ſeuen moneths long ſhal the houſe of Iſraél be burying of thē, that they may clenſe the land.

13 Yea, all the people of the land ſhal bury them, and they ſhal haue a name when I ſhalbe glorified, ſaith the Lord God.

14 And they ſhal chuſe out men to go continually through the [i] land with them that trauail, to burye thoſe that remaine vp-

a Or, deſtroy thee with ſix plagues, as Chap 38,22.

b Meaning, ỹ by the vertue of Gods worde the enemie ſhalbe deſtroyed where ſoeuer he aſſaulteth his Church.

c That is, among all nations where ỹ enemies of my people dwell, ſeme they neuer ſo farre ſeparate.

d That is, this plague is fully determined in my counſel & can not be chaunged

e After this deſtruction ỹ Church ſhal haue great peace and tranquillitie, and burne all their weapons becauſe they ſhal no more feare the enemie: and this is chiefly mēt of the accompliſhment of Chriſtes kingdome, wherby their head Chriſt all enemies ſhalbe ouercome

f Which declareth that the enemies ſhal haue an horrible fall.

g For the ſtinke of ỹ carkeiſes

o Or, of the multitude of Gog

h Meaning, a long time.

i Partely that the holy lād ſhulde not be polluted, and partely for the compaſsion ỹ the children of God haue euen on their enemies.

on the grounde, and clenſe it: they ſhal
ſearche to the end of ſeuen moneths.
15 And the trauailers that paſſe through
the land, if *any* ſe a mans bone, then ſhal
he ſet vp a ſigne by it, til the buryers haue
buryed it, in the valley of Hamón-Gog.
16 And alſo the name of the citie *ſhal be*
(Or, multitude) 'Hamonáh: thus ſhal they clenſe the land.
17 And thou ſonne of man, thus ſaith the
Lord God, Speake vnto euerie feathered
foule, and to all the beaſtes of the field,
(k Whereby he ſignifieth the horrible deſtruction that ſhulde come vpon the enemies of his Church.) Aſſemble your ſelues, and come: k gather your ſelues on euerie ſide to my ſacrifice: for I do ſacrifice a great ſacrifice for
you vpon the mountaines of Iſraél, that
ye may eat fleſh, and drinke blood.
18 Ye ſhal eat the fleſh of the valiant, and
drinke the blood of the princes of the
earth, of the weathers, of the lambes, and
of the goates, *and* of bullockes, *euen* of all
fat beaſts of Baſhán.
19 And ye ſhal eat fat til you be full, and
drinke blood, til ye be drunken of my ſacrifice, which I haue ſacrificed for you.
20 Thus you ſhal be filled at my table with
horſes and chariots, with valiant men, and
with all men of warre, ſaith the Lord
God.
21 And I wil ſet my glorie among the heathen, and all the heathen ſhal ſe my iudgement, that I haue executed, and mine
hand, which I haue layed vpon them.
22 So the houſe of Iſraél ſhal knowe, that I
am the Lord their God from that day and
ſo forthe.
23 And the heathen ſhal knowe, that the
houſe of Iſraél went into captiuitie for
(l The heathen ſhal knowe ỹ they ouercame not my people by their ſtrength, neither yet by ỹ weakneſs of mine arme, but ỹ this was for my peoples ſinnes) l their iniquitie, becauſe they treſpaced
againſt me: therefore hid I my face from
them, and gaue them into the hand of
their enemies: ſo fel they all by the
ſworde.
24 According to their vnclennes, and ac-
cording to their tranſgreſsions haue I
done vnto them, and hid my face from
them.
25 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God,
Now wil I bring againe the captiuitie of
Iaakób, and haue compaſsion vpon the
whole houſe of Iſraél, and wil be ielous
for mine holy Name,
26 After that they haue borne their ſhame,
and all their tranſgreſsion, whereby they
haue tranſgreſſed againſt me, when they
dwelt ſafely in their land, and without
feare of any.
27 When I haue broght them againe from
the people, and gathered them out of their
enemies lands, and am * ſanctified in them
(*Chap. 36.23.) in the ſight of manie nacions,
28 Then ſhal they knowe, that I am the
Lord their God, which cauſed them to be
led into captiuitie among the heathen: but
I haue gathered them vnto their owne
land, and haue left none of them any more there,
29 Nether wil I hide my face anie more
from them: for I haue powred out my Spirit vpon the houſe of Iſraél, ſaith the Lord
God.

CHAP. XL.

The reſtoring of the citie and the Temple.

1 IN the fiue and twentieth yere of our
being in captiuitie in the a beginning
of the yere, in the tenth *day* of the moneth, in the fourteth yere after that the citie was ſmitten, in the ſelf ſame day, the
hand of the Lord was vpon me, & broght
me thether.
2 Into the land of Iſraél broght he me by
'a diuine viſion, and ſet me vpon a verie
hie mountaine, whereupō *was* as the buyl-
ding of a citie, toward the South.
3 And he broght me thether, and be-
holde, there *was* a b man, whoſe ſimilitude was to loke to, like braſſe, with a linen
threde in his hand, and a rede to meaſure
with: and he ſtode at the gate.
4 And the man ſaid vnto me, Sonne of
man, beholde with thine eyes, and heare
with thine eares, and ſet thine heart vpon
all that I ſhal ſhew thee: for to the intent,
that they might be ſhewed thee, art thou
broght hether: declare all that thou ſeeſt,
vnto the houſe of Iſraél.
5 And beholde, *I ſawe* a wall on the outſide of the houſe rounde about: and in the
mans hand *was* a rede to meaſure with, of
ſix cubites long, by the cubite, and an hand
breadth: ſo he meaſured the breadth of the
buylding with one rede, and the height
with one rede.
6 Then came he vnto the gate, which lo-
keth toward the Eaſt, and went vp the ſtaires thereof, and meaſured the 'poſte of (Or, threſholde.) the gate, *which* was one rede broad, and
'the other poſte of the gate, *which was* one (Or, vpright poſte.)
rede broad.
7 And *euerie* chamber was one rede long, &
one rede broad, and betwene the chambers
were fiue cubites: and the poſte of the gate
by the porche of the gate within *was* one
rede.
8 He meaſured alſo the porche of the gate
within with one rede.
9 Then meaſured he the porche of the ga-
te of eight cubites, and the 'poſtes there- ('Or, poſtiſes.)
of, of two cubites, and the porche of the
gate *was* inwarde.
10 And the chābers of the gate Eaſtwarde,
were thre on this ſide, & thre on that ſide:
they thre *were* of one meaſure, and the poſtes had one meaſure on this ſide and one
on that ſide.
11 And he meaſured the breadth of the en-

(a The Iewes couted the beginning of the yere after two ſorts: for their feaſtes they began to counte in March, and for their other affaires in Septēbre: ſo that this is to be vnderſtand of September. 'Or, viſions of God.)

(b Which was an Angel in forme of a man, that came to meaſure out this buylding.)

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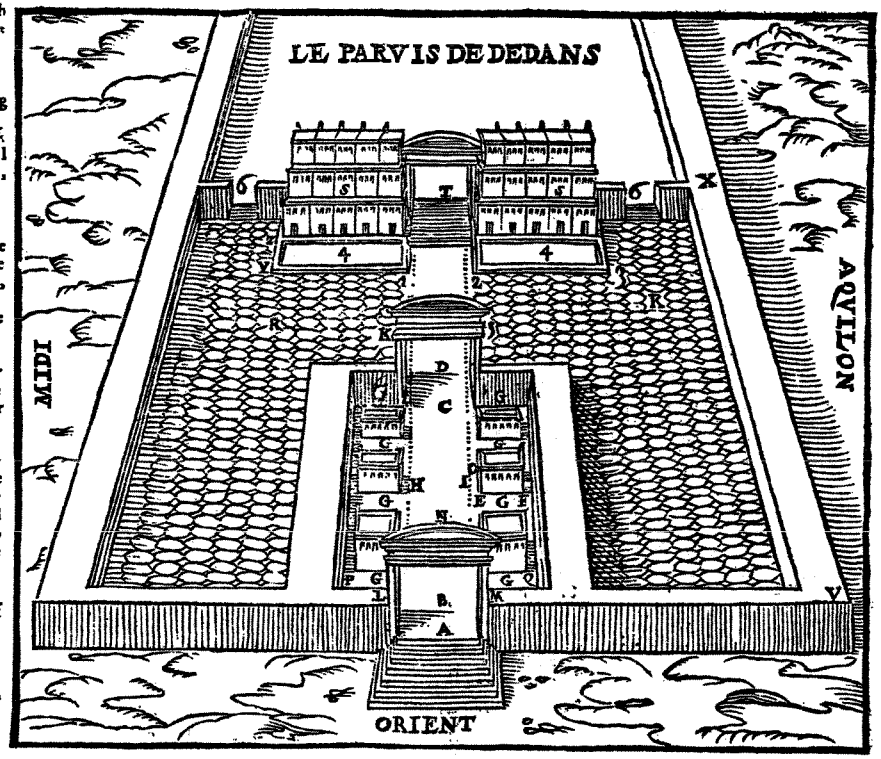
THE DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGVRE
which beginneth, verſ. 5.



Verſ 5 The wall that cõpaſſeth about the Temple & the courtes, as appeareth in the ſecõd and in the great figure
A B The thickenes of the wall, was ſix cubites: for ſo lõg the rede was.
A C The height of the wall, ẏ was alſo ſix cubites: this wall cõteined two thouſand cubites, that is, on the Eaſt ſide 500
C H & on the North ſide 500
H I as much on ẏ South ſide
C E & 500 on the Weſt ſide
I K This wall did ſeparate the Temple from the citie, Chap 42,20
Verſ 6 This gate in the great figure is marked with D vnto the which apperteine ſeuen ſteppes E Thẽce they go into the porche where are ſix chambers F. Which porche was cloſed ẏ a wall G
Verſ 7 E F G. The lẽgth
The breadth E O G The ſpace of fyue cubites betwene the chambers, and ſo muche ſpace was on this ſide, and beyõde the chambers G. Frõ the threſholde inward to the porche was ſix cubites A B
B C The porche
Verſ 9 C D The vpper poſtes H I The breadth of the alley of the porche B C
The length of the porche, ẇ was inwarde
Verſ 11 L M The breadth of ẏ gate, & the height A N
Verſ 12 The ſpace before ẏ chãbers as a litle galerie O

Verſ 13 The breadth of the whole porche from ẏ vtmoſt chamber to the gate 25 cubites P Q.
In the 14 *ver.* he ſpeaketh of the vpper poſtes, or pẽtiſes ẇ in all were 60 cubites for euerie chãber had ſix, & ẏ threſholde, & lintel of the dore, ether 12
R figures
Verſ 15 A D The fiftie cubites
Verſ 17 The outward court R ſo called, becauſe it was the outwarde court in reſpect of the Temple as appeareth in the great figure N but it is the inner court in reſpect of the porche, which hathe bene deſcribed S. The thirtie chambers, fyftene on a ſide
The two litle gates 6. which are by ẏ great gate T.
Verſ 19. The lower gate A which had ſeuen ſteppes, & the gate within eight T. betwene A T were 100 cubites, & had as muche from South to North V X.

trie of the gate ten cubites, *&* the height of the gate thirtene cubites.

12 The ſpace alſo before the chambers *was* one cubite *on this ſide*, & the ſpace *was* one cubite on that ſide, and the chambers *were* ſix cubits on this ſide & ſix cubits on that ſide.

13 He meaſured then the gate frõ the roufe of a chamber to the top of the *gate*: the breadth *was* fyue and twentie cubites, dore againſt dore.

14 He made alſo poſtes of threſcore cubites, and the poſtes of the court, *&* of the gate *had one meaſure* round about.

15 And vpon the forefront of the entrie of the gate vnto the fore front of the porche of the gate within *were* fiftie cubites.

16 And *there were* narrow windowes in the chambers, and in their poſtes within the gate round about, and likewiſe to the arches: and the windowes *went* round about within: and vpon the poſtes *were* palme trees.

17 ¶Then broght he me into the outward court, and lo, *there were* chambers, and a pauement made for the court round about *and* thirtie chambers *were* vpon the pauement.

18 And the pauemẽt *was* by the ſide of the gates ouer againſt the length of the gates, *&* the pauement *was* benethe.

19 Then he meaſured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate without, vnto the forefront of the court within, an hũdreth cubites Eaſtward and Northward.

20 And the gate of the outwarde court, that loked toward the North, meaſured he after the length and breadth thereof.

21 And the chãbers thereof *were*, thre on this ſide, & thre on ẏ ſide, & the poſtes thereof & the arches thereof were after the meaſure of the firſt gate: the length thereof *was* fyftie cubites, & the breadth fyue and twentie cubites.

22 And their windowes, & their arches with their palme trees, *were* after the meaſure of ẏ gate that loketh toward the Eaſt, and the going vp vnto it *had* ſeuen ſteppes, & the arches thereof *were* before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court *ſtode* ouer againſt the gate toward the North, & toward the Eaſt, and he meaſured from gate to gate an hundreth cubites.

24 After ẏ, he broght me toward the South, & lo, *there was* a gate toward the South, & he meaſured the poſtes thereof, and the arches thereof according to thoſe meaſures.

25 And *there were* windowes in it, and in the arches thereof round about, like thoſe windowes: the height *was* fiftie cubites, and the breadth fyue and twentie cubites.

26 And there were ſeuen to go vp to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: & it had palme trees, one on this ſide, and another on that ſide vpon the poſte thereof.

27 ¶And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the South, & he meaſured frõ gate to gate toward ẏ South an hũdreth cubits.

28 And he broght me into ẏ inner court by ẏ South gate, & he meaſured the South gate

Verſ 20 This muſt be conſidered in the great figure
The outwarde court in reſpect of ẏ Temple M R. The North ſide
The porche S. The court without T
The length of the porche ẇ the chambers, as in the Eaſt ſide V X The breadth 25 cubites Y Z
Verſ 23 The gate of the inner court B ouer againſt ẏ gate of ẏ outward court R. and toward ẏ Eaſt c An hũdreth cubites R b
Verſ 24. The South gate in the great figure d. The outward court e.
Verſ 27 The inner court gate f An hũdreth cubites. d f which was the lẽgth of a court, and his chambers.
Verſ 28 The inner court g. The eight ſteppes are had ẇ the buylding, but they are like them of ẏ Eaſt gate Q. for all ẏ courtes were of one meaſure, quantitie and facion.

according to thoſe meaſures.

29 And the chãbers thereof,& ỹ poſtes thereof,& ỹ arches therof according to theſe meaſures,& *there were* windowes in it,& in the arches therof roũde about, *it was* fiftie cubits long & fiue & twẽtie cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about *were* fiue & twentie cubites long,& fiue cubites broad.

31 And the arches thereof *were* toward the vtter court,and palme trees *were* vpon the poſtes thereof,and the going vp to it *had* eight ſteppes.

Verſ 32 The inner court on ỹ East ſide N. And ſo in all he maketh ſix courtes, two on the East ſide,two on the North, & two on the South ſide Loke in ỹ great figure.

32 ¶Againe he broght me into the inner court towarde the East,& he meaſured the gate according to thoſe meaſures.

33 And the chambers thereof,and the poſtes thereof,and the arches thereof were according to theſe meaſures,and *there were* windowes therein, and in the arches thereof round about,*it was* fiftie cubites long, and fyue and twentie cubites broad.

34 And the arches thereof *were* towarde ỹ vtter court, and palme trees *were* vpõ the poſtes thereof, on this ſide & on that ſide, and the going vp to it *had* eight ſteps.

35 ¶After he broght me to the North gate, & meaſured it,accordĩg to theſe meaſures.

Verſ 38 He ſpeaketh of ſix chambers, ẇ were in ỹ porche of the inner courte on the North ſide a The entrie of the chãbers, that is,the dores, were vnder the vpper poſtes or pentiſes which hanged ouer the chãbers, as alſo did ouer the gate Loke in ỹ great figure.

36 The chambers thereof,the poſtes thereof, and the arches thereof, and *there were* windowes therein round about: the height *was* fiftie cubites,and the breadth fyue and twentie cubites.

37 And the poſtes thereof *were* towarde the vtter courte, and palme trees *were* vpon the poſtes thereof on this ſide,and on that ſide,& the going vp to it *had* eight ſteps.

38 And *euerie* chamber, & the entrie thereof *was* vnder ỹ poſtes of the gates:there they waſhed the burnt offring.

39 And in the porche of the gate *ſtode* two tables on this ſide, and two tables on that ſide, vpon the which they ſlewe the burnt offring,and the ſinne offring, and the treſpas offring.

Verſ 39 In the porche of the inner courte were foure tables K & as manie in the outward court S a cubite,& an halfe long & as broade,& one cubite high

40 And at the ſide beyond the ſteps, at the entrie of the North gate *ſtode* two tables, and on the other ſide,which was at ỹ porche of the gate *were* two tables.

41 Foure tables *were* on this ſide,and foure tables on ỹ ſide by the ſide of ỹ gate, *euen* eight tables wherupõ thei ſlue *their ſacrifice*.

42 And the foure tables *were* of hewen ſtone for the burnt offring,of a cubite and an halfe long,and a cubite and an halfe broade,and one cubite hie: wherupõ alſo they layed the inſtrumẽts wherewith they ſlewe the burnt offring and the ſacrifice.

43 And within *were* borders an hand broade,faſtened round about, and vpon the tables *laye* the fleſh of the offring.

Verſ 44 The chambers in ỹ inner porche on the North ſide for ỹ ſingers L but the ſpectatiue hindereth ỹ ſight, therefore beholde them, ẇ are in ỹ East court, for thei are all alike: likewiſe on the South ſide The Prophet was now in ỹ East courte, where he ſaw the altar meaſured,& deſcribeth one rowe of chãbers, ẇ was for the Prieſts.

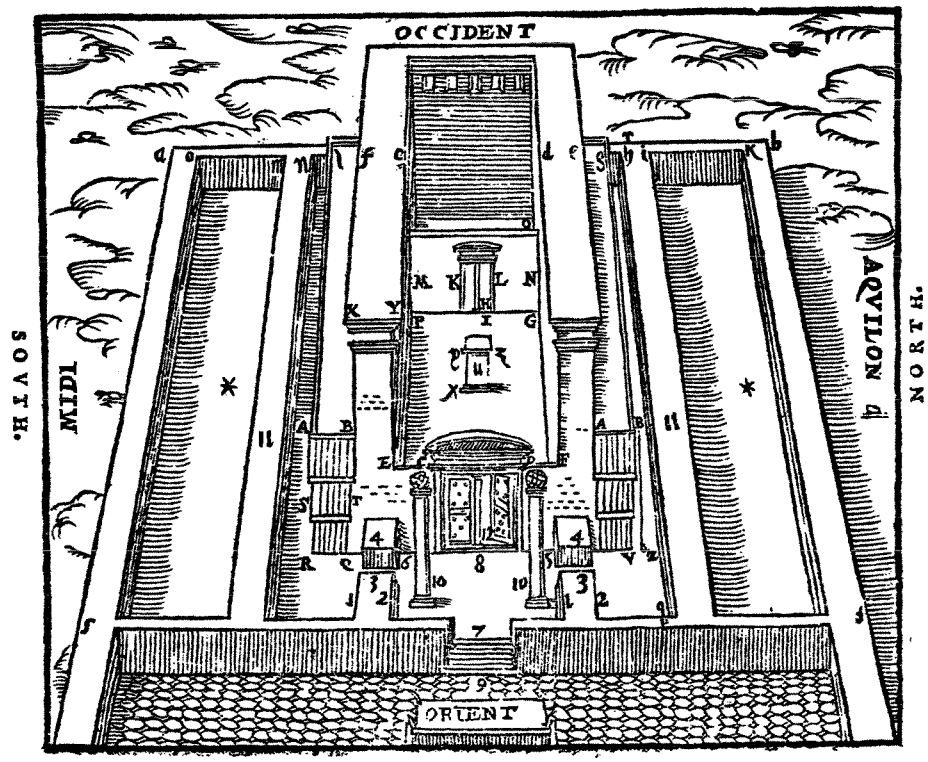
44 And without the inner gate *were* the chãbers of the ſingers in the inwarde courte, which was at the ſide of the North gate: and their proſpect *was* towarde the South, & one *was* at the ſide of the East gate,hauing the proſpect towarde the North.

Verſ 45 He ſpeaketh of ỹ two rowes of chambers, ẇ were in ỹ inner court N whereof they on ỹ North ſide were for the Prieſts,that ſacrificed O and they on the South ſide for them that kepe the tẽple N Which chambers were East and by South, as the other O were East and by North Theſe muſt be ſene in ỹ great figure.

45 And he ſaid vnto me, This chãber whoſe proſpect is towarde the South, *is* for the Prieſts,that haue charge to kepe ỹ houſe.

46 And the chamber whoſe proſpect is towarde ỹ North,*is* for the Prieſts that haue the charge to kepe the altar: theſe are the ſonnes of Zadók amõg the ſonnes of Leuí which may come nere to the Lord to mi-

THE FIGVRE OF THE TEMPLE.



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niſter vnto him.

47 So he meaſured the court, an hundreth cubites long, & an hundreth cubites broad *euen* four ſquare: likewiſe the altar *that was* before the Houſe.

48 And he broght me to the porche of the houſe, and meaſured the poſtes of the porche, fiue cubites on this ſide, and fiue cubites on that ſide: and the breadth of the gate *was* thre cubites on this ſide, and thre cubites on that ſide.

49 The length of the porche *was* twentie cubites, and the breadth eleuen cubites & *he broght me* by ỹ ſteppes whereby thei wēt vp to it, & *there were* pillers by the poſtes, one on this ſide, and another on that ſide.

CHAP. XLI.

1 The diſpoſicion and order of the buylding of the Temple and the other thinges therto belonging.

AFterwarde, he broght me to the Tēple, and meaſured the poſtes, ſix cubites broad on the one ſide and ſix cubites broad on the other ſide, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the entrie *was* ten cubits, & the ſides of the entrie *were* fiue cubits on ỹ one ſide, & fiue cubits on ỹ other ſide, & he meaſured the lēgth thereof fortie cubites, & the breadth twentie cubites.

3 Thē went he in, and meaſured the poſtes of the entrie two cubites, and the entrie ſix cubites, and the breadth of the entrie ſeuen cubites.

4 So he meaſured the length thereof twentie cubites & the breadth twentie cubites before the Temple. And he ſaid vnto me, This is the moſte holie place.

5 After, he meaſured the wall of the houſe, ſix cubites, and the breadth of *euerie* chambre foure cubites, rounde about the houſe, on euerie ſide.

6 And the chambres *were* chambre vpon chābre, thre and thirtie fote *high*, & they entred into the wall made for the chambres which was rounde about the houſe ỹ *the poſtes* might be faſtened *therein*, and not be faſtened in the wall of the houſe.

7 And it was large and went round mounting vpwarde to the chambres: for the ſtaire of the houſe *was* mounting vpward, rounde about the houſe: therefore ỹ houſe was larger vpwarde: ſō thei went vp frō the loweſt *chābre* to ỹ hieſt by the middes.

8 I ſawe alſo the houſe hie rounde about: ỹ fundacions of the chambres *were* a full rede of ſix great cubites.

9 The thickenes of the wall which was for the chamber without, *was* fiue cubites, and that which remained, *was* the place of the chambres that were within.

10 And betwene the chambres was the wydenes of twentie cubites rounde about the Houſe on euerie ſide.

11 And the dores of the chābres *were* towarde the place that remained, one dore towarde the North, & another dore towarde the South, and the breadth of the place that remained, *was* fiue cubites rounde about.

12 Now the buylding that was before the ſeperate place towarde the Weſt corner, *was* ſeuentie cubites broad, and the wall of the buylding was fiue cubites thicke, rounde about, & the lēgth ninetie cubites.

13 So he meaſured the houſe an hundreth cubites long, & the ſeparate place and the buylding with the walles thereof *were* an hundreth cubites long.

14 Alſo the breadth of the forefront of the houſe and of the ſeparate place toward the Eaſt, *was* an hundreth cubites.

15 And he meaſured the length of the buylding ouer againſt ỹ ſeparate place, which was behinde it, and the chambers on the one ſide and on the other ſide an hundreth cubites with the Temple within, and the arches of the court.

16 The poſtes and the narowe windowes, & the chambers rounde about, on thre ſides ouer againſt the poſtes, ſiled with *ceder* wood roūde about and frō ỹ ground vp to ỹ windowes, and the windowes were ſiled.

17 And from aboue the dore vnto the inner houſe and without, and by all the wall rounde about within and without it was *ſyled according* to the meaſure.

18 And it was made with Cherubims and palme trees, ſo that a palme tree *was* betwene a Cherūb and a Cherūb: and *euerie* Cherūb had two faces.

19 So that the face of a man *was* towarde the palme tree on the one ſide, & the face of a lion towarde the palme tree on the other ſide: *thus* was it made through all the houſe rounde about.

20 From the grounde vnto aboue the dore *were* Cherubims and palme trees made as in the wall of the Temple.

21 The poſtes of the Tēple were ſquared, & thus to loke vnto *was* the ſimilitude & forme of the Sanctuarie.

22 The altar of wood *was* thre cubites hie, & the length thereof two cubites, and the corners thereof and the length thereof & the ſides thereof *were* of wood. And he ſaid vnto me, This is the table that ſhalbe before the Lord.

23 And the Temple & the Sanctuarie had two dores.

24 And the dores had two wickets, *euen* two turning wickets, two wickets for one dore, and two wickets for another dore.

Verſ 47 The altar P *Verſ 48* He entred by the gate Q to come into the porche of the temple R The Tēple is here deſcribed more at large, becauſe the thinges here mēcioned might ỹ better be vnderſtand. *Verſ 48* By ỹ poſtes of the porche he meaſureth the wall which was fiue cubites thicke on ether ſide of the alley or porche 1 2 The two litle gates in the ſide of the porche 3 4 which were to go to ỹ Prieſts chambers that were by the Temple A B *Verſ 49* The lēgth of ỹ porche 20 cubites 5 6 And ỹ breadth eleuē 7 8 The ſteppes whereby the Prophet came into ỹ porche of the Temple 9 7 The two pillers 10

Chap XLI. *Verſ 1* The vpper poſtes or pentiſes, meaning the toppes of the chambers on the ſides of ỹ Tēple A B The ſecōd chambre G goeth out more thē the firſt R and the thirde A more then the ſecond *Verſ 2* The breadth of the entrie or gate ten cubites C D Fiue cubites from the Temple wall to the gate on ether ſide E C D F the lēgth of fourtie cubites frō ỹ Tēple gate to ỹ moſte holy place 8 1 The breadth of the Tēple 20 cubites E F. or G P He ſpeaketh not here of the height: therefore it is made of 30 cubites according to Salomons. *Verſ 3* The Angel went into the moſte holy place The poſte of ỹ entrie, that is, ỹ threſholde or thickenes of ỹ wall. H I. The gate 6. cubites, K L The breadth on ether ſide the gate 7 cubites M K & L N which make in all 20 cubites *Verſ 4* The length 20 cubites, G O, ſo it was ſquare *Verſ 5* The firſt chambre was 4 cubites Q R The ſecond fiue, S T, and the third ſix A B There were thre heights or ſtages of chambers R S A The running ſtayre can not be ſhewed in the figure, but maie eaſely be cōceiued *Verſ 8* The fundacions of ſix cubites. meaning the hie chamber was ſo, and the nether from thence ſemed ſo likewiſe by a perpendicular line or plumer, B Z *Verſ 9* The chābre without was the hie chābre, and frō ỹ chābre ỹ wall was but fiue cubites tuicke B X Y: for downewarde it was ſix Q 6.

Verſ 10 The chābers on the one ſide were diſtant from them on the other ſide 20 cubites which was the breadth of the Temple. *Verſ 11* The dores of the chābers on the North ſide opened toward the North V, & thei on the South ſide towarde ỹ South R for there was an alley of fiue cubites rounde about ỹ Temple Y Z, and was ſo cloſed w a wall. *Verſ 12* The buylding, or ỹ great place cōpaſſed with a wall of fiue cubites thicke, and was farther of the Temple then ỹ alley, or ſeparate place*, & this is more plainly ſet for the in ỹ great figure. *Verſ 16* He declareth that whatſoeuer was of ſtone worke from ỹ bottome to ỹ toppe was couered with wood on the Eaſt, South & North ſide *Verſ 22* The altar V, which was thre cubites high Y X & two cubites long Y Z.

25 And vpon the dores of the Tẽple there were made Cherubims & palme trees, like as was made vpon the walles, & *there were* thicke plankes vpon the foreſront of the porche without.

26 And *there were* narowe windowes & palme trees on the one ſide, and on the other ſide, by the ſides of the porche, and *vpon* ỹ ſides of the houſe, and thicke plankes.

CHAP. XLII.

Of the chambers of the Temple for the Prieſts, and the holie things.

1 THen broght he me into ỹ vtter court by the waie towarde the North, and he broght me into the chamber that was ouer againſt the ſeparate place, & which was before ỹ buylding towarde ỹ North.

2 Before ỹ length of an hũdreth cubites *was* ỹ North dore, & *it was* fiftie cubits broad.

3 Ouer againſt ỹ twentie *cubites* which were for the inner court, & ouer againſt the pauement, which was for the vtter court, was chambre againſt chambre in thre rowes.

4 And before ỹ chãbres *was* a galerie of ten cubites wide, & within *was* a waie of one cubite, and their dores towarde ỹ North.

5 Now the chambres aboue were narower: for thoſe chambres *ſemed* to eat vp theſe, *to wit*, the lower, and thoſe that were in the middes of the buylding.

6 For thei were in thre rowes, but had not pillers as the pillers of the court: therefore there was a difference frõ thẽ beneth & frõ the middemoſt, *euen* frõ the ground.

7 And the wall ỹ was without ouer againſt ỹ chãbres, towarde ỹ vtter court on ỹ fore front of ỹ chãbers, *was* fiftie cubites long.

8 For the length of the chambres that were in the vtter court, *was* fiftie cubites: & lo, before ỹ Tẽple *were* an hundreth cubites.

9 And vnder theſe chambres *was* the entrie, on the Eaſt ſide, as one goeth into thẽ frõ the outwarde court.

10 The chambres *were* in the thickenes of the wall of the court towarde ỹ Eaſt, ouer againſt the ſeparate place, & ouer againſt the buylding.

11 And the waye before them *was* after the maner of the chambres, which were toward ỹ North as long as thei, & as broad as thei: & all their entries were like, bothe according to their facions, and according to their dores.

12 And according to the dores of ỹ chambres that were towarde ỹ South, *was* a dore in the corner of the waie, *euen* the waie directly before the wall towarde the Eaſt, as one entreth.

13 Then ſaid he vnto me, The North chambres & the South chambres which are before the ſeparate place, thei be holy chambers, wherein the Prieſts that approche vnto the Lord, ſhal eat the moſte holie things: there ſhal thei laie the moſte holy things, and the meat offring, and the ſinoffring, and the treſpaſſe offring: for the place *is* holy.

14 When the Prieſts entre therein, thei ſhal not go out of the holie place into the vtter court, but there thei ſhal laie their garmẽts wherein thei miniſter: for thei are holie, & ſhal put on other garmẽts, & ſo ſhal approche to thoſe things, ẅ are for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of meaſuring ỹ inner houſe, he broght me forthe towarde ỹ gate whoſe proſpect is towarde the Eaſt, and meaſured it rounde about.

16 He meaſured the Eaſt ſide with the meaſuring rod, fiue hundreth redes, *euen* with the meaſuring rede rounde about.

17 He meaſured *alſo* ỹ North ſide, fiue hundreth redes, *euen* with the meaſuring rede rounde about.

18 And he meaſured the South ſide fiue hũdreth redes with the meaſuring rede. *Or, winde.*

19 He turned about *alſo* to the Weſt ſide, & meaſured fiue hundreth redes with the meaſuring rede.

20 He meaſured it by the foure ſides: it had a wall rounde about, fiue hundreth *redes* long, and fiue hundreth broad to make a ſeparation betwene the Sanctuarie, and ỹ prophane place.

CHAP. XLIII.

He ſeeth the glorie of God going into the Temple, from whence it had before departed. 7 He mencioneth the idolatrie of the childrẽ of Iſrael for the which thei were conſumed and broght to nought. 9 He is commanded to call them againe to repentance.

1 AFterwarde he broght me to the gate, *euen* the gate that turneth towarde ỹ Eaſt.

2 And beholde, the glorie of ỹ God of Iſraél came frõ out of the Eaſt, whoſe voice was like a noiſe of great waters, and the earth was made light with his glorie.

3 And the viſion which I ſawe *was* like the viſion, *euen* as the viſion that I ſawe when I came to deſtroie the citie: and the viſions *were* like the viſion that I ſawe by the riuer Chebár: & I fel vpon my face. *Chap. 9. 2.*

a When I prophecied the deſtruction of the citie by ỹ Caldeans.

4 And the glorie of the Lord came into the houſe by the waie of the gate, whoſe proſpect is towarde the Eaſt.

b Which was departed afore, Chap. 10, 4. & 11, 22.

5 So the Spirit toke me vp and broght me into the inner court, and beholde, the glorie of the Lord filled the houſe.

6 And I heard one ſpeaking vnto me out of the houſe: and there ſtode a man by me,

7 Which ſaid vnto me, Sonne of man, *this* place is my throne, & the place of the ſoules of my fete, where as I wil dwell among the children of Iſraél for euer, and ỹ houſe of Iſraél ſhal no more defile mine holie Name, neither thei, nor their Kĩgs by their fornicatiõs, nor by the carkeiſes of their Kings *in* their high places.

c By their idolatries.

d He alludeth to Ammon & Manaſſéh, who were buryed in their gardens nere the Temple & there had erected vp monumentes to their idoles.

Verſ 1 Hauĩg deſcribed the length and breadth of the Tẽple, he cometh to the outwarde court on ỹ North ſide T. This appeareth in ỹ great figure He broght me into the chambre: that is, the rowe of chambres, which were towarde the ſeparate place Weſtwarde t

Verſ 2 He meaneth that the North was an hundreth cubites long x y and in breadth fiftie b X.

Verſ 4 This galleríe appeareth in ỹ great figure by this nombre. 12

Verſ. 5 Theſe chambres were contrary faſioned to thẽ of the Temple

Verſ 8 So that the wall for ỹ chambres of the outwarde court and the wall of the inner, was either hfiue cubites, and the whole court an hundreth.

Verſ 9 Vnder theſe chambers were entries, or dores to paſſe from one place to another, ẅ are noted euer by z in the great figure

Verſ 10 11 The chambres, P. of the East court M. were like to ỹ chãbers of the North court

Verſ 13 Which chambers were in the East gate toward the North and South 3 and towarde the ſeparate place or backe buylding 4 which chambers are called holie, becauſe thei were by the Temple.

8 Albeit they ſet their threſholdes by my threſholdes, and their poſtes by my poſtes (for there *was but* a wall betwene me & thē) yet haue thei defiled mine holy Name with their abominacions, that thei haue committed: wherefore I haue cōſumed them in my wrath.

9 Now *therefore* let thē put away their fornicacion, and the carkeiſes of their Kings farre frō me, and I wil dwell among them for euer.

10 ¶ Thou ſonne of mā, ſhewe this Houſe to the houſe of Iſraél, that thei may be aſhamed of their wickednes, and let them meaſure the paterne.

11 And if thei be aſhamed of all that thei haue done, ſhewe thē the forme of ỹ houſe, & the paterne thereof, & the going out thereof, & the cōming in thereof, and the whole facion thereof, & all the ordinances thereof, & all the figures thereof, & all the lawes thereof: & write it in their ſight, that thei may kepe ỹ whole facion thereof, & all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

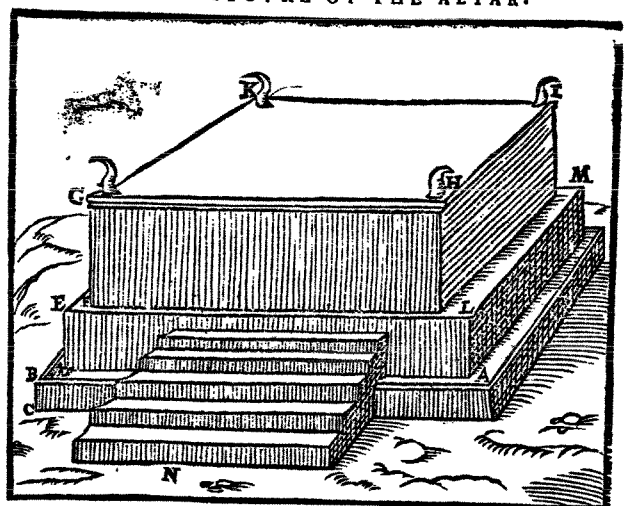
"Ebr. Law.

12 This is the" deſcription of the houſe, *It ſhalbe* vpō the top of the mount: all ỹ limites thereof round about ſhalbe moſte holy. Beholde, this is ỹ deſcription of the houſe.

Ver 13 The middes or bottome A ẅ was a cubite hie B C, & a cubite broad B D.

13 And theſe are ỹ meaſures of the Altar, after the cubites, the cubite *is* a cubite, & an hand breadth, euen ỹ bottome *ſhalbe* a cubite, and the breadth a cubite, & the bordre thereof by ỹ edge thereof roūd about *ſhalbe* a ſpāne: & this *ſhalbe* ỹ height of ỹ altar.

THE FIGVRE OF THE ALTAR.



Verſ 14 The lower piece which ſtandeth on ỹ bottome & is the middlemoſt piece and vnder ỹ hieſt, is two cubites D E The breadth one cubite E F. From the litle piece, ẅ was ỹ ſeconde, to the hieſt foure cubites F G. *Verſ* 15 Foure cubites, meaning, the hier parte of the altar F G *Verſ.* 16 Length and breadth G H I K, Which note alſo the foure hornes of the altar.

14 And from the bottome *which toucheth* the ground to the lower piece *ſhalbe* two cubites: & the breadth one cubite, & from the litle piece to ỹ great piece *ſhalbe* foure cubites, and the breadth one cubite.

15 So the altar *ſhalbe* foure cubites, & from the altar vpward e *ſhalbe* foure hornes.

16 And the altar *ſhalbe* twelue *cubites* long, and twelue broade, *and* foreſquare in the foure corners thereof.

17 And ỹ frame *ſhalbe* fourtene *cubites* long, & fourtene broade in the foureſquare corners thereof, and the border about it *ſhalbe* halfe a cubite, & the bottome thereof *ſhalbe* a cubite about, and the ſteppes thereof *ſhalbe* turned towarde the Eaſt.

Ver 17. The frame whereupon the hieſt piece ſtode, is fourtene cubites: for on euery ſide it is longer by a cubite then the vppermoſte E L, L M.

18 ¶ And he ſaid vnto me, Sōne of man, thus ſaith the Lord God, Theſe are the ordināces of the altar in the day when thei ſhal make it to offer the burnt offring thereon, and to ſprinkle blood thereon.

19 And thou ſhalt giue to the Prieſts, & to the Leuites, that be of the ſede of Zadók, which approche vnto me, to miniſter vnto me, ſaith the Lord God, a yong bullocke for a ſinne offring.

20 And thou ſhalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the foure hornes of it, & on the foure corners of the frame, & vpon the bordre round about: thus ſhalt thou clenſe it, and reconcile it.

21 Thou ſhalt take the bullocke alſo of the ſinne offring, & burne it in the appointed place of the houſe without the Sanctuarie.

22 But the ſeconde day thou ſhalt offre an he goat without blemiſh for a ſin offring, and thei ſhal clenſe the altar, as thei did clenſe it with the bullocke.

23 Whē thou haſt made an end of clenſing it, thou ſhalt offer a yong bullocke without blemiſh, and a ram out of the flocke without blemiſh.

24 And ỹ ſhalt offre thē before the Lord, & ỹ Prieſts ſhal caſt ſalt vpon thē, & thei ſhal offre thē for a burnt offring vnto ỹ Lord.

25 Seuē daies ſhalt thou prepare euerie day an he goat for a ſin offring: thei ſhal alſo prepare a yong bullocke and a ram out of the flocke, without blemiſh.

26 Thus ſhal thei ſeuen daies purifie the altar, and clenſe it, and" conſecrate it.

"Ebr. fil his hand.

27 And when theſe daies are expired, vpon the eight day and ſo forthe, the Prieſts ſhal make your burnt offrings vpon the altar, and your peace offrings, and I wil accept you, ſaith the Lord God.

CHAP. XLIIII.

He reproueth the people for their offence. 7 The vncircumciſed in heart, & in the fleſh 9 Who are to be admitted to the ſeruice of the Tēple, & who to be refuſed.

1 THen he broght me toward the gate of the outwarde Sanctuarie, which turneth toward the Eaſt, and it was ſhut.

Verſ 1 The Eaſt gate D in the great figure.

2 Then ſaid the Lord vnto me, This gate ſhalbe [a] ſhut, & ſhal not be opened, and no man ſhal entre by it, becauſe the Lord God of Iſraél hathe entred by it, and it ſhal be ſhut.

a Meaning, frō ỹ cōmune people, but not from the Prieſtes, nor the prince, read Chap 46, 9.

3 *It apperteineth* to ỹ Prince: the Prince him ſelf ſhal ſit in it to eat bread before the Lord: he ſhal entre by the way of the por-

che of that gate, and ſhal go out by the way of the ſame.

4 ¶ Then broght he me toward the North gate before the Houſe: and when I loked, beholde, the gloıe of the Lord filled the houſe of the Lord, and I fel vpon my face.

5 And the Lord ſaid vnto me, Sonne of mā, *Ebr ſet thine heart.* "marke wel, and beholde with thine eyes, & heare with thine eares, all that I ſay vnto thee, concerning all the ordinances of ỹ Houſe of the Lord, & all the lawes thereof, and marke wel the entring in of the houſe with euerie going forthe of the Sanctuarie.

6 And thou ſhalt ſay to the rebellious, *euen* to the houſe of Iſraél, Thus ſaith the Lord God, O houſe of Iſraél, ye haue ynough of all your abominacions,

7 Seing, that ye haue broght into my Sanctuarie *b* ſtrāgers, vncircūciſed in heart, & vncircūciſed in fleſh, to be in my Sanctuarie, to pollute mine houſe, whē ye offre my bread, *euen* fat, and blood: and thei haue broken my couenant, becauſe of all your abominacions.

b For they had broght idolaters ẅ were of other countreis, to teache them their idolatrie Chap 23.40.

8 For ye haue not kept the *c* ordinances of mine holie thīgs: but you your ſelues haue ſet *other* to take ỹ charge of my Sāctuarie.

c Ye haue nōt offred vnto me according to my Law.

9 Thus ſaith the Lord God, No ſtranger vncircumciſed in heart, nor vncircumciſed in fleſh ſhal entre into my Sanctuarie, of any ſtranger that is amōg the children of Iſraél,

10 Nether yet the *d* Leuites that are gone backe frō me, whē Iſraél wēt aſtray, which went aſtray frō me after their idoles, but thei ſhal beare their iniquitie.

d The Leuites ẅ had cōmitted idolatrie, were put from their dignitie and colde not be receyued into ỹ Prieſts office, although they had bene of ỹ houſe of Aarón, but muſt ſerue in ỹ inferior offices as to watche and to kepe ỹ dores, read 2. King. 23.8.

11 And thei ſhal ſerue in my Sanctuarie, & kepe the gates of the Houſe, and miniſter in the Houſe: thei ſhal ſlaye the burnt offring and the ſacrifice for the people: and thei ſhal ſtande before them to ſerue them.

12 Becauſe thei ſerued before their idoles, and cauſed the houſe of Iſraél to fall into iniquitie, therefore haue I lift vp mine hand againſt them, ſaith the Lord God, & thei ſhal beare their iniquitie,

13 And thei ſhal not come nere vnto me to do the office of the Prieſt vnto me, nether ſhal thei come nere vnto any of mine holy things in the moſte holy place, but they ſhal beare their ſhame and their abominacions, which thei haue committed.

14 And I wil make thē kepers of the watche of the Houſe, for all the ſeruice thereof, & for all that ſhalbe done therein.

15 But the Prieſts of the Leuites, the ſonnes of Zadók, that *e* kept the charge of my Sanctuarie, when the children of Iſraél went aſtray from me, thei ſhal come nere to me to ſerue me, and thei ſhal ſtand before me to offre me the fat and the blood, ſaith the Lord God.

e Which obſerued the Lawe of God, and fel not to idolatrie.

16 Thei ſhal entre into my Sanctuarie, and ſhal come nere to my table, to ſerue me, and thei ſhal kepe my charge.

17 And when thei ſhal entre in at the gates of the inner court, thei ſhalbe clothed with linen garments, and no woll ſhal come vpon them while thei ſerue in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 Thei ſhal haue linen bonettes vpon their heades, and ſhal haue linen breches vpon their loynes: thei ſhal not gyrd thē ſelues in the ſweating *places*.

19 But when they go forthe into the vtter court, *euen* to the vtter court to the people, thei ſhal put of their garments, wherein thei miniſtred, and laye them in the holy chambers, and thei ſhal put on other garments: for thei ſhal not ſanctifie the people with their garments.

20 Thei ſhal not alſo *f* ſhaue their heades, nor ſuffre their lockes to growe long, *but* round their heades.

f As did the infideles and heathen

21 *Nether ſhal any Prieſt drinke wine whē thei enter into the inner court. *Leu.21.18.*

22 Nether ſhal thei take for their wiues a widowe, or her that is diuorced: but thei ſhal take maidens of the ſede of the houſe of Iſraél, or a widow that hathe bene the widow of a Prieſt.

23 And thei ſhal teache my people *the difference* betwene the holy and prophane, and cauſe thē to diſcerne betwene the vncleane and the cleane.

24 And in controuerſie thei ſhal ſtand to iudge, and thei ſhal iudge it according to my iudgements: and thei ſhal kepe my lawes and my ſtatutes in all mine aſſemblies, & thei ſhal ſanctifie my Sabbaths.

25 *And thei ſhal come at no dead perſone to defile them ſelues, except at *their* father, or mother, or ſonne, or daughter, brother or ſiſter, that hathe had yet none houſbād: *in theſe* may thei *g* be defiled. *Leu.21.11.*

g Thei may be at their buryal, which was a defiling

26 And when he is clenſed, thei ſhal rekon vnto him ſeuen dayes.

27 And when he goeth into the Sanctuarie vnto the inner court to miniſter in the Sāctuarie, he ſhal offre his ſin offring, ſaith the Lord God.

28 *And the *Prieſthode* ſhalbe their inheritance, *yea*, I am their inheritance: therefore ſhall ye giue them no poſſeſsion in Iſraél, *for* I am their poſſeſsion. *Deu.18.1.* *numb.18.20.*

29 Thei ſhal eat the meat offring, and the ſin offring, & the treſpace offring, & euerie dedicate thing in Iſraél ſhalbe theirs.

30 *And all the firſt of all the firſt borne, & euerie oblation, *euen* all of euerie ſort of your oblations ſhalbe the Prieſts. Ye ſhal alſo giue vnto the Prieſt the firſt of your dough that he may cauſe the bleſsing to reſt in thine houſe. *Exod.13.2.* *& 22.29.* *& 34.19.* *numb.3.13.*

31 The Prieſts ſhal not eat of any thing, that

Exod 22,31. Leui 22,8. that is * dead, or torne, whether it be foule or beast.

CHAP. XLV.

1 Out of the land of promes are there separate foure porcions, of which the first is giuen to the Priests and to the Temple, the second to the Leuites, the third to the citie, the fourth to the prince. 9 An exhortation Vnto the heads of Israél. 10 Of iust weights and measures 13 Of the first frutes, &c.

1 MOreouer when ye shal deuide the land for inheritance, ye shal offre an oblacion vnto the Lord an [a] holy porcion of the land, fiue & twentie thousand redes long, and ten thousand broad: this shalbe holy in all the borders thereof rounde about.

a Of all the land of Israél the Lord onely requireth this porcion for the Temple & for the Priests, for ỹ citie and for the prince.

2 Of this there shalbe for the Sanctuarie fiue hundreth *in length* with fiue hundreth *in breadth*, all square roũde about, and fiftie cubites rounde about for the suburbes thereof.

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of fiue and twentie thousand, & the breadth of ten thousand: & in it shal be the Sanctuarie, & the moste holy place.

4 The hóly porcion of the land shalbe the Priests, which minister in the Sanctuarie, which came nere to serue the Lord: and it shalbe a place for their houses, and an holy place for the Sanctuarie.

5 And *in* the fiue and twentie thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth shal ỹ Leuites that minister in the house, haue their possession for twẽtie chambers.

6 Also ye shal appoint the possession of the citie, fiue thousand broad, and fiue & twentie thousand long ouer against the oblacion of the holy porcion: it shalbe for the whole house of Israél.

7 And *a porcion shalbe* for the prince on the one side, and on that side of the oblacion of the holy porcion, and of the possession of the citie, *euen* before the oblacion of the holy porcion, and before the possession of the citie fro̅ the West corner Westwarde, and from the East corner Eastwarde, & the length *shalbe* by one of the porcions from the West border vnto the East border.

8 In this land shalbe his possessiõ in Israél: and my princes shal no more oppresse my people, and *the rest* of the lãd shal their giue to the house of Israél, according to their tribes.

b The Prophet sheweth that the heads must be first reformed afore any good ordre cã be established among ỹ people

9 Thus saith the Lord God, Let it [b] suffice you, ô princes of Israél: leaue of crueltie & oppression, & execute iudgement & iustice: take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord God.

c Ephàh and Bath were bothe of one quantitie, saue that Ephàh contened in drye things, ỹ which Bath did in licour. Leui 5,11 1. kyng 5,11.

10 Ye shal haue iuste balances, & a true [c] Ephàh, and a true Bath.

11 The Ephàh and the Bath shal be equal: a Bath shal conteine the tenth parte of an Homér, & an Ephàh the tenth parte of an Homér: the equalitie thereof shalbe after the Homér.

12 * And the shekel *shalbe* twentie gerahs, & twentie shekels, and [d] fiue and twentie shekels & fiftene shekels shalbe your Maneh. Exod. 30,13. Leui 27,25. Numb 3,47.

d That is, three score shekels maze a weight called Mina: for he reckoneth these thre partes to a Mina.

13 ¶ This is the oblacion that ye shal offre, the sixt parte of an Ephàh of an Homér of whear, and ye shal giue the sixt parte of an Ephàh of an Homer of barley.

14 Concerning the ordinance of the oyle, *euen* of the Bath of oyle, *ye shal offer* ỹ tenth parte of a Bath out of ỹ Cor (ten Baths *are* an Homér: for ten Baths *fill* an Homér)

15 And one lambe of two hundreth shepe out of the fat pastures of Israél for a meat offring, & for a burnt offring and for peace offrings, to make reconciliacion for them, saith the Lord God.

16 All the people of the land shal *giue* this oblacion for the prince in Israél.

17 And it shalbe the princes parte to giue burnt offrings, and meat offrings, & drinke offrings in the solemne feasts and in the new moones, & in the Sabbaths, & in all ỹ hie feastes of the house of Israél: he shal prepare the sinne offring, and the meat offring, and the burnt offring, and the peace offrings to make reconciliacio̅ for the house of Israél.

18 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God, In the first *moneth*, in the first *day* of [e] the moneth, thou shalt take a yõg bullocke without blemish and clense the Sanctuarie.

e Which was Nisán, conteining parte of Marche and parte of April

19 And the Priest shal take of the blood of the sinne offring, and put it vpon the postes of the house, and vpon the foure [f] corners of the frame of the altar, and vpon the postes of the gate of the inner court.

f Or, coste.

20 And so shalt thou do the seuenth *day* of the moneth, for euery one that hathe erred and for him that is disceaued: so shal you reconcile the house.

21 * In the first *moneth* in the fourteenth day of the moneth, ye shal haue the Passeouer a feast of seuen daies, & ye shal eat vnleauened bread. Exod 12,18. Leui. 23,5.

22 And vpon that day, shal the prince prepare for him self, and for all the people of the land, a bullocke for a sinne offring.

23 And in the seuen dayes of the feast he shal make a burnt offring to the Lord, *euen* of seuen bullockes, & seuen rams without blemish daiely for seuen dayes, and an he goat daiely for a sinne offring.

24 And he shal prepare a meat offring of an Ephàh for a bullocke, an Ephàh for a ram, and an [f] Hin of oyle for an Ephàh.

f Read Exod. 29,40.

25 In the seuenth *moneth*, in the fifteenth day of the moneth, shal he do the like in the feast for seuen daies, according to the sinne offring, according to the burnt offring, and according to the meat offring, and according to the oyle.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 The sacrifices of the Sabbàth and of the newe moones.

§ Thorowe which dores they muſt go in, or come out of the Temple, &c.

Verſ 1 The inner court gate Q. whereunto they went vp by eight ſteps, as appeareth in § great figure.

1 THus ſaith the Lord God, The gate of the inner court, that turneth towarde the Eaſt, ſhalbe ſhut the ſix working daies: but on the Sabbáth it ſhalbe opened, and in the daye of the new moone it ſhal be opened.

2 And the prince ſhal entre by the waye of the porche of that gate without, and ſhal ſtand by the poſte of the gate, & § Prieſts ſhal make his burnt offring, and his peace offrings, & he ſhal worſhip at the threſholde of the gate: after, he ſhal go forthe, but the gate ſhal not be ſhut til the euening.

3 Likewiſe the people of the land ſhal worſhip at the entrie of this gate before the Lord on the Sabbaths, and in the new moones.

4 And the burnt offring that the prince ſhal offre vnto the Lord on the Sabbáth daye, *ſhalbe* ſix lambs without blemiſh, & a ram without blemiſh.

5 And the meat offring *ſhalbe* an Epháh for a ram: and the meat offring for the lambes [a] a gift of his hand, and an Hin of oyle to an Epháh.

a That is, as muche as he wil.

6 And in the daye of the new moone *it ſhal be* a yong bullocke without blemiſh, and ſix lambs and a ram: they ſhalbe without blemiſh.

7 And he ſhal prepare a meat offring, *euen* an Epháh for a bullocke, and an Epháh for a ram, and for the lambes [b] according as his hand ſhal bring, and an Hin of oyle to an Epháh.

b Meaning, as he ſhal thinke good.

8 And when the prince ſhal entre, he ſhal go in by the way of the porche of that gate, & he ſhal go forthe by the way thereof.

Verſ 9 He that entreth in by the North gate R, ſhal go out by § South gate d & contrary, and in going forward they worſhipped in § middes M.

9 But when the people of the land ſhal come before the Lord in the ſolemne feaſts, he that entreth in by the way of § North gate to worſhip, ſhal go out by the way of the South gate: and he that entreth by the way of the South gate, ſhal go forthe by the way of the North gate: he ſhal not returne by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but they ſhal go forthe ouer againſt it.

10 And the prince ſhalbe in the middes of them: he ſhal go in when they go in, & whē thei go forthe, they ſhal go forthe *together*.

11 And in the feaſts, and in the ſolemnities the meat offring ſhalbe an Epháh to a bullocke, and an Epháh to a ram, and to the lambs, the gift of his hand, and an Hin of oyle to an Epháh.

12 Now when the prince ſhal make a fre burnt offring or peace offrings frely vnto the Lord, one ſhal then open him the gate, § turneth toward the Eaſt, and he ſhal make his burnt offring and his peace offrings, as he did on the Sabbáth day: after, he ſhal go forthe, and when he is gone forthe, one ſhal ſhut the gate.

13 Thou ſhalt daiely make a burnt offring vnto the Lord of a lābe of one yere without blemiſh: thou ſhalt do it euery morning.

14 And thou ſhalt prepare a meat offring for it euery morning, the ſixt parte of an Epháh, and the third parte of an Hin of oyle, to mingle with the fine floure: *this* meat offring ſhalbe continually by a perpetual ordinance vnto the Lord.

15 Thus ſhal they prepare the lambe, and the meat offring and the oyle euery morning, for a continual burnt offring.

16 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord God, If the prince giue a gift of his inheritance vnto any of his ſonnes, it ſhalbe his ſonnes, & it ſhal be their poſſeſſion by inheritance.

17 But if he giue a gift of his inheritance to one of his ſeruants, then it ſhalbe his to the [c] yere of libertie: after, it ſhal returne to the prince, but his inheritance ſhal remaine to his ſonnes for them.

18 Moreouer the prince ſhal not [d] take of the peoples inheritance, nor thruſt them out of their poſſeſſion: *but* he ſhal cauſe his ſonnes to inherit of his owne poſſeſſion, that my people be not ſcattered euery man from his poſſeſſion.

19 ¶ After, he broght me through the entrie, which was at the ſide of the gate, into the holy chambers of the Prieſts, which ſtode toward the North: and beholde, there was a place at the Weſt ſide of them.

20 Then ſaid he vnto me, This is the place where the Prieſts ſhal ſeeth the treſpaſſe offring and the ſinne offring, where they ſhal bake the meat offring, that thei ſhulde not beare them into the vtter court, [e] to ſanctifie the people.

21 Then he broght me forthe into the vtter court, and cauſed me to go by the foure corners of the court: and beholde, in euery corner of the court, there *was* a court.

22 In the foure corners of the court there were courtes ioyned of fortie *cubites* long, and thirtie broad: theſe foure corners were of one meaſure.

23 And there *went* a wall about them, *euen* about thoſe foure, and kitchins were made vnder the walles rounde about.

24 Then ſaid he vnto me, This is the kitchin where the miniſters of the houſe ſhal ſeeth the ſacrifice of the people.

c Which was at the Iubile, Leui 25.9

d But be content with that porcion that God hathe aſſigned him, as Chap 45.8

Verſ 19 He deſcribeth the Prieſts chambers, which were at the ſide of the Temple toward § North: and ſo cometh to the place, which was on § Weſt ſide. 5 which verſ 21 is called the vtter court, in reſpect of the inner court, as alſo where § people were, was the vtter court in reſpect of this inner

e That the people ſhulde not haue to do with thoſe thīgs which appertein to the Lord, & thinke it lawful for thē to eat them

Verſ 21 The litle court in euery corner, was forme cubits long 7,& & fourty broad 8,9 & 7,9.

Verſ 23 About the walles of theſe litle courts were as kitchins, were litle chāmbers for the cookes to

CHAP. XLVII.

1 The viſion of the waters that came out of the Temple. 13 The coaſts of the land of promes, & the deuiſion thereof by tribes.

Chap XLVII. *Verſ* 1 The dore of the Temple r and from vnder § threſholde yſſued out waters, which came out of the South ſide, and ran towarde § East Loke in the great figure 11

1 AFterward he broght me vnto the dore of the houſe: and beholde, [a] waters yſſued out from vnder the threſholde of the houſe Eaſtwarde: for the forefronte of

a Whereby are ment the ſpiritual graces that ſhulde be giuen to the Church vnder § kīgdome of Chriſt.

of the houſe *ſtode* towarde the Eaſt, and the waters ran downe from vnder the right ſide of the Houſe, at the South ſide of the altar.

2 Then broght he me out toward ỹ North gate, and led me about by the way without vnto the vtter gate, by the way that turneth Eaſtwarde: and beholde, there came forthe waters on the right ſide.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hãd, went forthe Eaſtwarde, he meaſured a thouſand cubites, & he broght me through the waters: the waters *were* to the ancles.

4 Againe he meaſured a thouſãd, & broght me through th waters: the waters *were* to the knees: againe he meaſured a thouſand, and broght me through: the waters *were* to the loines.

5 Afterward he meaſured a thouſand, *and it was* a [b] riuer, that I colde not paſſe ouer: for the waters were riſen, & the waters did ſlowe, *as* a riuer that colde not be paſſed ouer.

6 And he ſaid vnto me, Sonne of man, haſt thou ſene this? Then he broght me, & cauſed me to returne to ỹ brinke of the riuer.

7 Now whẽ I returned, beholde, at ỹ brinke of the riuer *were* very many [c] trees on the one ſide, and on the other.

8 Thẽ ſaid he vnto me, Theſe waters yſſue out towarde the Eaſt countrey, and runne downe into ỹ plaine, and ſhal go into *one* [d] ſea: thei ſhal runne into *another* ſea, and the [e] waters ſhalbe holſome.

9 And euerie thing that liueth, which moueth, whereſoeuer ỹ riuers ſhal come, ſhal liue, and there ſhalbe a very great multitude of fiſh, becauſe theſe waters ſhal come thether: for thei ſhalbe holſome, & euerie thing ſhal liue whether ỹ riuer cometh.

10 And then the [f] fiſhers ſhal ſtand vpon it, *and* from En-gédi euen vnto [g] En-egláim, thei ſhal ſpreade out their nettes: *for* their fiſh ſhalbe according to their kindes, as the fiſh of [h] ỹ maine ſea, exceading many.

11 But [i] the myrie places thereof, & the mariſes thereof ſhal not be holſome: thei ſhal be made ſalt pittes.

12 And by this riuer vpon the brinke thereof, on this ſide, & on that ſide ſhal growe all [k] fruteful trees, whoſe leafe ſhal not fade, nether ſhal the frute thereof faile: it ſhal bring forthe new frute according to his moneths, becauſe their waters rũne out of the Sanctuarie: and the frute thereof ſhalbe meat, & the leaf thereof ſhalbe for [l] medicine.

13 ¶ Thus ſaith ỹ Lord God, This ſhal be the border, whereby ye ſhal inherit the land according to ỹ twelue tribes [*] of Iſrael: Ioſéph ſhal haue *two* porcions.

14 And ye ſhal inherit it, one aſwel as another: [*] concerning the which I lift vp mine hand to giue it vnto your fathers, and this lãd ſhal fall vnto you for inheritãce.

15 And this ſhalbe the border [k] of the land toward the North ſide, frõ the maine ſea toward Hethlón as men go to Zedádah:

16 Hamáth, Berothãh, Sibráim, which is betwene the border of Damaſcus, and the border of Hamáth, *and* Hazár, Hatticón, which is by the coaſt of Haurán.

17 And the border from the ſea ſhalbe Hazár, Enán, & the border of Damaſcus, and the reſidue of the North, Northwarde, & the border of Hamáth: ſo *ſhalbe* the North parte.

18 But the Eaſt ſide ſhal ye meaſure from Haurán, and from Damaſcus, and from Gileád, and from the land of Iſraél by Iordén, & from the border vnto the Eaſt ſea: and ſo *ſhalbe* the Eaſt parte.

19 And the South ſide *ſhalbe* toward Temán from Tamár to the waters of [*] Mribóth *in* Kadéſh, & the riuer to the maine ſea: ſo *ſhalbe* ỹ South parte toward Temán.

20 The Weſt parte alſo *ſhalbe* the great ſea frõ the border, til a mã come ouer againſt Hamáth: this ſhalbe the Weſt parte.

21 So ſhal ye deuide this land vnto you, according to the tribes of Iſraél.

22 And you ſhal deuide it by lot for an inheritãce vnto you, & to the ſtrangers that dwell among you, which ſhal beget children among you, & thei ſhalbe vnto you, as borne in the countrei amõg the childrẽ of Iſraél, [l] thei ſhal parte inheritance with you in the middes of the tribes of Iſraél.

23 And in what tribe the ſtranger dwelleth, there ſhal ye giue him his inheritance, ſaith the Lord God.

CHAP. XLVIII.

The lottes of the tribes. 9 The partes of the poſſeſſion of the Prieſtes, of the Temple, of the Leuites, of the citie and of the prince are rehearſed.

1 NOw theſe are the names of the [a] tribes. Frõ the North ſide, to the coaſte toward Hethlón, as one goeth to Hamáth, Hazár, Enán, & the border of Damaſcus Northward the coaſt of Hamáth, euẽ *from* the Eaſt ſide to the Weſt ſhalbe a *porcion* for Dan.

2 And by the border of Dan from the Eaſt ſide vnto the Weſt ſide, a *porciõ* for Aſhér.

3 And by the border of Aſhér frõ the Eaſt parte euẽ vnto the Weſt parte a *porcion* for Naphtalí.

4 And by the border of Naphtalí from the Eaſt quarter vnto the Weſt ſide, a *porcion* for Manaſſéh.

5 And by the border of Manaſſéh from the Eaſt ſide vnto the Weſt ſide a *portion* for Ephráim.

6 And by the border of Ephráim, from the Eaſt parte euen vnto the Weſt parte, a *porcion* for Reubén.

b Signifying that ỹ graces of God ſhulde neuer decreaſe but euer abounde in his Church.
c Meaning ỹ multitude of them ỹ ſhulde be refreſhed by the ſpiritual waters
d Shewing ỹ the abundance of theſe graces ſhulde be ſo great, ỹ all the worlde ſhulde be ful thereof, which is here ment by ỹ Perſian ſea or Genezareth, & the ſea called Mediterraneũ, Za 14.8.
e The waters which of nature are ſalt & vnholſome, ſhalbe made ſweete & comfortable
f Signifying ỹ when God beſtoweth his mercies in ſuche abundãce, the miniſters ſhal by their preachig winne many
g Which were cities at ỹ corners of the ſalt or dead ſea
h Thei ſhalbe here of all ſortes, and in as great abundance as in the great Ocean where they are bred
i That is, the wicked and reprobate
k Or, ſre for meat
l Or, for bruſes and ſore.
* Gen 48.22. Gen 12.7. & 13.5 & 15.18. & 26.4. & 35.12. & 46.4.

k By the land of promes he ſignifieth the ſpiritual land whereof this was a figure.

* Or, Briſe.

l Meaning, ỹ in this ſpiritual kingdome there ſhulde be no diſtrence betwene Iewe nor Gentil, but that all ſhulde be partakers of this inheritance in their head Chriſt

a The tribes after ỹ they entred into ỹ land vnder Ioſhua, deuided the land ſomwhat otherwiſe then is here ſet forthe by this viſion.

7 And by the border of Reubén, from the East quarter vnto the West quarter, *a porcion* for Iudáh.

8 And by the border of Iudáh frō the East parte vnto the West parte[b] shalbe the offring which thei shal offre of fiue & twentie thousand *redes* broade, and of length as one of the *other* partes, from the East side vnto the West side, and the Sanctuarie shal be in the middes of it.

b That is, the portion of the grounde, & they shal sepa rat & appoint to the Lord, which shalbe deuided in to thre par es for the Priest, for the prince & for the citie.

9 The oblacion that ye shal offre vnto the Lord, *shalbe* of fiue and twentie thousand long, and of ten thousand the breadth.

10 And for them, *euen* for the Priests shal be this holy oblacion, toward the North fiue and twentie thousand *long*, and towarde the West, ten thousand broade, & toward the East ten thousand broade, and towarde the South fiue and twentie thousand long, and the Sanctuarie of the Lord shal be in the middes thereof.

11 *It shalbe* for the Priests that are sanctified of the sonnes of* Zadók, which haue kept my charge, which went not astray whē the children of Isaél went astray, as the Leuites went astraye.

Chap. 44.15.

12 Therefore *this* oblacion of the land that is offred, shalbe theirs, *as* a thīg moste holie by the border of the Leuites.

13 And ouer against ỹ border of the Priests the Leuites *shal haue* fiue and twētie thousand long, & ten thousand broade: all the length *shalbe* fiue and twētie thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 And thei shal not sel of it, nether change it, nor alienate the first frutes of the land: for it is holy vnto the Lord.

15 And the fiue thousand that are left in ỹ breadth ouer against the fiue and twentie thousand, shalbe a prophane place for the citie, for housing, & for suburbes, and the citie shalbe in the middes thereof.

16 And these shalbe the measures thereof, ỹ North parte fiue hūdreth and foure thousand, and the South parte fiue hūdreth & foure thousand, and of the East parte fiue hundreth and foure thousand, & the West parte fiue hundreth, and foure thousand.

c Meaning, ỹ it shulde be square.

17 And the suburbes of the citie shalbe towarde the North two hundreth and fiftie & towarde the South two hundreth & fiftie, and towarde the East two hundreth & fiftie, and towarde the West two hundreth and fiftie.

18 And ỹ residue in length ouer against ỹ oblacīō of the holy porcion *shalbe* ten thousand East warde, and ten thousand West warde: and it shalbe ouer against the oblacion of the holy porcion, & the encrease thereof shal be for fode vnto them that serue in the citie.

19 And thei that serue in the citie, *shalbe* of all ỹ tribes of Israél that shal serue therein.

20 All the oblacion *shalbe* fiue and twenty thousand w[d] fiue & twentie thousand: you shal offre this oblacion foure square for the Sanctuarie, & for the possession of ỹ citie.

d Euerie way it shalbe fyue & twēty thousand.

21 And the residue *shalbe* for the prince on the one side & on the other of the oblacion of the Sanctuarie, and of the possession of the citie, ouer against the fiue and twentie thousand of the oblacion towarde the East border, & Westward ouer against the fiue & twētie thousand toward the West border, ouer against *shalbe* for the porcion of the prince: this shalbe the holie oblacion, & the house of the Sanctuarie *shalbe* in the middes thereof.

22 Moreouer, from the possession of the Leuites, & from ỹ possession of the citie, that which is in ỹ middes shalbe ỹ princes: betwene the border[e] of Iudáh, & betwene the border of Beniamín shalbe the princes.

e So that Iudáh was on ỹ North side of the Princes & Leuites portions, and Beniamín on the South side

23 And the rest of the tribes *shalbe thus*: frō the East parte vnto the West parte Beniamín *shalbe a porcion.*

24 And by the border of Beniamín, from the East side vnto the West side Simeón *a porcion.*

25 And by the border of Simeón frō the East parte vnto ỹ West parte Isshakár *a porcion.*

26 And by ỹ border of Isshakar frō the East side vnto the West, Zebulún *a porcion.*

27 And by the border of Zebulún from the East part vnto ỹ West parte, Gad a *porciō.*

28 And by the border of Gad at the South side, toward [f] Temáth, the border shalbe euen frō [g] Tamár *vnto* the waters of Meribáth *in* Kadésh, *&* to the [h] riuer, *that runneth* into the mayne sea.

f Which is here taken for dumea

g Which was Ierichó the citie of palme trees

h Meanig, Nilus ỹ runneth into ỹ sea called mediterraneum.

29 This is the land, which ye shal distribute vnto the tribes of Israél for inheritance, and these are their porcions, saith the Lord God.

30 And these are ỹ boundes of the citie, on the North side fiue hundreth, & foure thousand measures.

31 And the gates of the citie *shalbe* after ỹ names of the tribes of Israél, the gates Northward, one gate of Reubén, one gate of Iudáh, *&* one gate of Leuí.

32 And at the East side fiue hundreth and foure thousand, and thre gates, & one gate of Ioséph, one gate of Beniamín, *and* one gate of Dan.

33 And at the South side, fiue hundreth and foure thousand measures, and thre portes, one gate of Simeón, one gate of Isshakár, *and* one gate of Zebulún.

34 At the West side, fiue hundreth & foure thousand, *with* their thre gates, one gate of Gad, one gate of Asshér, *and* one gate of Naphtalí.

35 *It was* rounde about eightene thousand *measures*, and the name of the citie frō that day *shalbe*, "The Lord is there.

"Ebr Iehouáh shammáh.

DANIEL.

THE ARGUMENT.

THe great prouidence of God, and his ſingular mercie toward his Church are moſte liuely here ſet forthe, who neuer leaueth his deſtitute, but now in their greateſt miſeries and afflictions giueth them Prophetes, as Ezekiél, & Daniél, whome he adorned with ſuche graces of his holie ſpirit, that Daniél aboue all other had moſte ſpecial reuelations of ſuche things as ſhulde come to the Church, euen from the time that thei were in captiuitie, to the laſt end of the worlde, and to the general reſurrection, as of the foure Monarches and empires of all the worlde, to wit, of the Babylonians, Perſians, Grecians, & Romaines. Alſo of the certeine nombre of the times euen vnto Chriſt, when all ceremonies and ſacrifice: ſhulde ceaſe, becauſe he ſhulde be the accompliſhement thereof: moreouer he ſheweth Chriſtes office and the cauſe of his death which was by his ſacrifice to take awaye ſinnes, and to bring euerlaſting life. And as from the beginning God euer exerciſed his people vnder the croſſe, ſo he teacheth here, that after that Chriſt is offered, he will ſtil leaue this exerciſe to his Church vntil the dead riſe againe, and Chriſt gather his into his kingdome in the heauens.

CHAP. I.

1 The captiuitie of Iehoiakím King of Iudáh. 4 The King chuſeth certeine yong men of the Iewes to learne his lawe. 5 Thei haue the Kings ordinarie appointed. 8 But thei abſtaine from it.

aRead 2 King 24,1 and 1cre 25,1

IN the a thirde yere of the reigne of Iehoiakím King of Iudáh, came Nebuchad-nezzár, King of Babél vnto Ieruſalém, & beſeiged it.

bWhich was a plaine by Babylón where was the Temple of their great god, and is here taken for Babylón

2 And the Lord gaue Iehoiakim King of Iudáh into his hand, with parte of the veſſels of the houſe of God, which he caried into the land of b Shinár, to the houſe of his god, and he broght the veſſels into his gods treaſurie.

c Who was as maſter of the wardes

3 And the King ſpak vnto c Aſhpenáz the maſter of his d Eunuches, that he ſhulde bring *certeine* of the children of Iſraél, of the e Kings ſeede, and of the princes:

d He calleth thē Eunuches whome the Kig nourished and broght vp to be rulers of other countries afterward.

4 Children in whome was no blemiſh, but wel f fauoured, & inſtructed in all wiſdome, and wel ſene in knowledge, and able to vnderſtand knowledge, and ſuche as were able to ſtand in the Kings palace, and whome thei might teache the g learning, and the tongue of the Caldeans.

e His purpoſe was to kepe them as hoſtages, and that he might ſhewe him ſelf victorious, and alſo by their good intreatie and learning of his religion, thei might fauour rather hi then the Iewes and ſo to be able to ſerue him as gouerners in their land: moreouer by this meanes ỹ Iewes might be better kept in ſubiection, fearing otherwiſe to procure hurt to theſe noble men

5 And the King appointed them prouiſion euerie daie of a h portion of the Kings meat, and of the wine, which he dranke, ſo nouriſhing thē i thre yere, that at the end thereof, thei might ſtand k before the King.

f The King required thre things, that thei ſhulde be of noble byrth, that thei ſhulde be witty & learned, and ỹ thei ſhulde be of a ſtrōg & comelie nature that thei might do him better ſeruice: this he did for his owne commoditie therefore it is not to praiſe his liberalitie: yet in this he is worthy praiſe, that he eſteemed learning, and knewe that it was a neceſſarie meane to gouerne by

6 Now among theſe were *certeine* of the children of Iudáh, Daniél, Hananiáh, Miſhaél and Azariáh.

g That thei might forget their owne religion, and countrei facions, to ſerue him the better to his purpoſe: yet it is not to be thoght that Daniél did learne aue knowledge that was not godlie: in all poinctes he refuſed the abuſe of things and ſuperſtition, in ſo murche ỹ he wolde not eat the meat which the King appointed him, but was content to learne ỹ knowledge of natural things

7 Vnto whome the chief of the Eunuches gaue *other* names: for he called Daniél, Belteſhazár, & Hananiáh, Shadrách, & Miſhaél, Meſhách, and Azariáh, Abednegó.

h That by their good intertenement thei might learne to forget the mediocritie of their owne people

8 ¶ But Daniél had determined in his heart, that he wolde not m defile him ſelf with the porcion of the Kings meat, nor with the wine which he dranke: therefore he required ỹ chief of the Eunuches that he might not defile him ſelf.

i To the intent that in this time thei might bothe learne the maners of the Caldeans and alſo their tongue.

9 (Now God had broght Daniél into fauour, and tender loue with the chief of the Eunuches)

10 And the chief of the Eunuches ſaid vnto Daniél, n I feare my lord the King, who hathe appointed you meat and your drinke: therefore if he ſe your faces worſe lyking then the *other* children, which are of your ſorte, thē ſhal you make me loſe mine head vnto the King.

k Aſwel to ſerue at the table, as in other offices.

11 Then ſaid Daniél to Melzár, whome the chief of the Eunuches had ſet ouer Daniél, Hananiáh, Miſhaél, and Azariáh,

12 Proue thy ſeruants, I beſeche thee, o ten daies, and let them giue vs p pulſe to eat, and water to drinke.

13 Then let our countenāces be loked vpon before thee, and the countenances of the children that eat of the porcion of the Kings meat: and as thou ſeeſt, deale with thy ſeruants.

14 So he conſented to them in this matter, and proued them ten daies.

15 And at the end of ten daies, their q coūtenāces appeared fairer, and in r better lyking then all the childrens, which did eat the porcion of the Kings meat.

16 Thus Melzár toke awaie the porcion of their meat, and the wine that thei ſhulde drinke, and gaue them pulſe.

l That thei might altogether forget their religion: for the Iewes gaue their children names, which might euer put them in remembrance of ſome point of religion. therefore this was a great tentacion & a figne of ſeruitude which thei were not able to reſiſt.

m Not that he thoght anie religion to be in the meat or drinke (for afterwarde he did eat) but becauſe the Kig ſhulde not miſe hī by thē ſwete poyſon to forget his religion & accuſtomed ſobrietie, and ỹ in his meat & drinke he might daylie remembre of what people he was and Daniél bringeth this in to ſhewe how God from the beginning aſſiſted him with his Spirit, and at length called him to be a Prophet

n He ſuppoſed thei did this for their religion, which was contrarie to the Babylonians, and therefore herein he repreſenteth them, ware of no religion: for neither he wolde condēne their

nor maintaine his owne

o Meaning, that within this ſpace he might haue the tryal, and that noman ſhulde be able to diſcerne it: & thus he ſpake, being moued by the Spirit of God

p Not that it was a thing abominable to eat dentie meates and to drinke wine, as bothe before and after thei did, but if thei ſhulde haue hereby bene wonne to the King and haue refuſed their owne religion, that meat and drinke had bene accurſed

q This bare feding and that alſo of Moſes when he fled from the coure of Egypt, declareth that we muſt liue in ſuche ſobrietie as God doeth call vs vnto, ſeing he wil make it more profitable vnto vs, then all deintes: for his bleſſing onely ſufficeth.

r *Ebr fatter in fleſh.*

17 As for theſe foure childrē, God gaue thē knowledge, and vnderſtanding in all learning [r] and wiſdome: alſo he gaue Daniél vnderſtanding of all [ſ] viſions & dreames.

18 Now when the time was [t] expired, that the King had appointed to bring thē in, the chief of the Eunuches broght thē before Nebuchad-nezzár.

19 And the King cōmuned with them: and among them all was founde none like Daniél, Hananiáh, Miſhaél, and Azariáh: therefore ſtode thei before the King.

20 And in all matters of wiſdome, & vnderſtanding that the King enquired of them, he founde them ten times better then all the inchanters & aſtrologians, that were in all his realme.

21 And Daniél was vnto [u] the firſt yere of King Cyrus.

r Meaning, in the liberal ſciences, and naturall knowledge, and not in ỹ magical artes which are forbiddē, Deu. 18, 11

ſ So that he onely was a Prophet and none of the other: for by dreames & viſions God appeared to his Prophetes, Nomb. 12, 6

t Of the thre yeres aboue mēcioned ver 5

u That is, he was eſtemed in Babylon as a Prophet ſo lōg as ỹ commune wealth ſtode.

CHAP. II.

2 The dreame of Nebuchad-nezzár. 13 The King commandeth all the wiſe men of Babylón to be ſlaine becauſe thei colde not interprete his dreame. 16 Daniél requireth time to ſolute the queſtion. 24 Daniél is broght vnto the King and ſheweth him his dreame & the interpretacion thereof. 44 Of the euerlaſting kingdome of Chriſt.

AND in ỹ [a] ſecond yere of ỹ reigne of Nebuchad-nezzár, Nebuchad-nezzár dreamed [b] dreames wherwith his ſpirit was [c] troubled, & his [d] ſlepe was vpon him.

2 Then the King commanded to call ỹ inchanters, and the aſtrologians and the ſorcerers, and the [e] Caldeans for to ſhew the King his dreames: ſo thei came and ſtode before the King.

3 And the King ſaid vnto them, I haue dreamed a dreame, & my ſpirit was troubled to knowe the dreame.

4 Then ſpake the Caldeans to the King in the [f] Aramites language, O King, liue for euer: ſhewe thy ſeruants thy dreame, and we ſhal ſhewe the interpretacion.

5 *And* the King anſwered and ſaid to the Caldeans, The thing is gone from me. If ye wil not make me vnderſtand the dreame with the interpretacion thereof, ye ſ ſhalbe drawen in pieces, and your houſes ſhalbe made a iakes.

6 But if ye declare the dreame and the interpretacion thereof, ye ſhal receiue of me gifts and rewardes, and great honour: therefore ſhewe me the dreame and the interpretacion of it.

7 Thei anſwered againe, and ſaid, Let the King ſhewe [h] his ſeruants the dreame, and we wil declare the interpretacion thereof.

8 *Then* the King anſwered, and ſaid, I knowe certeinly that ye [”] wolde gaine the time, becauſe ye ſe the thing is gone frō me.

9 But if ye wil not declare me the dreame, there is but one iudgement for you: for ye haue prepared lying and corrupt wordes, to ſpeake before me til ỹ time be changed: therefore tel me the dreame, that I maie knowe, if ye can declare me the interpretacion thereof.

10 *Then* the Caldeans anſwered before the King, and ſaid, There is no man vpon earth that can declare ỹ Kings matter: yea, there is nether King nor prince nor Lord that aſked ſuche things at an inchanter or aſtrologian or Caldean.

11 For it is a rare thing that the King requireth, & there is none other that can declare it before the King, except the gods whoſe dwelling is not with fleſh.

12 For this cauſe the King was angrie and in great furie, and commanded to deſtroie all the wiſe men of Babél.

13 ¶ And when ſentence was giuen, the wiſe men were ſlaine: and thei [i] ſoght Daniél & his felowes to be put to death.

14 Then Daniél anſwered with counſel & wiſdome to Arióch the Kings [g] chief ſteward, which was gone forthe to put to death the wiſe men of Babél.

15 *Yea*, he anſwered and ſaid vnto Arióch the Kings captaine, Why is the ſentēce ſo haſtie from the King? Then Arióch declared the thing to Daniél.

16 So Daniél went and deſired the King ỹ he wolde giue him leaſure & that he wolde ſhewe the King ỹ interpretacion thereof.

17 ¶ Then Daniél went to his houſe and ſhewed the matter to Hananiáh, Miſhaél, and Azariáh his companions,

18 That thei ſhulde beſeche the God of heauen for grace in this ſecret, that Daniél & his felowes ſhulde not periſh with the reſt of the wiſe men of Babél.

19 Then was the ſecret reueiled vnto Daniél in a viſion by night: therefore Daniél praiſed the God of heauen.

20 And Daniél anſwered & ſaid, *The Name of God be praiſed for euer and euer: for wiſdome and ſtrength are his,

21 And he changeth the times and ſeaſons: he taketh awaie Kings: he ſetteth vp Kīgs: he giueth wiſdome vnto the wiſe, & vnderſtanding to thoſe that vnderſtand.

22 He diſcouereth the depe & ſecret thīgs: he knoweth what is in the darkenes, and the [k] light dwelleth with him.

23 I thanke thee & praiſe thee, ô thou God of my [l] fathers, that thou haſt giuen me wiſdome and [m] ſtrength, and haſt ſhewed me now the thing that we deſired of thee: for thou haſt declared vnto vs the Kings matter.

24 ¶ Therefore Daniél went vnto Arióch, whome the King had ordeined to deſtroie the wiſe men of Babél: he went and ſaid

a The father and the ſonne were bothe called by this name, ſo that this is mente of ỹ ſonne, when he reigned alone: for he reigned alſo after a ſort w̄ his father

b Not that he had many dreames, but becauſe many matters were conteined in this dreame

c Becauſe it was ſo rare and ſtrange a dreame, that he had not had the like

d He was ſo heauy with ſlepe that he began to ſlepe agayne Some read, and his ſlepe was broken from him

e For all theſe aſtrologers & ſorcerers called them ſelues by this name of honour as though all the wiſdome and knowledge of the countrey depēded vpon thē, and that all other coūtreies were voide of the ſame.

f That is, in ỹ Syrian tongue which differed not muche from the Caldeans, ſaue it ſemed to be more eloquent, & therefore the learned vſed to ſpeake it: as the Iewiſh writers do to this day

g This is a miſte rewarde of their arrogancie (which vanted of thē ſelues that they had the knowledge of all things) ỹ thei ſhulde be proued fooles & ỹ to their perpetual ſhame and confuſion

h Here in appeared their ignorance that notwithſtanding their brags, yet were thei not able to tel the dreame, except he entred them into the matter, & therefore thei wolde pretende knowledge where was but mere ignorance and ſo as deluders of the people, thei were worthy to dye.

”*Or, redeme the time.*

i Which declareth, ỹ God wolde not haue his ſeruant ioyned in ỹ cōpanie of theſe ſorcerers, and aſtrologers, whoſe artes were wicked, and therefore iuſtly ought to dye, thogh ỹ King did it vpō a rage, and no zeale

g Or, the captaine of the garde.

*Pſal 113, 2. & 115, 18.

k He ſheweth that mā hathe nether wiſdome nor knowledge but very darke blindenes, and ignorance of him ſelf: for ye cometh onely of God, that mā vnderſtandeth ante thing

l To whome ỹ madeſt thy promes & who liued in thy feare: whereby he excludeth all other gods.

m Meaning, power to interprete it.

n Whereby appeareth that manie were slaine, as vers 13, and the rest at Daniels offer were preserued on condition: not that Daniél fauoured their wicked profession, but that he had respect to equitie because the King proceded according to his wicked affection, & not considering, if their science was lawful or no.

o He affirmeth that man by reason, & arte is not able to atteine to the cause of Gods secrets, but the vnderstanding onely thereof must come of God: whereby he smiteth ỹ King with a certeine feare and reuerence of God that he might be the more apt to receiue ỹ hye mysteries that shulde be reueiled

p Because he had said ỹ God onely must reueile the signification of this dreame, ỹ King might haue asked, why Daniél did enterprise to interpret it, & therefore he sheweth, that he was, but Gods minister, and had no giftes, but suche as God had giuẽ him to set forthe his glorie

q By golde, siluer, brasse, and yron are ment the Caldean, Persian, Macedonian, & Romaine kingdome, which shulde successiuely rule all the worlde til Christ (which is here called the stone) come him selfe, and destroye the last: & this was to assure the Iewes, ỹ their afflictiõs shulde not end with the empire of the Caldeans but that they shulde patiently abyde ỹ cõming of Messiah, ẅ shulde be at ỹ end of this fourth monarchie.

said thus vnto him, Destroye not n the wise men of Babél, *but* bring me before the King, and I wil declare vnto the King the interpretacion.

25 Then Arióch broght Daniél before the King in all haste, and said thus vnto him, I haue found a man of the children of Iudáh that were broght captiues, that wil declare vnto the King the interpretacion.

26 Then answered the King, and said vnto Daniél, whose name was Belteshazzár, Art thou able to shewe me the dreame, ẅ I haue sene, and the interpretacion thereof?

27 Daniél answered in the presence of the King, & said, The secret which the King hathe demanded, can nether the wise, the astrologians, the inchanters, *nor* the southesaiers declare vnto the King.

28 But there is a God in o heauen that reueileth secrets, and sheweth the King Nebuchad-nezzár what shalbe in the latter dayes. Thy dreame, and the things, ẅ thou hast sene in thine head vpon thy bed, is this.

29 O King, when ỹ wast in thy bed, thoghts came into thy *minde*, what shulde come to passe hereafter, and he that reueileth secrets, telleth thee, what shal come.

30 As p for me, this secret is not shewed me for anie wisdome that I haue, more then anie other liuing, but onely to shewe the King the interpretació, and that thou might'st knowe ỹ thoghts of thine heart.

31 O King, thou sawest, and beholde, there *was* a great image: this great image whose glorie was so excellent, stode before thee, and the forme thereof *was* terrible.

32 This images head was of fine q golde, his breast and his armes of siluer, his bellie and his thighs of brasse,

33 His legges of yron, & his fete *were* parte of yron, and parte of clay.

34 Thou beheldest it til a stone was cut without hands, which smote the image vpon his fete, that were of yron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the yron, the clay, the brasse, the siluer & the golde broken all togither, and became like the chaffe of the sommer floores, and the winde caryed them away, that no place was founde for them: and the stone that smote the image, became a great mountaine, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dreame, and we wil declare before the King ỹ interpretació thereof.

37 ¶ O King, thou art a King of Kings: for the God of heauen hathe giuen thee a kingdome, power, and strength, & glorie.

38 And in all *places* where the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field, and the foules of the heauen hathe he giuen into thine hand, and hathe made thee ruler ouer them all: thou art r this head of golde.

39 And after thee shal rise another kingdome, s inferiour to thee, *of siluer*, and another t third kingdome *shalbe* of brasse, which shal beare rule ouer all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdome shalbe strõg as yron: for as yron breaketh in pieces, & subdueth all things, and as yron bruseth all these things, so shal it breake in u pieces and bruse *all*.

41 Where as thou sawest the fete and toes, parte of potters clay, and parte of yron: the kingdome shalbe x deuided, but there shalbe in it of the strength of the yron, as thou sawest the yron mixt with the claye, *and* earth.

42 And *as* the toes of the fete *were* parte of yron, and parte of clay, so shal the kingdome be partely strong, and partely broken.

43 And where as thou sawest yrõ mixt with clay & earth, they shal mingle them selues with y the sede of men: but they shal not ioyne one with another, as yron cã not be mixed with clay.

44 And in the dayes of these Kings, shal the God of heauẽ set vp a kingdome, which z shal neuer be destroyed: and this kingdome shal not be giuen to another people, but it shal breake, and destroye all these kingdomes, and it shal stand for euer.

45 Where as ỹ sawest, that the a stone was cut of the mountaine without hands, and that it brake in pieces the yron, the brasse, the clay, the siluer and the golde: so the great God hathe shewed the King, what shal come to passe hereafter, and the dreame *is* true, and the interpretacion thereof *is* sure.

46 ¶ Then the King Nebuchad-nezzár fel vpon his face, and b bowed him self vnto Daniél, and commanded that thei shulde offer meat offrings, & swete odoures vnto him.

47 *Also* the King answered vnto Daniél, & said, *I knowe* of a truth that your c God is a God of gods, & the Lord of Kings, and the reueiler of secrets, seing thou coldest open this secret.

48 So the King made Daniél a great man, and gaue him manie and great d giftes. He made him gouernour ouer the whole prouince of Babél, and chief of the rulers, & aboue all the wise men of Babél.

r Daniél leaueth out the kingdome of the Assyrians, which was before the Babylonian, bothe because it was not a monarchie & general empire, & also because it wold declare the things, ỹ were to come, to the comig of Christ for the cõfort of the elect amoog these wonderful alterations: & he calleth the Babyloniã kingdome the golden head, because in respect of the other thre, it was the best, and yet was of it self wicked and cruel

s Meaning, the Persiãs, which were not inferiour in dignitie, power, and riches, but were worse touchingambitiõ, cruelnes, & all kinde of vice: shewing, that ỹ worlde shul de growe worse, and worse, til it was restored by Christ.

t That is, of ỹ Macedonians shalbe of brasse, not alluding to the hardenes therof, but to the vilenes in respect of siluer.

u That is, the Romain empire shal subdue all these other afore named, ẅ after Alexãder were deuided into ỹ Macedonians, Grecians, Syrias & Egyptians

x They shal haue ciuil warres and continual discordes among them selues

y They shal by mariages, and affinities thinke to make thẽ selues strong: yet shal they neuer be ioyned in hearts.

z His purpose is to shewe, that all the kingdomes of ỹ worlde are transitorie, & ỹ the kingdome of Christ shal onely remaine for euer

a Meaning Christ who was sent of God and not set vp by man, whose kingdome at the beginning shulde be smale, & without beautie to mans iudgemẽt, but shulde at length growe & fil the whole earth, ẅ he calleth a great mountaine, as vers 35 And this kingdome, which is not onely referred to the persone of Christ, but also to the whole bodie of his Church, and to euerie member thereof, shalbe eternal: for the Spirit that is in them, is life eternal, Rom 8, 10

b Though this hũbling of ỹ King semed to deserue cõmendation, yet because he ioyned Gods honour with the Prophets, it is to be reproued, & Daniél herein erred if he suffred it: but it is credible that Daniél admonished him of his faute and did not suffre it

c This cõfession was but a sudden motiõ, as it was also in Pharaóh, Exo 9, 28. but his heart was not touched, as appeared sone afterward

d Not that the Prophet was desirous of gifts or honour, but because by this meanes he might relieue his poore breathren ẅ were grieuously oppressed in this their captiuitie, & also he receiued thẽ, lest he shulde offend this cruel King, ẅ willingly gaue them.

49 Then Daniél [e] made requeſt to the King, and he ſet Shadrách, Meſhách, and Abednegó ouer the charge of the prouince of Babél: but Daniél *ſate* in the [f] gate of the King.

[e] He did not this for their priuate profit, but that the whole Church which was the there in affliction, might haue ſome releaſe and eaſe, by this benefite

[f] Meaning, that ether he was a iudge, or that he had the whole authoritie, ſo that none colde de admitted to the Kings preſence, but by him.

CHAP. III.

1 The King ſetteth vp a golden image. 8 Certeine are accuſed becauſe thei deſpiſed the Kings commãdemẽt, and are put into a burning ouen. 25 By beleſe in God they are deliuered from the fyre 26 Nebuchad-nezzár confeſſeth the power of God after the ſight of the miracle.

1 NEbuchad-nezzár the King made [a] an image of golde, whoſe height *was* threſcore cubites, & the breadth thereof ſix cubites: he ſet it vp in the plaine of Durá, in the prouince of Babél.

[a] Vnder pretence of religion, and holines in makig an image to his idole Bel, he ſoght his owne ambition and vaine glorie: and this declareth, that he was not touched with the true feare of God before, but ẏ he cõfeſſed him on a ſudden motion as the wicked, when thei are ouercome with the greatnes of his workes. The Greke interpreters write, that this was done 18 yeres after the dreame, and as may appeare ẏ King feared leſt the Iewes by their religion ſhulde haue altered the ſtate of his cõmune wealth, and therefore he mẽt to brig all to one kinde of religion, and ſo rather ſoght his owne quietnes, then Gods glorie

2 Then Nebuchad-nezzár the King ſent forthe to gather togethei the nobles, the princes & the dukes, the iudges, the receiuers, the counſellers, the officers, & all the gouerners of the prouinces, that they ſhulde come to the [b] dedication of the image, which Nebuchad-nezzár the [c] King had ſet vp.

3 So the nobles, princes, and dukes, the iudges, the receiuers, the counſellers, the officers, and all the gouerners of the prouinces were aſſembled vnto the dedicating of the image, that Nebuchad-nezzár the King had ſet vp: and they ſtode before the image, which Nebuchad-nezzár had ſet vp.

4 Then an herald cryed aloud, Be it knowẽ to you, ô people, [d] nations, and langages,

5 That when ye heare the ſoũd of the cornet, trũpet, harpe, ſackebut, pſalteries, dulcimer, and all inſtruments of muſicke, ye fall downe and worſhip the goldẽ image, that Nebuchad-nezzár the King hathe ſet vp.

6 And whoſoeuer falleth not downe and worſhippeth, ſhal the ſame houre be caſt into the middes of an hote fyrie fornace.

7 Therefore aſſone as all the people heard ẏ ſound of the cornet, trũpet, harpe, ſackebut, pſalterie, & all inſtrumẽts of muſicke, all ẏ people, nations, & langages fel downe, and worſhiped the golden image, that Nebuchad-nezzár the King had ſet vp.

8 ¶ By reaſon whereof at that ſame time came men of the Caldeãs, and grieuouſly accuſed the Iewes.

9 *For* they ſpake and ſaid to the King Nebuchad-nezzár, O King, liue for euer.

10 Thou, ô King, haſt made a decre, that euerie man that ſhal heare the ſound of the cornet, trumpet, harpes, ſackebut, pſalterie, and dulcimer, and all inſtrumẽts of muſicke, ſhal fall downe & worſhip the golden image,

11 And whoſoeuer falleth not downe, and worſhippeth, that he ſhulde be caſt into the middes of an hote fyrie fornace.

12 There are certeine Iewes whome thou haſt ſet ouer the charge of the prouince of Babél, [e] Shadrách, Meſhách, and Abednegó: theſe men, ô King, haue not regarded thy commandement, nether wil they ſerue thy gods, nor worſhip the golden image, that thou haſt ſet vp.

[e] It ſemeth, ẏ thei named not Daniél becauſe he was greatly in the Kings fauour, thinking if theſe thre had bene deſtroyed, they might haue had better occaſion to accuſe Daniél: and this declareth that this policie of erecting this image was inuented by ẏ malicious hatereis, ẃ ſoght nothing but ẏ deſtruction of ẏ Iewes, whome they accuſed of rebelliõ & ingratitude.

13 ¶ Then Nebuchad-nezzár in *his* angre and wrath commanded that they ſhulde bring Shadrách, Meſhách, and Abednegó: ſo theſe men were broght before the King.

14 *And* Nebuchad-nezzár ſpake, and ſaid vnto thẽ, What diſordre? wil not you, Shadrách, Meſhách, and Abednegó ſerue my god, nor worſhip the goldẽ image, that I haue ſet vp?

15 [f] Now therefore are ye ready whẽ ye heare the ſound of the cornet, trumpet, harpe, ſackebut, pſalterie, and dulcimer, and all inſtruments of muſicke, to fall downe, & worſhip the image, which I haue made? for if ye worſhip it not, ye ſhalbe caſt immediatly into the middes of an hote firie fornace: for who is that God, that can deliuer you out of mine hands?

[f] Signifying, ẏ he wolde receiue them to grace, if they wolde now at the legth obey his decre

16 Shadrách, Meſhách, and Abednegó anſwered & ſaid to the King, O Nebuchadnezzár, we [g] are not careful to anſwer thee in this matter.

[g] For they ſhulde haue done iniurie to God, if they ſhulde haue douted in this holie cauſe, & therefore they ſay, that they are reſolued to dye for Gods cauſe

17 Beholde, our God whome we ſerue, is [h] able to deliuer vs fro thẽ hote fyrie fornace, and he wil deliuer vs out of thine hand, ô King.

[h] They groũde on two pointes, firſt in the power, & prouidẽce of God ouer them, and ſecondly on their cauſe, ẃ was Godsglorie, and ẏ teſtifying of his true religiõ, ẃ thetr blood & ſo make open confeſsion, that they wil not ſo muche as outwardly conſent to idolatrie

18 But if not, be it knowen to thee, ô King, ẏ we wil not ſerue thy gods, nor worſhip the golden image, which thou haſt ſet vp.

19 ¶ Then was Nebuchad-nezzár ful of rage, and the forme of his viſage was changed againſt Shadrách, Meſhách, & Abednegó: *therefore* he charged and commanded that they ſhulde heate the fornace at once ſeuen [i] times more then it was wonte to be heat.

[i] This declareth that the more, that tyrants rage, & the more witty they ſhewe them ſelues in inuenting ſtrãge, and cruel puniſhements, the more is God glorified by his ſeruãts to whome he giueth pacience and conſtãcie to abide ẏ crueltie of their puniſhement: for ether he deliuereth them frõ death or els for this life giueth thẽ a better.

20 And he charged the moſte valiant men of warre ẏ were in his armie, to binde Shadrách, Meſhách, and Abednegó, & to caſt them into the hote fyrie fornace.

21 So theſe men were bounde in their coates, their hoſen, & their clokes, with their *other* garments, and caſt into the middes of the hote fyrie fornace.

22 Therefore, becauſe the Kings commandement was ſtraite, that the fornace ſhulde be exceading hote, the flame of ẏ fyre ſlew thoſe men ẏ broght forthe Shadrách, Meſhách,

[b] Thei named not the day, leſt the Iewes ſhulde haue had occaſion to haue kept it holie day.

[c] This was ſufficient with ẏ wicked at all times to approue their religion, if the Kings autoritie were alledged for ẏ eſtabliſhmẽt thereof, not conſidering in the meane ſeaſon what Gods worde did permit

[d] Theſe are ẏ two dãgerous weapons wherewith Satã vſeth to fight againſt ẏ childrẽ of God, ẏ cõſent of the multitude & ẏ crueltie of ẏ puniſhment: for rhogh ſome feared God, yet ẏ multitude, ẃ conſented to the wickednes, aſtonied thẽ: & here ẏ King required not an inward cõſent, but an outward geſture, that ẏ Iewes might by litle & litle learne to forget their true religion.

Meſhách and Abednegó.

23 And theſe thre men Shadrách, Meſhách and Abednego fel downe bounde into the middes of the hote fyrie fornace.

24 ¶ Thē Nebuchad-nezzár the King was aſtonied and roſe vp in haſte, & ſpake, and ſaid vnto his counſellers, Did not we caſt thre men bounde into the middes of the fyre? Who anſwered and ſaid vnto the King, It is true, ô King.

25 *And* he anſwered, and ſaid, Lo, I ſe foure men looſe, walking in the middes of the fyre, and they haue no hurt, and the forme of the fourth is like the [k] ſonne of God.

26 Then the King Nebuchad-nezzar came nere to the mouth of the hote fyrie fornace, & ſpake and ſaid, Shadrách, Meſhách and Abednegó, the ſeruants of the hie God, go forthe & come *hether*: ſo Shadrách, Meſhach and Abednegó [l] came forthe of the middes of the fyre.

27 Then the nobles, princes and dukes, and the Kings counſellers came together to ſe theſe men, becauſe the fyre had no power ouer their bodies: for not an heere of their head was burnt, nether was their coats changed, nor any ſmel of fyre came vpon them.

28 *Wherefore* Nebuchad-nezzár ſpake and ſaid, [m] Bleſſed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meſhách and Abednegó, who hathe ſent his Angel, and deliuered his ſeruants, that put their truſt in him, and haue changed the Kings commandement, & yelded their bodies rather thē thei wolde ſerue or worſhip anie god, ſaue their owne God.

29 Therefore I make a decre, that euery people, nacion, and langage, which ſpeake any [n] blaſphemie againſt the God of Shadrách, Meſhách and Abednegó, ſhal be drawen in pieces, and their houſes ſhal be made a iakes, becauſe there is no god that can deliuer after this ſorte.

30 Then the King promoted Shadrách, Meſhách and Abednegó in the prouince of Bábél.

31 Nebuchad-nezzár King vnto all people, nacions and langages, that dwell in all the [o] worlde, Peace be multiplied vnto you:

32 I thoght it good to declare the ſignes and wonders, that the hie God hathe wroght towarde me.

33 How great are his ſignes, and how mightie are his wonders! [p] his kingdome *is* an euerlaſting kingdome, and his dominion *is* from generacion to generacion.

k For the Angels were called the ſonnes of God, becauſe of their excellencie: therefore the Kig called this Angel, whome God ſent to comfort his in their great torments, the ſonne of God

l This cōmendeth their obedience vnto God that they wolde not for any feare departe out of this fornace til the time was appointed, as Noáh remained in ỹ Arke til the Lord called him forthe

m He was moued by ỹ greatnes of the miracle to praiſe God, but his heart was not touched And here we ſe that miracles are not ſufficient to conuert men to God, but ỹ doctrine muſt chiefly be adioyned, without the which there can be no faith

n If this heathen King moued by Gods Spirit, wolde not ſe blaſpheme vnpuniſhed, but made a Law and ſet a puniſhement to ſuche tranſgreſſers, muche more ought all they that profeſſe religion, take order that ſuche impietie reigne not, leſt according as their knowledge & charge is greater, ſo they ſuffer double puniſhement

o Meaning, ſo farre as his dominion extended

p Read Chap 3.44.

CHAP. IIII.

2 Another dreame of Nebuchad-nezzár, which Daniél declareth 29 The Prophet declareth how of a proude King he ſhulde become as a beaſt. 31 After, he confeſſeth the power of God and is reſtored to his former dignitie.

1 I Nebuchad-nezzár being at [a] reſt in mine houſe, and flouriſhing in my palace,

2 Sawe a [b] dreame, which made me afraied, and the thoghtes vpon my bed, and the viſions of mine head troubled me.

3 Therefore made I a decre, that thei ſhulde bring all the wiſe men of Babél before me, that they might declare vnto me the interpretacion of the dreame.

4 So came the enchanters, the aſtrologians, the Caldeans and the ſouthſayers, to whome I tolde the dreame, but [c] they colde not ſhewe me the interpretacion thereof,

5 Til at the laſt Daniél came before me, (whoſe name *was* [d] Belteſhazzár, accordig to the name of my god, which hathe the ſpirit of the holy gods in him) and before him I tolde the dreame, *ſaying*,

6 O Belteſhazzár, [e] chief of the enchanters, becauſe I knowe, that the ſpirit of the holy gods is in thee, & no ſecret troubleth thee, tel me the viſions of my dreame, that I haue ſene and the interpretacion thereof.

7 Thus *were* the viſions of mine head in my bed. And beholde, I ſawe a [f] tre in the middes of the earth and the height thereof *was* great:

8 A great tre & ſtrong, and the height thereof reached vnto heauen, & the ſight thereof to the ends of all the earth.

9 The boughes thereof *were* faire and the frute thereof muche, and in it was meat for all: it made a ſhadowe vnder it for the beaſtes of the field, and the foules of the heauen dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all fleſh fed of it.

10 I ſawe in the viſions of mine head, vpon my bed, and beholde, a [g] watcheman & an holy one came downe from heauen,

11 And cryed aloude, and ſaid thus, Hewe downe the tre, and breake of his branches: ſhake of his leaues, and ſcattre his frute, that the beaſts may flee from vnder it, & the foules from his branches.

12 Neuertheles leaue the ſtumpe of his rootes in the earth, and with a band of yron and braſſe *binde it* among the graſſe of the field, and let it be wet with the dewe of heauen, and let his porcion *be* with the beaſtes among the graſſe of the field.

13 [h] Let his heart be changed from mans *nature*, & let a beaſtes heart be giuen vnto him, and let ſeuen times be paſſed ouer him.

14 [i] The ſentence *is* according to the decre of the watchemen, and according to the worde of the holy ones: the demande

a There was no trouble that might cauſe me to dreame, and therefore it came onely of God

b This was another dreame beſides that which he ſawe of the foure empires: for Daniél bothe declared what that dreame was, and what it ment: and here onely expoundeth the dreame

c In that that he ſent abroad to others, whoſe ignorance in times paſt he had experimented, and left Daniél ẅ was euer readie at hand, it declareth the nature of the vngodlie, ẅ neuer ſeke to the ſeruantes of God, but for very neceſſitie, and then they ſpare no flatteriogs

d This no doute was a great grief to Daniél not onely to haue his name changed, but to be called by ỹ name of a vile idole, which thing Nebuchad-nezzár did to make him forget the true religion of God

e Which alſo was a great grief to the Prophet to be nōbred among the ſorcerers & men whoſe practiſes were wicked and contrary to Gods worde.

f By the tre, is ſignified the dignitie of a King, whome God ordeineth to bea defence for all kinde of men, & whoſe ſtate is profitable for mākinde.

g Meaning, the Angel of God, which nether eateth not ſleepeth, but is euer ready to do Gods wil & is not infect ẅ mās corruptiō but is euer holy: and in that that he cōmandeth to cut downe this tre, he knewe ỹ it ſhulde not be cut downe by mā but by God.

h Hereby he meaneth ỹ Nebuchad-nezzár ſhulde not onely for a time looſe his kingdome, but be like a beaſt

i God hathe decreed this iudgement and the whole armie of heauen haue as it were ſubſcribed vnto it, like as alſo thei deſire the execution of his decre againſt all them that lift vp them ſelues againſt God.

was answered, to the intent that liuing mẽ may knowe, that ỹ moste high hathe power ouer the kingdome of men, and giueth it to whomesoeuer he wil, and appointeth ouer it the moste abiect among men.

25 This is the dreame, *that* I King Nebuchad-nezzár haue sene: therefore thou, ô Belteshazzár, declare the interpretacion thereof: for all the wise men of my kingdome are not able to shewe me the interpretacion: but thou art able, for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee.

16 ¶ Then Daniél (whose name *was* Belteshazzár) held his [k] peace by the space of one houre, and his thoghts troubled him, & the King spake and said, Belteshazzár, let nether the dreame, nor the interpretacion thereof trouble thee. Belteshazzár answered and said, My lord, the dreame *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretacion thereof to thine enemies.

17 The tre ỹ thou sawest, which was great and mightie, whose height reached vnto the heauen, and the sight thereof through all the worlde,

18 Whose leaues *were* faire & the frute thereof muche, and in it was meat for all, vnder the which the beasts of the field dwelt, and vpon whose branches the foules of the heauen did sit,

19 It is thou, ô King, ỹ art great & mightie: for thy greatnes is growen, & reacheth vnto heauen, & thy dominion to the ends of the earth.

20 Where as the King sawe a watcheman, & an holy one, that came downe from heauen, and said, Hewe downe the tre & destroy it, yet leaue the stumpe of the rootes thereof in the earth, and with a bande of yron and brasse *binde it* among the grasse of the field, & let it be wet with the dewe of heauen, and let his porcion be with the beasts of the field, [l] til seuen times passe ouer him,

21 This *is* the interpretacion, ô King, and it is the decre of the moste high, which is come vpon my lord the King,

22 That they shal driue thee from men, & thy dwelling shalbe with the beasts of the field: they shal make thee to eat grasse as ỹ [m] oxen, & thei shal wet thee with the dewe of heauen: and seuen times shal passe ouer thee, til thou knowe, that [n] the moste high beareth rule ouer the kingdome of men, and giueth it to whome soeuer he wil.

23 Where as they said, that one shulde leaue the stũpe of the tre rootes, thy kingdome shal remaine vnto thee: after that, thou shalt knowe, that the heauens haue the rule.

24 Wherefore, ô King, let my counsel be acceptable vnto thee, and [o] breake of thy sinnes by righteousnes, & thine iniquities by mercie toward the poore: lo, let there be an [p] healing of thine errour.

25 All these things shal come vpon ỹ King Nebuchad-nezzár.

26 ¶ At the end of twelue [q] moneths, he walked in the royal palace of Babél.

27 *And* the King spake and said, Is not this great Babél, that I haue buylt for the house of the kingdome by the might of my power, and for the honour of my maiestie?

28 While ỹ worde *was* in the Kings mouth, a voyce came downe from heauen, *saying*, O King Nebuchad nezzár, to thee be it spoken, Thy kingdome is departed from thee,

29 And they shal driue thee from men, and thy dwelling *shalbe* with the beasts of the field: they shal make thee to eat grasse, as the oxen, and seuen times shal passe ouer thee, vntil thou knowest, that ỹ most high beareth rule ouer the kingdome of men, & giueth it vnto whome soeuer he wil.

30 The very same houre was this thing fulfilled vpon Nebuchad-nezzár, and he was driuen from men, and did eat grasse as the oxen, and his bodie was wet with the dewe of heauen, til his heeres were growen as egles *feathers* and his nailes like birds *clawes*.

31 And at the end of *these* [r] dayes I Nebuchad-nezzár lift vp mine eies vnto heauẽ, and mine vnderstanding was restored vnto me, and I gaue thankes vnto the moste high, and I praised and honored him that liueth for euer, * whose power *is* an euerlasting power, and his kingdome *is* from generacion to generacion.

32 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and according to his [s] wil he worketh in the armie of heauen, & in the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, nor say vnto him, What doest thou?

33 At the same time was mine vnderstanding restored vnto me, and *I returned* to the honour of my kingdome: my glorie and my beautie was restored vnto me, and my counsellours [t] and my princes soght vnto me, & I was established in my kingdome, and my glorie was augmented toward me.

34 Now *therefore* I Nebuchad-nezzár [u] praise, and extoll & magnifie the King of heauen, whose workes are all trueth, and his wayes iudgement, and those that walke in pride, he is able to abase.

CHAR. V.

5 Belshazzár King of Babylon seeth an hand writing on the wall. 8 The sothsayers called of the King can not expounde the writing. 25 Daniél readeth it, and interpreteth it also. 30 The King is slayne. 31 Darius enioyeth the kingdome.

1 King

k He was troubled for the great iudgemẽt of God which he sawe ordered against ỹ King: and so the Prophetes vsed on the one parte to denounce Gods iudgemẽts for the zeale they bare to his glorie, and on the other parte to haue cõpassion vpon man, and also to consider that they shulde be subiect to Gods iudgements, if he did not regarde them w pitie.

l Whereby he meaneth a lõg space, as seuẽ yeres. Some interprete seuen moneths, and others seuen wekes: but it semeth he mẽt of yeres.

m Not ỹ his shape or forme was chãged into a beast, but that he was ether striken mad, & so auoided mans compaie, or was cast out for his tyrannie and so wandered among the beasts, and ate herbes & grasse

n Daniél shewe th the cause, why God thus punished him

o Cease from prouoking God to angre any longer by thy sinnes, that he may mitigate his punishmẽt, if ỹ shewe by thine vpright life that thou hast true faith & repentance.

p Suffre the errours of thy former life to be redressed.

q After that Daniél had declared this vision: & thus his pride declareth that it is not in man to cõuert to God except his Spirit moue him, seing ỹ these terrible threatnings colde not moue him to repent.

r Whẽ the terme of these seuen yeres was accomplished

* *Chap 7.14. mich.4.11. luk.1.33.*

s He confesseth Gods wil to be the rule of all iustice & a moste perfite Law whereby he gouerneth bothe man and Angels and deuils, so ỹ none ought to murmure, or aske a reason of his dosgs, but onely to stand content therewith and giue him ỹ glorie.

t By whome it semeth that he had bene put from his kingdome before

u He doeth not onely praise God for his deliueräce, but also cõfesseth his faute that God may onely haue the glorie & man the shame, & that he may be exalted & mã cast downe.

a Daniél reciteth this hiſtorie of King Belſhazzár Euilmerodachs ſonne, to ſhewe Gods iudgements againſt the wicked, for the deliuerance of his Church, and how the prophecie of Ieremiáh was true, that they ſhulde be deliuered after ſeuentie yeres.

1 KIng a Belſhazzár made a great feaſt to a thouſand of his princes, and dranke wine b before the thouſand.

2 *And* Belſhazzár while he taſted the wine, commanded to bring him the golden and ſiluer veſſels, which his c father Nebuchad-nezzár had broght from the Temple in Ieruſalém, that the King and his princes, his wife, and his concubines might drinke therein.

3 Then were broght the goldē veſſels, that were takē out of the Temple of the Lords houſe at Ieruſalém, and the King and his princes, his wiues, and his concubines dráke in them.

4 They dróke wine and praiſed the d gods of golde, and of ſiluer, of braſſe, of yron, of wood and of ſtone.

5 At the ſame houre appeared fingers of a mans hand, which wrote ouer e againſt the candleſticke vpon the plaiſter of the wall of the Kings palace, & the King ſawe the palme of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the Kings countenance was changed, and his thoghts troubled him, ſo that the ioyntes of his loines were looſed, and his f knees ſmote one againſt the other.

7 *Wherefore* the King cryed loud, that they ſhulde bring g the aſtrologians, the Caldeans and the ſothſaiers. And the King ſpake, and ſaid to the wiſe men of Babél, Whoſoeuer can read this writing, and declare me the interpretacio thereof, ſhalbe clothed with purple, & *ſhal haue* a chaine of golde about his necke, and ſhalbe the third ruler in the kingdome.

8 Then came all the Kings wiſe men, but they colde nether read the writing, nor ſhewe the King the interpretacion.

9 Then was King Belſhazzár greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his princes were aſtonied.

10 *Now* the h Queene by reaſon of the talke of the King, and his princes came into the banket houſe, *and* the Queene ſpake, and ſaid, O King, liue for euer: let not thy thoghts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed.

11 There is a mā in thy kingdome, in whome is the ſpirit of the holie gods, and in the dayes of thy father light and vnderſtanding & wiſdome like the wiſdome of the gods, was found in him: whome the King Nebuchad-nezzár thy father the King, *I ſay*, thy father, made chief of the i enchanters, aſtrologians, Caldeans, *and* ſothſaiers,

12 Becauſe a more excellent ſpirit, and knowledge, and vnderſtanding (*for* he did expounde dreames, and declare hard ſentences, and diſſolued doutes) were founde in him, *euen* in Daniél, whome the King named Belteſhazzár: now let Daniél be called, and he wil declare the interpretacion.

13 ¶ Then was Daniél broght before the King, *and* the King ſpake and ſaid vnto Daniél, Art thou that Daniél, which art of the children of the captiuitie of Iudáh, whome my father the King broght out of Iewrie?

14 Now I haue heard of thee, that k the ſpirit of the holie gods *is* in thee, & that light and vnderſtanding and excellēt wiſdome is found in thee.

15 Now therefore wiſemen, & aſtrologians haue bēne broght before me, that they ſhulde read this writing, and ſhewe me the interpretacion thereof: but they colde not declare the interpretacion of the thing.

16 Then heard I of thee, that thou cōldeſt ſhewe interpretacions, and diſſolue doutes: now if thou canſt read the writing, & ſhewe me the interpretacion thereof, thou ſhalt be clothed with purple, & *ſhalt haue* a chaine of golde about thy necke, and ſhalt be the third ruler in the kingdome.

17 Then Daniél anſwered, and ſaid before the King, Kepe thy rewardes to thy ſelf, & giue thy giftes to another: yet I wil read the writing vnto the King and ſhewe him the interpretacion.

18 O King, *heare* thou, The moſte high God gaue vnto l Nebuchad-nezzár thy father a kingdome, and maieſtie and honour and glorie.

19 And for the maieſtie that he gaue him, all people, nations, and langages trembled, & feared before him: he put to death whome he wolde: he ſmote whome he wolde: whome he wolde he ſet vp, & whome he wolde he put downe.

20 But when his heart was puft vp, and his minde hardened in pride, he was depoſed from his kinglie throne, and they toke his honour from him.

21 And he was driuen from the ſonnes of men, & his heart was made like the beaſts, and his dwelling was with the wilde aſſes: they fed him with graſſe like oxen, and his bodie was wet with the dewe of the heauen, til he knewe, that the moſte high God bare rule ouer the kingdome of mē, and that he appointeth ouer it, whome ſoeuer he pleaſeth.

22 And thou his ſonne, ô Belſhazzár, haſt not hūbled thine heart, thogh thou knewеſt all theſe things,

23 But haſt lift thy ſelf vp againſt the Lord of heauen, and they haue broght the veſſels of his Houſe before thee, & thou and thy princes, thy wiues and thy concubines

b The Kings of the Eaſt parтes then vſed to ſit alone cōmunely, & diſdained yᵗ any ſhulde ſit in their cōpanie: and now to ſhewe his power, & how little he ſet by his enemie, yᵗ then beſieged Babylon, he made a ſolemne banket, & vſed exceſſe in their cōpanie which is mēt here by drinking wine: thus the wicked are moſte diſſolute, and negligent whē their deſtruction is at hād

c Meaning his graud father

d In contempt of the true God they prated their idoles, not yᵗ they thoght that yᵗ golde or ſiluer were gods, but that there was a certeine vertue, and power in them to do them good, yᵗ is alſo the opinion of all idolaters

e That it might the better be ſene

f So he that before contēned God, was moued by this ſight to tremble for feare of Gods iudgements

g Thus the wicked in their troubles ſeke manie meanes, who drawe them frō God, becauſe they ſeke not to him who is the onelie comfort in all afflictiōs

h To wit, his grand mother Nebuchad-nezzars wife, which for her age was not before at the feaſt, but came thether when ſhe heard of theſe ſtrāge newes

i Read Chap 4. 6. and this declareth, that bothe this name was odious vnto him and alſo that he did not vſe theſe vile practiſes, becauſe he was not among them when all were called.

k For the idolaters thoght, that yᵗ Angels had power as God, and therefore had thē in like eſtimation, as they had God, thinking that the ſpirit of prophecie, & vnderſtanding came of them.

l Before he red the writing, he declareth to yᵗ King his great ingratitude toward God, who colde not be moued to giue hī the glorie, conſidering his wonderful worke toward his grand father, & ſo ſheweth, that he doeth not ſinne of ignorance, but of malice.

haue drunke wine in them, and thou haſt praiſed the gods of ſiluer and golde, of braſſe, yron, wood and ſtone, which nether ſe, nether heare, nor vnderſtand: and the God in whoſe hand thy breath is and all thy wayes, him haſt thou not glorified.

24 [m] Then was the palme of the hand ſent from him, and hathe writen this writing.

25 And this is the writing that he hathe writen, [n] MENE, MENE, TEKEL VPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretacion of the thing, MENE, God hathe nõbred thy kingdome, and hathe finiſhed it:

27 TEKEL, thou art wayed in the balance, and art founde [e] to light.

28 PERES, thy kingdome is diuided, and giuen to the Medes and Perſians.

29 Then at the commandement of Belſhazzár they clothed Daniél with purple, and *put* a chaine of golde about his necke, and made a proclamacion cõcerning him that he ſhulde be the thirde ruler in the kingdome.

30 The ſame night was Belſhazzár ỹ King of the Caldeans ſlaine.

31 And Darius [o] of the Medes toke ỹ kingdome, being threſcore and two yere olde.

m After that God had ſo long time deferred his angre, & paciẽtly waited for thine amendemẽt.

n This worde is twiſe writẽ for the certeintie of ỹ thing: ſhewing, that God had moſte ſurely coũted & ſignifying alſo that God hathe appointed a terme for all kingdomes, & ỹ a miſerable end ſhal come on all that raiſe them ſelues againſt him

e Or, wantyng.

o Cyrus his ſonne in lawe gaue him this title of honour although Cyrus in effect had ỹ dominion

CHAP. VI.

Daniél is made ruler ouer the gouerners. 5 An acte againſt Daniél 16 He is put into a denne of lyons by the commandement of the King 23 He is deliuered by faith in God 24 Daniels accuſers are put vnto the lyons. 25 Darius by a decre magnifieth the God of Daniél

1 IT pleaſed Darius to ſet ouer the kingdome [a] an hundreth and twentie gouernours, which ſhulde be ouer ỹ whole kingdome.

a Read Eſter Chap 1, 1

2 And ouer theſe, thre rulers (of whome Daniél was one) that the gouernours might giue accompts vnto them, and the King ſhulde [e] haue no domage.

e Or, not be troubled.

3 Now this Daniél [b] was preferred aboue the rulers and gouernours, becauſe the ſpirit was excellent in him, and the King thoght to ſet him ouer the whole realme.

b This heathẽ King preferred Daniél a ſtranger to all his nobles & familiars, becauſe the graces of God were more excellent in him then in others

4 ¶Wherefore the rulers and gouernours [c] ſoght an occaſion againſt Daniél concerning the kingdome: but they colde finde none occaſiõ nor faute: for he was ſo faithful that there was no blame nor faute founde in him.

c Thus the wicked cã not abide the graces of God in others, but ſeke by all occaſions to deface them: therefore againſt ſuche aſſaltes there is no better remedie then to walke vprightly in ỹ feare of God, and to haue a good conſcience.

5 Then ſaid theſe mẽ, We ſhal not finde an occaſion againſt this Daniél, except we finde it againſt him concerning the Law of his God.

6 Therefore the rulers and theſe gouernours went together to the King, and ſaid thus vnto him, King Darius, liue for euer.

7 All the rulers of thy kingdome the officers and gouernours, the counſellers, and dukes haue conſulted together to make a decre for the King and to eſtabliſh a ſtatute, that whoſoeuer ſhal aſke a peticion of anie god or man for thirtie dayes ſaue of thee, ô King, he ſhalbe caſt into the denne of lyons.

8 Now, ô King, cõfirme the decre, and ſeale the writing, that it be not changed according to the law of the Medes and Perſians, which altereth not.

9 Wherefore King Darius [d] ſealed the writing and the decre.

d Herein is cõdemned the wickednes of the King, who wolde be ſet vp as a god, & paſſed not what wicked lawes he approued for the maintenãce of the ſame

10 ¶Now when Daniél vnderſtode that he had ſealed the writing, he went into his houſe, and his [e] windowe being open in his chamber toward Ieruſalém, he kneeled vpon his knees thre times a day, & prayed and praiſed his God, as he did afore time.

e Becauſe he wolde not by his ſilẽce ſhew that he conſented to this wicked decre, he ſet open his windowes toward Ieruſalém, when he prayed: bothe to ſtirre vp hi ſelf with the remembrance of Gods promiſes to his people when they ſhulde pray towarde that Temple, & alſo ỹ others might ſe that he wolde nether conſent in heart nor dede for theſe fewe dayes to anie thing that was contrarie to Gods glorie.

11 Then theſe men aſſembled, and founde Daniél praying, and making ſupplicacion vnto his God.

12 So they came, and ſpake vnto the King concerning the Kings decre, Haſt thou not ſealed the decre, that euerie man that ſhal make requeſt to anie god or mã within thirtie dayes, ſaue to thee, ô King, ſhalbe caſt into the denne of lyons? The King anſwered, and ſaid, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Perſians, which altereth not.

13 Then anſwered they, and ſaid vnto the King, This Daniél which is of the children of the captiuitie of Iudáh, regardeth not thee, ô King, nor the decre, that thou haſt ſealed, but maketh his peticion thre times a day.

14 When the King heard theſe wordes, he was ſore diſpleaſed with him ſelf, and ſet his heart on Daniél, to deliuer him: and he laboured til the ſunne went downe, to deliuer him.

15 Then theſe men aſſembled vnto the King, and ſaid vnto the King, Vnderſtand, ô King, that the law of the Medes and Perſians is, that no decre nor ſtatute, which the King confirmeth, may be [f] altered.

f Thus the wicked maintein euil laws by conſtancie, and authoritie, which is oft times ether lightenes, or ſtubbernes when as the innocents thereby periſh: & therefore gouernours nether ought to feare nor be aſhamed to breake ſuche.

16 ¶Then the King commanded, and they broght Daniél, and caſt him into the denne of lyons: *now* the King ſpake, and ſaid vnto Daniél, Thy God, whome thou alway ſerueſt, *euen* he wil deliuer thee.

17 And a ſtone was brogbt, and layed vpon the mouthe of the denne, and the King ſealed it with his owne ſignet, & with the ſignet of his princes, that the purpoſe might not be changed, cõcerning Daniél.

18 Then the King went vnto his palace, and remained faſting, nether were the inſtruments of muſicke broght before him, and his ſlepe went from him.

19 ¶Then the King aroſe early in the morning, and went in all haſte vnto the denne of lyons.

20 And when he came to the denne, he cryed with a lamentable voyce vnto Daniél: & the King spake, and said to Daniél, O Daniél, the seruant of the liuing God, is not thy God (whome thou alwaie seruest) able to deliuer thee from the lions?

g This declareth that Darius was not touched with ỹ true knowledge of God, because he douted of his power

21 Then said Daniél vnto ỹ King, O King, liue for euer.

h My iustecause, and vprightnes in this thing, wherein I was charged, is approued of God.

22 My God hathe sent his Angel and hathe shut the lions mouthes, that thei haue not hurt me: for h my iustice was found out before him: & vnto thee, ô King, I haue done i no hurte.

i For he did disobey the Kings wicked commandemẽt to obey God, and so did no iniurie to the King who ought to commande nothing, whereby God shulde be dishonored

23 Then was the King exceading glad for him, and commãded that thei shulde take Daniél out of the denne: so Daniél was broght out of the denne, and no manei of hurte was founde vpon him, becausse he k beleued in his God.

k Becausse he cõmitted him self wholy vnto God whose cause he did defend, he was assured, ỹ nothig but good colde come vnto him: wherein we se the powerof faith, as Ebr 11, 33

24 And by the commandement of the King these men which had accused Daniél, were broght, & were l cast into ỹ denne of lions, *euen* thei, their children, and their wiues: and the lions had the mastrie of them, and brake all their bones a pieces, or euei thei came at the grounde of the denne.

l This is a terrible example against all the wicked, which do agaist their conscience make cruel lawes to destroye the childrẽ of God & also admonisheth princes how to punish such, whẽ their wickednes is come to light: thogh not in euerie point or with like circumstãces, yet to execute true iustice vpon them

25 ¶ Afterwarde King Darius wrote, Vnto all people, nations & langages, that dwell in all the worlde: Peace be multiplied vnto you.

26 I make a decre that in all the dominion of my kingdome, men tremble and feare m before the God of Daniél: for he is the n liuing God, and remaineth for euer: and his kingdome shal not perish, and his dominion *shalbe* euei lasting.

27 He iescueth and deliuereth, & he worketh signes and wonders in heauen & in earth: who hathe deliuered Daniél from the powei of the lyons.

28 So this Daniél prospered in ỹ reigne of Darius & in ỹ reigne of Cyrus of Persia.

m This proueth not that Darius did worship God aright, or els was conuerted: for then he wolde haue destroyed all superstition and idolatrie. & not onely giuen God the chief place, but onely haue set him vp, and caused him to be honored according to his worde: but this was a certeine cõfession of Gods power, whereunto he was compelled by this wonderful miracle n Which hathe not onely life in him self, but is the onelie fountaine of life, & quickeneth all things, so that without him there is no life.

CHAP. VII.

9 A vision of foure beastes is shewed vnto Daniél 8 The ten hornes of the fourth beast. 27 Of the euerlasting kingdome of Christ.

1 IN the first yere of Belshazzár King of Babél, Daniél sawe a dreame, and thei e *were* visions in his head, vpon his bed: a then he wrote the dreame, & declared ỹ summe of the matter.

a Where as the people of Israél loked for a continual quietnes after these seuentie yeres, as Ieremiáh had declared, he sheweth that this rest shal not be a deliuerance from all troubles, but a beginning, & therefore incouraged thẽ to loke for a continual affliction til the Messiáh be vttered and reueiled, by whome they shulde haue a spiritual deliuerance, and all the promises fulfilled: whereof they shulde haue a certeine token in the destruction of the Babylonical kingdome.

2 Daniél spake and said, I sawe in my vision by night, and beholde, the foure windes of the heauen strooue vpon b the great sea:

b Which signified ỹ there shulde be horrible troubles and afflictions in the worlde in all corners of the worlde and at sondrie times

3 And foure great beastes came vp from the sea one diuers from another.

4 The first *was* as a c lion, and had egles wings: I behelde, til the wings thereof were plukte of, and it was lifted vp from the earth, and set vpon *his* fete as a man, and a mans heart was giuen him.

c Meaning the Assyrian and Coldean empire, ẅ was moste strong & fierce in power, and moste sone come to their autoritie as though thei had had wigs to flye: yet their wings were pulled by the Persians, & their wẽt on their fret, and were made like other men which is here ment by mans heart

5 And beholde, another beast *whuh was* the seconde, was like a d beare and stode vpon the e one side: and he had thre ribbes in his f mouth betwene his teeth, g and thei said thus vnto him, Arise & deuoure muche flesh.

d Meaning the Persians, which were barbarous and cruel.

e Thei were smale in ỹ beginning and were shut vp in their mountaines and had no brute

f That is, destroyed many kingdomes, & was insaciable

6 After this I behelde, and lo, there *was* an other like a h leopard, which had vpon his backe i foure wings of a foule: the beast had also foure heads, and k dominion was giuen him.

g To wit, the Angels by Gods commãdement, who by this meanes punished ỹ ingratitude of the worlde.

7 After this I sawe in the visions by night, & beholde, the l fourth beast *was* feareful and terrible and verie strong. It had great m yrõ teeth: it deuoured & brake in pieces and stamped n the residue vnder his fete: & it was vnlike to the beastes that were before it: for it had o ten hornes.

8 As I considered the hornes, beholde, there came vp among them another litle p horne, before whome there were q thre of the first hornes plukt awaie: & beholde, in this horne *were* r eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouthe speaking presumptious things.

9 I behelde, til the s thrones were set vp, and the t Ancient of daies did sit, whose garment was white as snowe, and the heere

h Meaning, Alexander the King of Macedonie i That is, his foure chief captaines, which had the empire among them after his death Seleucus had Asia the great, Antigonus the lesse, Cassander, and after him Antipater was King of Macedonie, and Ptolomeus had Egypt k It was not of him self nor of his owne power that he gate all these countreis: for his armie contenued, but thirtie thousand men, and he ouercame in one battel Darius, which had ten hundreth thousand, when he was so heauie with slepe that his eyes were scarse open, as the stories reporte: therefore this power was giuen him of God l That is, the Romain empire which was as a monster & colde not be cõpared to ane beast, because the nature of none was able to expresse it m Signifying the tyrannie and gredines of the Romains n That which the Romains colde not quietly enioie in other countreis, thei wolde giue it to other Kings and rulers that at all times when thei wolde, thei might take it againe: which liberalitie is here called the stamping of the rest vnder the fete o That is, soudrie and diuers prouinces which were gouerned by the deputies and proconsuls, whereof euerie one might be compared to a King p Which is ment of Iulius Cesar, Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, and Nero &c who were as Kings in effect, but becausse thei colde not rule, but by the consent of the Senat, their power is compared to a litle horne For Mahomet came not of the Romaine empire, and the Pope hathe no vocacion of gouernement: therefore this can not be applied vnto them and also in this prophecie the Prophets purpose is chiefly to comfort the Iewes vnto the reuelation of Christ Some take it for the whole bodie of Antichrist q Meaning, a certeine portion of the ten hornes: that is, a parte from the whole estate was plucke awaie For Augustus toke from the Senat the libertie of chosing the deputes to send into the prouinces, and toke the gouernement of certeine countreis to him self r These Romaine Emperours at the first vsed a certeine humanitie and gentlenes, and were contenc that others as the Consuls and Senat shulde beare the name of dignitie, so that thei might haue the profite, and therefore in elections and counsels wolde behaue them selues according as did other Senatours: yet against their enemies and those that wolde resist them, thei were fierce and cruel, which is here ment by the proud mouth. s Meaning the places where God and his Angels shulde come to iudge these monarchies, which iudgement shulde beginne at the first comming of Christ. t That is, God which was before all times, and is here described as mans nature is able to comprehend some portion of his glorie.

of his head like the pure woll: his throne *was like* the fyrie flame, & his wheles *as* burning fyre.

10 A fyrie streame yssued, and came forthe from before him: thousand thousands ministred vnto him, and ten thousand [u] thousands stode before him: the iudgement was set, and the [x] bokes opened.

11 Then I behelde, [y] because of the voyce of the presumpteous wordes, which the horne spake: I behelde, euen til the beast was slaine, and his bodie destroyed, and giuen to the burning fyre.

12 As [z] concerning the other beastes, thei had taken awaie their dominion yet their liues were prolonged for a certeine time and season.

13 ¶ As I behelde in visions by night, beholde, [a] one like the Sonne of man came in the cloudes of heauen, and [b] approched vnto the Ancient of daies, & thei broght him before him.

14 And he gaue him [c] dominion, & honour, and a kingdome, that all people, nations and langages shulde serue him: his dominion *is* an euerlasting dominion, which shal neuer be taken awaie: and his kingdome shal neuer be destroied.

15 ¶ I Daniél was [d] troubled in my spirit, in the middes of my bodie, and the visions of mine head made me afraied.

16 Therefore I came vnto [e] one of them that stode by, and asked him the trueth of all this: so he tolde me, and shewed me the interpretacion of these things.

17 These great beastes which are foure, *are* foure Kings, which shal arise out of the earth,

18 And thei shal take the [f] kingdome of the Saincts of the [g] moste high, and possesse the kingdome for euer, euen for euer and euer.

19 ¶ After this, I wolde *knowe* the trueth of the fourth beast, [w] was so [h] vnlike to all the others, very feareful, whose teeth were of yron, and his nailes of brasse: *which* deuoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the [i] residue vnder his fete.

20 Also *to knowe* of the ten hornes that were in his head, & of the other which came vp, before whome thre fell, and of the horne that had eyes, and of the mouth that spake presumpteous things, whose [k] loke was more stoute then his felowes.

21 I behelde, & the same [l] horne made battel against the Saincts, yea, and preuailed against them,

22 Vntil [m] the Ancient of daies came, and iudgement was giuen to the Saincts of the moste high: and the time approched, that the Saincts possessed the kingdome.

23 Thē he said, The fourth beast shalbe the fourth kingdome in the earth, which shal be vnlike to all the kingdomes, and shal deuoure the whole earth, and shal treade it downe and breake it in pieces.

24 And the ten hornes out of this kingdome *are* ten Kings that shal rise: & another shal rise after thē, and he shalbe vnlike to the first, and he shal subdue [n] thre Kings,

25 And shal speake wordes against [o] the moste high, & shal cōsume the Saincts of the moste high, & thinke [p] he maie change times and lawes, and thei shalbe giuen into his hand, vntil a [q] time, and times & the deuiding of time.

26 But the [r] iudgement shal sit, & thei shal take awaie his dominion, to consume and destroie it vnto the end.

27 And the [s] kingdome, and dominion, and the greatnes of the kingdome vnder [t] who le heauen shalbe giuen to the holie people of the moste high, whose kingdome *is* an euerlasting kingdome & all [t] powers shal serue and obeie him.

28 Euen this is the end of the matter, I Daniél had manie [u] cogitacions *which* troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in mine heart.

[u] That is, an infinit nomber of Angels, [w] were ready to execute his commandement

[x] This is ment of the first cōming of Christ when as [y] will of God was plainely reuealed by his Gospel

[y] Meaning, [y] he was astomed, when he sawe these Emperours in suche dignitie, & pride, & so sud dēly destroyed at the cōming of Christ whē this fourth monarchie was subiect to men of other nacions

[z] As the thre former monarchies had an end at the time that God appointed, although thei florished for a time, so shal this fourth haue & they that pacientely abide Gods appoītement, shal inioye the promises

[a] Which is ment of Christ who had not yet taken vpon him mās nature, nether was the sonne of Dauid according to [y] flesh, as he was afterwarde: but appeared then in a figure, and that in [y] cloudes: that is, being separate from the commune sorte of men by manifeste signes of his diuinitie

[b] To wit, whē he ascended into the heauens, and his diuine maiestie appeared, and all power was giuē vnto him in respect of that that he was our Mediator

[c] This is ment of the beginning of Christs kingdome when God the Father gaue vnto him all dominion, as to the Mediator, to the intent that he shulde gouerne here his Church in earth continually til the time that he broght thē to eternal life

[d] Through the strāgenes of the vision.

[e] Meaning, of the Angels, as ver 10

[f] Because Abrahām was appointed heire of all [y] worlde Ro 4,13 & in him all the faithful, therefore [y] kingdome thereof is theirs by right, which these foure beastes or tyrants shulde inuade, and vsurpe vntil the worlde were restored by Christ: and this was to confirme them that were in troubles, that their afflictiōs shulde haue an end at length

[g] That is, of the moste hie things, because God hathe chosen them out of this worlde, [y] they shulde loke vp to the heauens, whereon all their hope dependeth

[h] For the other three monarchies were gouerned by a King, and the Romain empire by Consuls: the Romains changed their gouernours yerely, & the other monarchies retained them for terme of life: also the Romains were the strongest of all the other, and were neuer quiet amōg them selues.

[i] Read vers. 7

[k] This is mēt of the fourthe beast, which was more terrible then the other

[l] Meaning the Romaine Emperours who were moste cruel against the Church of God borne of the Iewes and of [y] Gentiles.

[m] Til God shewed his power in the persone of Christ, and by the preaching of the Gospel gaue vnto his some rest & so obteined a famous name in the worlde, and were called [y] Church of God, or the kingdome of God

[n] Read the exposition hereof, ver 8.

[o] That is, shal make wicked decrees & proclamations against Gods worde and sen dethrough out all their dominiō to destroy all that did professe it

[p] These Emperours shal not considre [y] thei haue their power of God but thinke it is in their owne power to change Gods lawes and mans, and as it were [y] order of nature, as appeareth by Octauius, Tyberius Caligula, Nero, Domitianus &c

[q] God shal suffre them thus to rage against his Saincts for a long time, which is ment by the time and times but at lēgth he wil aswage these troubles and shorten the times for his elects sake, Mat 24,22 which is here ment by the diuiding of time

[r] God by his power shal restore things that were out of order, and so destroie this litle horne, that it shal neuer rise vp againe

[s] He sheweth wherefore the beast shulde be destroied, to wit, that his Church might haue rest and quietnes, which thogh thei do not fully inioye here, yet thei haue it in hope and by the preaching of the Gospel enioye the beginning thereof, which is mēt by these wordes *vnder the heauens*: & therefore he here speaketh of [y] beginnig of Christs kingdome in this worlde, which kingdome [y] faithful haue by the participation that thei haue with Christ their head

[t] That is, some of euerie sorte that beare rule

[u] Thogh he had manie motions in his heart, [w] moued him to and fro to seke out this matter curiously: yet he was content with that which God reueiled, and kept it in memorie and wrote it for the vse of the Church.

CHAP. VIII.

A vision of a battel betwene a ramme and a goat.
20 The vnderstanding of the vision.

1 IN the thirde yere of the reigne of King Belshazzár, a vision appeared vnto me, *euen* vnto me Daniél, [a] after that *which* appeared vnto me at the first.

2 And I sawe in a vision, & when I sawe it, I was in the palace of Shushán, which is in the prouince [b] of Elám, & in a vision me-

[a] After the general vision, he cometh to certeine particular visions: as touching [y] destruction of the monarchie of the Persians, and Macedonians: for the ruine of the Babylonians was at hand, and also he had sufficiently spoken thereof.

[b] That is, of Persia.

thoght I was by the riuer of Vlái.

3 Then I loked vp and ſawe, and beholde, there ſtode before the riuer a [c] rãme, which had two hornes: and theſe two hornes *were* hie: but one was [d] hier then another, & the hieſt came vp laſt.

4 I ſawe the ram puſſhing againſt ỹ Weſt and againſt the North, and againſt the South: ſo that no [e] beaſtes might ſtande before him, nor colde deliuer out of his hand, but he did what he liſted, and became great.

5 And as I conſidered, beholde, [f] a goat came from the Weſt ouer the whole earth, & touched not the grounde: & this goat *had* an [g] horne that appeared betwene his eyes.

6 And he came vnto the ram that had the two hornes, whome I had ſene ſtanding by the riuer, and ranne vnto him in his fierce rage.

7 And I ſawe him come vnto the ramme, & being moued againſt him, he [h] ſmote the ramme, and brake his two hornes: & there was no power in the rãme to ſtand againſt him, but he caſt him downe to the groũde, and ſtamped vpon him, & there was none that colde deliuer the ramme out of his power.

8 Therefore ỹ goat waxed exceadĩg great, and when he was at the ſtrongeſt, his great [i] horne was broken: and for it came vp foure that [k] appeared towarde the foure windes of the heauen.

9 And out of one of them came forthe [l] a litle horne, which waxed very great towarde the [m] South, and towarde the [n] Eaſt, and towarde the [o] pleaſant *land*.

10 Yea, it grewe vp vnto the [p] hoſte of heauen, and it caſt downe *ſome* of the hoſte, & of the ſtarres to the grounde, and trode vpon them,

11 And extolled him ſelf againſt the [q] prince of the hoſte from whome the [r] dailie *ſacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his Sanctuarie was caſt downe.

12 And [s] a time ſhalbe giuẽ *him* ouer the dailie *ſacrifice* for the iniquitie: & it ſhal [t] caſt downe the trueth to the grounde, & thus ſhal it do, and proſper.

13 Then I heard one of the [u] Sainctes ſpeaking, & one of ỹ Sainctes ſpake vnto a certeine one, ſaying, How long *ſhal endure* the viſion of the daiely *ſacrifice*, and the iniquitie of the [x] deſolation to tread bothe the Sanctuarie and the [y] armie vnder fote?

14 And [z] he anſwered me, Vnto the [a] euening *and* the morning, two thouſand and thre hundreth: then ſhal the Sanctuarie be clenſed.

15 ¶ Now when I Daniél had ſene the viſion, and ſoght for the meaning, beholde, there ſtode before me [b] like the ſimilitude of a man.

16 And I heard a mans voyce betwene *the bankes* of Vlái, which called and ſaid, Gabriél, [c] make this man to vnderſtand the viſion.

17 So he came where I ſtode: and when he came, I was afraied, and fel vpon my face: but he ſaid vnto me, Vnderſtand, ô ſonne of man: for [d] in the laſt time *ſhalbe* the viſion.

18 Now as he was ſpeaking vnto me, I being a ſlepe *fel* on my face to the grounde: but he touched me, and ſet me vp in my place.

19 And he ſaid, Beholde, I wil ſhewe thee what ſhal be in the laſt [e] wrath: for in the end of the time appointed *it ſhal come*.

20 The ramme which thou ſaweſt hauing two hornes, *are* the Kings of the Medes & Perſians.

21 And the goat *is* the King of Grecia, & the great horne that is betwene his eies, is the firſt King.

22 And that that is broken, and foure ſtode vp for it, *are* foure kingdomes, which ſhal ſtand vp [f] of that nacion, but not [g] in his ſtrength.

23 And in the end of their kingdome, when the rebellious ſhalbe conſumed, a King of [h] fierce countenance, and vnderſtanding darke ſentences, ſhal ſtand vp.

24 And his power ſhalbe mightie, but not [i] in his ſtrength: and he ſhal deſtroie wonderfully, & ſhal proſper, and practiſe, and ſhal deſtroie the [k] mightie, and the holy people.

25 And through his [l] policie alſo, he ſhal cauſe craft to proſper in his hand, and he ſhal extoll him ſelf in his heart, and by [m] peace ſhal deſtroy many; he ſhal alſo ſtand vp againſt the [n] prince of princes, but he ſhal be broken downe [o] without hand.

26 And the viſion of the [p] euening and the morning, which is declared, is true: therefore ſeale thou vp the viſion, for it *ſhalbe* after many daies.

27 And I Daniél was ſtriken & ſicke [q] *certeine* daies: but when I roſe vp, I did the Kings buſines, and I was aſtoniſhed at the viſion, but none vnderſtode it.

c Which repreſented the kingdome of the Perſians, and Medes, which were ioyned togeather

d Meaning Cyrus, which after grewe greater ỹ power then Darius his vncle and father in lawe

e That is, no Kings or nations

f Meaning, Alexander that came frõ Grecia with great ſpede and expedition

g Thogh he came in the name of all Grecia, yet he bare the title & dignitie of the generall captaine, ſo that the ſtrength was attributed to him, which is ment by this horne

h Alexander ouercame Darius in two ſondry battels, and ſo had ỹ two kingdomes of the Medes and Perſians

i Alexanders great power was broken: for when he had ouercome all ỹ Eaſt, he thoght to returne towarde Grecia to ſubdue them that there had rebelled, and ſo dyed by the way

k That is, ỹ were famous: for almoſte in the ſpace of fifteene yere there were fiftene diuers ſucceſſours before this monarchie was deuided to theſe foure, where of Caſſander had Macedonia, Seleucus, Syria, Antigonus Aſia the leſſe, and Ptolomeus Egypt

l Which was Antiochus Epiphanes, who was of a ſeruile and flattering nature, and alſo there were other betwene him & the kingdome, and therefore is here called the litle horne, becauſe nether prince lie conditions, nor any other thing was in him, why he ſhulde obteine this kingdome

m That is, toward Egypt.

n Whereby he meaneth Ptolomais

o That is, Iudea

p Antiochus raged againſt the elect of God, and trod his precious ſtarres vnder fete which are ſo called, becauſe they are ſeparated from the worlde

q That is, God, who gouerneth and mainteineth his Church

r He labored to aboliſh all religion, & therefore caſt Gods ſeruice out of his temple, which God had choſen as a litle corner from all the reſt of ỹ worlde to haue his Name there truely called vpon

s He ſheweth that their ſinnes are the cauſe of theſe horrible afflictions: and yet comforteth them, in that he appointeth this tyrant a time, whome he wolde not ſuffer vtterly to aboliſh his religion.

t This horne ſhal aboliſh for a time ỹ true doctrine & ſo corrupt Gods ſeruice

u Meaning, ỹ he heard one of the Angels aſking this queſtion of Chriſt, whome he calleth a certeine one or a ſecret one, or a marueilous one.

x That is, the Iewes ſinnes, which were cauſe of this deſtruction

y That is, ỹ ſuppreſſeth Gods religiõ & his people.

z Chriſt anſwered me for the comforte of ỹ Church.

a That is, vnto ſo many natural daies be paſt, which make ſix yeres thre moneths & an half: for ſo long vnder Antiochus was the Temple prophaned.

b Which was Chriſt, who in this maner declared him ſelfe to the olde fathers how he wolde be God manifeſted in fleſh.

c This power to commande the Angel, declared that he was God

d The effect of this viſion ſhal not yet appeare, but a long time after

e Meaning ỹ great rage of Antiochus ſhulde ſhewe againſt the Church.

f That is, one of Grecia

g They ſhal not haue like power as had Alexander.

h Noting that this Antiochus was impudent and cruel, and alſo craftie that he colde not be deceiued

i That is, not like Alexãders ſtrength

k Bothe ỹ Gẽtils that dwel about him, & alſo ỹ Iewes.

l What ſoeuer he goeth about by his craft, he ſhal bring it to paſſe

m That is, vnder pretence of peace or as it were in ſporte

n Meaning, againſt God

o For God wolde deſtroy him with a notable plague, & ſo comforte his Church, 2. Mac 9.9.

p Read verſ. 14

q For feare & aſtoniſhemẽt.

CHAP. IX.

Daniél deſireth to haue that performed of God, which he had promiſed concerning the returne of the people from their baniſhment in Babylon. 5 A true confeſſion. 20 Daniels prayer is heard. 21 Gabriél the Angel expoundeth vnto him the viſion of the ſeuentie weekes. 24 The anointing of Chriſt. 25 The buylding againe of Ieruſalém. 26 The death of Chriſt.

a Who was alſo called Aſtyages

b For Cyrus led with ambitiō, went about warres in other countreis, and therefore Darius had ỹ title of ỹ kingdome, though Cyrus was King in effect

c For though he was an excellēt Prophet, yet he daily increaſed knowledge by reading of ỹ Scriptures

d He ſpeaketh not of that ordinarie praier, which he vſed in his houſe thriſe a day, but of a rare and vehement praier, leſt their ſinnes ſhulde cauſe God to delay the time of their deliuerāce prophecied by Ieremiáh

e That is, haſt all power in thy ſelfe to execute thy terrible iudgemēces againſt obſtinat ſinners, as ỹ art riche in mercie to cōfort thē, which obey thy worde & loue thee

* Ebr. Law

f He ſheweth that whenſoeuer God puniſheth, he doeth it for iuſte cauſe: and tels us ỹ godlie neuer accuſe him of rigour as the wicked do, but acknowledge ỹ in themſelues there is iuſte cauſe, why he ſhulde ſo intreate them

* Ebr. confuſion of face

g He doeth not excuſe ỹ Kigs becauſe of their autoritie, but praieth chiefly for thē as ỹ chief occaſions of theſe great plagues

h He ſheweth that they rebell againſt God, which ſerue him not according to his cōmandemēt & worde.

i As Deu 27. 15. or the curſe confirmed by an othe.

1 In the firſt yere of Darius the ſonne of [a] Ahaſhuerósh, of ỹ ſede of the Medes, which was made King ouer the [b] realme of the Caldeans,

2 *Euen* in the firſt yere of his reigne, I Daniél vnderſtode by [c] bokes the nombre of the yeres, whereof the Lord had ſpoken vnto Ieremiáh the Prophet, that he wolde accompliſh ſeuentie yeres in the deſolation of Ieruſalém.

3 And I turned my face vnto the Lord God, and [d] ſoght by praier and ſupplicacions with faſting & ſackecloth & aſhes.

4 And I praied vnto the Lord my God, & made my confeſsion, ſaying, Oh Lord God, *which art* [e] great and feareful, and kepeſt couenant and mercie toward them which loue* thee, & toward them ỹ kepe thy commandements,

5 We haue ſinned, & haue cōmitted iniquitie & haue done wickedly, yea, we haue rebelled, and haue departed frō thy preceptes, and from thy iudgements.

6 For we wolde not obei thy ſeruants the Prophetes, which ſpake in thy Name to our Kings, to our princes, & to our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, [f] righteouſnes *belōgeth* vnto thee, and vnto vs* open ſhame, as *appeareth* this day vnto euerie man of Iudáh, and to the inhabitants of Ieruſalém: yea, vnto all Iſraél, *bothe* nere and farre of, through all the countreis, whether thou haſt driuen them, becauſe of their offenſes, that thei haue committed againſt thee.

8 O Lord, vnto vs *apperteineth* open ſhame, to our [g] Kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, becauſe we haue ſinned againſt thee.

9 *Yet* compaſsion and forgiuenes *is* in the Lord our God, albeit we haue rebelled againſt him.

10 For we haue not obeied ỹ [h] voice of the Lord our God, to walke in his lawes, which he had laid before vs by the miniſterie of his ſeruants the Prophetes.

11 Yea, all Iſraél haue tranſgreſſed thy Lawe, and are turned backe, and haue not heard thy voice: therefore the [i] curſse is powred vpon vs, & the othe that is writen in the lawe of Moſés the ſeruant of God, becauſe we haue ſinned againſt him.

12 And he hathe cōfirmed his wordes, which he ſpake againſt vs, and againſt our iudges that* iudged vs, by bringing vpon vs a great plague: for vnder the whole heauen hathe not bene the like, as hathe bene broght vpon Ieruſalém.

* Or, gouerned vs

13 All this plague is come vpon vs, as it is writen in the Lawe of Moſés: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turne from our iniquities and vnderſtand thy trueth.

14 Therefore hathe the Lord* made readie the plague, and broght it vpon vs: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his workes which he doeth: for we wolde not heare his voice.

* Ebr. watched vpon the euil

15 * And now, ô Lord our God, that haſt broght thy people out of ỹ land of Egypt with a mightie hand, and haſt gotten thee renoume, as *appeareth* this day, we haue ſinned, we haue done wickedly.

* Exod 14. 28. Barn 2. 11.

16 O Lord, according to all thy [k] righteouſnes, I beſeche thee, let thine angre and thy wrath be turned away from thy citie Ieruſalém thine holy Moūtaine: for becauſe of our ſinnes, & for the iniquities of our fathers, Ieruſalém and thy people *are* a reproche to all *that are* about vs.

k That is, according to all thy merciful promiſes and the performance thereof.

17 Now therefore, ô our God, heare the prayer of thy ſeruant, and his ſupplicacions, and cauſe thy face to [l] ſhine vpon thy Sanctuarie, that lyeth waſte for the [m] Lords ſake.

l Shewe thy ſelfe fauorable

m That is, for thy Chriſts ſake in whome ỹ wilt accept all our praiers

18 O my God, encline thine eare and heare: open thine eies, and beholde our deſolations, and the citie whereupon thy Name is called: for we do not preſent our ſupplicacions before thee for our owne righteouſnes, but for thy great tendre [n] mercies.

n Declaring, ỹ the godlie truſte onely vnto Gods mercies and renounce their owne workes when they ſeke for remiſsion of their ſinnes

19 O Lord, heare, ô Lord forgiue, ô Lord [o] conſider, and do it: differre not, for thine owne ſake, ô my God: for thy Name is called vpon thy citie, and vpon thy people.

o Thus he colde not contente him ſelfe wt any vehemencie otw ordeſt for he was ſoled with a feruent zeale conſidering Gods promes, made to the citie in reſpect of his Church & for ỹ aduancemēt of Gods glorie Cha 8. 16.

20 ¶ And whiles I was ſpeaking & praying, and confeſsing my ſinne, and the ſinne of my people Iſraél, and did preſent my ſupplicacion before the Lord my God, for the holy Mountaine of my God,

21 Yea, while I was ſpeaking in praier, euen the man* Gabriél, whome I had ſene before in the viſion, came flying, and touched me about the time of the euening oblacion.

22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and ſaid, O Daniél, I am now come forthe to giue thee knowledge & vnderſtanding.

23 At the beginning of thy ſupplicacions the commādement came forthe, and I am come to ſhewe *thee*, for thou art greatly beloued: therefore vnderſtand the matter and conſider the viſion.

24 Seuentie

p He alludeth to Ieremiahs ꝓphecie, who prophecied ỹ their captiuitie ſhulde be ſeuentie yeres: but now Gods mercie ſhulde ſeuenfolde exceede his iudgement, ẅ ſhulde be foure hundreth & ninetie yeres, euen to the comming of Chriſt, & ſo then it ſhulde continue for euer

q Meaning Daniels nacion, ouer whome he was careful

r To ſhewe mercie and to put ſinne out of remembrance

ſ From the time ỹ Cyrus gaue them leaue to departe: and theſe wekes make 49 yere, whereof 46 are referred to the time of the building of the Temple, & 3 to the laying of ỹ fundacion.

t Coũting frõ the ſixt yere of Darius who gaue ỹ ſecõde commandemẽt for the building of the Temple, are 62 wekes, which make 439 yeres, which comprehend the time from this building of the Temple vnto the Baptiſme of Chriſt

24 Seuentie p wekes are determined vpon q thy people and vpon thine holie citie, to finiſh the wickednes, and to ſeale vp the r ſinnes, and to reconcile the iniquitie, and to bring in euerlaſting righteouſnes, and to ſeale vp the viſion and prophecie, and to anoint the moſte Holie.

25 Knowe therefore and vnderſtand, that from ſ the going forthe of the commandement to bring againe *the people*, and to builde Ieruſalẽ, vnto Meſsiah the prince, *ſhalbe* ſeuen t wekes, and thre ſore and two wekes, & the ſtrete ſhalbe built againe, & the wall euen in a troublous time.

26 And after thre ſcore & two u wekes, ſhal Meſsiah be ſlayne, and ſhal x haue nothig, & the people of y the prince that ſhal come, ſhal deſtroye the citie and the Sanctuarie, and the end thereof *ſhalbe* with a flood: and vnto the end of the battel it ſhalbe deſtroyed by deſolacions.

27 And he z ſhal confirme the couenãt with manie for one weke: and in the middes of the weke he ſhal cauſe the ſacrifice and the oblaciõ to a ceaſe, b and for the ouerſpreading of the abominacions, he ſhal make it deſolate, euen vntil the cõſummacion determined ſhalbe powred vpon the deſolate.

Ebr in ſtreightes of time

u In this laſt weeke of the ſeuentie ſhal Chriſt come and preache and ſuffer death.

x He ſhal ſeme to haue no beautie, nor to be of ante eſtimacion, as Iſa 53, 2

y Meaning, Titus Veſpaſiãs ſonne, who ſhulde come and deſtroy bothe the Temple and the people without all hope of recouerie

z By the preaching of the Goſpel he confirmed his promes, firſt, to the Iewes, and after to the Gentiles

a Chriſt accompliſhed this by his death and reſurrection

b Meaning that Ieruſalem and the Sanctuarie ſhulde be vtterly deſtroyed for their rebelion againſt God and their idolatrie: or ſome read that the plagues ſhalbe ſo great, that they ſhal all be aſtonied at them

CHAP. X.

There appeareth vnto Daniel a man clothed in linen, 11 Which ſheweth him wherefore he is ſent.

a Henoteth this third yere, becauſe at this time ỹ building of the Temple begã to be hindered by Cambyſes Cyrus ſonne, whẽ the father made warre in Aſia minor againſt the Scythians, ẅ was a diſcouraging to the godlie, and a great feare to Daniél

1 IN the a third yere of Cyrus King of Perſia, a thing was reuealed vnto Daniél (whoſe name was called Beltesſhazzár) and the worde *was* true, but the time appointed *was* b long, and he vnderſtode the thing, & had vnderſtanding of the viſion.

2 At the ſame time, I Daniél was in heauines for thre weekes of daies.

3 I ate no pleaſant bread, nether came fleſh, nor wine in my mouth, nether did I anoint my ſelf at all, til thre weekes of daies were fulfilled.

4 And in the foure & twentieth day of the c firſt moneth, as I d was by the ſide of that great riuer, euen Hiddékel,

5 And I lift vp mine eyes, and loked, and beholde, there *was* a man e clothed in linen, whoſe loynes were girded with fine golde of * Vphaz.

6 His bodie alſo *was* like the Chryſolite, and his face (to loke vpon) like the lightening, and his eyes as lampes of fyre, and his armes and his fete *were* like in colour to poliſhed braſſe, and the voyce of his wordes *was* like the voyce of a multitude.

b Which is to declare that ỹ godlie ſhulde not haſten to muche, but patiently to abide the ỹ ſſue of Gods promes

c Called Abib, which conteineth parte of Marche & parte of April

d Being caryed by the ſpirit of prophecie to haue the ſight of this riuer Tygris.

e This was the Angel of God, ẅ hich was ſent to aſſure Daniel in this prophecie that followeth.

* *Ierem* 10, 9.

7 And I Daniél alone ſawe the viſiõ: for the mẽ that were with me, ſawe not the viſiõ: but a great feare fell vpon them, ſo that they fled away and hid them ſelues.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and ſawe this great viſion, & there remained no ſtrẽgth in me: for f my ſtrength was turned in me into corruption, and I reteined no power.

9 Yet heard I the voyce of his wordes: and when I heard the voyce of his wordes, I ſlept on my face: and my face *was* towarde the grounde.

f The worde alſo ſignifieth comelines, or beautie, ſo ỹ for feare he was like a dead man for deformitie.

10 And beholde, an hand g touched me, which ſet me vp vpon my knees and vpon the palmes of mine hands,

11 And he ſaid vnto me, O Daniél, a man greatly beloued, vnderſtand the wordes that I ſpeake vnto thee, and ſtand in thy place: g for vnto thee am I now ſent. And when he had ſaid this worde vnto me, I ſtode trembling.

12 Then ſaid he vnto me, Feare not, Daniél: for from the firſt daye that thou dideſt ſet thine heart to vnderſtand, and to humble thy ſelf before thy God, thy wordes were heard, and I am come for thy wordes.

g Which declareth that whẽ we are ſtrickẽ downe with the maieſtie of God, we can not riſe except he alſo lift vs vp ẅ his hand, ẅ is his power

13 But the h prince of the kingdome of Perſia withſtode me one and twentie dayes: but lo, i Michaél one of the chief princes, came to helpe me, & I remained there by the Kings of Perſia.

h Meaning, Cãbyſes who reigned in his fathers abſence, & did not onely for this ſpace hinder the buildig of the Temple, but wolde haue farther raged, if God had not ſent me to reſiſt him, & therefore haue I ſtaied for the profite of the Church

i Thogh God colde by one Angel deſtroy all the worlde, yet to aſſure his childrẽ of his loue, he ſẽdeth for me double power euen Michaél, that is Chriſt Ieſus ỹ head of Angels

14 Now I am come to ſhewe thee what ſhal come to thy people in the latter dayes: for yet the k viſion *is* for *manie* daies.

15 And whẽ he ſpake theſe wordes vnto me, I ſet my face towarde the grounde, & helde my tongue.

16 And beholde, l one like the ſimilitude of the ſonnes of man touched my lippes: then I opened my mouth, and ſpake, and ſaid vnto him that ſtode before me, O my Lord, m by the viſion my ſorowes are returned vpon me, and I haue reteined no ſtrength.

k For though the Prophet Daniel ſhulde ende and ceaſe, yet his doctrine ſhulde continue til the comming of Chriſt for the comfort of his Church

l This was the ſame Angel that ſpake with him before in the ſimilitude of a man

17 For how can the ſeruãt of this my Lord talke with my Lord *being* ſuche one? for as for me, ſtraight way there remained no ſtrength in me, nether is there breth left in me.

m I was ouercome with feare and ſorowe, when I ſawe the viſion

18 Then there came againe, and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he ſtrengthened me,

19 And ſaid, O man, greatly beloued, feare not: n peace *be* vnto thee: be ſtrong and of

n He declareth hereby that God wolde be merciful vnto the people of Iſrael

good courage. And when he had ſpokē vnto me, I o was ſtrengthened, and ſaid, Let my Lord ſpeake: for thou haſt ſtrengthened me.

20 Then ſaid he, Knoweſt thou wherefore I am come vnto thee? but now wil I returne to fight with the prince of Perſia: and when I am gone forthe, lo, the P prince of Grecia ſhal come.

21 But I wil ſhewe thee that which is decreed in the Scripture of trueth: q and there is none that holdeth with me in theſe things, but Michaél your Prince.

o Which declareth that whē God ſmiteth downe his children, he doeth not immediatly lift them vp at once (for now ỹ Angel had touched him twiſe) but by litle and litle

p Meaning ỹ he wolde not onely him ſelf bridle the rage of Cambyſes, but alſo ỹ other Kings of Perſia by Alexander the King of Macedonia

q For this Angel was appointed for the defenſe of the Church vnder Chriſt, who is the head thereof

CHAP. XI.

A prophecie of the kingdomes, which ſhulde be enemies to the Church of God, as of Perſia, 3 Of Grece, 5 Of Egypt, 28 Of Syria, 36 And of the Romaines

1 ALſo I, in the firſt yere of Darius of the Medes, *euen* I a ſtode to incourage and to ſtrengthen him.

2 And now wil I ſhewe thee the trueth. Beholde, there ſhal ſtand vp yet b thre Kigs in Perſia, and the fourth ſhalbe farre richer then they all: and by his ſtrength, & by his riches he ſhal ſtirre vp c all againſt the realme of Grecia.

3 But a d mightie King ſhal ſtand vp, that ſhal rule with great dominion, and do according to his pleaſure.

4 And when he ſhal ſtand vp, e his kingdome ſhalbe broken, f and ſhalbe deuided towarde the g foure windes of heauen: & not to his h poſteritie, nor according to i his dominion, which he ruled: for his kingdome ſhalbe pluckt vp, euen *to be* for otherꝭ beſides k thoſe.

5 And the l King of the South ſhalbe mighty, and *one* of m his princes, and ſhal preuaile againſt him, and beare rule: his dominion *ſhalbe* a great dominion.

6 And in the end of yeres they ſhalbe ioyned together: for the Kings n daughter of the South ſhal come to the King of the North to make an agrement, but ſhe ſhal not reteine the power of the o arme, nether ſhal P he continue, nor his q arme: but ſhe ſhalbe deliuered *to death*, and thei that broght her, and he r that begate her, & he that comforted her in theſe times.

7 But out of the budde of her ſ rootes ſhal one ſtand vp in his ſtead, t which ſhal come with an armie, and ſhal entre into the fortereſſe of the King of the North, and do with them *as he liſt*, and ſhal preuaile,

8 And ſhal alſo carye captiues into Egypt their gods with their molten images, *and* with their precious veſſels of ſiluer and of golde, and he ſhal continue u mo yeres then the King of the North.

9 So the King of the South ſhal come into *his* kingdome, & ſhal returne into his owne land.

10 Wherefore his x ſonnes ſhalbe ſtirred vp, and ſhal aſſemble a mightie great armie: and *one* y ſhal come, and ouerflowe, & paſſe through: then ſhal he z returne, and be ſtirred vp at his forteresſe.

11 And the King of the South ſhalbe angrie, and ſhal come forthe, and fight with him, *euen* with the King of the North: for he ſhal ſet forthe a great a multitude, and the multitude ſhalbe giuen into his hand.

12 Then the multitude ſhalbe proude, and their heart ſhalbe lifted vp: for he ſhal caſt downe thouſands: but he ſhal not *ſtil* preuaile.

13 For the King of the North b ſhal returne, and ſhal ſet forthe a greater multitude then afore, and ſhal come forthe (after certeine yeres) with a mightie armie, & great riches.

14 And at the ſame time there ſhal c manie ſtand vp againſt the King of the South: alſo the rebellious children of thy d people ſhal exalte them ſelues to eſtabliſh the viſion, but they ſhal fall.

15 So the King of the North ſhal come, and caſt vp a mounte, & take the ſtrong citie: and the armes of the South ſhal e not reſiſt, nether his choſen people, nether *ſhal* there *be* anie ſtrength to withſtand.

16 But he that ſhal come, ſhal do vnto him as he liſt, and none ſhal ſtand againſt him: & he ſhal ſtād in the f pleaſant land, which by his hand ſhalbe conſumed.

17 Againe he ſhal g ſet his face to enter with the power of his whole kingdome, & his cōfederates with him: thus ſhal he do, and he ſhal giue him the h daughter of women, to deſtroye i her: but k ſhe ſhal not ſtande *on his ſide*, nether be for him.

a The Angel aſſureth Daniél that God hathe giuen him power to performe theſe things, ſeing he appointed him to aſſiſt Darius, whē he ouercame the Caldeans

b Whereof Cābyſes ỹ now reigned, was ỹ firſt, the ſeconde Smerdes, ỹ third, Darius the ſonne of Hyſtaſpis, and the fourth Zerxes, which all were enemies to the people of God & ſtode againſt thē.

c For he raiſed vp all the East countreis to fight againſt the Grecians: and albeit he had in his armie nine hundreth thouſād men, yet in foure battels he was diſcomfited and fled away with ſhame

d That is, Alexander the Great

e For whē his eſtate was moſte floriſhing, he ouercame him ſelf with drinke, and ſo fell into a diſeaſe: or as ſome write, was poyſoned by Caſſander

f For his twelue chief princes firſt deuided his kingdome among them ſelues.

g After this his monarchie was deuided into foure: for Seleucus had Syria, Antigonus Aſia minor, Caſſander the kingdome of Macedonia, and Ptolemeus Egypt

h Thus God reuenged Alexanders ambicion & crueltie in cauſing his poſteritie to be murthered, partely of the fathers chief friends, & partely one of another

i None of theſe foure ſhalbe able to be compared to the power of Alexāder

k That is, his poſteritie hauing no parte thereof

l To wit, Ptolemeus King of Egypt

m That is, Antiochus the ſonne of Seleucus, and one of Alexāders princes ſhalbe more mightie: for he ſhulde haue bothe Aſia & Syria

n That is, Berenice the daughter of Ptolemeus Philadelphus ſhalbe giuen in mariage to Antiochus Theos, thinking by this affinitie that Syria and Egypt ſhulde haue a continual peace together

o That force & ſtrength ſhal not continue: for ſone after Berenice & her yong ſonne after her houſbands death, was ſlayne of her ſtepſonne Seleucus Calinicus the ſonne of Laodice, the lawful wife of Antiochus, but put away for this womans ſake

p Nether Ptolemeus, nor Antiochus.

q Some read, ſeed, meaning the childe begotten of Berenice

r Some read, ſhe that begate her, & therebyvnderſtād her nurce, whē broght her vp: ſo that all thei that were occaſion of this mariage, were deſtroyed

ſ Meaning that Ptolemeus Euergetes after the death of his father Philadelphus ſhulde ſucceede in the kingdome being of ỹ ſame ſtocke that Berenice was

t To reuenge his ſiſters death againſt Antiochus Calinicus King of Syria

u For this Ptolemeus reigned ſix & fortie yeres

x Meaning Seleucus and Antiochus ỹ great, the ſonnes of Calinicus ſhal make warre againſt Ptolemeus Philopater the ſonne of Philadelphus

y For his elder brother Seleucus dyed, or was ſlayne whiles the warres were preparing

z That is, Philopater when he ſhal ſe Antiochus to take great dominions frō him in Syria, & alſo readie to inuade Egypt

a For Antiochus had ſix thouſand horſemen & threſcore thouſand fotemen

b After the death of Ptolemeus Philopater, who left Ptolemeus Epiphanes his heire

c For not onely Antiochus came againſt him, but alſo Philippe King of Macedonia, and theſe two broght great power with them

d For vnder Onias which falſely alledged that place of Iſa 19, 19. certeine of the Iewes retyred with him into Egypt to fulfil this prophecie: alſo the Angel ſheweth that all theſe troubles which are in the Church, are by the prouidence & counſel of God

e The Egyptians were not able to reſiſt Stopas Antiochus captaine.

f He ſheweth that he ſhal not onely afflict the Egyptians, but alſo the Iewes, and ſhal enter into their countrey, wherof he admoniſheth thē before, that they may knowe that all theſe things come by Gods prouidence.

g This was the ſeconde battel that Antiochus foght againſt Ptolemeus Epiphanes.

h To wit, a beautiful woman, ẅ was Cleopatra Antiochus daughter.

i For he regarded not the life of his daughter in reſpect of the kingdome of Egypt

k She ſhal not agre to his wicked counſel, but ſhal loue her houſbād, as her duetie requireth, and not ſeke his deſtruction

18 After this shal he turne his face vnto the
l yles, & shal take many, but a prince m shal
cause his shame to light vpon him, beside
that he shal cause his owne shame to turne
vpon n him self.
19 For he shal turne his face towarde the
fortes of o his owne land: but he shalbe o-
uerthrowen & fall, & be no more p foũde.
20 ¶ Then shal stand vp in his place in ỹ glo
rie of the kingdome, one that shal raise
taxes: but after fewe dayes he shalbe de-
stroyed, nether in r wrath, nor in battel.
21 And in his place shal stãd vp a s vile perso
ne, to whome they shal not giue ỹ honour
of ỹ kingdome: but he shal come in peacea
bly, & obteine the kingdome by flateries.
22 And the t armes shalbe ouerthrowẽ with
a flood before him, & shalbe broken: and
also the prince of the u couenant.
23 And after x the league *made* with him, he
shal worke disceitfully: for he shal come
vp, and ouercome with a y smale people.
24 He shal entre into the quiet and plenti-
ful prouince, and he shal do that which his
fathers z haue not done, nor his fathers fa-
thers: he shal deuide amõg them the pray
and the spoile, and the substance, yea, & he
shal forecast his deuises against the strõg
holdes, euen for a a time.
25 Also he shal stirre vp his power and his
courage against the King of the South ẅ
a great armie, and the King of the South
shalbe stirred vp to battel ẅ a very great
and mightie armie: but he shal not b stãd:
for thei shal forecast & practise against hĩ.
26 Yea, they that fede of the portiõ of c his
meat, shal destroy him. & his armie d shal
ouerflowe: & many shal fall, & be slaine.
27 And bothe these Kings hearts *shalbe* to
do e mischief, & they shal talke of disceite
at one table: but it shal not auaile: for f yet
the end *shalbe* at the time appointed.
28 Then shal he returne into his land with
great g substãce: for his heart shalbe against
the holie couenant: so shal he do and retur
ne to his owne land.
29 At the time appointed he shal returne,
and come towarde the South: but the last
shal not be as the first.
30 For the shippes h of Chittím shal come
against him: therefore he shalbe sorie and
returne, and freat against the holie coue-
nant: so shal he do, he shal euen returne i &
haue intelligence with them that forsake
the holie couenant.
31 And armes k shal stand on his parte, and
thei shal pollute the Sãctuarie l of strẽgth,
& shal take away the dailie *sacrifice*, & they
shal set vp the abominable desolation.
32 And suche as wickedly m breake the coue
nant, shal he cause to sinne by flatterie: but
the people that do knowe their God, shal
preuaile and prosper.
33 And they that vnderstand among n the
people, shal instruct many: o yet they shal
fall by sworde, and by flame, by captiuitie
and by spoile many dayes.
34 Now whẽ they shal fall, they shal be hol
pen with a p litle helpe: but many shal clea
ue vnto them q fainedly.
35 And some of thẽ r of vnderstanding shal
fall to trye them, and to purge, & to make
them white, til the time be out: for there *is*
a time appointed.
36 And the s King shal do what him list: he
shal exalte him self, & magnifie him self
against all, *that is* God, & shal speake mar-
ueilous things against ỹ God of gods, &
shal prosper, til ỹ wrath t be accõplished:
for the determination is made.
37 Nether shal he regarde the u God of his
fathers, nor the desires x of women, nor ca-
re for any God: for he shal magnifie him
self aboue all.
38 But in his place shal he honour the god
Mauzzím, & the god whome his fathers
knewe not, shal he honour with z golde and
with siluer, and with precious stones, and
pleasant things.
39 Thus shal he do in a the holdes of Mauz-
zím with a strange god whome he shal ac-
knowledge: he shal increase *his* glorie, and
shal cause them to rule ouer many, & shal
diuide the land for gaine.
40 And at the end of time shal the King
of the b South push at him, and the King
of the North shal come against him like a
whirle winde with charets, & with horse-
men, and with many shippes, and he shal
entre into the countreis, & shal ouerflowe
and passe through.

1 That is, towarde Asia, Grecia & those yles which are in the sea called Mediterraneũ: for the Iewes called all coũtreis yles which were deuided frõ them by sea.
m For where as Antiochus was wont to cõtemne the Romaines, & put their ambassadours to shame
n all places, Atilius ỹ Consul, or Lucius Scipio put him to flight and caused his shame to turne on his owne head
n By his wicked life and obeying of fooliish counsel
o For feare of the Romaines he shal flee to his holdes
p For when as vnder the pretence of power tie he wolde haue robbed the temple of Iupiter Dodoneus, the coũtremẽ slue hĩ
q That is, Seleucus shal succede his father Antiochus
r Not by foraine enemies or battel, but by treason
s Which was Antiochus Epiphanes, who as is thoght, was the occasiõ of Seleucus his brothers death and was of a vile, cruel & flattering nature, and defrauded his brothers sonne of ỹ kigdome, & vsurped ỹ kingdome without ỹ consent of the people.
t He sheweth ỹ great foraine powers shal come to helpe the yong sone of Seleucus against his vncle Antiochus, & yet shalbe ouerthrowen
u Meaning Ptolomeus Philometor Philopaters sonne, who was this childes cousin germaine, & is here called ỹ prince of the couenãt, because he was the chief, & all other followed his cõduite
x For after ỹ battel Philometor & his vncle Antiochus made a league
y For he came vpõ him at vowares, & when he suspected his vncle Antiochus nothing
z Meanig in Egypt
a He wil cõtent him self with the smale holdes for a time, but euer labor by crafte to atteine to the chiefest.
b He shalbe ouercome with treason
c Signifying his princes and ỹ chief about him
d Declaring ỹ his souldiers shal braft out & vẽture their life to slay & to be slaine for the sauegarde of their prince
e The vncle & the nephewe shal take truce, & banket together, yet in their hearts thei shal imagine mischief one against another
f Signifying that it standeth not in the counsel of men to bring things to passe, but in the prouidence of God who ruleth ỹ Kings by a secret bridel ỹ they cã not do what thei list thẽ selues
g Which he shal take of ỹ Iewes in spoiling Ierusalem & the Tẽple, & this is tolde thẽ before to moue thẽ to pacience, knowing all things are done by Gods prouidẽce
h That is, ỹ Romaine power shal come against him: for P Popilius the ambassador appointed him to depart in the Romaines name, to which thing he obeid, although with grief, and to reuenge his rage he came against the people of God the seconde time
i With the Iewes which shal forsake the couenant of the Lord: for first he was called against ỹ Iewes by Iason the hie Priest, and this seconde time by Menelaus
k A great faction of ỹ wicked Iewes shal holde with Antiochus
l So called, because ỹ power of God was nothing diminished, although this tyrant set vp in the Temple ỹ image of Iupiter Olympius, and so began to corrupte the pure seruice of God
m Meaning suche as bare the name of Iewes but in dede were nothing lesse: for they solde their soules, and betrayed their brethren for gaine
n They that remaine constant among the people, shal teache others by their example and edifie many in ỹ true religiõ
o Whereby he exhorteth the godlie to constãcie although they shulde perish a thousand times, and though their miseries indure euer so long.
p As God wil not leaue his Church destitute, yet wil he not deliuer it all at once, but so helpe, as they may stil seme to fight vnder the crosse, as he did in the time of the Maccabees whereof he here prophecieth
q That is, there shalbe euen of this smale number many hypocrites
r To wit, of thẽ that feare God & wil lose their life for the defense of true religion, signifying also that the Church must continually betryed and purged & ought to loke for one persecution after another: for God hathe appointed the time: therefore we must obey
s Because ỹ Angels purpose is to shewe the whole course of the persecutiõs of ỹ Iewes vnto the comming of Christ, he now speaketh of the monarchie of the Romaines ẅ he noteth by the name of a King, who were without all religion & contemned the true God
t So long the tyrants shal preuaile as God hathe appointed to punish his people but he sheweth that it is but for a time
u The Romaines shal obserue no certeine forme of religion as other nations, but shal change their gods at their pleasures, yea, cõtemne them & preferre them selues to their gods
x Signifying that they shulde be without all humanities for the loue of women is taken for singular or great loue, as 2 Sam 1,26
y That is, the god of power and riches: they shal esteme their owne power aboue all their gods & worship it
z Vnder pretence of worshipping ỹ gods, they shal enriche their citie with the most precious iewels of all the worlde, because that hereby all men shulde haue thẽ in admiration for their power & riches
a Although in their hearts thei had no religiõ, yet they did acknowledge the gods and worshipped them in their temples, left they shulde haue bene despised as atheistes: out this was to increase their fame and riches: and whẽ they gate any countrey, they so made others the rulers thereof, ỹ the profite euer came to ỹ Romaines
b That is, bothe the Egyptians & the Syrians shal at length fight against the Romaines, but they shalbe ouercome.

41 He ſhal entre alſo into the c pleaſant lánd, & many *countreis* ſhalbe ouerthrowen: but theſe ſhal eſcape out of his hánds, *euẽ* Edó & Moáb, & the chief of ỹ childrẽ of Ammó.
42 He ſhal ſtretch forthe his hánds alſo vpó the countreis, and the land of Egypt ſhal not eſcape.
43 But he ſhal haue power ouer ỹ treaſures of gold & of ſiluer, & ouer all ỹ precious things of Egypt, & of the Lybians, and of the blacke Mores where he ſhal paſſe.
44 But the tidings out of the Eaſt and the North ſhal d trouble hím: therefore he ſhal go forthe e with great wrath to deſtroy & roote out many.
45 And he ſhal plante ỹ tabernacle f of his palace betwene ỹ ſeas in the glorious *and* holie mountaine, yet he ſhal come to his end, & none ſhal helpe him.

c The Angel forewarneth ỹ Iewes ỹ when they ſhulde ſe the Romaines inuade them, and that the wicked ſhulde eſcape their hands, ỹ then they ſhulde not thinke but that all this was done by Gods prouidence, for aſmuche as he warned them of it ſo long a fore, and therefore he wolde ſtil preſerue him.
d Hearing ỹ Craſſus was ſlaine & Antonius diſcõfited
e For Auguſtus ouercame the Parthians, and recouered that which Antonius had loſt.
f The Romaines after this reigned quietly through all coũtreis & frõ ſea to ſea, and in Iudea: but at length for their cruelnes God ſhal deſtroy them

CHAP. XII.

1 Of the deliuerance of the Church by Chriſt.

AND at that a time ſhal Michaél ſtánd vp, the great prince, which ſtandeth for the children of thy people, and there ſhalbe a time of trouble, ſuche as neuer was ſince there began to be a nation vnto that ſame time: & at that time thy people ſhalbe deliuered, euerie one that ſhal be founde writen in the boke.
2 And many b of thẽ that ſlepe in the duſt of ỹ earth, ſhal awake, ſome to euerlaſting life, & ſome to ſhame & perpetual cotẽpt.
3 And thei that be c wiſe, ſhal ſhine, as the brightnes of the firmament: & they that d turne many to righteouſnes, *ſhal ſhine* as the ſtares, for euer and euer.
4 But thou, ô Daniel, e ſhut vp the wordes, and ſeale the boke f til the end of the time: many ſhal runne to and fro, & knowledge ſhalbe increaſed.
5 ¶ Then I Daniél loked, and beholde, there ſtode other two, the one on this ſide of the brinke of the g riuer, and the other on that ſide of the brinke of the riuer.
6 And *one* ſaid vnto the mán clothed in linnen, which was vpon the waters of the riuer, When *ſhalbe* the end of theſe wõders?
7 And I heard the man clothed in linnen which was vpon the waters of the riuer, when he held vp his h right hand, & his left hand vnto heauen, and ſware by him that liueth for euer, that *it ſhal tarie* for i a time, two times & an halfe: and when he ſhal haue accompliſhed k to ſcatter the power of the holie people, all theſe things ſhalbe finiſhed.
8 Then I heard it, but I vnderſtode it not: then ſaid I, O my Lord, what ſhal be the end of theſe things?
9 And he ſaid, Go thy way, Daniél: for the wordes are cloſed vp, and ſealed, til the end of the time.
10 Many ſhalbe purified, made white, and tried: but the wicked ſhal do wickedly, & none of the wicked ſhal haue vnderſtanding: but the wiſe ſhal vnderſtand.
11 And from the time that the l dailie *ſacrifice* ſhalbe taken away, and the abominable deſolation ſet vp, there m *ſhalbe* a thouſand, two hundreth and ninetie dayes.
12 Bleſſed *is he* that waiteth and commeth to the thouſand, thre hundreth and n fiue and thirtie dayes.
13 But go o thou thy way til the end *be*: for thou ſhalt reſt and ſtand vp in thy lot, at the end of the dayes.

Chap xii
a The Angel here noteth two things: firſt ỹ the Church ſhalbe in great affliction & trouble at Chriſts comming, and next that God wil ſend his Angel to deliuer it, whome here he calleth Michaél, meaning Chriſt, ỹ is publiſhed by ỹ preaching of ỹ Goſpel
g Which was Tygris.
h Which was as it were a double othe & did ỹ more cõfirme the thig
i Meaning, a lõg time, a lõger time, & at length a ſhort time: ſignifying that their troubles ſhulde haue an end.
k When the Church ſhalbe ſcattered & diminiſhed in ſuche ſorte as it ſhal ſeme to haue no power
l Frõ the time that Chriſt by his ſacrifice ſhal take away ỹ ſacrifice & ceremonies of ỹ Law.
m Signifying that the time ſhalbe long of Chriſts cõming, and yet the children of God ought not to be diſcouraged, thogh it be differred
n In this nomber he addeth a moneth and an halfe to the former nõber, ſignifying ỹ le is not in mã to appoint the time of Chriſts comming, but ỹ they are bleſſed that pacíently abide his appearing
o The Angel warneth the Prophet pacíently to abide, til the time appointed come, ſignifying that he ſhulde departe this life, and riſe againe with the elect, when God had ſufficiently humbled & purged his Church
b Meaning all ſhal riſe at ỹ general reſurrection, ỹ thing he here nameth, becauſe ỹ faithful ſhulde haue euer their reſpect & to ỹ: for in ỹ earth there ſhalbe no ſure comfort
c Who haue kept the true feare of God & his religion
d He chiefly meaneth the miniſters of Gods worde, & next, all the faithful which inſtruct ỹ ignorant, and bring them to the true knowledge of God
e Thogh the moſte parte deſpiſe this prophecie, yet kepe thou it ſure and eſteme it as a treaſure.
f Til the time that God hathe appointed for the ful reuelation of theſe things: and then many ſhal runne to and fro to ſearche the knowledge of theſe myſteries, which things they obteine now by the light of the Goſpel

HOSEA.

THE ARGVMENT.

After that the ten tribes had fallen away from God by the wicked and subtil counsel of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, and in stede of his true seruice commanded by his worde worshipped him according to their owne fantasies and traditions of men, giuing them selues to moste vile idolatrie and superstition, the Lord from time to time sent them Prophetes to call them to repentance: but they grewe euer worse and worse, and stil abused Gods benefites. Therefore now when their prosperitie was at the highest vnder Ieroboam the sonne of Ioash, God sent Hosea and Amos to the Israelites (as he did at the same time Isaiah and Micah to them of Iudah) to cõdemne them of their ingratitude: and where as they thoght them selues to be greatly in the fauour of God, and to be his people, the Prophet calleth them bastards and children borne in adulterie: and therefore sheweth them that God wolde take away their kingdome, and giue them to the Assyrians to be led away captiues. Thus Hosea faithfully executed his office for the space of seuentie yeres, thogh they remained stil in their vices & wickednes, & derided the Prophetes, & contemned Gods iudgements. And because they shulde nether be discouraged with threatnings onely, nor yet flatter them selues by the swetenes of Gods promises, he setteth before them the two principal partes of the Law, which are the promes of saluation, and the doctrine of life: for the first parte he directeth the faithful to Messiah, by whome onely they shulde haue true deliuerance: and for the seconde, he vseth threatnings and menaces to bring them from their wicked maners and vices, & this is the chief scope of all the Prophetes, ether by Gods promises to allure them to be godlie, els by threatnings of his iudgements to feare them frõ vice: & albeit that the whole Law conteine these two pointes, yet the Prophetes moreouer note peculiarly bothe the time of Gods iudgements and the maner.

CHAP. I.

1 The time wherein Hosea prophecied. 2 The idolatrie of the people. 10 The calling of the Gentiles. 11 Christ is the head of all people.

1 THE worde of the Lord that came vnto Hoséa the sonne of Beerí, in the dayes [a] of Vzziáh, Iotham, Aház, & Hezekiáh [b] Kings of Iudáh, & in ỹ dayes of Ieroboám the sonne of Ioásh King of Israél.

2 At the beginning the Lord spake by Hoséa, and the Lord said vnto Hoséa, Go, [c] take vnto thee a wife of fornications, and children of fornicatiõs: for the land hathe committed great whoredome, *departing* frõ the Lord.

3 So he went, and toke [d] Gómer, the daughter of Dibláim, which conceiued and bare him a sonne.

4 And the Lord said vnto him, Call his name [e] Izreél: for yet a litle, and I wil visite the blood of Izreél vpon the house [f] of Iehú, and wil cause to cease the kingdome of the house of Israél.

5 And at that [g] day wil I also breake ỹ bow of Israél in the valley of Izreél.

6 She cõceiued yet againe, & bare a daughter, and *God* said vnto him, Call her name [h] Lo-ruhámah: for I wil no more haue pitie vpon the house of Israél: but I wil vtterly [i] take them away.

7 Yet I wil haue mercie vpon the house of Iudáh, and wil [k] saue them by the Lord their God, and wil not saue thẽ by bowe, nor by sworde nor by battel, by horses, nor by horsemen.

8 Now when she had wained Lo-ruhámah, she conceiued, and bare a sonne.

9 Then said *God*, Call his name [l] Lo-ammí: for ye are not my people: therefore wil I not be yours.

10 Yet the nomber of the [m] children of Israél shalbe as the sand of the sea, which cã not be measured nor tolde: and in the place where it was said vnto them, Ye are not my people, it shal be said vnto them, *Ye are* the sonnes of the liuing God.

11 Then shal the children of Iudáh, and the children of Israél be [n] gathered together, and appoint them selues one head, & they shal come vp out of the land: for great *is* the [o] day of Izreél.

a Called also Azariáh, who being a lepre was deposed from his kingdome.
b So ỹ it may be gathered by the reigne of these foure Kings, that he preached aboue threscore yere
c That is, one that of long time hathe accustomed to play the harlot: not that ỹ Prophet did this thing in effect, but he sawe this in a vision, or els was commanded by God to set forthe vnder this parable or figure ỹ idolatrie of ỹ Synagogue, & of the people her children.
d Gómer signifieth a consumption or corruption, & Diblaim clusters of figges, declaring, that they were all corrupt like rotten figges
e Meaning, ỹ they shulde be no more called Israelites, of the which name they boasted, because Israel did preuaile with God: but that they were as bastards, & therefore shulde be called Izreelites, that is, scattered people, alluding to Izreel, which was ỹ chief citie of ỹ ten tribes vnder Ahab where Iehu shed so much the blood, 2 King 10, 8
f I wil be reuenged vpon Iehu for the blood that he shed in Izreél: for albeit God stirred him vp to execute his iudgements, yet he did them for his owne ambitiõ, & not for the glorie of God, as the end declared: for he buylt vp that idolatrie, which he had destroyed
g When the measure of their iniquitie is ful, and I shal take vengeance and destroye all their policie and force
h That is, not obteining mercie: whereby he signifieth, that Gods fauour was departed from them.
i For the Israelites neuer returned, after ỹ they were taken captines by the Assyrians
k For after their captiuitie he restored thẽ miraculously by ỹ meanes of Cyrus, Ezr 1, 1
l That is, not my people
m Because thei thoght that God colde not haue bene true in his promes except he had preserued thẽ, he declareth, ỹ thogh they were destroied yet the true Israelites, wch are the sonnes of the promes, shulde be without nomber, & stand bothe of the Iewes, and the Gentiles, Rom 9, 26
n To wit, after the captiuitie of Babylon when the Iewes were restored: but chiefly this is referred to the time of Christ, who shulde be the head bothe of the Iewes and Gentiles
o The calamitie and destruction of Izreel shalbe so great, that to restore them shalbe as a miracle

CHAP. II.

1 The people is called to repentance. 5 He sheweth their idolatrie and threateneth them except they repent.

1 SAy vnto your [a] brethren, Ammi, and to your sisters, Ruhámah,

2 Plaid with your [b] mother: plaid *with her*: for she is not my wife, nether am I her husband: but let her take away hir forni cations out of her sight, and her adulteries [c] from betwene her breastes.

a Seing that I haue promised you deliuerance, it remaineth that you encourage one another to imbrace the same, considering that ye are my people on whome I wil haue mercie
b God sheweth that the faute was not in him but in their synagogue, and their idolatries, that he forsoke them, Isa 50, 1.
c Meaning, that their idolatrie was so great, that they were not ashamed, but boasted of it, Ezek 16, 25.

d For though this people were as an harlot for their idolatries, yet he had left them with their apparel and dowrie and certeine ſignes of his fauour, but if they cõtinued ſtill, he wolde vtterly deſtroy them.

e When I broght her out of Egypt, Ezek 16,4

f That is, baſtardes and begotten in adulterie

g Meaning the idoles which they ſerued & by whome thei thoght they had welth and abundance

h I wil punish thee that then ỹ maieſt trye whether thine idoles can helpe thee, & brig thee into ſuche ſtreitnes, that thou ſhalt haue no luſt to play the wanton

i This he ſpeaketh of ỹ faithful, which are truely conuerted, and alſo ſheweth the vſe and profite of Gods rods.

k This declareth ỹ idolaters defraude God of his honour whē thei attribute his benefites to their idoles.

l Signifying ỹ God wil take away his benefites whē man by his ingratitude doeth abuſe them

m That is, all her ſeruice, ceremonies and inuẽcions whereby ſhe worſhipped her idoles.

n I wil punish her for her idolatrie

o By ſhewing how harlotes trimme themſelues to pleaſe others, he declareth how the ſuperſtitious idolaters ſet a great parte of their religiõ in decking themſelues on their holie dayes

p By my benefits in offring her grace and mercie, eueu in ỹ place where ſhe ſhal thinke her ſelf deſtitute of all helpe and comfort. q Which was a plentiful valley, and whercin they had great comfort when they came out of the wildernes, as Ioſh 7,18 and is called the dore of hope, becauſe it was a departing from death, and an entrie into life r She ſhal then praiſe God as ſhe did when ſhe was deliuered out of Egypt. f That is, mine houſband, knowing that I am ioyned to thee by an inuiolable couenaut t That is, my maſter: which name was applied to their idoles.

d Leſt I ſtrippe her naked, & ſet her as in ỹ day that ſhe was borne, e and make her as a wildernes, & leaue her like a drye land, and ſlaye her for thirſt.

4 And I wil haue no pitie vpon her children: for they be the f children of fornications.

5 For their mother hathe played the harlot: ſhe that conceiued them, hathe done ſhamefully: for ſhe ſaid, I wil go after my g louers that giue me my bread & my water, my woll and my flaxe, mine oile and my drinke.

6 Therefore beholde, I wil ſtoppe h thy way with thornes, & make an hedge, ỹ ſhe ſhal not finde her paths.

7 Thogh ſhe followe after her louers, yet ſhal ſhe not come at them: thogh ſhe ſeke them, yet ſhal ſhe not finde *them*: then ſhal ſhe ſay, i I wil go & returne to my firſt houſband: for at ỹ time was I better then now.

8 Now ſhe did not know that I k gaue her corne, and wine, and oile, and multiplied her ſiluer and golde, *which* they beſtowed vpon Báal.

9 Therefore wil I returne, and take away l my corne in the time thereof, and my wine in the ceaſon thereof, and wil recouer my woll and my flaxe *lent*, to couer her ſhame.

10 And now wil I diſcouer her m lewdnes in the ſight of her louers, and no man ſhal deliuer her out of mine hand.

11 I wil alſo cauſe all her myrth to ceaſe, her feaſt dayes, her newe moones, & her Sabbaths, and all her ſolemne feaſts.

12 And I wil deſtroy her vines and her figtrees, whereof ſhe hathe ſaid, Theſe are my rewardes that my louers haue giuẽ me: & I wil make them as a foreſt, and the wilde beaſts ſhal eat them.

13 And I wil viſit vpon her the dayes n of Baalím, wherein ſhe burnt incenſe to thẽ: and ſhe decked her ſelf with her o earings and her iewels, & ſhe followed her louers, and forgate me, ſaith the Lord.

14 Therefore beholde, I wil p allure her, & bring her into the wildernes, and ſpeake friendly vnto her.

15 And I wil giue her her vineyardes from thence, and the valley q of Achór for the dore of hope, and ſhe ſhal r ſing there as in the dayes of her youth, & as in the day when ſhe came vp out of the land of Egypt.

16 And at that day, ſaith the Lord, thou ſhalt call me f Iſhí, and ſhalt call me nomore t Baalí.

17 For I wil take away the names of Baalím out of her mouth, and they ſhal be no more remembred by their u names.

u No idolatrie ſhal once come into their mouthe, but they ſhal ſerue me purely according to my worde

18 And in that day wil I make a couenant for them, with the x wilde beaſts, and with the foule of the heauen, and with that that crepeth vpon the earth: and I wil breake the bowe, and the ſworde and the battel out of the earth, & wil make them to ſlepe ſafely.

x Meaning, ỹ he wil ſo bleſſe them that all creatures ſhal fauour them.

19 And I wil marie thee vnto me for euer: yea, I wil marie thee vnto me in righteouſnes, and in iudgement, and in mercie and in compaſsion.

20 I wil euen marie thee vnto me in y faithfulnes, and thou ſhalt know the Lord.

y With a couenãt that neuer ſhalbe broken

21 And in that day I wil heare, ſaith the Lord, I wil *euen* heare z the heauens, and they ſhal heare the earth,

z Then ſhal the heauen deſire raine for ỹ earth which ſhal bring forthe for the vſe of man

22 And the earth ſhal heare the corne, and the wine, and the oyle, and they ſhal heare Izreél.

23 And I wil ſowe her vnto me in the earth, and I wil haue mercie vpon her, that was not pitied, & I wil ſay to thẽ which were not my people, *Thou art my people. And they ſhal ſay, *Thou art* my God.

Rom 9,25.
1 pet.2,10.

CHAP. III.

1 The Iewes ſhalbe caſt off for their idolatrie. 5 Afterwarde they ſhal returne to the Lord.

1 THen ſaid the Lord to me, a Go yet, *and* loue a woman (beloued of *her* houſband, and was an harlot) according to the loue of the Lord toward the childrẽ of Iſraél: yet they loked to other gods, & b loued the wine bottels.

a Herein the Prophet repreſenteth ỹ perſone of God, which loued his Church before he called her, & did not withdrawe the ſame when ſhe gaue her ſelfe to idoles.

b That is, gaue them ſelues wholly to pleaſures, and colde not take vp, as they ỹ are giuen to drunkennes.

2 So c I bogh her to me for fiftene *pieces* of ſiluer, and for an homer of barlie and an halfe *homer* of barlie.

c Yet I loued her & payed a ſmale portion for her, leſt ſhe perceiuing the greatnes of my loue, ſhulde haue abuſed me and not beene vnder ſubiectiõ for fiftene pieces of ſiluer were but half the price of a ſclaue, Exod. 21,32.

3 And I ſaid vnto her, Thou ſhalt abide with d me manie dayes: thou ſhalt not play the harlot, and thou ſhalt be to none *other* man, and I wil be ſo vnto thee.

4 For the children of Iſraél ſhal e remaine manie dayes without a King and without a f prince, and without an offring, & without an image, & without an Ephod and without Teraphím.

5 Afterwarde ſhal the children of Iſraél conuert, and ſeke the Lord their God, and g Dauid their King, & ſhal feare the Lord, and his goodnes in the latter dayes.

d I wil trie thee a long time as in thy widowehode whether thou wilt be mine or no e Meaning, not onely all the time of their captiuitie, but alſo vnto Chriſt. f That is, they ſhulde nether haue pollicie nor religion, and their idoles alſo wherein they put their confidence, ſhulde be deſtroyed. g This is ment of Chriſts kingdome, which was promiſed vnto Danid to be eternal, Pſal 72,38

CHAP. IIII.

A complaint againſt the people, and the Prieſts of Iſraél.

1 Heare

HEare the worde of the Lord, ye children of Iſraél: for the Lord [a] hathe a cõtrouerſie with ỹ inhabitants of the lãd becauſe there *is* no trueth, nor mercie nor knowledge of God in the land.

2 By ſwearing, and lying, and killing, and ſtealing, and whoring they breake out, and [b] blood toucheth blood.

3 Therefore ſhal the land mourne, and euerie one that dwelleth therein, ſhal be cut of, with the beaſts in the field, and with the foules of the heauẽ, and alſo the fiſhes of the ſea ſhalbe taken away.

4 Yet [c] let none rebuke, nor reproue another: for thy people *are* as they that rebuke the Prieſt.

5 Therefore ſhalt thou fall in the [d] day, and the Prophet ſhal fall with thee in ỹ night, and I wil deſtroye thy [e] mother.

6 My people are deſtroyed for lacke of knowledge: becauſe [f] thou haſt refuſed knowledge, I wil alſo refuſe thee, that thou ſhalt be no Prieſt to me: and ſeing [g] thou haſt forgotten the Law of thy God, I wil alſo forget thy children.

7 As they were [h] increaſed, ſo they ſinned againſt me: *therefore* wil I change their glorie into ſhame.

8 [i] They eat vp the ſinnes of my people, & lift vp their mindes in their iniquitie.

9 And there ſhalbe like people, like [k] Prieſt: for I wil viſit their wayes vpon them, & reward them their dedes.

10 For they ſhal eat, and not haue ynough: they ſhal [l] commit adulterie, and ſhal not increaſe, becauſe they haue left of to take hede to the Lord.

11 [m] Whoredome, and wine, and newe wine take away *their* heart.

12 My [n] people aſke coũſel at their ſtockes, and their ſtaffe teacheth them: for the [o] ſpirit of fornications hathe cauſed *them* to erre, and they haue gone a whoring from vnder their God.

13 They ſacrifice vpon the toppes of the mountaines, and burne incenſe vpon the hilles vnder the okes, and the poplar tre, and the elme, becauſe the ſhadowe thereof is good: therefore your daughters ſhalbe [p] harlottes, and your ſpouſes ſhalbe whores.

14 I wil not [q] viſite your daughters when they are harlots, nor your ſpouſes when they are whores: for thei them ſelues are ſeparated with harlots, and ſacrifice with whores: therefore the people that doeth not vnderſtand, ſhal fall.

15 Thogh thou, Iſraél, playe the harlot, *yet* [r] let not Iudáh ſinne: come not ye vnto [ſ] Gilgál, nether goye vp to [t] Beth-áuen, nor ſweare, The Lord liueth.

16 For Iſraél is rebellious as an vnrulie heifer. Now the Lord wil fede them as a [u] lambe in a large place.

17 Ephráim [x] ioyned to idoles: let him alone.

18 Their drunkennes ſtinketh: they haue committed whoredome: their rulers loue *to ſay* with ſhame, [x] Bring ye.

19 The winde hathe [y] bounde thẽ vp in her wings, and they ſhalbe aſhamed of their ſacrifices.

a Becauſe the people wolde not obey the admonitiõs of the Prophet, he cireth thẽ before the iudgement ſeat of God, againſt whome they chiefly offended, Iſa 7,12 zecha 12,10

b In euerie place appeareth a libertie to moſte heinous vices, ſo ỹ one followeth in ỹ necke of another

c As though he wolde ſay, ỹ it were in vaine to rebuke thẽ: for no mã can abide it: yea, they wil ſpeake againſt the Prophetes and Prieſts whoſe office it is chiefly to rebuke them

d Ye ſhal periſh all together: ỹ one, becauſe he wolde not obeie, & the other becauſe he wolde not admoniſh

e That is, the Synagogue wherein thou boaſteſt

f That is, the Prieſts ſhalbe caſt of becauſe, ỹ for lacke of knowledge, they are not able to execute their charge, and to inſtruct others, Deu 33, 3 malach 2,7

g Meaning, ỹ whole bodie of the people, which were wearie with hearing the worde of God

h The more I was beneficial vnto thẽ

i To wit, the Prieſts ſeke to eat ỹ peoples offrigs & flatter them in their ſinnes.

k Signifying, that as they haue ſinned to gether, ſo ſhal they be puniſhed together

l Shewing, that their wickednes ſhalbe puniſhed on all ſortes: for thogh they thinke by the multitude of wiues to haue many childrẽ, yet they ſhalbe deceiued of their hope

m In giuing them ſelues to pleaſures, thei become like brute beaſts. n Thus he ſpeaketh by deriſion in calling them his people, which now for their ſinnes they were not: for they ſoght helpe of ſtockes and ſtickes o They are caried away with a rage p Becauſe they take away Gods honour, and giue it to idoles, therefore he wil giue them vp to their luſtes, that they ſhal diſhonour their owne bodies, Rom 1,28 q I wil not correct your ſhame to bring you to amendement, but let you runne headlong to your owne damnation.

r God cõplaineth that Iudáh is infected, and willeth them to learne by their example to returne in time.

ſ For albeit the Lord had honored this place in time paſt by his preſence, yet becauſe it was abuſed by their idolatrie, he wolde not that his people ſhulde reſort thether.

t He calleth Beth-él, that is, the houſe of God, Beth-áuen, that is, the houſe of iniquitie, becauſe of their abominations ſet vp there, ſignifying that no place is holie where God is not purely worſhipped. u God wil ſo diſperſe them that they ſhal not remaine in ante certeine place x They are ſo impudent in receiuing bribes, that they wil commande men to bring them vnto them. y To carie them ſuddenly away.

CHAP. V

1 Againſt the Prieſts and rulers of Iſraél. 13 The helpe of man is in vaine.

1 OYe Prieſts, heare this, and hearken ye, ô houſe of Iſraél, & giue ye eare, ô houſe of the King: for iudgement *is* toward you, becauſe you haue bene a [a] ſnare on Mizpáh, & a net ſpred vpon Tabór.

2 Yet they were profounde, to decline to [b] ſlaughter, thogh I haue bene a [c] rebuker of them all.

3 I knowe [d] Ephráim, and Iſraél is not hid from me: for now, ô Ephráim thou art become an harlot, & Iſraél is defiled.

4 Thei wil not giue their mindes to turne vnto their God: for ỹ ſpirit of fornication *is* in the middes of them, & they haue not knowen the Lord.

5 And the [e] pride of Iſraél doeth teſtifie to his face. therefore ſhal Iſraél and Ephráim fall in their iniquitie: Iudáh alſo ſhal fall with them.

6 They ſhal go with their ſhepe, and with their bullockes to ſeke the Lord: but they ſhal not finde him: *for* he hathe withdrawẽ him ſelf from them.

7 They haue [f] trãſgreſſed againſt the Lord: for they haue begotten [f] ſtrange children: now ſhal [g] a moneth deuoure them wt their portions.

8 Blowe ye the trumpet in Gibeáh, & the ſhaume in Ramáh: crye out at Beth-áuen, after thee, ô [h] Beniamin.

9 Ephráim ſhalbe deſolate in ỹ day of rebuke: among the tribes of Iſraél haue I cauſed to [i] knowe the trueth.

10 The princes of Iudáh were like thẽ that [k] remoue the bondes: *therefore* wil I powre out my wrath vpon them like water.

11 Ephráim is oppreſſed, & broken in iudgement, becauſe he willingly walked after the [l] commandement.

a The Prieſts & princes catched the poore people in their ſnares as the foulers did the birds, in theſe two high mountaines

b Notwithſtanding they ſemed to be giuen altogether to holines, & to ſacrifices, wt here he calleth ſlaughter in cõtempt

c Thogh I admoniſhed them continually by my Prophetes

d They boaſted them ſelues not onely to be Iſraelites, but alſo Ephraimites, becauſe their King Ieroboã came of that tribe

e Meaning, their contemning of all admonitions.

f That is their children are degenerat, ſo ỹ there is no hope in them.

g Their deſtructiõ is not farre of.

h That is, all Iſrael cõprehẽded vnder this parte, ſignifying ỹ the Lords plagues ſhulde purſue thẽ frõ place to place til they were deſtroyed.

i By the ſucceſſe thei ſhal knowe that I haue ſurely determined this

k Thei haue turned vp ſide downe all political order, and all maner of religion

l To wit, after King Ieroboams cõmandemẽt & did not rather follow God.

12 Therefore wil I be vnto Ephráim as a moth, and to the houſe of Iudáh as a rottennes.

13 Whē Ephráim ſawe his ſickenes, and Iudáh his wounde, then went Ephráim vnto [m] Aſſhúr, & ſent vnto King [n] Iaréb: yet colde he not heale you, nor cure you of your wounde.

14 For I wil be vnto Ephráim as a lion, and as a lions whelpe to the houſe of Iudáh: I, *euen* I wil ſpoyle, and go away: I wil take away, and none ſhal reſcue it.

15 I wil go, & returne to my place, til they acknowledge their faute, and ſeke me [a] in their affliction they wil ſeke me diligently.

m Inſtead of ſekīg for remedie at Gods hand
n Who was King of ỹ Aſſyrians.

CHAP. VI.

1 Affliction cauſeth a man to turne to God. 9 The wickednes of the Prieſts.

COme, & let vs [a] returne to the Lord: for he hathe ſpoiled, and he wil heale vs: he hathe wounded vs, and he wil binde vs vp.

2 After two dayes wil [b] he reuiue vs, & in the thirde day he wil raiſe vs vp, and we ſhal liue in his ſight.

3 Then ſhal we haue knowledge, and endeuor our ſelues to knowe the Lord: his going forthe is prepared as the morning, and he ſhal come vnto vs as the raine, & as the latter raine vnto the earth.

4 O Ephráim, what ſhal I do vnto thee! ô Iudáh, how ſhal I entreat thee! for [c] your goodnes *is* as a morning cloude, and as the morning dewe it goeth away.

5 Therefore haue I [d] cut downe by ỹ Prophetes: I haue ſlaine them by the wordes of my mouth, and [e] thy iudgements *were as* the light that goeth forthe.

6 For I deſired [f] mercie, & not ſacrifice, & the knowledge of God more then burnt offrings.

7 But thei like [g] men haue tranſgreſſed ỹ couenant: there haue they treſpaced againſt me.

8 [h] Gileád *is* a citie of them that worke iniquitie, & *is* polluted with blood.

9 And as theues waite for a mā, ſo the companie of Prieſts murther in the way by cōſent: for they worke meſchief.

10 I haue ſene vilenie in the houſe of Iſraél: there *is* the whoredome of Ephráim: Iſraél is defiled.

11 Yea, Iudáh hathe ſet a [i] plant for thee, whiles I wolde returne the captiuitie of my people.

a He ſheweth the people howe they ought to turne to the Lord, that he might call backe his plagues
b Though he correct vs frō time to time, yet his helpe wil not be farre of, if we returne to him.
c You ſeme to haue a certeine holines, & repentāce, but it is vpon the ſudden, and as a morning cloude
d I haue ſtil laboured by my Prophets, & as it were framed you to bring you to amendement, but all was in vaine: for my worde was not meat to fede them, but a ſworde to ſlay them
e My doctrine ỹ I taught thee, was moſte euident
f He ſheweth to what ſcope his doctrine ſēded ỹ they ſhulde ioyne ỹ obedience of God, & ỹ loue of their neighbour with outwarde ſacrifice.
g That is, like light & weake perſones.
h Which was ỹ place where the Prieſts dwelt, and ỹ ſhulde haue bene beſt inſtructed in my worde and hathe taken graſſes of thy trees
i That is, doeth imitate thine idolatrie

CHAP. VII.

1 Of the vices & wantonnes of the people. 12 Of their puniſhment.

1 WHen I wolde haue healed Iſraél, thē the iniquitie of Ephráim was diſcouered, & the wickednes of Samaria: for they haue delt falſely: and [a] the theſe cometh in, & the robber ſpoyleth without.

2 And they conſider not in their hearts, *that* I remēber all their wickednes: now their owne inuencions haue beſet them about: they are in my ſight.

3 They make ỹ [b] King glad with their wickednes, and the princes with their lies.

4 Thei are all adulterers, & as a verie [c] ouē heated by the baker, which ceaſeth frō raiſing vp, & from kneding the dowe vntil it be leauened.

5 *Thus* the day [d] of our King: the princes haue made him ſicke with flagons of wine: he ſtretcheth out his hand to ſcorners.

6 For thei haue made readie their heart like an ouen whiles they lie in waite: their baker ſlepeth all the night: in the morning it burneth as a flame of fyre.

7 They are all hote as an ouen, and haue [e] deuoured their Iudges: all their Kīgs are fallen: there is none among them that calleth vnto me.

8 Ephráim hathe [f] mixt him ſelf amōg the people. Ephráim is as a cake on the herth not turned.

9 Strangers haue deuoured his ſtrength, & he knoweth it not: yea, [g] graye heeres are here and there vpon him, yet he knoweth not.

10 And the pride of Iſraél teſtifieth to his face, and they do not returne to the Lord their God, nor ſeke him for all this.

11 Ephráim alſo is like a doue deceiued, without [h] heart: they call to Egypt: they go to Aſſhúr.

12 *But* whē they ſhal go, I wil ſpred my net vpon them, & drawe them downe as the foules of the heauen: I wil chaſtiſe thē as their [i] congregation hathe heard.

13 Wo vnto them: for they haue fled away from me: deſtruction *ſhalbe* vnto them, becauſe they haue tranſgreſſed againſt me: thogh I haue [k] redemed them, yet they haue ſpoken lies againſt me.

14 And they haue not cryed vnto me with their hearts, [l] when they howled vpō their beds: [m] they aſſemble them ſelues for corne, & wine, *and* thei rebell againſt me.

15 Thogh I haue bounde, *and* ſtrengthened their arme, yet do they imagine miſchief againſt me.

16 Thei returne, *but* not to ỹ moſt high: thei are like a deceitful bowe: their prices ſhal fall by the ſworde, for the rage [n] of their tongues: this ſhalbe their deriſion in the land of Egypt.

a Meaning, ỹ there was no one kinde of vice among them, but that they were ſubiect to all wickednes, bothe ſecret & opē.
b Thei eſteme their wicked King Ieroboā aboue God, & ſeke but how to flatter, and pleaſe him
c He compareth the rage of the people to a burning ouen which ỹ baker heateth ſtil til his dowe be leauened, and raiſed
d They vſed all riot & exceſſe in their feaſts & ſolemnities, whereby their King was ouercome with ſurfet, & brought into diſeaſes, and delited in flatteries.
e By their occaſion God hath depriued them of all good rulers.
f That is, he conterfaiteth the religion of the Gentiles, yet is but as a cake baked on ỹ one ſide, & rawe on ỹ other, that is, neither through hote nor through cold, but partely a Iewe, and partely a Gentil
g Which are a token of his manifolde afflictions.
h That is, without all iudgement, as they that can not rel whether it is better to cleaue onely to God, or to ſeke the helpe of men.
i According to my curſes made to the whole congregation of Iſrael
k That is, diuers times redemed them, and deliuered them from death.
l When they were in affliction, & cryed out for paine, they ſoght not vnto me for helpe.
m They onely ſeke their owne comoditie and welth, and paſſe not for me their God
n Becauſe they boaſt of their owne ſtrength, and paſſe not what they ſpeake againſt me and my ſeruants, Pſal 73.9

CHAP. VIII.

1 The deſtruction of Iudáh and Iſraél, becauſe of their idolatrie.

a God incourageth the Prophet to ſignifie the ſpedie coming of the enemie againſt Iſráél, which was once the people of God.

1 SEt the trumpet to thy a mouth: *he ſhal come* as an egle againſt the Houſe of the Lord, becauſe they haue tranſgreſſed my couenant, & treſpaced againſt my Law.

b They ſhal crye like hypocrites, but not from the heart, as their dedes declare.

2 Iſráél ſhal b crye vnto me, My God, we knowe thee.

3 Iſráél hathe caſt of the thig that is good: the enemie ſhal purſue him.

c That is, Ieroboám, by whome they ſoght the ir owne libertie, and not to obey my wil.

4 They haue ſet vp a c King, but not by me: they haue made princes, and I knewe it not: of their ſiluer and their golde haue they made them idoles: therefore ſhal thei be deſtroyed.

5 Thy calfe, ô Samaria, hathe caſt thee of: mine anger is kindeled againſt them: how long wil they be without d innocencie!

d That is vpright iudgement and godlie life

6 e For it came euen from Iſráél: the workeman made it, therefore it is not God: but the calfe of Samaria ſhalbe *broken* in pieces.

e Meaning, the calfe was inuented by thé ſelues, and of their fathers in the wilderneſs

7 For they haue f ſowen the winde, & they ſhal reape the whirlwinde: it hathe no ſtalke: the budde ſhal bring forthe no meale: if ſo be it bring forthe, the ſtrangers ſhal deuoure it.

f Shewing that their religion hathe but a ſhewe, and in it ſelf is but vanitie.

8 Iſráél is deuoured, now ſhal they be amõg the Gentiles as a veſſel wherein *is* no pleaſure.

9 For they are gone vp to Aſſhúr: *they are as* a g wilde aſſe alone by him ſelf: Ephráim hathe hired louers.

g They muſt ceaſe but runne to and fro to ſeke helpe

10 Yet thogh they haue hired amõg the nacions, now wil I gather them, and thei ſhal ſorowe a litle, for the h burdẽ of the King, & the princes.

h That is, for the tribute of the King and the princes ſhal lay vpon them: which meanes the Lord vſeth to bring them to repentance

11 Becauſe Ephráim hathe made many altars to ſinne, his altars *ſhalbe* to ſinne.

i Thus the idolaters counte the worde of God as ſtrãge in reſpect of their owne inuentions.

12 I haue writ n to them the great things of my Law: *but* they were counted as a i ſtrange thing.

13 They ſa r fice fleſh for the ſacrifices of mine offrings, and eat it: *but* the k Lord accepteth them not: now wil he remember their iniquitie, and viſite their ſinnes: they ſhal returne to Egypt.

k Saying that they offer it to the Lord, but he acceptеth no ſeruice, ſo he him ſelf hathe not appointed.

14 For Iſráél hathe forgotten his maker, & buyldeth temples, and Iudáh hathe encreaſed ſtrong cities but I wil ſẽd a fyre vpon his cities, and it ſhal deuoure the palaces thereof.

CHAP. IX.

Of the hunger and captiuitie of Iſraél.

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a For thogh all other people ſhulde eſcape, yet thou ſhalt be puniſhed

1 REioyce not, ô Iſráél for ioye a as *other* people: for thou haſt gone a whoring from thy God: thou haſt loued b a rewarde vpon euery corne floore.

b Thou haſt cõmitted idolatrie in hope of rewarde, & to haue thy barnes filled, Iere 44.17. as an harlot that had rather liue by playig ſ whore then to be intertened of her owne houſband

2 c The floore, and the wine preſſe ſhal not fede them, and the new wine ſhal faile in her.

c Theſe outward things ſ thou ſeke ſt, ſhalbe taken from thee.

3 They wil not dwell in the Lords land, but Ephráim wil returne to Egypt, & they wil eat vncleane things in Aſſhúr.

4 They ſhal not offer d wine to the Lord, nether ſhal their ſacrifices be pleaſant vnto him: *but they ſhalbe* vnto thẽ as the bread of mourners: all that eat thereof, ſhal be polluted: for their bread e for their ſoules ſhal not come into the Houſe of the Lord.

d All their doings bothe touching politie and religiõ ſhalbe reputed as things polluted

e The meat offring which they offred for them ſelues

5 What wil ye do f then in the ſolẽne day, and in the day of the feaſt of the Lord?

f When ſ Lord ſhal take away all ſ occaſions of ſerueinghim, which ſhalbe the moſte grieuous paine of your captiuitie, when you ſhal ſe yourſelues cut of frõ God

6 For lo, they are gone from g deſtruction: *but* Egypt ſhal gather them vp, and Memphis ſhal burye them: the nettles ſhal poſſeſſe the pleaſant *places* of their ſiluer, & the thorne *ſhalbe* in their tabernacles.

g Thogh they thinke to eſcape by fleing ſ deſtrucõ that is at hand, yet ſhal they be deſtroyed in ſ place whether they flee for ſoccour

7 The daies of viſitacion are come: the dayes of recompenſe are come: Iſráél ſhal knowe it: h the Prophet *is* a foole: the ſpiritual man *is* mad, for the multitude of thine iniquitie: therefore the hatred is great.

h Then they ſhal knowe ſ they were deluded by them who chaléged to them ſelues tobe their Prophetes & ſpiritual men

8 The watchemã of Ephráim i *ſhulde be* with my God: *but* the Prophet *is* the ſnare of a fouler in all his waies, & hatred in ſ Houſe of his God.

i The Prophetes duette is to bring men to God and not to be a ſnare to pul them from God

9 They k are depely ſet: they are corrupt as in the daies of Gibeáh: *therefore* he wil remẽber their iniquitie, he wil viſite their ſinnes.

k This people is ſo rooted in their wickednes, ſ Gibeáh which was like to Sodõm was neuer more corrupt, Iud. 19, 22

10 I founde Iſráél like l grapes in the wildernes: I ſawe your fathers as the firſt ripe in the fig tre at her firſt time: *but* they went to Baal-Peór, and ſeparated them ſelues vnto that ſhame, and *their* abominacions were according to m their louers.

l Meaning, ſ he ſo eſteemed thẽ and delited in them.

m They were as abominable vnto me, as their louers ſ idoles.

11 Ephráim their glorie ſhal flee away like a birde: frõ the birth n and from the wombe, and from the conception.

n Signifying ſ God wold deſtroy their childrẽ bythe ſe ſundry meanes, and ſo cõſume them by litle and litle.

12 Thogh they bring vp their children, yet I wil depriue them from being men: yea, wo to them, when I departe from them.

o As they kept tender plantes in their houſes in Tyrus to preſerue them frõ the colde ayre of ſ ſea, ſo was Ephráim at the firſt vnto me, but now I wil giue him to the ſlaughter

13 Ephráim, as I ſawe, *is as a tre* o in Tyrus planted in a cottage: but Ephráim ſhal bring forthe his children to the murtherer.

p The Prophet ſeing the great plagues of God toward Ephráim, praieth to God to make them baren, rather then that this great ſlaughter ſhulde come vpon their children.

14 O Lord, giue them: what wilt thou giue them? giue them a p baren wombe & drye breaſts.

15 All their wickednes *is* in q Gilgál: for there do I hate them: for the wickednes of their inuencions, I wil caſt them out of mine Houſe: I wil loue them no more: all their princes are rebelles.

q The chief cauſe of their deſtruction is that they commit idolatrie and corrupt my religion in Gilgál.

16 Ephráim is ſmitten, their roote is dryed vp: they can bring no fruite: yea, thogh thei bring forthe, yet wil I ſlaie euen the deareſt of their bodie.

17 My God wil caſt thẽ away, becauſe they did not obey him: and they ſhal wander among the nacions.

CHAP. X.

Againſt Iſraél and his idoles. 14 His deſtruction for the ſame.

ISraél *is* a [a] emptie vine, *yet* hathe it broght forthe frute vnto it ſelf, & according to the multitude of the frute thereof he hathe increaſed the altars according to the [b] goodnes of their land they haue made faire images.

2 Their heart is [c] deuided: now ſhal they be founde fautie: he ſhal breake downe their altars: he ſhal deſtroye their images.

3 For now they ſhal ſay, We haue no [d] Kīg becauſe we feared not the Lord: and what ſhulde a King do to vs?

4 They haue ſpoken wordes, ſwearing falſely in making [e] a couenant: thus [f] iudgement groweth as wormewood in the furrowes of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria ſhal [g] feare becauſe of the calfe of Beth-áuen: for the people thereof ſhal mourne ouer it, & the [h] Chemarims thereof, that reioyced on it for the glorie thereof, becauſe it is departed from it.

6 It ſhalbe alſo broght to Aſſhúr, for a preſent vnto King Iaréb: Ephráim ſhal receiue ſhame, & Iſraél ſhalbe aſhamed of his owne counſel.

7 Of Samaria, the King thereof is deſtroied, as the fome vpon the water.

8 The hie places alſo of [i] Auen ſhalbe deſtroied, *euen* the ſinne of Iſraél: the thorne and the thiſtle ſhal growe vpō their altars, and they ſhal ſay to the mountaines, *Couer vs, and to the hilles, Fall vpon vs.

9 O Iſraél, thou haſt [k] ſinned from the daies of Gibeáh: there they [l] ſtode: the battel in Gibeáh againſt the children of iniquitie did not [m] touche them.

10 It is my deſire [n] that I ſhulde chaſtiſe them, & the people ſhalbe gathered againſt them, when they ſhal gather them ſelues in their two [o] furrowes.

11 And Ephráim *is as* an heiffer vſed to delite [p] in threſhing: but I wil paſſe by her [q] faire necke: I wil make Ephráim to ride: Iudáh ſhal plowe, *and* Iaakób ſhal breake his cloddes.

12 Sowe to your ſelues in righteouſnes: reape after the meaſure of mercie: [r] breake vp your fallowe grounde: for *it is* time to ſeke the Lord, til he come & raine righteouſnes vpon you.

13 *But* you haue plowed wickednes: ye haue reaped iniquitie: you haue eatē the frute of lies: becauſe [y] dideſt truſt in thine owne waies, & in the multitude of thy ſtrong men,

14 Therefore ſhal a tumult ariſe amōg thy people & all thy munitions ſhalbe deſtroied, as [s] Shalmán deſtroyed Beth-arbél in the day of battel: the mother with the children was daſhed in pieces.

15 So ſhal Beth-él do vnto you, becauſe of your malicious wickednes: in a morning ſhal the King of Iſraél be deſtroyed.

CHAP. XI.

The benefites of the Lord toward Iſraél. 5 *Their ingratitude againſt him.*

1 WHen Iſraél [a] *was* a childe, then I loued him, and called my ſonne out of Egypt.

2 They called them, *but* they [b] went thus frō them: thei ſacrificed vnto Baalím, & burnt incenſe to images.

3 I led Ephráim alſo, *as one* ſhulde beare them in his armes: but thei knewe not that I healed them.

4 I led them with cordes [c] of a man, *euen* with bandes of loue, and I was to them, as he that taketh of the yoke from their iawes, and I laied the meat vnto them.

5 He ſhal no more [i] returne into the land of Egypt: but Aſſhúr ſhalbe his [d] King, becauſe thei refuſed to conuert.

6 And the ſworde ſhal fall on his cities, & ſhal conſume his barres, and deuoure thē, becauſe of their owne counſels.

7 And my people are bent to rebellion againſt me: thogh [e] they called them to the moſt hie, *yet* none at all wolde exalt *him*.

8 [f] How ſhal I giue thee vp, Ephráim? *how* ſhal I deliuer thee, Iſraél? how ſhal I make thee, as [g] Admáh? *how* ſhal I ſet thee, as Zeboím? mine heart is turned within me: [h] my [i] repentings are rouled together.

9 I wil not execute the fiercenes of my wrath: I wil not returne to deſtroy Ephráim: for I am God, and not man, the holy one in the middes of thee, & I wil not [i] entre into the citie.

10 They ſhal walke after the Lord: he ſhal roare like a lyon: when he ſhal roare, then the children of the Weſt ſhal feare.

11 [k] Thei ſhal feare as a ſparowe out of Egypt, and as a doue out of the land of Aſſhúr, and I wil place them in their houſes, ſaith the Lord.

12 Ephráim cōpaſſeth me about with lies, and the houſe of Iſraél with deceit: but Iudáh yet ruleth [l] with God, and is faithful with the Saīctes.

CHAP. XII.

He admoniſheth by Iaakobs example to truſt in God, and not in man.

1 EPhráim is fed [a] with the winde, & followeth after the Eaſtwinde: he encreaſeth daiely lies and deſtruction, and they do make a couenant with Aſſhúr, & [b] oyle is caryed into Egypt.

2 The Lord hathe alſo a controuerſie with [c] Iudáh, & wil viſite Iaakób, according to his waies: according to his workes, wil he recompenſe him.

3 He toke his brother [1] by the hele in the wombe

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a Whereof thogh the grapes were gathered, yet euer as it gathered new ſtrength, it increaſed new wickednes, ſo that ỹ correction which ſhulde haue broght thē to obedience, did but vtter their ſtubbernes

b As thei were riche and had abundāce.

c To wit, from God

d The day ſhal come ỹ God ſhal take awai their King, & then they ſhal fele the frute of their ſinnes, and how they truſted in him in vaine, 2. King 17.6

e In promiſing ſo be faithful toward God.

f Thus their integritie and fidelitie which they pretēded, was nothing but bitternes and grief.

g When ỹ calfe ſhalbe caried away

h Chemarims were certeine idolatrous prieſtes, ỹ did weare blacke apparel in their ſacrifices and cryed with a loude voice: which ſuperſtition Eliáh derided, 1. King 18.27 read 2. king 23.5

i This he ſpeaketh in contēpt of Bethél, read Chap 4. 15

Iſa 2.19. luk.23.30. reuel. 6.16. & 9.6

k In thoſe daies waſt thou as wicked as the Gibeonites, as God there partely declared: for thy zeale colde not be good in executing Gods iudgements, ſeing thine owne dedes were as wicked as theirs

l To wit, to fight, or the Iſraelites remained in that ſtubbernes frō that time

m The Iſraelites were not moued by their example to ceaſe from their ſinnes

n Becauſe they are ſo deſperate, I wil delite to deſtroy them

o That is, when they haue gathered all their ſtrength together

p Wherein is pleaſure, as in plowing is labour and peine

q I wil lay my yoke vpon her fat necke

r Read Ierem 4.4

s That is, Shalmanazár in the deſtruction of that citie ſpared neither kinde nor age.

a Whiles ỹ Iſraelites were in Egypt and did not prouoke my wrath by their malice and ingratitude

b They rebelled and went a cōtrary way when the Prophetes called them to repentance

c That is, friēdly and not as beaſts or ſclaues.

d Seing they contemne all this kindenes, they ſhalbe led captiue into Aſſyria

e To wit, the Prophetes.

f God conſidereth with him ſelfe and that with a certeine grief how to puniſh them

g Which were two of the cities that were deſtroied with Sodóm, Deu. 29.23

h Meanig, that his loue where with he firſt loued thē, made him betwene doute and aſſurance what to do: and herein appeareth his fatherlie affection, that his mercie toward his ſhal ouercome his iudgements, as he declareth in ỹ next verſ.

i To conſume thee, but wil cauſe thee to yelde and ſo receiue thee to mercie: & this is ment of the ſmale nomber who ſhal walke after the Lord

k The Egyptians and Aſſyrians ſhal be afraid whē the Lord maiſteneth his people.

l Gouerneth their ſtate accordīg to Gods worde, & doeth not degenerate Chap XII

a That is, flattereth him ſelf with vaine cōfidence.

b Meaning, preſentes to get friendſhip

c Which in theſe pointes was like to Ephráim, but not in idolatries.

wombe, & by his strength he had [d] power with God,

4 And had [e] power ouer the Angel, & preuailed: he wept and prayed vnto him: [f] he founde him in Beth-él, and there he spake with vs.

5 Yea, the Lord God of hostes, the Lord *is* him self his memorial.

6 Therefore turne thou to thy God: kepe mercie and iudgement, and hope stil in thy God.

7 *He is* [g] Canáan: the balances of deceit *are* in his hand: he loueth to oppresse.

8 And Ephráim said, Notwithstãding I am riche, I haue foũde me out riches in all my labours: they shal finde none iniquitie in me, [h] that were wickednes.

9 Thogh I am the Lord thy God, from the land of Egypt, yet wil I make thee to dwell in the tabernacles, as in [i] the dayes of the solemne feast.

10 I haue also spoken by the Prophetes, & I haue multiplied visiõs, & vsed similitudes by the ministerie of the Prophetes.

11 Is there [k] iniquitie in Gileád? surely thei are vanitie: they sacrifice bullockes in Gilgál, and their altars *are* as heapes in the furrowes of the field.

12 [l] And Iaakób fled into the countrey of Arám, and Israél serued for a wife, and for a wife he kept *shepe*.

13 And by a [m] Prophet the Lord brogt Israél out of Egypt, and by a Prophet was he reserued.

14 *But* Ephráim prouoked him with hie places: therefore shal his blood be powred vpõ him, and his reproche shal his Lord rewarde him.

d Seing that God did thus preferre Iaakób, their father, Iudahs ingratitude was the more to be abhorred

e Read Genes 32,31

f God founde Iaakób as he lay sleping in Beth el, Gene 28, 12, and so spake with hi there, that the frute of that speache appertemed to the whole body of the people, whereof we are

g As for Ephráim he is more like the wicked Canaanites thẽ godlie Abrahám or Iaakób

h Thus ỹ wicked measure Gods fauour by outward prosperitie, & like hypocrites can not abide that anie shulde reproue their doigs

i Seing thou wilt not acknowledge my benefites, I wil bring thee againe to dwell in tentes as in the feast of the Tabernacles, which thou doest now contemne

k The people thoght ỹ no mã durst haue spoken against Gileád, ỹ holie place, and yet the Prophet saith, that all their religion was but vanitie

l If you boast of your riches and nobilitie, ye seme to reproche your father who was a poore fugitiue and seruant

m Meaning, Moses Whereby appeareth, that whatsoeuer they haue, it cometh of Gods fre goodnes

CHAP. XIII.

1 The abomination of Israél, 9 And cause of their destruction.

1 WHen Ephráim spake, there *was* [a] trembling: he [b] exalted him self in Israél, but he hathe sinned in Báal, and is dead.

2 And now they sinne more and more, and haue made them molten images of their siluer, & idoles accordig to their owne vnderstanding: they were all the worke of ỹ craftesmẽ: they say one to another whiles. thei sacrifice a [d] mã, Let thẽ kisse ỹ calues.

3 Therefore they shalbe as the morning cloude, & as the morning dewe ỹ passeth away, as ỹ chasse that is driuẽ with a whirle winde out of the floore, & as the smoke that goeth out of the chimney.

4 Yet I am the Lord thy God [e] frõ the lãd of Egypt, & thou shalt know no God but me: for there *is* no Sauiour beside me.

5 I did knowe thee in the wildernes, in the land of drought.

6 As in their pastures, so were thei filled: they were filled, and their heart was exalted: therefore haue they forgotten me.

7 And I wil be vnto them as a verie lyon, & as a leoparde in the waye of Asshúr.

8 I wil mete thẽ, as a beare that is robbed of her whelpes, and I wil breake the calle of their heart, and there wil I deuoure them like a lyon: the wilde beast shal teare them.

9 O Israél, [f] one hathe destroyed thee, but in me *is* thine helpe.

10 [g] I am: where is thy King, that shulde helpe thee in all thy cities? & thy iudges, of whome thou saidest, Giue me a King and princes?

11 I gaue thee a King in mine angre, and I toke *him* away in my wrath.

12 The iniquitie of Ephráim *is* [h] bounde vp: his sinne *is* hid.

13 The sorowes of a trauailing woman shal come vpon him: he is an vnwise sonne, els wolde he not stand stil at the time, *euen* at the [i] breaking forthe of the children.

14 I wil redeme them from the power of the graue: I wil deliuer them frõ death: ô [k] death, I wil be thy death: ô graue, I wil be thy destruction: [l] repentance is hid from mine eyes.

15 Thogh he grewe vp among *his* brethren, an East winde shal come, *euen* the winde of the Lord shal come vp from the wildernes, and drye vp his veine, and his foũtaine shalbe dryed vp: he shal spoyle the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

16 Samaria shal be desolate: for she hathe rebelled against her God: they shal fall by the sworde: their infants shalbe dashed in pieces, and their women with childe shalbe ript.

a He sheweth the excellencie, & authoritie that this tribe had aboue all the rest

b He made a King of his tribe

c The Ephraimites are not farre from destruction, and haue lost their authoritie.

d The false pphetes persuaded the idolaters to offer their children after ỹ exãple of Abrahám, & he sheweth how they wolde exhorte one another to ỹ same & to kisse, and worship these calues ẃ were their idoles.

e He calleth them to repentance & reproueth their ingratitude.

f Thy destruction is certeine, & my benefites towarde thee declare that it cometh not of me: therefore thine owne malice, idolatrie and vaine confidẽce in men must nedes be ỹ cause thereof

g I am allone, Iam. 1, 17

h It is surely laid vp to be punished, as Ierem. 17, 1

i But wolde come out of the wombe, ỹ is, out of this dãger wherein he is, and not tarie to be stifeléd

k Meaning ỹ no power shal resist God whẽ he wil deliuer his, but euen in death wil he giue thẽ life

l Because thei wil not turne to me, I wil not chãge my purpose.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The destruction of Samaria. 3 He exhorteth Israél to turne to God, who requireth praise and thankes.

1 O Israél, [a] returne vnto the Lord thy God: for thou hast fallen by thine iniquitie.

2 Take vnto you wordes, and turne to the Lord, and say vnto him, [b] Take away all iniquitie, and receiue *vs* graciously: so wil we render the calues of [c] our lippes.

3 Asshúr shal [d] not saue vs, nether wil we ride vpõ horses, nether wil we say anie more to the worke of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the fatherles findeth mercie.

4 [e] I wil heale their rebelliõ: I wil loue thẽ frely: for mine anger is turned away frõ hi.

5 I wil be as the dewe vnto Israél: he shal growe as the lilie and fasten his rootes as *the trees* of Lebanón.

6 His branches shal spreade, and his beautie shalbe as the oliue tre, and his smel as Lebanón.

a He exhorteth them to repentance, to auoide all these plagues, willing them to declare by wordes their obedience and repentance

b He sheweth them how thei ought to confesse their sinnes

c Declaring, ỹ this is the true sacrifice, that the faithful cã offer, euen thãkes & praise, Ebr 13, 15.

d We wil leaue of all vaine confidence and pride

e He declareth how ready God is to receiue them that do repent.

f Whosoeuer ioyne thē sel ues to this peo ple, shalbe blest sed

7 They that dwell vnder his[f] shadowe, shal returne: they shal reuiue as the corne, and florish as the vine: the sent thereof *shalbe* as the wine of Lebanón.

g God sheweth how prōpt he is to heare his, when they repent, and to offer him self, as a protectiō, & sauegard vnto them, as a moste sufficiēt fruite & profite.

8 Ephráim *shal say*, What haue I to do anie more with idoles? I [g] haue heard him, & loked vpō him: I am like a grene fyrre tre: vpon me is thy fiute found.

h Signifying that the true wisdome and knowledge cōsisteth in this, euen to reste vpon God.

9 Who is [h] wise, and he shal vnderstand these things? *and* prudent, & he shal knowe them? for the wayes of the Lord *are* righteous, and the iuste shal walke in them: but the wicked shal fall therein.

IOEL.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe Prophet Ioél first rebuketh them of Iudáh, that being now punished with a great plague of famine, remaine stil obstinat. Secondly he threateneth greater plagues, because they grewe daily to a more hardenes of heart, & rebellion against God notwithstanding his punishments. Thirdly he exhorteth them to repentance, shewing that it muste be earneste, and procede from the heart because they had grieuously offended God. And so doing, he promiseth, that God wil be merciful, & not forget his couenant that he made with their fathers but wil send his Christ who shal gather the scattered shepe, and restore them to life, and libertie, thogh they semed to be dead.

CHAP. I.

1 A prophecie against the Iewes. 2 He exhorteth the people to prayer, and fasting for the miserie that was at hand.

1 THE worde of the Lord that came to Ioél the sonne of Pethuél.

a Signifying the Princes, the Priests, and the gouerners.

2 Heare ye this, ô [a] Elders, and hearken ye all inhabitants of the land, whether [b] suche a thing hathe bene in your dayes, or yet in the dayes of your fathers.

b He calleth the Iewes to the consideration of Gods iudgements, who had now plagued the frutes of the grounde for the space of foure yere, which was for their sinnes, & to call them to repentance.

3 Tell you your children of it, and let your children *shewe* to their children, and their children to another generacion.

4 That which is left of the palmer worme, hathe the grashopper eaten, and the residue of the grashopper hathe the canker worme eaten, and the residue of the canker worme hathe ỹ caterpiller eaten.

c Meaning, that the occasiō of their excesse and drunkennes was taken away

5 Awake ye [c] drunkardes, and wepe, and houle all ye drinkers of wine, because of ỹ new wine: for it shalbe pulled from your mouth.

d This was another plague wherewith God had punished thē, when he stirred vp the Assyrians against them

6 Yea, [d] a nation cometh vpon my land, mightie, and without nomber, whose teeth *are like* the teeth of a lyon, and he hathe the iawes of a great lyon.

7 He maketh my vine waste, and pilleth of the barke of my figtre: he maketh it bare, and casteth it downe: the branches thereof are made white.

e Mourne grieuously as a woman, which hathe lost her housband, to whome she hathe bene maried in her youth

8 Mourne like a virgine girded with sackecloth for the housband of [e] her youth.

f The tokens of Gods wrath did appeare in his Temple in so muche, as Gods seruice was left of.

9 The meat offring, and the drinke offring is [f] cut of from the House of the Lord: the Priests the Lords ministers mourne.

10 The field is wasted: the land mourneth: for the corne is destroyed: the new wine is dryed vp, *and* the oyle is decayed.

g All comfort and substance for nourishment is taken away.

11 Be ye ashamed, ô housbande men: houle, ô ye vine dressers for the wheat, and for the barly, because the harueste of the field is perished.

12 The vine is dryed vp, and the figtre is decayed: the pomegranate tre and the palme tre, and the apple tre, *euen* all the trees of the field are withered: surely the ioy is withered away from the sonnes of men.

h He sheweth ỹ the only meanes to auoide Gods wrath, & to haue all thinges restored is vnfained repentance.

13 [h] Girde your selues & lament, ye Priests: houle ye ministers of the altar: come, *and* lye all night in sackecloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offring, and the drinke offring is taken away from the House of your God.

14 Sanctifie you a fast: call a solemne assemblie: gather the Elders, *and* all the inhabitants of the land into the House of the Lord your God, and crye vnto the Lord,

i We se by these great plagues that vtter destruction is at hand.

15 Alas: for the day, for the [i] day of the Lord is at hand, and it cometh as a destruction from the Almightie.

16 Is not the meat cut of before our eyes? *and* ioye, and gladnes from the House of our God?

17 The sede is rotten vnder their cloddes: the garners are destroyed: the barnes are broken downe, for the corne is withered.

18 How did the beastes mourne? the herdes of cattel pine away, because they haue no pasture, and the flockes of shepe are destroyed.

19 O Lord, to thee wil I crye: for the fyre hathe deuoured the pastures of the wildernes, and the flame hathe burnt vp all the trees of the field.

20 The beastes of the field crye also vnto thee: for the riuers of waters are dryed vp, and

and the k fyre hathe deuoured the paſtures of the wildernes.

k That is, drought.

CHAP. II.

He prophecieth of the comming and cruelties of their enemies. 13 An exhortacion to moue them to conuert. 18 The loue of God towarde his people.

a He ſheweth the great iudgemets of God which are at hand except thei repent.

1 BLowe a the trumpet in Zión, & ſhout in mine holie Moũtaine: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for ỹ daie of the Lord is come: for it *is* at hand.

b Of affliction and trouble

2 A b daie of darkenes, & of blackenes, a daye of cloudes, and obſcuritie, as the morning ſpreade vpon the mountaines, *ſo is* there a c great people, and a mightie: there was none like it from the beginning, nether ſhal be anie more after it, vnto the yeres of manie generacions.

c Meaning the Aſſyrians.

3 A fyre deuoureth before him, & behinde him a flame burneth vp: the land *is* as the garden of d Eden before him, and behinde him a deſolate wildernes, ſo that nothing ſhal eſcape him.

d The enemie deſtroieth our plentiful cõtrei whereſoeuer he cometh.

4 The beholding of him *is* like the ſight of horſes, and like the horſe men, ſo ſhal thei runne.

5 Like the noyce of charets in the toppes of the mountaines ſhal thei leape, like the noyce of a flame of fyre that deuoureth the ſtubble, *and* as a mightie people prepared to the battel.

6 Before his face ſhal the people tremble: all faces e ſhal gather blackenes.

e Thei ſhalbe pale and blacke for feare, as Nahum 2,10.

7 They ſhal runne like ſtrong men, and go vp to the wall like men of warre, and euerie man ſhal go forwarde in his waies, & thei ſhal not ſtaie in thei paths.

f For none ſhal be able to reſiſt them.

8 Nether ſhal one f thruſt another, *but* euerie one ſhal walke in his path: & when thei fall vpon the ſworde, they ſhal not be wounded.

9 Thei ſhal runne to and fro in the citie: they ſhal runne vpon the wall: they ſhal clime vp vpõ the houſes, & enter in at the windowes like the thief.

g Read Iſa. 13, 10 ezek 32.7. chap 3.15 & 4.3. 15 math. 24. 29

10 The earth ſhal tremble before him, the heauens ſhal ſhake, the g ſunne & the moone ſhalbe darke, and the ſtarres ſhal withdrawe their ſhining,

h The Lord ſhal ſtirre vp the Aſſyrians to execute his iudgemeots *Ierem. 50,7. amos. 5,18. ſeph 1,15.*

11 And the Lord ſhal h vtter his voyce before his hoſte: for his hoſte is verie great: for *he is* ſtrong that doeth his worke: * for the daie of the Lord is great and very terrible, and who can abyde it?

i Mortifie your affections and ſerue God w purenes of heart and not w ceremonies

12 Therefore alſo now the Lord ſaith, Turne you vnto me with all your heart, & with faſting, and with weping, and with mourning,

k He ſpeaketh this to ſtirre vp their ſlothfulnes, and not that he douted of Gods mercies, if thei did repent How God repenteth read Iere 18,8.

13 And i rent your heart, and not your clothes: and turne vnto the Lord your God, for he is gracious, and merciful, ſlowe to angre, and of great kindenes, and repenteth him of the euil.

14 Who knoweth, *if* he wil k returne and repent and leaue a bleſsing behinde him, *euẽ* a meat offring, and a drinke offring vnto the Lord your God?

15 Blowe the trumpet in Zión, ſanctifie a faſt, call a ſolemne aſſemblie.

16 Gather the people: ſanctifie the congregacion, gather the Elders: aſſemble the l children, and thoſe that ſucke the breaſts: let the bridegrome go forthe of his chambre, and the bride out of her bride chambre.

l That as all haue ſinned, ſo all maie ſhewe forthe ſignes of their repentance, that men ſeing the children, which are not free from Gods wrath, might be the more lively touched with the conſideration of their owne ſinnes

17 Let the Prieſts, the miniſters of the Lord wepe betwene ỹ porche & the altar, and let thẽ ſay, Spare thy people, ô Lord, and giue not thine heritage into reproche that the heathen ſhulde rule ouer them. * Wherefore ſhulde thei ſaie among the people, Where is their God?

Pſal 79,10.

18 Then wil the Lord be m ielouſe ouer his land and ſpare his people.

m If thei repent, he ſheweth that God wil preſerue & defende them with a moſte ardent affection.

19 Yea, the Lord wil anſwer and ſaie vnto his people, Beholde, I wil ſend you corne, and wine, and oyle, & you ſhalbe ſatiſfied therewith: and I wil nomore make you a reproche among the heathen,

20 But I wil remoue farre of from you the n Northren *armie*, and I wil driue him into a land, baren and deſolate with his face towarde the o East ſea, and his end to ỹ vtmoſt ſea, and his ſtinke ſhal come vp, & his corruption ſhal aſcend, becauſe he hathe exalted him ſelf to do *this*.

n That is, the Aſſyriãs your enemies

o Called the ſalt ſea, or Perſian ſea: meaning ỹ though his armie were ſo great, ỹ it filled all frõ this ſea to the ſea called mediterraneum, yet he wolde ſcatter them.

21 Feare not, ô land, *but* be glad and reioyce: for the Lord wil do great things.

22 Be not afraied, ye beaſtes of the field: for ỹ paſtures of the wildernes are grene: for the tre beareth her fruite: the figtre and the vine do giue their force.

23 Be glad thẽ, ye children of Zión, and reioyce in the Lord your God: for he hathe giuen you the rayne of p righteouſnes, * and he wil cauſe to come downe for you the raine, *euen* the *firſt* raine, and the latter raine in the firſt *moneth*.

p That is, ſache as ſhulde come by iuſte meaſure & as was wont to be ſent whẽ God was reconciled with thẽ. *Leu. 26,4. deut. 11,14.*

24 And the barnes ſhalbe ful of wheat, and the preſſes ſhal abounde with wine and oyle.

25 And I wil render you the yeres that the graſhopper hathe eaten, the canker worme and the caterpiller and the palmer worme, my great hoſte which I ſent among you.

q That is, in greater abundance and more generally then in time paſt: and this was fulfilled vnder Chriſt, when as Gods graces, and his Spirit vnder the Goſpel was abundantly giuen to ỹ Church, Iſa. 44,3 act 2,17. ioh. 7,38.

26 So you ſhal eat and be ſatiſfied & praiſe the Name of the Lord your God, that hathe delt marueilouſly with you: and my people ſhal neuer be aſhamed.

27 Ye ſhal alſo knowe, that I am in the mides of Iſraél, and that I am the Lord your God and none other, and my people ſhal neuer be aſhamed.

28 And afterwarde wil I power q out my Spirit vpon all fleſh: and your ſonnes and your daughters ſhal prophecie: your olde

men ſhal dreame r dreames, & your yong men ſhal ſe viſions,

r As they had viſions, and dreames in old time, ſo ſhal they now haue clearer reuelations

29 And alſo vpon the ſeruants, and vpon the maides in thoſe daies wil I powre my Spirit.

30 And I wil ſhewe f wonders in the heauēs and in the earth: blood and fyre, and pillers of ſmoke.

f He warneth ſ faithful what terrible things ſhulde come, to the intent that thei ſhulde not loke for cōtinual quietnes in this worlde, & yet in all theſe troubles he wolde preſerue them.

31 The t ſunne ſhalbe turned into darkenes, & the moone into blood, before the great and terrible daie of the Lord come.

t The order of nature ſhal ſeme to be chāged for ſ horrible afflictiōs

32 But whoſoeuer ſhal call u on the Name of the Lord, ſhal be ſaued: for in mount Zión, and in Ieruſalém ſhal be deliuerance, as the Lord hathe ſaid, and in the x remnant, whome the Lord ſhal call.

that ſhal be in the worlde. Iſa. 13, 10 ezek 32, 7. chap 1, 15. mat 24. 29 u Gods iudgements are for the deſtruction of the infideles, and to moue the godlie to call vpon the Name of God, who wil giue them ſaluation. x Meaning hereby the Gentiles, Rom 10, 13

CHAP. III.

Of the iudgement of God againſt the enemies of his people.

a When I ſhal I deliuer my Church, w̄ tāderh of the Iewes, and of the Gentiles.

FOr beholde, in a thoſe daies and in ſ̄ time, whē I ſhal bring againe the captiuitie of Iudáh and Ieruſalém,

2 I wil alſo gather all nātiōs, and wil bring them downe into the b vallei of Iehoſhaphát, and wil plead with thē there for my people, and for mine heritage Iſraél, whome thei haue ſcattered amōg the nations, and parted my land.

b It appeareth that he alludeth to that great victorie of Iehoſhaphát, when as God without mans helpe deſtroyed the enemies, 2 Kin 20, 26 alſo he hath reſpect to this worde, Iehoſhaphát, w̄ ſignifieth pleading or iudgement, becauſe God wolde iudge the enemies of his Church as he did there

3 And thei haue caſt lottes for my people, & haue giuen the childe c for the harlot, & ſolde the girle for wine, that they might drinke.

c That which the enemie gate for the ſale of my people, he beſtowed it vpon harlotes and drinke.

4 Yea, & what d haue you to do with me, ô Tyrus & Zidón and all the coaſtes of Paleſtina? wil ye render mee a recompenſe? and if ye recompenſe me, ſwiftely & ſpedely, wil I render your recompenſe vpon your head:

d He taketh ſ cauſe of his Church in hād againſt ſ enemie, as thogh the iniurie were done to him ſelf

5 For ye haue taken my ſiluer and my gold, and haue caryed into your temples my goodlie & pleaſant things.

e Haue I done you wrōg, that ye wil render me the like?

6 The children alſo of Iudáh and the children of Ieruſalém haue you ſolde vnto ſ̄ Grecians, that ye might ſend them farre from their border.

7 Beholde, I wil raiſe them out of the place where ye haue ſolde them, and wil render your reward vpon your owne head,

8 And I wil ſell your ſonnes and your daughters into the hand of the children of Iudáh, and thei f ſhal ſell them to the Sabeans, to a people farre of: for the Lord himſelf hathe ſpoken it.

f For afterwarde God ſolde thē by Nebuchad-nezzár, and Alexāder the great, for the louehe bare to his people, and thereby they were comforted as thogh ſ̄ price had bene theirs.

9 Publiſh this among the Gentiles: prepare warre, wake vp the mightie men: let all the men of warre drawe nere & come vp.

10 g Breake your plowe ſhares into ſwordes, and your ſieths into ſpeares: let the weake ſaie, I am ſtrong.

g Whē I ſhal execute my iudgemēts againſt mine enemies, I wil cauſe euerie one to be ready, and to prepare their weapons to deſtroy one another, for my Church ſake.

11 Aſſemble your ſelues, and come all ye heathen and gather your ſelues together rounde about: there ſhal ſ̄ Lord caſt downe thy mightie men.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come vp to the vallei of Iehoſhaphát: for there wil I ſit to iudge all the heathen rounde about.

h Thus he ſhal incourage the enemies: when their wickednes is full ripe to deſtroy one another, which he calleth the vallei of Gods iudgement

13 Put in your h ſieths, for the harueſt is ripe: come, get you downe, for ſ̄ winepreſſe is ful: yea, the winepreſſes runne ouer, for their wickednes is great.

i God aſſureth his againſt all troubles, that when he deſtroyeth his enemies, his children ſhalbe deliuered.

14 O multitude, ô multitude, *come* into the vallei of threſhing: for the daie of the Lord is nere in the vallei of threſhing.

15 The ſunne and moone ſhalbe darkened, and the ſtarres ſhal withdrawe their light.

16 The Lord alſo ſhal roare out of Zión, and vtter his voice from Ieruſalém, & the heauens, and the earth ſhal ſhake, but the Lord wilbe the hope i of his people, and ſ̄ ſtrength of the children of Iſraél.

k The ſtrangers ſhal nomore deſtroy his Church: w̄ if thei do, it is the people w̄ by their ſinnes make the breache for the enemie

17 So ſhal ye knowe that I am ſ̄ Lord your God dwelling in Zión, mine holie Mountaine: then ſhal Ieruſalém be holy, & there ſhal no ſtrangers go k thorowe her anie more.

l He promiſeth to his Church abundance of graces, read Ezek 47, 1 which ſhulde watter and comfort ſ̄ moſte barē places, Amós. 9, 13

18 And in that daie ſhal the mountaines l droppe downe newe wine, and the hilles ſhal flowe with milke, and all the riuers of Iudáh ſhal runne with waters, and a fountaine ſhal come forthe of the Houſe of the Lord, and ſhal watter the valley of Shittim.

m The malicious enemies ſhal haue no parte of this grace.

19 m Egypt ſhalbe waſte, and Edóm ſhalbe a deſolate wildernes, for the iniuries of the children of Iudáh, becauſe thei haue ſhed innocent blood in their land.

n He had ſuffered his Church hitherto to lye in their filthines, but now he promiſeth to clenſe them and to make them pure vnto him.

20 But Iudáh ſhal dwell for euer, and Ieruſalém from generacion to generacion.

21 For I wil n clenſe their blood, that I haue not clenſed, and the Lord wil dwell in Zión.

AMOS.

THE ARGVMENT.

AMong many other Prophetes that God raiſed vp to admoniſh the Iſraelites of his plagues for their wickednes and idolatrie, he ſtirred vp Amós, who was an herdman or ſhepherd of a poore towne, and gaue him bothe knowledge and conſtancie to reproue all eſtates and degrees, and to denounce Gods horrible iudgements againſt them, except thei did in time repent: ſhewing them, that if God ſpare not the other nacions about them, who had liued as it were in ignorance of God in reſpect of them, but for their ſinnes wil puniſh them, that thei colde loke for nothing, but an horrible deſtructiō, except thei turned to the Lord by vnfained repentance. And finally, he comforteth the godlie with hope of the comming of the Meſſiáh, by whome thei ſhulde haue perfite deliuerance and ſaluacion.

CHAP. I.

1 The time of the prophecie of Amós 3 The worde of the Lord againſt Damaſcus 6 The Philiſtims, Tyrus, Idumea and Ammon.

1 THe wordes of Amós, who was amōg the herdmen [a] at Tecóa, which he ſawe vpon Iſraél, in the daies of Vzziáh King of Iudáh, and in the daies of [b] Ieroboám the ſonne of Ioáſh King of Iſraél, two yere before the [c] earth quake.

2 And he ſaid, The Lord ſhal roare from Zión, and vtter his voyce from Ieruſalém, and the dwelling places of the ſhepherds ſhal periſh, and the top of [d] Carmél ſhal wither.

3 Thus ſaith the Lord, For [e] thre tranſgreſſions of Damaſcus, and for foure I wil not turne to it, becauſe thei haue [f] threſhed Gileád with threſhing inſtrumēts of yrō.

4 Therefore wil I ſend a fyre into the houſe of Hazaél, and it ſhal deuoure the [g] palaces of Ben-hadád.

5 I wil breake alſo the barres of Damaſcus, and cut of the inhabitant of Bikeath-áuen: and him that holdeth the ſceptre out of Beth-éden, & the people of Arám ſhal go into captiuitie vnto [h] Kir, ſaith ỹ Lord.

6 Thus ſaith the Lord, For thre tranſgreſſions of Azzáh, and for foure, I wil not turne to it, becauſe thei [i] caried away priſoners the whole captiuitie to ſhut them vp in Edóm.

7 Therefore wil I ſend a fyre vpon the walles of Azzáh, and it ſhal deuoure the palaces thereof.

8 And I wil cut of the inhabitant from Aſhdód, and him that holdeth the ſceptre from Aſhkelón, and turne mine hand to Ekrón, and the remnant of the Philiſtims ſhal periſh, ſaith the Lord God.

9 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord, For thre trāſgreſſions of Tyrus, and for foure, I wil not turne to it, becauſe thei ſhut the whole captiuitie in Edóm, and haue not remembred the [k] brotherlie couenant.

10 Therefore wil I ſend a fyre vpon the walles of Tyrus, and it ſhal deuoure the palaces thereof.

11 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord, For thre trāſgreſſions of Edóm, and for foure I wil not turne to it, becauſe he did purſue his brother with the ſworde, and did "caſt of all pitie, and his anger ſpoiled him euermore, and his wrath watched him [l] alway.

12 Therefore wil I ſend a fyre vpō Temán, and it ſhal deuoure the palaces of Bozráh.

13 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord, For thre trāſgreſſions of the children of Ammón, and for foure, I wil not turne to it, becauſe thei [m] haue ript vp the women with childe of Gileád, ỹ thei might enlarge their border.

14 Therefore wil I kindle a fyre in the wall of Rabbáh, and it ſhal deuoure the palaces thereof, with ſhouting in the daie of battel, & with a tempeſt in the day of the whirlewinde.

15 And their King ſhal go into captiuitie, he and his princes together, ſaith ỹ Lord.

CHAP. II.

Againſt Moáb, Iudáh, and Iſraél.

1 THus ſaith the Lord, For thre trāſgreſſions of Moáb, and for foure, I wil not turne to it, becauſe it burnt the [a] bones of the King of Edóm into lime.

2 Therefore wil I ſend a fyre vpon Moáb, and it ſhal deuoure the palaces of Kerióth, & Moáb ſhal dye with tumult, with ſhouting, & with the ſounde of a trumpet.

3 And I wil cut of the Iudge out of the middes thereof, & wil ſlaie all the princes thereof wih him, ſaith the Lord.

4 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord, For thre trāſgreſſions of Iudáh, & for foure, [b] I wil not turne to it, becauſe thei haue caſt away ỹ Law of the Lord, & haue not kept his cōmandements, & their lies cauſed thē to erre after the which their fathers haue walked.

5 Therefore wil I ſend a fyre vpō Iudáh, & it ſhal deuoure the palaces of Ieruſalēm.

6 ¶ Thus ſaith ỹ Lord, For thre tranſgreſſions of [c] Iſrael, & for foure, I wil not turne to it, becauſe thei ſolde ỹ righteous for

a Which was a towne ſix miles from Ieruſalém in Iudea, but he propheceied in Iſraél.
b In his daies the kingdome of Iſraél did moſte floriſh.
c Which, as Ioſephus writeth, was whē Vzziah wolde haue vſurped the Prieſts office, and therefore was ſmiten with the leproſie
d Whatſoeuer is fruteful and pleaſant in Iſraél, ſhal ſhortely periſh
e He ſheweth firſt that all ỹ people rounde about ſhulde be deſtroyed for their manifolde ſinnes: ẅ are ment by thre and foure which make ſeuen, becauſe the Iſraelites ſhulde the more depely conſider Gods iudgements toward them
f If ỹ Syrians ſhal not be ſpared for cōmitting this crueltie againſt one citie, it is not poſſible ỹ Iſraél ſhulde eſcape puniſhment which hathe cōmitted ſo many & grieuous ſinnes againſt God & man
g The antiquitie of their buyldīgs ſhal not auoide my iudgements, read Ier 49, 27
h Tiglath Pielſár led the Syrians captiue, and broght thē to Cyrene, which he calleth here Kir. i Thei ioyned them ſelues with the Idomites their enemies, ẅ ich caryed them away captiues.
k For Eſau (of whome came the Edomites) and Iaakób were brethrē: therefore thei ought to haue admoniſhed them of their brotherlie friendſhip, & not to haue prouoked them to hatred
"Ebr corrupt his compaſſion.
l He was a cōtinual enemie vnto him.
m He noteth ỹ great crueltie of the Ammonites that ſpared not ỹ women, but moſte tyrannouſly tormēted them, and yet ỹ Ammonites came of Lot who was of ỹ houſhold of Abrahám.
a For ỹ Moabites were ſo cruel againſt ỹ King of Edóm ỹ they burnt his bones after that he was dead. ẅ declared their barbarous rage, ſeing they wolde reuenge them ſelues of the dead
b Seing the Gentiles that had not ſo farre knowledge were thus puniſhed, Iudáh which was ſo fully inſtructed of the Lordes wil, might not thinke to eſcape
c If he ſpare not Iudáh vnto whome his promiſes were made, much more he wil not ſpare this degenerate kingdome.

siluer and the poore for [d] shoes.

7 They gape ouer the head of the poore, in the [e] dust of the earth, and peruert ỹ waies of the meke: and a man and his father wil go in to a maid to dishonour mine holie Name.

8 And they lie downe vpon clothes laid to pledge [f] by euerie altar: and they [g] drinke the wine of the condemned in the House of their God.

9 Yet destroied I the [h] Amorite before thẽ, whose height was like the height of the cedres, and he was strong as the okes: notwithstanding I destroied his frute from aboue, and his roote from beneth.

10 Also I broght you vp frõ the land of Egypt, and led you fourtie yeres thorow the wildernes, to possesse the land of the Amorite.

11 And I raised vp of your sonnes for Prophetes, and [i] of your yong men for Nazarites Is it not euen thus, ô ye childrẽ of Israél, saith the Lord?

12 But ye gaue the Nazarites wine to drinke, and commãded the Prophetes, saying, Prophecie not.

13 Beholde, I [k] am pressed vnder you as a cart is pressed that is ful of sheaues.

14 Therefore the flight shal perish frõ the [l] swift, and the strong shal not strengthen his force, nether shal the mightie saue his life.

15 Nor he that handleth the bowe, shal stand, and he that is swift of fote, shal not escape, nether shal he that rideth the horse, saue his life.

16 And he that is of mightie courage amõg the strõg men, shal flee away naked in that day, saith the Lord.

CHAP. III.

He reproueth the house of Israél of ingratitude 11 For the which God wil punish them.

1 HEare this worde that the Lord pronounceth against you, ô children of Israél, *euẽ* against the whole familie which I broght vp frõ the land of Egypt, saying,

2 You [a] onely haue I knowen of all the families of the earth: therefore I wil visite you for all your iniquities.

3 Can two walke together except they be [b] agreed?

4 Wil a [c] lion roare in the forest, when he hathe no pray? or wil a lions whelpe crye out of his denne, if he haue taken nothing?

5 [d] Can a birde fall in a snare vpon ỹ earth, where no fouler is? or wil he take vp the [e] snare from the earth, and haue taken nothing at all?

6 Or [f] shal a trumpet be blowen in the citie, and the people be not afraied? or shal there [g] be euil in a citie, and the Lord hathe not done it?

7 Surely the Lord God wil do nothing, but he [h] reueileth his secret vnto his seruãts the Prophetes.

8 The lion hathe roared: who wil not be afrayed? the Lord God hathe spoken: who can but [i] prophecie?

9 Proclame in the palaces at Ashdód, & in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble your selues vpõ the mountaines of Samaria: so beholde the great tumultes in the middes thereof, and the oppressed in the middes thereof.

10 For they knowe not to do right, saith the Lord: they store vp violence, and robberie [l] in their palaces.

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, An aduersarie *shal come* euen rounde about the countrei, and shal bring downe thy strẽgth from thee, and thy palaces shalbe spoiled.

12 Thus saith the Lord, As the shepherd taketh [m] out of the mouth of the lion two legges, or a piece of an eare: so shal the children of Israél be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in [n] Damascus, *as in* a couche.

13 Heare, and testifie in the house of Iaakób, saith the Lord God, the God of hostes.

14 Surely in the day that I shal visite the transgressions of Israél vpon him, I wil also visit the altars of Beth-él, & the hornes of the altar shal be broken of, and fall to the grounde.

15 And I wil smite the winter house with the sommer house, and the houses of yuorie shal perish, and the great houses shal be consumed, saith the Lord

CHAP. IIII.

Against the gouernours of Samaria.

1 HEare this worde, ye [a] kine of Bashán that are in the moũtaine of Samaria: which oppresse the poore, *and* destroy the nedie, & they say to their masters, [b] Bring, and let vs drinke.

2 The Lord God hathe sworne by his holines, that lo, the daies shal come vpõ you, that he wil take you away with [c] thornes, & your posteritie with fish hokes.

3 And ye shal go out at the breaches euerie *ko we* forwarde: and ye shal cast your selues out of the palace, saith the Lord.

4 Come to [d] Beth-él, and trãsgresse: to Gilgál, and multiplie transgression, & bring your sacrifices in the morning, *&* your tithes after thre [e] yeres.

5 And after a thãkes giuing [f] of leauẽ, publish *and* proclame the free offrings: for this [g] liketh you, ô ye children of Israél, saith the Lord God.

6 Therefore haue I giuen you [h] clennes of teeth in all your cities, and scarcenes of

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d They estemed moste vile bribes more then mens liues

e Whẽ they haue spoiled him & throwẽ him to ỹ grounde, they gape for his life

f Thinking by these ceremonies, that is, by sacrificing, and being nere mine altar, they may excuse all their other wickednes

g They spoile others and offer thereof vnto God, thinking that he wil dispense with them, when he is made partaker of their iniquitie

h The destruction of their enemies & his mercie toward them shulde haue caused their hearres to melt for loue toward him

i Ye contemned my benefites & abused my graces & craftely went about to stop ỹ mouthes of my Prophetes.

k You haue wearyed me with your sinnes, Isa 1 14.

l None shalbe deliuered by any meanes Chap II

a I haue onely chosen you to be mine amõg all other people, & yet you haue forsaken me

b Hereby the Prophet signifieth ỹ he speaketh not of himself, but as God guideth and moueth him, ẅ is called ỹ agreement betweene God and his Propheres

c Wil God threaten by his Prophetes, except there be some great occasiõ?

d Can any thing come without Gods prouidence?

e Shal his threatnings be in vayne?

f Shal the Prophets threate Gods iudgements and the people not be afrayed?

g Doeth any aduersitie come without Gods appointement? Isa. 45 7.

h God dealeth not with the Israelites as he doeth with other peoples for he euer warneth them before of his plagues by his Prophetes

i Because the people euer murmured against the Prophetes, he sheweth that Gods Spirit moued the so to speake as they did

k He calleth the strangers, as the Philistims & Egyptians to witnesses of Gods iudgements against the Israelites for their cruelrie & oppression

l The frute of their cruelrie and theft appeareth by their great riches which they haue in their houses

m When the lion hathe deuoured his hungre, ỹ shepherd findeth a legge or a tip of an eare to shewe that the shepe hathe bene worried

n Where they thoght to haue had a sure holde, and to haue bene in safetie.

a Thus he calleth the princes and gouerners, & being ouerwhelmed with the great abundance of Gods benefites, forgate God, & therefore he calleth them by the name of beastes & not of men

b They incourage suche as haue authoritie ouer ỹ people, to pouke them, so that they may haue profite by it

c He alludeth to fishers which catche fish by hokes and thornes.

d He speaketh this in contempt of thẽ which resorted to these places, thiking ỹ their great God vnto thẽ.

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denociõ and good instrction had bene sufficient to haue bounde

e Read Deut 14, 28 f As Leu 7, 13 g You onely delire in these outwarde ceremonies & haue none other respect. h That is, lacke of bread and meat.

bread in all your places, yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

7 And also I haue withholden the raine frō you, when there *were* yet thre [i] moneths to the harueſt, and I cauſed it to raine vpon one citie, and haue not cauſed it to raine vpon another citie: one piece was rained vpon, and the piece whereupon it rained not, withered.

i I ſtaied the raine til the fruites of the earth were deſtroyed with drought & yet you wolde not conſider it to returne to me by repentāce

8 So two *or* three cities wandered vnto one citie to drinke water, but thei were [k] not ſatiſfied: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, ſaith the Lord.

k Thei colde not finde water ynough where they had heard ſay it had rained.

9 I haue ſmitten you with blaſting, & mildewe: your great gardens & your vineyardes, & your fig trees, and your oliue trees did the palmer worme deuoure: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, ſaith the Lord.

10 Peſtilence haue I ſent among you, after the maner of [l] Egypt: your yong men haue I ſlayne with the ſworde, and haue taken away your horſes: and I haue made the ſtinke of your tents to come vp euen into your noſtrels: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, ſaith the Lord.

l As I plagued the Egyptiās, Exod 9, 10

11 I haue ouerthrowen you, as God ouerthrewe Sodóm and Gomorāh: & ye were as a fyre [m] brande pluct out of the burnīg: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, ſaith the Lord.

m You were almoſt all conſumed, and a fewe of you wonderfully preſerued, 2 King 14, 26

12 Therefore, thus wil I do vnto thee, ô Iſraél: and becauſe I wil do this vnto thee, prepare to [n] mete thy God, ô Iſraél.

n Turne to him by repentance

13 For lo, he that formeth the mountaines, & createth the winde, and declareth vnto mā what is his thoght: which maketh the morning darkenes, and walketh vpon the hie places of the earth, the Lord God of hoſtes *is* his Name.

CHAP. V.

A lamentacion for the captiuitie of Iſraél.

1 HEare ye this worde, which I lift vp vpon you, *euen* a lamentacion of the houſe of Iſraél.

a He ſo calleth them becauſe they ſo boaſted of thē ſelues, or becauſe thei were

2 The [a] virgine Iſraél is fallen, *and* ſhal no more riſe: ſhe is left vpon her land, & there *is* none to raiſe her vp.

3 For thus ſaith the Lord God, The citie which went out by a thouſand, ſhal leaue an [b] hundreth: and that which went forthe by an hundreth, ſhal leaue ten to the houſe of Iſraél.

giuen to wantonnes & deuntnes

b Meaning, ỹ the tenth parte ſhulde ſcarſely be ſaued

4 For thus ſaith the Lord vnto the houſe of Iſraél, Seke ye me, and ye ſhal liue.

e In theſe places thei worſhipped newidoles, which

5 But ſeke not Beth-él, nor enter into [c] Gilgál, and go not to Beer-ſhéba: for Gilgál ſhal go into captiuitie, and Beth-él ſhal come to naught.

afore time ſerued for ỹ true honour of God: therefore he ſaith ỹ theſe ſhal not ſaue them.

6 Seke the Lord, and ye ſhal liue, leſt he breake out like fyre in the houſe of Ioſéph and deuoure it, & there *be* none to quenche it in Beth-él.

d In ſtead of iudgement & equitie they execute cruelties & oppreſſion.

7 They turne [d] iudgemēt to wormewood, and leaue of righteouſnes in the earth.

e He deſcribeth ỹ power of God, Iob. 9.9.

8 He [e] maketh Pleiades, and Orion, and he turneth the ſhadowe of death into the morning, and he maketh the day darcke as night: he calleth the waters of the ſea, and powreth them out vpon the opē earth: the Lord *is* his Name.

9 He ſtrēgtheneth the deſtroyer againſt the mightie: and the deſtroyer ſhal come againſt the fortreſſe.

f Thei hate ỹ Prophetes, yt reproue them in the open aſſemblies.

10 They haue hated him, [f] that rebuked in the gate: and they abhorre him that ſpeaketh vprightly.

g Ye take both his money & alſo his fode wherewith he ſhulde liue

11 For aſmuch then as your treading *is* vpō the poore, and [g] ye take from him burdens of wheat, ye haue buylt houſes of hewen ſtone, but ye ſhal not dwell in them: ye haue planted pleaſant vineyardes, but ye ſhal not drinke wine of them.

12 For I knowe your manifolde tranſgreſſions, and your mightie ſinnes: they afflict the iuſt, thei take rewardes, & thei oppreſſe the poore in the gate.

h God wil ſo plague them, that thei ſhal not ſuffer the godlie ouce to open their mouthes to admoniſh them of their faultes

13 Therefore [h] the prudent ſhal kepe ſilence in that time, for it is an euil time.

14 Seke good and not euil, that ye may liue: and the Lord God of hoſtes ſhalbe with you, as you haue ſpoken.

15 Hate the euil, and loue the good, and eſtabliſh iudgement in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hoſtes wil be merciful vnto the remnant of Ioſéph.

16 Therefore the Lord God of hoſtes, the Lord ſaith thus, Mournīg *ſhalbe* in all ſtretes: and they ſhal ſay in all the hie waies, Alas, alas: and thei ſhal call the [i] houſbād-man to lamentacion, & ſuche as can mourne, to mourning.

i So that all degrees ſhal haue matter of lamentaciō for the great plagues.

17 And in all the vines *ſhalbe* lamentacion: for I wil paſſe through thee, ſaith ỹ Lord.

k Thus he ſpeaketh becauſe the wicked & hypocrites ſaid thei were cōtent to abide Gods iudgements, where as the godlie tremble & feare, Iere. 30, 7 Ioél 2, 11. Zeph 1, 15.

18 Wo vnto you, that [k] deſire the day of the Lord: what haue you to do with it? the day of the Lord *is* darkenes and not light.

19 As if a man did flee from a lyon, and a beare met him, or went into the houſe, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a ſerpent bit him.

20 Shal not the day of the Lord be darkenes, and not light? euen darkenes and no light in it?

l Becauſe ye haue corrupt my true ſeruice & remaine obſtinate in your vices, Iſa 1, 11. Iere. 6, 10

21 I hate & abhorre your feaſt daies, and I wil not ſmel in your ſolemne aſſemblies.

22 Thogh ye offer me burnt offrings and meat offrings, [l] I wil not accept them neither wil I regarde the peace offring of your fat beaſts.

m Do your dueties to God & to your neighbours, & ſo ye ſhal fele his grace plentifully, if you ſhewe your abundāt affections according to Gods worde.

23 Take thou away from me the multitude of thy ſongs (for I wil not heare the melodie of thy violes)

24 And let iudgemēt runne downe as [m] waters, and righteouſnes as a mightie riuer.

25 Haue ye offred vnto me ſacrifices & of-

frings in the wildernes fortie yeres, ô houſe of Iſraél?

n That idole which you eſtemed as your King, & caryed about, as you did Chiun, in the which images you thoght ỳ there was a certeine diuinitie

26 But you haue borne n Siccúth your King and Chiun your images, *and* the ſtarre of your gods, which ye made to your ſelues.

27 Therefore wil I cauſe you to go into captiuitie beyonde Damaſcus, ſaith the Lord, whoſe Name is the God of hoſtes.

CHAP. VI.

Againſt the princes of Iſrael liuing in pleaſures.

Chap. VI.

a The Prophet threatneth the wealthy, & regarded not Gods plagues nor menaces by his Prophetes.

1 WO to a them that are at eaſe in Zión and truſt in the mountaine of Samaria, b which were famous at the beginning of the nacions: and the houſe of Iſraél came to them.

b Theſe two cities were famous by their firſt inhabitants the Canaanites: & ſeing before time they did nothing auaile them that were there borne, why ſhulde you loke ỳ thei ſhulde ſaue you, which were broght in to dwell in other mens poſſeſsions?

2 Go you vnto Calnéh, & ſe: & from thence go you to Hamáth the great: thẽ go downe to Gath of the Philiſtims: be c thei better then theſe kingdomes? or the border of their land greater then your border,

c If God haue deſtroied theſe excellent cities in thre diuers kingdomes, as in Babylon, Syria, & of the Philiſtims, & hath broght their wide borders into a greater ſtrentenes, thẽ yours yet are, thinke you to be better or to eſcape?

3 Ye that put farre away the d euil day, and approche to the ſeat of iniquitie?

d Ye that continue ſtil in your wickednes & thinke, that Gods plagues are not at hand, but giue your ſelues to all idelnes, wãtonnes and riote.

4 Thei lie vpõ beddes of yuorie, & ſtretch them ſelues vpon their beddes, and eat the lambes of the flocke, and the calues out of the ſtall.

e As he cauſed diuers kindes of inſtruments to be made to ſerue Gods glorie, theſe did mend to inſt as many ſerue their owne affec. nd lu-

5 They ſing to the ſounde of the viole: thei inuent to them ſelues inſtruments of muſicke like e Dauid.

6 They drinke wine in bowls, and anoint them ſelues with the chief ointments, but no man is f ſory for the affliction of Ioſéph.

pitied their bre thinke whereof now many

7 Therefore now ſhal thei go captiue with the firſt that go captiue, and g the ſorowe of them that ſtretched them ſelues, is at hãd.

8 h The Lord God hathe ſworne by him ſelf, ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes, I abhorre i the excellencie of Iaakób, and hate his palaces: therefore wil I deliuer vp the citie with all that is therein.

9 And if there remaine ten men in one houſe, thei ſhal dye.

10 And his vncle k ſhal take him vp & burne him to cary out the bones out of the houſe, and ſhal ſay vnto him, that is by l ỳ ſides of the houſe, Is there yet any with thee? And he ſhal ſay, None. Then ſhal he ſay, m Holde thy tongue: for we may not remembre the Name of the Lord.

11 For beholde, the Lord commandeth, and he wil ſmite ỳ great houſe with breaches, and the litle houſes with clefts.

12 Shal horſes runne vpon the rocke? or wil one plowe *there* with oxen? for ye haue turned iudgement into gall, and the frute of righteouſnes into o wormewood.

o Read Chap. 5.7

13 Ye reioyce in a thing of noght: ye ſay, Haue not we gotte vs p hornes by our owne ſtrength?

p That is, power & glorie.

14 But beholde, I wil raiſe vp againſt you a nacion, ô houſe of Iſraél, ſaith the Lord God of hoſtes: and thei ſhal afflict you, frõ the entring in of q Hamáth vnto the riuer of the wildernes.

q From one corner of the countrey to another.

CHAP. VII.

God ſheweth certeine viſions, whereby he ſignifieth the deſtruction of the people of Iſraél. 10 The falſe accuſacion of Amaziáh 12 His crafty counſel

1 THus hathe ỳ Lord God ſhewed vnto me, and beholde, he formed a greſhoppers in the beginning of the ſhutring vp of the latter groeth: and lo, *it was* in the latter groeth b after the Kings mowing.

a To deuoure the land: and he alludeth to the inuading of the enemies

b After the publicke commandemẽt for mowing was giuen: or as ſome read, when ỳ Kings ſhepe were ſhorne

2 And whẽ they had made an end of eating the graſſe of the land, then I ſaid, O Lord God, ſpare, I beſeche thee: who ſhal raiſe vp Iaakób? for he is ſmale.

3 *So* the Lord c repented for this. It ſhal not be, ſaith the Lord.

c That is, ſtaied this plague at my prayer

4 ¶ Thus *alſo* hathe the Lord God ſhewed vnto me, and beholde, the Lord God called to iudgement by fyre, d and it deuoured the great depe, and did eat vp a parte.

d Meaning ỳ Gods indignation was inflamed againſt ỳ ſtubbernes of this people.

5 Then ſaid I, O Lord God, ceaſe, I beſeche thee: who ſhal raiſe vp Iaakób? for he is ſmale.

6 *So* the Lord repented for this. This alſo ſhal not be, ſaith the Lord God.

7 ¶ Thus *againe* he ſhewed me, and beholde, the Lord ſtode vpon a wall made by line e with a line in his hand.

e Signifying ỳ this ſhulde be the laſt meaſuring of the people, and ỳ he wolde deferre his iudgement no leger.

8 And the Lord ſaid vnto me, Amós, what ſeeſt thou? And I ſaid, A line. Then ſaid the Lord, Beholde, I wil ſet a line in the middes of my people Iſraél, and wil paſſe by them no more.

9 And the hie places of Iſhák ſhalbe deſolate, and the temples of Iſraél ſhalbe deſtroyed: and I wil riſe againſt the houſe of Ieroboám with the ſworde.

10 ¶ f Then Amaziáh the Prieſt of Beth-él ſent to Ieroboám King of Iſraél, ſaying, Amós hathe conſpired againſt thee in the middes of the houſe of Iſraél: the land is not able to beare all his wordes.

f That is, whẽ Amós had propheced that ỳ King ſhulde be deſtroyed: for this wicked Prieſt more for hatred he bare to the Prophet then for loue toward the King, thoght this accuſacion ſufficiẽt to condẽne hi, where as none other colde take place

11 For thus Amós ſaith, Ieroboám ſhal dye by the ſworde, and Iſraél ſhalbe led away captiue out of their owne land.

12 Alſo g Amaziáh ſaid vnto Amós, O thou the Seer, go, flee thou away into the land of Iudáh, and there eat *thy* bread and prophecie there.

g When this inſtrument of Satan was not able to cõpaſſe his purpoſe by the King, he aſſayed by another practiſe: that was, to feare the Prophet, that he might departe, and not reproue their idolatrie there openly, and ſo hinder his profite.

13 But prophecie no more at Beth-él: for it is the Kings chappel, and it is the Kings court.

m That is, ſtoppe your mouthes, & caryed away captiue: n Or, ſhape, the ioye of them that reioyce them ſelues, ſhal departe. o Read Ieſem. 31.14. p That is, the riches and pompe. q The deſtruction ſhalbe ſo great that none ſhal almoſt be left to burie the dead: and therefore they ſhal barue them at home, to cary out the burnt aſhes with more eaſe. r That is, to ſome neighbour, that dwelleth rounde about. s They ſhalbe ſo aſtoniſhed at his deſtruction, that they ſhal boaſt no more of the Name of God, nor that they are his people: but they ſhalbe dumme when they heare Gods iuſte and horrible iudgements, as they that are deſperate or reprobate. t He compareth Iſraél to barein rockes whereupõ it is in vaine to beſtowe labour: ſhewing that Gods benefites can haue no place among them.

14 Then answered Amós, and said to Amaziáh, I was no [h] Prophet, nether was I a Prophetes sonne, but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of wilde figges.

h Thus he sheweth by his extraordinarie vocation, ỹ God had giue him a charge which he must nedes execute.

15 And the Lord toke me as I followed the flocke, and the Lord said vnto me, Go, prophecie vnto my people Israél.

16 Now therefore heare thou the worde of the Lord. Thou saist, Prophecie not against Israél, and speake nothing against the house of Ishák.

17 Therefore thus saith the Lord, [i] Thy wife shal be an harlot in the citie, and thy sonnes and thy daughters shal fall by the sworde, and thy land shal be deuided by line: and thou shalt dye in a polluted land, and Israél shal surely go into captiuitie forthe of his land.

i Thus God vsed to approue the autoritie of his Prophetes by his plagues & iudgemẽts against them, ẅ were malicious enemies, Ier 28 12 & 29, 21 & 25 as this day he doeth against them ỹ persecute the ministers of his Gospel

CHAP. VIII.

Against the rulers of Israél 7 The Lord sweareth. 11 The famine of the worde of God.

1 THus hathe the Lord God shewed vnto me, & beholde, a basket of somer frute.

2 And he said, Amós, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of somer [a] frute. Then said the Lord vnto me, The end is come vpon my people of Israél, I wil passe by them no more.

a Which figured the ripenes of their sinnes and the readines of Gods iudgements

3 And the songs of the Temple shal be houlings in that day, saith the Lord God: many dead bodies *shalbe* in euerie place: they shal cast them forthe with [b] silence.

b There shalbe none left to mourne for them

4 Heare this, ô ye that [c] swallow vp the poore, that ye may make the nedie of the land to faile,

c By staying the sale of fode and necessirie things ẅ you haue gotten into your owne hands, & so cause the poore to spẽd quickely that litle that they haue, and at length for necessitie to become your selues.

5 Saying, When wil the [d] new moneth be gone, that we may sell corne? & the Sabbath, that we may set forthe wheat, & make [e] the Epháh smale, and the shekel great, and falsifie the weights by deceit?

d When the dearth was once come, they were so gredy of gaine, that they thoght ỹ holy day to be an hinderance vnto them

6 That we may bye the poore for siluer, and the nedie for shoes: yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat.

e That is, the measure smale & the price great

7 The Lord hathe sworne by the excellencie of Iaakób, Surely I wil neuer forget any of their workes.

8 Shal not the land tremble for this, and euerie one mourne, that dwelleth therein? and it shal rise vp wholy as a flood, and it shalbe cast out, & [f] drowned as by ỹ flood of Egypt.

f That is, the inhabitants of the land shal be drowned as Nilus drowneth many when it ouerfloweth

9 And in that day, saith the Lord God, I wil euen cause the [g] sunne to go downe at noone: and I wil darken the earth in the cleare day.

g In the middes of their prosperitie I wil send great affliction.

10 And I wil turne your feastes into mourning, and all your songs into lamentacion: and I wil bring sackecloth vpõ all loines, and baldnes vpon euerie head: and I wil make it as the mourning of an onelie sonne, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 Beholde, the daies come, saith the Lord God, that I wil send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the worde of the Lord.

12 And they shal wander from sea to sea, and from the North euen vnto the East shal they runne to & fro to seke the [h] worde of the Lord, and shal not finde it.

h Whereby he sheweth ỹ they shal not onely perish in bodie, but also in soule for lacke of Gods worde, ẅ is ỹ fode thereof

13 In that day shal the fayre virgines and the yong men perish for thirst.

14 They that sweare by the sinne [i] of Samaria, and that say, Thy God, dô Dan, liueth, & [k] the maner of Beer-shéba liueth, euen they shal fall, and neuer rise vp againe.

i For the idolaters did vse to sweare by their idoles: which here he calleth cõmune maner their sinne, as the papistes yet do by theirs

k That is, the of worshiping and the seruice or religion there vsed.

CHAP. IX.

Threatnings against the Tẽple. 2 And against Israél. 11 The restoring of the Church

1 I Sawe the Lord standing vpon the [a] altar, and he said, Smite the lintel of the dore, that the postes may shake: and cut thẽ in pieces, *euen* the [b] heads of them all, & I wil slay the last of thẽ with the sworde: he ỹ fleeth of them, shal not flee away: & he that escapeth of them, shal not be deliuered.

a Which was at Ierusalém: for he appeared not in the idolatrous places of Israél

b Bothe the chief of them & also the cõmune people.

2 Thogh they digge into the hel, thence shal mine hand take thẽ: thogh they clime vp to heauen, thence wil I bring them downe.

3 And thogh they hide them selues in the toppe of Carmél, I wil searche and take them out thence: and thogh they be hid from my sight in the bottome of the sea, thence wil I commande the [c] serpent, and he shal byte them.

c He sheweth that God wil declare him selfe enemie vnto them in all places, and that his elementes and all creatures shalbe enemies to destroy them

4 And thogh they go into captiuitie before their enemies, thence wil I commande the sworde, and it shal slaye them: and I wil set mine eies vpon them for euil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord God of hostes shal touche the land, and it shal melt away, and all that dwell therein, shal mourne, and it shal rise vp wholy like a flood, and shalbe drowned as by the flood of Egypt.

d He declareth by ỹ wõderful power of God, by the making of the heauens and ỹ elements that it is not possible for man to escape his iudgements when he punisheth.

6 He buyldeth his [d] spheres in the heauen, and hathe laid the fundacion of his globe of elements in the earth: he calleth the waters of the sea, & powreth them out vpo the open earth: the Lord *is* his Name.

7 Are ye not as the Ethiopians [e] vnto me, ô children of Israél, saith the Lord? haue not I brought vp Israél out of the lãd of Egypt? and the Philistims from [f] Caphtór, and Arám from Kir?

e Am I more bounde to you then to the Ethiopians or Blackmoores? yet haue I bestowed vpon you greater benefites

f Read Ierem. 47, 4.

8 Beholde, the eyes of the Lord God *are* vpon the sinful kingdome, and I wil destroy it cleane out of the earth. Neuertheles I wil not vtterly [g] destroy the house of Iaakób, saith the Lord.

g Though he destroye the rebellious multitude, yet he wil euer reserue the remnãt his Church to call vpon his Name.

9 For lo, I wil commande and I wil ſifte the houſe of Iſraél among all nacions, like as *corne* is ſifted in a ſiue: yet ſhal not ỹ [h] leaſt ſtone fall vpon the earth.

10 *But* all the ſinners of my people ſhal dye by ỹ ſworde, which ſay, The euil ſhal not come, nor haſten for vs.

11 In that day wil I raiſe vp the [i] tabernacle of Dauid, that is fallen downe, and cloſe vp the breaches thereof, and I wil raiſe vp his ruines, and I wil buyld it, as in the daies of olde,

12 That thei may poſſeſſe the remnant of [k] Edóm, and of all the heathē, becauſe my Name is called vpon them, ſaith ỹ Lord, that doeth this.

13 Beholde, the daies come, ſaith the Lord, that the plowman ſhal [l] touche the mower, & the treader of grapes him that ſoweth ſede: and the mountaines ſhal [m] droppe ſwete wine, and all the hilles ſhal melt.

14 [n] And I wil bring againe the captiuitie of my people of Iſraél: and thei ſhal buylde the waſte cities, and inhabite them, and thei ſhal plant vineyardes, and drinke the wine thereof: thei ſhal alſo make gardēs, & eat the frutes of them.

15 And I wil plant them vpon their land, and thei ſhal no more be pulled vp againe out of their land, which I haue giuen them, ſaith the Lord thy God.

h Meaning ỹ none of his ſhulde periſh in his wrath.

i I wil ſend ỹ Meſsiáh promiſed and reſtore by him the ſpirituál Iſraél, Act 15. 16.

k Meaning ỹ the very enemies, as were the Edomites & others, ſhul de be ioyned w the Iewes in one ſocietie and body, whe reof Chriſt ſhulde be the head.

l Signifying that there ſhal be great plenty of all thīgs ſo that when one kinde of frute is ripe, another ſhulde followe & euerie one in courſe, Leu 26. 5

m Read Ioél, 3. 18

n The accomplishement he reof is vnder Chriſt, when they are planted in his Church, out of ỹ which they can neuer be pulled, after they are once graffed therein

OBADIAH.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe Idumeans, which came of Eſáu, were mortal enemies alway to the Iſraelites, which came of Iaakób, & therefore did not onely vexe them continually with ſondry kindes of crueltie, but alſo ſtirred vp others to fight againſt them. Therefore when thei were now in their greateſt proſperitie, and did moſte triumphe againſt Iſraél, which was in great affliction and miſerie, God raiſed vp his Prophet to comfort the Iſraelites, for aſmuche as God had now determined to deſtroy their aduerſaries, which did ſo ſore vexe them, and to ſend them ſuche as ſhulde deliuer them, and ſet vp the kingdome of Meſsiáh, which he had promiſed.

1 THe viſion of Obadiáh. Thus ſaith ỹ Lord God againſt Edóm, [a] We haue heard a rumor frō the Lord, and an ambaſſadour is ſent amōg the heathen: ariſe, and [b] let vs riſe vp againſt her to battel.

2 Beholde, I haue made thee ſmale among the heathen: thou art vtterly deſpiſed.

3 The [c] pride of thine heart hathe deceiued thee: thou that dwelleſt in the cleftes of the rockes, whoſe habitacion *is* hie, that ſaith in his heart, Who ſhal bring me downe to the grounde?

4 Yea thogh thou exalt thy ſelf as the egle, & make thy neſt among the ſtarres, thence wil I bring thee downe, ſaith the Lord.

5 [d] Came theues to thee or robbers by night? how waſt thou broght to ſilēce? wolde thei not haue ſtollen, til they had ynough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, wolde thei not leaue *ſome* grapes?

6 How are the things of Eſáu ſoght vp, & his treaſures ſearched?

7 All the men of thy confederacie [e] haue driuen thee to the borders: the men that were at peace with thee, haue deceiued thee, *and* preuailed againſt thee: *ther that eat* thy [f] bread, haue laid a woūde vnder thee: there is none vnderſtanding in him.

8 Shal not I in that day, ſaith the Lord, euē deſtroy the wiſe men out of Edóm, and vnderſtanding from the mount of Eſáu.

9 And thy ſtrong men, ô Temán, ſhalbe afraied, becauſe euerie one of the mount of Eſáu ſhalbe cut of by ſlaughter.

10 For thy crueltie againſt thy [g] brother Iaakób, ſhame ſhal couer thee, and thou ſhalt be cut of for euer.

11 When thou ſtodeſt [h] on the other ſide, in the day ỹ the ſtrangers caryed away his ſubſtance, and ſtrāgers entred into his gates, and caſt lottes vpon Ieruſalém, euen thou waſt as one of them.

12 But thou ſhuldeſt not haue beholden the day of thy brother, in the day that he was made [i] a ſtranger, nether ſhuldeſt thou haue reioyced ouer the children of Iudáh, in the day of their deſtruction: thou ſhuldeſt not haue ſpokē proudely in the day of affliction.

13 Thou ſhuldeſt not haue entred into the gate of my people in the day of their deſtruction, nether ſhuldeſt thou haue once loked on their affliction in the day of their deſtruction, nor haue laid hands on their ſubſtance in the day of their deſtruction.

14 Nether ſhuldeſt thou haue ſtand in the croſſe wares to cut of them, that ſhulde eſcape, nether ſhuldeſt thou haue ſhut vp

a God hathe certenly reueiled to his Prophetes ỹ he wil raiſe vp the heathē to deſtroy the Edomites, whe reof ỹ rumour is now publiſhed, Ierem. 49. 14

b Thus ỹ hea thē incourage thēm ſelues to riſe againſt Edóm.

c Which deſpiſeſt all others in reſpect of thy ſelf & yet art but an handful in compariſon of others, and art ſhut vp amōg the hilles as ſeparate from the reſt of the worlde.

d God wil ſo deſtroy them ỹ he wil leaue none, thogh theues when they come, take but til thei haue ynough, and they that gather grapes, euer leaue ſome behinde them, Ierem. 49. 9.

e They in whome thou dideſt truſt, for to haue helpe and friendſhip of them ſhal be thine enemies and deſtroy thee.

f That is, thy familiar frīds and gheſtes haue by ſecret practiſes deſtroyed thee.

g He ſheweth the cauſe why the Edomites were ſo ſharpely puniſhed: to wit, becauſe they were enemies to his Church, whome now he cōforteth by puniſhing their enemies

h Whē Nebuchad-nezzár came againſt Ieruſalém, ỹ ioyneddſt with him & hadeſt part of ỹ ſpoile, & ſo dideſt reioyce when my people, ỹ is, thy brother were afflicted, where as thou ſhuldeſt haue pitied & holpē thy brother.

i When the Lord depriued them of their former dignitie and gaue them to be caryed into captiuitie.

the remnant thereof in the daie of affliction.

k Whē he wil ſommon all ỹ heathen, and ſend them to deſtroy thee I That is, reioiced & triūphed m The Edomites ſhalbe vtterly deſtroyed, & yet in deſpite of all ỹ enemies I wil reſerue my Church & reſtore it n God attributeth this power to conſume his enemies to his Church which power is only is proper to hī ſelf, as Iſa 10, 17 deu 4.24 chr 12.29

15 For the daie k of the Lord *is* nere, vpon all the heathen: as thou haſt done, it ſhal be done to thee: thy reward ſhal returne vpon thine head.

16 For as ye haue l drunke vpon mine holy Mountaine, ſo ſhal all the heathen drinke continually: yea, thei ſhal drinke and ſwalowe vp, and thei ſhal be m as though thei had not bene.

17 But vpon mount Zión ſhal be deliuerāce, and it ſhalbe holy, & the houſe of Iaakób ſhal poſſeſſe their poſſeſſions,

18 And the houſe of Iaakób ſhalbe n a fyre, and the houſe of Ioſéph a flame, and the houſe of Eſáu as ſtubble, & thei ſhal kindle in them and deuoure them: and there ſhal be no remnant of the houſe of Eſáu: for the Lord hathe ſpoken it.

19 And thei ſhal poſſeſſe the South ſide of the o mount of Eſáu: and the plaine of the Philiſtims, and thei ſhal poſſeſſe the fieldes of Ephráim, & the fields of Samaria, and Beniamín *ſhal haue* Gileád.

20 And the captiuitie of this hoſte of the children of Iſraél, which were among the p Canaanites *ſhal poſſeſſe* vnto Zarepháth, and the captiuitie of Ieruſalém, which is in Sepharád, ſhal poſſeſſe the cities of the South.

21 And thei q that ſhal ſaue, ſhal come vp to Mount Zión to iudge the mount of Eſáu, and the kingdome ſhalbe the Lords.

o He deſcribeth how the Church ſhalbe inlarged & haue great poſſeſsions, but this chiefly is accompliſhed vnder Chriſt when as the faithful are made heirs and lords of all things by him which is their head. p By the Canaanites the Iewes meane the Dutche men, and by Zarepháth, France, and by Sepharád, Spaine q Meaning ỹ God wil raiſe vp in his Church ſuche as ſhal rule & gouerne for ỹ defence of ỹ ſame, and deſtruction of his enemies vnder Meſsiáh, whome the Prophet calleth here the Lord & head of this kingdome.

IONAH.

THE ARGVMENT.

When Ionáh had long prophecied in Iſraél and had litle profited, God gaue him expreſſe charge to go, and denounce his iudgements againſt Niniuéh the chief citie of the Aſſyrians, becauſe he had appointed, that thei which were of the heathen, ſhulde conuert by the mightie power of his worde, and that within thre daies preaching, that Iſraél might ſe how horribly thei had prouoked Gods wrath, which for the ſpace of ſo many yeres, had not converted to the Lord for ſo many Prophetes and ſo diligent preaching. He prophecied vnder Ioásh, and Ieroboám, as 2 King. 14,25.

CHAP. I.

1 Ionáh fled when he was ſent to preache. 4 A tempeſt ariſeth, and he is caſt into the ſea for his diſobedience.

1 THe worde of the Lord came a alſo vnto Ionáh the ſonne of Amittái, ſaying,

a After that he had preached along time in Iſraél: and ſo Ezekiél, after that for a time 2 he had prophecied in Iuda, he had viſions in Babylon, Ezek 1.1

2 Ariſe, *and* go to b Niniuéh, that c great citie, and crye againſt it: for their wickednes is come vp before me.

b For ſeing ỹ great obſtination of ỹ Iſraelites, he ſent his Prophet to the Gentiles ỹ they might prouoke thē to repentance or at leaſt make thē inexcuſable: for Niniuéh was the chief 4 citie of the Aſſyrians

3 But Ionáh roſe vp to d flee into Tarſhíſh from the preſence of the Lord, and went downe to e Iaphó: & he founde a ſhip going to Tarſhíſh: ſo he paied the fare thereof, and went downe into it, that he might go with them vnto Tarſhíſh, from the f preſence of the Lord.

c For as autors write, it cōteined in circuit about eight & fortie mile & had a thouſand and fyue hūdreth towres, and at this time there were an hundreth & twētie thouſand childrē therein, Chap 4.11. d Whereby he declared his weakenes, that wolde not promptely follow the Lords calling, but gaue place to his owne reaſon, which perſuaded him that he ſhulde nothing at all profite there, ſeing he had done ſo ſmale good amōg his owne people, Chap 4.2 e Which was the hauen, and porte to take ſhiping thither, called alſo Ioppe. f From that vocation whereunto God had called him, and wherein he wolde haue aſsiſted him g As one ỹ wolde haue caſt of this care, and felicitude by ſeking reſt and quietnes

4 But the Lord ſent out a great winde into the ſea, and there was a mightie tempeſt in the ſea, ſo that the ſhip was like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraied, and cryed euerie man vnto his god, and caſt the wares that were in the ſhip, into the ſea to lighten it of them: but Ionáh was gone downe g into the ſides of the ſhip, and he laie downe, and was faſt aſlepe.

6 So the ſhipmaſter came to him, and ſaid vnto him, What meaneſt thou, ô ſleper! Ariſe, call vpon thy h God, if ſo be ỹ God wil thinke vpon vs, that we periſh not.

h As they had called on their idoles, which declareth that idolaters haue noſtay nor certeintie, but in their troubles ſeke, thei can not tel to whome

7 And thei ſaid euerie one to his felowe, Come, and let vs caſt i lottes, that we maie knowe, for whoſe cauſe this euil *is* vpon vs. So thei caſt lots, & the lot fel vpon Ionáh.

i Which declared that ỹ matter was in great extremitie, and doute, which thing was Gods motion in them for the trial of the cauſe: and this may not be done but in matters of great importance

8 Then ſaid thei vnto him, Tel vs for whoſe cauſe this euil *is* vpon vs? what is thine occupacion? and whence comeſt thou? which is thy countrei? and of what people art thou?

9 And he anſwered them, I am an Ebrew, & I feare the Lord God of heauen, which hathe made the ſea, and the drye land.

10 Then were the men excedingly afraid, and ſaid vnto him, Why haſt thou done this? (for the men knewe, that he fled from the preſence of the Lord, becauſe he had tolde them)

11 Then ſaid thei vnto him, What ſhal we do vnto thee, that the ſea maie be calme vnto vs? (for the ſea wroght and was troublous)

12 And he ſaid vnto them, Take me, and caſt me into the ſea: ſo ſhal the ſea be calme vnto you: for I knowe that for my ſake this great tempeſt *is* vpon you.

13 Neuertheles, the men rowed to bring it to the land, but thei colde not: for the ſea wroght, and was troublous againſt them.

14 Wherefore thei cryed vnto the Lord, & ſaid, [k]We beſeche thee, ô Lord, we beſeche thee, let vs not periſh for this mans life, and laie not vpon vs innocent blood: for thou, ô Lord, haſt done, as it pleaſed thee.

15 So thei toke vp Ionáh, and caſt him into the ſea, & the ſea ceaſed from hei raging.

16 Then the men [l] feared the Lord excedingly, & offred a ſacrifice vnto ỹ Lord, and made vowes.

17 Now the Lord had prepared a great fiſh to ſwalowe vp Ionáh: and Ionáh was in the [m] belly of the fiſh thre daies, and thre nights.

k This declareth that the very wicked in their neceſſities flee vnto God for ſuccour, and alſo that they are touched with a certein feare to ſhead mans blood, where as they knowe no manifeſtigne of wickednes.

l They were touched with a certeine repentance of their life paſt, and began to worſhip the true God, by whome they ſawe them ſelues ſo wonderfully deliuered: but this was done for feare and not of a pure hearr and affection, nether according to Gods worde. m Thus the Lord wolde chaſtiſe his Prophet with a moſte terible ſpectacle of death, & hereby alſo confirmed him of his fauour and ſupport in this his charge which was inioined him.

CHAP. II.

Ionáh is in the fiſh bely. 3 His prayer. 10 He is deliuered.

1 THen Ionáh praied vnto the Lord his God [a] out of the fiſhes belly,

2 And ſaid, I cryed in mine affliction vnto the Lord, & he heard me: out of the belly [b] of hel cryed I, *and* thou heardeſt my voice.

3 For thou haddeſt caſt me into ỹ bottome in the middes of the ſea, and the floods compaſſed me about: all thy ſurges, and all thy waues paſſed ouer me.

4 Then I ſaid, I am [c] caſt awaie out of thy ſight: yet wil I loke againe towarde thine holy Temple.

5 The waters compaſſed me about vnto the ſoule: the depth cloſed me rounde about, & the wedes were wrapt about mine head.

6 I went downe to the bottome of the moũtaines: the earth with her barres was about me for euer, yet haſt thou broght vp my [d] life from the pit, ô Lord my God.

7 When my ſoule fainted within me, I remembred the Lord: and my praier came vnto thee, into thine holy Temple.

8 Thei that waite vpon lying [e] vanities, forſake thei owne [f] mercie.

9 But I wil ſacrifice vnto thee with the voice of thankeſgiuing, & wil paie that that I haue vowed: ſaluacion *is* of ỹ Lord.

10 And the Lord ſpake vnto the fiſh, and it caſt out Ionáh vpon the drye land.

a Being now ſwallowed vp of death, and ſeing no remedy to eſcape, his faith braſt out vnto the Lord knowing ỹ our of the very hel he was able to deliuer him. b For he was now in the fiſhes belly as in a graue or place of darkenes. c Thus declared what his prayer was, & how he labored betwene hope and deſpayre, conſidering the neglect of his vocation & Gods iudgements for the ſame: but yet in the end faith gate the victorie. d Thou haſt deliuered me from the belly of the fiſhe & all theſe dangers, as is were raiſing me from death to life. e They that depend vpon any thing ſaue on God alone. f Thei refuſe their owne felicitie & that goodnes ẅ they ſhulde receiue of God.

CHAP. III.

Ionáh is ſent againe to Nineuéh. 5 The repentance of the King of Nineuéh.

1 AND the worde of the Lord came vnto [a] Ionáh the ſeconde time, ſaying,

2 Ariſe, go vnto Nineuéh that great citie, and preache vnto it the preaching, which I bid thee.

3 So Ionáh aroſe and went to Nineuéh according to the worde of the Lord: now Nineuéh was a [b] great and excellent citie of thre daies iourney.

4 And Ionáh began to entre into the citie a daies [c] iourney, and he cryed, and ſaid, Yet fortie daies, & Nineuéh ſhalbe ouerthrowen.

5 So the people of Nineuéh [d] beleued God and proclaimed a faſt, & put on ſackecloth from the greateſt of them euẽ to the leaſt of them.

6 For worde came vnto the King of Nineuéh, and he roſe from his throne, and he laied his robe from him, and couered him with ſackecloth, and ſate in aſſhes.

7 And he proclaimed and ſaid through Nineuéh, (by the counſel of the King and his nobles) ſaying, Let nether mã, nor [e] beaſt, bullocke nor ſhepe taſt any thing, nether fede nor drinke water.

8 But let man and beaſt put on ſackecloth, and [f] crye mightely vnto God: yea, let euerie man turne from his euil waie, and from the wickednes that is in their hands.

9 [g] Who can tel *if* God wil turne, and repẽt and turne awaie from his fierce wrath, ỹ we periſh not?

10 And God ſawe their [h] workes that thei turned from their euil wayes: & [i] God repented of the euil that he had ſaid that he wolde do vnto them, and he did it not.

a This is a great declaration of Gods mercie ỹ he receiueth him againe & ſendeth hĩ forth as his Prophet which had before ſhewed ſo great infirmitie. b Read Chap. 1,1. c He went forward one daie in the citie, & preached, & ſo he continued til ỹ citie was conuerted. d For he declared that he was a Prophet ſent to them frõ God to denoũce his iudgemẽts againſt them. e Not that ỹ dumme beaſtes had ſinned or colde repent, but ỹ by their example man might be aſtonished, conſidering ỹ for his ſinne ỹ angre of God hanged ouer all creatures. f He willed, that the men ſhulde earneſtly call vnto God for mercie. g For partely by the threatening of ỹ Prophet, & partely by the motion of his owne conſciẽce he douted whether God wolde ſhewe them mercie h That is, the frutes of their repentance, ẅ did procede of faith ẅ God had planted by the miniſterie of his Prophet. i Read Ieremi 18,8.

CHAP. IIII.

The great goodnes of God toward his creatures.

1 THerefore it diſpleaſed [a] Ionáh excedingly, and he was angrie.

2 And he praid vnto the Lord, and ſaid, I praie thee, ô Lord, was not this my ſayig, when I was yet in my countrey? therefore I preuẽted it to flee vnto [b] Tarſhiſh: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, ſlowe to angre and of great kindenes, and repenteſt thee of the euil.

3 Therefore now ô Lord, take, I beſeche thee, my life [c] from me: for it is better for me to dyẽ then to liue.

4 Thẽ ſaid the Lord, Doeſt thou wel to be [d] angrie?

5 So Ionáh went out of the citie and ſate on the Eaſt ſide of the citie, and there made him a boothe, and ſate vnder it in the ſhadowe [e] til he might ſe what ſhulde be done in the citie.

6 And the Lord God prepared a [f] gourde, & made it to come vp ouer Ionáh, that it might be a ſhadowe ouer his head and deliuer him from his grief. So Ionáh was exceding glad of the gourde.

7 But God prepared a worme when the morning roſe the next daie, and it ſmote

a Becauſe hereby he ſhulde be taken as a falſe propẽt, & ſo the Name of God, which he preached, ſhulde be blaſphemed. b Read Chap. 1,3. c Thus he praied of grief fearing leſt Gods Name by this forgiuenes might be blaſphemed as though he ſent his Propheres forthe to denoũce his iudgemenes in vaine. d Wilt thou be iudge when I do things for my glorie, and when I do not? e For he douted as yet whether God wolde ſhewe thẽ mercie or not: and therefore after fourtie dayes he departed out of the citie, loking what yſſue God wolde ſend. f Which was a further meanes to couer him from the heat of the ſunne, as he remained in his boothe.

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the gourde, that it withered.

8 And when the ſunne did ariſe, God prepared alſo a feruent Eaſt winde: and the ſunne bet vpon the head of Ionáh, that he fainted, and wiſhed in his heart to dye, and ſaid, It is better for me to dye, then to liue.

g This declareth the great inconueniences wherinto Gods ſeruãts do fall when they giue place to their owne affection, & do not in all things willingly ſubmit thẽ ſelues to God

9 And God ſaid vnto Ionáh, Doeſt thou wel to be angrie for the gourde? And he ſaid, I do wel to be g angry vnto ẏ death.

10 Then ſaid the Lord, Thou haſt had pitie on the gourde for the which thou haſt not laboured, nether madeſt it growe, which came vp in a night, and periſhed in a night,

h Thus God mercifully reproueth him, which wolde pitie him ſelf & this gourde, and yet wolde reſtraine God to ſhewe his compaſsion to ſo manie thouſand people

11 And ſhulde h not I ſpare Nineuéh that great citie, wherein are i ſix ſcore thouſand perſones, that can not diſcerne betwene their right hand, & their left hãd, and alſo muche cattel?

i Meaning, ẏ they were children, & infants.

MICAH.

THE ARGVMENT.

Micáh the Prophet of the tribe of Iudáh ſerued in the worke of the Lord, concerning Iudáh and Iſraél, at the leaſt thirtie yeres at what time Iſaiáh prophecied. He declareth the deſtruction, firſt of the one kingdome, and then of the other, becauſe of their manifolde wickednes, but chefly for their idolatrie. And to this end he noteth the wickednes of the people, the cruelte of the princes and gouernours, and the permiſsion of the falſe prophetes, and the delting in them. Then he ſetteth forthe the cõming of Chriſt, his kingdome, & the felicitie thereof. This Prophet was not that Micáh which reſiſted Ahab, & all his falſe prophetes, as 1. King. 22, 8, *but another of the ſame name.*

CHAP. I.

1 The deſtruction of Iudáh & Iſraél becauſe of their idolatrie.

1 THe worde of the Lord, that came vnto Micáh the a Moraſhite in the dayes of Iothám, Aház, and Hezekiáh Kings of Iudáh, which he ſawe cõcerning Samaria and Ieruſalém.

a Borne in Maréſháh a citie of Iudáh

b Becauſe of the malice, & obſtinacie of ẏ people whome he had ſo oft exhorted to repentance, he cõmoneth thẽ to Gods iudgements taking all creatures, & God him ſelf to witnes, that the preaching of his Propnetes, ẁ they naue abuſed, ſhal be reuenged

2 Heare, b all ye people: hearken thou, ô earth, and all that therein is, and let the Lord God be witnes againſt you, *euen* the Lord from his holie Temple.

c Meaning hereby that God wil come to iudgement againſt ẏ ſtrõg cities & holdes of Samaria, ẁ ſhulde haue bene an exãple to all Iſraél of true religiõ & iuſtice, was ẏ puddle, and ſtewes of all idolatrie, and corruption, & boaſted them ſelues of their father Iaakób.

3 For beholde, the Lord cometh out of his place, and wil come c downe, & tread vpõ the hie places of the earth.

4 And the moũtaines ſhal melt vnder him (ſo ſhal the valleis cleaue) as waxe before the fyre, & as the waters that are powred downeward.

d That is, the idolatrie and infection

5 For the wickednes of Iaakób *is* all this, & for the ſinnes of the houſe of Iſraél: what is the wickednes of Iaakób? Is not d Samaria? & which are the hie e places of Iudáh? Is not Ieruſalém?

e Which they gathered by euil practiſes, & thoght that their idoles had inriched them therewith for their ſeruice vnto them.

6 Therefore I wil make Samaria as an heape of the field, & for the planting of a vineyarde, and I wil cauſe the ſtones thereof to tumble downe into the valley, & I wil diſcouer the fundacions thereof.

7 And all the grauen images thereof ſhalbe broken, and all f the gifts thereof ſhalbe burnt with the fyre, and all the idoles thereof wil I deſtroye: for ſhe gathered it of the hyre of an harlot, and they ſhal retourne to the wages of an harlot.

g The gaine ẏ came by their idoles, ſhulde be conſumed as a thig of noght: for as ẏ wages or riches of harlottes are wickedly gotten, ſo are they vilely and ſpedely ſpent.

8 Therefore I wil mourne & houle: I wil go without clothes, and naked: I wil make lamentacion like the dragons, & mourning as the oſtriches.

9 For her plagues are grieuous: for it is come into Iudáh: *the enemie* is come vnto the gate of my people, vnto Ieruſalém.

h Leſt the Philiſtims our enemies reioyce at our deſtruction

10 Declare ye it not at h Gath, nether wepe ye: for the houſe of i Aphráh roule thy ſelf in the duſt.

i Which was a citie nere to Ieruſalẽ, Ioſh. 18, 23, & ſignifieth duſt: therefore he willeth them to mourne, & roule thẽ ſelues in ẏ duſt, for their duſtie citie

11 Thou that dwelleſt at k Shaphír, go together naked with ſhame: ſhe that dwelleth at Zaanán, ſhal not come forthe in ẏ mourning of Beth-ézel: *the enemie* ſhal l receiue of you for his ſtanding.

k Theſe were cities whereby ẏ enemie ſhulde paſſe as he came to Iudáh

l He ſhal not departe before he hathe ouercome you, and ſo you ſhal pay for his tarying

12 For the inhabitant of Maróth waited for good, but euil came from the Lord vnto the m gate of Ieruſalém.

m For Rabſhákéh had ſhut vp Ieruſalém, ẏ they cold not ſend to ſuccour them.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachíſh, binde the charet to the *beaſtes* n of price: ſhe o is the beginning of the ſinne to the daughter of Zión: for the tranſgreſsions of Iſraél were founde in thee.

n To flee away: for Sancherib laid ſiege firſt to ẏ citie, & remained therein whẽ he ſent his captaines, & armie againſt Ieruſalém

o Thou firſt receiuedſt ẏ idolatrie of Ieroboam, & ſo dideſt infect Ieruſalém

14 Therefore ſhalt thou giue preſents to Moréſheth p Gath: the houſes of Achzíb *ſhalbe* as a lie to the Kings of Iſraél.

p Thou ſhalt bribe ẏ Philiſtims thy neighbours, but they ſhal deceiue thee, as wel as thei of Ieruſalém

15 Yet wil I bring an q heire vnto thee, ô inhabitant of Mareſháh, he ſhal come vnto Adullám, r the glorie of Iſraél.

q He propheciteth againſt his owne citie, & becauſe it ſignified an heritage, he ſaith ẏ God wolde ſend an heire to poſſeſſe it

16 Make thee balde: and ſhaue thee for thy delicate children: enlarge thy baldenes as the egle, for they are gone into captiuitie from thee.

r For ſo they thoght them ſelues for the ſtrength of their citie.

CHAP. II.

2 Threatnings againſt the wanton & deintie people.

6 They wolde teache the Prophetes to preache.

WO vnto thē, that imagine iniquitie, and worke wickednes vpon their beddes: [a]whē ỹ morning is light thei practiſe it becauſe their hād" hathe power.
2 And they couet fields, and take them by violence, and houſes, and take them away: ſo they oppreſſe a man and his houſe, *euen* a man and his heritage.
3 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Beholde, againſt this familie haue I deuiſed a plague, whereout ye ſhal not plucke your neckes, and ye ſhal not go ſo proudly, for this time is euil.
4 In that day ſhal they take vp a parable againſt you, and lament with a dolful lamētacion, & ſay, [b] We be vtterly waſted: he hathe changed the porcion of my people: how hathe he taken it away to reſtore it vnto me? he hathe diuided our fields.
5 Therefore thou ſhalt haue none that ſhal caſt a coard by lot in [c] the Congregacion of the Lord.
6 [d] They that prophecied, Prophecie ye not. [e] Thei ſhal not prophecie to them, neither ſhal they take ſhame.
7 O thou that art named the houſe of Iaakób, is the Spirit of the Lord ſhortened? [f] are theſe his workes? are not my wordes good vnto him [g] that walketh vprightly?
8 But he that was [h] yeſter day my people, is riſen vp on the other ſide, *as* againſt an enemie: they ſpoyle the [i] beautiful garmēt from thē that paſſe by peaceably, as thogh they returned from the waire.
9 The women of my people haue ye caſt out from their pleaſant houſes, & from their children haue ye taken away [k] my glorie continually.
10 Ariſe and departe, for this is not *your* [l] reſt: becauſe it is polluted, it ſhal deſtroye *you*, euen with a ſore deſtruction.
11 [m] If a mā walke in the Spirit, & wolde lie falſely, *ſaying*, [n] I wil prophecie vnto thee of wine, and of ſtrong drinke, he ſhal euē be the Prophet of this people.
12 I wil ſurely gather [o] thee wholy, ô Iaakób: I wil ſurely gather the remnant of Iſraél: I wil put them together as the ſhepe of Bozráh, *euen* as the flocke in the middes of their folde: *the cities* ſhalbe ful of brute of the men.
13 The [p] breaker vp ſhal come vp before them: they ſhal breake out, and paſſe by the gate, and go out by it, and their King ſhal go before them, and the Lord *ſhalbe* [q] vpon their heads.

a Aſſone as they riſe, they execute their wicked deuiſes of ỹ night, and according to their power hore others.
" *Ebr. is to power.*
b Thus the Iewes lament and ſay that there is no hope of reſtitutiō ſeing their poſſeſſions are diuided among the enemies
c Ye ſhal haue no more lands to diuide, as you had in times paſt, and as you vſed to meaſure them in the lubile
d Thus the people warne the Prophetes that they ſpeake to them no more: for they can not abide their threateninges
e God ſaith, that they ſhal not prophecie, nor receiue no more of their rebukes nor tantes
f Are theſe your workes according to his Law?
g Do not the godlie finde my wordes comfortable?
h That is, afore time
i The poore can haue no cōmoditie by them, but they ſpoyle them, as thogh they were enemies
k That is, their ſubſtance, and liuing, which is Gods bleſſing, and as it were, parte of his glorie
l Ieruſalém ſhal not be your ſauegarde: but the cauſe of your deſtruction
m That is, ſhewe him ſelf to be a Prophet
n He ſheweth what Prophetes they delite in: that is, in flatterers, which tel them pleaſant tales, & ſpeake of their commodities
o To deſtroye thee
p The enemie ſhal breake their gates and walles and lead them in to Caldea.
q To driue them forwarde, and to helpe their enemies.

CHAP. III.

Againſt the tyrannie of princes and falſe prophetes.

AND I ſaid, Heare, I pray you, ô heads of Iaakób, and ye princes of the houſe of Iſraél: ſhulde not ye knowe [a] iudgement?
2 *But* they hate the good, & loue the euil: thei plucke of their ſkinnes from them, & their fleſh from their bones.
3 And they eat alſo the [b] fleſh of my people, and flay of their ſkinne from them, & they breake their bones, & chop them in pieces, as for the pot, & as fleſh within the caldron.
4 Then [c] ſhal they crye vnto the Lord, but he wil not heare them: he wil euē hide his face from them at that time, becauſe they haue done wickedly in their workes.
5 Thus ſaith the Lord, Cōcerning the prophetes that diſceiue my people, and [d] bite them with their teeth, and crye peace, but if a man put not into their mouthes, they prepare waire againſt him,
6 Therefore [e] night ſhalbe vnto you for a viſion, and darkenes *ſhalbe* vnto you for a diuination, and the ſunne ſhal go downe ouer the Prophetes, and the day ſhalbe darke ouer them.
7 Then ſhal the Seers be aſhamed, and the ſotheſaiers confounded: yea, they ſhal all couer [f] their lippes, for they haue none answer of God.
8 Yet notwithſtanding I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, and of iudgement and of ſtrength to declare vnto Iaakób his tranſgreſſion, and to Iſraél his ſinne.
9 Heare this, I pray you, ye heads of the houſe of Iaakób, and princes of the houſe of Iſraél: they abhorre iudgemēt, and peruert all equitie.
10 They buyld vp Zión with [h] blood, and Ieruſalém with iniquitie.
11 The heads thereof iudge for rewardes, and the Prieſts thereof teache for hyre, & the Prophetes thereof prophecie for money: yet wil they [i] leane vpon the Lord, & ſay, Is not the Lord among vs? no euil can come vpon vs.
12 Therefore ſhal Zión for your ſake be [k] plowed *as* a field, & Ieruſalém ſhal be an heape, and the mountaine of the houſe, as the hie places of the foreſt.

a That thing which is iuſte & lawful, bothe to gouerne my people aright, & alſo to diſcharge your owne conſciēce?
b The Prophet condemneth the wicked gouerners not onely of couetouſnes, theft, and murther, but compareth them to wolues, lyons, & moſte cruel beaſts
c That is, whē I ſhal viſite their wickednes: for though I heare ỹ godlie before they crie, Iſa 65,24, yet I wil not heare theſe thogh they cryc, Iſa 1,15. Iam 2,13 1 pet. 3,12
d They denounce all their ſubſtance, & then flatter them, promiſing that all ſhal go wel: but if one refraine from their bellies, then they inuent all wayes to miſchief.
e As you haue loued to walke in darkenes, and to prophecie lies ſo God ſhal rewarde you with groſſe blindenes, and ignorance, ſo ỹ whē all others ſhal ſe the bright beames of Gods graces, ye ſhal as blinde men grope as in ỹ night.
f When God ſhal diſcouer them to the worlde, they ſhal be afraid to ſpeake: for all ſhal knowe ỹ they were but falſe prophetes, and did belye the worde of God.
g The Prophet being aſſured of his vocatiō by the Spirit of God, ſetteth him ſelf alone againſt all the wicked, ſhewing how God hathe gaue him giftes, habilitie, and knowledge, to diſcerne betwene good & euil, and alſo conſtancie to reproue the ſinnes of the people, and not to flatter them
h They buylde them houſes by briberie, which he calleth blood and iniquitie
i They wil ſay, that they are the people of God, and abuſe his Name as a pretence to cloke their hypocriſie.
k Read Ieremiáh, 26, 18.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Of the kingdome of Chriſt, and felicitie of his Church.

1 BVt in the [a] laſt dayes it ſhal come to paſſe, that the mountaine of the Houſe of the Lord ſhal be prepared in the top of the mountaines, and it ſhalbe exalted aboue the [b] hilles, and people ſhal flowe vnto it.

a When Chriſt ſhal come, and the Temple ſhalbe deſtroyed.
b Read Iſa 2, 2

2 Yea,

2 Yea, many nacions ſhal come and ſay, Come, and let vs go vp to the Mountaine of the Lord, and to the Houſe of the God of Iaakób, and he wil [c] teache vs his waies, & we wil walke in his paths: for the Law ſhal go forthe of Zión, and the worde of the Lord from Ieruſalém.

3 And he ſhal iudge among many people, & [d] rebuke mightie nacions a farre of, & thei ſhal breake their ſwordes into mattockes, and their ſpeares into [e] ſieths: nacion ſhal not lift vp a ſworde againſt nacion, nether ſhal they [f] learne to fight any more.

4 But thei ſhal ſit euery mã vnder his vine, and vnder his fig tre, and none ſhal make them afraied: for the mouth of the Lord of hoſtes hathe ſpoken it.

5 For all people wil walke [g] euery one in the name of his god, and we wil walke in the Name of the Lord our God, for euer and euer.

6 At the ſame day, ſaith the Lord, wil I gather her that halteth, and I wil gather her that is caſt out, & her that I haue afflicted.

7 And I wil make her that halted, [h] a remnant, & her that was caſt farre of, a mightie nacion: and the Lord ſhal reigne ouer them in Mount Zión, from hence forthe euen for euer.

8 And thou, ô [i] towre of the flocke, ỹ ſtrong holde of the daughter Zión, vnto thee ſhal it come, euen [k] the firſt dominion, & kingdome ſhal come to the daughter Ieruſalém.

9 Now why doeſt thou crye out with lamẽtacion? *is* [l] there no King in thee? is thy counſeller periſhed? for ſorow hathe taken thee, as a woman in trauail.

10 Sorow and mourne, ô daughter Zión, like a woman in trauail: for now ſhalt thou go forthe of the citie, and dwell in the field, & ſhalt go into Babél, *but* there ſhalt thou be deliuered: there the Lord ſhal redeme thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 Now alſo many nacions are gathered againſt thee, ſaying, Zión ſhalbe cõdemned and our eye ſhal loke vpon Zión.

12 But they [m] knowe not the thoghts of the Lord: they vnderſtand not his counſel, for he ſhal gather them as the ſheaues in the barne.

13 Ariſe, and threſh, [n] ô daughter Zión: for I wil make thine horne yron, and I wil make thine hooues braſſe, & thou ſhalt breake in pieces many people: and I wil conſecrate their riches vnto the Lord, and their ſubſtance vnto the ruler of the whole worlde.

a He ſheweth that there is no true Church but where as the people are taught by Gods pure worde

b By his corrections and threatnings he wil bring the people into ſubiection which are in the vtmoſt corners of the worlde

c They ſhal abſteine from all euil doing, and exerciſe them ſelues in godlines & in wel doing to others

f Read Iſa 2,4

g He ſheweth that the people of God ought to remaine conſtant in their religion, albeit all the worlde ſhulde giue them ſelues to their ſuperſtition & idolatrie

h I wil cauſe that Iſraél, ỹ is now as one lame & halting, and ſo almoſt deſtroied, ſhal liue againe & growe into a great people.

i Meaning Ieruſalém where the Lords flocke was gathered

k The floriſhing ſtate of the kigdome, as it was vnder Dauid & Salomón, ỹ thing was accompliſhed to the Church by the cõming of Chriſt.

l In the meane ſeaſõ he ſheweth that they ſhulde indure great troubles and tentations when they ſawe thẽ ſelues nether to haue King nor counſel

m He ſheweth that ỹ faithful ought not to meaſure Gods iudgements by the bragges and threatnings of ỹ wicked, but thereby are admoniſhed to lifte vp their hartes to God to call for deliuerance.

n God giueth his Church this victorie ſo oft as he ouercometh their enemies: but the accompliſhment hereof ſhalbe at the laſt comming of Chriſt

CHAP. V.

1 The deſtruction of Ieruſalém. 2 The excellencie of Bethlehem.

1 NOw aſſemble thy gariſons, ô daughter [a] of gariſons: he hathe laied ſiege againſt vs: they ſhal ſmite the iudge of Iſraél with a rodde vpon the cheke.

2 And thou Beth-léem Ephráthah art [b] litle to be amõg the thouſands of Iudáh, *yet* out of thee ſhal he come forthe vnto me, that ſhal be the ruler in Iſraél: whoſe [c] goings forthe *haue bene* from the beginning & from euerlaſting.

3 Therefore wil he giue them vp, vntil the time that [d] ſhe which ſhal beare, ſhal trauail: then the remnant of their brethren ſhal returne vnto the children of Iſraél.

4 And he ſhal [e] ſtand, and fede in ỹ ſtrength of the Lord, & in the maieſtie of the Name of the Lord his God, & they ſhal dwell ſtil: for now ſhal he be magnified vnto the ends of the worlde.

5 And he [f] ſhal be *our* peace whẽ Aſſhúr ſhal come into our land: when he ſhal tread in our palaces, then ſhal we raiſe againſt him ſeuen ſhepherds, and eight principal men.

6 And they ſhal deſtroie [g] Aſſhúr with the ſworde, & the land of Nimród with their ſwordes: thus ſhal he [h] deliuer *vs* from Aſſhúr, when he cometh into our land, & when he ſhal tread within our borders.

7 And the [i] remnãt of Iaakób ſhalbe amõg many people, as a dewe from the Lord, *and* as the ſhowres vpon the graſſe, that waiteth not for man, nor hopeth in the ſonnes of Adám.

8 And the remnant of Iaakób ſhal be amõg the Gentiles in the middes of many people, as the lyon among the beaſts of the foreſt, *and* as the lyons whelpe among the flockes of ſhepe, who when he goeth thorow, treadeth downe and teareth in pieces, and none can deliuer.

9 Thine hand ſhal be lift vp vpon thine aduerſaries, & all thine enemies ſhalbe cut of.

10 And it ſhal come to paſſe in that day, ſaith ỹ Lord, that I wil cut of thine [k] horſes out of the middes of thee, and I wil deſtroie thy charets.

11 And I wil cut of the cities of thy land, and ouerthrowe all thy ſtrong holdes.

12 And I wil cut of thine inchanters out of thine hand: and thou ſhalt haue no more ſothſayers.

13 Thine idoles alſo wil I cut of, & thine images out of the middes of thee: and thou ſhalt no more worſhip the worke of thine hands.

14 And I wil plucke vp thy groues out of the middes of thee: ſo wil I deſtroy thine enemies.

15 And I wil execute a vengeance in *my*

a He forewarneth them of the dangers ỹ ſhal come, beforethei enioy theſe comfortes, ſhewing ỹ foraſmuche as Ieruſalem was accuſtomed ẅ her gariſons to trouble others the Lord wolde now cauſe other gariſons to vexe her, and that her Rulers ſhulde be ſmitten on the face moſte contemptcouſly

b For ſo the Iewes deuided their coũtrey, that for euery thouſand there was a chief captaine and becauſe Bethléhem was not able to make a thouſand, he calleth it litle, but yet God wil raiſe vp his captaine and gouernour therin: & thus it is not the leaſt by reaſõ of this benefit, as mat 2,6

c He ſheweth that the comming of Chriſt & all his wayes were appoſted of God frõ all eternitie

d He compareth the Iewes to women ẅ childe, who for a time ſhulde haue great ſorowes, but at length they ſhulde haue a comfortable deliuerãce, Ioh 16,21

e That is, Chriſtes kingdome ſhalbe ſtable and euerlaſting, and his people, aſwel the Gẽtiles as the Iewes ſhal dwel in ſafetie

f This Meſsiáh ſhalbe a ſufficient ſauegarde for vs, and thogh the enemie inuade vs for a time, yet ſhal God ſtirre vp many ẅ ſhal be able to deliuer vs

g Theſe whome God ſhal raiſe vp for ỹ deliuerance of his Church, ſhal deſtroy all the enemies thereof, which are ment here by ỹ Aſſyriãs

h By theſe gouernours wil God deliuer vs when the enemie cometh into our land or Church which God ſhal deliuer, ſhal onely depend on Gods power and defenſe, as doeth the graſſe of the field, and not on the hope of man

i This Remnãt deſtroy all things wherein thou putteſt thy confidence, as thy vaine confidẽce

k I wil deſtroy all things wherein thou putteſt thy confidence, as thy vaine confidẽce and idolatrie, and ſo wil helpe thee.

and Babylonians which were the chief at that time

wrath and indignacion vpon the heathen, 1 which they haue not heard.

1 It ſhal be ſo terrible that ỹ like hathe not bene heard of

CHAP. VI.

An exhortacion to the dumme creatures to heare the iudgement againſt Iſraél being vnkinde. 6 What maner of ſacrifices do pleaſe God.

Chap. VI

a He taketh ỹ hie moũtaines and hard rockes to witnes

HEarken ye now what the Lord ſaith, Ariſe thou, *and* contend *before* the a mountaines, and let the hilles heare thy voyce.

2 Heare ye, ô moũtaines, the Lords quarel, and ye mightie fundacions of the earth: for the Lord hathe a quarel againſt his people, and he wil pleade with Iſraél.

b I haue not hurt thee, but beſtowed infinite benefites vpon thee.

3 O my people, what haue I done vnto thee? or wherein haue I grieued thee? teſtifie againſt me.

c That is, remember my benefites from ỹ beginnig how I delinered you from Balaams curſe, and alſo ſpared you frõ Shittim, which was in ỹ plaine of Moáb, til I broght you into the land promiſed

4 Surely I b broght thee vp out of the land of Egypt, & redemed thee out of the houſe of ſeruants, and I haue ſent before thee, Moſés, Aarón, and Miriám.

d That is, the trueth of his promes & his manifolde benefites towarde you

5 O my people, remember now what Balák King of Moáb had diuiſed, and what Balaám the ſonne of Beór anſwered him, from c Shittím vntó Gilgál, that ye may knowe the d righteouſnes of the Lord.

eThus the people by hypocriſie aſk how to pleaſe God, and are contét to offer ſacrifices, but wil not chãge their lines

6 Wherewith e ſhal I come before ỹ Lord, & bowe my ſelf before the hie God? Shal I come before him with burnt offrings, & with calues of a yere olde?

f There is nothing ſo deare to man, but the hypocrites wil offer it vnto God, if they thike thereby to auoide his anger: but they wil neuer be broght to mortifie their owne affections & to giue them ſelues willingly to ſerue God as he cõmandeth

7 Wil the Lord be pleaſed with thouſands of rams, or w ten thouſand riuers of oyle? ſhal I giue my f firſtborne for my trãſgreſſion, *euen* the frute of my bodie for the ſinne of my ſoule?

gThe Prophet in few wordes calleth thẽ to the obſeruacion of the ſecondetable, to knowe if they wil obey God aright or no, ſaying ỹ God hathe preſcribed them to do this

8 He hathe ſhewed thee, ô mã, what is good, and what the Lord requireth of thee: g ſurely to do iuſtely, and to loue mercie, and to humble thy ſelf, to walke with thy God.

h Meaning, ỹ when God ſpeaketh to any citie or natiõ, the godlie wil acknowledge his maieſtie and conſider not the mortal mã that bringeth the threatening, but God that ſendeth it.

9 The Lords voyce cryeth vnto the h citie, and the man of wiſdome ſhal ſe thy name: Heare the rod, and who hathe appointed it.

10 Are yet the treaſures of wickednes in the houſe of the wicked, and the ſcant meaſure, that is abominable?

11 Shal I iuſtifie the wicked balances, and the bag of deceitful weights?

i That is, of Ieruſalém

12 For the riche men i thereof are ful of crueltie, & the inhabitants thereof haue ſpoken lies, & their tongue *is* deceitful in their mouth.

k Thou ſhalt be conſumed with inwarde grief and euils.

13 Therefore alſo wil I make thee ſicke in ſmiting thee, & in making *thee* deſolate becauſe of thy ſinnes.

14 Thou ſhalt eat and not be ſatiſfied, & k thy caſting downe *ſhalbe* in the middes of thee, and thou l ſhalt take holde, but ſhalt not deliuer: & that which thou deliuereſt, wil I giue vp to the ſworde.

l Meaning, that the citie ſhulde go about to ſaue her men, as they that lay holde on that which they wolde preſerue.

15 Thou ſhalt ſowe, but not reape: thou ſhalt treade the oliues, but thou ſhalt not anoint thee with oyle, and *make* ſwete wine, but ſhalt not drinke wine.

m You haue receiued all the corrupcio and idolatrie, wherewith the tẽ tribes were infected vnder Omrí and Aháb his ſonne: and to excuſe your doings, you alledge the Kings autoritie by his ſtatutes, and alſo wiſdome & policie in ſo doing, but you ſhal not eſcape puniſhement, but as I haue ſhewed you great fauour, and taken you for my people, ſo ſhal your plagues be accordingly, Luk 12,47.

16 For the m ſtatutes of Omrí are kept, and all the maner of the houſe of Aháb, and ye walke in their counſels, that I ſhulde make thee waſte, and the inhabitants thereof an hiſsing: therefore ye ſhal beare the 1epi oche of my people.

CHAP. VII.

1 A complaint for the ſmale nomber of the righteous 4 The wickednes of theſe times. 14 The proſperitie of the Church.

1 WO is me, for I am as a the ſomer gatherings, & as the grapes of the vintage: there *is* no cluſter to eat: my ſoule deſired the firſt ripe frutes.

a The Prophet taketh vpon him the perſone of ỹ earth, which complaineth that all her frutes are gone, ſo ỹ none is left: ỹ is, that there is no godlie mã remaining: for all are giuen to crueltie & deceit, ſo that none ſpareth his owne brother

2 The good man is periſhed out of the earth, and there *is* none righteous among men: b thei all lie in waite for blood: euery man hunteth his brother with a net.

b He ſheweth that ỹ prince, the iudge and the riche man are linked together, all to do euil and to cloke the doings one of another

3 To make good for the euil of *their* hands, the prince aſked, and the iudge *iudgeth* for a rewarde: therefore the c great man he ſpeaketh out the corruption of his ſoule: ſo d they wrap it vp.

c That is, the riche man that is able to gme money, abſteineth from no wickednes nor iniurie.

4 The beſt of them *is* as e a brier, and the moſt righteous of them *is ſharper* then a thorne hedge: the day of f thy watchmen & the viſitacion cometh: then ſhalbe their confuſion.

d Theſe mẽ agre among thẽ ſelues & conſpire with one conſent tó do euil

5 Truſt ye not in a friend, nether put ye cõfidence in a counſeller: kepe the dores of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy boſome.

e They that are of moſte eſtimation and are coſted moſte honeſt among thé, are but thornes & briers to pricke

6 For the ſonne reuileth the father: the daughter riſeth vp againſt her mother: the daughter in law againſt her mother in law, *and* a mans enemies *are* ỹ men of his owne houſe.

f Meaning of the Prophetes & gouernours

7 Therefore g I wil loke vnto the Lord: I wil waite for God my Sauiour: my God wil heare me.

g The Prophet ſheweth that the onelie remedy for the godlie in deſperat euils is to flee vnto God for ſuccour.

8 Reioyce not againſt me, h ô mine enemie: thogh I fall, I ſhal ariſe: when I ſhal ſit in darkenes, the Lord *ſhal be* a light vnto me.

h This is ſpoken in the perſone of the Church which calleth the maligant Church her enemie.

9 I wil beare the wrath of the Lord becauſe I haue ſinned againſt him, vntil he pleade my cauſe, and execute iudgement for me: *then* wil he bring me forthe to the light, & I ſhal ſe his righteouſnes.

10 Then ſhe that is mine enemie, ſhal loke vpon it, and ſhame ſhal couer her, which ſaid vnto me, Where is the Lord thy God? Mine eies ſhal beholde her: now ſhal ſhe be troden downe as the myre of the ſtretes.

i To wit, whē God ſhal ſhew him ſelf a deliuerer of his Church, and a deſtroyer of his enemies

11 *This is* i the day, that thy walles ſhal be buylt: this day ſhal driue faire away k the decre.

12 In this day alſo they ſhal come vnto thee from l Aſſhúr, and *from* the ſtrong cities, and from the ſtrong holdes euen vnto the riuer, and from ſea to ſea, & *from* moũtaine to mountaine.

13 Notwithſtanding, the land ſhalbe deſolate becauſe of thē that dwell therein, *and* for the fruites of m their inuentions.

14 n Fede thy people with thy rod, the flocke of thine heritage (which dwell ſolitarie in the wood) *as* in the middes of Carmél: let them fede in Baſhán and Gileád, as in olde time.

15 o According to the dayes of thy comming out of the land of Egypt, wil I ſhewe vnto thee marueilous things.

16 The nacions ſhal ſe, and be confounded for all their power: they ſhal p laye their hand vpon their mouth: q their eares ſhal be deafe.

17 They ſhal r licke the duſt like a ſerpēt: thei ſhal moue out of their holes like wormes: they ſhal be afraide of the Lord our God, and ſhal feare becauſe of thee.

18 Who is a God like vnto thee, that taketh away iniquitie, & ſ paſſeth by the trāſgreſſion of the remnant of his heritage? He reteineth not his wrath for euer, becauſe mercie pleaſeth him.

19 He wil turne againe, *and* haue compaſsiō vpon vs: he wil ſubdue our iniquities, & caſt all t their ſinnes into the bottome of the ſea.

20 Thou wilt performe *thy* u trueth to Iaakób, & mercie to Abrahám, as thou haſt ſworne vnto our fathers in olde time.

k Meaning, the cruel empire of the Babylonians

l When the Church ſhalbe reſtored, they that were enemies afore, ſhal come out of all the corners of the worlde vnto her, ſo that neither holdes, riuers, ſeas nor mountaines ſhalbe able to let them

m Afore this grace appeare, he ſheweth how grieuouſly the hypocrites them ſelues ſhal be puniſhed, ſeing that the earth it ſelf, which can not ſinne, ſhal be made waſte becauſe of their wickednes

n The Prophet prayeth to God to be merciful vnto his Church, when they ſhulde be ſcattered abroad as in ſolitarie places in Babylon and to be beneficial vnto them as in time paſt

o God promiſeth to be fauorable to his people as he had bene afore time

p They ſhalbe as dumme men & dare bragge no more

q They ſhalbe aſtoniſhed, and afraid to heare men ſpeake, leſt they ſhulde heare of their deſtruction

r They ſhal fall flat on the grounde for feare

ſ As though he wolde not ſee it, but winke at it.

t Meaning, of his elect

u The Church is aſſured, that God wil declare in effect the trueth of his merciful promes, which he had made of olde to Abrahám, and to all that ſhulde apprehende the promes by faith.

NAHVM.

THE ARGVMENT.

AS they of Nineueh ſhewed them ſelues prompt and ready to receiue the worde of God at Ionahs preaching, and ſo turned to the Lord by repentance ſo after a certeine time rather giuing thē ſelues to worldelie meanes to increaſe their dominion, then ſeking to continue in the feare of God, and trade wherein they had begōne, they caſt of the care of religion, and ſo returned to their vomite, and prouoked Gods iuſte iudgement againſt them, in afflicting his people. Therefore their citie Nineueh was deſtroyed, and Merōch-baladan King of Babél (or as ſome thinke Nebuchad-nezzár) enioyed the empire of the Aſſyrians. But becauſe God hathe a continual care of his Church, he ſtireth vp his Prophet to comfort the godlie, ſhewing that the deſtruction of their enemies ſhulde be for their conſolation. And as it ſemeth, he prophecied about the time of Hezekiáh, and not in the time of Manaſſéh his ſonne, as the Iewes write.

CHAP I.

Of the deſtruction of the Aſſyrians, and of the deliuerance of Iſrael.

a Read Iſa 13, 1. b The viſion or reuelation, which God cōmāded Nahúm to write concerning ſ Ninciites

1 a He burdē of Nineuéh. b The boke of the viſion of Nahúm ſ c Elkeſhite.

2 God *is* d ielous, and the Lord reuengeth: ſ Lord reuengeth: cuē the Lord e of angre, the Lord wil take vengeance on his aduerſaries, and he reſerueth *wrath* for his enemies.

c That is, borne of a poore village in the tribe of Simeón.

d Meaning, of his glorie

e With his he is but angrie for a time. but his angre neuer aſwageth toward the reprobat, though for a time he deferre it

3 The f Lord *is* ſlowe to angre, but *he is* great in power, and wil not ſutely cleare *the wicked*: the Lord *hathe* his way in the whirle winde, and in the ſtorme, and the cloudes *are* the duſt of his fete.

f Thus ſ wicked wolde make Gods mercie an occaſiō to ſinne, but ſ Prophet willeth them to conſider his force and iuſtice.

4 He rebuketh the ſea, and dryeth it, and he dryeth vp all the riuers: Baſhán is waſted and Carmél, and the floure of Lebanón is waſted.

5 The mountaines tremble for him, & the hilles melt, & ſ earth is burnt at his ſight, yea, the worlde, and all that dwell therein.

g If all creatures be at Gods cōmandement & none is able to reſiſt his wrath, ſhal mā flutter him ſelf and chroke by anie meanes to eſcape whē he prouoketh his

6 g Who can ſtand before his wrath? or who cā abide in the fiercenes of his wrath? his wrath is powred out like fyre, and the rockes are broken by him,

7 The Lord is good h *and as* a ſtrong holde in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that truſt in him.

God to angreh Leſt ſ faithful ſhulde be diſcouraged by hearing the power of God, he ſheweth thē that his mercies appertene vnto them, & that he hathe care ouer them

8 But paſsing ouer *as* with a flood, he wil vtterly deſtroye the i place thereof, and darkenes ſhal purſue his enemies.

i Signifying, ſ God wil ſuddenly deſtroye Nineuéh, and ſ Aſſyrians in ſuche ſore as thei

9 What do ye k imagine againſt the Lord? he wil make an vtter deſtruction: affliction ſhal not riſe vp the ſeconde time.

10 For *he ſhal come as* vnto l thornes folden one in another, and as vnto drunkardes in their drunkennes: thei ſhalbe deuoured as ſtubble fully dryed.

ſhal lie in perpetual darkenes, & neuer recouer their ſtrength againe

k He ſheweth that the enterpriſes of the Aſſyrians againſt Indáh and the Church, were againſt God, & therefore he wolde ſo deſtroye the at once, ſ he ſhulde not nede to returne ſ ſeconde time

l Though ſ Aſſyriās thinke thē ſelues like thornes ſ pricke on all ſides yet ſ Lord waſte fyre on thē, & as d unkē meare not able to ſtād againſt anie force, ſo thei ſhalbe nothīg able to reſiſt hī.

11 There, [m] cometh one out of thee that imagineth euil against the Lord, *euen* a wicked counselour.

12 Thus saith the Lord, Thogh they be [n] quiet, & also manie, yet thus shal they be cut of when he shal passe by: thogh I haue afflicted thee, I wil afflict thee no more.

13 For now I wil breake his yoke from thee, and wil burst thy bondes in sondre.

14 And the Lord hathe giuen a commandement concerning thee, that no more of thy name be [o] sowē: out of the house of thy gods wil I cut of the grauen, and the molten image: I wil make it thy graue for thee, for thou art vile.

15 *Beholde vpon the mountaines the fete of him that declareth, & publisheth [p] peace: ô Iudáh, kepe thy solēne feastes, performe thy vowes: for the wicked shal no more passe through thee: he is vtterly cut of.

m Which may be vnderstand either of Sancherib, or of the whole body of the people of Nineuéh.
n Thogh they thinke thē selues in moste safetie, and of greatest strēgth yet when God shal passe by, he wil destroy them: notwithstanding he cōforteth his Church and promiseth to make amend of punishing them by the Assyrians *Isa 52,7. rom 10,15.*
o Meaning Sancherib, who shulde haue no more childrē, but be slaine in the house of his gods, 2. King 19,35
p Which peace the Iewes shulde enioy by the death of Sancherib.

CHAP. II.

He describeth the victories of the Caldeans against the Assyrians.

1 [a] THe destroyer is come before thy face: kepe thy munitiō, loke to the way: make *thy* loynes strong: increase *thy* strēgth mightely.

2 For the Lord hathe [b] turned away the glorie of Iaakób, as the glorie of Israél: for the emptiers haue emptied them out, & [c] marred their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mightie men is made red: [d] the valiant men are in skarlet: the charrets *shalbe as* in the fyre *&* flames in the day of his preparation, and [e] the firre trees shal tremble.

4 The charrets shal rage in the stretes: thei shal runne to and fro in the hie wayes: thei shal seme like lampes: they shal shote like the lightning.

5 [f] He shal remember his strōg men: they shal stumble as they go: they shal make haste to the walles thereof, and the defense shalbe prepared.

6 The gates of the riuers shalbe opened, and the palace shal melt.

7 And Huzzáb *the Queene* shalbe led away captiue, and her maides shal leade *her* as with the voyce of doues, smiting vpon their breasts.

8 But Nineuéh is [g] of olde like a poole of water: yet they shal flee away. Stand, stād, *shal they crye*: but none shal loke backe.

9 [h] Spoyle ye the siluer, spoyle the golde: for there is none end of the store, *&* glorie of all the pleasant vessels.

10 [i] She is emptie and voyde and waste, & the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and sorow is in all loines, and the faces [k] of them all gather blackenes.

a That is, Nebuchad-nezzár is in a redines to destroye the Assyrians: & the Prophet derideth the enterprises of the Assyriās *&* prepared to resist him
b Seing God hathe punished his owne people Iudáh and Israél, he wil now punish *&* enemies by whome he scourged thē, read Isa 10,12
c Signifying, *&* the Israelites were vtterly destroyed
d Bothe to feare the enemie, and also that they them selues shulde not so sone espie blood one of another to discourage them
e Meaning, their speares shulde shake and crashe together
f Thē the Assyrians shal seke by all meanes to gather their power, but all things shal faile them
g The Assyriās wil flatter thē selues & say, that Nineuéh *is* so ancient *&* it can neuer perish, & is as a fishpoole, whose waters they that walke on the bāckes cā not touche, but they shalbe scattered, & shal not loke backe though mē wolde call them.
h God cōmandeth the enemies to spoile Nineuéh, & promiseth thē infinite riches, & treasures
i That is, Nineuéh, & the men thereof shalbe after this sorte.
k Read Ioél 2,6.

11 Where is the [l] dwelling of the lyons, & the pasture of the lyōs whelpes? where the lyon, *&* the lyonesse walked, *and* the lyons whelpe, and none made them afraied.

12 The lyon did teare in pieces ynough for his whelpes, and woryed for his lyonesse, and filled his holes with praye, & his dennes with spoyle.

13 Beholde, I *come* vnto thee, saith the Lord of hostes, & I wil burne her chariets in the [m] smoke, and the sworde shal deuoure thy yong lyons, & I wil cut of thy spoile from the earth, & the voice of thy [n] messengers shal no more be heard.

l Meaning, Nineuéh, whose inhabitās were cruel like the lyons & giuen to all oppression & spared no violence or tyrannie to prouide for their wiues, & children
m That is, assone as my wrath beginneth to kindle
n Signifying *&* heraldes, which were accustomed to proclame warre Some read of thy gumme tethe wherewith Nineuéh was wont to bruse the bones of the poore.

Chap III.

1 Of the fall of Nineuéh. 8 No power can escape the hand of God.

1 OBloodie citie, it is all ful of lies, *and* robberie: [a] the pray departeth not:

2 The noyce of a whippe, [b] & the noyce of the mouing of the wheles, and the beating of the horses, and the leaping of the charrets.

3 The horseman lifteth vp bothe the bright sworde, and the glitering speare, and a multitude [o] slaine, and the dead bodies *are* manie: there [p] none end of their corpses: they stumble vpon their corpses.

4 Because of the multitude of the fornications of the [c] harlot that is beautiful, and is a maistresse of witchcraft, and selleth the people thorowe her whoredome, and the nations thorowe her witchcraftes.

5 Beholde, I *come* vpon thee, saith the Lord of hostes, and wil discouer thy skirtes vpō thy face, and wil shewe the nations thy filthines, and the kingdomes thy shame.

6 And I wil cast filth vpon thee, and make thee vile, and wil set thee as a gasing stocke.

7 And it shal come to passe that all they that loke vpō thee, shal flee from thee, and say, Nineuéh is destroyed, who wil haue pitie vpon her? where shal I seke comforters for thee?

8 Art thou better then [d] No, *which was* ful of people [e] that laye in the riuers, and *had* the waters round about it? whose ditche was the sea, *&* her wall *was* from the sea?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength & there *was* none end. Put and Lubim were [f] her helpers.

10 Yet was she caryed away, *&* went into captiuitie: her yong children also were dashed in pieces at the head of all the stretes: & thei cast lottes for her noble mē, & all her mightie mē were bound in chaines.

11 Also thou shalt be drunken: thou shalt hide thy self, and shalt seke helpe because of the enemie.

12 All thy strong cities *shalbe like* figtrees [g] with the first ripe figs: for if thei be shaken, thei fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Beholde,

a It neuer ceaseth to spoile and robbe.
b He sheweth how the Caldeans shal haste, and how couragious their horses shalbe in beating the groūde when they come against the Assyrians.
c He compareth Nineuéh to an harlot, *&* by her beautie and subtiltie entiseth yong men, & bringeth them to destruction.
d Meaning, Alexandria, *&* was in league with so manie nations, and yet was now destroyed.
e Or, thin.

13 Beholde, thy people with thee *are* wome: the gates of thy land ſhalbe opened vnto thine enemies, & the fyre ſhal deuoure thy barres.

14 Drawe thee waters for the ſiege: fortifie thy ſtrong holdes: go into the claye, and temper the morter: make ſtrong bricke.

15 There ſhal ỹ fyre deuoure thee: the ſworde ſhal cut thee of: it ſhal eat thee vp like ỹ [e] locuſtes, *though* thou be multiplied like ỹ locuſtes, & multiplied like ỹ graſhopper.

16 Thou haſt multiplied thy marchantes aboue the ſtarres of heauen: the locuſt ſpoileth and flieth awaie.

17 Thy princes *are* as the graſhoppers, and thy captaines as the great graſhoppers wch remaine in the hedges in the colde daye: *but* when the ſunne ariſeth, they flee awaie & their place is not knowē where thei are.

18 Thy [f] ſhepherdes do ſlepe, ô King of Aſſhur: thy ſtrong mē lie downe: thy people is ſcattered vpon the mountaines, and no man gathereth *them*.

19 There is no healing of thy wounde: thy plague is grieuous: all that heare ỹ bruite of thee, ſhal clappe the hands ouer thee: for vpon [g] whome hathe not thy malice paſſed continually?

e Signifying, ỹ Gods iudgements ſhulde ſuddenly deſtroye the Aſſyrians, as theſe vermine are with raine or change of wether.

f Thy princes and counſelors.

g Meaning, ỹ there was no people, to whome ỹ Aſſyrians had not done hurt.

HABAKKVK

THE ARGVMENT.

The Prophet complaineth vnto God, conſidering the great felicitie of the wicked, and the miſerable oppreſſion of the godlie, which indure all kinde of affliction & cruelties, and yet can ſe none end. Therefore he had this reuelation ſhewed him of God, that the Caldeans ſhulde come and take them awaie captiues, ſo that they colde loke for none end of their troubles as yet, becauſe of their ſtubbernes and rebellion againſt the Lord. And leſt the godlie ſhulde deſpaire, ſeing this horrible confuſion, he comforteth them by this that God wil puniſh the Caldeans their enemies, when their pride and crueltie ſhalbe at height: wherefore he exhorteth the faithful to patience by his owne example, and ſheweth them a forme of prayer, wherewith they ſhulde comfort them ſelues.

CHAP. I.

8 *A cōplaint againſt the wicked that perſecute the iuſt.*

1 THe burden, which Habakkúk ỹ Prophet did ſe.

2 O Lord, how long ſhal I crye, and thou wilt not heare! *euen* crye out vnto thee [a] for violence, and thou wilt not helpe!

3 Why doeſt thou ſhewe me iniquitie, and cauſe me to beholde ſorowe [b] for ſpoyling, and violence *are* before me: and there are that raiſe vp ſtrife and contention.

4 Therefore the Law is diſſolued, and iudgement doeth neuer go forthe: for the wicked doeth [b] compaſſe about the righteous: therefore [c] wrong iudgement procedeth.

5 Beholde among the heathen, and regarde, & wonder, & marueil: for I wil worke a worke in your daies: [d] ye wil not beleue it, thogh it be tolde you.

6 For lo, I raiſe vp the Caldeans, that bitter and furious nacion, which ſhal go vpō the breadth of the land to poſſeſſe the dwelling places, *that are* not theirs.

7 Thei are terrible & feareful: [e] their iudgement and their dignitie ſhal procede of them ſelues.

8 Their horſes alſo are ſwifter thē the leopards, and are more fierce then the wolues in the* euening: & their horſemen are many: & their horſemen ſhal come frō farre: thei ſhal flie as ỹ egle haſting to meat.

9 They come all to ſpoyle: before their faces *ſhalbe* an [f] Eaſtwinde, and they ſhal gather the captiuitie, [g] as the ſand.

10 And thei ſhal mocke the Kings, and the princes *ſhalbe* a ſkorne vnto them: thei ſhal deride euery ſtrong holde: for they ſhal gather [h] duſt, and take it.

11 Then ſhal thei [i] take a courage, & tranſgreſſe & do wickedly, *imputing* this their power vnto their god.

12 Art not thou of olde, ô Lord my God mine holy one? we ſhal [k] not dye: O Lord, ỹ haſt ordeined them for iudgemēt, and ô God, thou haſt eſtabliſhed them for correction.

13 *Thou art* of pure eyes, and canſt not ſe euil: ỹ canſt not beholde wickednes: wherefore doeſt thou loke vpon the trāſgreſſors, & holdeſt thy tongue when the wicked deuoureth the man, that is more righteous then he?

14 And makeſt men as the [l] fiſh of the ſea, & as the creping things, that haue no ruler ouer them.

15 Thei take vp all with the angle, thei catche it in their net, and gather it in their yarne, whereof they reioyce & are glad.

16 Therefore thei ſacrifice vnto their [m] net and burne incenſe vnto their yarne, becauſe by them their porcion *is* fat & their meat plenteous.

17 Shal thei therefore ſtretch out their net & not ſpare cōtinually to ſlaye [n] ỹ naciōs?

a The Prophet complaineth vnto God and bewaileth that amōg ỹ Iewes is left none equitie nor brotherlie loue: but in ſtead hereof reigneth crueltie, theft, contention & ſtrife

b To ſuppreſſe him if any ſhulde ſhewe him ſelf zealous of Gods cauſe.

c Becauſe the iudges which ſhulde redreſſe this exceſſe are as euil as the reſt

d As in times paſt you wolde not beleue Gods worde, ſo ſhal ye not now beleue the ſtrāge plagues which are at hand

e They themſelues ſhal be your iudges in this cauſe and none ſhal haue autoritie ouer thē to cōtrolle them

Zepho 3.3.

f For ỹ Iewes moſte feared this winde, becauſe it deſtroyed their frutes

g They ſhalbe ſo many in nōber

h They ſhal caſt vp mountes againſt it.

i The Prophet cōforteth the faithful that God wil alſo deſtroy the Babylonians, becauſe they ſhal abuſe their victorie and become proude and inſolēt, attributing the praiſe hereof to their idoles

k He aſſureth the godlie of Gods protection, ſhewing that the enemie can do no more then God hathe appointed, and alſo that their ſinnes required ſuche a ſharpe rod.

l So that the great deuoureth the ſmale and the Caldeans deſtroy all the worlde

m Meaning, ỹ the enemies flatter thē ſelues and glorie in their owne force, power, wit

n Meaning, ỹ they ſhulde not.

CHAP. II.

2 A viſion, 5 Againſt pride, couetouſnes, drunkennes and idolatrie.

I Wil ſtand vpon my [a] watche, and ſet me vpon the towre, and wil loke & ſe what he wolde ſay vnto me, & what I ſhal anſwer to him that rebuketh me.

2 And the Lord anſwered me, & ſaid, Write the viſion, and make it plaine vpon tables, that he may runne [b] that readeth it.

3 For the viſiõ *is* yet for an appointed time, but at [c] laſt it ſhal ſpeake, & not lie: thogh it tary, waite: for it ſhal ſurely come, & ſhal not ſtay.

4 Beholde, [d] he that lifteth vp him ſelf, his minde is not vpright in him, but the iuſte ſhal liue by his faith.

5 Yea, in dede the proude man *is as* he that tranſgreſſeth by wine: [e] therefore ſhal he not endure, becauſe he hathe enlarged his deſire as the hel, and is as death, and can not be ſatiſfied, but gathereth vnto him all nacions, and heapeth vnto him all people.

6 Shal not all theſe take vp a parable againſt him, and a tanting prouerbe againſt him, and ſay, Ho, he that increaſeth *that which is* not his? [f] how long? and he that ladeth him ſelf with thicke claye?

7 Shal [g] they not riſe vp ſuddenly, that ſhal bite thee? and awake, that ſhal ſtirre thee? and thou ſhalt be their pray?

8 Becauſe thou haſt ſpoiled manie nations, all the remnant of the people ſhal ſpoile thee, becauſe of mens blood, and for the wrong *done* in the land, in the citie, & vnto all that dwell therein.

9 Ho, he that coueteth an euil couetouſnes to his houſe, that he may ſet his neſt on hie, to eſcape from the power of euil.

10 Thou [h] haſt conſulted ſhame to thine owne houſe, by deſtroying manie people, and haſt ſinned againſt thine owne ſoule.

11 For the [i] ſtone ſhal crye out of the wall, and the beame out of the timber ſhal anſwer it.

12 Wo vnto him that buyldeth a towne with blood, and erecteth a citie by iniquitie.

13 Beholde, is it not of the [k] Lord of hoſtes that the people ſhal labour in the very fyre? the people ſhal euen weary them ſelues for very vanitie.

14 For the earth ſhal [l] be filled with the knowledge of the glorie of the Lord, as the waters couer the ſea.

15 Wo vnto him that giueth his neigboure [m] drinke: thou ioyneſt thine heate, & makeſt *him* drunken alſo, that thou maiſt ſe their priuities.

16 Thou art filled with ſhame [n] for glorie: drinke thou alſo, and be made naked: the cuppe of the Lords right hand ſhal be turned vnto thee, and ſhameful ſpuing *ſhal be* for thy glorie.

17 For the [o] crueltie of Lebanón ſhal couer thee: ſo ſhal the ſpoile of the beaſtes, which made them afraide, becauſe of mẽs blood, and for the wrong *done* in the land, in the citie, and vnto all that dwell therein.

18 What profiteth the [p] image? for the maker thereof hathe made it an image, and a teacher of lies, thogh he that made it, truſt therein, when he maketh dumme idoles.

19 Wo vnto him that ſaith to the wood, Awake, *and* to the dumme ſtone, Riſe vp, it ſhal teache thee: [q] beholde, it is laide ouer with golde and ſiluer, and there *is* no breath in it.

20 But the Lord *is* in his holie Temple: let all the earth kepe ſilence before him.

a I wil renoũce mine owne iudgement & onely depend on God to be inſtructed what I ſhal anſwer them that abuſe my preachiug, and to be armed againſt all temptations.

b Write it in great letters, that he that runneth, may read it

c Which contemed the deſtruction of the enemie, & the comfort of the Church: which thing thogh God execute not according to mans haſtie affections, yet the yſſue of bo the is certeine at his time appointed

d To truſt in him ſelf or in anie worldlie thing, is neuer to be quiet: for the onelie reſt is to ſtay vpon God by faith, Rom 1, 17. galat 3, 11 ebr 10, 38.

e He compareth the proude, and couetous man to a drunkard that is without reaſon and ſenſe, whome God wil puniſh, & make him a laughing ſtocke to all the worlde: & this he ſpeaketh for the comfort of the godlie, and againſt the Caldeans

f Signifying, that all the worlde ſhal wiſh the deſtruction of tyrants, and that by their oppreſsion, & couetouſnes thei heape but vpon them ſelues more heauie burdens: for the more they get, the more are they troubled

g That is, the Medes and Perſians, that ſhuld deſtroye Babylonias?

h Signifying, that the couetous man is the ruine of his owne houſe, when as he thinketh to enriche it by crueltie and oppreſsion i The ſtones of the houſe ſhal crye, and ſay that they are buylt of blood, and the wood ſhal anſwer and ſay the ſame of it ſelf k Meaning, that God wil not deferre his vengeance long, but wil come, and deſtroye all their labours, as though thei were conſumed with fyre. l In the deſtruction of the Babylonians his glorie ſhal appeare through all the worlde.

m He repreſenteth thus the King of Babylon, who as he was drunken with couetouſnes and crueltie, ſo he prouoked others to the ſame & inflamed them by his rage, & ſo in the end brought them to ſhame

n Where as ye thoghteſt to haue glorie of theſe thy doings, they ſhal turne to thy ſhame: for ye ſhalt drinke of the ſame cup wt others in thy turne

o Becauſe the Babylonians were cruel not only againſt other nacions, but alſo againſt the people of God, which is ment by Lebanón, and the beaſtes therein, he ſheweth that the Babylonians gods colde nothing auaile them: for they were but blockes or ſtones, read Ierem 10, 8 q If thou wilt conſider what it is, and how that it hathe nether breath nor life, but is a dead thing.

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CHAP. III.

2 A praier for the faithful.

1 A Praier of Habakkúk the Prophet for the [a] ignorances.

2 [b] O Lord, I haue heard thy voyce, *and* was afraide: ô Lord, reuiue thy [c] worke in the middes of the people, in the middes of the yeres make it knowen: in wrath remember mercie.

3 God commeth from [d] Temán, and the holie one from mounte Parán, Sélah. His glorie couereth the heauens, & the earth is ful of his praiſe,

4 And *his* brightnes was as the light: [e] he had hornes *coming* out of his hands, and there was the hiding of his power.

5 Before him went the peſtilence, and burning coles went forthe before his fete.

6 He ſtode and meaſured the earth: he behelde and diſſolued the nacions and the euerlaſting moũtaines were broken, & the ancient hilles did bowe: his [f] waies *are* euerlaſting.

7 [g] For *his* iniquitie I ſawe the tentes of Cuſhán, *and* the curtaines of the land of Midián did tremble.

a The Prophet inſtructeth his people to pray vnto God not only for their great ſinnes, but alſo for ſuche as they had committed of ignorance

b Thus the people were afraied when they heard Gods threatenings, and praied

c That is, the ſtate of thy Church which is now ready to periſh before it come to half a perfect age which ſhulde be vnder Chriſt.

d Temãn and Parán were neare Sinái where the Law was giuen: whereby is ſignified that his deliuerãce was as preſent now as it was then. e Whereby is ment a power, that was ioyned with his brightnes, which was hid to the reſt of the worlde, but was reueiled in Mount Sinái to his people, Pſal. 31, 19 f Signifying that God hathe wonderful meanes, and euer had a marueilous power when he wolde deliuer his Church g The iniquitie of this King of Syria in vexing thy people was made manifeſt by thy iudgement, to the comfort of thy Church, Iudg 3, 10. and alſo of the Midianites, which deſtroied them ſelues, Iudg. 7, 22.

h Meaning, ỹ God was not angrie with ỹ waters, but ỹ by this meanes he wolde deſtroy his enemies and deliuer his Church.
i And ſo dideſt vſe all ỹ elements as inſtrumẽts for the deſtructiõ of thine enemies
k That is, thy power
l For he had not only made a couenant w Abrahám, but renued it with his poſteritie.
m Read Nom 20.11
n He alludeth to ỹ red ſea & Iordén, which gaue paſſage to Gods people, & ſhewed ſignes of their obedience, as it were by lifting vp of their hands
o As appeareth Ioſh 10, 12.

8 Was the Lord angrie againſt the h riuers? or was thine angre againſt the floods? or was thy wrath againſt the ſea, that thou dideſt ride i vpon thine horſes? thy charettes broght ſaluation.
9 Thy k bowe was manifeſtely reueiled, & the l othes of the tribes were a ſure worde, Sélah. ỹ m dideſt cleaue the earth with riuers.
10 The mountaines ſawe thee, and they trembled: the ſtreame of the water n paſſed by: the depe made a noiſe, and lift vp his hand on hie.
11 The o ſunne *and* moone ſtood ſtil in *their* habitacion: p at the light of thine arrowes they went, *and* at the bright ſhining of thy ſpeares.
12 Thou trodeſt downe the land in angre, *and* dideſt threſh the heathen in diſpleaſure.
13 Thou wenteſt forthe for the ſaluation of thy people, *euen* for ſaluation with thine q Anoynted: thou haſt wounded the head of the houſe of the wicked, and diſcouereds the fundations vnto the r necke, Sélah.
14 Thou dideſt r ſtrike thorowe with his owne ſtaues the heades of his villages: they came out as a whirlewinde to ſcatter me: their reioycing *was* as to deuoure the poore ſecretly.
15 Thou dideſt walke in the ſea with thine horſes vpon the heape of great waters.
16 When I s heard, my belie trembled: my lippes ſhoke at the voyce: rottẽnes entred into my bones, and I trembled in my ſelfe, that I might reſt in u the day of trouble: *for* when he cometh vp x vnto the people, he ſhal deſtroy them.
17 For the figtre ſhal not floriſh, nether ſhal frute *be* in the vines: the labour of the oliue ſhal faile, and the fieldes ſhal yelde no meat: the ſhepe ſhalbe cut of from the folde, and there ſhalbe no bullocke in the ſtalles.
18 But I wil reioyce in the Lord: I wil ioy y in the God of my ſaluation.
19 The Lord God *is* my ſtrength: he wil make my fete like hindes *fete*, & he wil make me to walke vpon mine hie places. z To the chief ſinger on Neginothái.

p According to thy cõmandement the ſunne was directed by the weapons of thy people, that foght in thy cauſe, as though it durſt not go forwarde q Signifying that there is no ſaluation, but by Chriſt. r From the top to the toe thou haſt deſtroyed the enemies.

ſ God deſtroyed his enemies bothe great and ſmale with their owne weapõs, though they were neuer ſo fierce againſt his Church.
t He returneth to that which he ſpake in ỹ 2. vſ and ſheweth how he was afraide of Gods iudgements
u He ſheweth that ỹ faithful cã neuer haue true reſt, except they fele before ỹ weight of Gods iudgements.
x That is, the enemies: but ỹ godlie ſhalbe quiet, knowing that all things ſhal turne to good vnto thẽ.
y He declareth wherein ſtandeth the comfort & ioy of the faithful, though theſe neuer ſo great afflictions prepared z The chief ſinger vpon the inſtrumentes of muſicke ſhal haue occaſion to praiſe God for ỹ great deliuerance of his Church.

ZEPHANIAH.

THE ARGVMENT.

Seing the great rebellion of the people, and that there was now no hope of amendement, he denounceth the great iudgement of God, whuh was at hand, ſhewing that their countrei ſhulde be vterly deſtroied, and they caried away captiues by the Babylonians. Yet for the comfort of the faithful he propheciedof Gods vengeance againſt their enemies, as the Philiſtims, Moabites, Aſſyrians and others, to aſſure them that God had a continual care ouer them. And as the wicked ſhulde be puniſhed for their ſinnes and tranſgreſſions: ſo he exhorteth the godlie to pacience, and to truſt to finde mercie by reaſon of the fre promes of God made vnto Abrahám: and therefore quietly to abyde til God ſhewe them the effect of that grace, whereby in the end they ſhulde be gathered vnto him, and counted as his people and children.

CHAP. I.

Threatnings againſt Iudáh and Ieruſalém, becauſe of their idolatrie.

THe worde of the Lord, which came vnto Zephaniáh the ſonne of Cuſhí, the ſonne of Gedaliáh, the ſonne of Amariáh, the ſonne of Hizkiáh, in the daies of * Ioſiáh, the ſonne of * Amón King of Iudáh.
2 I wil ſurely deſtroy all things frõ of the land, ſaith the Lord.
3 I wil deſtroy man and beaſt: I wil deſtroy the a foules of the heauen, & the fiſh of the ſea, & ruines *ſhalbe* to the wicked, & I wil cut of man from of the land, ſaith ỹ Lord.
4 I wil alſo ſtretche out mine hand vpõ Iudáh, and vpon all the inhabitãts of Ieruſalém, & I wil cut of the remnãt of Báal frõ this place, and the names of the b Chemarims with the Prieſtes,
5 And them that worſhip the hoſte of heauen vpon the houſe toppes, and them that worſhip and ſweare by the Lord, and by c Malchám,
6 And them that are turned backe frõ the Lord, and thoſe that haue not ſoght the Lord, nor inquired for him.
7 Be ſtil at the preſence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hathe prepared a ſacrifice, & hathe ſanctified his gheſtes.

2 King 22,1.
2 King 21,19
a Not ỹ God was angrie with theſe ſimme creatures, but becauſe man was ſo wicked for whoſe cauſe they were created, God maketh them to take parte of the puniſhmẽt with him.

b Which were an order of ſuperſtitious men appointed to miniſter in the ſeruice of Báal, and were as his peculiar chapelens, read 2. King 23,5: hoſea 10,5
c He alludeth to their idole Molech, which was forbidden Leu. 20,2, yet they called him their king and made him as a god: therefore here noteth them that will bothe ſaye they worſhip God, & yet will ſweare by idoles and ſerue them: which halting is here cõdemned, as Exek 20,39 2 king 17,33.

8 And it ſhalbe in the day of the Lords ſacrifice, that I wil viſite the princes & the Kings children, and all ſuche as are clothed with [d] ſtrange apparel.

d Meaning the courteares ẅ did imitate ẏ ſtrãge apparel of other nacions to winne their fauour thereby, & to appeare glorious in ẏ eyes of all other, read Eze. 23,14.

9 In the ſame day alſo wil I viſit all thoſe that [e] dance vpõ the threſholde ſo proudly, which fil their maſters houſes by cruelte and deceit.

e He meaneth the ſeruantes of the rulers which inuade other mens houſes and reioyce and leape for ioy whẽ they can get any pray to pleaſe their maſter withall

10 And in that day, ſaith ẏ Lord, there *ſhalbe* a novce, *and* crye from the [f] fiſh gate, & an howling frõ the ſeconde *gate*, & a great deſtruction from the hilles.

f Signifying ẏ all ẏ corners of the citie of Ieruſalẽ ſhulde be ful of trouble

11 Howle ye inhabitants of [g] the lowe place: for the cõpanie of the marchants is deſtroied: all thei that bare ſiluer, are cut of.

g This is mẽe of the ſtrete of the marchãtes which was lower then ẏ reſt of the place about it

12 And at that time wil I ſearche Ieruſalém with [h] lightes, and viſite the men that are froſen [i] in their dregges, & ſay in their hearts, The Lord wil nether do good nor do euil.

h So that nothing ſhal eſcape me

i By their prof perite they are hardened in their wickednes

13 Therefore their goods ſhalbe ſpoiled, & their houſes waſte: * thei ſhal alſo buylde houſes, but not inhabit *them*, and thei ſhal plant vineyardes, but not drinke the wine thereof.

Deut 28, 30. amo 5,11

14 The great day of the Lord *is* nere: it *is* nere, and *haſteth* greatly, *euen* the voyce of the day of the Lord: [k] the ſtrong man ſhal crye there bitterly.

k They that truſted in their owne ſtrength and contemned the Prophets of God.

15 *That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and heauines, a day of deſtruction and deſolation, a day of obſcuritie and darkenes, a day of cloudes & blackenes,

Ier 30,7. ioél 2,11. amós 5, 18. Ezek.7,19.

16 A day of the trũpet and alarme againſt the ſtrong cities, & againſt the hie towres.

17 And I wil bring diſtres vpon men, that thei ſhal walke like blinde men, becauſe thei haue ſinned againſt the Lord, and their blood ſhalbe powred out as duſt, and their fleſh as the dongue.

18 *Nether their ſiluer nor their golde ſhal be able to deliuer them in the day of the Lords wrath, but the *whole land ſhal be deuoured by the fyre of his ielouſie: for he ſhal make euen a ſpedie riddance of all thẽ that dwell in the land.

Chap. 3,8.

CHAP. II.

He moueth to returne to God, 5 Prophecying deſtruction againſt the Philiſtims, Moabites & others.

1 GAther [a] your ſelues, euen gather you, ô nacion not worthy to be loued,

a He exhorteth them to repentance & willeth them to deſcẽd into them ſelues & gather them ſelues together, left they be ſcattered like chaffe

2 Before the decre come forthe, *and ye be* as chaffe that paſſeth in a day, & before the fierce wrath of the Lord come vpon you, & before the day of the Lords angre come vpon you.

3 Seke ye the Lord all the meke of ẏ earth, which [b] haue wroght his iudgement: ſeke righteouſnes, ſeke lowlines, if ſo be that ye may be hid in the day of the Lords wrath.

b That is, ẏ haue liued vprightly & godly according as he preſcribeth by his worde

4 For [c] Azzáh ſhal be forſaken, and Aſhkelón deſolate: thei ſhal driue out Aſhdód at the none day, & Ekrón ſhal be rooted vp.

c He comforteth the faithful in that, ẏ God wolde change his puniſhmẽts from them vnto the Philiſtims their enemies and other nacions.

5 Wo vnto ẏ inhabitants of the ſea [d] coaſt: the nacion of the Cherethims, the worde of the Lord *is* againſt you: ô Canáan, the land of the Philiſtims, I wil euen deſtroy thee without an inhabitant.

d That is, Gaza likewiſe by this nacion he inuironneth the people that dwelt nere to the Iewes and in ſtead of friend ſhip were their enemies: therfore he calleth them Canaanites whome the Lord appointed to be harme

6 And the ſea coaſt ſhalbe dwellings & cotages for ſhepherdes and ſhepefoldes.

7 And *that* coaſt ſhal be for the [e] remnant of the houſe of Iudáh, to fede thereupon: in the houſes of Aſhkelón ſhal thei lodge towarde night: for ẏ Lord their God ſhal viſite them, & turne away their captiuitie.

e He ſheweth why God wil de deſtroy their enemies, becauſe their coũtrei ſhulde be a reſting place for his Church

8 I haue heard the reproche of Moáb, and the rebukes of the children of Ammón, whereby they vpbraided my people, and [f] magnified thẽ ſelues againſt their borders.

f Thele naciõ preſumed to take from ẏ Iewes that countrey ẅ the Lord had giuen them.

9 Therefore, as I liue, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, the God of Iſraél, ſurely Moáb ſhal be as Sodóm, and the children of Ammón as Gomoráh, *euen* the breeding of nettels and ſalt pittes, and a perpetual deſolation: the reſidue of my folke ſhal ſpoile them, & the remnant of my people ſhal poſſeſſe them.

10 This ſhal thei haue for their pride, becauſe thei haue reproched and magnified thẽ ſelues againſt the Lord of hoſtes people.

11 The Lord *wil be* terrible vnto thẽ: [g] for he wil conſume all the gods of the earth, and euerie man ſhal worſhip him frõ his place, *euen* all the yles of the heathen.

g When he ſhal deliuer his people and deſtroy their enemies and idoles, his glorie ſhal ſhine through out all the worlde

12 Ye Moriás alſo ſhalbe ſlaine by my ſworde with them.

13 And he wil ſtretche out his hand againſt the North, and deſtroy Aſſhúr, and wil make Nineuéh deſolate, *and* waſte like a wildernes.

14 And flockes ſhal lie in the middes of her, and all the beaſtes of the nacions, and the [h] pellicane, & the [*] owle ſhal abide in the vpper poſtes of it: the voyce *of birdes* ſhal ſing in the windowes, *and* deſolations *ſhalbe* vpon the poſtes: for the cedres are vncouered.

h Read Iſa. 34,11

*Or, hedgehogge

15 This is [i] the reioycing citie that dwelt careleſſe, that ſaid in her heart, I am, and there *is* none beſides me: how is ſhe made waſte, and the lodging of the beaſtes! euerie one that paſſeth by her, ſhal hiſſe and wagge his hand.

i Meaning, Nineuéh, which reioyced ſo mucho of her ſtrength and proſperitie, ſhuldebe thus made waſte & Gods people deliuered.

CHAP. III.

4 Againſt the gouerners of Ieruſalém. 8 Of the calling of all the Gentiles. 13 A comfort to the reſidue of Iſraél.

1 WO to her that is filthy and polluted, to the robbing [a] citie.

a That is, Ieruſalém.

2 She heard not the voyce: ſhe receiued not correctiõ: ſhe truſted not in the Lord: ſhe drue not nere to her God.

Ezek.22, 27. mic 3,11. Habak.1,8.

3 Her prices within her *are* as roaring *liõs: her iudges *are* as *wolues in the euening, which

which [b] leaue not the bones til the morowe.

4 Her prophetes are light, & wicked perſones: her prieſts haue polluted the Sanctuarie: they haue wreſted the Law.

5 The [c] iuſt Lord *is* in the middes thereof: he wil do none iniquitie: euery morning doeth he bring his iudgement to light, he faileth not: but the wicked wil not learne to be aſhamed.

6 I haue [d] cut of the natiõs: their towres are deſolate: I haue made their ſtreates waſte, that none ſhal paſſe by: their cities are deſtroyed without man *and* without inhabitant.

7 I ſaid, Surely thou wilt feare me: [n] ỹ wilt receiue inſtruction: ſo their dwelling ſhulde not be deſtroied how ſoeuer I viſited thẽ, but [e] they roſe early & corrupted all their workes.

8 Therefore [f] waite ye vpon me, ſaith the Lord, vntil the daye that I riſe vp to the pray: for I am determined to gather the nacions, and that I wil aſſemble the kingdomes to powre vpon them mine indignacion, *euen* all my fierce wrath: for all the earth ſhalbe deuoured with the fyre of my ielouſie.

9 Surely [g] then wil I turne to the people a pure langage, that they may all call vpon the Name of the Lord, to ſerue him "with one conſent.

10 From beyonde the riuers of Ethiopia, the [h] daughter of my diſperſed, praying vnto me, ſhal bring me an offring.

11 In that daye ſhalt thou not be aſhamed for all thy workes, wherein thou haſt tranſgreſſed againſt me: for then I wil take away out of the middes of thee them that reioyce of thy pride, & thou ſhalt no more be proude of mine holie Mountaine.

12 Then wil I leaue in the middes of thee an humble and poore people: and thei ſhal truſt in the Name of the Lord.

13 The remnant of Iſraél ſhal do none iniquitie, nor ſpeake lies: nether ſhal a deceitful tongue be founde in their mouth: for they ſhalbe fed, and lie downe, and none ſhal make them afraid.

14 Reioyce, ô daughter Zión: be ye ioyful, ô Iſraél: be glad and reioyce with all *thine* heart, ô daughter Ieruſalém.

15 The Lord hathe taken away thy [k] iudgements: he hathe caſt out thine [l] enemie: the King of Iſraél, *euen* the Lord *is* in the middes of [m] thee: thou ſhalt ſe no more euil.

16 In that day it ſhalbe ſaid to Ieruſalém, Feare thou not, ô Zión: let not thine hãds be faint.

17 The Lord thy God in ỹ middes of thee *is* mightie: he wil ſaue, he wil reioyce ouer thee with ioye: he wil quiet him ſelf in [n] his loue: he wil reioyce ouer thee with ioye.

18 After a certeine time wil I gather the afflicted that were of thee, & them that bare the reproche for [o] it.

19 Beholde, at that time I wil bruiſe all that afflict thee, & I wil [p] ſaue her that halteth, and gather her that was caſt out, and I wil get them praiſe and fame in all the [q] lands of their ſhame.

20 At that time wil I bring you againe, & then wil I gather you: for I wil giue you a name and a praiſe amõg all people of the earth, when I turne backe your captiuitie before your eyes, ſaith the Lord.

b They are ſo gredy ỹ they eat vp bones and all

c The wicked thus boaſted that God was euer among them, but the Prophet ãſwereth that that can not excuſe their wickednes for God wil not beare with their ſinnes: yet that he did pacient ly abide and ſent his Prophetes contínually to call them to repẽtãce, but he profited nothing.

d By the deſtruction of other nations he ſheweth that the Iewes ſhulde haue learned to feare God

e They were moſte earneſt & ready to do wickedly

f Seing ye wil not repẽt, you ſhal loke for my vengeance aſwel as other nations

g Leſt any ſhulde thinke thẽ that Gods glorie ſhuld haue periſhed whẽ Iudáh was deſtroyed, he ſheweth that he wil publiſh his grace through all ỹ worlde

" Ebr *with one ſhulder, as Hoſ* 6.9

h That is, the Iewes ſhal come aſwel as ỹ Gẽtiles: which is to be vnderſtand vnder the time of the Goſpel.

i For they ſhal haue ful remiſsion of their ſinnes: and the hypocrites which boaſted of the Temple, which was alſo thy pride in time paſt, ſhal be taken from thee.

k That is, ỹ puniſhment for thy ſinne

l As the Aſſyrians, Caldeãs, Egyptians, and other nations

m To defende thee as by thy ſinnes thou haſt put him away and left thy ſelfe naked, as Exod. 32,25

n Signifying, ỹ God deliteth to ſhewe his loue and great affectiõ toward his Church

o That is, them that were had in hatred and reuiled for ỹ Church and becauſe of their religion.

p I wil deliuer the Church ẃ now is afflicted, as Micáh 4,6

q As among the Affyrians and Caldeans ẃ did mocke them and put thẽ to ſhame.

HAGGAI.

THE ARGVMENT.

When the time of the ſeuentie yeres captiuitie prophecied by Ieremiáh, was expired, God vaiſed vp Haggái, Zechariáh and Malachí to comforte the Iewes and to exhorte them to the buylding of the Temple, which was a figure of the ſpiritual Temple and Church of God, whoſe perfection and excellencie ſtode in Chriſt. And becauſe that all were giuen to their owne pleaſures & commodities, he declareth that that plague of famine, which God ſent then among them, was a iuſte rewarde of their ingratitude, in that they contemned Gods honour, who had deliuered them. Yet he comforteth them, if they wil returne to the Lord, with the promes of greater felicitie, foraſmuche as the Lord wil finiſh the worke that he hathe begonne, and ſend Chriſt whome he had promiſed, and by whome they ſhulde attaine to perfite ioy and glorie.

CHAP. I.

The time of the prophecie of Haggái. 8 An exhortacio to buylde the Temple againe.

1 IN the ſecõde yere of King a Darius, in the ſixt moneth, the firſt day of the moneth, came the worde of the Lord (by the miniſterie of the Prophet Haggái) vnto b Zerubbabél the ſonne of Shealtiél, a prince of Iudáh, and to Iehoſhúa the ſonne of Iehozadák the hie Prieſt, ſaying,

2 Thus ſpeaketh ỹ Lord of hoſtes, ſaying, This people ſay, The time is not yet come, c that the Lords Houſe ſhuldẽ be buylded.

3 Then came the worde of the Lord by the miniſterie of ỹ Prophet Haggái, ſaying,

4 Is it time for your ſelues to dwell in your d ſiled houſes, & this Houſe lie waſte?

5 Now therefore thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Conſider your owne waies in your hearts.

6 e Ye haue ſowen muche, & bring in litle: ye eat, but ye haue not ynough: ye drinke, but ye are not filled: ye clothe you, but ye be not warme: and he that earneth wages, putteth the wages into a broken bagge.

7 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Conſider your owne waies in your hearts.

8 Go f vp to the mountaine, & bring wood, & buylde this Houſe, & g I wil be fauorable in it, and I wil h be glorified, ſaith the Lord.

9 Ye loked for muche, and lo, *it came* to litle: and when ye broght it home, I did blowe i vpon it. And why, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes? Becauſe of mine Houſe that is waſte, and ye runne euery man vnto his owne houſe.

10 Therefore the heauen ouer you ſtaied itſelf from dewe, and the earth ſtaied her frute.

11 And I called for a drought vpon the lãd, and vpon the mountaines, and vpon the corne, and vpon the wine, and vpon the oyle, vpon *all* that the grounde bringeth forthe: bothe vpon men and vpon cattel, and vpon all the labour of the hands.

12 When Zerubbabél the ſonne of Shealtiél, and Iehoſhúa the ſonne of Iehozadák the hie Prieſt with all the remnãt of the people, heard the k voyce of the Lord their God, & the wordes of the Prophet Haggái (as the Lord their God had ſent him) then the people did feare before ỹ Lord.

13 Then ſpake Haggái the Lords meſſenger in the Lords meſſage vnto the people, ſaying, I am with you, ſaith the Lord.

14 And the Lord ſtirred vp l the ſpirit of Zerubbabél, the ſonne of Shealtiél a prince of Iudáh, and the ſpirit of Iehoſhúa the ſonne of Iehozadák the hie Prieſt, and the ſpirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came, and did the woike in the Houſe of the Lord of hoſtes their God.

CHAP. II.

He ſheweth that the glorie of the ſeconde Temple ſhal exceade the firſt.

1 IN the foure and twentieth daye of the ſixt moneth, in the ſeconde yere of King Darius,

2 In the ſeuenth *moneth*, in the one & twentieth *day* of the moneth, came the worde of the Lord by the miniſterie of the Prophet Haggái, ſaying,

3 Speake now to Zerubbabél the ſonne of Shealtiél prince of Iudáh, & to Iehoſhúa the ſonne of Iehozadák the hie Prieſt, & to the reſidue of the people, ſaying,

4 Who is left among you, that ſawe this a Houſe in her firſt glorie, & how do you ſe it now? Is it not in your eyes, in compariſon of it as nothing?

5 Yet now be of good courage, ô Zerubbabél, ſaith the Lord, and be of good comfort, ô Iehoſhúa, ſonne of Iehozadák the hie Prieſt: and be ſtrong, all ye people of the land, ſaith the Lord, and b do it: for I am with you, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes,

6 *According* to the worde that I couenanted with you, when ye came out of Egypt: ſo my Spirit ſhal remaine among you, feare ye not.

7 For thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, c Yet a litle while, and I wil ſhake the heauens and the earth, and the ſea, and the drye land:

8 And I wil moue all nacions, and d the deſire of all nacions ſhal come, and I wil fil this Houſe with glorie, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

9 The e ſiluer *is* mine, and the golde *is* mine, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

10 The glorie of this laſt Houſe ſhalbe greater then the firſt, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes: and in this place wil I giue f peace, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

11 ¶ In the foure and twentieth *day* of the ninth moneth, in the ſeconde yere of Darius, came the worde of the Lord vnto ỹ Prophet Haggái, ſaying,

12 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Aſke now the Prieſts *concerning* the Law, and ſay,

13 If one beare g holy fleſh in the ſkirt of his garmẽt, and with his ſkirt do touche the bread, or the potage, or the wine, or oyle, or any meat, ſhal it be holy? And the Prieſts anſwered and ſaid, No.

14 Thẽ ſaid Haggái, If a polluted perſone touche any of theſe, ſhal it be vncleane? And the Prieſts anſwered, & ſaid, It ſhal be vncleane.

15 Then anſwered Haggái, and ſaid, So

a Who was ỹ ſonne of Hyſtaſpis, and the third King of the Perſiãs, as ſome thinke.

b Becauſe the buylding of ỹ Tẽple begã to ceaſe by reaſon that the people were diſcouraged by their enemies: & if theſe two notable men had nede to beſtirred vp and admoniſhed of their duelies, what ſhal we thinke of other gouernours whoſe doings are either againſt God, or very colde in his cauſe?

c Not ỹ they condemned ỹ buildíg thereof, but thei preferred policie, & priuate profite to religiõ, being content with ſmale beginnings

d Shewing ỹ they ſoght not onely their neceſsities, but their very pleaſures before Gods honour?

e Conſider ỹ plagues of God vpon you for preferring your policies to his religiõ, and becauſe ye ſeke not hi firſt of all

f Meaning, that they ſhulde leaue of their owne cõmodities, and go forwarde in the buyldig of Gods Temple and in the ſeeking forthe of his religion

g That is, I wil heare your praiers accordíg to my promes, 1 King. 8, 12.

h That is, my glorie ſhal be ſeen forthe by you

i And ſo bring it to nothing.

k This declared that God was the autor of the doctrine, and that he was but the miniſter, as Exod 14.31 mdg 7,20 & 15,28.

l Which declareth that men are vnapt and dul to ſerue ỹ Lord, neither can thei obey his worde or his meſſengers before God reforme their hearts & giue them new ſpirits, Ioh. 6, 44.

a For the people according as Iſa. 32, 11, & ezek 41, 1, had prophecied, thoght this Tẽple ſhulde haue bene more excellent then Salomõs Tẽple, which was deſtroied by the Babylonians, but ỹ Prophets mẽt the ſpiritual Temple, the Church of Chriſt

b That is, go forwarde in buylding the Temple.

c He exhorteth them to paciẽce thogh they ſe not as yet this Temple ſo glorious as the Prophets had declared for this ſhulde be accompliſhed in Chriſt by whome all things ſhulde be renued

d Meaning, Chriſt whome all oght to loke for and deſire: or by deſire, he may ſignifie all precious things, as riches and ſuche like.

e Therefore when this time cometh, he can make all the treaſures of ỹ worlde to ſerue his purpoſe: but the glorie of this ſecõde Temple doeth not ſtand in material thigs nether can be buylt

f Meaning, all ſpiritual bleſſings and felicitie purchaſed by Chriſt, Phil 4, 7.

g That is, the fleſh of the ſacrifices: where by he ſignifieth that that thig, & of it ſelf is good, can not make another thing ſo: and therefore they oght not to iuſtifie thẽ ſelues by their ſacrifices and ceremonies: but cõtrary he that is vncleane and not pure of hearr, doeth corrupt thoſe things & make them deteſtable vnto God which thẽ ſelues are good and godlie.

is this people, and ſo is this nacion before me, ſaith the Lord: and ſo *are* all the workes of their hands, and that which they offre here, is vncleane.

16 And now, I pray you, conſider in your mindes: from this [h] day, and afore, *euen* afore a ſtone was laid vpon a ſtone in the Temple of the Lord:

17 Before theſe things were, [i] when one came to an heape of twentie *meaſures*, there were but ten: when one came to the wine preſſe for to drawe out fiftie *veſſels* out of the preſſe, there were but twentie.

18 I ſmote you with blaſting, and with mildewe, and with haile, in all the labours of your hands: yet you *turned* not to me, ſaith the Lord.

19 Conſider, I pray you, in your mindes from [k] this day, and afore from the foure and twētieth day of the ninth *moneth, euen* from the day that the fundacion of the Lords Temple was laid: conſider it in your mindes.

20 Is the [l] ſeed yet in the barne? as yet the vines, and the figtre, & the pome granate, and the oliue tre hathe not broght forthe from this day wil I bleſſe *you*.

21 And againe the worde of the Lord came vnto Haggái in the foure & twentieth [d] ay of the moneth, ſaying,

22 Speake to Zerubbabél the prince of Iudáh, and ſay, I [m] wil ſhake the heauens and the earth,

23 And I wil ouerthrowe the throne of kingdomes, and I wil deſtroy the ſtrength of the [n] kingdomes of the heathen, & I wil ouerthrowe the charets, & thoſe that ride in them, and the horſe and the riders ſhal come downe, euerie one by the ſworde of his brother.

24 In that day, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, wil I take thee, ô Zerubbabél my ſeruant, the ſonne of Shealtiél, ſaith the Lord, & wil make thee as a [o] ſignet: for I haue choſen thee, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

h Conſider how God did plague you with famine afore you began to buylde the Temple

i That is, before the building was begō ne.

k From the time they begā to buylde the Temple, he promiſeth ỹ God wolde bleſſe them: & albeit as yet the frute was not come forthe, yet in the gathering they ſhulde haue plentie.

l He exhorteth them to patience and to abide til ỹ harueſt came and then they ſhulde ſe Gods bleſſings.

m I wil make a change and renue all thigs in Chriſt, of whome Zerubbabél here is a figure

n Hereby he ſheweth that there ſhalbe no let or hinderance when God wil make this wōderful reſtitution of his Church

o Signifying that his dignitie ſhulde be moſt excellēt, which thing was accompliſhed in Chriſt

ZECHARIAH.

THE ARGUMENT.

Two monethes after that Haggái had begonne to prophecie, Zechariáh was alſo ſent of the Lord to helpe him in the labour, and to cōfirme the ſame doctrine. Firſt therefore he putteth them in remembrance, for what cauſe God had ſo ſore puniſhed their fathers: and yet comforteth thē, if they wil repent vnfainedly, & not abuſe this great benefite of God in their deliuerance, which was a figure of that true deliuerance, that all the faithful ſhulde haue from death and ſinne by Chriſt. But becauſe they ſtil remained in their wickednes and coldenes to ſet forthe Gods glorie, & were not yet made better by their long baniſhemēt, he rebuketh thē moſte ſharpely: yet for the comfort of the repentant, he euer mixeth the promes of grace, that they might by this meanes be prepared to receiue Chriſt, in whome all ſhulde be ſanctified to the Lord.

CHAP. I.

1 He exhorteth the people to returne to the Lord, & to eſchewe the wickednes of their fathers. 16 He ſignifieth the reſtitution of Ieruſalém and the Temple

1 IN the eight moneth of ỹ ſeconde yere of [a] Darius, came the worde of the Lord vnto [b] Zechariáh ỹ ſonne of Berechiáh, the ſonne of Iddo, the Prophet, ſaying,

2 The Lord hathe bene [c] ſore diſpleaſed with your fathers.

3 Therefore ſay thou vnto thē, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, [d] Turne ye vnto me, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, & I wil turne vnto you, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

4 Be ye not as your fathers, vnto whome ỹ former [e] Prophets haue cryed, ſayīg, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Turne you now from your euil wayes, & from your wicked workes: but they wolde not heare, nor harken vnto me, ſaith the Lord.

5 Your fathers, where [e] are they? and do the Prophetes liue for euer?

6 But did not my wordes and my ſtatutes, which I commanded by my ſeruants the Prophetes, take holde of [f] your fathers? & they returned, & ſaid, As the Lord of hoſtes hathe determined to do vnto vs, according to our owne wayes, & according to our workes, ſo hathe he delt with vs.

7 Vpon the foure and twentieth day of the eleuēth moneth, which is the mone: h [h] Shebat, in the ſeconde yere of Darius, came the worde of the Lord vnto Zechariáh ỹ ſonne of Berechiáh, the ſonne of Iddo the Prophet, ſaying,

8 I [i] ſawe by night, and beholde [k] a man ri-

a Who was the ſonne of Hyſtaſpis

b This was not ỹ Zechariáh, whereof is mencion 2 Chro 24, 20. but had the ſame name, & is called ỹ ſonne of Berechiáh, as he was, becauſe he came of thoſe progenitors, as of Iojada or Berechiáh and Iddo

c He ſpeaketh this to feare thē with Gods iudgements ỹ they ſhulde not prouoke him as their fathers had done, whome he ſo grieuouſly puniſhed

d Let your frutes declare, ỹ you are Gods people & that he hathe wroght in you by his Spirit & mortified you: for els mā hathe no power to returne to God, but God muſt conuert him, as Ier 31,18 Lam 5,21. *Iſa* 21,8. & 31,6 & 45,21 *Ier*, 3,12 *Ezek* 18,30. *Oſe* 14,2. *Ioel* 2,12.

e Thogh your fathers be dead, yet Gods iudgements in puniſhing thē ought ſtil to be before your eyes: & thogh the Prophetes be dead, yet their doctrine remaineth for euer, 2 Pet. 1, 15

f Seing ye ſaw the force of my doctrine in puniſhīg your fathers, why do not ye feare ỹ threatnings conteined in the ſame and declared by my Prophetes?

g As men aſtoniſhed with my iudgements, and not that they were touched with true repentance

h Which conteineth parte of Ianuarie and parte of Februarie

i This viſion ſignifieth the reſtauration of the Church, but as yet it ſhulde not appeare to mans eyes, which is here ment by the night, by the bottome & by ỹ mirre trees, which are blacke and giue a darke ſhadowe: yet he compareth God to a King, who hathe his poſtes and meſſengers abroad, by whome he ſtil worketh his purpoſe and bringeth his matters to paſſe

k Who was the chief among the reſt of the horſe men.

ding vpon a red horſe, and he ſtode amóg the mirre trees, that were in a bottome, & behinde him were there [1] red horſes ſpeckeled and white.

[1] Theſe figuified ỹ diuerſe ſorts of Gods Angels by whome God ſometime puniſheth and ſometime comforteth & brigeth forthe his workes in diuers ſortes

9 Then ſaid I, O my Lord, what are theſe? And the Angel that talked with me, ſaid vnto me, I wil ſhewe thee what theſe be.

10 And the man that ſtode among the mirre trees, anſwered and ſaid, Theſe are they whome the Lord hathe ſent to go through the worlde.

11 And they anſwered the Angel of the Lord, that ſtode among the mirre trees, & ſaid, We haue gone thorowe the worlde: and beholde, all the worlde ſitteth ſtil, and is at reſt.

[m] That is, Chriſt the Mediator praied for the ſaluation of his Church, ẅ was now troubled when all the countreys about them were at reſt

12 Then the [m] Angel of the Lord anſwered and ſaid, O Lord of hoſtes, how long wilt thou be vnmerciful to Ieruſalém, and to the cities of Iudáh, with whome thou haſt bene diſpleaſed now theſe thre ſcore and ten yeres?

13 And the Lord anſwered the Angel that talked with me, with good wordes *and* cõfortable wordes.

14 So the Angel that communed with me, ſaid vnto me, Crye thou, and ſpeake, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, I am [n] ielouſe ouer Ieruſalém and Zión ẅ a great zeale,

[n] Though for a time God differre his helpe & comfort frõ his Church, yet this declareth that he loueth them ſtil moſte derely, as a moſte merciful father his childrẽ, or an houſband his wife, and when it is expedient for them, his helpe is euer ready

15 And am greatly angrie againſt the careles heathen: for I was angrie but [o] a litle, & they helped forwarde the afflictiõ.

16 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, I wil returne vnto Ieruſalém with tender mercie: mine houſe ſhal be buylded in it, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, & a line [p] ſhal be ſtretched vpon Ieruſalém.

[o] In deſtroyig the reprobat I ſhewed my ſelf, but a litle angrie toward my Church, but ỹ enemie wolde haue deſtroied them alſo, and conſidered not the end of my chaſtiſements.

[p] To meaſure out the buyldings

17 Crye yet, and ſpeake, Thus ſaith ỹ Lord of hoſtes, My cities ſhal yet [q] be broken with plentie: the Lord ſhal yet comforte Zión, and ſhal yet chuſe Ieruſalém.

[q] The abundance ſhalbe ſo great that the places of ſtore ſhal not be able to containe theſe bleſſings that God wil ſend, but ſhal euen breake for fulnes.

18 Then lift I vp mine eyes and ſawe, and beholde, [r] foure hornes.

19 And I ſaid vnto the Angel that talked with me, What be theſe? And he anſwered me, Theſe are the hornes which haue ſcattered Iudáh, Iſraél, and Ieruſalém.

[r] Which figuified all the enemies of the Church, Eaſt, Weſt, North, South

20 And the Lord ſhewed me foure [ſ] cãrpenters.

[ſ] Theſe carpenters or ſmithes are Gods inſtruments, which with their mallets and hammers breake theſe hard and ſtrong hornes, which wolde ouerthrowe the Church, and declare that none enemies horne is ſo ſtrong, but God hathe an hammet to breake it in pieces.

21 Thẽ ſaid I, What come theſe to do? And he anſwered, and ſaid, Theſe are the hornes, which haue ſcattered Iudáh, ſo that a man durſt not lift vp his head: but theſe are come to fraye them, and to caſt out the hornes of the Gentiles, which lift vp their horne ouer the land of Iudáh, to ſcatter it.

CHAP. II.

The reſtoring of Ieruſalém and Iudáh.

1 I Lift vp mine eyes againe and loked, and beholde, a [a] man with a meaſuring line in his hand.

[a] That is, the Angel who was Chriſt: for in reſpect of his office he is oft times called an Angel, but in reſpect of his eternal eſſence, is God and ſo called

2 Then ſaid I, Whither goeſt thou? And he ſaid vnto me, To meaſure Ieruſalém, that I may ſe what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

3 And beholde, the Angel that talked with me, went forthe: and another Angel went out to mete him,

4 And ſaid vnto him, Runne, ſpeake to this [b] yong man, and ſay, [c] Ieruſalém ſhal be inhabited without walles, for the multitude of men and cattel therein.

[b] Meaning hiſelf Zechariáh.

[c] Signifying ỹ ſpiritual Ieruſalém and Church vnder Chriſt, which ſhulde be extẽded by ỹ Goſpel through all the worlde and ſhulde nede no materiall walles, nor truſt in any worldelie ſtrength, but ſhulde be ſafely preſerued, and dwell in peace among all their enemies.

5 For I, ſaith the Lord, wil be vnto her a wall of [d] fyre rounde about, and wil [e] be the glorie in the middes of her.

[d] To defende my Church, to feare the enemies, and to deſtroy them if they approche nere.

[e] In me they ſhal haue their full felicitie & glorie

6 Ho, ho, *come* [f] *forthe*, and flee from the land of the North, ſaith the Lord: for I haue ſcattered you into ỹ foure windes of the heauen, ſaith the Lord.

[f] He calleth to thẽ, which partely for feare and partely for their owne eaſe remained ſtil in captiuitie, and ſo preferred their owne priuate commodities to the benefites of God promiſed in his Church.

7 [g] Saue thy ſelf, ô Zión, that dwelleſt with the daughter of Babél.

[g] As it was I that ſcattered you, ſo haue I power to reſtore you

8 For thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, After *this* [h] glorie hathe he ſent me vnto the nacions, which ſpoiled you: for he that toucheth you, toucheth the [k] apple of his eye.

[h] By fleing from Babylon and coming to the Church

9 For beholde, I wil lift vp mine hand [i] vpon them: and [m] they ſhal be a ſpoile to thoſe that ſerued them, and ye ſhal knowe, that the Lord of hoſtes hathe [n] ſent me.

[i] Seing that God hathe begonne to ſhewe his grace among you by deliuering you, he continueth the ſame ſtil toward you, and therefore ſendeth me his Angel, and his Chriſt to defend you from your enemies, that they ſhal not hurt you, nether by the way nor at home [k] Ye are ſo deare vnto God, that he can no more ſuffer your enemies to hurt you, then a man can abide to be thruſt in the eye, Pſal 17,8 [l] Vpon the heathen your enemies [m] They ſhalbe your ſeruantes as you haue bene theirs [n] Thus muſt neceſſarely be vnderſtand of Chriſt, who being God equal with his Father, was ſent as he was Mediator to dwell in his Church, and to gouerne them

10 Reioyce, and be glad, ô daughter Zión: for lo, I come and wil dwell in the middes of thee, ſaith the Lord.

11 And many nacions ſhalbe ioyned to the Lord in that day, and ſhal be my people: and I wil dwell in the middes of thee, and thou ſhalt knowe that the Lord of hoſtes hathe ſent me vnto thee.

12 And the Lord ſhal inherit Iudáh his portion in the holy land, and ſhal chuſe Ieruſalém againe.

13 Let all fleſh be ſtil before the Lord: for he is raiſed vp out of his holy place.

CHAP. III.

A prophecie of Chriſt and of his kingdome.

1 AND he ſhewed me Iehoſhúa the hie Prieſt, [a] ſtãding before the Angel of the Lord, and [b] Satan ſtode at his right hand to reſiſt him.

[a] He praied to Chriſt the Mediator for the ſtate of the Church.

[b] Which declareth that the faithful haue not onely warre with fleſh and blood, but with Satan him ſelf and the ſpiritual wickednes, Eph 6,12.

2 And the c Lord ſaid vnto Satã, The Lord reproue thee, ô Satan: euen the Lord that hathe choſen Ieruſalém, reproue thee. Is not this a d brande taken out of the fyre?
3 Now Iehoſhúa was clothed with filthy garments, and ſtode before the Angel.
4 And he anſwered and ſpake vnto thoſe that ſtode before him, ſaying, Take away thee filthy garments from him. And vnto him he ſaid, Beholde, I haue e cauſed thine iniquitie to departe from thee, & I wil clothe thee with change of raiment.
5 And I ſaid, Let them f ſet a faire diademe vpon his head. So they ſet a faire diademe vpon his head, and clothed him with garments, & the Angel of ỹ Lord ſtode by.
6 And the Angel of the Lord teſtified vnto Iehoſhúa, ſaying,
7 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, If thou wilt walke in my waies, and kepe my watche, thou ſhalt alſo g iudge mine Houſe, & ſhalt alſo kepe my h courtes, and I wil giue thee place among i theſe that ſtand by.
8 Heare now, ô Iehoſhúa ỹ hie Prieſt, thou and thy fellowes that ſit before thee: for they k are monſtruous perſones: but beholde, I wil bring forthe them Branche my ſeruant.
9 For lo the l ſtone that I haue laid before Iehoſhúa: vpon one ſtone ſhalbe ſeuen eyes: beholde, I wil m cut out the grauing thereof, ſaith ỹ Lord of hoſtes, & I wil take n away ỹ iniquitie of this lãd in one day.
10 In that day, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, ſhal ye call euerie mã his neighbour vnder the o vine, and vnder the fig tree.
11 And two oliue trees ouer it, one vpo the right ſide of the bowle, & the other vpon the left ſide thereof.
12 So I anſwered, & ſpake to the Angel that talked with me, ſaying, What are theſe, my Lord?
13 Thẽ the Angel that talked ẅ me, anſwered and ſaid vnto me, Knowe ſt thou not what theſe be? And I ſaid, No, my Lord.
14 Then he anſwered and ſpake vnto me, ſaying, This is the worde of the Lord vnto p Zerubbabél, ſaying, Nether by q an armie nor ſtrength, but by my Spirit, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.
15 Who art thou, ô r great mountaine, before Zerubbabél? *thou ſhalt be* a plaine, & s he ſhal bring forthe the head ſtone thereof, ẅ ſhowtings, *crying*, Grace, grace vnto it.
16 Moreouer, the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,
17 The hands of Zerubbabél haue laid the fundaciõ of this houſe: his hands ſhal alſo finiſh it, and t thou ſhalt knowe that the Lord of hoſtes hathe ſent me vnto you.
18 For who hathe deſpiſed the day of the u ſmale things? but they ſhal reioyce, and ſhal ſe the ſtone of x tinne in the hand of Zerubbabél: y theſe ſeuen are the eies of ỹ Lord, which go thorowe ỹ whole worlde.
19 Then anſwered I, and ſaid vnto him, What are theſe two oliue trees vpon the right and vpon the left ſide thereof?
20 And I ſpake moreouer, and ſaid vnto him, What be theſe two oliue branches, which thorowe the two golde pipes emptie them ſelues into the golde?
21 And he anſwered me and ſaid, Knoweſt thou not what theſe be? And I ſaid, No, my Lord.
22 Then ſaid he, Theſe are the two z oliue branches, that ſtande with the ruler of the whole earth.

Prieſt might alſo haue tyre for his head accordingly, that is, that the dignitie of the Prieſthode might be perfect: and this was fulfilled in Christ, who was bothe Prieſt and King: and here all ſuche are condemned that can content them ſelues with any meane reformation in religion, ſeing the Prophet deſireth the perfection, and obteineth it. h That is, haue rule and gouernement in my Church as thy predeceſſours haue had. i Whereby he meaneth to haue the whole charge and miniſterie of the Church. k That is, the Angels who repreſented the whole nomber of the faithful: ſignifying that all the godlie ſhuldè willingly receiue him. l Becauſe they followe my worde, thẽi are contemned in the worlde, and eſtemed as monſters, Iſa 8,18. m That is, Christ, who did ſo humble him ſelf, that not onely he became the ſeruant of God, but alſo the ſeruant of men: and therefore in him they ſhulde haue comfort, although in the worlde they were contemned, Iſa 11,1 iere 23,5, & 33,14. n He ſheweth that the miniſters can not buylde, before God lay ỹ firſt ſtone, which is Christ, who is ful of eyes, bothe becauſe he giueth light vnto all others, & that all ogkt to ſeke light at him, Chap 4,10. o That is, I wil make it perfite in all pointes, as a thing wroght by the hand of God. p Thogh I haue puniſhed thrs land for a time, yet I wil euen now be pacified, & viſit their ſinnes no more. q Ye ſhal then liue in peace & quietnes, that is, in the kingdome of Christ, Iſa 2,2 micáh 4,4.

c Who was a figure of Christ and therefore this doctrine was directed to all ỹ Church who are his bodie & mẽbers.
d He ſheweth ỹ Gods power onely is ſufficient to preſerue his Church, thogh he vſe not mãs helpe thereunto.
e He compareth the power of the aduerſaries to a great mõtaine, who thoght the Iewes nothig in reſpect of them, and wolde haue hindred Zerubbabél who repreſẽted Christ whome ỹ enemies daily labour to let in the buylding of his ſpiritual Temple, but all in vaine.
f Thogh ỹ enemies thinke to ſtay this buylding, yet Zerubbabél ſhal lay the hieſt ſtone thereof, and bring it to perfection, ſo that all the godlie ſhal reioyce, & pray vnto God that he wolde cõtinue his grace, and faueur toward ỹ Tẽple.
g Meaning, ỹ Prophet, that I am Christ ſent of my Father for the buylding, & preſeruation of my ſpiritual Tẽple. h Signifying ỹ all were diſcouraged at ỹ ſmale & poore beginnings of the Tẽple. i Whereby he ſignifieth ỹ plũmet & line, that is, ỹ Zerubbabél which repreſented Christ, ſhulde go forward with his buylding to ỹ ioye & cõfort of ỹ godlie, thogh the worlde be againſt him, & thogh his for a while be diſcouraged, becauſe thei ſe not things pleaſant to ỹ eye. k That is, God hathe ſeuen eyes: meaning, a cõtinual prouidẽce, ſo that neither Satan nor anie power in the worlde can go about or bring anie thing to paſſe to hinder his worke, Chap 3,9. l Which were euer grene & ful of oyle, ſo that ſtil they powred forthe oyle into the lampes: ſignifying, that God wil continually mainteine and preſerue his Church, and indue it ſtil with abundance and perfection of graces.

CHAP. IIII.

The viſion of the golden candelſticke, and the expoſition thereof.

1 AND the Angel that talked with me, came againe & waked me, as a man that is raiſed out of his ſlepe,
2 And ſaid vnto me, What ſeeſt thou? And I ſaid, I haue loked, & behold, a a cãdelſticke all of gold with a bowle vpõ the top of it, & his ſeuẽ lampes therein, & ſeuẽ pipes to ỹ b lampes, ẅ were vpõ the top thereof.

a Which was euer in the middes of the Temple, ſignifying ỹ ỹ graces of Gods Spirit ſhulde ſhine there in moſte abundance, and in all perfection. b Which conueied the oyle that dropped frõ the trees into the lampes, ſo that the light neuer failed: & this viſiõ was to cõfirme the faithful that God had ſufficient power in him ſelf to cõtinue his graces, & to bring his ẅmes to paſſe, thogh he had no help of mã.

CHAP. V.

1 The viſion of the flying booke, ſignifying the curſe of theues, and ſuche as abuſe the Name of God. 6 By the viſion of the meaſure is ſignified the bringing of Iudahs afflictions into Babylon.

1 THen I turned me, & lift vp mine eyes and loked, & beholde, a flying booke.
2 And he ſaid vnto me, What ſeeſt ỹ? And I anſwered, I ſe a flying a booke. the lẽgth thereof is twentie cubites, & the breadth thereof ten cubites.
3 Then ſaid he vnto me, This is the curſe

a Becauſe the Iewes had prouoked Gods plagues by cõtemning his worde, and caſting of all iudgement & equitie, he ſheweth that Gods curſes writen in this booke had iuſtely light bothe on them, & their fathers: but now if they wolde repẽt, God wolde ſend the ſame among the Caldeans their former enemies.

that goeth forthe ouer the whole earth: for
b That is, weth any iniurie towarde his neighbour
euerie one that b ſtealeth, ſhalbe cut of *aſwel* on this c ſide, as on that: & euerie one
c Meaning, whereſoeuer he be in the worlde
that d ſweareth, ſhal be cut of *aſwel* on this
d He that trāſgreſſeth the firſt table, and ſerueth not God aright, but abuſeth Gods Name
ſide, as on that.
e Which was a meaſure in dry things cōteining about ten pottels
4 I wil bring it forthe, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, and it ſhal enter into the houſe of the
f That is, all the wickednes of the vngodlie is in Gods ſight, ẏ he keepeth in a meaſure and can ſhut it or open it at his pleaſure.
thief, & into ẏ houſe of him, ẏ falſely ſweareth by my Name: & it ſhal remaine in the
g To couer ẏ meaſure
middes of his houſe, and ſhal conſume it, with the timbre thereof, & ſtones thereof.
h Which repreſenteth iniquitie, as in ẏ next verſe
5 Then the Angel that talked with me, wēt forthe, & ſaid vnto me, Lift vp now thine
i Signifying ẏ Satan ſhulde not haue ſuche power againſt the Iewes to tempt them, as he had in time paſt, but ẏ God wolde ſhut vp iniquitie in a meaſure as in a priſon.
eyes, and ſe what is this that goeth forthe.
6 And I ſaid, What is it? And he ſaid, This is an e Epháh ẏ goeth forthe. He ſaid moreouer, This is the f ſight of them, through
k Which declared ẏ God wolde execute his iudgemētes by the meanes of weake and infirme meanes
all the earth.
7 And beholde, there was lift vp a g talent of lead: & this is a h woman that ſitteth in
l To remoue the iniquitie and afflictions that came for the ſame from Iudáh, to place it for euer in Babylon
the middes of the Epháh.
8 And he ſaid, This is i wickednes, & he caſt it into the middes of the Epháh, & he caſt the weight of lead vpō the mouth thereof.
9 Then lift I vp mine eyes, and loked: and beholde, there came out two k women, & the winde *was* in their wings (for thei had wings like the wings of a ſtorke) & they lift vp the Epháh betwene the earth and the heauen.
10 Then ſaid I to ẏ Angel that talked with me, Whither do theſe beare the Epháh?
11 And he ſaid vnto me, l To buyld it an houſe in ẏ land of Shinár, & it ſhalbe eſtabliſhed and ſet there vpon her owne place.

CHAP. VI.

By the foure charettes he deſcribeth the foure monarchies.

1 AGaine, I turned and lift mine eyes, and loked: and beholde, there came
a By charets here, as by horſes afore, he meaneth ẏ ſwift meſſengers of God to execute & declare his wil
foure a charettes out from betwene b two mountaines, and the mountaines were
b By the braſen mōtaines he meaneth ẏ eternal couſel & prouidence of God, whereby he hathe from before all eternitie decreed what ſhal come to paſſe, & that wether Satan nor all the worlde can ether
mountaines of braſſe.
2 In the firſt charet *were* c red horſes, and in the ſeconde charet d blacke horſes,
3 And in the thirde charet e white horſes, & in the fourte charet, horſes of f diuers colours, and reddiſh.
4 Then I anſwered, and ſaid vnto the Angel that talked with me, What are theſe, my Lord?
5 And the Angel anſwered, and ſaid vnto me, Theſe are the g foure ſpirits of ẏ heauen, which go forthe from ſtanding with the Lord of all the earth.
c Which ſignified the great cruelties and perſecutions that the Church had indured vnder diuers enemies. d Signifying that they had indured great afflictions vnder the Babyloniās e Theſe repreſented their ſtate vnder the Perſiāns which reſtored them to libertie f Which ſignified that God wolde ſometime giue his Church reſt, and powre his plagues vpon their enemies, as he did in deſtroying Nineueh and Babylon, and other their enemies.
g Meaning, all the actions and motions of Gods Spirit, which according to his vnchangeable counſel he cauſeth to appeare through all the worlde.

6 That with the blacke horſe wēt forthe into the land of the North, and the white went out after them, & they of diuers colours went forthe towarde the h South countrey.
h That is, toward Egypt, and other countries there about
7 And the i reddiſh went out, & required to go, and paſſe through the worlde, and he ſaid, Go paſſe through the worlde. So they went thorowout the worlde.
i That is, they of diuers colours, w aſke leaue, to ſignifie ẏ Satan hathe no power to hurt or afflict til God giue it him, Iob 1,12
8 Then cryed he vpon me, and ſpake vnto me, ſaying, Beholde, theſe that go towarde the North countrey, haue pacified my k ſpirit in the North countrey.
k By puniſhing the Caldeās mine anger ceaſed, and you were deliuered.
9 And the worde of the Lord came vnto me, ſaying,
10 Take of them of the captiuitie, *euen* of Heldái, & of Tobiiáh, and Iedaiáh, which are come from Babél, and come thou the ſame day, and go vnto the houſe l of Iohiáh, the ſonne of Zephaniáh.
l To receiue of him and the other thre, money to make ẏ two crownes: w were men of great autoritie among ẏ Iewes, and doured of the reſtitution of ẏ kingdome & of ẏ Prieſthode, and hurt others by their example.
11 Take euen ſiluer, and golde, and make crownes, and ſet *them* vpon the m head of Iehoſhúa, the ſonn. of Iehozadák the hie Prieſt,
m Because this colde not be attributed to anie one accordīg to ẏ Law, therefore it followeth that Iehoſhúa muſt repreſente the Meſsiáh who was bothe Prieſt & King.
12 And ſpeake vnto him, ſaying, Thus ſpeaketh the Lord of hoſtes, and ſaith, Beholde the mā whoſe name is the n Branche, and he ſhal growe o vp out of his place, and he ſhal p buylde the Temple of the Lord.
n Meaning, Chriſt, of whome Iehoſhua was ẏ figure: for in Greke they were both called Ieſus
o That is, of him ſelf without the helpe of man
13 Euen he ſhal buylde the Temple of the Lord, and he ſhal beare the q glorie, and ſhal ſit and rule vpon his throne, and he ſhalbe a Prieſt vpon his throne, & the coūſel of peace ſhalbe betwene r thē bothe.
p Which declareth ẏ none colde buylde this Temple, whereof Haggái ſpeaketh, but only Chriſt: and therefore it was ſpiritual, & not material, Hag 2,10
14 And the crownes ſhalbe to s Helém, and to Tobiiáh and to Iedaiáh, and to t Hen the ſonne of Zephaniáh, for a u memorial in the Temple of the Lord.
q Whereof Iehoſhúa had but a ſhadowe
r The two offices of the kingdome, & prieſthode ſhalbe ſo ioyned together, ẏ they ſhálbe no more diſſeuered
s Who was alſo called Heldái.
t He alſo was called Iohiáh
u That they maie acknowledge their infirmitie, which loked that all things ſhulde haue bene reſtored inconuineuely: & of this their infidelitie theſe two crownes ſhal remaine as tokens, Act 1,6
15 And thei that are x farre of, ſhal come & buyld in the Temple of the Lord, and ye ſhal know, that the Lord of hoſtes hathe ſent me vnto you. And this ſhal come to paſſe, if ye wil y obey the voyce of the Lord your God.
x Thatis, the Gentiles by the preaching of the Goſpel ſhal helpe towarde the buylding of this ſpiritual Temple.
y If ye wil beleue & remaine in the obedience of faith

CHAP. VII.

ẏ The true faſting. 11 The rebellion of the people is the cauſe of their affliction.

1 AND in the fourth yere of King Darius, the worde of ẏ Lord came vnto Zechariáh in the fourth *day* of the ninth moneth, euen in a Chiſleu.
a Which cōteined parte of November and parte of December
2 For b thei had ſent vnto ẏ Houſe of God Sharézer, and Regem mélech and their men to praye before the Lord,
b That is, the reſt of ẏ people ẏ remained yet in Caldea, ſet to ẏ Church at Ieruſalē for the reſolution of theſe queſtions, becauſe theſe feaſts were cōſecrated vpon by the agremēt of the whole Church, the one in the moneth, that the Temple was deſtroyed, and the other when Gedaliáh was ſlaine, Iere 41,2.

ẏ And.

3 *And* to ſpeake vnto ỹ Prieſts, which were in the Houſe of the Lord of hoſtes, and to the Prophetes, ſaying, Shulde I [c] wepe in the fifte moneth, and [d] ſeparate my ſelf as I haue done theſe ſo manie [e] yeres?

4 Then came the worde of the Lord of hoſtes vnto me, ſaying,

5 Speake vnto all the people of the land, & to the [f] Prieſts, and ſay, When ye faſted, and mourned in the fifte and ſeuenth moneth, euen theſe ſeuentie yeres, did ye faſt vnto me? & do I *approue it*?

6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drinke, did ye not eat [h] for your ſelues, & drinke for your ſelues?

7 Shulde ye not *heare* the wordes, which ỹ Lord [i] hathe cryed by the miniſterie of the former Prophetes whē Ieruſalém was inhabited, and in proſperitie, and the cities thereof rounde about her, when the South and the plaine was inhabited?

8 And the worde of the Lord came vnto Zechariáh, ſaying,

9 Thus ſpeaketh ỹ Lord of hoſtes, ſaying, [k] Execute true iudgement, and ſhewe mercie and compaſsion, euerie man to his brother,

10 And oppreſſe not the widowe, nor the fatherles, the ſtranger nor the poore, and let none of you imagine euil againſt his brother in your heart.

11 But they refuſed to hearken, & [l] pulled away the ſhulder, and ſtopped their eares, that they ſhulde not heare.

12 Yea, thei made their hearts as an adamāt ſtone, leſt they ſhulde heare the Lawe and the wordes which the Lord of hoſtes ſent in his [m] Spirit by the miniſterie of the former Prophetes: therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hoſtes.

13 Therefore it is come to paſſe, that as he cryed, and they wolde not heare, ſo they cryed, & I wolde not heare, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

14 But I ſcattred them amōg all the natiōs, whome they knew not: thus the land was deſolate [n] after them, that no man paſſed through nor returned: for they laid the pleaſant land [o] waſte.

for Zión with great ielouſie, & I was ielous for her with great wrath.

3 Thus ſaith the Lord, I wil returne vnto Zión, and wil dwell in the middes of Ieruſalém, & Ieruſalém ſhalbe called a [b] citie of trueth, and the Mountaine of the Lord of hoſtes, the holie Mountaine.

4 Thus ſaith ỹ Lord of hoſtes, There ſhal yet olde [c] men and olde women dwell in the ſtretes of Ieruſalém, and euerie man with his ſtaffe in his hand for very age.

5 And the ſtretes of the citie ſhalbe ful of boyes and girles, playing in the ſtretes thereof.

6 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Thogh it be [d] vnpoſsible in the eyes of the remnant of this people in theſe dayes, ſhulde it therefore be vnpoſsible in my ſight, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes?

7 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Beholde, I wil deliuer my people from the Eaſt coūtrey, and from the Weſt countrey.

8 And I wil bring them, & they ſhal [e] dwell in the middes of Ieruſalém, and they ſhal be my people, and I wil be their God in trueth and in righteouſnes.

9 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, Let your [f] hands be ſtrong, ye that heare in theſe dayes theſe wordes by the mouth of the Prophetes, which were in the day, that the fundacion of the Houſe of the Lord of hoſtes was laide, that the Temple might be buylded.

10 For before theſe dayes there was no hier for [g] man nor anie hier for beaſt, nether was there anie peace to him that went out or came in becauſe of the affliction: for I ſet all men, euerie one againſt his neighbour.

11 But now, I wil not *intreate* the reſidue of this people as afore time, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

12 For the ſede *ſhalbe* proſperous: the vine ſhal giue her frute, and the grounde ſhal giue her increaſe & the heauens ſhal giue their dewe, & I wil cauſe the remnant of this people to poſſeſſe all theſe things.

13 And it ſhal come to paſſe, that as ye were a curſe amōg the heathē, ô houſe of Iudáh, and houſe of Iſraél, ſo wil I deliuer you, & ye ſhalbe a bleſsing: feare not, *but* let your hands be ſtrong.

14 For thus ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, As I thoght to puniſh [h] you: when your fathers prouoked me vnto wrath, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, and repented not,

15 So againe haue I determined in theſe dayes [i] to do wel vnto Ieruſalém, and to the houſe of Iudáh: feare ye not.

16 Theſe are the things that ye ſhal do. Speake ye euerie man the trueth vnto his neighbour: execute iudgement truely and vprightly in your gates.

[c] By weping, and mourning appeare what exercises thei vſed in their faſting

[d] That is, prepare my ſelf with all deuocion to this faſt

[e] Which was now ſince the time the Temple was deſtroyed

[f] For there were bothe of the people, and of the Prieſts, which douted as touching this controuerſie, beſides thē which as yet remained in Caldea, & reaſoned of it as of one of the chief poits of their religion

[g] For they thoght they had deſerued toward God becauſe of this faſt, which they inuented of them ſelues: and thogh faſting of it ſelf be good, yet becauſe they thoght it a ſeruice towarde God, and truſted therein, it is here reproued

[h] Did ye not eat and drinke for your owne commodite, & neceſsities and ſo likewiſe ye did abſteine according to your owne fantaſies, and not after the preſcript of my Law?

[i] Hereby he condemneth their hypocriſie, ẅ thoght by their faſting to pleaſe God, and by ſuche things as they inuented, and in the meane ſeaſon wolde not ſerue him as he had commanded

[k] He ſheweth, that thei did not faſt with a ſyncere heart, but for an hypocriſie, & that it was not done of a pure religion, becauſe that they lacked theſe offices of charitie, ẅ ſhulde haue declared that they were godlie, Mat 23 23. I And wolde not cary the Lords burden, which was ſweet and eaſy, but wolde beare their owne, ẅ which was heauie & grieuous to the fleſh, thinking to merit thereby ẅ ſimilitude is taken of oxen, ẅ ſtrenke at they yoke, Nehem. 9.29

[l] Which declareth, that thei rebelled not openly againſt ỹ Prophetes but againſt ỹ Spirit of God that ſpake in them

[m] That is, after they were caryed captiue

[n] By their ſinnes whereby they prouoked Gods angre

CHAP. VIII

a Of the returne of the people vnto Ieruſalém, and of the mercie of God towarde them. 16 Of good workes. 20 The calling of the Gentiles.

1 AGaine the worde of the Lord of hoſtes came *to me*, ſaying,

2 Thus ſaith ỹ Lord of hoſtes, I was [a] ielous

[a] I loued my citie ẅ a ſingular loue, ſo that I colde not abide that anie ſhulde do her anie iniurie

[b] Becauſe ſhe ſhalbe faithful, and loyal towarde me her louſband.

[c] Thogh their enemies did greatly moleſt and trouble them, yet God wolde come, and dwell amōg them, & ſo preſerue them ſo lōg as nature wolde ſuffer them to liue, and increaſe their children in great abundance.

[d] He ſheweth wherein our faith ſtandeth, that is, to beleue that God cā performe that ẅ he hathe promiſed thogh it ſeme neuer ſo vnpoſsible to man, Rom. 4,20.

[e] So that their returne ſhal not be in vaine: for God wil accōpliſh his promes, & their proſperitie ſhalbe ſure and ſtable

[f] Let nether reſpect of your priuate cōmodities, nether counſel of others, nor feare of enemies diſcourage you in the going forwarde with ỹ buylding of ỹ Temple, but be conſtāt & obei the Prophetes, ẅ incourage you thereūto.

[g] For God curſed your worke, ſo that nether man nor beaſt had profite of their labours.

[h] Read Ezek 18,20

[i] Which declareth, that man can not turne to God til he chāge mans heart by his Spirit, and ſo beginne to do well, which is to pardon his ſinnes and to giue him his graces.

17 And let none of you imagine euil in your hearts against his neighbour, & loue no false othe: for all these are the things that I hate, saith the Lord.

18 And the worde of the Lord of hostes came vnto me, saying,

19 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, The fast of the fourthe *moneth*, and the fast of the fifte, and the fast of the seuenth, and the fast of the [k] tenth, shal be to the house of Iudáh ioye and gladnes, and prosperous hie feastes: therefore loue the trueth and peace.

20 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, That there shal yet come [l] people, and the inhabitants of great cities.

21 And they that dwell in one *citie*, shal go to another, saying, *Vp, let vs go and pray before the Lord, and seke the Lord of hostes: I wil go also.

22 Yea, great people and mightie nations shal come to seke the Lord of hostes in Ierusalém, and to pray before the Lord.

23 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, In those dayes shal ten men take holde out of all langages of the nacions, *euen* take holde of the skirt of him that is a Iewe, & say, We wil go with you: for we haue heard, that God is with you.

k Which fast was appointed when the citie was besieged, & was the first fast of these foure: & here the Prophet sheweth, that if ỹ Iewes wil repent, and turne wholy to God, they shal haue no more occasiõ to fast, or to shew esignes of heauines: for God wil send them ioy & gladnes.

l He declareth the great zeale that God shuld giue the Gentiles to come to his Church & to ioyne ẅ the Iewes in his true religion, ẅ shulde be in the kingdome of Christ. *Isa.2,3. mic.4,1.*

CHAP. IX.

1 The threatening of the Gentiles. 9 The comming of Christ.

1 THe burden of the worde of the Lord in the land of [a] Hadrách: and Damascus *shalbe* his [b] rest: whē the [c] eyes of man, *euen* of all the tribes of Israél *shalbe* toward the Lord.

2 And Hamáth also shal border [d] thereby: Tyrus *also* and Zidón, thogh *they be* [e] verie wise.

3 For Tyrus did buylde her self a strong holde, and heaped vp siluer as the dust, & golde as the myre of the streates.

4 Behólde, the Lord wil spoile her, and he wil smite her [f] power in the sea, & she shal be deuoured with fyre.

5 Ashkelón shal se it, and feare, and Azzáh also shalbe verie sorowful, and Ekrón: for her countenance shalbe ashamed, and the King shal perish from Azzáh, and Ashkelón shal not be inhabited.

6 And the [g] stranger shal dwell in Ashdód, and I wil cut of the pride of ỹ Philistims.

7 And I wil take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominacions from betwene his [h] teeth: but he that remaineth, euē he shalbe for our God, & he shalbe as a prince in Iudáh, but [i] Ekrón *shalbe* as a Iebusite.

a Whereby he meaneth Syria.
b Gods angre shal abide vpō their chief citie, and not spare so muche as that
c When the Iewes shal cōuert and repēt, then God wil destroye their enemies
d That is, by Damascus: meaning that Hamáth or Antiochia shulde be vnder ỹ same rod and plague.
e He secretly sheweth ỹ cause of their destructiō, because they deceiued all other by their craft, and subtiltie, which they cloked with this name of wisdome
f Thogh thay of Tyrus thinke them selues inuincible by reason of the sea, that compasseth them round about, yet they shal not escape Gods iudgements.
g Meaning, that all shulde be destroyed saue a verie fewe, that shulde remaine as strangers.
h He promiseth to deliuer the Iewes when he shal take vengeance on their enemies for their crueltie, and wrongs done to them.
i As the Iebusites had bene destroyed, so shulde Ekrón and all the Philistims.

8 And I wil campe about [k] mine House against the armie, against him that passeth by, and against him that returneth, and no oppressour shal come vpon them anie more: for now [l] haue I sene with mine eyes.

9 Reioyce greatly, ô daughter Zión: shoute for ioye, ô daughter Ierusalém: behólde, thy King cometh vnto thee: [m] he is iuste & saued, poore and riding vpon an [n] asse, and vpon a colte the fole of an asse.

10 And I wil cut of the [o] charrets from Ephráim, and the horse from Ierusalém: the bowe of the battel shalbe broken, and he shal speake peace vnto the heathen, & his dominion *shalbe* from [p] sea vnto sea, and from the [q] riuer to the end of the land.

11 [r] Thou also *shalt be saued* through ỹ blood of thy couenant. I haue losed thy [s] prisoners out of the pit wherein [t] no water.

12 Turne you to the [u] strong holde, ye [v] prisoners of hope: euen to day do I declare, that I wil render the [x] double vnto thee.

13 For Iudáh haue I [y] bent as a bowe for me: Ephráims hand haue I filled, and I haue raised vp thy sonnes, ô Zión, against thy sonnes, ô Grecia, and haue made thee as a gyants sworde.

14 And the Lord shalbe sene ouer them, & his arrowe shal go forthe as ỹ lightning: and the Lord God shal blowe the trumpet, and shal come forthe with the whirlewindes of the South.

15 The Lord of hostes shal defend them, & they shal deuoure them, [z] and subdue them with sling stones, and they shal drinke, & make a noyse as thorowe wine, and they shalbe filled like bowles, & as the hornes of the altar.

16 And the Lord their God shal deliuer them in that day as the flocke of his people: for *they shalbe as* the [a] stones of ỹ crowne lifted vp vpon his land.

17 For how [b] great is his goodnes! and how great is his beautie! corne shal make the yong men chereful, & new wine ỹ maides.

k He sheweth ỹ Gods power onely shalbe sufficient to defend his Church against all aduersaries bethei neuer so cruel or assemble their power neuer so often
l That is, God hathe now sene the great iniuries and afflictions wherewith they haue bene afflicted by their enemies
m That is, he he hathe righteousnes, and saluaciō in him self for the vse & cōmoditie of his Church
n Which declareth ỹ thei shulde not loke for suche a King as shulde be glorious in the eyes of mā but shulde be poore, and yet in him self haue all power to deliuer his: & this is mēt of Christ, as Mat 21,5
o No power of man or creature shalbe able to let this kingdome of Christ, and he shal peaceably gouerne thē by his worde
p That is, frō the red sea, to the sea called Syriacum: and by these places which ỹ Iewes knewe, he mēt an infinite space & compasse ouer the whole worlde
q That is, frō Euphrátes
r Meaning, Ierusalém or the Church, which is saued by ỹ blood of Christ
s Hereof the blood of the sacrifices was a figure, and is here called the couenant of the Church because God made it with his Church, and left it with them for the leasse that he bare vnto them
t God sheweth that he wil deliuer his Church out of all dangers, seme they neuer so great
u That is, into the holie land where the citie and the Temple are, where God wil defend you.
x Meaning the faithfol, which semed to be in danger of their enemies on euerie side, and yet liued in hope that God wolde restore them to libertie.
y That is, double benefites, and prosperitie in respect of that which your fathers enioyed from Dauids time to the captiuitie
z I wil make Iudáh and Ephráim, that is, my whole Church, victorious against all enemies, which he here meaneth by the Grecians
a He promiseth that the Iewes shal destroye their enemies and haue abundance, and exceesse of all things, as there is abundance on the altar whē the sacrifice is offred. Which things are not to moue them to intemperancie, but to sobrietie, and a thankful remembrance of Gods great liberalitie
a The faithful shal be preserued, and reuerenced of all, that the verie enemies shalbe compelled to esteme them: for Gods glorie shal shine in them, as Iosephus declareth of Alexander the great when he met Iadi the hie Priest.

CHAP. X.

1 The vanitie of idolatrie. 3 The Lord promiseth to visite & comforte the house of Israél.

1 ASke you of the [a] Lord raine in the time of the latter raine: so shal ỹ Lord

a The Prophet reproueth the Iewes because by their owne infidelitie thei put backe Gods graces promised, & so famine came by Gods iuste iudgemēt: therefore to auoide this plague he willeth thē to turne to God, & to pray in faith to him, and so he wil giue them abundance.

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make white cloudes, and giue you ſhowres of raine, & to euerie one graſſe in ỹ field.

2 Surely [b] the idoles haue ſpoken vanitie, and the ſothſayers haue ſene a lie, and the dreamers haue tolde a vaine thing: they cõfort in vaine: therefore [c] thei went away as ſhepe: thei were troubled, becauſe there was no ſhepherd.

3 My wrath was kindled againſt the ſhepherds, and I did viſite the [d] goates: but the Lord of hoſtes wil viſite his flocke the houſe of Iudáh, & wil make them as [e] his beautiful horſe in the battel.

4 Out [f] of him ſhal the corner come forthe: out of him the naile, out of him the bowe of battel, & out of him euery [g] appointer of tribute alſo.

5 And they ſhalbe as ỹ mightie men, which treade downe *their enemies* in the myre of the ſtretes in the battel, & thei ſhal fight, becauſe the Lord *is* with them, and the riders on horſes ſhalbe confounded.

6 And I wil ſtrengthen the houſe of Iudáh, and I wil preſerue the houſe [h] of Ioſéph, and I wil bring them againe, for I pitie them: and they ſhalbe as thogh I had not caſt them of: for I am the Lord their God, and wil heare them.

7 And they of Ephráim ſhalbe as a gyant, & their heart ſhal reioyce as thorowe wine: yea, their children ſhal ſe it, & be glad: & their heart ſhal reiovce in the Lord.

8 I wil [i] hiſſe for them, and gather them: for I haue redemed them: & they ſhal encreaſe, as they haue encreaſed.

9 And I wil [k] ſowe them among the people, and they ſhal remember me in farre countreis: and thei ſhal liue with their children and [l] turne againe.

10 I wil bring them againe alſo out of the land of Egypt, & gather them out of Aſſhúr: and I wil bring them into the land of Gileád, and Lebanón, & *place* ſhal not be founde for them.

11 And he [m] ſhal go into the ſea with affliction, and ſhal ſmite the waues in the ſea, and all the depthes of the riuer ſhal drye vp: and the pride of Aſſhúr ſhalbe caſt downe, and the ſceptre of Egypt ſhal departe away.

12 And I wil ſtrengthen them in the Lord, and they ſhal walke in his Name, ſaith the Lord.

b He calleth to remẽbrance Gods puniſhments in times paſt becauſe they truſted not in him, but in their idoles and ſorcerers who euer deceiued them

c That is, the Iewes went into captiuitie

d Meaning, the cruel gouernours which did oppreſſe ỹ poore ſhepe. Ezek 34.17

e He wil be merciful to his Church and cherith them as a King or Prince doeth his beſt horſe which ſhalbe for his owne vſe in the warre

f Out of Iudáh ſhal the chief gouernour proceede, who ſhal be as a corner to vpholde the buylding and as a naile to faſten it together

g Ouer their enemies

h That is, the ten tribes, ẅ ſhulde be gathered vnder Chriſt to the reſt of ỹ Church

i Whereby he declareth the power of God who needeth no great preparation when he wil deliuer his: for with a becke or hiſſe he can call them from all places ſuddẽly

k Thogh they ſhal yet be ſcattered & ſeme to be loſt, yet it ſhalbe profitable vnto them: for there thei ſhal come to the knowledge of my Name, ẅ was accompliſhed vnder the Goſpel, amõg whome it was firſt preached.

l Not ỹ they ſhulde returne into their coũtrey, but be gathered and ioyned in one faith by the doctrine of the Goſpel

m He alludeth to the deliuerance of the people out of Egypt where as the Angel ſmote the floods and riuers

CHAP. XI.

1 The deſtruction of the Temple. 4 The care of the faithfull is committed to Chriſt. 7 A greuous viſion againſt Ieruſalém and Iudáh

1 OPen thy dores, ô [a] Lebanón, and the fyre ſhal deuoure thy cedres.

a Becauſe the Iewes thoghe them ſelues, ſo ſtrong by reaſon of this mountaine, that no enemie could come to hurt them, the Prophet ſheweth that when God ſendeth the enemies, it ſhal ſhewe it ſelf ready to receiue them.

2 Houle, [b] fyrre trees: for the cedre is fallẽ, becauſe all ỹ mightie are deſtroyed: houle ye, ô okes of Baſhán, for the [c] defenſed foreſt is cut downe.

3 There *is* the voyce of the houling of the ſhepherds: for their [d] glorie is deſtroyed: ỹ voyce of the roaring of lyons whelpes: for the pride of Iordén is deſtroyed.

4 Thus ſaith the Lord my God, Fede the ſhepe of the [e] ſlaughter.

5 They that poſſeſſe them, ſlaye them [f] and ſinne not: and thei that ſell thẽ, ſay, [g] Bleſſed *be* the Lord: for I am riche, and their owne ſhepherds ſpare them not.

6 Surely I wil no more ſpare thoſe ỹ dwell in the land, ſaith the Lord: but lo, [h] I wil deliuer the men euerie one into his neighbours hand, and into the hand of his [i] King: and they ſhal ſmite the land, and out of their hands I wil not deliuer *them*.

7 For I fed the ſhepe of ſlaughter, euen the [k] poore of the flocke, and I toke vnto me [l] two ſtaues: the one I called, Beautie, and the other I called, Bandes, and I fed the ſhepe.

8 [m] Thre ſhepherdes alſo I cut of in one moneth, & my ſoule lothed [n] thẽ, & their ſoule abhorred me.

9 Then ſaid I, I wil not fede you: that that dyeth, let it dye: and that that periſheth, let it periſh: & let the remnant eat, euerie one the fleſh of his neighbour.

10 And I toke my ſtaffe, *euen* Beautie, and brake it, that I might diſanul my couenãt, which I had made with all people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and ſo the [o] poore of the ſhepe that waited vpon me, knewe that it was the worde of the Lord.

12 And I ſaid vnto them, If ye thinke it good, giue [p] *me* my wages: and if no, leaue of: ſo they weighed for my wages thirtie *pieces* of ſiluer.

13 And the Lord ſaid vnto me, Caſt it vnto the [q] potter: a goodlie price, that I was valued at of them. And I toke the thirtie *pieces* of ſiluer, and caſt them to the potter in the Houſe of the Lord.

14 Then brake I mine other ſtaffe, *euen* the Bandes, that I might diſſolue the brotherhode betwene Iudáh and Iſraél.

15 And ỹ Lord ſaid vnto me, Take to thee yet [r] ỹ inſtruments of a fooliſh ſhepherd.

16 For lo, I wil raiſe vp a ſhepherd in the lãd, which ſhal not loke for the thing, that is loſt, nor ſeke the tender lambes, nor heale that that is hurt, nor fede ỹ that [s] ſtan-

b Shewing ỹ if the ſtrong men were deſtroied, ỹ weaker were not able to reſiſt.

c Seing that Lebanón was deſtroied, ẅ was the ſtrõgeſt munition, ỹ weaker places colde not thinke to holde out

d That is, the renoume of Iudáh & Iſraél ſhulde periſh

e Which being now deſtinate to be ſlayne, were deliuered as out of the liõs mouthe

f Their gouernours deſtroie them without any remorce of conſcience, or yet thinkig that they do euil

g He noteth ỹ hypocrites, ẅ euer haue the Name of God in their mouthes, thogh in their life and doings thei deme God, attributing their gaine to Gods bleſsing, ẅ cometh of the ſpoile of their brethren

h I wil cauſe one to deſtroy another

i That ỹ gouernours ſhal execute cruelnie ouer them

k That is, the ſmale remnãt, whome he thoght worthie to ſhewe mercie vnto

l God ſheweth his great benefites towarde his people to cõuince them of greater ingratitude, ẅ wolde nether be ruled by his moſte beautiful order of gouernement, nether continue in ỹ bandes of brotherlie vnitie, and therefore he breaketh borhe the one and the other. Some read, for Bãdes, Deſtroiers, but in the 14 verſ ỹ firſt reading is confirmed

m Whereby he ſheweth his care and diligence that he wolde ſuffer them to haue no euil rulers, becauſe they ſhulde conſider his great loue.

n Meaning the people, becauſe they wolde not acknowledge theſe great benefites of God

o He ſheweth that the leaſt parte euer profit by Gods iudgements.

p Beſides their ingratitude God accuſeth them of malice & wickednes, which did not onely forget his benefites, but eſtemed them as things of noght.

q Shewing that it was to litle to pay his wages, which colde ſcarſe ſuffice to make a fewe tiles for to couer the Tẽple

r Signifying, that thei ſhulde haue a certeine kinde of regiment, & outwarde ſhewe of gouernement: but in eff. & it ſhulde be nothing: for they ſhulde be wolues, and deuouring beaſts in ſtead of ſhepherds.

s And is in health and founde

deth vp: but he ſhal eat the fleſh of the fat, and teare their clawes in pieces.

17 O idole ſhepherd that leaueth the flocke: the ſworde *ſhalle* vpon his [t] arme, and vpon his right eye. His arme ſhalbe cleane dryed vp, and his right eye ſhal be vtterly darkened.

t By the arme he ſignifieth ſtrength, as he doeth wiſdome and iudgement by the eye: that is, ỹ plague of God ſhal take away both thy ſtrength and iudgement

CHAP. XII.

Of the deſtruction and buylding againe of Ieruſalém.

1 THe burden of the worde of the Lord vpon [a] Iſraél, ſaith the Lord, which ſpred the heauens, and layed the fundacíó of the earth, and formed the ſpirit of man within him.

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a That is, the ten tribes, ẅ neglected Gods benefite in deliuering their brethré, and had rather remaine in captiuitie, then to returne home, when God cal led them.

2 Beholde, I wil make Ieruſalém a [b] cuppe of poyſon vnto all the people rounde about: and alſo with Iudáh wil he be, in the ſiege againſt Ieruſalém.

b Ieruſalém ſhalbe defended againſt all her enemies: ſo ſhal God defend all Iudáh alſo, and ſhal deſtroye the enemies:

3 And in that day wil I make Ieruſalém an heauie ſtone for all people: all that lift it vp, ſhalbe torne, thogh all the people of the earth be gathered together againſt it.

4 In that day, ſaith the Lord, I wil ſmite euery horſe with ſtoniſhment, & his rider with madnes, and I wil open mine eyes vpon the houſe of Iudáh, and wil ſmite euery horſe of the people with blindenes.

5 And the princes of Iudáh ſhal ſay in their hearts, The [c] inhabitants of Ieruſalém *ſhal be* my ſtrength in the Lord of hoſtes their God.

c Euerie captaine, that had many vnder him afore, ſhal now thinke ỹ ỹ ſmale power of Ieruſalém ſhalbe ſufficient to defend them againſt all enemies, becauſe the Lord is among them.

6 In that day wil I make the princes of Iudáh like coles of fyre among the wood, & like a fyre brande in the ſheafe, and they ſhal deuoure all the people rounde about on the right hand, and on the left: and Ieruſalém ſhalbe inhabited againe in her owne place, *euen* in Ieruſalém.

7 The Lord alſo ſhal preſerue the [d] tentes of Iudáh, *as* afore time: therefore the glorie of the houſe of Dauid ſhal not boaſt, nor the glorie of the inhabitants of Ieruſalém againſt Iudáh.

d The people ẅ are now as it were diſperſed by the fields, and lie open to their enemies, ſhalbe no leſſe preſerued by my power, then if they were vnder their Kigs (which is met by the houſe of Dauid) or in their defenſed cities

8 In that day ſhal the Lord defende the inhabitants of Ieruſalém, and he that is feble among them, in that daye ſhalbe as Dauid: and the houſe of Dauid *ſhalbe* as gods *houſe*, & as the Angel of the Lord before them.

e They ſhal haue ỹ feelig of my grace by faith, and knowe that I haue compaſſion on them

9 And in that day wil I ſeke to deſtroye all the nacions that come againſt Ieruſalém.

f That is, whome they haue eſtimally vexed with their obſtinacie, and grieued my Spirit, Iohn 19.38. where it is referred to Chriſts bodie, which here is referred to ỹ Spirit of God

10 And I wil powre vpon the houſe of Dauid, & vpon the inhabitants of Ieruſalém the Spirit of [e] grace and of compaſsion, and they ſhal loke vpon me, whome they haue [f] perced, and they ſhal lament for [g] him, as one mourneth for *his* onelie *ſonne*, and be ſorie for him as one is ſorie for *his* firſt borne.

g They ſhal turne to God by true repentance, whome before they had ſo grieuouſly offended by their ingratitude

11 In that day ſhal there be a great mourning in Ieruſalém: as the [h] mourning of

h They ſhal lament and repent exceedingly for their offences againſt God

1 Hadadrimmón in ỹ valley of Megiddón.

12 And the [k] lád ſhal bewaile euerie familie [l] a parte, the familie of the [m] houſe of Dauid a parte, and their wiues a parte: the familie of the houſe of Nathan a parte, and their wiues a parte:

13 The familie of the houſe of Leuí a parte, and their wiues a parte: the familie of [n] Shemeí a parte, and their wiues a parte:

14 All the families that [o] remaine, euery familie a parte, and their wiues a parte.

1 Which was the name of a towne & place nere to Megiddó where Ioſiáh was ſlayne. 2 Chro 35, 22

k That is, in all places where the Iewes ſhal remaine.

l Signifying ỹ this mourning or repentance ſhulde not be a vaine cere-

monie: but euery one touched with his owne grief ſhal lament

m Vnder theſe certeine families he conteineth all the tribes, and ſheweth that both the Kings and the Prieſts had by their ſinnes perced Chriſt

n Called alſo Simeón

o To wit, which were elect by grace, and preſerued from the commune deſtruction

CHAP. XIII.

1 Of the fountaine of grace. 2 Of the cleane riddance of idolatrie 3 The zeale of the godlie againſt falſe prophetes.

1 IN that day there [a] ſhalbe a fountaine opened to the houſe of Dauid, and to the inhabitants of Ieruſalém, for ſinne & for vnclennes.

a He ſheweth what ſhal be the frute of their repentãce, to wit, remiſsiõ of ſinnes by ỹ blood of Chriſt, ẅ ſhalbe a continual rũning fountaine, and purge thẽ frõ all vncleanes.

2 And in that day, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, I wil cut of the [b] names of the idoles out of the land: and they ſhal no more be remembred: and I wil cauſe the [c] prophetes, and the vncleane ſpirit to departe out of the land.

b He promiſeth that God wil alſo purge them from all ſuperſtition & that their religion ſhalbe pure

c Meaning, ỹ falſe prophets and teachers, who are the corrupters of all religion, whome the Prophet here calleth vncleane ſpirits

3 And when anie ſhal yet [d] prophecie, his father & his mother that begate him, ſhal ſay vnto him, Thou ſhalt not liue: for thou ſpeakeſt lies in the Name of ỹ Lord: and his father and his mother that begate him, [e] ſhal thruſt him through, when he prophecieth.

d That is, whẽ they ſhal prophecie lies & make God, who is the autor of trueth, a cloke thereunto

4 And in that daye ſhal the Prophetes [f] be aſhamed euerie one of his viſion, when he hathe prophecied: neither ſhal thei weare a rough garment to deceiue.

e He ſheweth what zeale the godlie ſhal haue vnder the kingdome of Chriſt Deu 13, 6

f God ſhal make them aſhamed of their errors and lies and brig them to repentance, and they ſhal no more weare Prophetes apparel to make their doctrine ſeme more holy.

5 But he ſhal ſay, I am no [g] Prophet: I am an houſband man: for man taught me to be an herdman from my youth vp.

6 And one ſhal ſay vnto him, What are theſe [h] woundes in thine hands? Then he ſhal anſwere, Thus was I woũded in the houſe of my friends.

g They ſhal confeſſe their former ignorance, & be cõtent to labour for their liuig.

7 ¶ Ariſe, ô ſworde, vpon my [i] ſhepherd, and vpon the man, *that is* my fellow, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes: ſmite the ſhepherd, & the ſhepe ſhalbe ſcattred: and I wil turne mine hand vpon the litle ones.

h Hereby he ſheweth that thogh their parents and friends delt more gently with them, and put them not to death, yet they wolde ſo puniſh their children, that became falſe prophetes, that the markes & ſigues ſhulde remaine for euer

i The Prophet warneth the Iewes, ỹ before this great comfort ſhulde come vnder Chriſt, there ſhulde be an horrible diſsipacion among the people: for their gouernours and paſtors ſhulde be deſtroyed, and the people ſhulde be as ſcattered ſhepe: and the Euangeliſt applieth this to Chriſt, becauſe he was the head of all Paſtours, Matt 26, 31

8 And in all the land, ſaith the Lord, [k] two partes therein ſhalbe cut of, & dỹe: but the third ſhalbe left therein.

9 And I wil bring that third parte thorow the fyre, and wil fine them as the ſiluer is fined, and wil trye them as golde is tryed:

k The greateſt parte ſhal haue no porcion of theſe bleſsings, and yet they that ſhal enioye them, ſhalbe tryed with great afflictions, ſo that it ſhalbe knowen that onely Gods power and his mercies do preſerue them

they ſhal call on my Name, & I wil heare them: I wil ſay, It is my people, and they ſhal ſay, The Lord *is* my God.

CHAP. XIIII.

Of the doctrine that ſhal procede out of the Church, & of the reſtauration thereof

1 BEholde, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy ſpoyle ſhal be [a] diuided in the middes of thee.

2 For I wil gather all natiõs againſt Ieruſalém to battel, and the citie ſhalbe taken, & the houſes ſpoyled, and the women defiled, & half of the citie ſhal go into captiuitie, & the reſidue of the people ſhal not be cut of from the citie.

3 Then ſhal the Lord go forthe, and fight againſt thoſe nacions, as when [b] he foght in the day of battel.

4 And his fete ſhal ſtand in that day vpon the [c] mount of oliues, which is before Ieruſalém on the Eaſt ſide, and the mount of oliues ſhal cleaue in the middes thereof: toward the Eaſt & towarde the Weſt there *ſhalbe* a very great [d] valley, & halfe of the moũtaine ſhal remoue towarde the North, and halfe of the mountaine towarde the South.

5 And ye ſhal flee vnto the [e] valley of the moũtaines: for the valley of the mountaines ſhal reache vnto Azál: yea, ye ſhal flee like as ye fled from the [f] earthquake in the dayes of Vzziáh King of Iudáh: and the Lord [g] my God ſhal come & all the Saintes with thee.

6 And in that day ſhal there be no cleare light, but darke.

7 And there ſhalbe a day (it is knowen to ỹ Lord) [h] neither day nor night, but about the euening time it ſhalbe light.

8 And in that day ſhal there [i] waters of life go out from Ieruſalém, halfe of thẽ towarde the Eaſt ſea, & halfe of them towarde the vttermoſt ſea, & ſhalbe, bothe in ſomer and winter.

9 And the Lord ſhalbe King ouer all the earth: in that day ſhal there be one [k] Lord, and his Name ſhalbe one.

10 All the land ſhalbe turned [l] as a plaine frõ Gébato Rimmón, towarde the South of Ieruſalém, and it ſhalbe lifted vp, & inhabited in her place: from Beniamins gate vnto the place of the firſt gate, vnto the corner gate, and from the towre of Hananél, vnto the Kings wine preſſes.

11 And men ſhal dwell in it, and there ſhalbe no more deſtruction, but Ieruſalém ſhalbe ſafely inhabited.

12 And this ſhalbe the plague, wherewith the Lord wil ſmite all people, that haue foght againſt Ieruſalém: their fleſh ſhal conſume away, thogh they ſtand vpõ their fete, and their eyes ſhal conſume in their holes, & their tõgue ſhal conſume in their mouth.

13 But in that day [m] a great tumult of the Lord ſhalbe among them, and euerie one ſhal take [n] the hand of his neighbour, and his hand ſhal riſe vp againſt the hand of his neighbour.

14 And Iudáh ſhal fight alſo againſt Ieruſalém, and the ame of all the heathen ſhalbe gathered round about, with [o] golde and ſiluer, and great abundance of apparel.

15 Yet this ſhal be the plague of the horſe, of the mule, of the camel and of the aſſe and of all the beaſts that be in theſe tentes as this [p] plague.

16 But it ſhal come to paſſe that euerie one that is left of all the nations, which came againſt Ieruſalém, ſhal go vp from yere to yere to worſhip the King the Lord of hoſtes, and to kepe the feaſt of Tabernacles.

17 And who ſo wil not come vp of *all* the families of the earth vnto Ieruſalém to worſhip the King the Lord of hoſtes, euen vpon them ſhal come no raine.

18 And if the familie of [q] Egypt go not vp, and come not, it ſhal not *raine* vpon them. *Thus* ſhal be the plague wherewith ỹ Lord wil ſmite all the heathen, that come not vp to kepe the feaſt of Tabernacles.

19 This ſhal be the puniſhement of Egypt, & the puniſhement of all the nations that come not vp to kepe the feaſt of Tabernacles.

20 In that day ſhal there be *writen* vpon the [r] bridels of ỹ horſes, The holines vnto the Lord, and the [ſ] pottes in the Lords Houſe ſhal be like the bowles before the altar.

21 Yea, euerie pot in Ieruſalém and Iudáh ſhalbe holie vnto the Lord of hoſtes, and all they that ſacrifice, ſhal come and take of them and ſeeth therein: and in that day there ſhal be no more the [t] Canaanite in the Houſe of the Lord of hoſtes.

a He armeth the godlie againſt the great tentaciõs, that ſhulde come, before they enioyed this proſperous eſtate promiſed vnder Chriſt, that when theſe dangers ſhulde come, they might knowe that they were warned of them afore

b As your fathers, and you haue had experience bothe at the red Sea and at all other times

c By this maner of ſpeache the Prophet ſheweth Gods power, and care ouer his Church, and how he wil as it were by miracle ſaue it

d So that out of all the partes of ỹ worlde they ſhal ſe Ieruſalẽ, ỹ was before hid w this mountaine: and this he meaneth of the ſpiritual Ieruſalém ỹ Church.

e He ſpeaketh of the hypocrites, which colde not abide Gods preſence, but ſhulde flee into all places where they might hide them amõg the mountaines

f Read Amos, 1,1

g Becauſe they did not credit the Prophetes wordes, he turneth to God, and cõforteth him ſelf in ỹ that he knewe ỹ theſe things ſhulde come, & ſaith, Thou, ó God, with thine Angels wilt come to performe this great thing

h Signifying, that there ſhulde be great troubles in the Church, and that the time hereof is in the Lords hands, yet at length (which is here ment by the euening) God wolde ſend cõfort.

i That is, the ſpiritual graces of God, which ſhulde euer continue in moſte abundance

k All idolatrie and ſuperſtition ſhalbe aboliſhed, and there ſhalbe one God, one faith, and one religion

l This newe Ieruſalém ſhalbe ſene through all the worlde & ſhal excell the firſt in excellencie, welth and greatnes.

m God wil not onely raiſe vp warre without but ſedition at home to trye them

n To hurt, and oppreſſe him

o The enemies are riche, and therefore ſhal not come for a pray, but to deſtroy & ſheade blood.

p As the men ſhulde be deſtroyed, ver. 12.

q By ỹ Egyptians, which were greateſt enemies to true religion, he meaneth all the Gentiles

r Signifying, that to what ſeruice they were put now (whether to labour, or to ſerue in warre) they were now holie, becauſe the Lord had ſanctified thẽ

ſ As precious the one as the other, becauſe they ſhalbe ſanctified.

t But all ſhalbe pure, and cleane & there ſhal neither be hypocrite, or anie that ſhal corrupt ỹ true ſeruice of God.

MALACHI.

THE ARGUMENT.

THis Prophet was one of the thre, which God raiſed vp for the comfort of his Church after the captiuitie, and after him there was no more vntil Iohn Baptiſt was ſent, which was either a token of Gods wrath, or an admonition that they ſhulde with more feruent deſires loke for the comming of Meſſiáh. He confirmeth the ſame doctrine, that the two former do, but chiefly he reproueth the Prieſts for their couetouſnes, and for that they ſerued God after their owne fantaſies, and not according to the preſcript of his worde. He alſo noteth certein peculiar ſinnes, which were then among them, as marying of idolatrous and mame wiues, murmurings againſt God, impaciencie, and ſuche like. Notwithſtanding for the comfort of the godlie he declareth that God wolde not forget his promes made vnto their fathers, but wolde ſend Chriſt his meſſenger, in whome the couenant ſhulde be accompliſhed, whoſe comming ſhulde be terrible to the wicked, and bring all conſolation and ioye vnto the godlie.

CHAP. I.

A complaint againſt Iſraél and chiefly the Prieſts.

1 THE [a] burde of the worde of ỹ Lord to Iſraél by ỹ miniſterie of Malachí.

2 I haue loued you, ſaith the Lord: yet ye ſay, [b] Wherein haſt thou loued vs? Was not Eſáu Iaakobs brother, ſaith ỹ Lord? yet I loued Iaakób,

3 And I [c] hated Eſáu, and made his mountaines waſte, and his heritage a wildernes for dragons.

4 Thogh Edóm ſay, We are impoueriſhed, but we wil returne and buyld the deſolate places, yet ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, they ſhal buylde, but I wil deſtroye it, and they ſhal call them, The border of wickednes, and the people, with whome the Lord is angrie for euer.

5 And your eyes ſhal ſe it, and ye ſhal ſay, The Lord wil be magnified vpon the border of Iſraél.

6 A ſonne honoreth *his* father, and a ſeruant his maſter. If then I be a father, where is mine honour? & if I be a maſter, where is my feare, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes vnto you, [d] ô Prieſts, that deſpiſe my Name? and ye ſay, [e] Wherein haue we deſpiſed thy Name?

7 Ye offer [f] vncleane bread vpon mine altar, & you ſay, Wherein haue we polluted thee? In that ye ſay the table of the Lord is not [g] to be regarded.

8 And if ye offer the blinde for ſacrifice, it is [h] not euil: and if ye offer the lame and ſicke, it is not euil: offer it now vnto thy prince: wil he be content wt thee, or accept thy perſone, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes?

9 And now, I pray you, [i] pray before God, that he may haue mercie vpō vs: this hathe bene by your meanes: wil he regarde [k] your perſones, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes?

10 Who is there euen among you, [l] that wolde ſhut the dores? and kindle not *fyre* on mine altar in vaine, I haue no pleaſure in you, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, nether wil I accept an offring at your hand.

11 For from the riſing of the ſunne vnto the going downe of the ſame, my Name is [m] great among the Gentiles, and in euerie place incenſe ſhalbe offred vnto my Name, and a pure offring. for my Name is great among the heathen, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

12 But ye haue polluted it, in that ye ſay, The table of the Lord is [n] polluted, and the frute thereof, *euen* his meat is not to be regarded.

13 Ye ſaid alſo, Beholde, *it is* a [o] wearines, and ye haue ſnuffed at it, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, and ye offred that which was torne & the lame and the ſicke: thus ye offred an offring: ſhulde I accept this of your hand, ſaith the Lord?

14 But curſed be the deceiuer, which hathe in his flocke [p] a male, and voweth, and ſacrificeth vnto ỹ Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, and my Name is terrible among the heathen.

a Read Iſa 13,1

b Which declareth their great ingratitude that did not acknowledge this loue, which was ſo euident in that he choſe Abraham from out of all ỹ worlde, and next choſe Iaakób the yonger brother of whome they came and left Eſáu the elder

c For beſides that the ſignes of mine hatred appeared euen when he was made ſeruant vnto his yōger brother, being yet in his mothers belly, and alſo afterward in ỹ he was put frō his birthright, yet euen now before your eyes the ſignes hereof are euident, in that ỹ his countrey lieth waſte, & he ſhal neuer returne to inhabit it, where as ye my people whome ỹ enemie hated more then thē are by my grace and loue rewarde you deliuered. read Rom 9,13

d Beſides the reſt of the people he condēneth ỹ Prieſts chiefly becauſe they ſhulde haue reproued others for their hypocriſie, & obſtinacie againſt God, & not haue hardened them by their example to greater euils e He noteth their groſſe hypocriſie, wt wolde not ſe their faultes, but moſte impudently couered them, & ſo were blinde guides f Ye receiue all maner offrings for your owne griedines, and do not examine whether they be according to my Law or no g Not that they ſaid thus, but by their doings they declared no leſſe h You make it no faute: whereby he cōdēneth thē, ỹ thinke it ſufficiēt to ſerue God partely, as he hathe cōmanded, & partely after mās fantaſie, and ſo come not to that purenes of religiō, which he requireth, & therefore in reproche he ſheweth thē ỹ a mortal man wolde not be contēt to be ſo ſerued.

i He derideth ỹ Prieſts who bare ỹ people in hād, ỹ they praied for thē. & ſheweth ỹ they were the occaſion, that theſe euils came vpon the people

k Wil God cō ſider your office and ſtate, ſeing you are ſo couetous, & wicked?

l Becauſe the Leuites who kept ỹ dores, did not trye whether ỹ ſacrifices that came in, were according to the Law, God wiſheth, that thei wolde rather ſhut the dores then to receiue ſuche as were not perfite

m God ſheweth, ỹ their ingratitude, and neglect of his true ſeruice ſhalbe ỹ cauſe of the calling of the Gētiles: & here ỹ Prophet that was vnder the Law framed his wordes to the capacitie of ỹ people, and by the altar, and ſacrifice he meaneth the ſpiritual ſeruice of God, which ſhulde vnder the Goſpel, when an end ſhulde be made to all theſe legal ceremonies by Chriſts onely ſacrifice

n Bothe ỹ Prieſts and ỹ people were infected wt this error, ỹ they paſſed not what was offred: for they thoght ỹ God was aſwel content wt the leane as with the fat: but in the meane ſeaſon they ſhewed not that obedience to God, which he required, & ſo cōmitted bothe impietie, and alſo ſhewed their contempt of God & couetoulnes

o The Prieſts & people were bothe weary with ſeruing God, & paſſed not what maner of ſacrifice & ſeruice they gaue to God, for that wt was leaſt profitable, was thoght good ynough for the Lord

p That is, hathe habilitie to ſerue the Lord according to his worde, and yet wil ſerue him according to his couetous minde

CHAP. II.

Threatenings againſt the Prieſts being ſeducers of the people.

1 AND now, ô ye [a] Prieſts, this commādement is for you.

a He ſpeaketh vnto thē chiefly, but vnder them he conteineth the people alſo.

2 If

2 If ye wil not heare it, nor consider it in your heart to giue glorie [b] vnto my Name, saith ỹ Lord of hostes, I wil euẽ send a curse vpon you, and wil curse your [c] blessings: yea, I haue cursed them already because ye do not consider it in *your* heart.

3 Beholde, I wil corrupt [d] your seed, & cast dõgue vpon your faces, *euen* the [e] dongue of your solemne feasts, and you shalbe like vnto it.

4 And ye shal knowe, that I haue [f] sent this commandement vnto you, that my couenant, which I made with Leuí, might stãd, saith the Lord of hostes.

5 My [g] couenant was with him of life and peace, and I [h] gaue him feare, & he feared me, and was afraide before [i] my Name.

6 The law of [k] trueth was in his mouth, & there was no iniquitie foũde in his lippes: he walked with me in peace and equitie, and did turne manie away from iniquitie.

7 For the Priests [l] lippes shulde preserue knowledge, and they shulde seke the lawe at his mouth: for he is the [m] messenger of the Lord of hostes.

8 But ye are gone out of the way: ye haue caused manie to fall by the Law: ye haue brokẽ the couenãt of Leuí, saith the Lord of hostes.

9 Therefore haue I also made you to be despised, and vile before all the people, because ye kept not my wayes, but haue bene parcial in the Law.

10 Haue we not all [n] one father? hathe not one God made vs? why do we transgresse euerie one against his brother, and breake the couenant of [o] our fathers?

11 Iudáh hathe transgressed, and an abominacion is committed in Israél and in Ierusalém: for Iudáh hathe defiled the holines of the Lord, which he loued, and hathe maried the [p] daughter of a strange god.

12 The Lord wil cut of the man that doeth this: *bothe* the maste[r] and the seruãt out of the tabernacle of Iaakób, and him that [q] offereth an offring vnto the Lord of hostes.

13 And this haue ye done againe, and [r] couered the altar of ỹ Lord with teares, with weping and with mourning: because the offring is no more regarded, nether receiued acceptably at your hands.

14 Yet ye say, [s] Wherein? Because the Lord hathe bene witnes betwene thee and thy wife of thy youth, against whome thou hast trãsgressed: yet is she thy [t] cõpanion, and the wife of thy [u] couenant.

15 And did not [x] he make one? yet had he [y] abundance of spirit: and wherefore one? because he soght a godlie [z] seed: therefore kepe your selues in your [a] spirit, and let none trespasse against the wife of his youth.

16 If thou hatest *her*, [b] put her away, saith the Lord God of Israél, yet he couereth [c] the iniurie vnder his garment, saith the Lord of hostes: therefore kepe your selues in your spirit, and transgresse not.

17 Ye haue wearied the [d] Lord with your wordes: yet ye say, Wherein haue we wearied him? Whẽ ye say, Euerie one ỹ [e] doeth euil, is good in the sight of the Lord, and he deliteth in them. Or where is the God of [f] iudgement?

b To serue me according to my worde
c That is, the abundance of Gods benefites
d Your seed sowen shal come to no profite
e You boast of your holines, sacrifices and feastes, but they shal turne to your shame, and be as vile as dongue
f The Priests obiected against the Prophet that he colde not reproue thẽ, but he must speake against ỹ priesthode, and the office established of God by promes, but he sheweth, that the office is nothing sclãdered, when these vilenes, & dongue are called by their owne names
g He sheweth what were the two conditiõs of the couenãt made with the tribe of Leui, on Gods parte, that he wolde giue thẽ long life & felicitie, and on their parte, ỹ they shulde faithfully serue him accordíng to his worde
h I prescribed Leuí a certeine Law to serue me.
i He serued me & set forthe my glorie with all humilitie and submission
k He sheweth that the Priest ought to haue knowledge to instruct other in the worde of the Lord
l He is as the treasure house of Gods worde and ought to giue to euerie one according to their necessitie, and not to reserue it for him self
m Shewing, that whosoeuer doeth not declare Gods wil, is not his messenger, and Priest
n The Prophet accuseth the ingratitude of the Iewes toward God and man: for seing they were all borne of one father Abrahám, and God had elected them to be his holie people, they ought nether to offend God nor their brethren.
o Whereby they had bounde them selues to God to be an holie people
p Thei haue toyned them selues in mariage with them that are of another religion
q That is, the Priests
r Ye cause the people to lament, because that God doeth not regarde their sacrifices, so that they seme to sacrifice in vaine
s This is another faute, wherof he accuseth them, that is, that they brake the lawes of mariage
t As the one halfe of thy selfe.
u She that was ioyned to thee by a solemne couenant, and by the inuocation of Gods Name
x Did not God make man and woman as one flesh and not many?
y By his power & vertue he colde haue made many women for one man
z Suche as shulde be borne in lawful and moderat mariage wherein is no excesse of lustes
a Conteine your selues within your boundes, and be sober in minde, and bridle your affections
b Not that he doeth allowe diuorcement, but of the two fautes he sheweth, which is the lesse
c He thinketh it sufficient to kepe his wife stil, albeit he take others, and so as it were couereth his faute.
d Ye murmured against God, because he heard not you assone as you called
e In thinking that God fauored the wicked, and hathe no respect to them that serue him.
f Thus they blasphemed God in condemning his power and iustice, because he iudged not according to their fantasies

CHAP. III.

1 Of the messenger of the Lord, Iohn Baptist, and of Christs office.

1 BEholde, I wil send my [a] messenger, & he shal prepare the way before me: & the [b] Lord whome ye seke, shal spedely come to his Temple: euen the [c] messenger of the couenant whome ye desire: beholde, he shal come, saith the Lord of hostes.

2 But who [d] may abide the day of his comming? and who shal endure, when he appeareth? for he is like a purging fyre, and like fullers sope.

3 And he shal sit downe to trye and fine the siluer: he shal euen fine the sonnes of [e] Leuí, and purifie them as gold & siluer, that they may bring offrings vnto the Lord in righteousnes.

4 Then shal the offrings of Iudáh and Ierusalém be acceptable vnto the Lord, as in olde time and in the yeres afore.

5 And I wil come nere to you to iudgemẽt, and I wil be a swifte witnes against the sothesayers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that wrongfully kepe backe the hirelings wages, *and vexe* the widdowe, and the fatherles, and oppresse the stranger, & feare not me, saith the Lord of hostes.

6 For I am the Lord: I change not, and ye sonnes of Iaakób [f] are not consumed.

7 From the daies of your fathers, ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and haue not kept *them*: [g] returne vnto me, and I

a This is mẽt of Iohn Baptist, as Christ expoundeth it, Luk 7.27
b Meaning, Messiah, as psal 140.1. dan 9.17.
c That is, Christ by whome the couenant was made and ratified, who is called the Angel or messenger of the couenant, because he reconcileth vs to his father: & is Lord or King, because he hath the gouernement of his Church
d He sheweth that the hypocrites which wish so much for the Lords comming, wil not abide whẽ he draweth nere: for he wil cõsume them, and purge his & make them cleane.
e He begineth at ỹ Priestes that they might be lightes and shine vnto others
f They murmured against God, because they sawe not his helpe euer present to defend them: & therefore he accuseth them of ingratitude, and sheweth that in that they are not daily consumed, it is a token, that he doeth stil defend them: and so his mercie toward them neuer changeth.
g Read Zechar 1.3.

wil returne vnto you, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes: but ye ſaid, Wherein ſhal we returne?

8 Wil a [h] man ſpoyle *hu* gods? yet haue ye ſpoyled me: but ye ſay, Wherein haue we ſpoyled thee? In [i] tythes and offrings.

9 Ye are curſed with a curſſe: for ye haue ſpoyled me, euen this whole nacion.

10 Bring ye all the tythes into ỹ ſtorehouſe that there may be meat in mine Houſe, & proue me now herewith, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, if I wil not open ỹ windowes of heauen vnto you, & powre you out a bleſſing [k] without meaſure.

11 And I wil rebuke the [l] deuourer for your ſakes, and he ſhal not deſtroye thē frute of your grounde, nether ſhal your vine be baren in the field, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

12 And all nacions ſhal call you bleſſed: for ye ſhalbe a pleaſant land, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

13 Your wordes haue bene ſtoute [m] againſt me, ſaith the Lord: yet ye ſay, What haue we ſpoken againſt thee?

14 Ye haue ſaid, *It is* invaine to ſerue God: & what profite is it that we haue kept his commandemēt, and that we walked humbly before the Lord of hoſtes?

15 Therefore we coūte the proude bleſſed: euen they that worke wickednes, are ſet vp, and they that tempte God, yea, thei are [n] deliuered.

16 [o] Then ſpake they that feared the Lord, euerie one to his neighbour, and the Lord hearkened & heard it, and a [p] boke of remēbrance was writen before him for thē that feared the Lord, & that thoght vpon his Name.

17 And they ſhalbe to me, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, in that day [q] that I ſhal do *this*, for a flocke, and I wil [r] ſpare them, as a man ſpareth his owne ſonne that ſerueth him.

18 Then ſhal you returne, and diſcerne betwene the righteous and wicked, betwene him that ſerueth God, and him that ſerueth him not.

h There are none of ỹ heathen ſo barbarous, that wil defraude their gods of their honour, or deale deceitfully with them

i Whereby the ſeruice of God ſhulde haue bene maintēined, and the Prieſts, & the poore relieued

k Not hauing reſpect how much ye nede, but I wil giue you in all abūdance: ſo that ye ſhal lacke place to put my bleſſings in.

l Meaning, the caterpiller, & whatſoeuer deſtroieth corne and frutes.

m The Prophet condemneth them of double blaſphemie againſt God: firſt in ỹ they ſaid that God had no reſpect to thē ỹ ſerued him, and next that ỹ wicked were more in his fauour then the godlie

n They are not onely preferred to honour, but alſo deliuered from dāgers.

o After theſe admonitions of the Prophet ſome were lively touched, and incouraged others to feare God

p Bothe becauſe the thing was ſtrange, that ſome turned to God in that great and vniuerſal corruption, and alſo that this might be an example of Gods mercies to all penitent ſinners. q When I ſhal reſtore my Church according to my promes, they ſhalbe as mine owne propre goods. r That is, forgiue their ſinnes, and gouerne them with my Spirit.

CHAP. IIII.

The day of the Lord, before the which Eliáh ſhulde come

1 FOr beholde, the day cometh that ſhal [a] burne as an ouen, and all the proude, yea, and all that do wickedly, ſhal be ſtubble, & the day that cometh, ſhal burne them vp, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes, and ſhal leaue them, nether roote nor branche.

2 But vnto you that feare my Name, ſhal the [b] Sunne of righteouſnes ariſe, and health *ſhalbe* vnder his wings, and ye ſhal [c] go forthe, and growe vp as fat calues.

3 And ye ſhal treade downe the wicked: for they ſhalbe duſt vnder the ſoles of your fete in the day that I ſhal do *this*, ſaith the Lord of hoſtes.

4 [d] Remember the Lawe of Moſes my ſeruant, which I commanded vnto him in Horéb for all Iſraél with the ſtatutes and iudgements.

5 Beholde, I wil ſend you [e] Eliáh the Prophet before the cōming of the great and [f] feareful day of the Lord.

6 And he ſhal [g] turne the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, leſt I come [h] and ſmite the earth with curſing.

a He propheciеth of Gods iudgements againſt the wicked, who wolde not receiue Chriſt, when as God ſhulde ſend him for the reſtauration of his Church.

b Meaning, Chriſt, who with his wings or beames of his grace ſhulde lighten, & cōfort his Church, Ephe. 5,14. and he is called the ſunne of righteouſnes, becauſe in him ſelf he hathe all perfection, and alſo the office of the father dwelleth in him: whereby he regenerateth vs into righteouſnes, cleanſeth vs from the filth of this worlde, and reformeth vs to the image of God.

c Ye ſhalbe ſet at libertie and increaſe in the ioye of the Spirit, 2. Cor 3,17

d Becauſe the time was come that the Iewes ſhulde be deſtitute of Propheters vntil the time of Chriſt, becauſe they ſhulde with more feruent myndes deſire his coming, the Prophet exhorteth them to exerciſe them ſelues diligently in ſtudying the Lawe of Moſes in ỹ meane ſeaſon, whereby they might cōtinue in the true religion and alſo be armed againſt all tentations

e This Chriſt expoundeth of Iohn Baptiſt, Mat. 11, 13, who bothe for his zeale, & reſtoring of religion is aptly cōpared to Eliáh.

f Which as it is true for the wicked, ſo doeth it waken the godlie and call them to repentance

g He ſheweth wherein Iohns office ſhulde ſtand: in the turning of men to God and ioyning the father & children in one vnitie of faith: ſo that ỹ father ſhal turne to that religion of his ſonne which is conuerted to Chriſt, and the ſonne ſhal imbrace the faith of the true fathers, Abrahám, Izhák and Iaakób

h The ſecond point of his office was to denounce Gods iudgements againſt them that wolde not receiue Chriſt.

APOCRYPHA.

THE ARGUMENT.

THese bokes that follow in order after the Prophetes vnto the Newe teſtament, are called Apocrypha, that is bokes, which were not receiued by a cõmune conſent to be red and expounded publikely in the Church, nether yet ſerued to proue any point of Chriſtian religion, ſaue in aſmuche as they had the conſent of the other Scriptures called Canonical to confirme the ſame, or rather whereon they were grounded: but as bokes proceding from godlie men, were receiued to be red for the aduancement and furtherance of the knowledge of the hiſtorie, & for the inſtruction of godlie maners: which bokes declare that at all times God had an eſpecial care of his Church and left them not vtterly deſtitute of teachers and meanes to confirme them in the hope of the promiſed Meſſiah, and alſo witneſſe that thoſe calamities that God ſent to his Church, were according to his prouidence, who had bothe ſo threatened by his Prophetes, and ſo brogh it to paſſe for the deſtruction of their enemies, and for the tryal of his children.

I. Eſdras.

CHAP. 1.

1 Ioſias appointeth Prieſtes, and kepeth the Paſſeouer. 7 Offrings for the Prieſts and the people. 11 The order of the Leuites. 23 The vpright life of Ioſias. 25 His death and the occaſion thereof, and the lamentation for him. 34 Ioachaz appointed King. 53 The deſtruction of Ieruſalem.

2. King. 23, 21 2. chro. 35, 1.

1 AND Ioſias kept the Paſſeouer to his Lord in Ieruſalem, and offred the Paſſeouer in the fourtenth day of the firſt moneth,

2 And appointed ẏ Prieſts in order according to their dailie courſes, being clothed with long garments in the Temple of the Lord.

3 And he ſpake to the Leuites the holy miniſters of Iſrael, that they ſhulde ſanctifie them ſelues to the Lord, to ſet the holy Arke of the Lord in the Houſe, which Salomon the ſonne of King Dauid had buylt,

4 And ſaid, Ye ſhal no more beare the Arke vpon your ſhulders: now therefore ſerue the Lord your God, and take the charge of his people of Iſrael, and prepare according to your families and tribes,

5 After the writing of Dauid King of Iſrael, and according to the maieſtie of Salomon his ſonne, and ſtand in the Temple (according to the ordre of the dignitie of your fathers the Leuites) which were *appointed* before your brethren the children of Iſrael.

6 Offer in ordre the Paſſeouer, and make readie the ſacrifices for your brethrẽ, and kepe the Paſſeouer after the Lords commandement giuen to Moyſes.

7 And Ioſias gaue to the people that was preſent, thirtie thouſand lambes and kiddes with thre thouſand calues.

8 Theſe were giuen of the Kings poſſeſſions according to the promes, to the people, and to the Prieſts, and to the Leuites. Then gaue Helkias and Zacharias and [r] Syelus the gouernours of the Temple, to the Prieſts for the Paſſeouer two thouſand ſhepe, and thre hundreth calues. [r] Or, Iehiel.

9 Furthermore, Iechonias, and Samaias, and Nathanael his brother, and [s] Sabias, and [t] Chielus, and [u] Ioram captaines gaue to the Leuites for the Paſſeouer fiue thouſand ſhepe and ſeuen hundreth calues. [s] Or, Haſabiah. [t] Or, Iehiel. [u] Or, Chorabah.

10 And when theſe things were done, the Prieſts and the Leuites ſtode in ordre, hauing vnleauened bread according to ẏ tribes,

11 And after the ordre of the dignitie of their fathers, before the people to offre to the Lord, as it is writen in the bokes of Moyſes: and thus *they did* in the morning.

12 And they roſted the Paſſeouer with fyre as* apperteined, & they ſod their offrings with perfumes in caldrons and pottes, * Exod. 12, 8.

13 And ſet it before all them that were of the people, and afterward they prepared for them ſelues, and for the Prieſts their brethren the ſonnes of Aaron.

14 For the Prieſts offred the fatte vnto the euening, and the Leuites did make ready for them ſelues, and for the Prieſts their brethren the ſonnes of Aaron.

15 And the holy ſingers, the ſonnes of Aſaph, were in their orders, accordig to the appointed ordinances of Dauid, *to wit*, Aſaph, and Azarias, and [v] Eddimus, which was of the Kings appointement. [v] Or, Iedithun.

16 And the porters were at euerie gate, *ſo that* it was not lawful, ẏ anie ſhulde paſſe his ordinarie watche: for their brethrẽ the Leuites made readie for them.

17 And in that day thoſe things which apperteined to the ſacrifice of the Lord, were accompliſhed, that they might offre the

Paſſeouer,
18 And offre ſacrifices vpon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandement of King Ioſias.
19 So the children of Iſrael, which were preſent at that time, kept the Paſſeouer and the feaſt of vnleauened bread ſeuen daies.
20 And there was not ſuche a Paſſeouer kept in Iſrael ſince the time of Samuel the Prophet.
21 And all the Kings of Iſrael did not offre ſuche a Paſſeouer, as did Ioſias, and the Prieſtes, and the Leuites, and the Iewes, and all Iſrael, which were founde to remaine in Ieruſalem.
22 In the eighteenth yere of the reigne of Ioſias was this Paſſeouer kept.
23 The workes of Ioſias were vpright before his Lord with a heart ful of godlines.
24 And concerning ỹ things which came to paſſe in his time, they are written before, *to wit*, of thoſe that ſinned & did wickedly againſt the Lord aboue euerie nacion and kingdome, and grieued him with [a] ſenſible things, ſo that the wordes of the Lord ſtode vp againſt Iſrael.
25 ¶ Now after all theſe actes of Ioſias it came to paſſe that when Pharao King of Egypt came to moue warre at Carchamis vpon Euphrates, Ioſias went out againſt him.
26 But ỹ King of Egypt ſent to him, ſaying, What haue I to do with thee, ô King of Iudea?
27 I am not ſent of the Lord God againſt thee: but my warre is vpon Euphrates, and now the Lord is with me, and the Lord haſteneth me forwarde: departe from me, and be not againſt the Lord.
28 But Ioſias wolde not turne backe his chariot frō him, but prepared him ſelf to fight with him, not regarding the wordes of Ieremias the Prophet by the mouth of the Lord.
29 But he ſet him ſelf in battel aray againſt him in the field of Megeddo, & the princes came downe to King Ioſias.
30 And the King ſaid to his ſeruants, Conuaye me out of the battel, for I am very weake. And by and by his ſeruants broght him out of the battel.
31 So he gate vp on his ſeconde chariot, and being come againe to Ieruſalem he changed his life, and was buryed in his fathers graue.
32 And in all Iudea was Ioſias bewailed, yea, Ieremias the Prophet did lament for Ioſias, and the gouernours and their wiues did lament him vnto this day: & this was ordeined in all the kinred of Iſrael to be done continually.
33 But theſe things are written in the boke of the ſtories of the Kings of Iudea, and euerie one of the actes ỹ Ioſias did, & his glorie, and his knowledge in the lawe of the Lord, and the things which he did before, and the things now *rehearſed* are regiſtred in the boke of the Kings of Iſrael and Iudea.
34 Then they of the nacion toke Ioachaz the ſonne of Ioſias, and made him King in ſteade of his father Ioſias, when he was thre and twentie yere olde. *2 King.23.31* *2.chro.36.1.*
35 And he reigned in Iudea and in Ieruſalem thre moneths: for the King of Egypt depoſed him from reigning in Ieruſalem.
36 He taxed alſo the people of an hundreth talents of ſiluer, & one talent of gold.
37 And the King of Egypt made Ioacim his brother King of Iudea & Ieruſalem.
38 And he bounde Ioachaz and his gouernours: but when he had taken Zaraces his brother, he led him away into Egypt.
39 Twentie and fiue yere olde was Ioacim, when he reigned in Iudea and Ieruſalem, and he did euil in the ſigt of the Lord.
40 Wherefore againſt him came vp Nabuchodonoſor King of Babylon, who whē he had boūde him with a chaine of braſſe, led him away into Babylon.
41 Then Nabuchodonoſor toke of the holie veſſels of the Lord, & caryed thē away, and ſet them in his temple at Babylon.
42 But all his actes, and his prophanation, and his reproche are written in the Chronicles of the Kings.
43 And Ioacim his ſonne reigned for him: and when he was made King, he was eightene yere olde.
44 And he reigned thre moneths and ten dayes in Ieruſalem, and he did euil in the ſight of the Lord.
45 ¶ So a yere after Nabuchodonoſor ſent and broght him to Babylon with the holy veſſels of the Lord.
46 And he made Sedecias King of Iudea and Ieruſalem when he was one and twentie yere olde, & he reigned eleuen yeres.
47 And he did euil in ỹ ſight of the Lord, nether did he feare the wordes ſpoken by Ieremias the Prophet from the mouth of the Lord. *Ier.38.21.*
48 For after that he was ſworne to King Nabuchodonoſor, he forſware him ſelf by the Name of the Lord and fel away, and hardened his necke and his heart, and tranſgreſſed the Lawes of the Lord God of Iſrael.
49 Alſo the gouerners of the people, and the Prieſts cōmitted many things againſt the lawes and paſſed all the pollucions of all nacions, and polluted the Temple of the Lord, which was ſanctified in Ieruſalém.
50 Neuertheles the God of their Fathers ſent

[a] *Or, by worſhipping ſenſible creatures.*

2.Chro.35.20.

ſent his meſſenger to call them backe, becauſe he ſpared them and his owne Tabernacle.

51 But thei derided his meſſengers, and in the day, that the Lord ſpake *vnto them*, thei mocked his Prophetes,

52 So that he, being moued to angre againſt his people for their great wickednes, commanded the Kings of the Chaldeās to inuade them.

53 Theſe killed their yong men with the ſworde roūde about their holie Temple, nether did they ſpare yong man, nor maiden, nether olde man, nor childe among them.

54 But he deliuered thē all into their hāds, and all the holy veſſels of the Lord, bothe great & ſmale with the veſſels of the Arke of God: and they toke, & caryed away the Kings treaſures into Babylon.

55 And thei ſet fyre in the Houſe of ỹ Lord and brake downe the walles of Ieruſalem and burnt their towres with fyre.

56 They conſumed alſo all the precious things thereof, & broght them to noght, and thoſe that were left by the ſworde, he caryed away into Babylon.

57 And they were ſeruants to him, & to his children til the Perſians reigned, to fulfil the worde of the Lord by the mouth of *Ieremias,

*Ierem 25.12. & 29.10.

58 And that the lād might enioye her Sabbaths all the time, that it was deſolate, til ſeuentie yeres were accompliſhed.

CHAP. II.

1 Cyrus gaue leaue to the Iewes to returne. 10 He ſent the holy veſſels 13 The names of them that returned. 16 Their aduerſaries did let their buylding, and the Kings letters for the ſame.

*2 Chro.36.22 Ezra 1.1.

1 IN* the firſt yere of the reigne of Cyrus King of the Perſians, to fulfil the worde of the Lord by the mouth of Ieremias,

2 The Lord raiſed vp the ſpirit of Cyrus King of the Perſians, and he made proclamacion through out all his kingdome, euen by expreſſe lettres,

3 Saying, Thus ſaith Cyrus King of the Perſians, The Lord of Iſrael, euen the moſte high Lord, hathe made me King ouer the whole worlde,

4 And he hathe commanded me to buylde him an Houſe in Ieruſalem, which is in Iudea.

5 If there be anie therefore of you of his people, let the Lord, euē his Lord be with him, & let him go vp to Ieruſalem, which is in Iudea & buylde the Houſe of ỹ Lord of Iſrael: he is the Lord which dwelleth in Ieruſalem.

6 All they then that dwell in the places roūde about, thoſe, *I ſay*, that are in his place, let them helpe him with golde and ſiluer,

7 With giftes, with horſes and cattel, and other things, which ſhalbe broght, according to the vowes into the Temple of the Lord, which is in Ieruſalem.

8 ¶ Then aroſe the chief of the families of Iudea, and of the tribe of Beniamin, and the Prieſts & Leuites, & all whoſe minde the Lord had moued to go vp, and buylde an Houſe to the Lord in Ieruſalem.

9 And thoſe that were about them, helped them in all things with ſiluer and golde, horſes, and cattel, and with diuers vowes of many whoſe mindes were ſtirred vp.

10 Alſo King Cyrus broght out the holy veſſels of the Lord, which Nabuchodonoſor had caryed out of Ieruſalem, and had conſecrated them in the Temple of his idoles.

11 Now when Cyrus King of the Perſians had broght them out, he deliuered thē to Mithridates his treaſurer,

12 By whome they were giuen to ° Abaſſar the gouernour of Iudea.

°Or, Shaſhbazzar, or Sanabaſſar.

13 Whereof this was the nomber: a thouſand golden cuppes, and a thouſand ſiluer cuppes, baſens of ſiluer for the ſacrifices, nine and twentie violes, of golde thirtie, and of ſiluer two thouſand, foure hūdreth and ten, and a thouſand other veſſels.

14 So all the veſſels of golde and ſiluer, which thei caried away, were fiue thouſād, foure hundreth, thre ſcore and nine.

15 They were broght by Sanabaſſar with them of the captiuitie of Babylon to Ieruſalem.

16 ¶ But * in the time of Artaxerxes King of the Perſians ° Belemus, & Mithridates, and Tabellius, and Rathumus, and Beelſethmus, & ° Semellius the ſecretarie, & otheis which were ioyned to theſe, dwellīg in Samaria and in other places, wrote vnto him thus epiſtle here following againſt thē, that dwelt in Iudea & Ieruſalem, TO THE KING ARTAXERXES OVR LORD,

*Ezra 4.6.

°Or, Biſhlemus

°Or, Shimſhai.

17 Thy ſeruants, Rathumus the writer of things that come to paſſe, and Semellius the ſecretarie, and the reſt of their counſel, & the iudges which are in Coeloſyria and Phenice.

18 Be it now therefore knowen to our lo d the King, that the Iewes which came vp from you, are come to vs into Ieruſalem, that rebellious and wicked citie, & buylde the marked places, and make vp the walles thereof, and laye the fundacions of the Temple.

19 Therefore if this citie be buylt, and the walles be finiſhed, they wil not onely not indure to paye tribute, but wil alſo reſiſt Kings.

20 And becauſe the things, perteining to the Temple, go forwarde, we thoght it not

mete to paſſe ouer ſuche a thing,
21 But to declare it to our lord the King, that if it be thy pleaſure, it may be ſoght out in the bokes of thy fathers,
22 And thou ſhalt finde in the Chronicles the writings concerning theſe things, and ſhalt knowe that this citie did alwaies rebel,& did trouble bothe Kings and cities,
23 And that the Iewes are rebellious,raiſing alwaies warres therein:for the which cauſe alſo this citie was made deſolate.
24 Now therefore,ô lord the King, we declare it, that if this citie be buylt and the walles thereof repared, you ſhal haue no more paſſage into Coeloſyria, nor Phenice.
25 ¶ Then the King wrote againe to Rathumus , that wrote the things that came to paſſe, and to Beeltethmus, and to Samellius the ſecretarie, and to the reſt of thoſe that were ioyned with them, and to the dwellers of Samaria, Syria and Phenice,theſe things that followe.
26 I haue red the epiſtle, which ye ſent to me: therefore I commanded , that it ſhulde be ſoght out, and it was founde, that this citie hathe alwaies practiſed againſt Kings,
27 And that the men thereof were giuen to rebellion and warres , and how that mightie Kings and fierce haue reigned in Ieruſalem, which toke tribute of Coeloſyria and Phenice.
28 Now therefore I haue commanded to forbid theſe men to buylde vp the citie, and that it be taken hede that no more be done,
29 And that thoſe wicked things, ẅ ſhulde moleſt the King,go not forwarde.
30 Then when Rathumus,& Semellius the ſecretarie and the reſt,which were ioyned with them,had red the things, which Kīg Artaxerxes had writen,they moued their tents with ſpede to Ieruſalem with horſes and men in araye,
31 And began to let them which buylt, ſo that the buylding of the Temple in Ieruſalem ceaſed vnto the ſeconde yere of the reigne of Darius King of the Perſians.

CHAP. III.

1 The feaſt of Darius 16 The three wiſe ſentences.

1 NOw when Darius reigned, he made a great feaſt to all his ſubiects & to all thoſe of his owne houſe, and to all the princes of Media and Perſia,
2 And to all the gouernours & captaines, and lieutenants that were with him, from India vnto Ethiopia of an hundreth and ſeuen and twentie prouinces.
3 And when they had eaten and drunke, & were ſatiſfied, they departed , and King Darius went into his chamber, and ſlept, til he wakened againe.
4 ¶ In the meane time three yong men of the garde, kepers of the Kings bodie, ſaid one to another,
5 Let euerie one of vs ſpeake a ſentence, & he that ſhal ouercome , and whoſe ſentence ſhal appeare wiſer then the others, Darius the King ſhal giue him great gifts, and great things in token of victorie,
6 As to weare purple & to drinke in golde, and to ſlepe in golde, and a chariot with bridles of golde, an head tyre of fine linē, and a chaine about his necke.
7 And he ſhal ſit next to Darius for his wiſdome , and ſhalbe called Darius couſin.
8 Then euerie man wrote his ſentence and ſealed it , and put it vnder the pillowe of King Darius,
9 And ſaid, when the King roſe , thei wolde giue him the writing, and whoſe ſentēce the King and the three princes of Perſia ſhulde iudge to be wiſeſt, to him ſhulde the victorie be giuen, as it was appointed.
10 One wrote, The wine is ſtrongeſt.
11 The other wrote, The King is ſtrongeſt.
12 The other wrote , women are ſtrongeſt, but trueth ouercometh all things.
13 ¶ And when the King roſe,they toke the writings and gaue them to him , and he red them,
14 And ſent and called all the noble men of Perſia and of Media , and the gouernours & the captaines , and lieutenants,and the conſuls,
15 And ſate him downe in the counſel, and the writing was red before them.
16 Then he ſaid , Call the yong men, that they may declare their owne ſentences. So they called them,and they came in.
17 Then he ſaid vnto them , Declare vnto vs the writings . So the firſt began, which had ſpoken of the ſtrength of wine,
18 And ſaid on this maner, O ye men, how ſtrong is wine! it deceiueth all men that drinke it.
19 It maketh the minde of the King and of the fatherles bothe one , of the bonde man and of the fre man,of the poore man and of the riche man.
20 It turneth alſo euerie thoght into ioye and gladnes , ſo that one remembreth no maner of ſorow,nor det.
21 It maketh euerie heart riche,ſo that one remembreth nether King nor gouernour, & cauſeth to ſpeake all things by talents. *Or,ſponsudee.
22 When men haue drunk , they haue no minde to loue ether friends or brethren, and a litle after they drawe out ſwordes.
23 But when they are from the wine,they do not remember what they haue done.
24 O ye men,is not wine ſtrōgeſt,which cō-

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pelleth to do ſuche things! & he helde his peace when he had thus ſpoken.

CHAP. IIII.

Of the ſtrength of a King. 13 Of the ſtrength of women. 34 Of the ſtrength of trueth, which ſentẽce is approued. 47 And his petition granted.

1 THen the ſeconde which had ſpokẽ of the ſtrẽgth of the King, began to ſay,
2 O ye men, are not men ſtrongeſt, which beare rule by land and by ſea, and ouer all things which are in them!
3 But the King is yet greater: for he ruleth all things, & is lord of them, ſo that they do all things which he commãdeth them.
4 If he bid thẽ make warre one againſt another, they do it: if he ſend them out againſt the enemies, they go and breake downe mountaines and walles and towres.
5 They kil & are killed, & do not paſſe the cõmandement of the King: if they ouercome, they bring all to the King, aſwel the ſpoyles as all other things,
6 And thoſe alſo which go not to warre & battel, but til the earth: *for* when they haue ſowen it againe, thei reape it, & bring it to the King, and cõpell one another to paye tribute to the King.
7 Yet he is *but* one man: if he bid, Kil, they kil: if he ſai, Spare, they ſpare.
8 *If* he bid, Smite, they ſmite: *if* he bid thẽ, Make deſolate, they make deſolate; *if* he bid, Buyld, they buyld.
9 *If* he bid, Cut of, they cut of: *if* he bid, Plante, they plante.
10 So all his people & all his armies obey one mãn: in the meane while he ſitteth downe, he eateth, and drinketh and ſlepeth.
11 For theſe kepe him rounde about: nether can any one go & do his owne buſines, nether are they diſobedient vnto him.
12 O ye men, how ſhulde not the King be ſtrongeſt, ſeing he is thus obeied! So he held his tongue.
13 ¶ Then the thirde which had ſpoken of women & of the trueth (this was Zorobabel) began to ſpeake,
14 O ye men, nether the mightie King, nor many men nor wine is ſtrongeſt: who then ruleth them or hathe dominion ouer thẽ! are they not women!
15 Women haue borne the King & all the people which beare rule by ſea & by land.
16 Euen of them were they borne, and they nouriſhed them, which planted the vines, of which the wine is made.
17 They alſo make mens garments & make men honorable, nether can men be without women.
18 And if thei haue gathered together gold & ſiluer, or any goodlie thing, do they not loue a faire and beautiful woman!
19 Do they not leaue all thoſe things & giue thẽ ſelues wholy vnto her, & gape, and gaze vpon her, & all men deſire her more then gold, or ſiluer, or any precious thing!
20 A man leaueth his owne father which ha the nouriſhed him, & his owne countrei, and is ioyned with his wife.
21 And for ỹ woman he ieopardeth his life, and nether remembreth father nor mother nor countrey.
22 Therefore by this ye may knowe that ỹ women beare rule ouer you: do ye not labour and trauail, and giue and bring all to the women?
23 Yea, a man taketh his ſworde and goeth forthe to kil & to ſteale, and to ſaile vpon the ſea, and vpon riuers,
24 And he ſeeth a lion & goeth in darkenes, & when he hathe ſtollen, rauiſhed & ſpoiled, he bringeth it to his loue.
25 Wherefore a man loueth his owne wife more then father or mother.
26 Yea, many haue runne mad for women, and haue bene ſeruants for them.
27 Many alſo haue periſhed & haue erred and ſinned for women.
28 Now therefore do you not beleue me? is not the King great in his power? do not all regions feare to touche him?
29 *Yet* I ſawe him & Apame, the Kings concubine, the daughter of the famous Bartacus, ſitting on the right hand of the King.
30 And ſhe toke the crowne of the Kings head, & put it vpon her owne, and ſtroke the King with her left hand.
31 Yet in the meane ſeaſon the King gaped and gazed on her: & if ſhe laughed at him, he laughed: & if ſhe were angrie with him, he did flatter her that he might be reconciled with her.
32 How then, ô ye men, are not women more ſtrong, ſeing they do thus?
33 ¶ Then the King and the princes loked one vpon another, and he began to ſpeake of the trueth.
34 O ye men, are not women ſtronger? great is the earth, & the heauen is hie, and the ſonne is ſwift in his courſe: for he turneth rounde about heauẽ in one day, & runneth againe into his owne place.
35 Is not he great that maketh theſe things? therefore the trueth is greater and ſtrõger then all.
36 All the earth calleth for trueth, and the heauen bleſſeth it: and all things are ſhaken and tremble, nether is there any vnruſt thing with it.
37 The wine *is* wicked, the King *is* wicked, women *are* wicked, & all the children of men are wicked, and all their wicked workes are ſuche, and there is no trueth in thẽ, and they periſh in their iniquitie.
38 But trueth doeth abide, and is ſtrong for euer, and liueth and reigneth for euer and euer.

39 With her there is no receiuing of perſons nor differēce: but ſhe doeth ŷ things which are iuſte, & abſteineth from vniuſt & wicked things, and all men fauour her workes.
40 Nether is there any vniuſt thing in her iudgement, and ſhe is the ſtrength and the kingdome and the power, and maieſtie of all ages. Bleſſed be the God of trueth.
41 So he ceaſed to ſpeake, and then all the people cryed & ſaid then, Trueth is great and ſtrongeſt.
42 Thē the King ſaid vnto him, Aſke what thou wilt beſides ŷ which is appointed, & we wil giue it thee, becauſe thou art founde the wiſeſt, and thou ſhalt haue libertie to ſit by me, and ſhalt be called my couſin.
43 ¶ Then he ſaid to the King, Remembre the vowe that thou haſt vowed to buylde Ieruſalem, in the day that thou tokeſt the kingdome,
44 And to ſend againe all the veſſels ŷ were taken out of Ieruſalem, which Cyrus ſet a parte when he made a vowe to cut of Babylon, & vowed to ſend them thither.
45 Thou alſo haſt vowed to buylde the Tēple, which the Idumeans burnt whē Iudea was deſtroied by the Chaldeans.
46 And now, ô Lord the King, this is that which I deſire & require of thee, & this is the magnificence, which *I require* of thee: I require therefore that thou woldeſt accompliſh the vowe which thou haſt vowed with thine owne mouth to do to the King of heauen.
47 Then King Darius riſing vp, kiſſed him, & wrote him letters to all the ſtewardes and lieutenants, and captaines, and gouernours, that thei ſhulde bring on ŷ waye *bothe* him, & all that were with him, which went vp to buylde Ieruſalem.
48 And he wrote letters to all the lieutenāts in Coeloſyria and Phenice, & to thē that were in Libanus, that they ſhulde bring cedre wood from Libanus to Ieruſalem, and buylde the citie wih him.
49 And he wrote for all ŷ Iewes, which wēt vp out of his kingdome vnto Iudea, cōcerning their libertie, that no prīce, nor lieutenant, nor gouernour, nor ſteward ſhulde enter into their dores,
50 And that all the region which they kept, ſhulde paye no tribute, and that the Idumeans ſhulde let go the villages of the Iewes which they helde,
51 And that euerie yere there ſhulde be giuen for the buylding of the Temple twentie talents vntil it were buylt,
52 And to mainteine ŷ burnt offrings vpon the altar euerie day (as they had a commandement to offer ſeuentene) other ten talents euerie yere.
53 And that all they which went from Babylon to buylde ŷ citie, ſhulde haue libertie, aſwel they as their poſteritie, and all the Prieſts that went away.
54 He wrote alſo touching the charges and the Priests garment, wherein they ſhulde miniſter.
55 And he wrote that they ſhulde giue the Leuites their charges vntil the Houſe were finiſhed, and Ieruſalem buylt.
56 Alſo he wrote that they ſhulde giue penſions & wages to them that kept the citie.
57 And he ſent away all the veſſels which Cyrus had ſet aparte out of Babylon, and whatſoeuer Cyrus had commanded to do, he alſo commanded to do it, and to ſend to Ieruſalem.
58 And when the ᵉyong man was gone forthe, he lift vp his face to heauen towardes Ieruſalem, and gaue thankes to the King of heauen, ᵉ *or, Zorobabel.*
59 Saying, Of thee is the victorie, & of thee is wiſdome, & of thee is glorie, and I *am* thy ſeruant.
60 Bleſſed be thou which haſt giuē me wiſdome: for vntō thee I acknowledge it, ô Lord of *our* fathers.
61 ¶ So he toke ŷ letters & went out & came to Babylon & telled all his brethren.
62 And thei bleſſed ŷ God of their fathers, becauſe he had giuē thē fredome & libertie
63 To go vp & to buylde Ieruſalem, & the Temple, where his Name is renoumed, & they reioyced with inſtruments of muſicke and ioye, ſeuen daies.

CHAP. V.

1 The nomber of them that returne from the captiuitie. 42 Their vowes & ſacrifices. 54 The Tēple is begonne to be buylt. 66 Their enemies wolde craftely noyne with them.

1 AFter *theſe things, the chief of the houſes of their fathers were choſen after their tribes, & their wiues, and their ſonnes, & their daughters, & their ſeruantes, & their maides, and their cattel. *1 Esr. 2.1.*
2 And Darius ſent with thē a thouſand horſemen, til they were reſtored to Ieruſalem in ſafetie, & with muſical *inſtruments*, with tabrets and flutes.
3 And all their brethren plaiēd: thus he cauſed them to go vp together with them.
4 ¶ And theſe are ŷ names of the men that went vp after their families, by their tribes, *and* after the order of their dignitie.
5 The Prieſts. The ſonnes of Phinees, the ſonne of Aarō, Ieſus *ſonne* of Ioſedec, *ſonne* of Saraias, & Ioacim the *ſonne* of Zorobabel, the *ſonne* of Salathiel of the houſe of Dauid, of the kinred of Phares, of the tribe of Iuda.
6 ᵉWho ſpake wiſe wordes to Darius the King of the Perſians in the ſecōde yere of his reigne, in the moneth Niſan, which is the firſt moneth. ᵉ *or, Zorobabel.*
7 ¶ And theſe are thei of Iudea, which came out of ŷ captiuitie, where thei dwelt, whome

me Nabuchodonoſor King of Babylon had caryed away into Babylon,

8 And returned vnto Ieruſalem and to the reſt of Iudea, euerie one into his owne citie which came with Zorobabel, & Ieſus,
or, Saraia. Nehemias, 'Zacharias, Reeſaias, Enenius, Mardocheus, Beeſarus, Aſpharaſus, Reelius, Roimus & Baana their guides.

9 The nõber of them of the nacion & their gouernours: ỹ ſonnes of Phares two thouſand an hũdreth ſeuẽtie & two, the ſonnes of Saphat foure hundreth, ſeuentie & two.

or, Areth. 10 The ſonnes of 'Ares ſeuen hũdreth, fiftie and ſix.

11 The ſonnes of Phaath Moab, two thouſand, eight hundreth and twelue.

12 The ſonnes of Elam, a thouſand, two hũdreth, fiftie & foure: the ſonnes of Zathui nine hundreth fortie & fiue: the ſonnes of Corbe ſeuen hũdreth & fiue: the ſonnes of Bani ſix hundreth, fortie and eight.

or, Bibai 13 The ſonnes of 'Bibe ſix hũdreth, twentie
or, Axgad. and thre: the ſonnes of 'Sadas thre thouſand, two hundreth, twentie and two.

14 The ſonnes of Adonikan, ſix hundreth, ſixtie & ſeuen: the ſonnes of Bagoi, two thouſand, ſixtie & ſix: ỹ ſonnes of Adinu, foure hundreth, fiftie and foure.

or, Aterhezeia. 15 The ſonnes of 'Ateriſias, ninetie & two: the ſonnes of Ceilan & Azotus, ſixtie & ſeuẽ: the ſonnes of Azucan foure hũdreth, thirtie and two.

or, The ſonnes of Arania an hundreth, the ſonnes of Arom one, the ſonnes of Beſai thre hundreth, twẽty and thre
or, Bethlehem 16 'The ſonnes of Ananias, an hundreth & one: the ſonnes of Arom, and the ſonnes of Baſſa, thre hundreth, twentie and thre: the ſonnes of Arſiphurith, an hundreth & two.

17 The ſonnes of Meterus, thre thouſand & fiue: the ſonnes of 'Bethlomon, an hũdreth, twentie and thre.

or Netophah 18 They of 'Netophas, fiftie & fiue: they of
or, Anathoth 'Anaboth, an hundreth, fiftie & eight: they of Bethſamos, fortie and two.

or, Kiriath-iarim 19 They of 'Cariathiarius, twentie & fiue:
or, Pirah. thei of Caphiras & Beroth, ſeuen hũdreth, fortie & thre: they of 'Piras, ſeuẽ hũdreth,

20 They of Chadias and Ammidioi, fiue
or, Aramah. hundreth, twentie & two: they of 'Cirama & Gabdes, ſix hundreth, twentie and one.

or, Macamer 21 They of 'Macalon, an hundreth twentie
or, Bethel. and two: they of 'Betolius, fiftie & two: the
or, Nebus. ſonnes of 'Nephis, an hundreth, fiftie & ſix.

22 The ſonnes of Calamolalus & Orius ſeuen hundreth, twentie and fiue: the ſonnes of Ierechus, thre hundreth, fortie & fiue.

or, Saaah 23 The ſonnes of 'Annaas, thre thouſand, thre hundreth and thirtie.

24 The Prieſts, the ſonnes of Ieddu, ỹ ſonne of Ieſus, *which are counted* among the ſonnes of Sanaſib, nine hundreth, ſeuẽtie and two: the ſonnes of Meruth, a thouſand fiftie and two.

or, Phaſſur 25 The ſõnes of 'Phaſſaron, a thouſand, for-
or, Charim. tie and ſeuen: the ſonnes of 'Carme, a thouſand and ſeuentene.

26 ¶ The Leuites. The ſõnes of Ieſſue, Cadmiel, Bannu and Suiu, ſeuentie and foure.

27 ¶ The ſonnes *which were* holie ſingers. The ſonnes of Aſaph, an hundreth, fortie and eight.

28 ¶ The porters. The ſonnes of Salum, the ſonnes of Iatal, the ſonnes of 'Tolman, the
or, Talmon. ſonnes of Dacobi, the ſonnes of Teta, the ſonnes of Samai: all *were* an hundreth, thirtie and nine.

29 The miniſters of the Temple. The ſonnes of Eſau, the ſonnes of Aſipha, the ſonnes of Tabaoth, the ſonnes of 'Ceras, the
or, Ceros. ſonnes of 'Sud, the ſonnes of Phaleu, ỹ ſonnes of Labana, the ſonnes of 'Agraba,
or, Sud. or, Hagaba. or, Acub

30 The ſonnes of 'Acrua, ỹ ſonnes of 'Outa,
or, Vta the ſonnes of Cetab, the ſonnes of 'Agaba,
or, Agab. ỹ ſonnes of 'Subai, the ſonnes of Anan, the
or, Sibe ſonnes of Cathua, the ſonnes of 'Geddur.
or, Cedur. or, Razia.

31 The ſonnes of 'Airus, the ſonnes of Daiſan, the ſonnes of 'Noeba, the ſonnes of
or, Nerida Chaſeba, the ſonnes of 'Gazera, the ſonnes
or, Gazera. of Azias, the ſonnes of Phinees, the ſonnes of Aſara, the ſonnes of 'Baſthai, the ſonnes
or, Bane. of Aſana, ỹ ſonnes of 'Meani, the ſonnes of
or, Meunim. 'Naphiſi, the ſonnes of 'Acub, the ſonnes
or, Naphiſon. or, Bacubub. of 'Acipha, the ſonnes of 'Aſur, the ſonnes
or, Acupha. or, Aſſur of Pharacim, the ſonnes of 'Baſaloth.
or, Baralath.

32 The ſonnes of 'Meeda, ỹ ſonnes of Coutha, the ſonnes of 'Corea, the ſonnes of
or, Mehida 'Charcus, the ſonnes of Aſerar, the ſonnes
or, Charſiſha. or, Barcus. of 'Thomoi, the ſonnes of 'Naſith, the ſonnes of Atipha.
or, Thomoth. or, Naſiſh.

33 The ſonnes of the ſeruants of Salomon. The ſonnes of 'Aſaphion, the ſonnes of
or, Hagaphereth 'Phatira, the ſonnes of 'Ieeli, the ſonnes of
or, Pharuda. or, Ierlah. Lozon, the ſonnes of Iſdael, the ſonnes of 'Sapheth.
or, Saphetia.

34 The ſonnes of Agia, ỹ ſonnes of 'Phachthreth, the ſonnes of 'Sabie, the ſonnes of
or, Phacareth. or, Sabia. 'Sarothie, the ſonnes of Maſias, the ſonnes
or, Sparcia. of Gar, the ſonnes of 'Addus, the ſonnes
or, Addus. of 'Subas, the ſonnes of Apherra, the ſonnes of Barodis, the ſonnes of Sabat, the ſonnes of Allom.
or, Sabath.

35 All the miniſters of the Temple, and the ſonnes of the ſeruãts of Salomon *were* thre hundreth, ſeuentie and two.

36 Theſe came vp from 'Thermeleth and
or, Thelmeleth & Thelharſa Cnasibalas & Alar. Thelerſas: Caraathalat and Aalar leading them.

37 Nether colde they ſhewe their families nor their ſtocke how they were of Iſrael, the ſonnes of 'Ladan the ſonne of 'Ban, the
or, Dalaias. or, Tubia. ſonnes of 'Necodan, ſix hundreth fiftie
or, Necoda and two.

38 And of the Prieſts thoſe which exerciſed the office of Prieſts, & were not foũde, ỹ ſonnes of 'Obdia, the ſonnes of 'Accos,
or, Hobia. or, Haccos. the ſonnes of Addus, *which had taken for* Ezra 2, 61. wife Augia, *one* of the daughters of 'Berzelaius.
or, Barzellai.

39 And was called after his name, and when the description of the kinred of these men had bene sought in the registre, and colde not be founde, they were set a parte from the office of Priests.

*or, Nehemias & Atharias.

40 For "Neemias and Attharias said to thē that they shulde not be partakers of the holie thigs, til there arose an hie Priest clothed with doctrine and trueth.

*or, fortie and two thousand, thre hundreth & sixty.

41 So all they of Israel from them of twelue yere olde and litle children, were "fortie thousand besides men seruants and women seruants, two thousand, thre hūdreth and sixtie.

42 Their seruants and handmaides *were* seuen thousand, thre hundreth, fortie and seuen: the singing men and women, two hundreth, fortie and fiue:

*or, asses.

43 Camelles, foure hundreth, thirtie and fiue: and horses, seuen hundreth, thirtie and six: mules, two hundreth, fortie and fiue: "beastes that bare ỹ yocke, fiue thousand, fiue hundreth, twentie and fiue.

44 And *there were* of the gouernours after their families, *which* when they were come to the Temple in Ierusalem, vowed to buyld the House in his owne place according to their power,

*or, of gold twelue thousand pūde, & of siluer fiue, &c.

45 And to giue to the treasure of the workes, "a thousand pound in golde, and fiue thousand pound in siluer, and an hundreth priestlie garments.

*or, quarters.

46 And the Priests and the Leuites and the people dwelt in Ierusalem and in the countrei, & the holie singers & the porters and all Israel in their "villages.

Ezra 3.1.

47 ¶ But* when the seuenth moneth was nere, and when the children of Israel were euerie one at home, they were all gathered together with one accorde into the open place of the first gate, which is towarde the East.

48 Then Iesus the sonne of Iosedec and his brethren the Priests with Zorobabel the sonne of Salathiel & his brethrē, rising vp, made ready ỹ altar of the God of Israel,

49 To offre burnt offrings vpon it according as it is writen in the boke of Moyses the man of God.

50 Whither also there were gathered agaīst them of all nacions of the land: but they dressed the altar in his owne place, although all the nacions of the land were their enemies and vexed them, and they offred sacrifices according to the season, and burnt offrings to the Lord, morning & euening.

Leui.23,34.

51 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is* ordeined in the Law, & *offred* sacrifices euerie day, as was requisite,

52 And afterwarde, the continual oblations and offrings of the Sabbaths & of the new moneths & of all holy feasts.

Ezra 3.8.

53 ¶ And all* thei which had made any vowe to God, began to offre sacrifice vnto God in the first day of ỹ seuēth moneth, although the Temple of God was not yet buylt.

54 They gaue also money to the masons & to the workemen, and meat and drinke with gladnes,

55 And charrets to the Sidonians and to those of Tyrus to bring ceder wood out of Libanus, which shulde be broght by flots to the hauen of Ioppe according to the commandement giuen vnto them by Cyrus King of Persia.

56 And in the second yere and second moneth came into the Temple of God in Ierusalem, Zorobabel the sonne of Salathiel, and Iesus the sonne of Iosedec, and their brethrē, and the Priests & Leuites, and all they that came out of captiuitie into Ierusalem,

Eccles.49.15.

57 And * layed the fundacion of the House of God in the first day of the second moneth of the second yere after their returne into Iudea and Ierusalem.

58 And they appointed ỹ Leuites frō twētie yere olde ouer the workes of the Lord, and Iesus & his sonne, & his brethrē, & his brother Cadmiel, & the sonnes of Madiabon with the sonnes of Ioda, the sonne of Heliadun, with their sonnes, & brethren, *euen* all the Leuites with one accorde did followe after the worke, calling vpō the workes in the House of God: thus the workemen buyld the Temple of the Lord.

59 And the Priests stode clothed with their long garments with musical *instruments* & trumpets, and the Leuites the sonnes of Asaph with cymbales,

60 Singing & blessing ỹ Lord, according to the ordināce of Dauid King of Israel.

61 And they sung with loud voice songs to the praise of the Lord, because his mercie and glorie *is* for euer in all Israel.

62 Then all the people blewe trumpets, and cryed with loud voice, praising ỹ Lord for the raising vp of the House of the Lord.

63 Also some of the Priests & Leuites, and chief men, *to wit*, the Ancients, which had sene the former House,

64 Came *to se* the buyldīg of this with weping and great crying, & manie with trūpets and ioye *cryed* with loude voice,

65 So that the people colde not heare the trūpets, because of the weping of the people: yet there was a great multitude that blew trūpets so that thei were heard far of.

66 ¶ Wherefore when the enemies of the tribes of Iuda & Beniamin heard it, they came to know what noise of trūpets it was,

67 And they knewe that they of the captiuitie buylt the Temple to the Lord God of Israel.

68 Wherefore they coming to Zorobabel, & Iesus, and the chief of the families, said vnto

vnto them, Let vs buyld also with you.
69 For we obey your Lord, as you do, and
Or, Asarets. or, Asarhadon sacrifice vnto him since the dayes of "Asbasareth King of the Assyrians, which brought vs hether.
70 Then Zorobabel, and Iesus, & the chief of the families of Israel said to them, It doeth not apperteine to vs, and to you to buyld an House to the Lord our God.
71 For we alone wil buylde it to the Lord
Ezra.4.4. God of Israel, as it becometh vs, & as *Cyrus the King of the Persians bad vs.
72 Howbeit the people of the land made them sluggish that were in Iudea, and letted them to buyld the worke, and by their ambushments and seditions & conspiracies hindred the finishing of the buyldig,
73 All the time of King Cyrus life: so that they were let from the buylding two yere, vntil the reigne of Darius.

CHAP. VI.

1 Of Aggeus and Zacharias. 2 The buylding of the Temple. 3 Sisinnes wolde let them. 7 His epistle to Darius. 23 The Kings answer to the contrarie.

Ezra.5.1. zech.1. 1 BVt *in the second yere of the reigne of Darius, Aggeus & Zacharias the sonne of Addo ỹ Prophetes prophecied to the Iewes, euen vnto them that were in Iudea and Ierusalem, in the Name of the Lord God of Israel, which they called* *Gre. vpō them. "vpon.
2 Then Zorobabel sonne of Salathiel, and Iesus the sonne of Iosedec stode vp, and began to buylde the House of the Lord, w̃ is in Ierusalem, the Prophetes of the Lord being with them, & helping them.
3 ¶ In that time Sisinnes the gouernour of Syria, and Phenice, and Sathrabouzanes with his companions came vnto them,
4 And said vnto them, By whose commandement buyld you this House & this buylding, and enterprise all these other things? and who are the buylders that enterprise suche things?
5 But the Ancients of the Iewes had grace of the Lord after that he had visited the captiuitie,
6 That they were not letted to buyld, vntil it was signified vnto Darius of these matters, and an answer was receiued.
7 ¶ The copie of the epistle, which he did write and send to Darius, SISINNES gouernour of Syria and of Phenice, and Sathrabouzanes, and their companiõs, presidents in Syria and Phenice, salute King Darius.
8 It may please the King our master plainely to vnderstand, that when we came to the countrey of Iudea, and entred into the citie of Ierusalem, we found in the citie of Ierusalem the Ancients of the Iewes that were o the captiuitie,
9 Buylding an House to the Lord, great & newe, of hewen stones, and of great price, and the timber all ready laid vpon the walles.
10 And these workes are done with great spede, yea, and the worke hathe good successe in their hands, so that it wil be finished with all glorie & diligence.
11 Then we asked their Ancients, saying, By whose commandement buyld you this House & lay ỹ fundacion of these workes?
12 We asked them these things to the intẽt to notifie them to thee, and to write to thee the men that gouerned it: therefore we demãded the names of the gouernours in writing.
13 But they answered, saying, We are the seruants of the Lord, which hathe created the heauen and the earth.
14 And *this House was buylt vp manie ye- *1.King.6.1.*
res ago by a King of Israel great & strõg, and was finished.
15 But when our fathers, prouoking *God* to wrath, sinned against the Lord of Israel, *which is* in heauẽ,* he deliuered them into *2 King 24.1.*
the hands of Nabuchodonosor King of Babylon of the Chaldeans,
16 *Who* brake downe the House & burnt it, & caryed the people captiue to Babylon.
17 But in the first yere of the reigne of Cyrus ouer the countrey of Babylon, King Cyrus wrote that this House shulde be buylt vp.
18 And ỹ holie vessels of golde & of siluer, which Nabuchodonosor had caryed out of the House at Ierusalem, & had dedicated them in his owne Temple, Cyrus the King toke out of the Tẽple at Babylon, & they were giuen to Zorobabel, and to "Sa- *or, Shesbbazar.*
nabassarus ruler.
19 And a cõmandement was giuẽ vnto him, ỹ he shulde cary away those vessels, & put thẽ in ỹ Tẽple at Ierusalẽ, & that this Tẽple of ỹ Lord shulde be buylt in this place.
20 Thẽ the same Sanabassarus, being come hether, layed the fundations of the House of the Lord at Ierusalem, and since that time til now, it is in buylding, & is not finished.
21 Now therefore if it please the King, let it be soght vp in the Kings libraries concerning Cyrus.
22 And if it be found that the buylding of ỹ House of the Lord at Ierusalem hathe bene done by the cõsent of King Cyrus, & if it seme good to the lord our King, let him make vs answer cõcerning these things.
23 Then King Darius commanded to searche in the Kings libraries, that were in Babylon, and there was founde in Ecbatane, which is a towre in the region of Media, a place where suche things were layed vp for memorie.

24 In the firſt yere of the reigne of Cyrus, King Cyrus commãded the Houſe of the Lord at Ieruſalem to be buylded, where thei did ſacrifice with the continual fyre.

25 Of the ẅ the height *ſhulde be* of threſcore cubites, the breadth of threſcore cubites with thre rowes of hewen ſtones, & one rowe of newe wood of that countrey, and that the coſts ſhulde be payed out of the houſe of King Cyrus.

26 And that the holie veſſels of the Houſe of the Lord, aſwel thoſe of golde as of ſiluer, which Nabuchodonoſor had caryed out of the houſe in Ieruſalem, and broght into Babylon, ſhulde be reſtored to the Houſe, which is in Ieruſalem, & ſet in the place where they were *afore*.

27 Alſo he commanded that Siſinnes, gouernour of Syria and Phenice, and Sathabouzanes, and their companions, and thoſe which were conſtitute captaines in Syria and Phenice, ſhulde take hede to refraine from that place, and to ſuffer Zorobabel the ſeruant of the Lord, and gouernour of Iudea, and the Elders of the Iewes to buyld that Houſe of the Lord in that place.

28 And I alſo haue commanded to buyld it cleane vp againe, and that they be diligent to helpe them of the captiuitie of the Iewes, til the Houſe of the Lord be finiſhed,

29 And that ſome parte of the tribute of Coeloſyria and Phenice ſhulde be diligently giuen to theſe men for ſacrifice vn to the Lord, and to Zorobabel the gouernour, for bulles, rams and lambes:

30 Alſo corne, & ſalte, and wine, and oile continually euerie yere without faile, as the Prieſts, which are in Ieruſalem ſhal teſtifie to be ſpent euerie day,

31 That offrings may be made to the high God for the King, and his children, & that they may pray for their liues.

32 Furthermore he commanded that whoſoeuer ſhulde tranſgreſſe anie thing afore ſpoken or written, or derogate anie thing thereof, that a tre ſhulde be taken out of his poſſeſſion, and he be hanged thereon, and that his goods ſhulde be the Kings.

33 And therefore let the Lord whoſe Name is there called vpon, deſtroye euerie King and nation, which ſtretcheth out his hãd to hinder or do euil to that Houſe of the Lord which is in Ieruſalem.

Ezra 6.11. 34 *I Darius the King haue ordeined that it ſhulde be diligẽtly executed according to theſe things.

CHAP. VII.

1 Siſinnes and his companions follow the Kings commandement and helpe the Iewes to buyld the Teple 5 The time that it was buylt. 10 They kepe the Paſſeouer.

1 THen Siſinnes the gouernour of Coeloſyria and Phoenice, and Sathrabouzanes, & their companiõs, obeying King Darius commandements,

2 Aſsiſted diligently the holie workes, working with the Ancients and gouernours of the Sanctuarie.

3 And the holie workes proſpered by Aggeus and Zacharias the Prophetes which prophecied.

4 So they finiſhed all things by the commãdement of the Lord God of Iſrael, and with the conſent of Cyrus and Darius, and Artaxerxes Kings of the Perſians.

5 Thus the holie Houſe was finiſhed in the thre and twentieth day of the moneth Adar in the ſixt yere of Darius King of the Perſians.

6 ¶ And the childrẽ of Iſrael, and ỹ Prieſts and the Leuites, and the reſt, which were of the captiuitie, & had anie charge, did according to the things *written* in the boke of Moſes.

7 And they offred for the dedication of the Temple of the Lord, an hundreth bulles, two hundreth rams, foure hũdreth lambes,

8 *And* twelue goates for the ſinne of all Iſrael, according to the nomber of the chief of the tribes of Iſrael.

9 And the Prieſts, and the Leuites ſtode according to their kinreds clothed with long robes in the workes of the Lord God of Iſrael, according to the boke of Moſes, and alſo the porters in euerie gate.

10 And the children of Iſrael offred the Paſſeouer together with them of the captiuitie, in the fourtẽth *day* of the firſt moneth, after that the Prieſts and Leuites were ſanctified.

11 But all the children of the captiuitie were not ſanctified together, but all the Leuites were ſanctified together.

12 And they offred the Paſſeouer, for all the children of the captiuitie, and for their brethren the Prieſts, and for them ſelues.

13 Then all the children of Iſrael which were of the captiuitie did eat, *euen* all they that had ſeparated them ſelues from the abominations of the people of the land, and ſoght the Lord.

14 And they kept the feaſt of vnleauened bread ſeuen dayes, reioycing before the Lord,

15 Becauſe he had turned the counſel of the King of the Aſſyrians towardes them to ſtrengthen their hands in the workes of the Lord God of Iſrael.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Eſdras cometh from Babylon to Ieruſalem. 10 The copie of the commiſſion giuen by Artaxerxes. 29 Eſdras giueth thankes to the Lord 32 The nomber of the heads of the people that came with him. 76 His prayer and confeſſion.

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1 AND after theſe things when Artaxerxes King of the Perſians reigned, Eſdras *the ſonne* of "Saraias, *the ſonne* of Ezerias, *the ſonne* of Helcias, *the ſonne* of Salum,
"or, Azaria.
2 *The ſonne* of Sadoc, *the ſonne* of Achitob, *the ſonne* of Amarias, *the ſonne* of "Ezias, *the ſonne* of "Memeroth, *the ſonne* of "Zaraias, *the ſonne* of 'Sauias, *the ſonne* of Boccas, *the ſonne* of Abiſum, *the ſonne* of Phinees, *the ſonne* of Eleazar, *the ſonne* of Aaron was the hie Prieſt.
"or, Azarias
"or, Meraioth
'or, Sauia
"or, Azi
3 This Eſdras went out of Babylon, & was a ſcribe wel taught in the Law of Moyſes, giuen by the Lord God of Iſrael.
4 Alſo the King gaue him *great* honour, & he founde grace in his ſight in all his requeſtes.
5 With him alſo there departed ſome of the children of Iſrael, and of the Prieſts and Leuites, and of the holy ſingers, and of the porters, and of the miniſters of the Temple vnto Ieruſalem,
6 In the ſeuēth yere of the reigne of Artaxerxes, & in the fift moneth: this was the ſeuēth yere of the King (for they went out of Babylō in the firſt day of the firſt moneth,
7 And came to Ieruſalem according as the Lord gaue them ſpeed in their iournay)
8 For Eſdras had gotten great knowledge, ſo that he wolde let nothīg paſſe that was in the Law of the Lord, and in the cōmandements, and he taught all Iſrael all the ordinances and iudgements.
9 So the commiſsion writen by King Artaxerxes was giuen Eſdras the Prieſt and reader of the Law of the Lord: the copie thereof followeth.
10 King Artaxerxes to Eſdras the Prieſt, & reader of the Law of the Lord, Salutaciō.
11 Foraſmuche as I conſider things with pitie, I haue commanded that they that wil and deſire of the nacion of the Iewes, and of the Prieſts and Leuites, which are in our kingdome, ſhulde go with thee vnto Iſrael.
12 Therefore as many as be willing, let them departe together, as it hathe ſemed good to me and my ſeuen friends the counſellers,
13 That they may viſite the things that are in Iudea and Ieruſalem diligently, as it is contei:ned in the Law of the Lord,
14 And cary the gifts to the Lord of Iſrael in Ieruſalem, which I and my friends haue vowed: alſo all the golde and ſiluer, which ſhal be founde in the countrey of Babylon *apperteining* to the Lord in Ieruſalem,
15 With that which is giuen of the people to the Temple of the Lord their God, that it might be broght to Ieruſalem, aſwel ſiluer as golde, for bulles, and rams, & lambes, and things thereunto perteining,
16 That they may offer ſacrifices to the Lord vpon the altar of the Lord their God, which is in Ieruſalem.
17 And whatſoeuer thou and thy brethren wil do with the golde or ſiluer, accōpliſh it according to the wil of thy God.
18 And the holy veſſels of the Lord, which are giuen thee for the vſe of the Temple of thy God, which is in Ieruſalem, thou ſhalt ſet before thy God in Ieruſalem.
19 And what other things ſoeuer thou ſhalt remember for the vſe of the Temple of thy God, thou ſhalt giue it out of ỹ Kings treaſure.
20 And I alſo King Artaxerxes haue commanded the treaſurers of Syria and Phenice, that whatſoeuer Eſdras, the Prieſt & reader of the Law of the hieſt God, ſhal ſend for, they ſhulde giue it him with all ſpeede, euen to *the ſome of* an hundreth talents of ſiluer,
21 And likewiſe vnto an hundreth cores of corne, and an hundreth pieces of wine and other things in abundance.
22 Let all things be done to the hieſt God according to the Law of God with diligence, that wrath come not vpō the kingdome of the King and of his ſonnes.
23 Alſo to you it is commanded, that of none of ỹ Prieſts or Leuites, or holy ſingers, or porters or miniſters of the Temple, or of the workemen of this Temple, no tribute nor taxe be taken, nor that any haue power to taxe them in any thing.
24 Thou alſo, Eſdras, according to the wiſdome of God, ordeine iudges and gouernours, that they may iudge in all Syria & Phenice all thoſe which are wel inſtructed in thē Law of thy God, and teache thoſe, which are not inſtructed.
25 And let all thoſe which ſhal tranſgreſſe the Law of God & the King, be diligently puniſhed, ether with death, or other puniſhment, ether with penaltie of money, or baniſhment.
26 ¶ Thē Eſdras the ſcribe ſaid, Bleſſed be the onelie Lord God of my fathers, which hathe put this in the heart of the King to glorifie his Houſe which is in Ieruſalem,
27 And hathe honoured me before ỹ King, and the counſellers, and all his friends and gouernours.
28 ¶ *Therefore I was incouraged by the helpe of the Lord my God, and gathered men of Iſrael to go vp with me. *Eſr 8.22.
29 Theſe are the guides after their families and order of dignities, which came vp with me out of Babylon in the reigne of Artaxerxes the King.
30 Of the ſonnes of Phinees, Gerſom, of the ſonnes of Ithamar, Gamael, of the ſonnes of Dauid "Lettus.
"or, Hattus.

31 Of ỹ ſonnes of Sechenias, of the ſonnes of Phares, Zacharias, and with him were counted an hundreth and fiftie men.

or, Pahath, Moab, Eliœnai. 32 Of the ſonnes of "Salomõ, Abeliacnias *the ſonne* of Zacharias, and with him two hundreth men.

33 Of the ſonnes of Zathoe, Sechenias *the ſonne* of "Iezolus, & with him thre hũdreth men: of the ſonnes of Adin, "Obeth *ſonne* of Ionathas, and with him two hundreth and fiftie men.

or, Iezziel. *or, Obed.*

or, Ieſaias. 34 Of the ſonnes of Elam "Ieſias, *ſonne* of Gotholias, and with him ſeuentie men.

35 Of the ſonnes of Saphatias, Zarias *ſonne* of "Machael, and with him ſeuentie men.

or, Michael.

or, Obadiah, ſonne of Iechiel 36 Of the ſonnes of Ioab "Badias *ſonne* of Iezelus, and with him two hundreth and twelue men.

or, Baniah Aſelomith. 37 Of the ſonnes of "Banid, Aſſalimoth *ſonne* of Ioſaphias, and with him an hundreth and threſcore men.

38 Of the ſonnes of Babi, Zacharias *ſonne* of Bebai, and w̃ him twentie & eight mẽ.

or, Aſgad Iohanan ſonne of Ecceſhan. 39 Of the ſonnes of "Aſtath, Iohannes *ſonne* of Acatan, & with him an hundreth & tẽ.

40 Of the ſonnes of Adonicam the laſt: & theſe are the names of them, Eliphalat, "Ieouel and "Maias, and with them ſeuentie men: of the ſonnes of "Bagouthi *ſonne* of Iſcacourus, & with him ſeuentie men.

or, Iehel. *or, Semaias* *or, Bagai, Vti, ſonne of Iſtacuri*

41 ¶ And I gathered them together to the flood called *Theras, & pitched our tents there thre daies, and nombred them.

Ezr. 8. 15.

42 But when I had founde there none of the Prieſts nor Leuites,

43 I ſent to Eleazar, and beholde, there came "Maaſman, and Ainathan, & Samaian, and "Ieribon, & Nathan, Ennatan, Zacharian, & Moſollamon the chief, & beſt learned.

or, Maſma, Alnathan or Iarib, Elnathan Zacharie & Moſollam.

44 And I bad them to go to Daddeus the captaine, which was in the place of the treaſurie,

45 With charge to bidde Daddeus and his brethren, & the treaſurers that were there, to ſend to vs them, which ſhulde offer ſacrifice in the Houſe of our Lord.

46 And they broght vnto vs by the mightie hand of our Lord learned men of the ſonnes of Moli, *the ſonne* of Leui, *the ſonne* of Iſrael, *to wit*, "Ciſebebran & his ſonnes, and his brethren being eightene.

or, Sereblas.

or, Annon, Ieſaar *or, Cananaien.* 47 And Aſebia, and "Annon, & Oſaian his brethrẽ of the ſonnes of "Canaineus with their ſonnes, twentie perſones.

48 And of the miniſters of the Temple, w̃ Dauid gaue, & thoſe which were rulers ouer the worke of the Leuites, *to wit*, miniſters of the Temple, two hundreth & twẽtie, of whome all the names were regiſtred.

Ezr. 8. 21. 49 ¶ And *there I proclaimed a faſt for the yong men before the Lord to aſke of him a good iourney bothe for vs, and for them that were with vs, for our children, & for our cattel.

50 For I was aſhamed to aſke the King fotemen, or horſemen, or conduict for ſauegarde againſt our enemies,

51 Becauſe we had ſaid to the King, that the power of our Lord ſhulde be with thẽ that ſoght him to direct them in all thĩgs.

52 Wherefore we praied our Lord againe, according to theſe things, whome we founde fauorable.

53 Then I choſe from among the chief of ỹ tribes & of the Prieſts, twelue men, *to wit*, "Eſebrias and Aſſanias, and with them ten of their brethren.

or, Sereblas.

54 And I weighed them the ſiluer and the golde, & the holy veſſels of the Houſe of our Lord, which the King and his counſellers, & *his* princes, & all Iſrael had giue.

55 And I weighed thẽ, ſix hundreth & fifty talents of ſiluer, & ſiluer veſſels of an hundreth talẽts, & an hũdreth talẽts of golde,

56 And twentie golden baſens, & twelue veſſels of braſſe, of fine braſſe ſhining like golde.

57 And I ſaid to them, You are alſo holy to the Lord, and the veſſels are holy, and the golde, and the ſiluer is a vowe to the Lord of our fathers.

58 Watch and kepe *them*, til that you giue thẽ to the heads of the families of the Prieſts, and Leuites, and captaines of the families of Iſrael in Ieruſalem in the chãbers of the Houſe of our God.

59 So the Prieſts & Leuites toke the ſiluer and the golde, & the veſſels, & caryed thẽ to Ieruſalem to the Temple of the Lord.

60 And we departed frõ the flood Thera, in the twelueth *day* of the firſt moneth, & came to Ieruſalem, according to ỹ mightie power of our Lord with vs: and thẽ Lord deliuered vs from the beginning of our iourney from all enemies. So we came to Ieruſalem.

61 And thre daies being paſt there, in the fourth day the ſiluer that was weighed, & the golde was deliuered in the Houſe of our Lord to "Marmoth the Prieſt the ſonne of Iouri,

or, Marimoth the ſonne of Iauri of Vrie

62 And with him to Eleazar ỹ *ſonne* of Phinees: & there were with them, Ioſabad *the ſonne* of Ieſus, & "Moeth *ſonne* of Sabbanus, Leuites: all *was deliuered them* by nomber and weight.

or, Noedia, ſonnes ſonne of Bannus.

63 And all the weight of them was writen that ſame houre.

64 Afterwards thoſe that were come out of the captiuitie, offred ſacrifices to the Lord God of Iſrael, *euen* twelue bulles for all Iſrael, rams foure ſcore and ſixtene,

65 Lãbs thre ſcore & twelue, twelue goates for ſaluacion, all in ſacrifice to the Lord.

66 And they preſented the commandemẽts of the King to the Kings ſtewards, & to ỹ gouernours

gouernours of Coelosyria & Phenice who honored the people, and the Temple of God.

Ezra 9.10 67 ¶ *When these things were done, the gouernours came to me, saying, The people of Israel, the princes and the Priests, & the Leuites haue not separated *from them* the strange people of the land,

68 Nor the pollutions of the Gentiles, *to wit*, of the Cananites, and Chetites, and Pherezites, and Iebusites, and Moabites, and Egyptians, and Idumeans.

69 For they haue dwelt with their daughters, bothe they and their sonnes, and the holie sede is mixed with the strange people of the lād, & the gouernours & rulers haue bene partakers of this wickednes frō the beginning of the thing.

70 And assone as I had heard these things, I rent my clothes, and the holie garment, & I puiled the heere of mine head, and of my beard, and sate me downe sorowful, and verie sad.

71 Thē also all they that were moued with the worde of the Lord God of Israel, came to me whiles I wepte for the iniquitie, but I sate verie sad til the euening sacrifice.

72 Then I rose from the fast with my clothes torne, and the holie garment, and bowed my knees and stretched for the *mine* hands to the Lord,

Ezra 9.6. 73 And I said, *O Lord, I am ashamed, & cōfounded before thy face.

74 For our sinnes are increased aboue our heades, & our ignorances are lifted vp to heauen.

75 Yea, euen from the time of our fathers we are in great sinne vnto this day.

76 For our sinnes therefore, and our fathers we with our brethren, with our Kings and Priests haue bene giuen vp to the Kings of the earth, to the sworde and to captiuitie, and for a pray with all shame vnto this day.

77 And now how great hathe thy mercie bene, ô Lord, that *there* shulde be left vs a roote, and name in the place of thine holines!

78 And that thou shuldest reueale to vs a light in the House of the Lord our God, and giue vs meat in the time of our seruitude!

79 For when we were in bondage, we were not left of our God, but he gaue vs fauour before the Kings of the Persians, that thei shulde giue vs meat,

80 And that they shulde honour the Temple of our Lord, and raise vp Sion that is desolate, and giue vs assurance in Iudea & Ierusalem.

81 And now, ô Lord, what shal we say, hauing these things? for we haue transgressed thy commandements, which thou hast giuen by the hands of thy seruants the Prophetes, saying,

82 * Because the land, which ye go to inherite, is a land polluted by the pollucions of the strangers of the land, which haue filled it with their filthines, Deut 7.1.

83 Therefore now ye shal not ioyne *their* daughters with your sonnes, nether giue your daughters to their sonnes,

84 Nether shal you desire to haue peace with them for euer, that ye may be made strong, and eat the good things of the lād, and haue it for an inheritance to your children for euer.

85 Therefore all that is come to passe, was done for our wicked workes, and for our great sinnes: yet, Lord, thou hast forborne our sinnes,

86 And hast giuen vs suche a roote: *but* we againe haue turned backe to trāsgresse thy Law, & to mixe *vs* with the vnclennes of the people of the land.

87 Mightest thou not be angrie with vs to destroye vs, so that thou shuldest nether leaue vs roote nor sede nor name?

88 *But*, ô Lord of Israel, thou art true: for there is a roote left, *euen* vnto this day.

89 Beholde, we are now before thee with our iniquities, nether can we indure before thee for these things.

Ezra.10.3. 90 ¶ And * as Esdras prayed and confessed and wept, and laye vpon the grounde before the Temple, a verie great multitude was gathered vnto him out of Ierusalem of men and women, and yonge children: for there was great lamentation among the multitude.

Or, Iezel. 91 Then Iechonias ỹ sonne of Ieel of the sōnes of Israel, cryed out and said, O Esdras, we haue sinned against the Lord God: we haue taken in mariage strange women of the nacions of the land.

92 And now all Israel is douteful: therefore let vs make an othe concerning this to the Lord to put away all our wiues, which are strangers, with their children.

93 If it seme good to thee, and to all them that obey the Law of the Lord, rise vp *and* put it in execution.

94 For to thee doeth it apperteine, & we are with thee to make thee strong.

95 Then Esdras arose, & made all the chief of the families of the Priests and Leuites of all Israel to sweare, that they wolde do thus: and they sware.

CHAP. IX.

1 After Esdras had red the law for the strange wiues, 10 They promise to put them away.

1 THen * Esdras rose from the court of the Temple, & went to the chamber of Ioannan *the sonne* of Eliasib, Ezra.10.6.

2 And being lodged there, he did eat no

bread nor dranke water, but mourned for the great iniquities of the multitude.
3 And there was a proclamation in all Iudea and Ieruſalem to all them, that were of the captiuitie, that they ſhulde be gathe red to Ieruſalem,
4 And that all they which ſhulde not mete there within two or thre dayes, according to the ordinãce of the Elders, which bare rule, ſhulde haue their cattel confiſcate to the Temple, and he caſt out from among them of the captiuitie.
5 Then all they which were of the tribe of Iuda and Beniamin, came together within thre dayes into Ieruſalem: this was the ninth moneth and twentieth *day* of the moneth.
6 And all the multitude ſate in the broad place of the Temple ſhaking, becauſe of the extreme winter.
7 Then Eſdras aroſe and ſaid to them, Ye haue ſinned: for ye haue maried ſtrange wiues, ſo that ye haue augmented the ſinnes of Iſrael.
8 Now therefore confeſſe and glorifie the Lord God of our fathers,
9 And do his wil, and ſeparate your ſelues from the people of the land, and from the ſtrange wiues.
10 Then all the multitude cryed out and ſaid with a loude voyce, We wil do ſo as thou haſt ſaid.
11 But becauſe the multitude *is* great, and the time is winter, ſo that we can not ſtãd without, and the worke is not of one day nor of two, ſeing that manie of vs haue ſinned in this matter,
12 Let the chief men of the multitude and all they which haue ſtrange wiues of our families, tarie:
13 And let the Prieſts and iudges com? out of all places at the day appointed, til thei haue appeaſed the wrath of ỹ Lord againſt vs for this matter.
14 Then Ionathas Aſaels *ſonne*, and "Ezecias *ſonne* of 'Thecan were appointed concerning theſe things, and Moſollam and Sabbateus did helpe them.
15 And they which were of the captiuitie, did after all theſe things.
16 Eſdras the Prieſt alſo choſe him certeine men, chief of their families, all by name: & thei ſate togethei in the firſt day of the tenth moneth to examine this matter.
17 And they made and end of the things perteining to them that had maried ſtrange wiues in the firſt day of ỹ firſt moneth.
18 And there were founde of the Prieſts, which had maried ſtrange wiues,
19 Of the ſonnes of Ieſus, the *ſonne* of Ioſedec, & of *his* brethren "Mathelas, & Eleazar, and Ioribus, and "Ionadan.
20 Who alſo gaue their hands to caſt out their wiues, and offred a ram for *their* reconciliation in their purgation.
21 And of the ſonnes of Emmer " Ananias, and Zabdeus, and Canes, and Sameius, and Hiereel, and Azarias.
22 And of the ſonnes of "Phaiſu, Ellionas, Maſſias, Eſmaelus, and Nathanael, and "Ocidelus, and Talſas.
23 And of the Leuites "Iorabadus, and Semis, and Colius, who was called "Calitas, and Patheus, and Oudas, and Ionas.
24 Of the holie ſingers, "Eliazurus, Bacchurus.
25 Of the porters, "Sallumus, & Tolbanes.
26 Of them of Iſrael, of the ſonnes of Phorus, 'Hiermas, and Eddias, & Melchias, & Maelus, & Eleazar, & Aſibias, & "Banaias.
27 Of the ſonnes of "Ela, Matthanias, Zacharias, and" Hierielas, and "Hieremoth, and Aedias.
28 And of the ſonnes of "Zamoth, Eliadas, Eliſimus, Othonias, Iarimoth, and 'Sabatus, and Sardeus.
29 Of the ſonnes of 'Bebai, Ioannes, and Ananias, and "Ioſabad, and Ematheas.
30 Of the ſonnes of "Mani, Olamus, Mamuchus, Iedaias, Iaſubus, Iaſael, and Ieremoth.
31 And of the ſonnes of "Addi, Naathus, Mooſias, Laccunus, and Naidus, and Mathanias, and "Seſchel, and Balnuus, and Manaſſeas.
32 And of the ſonnes of Annas, Elionas, & Aſeas, and Melchias, and Sabbeus, and Simon a Choſamite.
33 And of the ſonnes of "Aſom, Altaneus, & "Matthias, and Bannaias, Eliphalat, & Manaſſes, and Semei.
34 And of the ſonnes of "Maani, Ieremias, Momdis, Omarus, Inel, Mamai, and Paclias, and Amos, Carabaſion and Euaſibus, and Mamnimatanaius, Eliſiaſis, Vamus, Eliali, Samis, Selemias, Nathanias, & of the ſonnes of Ozoias, Seſis, Eſril, Azailus, Samatas, Sambis, Ioſiphus.
35 And of the ſonnes of Ethna, Mazitias, Zabadias, Ethes, Inel, Banaias.
36 All theſe maryed ſtrange wiues, and put them away with their children.
37 And the Prieſts & the Leuites dwelt in Ieruſalem, & in the countrey, the firſt day of the ſeuenth moneth, and the childrẽ of Iſrael in their owne houſes.
38 ¶ * Then all the multitude aſſembled together with one conſent into the broad place before the gate of the Temple toward the Eaſt, *Nehe 8.1.*
39 And ſpake to Eſdras the Prieſt, and reader, that he ſhulde bring the Law of Moyſes, which had bene giue by the Lord God of Iſrael.
40 Then broght Eſdras the chief Prieſt the Law to all the multitude, bothe man and woman,

'or, Anani, & Zabiah.
'or, Phaſhur, Elionas Maaſſias, Iesmael.
"or, Olridel, and Alaſa
'or, Iosabad, Semei
'or, Galias, Pathaias, Iobudas
'or, Eliaſib, and Bacur
'or, Sallum.
'or, Remias.
"or, Banadias.
'or, Elam
'or, Iehiel
"or, Ieremoth, & Helias
'or, Zathoes, Eliadas, Eliſib
"or, Sabad, and Sardas
'or, Bebe
'or, Iosabas, and Emath
'or, Bani, Olam, Malluch, Idaias, Iasub.
'or, Addin, Naatus, Laccun.
Banaias
'or, Bezaleel, Balnus, Manasses,
'or, Hasam.
"or, Mathmai, Matathias.
'or, Ban, Ieremias, Momdi, Esram.
"or, Maaſias.
'or, Iedaliah.
'or, Iahazias.
'or, Thecua.

woman, and to all the Priests, that they might heare the Law the first day of the seuenth moneth.

41 And he red in the first broad place of the gate of the Temple, from morning to midday, before the men and the women, and all the multitude hearkened to ỹ Law.

42 So Esdras the Priest and reader of the Law, stode vpō a pulpet of wood that was prepared.

or, Mattithias. 43 And there stode by him "Matgathias, Sāmus, Ananias, Azarias, Ourias, Ezecias, Balasamus at his right hand,

or, Pedaias. 44 And at his left hand "Phaldaius, and Sail, Melchias, Aothasaphus, Nabarias.

45 Then Esdras toke ỹ boke of the Law before the multitude (for he sate honorably before them all)

46 And they all stode vpright when he expounded the Law, and Esdras blessed the Lord the moste hie God, the moste mightie God of hostes.

47 And the whole multitude cryed, Amen.

or, Banī. 48 Then Iesus and "Anus, and Sarabias, and Adimus, & Iacobus, Sabataias, Autanias, Maianias and Calitas, Azarias, & Ioazabdus, and Ananias, & Biatas the Leuites lift vp their hands, and fell downe on the grounde, and worshiped the Lord,

49 And taught the Law of the Lord, and stode also earnestly vpon the reading.

50 Then said 'Aththarates to Esdras the *'or, Nehemias* chief Priest and reader, & to the Leuites, that taught the multitude in all things, This day is holie vnto the Lord, and all haue wept in hearing of the Law.

51 Go therefore and eat the fat meates, & drinke the swete drinkes, and send presents to them that haue not.

52 For this day is holie to the Lord, and be not sorie: for the Lord God wil glorifie you.

53 So the Leuites commanded all these things to the people, saying, This day is holie to the Lord: be not sad.

54 Then they departed all to eat, and drinke, and to reioyce, and to giue presents to thē that had not, and to make good chere.

55 For they were yet filled with the wordes wherewith they were instructed, whē they were assembled together.

II. Esdras.

CHAP. I.

1 The people is reproued for their vnfaithfulnes. 30 God wil haue another people, if these wil not be reformed.

Esra 7.1. 1 THe second boke of the Prophet *Esdras, the sonne of Saraias, ỹ sonne of Azarias, the sonne of Helcias, the sonne of Sadanias, the sonne of Sadoc, the sonne of Achitob,

2 The sonne of Achias, ỹ sonne of Phinees, the sonne of Heli, the sonne of Amerias, the sonne of Asie, the sonne of Marimoth, the sonne of Aitua, the sonne of Ozias, the sonne of Borith, the sonne of Abisei, the sonne of Phinees, the sonne of Eleazar,

3 The sonne of Aaron (of the tribe of Leui) which *Esdras* was prisoner in the lād of Medes, in the reigne of Artaxerxes King of Persia.

Isa 58.1. 4 *And the worde of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

5 Go, and shewe my people their sinnes, & their children their wickednes, which thei haue cōmitted against me, that they may tel their childrens children.

6 For the sinnes of their fathers are increased in them, because they haue forgotten me, and haue offred vnto strange gods.

7 Haue not I brought them out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage? but they haue prouoked me vnto wrath, and despised my counsels.

8 Pull thou of then the heere of thine head, and cast all euil vpon them: for they haue not bene obedient vnto my Law, but they are a rebellious people.

9 How long shal I forbeare thē, vnto whome I haue done somuche good?

10 *Many Kings haue I destroied for their sakes: Pharao with his seruants and all his armie haue I smitten downe. *Exod. 14, 28.*

11 All the nacions haue I destroied before them: *I haue destroied the East, the people of the two countreis Tyrus and Sidō, and haue slaine all their enemies. *Numb 21, 24 Iosh. 8, 12.*

12 Speake thou therefore vnto thē, saying, Thus saith the Lord,

13 *I haue led you thorow the Sea, and haue giuen you a sure "way, since the beginning: *I gaue you Moyses for a guide, and Aaron for a Priest. *Exod 14, 29. "or, streete Exod 3, 10. & 4, 14.*

14 *I gaue you light in a piller of fyre, and great wonders haue I done amōg you: yet haue ye forgotten me, saith the Lord. *Exo. 13, 21.*

15 Thus saith ỹ Almightie Lord, The quailes *were a tokē vnto you: I gaue you tentes for sauegarde, wherein ye murmured: *Exod 16, 13. psal. 104, 40.*

16 And ye triumphed not in my Name for the destruction of your enemies, but ye yet murmure stil.

17 Where are the benefites, that I haue done for you? when ye were hungrie in the wildernes, *did ye not crye vnto me? *Nom. 14, 3.*

18 Saying, Why hast thou brought vs into

this wildernes to kill vs? It had bene better for vs to haue ſerued the Egyptians, then to dye in this wildernes.

19 I had pitie vpon your mournings, and gaue you Manna to eat: * ſo ye did eat Angels fode.

Wiſ 16,20.

20 *When ye were thirſtie, did not I cleaue the ſtone, & waters did flowe out to ſatiſfie you? from the heat I couered you with the leaues of the trees,

Nom 20,11. Wiſd.11,4.

21 And I gaue you fat countreis: I caſt out the Cananites, ỹ Pheresites, & Philiſtims before you: *what ſhal I do more for you, ſaith the Lord?

Iſa.5,4.

22 Thus ſaith the almightie Lord, * When ye were in the wildernes at the bitter waters, being a thirſt, and blaſpheming my Name,

Exod 15,25.

23 I gaue you not fyre for the blaſphemies, but caſt a tre into the water, and made the riuer ſwete.

24 What ſhal I do vnto thee, ô Iacob? thou *Iuda woldeſt not obey: I wil turne me to other nations, and vnto thoſe wil I giue my Name, that they may kepe my lawes.

Exod 32,8.

25 Seing ye haue forſaken me, I wil alſo forſake you: when ye aſke mercie of me, I wil not haue pitie vpon you.

26 * When ye call vpon me, I wil not heare you: for ye haue defiled your hands with blood, and your fete are ſwift to commit murther,

Iſa.1,15.

27 Althogh ye haue not forſaken me, but your owne ſelues, ſaith the Lord.

28 Thus ſaith the almightie Lord, Haue I not prayed you, as a father his ſonnes, and as a mother her daughters, and as a nurſe her yong babes,

29 That ye wolde be my people, as I am your God, and that ye wolde be my children, as I am your father?

30 *I gathered you together as an henne gathereth her chikens vnder her wings: but now what ſhal I do vnto you? I wil caſt you out from my ſight.

Mat 23,37.

31 *Whē you bring gifts vnto me, I wil turne my face from you for your ſolēne feaſt dayes: your new moones, & your circumciſions haue I forſaken.

Iſa 1,13.

32 I ſent vnto you my ſeruants the Prophetes, whome ye haue taken and ſlaine, and torne their bodies in pieces, whoſe blood I wil reuenge, ſaith the Lord.

33 Thus ſaith ỹ almightie Lord, Your houſe ſhalbe deſolate: I wil caſt you out as the winde doeth the ſtubble.

34 Your chiildren ſhal not haue generatiō: for thei haue deſpiſed my commandemēt, & done the thing that I hate before me.

35 Your houſes wil I giue vnto a people to come, who ſhal beleue me thogh they heare me not, and they, vnto whome I neuer ſhewed miracle, ſhal do the things that I command them.

36 Thogh they ſe no Prophetes, yet ſhal they hate their iniquities.

37 ¶ I wil declare the grace that I wil do for the people to come, whoſe children reioyce in gladnes, and thogh they haue not ſene me with bodelie eyes, yet in heart they beleue the things that I ſay.

38 Now therefore brother, beholde what great glorie, and ſe the people that come from the Eaſt.

39 Vnto whome I wil giue for leaders Abraham, Iſahac, Iacob, Oſeas, Amos, Micheas, Ioel, Abdias, Ionas,

40 Naum, Habacuc, Sophonias, Aggeus, Zacharias, and Malachias (which is called alſo the *meſſenger of the Lord) *Malach 3,1.*

CHAP. II.

The Synagogue findeth faute with her owne children. 18 The Gentiles are called.

1 THus ſaith the Lord, I broght this people out of bondage: I gaue them alſo my commandements by my ſeruants ỹ Prophetes, whome they wolde not heare, but deſpiſed my counſels.

2 The mother that bare them, ſaith vnto them, Go you away, ô children: for I am a widdowe and forſaken.

3 I broght you vp with gladnes, but with ſorowe and heauines haue I loſt you: for ye haue ſinned againſt ỹ Lord your God, and done the thing that diſpleaſeth him.

4 But what ſhal I now do vnto you? I am a widdowe and forſaken: go ye, ô my children, and aſke mercie of the Lord.

5 And thee, ô father, I call for a witnes for the mother of theſe children, which wolde not kepe my couenant,

6 That thou bring them to confuſion, and their mother to a ſpoile, that their kinred be not continued.

7 Let their names be ſcatred amōg the heathen: let them be put out of the earth, for they haue deſpiſed my couenant.

8 Wo vnto thee, Aſſur: for thou hideſt the vnrighteous in thee: ô wicked people, remember * what I did vnto Sodom and Gomorrha, *Gen 19,24.*

9 Whoſe lād is mixt with cloudes of pitch and heapes of aſhes: ſo wil I do vnto thē, that heare me not, ſaith the almightie Lord.

10 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord vnto Eſdras, Tel my people, that I wil giue them the kingdome of Ieruſalem, which I wolde haue giuen vnto Iſrael.

11 And I wil get me glorie by them, and giue thē the euerlaſting tabernacles, whiſh I had prepared for thoſe.

12 They ſhal haue at wil the tre of life, ſmelling of ointement: they ſhal nether labour nor be weary.

13 Go ye, & ye ſhal receaue it: pray that the time,

time,which is long,may be ſhortened: the kingdome is already prepared for you: watche.

14 Take heauen and earth to witnes: for I haue aboliſhed the euil, and created the good:for I liue,ſaith the Lord.

15 Mother,embrace thy children,and bring them vp with gladnes: make their fete as faſt as a piller:for I haue choſen thee,ſaith the Lord.

16 And thoſe that be dead, wil I raiſe vp from their places, and bring them out of the graues: for I haue knowen my Name in Iſrael.

17 Feare not,thou mother of the children: for I haue choſen thee,ſaith the Lord.

18 I wil ſend thee my ſeruants Eſaie and Ieremie to helpe thee,by whoſe counſel I haue ſanctified & prepared for thee twelue trees laden with diuers frutes,

19 And as many fountaines, flowing with milke and hony,and ſeuen mightie mountaines, whereupon there growe roſes and lilies, whereby I wil fil thy children with ioye.

20 Execute iuſtice for the widdowe: iudge the caſe of the fatherles: giue to the poore: defende the fatherles:clothe the naked.

21 Heale the wounded,and ſicke: laugh not a lame man to ſcorne: defend the crepel, and let the blinde come into the light of my clerenes.

22 Kepe the olde & the yong that are within thy walles.

Tob.1,20. 23 *Whereſoeuer thou findeſt the dead,take them and burye them, and I wil giue thee the firſt place in my reſurrection.

24 Abide ſtil,ô my people,and reſt: for thy quietnes ſhal come.

25 Nouriſh thy childrē, ô thou good nurſe:ſtabliſh their fete.

26 None of the ſeruants that I haue giuen thee,ſhal periſh: for I wil ſeke them from among thy nomber.

27 Be not weary:for when the day of trouble and heauines commeth, other ſhal wepe and be ſoroweful, but thou ſhalt be mery and haue abundance.

28 The heathen ſhal enuie thee, and ſhal do nothing againſt thee,ſaith the Lord.

29 Mine hands ſhal couer thee, ſo that thy children ſhal not ſe hell.

30 Be ioyful,ô thou mother,with thy children: for I wil deliuer thee, ſaith the Lord.

31 Remember thy children that ſlepe:for I wil bring thē out of the ſides of the earth, and wil ſhewe mercie vnto them: for I am merciful,ſaith the Lord almightie.

32 Embrace thy children, vntil I come and ſhewe mercie vnto thē: for my fountaines runne ouer,and my grace ſhal not faile.

33 I Eſdras receiued a charge of the Lord vpon the mount Horeb, that I ſhulde go vnto them of Iſrael, but when I came to them,their caſt me of,and deſpiſed the cōmandement of the Lord.

34 And therefore I ſay vnto you, ô ye heathen,that heare and vnderſtand, Wait for your ſhepherd, who ſhal giue you euerlaſting reſt: for he is nere at hand, that ſhal come in the end of the worlde.

35 Be ready to the rewarde of the kingdome:for the euerlaſting light ſhal ſhine vpō you for euermore.

36 Flie the ſhadowe of this worlde: receiue ỹ ioye of your glorie:I teſtifie my Sauiour openly.

37 Receiue the gift that is giuen you, and be glad,giuing thankes vnto him, that hathe called you to the heauenlie kingdome.

38 Ariſe,and ſtand vp, and beholde the nōber of thoſe that are ſealed for the feaſt of the Lord,

39 Which are departed from the ſhadowe of the worlde, and haue receiued glorious garments of the Lord.

40 Take thy nomber, ô Sion, and ſhut vp them that are clothed in white,which haue fulfilled the Law of the Lord.

41 The nōber of thy children whome thou longeſt for,is fulfilled:beſeche ỹ power of the Lord,that thy people which haue bene called frō the beginning,may be ſanctified.

Reuel.7,9. 42 *I Eſdras ſawe vpō mount Sion a great people whome I colde not nomber, and they all praiſed the Lord with ſongs.

43 And in the middes of them there was a yong man hier in ſtature then them all, & vpō euerie one of their heads he ſet crownes,and was hier then the others, which I muche marueiled at.

44 So I aſked the Angel,and ſaid,Who are theſe, my lord?

45 Who anſwered,and ſaid vnto me,Theſe be they, that haue put of the mortal clothing, and haue put on the immortal, and haue cōfeſſed the Name of God: now are they crowned,and receiue the palmes.

46 Then ſaid I vnto ỹ Angel, What yong man is it,that ſetteth crownes on them, & giueth them the palmes in their hands.

47 And he anſwered, & ſaid vnto me, It is the ſonne of God,whome they haue confeſſed in the worlde. Then began I greatly to commende them, that had ſtand ſo ſtrongly for the Name of the Lord.

48 Then the Angel ſaid vnto me, Go thy way, and tel my people,what, and how great wonders of the Lord God thou haſt ſene.

CHAP. III.

4 *The wonderous workes,which God did for the people, are recited.* 31 *Eſdras marueileth that God ſuffereth the Babylonians to haue rule ouer his people. Whose wayes are ſyniers alſo.*

1 IN the thirtieth yere after the fall of the citie, as I was at Babylon, I lay troubled vpon my bed, and my thoghts came vp to mine heart,
2 Becauſe I ſawe the deſolacion of Sion, & the wealth of them that dwelt at Babylon.
3 So my ſpirit was ſore moued, ſo that I beganne to ſpeake fearful wordes to the moſt High, and ſaid,
4 O Lord, Lord, thou ſpakeſt at the beginning when thou alone plantedſt the earth, and gaueſt cõmandemẽt vnto the people,
Gen 2,7. 5 *And a bodie vnto Adam, without ſoule, who was alſo the workemanſhip of thine hands, and haſt breathed in him the breth of life, ſo that he liued before thee,
6 And leddeſt him into Paradiſe, which thy right hand had planted, or euer the earth *for, went forward.* broght forthe.
7 Euen then thou gaueſt him commandement to loue thy way but he tranſgreſſed it, and immediatly thou appointedſt death to him and his generacion, of whome came nacions, tribes, people and kinreds out of nomber.
Gen.6,12. 8 *And euerie people walked after their owne wil, and did wonderful things before thee, and deſpiſed thy commandements.
Gen.7,10. 9 *But at ỹ time appointed thou broght eſt the flood vpon thoſe ỹ dwelt in the worlde and deſtroiedſt them,
10 So that by the flood, that came to euerie one of them, which came by death vnto Adam,
2.Pet.3,20. 11 Yet thou lefteſt one, *euen* *Noe, with his houſholde, of whome came all righteous men.
12 And when they that dwelt vpon ỹ earth, began to multiplie, and the nomber of the children, people and many nacions were increaſed, they began to be more vngodlie then the firſt.
Gen.12,1. Gen 17,5. 13 Now when they liued wickedly before thee, *thou dideſt choſe thee a man from among them, whoſe name was *Abraham.
14 Whome thou louedſt, and vnto whome onely thou ſhewedſt thy wil,
15 And madeſt an euerlaſting couenãt with him, promiſing him that thou woldeſt neuer forſake his ſede.
Gen 21,2. Gen 25,25. Malac.1,2. rom.9,13. 16 *And vnto him thou gaueſt Iſahac, *vnto Iſahac alſo thou gaueſt Iacob and Eſau, *and dideſt choſe Iacob, and caſt of Eſau, and ſo Iacob became a great multitude.
Exod.19,3. deu.4,10. 17 And whẽ thou leddeſt his ſede out of Egypt, *ỹ broghteſt thẽ vp to mount Sina,
18 And enclinedſt the heauens and bowedſt downe the earth, and dideſt moue the grounde, and cauſe the depths to ſhake, and dideſt aſtoniſh the worlde.
19 And thy glorie went thorowe foure gates of fyre, with earthquakes, winde and colde, that thou mighteſt giue the Lawe vnto the ſede of Iacob, and that which the generacion of Iſrael ſhulde diligently obſerue.
20 Yet tokeſt thou not away from them the wicked heart, that thy Law might bring forthe frute in them.
21 For * Adam firſt hauing a wicked heart, *Gen 3,6.* was ouercome and vainquiſhed, & all they that are borne of him.
22 Thus remained weakenes ioyned with the lawe in the hearts of the people, with the wickednes of the roote: ſo that the good departed away, & the euil abode ſtil.
23 So the times paſſed away, and the yeres were broght to an end, *til thou dideſt rai- *1 Sam. 16,13.* ſe thee vp a ſeruant called Dauid,
24 *Whome thou commandedſt to buyld a *2.Sam.5,1.* citie vnto thy Name, to call vpon thee therein with incenſe and ſacrifice.
25 Whẽ this was done many yeres, the inhabitants forſoke thee,
26 Following the waies of Adam and all his generacion: for they alſo had a wicked heart.
27 Therefore thou gaueſt thy citie ouer into the hands of thine enemies.
28 But do they that dwell at Babylon, any better, that they ſhulde haue the dominiõ of Sion?
29 For when I came thether, and ſawe their wicked dedes without nomber (for this is the thirtieth yere that I ſe many treſpacing) I was diſcouraged.
30 For I ſawe, how thou ſufferedſt them that ſinne, and ſpareſt the wicked doers, where as thou haſt deſtroied thine owne people, and preſerued thine enemies, and thou haſt not ſhewed it.
31 I can not perceiue how this commeth to paſſe. Are the dedes of Babylon better then they of Sion?
32 Or is there any other people ỹ knoweth thee beſides Iſrael? or what generacion hathe ſo beleued thy Teſtimonies, as Iacob?
33 And yet their rewarde appeareth not, and their labour hathe no frute: for I haue gone here & there thorow out the heathẽ, and I ſe them floriſh, and thinke not vpon thy commandements.
34 Weigh ỹ therefore our wickednes now in the balance, and theirs alſo that dwell in the worlde, and no mention of thee ſhal be founde but in Iſrael.
35 Or when is it that they that dwell on the earth, haue not ſinned in thy ſight? or what people hathe ſo kept thy commandements?
36 Thou ſhalt ſurely finde that Iſrael by name hathe kept thy precepts, but not the heathen.

CHAP.

CHAP. IIII.

2 *The Angel reproueth Esdras, because he semed to entre into the profounde iudgements of God.*

1 AND the Angel that was sent vnto me, whose name was Vriel, answered,

2 And said, Thine heart hathe taken to muche vpon it in this worlde, and thou thinkest to comprehende the waies of the Hiest.

3 Thē said I, Yea, my lord. And he answered me, and said, I am sent to shewe thee thre waies, and to set forthe thre similitudes before thee,

4 Whereof if thou canst declare me one, I wil shewe thee also the way, that thou desirest to se, and I wil shewe thee from whence the wicked heart cometh.

5 And I said, Tell on, my lord. Then said he vnto me, Go thy way: weigh me the weight of the fyre, or measure me ỹ blast of the winde, or call me againe the daye that is past.

6 Then answered I, and said, What man is borne, that can do that, which thou requirest me, concerning these things?

7 And he said vnto me, If I shulde aske thee how depe dwellings are in the middes of the sea, or how great springs are in the beginning of the depth, or how great springs are in the stretching out of the heauen, or which are the borders of Paradise,

8 Peraduenture thou woldest say vnto me, I neuer went downe to the depe, nor yet to the hell, nether did I euer clime vp to heauen.

9 But now haue I asked thee but of fyre & winde, and of the day, whereby thou hast passed, and from the which things thou canst not be separated, and yet canst thou giue me none answer of them.

10 He said moreouer vnto me, Thine owne things, and suche as are growen vp with thee, canst thou not knowe:

11 How shulde thy vessel then be able to comprehend the wayes of the Hiest, and now outwardly in the corrupt worlde, to vnderstand the corruption, that is euident in my sight?

12 Then said I vnto him, It were better that we were not at all, thē that we shulde liue in wickednes, and to suffer, and not to knowe wherefore.

Iudg 9.8. 2.chro. 25.18.

13 And he answered me, & said, * I came to a forest in the plaine where the trees helde a counsel,

14 And said, Come, let vs go fight against the sea, that it may giue place to vs, and that we may make vs more woods.

15 Likewise the floods of the sea toke coũsel and said, Come, let vs go vp and fight againſt the trees of the wood, that we may get another countrey for vs.

16 But the purpose of the wood was vaine: for the fyre came and consumed it.

17 Likewise also the purpose of the floods of the sea: for the sand stode vp and stopped them.

18 If thou were iudge betwene these two, whome woldest thou iustifie, or whome woldest thou condemne?

19 I answered and said, Verely it is a foolish purpose, that thei bothe haue deuised: for the grounde is appointed for ỹ wood, and the sea hathe his place to beare his floods.

20 Then answered he me, and said, Thou hast giuen a right iudgemēt: but why iudgest thou not thy self also?

21 For like as the grounde is appointed for the wood, and the sea for his floods, so * they that dwell vpon earth, can vnderstād nothing, but that which is vpō earth: & they that are in the heauens, the things that are aboue the height of the heauens.

Isa 55.8. ioh 3.32. 1.cor.2.13.

22 Then answered I, & said, I beseche thee, ô Lord, let vnderstanding be giuen me.

23 For I did not purpose to inquire of thine hie things, but of suche as we daiely medle with all, *namely* wherfore Israel is made a reprochе to the heathen, and for what cause the people, whome thou hast loued, is giuen ouer to wicked nacions, and why the Law of our fathers is abolished, and the writen ceremonies are come to none effect,

24 Why we are tossed to and fro through the worlde as the grashoppers, and our life is a very feare, and we are not thoght worthie to obteine mercie.

25 But what wil he do to his Name, which is called vpon ouer vs? Of these things haue I asked the question.

26 Then answered he me, and said, The more thou searchest, the more thou shalt maruel: for the worlde hasteth fast to passe away,

27 And can not cōprehend the things, that are promised to the righteous in time to come: for this worlde is ful of vnrighteousnes and weakenes.

28 But to declare thee the things whereof thou askest, the euil is sowen, but the destruction thereof is not yet come.

29 If the euil now that is sowē, be not turned vp side downe, and if the place where the euil is sowen, passe not away, then can not the thing come, that is sowen ẅ good.

30 For the corne of euil sede hathe bene sowen in the heart of Adam from the beginning, & how muche vngodlines hathe he broght vp vnto this time? & how much shal he bring forthe vntil the harueſt come?

31 Pondre with thy self, how muche frute

of wickednes the corne of euil ſede bringeth forthe,
32 And when the ſtalkes ſhalbe cut downe, which are without nomber, how great an harueſt muſt be prepared.
33 Then I anſwered, and ſaid, How, & when ſhal theſe things come to paſſe? wherefore are our yeres fewe and euil?
34 And he anſwered me, ſaying, Haſte not to be aboue ȳ moſte High: for thou laboreſt in vaine to be aboue him, though thou indeuer neuer ſo muche.
35 Did not the ſoules alſo of the righteous aſke queſtion of theſe things in their chābers, ſaying, How long ſhal I thus hope? & when cometh the frute of my barne and our wages?
36 And vpon this Ieremiel the Archangel anſwered, and ſaid, When the nomber of ȳ ſedes is filled in you: for he hathe weighed the worlde in the balance.
37 The meaſure of the times is meaſured: the ages are counted by nomber, and they ſhal not be moued or ſhaken, til the meaſure thereof be fulfilled.
38 Then anſwered I, & ſaid, O lord, lord, we are all euen full of ſinne,
39 And for our ſake paraduenture the harueſt of ȳ righteous is not fulfilled, becauſe of the ſinne of them that dwell vpō earth.
40 So he anſwered me, and ſaid, Go, & aſke a woman with childe, when ſhe hathe fulfilled her nine moneths, if her wombe may kepe the birth anie longer within her.
41 Then ſaid I, No, lord, ſhe can not. And he ſaid vnto me, In the graue the places of ſoules are like the wombe.
42 For as ſhe that is with childe, haſteth to eſcape the neceſsitie of the trauail, ſo do theſe places haſt to deliuer thoſe thigs that are committed vnto them.
43 That which thou deſireſt to ſe, ſhalbe ſhewed thee from the beginning.
44 Then anſwered I, and ſaid, If I haue founde grace in thy ſight, and if it be poſſible, and if I be mete therefore,
45 Shewe me whether there be more to come then is paſt, or more things paſt, then are to come.
46 What is paſt, I knowe, but what is to come, I knowe not.
47 And he ſaid vnto me, Stand on the right ſide, and I wil expounde thee this by example.
48 So I ſtode, and beholde, a whote burning ouen paſſed before me: and when the flame was gone by, I loked, & beholde, the ſmoke had the vpper hand.
49 After this there paſſed before me a waterie cloude, and ſent downe muche raine with a ſtorme: and when the ſtormie raine was paſt, the droppes came after.
50 Then ſaid he vnto me, Cōſider with thy ſelf, as the raine is more thē the droppes, and as fyre exceadeth the ſmoke, ſo the porcion that is paſt, hathe the vpper hād, & the droppes and the ſmoke were muche.
51 Then I praied, & ſaid, Maie I liue, thinkeſt thou vntil that time? or what ſhal come to paſſe in thoſe daies?
52 He anſwered me, and ſaid, Of the tokens whereof thou aſkeſt me, I can tell thee a parte: but I am not ſent to ſhewe thee of thy life: for I do not knowe it.

CHAP. V.

1 In the latter times trueth ſhalbe hid 6 Vnrighteouſnes & all wickednes ſhal reigne in the worlde. 23 Iſrael is reiected, and God deliuereth thē 35 God doeth all thing in ſeaſon

1 NEuertheles concerning the tokens, beholde, the times ſhal come, that thei which dwell vpon earth, ſhalbe taken in a great nōber, & the way of the trueth ſhalbe hid & ȳ land ſhalbe baren frō faith,
2 And* iniquitie ſhalbe increaſed more thē thou haſt ſene now, or haſt heard in time paſt. *Matt 24.12.
3 And it ſhal come to paſſe, that one ſhal ſet in fote, and thou ſhalt ſe the land deſolate, which now reigneth.
4 Yea, if God grāte thee to liue, thou ſhalt ſe after the third trumpet, that the ſunne ſhal ſuddenly ſhine againe in the night, & the moone thre times a day.
5 Blood ſhal drop out of the wood, and the ſtone ſhal giue his voyce, and the people ſhalbe moued.
6 And he ſhal rule, of whome they hope not that dwell vpon earth, and the foules ſhal change place.
7 And the ſea of Sodom ſhal caſt out fiſh, and make a noyſe in the night, which many ſhal not knowe, but they ſhal all heare the voyce thereof.
8 There ſhalbe a confuſion in many places, and the fyre ſhal oft breake forthe, & the wilde beaſts ſhal change their places, and menſtruous women ſhal beare monſtres,
9 And ſalt waters ſhalbe founde in the ſwete, & all frieds ſhal fight one againſt another: then ſhal wit hide it ſelf, and vnderſtanding departe into his ſecret chamber.
10 It ſhalbe ſoght of many, and yet not be founde: then ſhal vnrighteouſnes and voluptuouſnes haue ȳ vpper hand vpō earth.
11 One land alſo ſhal aſke another, & ſay, Is righteous iuſtice gone thorowe thee? And it ſhal ſay, No.
12 At the ſame time ſhal men hope, but not obteine: they ſhal labour, but their enterpriſes ſhal not proſper.
13 To ſhewe thee ſuche tokēs I haue leaue, and if thou wilt praie againe and wepe as now, and faſt ſeuen daies, thou ſhalt heare yet greater things then theſe.
14 ¶ Then I awaked, and a fearefulnes went

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thorow all my bodie, and my minde was feble and fainted.

15 But the Angel that was come to talke with me, helde me, comforted me, and set me vp vpon my feete.

16 And in the seconde night, Salathiel the captaine of the people came vnto me, saying, Where hast thou bene? and why is thy countenance so heauie?

17 Knowest thou not that Israel is committed vnto thee in the land of their captiuitie?

18 Vp then and eat, & forsake vs not, as the shepherd that leaueth his flocke in ỹ hands of the cruel wolues.

19 Then said I vnto him, Go thy waies frō me, and come not nere me: and when he heard it, he went from me.

20 And I fasted seuen daies, mourning and weping, as Vriel the Angel had commanded me.

21 And after seuen daies the thoghts of mine heart were very grieuous vnto me againe.

22 And I had a desire to reason againe, and I beganne to talke with the moste High againe,

23 And said, O Lord, Lord: of euerie forest of the earth, and of all the trees thereof thou hast chosen thee one onely vineyarde.

24 And of all lands of the worlde thou hast chosen thee one pit, & of all the flours of the *grounde* thou hast chosen thee one lilie.

25 And of all ỹ depths of the sea thou hast filled thee one riuer, and of all buylded cities thou hast sanctified Sion vnto thy self.

26 And of all the foules that are created, thou hast named thee one doue, and of all the cattel that are made, thou hast appointed thee one shepe.

27 And among all the multitude of people thou hast gotten thee one people, and vnto this people whome thou louedst, thou gaueste a Law, that is proued of all.

28 And now, ô Lord, why hast thou giuen this one *people* ouer vnto many? and vpon one roote thou hast set others, & hast scatred thine onelie *people* among many.

29 They treade them downe, which haue withstand thy promises, and beleue not thy testimonies.

30 And if thou didest somuche hate thy people, they shulde haue bene punished with thine owne hands.

31 ¶ Now when I had spoken these wordes, ỹ Angel that came to me the night afore, was sent vnto me,

32 And said vnto me, Heare me, and I wil teache thee, & hearkē that I may instruct thee further.

33 And I said, Speake on, my lord. Then said he vnto me, Thou art sore vexed and troubled for Israels sake. Loueste thou thē better, then he doeth that made them?

34 And I said, No, lord: but of very sorow haue I spokē: for my raines paine me euerie houre, while I labour to comprehend the way of the moste High, & to seke out parte of his iudgement.

35 And he said vnto me, Thou canst not. And I said, Wherefore, lord, wherefore was I borne? or why was not my mothers wombe then my graue? so had I not sene the trouble of Iacob, and the grief of the stocke of Israel.

36 And he said vnto me, Nomber vnto me the things that are not yet come, or gather me the droppes, that are scatred, or make me the withered floures grene againe.

37 Open me the places that are closed, and bring me forthe the windes, that are shut vp therein: shewe me the image of a voyce, and then wil I declare thee the thing, that thou askest and laboreste to knowe.

38 And I said, O Lord, Lord, who cā knowe these things, but he that hathe not his dwelling with men?

39 But I that am ignorant, how can I speake of these things, whereof thou askest me?

40 Then said he vnto me, Like as thou canst do none of these things, that I haue spoken of, so canst thou not finde out my iudgement, nor the least benefite, that I haue promised vnto my people.

41 Then I said, Beholde, ô Lord, the last things are present vnto thee, and what shal they do that haue bene before me, or we that be now, or they that shal come after vs?

42 And he said vnto me, I wil compare my iudgemēt vnto a ring: as there is no slacknes of the last, so is there no swiftnes of the first.

43 Then I answered, and said, Coldest thou not make at once those ỹ haue bene, those that are now, & those that shal come, that thou mightest shewe thy iudgement the soner?

44 Thē answered he me, The creature, said he, can not preuent the Creator, nether can the worlde holde them at once, that shalbe created therein.

45 And I said, As thou hast taught thy seruant, that thou, which giuest strength *to all*, hast giuen life at once to all the worke created by thee, and hast susteined it, so might it now also conteine all men at once.

46 And he said vnto me, Aske the wombe of a woman, and say vnto her, Why must thou haue time before thou bringest forthe? requircher to bring forthe ten at once.

47 And I ſaid, Surely the can not, but by diſtance of time.
48 Then ſaid he vnto me, So haue I deuided the nomber of the earth by times when ſede is ſowen vpon it.
49 For as a yong child begetteth not that that belongeth to the aged, ſo haue I ordeined the time which I haue created.
50 ¶I aſked againe, and ſaid, Seing thou haſt now ſhewed me ỹ way, I wil procede to ſpeake before thee: for our mother, whome thou haſt tolde me is yong, draweth ſhe nere vnto age?
51 He anſwered me, and ſaid, Aſke a woman that trauaileth, and ſhe wil tell thee.
52 Say vnto her, Wherefore are not they (whome thou haſt now broght forthe) like thoſe that were before thee, but leſſe of ſtature?
53 And ſhe ſhal anſwer thee, Some were borne in ỹ floure of youth, others were borne in the time of age, when the wombe failed.
54 Conſider now thy ſelf, how that ye are leſſe of ſtature, then thoſe that were before you,
55 And ſo are they that come after you, leſſe then ye, as the creatures which now beginne to be olde, and haue paſſed ouer the ſtrength of youth.
56 Then ſaid I, Lord, I beſeche thee, if I haue founde fauour in thy ſight, ſhewe thy ſeruant, by whome doeſt thou gouerne thy workemanſhip?

CHAP. VI.

God hathe foreſene all things in his ſecret counſel, and is autor thereof, and hathe created them for his childrē.
25 The felicitie of the age to come.

1 AND he ſaid vnto me, In the beginning when the rounde worlde was made, and before the borders of the worlde were ſet, and before the windes blewe one againſt another:
2 Before the noyce of thundres ſounded, before the bright lightenīg did ſhine forthe, before the fundacions of Paradiſe were laide:
3 Before the faire floures did appeare, before the moueable powers were ſtabliſhed, before the innumerable armies of Angels were gathered:
4 Before the heights of the aire were lifted vp, before ỹ meaſures of the heauens were named, before the chimneis in Sion were hote:
5 Before the preſent yeres were ſoght out, and before the affectiós of them that now ſinne, were turned away, and they that haue laid vp the treaſure of faith, were ſealed,
6 Then did I purpoſe theſe things, & they were made by me alone, and by none other: by me alſo they ſhalbe ended, and by none other.
7 Then anſwered I, and ſaid, What ſhalbe the diuiſion of times? or when ſhalbe the end of the firſt, and the beginning of it that followeth?
8 And he ſaid vnto me, From Abraham vnto Iſaac, when Iacob and Eſau were borne of him, *Iacobs hand helde firſt the hele of Eſau. *Gen 25,26.*
9 For Eſau is the end of this worlde, and Iacob is the beginning of it that followeth.
10 The hand of man is betwixt the hele and the hand. Other thing, Eſdras, aſke thou not.
11 ¶I anſwered thē, & ſaid, O Lord, Lord, if I haue founde fauour in thy ſight,
12 I beſeche thee, make an end to ſhewe thy ſeruāt thy tokens, wherof thou ſhewedſt me parte the laſt night.
13 So he anſwered me, and ſaid, Stand vp vpon thy fete, and heare a mightie ſounding voyce.
14 There ſhal come as an earthquake, but the place where thou ſtandeſt, ſhal not be moued.
15 And therefore when he ſpeaketh, be not afraied: for of the end ſhal be the worde, & of the fundacion of the earth ſhal it be vnderſtand.
16 Therefore while one ſpeaketh of thē, it trembleth and is moued: for it knoweth, that it muſt be changed at the end.
17 And when I had heard it, I ſtode vp vpō my fete, and hearkened, and beholde, there was a voyce that ſpake, and the ſounde of it was like the ſounde of many waters:
18 And it ſaid, Beholde, the daies come, that I wil come & inquire of them that dwell vpon the earth,
19 And when I beginne to inquire of them, who by their vnrighteouſnes haue hurt others, and when the affliction of Sion ſhal be fulfilled,
20 And the worlde, that ſhal vaniſh away, ſhalbe ſealed; thē wil I ſhewe theſe ſignes: the bokes ſhalbe opened before the heauen, and they ſhal ſe all it together.
21 And the children of a yere olde ſhal ſpeake with their voyces: the womē with-child ſhal bring forthe vntimelie childrē of thre or foure moneths olde, and they ſhal liue that are raiſed vp.
22 Then ſuddēly ſhal the ſowen places appeare as the vnſowne, & the full ſtore houſes ſhal ſuddenly be founde empte.
23 And the trūpet ſhal ſounde, and all they that heare it, ſhalbe ſuddenly afraied.
24 At that time ſhal friends fight with friends, as with enemies, and the earth ſhal feare with them: the ſprings of the welles ſhal ſtand ſtil, & in thre houres they ſhal not renne.
25 Whoſoeuer remaineth from all theſe things

things that I haue tolde thee, ſhal be ſaued & ſe my ſaluacion, & the end of your worlde.

26 And the men that are receiued, ſhal ſe it: they that haue not taſted death from their birth, and the heart of the inhabitants ſhal be changed, and turned to another meaning.

27 For euil ſhal be put out, and diſceate ſhal be quenched,

28 But faith ſhal flouriſh: corruption ſhalbe ouercome, and the trueth which hathe bene ſo long without frute, ſhal come forthe.

29 ¶ And when he talked with me, beholde, I loked a litle vpon him before whome I ſtode.

30 And theſe wordes ſaid he vnto me, I am come to ſhewe thee the time of the night to come.

31 If thou wilt pray againe, and faſt ſeuen daies more, I wil tel thee more things, & greater then theſe, which I haue heard in the day.

32 For thy voyce is heard before ỹ Higheſt: ſurely ỹ mightie hathe ſene thy righteous dealing: he hathe ſene alſo thy chaſtitie, which thou haſt kept ſince thy youth.

33 Therefore hathe he ſent me to ſhewe thee all theſe things, and to ſay vnto thee, Be of good comfort, and feare not,

34 And haſte not in the vaine conſideratiō of the firſt times, nor make haſte to the latter times.

35 And after this I wepte againe and faſted ſeuē daies in like maner, that I might fulfil the thre wekes, which he had appointed me.

36 And in the eight night was mine heart vexed within me againe, and I began to ſpeake before the moſte High.

37 For my ſpirit was greatly ſet on fyer, & my ſoule was in diſtreſſe,

38 And I ſaid, ô Lord, thou ſpakeſt expreſly in the firſt creation (euen the firſt day) and cōmandedſt * that the heauen and the earth ſhulde be made, and the worke followed thy worde. *Gen.1.1.*

39 And then was there the ſpirit, and the darknes was on euerie ſide with ſilence: there was no mans voyce as yet created of thee.

40 Then commandedſt thou a bright light to come forthe out of thy treaſures, that it might giue light to thy worke.

41 Vpon the ſecond day thou createdſt the heauenlie ayre, and commandedſt it, that, going betwene, it ſhulde make a diuiſion betwene the waters, that the one parte might remaine aboue, and the other beneth.

42 Vpon the third day thou commandedſt, that ỹ waters ſhulde be gathered together in the ſeuēth parte of ỹ earth: ſix partes dedeſt thou drye, & kept them to the intent that of theſe there ſhulde be that ſhulde ſerue thee, being ſowen of God and tilled.

43 Aſſone as thy worde went forthe, the worke was incontinently made.

44 For immediatly great and innumerable frute did ſpring vp, and manie diuerſe pleaſures for the taſte, and floures of vnchangeable colour, and odours of a moſte wonderful ſmel & theſe things were created the third day.

45 * Vpō the fourth day thou createdſt the light of the ſunne, and of the moone, and the order of the ſtarres, *Gen 1.14.*

46 And gaueſt them a charge, to do * ſeruice euen vnto man that was for to be made. *Gen 1.14. & 15*

47 And vpon the fift day thou ſaideſt vnto the ſeuenth parte * where the waters were gathered, that it ſhulde brīg forthe beaſts, as foules and fiſhes: and it was ſo. *deu 4.19. Gen 1.20.*

48 For the dōme waters, and without liſe brought forthe liuing things at the commādement of God that the nations might praiſe thy wonderous workes.

49 Then dideſt thou prepare two liuing things: the one thou calledſt * Behemoth, & the other thou calledſt Leuiathan, *Or, Enoch.*

50 And dideſt ſeparate the one from the other: for the ſeuēth parte, where the water was gathered, colde not holde them.

51 Vnto Behemoth thou gaueſt one parte, which was dryed vp the third day, that he ſhulde dwell in the ſame parte, wherein are a thouſand hilles.

52 But vnto Leuiathan thou gaueſt ỹ ſeuēth parte, that is wett, and haſt prepared him to deuoure what thou wilt, and when thou wilt.

53 Vpon the ſixt day thou gaueſt commandement vnto the earth, that before thee it ſhulde bring forthe beaſts, catel and creping things.

54 And beſides this Adam, whome thou madeſt lord ouer all the workes which ỹ haſt created, of him come we all, and the people alſo, whome thou haſt choſen.

55 All this haue I ſpokē before thee, ô Lord, becauſe thou haſt created the worlde for our ſakes.

56 As for the other people, which alſo come of Adam, thou haſt declared them that they are nothing before thee, but be like vnto ſpitle, and haſt compared their riches vnto a drop that falleth from a veſſel.

57 And now, ô Lord, beholde theſe heathen which haue bene reputed as nothing, haue begonne to be lords ouer vs, and to deuoure vs.

58 And we thy people (whome thou haſt called the firſt borne, the onely begotten, and thy feruent louer) are giuen into their hands.

59 If the worlde then be created for our

ſakes, why haue we not the inheritãce thereof in poſſeſsion? or how long ſhal we ſuffer theſe things?

CHAP. VII.

5 Without tribulation none can come to felicitie. 12 God aduertiſeth all in time. 28 The comyng and death of Chriſt 32 The reſurrection and laſt iudgemẽt. 43 After the which all corruption ſhal ceaſe. 48 All fell in Adam. 59 The true life. 62 The mercies and goodnes of God.

1 AND when I had made an end of theſe wordes, there was ſent vnto me an Angel, which had bene ſent downe to me the nights afore.

2 And he ſaid vnto me, Vp, Eſdras, and heare the wordes that I am come to tell thee.

3 And I ſaid, Speake on, my God. Then ſaid he vnto me, The ſea is ſet in a wyde place, that it might be deepe and great,

4 But preſuppoſe that the entrance thereof were narow, and like the riuers,

5 Who colde go into the ſea to loke vpon it, and to rule it? If he went not thorowe the narowe, how colde he come into the broade?

6 There is alſo another thing: a citie is buylded and ſet vpon a broade field, and is ful of all good things:

7 The entrance thereof is narrowe and in a dangerous place to fall, that there is fyre at the right hand, and a deepe water at the lefte,

8 And there is but one path betwixt them, euen betwene the fyre and the water, ſo that there colde but one man go there.

9 If this citie were giuen vnto a man for an inheritance, if he neuer went thorowe the peril before it, how colde he receaue his inheritance?

10 And I ſaid, It is ſo, Lord. Then ſaid he, So is the portion of Iſrael.

11 Surely for their ſakes haue I made the worlde: and when Adam tranſgreſſed my ſtatutes, then came this thing to paſſe.

12 Then were the entrances of the worlde made narowe, full of ſorowe and trauail: they are but fewe and euil, and full of perils, and very perileful.

13 For the entrances of the fore worlde were wyde and ſure, and broght immortal frute.

14 If then they that are liuing, labour not to enter by theſe ſtrait and brittel things, they can not attaine to thoſe things that are hid.

15 Why then diſquiet teſt thou thy ſelf, ſeing thou art corruptible? and why art thou moued, ſeing thou art mortal?

16 And why haſt thou not conſidered in thy minde the things to come, rather then them that are preſent?

17 Then ſaid I, O Lord, Lord, * ſeing thou haſt ordeined in thy Law, that the righteous ſhulde inherite theſe things, and that the vngodlie ſhulde periſh,

18 Shulde the righteous ſuffer ſtraitnes in hoping for large things? yet thei that haue liued vngodly and ſuffered ſtraitnes, ſhal not ſe the large things.

19 Then he ſaid vnto me, There is no iudge more iuſte then God, and there is none more wiſe then the moſte High.

20 For manie periſh in this life, becauſe they deſpiſe the Law of God that is appointed.

21 For God hathe diligently admoniſhed ſuche as came, ſo oft as they came, what they ſhulde do to haue life, and what they ſhulde obſerue, to auoid puniſhment.

22 Neuertheles, they were not obedient vnto him, but ſpake againſt him, and imagined vaine things,

23 And deceiued them ſelues by their wicked dedes, & denied the power of the moſte High, and regarded not his waies.

24 But they deſpiſed his Law, and refuſed his promiſes: they haue vnfaithfully broken his ordinances, and haue not performed his workes.

25 And therefore, Eſdras, vnto the emptie are emptie things, & to the ful ful things.

26 Beholde, the time ſhal come, that theſe tokens which I haue tolde thee, ſhal come to paſſe, and the bride ſhal appeare, and ſhe ſhal come forthe, and be ſene that now is vnder the earth.

27 And whoſoeuer ſhal eſcape theſe euils, he ſhal ſe my wonders.

28 For my ſonne Ieſus ſhal appeare with thoſe that be with him, and they that remaine, ſhal reioyce within foure hũdreth yeres.

29 After theſe ſame yeres ſhal my ſonne Chriſt dye, and all men that haue life.

30 And the worlde ſhalbe turned into the olde ſilence for ſeuen dayes, as in the fore iudgements, ſo that no man ſhal remaine.

31 But after ſeuen dayes, the worlde that is yet a ſlepe, ſhalbe raiſed vp: and that ſhal dye, that is corrupt.

32 Then the earth ſhal reſtore thoſe, that haue ſlept in her, and ſo ſhal the duſt thoſe that dwell therein in ſilence, and the ſecret places ſhal deliuer the ſoules that were committed vnto them.

33 And the moſt High ſhal appeare vpon the ſeate of iudgement, and miſeries ſhal vaniſh away, and long ſuffring ſhal haue an end.

34 Iuſtice onely ſhal continue: the trueth ſhal remaine, and faith ſhal be ſtrong.

35 The worke ſhal followe, and the rewarde ſhalbe ſhewed: the good dedes ſhalbe of force, and vnrighteouſnes ſhal beare no more rule.

* Deut 8,1.

Then

Gen.18,23. exod 32,3.
36 Then ſaid I,* Abraham prayed firſt for the Sodomites, and Moyſes for the fathers that ſinned in the wildernes,

37 And they that came after him, for Iſrael in the time of Achaz, and Samuel,

2 Sam.24,17. 1 Chro 6,14.
38 And * Dauid for the deſtruction, * and Salomon for them that came into the Sanctuarie,

1 King 17,21. & 18,25 2 king 19,15.
39 * And Elias for thoſe that receiued raine, and for the dead that he might liue,

40 And Ezechias for the people in the time of Sennacherib, and diuerſe others for manie.

41 Euen ſo now, ſeing vice is increaſed, & wickednes abundeth, and the righteous haue prayed for the vngodlie, wherefore ſhal not the ſame effect followe alſo now?

42 Then he anſwered me, & ſaid, This preſent life is not the end: oft times honour is reteined in it: therefore haue they prayed for the weake.

43 But the day of iudgement ſhal be the end of this worlde, and the beginning of the immortalitie to come, wherein all corruption ſhal ceaſe.

44 Intemperancie ſhal paſſe away: infidelitie ſhalbe cut of: righteouſnes ſhal growe vp, and the veritie ſhal ſpring vp.

45 Thē ſhal no mā be able to ſaue him that is deſtroyed, nor oppreſſe him that hathe gotten the victorie.

46 I anſwered then, and ſaid, This is my firſt and laſt ſaying, that it had bene better not to haue giuen the earth vnto Adā, or when it was giuen him, to haue kept him that he ſhulde not haue ſinned.

47 For what profit is it for men in this preſent life to be in heauines, and after death to feare puniſhment?

Rom.5,12.
48 O Adam, what haſt thou done? * for in that that thou haſt ſinned, thou art not fallen alone, but the fall alſo redundeth vnto vs that come of thee.

49 For what profit is it vnto vs, if there be promiſed an immortal life, when we do the workes that bring death?

50 And that an euerlaſting hope ſhulde be promiſed vs, ſeing that we bitide our ſelues to deadlie vanitie?

51 And that there ſhulde be appointed vs dwellings of health and ſafetie, if we haue liued wickedly?

52 And that the glorie of the moſte High ſhulde be kept to defende thē which haue led a pacient life, if we haue walked in the wicked wayes?

53 And that an eternal Paradiſe ſhulde be ſhewed, whoſe frute remaineth incorruptible, wherein is ſafetie and health, if we wil not enter into it?

54 (For we haue bene conuerſant in vnpleaſant places)

55 And that the faces of them, which haue abſteined, ſhulde ſhine more then ſtarres, if our faces be blacker then darckenes?

56 For while we liued, we did not remēber whē we did vnrighteouſly, that we ſhulde ſuffer after death.

57 Then anſwered he me, and ſaid, This is the maner of the battel, which man, that is borne in the earth, ſhal fight,

58 That if he be ouercome, he ſhulde ſuffer as thou haſt ſaid: but if he get the victorie, he ſhulde receaue the thing that I ſaid.

59 For this is the life, whereof Moyſes ſpake vnto the people, while he liued, ſaying, *Chuſe thee life that thou maiſt liue. *Deu.30,19.*

60 Neuertheles, they beleued him not, nether the Prophetes after him, nor me alſo which haue ſaid vnto them,

61 That heauines ſhulde not ſo be to their deſtruction, as ioye ſhulde come vnto thē, to whome ſaluation is perſuaded.

62 I anſwered then and ſaid, I know, Lord, that the moſte High is called merciful, in that he hathe mercie vpō them, which are not yet come to that worlde,

63 And ỹ he hathe pitie on thoſe that walke in his Law,

64 And that * he is pacient: for he long ſuffereth thoſe ỹ haue ſinned as his creatures, *Rom 2,4.*

65 And that he is liberall: for he wil giue aſ muche as nedeth,

66 And that he is of great mercie: for he ouercometh in mercie thoſe that are preſent, and that are paſt, and them which are to come.

67 For if he were not abundant in his mercies, the worlde colde not continue, nor thei that haue the poſſeſsion thereof.

68 He pardoneth alſo: for if he gaue not of his goodnes that they, which haue done euil, might be relieued from their wickednes, the ten thouſand parte of men ſhulde not remaine alive.

69 And if he, being iudge, forgaue not thoſe that be healed with his worde, and toke away the multitude of ſinnes,

70 There ſhulde peraduēture be verie fewe left in an vnnumerable multitude.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The nomber of the godlie is ſmale 6 The workes of God are excellent 20 Eſdras prayer for him and for his people. 39 The promes of ſaluation to the iuſte. 55 The deſtruction of the vniuſt.

1 AND he anſwered me, ſaying, The moſt High made this worlde for manie, but the worlde to come for fewe.

2 I wil tel thee a ſimilitude, ô Eſdras. As whē thou aſkeſt the earth, it ſhal ſay vnto thee, that it giueth muche earthlie matter to make pottes, but litle duſt that golde cometh of, ſo is it with the worke of this worlde.

Mat 20.16. 3 *There be manie created, but fewe ſhalbe ſaued.
4 Then anſwered I, and ſaid, The̅ ſwalowe vp the wit, ô my ſoule, and deuoure vnderſtanding.
5 For thou haſt promiſed to heare, and thou wilt propheeie: for thou haſt no longer ſpace, but the life giuen thee.
6 O Lord, if thou ſuffer not thy ſeruant, that we may intreat thee, that thou maiſt giue ſede vnto our heart, and prepare our vnderſtanding, that there may come fruite of it, whereby euerie one which is corrupt, may liue, who cā ſet him ſelf for mā?
7 For thou art alone, and we all are one workemanſhip of thine hands, as thou haſt ſaid.
8 For when the bodie is facioned now in the wombe, & thou hāſt giuē it members, thy creature is preſerued by fyre & water, and the worke, created by thee, doeth ſuffer nine moneths the creature, which is facioned in it.
9 But the thing that conteineth, and that which iscōteined, ſhal bothe be preſerued, and when time is come, the wombe, being preſerued, deliuereth ŷ things that growe in it.
10 For thou haſt commāded the members, euē the breaſts, to giue milke vnto ŷ frute appointed to the breaſts,
11 That the thing, which is created, may be nouriſhed for a time, til thou diſpoſeſt it to thy mercie.
12 Thou bringeſt it vp with thy righteouſnes, nurtureſt it in thy Law, & reformeſt it with thy iudgement.
13 Thou ſlayeſt it as thy creature, & giueſt it life as thy worke.
14 Seing then that thou deſtroyeſt him, which with ſo great labours is facioned, it is an eaſie thing to appoint by thy cōmā demēt, that the thing alſo which is made, might be preſerued.
15 Now therefore, ô Lord, I wil ſpeake (as touching men in general thou ſhalt rather prouide) but concerning thy people, for whoſe ſake I am ſorie,
16 And for thine inheritāce for whoſe cauſe I mourne: for Iſrael, for whome I am woful, and for Iacob, for whoſe ſake I am grieued.
17 For them wil I pray before thee, aſwel for my ſelf, as for them: for I ſe our faules that dwelt in the land.
18 ¶ But I haue heard the ſudden comming of the iudge, which is to come.
19 Therefore heare my voyce, and vnderſtand my wordes, which I wil ſpeake before thee. The beginning of ŷ wordes of Eſdras, before he was taken vp.
20 O Lord, that liueſt for euer, which beholdeſt from aboue that which is aboue, and in the ayre,
21 Whoſe throne is ineſtimable, & his glorie incomprehenſible, before whome the hoſte of the Angels ſtand with trembling,
22 Whoſe keping is turned in winde and fyre, whoſe worde is true, and ſayings ſted faſt, whoſe commandement is ſtrong, and gouernement terrible,
23 Whoſe loke diveth vp the depths, and wrath maketh ŷ mountaines to melt away as the thing beareth witnes.
24 Heare the prayer of thy ſeruant, and receiue into thine eares the petition of thy creature.
25 For while I liue, I wil ſpeake, and ſo long as I haue vnderſtanding, I wil anſwer.
26 Loke not vpon the ſinnes of thy people, rather then thy faithful ſeruants.
27 Haue not reſpect vntō the wicked dedes of men, rather then to them that haue thy teſtimonies in afflictions.
28 Thinke not vpon thoſe that haue walked fainedly before thee, but remember them that reuerence thy wil.
29 Let it not be thy wil to deſtroye them, which haue liued like beaſts, but loke vpon them that haue clearly taught thy Law.
30 Take not diſpleaſure with them, which appeare worſe then beaſts, but loue them, that alway put their truſt in thy righteouſnes and glorie.
31 For we and our fathers haue all the ſame ſickneſs: but becauſe of vs that are ſinners, thou ſhalt be called merciful.
32 If therefore thou wilt haue mercie vpon vs, thou ſhalt be called merciful towardes vs which haue no workes of righteouſnes.
33 For the righteous, which haue laid vp manie good workes, let them receiue the reward of their owne dedes.
34 But what is man, that thou ſhuldeſt take diſpleaſure at him? or what is this mortal generation, that thou ſhuldeſt be ſo grieued towards it?
35 *For verely there is no man among them that be borne, but he hathe done wickedly, nor anie that doeth confeſſe thee, which hathe not done amiſſe. *1. King 8.46. 2 chro 6.36.*
36 For in this, ô Lord, thy righteouſnes and thy goodnes ſhalbe praiſed, if thou be merciful vnto them, which haue not the ſubſtance of good workes.
37 ¶ Then anſwered he me, and ſaid, Some things haſt thou ſpoken aright, and according vnto thy wordes it ſhalbe.
38 For I wil not verely conſider the workes of them, before the death, before the iudgement, before deſtruction:
39 But * I wil reioyce in the wayes of the righteous, and I wil remember the pilgrimage, the ſaluation and the reward that they ſhal haue. *Gen 4.*

40 Like

40 Like as I haue ſpoken now, ſo ſhal it come to paſſe.
41 For as the houſbād man ſoweth muche ſede vpon the grounde, & planteth many trees, & yet alway the thing that is ſowen, cometh not vp in time, nether yet doeth all that is plāted, take roote: ſo nether ſhal thei all that are broght into the worlde, be ſaued.
42 I anſwered then & ſaid, If I haue founde grace, let me ſpeake.
43 Like as the houſband mans ſede periſheth, if it come not vp, and receiue not raine in due ſeaſon, or if it be deſtroyed with to muche raine,
44 So periſheth man, which is created with thine hands, & thou art called his patern, becauſe he is created to thine image, for whoſe ſake thou haſt made all things, and lickened him vnto the houſbandmans ſede.
45 Be not wroth with vs, ô Lord, but ſpare thy people & haue mercie vpō thine inheritāce: for thou wilt be merciful vnto thy creature.
46 Then anſwered he me, and ſaid, The things preſent are for the preſent, and the things to come for ſuche as be to come.
47 For thou art farre of that thou ſhuldeſt loue my creature aboue me: but I haue oft times drawen nere vnto thee and vnto it, but neuer to the vnrighteous.
48 In this alſo thou art maruelous before the Higheſt,
49 In that thou haſt humbled thy ſelf, as it becometh thee, and haſt not iudged thy ſelf worthie to boaſt thy ſelf greatly amōg the righteous.
50 For many miſeries & calamities remaine for them that ſhal liue in the latter time, becauſe thei ſhal walke in great pride.
51 But learne thou for thy ſelf, and ſeke out the glorie for ſuche as be like thee.
52 For vnto you is paradiſe opened: the tre of life is planted: the time to come is prepared, plenteouſnes made ready: the citie is buylded, and reſt is prepared, perfite goodnes and abſolute wiſdome.
53 The roote of euil is ſealed vp from you: the weakenes and moth is deſtroyed from you, and into hell fleeth corruption to be forgotten.
54 Sorowes are vaniſhed away, and in the end is ſhewed ỹ treaſure of immortalitie.
55 Therefore aſke thou no more queſtions concerning the multitude of them that periſh.
56 For when thei had libertie, thei deſpiſed the moſt High: they contemned his Law & forſoke his wayes.
57 Moreouer, they haue troden downe his righteous,
58 *Saying in their heart, that there was no God, thogh they knewe that they ſhulde dye.

*Pſal.14.& 53.2.

59 For as the thing that I haue ſpoken of, is made readie for you: ſo is thirſt and peine prepared for them: for God wolde not that man ſhulde periſh:
60 But they, after that they were created, haue defiled the Name of him that made them, & are vnthankeful vnto him, which prepared life for them.
61 Therefore my iudgement is now at hād.
62 Theſe things haue I not ſhewed vnto all men, but vnto thee, and to a fewe like thee: then I anſwered, and ſaid,
63 Beholde now, ô Lord: thou haſt ſhewed me the many wonders, which thou art determined to do in ỹ laſt time, but in what time, thou haſt not ſhewed me.

CHAP. IX.

1 All things in this worlde haue a beginning and an end. 10 Torments for the wicked after this life. 15 The nomber of the wicked is more then of the good 29 The Iewes ingratitude: 36 Therefore they periſh. 38 The viſion of a woman lamenting.

1 HE anſwered me then, & ſaid, Meaſure the time with it ſelf, & when thou ſeeſt that one parte of the tokens come to paſſe, which I haue tolde thee before,
2 Then ſhalt thou vnderſtand, that it is the time wherein the moſte High wil begin to viſite the worlde which he made.
3 Therefore whē there ſhalbe ſene an*erthquake in the worlde, and an vproare of the people, *Matt.24.7.
4 Thē ſhalt thou vnderſtād that the moſte High ſpake of thoſe things, frō the daies that were before thee, euen from the beginning.
5 For as all that is made in the worlde, hathe a beginning and an end, and the end is manifeſt,
6 So the times alſo of the moſt High haue plaine beginnings in wonders and ſignes, and end in effect and miracles.
7 And euerie one that ſhal eſcape ſafe, & ſhalbe deliuered by his workes, and by the faith wherein ye haue beleued,
8 Shalbe preſerued from the ſaid perils and ſhal ſe my ſaluacion in my land, and within my borders: for I haue kept me holy frō the worlde.
9 Then ſhal they haue pitie of them ſelues, which now haue abuſed my waies: & thei that haue caſt them out diſpitefully, ſhal dwell in peines.
10 For ſuche as in their life haue receiued benefites, and haue not knowen me,
11 But haue abhorred my Law, while they were yet in libertie, and when they had yet leaſure of amendement, and wolde not vnderſtand but deſpiſed it,
12 They muſt be taught it after death by peine.

13 And therefore be thou no more careful,
to knowe how the vngodlie shalbe punished, but inquire how the righteous shalbe saued, and whose the worlde is, and for whome it is, and when.
14 Then answered I, and said,
15 I haue afore said that which I say now & wil speake it hereafter, that there be many mo of them which perish, then of thē that
Chap.8.3. mat.20.16. shalbe* saued,
16 As the flood is greater then a drop.
17 And he answered me, saying, As the field is, so is also the sede: as the floures be, so are the colours also: suche as the workemā is, suche is the worke: and as the housbādman is, so is his housbādrie: for it was the time of the worlde.
18 Surely whē I prepared the worlde, which was not yet made for thē to dwell in that now liue, no man spake against me.
19 For then euerie one obeyed, but now the maners of them that are created in this worlde, that is made, are corrupted by a perpetual sede, & by a Law, whereout they cannot rid them selues.
20 So I considered the worlde, & beholde, there was peril, because of the deuises, that were sprung vp into it.
21 Yet when I sawe it, I spared it greatly, and haue kept me one grape of the cluster, and a plant out of a great people.
22 Let therefore ỹ multitude perish, which are borne in vaine: and let my grape be kept, and my plant, which I haue dressed with great labour.
23 ¶ Neuertheles, if thou wilt cease seuen daies mo (but thou shalt not fast in them,
24 But shalt go into a faire field, where no house is buylded, & shalt eat onely of the floures of the field, and eat no flesh, nor drinke wine, but the floures onely,
25 And pray vnto ỹ moste High continually) then wil I come, and talke with thee.
26 So I went my waye, as he had commanded me, into the field, which is called Ardath, & there I sate among the floures, & did eat of the herbes of the field, and the meat of the same satisfied me.
27 And after seuen dayes, as I sate vpō the grasse, and mine heart was vexed within me, as afore,
28 I opened my mouth, and began to talke before the moste High, and to say,
29 O Lord, when thou woldest shewe thy
Exod.19.9. & 24.3. deut.4.12. self vnto vs, * thou declaredst thy self vnto our fathers in the wildernes, in a place where no man dwelleth, in a baren place, when they came out of Egypt,
30 And expressely spakest vnto thē, saying, Heare me, ô Israel, and marke my wordes, thou sede of Iacob.
31 For beholde, I sawe my Law in you, that it may bring forthe frute in you, and that ye may be honored by it for euer.
32 But our fathers, which receiued the Law, kept it not, nether obserued thine ordinances, nether did the frute of the Law appeare, nether colde it, for it was thine.
33 *For they that receiued it, perished be- *Exod.32.28.*
cause they kept not the thing ỹ was sowen in them.
34 And lo, it is a custome when the grounde receiueth sede, or the sea a ship, or a vessel meat and drinke, if that perish wherein a thing is sowē, or wherein any thing is put,
35 Likewise the thing that is sowen, or is put therein, and the things that are receiued, must perish: so the things that are receiued, do not remaine with vs: but in vs it cometh not so to passe.
36 For we that haue receiued the Law, perish in sinne, and our heart also which receiued it.
37 But the Law perisheth not, but remaineth in his force.
38 ¶ And when I spake these things in mine heart, I loked about me, & vpon the right
Chap.10.44. side * I sawe a woman, which mourned sore, and lamented with a loude voyce, and was grieued in heart, and rent her clothes, and she had ashes vpon her head.
39 Then I left my thoghts, wherein I was occupied, and turned me vnto her,
40 And said vnto her, wherefore wepest thou? why art thou so sory in minde?
41 And she said vnto me, Syr, let me alone, that I may bewaile my self, and increase sorowe: for I am sore vexed in my minde, and broght verie lowe.
42 Then I said vnto her, What aileth thee? tel me.
43 And she said vnto me, I thy seruant haue bene baren, & haue had no childe, hauing an housband thirtie yeres.
44 And euery houre, & euery day these thirtie yeres I pray to the moste High day & night.
45 And after thirtie yeres God heard me thine handmaid, & loked vpō my miserie, cōsidered my trouble, & gaue me a sonne, & I was glad of him: so was mine housbād also, and all they of my countrey, and we gaue great honour vnto the Almightie.
46 And I nouriſhed him with great trauail.
47 So when he grewe vp, and came to take a wife, I made a feast.

CHAP. X

Esdras and the woman that appeareth vnto him, commune together.

1 BVt when my sonne went into his chamber, he fell downe, and dyed.
2 Then we all ouerthrewe the lights, & all my neighbours rose vp to comfort me: so I rested vntil the seconde day at night.
3 And when they had all left of to comfort me, that I shulde be quiet, thē I rose vp by night,

night,& fled,and am come into this field as thou ſeeſt,

4 And am not purpoſed to returne into the citie,but to remaine here,and nether to eat nor drinke, but continually to mourne & faſt,vntil I dye.

5 Then left I my purpoſe wherein I was, and ſpake to her angerly,and ſaid,

6 Thou fooliſh womā aboue all other,ſeeſt thou not our heauines, and what cometh vnto vs?

7 For Sion our mother is all woful and is ſore afflicted, and mourneth extremely.

8 Seing we be all now in heauines, and make our mone(for we be all ſorowful) art thou ſorie for one ſonne?

9 Demande the earth,and ſhe ſhal tell thee that it is ſhe which ought to mourne for the fall of ſo manie that growe vpon her.

10 For frō the beginning all men are borne of her,and other ſhal come,and beholde, they walke almoſte all into deſtruction, & the multitude of them ſhalbe deſtroyed.

11 Who ſhulde then rather mourne, ſhe that hathe loſt ſo great a multitude, or thou which art ſorie but for one?

12 But if thou woldeſt ſay vnto me, My mourning is not like the mourning of the earth(for I haue loſt the frute of my wōbe,which I brought forthe with heauines,& bare with ſorowes,

13 But the earth is according to the maner of the earth,and the preſent multitude returneth into her as it came)

14 Then ſay I vnto thee, As thou haſt borne with trauail, ſo the earth alſo from the beginning giueth her frute vnto man,euen to him that labored her.

15 Now therefore withholde thy ſorow in thy ſelf, and beare conſtantly that which cometh vnto thee.

16 For if thou alloweſt Gods purpoſe, and receiueſt his counſel in time, thou ſhalt be commended therein.

17 Go thy way then into the citie to thine houſband.

18 ¶ Then ſhe ſaid vnto me, I wil not, I wil not go into the citie;but here wil I dye.

19 So I continued to ſpeake more with her, and ſaid,

20 Do not ſo, but be coūſeled:for how manie falles hathe Sion? Be of good comfort becauſe of the ſorowe of Ieruſalem.

21 For thou ſeeſt ỹ our Sanctuarie is layed waſte: our altar is broken downe:our Tēple is deſtroyed.

22 Our pſalterion fainteth, and the ſong ceaſeth, and our mirth is vaniſhed away, and the light of our candelſticke is quenched,and the Arke of our couenant is takē away,and our holie things are defiled,and the Name that is called vpō ouer vs,is almoſte diſhonored, and our children are put to ſhame,and our Prieſts are burnt,& our Leuites are caryed into captiuitie,and our virgines are defiled,and our wiues rauiſhed,and our righteous men ſpoyled, & our children deſtroyed,and our yong men are brought in bondage,and our ſtrong mē are become weake,

23 And,which is the greateſt of all,Sion the ſeale hathe loſt her worſhip: for ſhe is deliuered into the hands of them that hate vs.

24 And therefore ſhake of thy great heauines, and put away the multitude of ſorowes,that the Almightie may be merciful vnto thee, and that the moſte High may giue thee reſt and eaſe from thy labour.

25 And when I was talking with her,her face and beautie ſhined ſuddenly, and her countenance was bright, ſo that I was afrayed of her & muſed what it might be.

26 And beholde,immediatly ſhe caſt out a great voyce, very fearful, ſo ỹ the earth ſhoke at the noyce of the woman.

27 And I loked, and beholde, the woman appeared vnto me nomore: but there was a citie buylded, and a place was ſhewed frō the grounde and fundacion. Then was I afrayed,and cryed with a loude voyce, and ſaid,

28 Where is Vriel the Angel * which came to me at the firſt? for he hathe cauſed me to come into manie and depe conſideraciōs, and mine end is turned into corruption,and my prayer to rebuke. *Chap 4.1.*

29 And as I was ſpeaking theſe wordes, beholde, he came vnto me, and loked vpon me.

30 And lo,I laye as one dead, and mine vnderſtanding was altered, and he toke me by the right hand and comforted me, and ſet me vpon my feete, and ſaid vnto me,

31 What aileth thee? and why is thine vnderſtanding vexed? and the vnderſtanding of thine heart? & wherefore art thou ſorie?

32 And I ſaid, Becauſe thou haſt forſaken me,and I haue done* according vnto thy wordes:I went into the field,and there haue I ſene things, & ſe that I am not able to expreſſe. *Chap.5.20.*

33 Then ſaid he vnto me, Stand vp manly, and I wil giue thee exhortacion.

34 Then ſaid I, Speake vnto me, my lord, and forſake me not, leſt I dye through raſhnes.

35 For I haue ſene that I knewe not, and heare that I do not knowe.

36 Or is mine vnderſtanding diſceiued, or doeth my minde,being hautie,erre?

37 Now therefore I beſeche thee that thou wilt ſhewe thy ſeruant of this wondre.

38 Thē he anſwered me,and ſaid,Heare me, and I wil informe thee, & tel thee where-

fore thou art afrayed: for the moſte High hathe reueiled manie ſecret things vnto thee.

39 He hath ſene thy good purpoſe, that thou art ſorie continually for thy people, and makeſt great lamentacion for Sion.

40 This therefore is the vnderſtanding of the viſiõ, which appeared vnto thee a litle while ago.

41 Thou ſaweſt a womã mourning, & thou beganneſt to comfort her:

42 But now ſeeſt thou the lickenes of the woman no more, but there appeared vnto thee a citie buylded.

43 And where as ſhe tolde thee of the death of her ſonne, this is the ſolution,

44 This woman, which thou ſaweſt, ſhe is Sion: and where as ſhe tolde thee (euen ſhe which thou ſeeſt now as a citie buylded)

45 And as touching that ſhe ſaid vnto thee, that ſhe was baren thirtie yeres, this was concerning that, there was euen thirtie yeres wherein there was no offring offred in her.

46 But after thirtie yeres, Salomon buylt the citie, and offred offrings: then bare the baren a ſonne.

47 And where as ſhe tolde thee, that ſhe nouriſhed him with labour, that was the inhabiting of Ieruſalem.

48 But where as ſhe tolde thee that her ſonne, as his chance was, dyed when ſhe came into her chamber, that is the fall that is come to Ieruſalem.

49 And when thou ſaweſt her like one that mourned for her ſonne, thou begãneſt to cõfort her: of theſe things which haue cãced theſe are to be opened vnto thee.

50 For now the moſte High ſeeth, that thou art ſorie in thy mind, & becauſe thou ſuffreſt with all thine heart for her, he ſhewed thee the clerenes of her glorie, and the fairenes of her beautie.

51 And therefore I bad thee remaine in the field where no houſe was buylt.

52 For I knewe that the moſte High wolde ſhewe theſe things vnto thee.

53 Therefore I commãded thee to go into ỹ field, where no fundaciõ nor buylding is.

54 For the worke of mans buylding can not ſtand in that place where the citie of the moſte High ſhulde be ſhewed.

55 And therefore feare not, nether let thine heart be afrayed, but go in, and ſe the beautie & greatnes of the buylding as muche as thou art able to ſe with thine eyes.

56 And after this ſhalt thou heare, as muche as thine eares may comprehende.

57 For thou art bleſſed aboue manie, & art called with ỹ moſte High among the few.

58 But to morow at night thou ſhalt remaine here,

59 And the moſte High ſhal ſhewe thee viſiõs of high things, which the moſte High wil do vnto them that dweil vpõ earth, in the laſt dayes So I ſlept the ſame night & another, as he had commanded me.

CHAP. XI.

The viſion of an egle coming forthe of the ſea, and of her feathers. 37 Of a lyon coming out of the foreſt.

1 THen ſaw I a dreame, & beholde, there came vp from the ſea an egle, which had twelue feathered wings & three heads.

2 And I ſawe and beholde, ſhe ſpred her wings ouer all the earth, & all the windes of the ayre blewe on her, and gathered them ſelues.

3 And I behelde, & out of her feathers grew out other contrarie feathers, and they became litle feathers and ſmale.

4 But her heads remained ſtil, & the head in the middes was greater then the other heads, yet reſted it with them.

5 Moreouer, I ſawe that the egle flewe with his feathers and reigned vpõ earth & ouer them that dwelt therein.

6 And I ſawe that all things vnder heauen were ſubiect vnto her, and no man ſpake againſt her, no not one creature vpõ earth.

7 I ſawe alſo that the egle ſtode vp vpon her clawes, & ſpake to her feathers, ſaying,

8 Watch not all together: ſlepe euerie one in his owne place, and watch by courſe.

9 But let the heads be preſerued for the laſt.

10 Neuertheles, I ſawe that ỹ voice went not out of her heads, but from the middes of her bodie.

11 Then I nombred her contrarie feathers, and beholde, there were eight of them.

12 And I loked, and beholde vpon the right ſide there aroſe one feather, and reigned ouer all the earth.

13 And when it had reigned, the end of it came, and the place thereof appeared no more. So the next ſtode vp, and reigned: it continued a long time.

14 And when it had reigned, the end of it came alſo, and as the firſt, ſo it appeared no more.

15 Then there came a voyce vnto it, and ſaid,

16 Heare thou that haſt kept the earth ſo long: this I ſay vnto thee, before thou beginneſt to appeare no more,

17 There ſhal none after thee atteine vnto thy time, nether to the halfe thereof.

18 Then aroſe the third and reigned as the other afore, and it appeared no more alſo.

19 So came it to all ỹ others one after another, ſo that euerie one reigned, and then appeared no more.

20 Then I loked, and beholde in proceſſe of time ỹ feathers that followed, ſtode vp on the right ſide, that they might rule alſo, & ſome of thẽ ruled, but within a while they appeared no more.

21 For

21 For ſome of thē were ſet vp, but ruled not.
22 After this I loked & beholde, ỹ twelue feathers appeared nomore, nor ỹ two wings.
23 And there was no more vpon the egles bodie, but two heads that reſted and ſix wings.
24 Then ſawe I alſo that two wings deuided them ſelues from the ſix, and remained vnder the head, that was vpō the right ſide: for the foure cōtinued in their place.
25 So I loked, & beholde, the vnderwings thoght to ſet vp them ſelues, and to haue the rule.
26 Then was there one ſet vp, but ſhortly it appeared no more.
27 And the ſecond were ſoner gone then the firſt.
28 Thē I behelde, & lo, the two that remained, thoght alſo in them ſelues to reigne.
29 And whē they ſo thoght, beholde, there awaked one of the heads that were at reſt, which was in the middes: for that was greater then the two.
30 And then I ſawe, that the two heads were ioyned therewith.
31 And beholde, the head was turned with them, that were with it, and did eat vp the two vnderwings that wolde haue reigned.
32 But this head put the whole earth in feare and bare rule in it, ouer all thoſe that dwelt vpon earth with muche labour, & it had the gouernāce of the worlde, more thē all the wings that had bene.
33 After this I loked, and beholde, the head that was in the middes, ſuddenly appeared no more, as did the wings.
34 But the two heads remained, which alſo ruled likewiſe vpō earth, and ouer thoſe that dwelt therein.
35 And I behelde, and lo the head vpon the right ſide deuoured that was vpon the left ſide.
36 ¶ Then I heard a voyce which ſaid vnto me, Loke before thee, and conſider ỹ thing that thou ſeeſt.
37 So I ſawe, and beholde as it were a lyon that roareth, renning haſtely out of the wood: and I ſawe that he ſent out a mans voyce vnto the egle, and ſpake, and ſaid,
38 Heare thou, I wil talke with thee, & the moſte High ſhal ſay vnto thee,
39 Art not thou that that of the foure beaſts remaineſt, whome I made to reigne in my worlde, that by them the end of times might come,
40 And the fourth is come, and hathe ouercome all the beaſts that were paſt, & hathe power ouer the worlde with great fearfulnes, and ouer the whole compaſſe of the earth with moſte wicked oppreſsion, and that dwelleth ſo long time in all ỹ worlde with diſceite?
41 For ỹ haſt not iudged the earth ẅ trueth.
42 Seing thou haſt troubled the meke, thou haſt hurte the peaceable, and thou haſt loued lyers, and deſtroied the dwellings of them that broght forthe frute, & haſt caſt downe the walles of ſuche as did thee no harme,
43 Therefore is thy wrongful dealing come vp vnto the moſte High, and thy pride vnto the Mightie.
44 The moſte High alſo hathe loked vpon the proude times, & beholde, they are ended, and their abominacions are fulfilled.
45 Therefore appeare no more, thou egle, nor thine horrible wings, nor thy wicked feathers, nor thy malicious heads, and thy wicked clawes, nor all thy vaine bodie,
46 That all the earth may be refreſhed, & come againe, as one deliuered from thy violence, & that ſhe may hope for the iudgement and mercie of him that made her

CHAP. XII.

The declaration of the former viſions.

1 AND when the lion ſpake theſe wordes to the egle, I ſawe,
2 And beholde, the head that had the vpper hand, appeared no more, nether did the foure wings appeare any more, that came to it, and ſet vp them ſelues to reigne, whoſe kingdome was ſmale and ful of vproares.
3 And I ſawe, and beholde, they appeared no more, and the whole bodie of the egle was burnt, ſo that the earth was in great feare. Then I awaked out of the trouble and trance of my minde, and frō the great feare, and ſaid vnto my ſpirit,
4 Lo, this haſt thou done vnto me in that thou ſearcheſt out the waies of the moſte High.
5 Lo, yet am I wearie in my minde, and very weake in my ſpirit, and litle ſtrength is there in me, for the great feare that I receiued this night.
6 Therefore now I wil beſeche the moſte High that he wil cōfort me vnto the end.
7 And I ſaid, O Lord, Lord, if I haue foūde grace before thy ſight, & if I am iuſtified with thee before many other, and if my praier in dede be come vp before thy face,
8 Comfort me, and ſhewe me thy ſeruant the interpretacion and difference of this horrible ſight, that thou maiſt perfectly comforte my ſoule,
9 Seing thou haſt iudged me worthie to ſhewe me the laſt times.
10 ¶ Then he ſaid vnto me, This is the interpretacion of this viſion,
11 The egle, whome thou ſaweſt come vp from the ſea, is the * kingdome which was ſene in the viſion of thy brother Daniel. *Dan.7.7.
12 But it was not expounded vnto him, therefore now I declare it vnto thee.
13 Beholde, the daies come, that there ſhal

riſe vp a kingdome vpon the earth, and it ſhalbe feared aboue all kingdomes that were before it.
14 In it ſhal twelue Kings reigne one after another,
15 Whereof the ſeconde ſhal beginne to reigne and ſhal haue more time then the twelue.
16 And this do the twelue wings ſignifie, which thou ſaweſt.
17 As for the voice that thou heardeſt ſpeake, and that thou ſaweſt not go out from the heads, but from the middes of the bodie thereof, this is the interpretacion,
18 That after the time of that kingdome there ſhal ariſe great ſtrife, & it ſhalbe in danger to fall, but it ſhal not then fall, but ſhalbe reſtored againe to his beginning.
19 Cõcerning the eight vnderwings, which thou ſaweſt hang vnto her wings, this is the interpretacion,
20 In him ſhal ariſe eight Kings, whoſe time ſhal be but ſmale, and their yeres ſwift, and two of them ſhal periſh.
21 But when the midde time cometh, there ſhalbe foure kept a time, whiles his time beginneth to come, that it maye be ended, but two ſhalbe kept vnto the end.
22 And where as thou ſaweſt thre heads reſting, this is the interpretacion,
23 In his laſt dayes ſhal ỹ moſte High raiſe vp thre kingdomes, and ſhal call againe manie things into thẽ, and they ſhal haue the dominion of the earth,
24 And of thoſe that dwell therein, with muche grief aboue all thoſe that were before them: therefore are they called the heads of the egle.
25 For they ſhal accompliſh his wickednes, and ſhal finiſh his laſt end.
26 And where as thou ſaweſt that the great head appeared no more, it ſignifieth that one of them ſhal dye vpon his bed, and yet with peine.
27 For the two that remaine, the ſworde ſhal deuoure them.
28 For the ſworde of the one ſhal deuoure the other: but at the laſt, ſhal he fall by the ſworde him ſelf.
29 And where as ỹ ſaweſt two vnderwings, that went of towarde the head, which was on the right ſide, this is the interpretaciõ,
30 Theſe are thei whome ỹ moſte High hathe preſerued for their end, whoſe kingdome is litle, and ful of trouble as thou ſaweſt.
31 And the lyon whome thou ſaweſt riſing vp out of the wood and roaring, and ſpeaking vnto the egle, and rebuking hei for her vnrighteouſnes with all the wordes that thou haſt heard,
32 This is the winde which the moſte High hathe kept for them, and for their wickednes vnto the end, & he ſhal reproue them, and caſt before them their ſpoiles.
33 For he ſhal ſet them aliue in the iudgement, and ſhal rebuke them and correct them.
34 For he wil deliuer the reſidue of my people by affliction, which are preſerued vpon my borders, and he ſhal make them ioyful, vntil the comming of the day of iudgement, whereof I haue ſpoken vnto thee from the beginning.
35 This is the dreame that thou ſaweſt, and theſe are the interpretacions.
36 Thou onely haſt bene mete to know this ſecret of the moſte High.
37 Therefore write all theſe things that thou haſt ſene, in a boke and hide them,
38 And teache them the wiſe of the people, whoſe hearts thou knoweſt may comprehende and kepe theſe ſecrets.
39 But waite thou here yet ſeuen daies mo, that it may be ſhewed thee whatſoeuer it pleaſeth the moſte High to declare vnto thee: and with that he went his way.
40 And when all the people perceiued, that the ſeuen daies were paſt, and I not come againe into the citie, they gathered them all together, from the leaſt vnto the moſte, and came vnto me, and ſpake vnto me, ſaying,
41 What haue we offended thee? or what euil haue we done againſt thee, that thou forſakeſt vs, and ſitteſt in this place?
42 For of all the people thou onely art left vs as a grape of the vine, and as a candle in a darke place, & as an haue n or ſhippe preſerued from the tempeſt.
43 Are not the euils which are come vnto vs, ſufficient?
44 If thou then forſake vs, how muche better had it bene for vs, that we had bene burnt alſo as Sion was burnt?
45 For we are no better then they that dyed there: and they wept with a loude voyce, Then anſwered I them, and ſaid,
46 Be of good comfort, ô Iſrael, and be not heauie, thou houſe of Iacob.
47 For the moſte High hathe you in remẽbrãce, & the Almightie hathe not forgotten you in temptacion.
48 As for me I haue not forſakẽ you, nether am I departed from you, but am come into this place to praye for the deſolation of Sion, that I might ſeke mercie for the low eſtate of your Sanctuarie.
49 And now go your way home euerie mã, and after theſe daies wil I come vnto you.
50 So the people went their way into the citie, as I commanded them:
51 But I remained ſtil in the field ſeuen daies, as he had commanded me, and did eat onely of the floures of the field, & had my meat of the herbes in thoſe daies.

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CHAP. XIII.

The viſion of a winde coming forthe of the ſea. 3 Which became a man 5 His properte & power againſt his enemies. 21 The declaration of this viſion.

1 AND after the ſeuen daies I dreamed a dreame by night.

2 And beholde, there aroſe a winde frō the ſea, and it moued all the waues thereof.

3 And I loked, & beholde, there was a mightie man with the thouſands of heauen: and when he turned his countenāce to loke, all the things trembled that were ſene vnder him.

4 And whē the voyce wēt out of his mouth, all they burned that heard his voyce, as the earth faileth when it feeleth the fyre.

5 After theſe things I ſawe, and beholde, there was gathered together a multitude of men out of nōber, frō the foure windes of the heauē, to fight againſt the man that came out from the ſea.

6 And I loked, and beholde, he graued him ſelf a great mountaine, and flewe vp vpon it.

7 But I wolde haue ſene the countrei or place whereout the hil was grauen, and I colde not.

8 I ſawe after theſe things, and beholde, all they which came to fight againſt him, were ſore afraied, and yet they durſt fight.

9 Neuertheles, when he ſawe the fiercenes of the multitude that came, he lifted not vp his hand: for he helde no ſworde nor any inſtrument of warre,

10 But onely, as I ſawe, he ſent out of his mouth, as it had bene a blaſte of fyre, and out of his lippes the winde of the flame, and out of his tongue he caſt out ſparkes and ſtormes.

11 And they were all mixt together, *euen* this blaſt of fyre, the winde of the flame, and the great ſtorme, and fell with violēce vpon the multitude, which was prepared to fight, and burnt them vp all, ſo that of the innumerable multitude there was nothing ſene, but onely duſt, and ſmel of ſmoke. When I ſawe this, I was afraied.

12 ¶ Afterwarde ſawe I the ſame man come downe from the mountaine, and calling vnto him another peaceable multitude.

13 And there came many vnto him, ſome with ioyful countenāce, & ſome with ſad: ſome of thē were bound, and ſome broght of them that were offred: and I was ſicke thorow great feare, and awaked, and ſaid,

14 Thou haſt ſhewed thy ſeruāt theſe wonders from the beginning, and haſt counted me worthie to receiue my praier.

15 Shewe me now therefore the interpretacion of this dreame.

16 For thus I conſider in mine vnderſtanding, wo vnto them ỹ ſhalbe left in thoſe daies, and muche more wo vnto them that are not left behinde.

17 For they that were not left, were in heauines.

18 Now vnderſtand I the things that are laid vp in the latter daies, which ſhal come bothe vnto them, and to thoſe that are left behinde.

19 Therefore are they come into great perils and many neceſsities, as theſe dreames declare.

20 Yet is it eaſier, that he that is in danger, ſhulde fall into theſe, & foreſe the things to come hereafter, then to paſſe away as a cloude out of the worlde.

21 ¶ Then anſwered he me, & ſaid, The interpretacīō of the viſion wil I ſhewe thee, and I wil open to thee the thing that thou haſt required.

22 Where as thou haſt ſpoken of them that are left behinde, this is the interpretacion,

23 He that ſhal beare the danger in that time, he ſhal kepe him ſelf. They that be fallen into danger, are ſuche as haue workes and faith towarde the moſte Mightie.

24 Knowe therefore, that they which be left behinde, are more bleſſed thē thei that be dead.

25 Theſe are the meanings of the viſion, Where as thou ſaweſt a man comming vp from the middes of the ſea,

26 The ſame is he whome the moſte High hathe kept a great ſeaſon, who by his owne ſelf ſhal deliuer his creature, & he ſhal order them that are left behinde.

27 ¶ And where as thou ſaweſt, that out of his mouth there came as a blaſt with fyre and ſtorme,

28 And ỹ he nether helde ſworde nor weapon, but that by his fiercenes he deſtroied the whole multitude, that came to fight againſt him, this is the interpretacion,

29 Beholde, the daies come that the moſte High wil beginne to deliuer thē that are vpon the earth:

30 And he ſhal aſtoniſh the hearts of them that dwell vpon the earth:

31 And one ſhal prepare to fight againſt another, citie againſt citie, & place againſt place, *and nation againſt nation, & realme againſt realme. *Mat. 24.7.

32 When this commeth to paſſe, then ſhal the tokens come, that I ſhewed thee before, & then ſhal my Sonne be reueiled, whome thou ſaweſt go vp as a man.

33 And when all the people heare his voyce, euerie mā ſhal in their owne land leaue the battel that they haue one againſt another.

34 And an innumerable multitude ſhalbe gathered as one, as they that be willing to come, and to fight againſt him.

35 But he ſhal ſtand vpō the toppe of mount Sion.
36 And Sion ſhal come, and ſhalbe ſhewed to all, being prepared and buylded, as thou ſaweſt the hil grauen forthe without any hands.
37 And this my Sonne ſhal rebuke the wicked inuentions of thoſe nacions, which for their wicked life are fallen into the tempeſt,
38 And into torments like to flame, whereby they ſhalbe tormented: and without any labour wil he deſtroy them, euen by the Law, which is compared vnto the fyre.
39 And where as thou ſaweſt that he gathered another peaceable people vnto him,
40 Thoſe are the ten tribes which were caryed away captiues out of their owne lād,
a.King 17.3. * in the time of Oſeas the King, whome Salmanaſar the King of the Aſſyrians toke captiue, and caryed them beyonde the riuer: ſo were they broght into another land.
41 But they toke this counſel to thē ſelues, that they wolde leaue the multitude of the heathen, and go forthe into a further countrey, where neuer mankinde dwelt,
42 That they might there kepe their ſtatutes, which they neuer kept in their owne land.
43 And they entred in at the narowe paſſages of the riuer Euphrates.
44 For the moſte High then ſhewed thē ſignes, Exod 14.21. Ioſ 3.15. * and ſtayed the ſprings of the flood til they were paſſed ouer.
45 For thorow ỹ countrey there was a great iourney, euen of a yere and an halfe, and the ſame region is called Arſareth. Or, Arzareth.
46 Then dwelt they there vntil the latter time: and when they come forthe againe,
47 The moſte High ſhal holde ſtil the ſprings of the riuer againe, that they may go thorow: therefore ſaweſt thou the multitude peaceable.
48 But thei that be left behinde of thy people, are thoſe that be founde within my borders.
49 Now when he deſtroieth the multitude of the nacions that are gathered together, he ſhal defende the people that remaine,
50 And then ſhal he ſhewe great wonders vnto them.
51 Then ſaid I, O Lord, Lord, ſhewe me this, wherefore haue I ſene the man comming vp from the middes of the ſea?
52 And he ſaid vnto me, As thou canſt nether ſeke out, nor knowe theſe things, that are in the deepe of the ſea, ſo can no man vpon earth ſe my Sonne, or thoſe that be with him, but in the time of that day.
53 This is the interpretation of the dreame which thou ſaweſt, and whereby thou onely art lightened.
54 For thou haſt forſaken thine owne Law, and applied thy diligence vnto mine, and ſoght it.
55 Thy life haſt thou ordered in wiſdome, & haſt called vnderſtanding thy mother.
56 Therefore haue I ſhewed thee ỹ rewardes with the moſte High: and after thre other daies I wil ſpeake other things vnto thee, and wil declare the great and wonderous things.
57 Then went I forthe vnto the field, glorifying and praiſing the moſte High for the wonders which he did in time,
58 Which he gouerneth, and ſuche things as come in their ſeaſons: and there I ſate thre dayes.

CHAP. XIIII.

3 How God appeared to Moſes in the buſh 10 All things decline to age 15 The latter times worſe then the former 29 The ingratitude of Iſrael. 35 The reſurrection and iudgement

1 VPon the thirde day I ſate vnder an oke, and behelde, there came forthe a voyce vnto me out of the buſh, & ſaid, Eſdras, Eſdras?
2 And I ſaid, Here am I, Lord, & ſtode vp vpon my fete.
3 Then ſaid he vnto me, * In the buſh I reueiled my ſelf, and ſpake vnto Moyſes, whē my people ſerued in Egypt: Exo.3.6.
4 And I ſent him, and led my people out of Egypt, and broght him vpon the mount Sinai, & I helde him with me a lōg ſeaſon,
5 And I tolde him many wōders, & ſhewed him the ſecrets of the times and the end, and commanded him, ſaying,
6 Theſe wordes ſhalt thou declare, & theſe ſhalt thou hide.
7 And now I ſay vnto thee, that thou lay vp in thine heart the ſignes that I haue ſhewed, and the dreames that thou haſt ſene, & the interpretacions which thou haſt heard.
8 For thou ſhalt be taken away from all, and thou ſhalt remaine hence forthe with my counſel, & with ſuche as be like thee, vntil the times be ended.
9 For the worlde hathe loſt his youth, & the times beginne to waxe olde.
10 For the worlde is deuided into twelue partes, & ten partes of it are gone alreadie and halfe of the tenth parte.
11 And there remaineth that which is after the halfe of the tenth parte.
12 Therefore ſet thine houſe in order, and reforme thy people, and comfort ſuche of them as be in trouble, and now renounce the corruption.
13 Let go from thee mortal thoghts: caſt away from thee the burdens of men, & put of now the weake nature,
14 And ſet aſide thy moſte grieuous thoghts, and haſte thee to departe from theſe times.
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15 For greater euils then thoſe, which thou haſt ſene now, ſhal thei commit.
16 For the weaker that the worlde is by reaſon of age, the more ſhal the euils be increaſed vpon them that dwell therein.
17 For the trueth is fled farre away, & lies are at hand: for now haſteth the viſion to come, that thou haſt ſene.
18 ¶ Then anſwered I, and ſaid before thee,
19 Beholde, ô Lord, I wil go as thou haſt commanded me, and reforme the people, which are preſent: but they that ſhal be borne afterwarde, who ſhal admoniſh thē?
20 Thus the worlde is ſet in darkenes, and they that dwell therein, are without light.
21 For thy Law is burnt, therefore no man knoweth the things that are done of thee, or the workes that ſhalbe done.
22 But if I haue founde grace before thee, ſend the holie Goſt into me, & I wil write all that hathe bene done in the worlde ſince the beginning, which was writen in thy Law, that men may finde the path, & that thei which wil liue in the latter daies, may liue.
23 And he anſwered me, ſaying, Go, and gather the people, and ſay vnto them, that thei ſeke thee not for fortie daies,
24 But prepare thee many boxe tables, and take with thee theſe fiue, Sarea, Dabria, Selemia, Ecanus, and Aſiel, which are readie to write ſwiftly,
25 And come hether, & I wil light a candle of vnderſtāding in thine heart, which ſhal not be put out til the things be performed which thou ſhalt beginne to write.
26 And thē ſhalt thou declare ſome things openly vnto the perfite men, and ſome things ſhalt thou ſhewe ſecretly vnto the wiſe to morowe this houre ſhalt thou beginne to write.
27 Then went I forthe, as he commanded me, and gathered all the people together, and ſaid,
28 Heare theſe wordes, ô Iſrael,
Gen 47.4. 29 *Our fathers at ŷ beginning were ſtrangers in Egypt, from whence they were deliuered,
Act.7.53. 30 And receiued the Law of life, *which they kept not, which ye alſo haue trāſgreſſed after them.
31 Then was the land, euen the lād of Sion parted amōg you by lot: but your fathers and ye alſo haue done vnrighteouſly, and haue not kept the wayes, which the moſte High commanded you.
32 And for ſo muche as he is a righteous Iudge, he toke from you in time the thing that he had giuen you.
33 And now are ye here, and your brethren among you.
34 Therefore if ſo be that ye wil ſubdue your owne vnderſtanding, and reforme your heart, ye ſhalbe kept aliue, and after death ſhal ye obteine mercie.
35 For after death ſhal the iudgemēt come, when we ſhal liue againe: & then ſhal the names of the righteous be manifeſt, and the workes of the vngodlie ſhalbe declared.
36 Let no man therefore come now vnto me, nor ſeke me theſe fortie daies.
37 So I toke the fiue men, as he commanded me, and we went into the field, and remained there.
38 The next daye beholde, a voyce called me, ſaying, Eſdras, * open thy mouth, and drinke that I giue thee to drinke. Ezech 3.2.
39 Then opened I my mouth, and beholde, he reached me a full cuppe, which was full as it were with water: but the colour of it was like fyre.
40 And I toke it and dranke, and when I had dronke it, mine heart had vnderſtanding and wiſdome grewe in my breſt: for my ſpirit was ſtrēgthened in memorie.
41 And my mouth was opened, and ſhut no more.
42 The moſte High gaue vnderſtanding vnto the fiue men, that they wrote the hie things of the night, which they vnderſtode not.
43 But in the night they did eat bread, but I ſpake by day, & helde not my tongue by night.
44 In fortie daies, they wrote two hundreth and foure bokes.
45 And when the fortie dayes were fulfilled, the moſte High ſpake, ſaying, The firſt that thou haſt writen, publiſh openly, ŷ the worthie and vnworthie may read it.
46 But kepe the ſeuentie laſt, that thou maieſt giue them to the wiſe among thy people.
47 For in them is the veine of vnderſtanding, and the fountaine of wiſdome, and the riuer of knowledge: and I did ſo.

CHAP. XV.

1 The prophecie of Eſdras is certeine. 5 The euils that ſhal come on the worlde. 9 The Lord wil auenge the innocent blood. 12 Egypt ſhal lament. 16 Sedicion. 20 And puniſhment vpon the Kings of the earth. 24 Curſed are they that ſinne. 29 Troubles & warres vpon the whole earth. 53 God is the reuenger of his elect.

1 BEholde, ſpeake thou in the eares of my people the wordes of prophecie, which I wil put in thy mouth, ſaith the Lord:
2 And cauſe them to be writen in a lettre: for they are faithful and true.
3 Feare not the imaginacions againſt thee: let not the vnfaithfulnes of the ſpeakers trouble thee, that ſpake againſt thee.
4 For euery vnfaithful ſhal dye in his vnfaithfulnes.
5 Beholde, ſaith the Lord, I wil bring pla-

gues vpō all the worlde, the ſworde, famine, death and deſtruction:
6 Becauſe that iniquitie hathe fully polluted all the earth, and their wicked workes are fulfilled.
7 Therefore, ſaith the Lord, I wil holde my tongue no more for their wickednes, (they do vngodlie) nether wil I ſuffer thē in the things, that they do wickedly.
Reuel 6.10. & 19.2. 8 Beholde, *the innocent and righteous blood cryeth vnto me, and the ſoules of the iuſt crye continually.
9 I wil ſurely auenge them, ſaith the Lord, and receiue vnto me all ȳ innocent blood from among them.
10 Beholde, my people is led as a flocke to the ſlaughter: I wil not ſuffer them now to dwell in the land of Egypt,
11 But I wil bring them out with a mightie hand, and a ſtretched out arme, & ſmite it with plagues as afore, & wil deſtroie all the land thereof.
12 Egypt ſhal mourne, and the fundacions thereof ſhalbe ſmitten with the plague and puniſhment, that God ſhal bring vpon it.
13 The plowemē that till the grounde, ſhal mourne: for their ſedes ſhal faile thorowe the blaſting and haile, and by an horrible ſtarre.
14 Wo to the worlde, & to them that dwell therein.
15 For the ſworde and their deſtruction draweth nere, and one people ſhal ſtand vp to fight againſt another with ſwordes in their hands.
16 For there ſhalbe ſedicion among men, & one ſhal inuade another: they ſhal not regarde their King, & the princes ſhal meaſure their doings by their power.
17 A man ſhal deſire to go into a citie, and ſhal not be able.
18 Becauſe of their pride the cities ſhalbe troubled, the houſes ſhalbe afraied, & men ſhal feare.
19 A man ſhal haue no pitie vpon his neighbour, but ſhal deſtroye their houſes with the ſworde, & their goods ſhalbe ſpoyled for lacke of bread, and becauſe of great trouble.
20 Beholde, ſaith God, I call together all the Kings of the earth to reuerence me,
or, Weſt. which are from the "East, and from the South, from the East, and from Libanus, to turne vpon thē, & to repay the things, that they haue done to them.
21 As they do yet this day vnto my choſen, ſo wil I do alſo, and recompenſe them in their boſome: thus ſaith the Lord God,
22 My right hād ſhal not ſpare the ſinners, nether ſhal the ſworde ceaſe from them, that ſhed innocent blood vpon earth.
23 The fyre is gone out from his wrath, and hathe conſumed the fundacions of the earth, and the ſinners like the ſtrawe, that is kindled.
24 Wo to them that ſinne, and kepe not my commandements, ſaith the Lord.
25 I wil not ſpare them: departe, ô childrē, from the power: defile not my Sanctuarie.
26 For the Lord knoweth all them that ſinne againſt him, and therefore deliuereth he them vnto death and deſtruction.
27 For now are the plagues come vpon the worlde, and ye ſhal remaine in them: for God wil not deliuer you, becauſe ye haue ſinned againſt him.
28 Beholde, an horrible viſion cometh from the Eaſt,
29 Where generacions of dragons of Arabia ſhal come out with manie charets, and the multitude of them ſhalbe caryed as the winde vpon the earth, that all they which heare them, may fēare and tremble.
30 Euen the Carmanians raging in wrath, ſhal go forthe as the bores of the foreſt, and ſhal come with great power, and ſtād againſt them in battel, and ſhal deſtroye a porcion of the land of the Aſſyrians.
31 But after this ſhal the dragons haue the vpper hand, and remember their nature, and ſhal turne about, and conſpire to conſume them with a great power.
32 Then theſe ſhalbe troubled, and kepe ſilence by their power, and ſhal flee.
33 From the land of the Aſſyrians ſhal the enemie beſiege them, and conſume ſome of them, and in their hoſte ſhalbe feare & dread, and ſtrife among their Kings.
34 Beholde cloudes from the Eaſt, & from the North vnto the South, and they are verie horrible to loke vpon, ful of wrath and ſtorme.
35 They ſhal ſmite one vpon another: and they ſhal ſmite downe a great multitude of ſtarres vpon the earth, euen their owne ſtarre, & the blood ſhalbe from the ſworde vnto the bellie,
36 And the dongue of mā vnto the Camels litter.
37 And there ſhalbe great fearefulnes, and trembling vpon earth, and thei that ſe the wrath, ſhalbe afraied, and a trembling ſhal come vpon them.
38 And then there ſhal come great ſtormes from the South, and from the North, and parte from the Weſt.
39 And from the Eaſt ſhal windes ariſe and ſhal open it with the cloude, which he raiſed vp in wrath, & ȳ ſtarre, raiſed to feare the Eaſt & Weſt winde, ſhalbe deſtroyed.
40 And the great, and mightie cloudes ſhal be lift vp, ful of wrath, and the ſtarre, that they may make all the earth afraied, and them

them that dwell therein, & that they may powre out ouer euerie hie place, and lifted vp, an horrible conſtellation,

41 As fyre and hayle, and flying ſwordes, & many waters, that all fields may be full, & all riuers w̄ the abundāce of great waters.

42 And they ſhal breake downe the cities and walles, and mountaines, and hilles, and the trees of the wood, and the graſſe of the medowes, and their corne.

43 And they ſhal go with a ſtreight courſe vnto Babylon, and make it afraied.

44 They ſhal come to her, and beſiege her, and ſhal powre forthe the conſtellation, & all the wrath againſt her: then ſhal the duſt and ſmoke go vp vnto the heauen, and all they that be about her, ſhal bewaile her.

45 And thei that remaine vnder her, ſhal do ſeruice vnto them, ỹ haue put her in feare.

46 ¶ And thou Aſia, that art partaker of the hope of Babylon, and the glorie of her perſone,

47 Wo vnto thee, ô wretch, becauſe thou haſt made thy ſelf like vnto her, and haſt deckt thy daughters in whoredome, ỹ they might pleaſe & glorie in thy louers, which haue alway deſired to cōmit whoredome with thee.

48 Thou haſt followed her that is hated in all her workes, and in her inuencions: therefore ſaith God,

49 I wil ſend plagues vpō thee, wedowhed, pouertie, and famine, & the ſworde, and peſtilēce, to waſte thine houſes with deſtruction and death.

50 And ỹ glorie of thy power ſhalbe dryed vp, as a floure when the heat riſeth, that is ſent vpon thee.

51 Thou ſhalt be ſicke as a poore wife ỹ is plagued and beaten of women, ſo that the mightie and the louers ſhal not be able to receiue thee.

52 Wolde I thus hate thee, ſaith ỹ Lord,

53 If thou hadeſt not alway ſlaine my choſen, exalting the ſtroke of thine hands, and ſaid ouer their death, when ỹ waſt drōken,

54 Set forthe ỹ beautie of thy countenāce?

55 The rewarde of thy whoredome *ſhalbe* in thy boſome: therefore ſhalt thou receiue a rewarde.

56 As thou haſt done vnto my choſen, ſaith the Lord, ſo wil God do vnto thee, & wil deliuer thee vnto the plague.

57 And thy children ſhal dye of hunger, & thou ſhalt fall by the ſworde, & thy cities ſhalbe broken downe, and all thy men ſhal fall by the ſworde in the field.

58 And they that be in the mountaines ſhal dye of hunger, and eat their owne fleſh, & drinke their owne blood for wāt of bread and thirſt of water.

59 And thou, as vnhappie, ſhalt come thorowe the ſea, and receiue plagues againe.

60 In the paſſage they ſhal caſt downe the ſlaine citie, and ſhal roote out one parte of thy land, & conſume ỹ porcion of thy glorie, & ſhal returne to her ỹ was deſtroied.

61 When thou ſhalt be caſt downe, thou ſhalt be to them as ſtubble, and they ſhalbe to thee as fyre.

62 And they ſhal deſtroy thee, & thy cities, thy land, & thy mountaines: all thy woods and all thy fruteful trees ſhal they burne with fyre.

63 Thy childrē ſhal they carye away captiue, and ſhal ſpoile thy ſubſtance, & marre the beautie of thy face.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Againſt Babylon, Aſia, & Egypt and Syria. 18,38 Of the euils that ſhal come vpon the worlde, with admonition how to gouerne them ſelues in afflictions 54 To acknowledge their ſinnes, & to cōmit them ſelues to the Lord. 55 Whoſe mightie prouidence and iuſtice is to be reuerenced

1 WO to thee, Babylon & Aſia: wo to thee, Egypt and Syria.

2 Gird your ſelues with ſacke & heereclothe, and mourne your children, & be ſorie: for your deſtruction is at hand.

3 A ſworde is ſent vnto you, and who wil turne it backe? a fyre is ſent among you, & who wil quenche it?

4 Plagues are ſent vnto you, and who can driue them away?

5 May any mā driue away an hungrie lion in the wood? or quenche the fyre in ſtubble whē it hathe once begonne to burne? may one turne againe the arowe, that is ſhot of a ſtrong archer?

6 The mightie Lord ſendeth the plagues, and who can driue them away? the fyre is gone forthe in his wrath, and who can quench it?

7 He ſhal caſt lightenings, & who ſhal not feare? he ſhal thunder, and who ſhal not be afraied?

8 The Lord ſhal threaten, & who ſhal not vtterly be broken in pieces at his preſence? the earth quaketh & the fundaciō thereof: the ſea ariſeth vp with waues frō the depe, & the waues thereof are troubled, & the fiſhes thereof, before the Lord and the glorie of his power.

9 For ſtrōg is his right hand, ỹ bendeth the bowe: his arrowes ỹ he ſhooteth, are ſharpe, & ſhal not miſſe, when they beginne to be ſhot into the ends of the worlde.

10 Beholde, the plagues are ſent, & ſhal not turne againe, til they come vpon earth.

11 The fyre is kindled, & ſhal not be put out, til it cōſume the fundacions of the earth.

12 As an arow w̄ is ſhot of a mighne archer, returneth not backward, ſo ỹ plagues that ſhalbe ſēt vpō earth, ſhal not turne againe.

13 Wo is me, wo is me: who wil deliuer me in thoſe daies?

14 The beginning of ſorowes and great

mourning: the beginning of famine, and great death: the beginning of warres, and the powers ſhal feare: the beginning of euils, and all ſhal tremble. What ſhal I do in theſe things, when the plagues come?

15 Beholde, famine and plague, and trouble, and anguiſh are ſent as ſcourges for amẽdement.

16 But for all theſe things they wil not turne frõ their wickednes, nor be alway mindeful of the ſcourges.

17 Beholde, vitailes ſhalbe ſo good cheape vpon earth, that they ſhal thinke them ſelues to be in good caſe: but then ſhal the euils bud forthe vpon earth, euen the ſworde, the famine and great confuſion.

18 For many of them that dwell vpon earth, ſhal periſh with famine, and the other that eſcape ỹ famine, ſhal the ſworde deſtroy.

19 And the dead ſhalbe caſt out as dongue, and there ſhalbe no man to comforte thẽ: for the earth ſhalbe waſted, and the cities ſhalbe caſt downe.

20 There ſhalbe no mã left to till the earth, and to ſowe it: the trees ſhal giue frute, but who ſhal gather them?

21 The grapes ſhalbe ripe, but who ſhal treade them? for all places ſhalbe deſolate, ſo that one mã ſhal deſire to ſe another, or to heare his voyce.

22 For of one citie there ſhalbe ten left, and two of the field, which ſhal hide them ſelues in the thicke woods, and in the clefts of rockes.

23 As when there remaine thre or foure oliues in the place where oliues growe, or among other trees,

24 Or as whẽ a vineyarde is gathered, there are left ſome grapes of them that diligently ſoght thorowe the vineyarde:

25 So in thoſe daies there ſhalbe thre or foure left by them that ſearche their houſes w̃ the ſworde.

26 And the earth ſhalbe left waſte, and the fields thereof ſhal waxe olde, & her waies and all her paths ſhal growe full of thornes, becauſe no man ſhal trauail therethrough.

27 The virgines ſhal mourne, hauing no bridegromes: the women ſhal make lamentacion, hauing no houſbands: their daughters ſhal mourne hauing no helpers.

28 In the warres ſhal their bridegromes be deſtroied, and their houſbands ſhal periſh with famine.

29 But, ye ſeruants of the Lord, heare theſe things, and marke them.

30 Beholde the worde of the Lord, receaue it: beleue not the gods of whome ỹ Lord ſpeaketh: beholde the plagues drawe nere, and are not ſlacke.

31 As a trauailing woma which in the ninthe moneth bringeth forthe her ſonne, when the houre of birth is come, two or thre houres afore the peines come vpon her bodie, and when the childe cometh to the birth, they tarie not a whit,

32 So ſhal not the plagues be ſlacke to come vpõ the earth, & the worlde ſhal mourne, & ſorowes ſhal come vpon it on euerie ſide.

33 O my people, heare my worde: make you ready to the battel, and in the troubles be euen as ſtrangers vpon earth.

34 He that ſelleth, let him be as he ỹ fleeth his way: & he that byeth, as one ỹ wil loſe.

35 Who ſo occupieth marchãdiſe, as he that winneth not: and he that buyldeth, as he that ſhal not dwell therein:

36 He ỹ ſoweth, as one that ſhal not reape: he that cutteth the vine, as he that ſhal not gather the grapes:

37 They that mary, as they that ſhal get no children: and they that mary not, ſo as the widdowes.

38 Therefore they that labour, labour in vaine.

39 For ſtrangers ſhal reape their frutes, and ſpoile their goods, and ouerthrowe their houſes, and take their children captiue: for in captiuitie & famine ſhal they get their children.

40 And they that occupie their marchãdiſe with couetouſnes, the more they decke their cities, their houſes, their poſſeſsions, and their owne perſones,

41 So muche more wil I be angrie againſt them for their ſinnes, ſaith the Lord.

42 As a whore enuieth an honeſt and vertuous woman,

43 So ſhal righteouſnes hate iniquitie, whẽ ſhe decketh her ſelf, & ſhal accuſe her opẽly, when he ſhal come that ſhal bridle the autor of all ſinne vpon earth.

44 And therefore be ye not like thereunto, nor to the workes thereof: for or euer it be long, iniquitie ſhalbe taken away out of the earth, and righteouſnes ſhal reigne among you.

45 Let not the ſinner ſay, that he hathe not ſinned: for coles of fyre ſhal burne vpon his head, which ſaith, I haue not ſinned before the Lord God and his glorie.

46 Beholde, the Lord *knoweth all the workes of men, their imaginaciõs, their thoghtes and their hearts. *Luk.16.15.*

47 *For aſſone as he ſaid, Let the earth be made, it was made: let the heauen be made, and it was created. *Gen.1.1.*

48 By his worde were the ſtarres eſtabliſhed, and he * knoweth the nomber of them. *Pſal.147.4.*

49 He ſearcheth the depth, and the treaſures thereof: he hathe meaſured the ſea, and what it conteineth.

50 He hathe ſhut the ſea in the middes of the waters, and with his worde hathe he hanged

hanged the earth vpon the waters.
51 He ſpreadeth out the heauē like a vawte: vpon the waters hathe he founde it.
52 In the deſert hathe he made ſprings of water, and poles vpon the toppe of the mountaines, to powre out floods from the hie rockes to water the earth.
53 He made man, and put his heart in the middes of the bodie, and gaue him breth, life and vnderſtanding.
54 And the Spirit of the almightie God, which made all things, & hathe ſearched all the hid things in the ſecrets of ỹ earth,
55 He knoweth your inuencions, and what ye imagine in your heart when ye ſinne & wolde hide your ſinnes.
56 Therefore hathe the Lord ſearched and ſoght out all your workes, and wil put you all to ſhame.
57 And when your ſinnes are broght forthe before men, ye ſhalbe confounded, and your owne ſinnes ſhal ſtand as your accuſers in that day.
58 What wil ye do, or how wil ye hide your ſinnes before God and his Angels?
59 Beholde, God him ſelfe is the iudge: feare him: ceaſe from your ſinnes, and forget your iniquities, and medle no more from hence forthe with them: ſo ſhal God lead you forthe, and deliuer you from all trouble.
60 For beholde, the heate of a great multitude is kindled againſt you, and they ſhal take away certeine of you, and ſhal ſlaye you for meat to the idoles.
61 And they that conſent vnto them, ſhalbe had in deriſion and in reproche, and troden vnder foote.
62 For in euerie place and cities that are nere, there ſhalbe great inſurrectiō againſt thoſe that feare the Lord.
63 They ſhalbe like mad men: they ſhal ſpare none: they ſhal ſpoyle, & waſte ſuche as yet feare the Lord.
64 For they then ſhal waſte and ſpoile their goods, and caſt them out of their houſes.
65 Thē ſhal the tryal of my choſen appeare, as the golde is tryed by the fyre.
66 Heare, ô ye my beloued, ſaith the Lord: beholde, the daies of trouble are at hand, but I wil deliuer you from them: be not ye afraied: doute not, for God is your captaine.
67 Who ſo kepeth my commādements and precepts, ſaith ỹ Lord God, let not your ſinnes weigh you downe, and let not your iniquities lift them ſelues vp.
68 Wo vnto thē that are bounde with their ſinnes, and couered with their iniquities, as a field is hedged in with buſhes, and the path thereof couered with thornes, whereby no man may trauaile: it is ſhut vp, and is appointed to be deuoured with fyre.

TOBIT.

CHAP. I.

1 Tobits parentage 3 His godlines. 6 His equitie. 8 His charitie and proſperitie 23 He fleeth, and his goods are confiſcate, 25 And after, reſtored.

Tobias, being captiue amōgeſt the Aſſyrians, did not leaue the way of trueth.

1 THE boke of the wordes of Tobit ſonne of Tobiel, the ſonne of Ananeel, the ſonne of Aduel, the ſonne of Gabael, of the ſeed of Aſael & of the tribe of Nephthalim,
2 Who in the time of *Enemeſſar King of the Aſſyrias was* ledde away captiue out of Thiſbe, which is at the right hand of that citie, w̄ is called properly Nephthalim, in Galilee aboue Aſer.
3 I Tobit haue walked all my liue long in the way of trueth and iuſtice, and I did manie things liberally to the brethren, w̄ were of my nation, and came with me to Nīnue into the land of the Aſſyrians.

Or, Salmaneſer 2 King. 17.3.

Tobias was merciful

4 And when I was in mine owne countrei in the land of Iſrael, being but yong, all the tribe of Nephthalim my father fell from the houſe of Ieruſalem, which was choſen out of all the tribes of Iſrael, that all the tribes ſhulde ſacrifice there, where the Tēple of the tabernacle of the moſte High was conſecrated, and buylt vp for all ages.
5 *Now all the tribes, which fell from God, yea, and my father Nephthalims houſe offred to the heifar called Baal.* *1. King 12.28
6 But I (as it was ordeined to all Iſrael by an euerlaſting decre) went alone often to Ieruſalem, *bringing the firſt frutes, and the tenth of beaſts, with that which was firſt ſhorne, and offred them at the altar to the Prieſts the children of Aaron.

He fledde frō idoles *Exod. 22,29. deu 12,6.*

7 The firſt tenth parte I gaue to ỹ Prieſts the ſonnes of Aaron, which miniſtred in Ieruſalē: the other tēth parte I ſolde, & came & beſtowed it euerie yere at Ieruſalē.
8 The thirde *tenth parte* I gaue vnto them to whome it was mete, as Debora my fathers mother had commanded me: for my father left me as a pupil.
9 ¶ Furthermore when I was come to the age of a mā, I maried Anna of *mine owne kinred, and of her I begate Tobias.

He maryeth to wife Anna, & beareth him Tobiah

10 ¶ But whē I was ledde captiue to Nīnue, all my brethren, & thoſe w̄ were of my kinred did eate of the *bread of ỹ Gētiles.

*Numb 36.7. Gen 43.32.

11 But I kept my ſelf from eating,
12 Becauſe I remembred God with all mine heart.

He found grace in the ſight of Salmanaſar

13 Therefore the moſt High gaue me grace and fauour before Enemeſſar, ſo that I was his puruoyer.

14 ¶And I went into Media, and I deliuered ten talẽts of ſiluer to Gabael the "brother of Gabrias "in the land of Media.

*Or, ſonne
"Or, in Rages a citie of Media.

15 But when Enemeſſar was dead, Sennacherib his ſonne reigned in his ſtead: whoſe ſtate becauſe it was troubled, I colde not go into Media.

*Or, Salmanaſar
The charitie of Tobias

16 ¶But in the time of "Enemeſſar, I gaue many almes to my brethren, and gaue my bread to them which were hungrie,
17 And my clothes to the naked: and if I ſawe any of my kinred dead, or caſt about the walles of Nineue, I buryed him.
18 And if the King Sennacherib had ſlaine any, when he* was come and fled from Iudea, I buryed thẽ priuely (for in his wrath he killed many) but the bodies were not foũde whẽ they were ſoght for of ỹ King.

*2 King 19,37
*Iſa 37,38.
*eccleſ 48,14.
*1 mac 7,41.
*2 mac. 8,19.

19 Therefore whẽ a certeine Nineuite had accuſed me to the King, becauſe I did bury them, I hid my ſelf: and becauſe I knewe that I was ſoght to be ſlaine, I withdrewe my ſelf for feare.

Tobit fleeth from the face of Sennacherib.

20 Then all my goods were ſpoyled, nether was there any thing left me beſides my wife Anna and my ſonne Tobias.
21 Neuertheles *within fiue and fiftie daies two of his ſonnes killed him, and they fled into the mountaines of Arrarath, & Sarchedonus his ſonne reigned in his ſtead, who appointed ouer his fathers accõptes and ouer all his domeſticall affaires Achiacharus my brother Anaels ſonne.

*2. King 19,37
*Esdr 22,21.

22 And when Achiacharus had made a requeſt for me, I came againe to Nineue: now Achiacharus was cupbearer & keper of ỹ ſignet, & ſteward, & ouerſawe the accomptes: ſo Sarchedonus appointed him next vnto him, & he was my brothers ſonne.

Tobit returneth.

CHAP. II.

Tobit calleth the faithful to his table. 3 He leaueth the feaſt to bury the dead 10 How he became blinde 13 His wife laboreth for her liuing. 16 She reproacheth him bitterly.

1 NOw when I was come home againe, & my wife Anna was reſtored vnto me with my ſonne Tobias, in the feaſt of Pentecoſte, which is the holy *feaſt* of the ſeuen wekes, there was a great dinner prepared me, in the which I ſate downe to eat.

Tobit doeth bid to diner thoſe which feare God.

2 And when I ſawe abundãce of meat, I ſaid to my ſonne, Go, & bring what poore man ſoeuer ỹ ſhalt finde of our brethrẽ which doth remẽber God, & lo I wil tary for thee.
3 But he came againe, and ſaid, Father, one of our nation is ſtrangled, and is caſt out in the market place.

Tobit, leauing his geſtes, taketh vp the dead bodie into his houſe to burye it.

4 Thẽ before I had taſted anie meat, I ſtart vp, and broght him into mine houſe vntil the going downe of the ſunne.
5 Then I returned and waſhed, and ate my meat in heauines,
6 Remembring that propheeie of* Amos, whẽ had ſaid, your ſolẽne feaſts ſhalbe turned into mourning, & your ioyes into wailing.

*Amos 8,10.
*1.mac.1,41.

7 Therefore I wept, & after ỹ going downe of ỹ ſũne I wẽt & made a graue & buried hĩ.
8 But my neighbours mocked me, and ſaid, Doeth he not feare, to dye for this cauſe, who *fled away, and yet, lo, he buryeth the dead againe.

Tobit is rebuked of his neighbours.
*Chap.1,22.

9 The ſame night alſo when I returned frõ the buryal, & ſlept at ỹ wall of mine houſe becauſe I was polluted, & hauing my face vncouered,
10 And I knewe not ỹ ſparowes were in the wall, & as mine eyes were open, the ſparowes caſt downe warme dõgue into mine eyes, & a whitenes came in mine eies, & I went to the phiſiciãs who helped me not. Moreouer Achiacharus did nouriſh me, vntil I went into Elimais.

He is made blinde for an example of patiencie to his poſteritie.

11 And my wife Anna did take womens workes to do.

The wife of Tobit laboreth for her liuing.

12 And whẽ ſhe had ſent them home to the owners, thei paied the wages, & gaue a kid.
13 Which whẽ it was at mine houſe, and began to bleat, I ſaid vnto hei, From whẽce is this kid? is it not ſtollen? render it to the owners: *for it is not lawful to eat anie thing that is ſtollen.

The innocencie of Tobit.
*Deu.22,1.

14 But ſhe ſaid, It was giuẽ for a gifte more thẽ ỹ wages: but I did not beleue, & bade her to rẽder it to ỹ owners, & I did bluſh, becauſe of her. Furthermore ſhe ſaid, *Where are thine almes, & thy righteouſnes? beholde, they all now appeare in thee.

*Iob.2,9.

CHAP. III.

3 The prayer of Tobit. 7 Sarra Raguels daughter, & the things that came vnto her. 12 Her prayer heard. 19 The Angel Raphael ſent.

1 THẽ I, being ſorowful, did wepe, & in my ſorowe prayed, ſaying,
2 O Lord, thou art iuſte, & all thy workes, & all thy wayes are mercie & trueth, and thou iudgeſt truely & iuſtely for euer.
3 Remẽber me & loke on me, nether puniſh me accordĩg to my ſins or mine ignorãces or my fathers, whẽ haue ſinned before thee.
4 For thei haue not obeied thy cõmandemẽts: wherefore ỹ haſt deliuered vs *for a ſpoile, & vnto captiuitie, and to death, and for a prouerbe of a reproche to all them among whome we are diſperſed, and now "thou haſt manie and iuſte cauſes,

*Deu.28,15.
"Or, thy iudgements are manie and true.

5 To do whẽ me accordĩg to my ſinnes, & my fathers, becauſe we haue not kept thy cõmandemẽts, nether haue walked in trueth before thee.
6 Now therefore deale with me as ſemeth beſt vnto thee, & cõmande my ſpirit to be takẽ frõ me, ỹ I may be diſſolued, & become earth: for it is better for me to dy thẽ to liue, becauſe I haue heard falſe reproches,

& am verie ſorowful: cõmande therefore that I may be diſſolued out of this diſtreſſe, *and go* into the euerlaſting place: turne not thy face away from me.

7 ¶ It came to paſſe the ſame day that in Ecbatane a citie of Media Sarra the daughter of Raguel was alſo reproched by her fathers maides,

Sarra is checked of her fathers maides.

8 Becauſe ſhe had bene maryed to ſeuẽ houſbands, whome Aſmodeus the euil ſpirit had killed, before that they had lien with her. Doeſt thou not knowe, ſaid they, that thou haſt ſtrangled thine houſbands? thou haſt had now ſeuen houſbãds, nether waſt thou named after anie of them.

9 Wherefore doeſt thou *beat vs for them? if they be dead, go thy wayes hence to thẽ, that we may neuer ſe of thee ether ſonne or daughter.

*Or, when ſhe bette them for their faultes, thei ſaid.

10 When ſhe heard theſe things, ſhe was verie ſorowful, ſo that ſhe thoght to haue ſtrangled her ſelf. And ſhe ſaid, I am the onely daughter of my father, & if I do this I ſhal ſclander him, and ſhal bring his age to the graue with ſorowe.

Sarra prayeth, & faſteth that ſhe may be deliuered from ſhame.

11 Then ſhe prayed towarde the windowe & ſaid, Bleſſed art thou, ô Lord my God, and thine holie & glorious Name is bleſſed, and honorable for euer: let all thy workes praiſe thee for euer.

12 And now, ô Lord, I ſet mine eyes, & my face toward thee,

13 And ſay, Take me out of the earth, that I may heare no more anie reproche.

The innocẽcie of Sarra

14 Thou knoweſt, ô Lord, that I am pure from all ſinne with man,

Her chaſtitie.

15 And that I haue neuer polluted my name, nor the name of my father in the land of my captiuitie: I am the onely daughter of my father, nether hathe he anie mã child to be his heire, nether anie *nere kinſman or childe borne of him, to whome I may kepe my ſelf for a wife: my ſeuen *houſbands* are now dead, & why ſhulde I liue? But if it pleaſe not thee that I ſhulde dye, cõmãde to loke on me, and to pitie me that I do no more heare reproche.

*Grek. nere brother.

The prayers of Tobit, and Sarra areheard bothe at a time.

16 So the prayers of them bothe were heard before the maieſtie of the great God.

17 And Raphael was ſent to heale them bothe, *that is*, to take away ỹ whitenes of Tobits eyes, & to giue Sarra the daughter of Raguel for a wife to Tobias the ſonne of Tobit, & to binde Aſmodeus ỹ euil ſpirit becauſe ſhe belonged to Tobias by right. The ſelf ſame time came Tobit home, and entred into his houſe, and Sarra the daughter of Raguel came downe frõ her chãber.

CHAP. IIII.

Precepts and exhortacions of Tobit to his ſonne

Chap 1.14.

1 IN that day Tobit remẽbred * ỹ ſiluer, which he had deliuered to Gabael in Rages *a citie* of Media,

2 And ſaid with him ſelf, I haue wiſhed for death: wherefore do I not call for my ſonne Tobias that I may admoniſh him before I dye?

Tobits exhortation to his ſonne, whẽ he thoght he ſhuld dye

3 And when he had called him, he ſaid, My ſonne, after that I am dead, bury me, & deſpiſe not thy mother, but honour her all the dayes of thy life, & do that which ſhal pleaſe her, and anger her not.

The mother is to be reuerenced. *Exod.20,12. eccleſ.7,29.*

4 Remẽber, my ſonne, how manie dangers ſhe ſuſteined when thou waſt in her wõbe, and whẽ ſhe dyeth, burye her by me in the ſame graue.

God muſt be in our hearts.

6 My ſonne, ſet our Lord God alwayes before thine eyes, & let not thy wil be ſet to ſinne or to tranſgreſſe the cõmandements of God. Do vprightly all thy life long, and followe not the wayes of vnrighteouſnes: for if ỹ deale truely, thy doings ſhal proſperouſly ſuccede to thee, & to all thẽ which liue iuſtely.

Almes. *Prou.3,9. eccleſ 4,1. & 14,13. luk.14,13.*

7 Giue *almes of thy ſubſtance: and when thou giueſt almes, let not thine eye be enuious, nether turne thy face frõ anie poore, leſt that God turne his face from thee.

Eccleſ 35,4

8 * Giue almes according to thy ſubſtance: if thou haue but a litle, be not afraide to giue a litle almes.

9 For thou laieſt vp a good ſtore for thy ſelf againſt the day of neceſsitie,

Eccleſ 29,15.

10 * Becauſe that almes doeth deliuer from death, & ſuffreth not to come into darknes.

11 For almes is a good gift before the moſte High to all them which vſe it.

Aduoutrie. *1.Theſ 4,3.*

12 Beware of all *whoredome, my ſonne, & chiefly take a wife of ỹ ſede of thy fathers, & take not a ſtrange womã to wife which is not of thy fathers ſtocke: for we are the childrẽ of the Prophetes. Noe, Abraham, Iſaac and Iacob are our fathers from the beginning. Remember my ſonne that thei maryed wiues of their owne kinred, and were bleſſed in their children and their ſede ſhal inherite the land.

Pride.

13 Now therefore, my ſonne, loue thy brethren, & deſpiſe not in thine heart ỹ ſonnes & daughters of thy people in not taking a wife of thẽ: for in pride is deſtruction, and muche trouble, & in fiercenes is ſcarcetie, & great pouertie: for *fiercenes is the mother of famine.

*Or, vnprofitablenes

14 Let not the *wages of anie man, ẅ hathe wroght for thee, tarie with thee, but giue him it out of hãd: for if thou ſerue God, he wil alſo paye thee: be circumſpect, my ſonne, in all things that thou doeſt, and be wel inſtructed in all thy conuerſation.

Wages of an hired ſeruant. *Leu.19,13. deu.24,14.*

15 *Do that to no mã ẅ thou hateſt: drinke not wine to make thee dronken, nether let dronkennes go with thee in thy iournay.

Mat.7,12. luk.6,31.

16 *Giue of thy bread to ỹ hũgry, & of thy garmẽts to thẽ ỹ are naked, & *of all thine abundance giue almes, & let not thine eye be enuious, when thou giueſt almes.

Luk.14,13. The hungry. *Mat 6,1.*

*Or, be liberal to the iuſt, euen to their death

17 "Powre out thy bread on ỹ buryal of the iuſte, but giue nothing to the wicked.

Counſel

18 Aſke counſel alway of the wiſe, and deſpiſe not anie counſel that is profitable.

God is to be bleſſed

19 Bleſſe thy Lord God alway, and deſire of him ỹ thy wayes may be made ſtreight and that all thy purpoſes, and counſels may proſper: for euerie nation hathe not counſel: but the Lord giueth all good things, and he humbleth whome he wil, as he wil: now therefore, my ſonne, remember my commandements, nether let them at anie time be put out of thy minde.

*Chap. 1, 14.

20 *Furthermore I ſignifie this to thee, that I deliuered ten talents to Gabael the ſonne of Gabrias at Rages in Media.

Pouertie with the feare of God

21 And feare not, my ſonne, for aſmuche as we are made poore: for thou haſt manie things, if ỹ feare God, & flee frō ſinne, & do ỹ thing which is acceptable vnto him.

CHAP. V.

Tobias ſent to Rages. 5 He meteth with the Angel Raphael, which did conduct him.

1 TObias then anſwered & ſaid, Father, I wil do all things which thou haſt commanded me.

2 But how can I receiue the ſiluer, ſeing I knowe him not?

3 Then he gaue him the hand writing, and ſaid vnto him, Seke thee a man, which may go with thee, whiles I yet liue, and I wil giue him wages, and go and receiue the money.

4 Therefore when he was gone to ſeke a man, he founde Raphael the Angel.

Tobias, ſent by his father to Rages, ſeketh a companion, & meteth with Raphael, whome he bringeth to his father.

5 But he knewe not, & ſaid vnto him, May I go with thee into the land of Media? and knoweſt thou thoſe places wel?

6 To whome the Angel ſaid, I wil go with thee: for I haue remained with our brother Gabael.

7 Then Tobias ſaid to him, Tarie for me, til I tell my father.

8 Then he ſaid vnto him, Go, and tary not: ſo he went in & ſaid to his father, Beholde, I haue founde one, which wil go with me. Then he ſaid, Call him vnto me, that I may know of what tribe he is, and whether he be faithful to go with thee.

9 So he called him, and he came in, & they ſaluted one another.

10 Thē Tobit ſaid vnto hī, Brother, ſhewe me of what tribe and familie thou art.

11 To whome he ſaid, Doeſt ỹ ſeke a ſtocke or familie, or an hired man to go with thy ſonne? Then Tobit ſaid vnto him, I wolde knowe thy kinred and thy name.

12 Then he ſaid, I am of the kinred of Azarias & Ananias ỹ great, & of thy brethrē.

*Be, thou art meſt happely.

13 Then Tobit ſaid, "Thou art welcome: be not now angrie with me, becauſe I haue enquired to knowe thy kinred, and thy familie: for thou art my brother of an honeſt and good ſtocke: for I knewe Ananias and Ionathas, ſonnes of that great Samarias: for we went together to Ieruſalem to worſhip, and offred the firſt borne, & the tēths of the frutes, and they were not deceiued with ỹ errour of our brethren: my brother, thou art of a great ſtocke.

14 But tel me, what wages ſhal I giue thee? *wilt thou* a grote a day & things neceſſarie, as to mine owne ſonne?

15 Yea, moreouer if ye returne ſafe, I wil adde ſome thing to the wages.

16 So they agreed. Then ſaid he to Tobias, Prepare thy ſelf for the iourney, and go you on Gods Name. And whē his ſonne had prepared all things for the iourney, his father ſaid, Go thou with this man, & God which dwelleth in heauen, proſper your iourney, and the Angel of God kepe you companie. So they went forthe bothe and departed, and the dogge of the yong man with them.

Tobias goeth forthe, ỹ Angel keping him cōpanie.

17 But *Anna his mother wept, and ſaid to Tobit, Why haſt thou ſent away our ſonne? is he not the ſtaffe of our hand to minifter vnto vs?

His mother weepeth *Chap 10, 4.

18 Wolde to God we had not laid money vpō money, but that it had bene caſt away in reſpect of our ſonne.

19 For that which God hathe giuen vs to liue with, doeth ſuffice vs.

20 Then ſaid Tobit, Be not careful, my ſiſter: he ſhal returne in ſafetie, & thine eyes ſhal ſe him.

21 For the good Angel doeth kepe him cōpanie, and his iourney ſhal be proſperous, and he ſhal returne ſafe.

22 Then ſhe made an end of weping.

CHAP. VI.

Tobias deliuered from the fiſh. 8 Raphael ſheweth him certeine medecines. 10 He conducteth him toward Sarra.

1 AND as they went on their iourney, they came at night to the flood Tygris, and there abode.

2 And when the yong man went to waſh him ſelf, a fiſh leaped out of the riuer, and wolde haue deuoured him.

Tobias, inraged of a fiſh, is deliuered by the Angel.

3 Then the Angel ſaid vnto him, Take the fiſh. And the yong man toke the fiſh, and drewe it to land.

4 To whome the Angel ſaid, Cut the fiſh, and take the heart, and the liuer, and the gall, and put them vp ſurely.

5 So the yong man did as the Angel commanded him: & when they had roſted the fiſh, they ate it: then they bothe went on their way, til they came to Ecbatane.

6 ¶ Then the yong man ſaid to the Angel, Brother Azarias, what auaileth the heart, and the liuer, and the gall of the fiſh?

7 And he ſaid vnto him, Touching ỹ heart and the liuer, if a deuil or an euil ſpirit trouble

trouble any, we muſt make a perfume of this before the man or the woman, and he ſhalbe no more vexed.

8 As for the gall, anoint a man that hathe whitenes in his eyes, and he ſhalbe healed.

9 ¶ And when they were come neie to Rages,

10 The Angel ſaid to the yong man, Brother, to day we ſhal lodge wᵗ Raguel, who is thy couſin: he alſo hathe one onelie daughter named Sarra: I wil ſpeake for hei that ſhe may be giuen thee for a wife.

Numb 27, 8. & 36, 8. 11 For to thee doeth* the right of her perteine, ſeing thou alone art remnant of his kinred,

12 And the maid is faire and wiſe: now therefore heare me, and I wil ſpeake to her father, that we may make the mariage when we are returned from Rages: for I knowe that Raguel cā not marie her to another according to the Law of Moyſes: els he ſhulde deſerue death, becauſe the right doeth rather apperteine to thee then to anie other man.

13 Then the yong man anſwered the Angel, I haue heard, brother Azarias, that this maid hathe bene giuen to ſeuen men, who all dyed in the mariage chamber:

14 And I am the onely begotten ſonne of my father, and I am afraied, leſt I go into her, and dye as the other: for a wicked ſpirit loueth her, which hurteth no bodie, but thoſe which come into her: wherefore I alſo feare leſt I dye, and bring my fathers and my mothers life becauſe of me to the graue with ſorrowe: for thei haue no other ſonne to burye them.

15 Then the Angel ſaid vnto him, Doeſt thou not remēber the precepts which thy father gaue thee, that thou ſhuldeſt marie a wife of thine owne kinred? wherefore heare me, ô my brother: for ſhe ſhalbe thy wife, nether be ỹ careful of the euil ſpirit: for this ſame night ſhal ſhe be giuen thee in mariage.

16 And when thou ſhalt go into thy bed, thou ſhalt take of the hote coles for perfumes, and make a perfume of the heart, and of the liuer of the fiſh,

17 Which if the ſpirit do ſmell, he wil flee away, and neuer come againe anie more: but when thou ſhalt come to her, riſe vp bothe of you, and praye to God which is merciful, who wil haue pitie on you, and ſaue you: feare not, for ſhe is appointed vnto thee from the beginning, & thou ſhalt kepe her, & ſhe ſhal go with thee: moreouer I ſuppoſe that ſhe ſhal beare thee children: now when Tobias had heard theſe things, he loued her, and his heart was effectually ioyned to her.

CHAP. VII.

Tobias maryeth Sarra Raguels daughter.

1 AND when they were come to Ecbatane, they came to the houſe of Raguel: and Sarra met them, and after they had ſaluted one another, ſhe brought them into the houſe. *Raphael & Tobias come to Raguel.*

2 Then ſaid Raguel to Edna his wife, How like is this yong man to Tobit my couſin?

3 And Raguel aſked, Whence are you, my brethrē? To whome thei ſaid, that thei were of the tribe of Nephthalim, and of the captiues that dwelt at Nineue.

4 Thē he ſaid to them, Do ye knowe Tobit our kinſman? And they ſaid, We knowe him. Then ſaid he, Is he in good health?

5 And they ſaid, He is bothe aliue, and in good health: and Tobias ſaid, He is my father.

6 Then Raguel leaped, and kiſſed him, and wept,

7 And bleſſed him, & ſaid vnto him, Thou art the ſonne of a good and honeſt man: but when he had heard that Tobit was blinde, he was ſorowful and wept.

8 And likewiſe Edna his wife, and Sarra his daughter wept. Moreouer they receiued them with a readie minde, and after that they had killed a ram of the flocke, thei ſet muche meat on the table. Thē ſaid Tobias to Raphael, Brother Azarias, put forthe thoſe things whereof thou ſpakeſt in the waye, that this buſines may be diſpatched. *Tobias aſketh Raguels daughter to wife*

9 So he communicated the matter with Raguel, and Raguel ſaid to Tobias, Eat, and drinke and make merry.

10 For it is mete that thou ſhuldeſt marie my daughter: neuertheles, I wil declare vnto thee the trueth.

11 I haue giuen my daughter in mariage to ſeuen men, who dyed that night which thei came in vnto her: neuertheles, be thou of a good courage and merry. But Tobias ſaid, I wil eat nothing here, vntil ye bring her hether, and betrothe her to me.

12 Raguel ſaid then, Marie her then according to the cuſtome: for thou art her couſin, and ſhe is thine. God which is merciful, make this proſperous to you in all good things.

13 Then he called his daughter Sarra, & ſhe came to her father, and he toke her by the hand, & gaue her for wife to Tobias, ſaying, Beholde, take her after the * Law of Moyſes, and lead her away to thy father: and he bleſſed them, *Raguel giueth his daughter Sarra to Tobias* *Numb. 36, 8.*

14 And called his wife Edna, and he toke a boke and wrote a contract, and ſealed it.

15 Then they began to eate.

16 After, Raguel called his wife Edna, and ſaid vnto her, Siſter, prepare another chā-

ber,and bring her inthether.
17 Which when ſhe had done, as he had bidden her, ſhe broght her thether: then *Sarra* wept and her mother wiped away her daughters teares,
18 And ſaid vnto her,Be of good comfort, my daughter:the Lord of heauen & earth giue thee ioye for this thy ſorrow:be of good comfort,my daughter.

CHAP. VIII.

Tobias driueth away the euil ſpirit 4 He prayeth to God with his wife 11 Raguel prepareth a graue for his ſonne in law. 16 Raguel bleſſeth the Lord.

1 AND when they had ſupped, they broght Tobias in vnto her.
2 And as he went,he remembred the wordes of Raphael,& toke coles for perfumes, and put the heart and liuer of the fiſh thereupon,and made a perfume.
Tobias followeth Raphaels counſel, as Chap 6,7
3 The which ſmel when the euil ſpirit had ſmelled,he fled into the" vtmoſt partes of Egypt,whome the Angel bounde.
Gr. vpmoſte
4 And after that they were bothe ſhut in, Tobias roſe out of the bed, and ſaid, Siſter,ariſe and let vs pray, that God wolde haue pitie on vs.
Tobias praier
5 Then began Tobias to ſay, Bleſſed art thou, ô God of our fathers,and bleſſed is thine holie and glorious Name for euer: let the heauens bleſſe thee, and all thy creatures.
Gen 2,7. 6 Thou madeſt Adam,and gaueſt him *Eua his wife for an helpe,and ſtay:of them came mankinde: thou haſt ſaid, It is not good, that a man ſhulde be alone: let vs make vnto him an aide like vnto him ſelf.
7 And now,ô Lord,I take not this my ſiſter for fornicacion,but vprightly: therefore grante me mercie,that we may become aged together.
8 And ſhe ſaid with him,Amen.
Raguel, thinking Tobias was dead,made a graue for him.
9 So they ſlept bothe that night, and Raguel aroſe,and went and made a graue,
10 Saying,Is not he dead alſo?
11 But when Raguel was come into his houſe,
12 He ſaid to his wife Edna, Send one of the maides, and let them ſe whether he be aliue:if not,that I may burye him,& none knowe it.
13 So the maid opened the doore, and went in,and founde them bothe aſlepe,
14 And came forthe,and tolde them that he was aliue.
Raguel praiſeth God for Tobias.
15 Thē Raguel praiſed God,& ſaid,O God, thou art worthie to be praiſed with all pure, & holie praiſe: therefore let thy Saintes praiſe thee with all thy creatures,and let all thine Angels and thine elect praiſe thee for euer.
16 Thou art to be praiſed,ô Lord: for thou haſt made me ioyful,and that is not come to me which I ſuſpected:but thou haſt delt with vs according to great mercie.
17 Thou art to be praiſed becauſe thou haſt had mercie of two that were the onely begotten children of their fathers: grante them mercie,ô Lord, & finiſh their life in health with ioye and mercie.
18 Then Raguel bade his ſeruants to fil the graue
19 And he kept the wedding feaſt fourtene daies.
20 For Raguel had ſaid vnto him by an othe,that he ſhulde not departe before that the fourtene daies of the mariage were expired,
21 And then he ſhulde take the halfe of his goods and returne in ſafetie to his father, and *ſhulde haue* the reſt, when he and his wife were dead.
Raguel giueth halfe of his goods toward the mariage of his daughter to Tobias.

CHAP. IX.

Raphael leadeth Gabael to Tobias mariage.

1 THen Tobias called Raphael, & ſaid vnto him,
2 Brother Azarias, take with thee a ſeruant and two camels, and go to Rages of the Medes to Gabael, and bring me the money and bring him to the wedding.
3 For Raguel hathe ſworne that I ſhal not departe.
4 But my father counteth the daies: and if I tary long,he wil be verie ſory.
Tobits care for his ſonne.
5 So Raphael went out and came to Gabael, and gaue him the hand writing, who broght forthe bagges which were ſealed vp,and gaue them to him.
The Angel goeth on Tobias meſſage.
6 And in the morning they went forthe, bothe together,and came to the wedding. And Tobias begate his wife with childe.

CHAP. X.

1 Tobit and his wife thinke long for their ſonne. 10 Raguel ſendeth away Tobias and Sarra.

1 NOw Tobit his father counted euery day, & when the daies of the iourney were expired,and they came not,
2 Tobit ſaid, Are they not mocked? or is not Gabael dead, and there is no man to giue him the money?
The father & mother are in heauines for Tobias tarying
3 Therefore he was verie ſory.
4 Then his wife ſaid to him, My ſonne is dead, ſeing he tarieth: and ſhe began to bewaile him,and ſaid,
5 Now * I care for nothing, my ſonne, ſince I haue loſt thee the light of mine eyes.
Chap 5,23.
6 To whome Tobit ſaid, Holde thy peace: be not careful, for he is ſafe.
7 But ſhe ſaid,Holde thy peace, and deceiue me not:my ſonne is dead:and ſhe went out euerie day by the waye, which they went, nether did ſhe eat meat on the daye time,& did conſume whole nights in bewailing her ſonne Tobias vntil the fourtene

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tene daies of the wedding were expired, ẅ Raguel had ſworne, that he ſhulde tarie there. Then Tobias ſaid to Raguel, Let me go: for my father and my mother loke no more to ſe me.

8 But his father in law ſaid vnto him, Tarie with me, and I wil ſend to thy father, and they ſhal declare him thine affaires.

9 But Tobias ſaid, No, but let me go to my father.

Raguel giueth Tobias, & his wife leaue to departe.

10 Then Raguel aroſe, and gaue him Sarra his wife, and halfe his goods, as ſeruants, and cattel, and money,

11 And he bleſſed them, & ſent them away, ſaying, The God of heauen make you, my children, to proſper before I dye.

Sarra is inſtructed by her parents.

12 And he ſaid to his daughter, Honour thy father, & thy mother in law which are now thy parents, that I may heare good reporte of thee: and he kiſſed them. Edna alſo ſaid to Tobias, The Lord of heauen reſtore thee, my dere brother, and graunte that I may ſe thy children of my daughter Sarra; that I may reioyce before the Lord. Beholde now, I committe to thee my daughter as a pledge: do not intreat her euil.

CHAP. XI.

1 The returne of Tobias to his father. 9 How he was receiued. 10 His father hathe his ſight reſtored and praiſeth the Lord.

1 AFter theſe things Tobias went his way, praiſing God that he had giuen him a proſperous iournay, and bleſſed Raguel and Edna his wife, and went on his way til he drewe nere to Nineue.

2 Then Raphael ſaid to Tobias, Thou knoweſt, brother, how thou didſt leaue thy father.

The Angels counſel to Tobias.

3 Let vs haſte before thy wife, and prepare the houſe,

4 And take in thine hãd the gall of the fiſh. So they went their way, & the dogge followed them.

5 Now Anna ſate in the way loking for her ſonne,

6 Whome when ſhe ſawe coming, ſhe ſaid to his father, beholde, thy ſonne cometh, & the man that went with him.

7 Then ſaid Raphael, I knowe, Tobias, that thy father ſhal receiue his ſight.

8 Therefore anoint his eyes with the gall, and being pricked therewith, he ſhal rubbe and make the whitenes to fall away, and ſhal ſe thee.

9 ¶ Then Anna rãne forthe, and fel on the necke of her ſonne, and ſaid vnto him, Seing I haue ſene thee, my ſonne, from hence forthe I am content to dye, and they wepte bothe.

10 Tobit alſo went forthe towarde the dore, and ſtombled, but his ſonne ranne vnto him,

11 And toke holde of his father & ſprinkled of the gall on his fathers eyes, ſaying, Be of good hope, my father.

12 And when his eyes began to pricke, he rubbed them.

13 And the whitenes pilled away from the corners of his eyes, and when he ſawe his ſonne, he fel vpon his necke,

14 And he wept and ſaid, Bleſſed art thou, ô Lord, & bleſſed be thy Name for euer, and bleſſed be all thine holie Angels.

15 For thou haſt ſcourged me, and haſt had pitie on me: for beholde, I ſe my ſonne Tobias: and his ſonne, being glad went in, & tolde his father the great things that had come to paſſe in Media.

16 Then Tobit went out to mete his daughter in lawe, reioycing and praiſing God to the gate of Nineue: and they which ſawe him go, marueiled, becauſe he had receiued his ſight.

17 But Tobit teſtified before them all that God had had pitie on him. And when he came nere to Sarra his daughter in law, he bleſſed her, ſaying, Thou art welcome, daughter: God be bleſſed, which hathe broght thee vnto vs, & *bleſſed be* thy father: and there was great ioye among all his brethren which were at Nineue.

18 And Achiacharus & Naſbas his brothers ſonne came.

19 And Tobias mariage was kept ſeuen dayes with great ioye.

CHAP. XII.

2 Tobias declareth to his father the pleaſures that Raphael had done him. 5 The which he wolde recompenſe 11 15. Raphael declareth that he is an Angel ſent of God.

1 THen Tobit called his ſonne Tobias, and ſaid vnto him, Prouide, my ſonne, wages for the man, which wẽt with thee, and thou muſt giue him more.

2 And he ſaid vnto him, O father, it ſhal not grieue me to giue him halfe of thoſe thigs which I haue broght.

3 For he hathe broght me againe to thee in ſafetie, and hathe made whole my wife, and hathe broght me the money, & hathe likewiſe healed thee.

4 Then the olde man ſaid, It is due vnto him.

5 So he called the Angel, & ſaid vnto him, Take halfe of all that ye haue broght, and go away in ſafetie.

6 But he toke them bothe a parte, and ſaid vnto them, Praiſe God, and confeſſe him, and giue him the glorie, and praiſe him for the things which he hathe done vnto you before all them that liue. It is good to praiſe God, and to exalte his Name, and to ſhewe forthe his euident workes with honour: therefore be not wearie to confeſſe him.

7 It is good to kepe cloſe the ſecrets of a King, but it is honorable to reueile the workes of God: do that which is good, & no euil ſhal touche you.

8 Prayer is good with faſting, and almes, & righteouſnes. A litle with righteouſnes is better then muche with vnrighteouſnes: it is better to giue almes then to laye vp golde.

9 For almes doeth deliuer from death, and doeth purge all ſinne. Thoſe which exerciſe almes and righteouſnes, ſhalbe filled with life.

10 But they that ſinne, are enemies to their owne life.

11 Surely I wil kepe cloſe nothing frō you: neuertheles, I ſaid it was good to kepe cloſe the ſecret of a King, but that it was honorable to reueile the workes of God.

12 Now therefore whē thou dideſt pray, & Sara thy daughter in lawe, I did bring to memorie your prayer before ỹ holie one: & when thou dideſt burye the dead, I was with thee likewiſe.

He that wilbe acceptable to God, muſt be proued with temtacion

13 And when thou waſt not grieued to riſe vp, and leaue thy diner to burye the dead, thy good dede was not hid from me: but I was with thee.

14 And now God hathe ſent me to heale thee, and Sarra thy daughrer in law.

15 I am Raphael one of the ſeuē holie Angels, which preſent ỹ prayers of the Saintes, and which go forthe before his holie maieſtie.

16 Then they were bothe troubled, and fell vpon their face: for they feared.

17 But he ſaid vnto them, Feare not, for it ſhal go wel with you: praiſe God therefore.

18 For I came not of mine owne pleaſure, but by the good wil of your God: wherefore praiſe him in all ages.

Gen 18.8. & 19.3 iudg 13.16.

19 *All theſe dayes I did appeare vnto you, but I did nether eat nor drinke, but you ſawe it in viſion.

20 Now therefore giue God thankes: for I go vp to him that ſent me: but write all things which are done, in a boke.

21 And when they roſe, they ſawe him no more.

22 Then they confeſſed the great & wonderful workes of God, and how the Angel of the Lord had appeared to them.

CHAP. XIII.

A thankes giuing of Tobit, who exhorteth all to praiſe the Lord.

1 THen Tobit wrote a prayer of reioycing, and ſaid, Bleſſed be God that liueth for euer, & *bleſſed be* his kingdome.

Deu. 32.39. 1 ſam 2.6. wiſd. 16.13.

2 *For he doeth ſcourge, and hathe pitie: he leadeth to hel, and bringeth vp, nether is there anie that can auoide his hand.

3 Confeſſe him before the Gētiles, ye children of Iſrael: for he hathe ſcattred you among them.

4 There declare his greatnes, and extoll him before all the liuing: for he is our Lord and our God & our father for euer.

5 He hathe ſcourged vs for our iniquities, and wil haue mercie againe, & wil gather vs out of all nacīōs, among whome we are ſcattred.

6 If you turne to him with your whole heart, and with your whole minde, and deale vprightly before him, then wil he turne vnto you, and wil not hide his face frō you, but ye ſhal ſe what he wil do with you: therefore confeſſe him with your whole mouth, and praiſe the Lord of righteouſnes, and extoll the euerlaſting King. I wil confeſſe him in the land of my captiuitie, and wil declare his power, & greatnes to a ſinful nacīō O ye ſinners, turne & do iuſtice before him: who can tel if he wil receiue you to mercie, and haue pitie on you?

7 I wil extoll my God, and my ſoule *ſhal praiſe* the King of heauen, and ſhal reioyce in his greatnes.

8 Let all men ſpeake, and let all praiſe him for his righteouſnes.

9 O Ieruſalem the holie citie, he wil ſcourge thee for thy childrens workes, but he wil haue pitie againe on the ſōnes of righteous men.

10 Giue praiſe to the Lord duely, & praiſe the euerlaſting King, that his tabernacle may be buylded in thee againe with ioye: and let him make ioyful there in thee thoſe that are captiues, and loue in thee for euer thoſe that be miſerable.

11 Manie nacions ſhal come frō farre to the Name of the Lord God, with giftes in their hands, *euen* giftes to the King of heauen: all generacions ſhal praiſe thee, & giue ſignes of ioye.

12 Curſed are all they, which hate thee: but bleſſed are they for euer which loue thee.

13 Reioyce, and be glad for the children of the iuſte: for thei ſhalbe gathered, and ſhal bleſſe the Lord of the iuſte.

14 Bleſſed are they which loue thee: for thei ſhal reioyce in thy peace. Bleſſed are they which haue bene ſorowful for all thy ſcourges: for they ſhal reioyce for thee, when they ſhal ſe all thy glorie, and ſhal reioyce for euer.

15 Let my ſoule bleſſe God the great King.

16 For Ieruſalem ſhalbe buylt vp with ſapphires, and emerodes, and thy walles with pretious ſtones, and thy towres, and thy bulwarkes with pure golde.

17 And the ſtreetes of Ieruſalem ſhalbe paued with beral, and carbuncle, and ſtones of Ophir.

Or, Sapphir.

18 And all her ſtreetes ſhal ſay, Halleluiah, and

Or, praiſe ye the Lord.

and they ſhal praiſe *him*, ſaying, Bleſſed be God which hathe extolled "it for euer.

"That is, Ieruſalem.

CHAP. XIIII.

4 Leſſons of Tobit to his ſonne. 5 He prophecieth the deſtruction of Nineue. 7 And the reſtoring of Ieruſalem and the Temple. 13 The death of Tobit, and his wife. 16 Tobias age and death.

1 SO Tobit made an end of praiſing God.

2 And he was eight and fiftie yere olde, when he loſt his ſight, which was reſtored to him after eight yere, and he gaue almes, and he continued to feare the Lord God, and to praiſe him.

3 And when he was verie aged, he called his ſonne, and ſix of his ſonnes ſonnes, and ſaid to him, My ſonne, take thy children (for beholde, I am aged, and am ready to departe out of this life)

4 Go into Media, my ſonne: for I beleue that thoſe things which Ionas the Prophet ſpake of Nineue, that it ſhal be deſtroied, & for a time peace ſhal rather be in Media, and that our brethren ſhal be ſcattred in the earth from that good land, & Ieruſalé ſhal be deſolate, and the Houſe of God in in it ſhal be burned, and ſhal be deſolate for a time.

Ezra.3.8. & 6.14.

5 Yet againe God "wil haue pitie on them and bring them againe into the lãd where they ſhal buylde a Temple, but not like to the firſt, vntil the times of that age be fulfilled, ẅ being finiſhed, they ſhal returne frõ euerie place out of captiuitie, & buylde vp Ieruſalem gloriouſly, and the Houſe of God ſhal be buylt in it for euer with a glorious buylding, as the Prophetes haue ſpoken thereof.

6 And all nations ſhal turne, and feare the Lord God truely, & ſhal burye their idoles.

7 So ſhal all nations praiſe the Lord, & his people ſhal confeſſe God, and the Lord ſhal exalte his people, and all thoſe which loue the Lord in trueth and iuſtice, ſhal reioyce, & thoſe alſo which ſhewe mercie to our brethren.

8 And now, my ſonne, departe out of Nineue, becauſe that thoſe things which the Prophet Ionas ſpake, ſhal ſurely come to paſſe.

9 But kepe thou the Law, & the commandements, & ſhewe thy ſelf merciful & iuſt that it may go wel with thee.

10 And burye me honeſtly, and thy mother with me: but tarie no lõger at Nineue. Remember, my ſonne, how a man handled Achiacharus that broght him vp, how out of light he broght him into darkenes, and how he rewarded him againe: yet Achiacharus was ſaued, but the other had his reward: for he went downe into darkenes. Manaſſes gaue almes, & eſcaped the ſnare of death, which they had ſet for him, but Aman fell into the ſnare and periſhed.

11 Wherefore now, my ſonne, cõſider what almes doeth, and how righteouſnes doeth deliuer. Whẽ he had ſaid theſe things, "he gaue vp the goſt in the bed, being an hundreth and eight and fiftie yere olde, and he buryed him honorably.

"Or, his ſoule failed him in the bed.

12 And when Anna was dead, he buryed her with his father: but Tobias went with his wife and children to Ecbatane to Raguel his father in lawe.

13 Where he became olde with honour, and he buryed his father and mother in lawe honorably, & he inherited their ſubſtance and Tobits his father.

14 And he dyed at Ecbatane in Media, being an hundreth and ſeuẽ & twentie yere olde.

15 But before he dyed, he heard of the deſtruction of Nineue, which was taken by Nabuchodonoſor and Aſſuerus, and before his death, he reioyced for Nineue.

IVDETH.

CHAP. I.

2 The buylding of Ecbatane. 5 Nabuchodonoſor made warre againſt Arphaxad and ouercame him. 12 He threateneth them that wolde not helpe him.

1 IN the twelfth yere of the reigne of Nabuchodonoſor, who reigned in Nineue the great citie (in the daies of Arphaxad, which reigned ouer the Medes in Ecbatane,

2 And buylt in Ecbatane the walles rounde about, of hewen ſtone, thre cubites broad, and ſix cubites long, and made the height of the wall ſeuẽtie cubites, & the breadth thereof fiftie cubites,

3 And made the towres thereof in the gates of it of an hũdreth cubites, & the breadth thereof in the fundaciõ threſcore cubites,

4 And made the gates thereof, euen gates that were lifted vp on hie, ſeuentie cubites, & the breadth of them fortie cubites, for ỹ going forthe of his mightie armies, and for the ſetting in aray of his fotemen)

5 Euen in thoſe daies, King Nabuchodonoſor made warre with Kĩg Arphaxad in the great field, which is the field in the coaſtes of Ragau.

6 Then came vnto him all they that dwelt in the mountaines, & all that dwelt by Euphrates, and Tygris and Hydaſpes, & the

countrey of Arioch the King of the Elymeans, and verie manie nations assembled them selues to the battel of the sonnes of Chelod.

7 And Nabuchodonosor King of the Assyrians sent vnto all that dwelt in Persia, & to all that dwelt in the West, & to those that dwelt in Cilicia, and Damascus, and Libanus and Antilibanus, and to all that dwelt vpon the sea coast,

8 And to the people, that are in Carmel, & Galaad, and the hier Galile, and the great field of Esdrelam,

9 And to all that were in Samaria, & the cities thereof, & beyonde Iorden vnto Ierusalē, & Betane, & Chellus, & Cades, & the riuer of Egypt, and Taphnes, and Ramesse and all the land of Gesem,

10 Vnto one come to Tanis, & Memphis, & to all the inhabitants of Egypt, & to one come to the mountaines of Ethiopia.

11 But all the inhabitants of this countrey did not passe for the commandement of Nabuchodonosor King of the Assyrians, nether woulde they come with him to the battel. for they did not feare him: yea, he was before them as one mā: therefore they sent away his ambassadours from them without effect, and with dishonour.

12 Therefore Nabuchodonosor was very angrie with all this countrey, and swaie by his throne and kingdome that he wolde surely be auenged vpon all those coastes of Cilicia and Damascus, and Syria, and that he wolde slay with the sworde all the inhabitants of the land of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and all Iudea, and all that were in Egypt, till one come to the borders of the two seas.

13 Then he marched in battel aray with his power against King Arphaxad in the seuententh yere, and he preuailed in his battel: for he ouerthrewe all the power of Arphaxad, and all his horse men, and all his chariots.

14 And he wanne his cities, and came vnto Ecbatane, and toke the towres, and spoiled the stretes thereof, and turned the beautie thereof into shame.

15 He toke also Arphaxad in the mountaines of Ragau, & smote him through with his dartes and destroyed him vtterly that daye.

16 So he returned afterwarde to Nineue, bothe he and all his companie with a verie great multitude of men of warre, and there he passed the time, and banketed, bothe he, and his armie an hundreth and twentie dayes.

CHAP. II.

1 Nabuchodonosor cōmanded presumptuously that all people should be brought in subiection. 6 And to destroy those that disobeyed him. 15 The preparation of Olophernes armie. 23 The conquest of his enemies.

1 AND in the eighteenth yere, the two and twentieth *day* of the first moneth, there was talke in the house of Nabuchodonosor King of the Assyrians, that he shulde auenge him selfe on all the earth, as he had spoken.

2 So he called vnto him all his officers and all his nobles, and cōmunicated with thē his secret counsel, and set before them with his owne mouth all the malice of the earth.

3 Then they decreed to destroie all flesh, that had not obeied the commandement of his mouth.

4 And when he had ended his counsel, Nabuchodonosor King of ỹ Assyrians called Olofernes his chief captaine, and which was next vnto him, and said vnto him,

5 Thus saith the great King, the lord of the whole earth, Beholde, thou shalt go forthe from my presence, and take with thee men that trust in their owne strength, of fotemen, an hundreth and twentie thousand, & the nomber of horses with their riders, twelue thousand,

6 And thou shalt go against all the West countrey, because they disobeied my commandement.

7 And thou shalt declare vnto them, that they prepare for me the land and the water: for I wil go forthe in my wrath against them, and wil couer the whole face of the earth with the fete of mine armie, and I wil giue them as a spoyle vnto them,

8 So that their woūded shal fil their valleis, & their riuers, & the flood shal ouerflowe, being filled with their dead.

9 And I wil bring their captiuitie to the vtmost partes of all the earth.

10 Thou therefore shalt departe hence, and take vp for me all their countrey: and if they yelde vnto thee, thou shalt reserue thē for me vntil the day that I rebuke thē.

11 But concerning them that rebell, let not thine eye spare thē, but put thē to death, & spoyle them wheresoeuer thou goest.

12 For as I liue, and the power of my kingdome, whatsoeuer I haue spoken, that wil I do by mine hand.

13 And take thou hede that thou transgresse nor any of the cōmandemēts of thy Lord, but accōplish them fully, as I haue cōmanded thee, and differre not to do them.

14 ¶ Then Olofernes went forthe from the presence of his lord, and called all the gouernours, and captaines, and officers of the armie of Assur,

15 And he mustred the chosen men for the battel, as his lord had commanded him, vnto an hundreth & twentie thousand, and twelue thousand archers on horsbacke.

16 And he set them in aray according to the maner of setting a great armie in aray.

17 And he toke camels & asses for their burdens,

dens, a very great nomber, and ſhepe, and oxen, & goates without nomber for their prouiſion,

18 And vitaile for euerie man of the armie, and very muche golde & ſiluer out of the Kings houſe.

19 Then he went forthe and all his power, to go before in the viage of King Nabuchodonoſor, & to couer all the face of the earth Weſtwarde, with their charets, and horſemen, and choſen fotemen.

20 A great multitude alſo of ſundrie ſortes came with them like graſhoppers, and like the grauel of the earth: for the multitude was without nomber.

21 And they went forthe of Nineue thre daies iornay towarde the countrey of Bectileth, and pitched from Bectileth nere the mountaine which is at the left hand of the vpper Cilicia.

22 Then he toke all his armie, his fotemen and horſemen, and charets, and went from thence into the mountaines,

23 And he deſtroied Phud and Lud, and ſpoyled all the children of Raſſes, and the children of Iſmael, which were towarde the wildernes at the South of the Chelians.

24 Then he went ouer Euphrates, and went through Meſopotamia, & deſtroied all the hie cities that were vpō the riuer of Arbonai, vntil one come to the ſea.

25 And he toke the borders of Cilicia, and deſtroied all that reſiſted him, and came to ȳ borders of Iapheth, which were towarde the South and ouer againſt Arabia.

26 He cōpaſſed alſo all the children of Madian, and burnt vp their tabernacles, and ſpoyled their lodges.

27 Then he went downe into the countrey of Damaſcus, in the time of wheat haruеſt and burnt vp all their fields, and deſtroied their flockes and the herds: he robbed their cities, and ſpoyled their countrey, and ſmote all their yong men with the edge of the ſworde.

28 Therefore feare and trembling fel vpon all the inhabitants of the ſea coaſt, which were in Sidon and Tyrus, and them that dwelt in Sur & Ocina, & all that dwelt in Iemnaan: & they that dwelt in Azotus, & Aſcalon feared him greatly.

CHAP. III.

The people ſubiect to Olofernes. 8 He deſtroied their gods that Nabuchodonoſor might onely be worſhipped.

1 SO they ſent ambaſſadours to him with meſſages of peace, ſaying,

2 Beholde, we are the ſeruātes of Nabuchodonoſor the great King: we lie downe before thee: vſe vs as ſhalbe good in thy ſight.

3 Beholde, our houſes and all our places, and all our fields of wheat, and our flockes, and our herdes, and all our lodges and tabernacles lie before thy face: vſe them as it pleaſeth thee.

4 Beholde, euen our cities and the inhabitants thereof are thy ſeruants: come, and take them, as ſemeth good to thee.

5 ¶So the men came to Olofernes, and declared vnto them after this maner.

6 Then came he downe towarde the ſea coaſt, bothe he and his armie, and ſet gariſons in the hie cities, and toke out of thē choſen men for the warre.

7 So they and all the countrey rounde about receiued thē, with crownes, with dances, and with timbrels.

8 Yet he brake downe all their borders, and cut downe their woods: for it was inioyned him to deſtroy all the gods of the lād, that all nacions ſhulde worſhippe Nabuchodonoſor onely, and that all tongues and tribes ſhulde call vpon him as God.

9 Alſo he came againſt Eſdraelon, nere vnto Iudea, ouer againſt the great ſtraict of Iudea,

10 And he pitched betwene Geba, and a citie of the Scythians, and there he tarried a moneth, that he might aſſemble all ȳ baggage of his armie.

CHAP. IIII.

The Iſraelites were afraied and defended their countrey. 6 Ioacim the Prieſt writeth to Bethulia, that they ſhulde fortifie them ſelues. 9 They cryed to the Lord, and humbled them ſelues before him.

1 NOw the childrē of Iſrael that dwelt in Iudea, heard all that Olofernes the chief captaine of Nabuchodonoſor King of the Aſſyrians had done to the nacions, and how he had ſpoiled all their temples, and broght them to noght.

2 Therefore they feared greatly his preſencē, and were troubled for Ieruſalem, and for the Temple of the Lord their God.

3 For they were newly returned from the captiuitie, and of late all the people was aſſembled in Iudea, and the veſſels and the altar of the Houſe had bene ſanctified becauſe of the pollution.

4 Therefore they ſent into all the coaſtes of Samaria, and the villages, and to Bethoro, and Belmen, and Iericho, and to Choba, and Eſora, and to the valley of Salem,

5 And toke all the toppes of the hie mountaines, and walled the villages that were in them, and put in vitailes for the prouiſion of warre: for their fields were of late reaped.

6 Alſo Ioacim the hie Prieſt which was in thoſe daies in Ieruſalem, wrote to thē that dwelt in Bethulia & Betomeſtham, which is ouer againſt Eſdraelon towarde the opē countrey nere to Dothaim,

7 Exhorting them to kepe the paſſages of the mountaines: for by them there was an entrie into Iudea,& it was eaſie to let thē that wolde come vp, becauſe the paſſage was ſtreit for two men at the moſte.
8 And the children of Iſrael did as Ioacim the hie Prieſt had commanded them with the Ancients of all the people of Iſrael, which dwelt at Ieruſalem.
9 Then cryed euerie man of Iſrael to God with great feruencie,and their ſoules with great affection.
10 Bothe they,and their wiues,& their chil dren,and their cattel,and euerie ſtranger, and hireling,and their boght ſeruants put ſackecloth vpon their loynes.
11 Thus euerie man & woman,and the chil dren,and the inhabitāts of Ieruſalem fell before the Temple,& ſprinkled aſhes vp on their heades,and ſpred out their ſacke cloth before the face of the Lord: alſo they put ſackecloth about the altar,
12 And cryed to the God of Iſrael,all with one conſent moſte earneſtly, that he wol de not giue their children for a pray, and their wiues for a ſpoyle, and the cities of their inheritance to deſtruction,& the San ctuarie to pollution and reproche,and vn to deriſion to the heathen.
13 So God heard their prayers, and loked vpon their affliction: for the people faſted many daies in all Iudea and Ieruſalem be fore the Sāctuarie of the Lord almightie.
14 And Ioacim the hie Prieſt, and all the Prieſts that ſtode before the Lord,& mi niſtred vnto ỹ Lord,had their loynes girt with ſackecloth, and offred the continual burnt offring,with praiers and the fre gif tes of the people,
15 And had aſhes on their mytres, & cryed vnto ỹ Lord with all their power for gra ce,and that he wolde loke vpō all the hou ſe of Iſrael.

CHAP. V.

Achior the Ammonite doeth declare to Oloſernes of the maner of the Iſraelites.

1 THen was it declared to Olofernes the chief captaine of the armie of Aſ ſur, that the children of Iſrael had prepa red for warre,and had ſhut the paſſages of the mountaines,and had walled all the top pes of the hie hilles, and had laied impe diments in the champion countrey.
2 Wherewith he was very angrie, and cal led all the princes of Moab, and the cap taines of Ammon, and all the gouernours of the ſea coaſt.
3 And he ſaid vnto thē,Shewe me,ō ye ſon nes of Chanaā,who is this people ỹ dwel leth in the mountaines? and what are the cities that they inhabite? and what is the multitude of their armie? and wherein is their ſtrength and their power? and what King or captaine is raiſed among them ouer their armie?
4 And why haue they determined not to come to mete me, more then all the inha bitants of the Weſt?
5 ¶ Then* ſaid Achior the captaine of all the ſonnes of Ammon, Let my lord heare the worde of the mouth of his ſeruant,and I wil declare vnto thee the trueth concer ning this people,that dwell in theſe moū taines, nere where thou remaineſt: & the re ſhal no lie come out of the mouth of thy ſeruant. *Chap 11.7.*
6 This people come of the ſtocke of the Chaldeans.
7 And* they dwelt before in Meſopotamia, becauſe they wolde not follow the gods of their fathers, which were in the land of Chaldea. *Gen 11.2.*
8 But they went out of the way of their an ceſtres and worſhipped the God of heauē, the God whome they knewe: ſo they caſt them out from the face of their gods, and they fled into Meſopotamia, & ſoiourned there many daies.
9 Then* their God cōmanded them to de parte frō the place where they ſoiourned, and to go into the land of Chanaan,where they dwelt,and were increaſed with golde and ſiluer,and with very muche cattel. *Gen.12.1.*
10 But when a famine couered all the land of Chanaan,they went downe into Egypt, and dwelt there til they returned, and be came there a great multitude, ſo that one colde not nomber their linage.
11 *Therefore the King of Egypt roſe vp a gainſt them,and vſed deceit againſt them, and broght them lowe with laboring in bricke,and made them ſclaues. *Exo.1.8.*
12 Then they cryed vnto their God,and he ſmote all the lād of Egypt with incurable plagues: ſo the* Egyptians caſt them out of their ſight. *Exod.12.3.*
13 And* God dryed the red Sea in their pre ſence, *Exod.14.21.*
14 And* broght them into mount Sina and Cades barne,and caſt forthe all that dwelt in the wildernes. *Exo.19.1.*
15 So they dwelt in the land of the Amo rites, and they deſtroied by their ſtrength all them of Eſebon, and paſsing ouer Ior dan,they inherited all the mountaines.
16 And they* caſt forthe before them the Chanaanites & the Phereſites, and the Ie buſites, and them of Sichem, and all the Gergeſites, and they dwelt in that coun trey many daies. *Ioſ.12.21.*
17 And whiles they ſinned not before their God,they proſpered,becauſe the God that hated iniquitie,was with them.
18 But* when they departed from the way which he appointed them, they were de ſtroied in many battels after a wonderful *Iudg.2.12. & 3.8.*

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* King 25.21. forte,* & were led captiues into a lād that was not theirs: & the Tēple of their God was cast to the grounde & their cities were taken by the enemies.

Ezr.2.1. 19 But * now they are turned to their God, & are come vp frō the scattering wherein they were scattered, and haue possessed Ierusalem, where their Temple is, and dwell in the mountaines which were desolate.

20 Now therefore, my lord & gouernour, if there be anie faute in this people, so that they haue sinned against their God, let vs consider that this shalbe their ruine, and let vs go vp, and we shal ouercome them.

21 But if there be none iniquitie in this people, let my lord passe by, lest their Lord defend them, and their God be for them, and we become a reproche before all the worlde.

22 ¶And when Achior had finished these sayings, all the people, standing rounde about the tent, murmured: & the chief men of Olofernes, and all that dwelt by the sea side and in Moab, spake that he shulde kill him.

23 For, *say they*, we feare not to mete ỹ children of Israel: for lo, it is a people that haue no strength nor power against a mightie armie.

24 Let vs therefore go vp, ô lord Olofernes, and they shal be meat for thy whole armie.

CHAP. VI.

Olofernes blasphemeth God whome Achior confessed. 14 Achior is deliuered into the hands of them of Bethulia. 18 The Bethulians crye vnto the Lord.

1 AND when the tumulte of the men that were about the counsel, was ceased, Olofernes, the chief captaine of the armie of Assur, said vnto Achior before all the people of the strangers, and before all the children of Moab, & of them that were hired of Ephraim,

2 Because thou hast prophecied among vs to day, and hast said that the people of Ierusalem is able to fight, * because their God wil defend them: and who is god but Nabuchodonosor?

Chap.5.8.

3 He wil send his power, and wil destroye them from the face of the earth, and their God shal not deliuer them: but we his seruants wil destroye them as one man: for they are not able to sustein the power of our horses.

4 For we wil tread them vnder fete with them, and their mountaines shalbe dronken with their blood, and their fields shal be filled with their dead bodies, and their fotesteppes shal not be able to stand before vs: but they shal vtterly perish.

5 The King Nabuchodonosor, lord of all the earth, hathe said, euen he hathe said, None of my wordes shalbe in vaine.

6 And thou Achior an hireling of Ammon, because thou hast spoken these wordes in the day of thine iniquitie, thou shalt se my face no more from this day vntil I take vengeance of that people that is come out of Egypt.

7 And then shal the yron of mine armie, and the multitude of them that serue me, passe through thy sides, and thou shalt fall among their slayne, when I shal put them to flight.

8 And my seruants shal cary thee into the mountaines, and they shal leaue thee at one of the hie cities: but thou shalt not perish, til thou be destroyed with them.

9 And if thou persuade thy self in thy minde, that they shal not be taken, let not thy countenance fall: I haue spoken it, and none of my wordes shalbe in vaine.

10 Then commanded Olofernes them cōcerning Achior, that they shulde bring him to Bethulia, and deliuer him into the hands of the children of Israel.

11 So his seruants toke him, and broght him out of the campe into the plaine: and thei went out from the middes of the plaine into the mountaines, and came vnto the fountaines that were vnder Bethulia.

12 And when the men of the citie sawe thē from the toppe of the mountaine, they toke their armour, and went forthe of the citie vnto the toppe of the mountaine, euen all the throwers with slings, and kept them from comming vp, by casting stones against them.

13 But they went priuely vnder the hill, & bounde Achior, and left him lying at the fote of the hill, & returned to their lord.

14 Then the Israelites came downe from their citie, and stode about him, and losed him & broght him into Bethulia, & presented him to the gouernours of their citie,

15 Which were in those daies, Ozias the sonne of Micha, of the tribe of Simeon, and Chabris the sonne of Gothoniel, & Charmis the sonne of Melchiel.

16 And they called together all the Ancients of the citie, and all their youth ranne together, and their women to the assemblie: and they set Achior in the middes of all their people. Then Ozias asked him of that which was done.

17 And he answered & declared vnto them the wordes of the counsel of Olofernes, and all the wordes that he had spoken in the middes of the princes of Assur, and whatsoeuer Olofernes had spoken proudely against the house of Israel.

18 Then the people fel downe and worshipped God, and cryed vnto God, saying,

19 O Lord God of heauen, beholde their pride, and haue mercie on the basenes of

our people, and beholde this day the face of thoſe that are ſanctified vnto thee.
20 Then they comforted Achior, & praiſed him greatly.
21 And Ozias toke out of the aſſemblie into his houſe, & made a feaſt to the Elders, and they called on the God of Iſrael all that night for helpe.

CHAP. VII.

1 Olofernes doeth beſiege Bethulia. 8 The counſel of the Idumeans and other againſt the Iſraelites. 23 The Bethulians murmure againſt their gouernours for lacke of water.

1 THe next day, Olofernes commanded all his armie and all his people, which were come to take his parte, that thei ſhulde remoue thein campes againſt Bethulia, and that they ſhulde take all the ſtreites of the hill, and to make warre againſt the children of Iſrael.
2 Then their ſtrong men remoued their camps in that daye, and the armie of the men of warre was an hundreth thouſand and ſeuentie fotemen, & twelue thouſand horſemē, beſide the baggage & other men that were afote among them, a very great multitude.
3 And they camped in the plaine nere vnto Bethulia, by the fountaine, and thei ſpred abroad toward Dothaim vnto Belbaim, & and in length from Bethulia vnto Ciamō, which is ouer againſt Eſdraelom.
4 Now the children of Iſrael, when they ſawe ỹ multitude, were greatly troubled, & ſaid euerie one to his neighbour, Now wil they ſhut vp all the whole earth: for nether the hie mountaines nor the valleis, nor ỹ hilles are able to abide their burden.
5 Then euerie one toke his weapōs of warre, and burning fyres in their towres, they remained and watched all that night.
6 But in the ſecōde day, Olofernes brought forthe all his horſemen in the ſight of the childrē of Iſrael, which were in Bethulia,
7 And vewed the paſſages vp to thei citie, and came to the foūtaines of their waters, & toke thē & ſet gariſons of men of warre ouer thē, and remoued toward his people.
8 Then came vnto him all the chief of the children of Eſau, and all the gouernours of the people of Moab, & all the captaines of the ſea coaſt, and ſaid,
9 Let our captaine now heare a worde, leſt an inconuenience come in thine armie.
10 For this people of the children of Iſrael do not truſt in their ſpeares, but in the height of the mountaines, wherein they dwell, becauſe it is not eaſy to come vp to the toppes of their mountaines.
11 Now therefore, my lord, fight not againſt them in battel aray, and there ſhal not ſo muche as one man of thy people periſh.
12 Remaine in thy campe, and kepe all the men of thine armie, and let thy men kepe ſtil the water of the countrey, that cometh forthe at the fote of the mountaine.
13 For all the inhabitants of Bethulia haue their water thereof: ſo ſhal thirſt kill thē, and they ſhal giue vp their citie: and we and our people wil go vp to the toppes of the mountaines that are nere, & wil campe vpon them, & watche that none go out of the citie.
14 So thei & their wiues, & their children ſhalbe conſumed with famine, & before the ſworde come againſt thē, thei ſhalbe ouerthrowen in ỹ ſtretes where thei dwel.
15 Thus ſhalt thou rēder them an euil reward, becauſe thei rebelled & obeied not thy perſone peaceably.
16 And theſe wordes pleaſed Olofernes & all his ſoldiers, and he appointed to do as they had ſpoken.
17 So the campe of the children of Ammon departed, & with them fiue thouſand of the Aſſyrians, and they pitched in the valley, & toke the waters, and the fountaines of the waters of the childrē of Iſrael.
18 Then the children of Eſau went vp with the children of Ammon, & camped in the mountaines ouer againſt Dothaim, & thei ſent ſome of thē ſelues towarde the South, and towarde the Eaſt, ouer againſt Rebel, which is nere vnto Chuſi, that is vpon the riuer Mochmur: and the reſt of the armie of the Aſſyrians camped in the field, and couered the whole land: for their tents & their baggage were pitched in a wonderful great place.
19 Then the children of Iſrael cryed vnto the Lord their God, becauſe their heart failed: for all their enemies had cōpaſſed them about, and there was no way to eſcape out from among them.
20 Thus all the companie of Aſſur remained about them, bothe their fotemen, chariots and horſemen, foure and thirtie dayes: ſo that euē all the places of their waters failed all the inhabitants of Bethulia.
21 And the ciſternes were emptie, and they had not water ynough to drinke for one day: for they gaue them to drinke by meaſure.
22 Therefore their children ſwoned, and their wiues & yong men failed for thirſt, and fel downe in the ſtretes of the citie, & by the paſſages of the gates, and there was no ſtrength in them.
23 Then all the people aſſembled to Ozias, and to the chief of the citie, bothe yong men and women, and children, and cryed with a loude voyce, and ſaid before all the Elders,
24 The *Lord iudge betwene vs & you: for you haue done vs great iniurie, in that ye haue *Exod 5.21.

haue not required peace of the children of Aſſur.

25 For now we haue no helper: but God hathe ſolde vs into their hands, that we ſhulde be throwen downe before them with thirſt and great deſtruction.

26 Now therefore call them together, & deliuer the whole citie for a ſpoile to ỹ people of Olofernes, and to all his armie.

27 For it is better for vs to be made a ſpoile vnto thē, then to dye for thirſt: for we wil be his ſeruants that we may liue, & not ſe ỹ death of our infants before our eyes, nor our wiues, nor our children to dye.

28 We take to witnes againſt you the heauē and the earth, & our God and Lord of our fathers, which puniſheth vs, according to our ſinnes & the ſinnes of our fathers, that he lay not theſe things to our charge.

29 Then there was a great crye of all w̄ one cōſent in ỹ middes of the aſſemblie, & thei cryed vnto ỹ Lord God w̄ a loude voyce.

30 Then ſaid Ozias to thē, Brethren, be of good courage: let vs waite yet fiue daies, in the which ſpace the Lord our God may turne his mercie toward vs: for he wil not forſake vs in the end.

31 And if theſe daies paſſe, and there come not helpe vnto vs, I wil do according to your worde.

32 So he ſeparated the people, euerie one vnto their charge, & thei wēt vnto the walles and towres of their citie, & ſent their wiues & their children into their houſes, and they were very lowe broght in the citie.

CHAP. VIII.

The parentage, life & conuerſation of Iudeth. 11 She rebuketh the faintenes of the gouernours 12 She ſheweth that they ſhulde not tempt God, but wait vpon him for ſuccour. 33 Her enterpriſe againſt the enemies.

1 NOw at that time, Iudeth heard thereof, which was the daughter of Merari the ſonne of Ox, the ſonne of Ioſeph, the ſonne of Oziel, the ſonne of Elcia, the ſonne of Ananias, the ſonne of Gedeō, the ſonne of Raphaim, the ſonne of Acito, the ſonne of Eliu, the ſonne of Eliab, the ſōne of Nathanael, the ſonne of Samael, ỹ ſonne of Salaſadai, the ſonne of Iſrael.

2 And Manaſſes was her houſband, of her ſtocke and kinred, who dyed in the barely harueſt.

3 For as he was diligēt ouer thē that boūde ſheaues in ỹ field, the heat came vpon his head, & he fel vpon his bed, & dyed in the citie of Bethulia, & thei buryed him with his fathers in the field betwene Dothaim and Balamo.

4 So Iudeth was in her houſe a widowe three yeres and foure moneths.

5 And ſhe made her a tente vpon her houſe, and put on ſackecloth on her loynes, and ware her widowes apparel.

6 And ſhe faſted all ỹ daies of her widowhode, ſaue the day before the Sabbath and the Sabbaths, and the day before the newe moones, & in the feaſtes & ſolemne daies of the houſe of Iſrael.

7 She was alſo of a goodlie countenance & very beautiful to beholde: & her houſband Manaſſes had left her golde & ſiluer, and men ſeruants, and maide ſeruants, and cattel, and poſſeſsions, where ſhe remained.

8 And there was none ỹ colde bring an euil reporte of her: for ſhe feared God greatly.

9 Now when ſhe heard ỹ euil wordes of the people againſt the gouernour, becauſe thei fainted for lacke of waters (for Iudeth had heard all the wordes ỹ Ozias had ſpoken vnto them, and that he had * ſworne vnto thē to deliuer the citie vnto the Aſſyrians within fiue daies) *Chap 7.28.*

10 Then ſhe ſent her maide ỹ had the gouernement of all things that ſhe had, to call Ozias and Chabris and Charmis the Ancients of the Citie.

11 And they came vnto her, and ſhe ſaid vnto them, Heare me, ô ye gouernours of the inhabitants of Bethulia: for your wordes ỹ ye haue ſpokē before the people this day, are not right, touching this othe which ye made & pronounced betwene God & you, & haue promiſed to deliuer ỹ citie to the enemies, vnles within theſe daies the Lord turne to helpe you.

12 And now who are you that haue tempted God this day, & ſet your ſelues in the place of God among the children of men?

13 So now you ſeke the Lord almightie, but you ſhal neuer knowe any thing.

14 For you can not finde out ỹ depth of the heart of mā, nether cā ye perceiue ỹ things ỹ he thinketh: thē how can you ſearch out God, that hathe made all theſe things, and knowe his minde, or comprehend his purpoſe? Nay my brethren, prouoke not the Lord our God to anger.

15 For if he wil not helpe vs within theſe fiue daies, he hathe power to defend vs when he wil, euen euerie day, or to deſtroy vs before our enemies.

16 Do not you therefore binde ỹ counſels of the Lord our God: for God is not as man that he may be threatned, nether as ỹ ſonne of man to be broght to iudgement.

17 Therefore let vs waite for ſaluacion of him & call vpon him to helpe vs, & he wil heare our voyce if it pleaſe him.

18 For there appeareth none in our age, nether is there any now in theſe daies, nether tribe, nor familie, nor people, nor citie amōg vs, which worſhip ỹ gods made with hands, as hathe bene afore time.

19 For * ỹ which cauſe our fathers were giuē to the ſworde, & for a ſpoile, & had a great fall before our enemies. *Iud.2.11. 4.1.& 6.1.*

20 But we knowe none other God: therefo-

re we truſt that he wil not deſpiſe vs, nor any of our linage.

21 Nether when we ſhalbe taken, ſhal Iudea be ſo famous: for our Sanctuarie ſhalbe ſpoiled, and he wil require the prophanacion therof at our mouth,

22 And the feare of our brethren, and the captiuitie of the countrey, & the deſolatiõ of our inheritance wil he turne vpon our heads amõg the Gentiles, where ſoeuer we ſhalbe in bondage, & we ſhalbe an offence & a reproche to all thẽ that poſſeſſe vs.

23 For our ſeruitude ſhal not be directed by fauour, but the Lord our God ſhal turne it to diſhonour.

24 Now therefore, ô brethren, let vs ſhewe an example to our brethren, becauſe their hearts depend vpõ vs, & the Sanctuarie, & the Houſe, and the altar reſt vpon vs.

25 Moreouer, let vs giue thãkes to the Lord our God, which tryeth vs euen as he did our fathers.

Gen.22.1. 26 Remember what things he did to *Abraham, and how he tryed Iſaac, and all that

Gen.28.7. he did to *Iacob in Meſopotamia of Syria when he kept the ſhepe of Laban his mothers brother.

27 For he hathe not tryed vs as he did them to the examination of their hearts, nether doeth he take vengeance on vs, but the Lord puniſheth for inſtruction them that come nere to him.

28 ¶ Then ſaid Ozias to her, All that thou haſt ſpoken, haſt thou ſpoken with a good heart, and there is none that is able to reſiſt thy wordes.

29 For it is not to day that thy wiſdome is knowen, but from the beginning of thy life all the people haue knowen thy wiſdome: for the deuice of thine heart is good.

30 But the people were very thirſtie, and compelled vs to do vnto them, as we haue ſpoken, & haue broght vs to an othe which we may not tranſgreſſe.

31 Therefore now pray for vs, becauſe thou art an holy womã, that the Lord may ſend vs rayne to fill out ciſternes, and that we may faint no more.

32 Then ſaid Iudeth vnto them, Heare me, and I wil do a thing, which ſhalbe declared in all generations, to the children of our nacion.

33 You ſhal ſtand this night in the gate, and I wil go forthe with mine handmaid: and within the daies that ye haue promiſed to deliuer the citie to our enemies, the Lord wil viſit Iſrael by mine hand.

34 But inquire not you of mine acte: for I wil not declare it vnto you, til the things be finiſhed that I do.

35 Then ſaid Ozias & the princes vnto her, Go in peace, and the Lord God be before thee, to take vengeance on our enemies.

36 So they returned from the tent, and went to their wardes.

CHAP. IX.

1 Iudeth humbleth her ſelf before the Lord, and maketh her prayers for the deliuerance of her people. 7 Againſt the pride of the Aſſyrians. 11 God is the helpe of the humble.

1 THen Iudeth fel vpon her face, and put aſhes vpon her head, and put of the ſackecloth wherewith ſhe was clothed. And about the time that the incenſe of that euening was offred in Ieruſalẽ in the Houſe of the Lord, Iudeth cryed with a loude voyce, and ſaid,

2 O Lord God of my father * Simeon, to *Gen 34.25.* whome thou gaueſt a ſworde to take vengeance of the ſtrangers which opened the wombe of the maide, and defiled her, and diſcouered the thigh with ſhame, and poluted the wombe to reproche (for thou hadeſt commanded that it ſhulde not ſo be,

3 Yet thei did things for the which thou gaueſt their princes to the ſlaughter, for they were deceiued & waſhed their beds with blood) and haſt ſtriken the ſeruants with the gouernours, and the gouernours vpon their thrones,

4 And haſt giuen their wiues for a pray and their daughters to be captiues, & all their ſpoiles for a bootie to ỹ children that thou louedſt: which were moued with thy zeale, and abhorred the pollution of their blood, & called vpõ thee for aide, ô God, ô my God, heare me alſo a widdowe.

5 For thou haſt wroght the things afore, & theſe, and the things that ſhalbe after, and thou cõſidereſt the things that are preſent, and the things that are to come.

6 For the things which ỹ doeſt purpoſe, are preſent, & ſay, Beholde, we are here: for all thy waies are ready, & thy iudgements are foreknowen.

7 Beholde, the Aſſyrians are multiplied by their power: they haue exalted thẽ ſelues with horſes & horſemen: they glorie in the ſtrength of their fotemen: they truſt in ſhield, ſpeare and bowe, and ſling, and do not knowe that thou art ỹ Lord that breakeſt the battels: the Lord is thy Name.

8 Breake thou their ſtrength by thy power, and breake their force by thy wrath: for they haue purpoſed to defile thy Sanctuarie, & to pollute the tabernacle where thy glorious Name reſteth, and to caſt downe with weapons the hornes of the altar.

9 Beholde their pride, and ſend thy wrath vpõ their heads: giue into mine hãd which am a widow, ỹ ſtrength ỹ I haue cõceiued.

10 Smite by the deceit of my lippes the ſeruant with the prince, and the prince with the ſeruant: abbate their height by the hãd of a woman. *Iud 4.21. & 5.26.* *Iud 7.2.*

11 *For thy power ſtandeth not in the multitude, nor thy might in ſtrõg men: but thou, *2.chr 14.11. & 6.5. & 20.6.*

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O Lord, art the helpe of the humble and litle ones, the defender of the weake, & the protector of them that are forſaken, & the Sauiour of them that are without hope.

12 Surely, ſurely *thou art* the God of my father, & the God of ỹ inheritance of Iſrael, the Lord of heauen and earth, the creator of the waters, the King of all creatures: heare thou my prayer,

13 And grant me wordes & craft, & a wounde, and a ſtroke againſt thē that entreprīſe cruel things againſt thy couenant, and againſt thine holy Houſe, & againſt the toppe of Sion, and againſt the houſe of the poſſeſsion of thy children.

14 Shewe euidently among all thy people, & all the tribes, that they may knowe that thou art the God of all power & ſtrength, & that there is none other that defendeth the people of Iſrael, but thou.

CHAP. X.

1 Iudeth decketh her ſelf & goeth forthe of the citie. 11 She is taken of the watch of the Aſſyrians and broght to Olofernes.

1 NOw after ſhe had ceaſed to crye vnto the God of Iſrael, and had made an end of all theſe wordes,

2 She roſe where ſhe had fallen downe, and called her maide, & went downe into the houſe, in the which ſhe abode in the Sabbath daies and in the feaſt daies,

3 And putting away the ſackecloth wherewith ſhe was clad, & putting of the garments of her widowhode, ſhe waſhed her body with water, & anoīted it with muche oīntemēt, & dreſſed the heere of her head, and put attire vpon it, and put on her garments of gladnes, wherewith ſhe was clad during the life of Manaſſes her houſbād.

4 And ſhe put ſlippers on her fete, & put on bracelets, & ſleues, and rings, & earings, & all her ornaments, and ſhe decked her ſelfe brauely to allure the eyes of all men that ſhulde ſe her.

5 Then ſhe gaue her maide a bottel of wine, and a pot of oyle, and filled a ſcrippe with floure, & with drye figges, & with fine bread: ſo ſhe lapped vp all theſe things together and laid them vpon her.

6 Thus they went forthe to the gate of the citie of Bethulia, and found ſtanding there Ozias, and the ancients of the citie, Chabris and Charmis.

7 And whē they ſawe her that her face was changed, & that her garment was chāged, they marueiled greatly at her wonderful beautie, and ſaid vnto her,

8 The God, ỹ God of our fathers giue thee fauour, and accompliſh thine enterpriſes to the glorie of the children of Iſrael, and to the exaltation of Ieruſalem. Then they worſhipped God.

9 And ſhe ſaid vnto them, Cōmande the gates of the citie to be opened vnto me, that I may go forthe to accompliſh the things which you haue ſpoken to me. So they cōmanded the yong men to open vnto her, as ſhe had ſpoken.

10 And when they had done ſo, Iudeth wēt out, ſhe and her maide with her, and the men of the citie loked after her, vntil ſhe was gone downe the mountaine, and til ſhe had paſſed the valley, and colde ſe her no more.

11 Thus they went ſtreight forthe in the valley, and the firſt watche of the Aſſyriās met her,

12 And toke her, & aſked her, Of what people art thou? and whēce comeſt thou? and whether goeſt thou? And ſhe ſaid, I am a womā of the Hebrewes, and am fled from them: for they ſhalbe giuen you to be conſumed.

13 And I come before Olofernes, the chief captaine of your armie, to declare him true things, and I wil ſhewe before him the way whereby he ſhal go and winne all the mountaines, without loſing the bodie or life of anie of his men.

14 Now when the men heard her wordes, & behelde her countenance, they wondered greatly at her beautie, and ſaid vnto her,

15 Thou haſt ſaued thy life, in that thou haſt haſted to come downe to the preſence of our lord: now therefore come to his tente, and ſome of vs ſhal cōduct thee vntil thei haue deliured thee into his hāds.

16 And when ỹ ſtandeſt before him, be not afraid in thine heart, but ſhewe vnto him according as thou haſt to ſay, and he wil intreat thee wel.

17 Then they choſe out of thē an hundreth men, and prepared a charet for her and her maide, and broght her to the tent of Olofernes.

18 Then there was a running to and fro, throughout the campe: for her comming was bruted among the tentes: & thei came and ſtode rounde about her: for ſhe ſtode without the tent of Olofernes vntil they had declared vnto him concerning her.

19 And they marueiled at her beautie, and wondered at the children of Iſrael becauſe of her, & euerie one ſaid vnto his neighbour, Who wolde deſpiſe this people, that haue among thē ſuche women? ſurely it is not good that one mā of them be left: for if thei ſhulde remaine, they might deceiue the whole earth.

20 Then Olofernes garde went out, and all his ſeruantes, and they broght her into the tente.

21 Now Olofernes reſted vpon his bed vnder a canopie, which was wouen with purple and golde and emeraudes, and precious ſtones.

22 So they ſhewed him of her, and he came forthe vnto the entrie of his tent, and they caried lampes of ſiluer before him.
23 And when Iudeth was come before him and his ſeruants, they all marueiled at the beautie of her countenance, and ſhe fel downe vpon her face, & did reuerence vnto him, & his ſeruants toke her vp.

CHAP. XI.

1 Olofernes comforteth Iudeth. 3 And aſketh the cauſe of her comming. 5 She deceiueth him by her faire wordes.

1 THen ſaid Olofernes vnto her, Womā, be of good comfort: feare not in thine heart: for I neuer hurt any that wolde ſerue Nabuchodonoſor ỹ King of all the earth.
2 Now therefore if thy people that dwelleth in the mountaines, had not deſpiſed me, I wolde not haue lifted vp my ſpeare againſt them: but they haue procured theſe things to them ſelues.
3 But now tel me wherefore thou art fled from them, and art come vnto vs: for thou art come for ſafegard: be of good cōfort, thou ſhalt liue frō this night, & hereafter.
4 For none ſhal hurt thee, but intreat thee wel, as they do the ſeruants of King Nabuchodonoſor my lord.
5 Then Iudeth ſaid vnto him, Receiue the wordes of thy ſeruāt, & ſuffer thine handmaide to ſpeake in thy preſence, and I wil declare no lie to my lord this night.
6 And if thou wilt follow the wordes of thine handmaide, God wil bring the thing perfectly to paſſe by thee, & my lord ſhal not faile of his purpoſe.
7 As Nabuchodonoſor King of all ỹ earth liueth, and as his power is of force, who hathe ſent thee to reforme all perſones, not onely men ſhal be made ſubiect to him by thee, but alſo the beaſtes of the fields, & the cattel, & the foules of the heauen ſhal liue by thy power vnder Nabuchodonoſor & all his houſe.
8 For we haue heard of thy wiſdome and of thy prudēt ſpirit, & it is declared through the whole earth, that thou onely art excellent in all the kingdome, and of a wonderful knowledge, and in feates of warre marueilous.
9 Now *as concerning the matter which Achior did ſpeake in thy counſel, we haue heard his wordes: for the men of Bethulia did take him, & he declared vnto them all that he had ſpoken vnto thee. *Chap. 5.*
10 Therefore, ô lord & gouernour, reiect not his worde, but ſet it in thine heart, for it is true: for there is no puniſhment againſt our people, nether can the ſworde preuaile againſt them, except they ſinne againſt their God.
11 Now therefore leſt my lord ſhulde be fruſtrate, and voide of his purpoſe, & that death may fall vpon them, and that they may be taken in their ſinne whiles they prouoke their God to angre, *which is* ſo oft times as they do that which is not beſeming,
12 (For becauſe their vittailes faile, and all their water is waſted, they haue determined to take their cattel, and haue purpoſed to conſume all things that God had forbidden them to eat by his Lawes:
13 Yea, they haue purpoſed to conſume the firſt frutes of the wheat, and the tithes of the wine, and of the oile which they had reſerued and ſanctified for the Prieſts that ſerue in Ieruſalem before the face of our God: the which things it is not lawful for anie of the people to touche w̄ their hāds.
14 Moreouer they haue ſent to Ieruſalem, becauſe they alſo that dwel there, haue done the like, ſuche as ſhulde bring them licence from the Senate)
15 Now when they ſhal bring them worde, they wil do it, and they ſhalbe giuen thee to be deſtroyed the ſame day.
16 Wherefore I thine handmaid, knowing all this, am fled from their preſence, and God hathe ſent me to worke a thing with thee, whereof all the earth ſhal wonder, & whoſoeuer ſhal heare it.
17 For thy ſeruant feareth God, and worſhipeth the God of heauē day and night, and now let me remaine with thee, my lord, and let thy ſeruant go out in the night into the valley, and I wil pray vnto God, that he may reueile vnto me when they ſhal commit their ſinnes,
18 And I wil come and ſhewe it vnto thee: then thou ſhalt go forthe with all thine armie, & there ſhalbe none of them that ſhal reſiſt thee.
19 And I wil lead thee through the middes of Iudea, vntil thou come before Ieruſalem, and I wil ſet thy throne in the middes thereof, and thou ſhalt driue them as ſhepe that haue no ſhepherd, and a dogge ſhal not barcke with his mouthe againſt thee: for theſe things haue bene ſpokē vnto me, & declared vnto me accordīg to my foreknowledge, and I am ſent to ſhewe thee.
20 ¶ Then her wordes pleaſed Olofernes, and all his ſeruants, and they marueiled at her wiſdome, and ſaid,
21 There is not ſuche a woman in all the worlde, bothe for beautie of face, and wiſdome of wordes.
22 Likewiſe Olofernes ſaid vnto her, God "hathe done this, to ſend thee before ỹ people, that ſtrēgth might be in our hāds, and deſtruction vpō thē that deſpiſe my lord. *Or, hathe ſent well.*
23 And now thou art bothe beautiful in thy coūtenāce, & wittie in thy wordes: ſurely if thou do as ỹ haſt ſpoken, thy God ſhalbe my

my God, and thou ſhalt dwell in the houſe of Nabuchodonoſor, & ſhalt be renomed throughout the whole earth.

CHAP. XII.

1 Iudeth wolde not pollute her ſelf with the meat of the Gentiles. 5 She maketh her requeſt that ſhe might go out by night to pray. 11 Olofernes cauſeth her to come to the banket.

1 THen he commanded to bring her in where his treaſures were layed, and bade that they ſhulde prepare for her of his owne meates, and that ſhe ſhulde drinke of his owne wine.

Gen 43,32. dan 1,8. tob.1,12.

2 But Iudeth ſaid, *I may not eat of them, leſt there ſhulde be an offence, but I can ſuffice my ſelfe with the things that I haue broght.

3 Then Olofernes ſaid vnto her, If the things that thou haſt, ſhulde faile, how ſhulde we giue thee the like? for there is none with vs of thy nation.

4 Then ſaid Iudeth vnto him, As thy ſoule liueth, my lord, thine handmaide ſhal not ſpend thoſe things that I haue, before the Lord worke by mine hand the things that he hathe determined.

5 Then the ſeruants of Olofernes broght her into the tent, and ſhe ſlept vntil midnight, and roſe at the morning watche,

6 And ſent to Olofernes, ſaying, Let my lord cōmāde that thine hādmaide may go forthe vnto prayer.

7 Then Olofernes commanded his garde that thei ſhuld not ſtay her: thus ſhe abode in the campe thre dayes, and went out in the night into the valley of Bethulia, and waſhed her ſelf in a fountaine, euen in the water by the campe.

8 And when ſhe came out, ſhe prayed vnto the Lord God of Iſrael, that he wolde direct her way to the exaltation of the children of her people.

9 So ſhe returned, & remained pure in the tent, vntil ſhe ate her meat at euening.

10 ¶ And in the fourthe day, Olofernes made a feaſt to his owne ſeruants onely, and called none of them to the bāket, that had the affaires in hand.

11 Thē ſaid he to Bagoas the eunuche who had charge ouer all that he had, Go and perſuade this Hebrewe woman, which is with thee, that ſhe come vnto vs and eat, & drinke with vs.

12 For it were a ſhame for vs, if we ſhulde let ſuche a womā alone, & not talke w̄ her, & if we do not allure her, ſhe wil mocke vs

13 Then wēt Bagoas frō the preſence of Olofernes, & came to her, & ſaid, Let not this faire maide make difficultie to go into my lord, & to be honored in his preſence, and to drinke wine with vs ioyfully, & to be intreated as one of the daughters of the children of Aſſur, which remaine in the houſe of Nabuchodonoſor.

14 Then ſaid Iudeth vnto him, Who am I now, that I ſhulde gaineſay my lord? Surely whatſoeuer pleaſeth him, I wil do ſpedely, and it ſhalbe my ioye vnto the day of my death.

15 So ſhe aroſe & trimmed her w̄ garments, and with all ỹ ornaments of women, & her maide wēt, & ſpred for her ſkinnes on the groūde ouer againſt Olofernes, which ſhe had receiued of Bagoas for her daily vſe, that ſhe might ſit and eat vpon them.

16 Now when Iudeth came & ſate downe, Olofernes heart was rauiſhed with her, and his ſpirit was moued, and he deſired greatly her companie: for he had waited for the time to deceiue her from the day that he had ſene her.

17 Then ſaid Olofernes vnto her, Drinke now, and be merry with vs.

18 So Iudeth ſaid, I drinke now, my lord, becauſe my ſtate is exalted this day more then euer it was ſince I was borne.

19 Thē ſhe toke, & ate & drāke before him the things, that her maide had prepared.

20 And Olofernes reioyced becauſe of her & drāke muche more wine thē he had drūkē at anie time in one day ſince he was borne.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Iudeth praieth for ſtrēgth. 8 She ſmiteth of Olofernes necke. 10 She returneth to Bethulia & reioyceth her people.

1 NOw whē the euening was come, his ſeruants made haſte to departe, and Bagoas ſhut his tent without, & dimiſſed thoſe that were preſent, from the preſence of his lord, & they went to their beddes: *for they were all weatie, becauſe the feaſt had bene long. *Eccl.3,12.*

2 And Iudeth was left alone in the tent, & Olofernes was ſtretched along vpon his bed: for he was filled with wine.

3 ¶ Now Iudeth had cōmanded her maide to ſtād without her chāber, & to waite for her cōming forthe as ſhe did daily: for ſhe ſaid, ſhe wolde go forthe to her prayers, & ſhe ſpake to Bagoas according to the ſame purpoſe.

4 So all went forthe of her preſence, & none was left in the chāber, nether litle nor great: thē Iudeth ſtanding by his bed, ſaid in her heart, O Lord God of all power, beholde at this preſent the workes of mine hands for the exaltation of Ieruſalem.

5 For now is ỹ time to helpe thine inheritāce, & to execute mine enterpriſes, to ỹ deſtructiō of ỹ enemies w̄ are riſen againſt vs.

6 Then ſhe came to the poſt of ỹ bed which was at Olofernes head, & toke downe his fauchin from thence,

7 And approched to the bed, & toke holde of the heere of his head, and ſaid, Strengthen me, ô Lord God of Iſrael this day.

8 And ſhe ſmote twiſe vpon his necke with

all her might, and ſhe toke away his head from him,

9 And roled his bodie downe from the bed, and pulled downe the canopie from the pillers, and anone after ſhe went forthe, & gaue Olofernes head to her maid,

10 And ſhe put it in her ſcrippe of meat: ſo they twaine went together according to their cuſtome vnto prayer, and preſsing through the tentes, went about by that valley, and went vp the mountaine of Bethulia, and came to the gates thereof.

11 ¶ Thē ſaid Iudeth afarre of to the watche men at the gates, Open now the gate: God, euen our God is with vs to ſhewe his power yet in Ieruſalem, and his force againſt his enemies, as he hathe euen done this day.

12 Now whē the men of her citie heard her voyce, thei made haſte to go downe to the gate of their citie, and they called the Elders of the citie.

13 And thei ranne all together bothe ſmale and great: for it was aboue their expectation, that ſhe ſhulde come. So they opened the gate & receiued her, & made a fyre for a light, & ſtode rounde about thē twaine.

14 Then ſhe ſaid to thē with a loude voyce, Praiſe God, praiſe God: for he hathe not taken away his mercie from the houſe of Iſrael, but hathe deſtroyed our enemies by mine hands this night.

15 So ſhe toke the head out of the ſcrippe & ſhewed it, and ſaid vnto them, Beholde the head of Olofernes, the chief captaine of ỹ armie of Aſſur, and beholde the canopie, wherein he did lie in his drunkēnes, & the Lord hathe ſmitten him by the hand of a woman.

16 As the Lord liueth, who hathe kept me in my way that I went, my countenance hathe deceiued him to his deſtructiō, & he hathe not cōmitted ſinne with me by anie pollution or vilenie.

17 Then all the people were wonderfully aſtoniſhed, and bowed them ſelues, and worſhiped God, and ſaid with one accorde, Bleſſed be thou, ô our God, which haſt this day broght to noght the enemies of thy people.

18 Then ſaid Ozias vnto her, O daughter, bleſſed art thou of the moſte hie God aboue all the women of the earth, and bleſſed be the Lord God, which hathe created the heauens and the earth, which hathe directed thee to the cutting of of the head of the chief of our enemies.

19 Surely this thine hope ſhal neuer departe out of the heartes of men: for they ſhal remember the power of God for euer.

20 And God turne theſe things to thee for a perpetual praiſe, and viſite thee with good things, becauſe thou haſt not ſpared thy life, becauſe of the affliction of our nacion, but thou haſt holpen our ruine, walking a ſtreight way before our God. And all the people ſaid, So be it, ſo be it.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Iudeth cauſeth to hang vp the head of Olofernes.
10 Achior ſoyneth him ſelfe to the people of God.
11 The Iſraelites go out againſt the Aſſyrians.

1 THen ſaid Iudeth vnto them, Heare me alſo, my brethren, and * take this head, and hang it vpon the hieſt place of your walles. a Mac 15,35

2 And ſo ſone as the morning ſhal appeare and the ſonne ſhal come forthe vpon the earth, take you euerie one his weapons, and go forthe euerie valiant man out of the citie, and ſet you a captaine ouer them, as thogh you wolde go downe into the field, towarde the watche of the Aſſyrians, but go not downe.

3 Then they ſhal take their armour, & ſhal go into their campe, and raiſe vp the captaines of the armie of Aſſur, and they ſhal runne to the tent of Olofernes, but ſhal not finde him: then feare ſhal fall vpon thē, and they ſhal flee before your face.

4 So you and all that inhabite the coaſtes of Iſrael, ſhal purſue them, & ouerthrowe them as they go.

5 But before you do theſe things, call me Achior the Ammonite, that he may ſe, and knowe him that deſpiſed the houſe of Iſrael, and that ſent him to vs as to death.

6 Then they called Achior out of the houſe of Ozias, and when he was come and ſawe the head of Olofernes in a certeine mans hand in the aſſemblie of the people, he fel downe on his face, and his ſpirit failed.

7 But when they had taken him vp, he fel at Iudeths fete, & reuerenced her, and ſaid, Bleſſed art thou in all the tabernacle of Iuda, and in all nacions, which, hearing thy name, ſhalbe aſtoniſhed.

8 Now therefore tel me all the things, that thou haſt done in theſe dayes. Thē Iudeth declared vnto him in the middes of the people all that ſhe had done from the day that ſhe went forthe, vntil that houre ſhe ſpake vnto them.

9 And whē ſhe had left of ſpeaking, the people reioyced with a great voyce, and made a noyce of gladnes through their citie.

10 And Achior, ſeing all things that God had done for Iſrael, beleued in God vnfainedly, and circumciſed the foreſkine of his fleſh, and was ioyned vnto the houſe of Iſrael vnto this day.

11 ¶ Aſſone as the morning aroſe, thei hāged the head of Olofernes out at the wall, & euerie man toke his weapons, and they went forthe by bandes vnto the ſtraites of the mountaine.

12 But when the Aſſyrians ſawe them, they

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ſent to their captaines, which went to the gouernours and chief captaines, and to all their rulers.

13 So they came to Olofernes tent and ſaid to him ỹ had the charge of all his things, Wakē our lord: for the ſclaues haue bene bolde to come downe againſt vs to battel, that they may be deſtroyed for euer.

14 Then went in Bagoas, & knocked at the dore of the tent: for he thoght that he had ſlept with Iudeth.

15 But becauſe none anſwered, he opened it, and went into the chamber, and founde him caſt vpon the floore, and his head was taken from him.

16 Therefore he cryed with a loude voyce, with weping and mourning, & a mightie crye, and rent his garments.

17 After, he went into the tent of Iudeth where ſhe vſed to remaine, and founde her not: then he leaped out to the people and cryed,

18 Theſe ſclaues haue committed wickednes: one woman of the Hebrewes hathe broght ſhame vpon the houſe of King Nabuchodonoſor: for beholde, Olofernes *lieth* vpon the grounde without an head.

19 When the captaines of the Aſſyrians armie heard theſe wordes, they rent their coates, and their heart was wonderfully troubled, and there was a crye and a verie great noyce throughout the campe.

CHAP. XV.

1 The Aſſyrians are afraied and flee. 3 The Iſraelites purſue them 8 Ioacim the hie Prieſt cometh to Bethulia to ſe Iudeth and to praiſe God for her.

1 ANd whē thei that were in the tents, heard, they were aſtoniſhed at the thing that was done.

2 And feare and trembling fel vpon them, ſo that there was no man that durſt abide in the ſight of his neighbour: but altogether amaſed, thei fled by euerie way of the plaine and of the mountaines.

3 They alſo that had camped in the mountaines rounde about Bethulia, were put to flight: thē the children of Iſrael, euery one that was a warriour among them, ruſhed out vpon them.

4 Then ſent Ozias to Bethomaſthem, and to Bebai, and Chobai, and Chola and to all the coaſtes of Iſrael, ſuche as ſhulde declare vnto them the things that were done, and that all ſhulde ruſhe forthe vpon their enemies to deſtroy them.

5 Now when the children of Iſrael heard it, they all fell vpon them together vnto Choba: likewiſe alſo thei that came from Ieruſalem & from all the mountaines: for men had tolde thē what things were done in the campe of their enemies, and they that were in Galaad and in Galile chaſed them with a great ſlaughter vntil they came to Damaſcus and to the coaſtes thereof.

6 And the reſidue that dwelt at Bethulia, fel vpon the campe of Aſſur and ſpoiled them, and were greatly enriched.

7 And the children of Iſrael that returned from the ſlaughter, had the reſt: & the villages & the cities that were in the mountaines & in the plaine, had a great bootie: for the abundance was verie great.

8 Then Ioacim the hie Prieſt, and the Ancients of the children of Iſrael that dwelt in Ieruſalem, came to confirme the benefites that God had ſhewed to Iſrael, and to ſe Iudeth, and to ſalute her.

9 And when they came vnto her, thei bleſſed her with one accorde, & ſaid vnto her, Thou art the exaltacion of Ieruſalem: thou art the great glorie of Iſrael: thou art the great reioycing of our nacion.

10 Thou haſt done all theſe things by thine hand: thou haſt done muche good to Iſrael, & God is pleaſed therewith: bleſſed be thou of the almightie Lord for euermore: and all the people ſaid, So be it.

11 And the people ſpoyled the campe the ſpace of thirtie daies, and thei gaue vnto Iudeth Olofernes tent, and all his ſiluer & beddes, and baſins, and all his ſtuffe, & ſhe toke it and laied it on her mules, & made readie her charets, & laied them thereon.

12 Then all the women of Iſrael came together to ſe her, and bleſſed her, and made a dance among them for her, and ſhe toke braunches in her hand, and gaue alſo to the women that were with her.

13 They alſo crowned her with oliues, and her that was with her, and ſhe went before the people in the dance, leading all the women: and all the men of Iſrael followed in their armour, with crownes and with ſongs in their mouthes.

CHAP. XVI.

Iudeth praiſeth God with a ſong. 19 She offreth to the Lord Olofernes ſtuffe 23 Her continuance, life and death. 25 All Iſrael lamenteth her.

1 THen Iudeth began this confeſsion in all Iſrael, and all the people ſang this ſong with a loude voyce.

2 And Iudeth ſaid, Beginne vnto my God with tymbrels: ſing to my Lord with cymbales: tune vnto him a pſalme: exalt his praiſe, and call vpon his Name.

3 For God breaketh the battels, and *pitcheth* his campe in the middes of the people, & deliuered me out of the hand of the perſecuters.

4 Aſſur came from the mountaines forthe of the North: he came with thouſands in his armie, * whoſe multitude hathe ſhut vp the riuers and their horſemen haue co- *Chap. 2. 17.*

uered the valleis.
5 He ſaid that he wolde burne vp my borders & kill my yong men with the ſworde, and daſh the ſucking children againſt the grounde, & make mine infants as a pray, and my virgines a ſpoile.
6 But the almightie Lord hathe broght them to naught by the hand of a woman.
7 For the mightie did not fall by the yong men, nether did the ſonnes of Titan ſmite him, nor the hie gyants inuade him, but Iudeth the daughter of Merari did diſcomfite him by the beautie of her countenance.
8 For ſhe put of the garment of her widdowhode, for the exaltacion of thoſe that were oppreſſed in Iſrael, and anointed her face with ointment, and bounde vp her heere in a coife, and toke a linen garment to deceiue him.
9 Her ſlippers rauiſhed his eyes: her beautie toke his minde priſoner, and the fauchin paſſed through his necke.
10 The Perſiãs were aſtoniſhed at her boldenes, and the Medes were troubled with her hardines.
11 But mine afflicted reioyced, & my feble ones ſhowted: then they feared, they lifted vp their voyce and turned backe.
12 The children of maides perced them, and wounded them as they fled away like children: they periſhed by the battel of the Lord.
13 I wil ſing vnto the Lord a ſong and praiſe, O Lord, thou art great and glorious, maruelous and inuincible in power.
14 Let all thy creatures ſerue thee: * for thou haſt ſpoken and they were made: thou haſt ſent thy Spirit, and he made them vp: & there is none that can reſiſt thy voyce.
15 For the mountaines leape vp from their fundacions with the waters: the rockes melt at thy preſence like waxe: yet thou art merciful to them that feare thee.
16 For all ſacrifice is to litle for a ſwete ſauour, and all the fat is to litle for thy burnt offring: but he that feareth the Lord, is great at all times.
17 Wo to the nacions that riſe vp againſt my kinred: the Lord almightie wil take vengeance of them in the day of iudgement, in ſending fyre and wormes vpon their fleſh, and they ſhal fele them & wepe for euer.
18 ¶ After, when they went vnto Ieruſalem, they worſhiped the Lord, and aſſone as the people were purified, they offred their burnt offrings, and their free offrings, and their giftes.
19 Iudeth alſo offred all the ſtuffe of Olofernes, which the people had giuen her, and gaue the canopie which ſhe had taken of his bed, for an oblacion to the Lord.
20 So the people reioyced in Ieruſalem by the Sanctuarie, for the ſpace of thre moneths, and Iudeth remained with them.
21 After this time, euerie one returned to his owne inheritance, and Iudeth went to Bethulia, and remained in her owne poſſeſsion, and was for her time honorable in all the countrey.
22 And manie deſired her, but none had her companie all the dayes of her life after that Manaſſes her huſband was dead, & was gathered to "his people. "Or her people.
23 But ſhe increaſed more and more in honour, and waxed olde in her huſbands houſe, being an hundreth and fiue yere olde, & made her maid free: ſo ſhe dyed in Bethulia, and they buryed her in the graue of her huſband Manaſſes.
24 And * the houſe of Iſrael lamented her ſeuen daies, & before ſhe dyed, ſhe did diſtribute her goods to all them that were nereſt of kinred to Manaſſes her huſband, and to them that were the nereſt of her kinred.
25 And there was none that made the children of Iſrael anie more afraid in the daies of Iudeth, nor a long time after her death.

Gen 1.24. Pſal 33.9. *Gen 50.10.*

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ESTHER.

Certeine porcions of the ſtorie of Eſther, which are founde in ſome Greke and Latin tranſlations.

Which follow the tenth chapter.

4 THEN Mardocheus ſaid, God hathe done theſe things.

5 For I remember a dreame, which I ſawe concerning theſe matters, and there was nothing thereof omitted.

6 A litle fountaine which became a flood, and was a light, and as the ſunne, & as muche water, this flood was Eſther whome the King maried, and made Quene.

7 And the two dragons are I and Aman.

8 And the people are they that are aſſembled to deſtroye the name of the Iewes.

9 And my people is Iſrael, which cryed to God, and are ſaued: for the Lord hathe ſaued his people, and the Lord hathe deliuered vs from all theſe euils, and God hathe wroght ſignes, and great wonders, which haue not bene done among the Gentiles.

10 Therefore hathe he made two lottes, one for the people of God, and another for all the Gentiles.

11 And theſe two lottes came before God for all nations, at the houre and time appointed, and in the day of iudgement.

12 So God remembred his owne people, & iuſtified his inheritance.

13 Therefore thoſe dayes ſhalbe vnto thē in the moneth Adar ỹ fortenth and fiftēth day of the ſame moneth, with an aſſemblie and ioye, and with gladnes before God, according to the generations for euer among his people.

CHAP. XI.

1 IN the fourth yere of the reigne of Ptolomeus and Cleopatra Doſitheus, who ſaid he was a Prieſt and Leuite, and Ptolomeus his ſonne, that broght the former letters of Phrurai, which thei ſaid Lyſimachus the ſonne of Ptolomeus, which was at Ieruſalem, interpreted,

Or, letter.

2 In the ſecond yere of the reigne of great Artaxerxes in the firſt day of the moneth Niſan Mardocheus the ſonne of Iarus, the ſonne of Semei the ſonne of Cis of the tribe of Beniamin had a dreame,

3 A Iewe dwelling in the citie of Suſis, a noble man, that bare office in ỹ Kings court.

4 He was alſo one of the captiuitie which Nabuchodonoſor the King of Babylon broght from Ieruſalem with Iechonias.

5 And this was his dreame, Beholde a noice of a tempeſt with thunders, and earth quakes, and vproare in the land.

6 Beholde two great dragons came forthe ready to fight one againſt another.

7 Their crye was great, whereby all the heathen were ready to fight againſt the righteous people.

8 And the ſame day was ful of darkenes & obſcuritie, & trouble, & anguiſh: yea, aduerſitie, and great afflictiō was vpon ỹ earth.

9 For then the righteous fearing their afflictions, were amaſed, and being ready to dye, cryed vnto God.

10 And while they were crying, the litle wel grewe into a great riuer, and flowed ouer with great waters.

11 The light & the ſunne roſe vp, & ỹ lowlie were exalted, & deuoured the glorious.

12 Now when Mardocheus had ſene this dreame, he awoke and roſe vp and thoght in his heart vntil ỹ night, what God wolde do, & ſo he deſired to know all the matter.

CHAP. XII.

1 AT the ſame time dwelt Mardocheus in the Kings court with Bagathas, and Thara, the Kings eunuches & kepers of the palace.

2 *But when he heard their purpoſe, and their imaginaciōs, he perceiued that they went about to lay their hands vpon the King Artaxerxes, and ſo he certified the King thereof.

Eſther 2,21. & 6,2.

3 Then cauſed the King to examine ỹ two eunuches with torments, and when they had confeſſed it, they were put to death.

4 This the King cauſed to be put in the Chronicles. Mardocheus alſo wrote the ſame thing.

5 So the King cōmāded that Mardocheus ſhulde remaine in the court, and for the aduertiſement, he gaue him a rewarde.

6 But Amā the ſonne of Amadathus ỹ Agagite, w̄ was in great honour and reputaciō with the King, went about to hurt Mardocheus & his people, becauſe of the two eunuches of ỹ King ỹ were put to death.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The copie of the letters of Artaxerxes againſt the Iewes, & The prayer of Mardocheus.*

1 THe copie of the letters was this, The great King Artaxerxes writeth theſe things to ỹ princes & gouernours ỹ are vnder him from India vnto Ethiopia in an hundreth and ſeuen and twētie prouinces.

Ioſeph Antiq. lib. 11. chap. 6.

2 When I was made lord ouer manie people, & had ſubdued the whole earth vnto my dominion, I wolde not exalte my ſelf by the reaſon of my power, but purpoſed with equitie alway and gētelnes to gouerne my ſubiects, and wholy to ſet them in a peaceable life, and thereby to bring my kingdome vnto tranquilitie, that mē might ſafely go thorow on euerie ſide, and to renew peace againe, which all men deſire.

3 Now when I aſked my counſelers how theſe things might be broght to paſſe, one that was conuerſant with vs, of excellent wiſdome, and conſtant in good wil, and ſhewed him ſelf to be of ſure fidelitie, which had the ſeconde place in the kingdome, euen Aman,

4 Declared vnto vs, that in all naciōs there was ſcatered abroade a rebellious people, that had Lawes contrarie to all people, and haue alway diſpiſed the commandements of Kings, and ſo that this general empire, that we haue begonne, can not be gouerned without offence.

5 Seing now we perceiue, that this people alone are altogether contrarie vnto euerie man, vſing ſtrange and other maner of lawes, and hauing an euil opinion of our doings, and go about to ſtabliſhe wicked matters, that our kingdome ſhulde not come to good eſtate,

6 Therefore haue we commanded, that all they that are appointed in writing vnto you by Aman (which is ordeined ouer the affaires, & is as our ſeconde father) ſhal all with their wiues and childrē be deſtroyed and rooted out with the ſworde of their enemies without all mercie, and that none be ſpared the fortenth day of the twelfth moneth Adar of this yere,

7 That they which of olde, and now alſo haue euer bene rebellious, may in one day with violence be thruſte downe into the hell, to the intente that after this time our affaires may be without troubles, and wel gouerned in all pointes.

8 Then Mardocheus thoght vpon all the workes and of the Lord, and made his prayer vnto him,

9 Saying, O Lord, Lord, the King almightie (for all things are in thy power) and if thou haſt appointed to ſaue Iſrael, there is no man that can withſtande thee.

10 For thou haſt made heauen and earth, and all the wonderous things vnder the heauen.

11 Thou art Lord of all things, and there is no man that can reſiſt thee, which art the Lord.

12 Thou knoweſt all things, & thou knoweſt, Lord, that it was nether of malice, nor preſumption, nor for anie deſire of glorie, that I did this, and not bowe downe to proude Aman.

13 For I wolde haue bene cōtent with good wil for the ſaluation of Iſrael, to haue kiſt the ſole of his fete.

14 But I did it, becauſe I wolde not preferre the honour of a man aboue the glorie of God, and wolde not worſhip anie but onely thee, my Lord, and this haue I not done of pride.

15 And therefore, ô Lord God and King, haue mercie vpon thy people: for they imagine how thei may bring vs to naught, yea, they wolde deſtroye the inheritance, that hathe bene thine frō the beginning.

16 Diſpiſe not the porcion, which thou haſt deliuered out of Egypt for thine owne ſelf.

17 Heare my prayer, and be merciful vnto thy portion: turne our ſorowe into ioye, that we may liue, ô Lord, and praiſe thy Name: ſhut not the mouthes of them that praiſe thee.

18 All Iſrael in like maner cryed moſte earneſtly vnto the Lord, becauſe that death was before their eyes.

CHAP. XIIII.

The prayer of Eſther for the deliuerance of her, and her people.

1 QVene Eſther alſo, being in danger of death, reſorted vnto the Lord,

2 And laid away her glorious apparel, and put on the garments of ſighing, and mourning. In the ſtead of precious ointement, ſhe ſcatered aſhes, and dongue vpon her head: and ſhe humbled her bodie greatly with faſting, and all the places of her ioye filled ſhe with the heere that ſhe pluckte of.

3 And ſhe prayed vnto the Lord God of Iſrael, ſaying, O my Lord, thou onely art our King: helpe me deſolate womā, which haue no helper but thee.

4 For my danger is at hand.

5 Frō my youth vp I haue heard in the kinred of my father, that thou, ô Lord, tokeſt Iſrael from among all people, and our fathers from their predeceſſours for a perpetual inheritance, and thou haſt performed that which thou dideſt promiſe them.

6 Now Lord, we haue ſinned before thee: therefore haſt thou giuen vs into the hāds of our enemies.

7 Becauſe we worſhipped their gods, ô Lord, thou art righteous.

8 Neuertheles, it ſatiſfieth them not, that we are in bitter captiuitie, but they haue ſtroken hands with their idoles,

9 That thei wil aboliſh the thing that thou with thy mouth haſt ordeined, & deſtroye thine inheritance, to ſhut vp the mouthe of them that praiſe thee, and to quence the glorie of thy tēple, and of thine altar,

10 And

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10 And to open the mouthes of the heathen, that they may praiſe the power of the idoles, and to magnifie a fleſhlie King for euer.

11 O Lord, giue not thy ſcepter vnto them that be nothing, leſt thei laugh vs to ſcorne in our miſerie: but turne their deuiſe vpon them ſelues, and make him an example, that hathe begonne the ſame againſt vs.

12 Thinke vpon vs, ô Lord, and ſhewe thy ſelf vnto vs in the time of our diſtreſſe, and ſtrengthen me, ô King of gods, and Lord of all power.

13 Giue me an eloquēt ſpeache in my mouth before the Lion: turne his heart to hate our enemie, to deſtroye him, and all ſuche as conſent vnto him.

14 But deliuer vs with thine hand, and helpe me that am ſolitarie, which haue no defence but onely thee.

15 Thou knoweſt all things, ô Lord: thou knoweſt, that I hate the glorie of the vnrighteous, & that I abhorre the bed of the vncircumciſed, and of all the heathen.

16 Thou knoweſt my neceſsitie: for I hate this token of my preeminence, which I beare vpō mine head, what time as I muſt ſhewe my ſelf, & that I abhorre it as a mēſtruous cloth, & that I weare it not when I am alone by my ſelf,

17 And that I thine hand maide haue not eaten at Amans table, and that I haue had no pleaſure in the Kings feaſt, nor drunke the wine of the drinke offrings,

18 And that I thine hand maide haue no ioye ſence the day that I was broght hether, vntil this day, but in thee, ô Lord God of Abraham.

19 O thou mightie God aboue all, heare the voyce of them, that haue none other hope, and deliuer vs out of the hand of the wicked, and deliuer me out of my feare.

CHAP. XV.

1 Mardocheus moueth Eſther to go in to the King and make interceſſion for her people. 9 And ſhe performeth his requeſt.

1 MArdocheus alſo bade Eſther to go in vnto the King, and pray for her people, and for her countrey.

2 Remember, ſaith he, the daies of thy lowe eſtate, how thou waſt nouriſhed vnder mine hand: for Aman which is next vnto the King, hathe giuen ſentence of death againſt vs.

3 Call thou therefore vpon the Lord, and ſpeake for vs vnto the King, and deliuer vs from death.

4 And vpon the thirde day when ſhe had ended her prayer, ſhe laid away the mourning garments, and put on her glorious apparel,

5 And decte her ſelf goodly, after that ſhe had called vpon God, which is the beholder and ſauiour of all things, & toke two handmaides with her.

6 Vpon the one ſhe leaned her ſelf, as one that was tender.

7 And the other followed her, and bare the traine of her veſture.

8 The ſhine of her beautie made her face roſe coloured: and her face was chearful & amiable, but her heart was ſorowful for great feare.

9 Then ſhe went in thorow all the dores, and ſtode before the King, and the King ſate vpon his royal throne, & was clothed in his goodlie araye, all glittering with golde and precious ſtones, and he was very terrible.

10 Then he lift vp his face, that ſhone with maieſtie, and loked fiercely vpon her: therefore the Quene fel downe, and was pale and faint and leaned her ſelf vpō the head of the maide, that went with her.

11 Neuertheles, God turned the Kings mind ẏ he was gentle, who being careful, leaped out of his throne, and toke her in his armes, til ſhe came to her ſelf againe: and comforted her with louing wordes, and ſaid,

12 Eſther, what is the matter? I am thy brother, be of good cheare,

13 Thou ſhalt not dye: for our commandement toucheth the cōmons, and not thee. Come nere.

14 And ſo he helde vp his golden ſceptre, & laid it vpon her necke,

15 And kiſſed her, and ſaid, Talke with mē.

16 Then ſaid ſhe, I ſawe thee, ô lord, as an Angel of God, & mine heart was troubled for feare of thy maieſtie.

17 For wonderful art thou, ô lord, and thy face is ful of grace.

18 And as ſhe was thus ſpeaking vnto him, ſhe fel downe againe for faintnes.

19 Then the King was troubled, and all his ſeruants comforted her.

CHAP. XVI.

The copie of the letters of Artaxerxes, whereby he reuoketh thoſe which he firſt ſent forthe.

1 THe great King Artaxerxes, which reigneth from India vnto Ethiopia, ouer an hundreth and ſeuen and twentie prouinces, ſendeth vnto the princes and rulers that haue the charge of our affaires, Salutation. *Ioſeph Anti. 11. chap. 6.*

2 There be many that through the goodnes of Princes and honour giuen vnto them, become very proude,

3 And indeuoure not onelye to hurt our ſubiects, but not content to liue in wealth, do alſo imagine deſtruction againſt thoſe that do them good,

4 And take not onely all thākefulnes away

from men, but in pride & preſumption, as they that be vnmindeful of benefites, thei thinke to eſcape the vengeance of God, that ſeeth all things, & is cõtrarie to euil.
5 And oft times manie, which be ſet in office, and vnto whome their friends cauſes are committed, by vaine intiſemẽts do wrappe them in calamities, that can not be remedied: for thei make them partakers of innocent blood,
6 And diſceitfully abuſe the ſimplicitie, & gentlenes of princes with lying tales.
7 This may be proued not onely by olde hiſtories, but alſo by thoſe things that are before our eyes, and are wickedly committed of ſuche peſtilences as are not worthie to beare rule.
8 Therefore we muſt take hede hereafter, that we may make ỹ kingdome peaceable for all mẽ, what chãge ſo euer ſhal come,
9 And diſcerne the things that are before our eyes, to withſtand thẽ with gentlenes.
10 For Aman, a Macedonian, the ſonne of Amadathus, being in dede a ſtrãger from the Perſians blood, and farre from our goodnes, was receiued of vs,
11 And hathe proued the friendſhip that we beare towarde all nations, ſo that he was called our father, and was honored of euerie man, as the next perſone vnto the King.
12 But he colde not vſe him ſelf ſoberly in this great dignitie, but wẽt about to depriue vs of the kingdome, & of our life.
13 With manifolde diſceite alſo hathe he deſired to deſtroye Mardocheus our preſeruer, which hath done vs good in all thigs, and innocent Eſther the partaker of our kingdome, with all her nation.
14 For his minde was (when he had taken them out of the way) to lay waite for vs, and by this meanes to tranſlate the kingdome of the Perſians vnto them of Macedonia.
15 But we finde that the Iewes (which were accuſed of this moſte wicked mã that thei might be deſtroyed) are no euil doers, but vſe moſte iuſt Lawes,
16 And that they be ỹ children of the moſte high and almightie and euer liuing God, by whome the kingdome hathe bene preſerued vnto vs, and our progenitours in verie good ordre.
17 Wherefore ye ſhal do wel, if ye do not put in execution thoſe letters, that Aman the ſonne of Amadathus did write vnto you.
18 For he that inuented them, hãgeth at Suſis before the gates with all his familie, & God (which hathe all things in his powei) hathe ſpedely rewarded him after his deſeruing.
19 Therefore ye ſhal publiſhe the copie of this letter in all places, that the Iewes may frely liue after their owne Lawes.
20 And ye ſhal aide them, that vpon the thirtenth day of the twelfth moneth Adar thei may be aduenged of them, which in the time of their trouble wolde haue oppreſſed them.
21 For almightie God hathe turned to ioye the day, wherein the choſen people ſhulde haue periſhed.
22 Moreouer, among other ſolemne daies ye ſhal kepe this day with all gladnes,
23 That bothe now & in time to come this day may be a remẽbrance of deliuerãce for vs and all ſuche as loue the proſperitie of the Perſians, but a remẽbrance of deſtruction to thoſe that be ſedicious vnto vs.
24 Therefore all cities and countreis that do not this, ſhal horribly be deſtroyed with ſworde and fyre, and ſhal not onely not be inhabited of men, but be abhorred alſo of the wilde beaſtes and foules for euer.

THE WISDOME of Salomon.

CHAP. I.

1 How we ought to ſearche and enquire after God. 2 Who be thoſe that finde him. 5 The holy Goſt. 8 11 We ought to flee from backbyting and murmuring. 12 Whereof death cometh. 15 Righteouſnes & vnrighteouſnes.

1.King.3.9. iſa 26.1.
1 LOue* righteouſnes, ye that be Iudges of the earth: thinke reuerently of the Lord, & ſeke him in ſimplicitie of heart.
Deu.4.29. 2.chro.15.4.
2 *For he wil be founde of them that tempte him not, & appeareth vnto ſuche as be not vnfaithful vnto him.
3 For wicked thoghts ſeperate from God: and his power when it is tryed, reproueth the vnwiſe,
4 Becauſe wiſdome can not enter into a wicked heart, nor dwell in the body that is ſubiect vnto ſinne.
Ier.4.22.
5 For the holy* Spirit of diſcipline fleeth from diſceit, & withdraweth him ſelf from the thoghts ỹ are without vnderſtanding, and is rebuked when wickednes cometh.
Gal.5.22.
6 For the Spirit of wiſdome *is louing, and

wil not abſolue him, ỹ blaſphemeth with his lippes: for God is a witnes of his reines, and a true beholder of his heart, and an hearer of the tongue.

7 For the Spirit of the Lord filleth all the worlde: and the ſame that mainteineth all things, hathe knowledge of the voyce.

8 Therefore he that ſpeaketh vnrighteous things, can not be hid: nether ſhal the iudgement of reproche let him eſcape.

9 For inquiſitiō ſhalbe made for the thoghtes of the vngodlie, and the ſounde of his wordes ſhal come vnto God for the correction of his iniquities.

10 For ỹ eare of ielouſie heareth all things, and the noyce of the grudgings ſhal not be hid.

11 Therefore beware of murmuring, which profiteth nothing, & refraine your tongue from ſclander: for there is no worde ſo ſecret, that ſhal go for noght, & the mouth that ſpeaketh lies, ſlaieth the ſoule.

12 Seke not death in the errour of your life: *Deu 4.23.* *deſtroye not your ſelues thorow the workes of your owne hands.

Ezek.18.23. & 33.11. 13 *For God hathe not made death, nether hathe he pleaſure in the deſtruction of the liuing.

14 For he created all things, that thei might haue their being: and the generacions of the worlde are preſerued, and there is no poyſon of deſtruction in them, & the kingdome of hell is not vpon earth.

15 For righteouſnes is immortal, but vnrighteouſnes bringeth death.

16 And the vngodlie call it vnto them bothe with hands and wordes: and while they thinke to haue a friend of it, they come to naught: for they are confederate with it: therefore are they worthie to be partakers thereof.

CHAP. II.

The imaginacions and deſires of the wicked, & their counſel againſt the faithful.

Iob 7.1. mat 22.23. 1 cor 15.32. 1 FOr *the vngodlie* ſay, as they falſely imagine with them ſelues, * Our life is ſhorte and tedious: and in the death of a man there is no recouerie, nether was any knowen that hathe returned from the graue.

2 For we are borne at all aduenture, and we ſhalbe hereafter as thogh we had neuer bene: for the breth is a ſmoke in our noſtrels, and the wordes as a ſparke raiſed out of our heart.

3 Which being extinguiſhed, the body is turned into aſhes, and the ſpirit vaniſheth as the ſoft aire.

4 Our life ſhal paſſe away as the trace of a cloude, & come to naught as the miſt that is driuen away with ỹ beames of the ſunne, and caſt downe with the heat thereof. Our name alſo ſhalbe forgotten in time, and no man ſhal haue our workes in remembrance.

2 Chro.29.15. chap.5.9. 5 *For our time is as a ſhadowe that paſſeth away, and after our end there is no returning: for it is faſt ſealed, ſo that no man cometh againe.

Iſa 22.13. & 56.12. 1 cor.15.32. 6 *Come therefore, and let vs enioye the pleaſures, that are preſent, & let vs cherefully vſe the creatures as in youth.

7 Let vs fill our ſelues with coſtlie wine and ointements, and let not the floure of life paſſe by vs.

8 Let vs crowne our ſelues with roſe budes afore they be withered.

9 Let vs all be partakers of our wantonnes: let vs leaue ſome token of our pleaſure in euerie place: for that is our porciō, and this is our lotte.

10 Let vs oppreſſe the poore, that is righteous: let vs not ſpare the widdowe, nor reuerence the white heeres of the aged, that haue liued many yeres.

11 Let our ſtrength be the lawe of vnrighteouſnes: for the thing that is feble, is reproued as vnprofitable.

12 Therefore let vs defraude the righteous: for he is not for our profite, & he is cōtrarie to our doings: he checketh vs for offending againſt the Lawe, and blameth vs as tranſgreſſours of diſcipline.

13 He maketh his boaſte to haue the knowledge of God: and he calleth him ſelf the ſonne of the Lord.

Ioh 7.7. 14 He is made *to reproue our thoghts.

ephes 5.13. Iſa.53.3. 15 It grieueth vs alſo to loke *vpon him: for his life is not like other mens: his waies are of another facion.

16 He counteth vs as baſtardes, and he withdraweth him ſelf from our waies as from filthines: he commendeth greatly the latter end of the iuſt, and boaſteth that God is his father.

17 Let vs ſe *then* if his wordes be true: let vs proue what end he ſhal haue.

Pſal 22.9. mat.27.43. 18 For if the righteous mā be the* ſonne of God, he wil helpe him, & deliuer him frō the hands of his enemies.

Iere.11.19. 19 Let vs * examine him with rebukes and torméts, that we may knowe his mekenes, and proue his pacience.

20 Let vs condemne him vnto a ſhameful death: for he ſhal be preſerued as he him ſelf ſaith.

21 Suche things do they imagine, and go aſtraye: for their owne wickednes hathe blinded them.

22 And they do not vnderſtād the myſteries of God, nether hope for the rewarde of righteouſnes, nor can diſcerne the honour of the ſoules that are fauteles.

Gen 1.27. & 2.7. & 5.1. eccleſ 17.2. 23 For God created man without corruption, and made him after the* image of his owne likenes.

Gen 3.2. 24 *Neuertheles, thorow enuy of the deuil came death into the worlde: and they that holde of his ſide, proue it.

CHAP. III.

1 The conuerſacion and aſſurance of the righteous. 7 The rewarde of the faithful 11 Who are miſerable.

Deut.33.3. 1 BVt the *ſoules of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment ſhal touche them.

Chap.5.4. 2 *In the ſight of the vnwiſe thei appeared to dye, and their end was thoght grieuous,

3 And their departing from vs, deſtruction, but they are in peace.

4 And thogh they ſuffer paine before men, yet is *their hope ful of immortalitie.

Rom 8.24. 2 cor 5.1. 1 pet.1.13. Exod 16.2. deut.8.2. 5 They are puniſhed, but in fewe things, yet in many things ſhal they be wel rewarded: *for God proueth them, & findeth them mete for him ſelf.

6 He tryeth them as the golde in the fornace, and receiueth them as a perfect frute offring.

Mat 13.43. 7 *And in the time of their viſion they ſhal ſhine, and runne through as the ſparkes among the ſtubble.

Mat.19.28. 1.cor.6.2. 8 They *ſhal iudge the nacions, and haue dominion ouer the people, and their Lord ſhal reigne for euer.

9 They that truſt in him, ſhal vnderſtand the trueth, and the faithful ſhal remaine with him in loue: for grace and mercie is among his Saintes, and he regardeth his elect.

Mat.25.41. 10 *But the vngodlie ſhalbe puniſhed according to their imaginacions: for they haue deſpiſed the righteous, and forſaken the Lord.

11 Who ſo deſpiſeth wiſdome and diſcipline, is miſerable, and their hope is vaine, & their labours are fooliſh, and their workes vnprofitable.

12 Their wiues are vndiſcrete, & their children wicked: their offring is curſed.

13 Therefore the barren is bleſſed which is vndefiled, and knoweth not the ſinful bed:

Iſa.54.3. *ſhe ſhal haue frute in the viſitation of the ſoules,

14 And the eunuche, which with his hands hathe not wroght iniquitie, nor imagined wicked things againſt God: for vnto him ſhal be giuen the ſpecial gift of faith, and an acceptable porcion in the Temple of the Lord.

15 For glorious is ỹ frute of good labours, and the roote of wiſdome ſhal neuer fade away.

16 But the children of adulterers ſhal not be partakers of the holy things, and the ſeed of the wicked bed ſhalbe rooted out.

17 And thogh they liue lōg, yet ſhal they be nothing regarded, and their laſt age ſhalbe without honour.

18 If they dye haſtely, they haue no hope, neither comfort in the day of tryal.

19 For horrible is the end of the wicked generacion.

CHAP. IIII.

Of vertue and the commoditie thereof. 10 The death of the righteous, and the condemnation of the vnfaithful.

1 BEtter is barennes with vertue: for the memorial thereof is immortal: for it is knowen with God and with men.

2 When it is preſent, mē take example thereat, and if it go away, yet they deſire it: it is alway crowned and triumpheth, and winneth the battel and the vndefiled rewardes.

3 But the multitude of the vngodlie which abunde in children, is vnprofitable: & the baſtard plātes ſhal take no depe roote, nor laye any faſt fundacion.

4 For thogh they budde forthe in the branches for a time, * yet they ſhal be ſhaken with the winde: for they ſtand not faſt, and thorowe the vehemēcie of the winde they ſhalbe rooted out. Mat.7.19.

5 For the vnperfect branches ſhalbe brokē, & their frute ſhalbe vnprofitable & ſower to eat, and mete for nothing.

6 For all the children that are borne of the wicked bed, ſhalbe witnes of the wickednes againſt their parents when they be aſked.

7 But thogh the righteous be preuented with death, yet ſhal he be in reſt.

8 For the honorable age is not that which is of long time, nether that which is meaſured by the nomber of yeres.

9 But wiſdome is the graye heere, and an vndefiled life is the olde age.

Gen 5.24. Heb.11.5. 10 *He pleaſed God, & was beloued of him, ſo that where as he liued amōg ſinners, he tranſlated him.

11 He was takē away, leſt wickednes ſhulde alter his vnderſtanding, or deceit beguile his minde.

12 For wickednes by bewitching obſcureth the things that are good, & the vnſtedfaſtnes of concupiſcēce peruerteth the ſimple minde.

13 Thogh he was ſone dead, yet fulfilled he muche time.

14 For his ſoule pleaſed God: therefore haſted he to take him away from wickednes.

15 Yet the people ſe & vnderſtand it not, & cōſider no ſuche things in their hearts, how that grace and mercie is vpon his Saintes, and his prouidence ouer the elect.

16 Thus the righteous that is dead, cōdemneth the vngodlie which are liuing: & the youth that is ſone broght to an end, the long life of the vnrighteous.

17 For they ſe the end of the wiſe, but they vnderſtand not what *God* hathe deuiſed for him, and wherefore the Lord hathe preſerued

ſerued him in ſafetie.
18 They ſe him and deſpiſe him, but the Lord wil laugh them to ſcorne,
19 So that they ſhal fall hereafter without honour, and ſhal haue a ſhame among the dead for euermore: for without anie voyce ſhal he burſte them and caſt them downe, and ſhake them from the fundacions, ſo that they ſhalbe vtterly waſted, and they ſhalbe in ſorowe, and their memorial ſhal periſh.
20 So they being afraied, ſhal remember their ſinnes, & their owne wickednes ſhal come before them to conuince them.

CHAP. V.

1 The conſtantnes of the righteous before their perſecuters. 14 The hope of the vnfaithfulis vaine. 15 The bleſſednes of the ſaintes and godlie.

1 THen ſhal the righteous ſtād in great boldenes before the face of ſuche as haue tormented him, and taken away his labours.
2 When thei ſe him, thei ſhalbe vexed with horrible feare, and ſhalbe amaſed for his wonderful deliuerance,
3 And ſhal change their mindes, and ſigh for grief of minde, and ſay within them ſelues, This is he whome we ſometime had in deriſion, and in a parable of reproche.
Chap 3.2. 4 *We fooles thoght his life madnes, and his end without honour.
5 How is he counted among the children of God, and his porcion is among the Saintes!
6 Therefore we haue erred from the waye of trueth, and the light of righteouſnes hathe not ſhined vnto vs, and the ſunne of vnderſtanding roſe not vpon vs.
7 We haue wearied our ſelues in the waye of wickednes and deſtruction, and we haue gone through dāgerous waies: but we haue not knowen the way of the Lord.
8 What hathe pride profited vs? or what profite hathe the pompe of riches broght vs?
1 Chro 29.15 chap 2.5. 9 All thoſe things are * paſſed away like a ſhadow, and as a poſte that paſſeth by:
10 As a ſhippe that paſſeth ouer the waues of the water, which when it is gone by, the trace thereof can not be founde, nether the path of it in the floods:
Prou.30.19. 11 Or as * a birde that fleeth thorowe in the aire, and no man can ſe anie token of her paſſage, but onely heare the noiſe of her wings, beating the light winde, parting the aire thorow the vehemencie of her going, & fleeth on ſhaking her wings, where as afterwarde no token of her way can be founde:
12 Or as when an arrowe is ſhot at a marke, it parteth the aire, which immediatly cometh together againe, ſo that a man can not knowe where it went thorowe.
13 Euen ſo we, aſſone as we were borne, we beganne to drawe to our end, and haue ſhewed no token of vertue, but are conſumed in our owne wickednes.
14 For *the hope of the vngodlie is like the duſt that is blowne away with the winde, and like a thinne ſome that is ſcattered abroad with the ſtorme, and as the ſmoke, which is diſperſed with the winde, and as the remembrance of him paſſeth, that tarieth but for a day. *Iob 8.9. pſal. 1.4. & 143.4. prou 10.25. ſam.1.10.*
15 But the righteous ſhal liue for euer: their rewarde alſo is with the Lord, & ỹ moſte High hathe care of them.
16 Therefore ſhal they receiue a glorious kingdome, and a beautiful crowne of the Lords hand: for with his right hand ſhal he couer them, and with his arme ſhal he defende them.
17 He ſhal take his ielouſie for armour, & ſhal arme the creatures to be reuenged of the enemies.
18 He ſhal put on righteouſnes for a breſtplate, and take true iudgement in ſtead of an helmet.
19 He wil take holines for an inuincible ſhield.
20 He wil ſharpē his fierce wrath for a ſworde, and the worlde ſhal fight with him againſt the vnwiſe.
21 Then ſhal the thunder boltes go ſtreight out of the lightnings, and ſhal flee to the marke as out of the bent bowe of ỹ clouds, and out of his angre that throweth ſtones, ſhal thicke haile be caſt, and the water of the ſea ſhalbe wrothe againſt them, & the floods ſhal mightely ouerflowe.
22 And a mightie winde ſhal ſtand vp againſt them, and like a ſtorme ſhal ſcatter them abroad. Thus iniquitie ſhal bring all the earth to a wildernes, and wickednes ſhal ouerthrowe the thrones of the mightie.

CHAP. VI.

The calling of Kings, princes and iudges, which are alſo exhorted to ſearche wiſdome.

1 HEare therefore, ô ye Kings, and vnderſtand: learne, ye that be iudges of the ends of the earth.
2 Giue eare, ye that rule the multitudes & glorie in the multitude of people.
3 For the rule * is giuen you of the Lord, and power by the moſte High, which wil trye your workes, and ſearche out your imaginacions. *Rom.13.2.*
4 Becauſe that ye being officers of his kingdome haue not iudged aright, nor kept the Law, nor walked after the wil of God,
5 Horribly and ſodenly wil he appeare vnto you: for an hard iudgement ſhal they haue that beare rule.
6 For he that is moſte lowe, is worthie mer-

cie, but the mightie ſhalbe mightely tormented.

7 For he that is Lord ouer all, wil ſpare no * perſone, nether ſhal he feare anie greatnes: for he hathe made the ſmall and great, and careth for all a like,

8 But for the mightie abideth ỹ ſorer tryal.

9 Vnto you therefore, ô tyrants, do I ſpeake, that ye may learne wiſdome, and not go amiſſe.

10 For they that kepe holines holily, ſhalbe holie, and they that are learned therein, ſhal finde a defence.

11 Wherefore ſet your delite vpō my wordes & deſire them, & ye ſhalbe inſtructed.

12 Wiſdome ſhineth & neuer fadeth away, and is eaſely ſene of them that loue her, & founde of ſuche as ſeke her,

13 She preuenteth them that deſire her, that ſhe may firſt ſhewe her ſelf vnto them.

14 Whoſo awaketh vnto her betimes, ſhal haue no great trauail: for he ſhal finde her ſitting at his dores.

15 To thinke vpon her then is perfite vnderſtanding: and who ſo watcheth for her, ſhalbe ſone without care.

16 For ſhe goeth about, ſeking ſuche as are mete for her, and ſheweth her ſelf cherefully vnto them in the wayes, and meteth them in euerie thoght.

17 For the moſte true deſire of diſcipline is her beginning: and the care of diſcipline is loue:

18 And loue is the keping of her lawes: and the keping of the lawes is the aſſurance of immortalitie:

19 And immortalitie maketh vs nere vnto God.

20 Therefore the deſire of wiſdome leadeth to the kingdome.

21 If your delite be then in thrones, & ſcepters, ô Kings of the people, honour wiſdome, that ye may reigne for euer.

22 Now I wil tell you what wiſdome is, & whence it cometh, & wil not hide the myſteries from you, but wil ſeke her out from the beginning of her natiuitie, and bring the knowledge of her into light, and wil not kepe backe the trueth.

23 Nether wil I haue to do with conſuming enuie: for ſuche a man ſhal not be partaker of wiſdome.

24 But the multitude of the wiſe is the preſeruacion of the worlde, and a wiſe King is the ſtaye of the people.

25 Be therefore inſtructed by my wordes, & ye ſhal haue profite.

Deut.10,17. 2.chro.19.7. iob.34.19. eccleſ.35.16. act 10.34. rom 2.11. gal 3,6. eph 6,9. col.3,25. 1. pet.1,17.

CHAP. VII.

Wiſdome ought to be preferred aboue all things.

1 I My ſelf am alſo mortal and a man like all other, and am come of him that was firſt made of the earth.

2 And in my mothers wōbe was I facioned to be fleſh in ten moneths: I was * broght together into blood of the ſede of man, and by the pleaſure that cometh with ſlepe.

Iob.10,10.

3 And when I was borne, I receiued the cōmune aire, and fel vpon the earth, which is of like nature, crying & weping at the firſt as all other do.

4 I was nouriſhed in ſwadling clothes, and with cares.

5 For there is no King that had anie other beginning of birth.

6 All * men then haue one entrance vnto life, and a like going out.

Iob.2,21. 1 tim 6,7.

7 Wherefore I praied, and vnderſtanding was giuen me: I called & the Spirit of wiſdome came vnto me.

8 I preferred her to ſcepters and thrones, & counted riches nothing in compariſon of her.

9 * Nether did I compare precious ſtones vnto her: for all golde is but a litle grauel in reſpect of her, and ſiluer ſhalbe counted but clay before her.

Iob 28,15.

10 I loued her aboue health and beautie, & purpoſed to take her for my light: for her light can not be quenched.

11 All * good things therefore came to me together with her, and innumerable riches thorow her hands.

1.King 3 13. matt.6,33.

12 So I was glad in all: for wiſdome was the autor thereof, & I knewe not that ſhe was the mother of theſe things.

13 And I learned vnfainedly, & communicated without enuie, and I do not hide her riches.

14 For ſhe is an infinite treaſure vnto men, which whoſo vſe, become partakers of the loue of God, & are accepted for the gifts of knowledge.

15 God hathe granted me to ſpeake according to my minde, and to iudge worthely of the things, that are giuen me: for he is the leader vnto wiſdome, and the directer of the wiſe.

16 For in his hand are bothe we and our wordes, and all wiſdome, & the knowledge of the workes.

17 For he hathe giuē me the true knowledge of the things that are, ſo that I knowe how the worlde was made, and the powers of the elements,

18 The beginning and the end, & the middes of the times: how the times alter, and the change of the ſeaſons,

19 The courſe of the yere, the ſituacion of the ſtarres,

20 The nature of liuing things, and the furiouſnes of beaſts, the power of ỹ windes, and the imaginacions of men, the diuerſities of plants, and the vertues of rootes.

21 And all things bothe ſecret and knowen do I knowe: for wiſdome the worker of all

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all things, hathe taught me it.

22 For in her is the ſpirit of vnderſtanding, which is holie, the onely begotten, manifolde, ſubtil, moueable, cleare, vndefiled, euident, not hurtful, louing the good, ſharpe, which can not be letted, doing good,

23 Courteous, ſtable, ſure, without care, hauing all power, circumſpect in all things, and paſsing through all, intellectual, pure and ſubtil ſpirits.

24 For wiſdome is nimbler then all nimble things: ſhe goeth thorow and attaineth to all things, becauſe of her purenes.

25 For ſhe is ỹ breth of the power of God, and a pure influence that floweth from the glorie of the Almightie: therefore can no defiled thing come vnto her.

Ebr.1.3 26 For * ſhe is the brightnes of the euerlaſting light, the vndefiled miroure of the maieſtie of God, and the image of his goodnes.

27 And being one, ſhe can do all things, and remaining in her ſelf, renueth all, and according to the ages ſhe entreth into the holie ſoules, and maketh them the friends of God and Prophetes.

28 For God loueth none, if he dwell not with wiſdome.

29 For ſhe is more beautiful then the ſunne, and is aboue all the order of the ſtarres, and the light is not to be compared vnto her.

30 For night cometh vpō it, but wickednes can not ouercome wiſdome.

CHAP. VIII.

The effects of wiſdome

1 SHe alſo reacheth from one end to another mightely, and comely doeth ſhe order all things.

2 I haue loued her, and ſought her from my youth: I deſired to marye her, ſuche loue had I vnto her beautie.

3 In that ſhe is conuerſant with God, it commendeth her nobilitie: yea, the Lord of all things loueth her.

4 For ſhe is the ſcholemaſtreſſe of the knowledge of God, and the choſer out of his workes.

5 If riches be a poſſeſsion to be deſired in this life, what is richer then wiſdome, that worketh all things?

6 For if prudencie worketh, what is it among all things, that worketh better then ſhe?

7 If a man loue righteouſnes, her labours are vertuous: for ſhe teacheth ſobernes & prudēcie, righteouſnes and ſtrēgth, which are the moſte profitable things that men can haue in this life.

8 If a man deſire great experience, ſhe can tell the things that are paſt, and diſcerne things to come: ſhe knoweth the ſubtilties of wordes, and the ſolutions of darke ſentences: ſhe foreſeeth the ſignes and wonders, or euer they come to paſſe, and the ſucces of ſeaſons and times.

9 Therefore I purpoſed to take her vnto my companie, knowing that ſhe wolde counſel me good things, and comfort me in cares and griefs.

10 For her ſāke ſhal I haue glorie among the multitude and honour among the Elders thogh I be yong.

11 I ſhal be founde of ſharpe iudgement, ſo that I ſhal be marueilous in the ſight of great men.

12 When I holde my tongue, they ſhal abide my leaſure: when I ſpeake, they ſhal heare diligently, & if I talke muche, they ſhal laye their hands vpon their mouth.

13 *Moreouer*, by her I ſhal obteine immortalitie, and leaue an euerlaſting memorial among them that come after me.

14 I ſhal gouerne the people, and the nacions ſhalbe ſubdued vnto me.

15 Horrible tyrants ſhalbe afraied when they heare me. among the multitude I ſhalbe counted good, and mightie in battel.

16 When I come home, I ſhal reſt with her: for her companie hathe no bitternes, and her felowſhippe hathe no tedioufnes, but mirthe and ioye.

17 *Now* when I conſidered theſe things by my ſelf, and pondered them in mine heart, how that to be ioyned vnto wiſdome is immortalitie,

18 And great pleaſure is in her friendſhippe, and that in the workes of her hands are infinite riches, and that in the exerciſe of talking with her is prudencie, and glorie by communing with her, I went about, ſeking how I might take her vnto me.

19 For I was a wittie childe, and was of a good ſpirit.

20 Yea, rather being good, I came to an vndefiled bodie.

21 Neuertheles, when I perceiued that I colde not enioye her, except God gaue her (and that was a pointe of wiſdome alſo, to knowe whoſe gifte it was) I went vnto the Lord, and beſought him, and with my whole heart I ſaid,

CHAP. IX.

A praier of Salomon to obteine wiſdome.

1 O God of fathers, and Lord of mercie, which haſt made all things with thy worde,

2 And ordeined man thorow thy wiſdome, that he ſhulde haue * dominion ouer the creatures which thou haſt made, *Gen.1.1,28.*

3 And gouerne the worlde according to e-

quitie and righteousnes, & execute iudgement with an vpright heart.

1.King 3.9. 4 Giue *me that wisdome, which sitteth by thy throne, and put me not out frō among thy children.

Psal .116,16. 5 For I thy *seruant, & sonne of thine handmaide am a feble persone, & of a shorte time, and yet lesse in the vnderstanding of iudgement and the lawes.

6 And though a man be neuer so perfite among the children of men, yet if thy wisdome be not with him, he shalbe nothing regarded.

1.Chr 28.5. 2 chr 1,9. 7 *Thou hast chosen me to be a King of thy people, and the iudge of thy sonnes & daughters.

8 Thou hast cōmanded me to buyld a temple vpon thine holy Mount, & an altar in the citie, wherein thou dwellest, a likenes of thine holie Tabernacle, which thou hast prepared from the beginning,

Prouer 8.22. Ioh 1.9. 9 And thy *wisdome *w thee, which knoweth thy workes, which also was when thou madest the worlde, and which knewe what was acceptable in thy sight, and right in thy commandements.

10 Send her out of thine holy heauēs, & send her from the throne of thy maiestie that she may be with me, & labour, that I may know what is acceptable in thy sight.

11 For she knoweth and vnderstandeth all things, and she shal lead me soberly in my workes, & preserue me by her glorie.

12 So shal my workes be acceptable, & then shal I gouerne thy people righteously, & be mete for my fathers throne.

Isa 40.13 rom 11.34. 1.cor.2,16. 13 For * what man is he that can knowe the counsel of God? or who can thinke what the wil of God is?

14 For the thoghts of mortal men are fearful, and our forecastes are vncerteine,

15 Because a corruptible bodie is heauie vnto the soule, & the earthlie māsion kepeth downe the minde that is ful of cares.

16 And hardly can we discerne the things that are vpon earth, and with great labour finde we out the things which are before vs: who can then seke out the things that are in heauen?

17 Who can know thy counsel, except thou giue him wisdome, and send thine holy Spirit from aboue?

18 For so the waies of them which are vpon earth, are reformed, & men are taught the things that are pleasant vnto thee, and are preserued thorow wisdome.

CHAP. X.

The deliuerance of the righteous and destruction of the enemies cometh thorowe wisdome

1 SHe preserued the first father of the worlde, that was formed, and kept him whē he was created alone, and broght him out of his offence,

2 And * gaue him power to rule all things, Gen 2,20.

3 *But the vnrighteous in his wrath departed from her, and perished by killing his brother in his furie. Gen 4.8.

4 For whose cause the * earth was ouerflowen, but wisdome preserued it againe, gouerning the iust man by a litle wood. Gen 7,18.

5 Moreouer, * when the nacions were ioyned in their malicious confederacies, she knewe the righteous, and preserued him faultles vnto God, and *kept him sure, because she loued him tenderly as a sonne. Gen.11,2. *Or, kept him strong in his tender loue toward his sonne

6 She preserued the righteous, * when the vngodlie perished, when he fled from the fyr. that fel downe vpon the fiue cities. Gen 20,17.

7 Of whose wickednes the waste land that smoketh, yet giueth testimonie, and the trees that beare fruite that neuer cometh to ripenes: and for a remembrance of the vnfaithful soule, there standeth a piller of salte.

8 For all suche as regarded not wisdome, had not onely this hurt, that they knewe not the things which were good, but also left behinde them vnto men a memorial of their foolishnes, so that in the things wherein they sinned, they can not lie hid.

9 But wisdome deliuered them, that serued her.

10 *When the righteous fled because of his brothers wrath, she led him the right way, shewed him the kingdome of God, gaue him knowledge of holie things, made him riche in his labours, and made his peines profitable. Gen 28,5.

11 Against the couetousnes of suche as defrauded him, she stode by him and made him riche.

12 She saued him from the enemies, and defended him from them, that lay in waite, and she gaue him the price in a mightie battel, that he might knowe that the feare of God is stronger then all things.

13 *When the righteous was solde, she forsoke him not, but deliuered him from sinne: she went downe with him into the dongeon, Gen.37,28. & 39.7. Act 7,10.

14 And failed him not in the bandes, til she had broght him the scepter of the realme, and power against those that oppressed him, and them that had accused him, she declared to be liers, and gaue him perpetual glorie.

15 *She deliuered the righteous people and faultles sede from the nacions that oppressed them. Exod.1,10.

16 She entred into the soule of the seruant of the Lord, and stode * by him in wonders and signes against the terrible Kings. Exod.7,1.

17 She gaue the Saintes the rewarde of their labours, and led them for the a marueilous way: on the day time she was a shadow

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vnto them, and a light of ſtarres in the night.

Exod.14,21. pſal 78.13. 18 *She broght thē thorow the red ſea, and caryed them through the great water,

19 But ſhe drowned their enemies, and broght thē out of the botome of the depe.

20 So the righteous toke the ſpoiles of the vngodlie, *Exod 15,1.* *& praiſed thine holy Name, ô Lord, and magnified thy victorious hand with one accorde.

21 For wiſdome openeth the mouth of the domme, and maketh the tongues of babes eloquent.

CHAP. XI.

1 The miracles done for Iſrael. 13 The vengeance of ſinners. 28 The great power and mercie of God.

1 SHe proſpered their workes in the hāds of thine holy Prophet.

Exod.16,1. 2 *They went through the wildernes that was not inhabited, and pitched their tentes in places where there lay no way.

Exod.17,10. 3 *They ſtode againſt their enemies, & were auenged of their aduerſaries.

Nom 20,11. 4 *When they were thirſty, they called vpō thee, and water was giuen them out of the hie rocke, and their thirſt was quenched out of the hard ſtone.

5 For by the things whereby their enemies were puniſhed, by the ſame were the *Iſraelites* helped in their nede.

6 For in ſteade of a fountaine of running water, the *enemies* were troubled at the corrupt blood, which was to rebuke the commandement of the killing of the childrē; *but* thou gaueſt vnto thine owne abundance of water vnloked for,

Exod.7,20. 7 Declaring by the thirſt that was at that time * how thou hadeſt puniſhed thine aduerſaries.

8 For when they were tryed and chaſtiſed with mercie, they knewe how the vngodlie were iudged and puniſhed in wrath.

9 For theſe haſt thou exhorted as a father, and proued them: but thou haſt condemned ỹ other as a righteous King, whē thou dideſt examine them

10 Whether they were abſent or preſent, their puniſhment was alike: for their grief was double with mourning, and the remembrance of things paſt.

11 For when they perceiued that through their torments good came vnto them, they felt the Lord.

12 And ſeing the things that came to paſſe, at the laſt they wondered at him, whome afore they had caſt out, denied and derided: for they had another thirſt then the iuſte.

13 Becauſe of the fooliſh deuiſes of their wickednes wherewith they were deceiued, and worſhiped *ſerpents, that had not the vſe of reaſon, & vile beaſtes, thou ſendidſt a multitude of vnreaſonable beaſtes vpon them for a vengeance, that they might knowe, that wherewith a man ſinneth, by the ſame alſo ſhal he be puniſhed.

Chap 12,24. Rom.1,23.

14 *For vnto thine almightie hand, ỹ made the worlde of naught, it was not vnpoſſible to ſend among them a multitude of beares, or fierce lyons,

Leu.16,22. ier 8,22. chap 16,10

15 Or furious beaſts newly created, and vnknowen, which ſhulde breathe out blaſtes of fyre, and caſt out ſmoke as a tempeſt, or ſhoote horrible ſparkes like lightnings out of their eyes.

16 Which might not onely deſtroye them with hurting, but alſo to kill them with their horrible ſight.

17 Yea, without theſe might they haue bene caſt downe with one winde, being perſecuted by thy vengeāce, and ſcattered abroade thorow the power of thy Spirit: but thou haſt ordered all things in meaſure, nomber & weight.

18 For thou haſt euer had great ſtrength & might, and who can withſtand the power of thine arme?

19 For as the ſmall thing that the balance weigheth, ſo is the worlde before thee, & as a droppe of the morning dewe, that falleth downe vpon the earth.

20 But thou haſt mercie vpon all: for thou haſt power of all things, and makeſt as though thou ſaweſt not the ſinnes of men, becauſe they ſhulde amende.

21 For thou loueſt all the things that are, & hateſt none of them whome thou haſt made: for thou woldeſt haue created nothing that thou hadeſt hated.

22 And how might anie thing endure, if it were not thy wil? or how colde anie thing be preſerued, except it were called of thee?

23 But thou ſpareſt all: for they are thine, ô Lord, which art the louer of ſoules.

CHAP. XII.

2 The mercie of God toward ſinners. 14 The workes of God are vnreprouable. 19 God giueth leaſure to repent.

1 FOr thine incorruptible ſpirit is in all things.

2 Therefore thou chaſtneſt thē meaſurably that go wrong, and warneſt thē by putting them in remembrance of the things wherein they haue offended, that leauing wickednes they may beleue in thee, ô Lord.

Deut 9,3. 12,20 & 18,9.

3 *As for thoſe olde inhabitāts of the holy land, thou dideſt hate them.

4 For they committed abominable workes, as ſorceries and wicked ſacrifices,

5 And ſlaying of their owne children without mercie, and eating of the bowels of mans fleſh in banketing, where the raging

Prieſts *ſhed* abominable blood.

6 And the fathers were the chief murtherers of the ſoules, deſtitute of all helpe, whome thou wolde ſt deſtroy by the hands of our fathers,

7 That the land which thou loueſt aboue all other, might be a mete dwelling for the children of God.

Exod.33.2. deut.2,22. 8 *Neuertheles, thou ſpareſt them alſo, as men, and ſendeſt the forerunners of thine hoſte, euen hornettes to deſtroie them by litle and litle,

9 Not that thou waſt vnable to ſubdue the vngodlie vnto the righteous in battel, or with cruel beaſtes, or with one rough worde to deſtroie them together.

10 But in puniſhing them by litle and litle, thou gaueſt thē ſpace to repent, knowing wel, that it was an vnrighteous nacion, & wicked of nature, & that their thoght colde neuer be altered.

11 For it was a curſed ſede from the beginning: yet haſt thou not ſpared them when they ſinned, becauſe thou feared any man.

Rom 9.20. 12 For who dare ſay, *What haſt thou done? or who dare ſtand againſt thy iudgement? or who dare accuſe thee for the nacions that periſh, whome thou haſt made? or who dare ſtand againſt thee to reuenge the wicked men?

13 For there is none other God but thou, *1.Pet.5,7.* *that careſt for all things, that ỹ maiſt declare how ỹ thy iudgement is not vnright.

14 There dare nether King nor tyrant in thy ſight require accountes of them whome thou haſt puniſhed.

15 For ſo muche then as thou art righteous thy ſelf, thou ordreſt all thīgs righteouſly, *Iob.34,18.* *thinking it not agreable to thy power to condemne him, that hathe not deſerued to be puniſhed.

16 For thy power is the beginning of righteouſnes, and becauſe thou art Lord of all things, it cauſeth thee to ſpare all things.

17 Whē men thinke thee not to be of a perfite power, thou declareſt thy power, and reproueſt the boldenes of the wiſe.

18 But thou ruling the power, iudgeſt with equitie, & gouerneſt vs with great fauour: for thou maiſt ſhew thy power when thou wilt.

19 By ſuche workes now haſt thou taught thy people, that a man ſhulde be iuſt and louing, and haſt made thy children to be of a good hope: for thou giueſt repentance to ſinners.

20 For if thou haſt puniſhed the enemies of thy children that had deſerued death with ſo great conſideration, and requeſting *vnto them*, giuing them time & place that they might change from their wickednes,

21 With how great circumſpection wilt thou puniſh thine owne childrē, vnto whoſe fathers thou haſt ſworne and made couenants of good promiſes?

22 So when thou doeſt chaſten vs, thou puniſheſt our enemies a thouſād times more, to the intent that when we iudge, we ſhulde diligently conſider thy goodnes, and when we are iudged, we ſhulde hope for mercie.

23 Wherefore thou haſt tormented the wicked that haue liued a diſſolute life by their owne imaginations.

24 * For they went aſtray verie farre in the waies of errour, and eſtemed the beaſts, *Chap 11,16. rom 1,23.* which their enemies diſpiſed, for gods, being abuſed after the maner of childrē, that haue none vnderſtanding.

25 Therefore haſt thou ſent this puniſhmēt that they ſhulde be in deriſion as children without reaſon.

26 But they that wil not be reformed by thoſe ſcorneful rebukes, ſhal fele the worthie puniſhment of God.

27 For in thoſe things when they ſuffred, they diſdeined: but in theſe whome they counted godlie when they ſawe thē ſelues puniſhed by them, they all acknowledged ỹ true God whome afore they had denied to knowe: therefore came extreme damnation vpon them.

CHAP. XIII.

1 All things be vaine, except the knowledge of God. 10 Idolaters and idoles are mocked.

1 SVrely all men are vaine by nature, and are ignorant of God, *and colde not knowe him that is, by the good things that are ſene, nether conſider by the workes the worke maſter. *Rom.1,19.*

2 *But thei thoght the fyre, or the winde or the ſwift aire, or the courſe of the ſtarres, or the raging water, or the lights of heauen to be gouernours of the worlde, and gods. *Deu.4,19. & 17.3.*

3 Thogh they had ſuche pleaſure in their beautie that they thoght them gods, yet ſhulde they haue knowen, how muche more excellent he is that made them: for the firſt autor of beautie hathe created theſe things.

4 Or if they marueiled at the power, and operation of them, yet ſhulde they haue perceiued thereby, how muche he that made theſe things, is mightier.

5 For by the greatnes of their beautie, and of the creatures, the Creator being compared with them, may be conſidered.

6 But yet the blame is leſſe in theſe, that ſeke God and wolde finde him, & yet peraduenture do erre.

7 For * they go about by his workes to ſeke him, and are perſuaded by the ſight, becauſe the things are beautiful that are ſene. *Rom.1,20.*

8 Howbeit they are not to be excuſed.

9 For if they can knowe ſo muche, that they

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can diſcerne the worlde, why do they not rather finde out the Lord thereof?

10 But miſerable are they, and among the dead is their hope, that call them gods which are the workes of mens hands, golde, and ſiluer, and the thing that is inuented by arte, and the ſimilitude of beaſts, or anie vaine ſtone that hathe bene made by the hand of antiquitie.

Iſa 44,12. iere 10,3. 11 *Or as when a carpenter cutteth downe a tre mete for the worke, and pareth of all the barke thereof cunningly, and by arte maketh a veſſel profitable for the vſe of life.

12 And the things that are cut of from his worke, he beſtoweth to dreſſe his meat to fil him ſelf,

13 And that which is left of theſe things, which is profitable for nothing (*for* it is a croked piece of wood and ful of knobbes) he carueth it diligently at his leaſure, and according as he is expert in cunning, he giueth it a proporcion, and facioneth it after the ſimilitude of a man,

14 Or maketh it like ſome vile beaſt, and ſtriketh it ouer with red, and painteth it, and couereth euerie ſpotte that is in it.

15 And when he hathe made a conuenient tabernacle for it, he ſetteth it in a wall, and maketh it faſt with yron,

16 Prouiding ſo for it, leſt it fall: for he knoweth ỹ it can not helpe it ſelf, becauſe it is an image, ẅ hathe nede of helpe.

17 Then he prayeth for his goods, and for his mariage and for children: he is not aſhamed to ſpeake vnto it, that hath no life.

18 He calleth on him that is weake for health: he prayeth vnto him that is dead for life: he requireth him of helpe that hathe no experience at all.

19 And for his iourney, him that is not able to go, and for gaine, and worke, and ſucceſſe of his affaires he requireth further ãce of him, that hathe no maner of power.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The deteſtacion and abominacion of images. 8 A curſe of them, and of him that maketh them. 14 Whereof idolatrie proceded. 23 What euils come of idolatrie.

1 AGaine, another man purpoſing to ſaile, and intẽding to paſſe thorowe the raging waues, calleth vpon a ſtocke more rotten then the ſhippe that carieth him.

**Or, the ſhippe.* 2 For as for it, couetouſnes of money hathe founde it out, and the crafteſman made it by cunning.

3 But thy prouidence, ô father, gouerneth it: **Exod.14,22.* for thou haſt made away, euen in the ſea, and a ſure path among the waues,

4 Declaring thereby, that thou haſt power to helpe in all things, yea, thogh a man wẽt to the ſea without meanes.

5 Neuertheles thou woldeſt not, that the workes of thy wiſdome ſhulde be vaine, and therefore do men commit their liues to a ſmale piece of wood, and paſſe ouer the ſtormie ſea in a ſhippe, and are ſaued.

6 **For in the olde time alſo whẽ the proude gyants periſhed, the hope of the worlde went into a ſhippe which was gouerned by thine hand, and ſo left ſede of generacion vnto the worlde. *Gen 6,4. & 7,10.*

7 For bleſſed is the tre whereby rightcouſnes commeth.

8 But that is curſed that is made with hãds, bothe it, & he that made it: he becauſe he made it, and it being a corruptible thing, becauſe it was called god. **Pſal 115,8. baruc.6,3 Pſal.7,5.*

9 **For the vngodlie, and his vngodlines are bothe like hated of God: ſo truely the worke & he that made it, ſhalbe puniſhed together.

10 Therefore ſhal there be a viſitation for the idoles of the nations: for of the creatures of God they are become abomination, * and ſtumbling blockes vnto the ſoules of men, & a ſnare for the fete of the vnwiſe. *Iere 10,8. habak 2,18.*

11 For the inuenting of idoles was the beginning of whoredome, and the finding of them is the corruption of life.

12 For they were not from the beginning, nether ſhal they continue for euer.

13 The vaine glorie of men broght them into the worlde: therefore ſhal they come ſhortly to an end.

14 When a father mourned grieuouſly for his ſonne that was taken away ſuddenly, he made an image for him ỹ was once dead, whome now he worſhipeth as a god, & ordeined to his ſeruants ceremonies and ſacrifices.

15 Thus by proces of time this wicked cuſtome preuailed, and was kept as a law, and idoles were worſhiped by the commandement of tyrants.

16 As for thoſe that were ſo farre of that men might not worſhip them preſently, they did conterfet the viſage that was farre of, and made a gorgeous image of a King, whome they wolde honour, that thei might by all meanes flatter him that was abſent, as thogh he had bene preſent.

17 Againe the ambition of the crafteſman thruſt forwarde the ignorãt to increaſe the ſuperſtition.

18 For he peraduenture willing to pleaſe a noble man, labored with all his cunning to make the image of the beſt facion.

19 And ſo thorowe the beautie of the worke the multitude was allured, and ſo toke him now for a god, which a litle afore was but honored as a man.

20 And this was the deceiuing of mãs life, when men, being in ſeruitude, through ca-

lamitie and tyrannie aſcribed vnto ſtones and ſtockes the name, which ought not to be communicate vnto anie.

21 Moreouer, this was not ynough for them that they erred in the knowledge of God: but where as they liued in great warres of ignorance, thoſe ſo great plagues called they peace.

Deu.18.10. iere.7.9. & 19.4.

22 For ether *they ſlewe their owne childrē in ſacrifice, or vſed ſecret ceremonies, or raging diſſolutenes by ſtrange rites,

23 And ſo kept nether life nor mariage cleane: but ether one ſlewe another by treaſon, or els vexed him by adulterie.

24 So were all mixt together, blood and ſlaughter, theft & deceit, corruption, vnfaithfulnes, tumultes, periurie,

25 Diſquieting of good men, vnthankefulnes, defiling of ſoules, changing of birth, diſordre in mariage, adulterie & vnclēnes.

26 For the worſhiping of idoles that ought not to be named, is the beginning and the cauſe and the end of all euil.

27 For either they be mad when they be merie, or prophecie lies, or liue vngodlie, or els lightly forſweare them ſelues.

28 For in ſo muche as their truſt is in the idoles, which haue no life, though thei ſweare falſely, yet they thinke to haue no hurt.

29 Therefore for two cauſes ſhal they iuſtely be puniſhed, becauſe they haue an euil opinion of God, addicting them ſelues vnto idoles, and becauſe they ſweare vniuſtly to deceiue, and deſpiſe holines.

30 For it is not the power of them by whome they ſweare, but the vengeance of them that ſinne, which puniſheth alwayes the offence of the vngodlie.

CHAP. XV.

The voyce of the faithful, praiſing the mercie of God by whoſe grace they ſerue not idoles.

1 BVt thou, ô our God, art gracious and true, long ſuffring, and gouerneſt all things by mercie.

2 Though we ſinne, yet are we thine: for we knowe thy power: but we ſinne not, knowing that we are counted thine.

3 For to knowe thee, is perfite righteouſnes, and to knowe thy power is the roote of immortalitie.

4 For nether hathe the wicked inuention of men diſceiued vs, nor the vnprofitable labour of the painters, nor an image ſpotted with diuers colours.

5 Whoſe ſight ſtirreth vp the deſire of the ignorant: ſo that he coueteth the forme that hathe no life, of a dead image.

6 They that loue ſuche wicked things, are worthie to haue ſuche things to truſt to, and they that make them, and they that deſire them, and they that worſhip them.

Rom.9.20.

7 The *potter alſo tempereth ſoft earth, & facioneth euerie veſſel with labour to our vſe: but of the ſame clay he maketh bothe the veſſels, that ſerue to cleane vſes, and the contrarie likewiſe: but whereto euerie veſſel ſerueth, the potter is the iudge.

8 So by his wicked labour he maketh a vaine god of the ſame claye: euen he, which a litle afore was made of earth him ſelf, and within a litle while after goeth thither againe whence he was taken, *when he ſhal make accounte for the lone of his life. *Luk.12.20.*

9 Notwithſtanding he careth not for the labour he taketh, nor that his life is ſhorte, but he ſtriueth with the goldeſmithes, and ſiluerſmithes, and counterfaiteth the coperſmithes, and taketh it for an honour to make deceiuable things.

10 His heart is aſhes, and his hope is more vile then earth, and his life is leſſe worthie of honour then claye.

11 For he knoweth not his owne maker, that gaue him his ſoule, that had power & breathed in him the breth of life.

12 But they counte our life to be but a paſtime, and our conuerſacion as a market, where there is gaine: for they ſay we ought to be getting on euerie ſide, though it be by euil meanes.

13 Now he that of earth maketh fraile veſſels and images, knoweth him ſelf to offend aboue all other.

14 All the enemies of thy people, that holde them in ſubiection, are moſte vnwiſe, & more miſerable then the verie fooles.

15 For they iudge all the idoles of the nacions to be gods, which nether haue eye ſight to ſe, nor noſes to ſmel, nor eares to heare, nor fingers of hāds to grope, & their fete are ſlowe to go.

16 For man made them, and he that hathe but a borowed ſpirit, facioned them: but no man can make a god like vnto him ſelf.

17 For ſeing he is but mortal him ſelf, it is but mortal that he maketh with vnrighteous hands: he him ſelf is better thē thei whome he worſhippeth: for he liued, but they neuer liued.

18 Yea, they worſhipped beaſts alſo, which are their moſte enemies, & which are the worſte, if thei be cōpared vnto others, becauſe they haue none vnderſtanding.

19 Nether haue they anie beautie to be deſired in reſpect of other beaſts: for they are deſtitute of Gods praiſe, and of his bleſsing.

CHAP. XVI.

The puniſhment of idolaters. 20 The benefites done vnto the faithful.

1 THerefore by ſuche things they are worthely puniſhed & * tormented by the multitude of beaſtes. *Chap.11.18. nomb.11.31.*

2 In ſteade of the which puniſhment thou haſt bene fauorable to thy people, & to ſa-

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tisfie their appetite, hast prepared a meat of a strange taste, euen quailes,

3 To the intent that thei that desired meat, by the things which were shewed and sent among them, might turne awaye their necessarie desire, & that thei, which had suffred penurie for a space, shulde also fele a newe taste.

4 For it was requisite, that they which vsed tyrannie, shulde fall into extreme pouertie, and that to these onelie it shulde be shewed, howe their enemies were torméted.

Numb.21.6. 1.cor 10,6. 5 * For when the cruel fiercenes of ỹ beasts came vpon them, and they were hurt with the stings of cruel serpents,

6 Thy wrath endured not perpetually, but they were troubled for a litle season, that they might be reformed, hauing a "signe of saluacion, to remember the commandement of thy Law.

"The signe of the brasen serpent.

7 For he that turned toward it, was not healed by the thing that he sawe, but by thee, ô Sauiour of all.

8 So in this thou shewedst our enemies, that it is thou, which deliuerest from all euil.

Exod.8,24. & 10,4 reuel 9,7. 9 *For the biting of gresshopers and flyes killed them, and there was no remedie founde for their life: for they were worthie to be punished by suche.

10 But the teeth of the venemous dragons colde not ouercome thy children: for thy mercie came to helpe them, & healed thé.

11 For they were pricked, because thei shulde remember thy wordes, and were spedely healed, lest they shulde fall into so depe forgetfulnes, that thei colde not be called backe by thy benefite.

12 For nether herbe nor plaster healed them, but thy worde, ô Lord, which healeth all things.

13 For thou hast the power of life & death, *Deut 32.39. 1.sam.2,6. Iob.13,2.* *and leadest downe vnto the gates of hel, and bringest vp againe.

14 A man in dede by his wickednes may slaie *another*: but when the Spirit is gone forthe, it turneth not againe, nether can he call againe the soule that is taken away.

15 But it is not posible to escape thine hand.

Exod 9.23. 16 *For the vngodlie that wolde not knowe thee, were punished by the strength of thine arme, with strange raine and with haile, and were pursued with tempest, that they colde not auoide, & were consumed with fyre.

17 For it was a wonderous thing that fyre might do more then water, which quencheth all things: but the worlde is the auenger of the righteous.

18 For some time was the fyre so tame, that the beasts, which were sent against the vngodlie, burnt not: and that, because they shulde se and knowe, that they were persecuted with the punishment of God.

19 And some time burnt the fyre in ỹ middes of the water aboue the power of fyre, that it might destroye the generacion of the vniust land.

20 *In the stead whereof thou hast fed thine owne people with Angels fode, and sent them bread readie from heauen without their labour, which had abundance of all pleasures in it & was mete for all tastes. *Exod.16,14. numb 11,7. Psal 78,25. Iob.6,31.*

21 For thy sustinance declared thy swetnes vnto thy children, which serued to the appetite of him, that toke it, & was mete to that that euerie man wolde.

22 Moreouer the *snowe and yce abode the fyre & melted not, that thei might knowe, that the fyre burning in the hayle, & sparkeling in the raine, destroyed the frute of the enemies. *Exod 9.23.*

23 Againe it forgate his owne strength, that the righteous might be nourished.

24 For the creature that serueth thee which art the maker, is fierce in punishing the vnrighteous: but it is easie to do good vnto suche as put their trust in thee.

25 Therefore was it changed at the same time vnto all facions to serue thy grace, which nourisheth all things, according to the desire of them that had nede thereof,

26 That thy children whome thou loueste, ô Lord, might knowe, *that it is not the increase of frutes that fedeth men, but that it is thy worde, which preserueth thé that trust in thee. *Deut 8.3 mat.4.4.*

27 For that which colde not be destroyed with the fyre, being onely warmed a litle with the sunne beames, melted,

28 That it might be knowen that we oght to preuente the sunne rising to giue thankes vnto thee, and to salute thee before the daye spring.

29 For the hope of the vnthankeful shal melt as the winter yce, and flowe away as vnprofitable waters.

CHAP. XVII.

The iudgements of God against the wicked.

1 FOr thy iudgements are great, and can not be expressed: therefore men do erre, that wil not be reformed.

2 For when the vnrighteous thoght to haue thine holie people in subiection, thei were bounde with the bands of darkenes, and long night, and being shut vp vnder the rofe, did lie there to escape the euerlasting prouidence.

3 And while they thoght to be hid in their darke sinnes, thei were scattered abroad in the darke couering of forgetfulnes, fearig horribly and troubled with visions.

4 For the denne that hid them, kept them not from feare: but the soundes that were about them, troubled them, and terrible

viſions and ſorowful ſights did appeare.
5 No power of the fyre might giue light, nether might the clere flames of the ſtarres lighten the horrible night.
6 For there appeared vnto them onely a ſudden fyre, verie dredful: ſo that being aſtaied of this viſion, "which they colde not ſe, they thoght the things, which they ſawe, to be worſe.
That is, the mightie viſiõ
7 * And ẏ illuſions of the magical artes were broght downe, and it was a moſte ſhameful reproche for the boaſting of their knowledge.
Exod 7.12. & 8.7.
8 For they that promiſed to driue away feare and trouble from the ſicke perſone, were ſicke for feare, & woorthie to be laughed at.
9 And thogh no feareful thing did feare them, yet were they afraied at the beaſtes which paſſed by them, and at the hyſsing of the ſerpents: ſo that thei dyed for feare, and ſaid they ſawe not the ayre, which by no meanes can be auoided.
10 For it is a feareful thing, when malice is condemned by her owne teſtimonie: and a cõſcience that is touched, doeth euer forecaſt cruel things.
11 For feare is nothing els, but a betraying of the ſuccours, which reaſon offreth.
12 And the leſſe that the hope is within, the more doeth he eſteme the ignorance of the thing, that tormenteth him, great.
13 But they that did endure the night that was intollerable, and that came out of the dungeon of hell, which is inſupportable, ſlept the ſame ſlepe,
14 And ſometimes were troubled with mõſtruous viſions, and ſometime they ſowned, as thogh their owne ſoule ſhulde betray them: for a ſudden feare not loked for, came vpon them.
15 And thus, whoſoeuer fel downe, he was kept and ſhut in priſon, but without chaines.
16 For whether he was an houſband man, or a ſhepherd, or one that was ſet to worke alone, if he were taken, he muſt ſuffer this neceſsitie, that he colde not auoide:
17 (For with one chaine of darkenes were they all boũde) whether it were an hyſsing winde, or a ſwete ſong of the birds among the thicke branches of the trees, or the vehemencie of haſtie running water,
18 Or a great noyce of the falling downe of ſtones, or the running of ſkipping beaſtes, that colde not be ſene, or the noyce of cruel beaſtes that roared, or the "ſounde that anſwereth againe in the holow mountaines: theſe feareful things made them to ſwone.
Or, Echo.
19 For all the worlde ſhined with clere light, and no man was hindred in his labour.
20 Onely vpon them there fel an heauie night, an image of that darkenes that was to come vpon them: yea, they were vnto them ſelues more grieuous then darkenes.

CHAP. XVIII.

3 The fyrie piller that the Iſraelites had in Egypt. 8 The deliuerance of the faithful. 10 The Lord ſmote the Egyptians 20 The ſinne of the people in the wildernes. 21 Aaron ſtode betwene the liuing and the dead with his cenſure.

1 BVt thy Saits had a very great * light, whoſe voyce becauſe they heard, and ſawe not the figure of them, they thoght them bleſſed, becauſe thei alſo had not ſuffred the like. Exod.10.23. * Or, the Egyptians.
2 And becauſe they did not hurt thẽ, which did hurt them afore, they thanked them, and aſked pardon for their enimitie.
3 *Therefore thou gaueſt them a burning piller of fyre to lead them in the vnknowen way, & madeſt the ſunne that it hurted not them in their honorable iourney. Exod 13.21. & 14.24 pſal 78.14. & 105.39.
4 But they were worthie to be depriued of the light, and to be kept in darkenes, which had kept thy children ſhut vp, by whome the vncorrupt light of the Law ſhulde be giuen to the worlde.
5 *Where as they thoght to ſlay the babes of the Saintes, by one childe that was caſt out, and preſerued to reproue them, thou haſt taken awaye the multitude of their children and deſtroyed them all together in the mightie water. Exod.1.16.
6 Of that night were our fathers certified afore, that they knowing vnto what othes they had giuen credit, might be of good chere.
7 Thus thy *people receiued the health of the righteous, but the enemies were deſtroyed. Exod.14.24.
8 For as thou haſt puniſhed the enemies, ſo haſt thou glorified vs whome thou haſt called.
9 For the righteous children of the good men offred ſecretly, and made a law of righteouſnes by one conſent, that ẏ Saints ſhulde receiue good and euil in like maner, and that the fathers ſhulde firſt ſing praiſes.
10 But a diſagreing price was heard of the enemies, and there was a lamentable noice for the children that were bewailed.
11 For the *maſter and the ſeruant were puniſhed with like puniſhment, & the cõmune people ſuffred alike with the King. Exod 12.29.
12 So they altogether had innumerable that dyed with one kinde of death: nether were the liuing ſufficient to burye them: for in the twinckling of an eye the nobleſt offspring of them was deſtroied.
13 So they that colde beleue nothing, becauſe of the inchantments, confeſſed this people to be the children of God, in the deſtruction of the firſt borne

14 For

14 For while all things were in quiet ſilẽce,
& the night was in the middes of her ſwift
courſe,
15 Thine almightie worde leapt downe frõ
heauen out of thy royal throne, as a fierce
man of warre in the middes of the lãd that
was deſtroyed,
16 And broght thine vnfained commande-
ment as a ſharpe ſworde, and ſtode vp, and
filled all things with death, & being come
downe to the earth, it reached vnto the
heauens.
17 Then the ſight of the feareful dreames
vexed them ſuddenly, and fearefulnes ca-
me vpon them vnawares.
18 Then laye there one here, another there
halfe dead, & ſhewed ỹ cauſe of his death.
19 For the viſions that vexed them, ſhewed
them theſe things afore: ſo that they were
not ignorant, wherefore they periſhed.
20 Now tentacion of death touched the
Num.16,46 righteous alſo, and *among the multitude
in the wildernes there was a plague, but
the wrath indured not long.
21 For the blamelesman made haſte, & de-
fended them, and toke the weapons of his
miniſtracio, euen prayer, & the reconcilia-
tion by the perfume, & ſet him ſelf againſt
the wrath, and ſo broght the miſerie to an
end, declaring that he was thy ſeruant.
22 For he ouercame not the multitude with
bodelie power, nor with force of weapõs,
but with the worde he ſubdued him that
puniſhed, alledging the othes and couenãt
made vnto the fathers.
23 For when the dead were fallen downe by
heapes one vpon another, he ſtode in the
middes, and cut of the wrath, and ſparted
it from comming to the liuing.
Exod.28,11. 24 *For in the long garment was all the or-
nament, and in the foure rowes of the ſto-
nes was the glorie of the fathors grauen
with thy maieſtie in the diademe of his
head.
25 Vnto theſe the deſtroyer gaue place, and
was afraid of them. for it was ſufficient,
that they had taſted the wrath.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The death of the Egyptians, and the great ioye of the Hebrewes. 11 The meat that was giuen at the deſire of the people. 17 All the elements ſerue to the wil of God.

1 AS for the vngodlie, the wrath came
vpon them without mercie vnto the
end: for he knewe what ſhulde come vnto
them,
2 That they (when they had conſented to
let them go, and had ſent them out with
diligence) wolde repent, and purſue them.
3 For while yet ſorow was before them, and
they lamented by the graues of the dead,
thei deuiſed another fooliſhenes, ſo ỹ they
perſecuted thẽ in their fleing, whome they
had caſt out afore with prayer.
4 For the deſtinie, whereof they were wor-
thie, broght them to this end, and cau-
ſed them to forget the things that had co-
me to paſſe, that they might accompliſh
the puniſhment, which remained by tor-
ments,
5 Bothe ỹ thy people might trye a marueil-
lous paſſage, and that theſe might finde a
ſtrange death.
6 For euerie creature in his kinde was facio-
ned of newe, and ſerued in their owne of-
fices inioyned thẽ, that thy children might
be kept without hurt.
7 For the cloude ouerſhadowed their ten-
tes, and the drye earth appeared, where a-
fore was water: ſo that in the red Sea there
was a way without impediment, and the
great depe became a grene field.
8 Through the which all the people went
that were defended with thine hand, ſeing
thy wonderous marueiles.
9 For they "neyed like horſes, and leaped *Or, were fedde.
like lambes, praiſing thee, ô Lord, which
hadeſt deliuered them.
10 For thei were yet mindeful of thoſe thigs
which were done in the land where they
dwelt, how the groũde broght forthe flies
in ſteade of cattel, & how the riuer ſcrau-
led with the multitude of frogges in ſtea-
de of fiſhes.
11 *But at the laſt they ſawe a new genera- *Exod.16,13.*
tion of birdes, when thei were intiſed with *Num.11,32.*
luſt, and deſired delicate meates.
12 *For the quailes came forthe of the ſea *Chap.16,2.*
vnto them for comfort, but puniſhments
came vpon the "ſinners not without ſignes *Or, Egyptians.*
that were giuen by great thundrings: for
they ſuffred worthely according to their
wickednes, becauſe they ſhewed a cruel
hatred towarde ſtrangers.
13 For the one ſorte wolde not receiue thẽ
whẽ thei were preſent, becauſe they knewe
them not: the other ſorte broght the ſtran-
gers into bondage ỹ had done thẽ good.
14 Beſide all theſe things ſome *wolde not ſuf-
fer*, that anie regarde ſhulde be had of
them: for thei handeled the ſtrangers diſ-
pitefully.
15 Others that had receiued thẽ with great
banketing, and admitted them to be par-
takers of the ſame lawes, did afflict them
with great labours.
16 Therefore thei were ſtrikẽ with blindes-
nes, as in olde time certeine were at the
dores of the *righteous, ſo that euerie one *Gen.19,11.*
being compaſſed with darknes, ſoght the
entrance of his dore.
17 Thus the elements agreed among them
ſelues in this change, as when one tune is
changed vpon an inſtrument of muſike,
and the melodie ſtil remaineth, which may
eaſely be perceiued by the ſight of the

things that are come to paſſe.
18 For the things of the earth were chãged into things of the water, & the thing that did ſwimme, went vpon the grounde.
19 The fyre had power in the water contrarie vnto his owne vertue, & the water forgate his owne kinde to quench.
20 Againe, ỹ flames did not hurte the fleſh of the corruptible beaſts that walked therein, neither melted they that which ſemed to be yce, and was of a nature that wolde melt, and yet was an immortal meat.
21 For in all things, ô Lord, thou haſt magnified and glorified thy people, and haſt not deſpiſed to aſsiſt them in euerie time and place.

THE WISDOME OF Ieſus the ſonne of Sirach, called Eccleſiaſticus.

This argument was founde in a certeine Greke copie.

THis Ieſus was the ſonne of Sirach, and Sirachs father was alſo called Ieſus, and he liued in the latter times, after the people had bene led away captiue, and brogh home againe, and almoſte after all the Prophetes. Now his grandfather, as he him ſelf witneſſeth, was a man of great diligence, and wiſdome among the Hebrewes, who did not onely gather the graue ſentences of wiſe men, that had bene before him, but he him ſelf alſo ſpake manie ful of great knowledge and wiſdome. So this firſt Ieſus dyed, and left this which he had gathered, and Sirach afterwarde left it to Ieſus his ſonne, who toke it and put it in order in a boke, and called it WISDOME, intitling it bothe by his owne name, his fathers name, and his grandfathers: thinking by this title of Wiſdome to allure the reader to read this boke with more great deſire, and to conſider it more diligently. Therefore this boke conteineth wiſe ſayings, and darke ſentences, and ſimilitudes with certeine diuine hiſtories which are notable and ancient, euen of men that were approued of God, and certeine prayers, and ſongs of the autor him ſelf: moreouer, what benefites the Lord had beſtowed vpon his people, and what plagues he had heaped vpon their enemies. This Ieſus did imitate Salomon, and was no leſſe famous in wiſdome and doctrine, who was therefore called a man of great knowledge, as he was in dede.

The prologue of the Wiſdome of Ieſus the ſonne of Sirach.

WHere as manie, and great things haue bene giuen vs by the Law, and the Prophetes, and by others that haue followed them, (for the which things Iſrael ought to be cõmended by the reaſon of doctrine and wiſdome, whereby the readers ought not onely to become learned them ſelues, but alſo may be able by the diligent ſtudie thereof to be profitable vnto ſtrãgers bothe by ſpeaking & writing) after that my grand father Ieſus had giuen him ſelf to the reading of the Law, and the Prophetes, & other bokes of our fathers, and had gotten therein ſufficient iudgement, he purpoſed alſo to write ſome thing perteining to learning and wiſdome, to the intent that they which were deſirous to learne, & wolde giue them ſelues to theſe things, might profite muche more in liuing according to the Law. Wherefore, I exhorte you to receiue it louingly, and to read it with diligence, and to take it in good worthe, thogh we ſeme to ſome in ſome things not able to atteine to the interpretation of ſuche wordes as are hard to be expreſſed: for the things that are ſpoken in the Hebrewe tongue, haue another force in them ſelues then whẽ they are tranſlated into another tõgue, and not onely theſe things, but other things alſo, as the Law it ſelf, & the Prophetes, & other bokes haue no ſmale difference when they are ſpoken in their owne lãguage. Therefore in the eight and thirtieth yere, when I came into Egypt vnder King Euergetes, and continued there, I founde a copie ful of great learning, and I thoght it neceſſarie, to beſtowe my diligence, and trauaile to interpret this boke. So for a certeine time with great watching and ſtudie I gaue my ſelf to the finiſhing of this boke, that it might be publiſhed, that they which remaine in baniſhement, and are deſirous to learne, might applie them ſelues vnto good maners, and liue according to the Law.

CHAP. I.

1 Wiſdome cometh of God. 11 A praiſe of the feare of God. 29 The meanes to come by wiſdome.

1 ALL wiſdome * *cometh* of the Lord, [and hathe bene euer with him] and is with him for euer.
2 Who can nõber the ſand of the ſea, and the droppes of the raine, and the dayes of the worlde? [who can meaſure] the height of heauen, the bredth of the earth,

* 1. King 3. 9. & 4. 29.

That which is marked with theſe two markes [ ] is red in the Latin copies, & not in the Greke.

earth, and the depth?
3 Who can finde the wiſdome [of God which hathe bene afore all things?]
4 Wiſdome hathe bene created before all things, and the vnderſtanding of prudence from euerlaſting.
5 [The worde of God moſte high is the fountaine of wiſdome, and the euerlaſting commandements are the entrance vnto hir]
Rom.11,34. 6 *Vnto whome hathe the roote of wiſdome bene declared? or who hathe knowē her wiſe counſels?
7 [Vnto whome hathe the doctrine of wiſdome bene diſcouered & ſhewed? and who hathe vnderſtand the manifolde entrance vnto her?]
8 There is one wiſe, [euen the moſte high Creator of all things, the almightie, the King of power] and verie terrible, which ſitteth vpon his throne.
9 He is the Lord, that hathe created her [thorow ỹ holie Goſt:] he hathe ſene her, nombred her, [and meaſured her.]
10 He hathe powred her out vpon all his workes, and vpon all fleſh, according to his gift, and giueth her abundantly vnto them that loue him.
11 The feare of the Lord is glorie, & gladnes, and reioycing, and a ioyful crowne.
12 The feare of the Lord maketh a mery heart, and giueth gladnes, and ioye and long life.
13 Whoſo feareth the Lord, it ſhal go wel with him at the laſt, and he ſhal finde fauour in the day of his death.
14 [The loue of God is honorable wiſdome, and vnto whome it appeareth in a viſion, they loue it for the viſion, and for the knowledge of the great workes thereof]
Pſal.111,10. prou 9,10. ecclu.25,28. 15 *The feare of the Lord is the beginning of wiſdome, and was made with the faithful in the wōbe: [ſhe goeth with the choſen women, and is knowen with the righteous and faithful.
16 The feare of the Lord is an holie knowledge.
17 Holines ſhal preſerue, & iuſtifie ỹ heart, and giueth mirth and gladnes.
18 Who ſo feareth the Lord, ſhal proſper, & in the day of his end, he ſhalbe bleſſed]
19 She hathe buylt her euerlaſting fundacions with men, and is giuen to be with their ſede.
20 To feare God is the fulnes of wiſdome, and filleth men with her frutes.
21 She filleth their whole houſe with [all] things deſireable, and the garners with the things, that ſhe bringeth forthe, and bothe twaine are giftes of God.
22 The feare of the Lord is the crowne of wiſdome, & giueth peace & perfite health: he hathe ſene her and nombred her.
23 "She raineth downe knowledge, and vnderſtāding of wiſdome, and hathe broght vnto honour, them that poſſeſſed her. *"Or wiſdome.*
24 The feare of the Lord is the roote of wiſdome, and her branches are long life.
25 [In the treaſures of wiſdome is vnderſtanding, and holie knowledge, but wiſdome is abhorred of ſinners.]
26 The feare of the Lord driueth out ſinne: and when ſhe is preſent, ſhe driueth away anger.
27 ¶For wicked angre can not be iuſtified: for his raſhnes in his angre ſhalbe his deſtruction.
28 A pacient man wil ſuffer for a time, and then ſhal he haue the reward of ioye.
29 He wil hide his wordes for a time, and manie mens lippes ſhal ſpeake of his wiſdome.
30 In the treaſures of wiſdome are the ſecrets of knowledge, but ỹ ſinner abhorreth the worſhip of God.
31 If thou deſire wiſdome, kepe the cōmandements, and the Lord ſhal giue her vnto thee, [and wil fil her treaſures.]
32 For the feare of the Lord is wiſdome and diſcipline: he hathe pleaſure in faith and mekenes.
33 Be not diſobedient to the feare of the Lord, and come not vnto him with a double heart.
34 ¶Be not an hypocrite that men ſhulde ſpeake of thee, but take hede what thou ſpeakeſt.
35 Exalte not thy ſelf, leſt thou fall & bring thy ſoule to diſhonour, and ſo God diſcouer thy ſecretes, & caſt thee downe in the middes of the cōgregacion, becauſe thou woldeſt not receiue the true feare of God, and thine heart is ful of diſceite.

CHAP. II.

1 He exhorteth the ſeruants of God to righteouſnes, loue, vnderſtanding, and pacience. 11 To truſt in the Lord. 13 A curſſe vpon them that are fainte hearted and impacient.

1 MY ſonne, if thou wilt come into the ſeruice of God, [ſtand faſt in righteouſnes and feare, and] prepare thy ſoule to tentacion.
2 Settle thine heart, and be pacient: [bow downe thine eare, and receiue the wordes of vnderſtanding] and ſhrinke not awaie, whē thou art aſſailed, [but waite vpō God pacientlie.]
3 Ioyne thy ſelf vnto him, and departe not away, that thou maiſt be increaſed at thy laſt end.
4 Whatſoeuer cometh vnto thee, receiue it pacientlie, and be pacient in the change of thine affliction.
Wiſdo.3.6. prou 17,3. 5 *For as golde [& ſiluer are] tryed in the fyre, euen ſo are men acceptable in the fornace of aduerſitie.

6 Beleue in God and he wil helpe thee: order thy waye aright, & truſt in him: [holde faſt his feare, and growe olde therein.]
7 Ye that feare the Lord, waite for his mercie: ſhrinke not awaye from him that ye fall not.
8 Ye that feare the Lord, beleue him and your rewarde ſhal not faile.
9 O ye that feare the Lord, truſt in good things, & in the euerlaſting ioy & mercie.
10 [Ye that feare ỹ Lord, loue him, & your hearts ſhalbe lightened.]
11 Conſider the olde generacions [of men, ye children,] and marke them wel: *was there euer anie confounded, that put his truſt in the Lord? or who hathe continued in his feare, and was forſaken? or whome did he euer diſpiſe, that called vpon him?
12 For God is gracious and merciful, and forgiueth ſinnes and ſaueth in the time of trouble, [& is a defender for all thē that ſeke him in the trueth.]
13 Wo vnto them, that haue a °feareful heart, [and to the wicked lippes] and to the faint hands, and to the ſinner that goeth two *maner of wayes.
14 Wo vnto him that is faint hearted, for he beleueth not: therefore ſhal he not be defended.
15 Wo vnto you that haue loſt pacience, [& haue forſaken the right wayes, and are turned backe into frowarde wayes:] for what wil ye do when the Lord ſhal viſit you?
16 They that feare the Lord, wil not diſobey his worde: and they that *loue him, wil kepe his wayes.
17 They that feare the Lord, wil ſeke out the things that are pleaſant vnto him: and they that loue him, ſhalbe fulfilled with his Law.
18 They that feare the Lord, wil prepare their hearts, and humble their ſoules in his ſight.
19 [Thei that feare the Lord, kepe his commandements, and wil be pacient til he ſe them,
20 Saying, If we do not repent] we ſhal fall into the hāds of the Lord, and not into the hands of men.
21 Yet as his greatnes is, ſo is his mercie.

Pſal. 33, 23.
°Or, double.
2. King 18, 21.
Iah. 14, 24.

CHAP. III.

2 To our father and mother ought we to giue double honor 10 Of the bleſſing and curſe of the father and mother. 22 No man ought ouer curiouſly to ſearche out the ſecrets of God.

1 [THe children of wiſdome are the Church of the righteous, & their offſpring is obedience and loue.]
2 Heare your fathers iudgement, ô childrē, and do thereafter, that ye may be ſafe.
3 For the Lord wil haue the father honored of he children, and hathe confirmed the autoritie of the mother ouer the children.
4 Who ſo honoreth his father, his ſinnes ſhalbe forgiuen him, [and he ſhal abſteine from them, & ſhal haue his daily deſires.]
5 And he that honoreth his mother, is like one that gathereth treaſure.
6 Who ſo honoreth his father, ſhal haue ioye of his owne children, & when he maketh his prayer, he ſhalbe heard.
7 He that honoreth his father, ſhal haue a long life, and he that is obedient vnto the Lord, ſhal comfort his mother.
8 He that feareth the Lord, honoreth his parents, and doeth ſeruice vnto his parēts, as vnto lords.
9 *Honour thy father and mother in dede and in worde [& in all pacięce,] that thou maiſt haue °Gods bleſsing, [& that his bleſſing may abide with thee in the end.]
10 For ỹ bleſsing of the father eſtabliſheth the houſes of the children, & the mothers curſe rotteth out the fundacions.
11 Reioyce not at the diſhonour of thy father: for it is not honour vnto thee, but ſhame.
12 Seing that mās glorie cometh by his fathers honour, & the reproche of ỹ mother is diſhonour to the children,
13 My ſonne, helpe thy father in his age, and greue him not as long as he liueth.
14 And if his vnderſtanding faile, haue pacience with him, & deſpiſe him not when thou art in thy ful ſtrength.
15 For the good intreatie of thy father ſhal not be forgottē, but it ſhalbe a forteres for thee againſt ſinnes, [and for thy mothers offence thou ſhalt be recompenſed with good, and it ſhalbe founded for thee in righteouſnes.]
16 And in the day of trouble thou ſhalt be remembred: thy ſinnes alſo ſhal melt away as the yce in the faire wether.
17 He that forſaketh his father, ſhal come to ſhame, and he that angreth his mother, is curſſed of God.
18 ¶My ſonne, performe thy doings with mekenes, ſo ſhalt thou be beloued of them that are approued.
19 The *greater thou art, the more humble thy ſelf [in all things,] & thou ſhalt finde fauour before the Lord.
20 Many are excellent & of renoume: but the ſecrets are reueiled vnto the meke.
21 For the power of the Lord is great, & he is honored of the lowlie.
22 *Seke not out the things that are to hard for thee, nether ſearche the things raſhly which are to mightie for thee.
23 [But] what [God] hathe cōmanded thee, thinke vpon that with reuerence, [and be not curious in many of his workes:] for it is not

Exod 20, 12. deut 5, 16. mat 15, 4. epheſ 6, 2.
°Or, the bleſſing of men.
Philip. 2, 3.
Prou 25, 27. rom. 12, 3.

is not nedeful for thee to ſe with thine eyes the things that are ſecret.

24 Be not curious in ſuperfluous things: for many things are ſhewed vnto thee aboue the capacitie of men.

25 The medling with ſuche hathe beguiled many, and an euil opinion hathe deceiued their iudgement.

26 Thou canſt not ſe without eyes: profeſſe not the knowledge therefore that thou haſt not.

27 A ſtubberne heart ſhal fare euil at the laſt: and he that loueth danger, ſhal periſh therein.

28 An heart that goeth two waies, ſhal not proſper: and he that is frowarde of heart, ſhal ſtumble therein.

29 An obſtinate heart ſhalbe ladē with ſorowes: and the wicked man ſhal heape ſinne vpon ſinne.

30 The perſuaſion of the proude is without remedie, & his ſteppes ſhalbe plucked vp: for the plant of ſinne hathe taken roote in him, [and he ſhal not be eſtemed.]

31 The heart of him that hathe vnderſtanding, ſhal perceiue ſecret things, and an attentiue eare is the deſire of a wiſe man.

32 [An heart that is wiſe & vnderſtanding, wil abſteine from ſinne, and ſhal proſper in the workes of righteouſnes.]

Dan.4.24. 33 Water quencheth burning fyre, *and almes taketh away ſinnes.

34 And he that rewardeth good dedes, wil remēber it afterward, & in the time of the fall, he ſhal finde a ſtaye.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Almes muſt be done with gentlenes. 12 The ſtudie of wiſdome and her frute. 20 An exhortation to eſchewe euil, and to do good.

1 MY ſonne, defraude not the poore of his liuing, and make not the nedie eyes to waite long.

2 Make not an hungrie ſoule ſorowful, nether vexe a man in his neceſsitie.

3 Trouble not the heart that is grieued, & differre not the gift of the nedie.

4 Refuſe not the prayer of one that is in trouble: turne not away thy face from the poore.

5 Turne not thine eyes aſide [in angre] from the poore, and giue him none occaſion to ſpeake euil of thee.

6 For if he curſſe thee in the bitternes of his ſoule, his prayer ſhalbe heard of him that made him.

7 Be courteous vnto the cōpanie [of poore, and humble thy ſoule vnto the Elder,] and bowe downe thine head to a man of worſhip.

8 Let it not greue thee to bowe downe thine eare vnto the poore, [but pay thy dette,] and giue him a friendlie anſwer.

9 ¶Deliuer him that ſuffereth wrong, from the hand of the oppreſſour, & be not faint hearted "when thou iudgeſt. "Or, to defende him

10 Be as a father vnto the fatherles, and as an houſband vnto their mother: ſo ſhalt thou be as the ſonne of the moſte High: and he ſhal loue thee more then thy mother doeth.

11 Wiſdome exalteth her children, and receiueth them that ſeke her, [& wil go before them in the way of righteouſnes.]

12 He that loueth her, loueth life, and they that ſeke life in the morning, ſhal haue great ioye.

13 He that kepeth her, ſhal inherit glorie: for vnto whome ſhe entreth, him the Lord wil bleſſe.

14 They that honour her, ſhalbe the ſeruants of the holie one, and them that loue her, the Lord doeth loue.

15 Who ſo giueth eare vnto her, ſhal iudge the nacions, and he that goeth vnto her, ſhal dwell ſafely.

16 He that is faithful vnto her, ſhal haue her in poſſeſsion, and his generacion ſhal poſſeſſe her.

17 For firſt ſhe wil walke with him by croked waies, and bring him vnto feare, and drede, and torment him with her diſcipline vntil ſhe haue tryed his ſoule, and haue proued him by her iudgements.

18 Then wil ſhe returne the ſtraight way vnto him, and comfort him, and ſhew him her ſecrets, [and heape vpon him the treaſures of knowledge, and vnderſtanding of righteouſnes.]

19 But if he go wrong, ſhe wil forſake him, and giue him ouer into the hands of his deſtruction.

20 [¶My ſonne,] *Make muche of time, *Rom.12.11.* and eſchewe the thing that is euil,

21 And be not aſhamed [to ſay the trueth] for thy life: for there is a ſhame that bringeth ſinne, and a ſhame that bringeth worſhip and fauour.

22 Accept no perſone againſt thine owne conſcience, that thou be not confounded to thine owne decaye, [and forbeare not thy neighbour in his faute.]

23 And kepe not backe counſel when it may do good, nether hide thy wiſdome when it may be famous.

24 For by the talke is wiſdome knowen, and learning by the wordes of the tongue, [& counſel, wiſdome and learning by the talking of the wiſe, & ſtedfaſtnes in the workes of righteouſnes.]

25 In no wiſe ſpeake againſt the worde of trueth, but be aſhamed of the lies of thine owne ignorance.

26 Be not aſhamed to confeſſe thy ſinnes, & reſiſt not the courſe of the riuer.

27 Submit not thy ſelf vnto a fooliſh man, nether accept the perſone of the mightie.

28 Striue for the trueth vnto death, [and defend iuſtice for thy life,] and the Lord God ſhal fight for thee [againſt thine enemies.]
29 Be not haſtie in thy tongue, nether ſlacke and negligent in thy workes.
30 Be not as a lion in thine owne houſe, nether beat thy ſeruãts for thy fantaſie, [nor oppreſſe them that are vnder thee.]
31 * Let not thine hand be ſtretched out to receiue, and ſhut when thou ſhuldeſt giue.

Act.20,35.

CHAP. V.

1 In riches may we not put any confidence. 7 The vengeance of God ought to be feared, and repentance may not be differred.

1 TRuſt not vnto thy riches, and ſay not, I haue ynough for my life: [for it ſhal not helpe in ỹ time of vengeance and indignation.]
2 Followe not thine owne minde and thy ſtrength to walke in the wayes of thine heart:
3 Nether ſay ỹ, [Howhaue I had ſtrength?] or who wil bring me vnder for my workes? for God the aduenger wil reuenge the wrong done by thee.
4 And ſay not, I haue ſinned, and what euil hathe come vnto me? for the Almightie is a pacient rewarder, but he wil not leaue thee vnpuniſhed.
5 Becauſe thy ſinne is forgiuen, be not without feare, to heape ſinne vpon ſinne.
6 And ſay not, The mercie of God is great: he wil forgiue my manifolde ſinnes: for mercie & wrath come from him, & his indignacion cometh downe vpon ſinners.
7 Make no taryng to turne vnto the Lord, and put not of from day to day: for ſuddenly ſhal the wrath of the Lord breake forthe, & in thy ſecuritie thou ſhalt be deſtroied, and thou ſhalt periſh in time of vengeance.
8 Truſt not in wicked riches: for they ſhal not helpe thee in the day of puniſhment [and vengeance.]
9 Be not caryed about with euerie winde, and go not into euerie way: for ſo doeth the ſinner that hathe a double tongue.
10 Stand faſt in thy ſure vnderſtanding [& in the way and knowledge of the Lord] & haue but one maner of worde, [& followe the worde of peace and righteouſnes.
11 Be humble to heare the worde of God, that thou maiſt vnderſtand it, and make a true anſwere with wiſdome.]
12 Be ſwift to heare good things, and let thy life be pure, & giue a pacient anſwer.
13 If thou haſt vnderſtanding, anſwer thy neighbour: if not, laye thine hand vpõ thy mouth, [leſt thou be trapped in an vndiſcrete worde, and ſo be blamed.]
14 Honour and ſhame is in the talke, & the tongue of a man cauſeth him to fall.
15 Be not counted a talebearer, & lie not in waite with thy tongue: for ſhame [and repentance] followe the thief, and an euil condemnacion is ouer him that is double tõgued: [but he that is a backebiter, ſhalbe hated, enuied and confounded.]
16 Do not raſhly, nether in ſmall things nor in great.

CHAP. VI.

1 It is the propertie of a ſinner to be euil tongued. 6 Of friendſhip. 33 Deſire to be taught.

1 BE not of a friend [thy neighbours] enemie: for ſuche ſhal haue an euil name, ſhame and reproche, and he ſhal be in infamie as the wicked that hathe a double tongue.
2 Be not proude in the deuice of thine owne minde, leſt thy ſoule rent thee as a bull,
3 And eat vp thy leaues, and deſtroie thy frute, and ſo thou be lefte as a dryc tree [in the wildernes.]
4 For a wicked ſoule deſtroieth him that hathe it, and maketh him to be laughed to ſcorne of his enemies, [and bringeth him to the porcion of the vngodlie.]
5 A ſwete talke multiplieth the friends [& pacifieth them that be at variance,] and a ſwete tõgue increaſeth muche good talke.
6 Holde friendſhip with manie, neuertheles haue but one counſeler of a thouſand.
7 If thou getteſt a friẽd, proue him firſt, & be not haſtie to credit him.
8 For ſome man is a friend for his owne occaſion, and wil not abide in the day of thy trouble.
9 And there is ſome friend that turneth to enimitie, and taketh parte againſt thee, & in contention he wil declare thy ſhame.
10 Againe ſome friend is but a companion at the table, and in the day of thine affliction he continueth not.
11 But in thy proſperitie he wil be as thou thy ſelf, and wil vſe libertie ouer thy ſeruants.
12 If thou be broght low, he wil be againſt thee, and wil hide him ſelf from thy face.
13 Departe from thine enemies, and beware of thy friends.
14 A faithful friend is a ſtrong defence, and he that findeth ſuche one, findeth a treaſure.
15 A faithful friend ought not to be changed for any thing, and the weight [of golde & ſiluer] is not to be compared to the goodnes [of his faith.]
16 A faithful friend is the medicine of life [and immortalitie,] & thei that feare the Lord, ſhal finde him.
17 Who ſo feareth the Lord, ſhal direct his friendſhip a right, and as his owne ſelf, ſo ſhal his friend be.

18 ¶ My

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18 ¶My ſonne, receiue doctrine from thy youth vp: ſo ſhalt thou finde wiſdome [which ſhal indure] til thine olde age.
19 Go to her as one that ploweth, and ſoweth, and waite for her good frutes: for thou ſhalt haue but litle labour in her worke: but ỹ ſhalt eat of her frutes right ſone.
20 How exceading ſharpe is ſhe to the vnlearned? he that is without iudgement, wil not remaine with her.
21 Vnto ſuche one ſhe is as a fine touche-ſtone, and he caſteth her from him without delay.
22 For thei haue the name of wiſdome, but there be but fewe that haue the knowledge of her.
23 [For with them that knowe her, ſhe abideth vnto the appearing of God.]
24 Giue eare, my ſonne: receiue my doctrine, and refuſe not my counſel,
25 And put thy fete into her linkes, and thy necke into her chaine.
26 Bowe downe thy ſhulder vnto her, and beare her, and be not wearie of her bands.
27 Come vnto her with thy whole heart, & kepe her waies with all thy power.
28 Seke after her, and ſearche her, & ſhe ſhal be ſhewed thee: and when thou haſt gotten her, forſake her not.
29 For at the laſt thou ſhalt finde reſt in her, and that ſhalbe turned to thy ioye.
30 Then ſhal her fetters be a ſtrong defence for thee, [and a ſure fundacion] & her chaines a glorious raiment.
31 For there is a golden ornament in her, & her bands are the laces of purple colour.
32 Thou ſhalt put her on as a robe of honour, & ſhalt put her vpon thee, as a crowne of ioye.
33 My ſonne, if thou wilt, thou ſhalt be taught, and if thou wilt applie thy minde, thou ſhalt be wittie.
34 If thou loue to heare, thou ſhalt receiue [doctrine,] and if thou delite in hearing, thou ſhalt be wiſe.
35 Stand with the multitude of the Elders, which are wiſe, and ioyne with him that is wiſe.
Chap 6.9. 36 *Deſire to heare all godlie talke, and let not the graue ſentences of knowledge eſcape thee.
37 And if thou ſeeſt a man of vnderſtanding, get thee ſone vnto him, and let thy foote weare the ſteppes of his dores.
38 Let thy minde be vpon the ordinances of the Lord, and be "continually occupied in his cómandements: ſo ſhal he ſtabliſh thine heart, and giue thee wiſdome at thine owne deſire.
"Or, ramnſly.

CHAP. VII.

1 We muſt forſake euil, and yet not iuſtifie our ſelues. 23 The behauiour of the wiſe towarde his wife, his friend, his children, his ſeruants, his father and mother.

1 DOne euil: ſo ſhal no harme come vnto thee.
2 Departe from the thing that is wicked, and ſinne ſhal turne away from thee.
3 My ſonne, ſowe not vpon the forowes of vnrighteouſnes, leſt that thou reape them ſeuen folde.
4 Aſke not of the Lord preeminence, nether of the King the ſeate of honour.
5 *Iuſtifie not thy ſelf before the Lord: [for he knoweth thine heart,] & boaſt not thy wiſdome in the preſence of the King. *Iob.9.1. pſal 143.2. eccl 7.17. luk.18.11.*
6 Seke not to be made a iudge, leſt thou be not able to take away iniquitie, and leſt thou, fearing the perſone of the mightie, ſhuldeſt commit an offence againſt thine vprightnes.
7 Offend not againſt the multitude of a citie, and caſt not thy ſelf amõg the people.
8 *Binde not two ſinnes together: for in one ſinne ſhalt thou not be vnpuniſhed. *Chap.12.3.*
9 Say not, God wil loke vpon the multitude of mine oblacions, and when I offer to the moſte high God, he wil accept it.
10 Be not faint hearted, when thou makeſt thy praier, nether ſlacke in giuing of almes.
11 Laugh no mã to ſcorne in the heauines of his ſoule: for [God which ſeeth all things] is he *that can bring downe, & ſet vp againe. *1.Sam 2.7.*
12 Sow not a lie againſt thy brother, nether do the ſame againſt thy friend.
13 Vſe not to make anie maner of lie: for the cuſtome thereof is not good.
14 Make not manie wordes when thou art among the Elders, nether repeate a thing in thy prayer.
15 Hate not laborious worke, nether the houſbandrie, which the moſte High hathe created.
16 Nomber not thy ſelf in the multitude of the wicked, but remember that vengeance wil not ſlacke.
17 Humble thy minde greatly: for the vengeance of the wicked is fyre and wormes.
18 Giue not ouer thy friend for anie good, nor thy true brother for ỹ golde of Ophir.
19 Departe not from a wiſe and good womã, [that is fallen vnto thee for thy porciõ in the feare of the Lord:] for her grace is aboue golde.
20 ¶*Where as thy ſeruãt worketh truely, intreate him not euil, nor ỹ hireling that beſtoweth him ſelf wholie for thee. *Leui 19.13. chap 33.28. & 34.27.*
21 Let thy ſoule loue a good ſeruant, and defraude him not of libertie, [nether leaue him a poore man.]
22 *If thou haue cattel, loke wel to them, and if thei be for thy profite, kepe them with thee. *Deut.22.4.*

23 If thou haue sonnes, instruct them, and holde their necke from their youth.
24 If thou haue daughters, kepe their bodie, and shewe not thy face chereful towarde them.
25 Marie thy daughter, & so shalt thou performe a weighty matter: but giue her to a man of vnderstanding.
26 If thou haue a wife after thy minde, forsake her not, but commit not thy self to the hateful.
Chap 3.9. Tob 4.3. 27 *Honour thy father frō thy whole heart, & forget not the sorowes of thy mother.
28 Remember that thou wast borne of thē, and how canst thou recompense them the things that they haue done for thee?
29 ¶ Feare the Lord with all thy soule, and honor his ministers.
30 Loue him that made thee, with all thy strength, *and forsake not his seruants.
Deut.12,18. 31 Feare the Lord with all thy soule, and honor the Priests, *and giue them their
Leui 2,3. numb.18,15. porcion, as it is commanded thee, the first frutes, [and purificacions] and sacrifices for sinne, & the offrings of the shoulders, and the sacrifices of sanctificacion, and the first frutes of the holie things.
32 Stretche thine hand vnto the poore that
or, liberalitie. thy "blessing, [and reconciliacion] may be accomplished.
33 Liberalitie pleaseth all men liuing, and
Tob 2.21. *from the dead restraine it not.
Rom.12,15. 34 *Let not them that wepe, be without [cōfort:] but mourne w̄ suche as mourne.
Mat.25,36. 35 *Be not slowe to visit the sicke: for that shal make thee to be beloued.
36 Whatsoeuer thou takest in hand, remember the end, & thou shalt neuer do amisse.

CHAP. VIII.

We must take hede with whome we haue to do.

1 STriue not with a mightie mā, lest thou fall into his hands.
Mat 5,25. 2 *Make not variance with a riche mā, lest he on ỹ other side weigh downe thy weight:
Chap.31,6. *for golde [and siluer] hathe destroyed manie & hathe subuerted ỹ hearts of Kīgs.
3 Striue not with a man that is ful of wordes, and laie no stickes vpon his fyre.
4 Playe not with a man that is vntaught, lest thy kinred be dishonored.
Galat 6,1. 5 *Despise not a man that turneth him self away from sinne, nor cast him not in the teeth with all, but remēber that we are all worthie blame.
Leui 19,32. 6 * Dishonour not a man in his olde age: for they were as we which are not olde.
7 Be not glad of the death of thine enemie, but remember that we must dye all, [and so enter into ioy.]
Chap.6,35. 8 *Despise not the exhortacion of the [Elders] ỹ be wise, but acquaint thy self with their wise sentences: for of thē thou shalt learne wisdome, [and the doctrine of vnderstanding,] and how to serue great men [without complaint.]
9 Go not from the doctrine of the Elders: for they haue learned it of their fathers, & of them thou shalt learne vnderstanding, and to make answer in the time of nede.
10 Kindle not the coles of sinners, [when thou rebukest them,] lest thou be burnt in the fyrie flames [of their sinnes.]
11 Rise not vp against him that doeth wrōg, ỹ he lay not waite as a spie for thy mouth.
Chap 29,4. 12 * Lend not vnto him that is mightier then thy self: for if thou lendest him, coūt it but lost.
13 Be not suretie aboue thy power: for if thou be suretie, thinke to paie it.
14 Go not to law with ỹ iudge: for thei wil giue sentēce accordīg to his owne honour.
Gen.17.8. 15 * Trauaile not by the way with him that is rash, lest he do thee iniurie: for he followeth his owne wilfulnes, & so shalt thou perish thorowe his folie.
Prou.22,24. 16 *Striue not with him that is angrie, & go not with him into the wildernes: for blood is as nothing in his sight, and where there is no helpe, he wil ouerthrowe thee.
17 Take no counsel at a foole: for he can not kepe a thing close.
18 Do no secret thing before a stranger: for thou canst not tell what he goeth about.
19 Open not thine heart vnto euerie man, lest he be vnthankeful to thee, [and put thee to reprofe.]

CHAP. IX.

Of ielousie 12 An olde friend is to be preferred before a newe. 18 Righteous men shulde be bidden to thy table.

1 BE not ielous ouer thy wife of thy bosome, nether teache her by thy meanes an euil lesson.
2 Giue not thy life vnto a woman, lest she ouercome thy strength, [and so thou be confounded.]
3 Mete not an harlot, lest thou fall into her snares.
4 Vse not the companie of a woman that is a singer, [& a dancer, nether heare her,] lest thou be taken by her craftines.
Gen 6,2. 5 Gaze not on a* maide, that thou fall not by that that is precious in her.
Prou.5.8 6 *Cast not thy minde vpon harlots [in anie maner of thing,] lest thou destroye [bothe thy self and] thine heritage.
7 Go not about gazīg in the streates of the citie, nether wander thou in the secret places thereof.
Mat 5.28. 8 *Turne awaye thine eye from a beautiful woman, and loke not vpon others beautie: for manie* haue perished by the beautie
Gen 34,1. of women: for thorow it loue is kindled as
2 sam 11,2. iudeth.10,17. a fyre.
9 [Euerie woman that is an harlot, shalbe troddenvnder fote as dōgue, of euerie one that goeth by the waye.

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10 Many wondering at ỹ beautie of a ſtrange womā, haue bene caſt out: for her wordes burne as a fyre.]

11 Sit not at all with another mās wife, [nether lie with her vpon the bed,] nor banket with her, leſt thine heart incline vnto her, and ſo through thy deſire fall into deſtruction.

12 ¶Forſake not an olde friend: for the new ſhal not be like him: a newe friend is as newe wine: when it is olde, thou ſhalt drinke it with pleaſure.

Iudg 9.3. 2.ſam.15.12. 13 *Deſire not ỹ honour [& riches] of a ſinner: for ỹ knoweſt not what ſhalbe his end.

14 Delite not in the thing that the vngodlie haue pleaſure in, but remēber that they ſhal not be founde iuſt vnto their graue.

15 Kepe thee frō the man that hathe power to ſlaye: ſo ſhalt thou not doute the feare of death: and if thou come vnto him, make no faute, leſt he take away thy life: remember that thou goeſt in the middes of ſnares, and that thou walkeſt vpon the towres of the citie.

16 Trye thy neighbour as nere as thou cāſt, *Chap 7.8.* *and aſke counſel of the wiſe.

17 Let thy talke be with the wiſe, & all thy cōmunicatiō in the Law of ỹ moſte High.

18 Let iuſt men eat and drinke with thee, and let thy reioycing be in the feare of the Lord.

Or, the workeman is praiſed according to the worke. 19 In *the hands of the craftesmen ſhal the workes be commended, and the wiſe prince of the people by his worde, [& the worde by the wiſdome of the Elders.]

20 A man ful of wordes is dangerous in his citie, and he that is raſh in his talking, ſhalbe hated.

CHAP. X.

1 Of Kings and iudges. 7 Pride and couetouſnes are to be abhorred. 28 Labour is praiſed.

1 A Wiſe iudge wil inſtruct his people with diſcretion: the gouernance of a prudent man is wel ordered.

2 As the iudge of the people is him ſelf, ſo are his officers, and what maner of man the ruler of the citie is, ſuche are all they that dwell therein.

1 King 12.1. 3 *An vnwiſe King deſtroieth his people, but where they that be in autoritie, are men of vnderſtāding, there the citie proſpereth.

4 The gouernement of the earth is in the hand of the Lord, [and all iniquitie of the nacions is to be abhorred,] and when time is, he wil ſet vp a profitable ruler ouer it.

5 In the hand of God is the proſperitie of man, and vpon the ſcribes wil he laye his honour.

Leu.19.17. 6 *Be not angrie for any wrong, with thy neighbour, and do nothing by iniurious practiſes.

7 Pride is hateful before God and man, & by bothe doeth one commit iniquitie.

8 *Becauſe of vnrighteous dealing and wrongs and riches gotten by deceit, the kingdome is tranſlated from one people to another. *Ier.27.6. dan 4.14.*

9 There is nothing worſe then a couetous man: [why art thou proude, ô earth and aſhes? there is not a more wicked thing, then to loue money:] for ſuche one wolde euen ſel his ſoule, & for his life euerie one is compelled to pul out his owne bowels.

10 [All tyrannie is of ſmale indurance, and the diſeaſe that is hard to heale, is grieuous to the phyſicion.]

11 The phyſiciō cutteth of ỹ ſore diſeaſe, & he that is to day a King, to morow is dead.

12 Why is earth & aſhes proude, ſeing that when a man dyeth, he is the heire of ſerpents, beaſtes and wormes?

13 The beginning of mans pride, is to fall away from God, & to turne away his heart from his maker.

14 For pride is the original of ſinne, and he that hathe it, ſhal powre out abominacion, til at laſt he be ouerthrowen: therefore the Lord bringeth the perſuaſious [of the wicked] to diſhonour, and deſtroieth them in the end.

15 The Lord hathe caſt downe the thrones of the [proude] princes, & ſet vp the meke in their ſteade.

16 The Lord plucketh vp the rootes of the [proude] nacions, and planteth the lowlie with glorie among them.

17 The Lord ouerthroweth the lands of the heathen, and deſtroieth thē vnto ỹ fundacions of ỹ earth: he cauſeth thē to wither away, & deſtroieth them, and maketh their memorial to ceaſe out of the earth.

18 [God deſtroieth the memorial of the proude, & leaueth the remembrance of the humble.]

19 Pride was not created in mē, nether wrath in the generacion of women.

20 There is a ſede of mā, which is an honorable ſede: the honorable ſede are they ỹ feare ỹ Lord: there is a ſede of mā, which is without honour: ỹ ſede without honour, are they that trāſgreſſe the cōmandemēts of the Lord: it is a ſede that remaineth ẅ feareth the Lord, & a faire plant, that loue him: but they are a ſede without honour, that deſpiſe the Law, & a deceiueable ſede that breake the commandements.

21 He ỹ is the chiefamōg brethrē, is honorable: ſo are they ỹ feare ỹ Lord in his ſight.

22 The feare of the Lord cauſeth that the kingdome faileth not, but the kingdome is loſt by crueltie and pride.

23 The feare of the Lord is ỹ glorie aſwel of the riche & the noble, as of the poore.

24 It is not mete to deſpiſe the poore man

that hathe vnderstanding, nether is it conuenient to magnifie the riche that is a wicked man.

25 The great man and the iudge & the man of autoritie, are honorable, yet is there none of them greater, then he that feareth the Lord.

Prou 17,2. 26 *Vnto the seruant that is wise, shal they *2.Sam.12,13.* that are free, do seruice: *he ỹ hathe knowledge, wil not grudge whē he is reformed, [& the ignorant shal not come to honor.]

27 Seke not excuses when thou shuldest do thy worke, nether be ashamed thereof through pride in the time of aduersitie.

Prou.12,9. 28 *Better is he that laboreth & hathe plenteousnes of all things, then he that is gorgeous, and wanteth bread.

29 My sonne, get thy self praise by mekenes, and esteme thy self as thou deseruest.

30 Who wil counte him iust that sinneth against him self? or honour him, that dishonoreth his owne soule?

32 The poore is honored for his knowledge [and his feare,] but the riche is had in reputacion because of his goods.

32 He that is honorable in pouertie, how muche more shal he be when he is riche? & he that is vnhonest beīg riche, how muche more *wil he be so* when he is in pouertie?

CHAP. XI.

1 The praise of humilitie. 2 After the outward appearance ought we not to iudge. 7 Of rash iudgement. 14 All things come of God. 29 All men are not to be broght into thine house.

Gen.41,40. dan.6,1. 1 WIsdome *lifteth vp ỹ head of him that is lowe, and maketh him to sit among great men.

2 Commend not a man for his beautie, nether despise a man in his vtter appearance.

3 The bee is but smal among the foules, yet doeth her frute passe in swetenes.

Act.12,2. 4 Be not proude of clothing & raimēt, *& exalte not thy self in the day of honour: for the workes of the Lord are wōderful, [and glorious,] secret, [and vnknowen] are his workes among men.

5 Many tyrāts haue sit downe vpon ỹ earth, *2.Sam 15,28.* * & the vnlikelie hathe worne the crowne. *esther.6,10.*

6 Many mightie men haue bene broght to dishonour, & the honorable haue bene deliuered into other mens hands.

Deu.13,14. & 17,6. Iosh.7,22. 7 ¶ *Blame [no mā] before thou haue inquired the matter: vnderstand first, and then reforme [righteously.]

Pro.18,13. 8 *Giue no sentence, before thou hast heard the cause, nether interrupt men in the middes of their tales.

9 Striue not for a matter that thou hast not to do with, and sit not in the iudgement of sinners.

10 My sonne, medle not with many matters: *Mat.19,22. 1.Ioh.6,9.* *for if thou gaine muche, thou shalt not be blameles, and if thou follow after it, yet shalt thou not atteine it, nether shalt thou escape, though thou flee from it.

11 *There is some man that laboreth and *Pro.10,3.* taketh peine, and the more he hasteth, the more he wanteth.

12 Againe there is some that is slouthful, & *hathe nede of helpe: for he wāteth strēgth, *Ieb.42,10.* and hathe great pouertie, yet the eye of the Lord loketh vpō him to good, and setteth him vp from his lowe estate,

13 And he lifteth vp his head: so that manie men marueil at him, [& giue honour vnto God.]

14 *Prosperitie & aduersitie, life & death, *Iob.14,12. Ezec.28,4.* pouertie and riches come of the Lord.

15 Wisdome & knowledge, and vnderstanding of the Lawe are of the Lord: loue & good workes come of him.

16 Errour and darckenes are appointed for sinners, and they that exalte them selues in euil, waxe olde in euil.

17 The gift of the Lord remaineth for the godlie, & his good wil giueth prosperitie for euer.

18 ¶ Some man is riche by his care and nigardship, & this is ỹ porcion of his wages,

19 In that he saith, *I haue gotten rest, and *Luk.12,19.* now wil I eat continually of my goods, yet he considereth not, ỹ the time draweth nere, that he must leaue all these things vn to other men, and dye him self.

20 Stand thou in thy state, and exercise thy self therein, and remaine in thỹ worke vnto thine age.

21 Marueil not at the workes of sinners, but trust in the Lord, and abide in thy labour: for it is an easie thing in the sight of the Lord suddenly to make a poore man riche.

22 The blessing of the Lord is in the wages of the godlie, and he maketh his prosperitie sone to florish.

23 ¶ Say not, What profite and pleasure shal I haue? and what good things shal I haue hereafter?

24 Againe say not, I haue ynough, & possesse many things, * & what euil can come to *Chap.18, 25.* me hereafter?

25 In thy good state remēber aduersitie, & in aduersitie forget not prosperitie.

26 For it is an easie thing vnto the Lord in the day of death to rewarde a man according to his wayes.

27 The aduersitie of an houre maketh one to forget pleasure: and in a mans end, his workes are discouered.

28 Iudge none blessed before his death: for a man shalbe knowen by his children.

29 Bring not euerie man into thine house: for the disceitful haue many traines, [and are like stomackes that belche stinkingly.]

30 As a partriche is takē vnder a basket, [& the hinde is taken in the snare,] so is the heart of the proude man, which like a spie watcheth

watcheth for thy fall.
31 For he lieth in waite & turneth good vnto euil, and in things worthie praiſe he wil finde ſome faute.
32 Of one litle ſparke is made a great fyre, [& of one diſceitful man is blood increaſed:] for a ſinful mã laieth waite for blood.
33 Beware of a wicked man: for he imagineth wicked things to bring thee into a perpetual ſhame.
34 Lodge a ſtrãger, and he wil deſtroie thee with vnquietnes, & driue thee from thine owne.

CHAP. XII.

1 Vnto whome we ought to do good. 10 Enemies ought not to be truſted.

1 WHen thou wilt do good, knowe to whome thou doeſt it, ſo ſhalt thou be thanked for thy benefites.
2 Do good vnto the righteous, & thou ſhalt finde [great] rewarde, thogh not of him, yet of the moſte High.
3 He can not haue good that continueth in euil, and giueth no almes: [for the moſte High hateth the ſinners, and hathe mercie vpon them that repent.]
4 Giue vnto ſuche as feare God, and receiue not a ſinner.
5 Do wel vnto him that is lowlie, but giue not to ỹ vngodlie: holde backe thy bread, and giue it not vnto him, leſt he ouercome thee thereby: els thou ſhalt receiue twiſe as muche euil for all the good that thou doeſt vnto him.
6 For the moſte High hateth the wicked, & wil repay vengeance vnto the vngodlie, & kepeth them againſt the day of horrible vengeance.
7 Giue vnto the good, and receiue not the ſinner.
8 A friend can not be knowen in proſperitie, nether can an enemie be vnknowen in aduerſitie.
9 When a man is in wealth, it grieueth his enemies, but in heauines & trouble a mans very friend wil departe from him.
10 Truſt neuer thine enemie: for like as an yron ruſteth, ſo doeth his wickednes.
11 And thogh he make muche crouching & kneeling, yet aduiſe thy ſelf, & beware of him, & thou ſhalt be to him, as he that wipeth a glaſſe, and thou ſhalt knowe that all his ruſt hathe not bene wel wiped away.
12 Set him not by thee, leſt he deſtroy thee, & ſtand in thy place.
13 Nether ſet him at thy right hand, leſt he ſeke thy roume, & thou at the laſt remẽber my wordes, & be pricked with my ſayings.
14 Binde not two ſinnes together: for there ſhal not one be vnpuniſhed.
15 Who wil haue pitie of ỹ charmer, that is ſtinged of the ſerpẽt? or of all ſuche as come nere the beaſtes? ſo is it w̃ him that kepeth companie with a wicked man, & wrappeth him ſelf in his ſinnes.
16 For a ſeaſon wil he bide with thee: but if thou ſtomble, he tarieth not.
17 *An enemie is ſwete in his lippes: he can make manie good wordes, and ſpeake manie good things: yea, he can weepe with his eyes, but in his heart he imagineth how to throwe thee into the pit: and if he may finde opportunitie, he wil not be ſatiſfied with blood. *Iere 41.6.*
18 If aduerſitie come vpon thee, thou ſhalt finde him there firſt, and thogh he pretẽd to helpe thee, yet ſhal he vndermine thee: he wil ſhake his head, and clappe his hãds, and wil make manie wordes, and diſguiſe his countenance.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The companies of the proude & of the riche are to be eſchewed. 15 The loue of God. 17 Lak to compame with their like.

1 HE *that toucheth pitch, ſhalbe defiled with it: and he that is familiar with the proude, ſhal be like vnto him. *Deu.7.2.*
2 Burthen not thy ſelf aboue thy power, whiles thou liueſt, and companie not with one that is mightier, and richer then thy ſelf: for how agre the kettel and the earthen pot together? for if the one be ſmitten againſt the other, it ſhalbe brokẽ.
3 The riche dealeth vnrighteouſly, and threatneth with all: but the poore being oppreſſed muſt intreat: if the riche haue done wrong, he muſt yet be intreated: but if the poore haue done it, he ſhal ſtraight waiſe be threatned.
4 If thou be for his profite, he vſeth thee: but if ỹ haue nothing, he wil forſake thee.
5 If thou haue anie thing, he wil liue with thee: yea, he wil make thee a bare man, and wil not care for it.
6 If he haue nede of thee, he wil defraude thee, and wil laugh at thee, and put thee in hope, and giue thee all good wordes, & ſay, What wanteſt thou?
7 Thus wil he ſhame thee in his meat, vntil he haue ſupt thee cleane vp twiſe or thriſe, and at the laſt he wil laugh thee to ſcorne: afterwarde, when he ſeeth thee, he wil forſake thee, and ſhake his head at thee.
8 [Submit thy ſelf vnto God, & waite vpõ his hand.]
9 Beware that ỹ be not diſceiued in thine owne conceit & broght downe by thy ſimplenes: [be not to hũble in thy wiſdome.]
10 ¶If thou be called of a mightie man, abſent thy ſelf: ſo ſhal he call thee the more oft.
11 Preaſe not thou vnto him, that thou be not ſhut out, but go not thou farre of, leſt he forget thee.
12 Withdrawe not thy ſelf frõ his ſpeache, but beleue not his manie wordes: for with muche communicatiõ wil he tempt thee,

and laughingly wil he grope thee.
13 He is vnmerciful, & kepeth not promes: he wil not spare to do thee hurt, and to put thee in prison.
14 Beware, & take good hede: for thou walkest in peril of thine ouerthrowing: when thou hearest this, awake in thy slepe.
15 Loue the Lord all thy life, and call vpon him for thy saluacion.
16 ¶ Euerie beast loueth his like, and euerie man loueth his neighbour.
17 All flesh wil resorte to their like, & euerie man wil kepe companie with suche as he is him self.
18 How can the wolfe agre with the lambe? nomore cā the vngodlie with ỹ righteous.
19 What felowship hathe "hyena with a dogge? and what peace is betwene the riche and the poore?
20 As the wilde asse is the lions praye in the wildernes, so are poore men the meat of the riche.
21 As the proude hate humilitie, so do the riche abhorre the poore.
22 If a riche mā fall, his frieds set him vp againe: but whē the poore falleth, his frieds driue him away.
23 If a riche man offend, he hathe many helpers: he speaketh proude wordes, and yet men iustifie him: but if a poore man faile, they rebuke him, & thogh he speake wisely, yet can it haue no place.
24 Whē the riche man speaketh, euerie mā holdeth his tongue: and loke what he saith, they praise it vnto the cloudes: but if the poore mā speake, they say, What felow is this? and if he do amisse, they wil destroie him.
25 Riches are good vnto him that hathe no sinne [in his conscience,] and pouertie is euil in the mouth of the vngodlie.
26 The heart of a man chāgeth his countenance, whether it be in good or euil.
27 A chearful countenance is a token of a good heart: for it is an hard thig to knowe the secrets of the thoght.

"Which is a wilde beast ỹ counterfaiteth the voyce of men, and so entiseth thē out of their houses and deuoureth them.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The offence of the tongue. 17 Man is but a vaine thing. 21 Happie is he that continueth in wisdome.

1 BLessed is the man *that hathe not fallen by [the worde of] his mouth, & is not tormented with the sorow of sinne. *Chap 19.7. Iam. 3.2.*
2 Blessed is he that is not condemned in his conscience, and is not fallen from his hope in the Lord.
3 Riches are comelie for a nigarde, and what shulde an enuious man do with money?
4 He that gathereth together from his owne soule, heapeth together for others, that wil make good cheare with his goods.
5 He that is wicked vnto him self, to whome wil he be good? for suche one can haue no pleasure of his goods.
6 There is nothing worse, then when one enuieth him self: and this is a rewarde of his wickednes.
7 And if he do anie good, he doeth it, not knowing thereof, and against his wil, and at the last he declareth his wickednes.
8 The enuious man hathe a wicked loke: he turneth away his face, and dispiseth men.
9 A couetous mans eye hathe neuer ynough of a porciō, and his wicked malice withereth his owne soule.
10 A *wicked eye enuieth the bread, & there is scarcenes vpon his table. *Prou. 17,20.*
11 My sonne, do good to thy self of that thou hast, and giue the Lord his due offrings.
12 Remēber that death tarieth not, & that the couenant of the graue is not shewed vnto thee.
13 *Do good vnto thy friēd before thou dye, & according to thine habilitie stretch out thine hand, and giue him. *Chap. 4,1. tob. 4,7. luk. 14,13.*
14 Defraude not thy self of the good day, and let not the porcion of the good desires ouerpasse thee.
15 Shalt thou not leaue thy trauails vnto another, and thy labours for the deuiding of the heritage?
16 Giue and take and sanctifie thy soule: [worke thou righteousnes before thy death:] for in the hell there is no meat to finde.
17 ¶ *All flesh waxeth olde, as a garment, & this is the condition of all times, Thou shalt dye the death. *Isa. 40,6. 1. pet. 1,24. sam. 1,19.*
18 As the grene leaues on a thicke tree, some fall, and some growe, so is the generacion of flesh and blood: one cometh to an end, and another is borne.
19 All corruptible things shal faile, and the worker thereof shal go withal.
20 [Euerie excellēt worke shalbe iustified, and he that worketh it, shal haue honour thereby.]
21 *Blessed is the man that doeth meditate honest things by wisdome, [& exerciseth him self in iustice,] and he that reasoneth of holie things by his vnderstanding, *Psal. 1,2.*
22 Which cōsidereth in his heart her wayes, and vnderstandeth her secrets.
23 Go thou after her as one that seketh her out, and lie in waite in her wayes.
24 He shal loke in at her windowes, & harken at her dores.
25 He shal abide beside her house, and fasten a stake in her walles: he shal pitche his tent besides her.
26 And he shal remaine in the lodging of good men, & shal set his childrē vnder her couering, and shal dwell vnder her branches.

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17 By her he ſhalbe couered from the heat, and in her glorie ſhal he dwell.

CHAP. XV.

1 The goodnes that followeth him which feareth God. 8 God reiecteth and caſteth of the ſinner. 11 God is not the author of euil.

1 HE that feareth the Lord, wil do good: and he that hathe the knowledge of the Law, wil kepe it ſure.

2 As an [honorable] mother ſhal ſhe mete him, and ſhe, as his wife maried of a virgine, wil receiue him.

3 With the bread [of life] and vnderſtanding ſhal ſhe fede him, & giue him the water of [wholſome] wiſdome to drinke.

4 He ſhal aſſure him ſelf in her, and ſhal not be moued, and ſhal holde him ſelf faſt by her, and ſhal not be confounded.

5 She ſhal exalt him aboue his neighboures, and in the middes of the congregacio ſhal ſhe open his mouth: [with the ſpirit of wiſdome, and vnderſtanding ſhal ſhe fil him, and clothe him with the garment of glorie.]

6 She ſhal cauſe him to inherit ioye, & the crowne of gladnes, & an euerlaſting name.

7 But fooliſh men wil not take holde vpō her: [but ſuche as haue vnderſtanding, wil mete her:] the ſinners ſhal not ſe her.

8 For ſhe is farre frō pride [and diſceite,] & men that lie, cā not remember her: [but men of trueth ſhal haunt her, & ſhal proſper euen vnto the beholding of God.]

9 Praiſe is not ſemelie in the mouth of the ſinner: for that is not ſent of the Lord.

10 But if praiſe come of wiſdome, [and be pléteous in a faithful mouth] thē the Lord wil proſper it.

11 Say not thou, It is through the Lord that I turne backe: for thou oghteſt not to do the things that he hateth.

12 Say not thou, He hathe cauſed me to erre: for he hathe no nede of the ſinful man.

13 The Lord hateth all abomination [of errour:] and they that feare God, wil loue it.

Gen.1,27. 14 *He made man from the beginning, and left him in the hand of his counſel, [and gaue him his commandements and precepts.]

15 If thou wilt, thou ſhalt obſerue the commandements, and teſtifie thy good wil.

16 He hathe ſet water and fyre before thee: ſtretche out thine hand vnto which thou wilt.

Iere.21,8. 17 *Before man is life and death, [good & euil:] what him liketh, ſhalbe giuen him.

18 For the wiſdome of the Lord is great, & he is mightie in power, and beholdeth all things [continually.]

Pſal 34,16. 19 *And the eyes [of the Lord] are vpon them that feare him, and he knoweth all the workes of man.

20 He hathe commanded no man to do vngodlie, nether hathe he giuen anie man licēce to ſinne: [for he deſireth not a multitude of infidels, & vnprofitable childrē.]

CHAP. XVI.

1 Of vnhappie, and wicked children. 17 No man can hide him ſelf from God. 24 An exhortacion to the receiuing of inſtruction.

1 DEſire not the multitude of vnprofitable children, nether delite in vngodlie childrē: thogh thei be manie, reioyce not in thē, except the feare of the Lord be with them.

2 Truſt not thou to their life, nether reſt vpon their multitude.

3 For one that is iuſte, is better then a thouſand ſuche, and better it is to dye without children, then to leaue behinde him vngodlie children.

4 For by one that hathe vnderſtāding, ſhal the citie be inhabited: but the ſtocke of the wicked ſhal be waſted incontinently.

5 Manie ſuche things haue I ſene with mine eyes, and mine eare hathe heard greater things then theſe.

6 *In the congregaciō of the vngodlie ſhal a fyre be kindeled, and among vnfaithful people ſhal the wrath be ſet on fyre. *Chap.21,29.*

7 *He ſpared not the olde gyants, ẅ were rebellious, truſting to their owne ſtrēgth, *Gen.6,4.*

8 *Nether ſpared he where as Lot dwelt, thoſe whome he abhorred for their pride. *Gen.19,21.*

9 He had no pitie vpon the people that were deſtroyed, & puffed vp in their ſins.

10 *And ſo he preſerued the ſix hundreth thouſand fotemen, that were gathered in the hardnes of their heart, in affliēting thē & pitying them, in ſmiting them & healing thē, with mercie, & with chaſtiſemēt. *Nom 14,15. & 26,46.*

11 Therefore if there be one ſtiffe necked among the people, it is marueil if he ſcape vnpuniſhed: for mercie and wrath are with him: he is mightie to forgiue, & to powre out diſpleaſure.

12 *As his mercie is great, ſo is his puniſhment alſo: he iudgeth a man according to his workes. *Chap.5,19.*

13 The vngodlie ſhal not eſcape with his ſpoile, and the pacience of the godlie ſhal not be delayed.

14 He wil giue place to all good dedes, & euerie one ſhal finde according to his workes, [and after the vnderſtanding of his pilgrimage.]

15 The Lord hardened Pharao, that he ſhulde not knowe him, and that his workes ſhulde be knowen vpon the earth vnder the heauen.

16 His mercie is knowen to all creatures: he hathe ſeparate his light from the darknes with an adamant.

17 Say not thou, I wil hide my ſelf from thē Lord: for who wil thinke vpō me frō aboue?

I shal not be knowen in so great an heape of people: for what is my soule among suche an infinite nomber of creatures?

2 Pet. 3, 10. 18 Beholde, the heauen, and the *heauen of heauens, which are for God, the depth, and the earth, and all that therein is, shalbe moued when he shal visite.

19 All the worlde which is created and made by his wil, the mountaines also, and the fundacions of the earth shal shake for feare, when the Lord loketh vpon them.

20 These things doeth no heart vnderstād worthely, [but he vnderstandeth euerie heart.]

21 And who vnderstandeth his wayes? and the storme that no man can se? for the moste parte of his workes are hid.

22 Who can declare ỹ workes of his righteousnes? or who can abide them? for his ordinance is farre of, and the trying out of all things faileth.

23 He that is humble of heart, wil consider these things: but an vnwise and erronious mā casteth his minde vpō fooliſh things.

24 My sonne, hearken vnto me, and learne knowledge, and make my wordes with thine heart.

25 I wil declare thee weightie doctrine, & I wil instruct thee exactly in knowledge.

26 The Lord hathe set his workes in good order frō the beginning, & parte of them hathe he sundred from the other when he first made them.

27 He hathe garnished his workes for euer, and their beginnings so long as they shal indure, they are not hungrie nor wearied in their labours, nor cease from their offices.

28 None of them hindreth another, nether was anie of them disobedient vnto his wordes.

29 After this the Lord loked vpō the earth and filled it with his goods things.

30 With all maner of liuing beasts hathe he couered the face thereof, and they returne into it againe.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The creacion of man, and the goodnes that God hathe done vnto him. 20 Of almes. 26 And repentance.

Gen. 1, 27. & 5, 1. wisd. 2, 23. & 9, 6. 1 cor 11, 7. col. 3, 10. 1 THe *Lord hathe created man of the earth, and turned him vnto it againe.

2 He gaue him the nomber of dayes & certeine times, and gaue him power of the things, that are vpon earth.

3 He clothed them with strength, as they had nede, and made them according to his image.

4 He made all flesh to feare him, so that he had the dominion ouer the beasts, and foules.

Gen. 2, 22. 5 [*He created out of him an helper like vnto him self,] and gaue them discrecion and tongue, and eyes, eares, and an heart to vnderstand, and sixtly he gaue them a spirit, and seuently he gaue them speache to declare his workes.

6 And he filled them with knowledge of vnderstanding, and shewed them good and euil.

7 He set his eye vpon their hearts, declaring vnto them his noble workes,

8 And gaue thē occasion to reioyce perpetually in his miracles, that they shulde prudently declare his workes, & that the elect shulde praise his holie Name together.

9 Beside this, he gaue them knowledge, and gaue thē the Law of life for an heritage, that thei might now knowe that thei were mortal.

10 He made an euerlasting couenant with them, and shewed them his iudgements.

11 Their eyes sawe the maiestie of his glorie, and their eares heard his glorious voyce.

12 And he said vnto them, Beware of all vnrighteous things. *He gaue euerie man also a cōmandement concerning his neighbour. Exod 20, 22. & 22, 23.

13 Their wayes are euer before him, and are not hid from his eyes.

14 Euerie man frō his youth is giuē to euil, and their stonie hearts can not become flesh.

15 He appointed a ruler vpō euerie people, when he deuided the nacions of the whole earth.

16 *And he did chuse Israel, as a peculiar people to him self, whome he nourisheth with discipline as his first borne, and giueth him moste louing light, and doeth not forsake him. Deu 4, 20. & 10, 15.

17 All their workes are as the sunne before him, and his eyes are continually vpon their wayes.

18 None of their vnrighteousnes is hid frō him, but all their sinnes are before ỹ Lord.

19 And as he is merciful, and knoweth his worke, he doeth not leaue them nor forsake them, but spareth them.

20 *The almes of a man, is as a thing sealed vp before him, and he kepeth the good dedes of man as the apple of the eye, and giueth repentance to their sonnes, and daughters. Chap. 29, 11.

21 *At the last shal he arise, & reward thē, and shal repay their rewarde vpon their heads. Mat. 25, 35.

22 *But vnto them that wil repēt, he giueth them grace to returne, and exhorteth suche as faile, with pacience, [and sendeth them the porcion of the veritie.] Act 3, 19.

23 *Returne thē vnto the Lord, and forsake thy sinnes: make thy prayer before his face and take away the offence. Ierem 3, 12.

24 Turne againe vnto ỹ most High: for he wil bring thee from darkenes to wholsome light:

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light: to forsake thine vnrighteousnes, and hate greatly all abominacion.

25 [Knowe the righteousnes & iudgemẽts of God: stand in the porcion that is set forthe for thee, and in the prayer of the most high God, & go in the partes of the holie worlde with suche as be liuing and confesse God]

Psal 6.6. Isa 38.9. 26 *Who can praise the moste High in the hell, as do all they that liue and confesse him?

27 [Abide not thou in the errour of the vngodlie, but praise ỹ Lord before death]

28 Thankefulnes perisheth from the dead, as though he were not: but the liuing, and he that is founde of heart, praiseth the Lord, [and reioyceth in his mercie.]

29 How great is the louing kindenes of the Lord our God, and his compasion vnto suche as turne vnto him in holines!

30 For all things can not be in men, because the sonne of man is not immortal, [and they take pleasure in the vanitie of wickednes.]

31 What is more cleare then the sunne? yet shal it faile.

32 So flesh and blood that thinketh euil, [shalbe reproued.]

33 He seeth the power of the high heauen, and all men are but earth and ashes.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The maruelous workes of God. 6. 7 The miserie & wretchednes of man. 9 Against God ought we not to complaine. 21 The performing of Vowes.

Gen. 1. 1 HE ỹ liueth for euer,* made all things together: ỹ Lord who onelie is iust, and there is none other but he, [and he remaineth a victorious King for euer.]

2 He ordereth the worlde with the power of his hand, and all things obey his wil: for he gouerneth all things by his power, and deuideth the holie things from the prophane.

3 To whome hathe he giuen power to expresse his workes? who wil sike out the grounde of his noble actes?

4 Who shal declare the power of his greatnes? or who wil take vpõ him to tell out his mercie?

5 As for the wonderous workes of ỹ Lord, there may nothing be taken from them, nether can anie thing be put vnto them, nether may the grounde of them be founde out.

6 But when a man hathe done his best, he must beginne againe, and when he thinketh to come to an end, he must go againe to his labour.

7 ¶What is man? whereto serueth he? what good or euil can he do?

Psal. 89.10. 8 *If the nomber of a mans daies be an hũdreth yere, it is muche: and no man hathe certeine knowledge of his death.

9 As droppes of raine are vnto the sea, and as a grauel stone is in comparison of the sand, so are a thousand yeres to the dayes euerlasting.

10 Therefore is [God] pacient with them, and powreth out his mercie vpon them.

11 He sawe & perceiued, that [the arrogancie of their heart, and their ruine was euil: therefore heaped he vp his mercie vpon them, and shewed them the way of righteousnes.]

12 The mercie that a man hathe, reacheth to his neighbour: but the mercie of the Lord is vpon all flesh: he chasteneth, and nurtureth, & teacheth, & bringeth backe, as a shepherd his flocke.

13 He hathe mercie of them that receiue discipline, and that diligently seke after his iudgements.

14 ¶My sonne, when thou doest good, reproue not: and whatsoeuer thou giuest, vse no discomfortable wordes.

15 Shal not the dewe aswage the heat? so is a worde better then a gift.

16 Lo, is not a worde better then a good gift? but a gracious man giueth them bothe.

17 A foole wil reproche churlishly, and a gift of the enuious putteth out the eyes.

18 [Get thee righteousnes before thou come to iudgemẽt:] learne before thou speake, and vse physike or euer thou be sicke.

1. Cor. 11.31. 19 *Examine thy self, before ỹ be iudged, & in the day of the visitacion thou shalt finde mercie.

20 Humble thy self before thou be sicke, & whiles thou maiest yet sinne, shewe thy conuersion.

21 Let nothing let thee to pay thy vowe in time, and differre not vnto death to be reformed: [for the rewarde of God endureth for euer.]

22 Before thou praiest, prepare thy self, and be not as one that tempteth the Lord.

Chap. 7.18. 23 Thinke vpon the *wrath, that shalbe at the end, and the houre of vẽgeance, when he shal turne away his face.

Chap. 11.27. 24 *When thou hast ynough, remẽber the time of hunger: and when thou art riche, thinke vpon pouertie and nede.

25 From the morning vntil the euening the time is changed, and all suche things are sone done before the Lord.

26 A wise man feareth in all things, and in the daies of transgression he kepeth him self from sinne: but the foole doeth not obserue the time.

27 ¶Euerie wise man knoweth wisdome, & knowledge, and praiseth him that findeth her.

28 They that haue vnderstanding, deale wisely in wordes: [they vnderstand the trueth and righteousnes,] and powre out

with modestie graue sentẽces for más life.
29 The chief autoritie of speaking is of the Lord alone: for a mortal man hathe but a dead heart.
Rom 6,6 & 13,14. 30 ¶ *Followe not thy lustes, but turne thee from thine owne appetites.
31 For if thou giuest thy soule her desires, it shal make thine enemies that enuie thee, to laugh thee to scorne.
32 Take not thy pleasure in great voluptuousnes, and intangle not thy self with suche companie.
33 Become not a begger by making bankets of that that thou hast borowed, and so leaue nothing in thy purse: els ÿ shuldest slanderously lie in waite for thine owne life.

CHAP. XIX.

2 Wine & whoredome bring men to pouertie. 6 In thy wordes vse discretion 22 The difference of the wisdome of God and man 27 Whereby thou maist knowe what is in man.

1 A Laboring man that is giuen to drũkennes, shal not be riche: & he that cõtemneth smale things, shal fall by litle and litle.
Gen 19,33. 1 king.11,1. 2 *Wine and women leade wise men out of the way, [and put men of vnderstanding to reprofe.]
3 And he that companieth adulterers, shal become impudent: rottennes and wormes shal haue him to heritage, and he that is to bolde, shal be taken away, and be made a publicke example.
Iosh 22,11. 4 *He that is hastie to giue credit, is light minded, and he that erreth, sinneth against his owne soule.
5 Whoso reioyceth in wickednes, shal be punished: [he that hateth to be reformed, his life shalbe shortened, and he that abhorreth babling of wordes, quencheth wickednes:] but he that resisteth pleasures, crowneth his owne soule.
6 He that refraineth his tongue, may liue with a troublesome man, and he that hateth babling, shal haue lesse euil.
7 Rehearse not to an other, that which is tolde vnto thee: so ÿ shalt not be hindred.
8 Declare not other mens maners, nether to friend nor foe: and if the sinne apperteine not vnto thee, reueile it not.
9 For he wil hearken vnto thee, and marke thee, and when he findeth opportunitie, he wil hate thee.
Chap.22,18. & 27,17. 10 *If thou hast heard a worde [against thy neighbour,] let it dye with thee, & be sure, it wil not burst thee.
11 A foole trauaileth when he hathe heard a thing, as a woman that is about to bring forthe a childe.
12 As an arrowe that sticketh in ones thigh, so is a worde in a fooles heart.
Leui 19,17. mat 18,15. 13 *Reproue a friend lest he do *euil*, and if he haue done it, that he do it no more.
14 Reproue a friend that he may kepe his tongue: and if he haue spoken, that he say it no more.
15 Tell thy friend his faute: for oft times a slander is raised, and giue no credence to euerie worde.
16 A man falleth with his tongue, but not with his wil: *and who is he, that hathe not offended in his tongue? Iam 3,2
17 Reproue thy neighbour before thou threaten him, & being without anger, giue place vnto the Law of the moste High.
18 The feare of the Lord is the first degre to be receiued of him, and wisdome obteineth his loue.
19 The knowledge of the commandemẽts of the Lord is the doctrine of life, & they that obey him, shal receiue the frute of immortalitie.
20 The feare of the Lord is all wisdome, and the performing of the Law is perfite wisdome, & the knowledge of his almightie power.
21 If a seruant say vnto his master, I wil not do as it pleaseth thee, though afterward he do it, he shal displease him that nourisheth him.
22 The knowledge of wickednes is not wisdome, nether is theie prudencie where as the counsel of sinners is: but it is euen execrable malice: and the foole is voide of wisdome.
23 He that hathe smale vnderstanding, and feareth *God*, is better then one that hathe muche wisdome, & transgresseth the Law of the moste High.
24 There is a certeine subtiltie that is fine, but it is vnrighteous: & there is that wrasteth the open and manifest Law: yet there is that is wise and iudgeth righteously.
25 There is some that being about wicked purposes, do bowe downe them selues, and are sad, whose inward partes burne altogether with deceit: he loketh downe with his face, and faineth him self deafe: yet before thou perceiue, he wil be vpon thee to hurt thee.
26 And though he be so weake that he can do thee no arme, yet when he may finde opportunitie, he wil do euil.
27 ¶ A man may be knowen by his loke, and one that hathe vnderstanding, may be perceiued by ÿ marking of his countenãce.
28 * A mans garment, and his excessiue laughter, and going declare what persone he is. Chap.21,23.

CHAP. XX.

Of correction & repentance. 6 To speake & kepe silence in time. 17 The fall of the wicked 23 Of lying 24 The thief & the murtherer. 28 Giftes blinde the eyes of the wise.

1 THere is some rebuke that is not comelie: againe, some man holdeth his tongue, and he is wise.
2 It is muche better to reproue, then to beare

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beare euil wil: and he that acknowledgeth his faute, shalbe preserued from hurt.

Chap 30.22. 3 As *whē a gelded mā thorowe lust wolde defile a maide, so is he that vseth violence in iudgement.

4 How good a thing is it, when thou art reproued, to shewe repentance! for so shalt thou escape wilful sinne.

5 Some man kepeth silence, and is founde wise, and some by muche babling becometh hateful.

6 Some man holdeth his tongue, because he hathe not to answere: and some kepeth silence, waiting a conuenient time.

Chap 32.6. 7 *A wise man wil holde his tongue til he se opportunitie: but a trifler & a foole wil regarde no time.

8 He that vseth manie wordes, shal be abhorred, and he that taketh autoritie to him self, shalbe hated.

9 Some man hathe oft times prosperitie in wicked things, and *some time* a thing that is founde, bringeth losse.

10 There is some gift that is not profitable for thee, and there is some gift, whose reward is double.

11 Some man humbleth him self for glories sake, and some by humblenes lifteth vp the head.

12 Some man byeth muche for a litle price: for the which he payeth seuen times more.

Chap.6.5. 13 * A wise man with his wordes maketh him self to be loued, but the mery tales of fooles shal be powred out.

14 The gift receiued of a foole, shal do thee no good, nether yet of the enuious for his importunitie: for he loketh to receiue manie things for one: he giueth litle, & he vpbraideth muche: he openeth his mouthe like a towne crier: to day he lendeth, to morowe asketh he againe, and suche one is to be hated of God and man.

15 The foole saith, I haue no friend: I haue no thanke for all my good dedes: and they that eat my bread, speake euil of me.

16 How oft, and of how manie shal he be laughed to scorne? for he comprehendeth not by right iudgemēt that which he hath: & it is all one as thogh hē had it not.

17 The fall on a pauement is verie sudden: so shal ỹ fall of the wicked come hastely.

18 A man without grace is as a fooliſh tall which is oft tolde by the mouthe of the ignorant.

19 A wise sentence loseth grace when it cometh out of a fooles mouthe: for he speaketh not in due season.

20 Some man sinneth not because of pouertie, and yet is not grieued when he is alone.

21 Some man there is that destroyeth his owne soule, because he is ashamed, and for the regarde of persones loseth it.

22 Some man promiseth vnto his friend for shame, and getteth an enemie of him for naught.

23 *A lie is a wicked shame in a mā: yet is it oft in the mouth of the vnwise. Chap 25.4.

24 A thief is better, then a man that is accustomed to lye: but they bothe shal haue destruction to heritage.

25 The condicions of liers are vnhoneſt, and their shame is euer with them.

26 A wise man shal bring him self to honor with his wordes, and he that hathe vnderstanding, shal please great men.

27 *He that tilleth his land, shal increase his heape: [he that worketh righteousnes, shalbe exalted,] and he that pleaseth great mē, shal haue pardō of his iniquitie. Prou.12.11. & 28.19

28 *Rewardes and giftes blinde the eyes of the wise, and make them dōme, that they can not reproue fautes. Exod 23.8. deu 16.19.

29 Wisdome that is hid, and treasure that is horded vp, what profite is in thē bothe?

30 Better is he that kepeth his ignorance secret, then a man that hideth his wisdome.

31 The necessarie pacience of him, that followeth the Lord, is better then he that gouerneth his life without the Lord.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Not to continue in sinne. 5 The prayer of the afflicted. 6 To hate to be reproued. 17 The mouthe of the wise man 26 The thoght of the foole.

1 MY sonne, hast thou sinned? do so no more, *but pray for the fore sinnes [that they may be forgiuen thee.] Chap 5.9. psal 41.5. luk.15.21.

2 Flee from sinne, as from a serpent: for if thou comest to nere it, it wil bite thee: the teeth thereof are as the teeth of a lyon, to slaye the soules of men.

3 All iniquitie is as a two edged sworde, the woundes whereof can not be healed.

4 Strife & iniuries waste riches: so the house of the proude shalbe desolate.

5 *The prayer of the poore going out of the mouth, cometh vnto the eares of the Lord, and iustice is done him incontinently. Exod 3.9 and 22.23.

6 Who so hateth to be reformed, is in the way of sinners: but he that feareth the Lord, conuerteth in heart.

7 An eloquent talker is knowen afarre of: but he that is wise, perceiueth when he falleth.

8 Who so buyldeth his house with other mēs money, is like one that gathereth stones to make his graue.

9 *The congregacion of the wicked is like towe wrapped together: their end is a flame of fyre to destroye them. Chap.16.7.

10 The waye of sinners is made plaine with stones, but at the end thereof is hel, [darkenes and paines.]

11 He that kepeth the Law of the Lord, ruleth his owne affections thereby: and *Or, kepeth the vnderstanding thereof

the increaſe of wiſdome is the end of the feare of God.

12 He that is not wiſe, wil not ſuffer him ſelf to be taught: but there is ſome wit that increaſeth bitternes.

13 The knowledge of the wiſe ſhal abounde like water that runneth ouer, and his counſel is like a pure fountaine of life.

Chap 33.1. 14 * The inner partes of a foole are like a broken veſſel: he can kepe no knowledge whiles he liueth.

15 When a man of vnderſtanding heareth a wiſe worde, he wil cõmend it, and increaſe it: but if an ignorant man heare it, he wil diſalowe it, and caſt it behinde his backe.

16 The talking of a foole is like a burden in the way, but there is comelines in the talke of a wiſe man.

17 Their inquire at the mouthe of the wiſe man in the congregacion, and they ſhal ponder his wordes in their heart.

18 As is an houſe that is deſtroyed, ſo is wiſdome vnto a foole, and the knowlege of the vnwiſe is as wordes without order.

19 Doctrine vnto fooles is as fetters on the fete, and like manicles vpõ the right hãd.

Chap.19.27. 20 * A foole lifteth vp his voyce with laughter, but a wiſe mã doeth ſcarſe ſmile ſecretly.

21 Learning is vnto a wiſe man a iewel of golde, and like a bracelet vpon his right arme.

22 A fooliſh mans fote is ſone in [his neighboures] houſe: but a man of experience is aſhamed to loke in.

23 A foole wil pepe in at the dore into the houſe: but he that is wel nurtered, wil ſtand without.

24 It is the point of a fooliſh mã to hearkẽ at the dore: for he that is wiſe, wil be grieued with ſuche diſhonour.

25 The lippes of talkers wil be telling ſuche things as perteine not vnto thẽ, but ỹ wordes of ſuche as haue vnderſtanding, are weighed in the balance.

26 The heart of fooles is in their mouth: but the mouth of the wiſe is in their heart.

27 When the vngodlie curſeth Satan, he curſeth his owne ſoule.

Chap 28.19. 28 * A backebiter defileth his owne ſoule, & is hated whereſoeuer he is: [but he that kepeth his tongue, and is diſcrete, ſhal come to honour.]

CHAP. XXII.

1 Of the ſluggard. 11 Not to ſpeake muche to a foole. 16 A good conſcience feareth not.

1 A Slothful man is like a filthie ſtone, which euerie man mocketh at for his ſhame.

2 A ſlothful man is to be compared to the dongue of oxẽ, & euerie one that taketh it vp, wil ſhake it out of his hand.

3 An euil nurtered ſonne is the diſhonour of the father: & the daughter is leaſt to be eſtemed.

4 A wiſe daughter is an heritage vnto her houſband: but ſhe that liueth diſhoneſtly, is her fathers heauines.

5 She that is bolde, diſhonoreth bothe her father and her houſband; [and is not inferior to the vngodlie,] but they bothe ſhal diſpiſe her.

6 A tale out of time is as muſicke in mourning: but wiſdome knoweth the ſeaſons of correction and doctrine.

7 Who ſo teacheth a foole, is as one that gleweth a potcherde together, and as he that waketh one that ſlepeth, from a ſounde ſlepe.

8 If children liue honeſtly, & haue wherewith, they ſhal put away the ſhame of their parents.

9 But if children be proude, with hautines and fooliſhnes they defile the nobilitie of their kinred.

10 Who ſo telleth a foole of wiſdome, is as a man, which ſpeaketh to one ỹ is a ſlepe: whẽ he hathe tolde his tale, he ſaith, What is the matter?

11 *Wepe for the dead, for he hathe loſt the light: ſo wepe for the foole, for he wanteth vnderſtanding: make ſmale weping for the dead, for he is at reſt: but the life of the foole is worſe then the death. Chap.38.16.

12 Seuẽ dayes do men mourne for him that is dead: but the lamentacion for the foole, & vngodlie [ſhulde endure] all the dayes of their life.

13 Talke not muche with a foole, & go not to him that hathe no vnderſtanding: *beware of him, leſt it turne thee to paine, and leſt thou be defiled when he ſhaketh him ſelf. Departe from him, & thou ſhalt finde reſt, and ſhalt not receiue ſorowe by his fooliſhnes. Chap.12.12.

14 What is heauier then lead? and what other name ſhulde a foole haue?

15 *Sãd and ſalt, and a lumpe of yron is eaſier to beare, then an vnwiſe, [fooliſh and vngodlie man.] Prou.27.3.

16 As a frame of wood ioyned together in a buylding can not be loſed with ſhaking, ſo the heart that is ſtabliſhed by aduiſed counſel, ſhal feare at no time.

17 The heart that is confirmed by diſcrete wiſdome, is as a faire plaiſtering on a plaine wall.

18 As reedes that are ſet vp on hie, can not abide the winde, ſo the feareful heart with fooliſh imaginacion can indure no feare.

19 He that hurteth the eye, bringeth forthe teares, & he that hurteth ỹ heart, bringeth forthe the affection.

20 Who ſo caſteth a ſtone at ỹ birdes, fraieth them away: & he that vpbraideth his friend, breaketh friendſhip.

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21 Thogh thou dreweſt a ſworde at thy friend, yet diſpaire not: for there may be a returning to fauour.

22 If thou haue opened thy mouth againſt thy friend, feare not: for there may be a reconcilation, ſo that vpbraiding or pride or diſcloſing of ſecrets or a traiterous woũde do not let: for by theſe things euerie friend wil departe.

23 Be faithful vnto thy friend in his pouertie, that thou maiſt reioyce in his proſperitie. Abide ſtedfaſt vnto him in the time of his trouble, that thou maiſt be heire with him in his heritage: for pouertie is not alwayes to be contemned, nor the riche that is fooliſh, to be had in admiration.

24 As the vapour, and ſmoke of the chimnay goeth before the fyre, ſo euil wordes, [rebukes & threatenings] go before bloodſheding.

25 I wil not be aſhamed to defende a friẽd: nether wil I hide my ſelf from him, thogh he ſhulde do me harme: whoſoeuer heareth it, ſhal beware of him.

26 Who ſhal ſet a watch before my mouth, and a ſeale of wiſdome vpon my lippes, that I fall not ſuddenly by them, and that my tongue deſtroye me not?

CHAP. XXIII.

1 A prayer of the autor. 13 Of othes, blaſphemie, and vnwiſe communication 16 Of thre kindes of ſinnes. 23 Manes ſinnes proceds of adulterie. 27 Of the feare of God.

1 O Lord, father & gouernour of all my whole life, leaue me not to their coũſel, and let me not fall by *them.

*Or, my lippes.

2 Who wil correct my thoght, and put the doctrine of wiſdome in mine heart, that they may not ſpare me in mine ignorãce, nether let ‖their fautes paſſe?

‖That is of ỹ tongue and lippes.

3 Leſt mine ignorances increaſe, and my ſinnes abounde to my deſtruction, and leſt I fall before mine aduerſarie, and mine enemies reioyce ouer me, whoſe hope is farre from thy mercie.

4 O Lord, father & God of my life, [leaue me not in their imaginacion] nether giue me a proude looke, but turne away from thy ſeruants a ſtoute minde.

5 Take from me vaine hope, and concupiſcence, and reteine him in obedience, that deſireth continually to ſerue thee.

6 Let not ỹ griedines of the bellie, nor luſt of the fleſh holde me, and giue not me thy ſeruant ouer into an impudent minde.

7 ¶ Heare, ô ye children, the inſtruction of a mouth that ſhal ſpeake trueth: who ſo kepeth it, ſhal not periſhe thorow his lippes, [nor be hurte by wicked workes.]

8 The ſinner ſhalbe taken by his owne lippes: for the euil ſpeaker and the proude do offende by them.

9 *Accuſtome not thy mouth to ſwearing: [for in it there are many falles,] nether take vp for a cuſtome the naming of the Holy one: [for thou ſhalt not be vnpuniſhed for ſuche things.] *Exod.20,7. chap.27,15. mat.5,33.*

10 For as a ſeruant which is oft puniſhed, can not be without ſome ſkarre, ſo he that ſweareth and nameth God cõtinually, ſhal not be fauteles.

11 A man that vſeth muche ſwearing, ſhalbe filled with wickednes, and the plague ſhal neuer go from his houſe: when he ſhal offend, his faute ſhalbe vpõ him, and if he knowledge not his ſinne, he maketh a double offence: and if he ſweare in vaine, he ſhal not be innocent, but his houſe ſhalbe ful of plagues.

12 There is a worde which is clothed with death: God graunte that it be not founde in the heritage of Iacob: but they that feare God, eſchewe all ſuche, & are not wrapped in ſinne.

13 Vſe not thy mouth to *ignorant raſhnes: for therein is the occaſion of ſinne. *Or, inordinate ſwearing.

14 ¶ Remember thy father and thy mother when thou art ſet among great men, leſt thou be forgotten in their ſight, and ſo through thy cuſtome become a foole, and wiſh that thou hadeſt not bene borne, and curſe the day of thy natiuitie.

15 *The man that is accuſtomed to oppro- brious wordes, wil neuer be reformed all the daies of his life. *2.Sam.16,7.*

16 There are two ſortes [of mẽ] that aboũde in ſinne, and the third bringeth wrath [and deſtruction:] a minde hote as fyre, that can not be quenched til it be conſumed: an adulterous man that giueth his bodie no reſt, til he haue kindled a fyre.

17 (All bread is ſwete to a whoremonger: he wil not leaue of til he periſh.)

18 A man that breaketh wedlocke, & thinketh thus in his heart, *Who ſeeth me? I am cõpaſſed about with darkenes: the walles couer me: no bodie ſeeth me: whome nede I to feare? the moſte High wil not remember my ſinnes. *Iſa 29,15.*

19 Suche a man onely feareth the eyes of men, & knoweth not that the eyes of the Lord are ten thouſand times brighter thẽ the ſunne, beholding all the waies of mẽ, [and the ground of the deepe,] and conſidereth the moſte ſecret partes.

20 He knewe all things or euer they were made, and after they be broght to paſſe alſo he loketh vpon them all.

21 *The ſame man ſhalbe puniſhed in the ſtreates of the citie, [& ſhalbe chaſed like a yong horſefoale,] and when he thinketh not vpon it, he ſhalbe taken: [thus ſhal he be put to ſhame of euerie man, becauſe he wolde not vnderſtand the feare of the Lord.] *Leu.20,10. deut.22,22.*

22 And thus shal it go also with euerie wife, that leaueth her housband, and getteth inheritance by another.

Exod 20,14. 23 *For first she hathe disobeid the Law of the moste High, and secondly, she hathe trespaced against her owne housband, & thirdly, she hathe plaide the whore in adulterie, and gotten her children by another man.

24 She shalbe broght out into the congregacion, and examinacion shalbe made of her children.

25 Her children shal not take roote, and her branches shal bring forthe no frute.

26 A shameful reporte shal she leaue, and her reproche shal not be put out.

27 And they that remaine, shal knowe that there is nothing better then the feare of the Lord, and that there is nothing sweter then to take hede vnto the commandements of the Lord.

28 It is great glorie to followe the Lord, and to be receiued of him is long life.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 A praise of wisdome proceding forthe of the mouth of God. 6 Of her workes and place where she resteth. 20 She is giuen to the children of God.

1 WIsdome shal praise her self, [and be honored in God,] and reioyce in the middes of her people.

2 In the congregacion of the moste High shal she open her mouth, and triumph before his power.

3 [In the middes of her people shal she be exalted, and wondred at in the holy assemblie.

4 In the multitude of the chosen she shalbe commended, and among suche as be blessed, she shalbe praised, and shal say,]

5 I am come out of the mouth of the moste High, [first borne before all creatures.

6 I caused ỹ light that faileth not, to arise in the heauen,] and couered the earth as a cloude.

7 My dwelling is aboue in the height, and my throne is in the piller of the cloude.

8 I alone haue gone round about the compasse of heauen and haue walked in the botom of the depth.

9 I possessed the waues of the sea, and all the earth, and all people, and nacion, [and with my power haue I troden downe the hearts of all, bothe High and low.]

10 In all these things I soght rest, & a dwelling in some inheritance.

11 So the creator of all things gaue me a cõmandement, and he that made me, appointed me a tabernacle, and said, Let thy dwelling be in Iacob, and take thine inheritance in Israel, and roote thy selfe among my chosen.

Prou.8,23. Exod.31,3. 12 *He created me frõ the beginning, & before the worlde, & I shal neuer faile: *In the holie habitacion haue I serued before him, and so was I stablished in Sion.

13 *In the welbeloued citie gaue he me rest, and in Ierusalem was my power. *Psa 132,8.*

14 I toke roote in an honorable people, euẽ in the porcion of the Lords inheritance.

15 I am set vp on hie like a ceder in Libanus, and as a cipers tre vpon the mountaines of Hermon.

16 I am exalted like a palme tre' about the bankes, and as a rose plante in Iericho, as a faire oliue tre in a pleasant field, and am exalted as a plane tre by the water. *'Or, in Cades*

17 I smelled as the cinnamom, & as a bagge of spices: I gaue a swete odour as the best myrrhe, as galbanum, and onix, and swete storax, & perfume of incense in an house.

18 As the terebinth, haue I stretched out my branches, and my branches are the brãches of honour and grace.

Iohn 15,2. 19 *As the vine haue I broght forthe [swete] of swete sauour, and my floures are the frute of honour and riches.

20 I am the mother of beautiful loue, and of feare, and of knowledge, and of holy hope: I giue eternal thigs to all my children ro whome God hathe commanded.

21 [In me is all grace of life and trueth: in me is all hope of life and vertue.]

22 Come vnto me all ye that be desirous of me, and fill your selues with my frutes.

Psal.19,12. 23 *For the remembrance of me is sweter then honie, and mine enheritance [sweter] then the honie combe: [the remembrance of me endureth for euer more.]

24 They that eat me, shal haue ỹ more hunger, and they that drinke me, shal thirst the more.

25 Who so hearkeneth vnto me, shal not come to confusion, & they that worke by me, shal not offende: [they that make me to be knowen, shal haue euerlasting life.]

26 All these things are the boke [of life,] & the couenant of the moste high God, [& the knowledge of the trueth,] *& the Law that Moyses [in the precepts of righteousnes] commanded for an heritage vnto the house of Iacob, [and the promises perteining vnto Israel.] *Exod.20,1. & 24,8. deu.4,1. & 29,9.*

27 Be not weary to behaue your selues valiãtly with the Lord, that he may also confirme you: cleaue vnto him: for the Lord almightie is but one God, & besides him there is none other Sauiour.

28 [Out of Dauid his seruant he ordeined to raise vp a moste mightie King ỹ shulde sit in the throne of honour for euer more.]

29 He filleth all things with his wisdome, as *Physon, & as Tygris, in the time of the newe frutes. *Gen.2,10.*

30 He maketh the vnderstanding to aboũde like *Euphrates, & as Iorden in the *Ios.3,15.*

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time of the harueſt.
31 He maketh the doctrine of knowledge to appeare as the light, and ouerfloweth as Geon in the time of the vintage.
32 The firſt man hathe not knowen her perfitely: no more ſhal the laſt ſeke her out.
33 For her conſiderations are more abundant then the ſea, and her counſel is profounder then the great deepe.
34 I wiſdome [haue caſt out floods:] I am as an arme of the riuer: I runne into Paradiſe as a watercondite.
35 I ſaid, I wil watter my faire garden, and wil watter my pleaſant grounde: and lo, my ditche became a flood, and my flood became a ſea.
36 For I make doctrine to ſhine as the light of the morning, and I lighten it for euer.
37 [I wil pearce thorow all the lower partes of the earth: I wil loke vpō all ſuche as be aſlepe, & lighten all them that truſt in the Lord.]
38 I wil yet powre out doctrine, as prophecie, and leaue it vnto all ages for euer.
Chap 33.18. 39 *Beholde that I haue not labored for my ſelf onely, but for all them that ſeke wiſdome.

CHAP. XXV.

2 Of three things which pleaſe God, and of three which he hateth. 7 Of nine things that be not to be ſuſpect. 15 Of the malice of a woman.

1 THre things reioyce me, and by them am I beautified before God & men: *the vnitie of brethren, the loue of neighbours, a man and wife that agre together.
Gen 13.2. rom 12.10.
2 ¶Thre ſortes of men my ſoule hateth, & I vtterly abhorre the life of them: a poore man that is proude: a riche man that is a lier, and an olde adulterer that doteth.
3 ¶If thou haſt gathered nothing in thy youth, what canſt thou finde in thine age?
4 ¶Oh, how pleaſant a thing is it whē graie headed men miniſter iudgement, & when the elders can giue good counſel!
5 Oh, how comelie a thīg is wiſdome vnto aged men, and vnderſtanding and prudencie to men of honour!
6 The crowne of olde mē is to haue muche experience, and the feare of God is their glorie.
7 ¶There be nine thīgs, which I haue iudged in mine heart to be happie, and the tenth wil I pronounce with my tongue: a man that while he liueth, hathe ioye of his children, and ſeeth the fall of his enemies.
8 ¶Wel is him that dwelleth with a wife of vnderſtanding, *and that hathe not fallen with his tongue, and that hathe not ſerued ſuche as are vnworthie of him.
Chap 14.1. & 19.16. iam.3.2.
9 Wel is him that findeth prudencie, and he that can not ſpeake in the eares of them that wil heare.
10 ¶Oh, how great is he that findeth wiſdome! yet is there none aboue him, that feareth the Lord.
11 The feare of the Lord paſſeth all things in clerenes.
12 [Bleſſed is the man, vnto whome it is granted to haue the feare of God.] Vnto whome ſhal he be likened that hathe atteined it?
13 The feare of the Lord is the beginning of his loue, and faith is the beginning to be ioyned vnto him.
14 [¶The greateſt heauines is the heauines of the heart, and the greateſt malice is the malice of a woman]
15 Giue me any plague, ſaue onely the plague of the heart, and any malice, ſaue the malice of a woman:
16 Or any aſſalt, ſaue the aſſalt of them that hate, or any vengeance, ſaue the vengeance of the enemie.
17 There is not a more wicked head then the head of the ſerpent, and there is no wrath aboue the wrath of an "enemie. *"Or, woman.*
18 *I had rather dwell with a lion and dragon, then to kepe houſe with a wicked wife. *Prou.21.19.*
19 The wickednes of a woman chāgeth her face, and maketh her countenance blacke as "a ſacke. *"Or, a beare.*
20 Her houſband is ſitting among his neighbours: becauſe of her he ſigheth ſore & he beware.
21 All wickednes is but litle to the wickednes of a woman: let the porcion of the ſinner fall vpon her.
22 As the climing vp of a ſandie way is to the fete of the aged, ſo is a wife ful of wordes to a quiet man.
23 *Stumble not at the beautie of a woman, and deſire her not for thy plea ſure. *Chap 42.12 2.ſam.13.2.*
24 If a woman nouriſh her houſband, ſhe is angrie and impudent and ful of reproche.
25 A wicked wife maketh a ſorie heart, an heauie countenance, and a wounded minde, weake hands and feble knees, and can not comfort her houſband in heauines.
26 Of the *woman came the beginning of ſinne, and thorow her we all dye. *Gen 3.6. 1.tim.2.14.*
27 Giue the water no paſſage, [no not a litle,] nether giue a wicked woman libertie to go out.
28 If ſhe walke not in thine obedience, [ſhe ſhal confound thee in the ſight of thine enemies.] Cut her of then from thy fleſh: "Giue her, and forſake her. "To wit, the bill of diuorcement.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The praiſe of a good woman. 5 Of the feare of thre things, and of the fourth. 6 Of the ielous and drunken woman. 28 Of two things that cauſe ſorow, and of the thirde which moueth wrath.

1 BLeſſed is the man that hathe a verteous wife: for the nomber of his yeres ſhalbe double.

2 An honeſt womā reioyceth her houſbād, and ſhe ſhal fill the yeres of his life with peace.

3 A verteous womā is a good portiō which ſhalbe giuen for a gift vnto ſuche as feare the Lord.

4 Whether a man be riche or poore, he hathe a good heart toward the Lord, & they ſhal at all times haue a chereful countenance.

5 ¶There be thre things that mine heart feareth, & my face is afraied of the fourth: treaſon in a citie: the aſſemblie of the people, and falſe accuſation: all theſe are heauier then death.

6 ¶But the ſorow and grief of the heart is a woman that is ielous ouer another: and ſhe that communeth with all, is a ſcourge of the tongue.

7 An euil wife is as a yoke of oxen ỹ drawe diuerſe waies: he that hathe her, is as thogh he helde a ſcorpion.

8 A drunken woman and ſuche as can not be tamed, is a great plague: for ſhe can not co uer her owne ſhame.

9 The whordome of a womā may be knowē in the pride of her eyes, and eyeliddes.

Chap. 42, 11. 10 ¶*If thy daughter be not ſhamefaſt, holde her ſtraitly, leſt ſhe abuſe her ſelf thorowe ouer muche libertie.

11 Take hede of her that hathe an vnſhamefaſt eye: & marueile not if ſhe treſpace againſt thee.

12 As one that goeth by the way, and is thirſtie, ſo ſhal ſhe open her mouth, and drinke of euerie next water: by euerie hedge ſhal ſhe ſitte downe, & open her quiuer againſt euerie arowe.

13 The grace of a wife reioyceth her houſband, and fedeth his bones with her vnderſtanding.

14 A peaceable woman and of a good heart is a gift of the Lord, and there is nothing ſo muche worthe as a womā wel inſtructed.

15 A ſhamefaſt & faithful woman is a double grace, and there is no weight to be cōpared vnto her continent minde.

16 As the ſunne when it ariſeth in the high places of the Lord, ſo is the beautie of a good wife the ornament of her houſe.

17 As the clere light is vpon the holie candleſticke, ſo is the beautie of the face in a ripe age.

18 As the golden pillers are vpon the ſockettes of ſiluer: ſo are faire fete with a conſtant minde.

19 [Perpetual are the fundaciōs that be laide vpon a ſtrong rocke: ſo are the cōmandements of God in the heart of an holie woman.]

20 My ſonne, kepe the ſtrength of thine age ſtable, and giue not thy ſtrength to ſtrangers.

21 When thou haſt gotten a fruteful poſſeſſiō through all the fields, ſowe it with thine owne ſede, truſting in thy nobilitie.

22 So thy ſtocke that ſhal liue after thee, ſhal growe, truſting in the great liberalitie of their nobilitie.

23 An harlot is compared to a ſowe: but the wife that is maried, is counted as a towre againſt death to her houſband.

24 A wicked womā is giuen as a rewarde to a wicked man: but a godlie woman is giuē to him that feareth the Lord.

25 A ſhameles woman contemneth ſhame: but a ſhame faſt woman wil reuerence her houſband.

26 A ſhameles woman is cōpared to a dogge: but ſhe that is ſhamefaſt, reuerēceth the Lord.

27 A woman that honoreth her houſband, ſhalbe iudged wiſe of all: but ſhe that deſpiſeth him, ſhalbe blaſed for her pride.

28 A lowde crying woman and a babler let her be ſoght out to driue away ỹ enemies: the minde of euerie man that liueth with ſuche, ſhalbe conuerſant among the troubles of warre.

29 There be two things that grieue mine heart, and the thirde maketh me angrie: a mā of warre that ſuffreth pouertie: and mē of vnderſtāding that are not ſet by: & whē one departeth from righteouſnes vnto ſinne: the Lord appointeth ſuche to ỹ ſworde.

30 [There be two things, which me thinke to be hard and perilous.] A marchant can not lightly kepe him from wrong, and a vitailer is not without ſinne.

CHAP. XXVII.

3 Of the poore that wolde be riche. 5 The probacion of the man that feareth God. 13 The vnconſtantnes of a foole. 16 The ſecrets of friends are not to be vttered. 26 The wicked imagineth euil which turneth vpon him ſelf.

1 BEcauſe of pouertie haue manie ſinned: and* he that ſeketh to be riche, turneth his eyes aſide. *1. Tim 6, 9. prou. 23, 4.*

2 As a naile in the wall ſticketh faſt betwene the ioyntes of the ſtones, ſo doeth ſinne ſticke betwene the ſelling and the bying.

3 If he holde him not diligently in the feare of the Lord, his houſe ſhal ſone be ouerthrowen.

4 As when one ſifteth, the filthines remaineth in the ſiue, ſo the filth of man remaineth in his thoght.

5 The fornace proueth the potters veſſel:

*ſo

Prou.27,21. *ſo doeth [tentacion] trye mens thoghts.
6 The frute declareth if the tre haue bene trimmed: ſo the worde [declareth] what man hathe in his heart.
7 Praiſe no man except thou haue heard his talke: for this is the tryal of men.
8 ¶If thou followeſt righteouſnes, thou ſhalt get her, & put her on as a faire garment, [and ſhalt dwell with her, and ſhe ſhal defend thee for euer: and in the daye of knowledge thou ſhalt finde ſtedfaſtnes.]
9 The birdes reſorte vnto their like: ſo doeth the trueth tume vnto them, that are practiſed in her.
10 As the lyon waiteth for the beaſt, ſo doeth ſinne vpon them that do euil.
11 The talking of him that feareth God, is all wiſdome: as for a foole, he changeth as the moone.
12 If thou be among the vndiſcrete, obſerue the time, but haunte ſtil the aſſemblie of them that are wiſe.
13 The talking of fooles is grieuous, and their ſporte is in the plaiſer of ſinne.
Chap 23,10. 14 *The talke of him that ſweareth muche, maketh the heere to ſtand vp: & to ſtriue with ſuche, ſtoppeth the eares.
15 The ſtriſe of the proude is blood ſhedding, and their ſkouldings are grieuous to heare.
Chap 19,10. & 22,28. 16 *Who ſo diſcouereth ſecrets, leſeth his credit, & findeth no friend after his wil.
17 Loue thy friēd, & be faithful vnto him: but if thou bewrayeſt his ſecrets, thou ſhalt not get him againe.
18 For as a man deſtroyeth his enemie, ſo doeſt thou deſtroye the friendſhip of thy neighbour.
19 As one that letteth a bird go out of his hand, ſo if thou giue ouer thy friēd, thou canſt not gette him againe.
20 Followe after him no more, for he is to farre of: he is as a roe eſcaped out of the ſnare: [for his ſoule is wounded.]
21 As for woundes, they may be bounde vp againe, and an euil worde may be reconciled: but whoſo bewrayeth the ſecrets of a friend, hathe loſt all his credit.
Prou 10,10. 22 *He that winketh with the eyes, imagineth euil: and he that knoweth him, wil let him alone.
23 When thou art preſent, he wil ſpeake ſwetely, and praiſe thy wordes: but at the laſt he wil turne his tale, and ſclander thy ſaying.
24 Manie things haue I hated, but nothing ſo euil as ſuche one: for the Lord alſo hateth him.
25 Who ſo caſteth a ſtone on hie, caſteth it vpon his owne head: and he that ſmiteth with guile, maketh a great wounde.
Prou 26, 27. eccleſ 10,8. 26 Who ſo* diggeth a pit, ſhal fall therein, [and he that laieth a ſtone in his neighbours way, ſhal ſtomble thereon,] and he that laieth a ſnare for another, ſhalbe takē in it him ſelf.
27 He that worketh euil, ſhalbe wrapped in euil, and ſhal not knowe from whence they come vnto him.
28 Mockerie & reproche followe the proude, and vengeance lurketh for them as a lyon.
29 They that reioyce at the fall of ỹ righteous, ſhalbe taken in the ſnare, & anguiſh ſhal conſume them before they dye.
30 Diſpite & angre are abominable thīgs, and the ſinful man is ſubiect to thē bothe.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 We ought not to deſire vengeance, but to forgiue the offence 13 Of the vices of the tongue, and of the dangers thereof.

Deut 32, 35. rom 12,19. 1 HE* that ſeketh vengeance, ſhal finde vengeance of the Lord, and he wil ſurely kepe his ſinnes.
‖Man ought not to ſeke vengeance. 2 ‖Forgiue thy neighbour the hurt that he hathe done to thee, ſo ſhal thy ſinnes be forgiuen thee alſo, when thou praieſt.
3 Shulde a man beare hatred againſt man, and* deſire forgiuenes of the Lord?
Matt 6,14. 4 He wil ſheweno mercie to a man, which is like him ſelf: and wil he aſke forgiuenes of his owne ſinnes?
5 If he that is but fleſh, nouriſhe hatred, [and aſke pardone of God,] who wil intreate for his ſinnes?
6 Remembre the end, & let enimitie paſſe: imagine not death and deſtruction to another through angre, but perſeuere in the commandements.
7 Remember the commādements: ſo ſhalt thou not be rigorous againſt thy neighbour: [conſider diligently] the couenant of the moſte High, and forgiue his ignorance.
Chap.8,1. 8 *Beware of ſtrife, & thou ſhalt make thy ſinnes fewer: for an angrie man kindleth ſtrife.
9 And the ſinful man diſquieteth friends, and bringeth in falſe accuſations among them that be at peace.
Prou.16,28. 10 *As the matter of the fyre is, ſo it burneth, and mans angre is according to his power: and according to his riches his angre increaſeth, and the more vehement the angre is, the more is he inflamed.
11 An haſtie brauling kindleth a fyre, and an haſtie fighting ſheddeth blood: [a tōgue that beareth falſe witnes, bringeth death.]
12 If thou blowe the ſparke, it ſhal burne: if thou ſpit vpon it, it ſhal be quenched; and bothe theſe come out of the mouth.
‖The tongue. Chap.21,30. 13 ‖*Abhorre the ſclāderer and double tongued: for ſuche haue deſtroyed many that were at peace.
14 The double tongue hathe diſquieted

manie, and driuen them from nacion to nacion: ſtrong cities hathe it broken downe, and ouerthrowen the houſes of great men: [the ſtrength of the people hathe it broght downe, & bene the decaye of mighte nacions.]

15 The double tongue hathe caſt out manie vertuous women, and robbed them of their labours.

16 Whoſo hearkeneth vnto it, ſhal neuer finde reſt, and neuer dwell quietly.

17 The ſtroke of the rodde maketh markes in the fleſh, but the ſtroke of the tongue breaketh the bones.

18 There be manie that haue periſhed by the edge of the ſworde, but not ſo manie as haue fallen by the tongue.

19 Wel is him that is kept frō an euil tongue, and cometh not in the angre thereof, which hathe not drawen in that yoke, nether hathe bene bounde in the bandes thereof.

20 For the yoke thereof is a yoke of yron, and the bands of it are bandes of braſſe.

21 The death thereof is an euil death: hell were better then ſuche one.

22 It ſhal not haue rule ouer them that feare God, nether ſhal they be burnt with the flame thereof.

23 Suche as forſake the Lord, ſhal fall therein: and it ſhal burne them, and no man ſhalbe able to quenche it: it ſhal fall vpon them as a lyon, and deuoure them as a leopard.

24 Hedge thy poſſeſſion with thornes, and make dores and barres for thy mouth.

25 Binde vp thy ſiluer and golde, & weigh thy wordes in a balance, and make a dore and a barre, [and a ſure bridle] for thy mouth.

26 Beware that thou ſlide not by it, and ſo fall before him that lieth in waite, [and thy fall be incurable, euen vnto death.]

CHAP. XXIX.

1 To lend money, and do almes 15 Of a faithful man anſwering for his friend. 24 The poore mans life.

‖Of weldoing. 1 HE that wil ſhewe mercie, ‖lendeth to his neighbour: and he that hathe power ouer him ſelf, kepeth the commandements.

2 Lend to thy neighbour in time of his nede, and pay thou thy neighbour againe in due ſeaſon.

3 Kepe thy worde and deale faithfully with him, and thou ſhalt alwaye finde the thing that is neceſſarie for thee.

4 Manie when a thing was lent them, rekened it to be founde, & grieued them that had helped them.

5 Til they receiue, they kiſſe his hands, and for their neighbours good they humble their voyce: but when they ſhulde paie againe, they prolong the terme, and giue a careles anſwer, and make excuſes by reaſon of the time.

6 And thogh he be able, yet giueth he ſcarſe the halfe againe, and rekeneth the other as a thing founde: els he deceiueth him of his money, & maketh him an enemie without a cauſe: he paieth him with curſing & rebuke, & giueth him euil wordes for his good dede.

7 There be manie which refuſe to lend becauſe of this inconuenience, fearing to be defrauded without cauſe.

8 Yet haue thou pacience with him that hũbleth him ſelf, & differre not mercie from him.

9 Helpe the poore for the commandemẽts ſake, and turne him not away, becauſe of his pouertie.

10 Leſe thy money for thy brothers and neighbours ſake, and let it not ruſt vnder a ſtone to thy deſtruction.

11 *Beſtowe the treaſure after the commãdement of the moſte High, & it ſhal bring thee more profite then golde. *Dan.4.24. luk.11.41. act.10.4.*

12 "Lay vp thine almes in thy ſecret chambers, & it ſhal kepe thee from all affliction. "Or, giue thine almes ſecretly.

13 [A mans almes is as a purſe with him, and ſhal kepe a mans fauour as the apple of the eye, and afterwarde ſhal it ariſe, and paye euerie man his rewarde vpon his head.]

14 It ſhal fight for thee againſt thine enemies, better then the ſhield of a ſtrong man, or ſpeare of the mightie.

15 An honeſt man is ‖ſuretie for his neighbour: but he that is impudent, forſaketh him. ‖Of ſuretieſhippe.

16 Forget not the friendſhip of thy ſuretie: for he hathe laied his life for thee.

17 The wicked deſpiſeth the good dede of his ſuretie.

18 The wicked wil not become ſuretie: and he that is of an vnthankeful minde, forſaketh him that deliuered him.

19 [Some man promiſeth for his neighbour: and when he hathe loſt his honeſtie, he wil forſake him.]

20 Suretieſhippe hathe deſtroyed manie a riche man, & remoued them as the waues of the ſea: mightie men hathe it driuen away from their houſes, and cauſed them to wander among ſtrange nacions.

21 A wicked man, tranſgreſsing the commandements of the Lord, ſhal fall into ſuretieſhippe: and he that medleth muche with other mens buſines, is intangled in controuerſies.

22 ¶ Helpe thy neighbour according to thy power, and beware that thou thy ſelf fall not.

23 * The chief thing of life is water, and bread, and clothing, and lodging to couer thy ſhame. *Chap. 39.31.*

24 ‖The

Sober liuing.

24 ‖The poore mans life in his owne lodge is better then delicate fare in another mans.

25 Be it litle or muche, holde thee contented, that the houſe ſpeake not euil of thee.

26 For it is a miſerable life to go from houſe to houſe: for where thou art a ſtranger, thou dareſt not open thy mouth.

27 Thou ſhalt lodge and fede vnthankeful men, & after ſhalt haue bitter wordes for the ſame, *ſaying*,

28 Come, thou ſtranger, and prepare the table, and fede me of that thou haſt readie.

29 Giue place, thou ſtranger, to an honorable man: my brother cometh to be lodged, and I haue nede of mine houſe.

30 Theſe things are heauie to a mã that hathe vnderſtanding, the vpbraiding of the houſe, and the reproche of the lender.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Of the correction of children. 14 Of the commoditie of health 17 Death is better then a ſorowful life. 22 Of the ioye and ſorow of the heart.

Prou 13,24. & 13,13.

1 HE that loueth his ſonne, *cauſeth him oft to fele the rodde, that he may haue ioye of him in the end.

2 He that chaſtiſeth his ſõne, ſhal haue ioy in him, and ſhal reioyce of him amõg his acquaintance.

Deu.6,7.

3 He that* teacheth his ſonne, grieueth the enemie, and before his friends he ſhal reioyce of him.

4 Thogh his father dye, yet is he as thogh he were not dead: for he hathe left one behinde him that is like him.

5 In his life he ſawe him, and had ioye in him, and was not ſorie in his death, [nether was he aſhamed before his enemies.]

6 He left behinde him an aduenger againſt his enemies, and one that ſhulde ſhewe fauour vnto his friends.

7 He that flattereth his ſonne, bindeth vp his woundes, and his heart is grieued at euerie crye.

8 An vntamed horſe wil be ſtubburne, and a wanton childe wil be wilful.

9 If thou bring vp thy ſonne delicately, he ſhal make thee afraide: and if thou playe with him, he ſhal bring thee to heauines.

10 Laugh not with him, leſt thou be ſorie with him, and leſt thou gnaſh thy teeth in the end.

Chap.7,25.

11 *Giue him no libertie in his youth, and winke not at his folie.

12 Bowe downe his necke while he is yong, and beat him on the ſides, while he is a childe, leſt he waxe ſtubburne, and be diſobedient vnto thee, and ſo bring ſorow to thine heart.

13 Chaſtiſe thy childe, and be diligent therein, leſt his ſhame grieue thee.

‖The praiſe of health.

14 ¶ ‖Better is the poore, being whole and ſtrong, then a riche man that is afflicted in his bodie.

15 Health and ſtrength is aboue all golde, and a whole bodie aboue infinite treaſure.

16 There is no riches aboue a ſounde bodie, and no ioye aboue the ioye of the heart.

17 Death is better then a bitter life, [and long reſt,] then continual ſickenes.

18 The good things that are powred on a mouth ſhut vp, are as meſſes of meat ſet vpon a graue.

19 What good doeth the offring vnto an idole? for he can nether eat, nor ſmell: ſo is he that is perſecuted of the Lord, [& beareth the rewarde of iniquitie.]

20 He ſeeth with his eyes, and groneth like* a gelded man, that lieth with a virgin and ſigheth. *Chap 20,3.*

21 *Giue not ouer thy minde to heauines, and vexe not thy ſelf in thine owne counſel. *Prou.12,21. & 15,13. & 17,20.*

22 The ioye of the heart is the life of mã, and a mans gladnes is the prolonging of his daies.

23 Loue thine owne ſoule, and comforte thine heart: driue ſorow farre from thee: for ſorow hathe ſlaine many, and there is no profite therein.

24 Enuie and wrath ſhorten the life, and carefulnes bringeth age before the time.

25 A noble and good heart wil haue conſideration of his meat and diet.

CHAP. XXXI.

Of couetouſnes. 2 Of them that take paine to gather riches. 8 The praiſe of a riche man without a faute. 12 We oght to flee drunkennes and folowe ſobernes.

‖Couetouſnes.

1 WAking ‖after riches pineth away the bodie, and the care thereof driueth away ſlepe.

2 This waking care breaketh the ſlepe, as a great ſickenes breaketh the ſlepe.

3 The riche hathe great labour in gatherig riches together, and in his reſt he is filled with pleaſures.

4 The pore laboreth in liuing poorely, and when he leaueth of, he is ſtil poore.

5 He that loueth golde, ſhal not be iuſtified, and he that followeth corruption, ſhal haue ynough thereof.

Chap 8,3.

6 *Many are deſtroied by the reaſon of golde, and haue founde their deſtruction before them.

7 It is as a ſtumbling blocke vnto thẽ that ſacrifice vnto it, and euerie foole is taken therewith.

Luk.6,24.

8 Bleſſed is the *riche which is foũde without blemiſh, and hathe not gone after golde, [nor hoped in money and treaſures.]

9 Who is he, and we wil commende him? for wonderful things hathe he downe among his people.

10 Who hathe bene tryed thereby, & foun-

de perfite? let him be an exãple of glorie, who might offende, and hathe not offended, or do euil, and hathe not done it.
11 Therefore shal his goods be stablished, and the congregacion shal declare his almes.
‖Temperarticie 12 If thou sit at a costlie table, ‖ open not thy mouth wide vpon it, & say not, Behold muche meat.
13 Remembre that an euil eye is a shrewe: & what thing created is worse then a wicked eye? for it wepeth for euerie cause.
14 Stretch not thine hand whereſoeuer it loketh, and thrust it not with it into the dish.
15 Consider by thy self him that is by thee, and marke euerie thing.
16 Eat modestly that which is set before thee, and deuoure not, lest thou be hated.
17 Leaue thou of first for nourtours sake, & be not insaciable, lest thou offend.
18 When thou sittest among many, reache not thine hand out first of all.
Chap.37,32. 19 *How litle is sufficient for a man wel taught? and thereby he be lcheth not in his chamber, [nor feleth any paine.]
20 A wholsome slepe cometh of a temperat bellie: he riseth vp in the morning, and is wel at ease in him self: but paine in watching and cholericke diseases, and pangs of the bellie are with an vnsaciable man.
21 If thou hast bene forced to eat, arise, go forthe, vomit, and then take thy rest: [so thou shalt bring no sickenes vnto thy bodie.]
22 My sonne, heare me, and dispise me not, and at the last thou shalt finde as I haue tolde thee: in all thy workes be quicke, so shal there no sicknes come vnto thee.
Prou.22.9. 23 *Who so is ‖ liberal in hrs meat, men shal blesse him: and the testimonie of his honestie shal be beleued.
‖Liberalitie.
24 But against him that is a nigard of his meat, the whole citie shal murmure: the testimonies of his nigardnes shalbe sure.
25 Shewe not thy valiantnes in wine: for
Iudeth.13.8. *wine hathe destroied manie.
26 The fornace proueth the edge in the tẽpering: so doeth wine the hearts of the proude by drunkennes.
Psal.104,15. 27 *Wine soberly dronken, is profitable for
prou.31,4. the life of mã: what is his life that is ouercome with wine?
28 Wine was made [from the beginning] to make men glad, [and not for drunkennes.] Wine mesurably dronken and in time, bringeth gladnes and cherefulnes of the minde.
29 But wine dronken with excesse, maketh bitternes of minde with braulings and skouldings.
30 Drunkennes increaseth the courage of a foole, til he offẽd: it diminisheth his strẽgth and maketh woundes.
31 *Rebuke not thy neighbour at the wine, *Chap.20,1.* and dispise him not in his mirth: giue him no dispiteful wordes, and presse not vpon him with contrarie wordes.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 An exhortation to modestie. 3 Let the ancient speake. 14 To giue thankes after the repast. 15 Of the feare, faith and confidence in God.

1 IF thou be made ỹ master *of the feast*, ‖ lift not thy self vp, but be among them, as one of the rest: take diligent care for thẽ, and so sit downe. ‖Humblenes.
2 And when thou hast done all thy duetie, sit downe, that ỹ maist be merie with them, and receiue a crowne for thy good behauiour.
3 Speake thou that art the elder: for it becometh thee, but with founde iudgement, and hinder not musicke.
4 Powre not out wordes, where there is no audience, *and shewe not forthe wisdo- *Chap 3,7.*
me out of time. *& 20,7.*
5 The consent of musicians at a banket is as a signet of carbuncle set in golde.
6 And as the signet of an emeraude wel trimmed with golde, so is the melodie of musicke in a pleasant banket.
7 [Giue eare, and be stil, and for thy good behauiour thou shalt be loued.]
8 Thou that art yong, speake if nede be, and yet scarsely when thou art twise asked.
9 Comprehende muche in fewe wordes: [in manie things be as one that is ignorant:] be as one that vnderstãdeth, and yet holde thy tongue.
10 If thou be among great men, compare not thy self vnto them: and when an elder speaketh, bable not muche.
11 Before the * thonder goeth lightning, *Iob.32,6.* and before a shamefast man goeth fauour.
12 Stand vp betimes, and be not the last: but get thee home without delay,
13 And there take thy pastime, and do what thou wilt, so that thou do none euil, or vse proude wordes.
14 But aboue all things, giue thankes vnto him that hathe made thee, and repleniſhed thee with his goods.
15 ¶ Who so feareth the Lord, wil receiue his doctrine, and they that rise early, shal finde fauour.
16 He that seketh the Law, shalbe filled therewith: but the hypocrite wil be offended thereat.
17 They that feare the Lord, shal finde that which is righteous, and shal kindle iustice as a light.
18 An vngodlie man wil not be reformed, but findeth out excuses according to his wil.
19 A man of vnderstanding dispiseth not counsel:

counsel: but a lewde and proude mã is not touched with feare, euẽ when he hathe done rashly.

20 [My sonne,] do nothing without aduisement: so shal it not repent thee after the dede.

21 Go not in the way where thou maist fall, nor where thou maist stumble among the stones, nether trust thou in the way that is plaine.

22 And beware of thine owne children, [and take hede of them that be thine owne housholde.]

23 In euerie good worke be of a faithful heart: for this is the keping of the commandements.

(r) Or, the Lawe. 24 Who so beleueth in (r) the Lord, kepeth the commandements: and he that trusteth in the Lord, shal take no hurt.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 The deliuerance of him that feareth God. 4 The answere of the wise. 12 Man is in the hand of God, as the clay is in the hand of the potter. 25 Of euil seruants.

1 THere shal no euil come vnto him that ‖feareth the Lord: but when he is in tentation, he wil deliuer him againe.

‖ The feare of God.

2 A wise man hateth not the Law: but he that is an hypocrite therein, is as a shippe in a storme.

3 A man of vnderstanding walketh faithfully in the Law, and the Law is faithful vnto him.

4 As the question is made, prepare the answer, and so shalt thou be heard: be sure of the matter, and so answer.

Chap. 21, 17. 5 The heart of the* fooliſh is like a cartewhele: and his thoghts are like a rolling axeltre.

6 As a wilde horse neieth vnder euerie one that sitteth vpon him, so is a scorneful friend.

7 Why doeth one day excell another, seing that the light of the daies of the yere come of the sunne?

8 The knowledge of the Lord hathe parted them a sondre, and he hathe by them dispo sed the times and solemne feastes.

9 Some of them hathe he chosen and sanctified, & some of them hathe he put among the daies to nomber.

Gen 1, 27. & 2, 7. 10 And all men are of the* grounde, and Adam was created out of the earth: but the Lord hathe deuided them by great knowledge, and made their waies diuers.

11 Some of them hathe he blessed and exalted, and some of them hathe he sanctified, and appropriate to him self: but some of thẽ hathe he cursed, and broght thẽ lowe, and put them out of their estate.

Isa 45, 9. rom. 9, 20. 12 *As the claye is in the potters hand, to order it at his pleasure, so are men also in the hand of their creator, so that he may reward them as liketh him best.

13 Against euil is good, and against death is life: so is the godlie against the sinner, and the vngodlie against the faithful.

14 So in all the workes of the moste High thou maist se that there are euer two, one against another.

15 ¶ I am awaked vp last of all, as one that gathereth after them in the vintage. In the blessing of the Lord I am increased, and haue filled my wine presse, like a grape gatherer.

16 *Beholde, how I haue not labored onely for my self, but for all them that seke knowledge. Chap. 24, 46.

17 Heare me, ô ye great men of the people, & hearken with your eares, ye rulers of the congregacion.

18 Giue not thy sonne and wife, thy brother and friẽd, power ouer thee while thou liuest, and giue not away thy substance to another, lest it repent thee, and thou intreat for the same againe.

19 As long as thou liuest, and hast breth, giue not thy self ouer to anie persone.

20 For better it is that thy children shulde pray vnto thee, then that thou shuldest loke vp to the hands of thy children.

21 In all thy workes be excellent, that thine honour be neuer stained.

22 At the time when thou shalt end thy dayes, and finish thy life, distribute thine inheritance.

23 ¶ The fodder, the whippe and the burden belong vnto the asse: and meat, correctiõ and worke vnto thy seruant.

24 If thou set thy seruant to labour, thou shalt finde rest: but if thou let him go idle, he shal seke libertie.

25 The yoke & the whippe bow downe the hard necke: so tame thine euil seruãt with the whippes and correction.

26 Send him to labour, that he go not idle: for idlenes bringeth muche euil.

27 Set him to worke, for that belongeth vnto him: if he be not obedient, ‖put on more heauie fetters.

‖ How seruaunts were ordered in olde time.

28 But be not excessiue towarde anie, and without discrecion do nothing.

29 *If thou haue *a faithful* seruant, let him be vnto thee as thine owne soule: for in blood hast thou goten him. If thou haue a seruant, intreat him as thy brother: for thou hast nede of him, as of thy self. If thou intreat him euil, and he runne away, wilt thou seke him? Chap. 7, 22.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

Of dreames. 13 The praise of them that feare God. 18 The offrings of the wicked. 22 The bread of the nedie 27 God doeth not alowe the workes of an vnfaithful man.

1 THe hope of a foolish man is vaine & false, ‖& dreames make fooles to haue wings. ‖Dreames.
2 Who so regardeth dreames, is like him that wil take holde of a shadowe, and followe after the winde.
3 Euen so is it with the appearings of dreames, as the likenes of a face is before another face.
4 Who can be clensed by the vncleane? or what trueth can be spoken of a lier?
5 Sothsayings, witchcraft, and dreaming is but vanitie, and a minde that is occupied with fantasies, is as a woman that trauaileth.
6 Where as suche visiõs come not of ỹ moste High to trye thee, set not thine heart vpon them.
7 For dreames haue disceiued many, and thei haue failed that put their trust therein.
8 The Law shalbe fulfilled without lies, & wisdome is sufficient to a faithful mouth: [what knowledge hathe he that is not tryed?]
9 A man that is instructed, vnderstandeth muche, and he that hathe good experiẽce, can talke of wisdome.
10 He that hathe no experience, knoweth litle, and he that erreth, is ful of crafte.
11 Whẽ I wandred to and fro, I sawe many things, and mine vnderstanding is greater then I can expresse.
12 I was oft times in danger of death, yet I was deliuered by these things.
13 ¶ The spirit of those that feare the Lord, shal liue: for their hope is in him that can helpe them.
14 Who so ‖feareth the Lord, feareth no man, nether is afraied: for he is his hope. ‖The feare of the Lord.
15 Blessed is the soule of him that feareth ỹ Lord: in whome putteth he his trust? who is his strength?
16 *For the eyes of the Lord haue respect vnto them, that loue him: he is their *mightie protection, and strong grounde, a defense from the heat, and a shadowe for the nowne day, a succour frõ stombling, & an helpe from failing. *Psal.33.18. *Psal.91.1.
17 He setteth vp the soule, & lightneth the eyes: he giueth health, life and blessing.
18 ¶ He that *giueth an offring of vnrighteous goods, offreth a mocking sacrifice, & the giftes of the vnrighteous, please not him. *Prou.21.27.
19 [But ỹ Lord is theirs onely, that pacietly abide him in the way of trueth & righteousnes.]
20 The moste High doeth not alowe the ‖offrings of the wicked, *nether is he pacified for sinne by the multitude of sacrifice. ‖The offrings of the wicked & their prayer. *Prou.21.8.
21 Who so bringeth an offring of the goods of ỹ poore, doeth as one that sacrifiseth ỹ sonne before the fathers eyes.
22 The bread of the nedeful is the life of the poore: he that defraudeth him thereof, is a murtherer.
23 He ỹ taketh away his neighbours liuing, slayeth him, *and he that defraudeth the labourer of his hyre, is a bloodshedder. *Deu 24.14. chap.7.22.
24 ¶ When one buyldeth, and another breaketh downe, what profite haue they then but labour?
25 When one prayeth and another curseth, whose voyce wil the Lord heare?
26 *He that washeth him self because of a dead bodie, and toucheth it againe, what auaileth his washing? *Nomb.19.11.
27 *So is it with a man that fasteth for his sinnes, and committeth them againe: who wil heare his prayer? or what doeth his fasting helpe him? *2.Pet.2.20.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 Of true sacrifices. 14 The prayer of the fatherles, and of the widdowe, and him that humbleth him self.

1 WHoso kepeth the Law, *bringeth offrings ynough: he that holdeth fast the commandements, ‖offreth an offring of saluacion. *2.Sam.15.22. *iere 7.3. ‖True sacrifices.
2 He that is thãkeful to them that haue wel deserued, offreth fine floure: *and he that giueth almes, sacrifiseth praise. *Philip.4.18.
3 To departe from euil is a thãkeful thing to the Lord, and to forsake vnrighteousnes, is a reconciling vnto him.
4 *Thou shalt not appeare emptie before the Lord. *Exod 23.15. & 34.23. deu 5.16.
5 For all these things are done because of the commandement.
6 *The offring of the righteous maketh the altar fat, and the smel thereof is swete before the moste High. *Gen.4.4.
7 The sacrifice of the righteous is acceptable, and the remembrance thereof shal neuer be forgoten.
8 Giue the Lord his honour with a good and liberal eye, and diminish not the first frutes of thine hands. 2.Cor 9.7.
9 *In all thy giftes shewe a ioyeful countenance, and dedicate thy tithes with gladnes.
10 Giue vnto the moste High according as he hathe enriched thee, *and loke what thine hand is able, giue with a cheareful eye. *Tob.4.6.
11 For the Lord recompenseth, and wil giue thee seuen times as muche.
12 *Diminish nothing of thine offring: for he wil not receiue it, and absteine from wrõgful sacrifices: for the Lord is the iudge, and regardeth no *mans persone. Leu.22.22 deu 15.20. *Deu 10.17. 2 chro 19.7. iob 34.19 wisdom.6.8. act 10.34. rom 2.11. gal 2.6. ephe 6.9. col.3.25. 1 pet.1.17.
13 He acceptеth not the persone of the poore, but he heareth the prayer of the oppressed.
14 He despiseth not the desire of the fatherles, nor the widdow, when she powreth out her prayer.
15 Doeth

15 Doeth not the teares runne downe the widdowes chekes? and her crye is against him that caused them: [for from her chekes do they go vp vnto heauen, and the Lord which heareth them, doeth accept them.]
16 He that serueth ỹ Lord, shalbe accepted with fauour, and his prayer shal reache vnto the cloudes.
17 The prayer of him that humbleth him self, goeth thorowe the cloudes, and ceaseth not til it come nere, and wil not departe til the moste High haue respect thereunto to iudge righteously, and to execute iudgement.
18 And the Lord wil not be slacke, nor the Almightie wil tarie long from thē, til he hathe smitten in sunder the loynes of the vnmerciful, and auenged him self of the heathen, til he haue taken away the multitude of the cruel, and broken the scepter of the vnrighteous, til he giue euerie man after his workes, and rewarde them after their deuises, til he haue iudged the cause of his people, and comforted them with his mercie.
19 Oh, how faire a thing is mercie in the time of anguish and trouble! It is like a cloude of raine, that cometh in the time of a drought.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 A prayer to God in the persone of all faithful men, against those that persecute his Church. 22 The praise of a good woman.

1 HAue mercie vpon vs, ô Lord God of all things, and beholde vs, & [shewe vs the light of thy mercies,]
‖ Against the wicked. 2 And send thy feare ‖ among the nacions, which seke not after thee, [that they may know that there is no God but thou, and ỹ they may shewe thy wōderous workes.]
Lere. 10, 25. 3 Lift vp thine *hand vpon the strange nacions, that they may se thy power.
4 As thou art sanctified in vs before them, so be thou magnified among them before vs,
5 That they may knowe thee, as we knowe thee: for there is none other God but onely thou, ô Lord.
6 Renue the signes, & change the wonders: shewe the glorie of thine hand, and thy right arme, that they may shewe forthe thy wonderous actes.
7 Raise vp thine indignacion, & powre out wrath: take away the aduersarie, and smite the enemie.
8 Make the time shorte: remember thine othe, that thy wonderous workes may be praised.
9 Let the wrath of the fyre consume them that escape, and let them perish that oppresse the people.
10 Smite in sonder the heades of the princes that be our enemies, and say, There is none other but we.
11 ‖ Gather all the tribes of Iacob together, [that they may knowe that there is none other God but onely thou, and ỹ they may shew thy wonderous workes,] and inherit thou them as from the beginning. ‖ A prayer for the godlie.
12 O Lord, haue mercie vpon the people, that is called by thy Name, & vpon Israel, *whome thou hast likened to a first borne sonne. *Exod. 4, 22.*
13 Oh, be merciful vnto Ierusalem the citie of thy Sanctuarie, the citie of thy rest.
14 Fill Sion, that it may magnifie thine oracles, and *fil* thy people with thy glorie.
15 Giue witnes vnto those that thou hast possessed from the beginning, and raise vp the prophecies that haue bene shewed in thy Name.
16 Rewarde them that waite for thee, that thy Prophetes may be founde faithful.
17 O Lord, heare the prayer of thy seruāts according to the *blessing of Aaron ouer thy people, [& guide thou vs in the way of righteousnes] that all they which dwell vpon the earth, may knowe that thou art the Lord the eternal God. *Numb. 6, 23.*
18 ¶ The belie deuoureth all meates, yet is one meat better then another.
19 As the throte tasteth venison, so doeth a wise minde *discerne* false wordes.
20 A frowarde heart bringeth grief, but a man of experience wil resist it.
21 A woman is apt to receiue euerie man: yet is one daughter better then another.
22 The beautie of a womā cheereth the face, and a man loueth nothing better.
23 If there be in her tongue gentlenes, mekenes, and wholesome talke, then is not her husband like other men.
24 He that hathe ‖ gotten a [vertuous] woman, hathe begone to get a possession: she is an helpe like vnto him self, and a piller to rest vpon. ‖ The praise of a good woman.
25 Where no hedge is, there the possession is spoiled: and he that hathe no wife, wandereth to and fro, mourning.
26 Who wil trust a thief that is alway readie and wandereth from towne to towne? and likewise him, that hathe no nest, and lodgeth, where soeuer the night taketh him?

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 How a man shulde knowe friends & counselers. 12 To kepe his companie that feareth God.

1 EVerie friend saith, ‖ I am a friend vnto him also: but there is some friend, which is onely a friend in name. ‖ Of friendship.
2 Remaineth there not heauines vnto death, when a companion and friend is turned to an enemie?
3 O wicked presumption, from whence art thou sprong vp to couer the earth with disceite?

Chap. 6.10. 4 *There is ſome companiō which in proſperitie reioyceth with his friēd: but in the time of trouble he is againſt him.
5 There is ſome companion that helpeth his friend for the bellie ſake, & taketh vp the buckeler againſt the enemie.
6 Forget not thy friend in thy minde, and thinke vpon him in thy riches.
‖Of whome we ſhulde take counſel. 7 Seke ‖no counſel at him of whome thou art ſuſpected, and diſcloſe not thy counſel vnto ſuche as hate thee.
Chap 8.21. & 9.21. 8 *Euerie counſeler praiſeth his owne coūſel: but there is ſome that counſeleth for him ſelf.
9 Beware of the counſeler, and be aduiſed afore *whereto thou wilt vſe him: for he wil coūſel for him ſelf, leſt he caſt the lot vpon thee,
*Or, what nede he hathe.
10 And ſay vnto thee, Thy way is good, & afterwarde he ſtand againſt thee, and loke what ſhal become of thee.
11 [Aſke no counſel for religion of him, that is without religion, nor of iuſtice, of him that hathe no iuſtice,] nor of a womā touching her of whome ſhe is ielous, nor of a cowarde in matters of warre, nor of a marchant concerning exchange, nor of a bier for the ſale, nor of an enuious man touching thankefulnes, nor of the vnmerciful touching kindenes, [nor of an vnhoneſt man of honeſtie,] nor of the ſlothful for anie labour, nor of an hireling for the finiſhing of a worke, nor of an idle ſeruant for muche buſines: hearken not vnto theſe in anie matter of counſel.
12 But be cōtinual with a godlie man whome thou knoweſt to kepe the commandements of the Lord, whoſe minde is according to thy minde, & is ſorie for thee whē thou ſtumbleſt.
13 Take counſel of thine owne heart: for there is no man more faithful vnto thee, then it.
14 For a mans minde is ſometime more accuſtomed to ſhewe more thē ſeuen watchmen that ſit aboue in an high tower.
15 And aboue all this pray to ỹ moſt High, that he wil direct thy waye in trueth.
16 Let reaſon go before euerie enterpriſe, & counſel before euerie action.
17 ¶The [changing] of the countenance is a ſigne of the changing of the heart: foure things appeare good and euil, life and death, but the tongue hathe euer more the gouernement ouer them.
18 ¶Some mā is wittie, & hathe inſtructed manie, and yet is vnprofitable vnto him ſelf.
19 Some man wil be wiſe in wordes, and is hated, yea, he is deſtitute of all foode,
*Or, wiſdome.
20 Becauſe grace is not giuen him of the Lord: for he is deſtitute of all wiſdome.
21 Another is wiſe for him ſelf, and the frutes of vnderſtanding are faithful in his mouth.
22 A wiſe man inſtructeth his people, and the frutes of his wiſdome faile not.
23 A wiſe mā ſhalbe plēteouſly bleſſed, and all they ỹ ſe him, ſhal thinke him bleſſed.
24 The life of man ſtandeth in the number of dayes: but the dayes of Iſrael are innumerable.
25 A wiſe man ſhal obteine credit among his people, and his name ſhalbe perpetual.
26 My ſonne, proue thy ſoule in thy life, & ſe what is euil for it, and permit it not to do it.
27 For all things are not profitable for all men, nether hathe euerie ſoule pleaſure in euerie thing.
‖Of tēperācie. 28 Be not ‖griedie in all delites, and be not to haſtie vpon all meates.
Chap 31.22. 29 *For exceſſe of meates bringeth ſickenes, and glotonie cometh into choliricke diſeaſes.
30 By ſurfet haue manie periſhed: but he that *dieteth him ſelf, prolongeth his life.
*Or, taketh hede.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 A phyſicion is commendable. 16 To burye the dead. 24 The wiſdome of him that is learned.

‖Of phyſiciōs & phiſicke. 1 HOnor ỹ ‖phyſicion with that honor that is due vnto him, becauſe of neceſsitie: for the Lord hathe created him.
2 For of the moſte High cometh healing, and he ſhal receiue giftes of the King.
3 The knowledge of the phyſicion lifteth vp his head, and in the ſight of great men he ſhalbe in admiration.
4 The Lord hathe created medecines of the earth, and he that is wiſe, wil not abhorre it.
Exod.15.25. iudeth.6.15. 5 *Was not ỹ water made ſwete with wood, that men might know the vertue thereof?
6 So he hathe giuen men knowledge, that he might be glorified in his wondereus workes.
7 With ſuche doeth he heale men, and taketh away their paines.
8 Of ſuche doeth the apothecarie make a confection, and yet he can not finiſh his owne workes: for of ỹ Lord cometh proſperitie and welth ouer all the earth.
Iſa.38.2. 9 My ſonne, faile not in thy ſickenes, but *praye vnto the Lord, & he wil make thee whole.
10 Leaue of from ſinne, and order thine hands a right, and clenſe thine heart from all wickednes.
11 Offer ſwete incenſe, and fine floure for a remembrāce: make the offring fat, for thou art not the ‖firſt giuer.
‖God beſtoweth firſt his benefites, and we muſt render a porciō thereof to ſuche vſes as he appointeth.
12 Then giue place to the phyſicion: for the Lord hathe created him: let him not go from thee, for thou haſt nede of him.
13 The houre may come, that their enterpriſes

priſes may haue good ſucceſſe.
14 For they alſo ſhal praye vnto the Lord, that he wolde proſper that, which is giuen for eaſe, & their phyſicke for the prolonging of life.
15 He that ſinneth before his maker, let him fall into the hands of the phyſicion.
Chap.22,10. 16 My ſonne, *powre forthe teares ouer the dead, ‖ and beginne to mourne, as if thou hadeſt ſuffred great harme thy ſelf, & then couer his bodie according to *his appointement, and neglect not his buryal.
‖Of mourning
*Or, the enſigne.
17 Make a grieuous lamentacion, and be earneſt in mourning, & vſe lamentacion as he is worthie, & that, a daye or two, leſt thou be euil ſpoken of, and then comforte thy ſelf for thine heauines.
Prou.15,13 & 17,22. 18 *For of heauines cometh death, and the heauines of the heart breaketh ỹ ſtrength.
19 Of the affection of the heart cometh ſorow, and the life of him that is afflicted, is according to his heart.
20 Take no heauines to heart: driue it away and remember the laſt end.
21 Forget it not: for there is no turning againe: thou ſhalt do him no good, but hurte thy ſelf.
22 Remember his iudgement: thine alſo ſhalbe likewiſe, vnto me yeſter daye, and vnto thee to day.
1.Sam.12,20. 23 *Seing the dead is at reſt, let his remembrãce reſt, & comforte thy ſelf againe for him, when his ſpirit is departed from him.
24 ¶ The wiſdome of a learned mã cometh by vſing wel his vacant time: and he that ceaſeth from his owne matters and labour, may come by wiſdome.
25 How can he get wiſdome that holdeth the plough, and he that hathe pleaſure in the gode, and in driuing oxen, and is occupied in their labours, and talketh but of the brede of bullockes?
26 He giueth his minde to make forowes, and is diligent to giue the kine fodder.
27 So is it of euerie carpenter, and workemaſter that laboreth night and daye: and they that cut, and graue ſeales, and make ſondrie diuerſities, and giue them ſelues to contrefait imagerie, and watch to performe the worke.
28 The ſmithe in like maner abideth by his anuil, and doeth his diligẽce to labour the yron: the vapour of the fyre dryeth his fleſh, and he muſte fight with the heat of the fornace: the noyce of the hammer is euer in his eares, and his eyes loke ſtil vpon the thing that he maketh: he ſetteth his minde to make vp his workes: therefore he watcheth to poliſh it perfitely.
29 So doeth the potter ſit by his worke: he turneth the whele about with his fete: he is careful alwaye at his worke, and maketh his worke by nomber.
30 He facioneth the claye with his arme, & with his feete he tempereth the hardnes thereof: his heart imagineth how to couer it with lead, and his diligence is to clenſe the ouen.
31 All theſe hope in their hands, and euerie one beſtoweth his wiſdome in his worke.
32 Without theſe can not ỹ cities be mainteined, nor inhabited, nor occupied.
33 And yet they are not aſked their iudgement in the counſel of the people, nether are thei hie in the congregacion, nether ſit they vpon the iudgement ſeates, nor vnderſtand the order of iuſtice: they can not declare matters according to the forme of the Law, and they are not mete for hard matters.
34 But thei mainteine the ſtate of the worlde, and their deſire is concerning their worke and occupacion.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 A wiſe man. 16 The workes of God. 24 Vnto the good, good things profite, but vnto the euil, euen good things are euil.

1 HE onelie that applieth his minde to the Law of the moſte High, and is occupied in the meditacion thereof, ſeketh out the ‖wiſdome of all the ancient, & exerciſeth him ſelf in the prophecies.
‖Of true wiſdome.
2 He kepeth the ſayings of famous men, & entreth in alſo to the ſecrets of darke ſentences.
3 He ſeketh out the myſterie of graue ſentences, and exerciſeth him ſelf in darke parables.
4 He ſhal ſerue among great men and appeare before the prince: he ſhal traueil through ſtrange countreis: for he hathe tryed the good and the euil among men.
5 He wil giue his heart to reſorte early vnto the Lord that made him, & to praye before the moſte High, and wil open his mouth in prayer, and praie for his ſinnes.
6 When the great Lord wil, he ſhalbe filled with the Spirit of vnderſtanding, that he may powre out wiſe ſentences, & giue thankes vnto the Lord in his praier.
7 *He ſhal direct his counſel, & knowledge: ſo ſhal he meditate in his ſecrets.
*Or, the Lord.
8 He ſhal ſhewe forthe his ſciẽce and learning, and reioyce in the Law & couenant of the Lord.
9 Manie ſhal commend his vnderſtanding, and his memorie ſhal neuer be put out, nor departe away: but his name ſhal continue from generacion to generacion.
10 *The congregacion ſhal declare his wiſdome, and ſhewe it.
Chap.44,15.
11 Thogh he be dead, he ſhal leaue a greater fame then a thouſand: and if he liue ſtil, he ſhal get the ſame.
12 Yet wil I ſpeake of mo things: for I am

ful as the moone.

13 Hearken vnto me, ye holy children, and bring forthe frute, as the roſe that is planted by the brokes of the field,

Or, Libanus. 14 And giue ye a ſwete ſmel as incenſe, and bring forthe flowres as the lilie: giue a ſmel and ſing a ſong of praiſe: bleſſe the Lord in all his workes.

15 Giue honour vnto his Name, and ſhewe forthe his praiſe with the ſongs of your lippes, and with harpes, and ye ſhal ſay after this maner,

Gen.1,31. mar.7,37. 16 * All the workes of the Lord are exceading good, and all his commandements are done in due ſeaſon.

17 And none may ſay, What is this? wherefore is that? for at time conuenient they ſhal all be ſoght out: at his commandemẽt the water ſtode as an heape, & at the worde of his mouth the waters gathered them ſelues.

18 His whole fauour *appeared* by his commandement, and none can diminiſh that which he wil ſaue.

19 The workes of all fleſh are before him, and nothing can be hid from his eyes.

20 He ſeeth from euerlaſting to euerlaſting, & there is nothing wonderful vnto him.

21 A man nede not to ſay, What is this? wherefore is that? for he hathe made all things for their owne vſe.

22 His bleſsing ſhal renne ouer as the ſtreame, and moiſture the earth like a flood.

23 As he hathe turned the waters into ſaltnes, ſo ſhal the heathen fele his wrath.

24 As his waies are plaine and right vnto the iuſt, ſo are they ſtumbling blockes to the wicked.

25 ¶ For the good, are good things created from the beginning, and euil things for the ſinners.

Chap.29,28. 26 * The principal things for the whole vſe of mans life is water, fyre, and yron, and ſalt, and meale, wheate and hony, & milke, the blood of the grape, and oyle, and clothing.

27 All theſe things are for good to ỹ godlie: but to ỹ ſinners they are turned vnto euil.

28 There be ſpretes that are created for vẽgeance, which in their rigour laye on ſure ſtrokes: in the time of deſtruction they ſhewe forthe their power, and accompliſh the wrath of him that made them.

29 Fyre, and haile, and famine, and death: all theſe are created for vengeance.

30 The teeth of wilde beaſts, and the ſcorpions, and the ſerpents, and the ſworde execute vengeance for the deſtructiõ of the wicked.

31 They ſhalbe glad to do his commandements: & when nede is, they ſhalbe readie vpon earth: and whẽ their houre is come, they ſhal not ouerpaſſe the commandement.

32 Therefore haue I taken a good courage vnto me from the beginning, and haue thoght on theſe things, and haue put them in writing.

33 *All the workes of the Lord are good, & he giueth euerie one in due ſeaſon, & when nede is: *Gen 1,31.*

34 So that a man nede not to ſay, This is worſe then that: for in due ſeaſon they are all worthie praiſe.

35 And therefore praiſe ỹ Lord with whole heart and mouth, and bleſſe the Name of the Lord.

CHAP. XL.

1 Many miſeries in mans life. 14 Of the bleſsing of the righteous and prerogatiue of the feare of God.

1 GReat ‖ trauail is created for all men, and an heauie yoke vpon the ſonnes of Adam from the day that they go out of their mothers wombe, til the day that thei returne to the mother of all things, ‖ The miſeries of mans life.

2 *Namely* their thoghts, and feare of the heart, & their imaginacion of the things they waite for, and the daye of death,

3 From him that ſitteth vpon the glorious throne, vnto him that is beneth in ỹ earth and aſhes:

4 From him that is clothed in blewe ſilke, and weareth a crowne, euen vnto him that is clothed in ſimple linen.

5 Wrath & enuie, trouble, and vnquietnes, and feare of death, & rigour, and ſtrife, & in the time of reſt the ſlepe in the night vpon his bed, change his knowledge.

6 A litle or nothing is his reſt, and afterwarde in ſleping he is as in a watchetowre in the daye: he is troubled with the viſions of his heart, as one that renneth out of a battel.

7 And when all is ſafe, he awaketh, & marueileth that the feare was nothing.

8 Suche things come vnto all fleſh, bothe man and beaſt, but ſeuen folde to the vngodlie:

9 Moreouer, * death & blood, and ſtrife, & ſworde, oppreſsion, famine, deſtruction, and puniſhment. *Chap.39,31.*

10 Theſe things are all created for the wicked, and for their ſakes came the * flood alſo. *Gen 7,11.*

11 *All things that are of the earth, ſhal turne to earth againe: and they that are of the * waters, ſhal returne into the ſea. *Gen 3,19. chap.41,13. Eccleſ 1,7.*

12 ¶ All bribes and vnrighteouſnes ſhalbe put awaye: but ‖ faithfulnes ſhal endure for euer. ‖ Faithfulnes.

13 The ſubſtance of the vngodlie ſhalbe dryed vp like a riuer, and they ſhal make a ſounde like a great thonder in the raine.

14 When he openeth his hãd, he reioyceth: but

but all the tranſgreſſours ſhal come to naught.

15 The children of the vngodlie ſhal not obteine manie branches: for the vncleane rootes are as vpon the high rockes.

16 Their tender ſtalke by what water ſoeuer it be or water banke, it ſhalbe pulled vp before all other herbes.

17 ¶ Friendlines is as a moſte plentiful gardē of pleaſure, & mercie endureth for euer.

Philip 4.12 18 *To labour and to be content with that *2.tim 6.6.* a man hathe, is a ſwete life: but he that findeth a treaſure, is aboue them bothe.

19 Children, and the buylding of the citie maketh a perpetual name: but an honeſt woman is counted aboue them bothe.

20 Wine & muſicke reioyce the heart: but the loue of wiſdome is aboue them bothe.

21 The pipe and the pſalterion make a ſwete noyce: but a pleaſant tongue is aboue them bothe.

22 Thine eye deſireth fauor & beautie: but a grene ſede time, rather then them bothe.

23 A friend, and companion come together at opportunitie: but aboue them bothe is a wife with her houſband.

24 Friends and helpe *are good* in the time of trouble, but almes ſhal deliuer more then them bothe.

25 Golde and ſiluer faſten the fete: but counſel is eſtemed aboue them bothe.

26 Riches and ſtrength lift vp the minde: but the feare of the Lord is aboue them bothe: there is no want in the feare of the Lord, and it nedeth no helpe.

27 The feare of the Lord is a pleaſant garden of bleſsing, and there is nothing ſo beautiful as it is.

28 ¶ My ſonne, lead not a beggers life: for better it were to dye then to begge.

29 The life of him that dependeth on another mans table, is not to be counted for a life: for he torméteth him ſelf after other mens meat: but a wiſe man and wel nourtred, wil beware thereof.

30 Begging is ſwete in the mouth of the vnſhamefaſt, and in his bellie there burneth a fyer.

CHAP. XLI.

1 Of the remembrance of death. 3 Death is not to be feared 8 A curſe vpon them that forſake the Law of God. 12 Good name & fame. 14 An exhortacion to giue hede vnto wiſdome. 17 Of what things a man ought to be aſhamed.

‖of death. 1 O ‖Death, how bitter is the remembrāce of thee to a man that liueth at reſt in his poſſeſsions, vnto the man that hathe nothing to vexe him, and that hathe proſperitie in all things: yea, vnto him that yet is able to receiue meat!

2 O death, how acceptable is thy iudgemēt vnto the nedeful, and vnto him whoſe ſtrength faileth, and that is now in the laſt age, & is vexed with all things, and to him that diſpaireth, and hathe loſt pacience!

3 Feare not the iudgement of death: remēber them that haue bene before thee, and that come after: this is the ordināce of the Lord ouer all fleſh.

4 And why woldeſt thou be againſt ŷ pleaſure of the moſte High? whether it be ten or an hundreth, or a thouſand yeres, there is no defenſe for life againſt the graue.

5 ¶ The children of the vngodlie are abominable children, and ſo are they that kepe companie with the vngodlie.

6 The inheritance of vngodlie children ſhal periſh, and their poſteritie ſhal haue a perpetual ſhame.

7 The children complaine of an vngodlie father, becauſe they are reproched for his ſake.

8 Wo be vnto you, ô ye vngodlie, which haue forſaken the Law of the moſte high God: for thogh you increaſe, yet ſhal you periſh.

9 If ye be borne, ye ſhalbe borne to curſing: if ye dye, the curſe ſhalbe your porcion.

10 All that is of ŷ earth, ſhal turne to earth againe: ſo the vngodlie *go* from the curſe to deſtruction.

11 Thogh men mourne for their bodie, yet the wicked name of the vngodlie ſhalbe put out.

12 Haue regarde to thy name: for that ſhal continue with thee aboue a thouſand treaſures of golde.

13 A good life hathe the dayes nombred: but ‖ a good name endureth euer. ‖A good name

14 *My children, kepe wiſdome in peace: *Chap.20.32.* for wiſdome that is hid, and a treaſure ŷ is not ſene, what profite is in them bothe?

15 A man that hideth his fooliſhnes, is better then a man that hideth his wiſdome.

16 Therefore beare reuerence vnto my wordes: for it is not good in all things to be ‖ aſhamed: nether are all things alowed as faithful in all men. ‖ Of ſhamefaſtnes.

17 Be aſhamed of whordome before father and mother: be aſhamed of lies before the prince and men of autoritie:

18 Of ſinne before the iudge and ruler: of offence before the congregacion and people: of vnrighteouſnes before a companiō and friend,

19 And of theft before ŷ place where thou dwelleſt, & before the trueth of God & his couenant, and to leane with thine elbowes vpon the bread, or to be reproued for giuing or taking. *Or, table.*

20 And of ſilence vnto them that ſalute thee, and to loke vpon an harlot,

21 And to turne away thy face from thy kinſman: or to take awaya portiō or a gift, or to be euil minded toward another mās wife,

22 Or to sollicite anie mans maide, or to stand by her bed, or to reproche thy frēds with wordes,
23 Or to vpbraide when thou giuest anie thing, or to reporte a matter that thou hast heard, or to reueile secret wordes.
24 Thus maiest thou wel be shamefast, and shalt finde fauour with all men.

CHAP. XLII.

1 The Law of God must be taught. 9 A daughter. 14 A woman. 18 God knoweth all things, yea, euen the secrets of thine heart.

‖In what thigs we ought not to be ashamed.

OF these things be not thou ‖ashamed, 1
nether haue regarde to offēd for anie persone,
2 Of the Law of the most High & his couenant, & of iudgemēt to iustifie the godlie:
3 Of the cause of thy companion, and of strangers, or of distributing the heritage among friends:
4 To be diligent to kepe true balance, and weight, whether thou haue muche or litle:
5 To sel marchandise at an indifferent price, and to correct thy children diligently, and to beat an euil seruant to the blood:
6 To set a good locke where an euil wife is, and to locke where manie hands are:
7 If thou giue anie thing by nomber, and weight, to put all in writing, bothe that ỹ is giuen out, and that that is receiued againe:
8 To teache the vnlearned, & the vnwise, & the aged, that contend against ỹ yong: thus shalt thou be wel instructed, and approued of all men liuing.

*Or, is a secret watche to the father.

9 ¶ The daughter "maketh the father to watche secretly, and the carefulnes that he hathe for her, taketh away his slepe in the youth, lest she shulde passe ỹ floure of her age: and when she hathe an housband, lest she shulde be hated:
10 In her virginitie, lest she shulde be defiled, or gotten withchilde in her fathers house, and, when she is with her housbād, lest she misbehaue her self: and when she is maried, lest she continue vnfruteful.

Chap.26,10.

11 *If thy daughter be vnshamefast, kepe her straitly, lest she cause thine enemies to laugh thee to scorne, and make thee a cōmune talke in the citie, and diffame thee among the people, and bring thee to publicke shame.

Chap.25,28.

12 *Beholde not euerie bodies beautie, and companie not among women.

Gen.3,6.

13 For as the moth cometh out of garmēts: *so doeth wickednes of the woman.
14 The wickednes of a man is better then the good intreatie of a woman, to wit, of a woman that is in shame, and reproche.
15 ¶ I wil remember the workes of the Lord, and declare the thing that I haue sene: by the worde of the Lord are his workes.
16 The sunne that shineth, loketh vpon all things, and all the worke thereof is ful of the glorie of the Lord.
17 Hathe not the Lord appointed that his Saincts shulde declare all his wonderous workes, which the almightie Lord hathe stablished to confirme all things by in his maiestie?
18 He seketh out the depth, and the heart, and he knoweth their practises: for ỹ Lord knoweth all science, and he beholdeth the signes of the worlde.
19 He declareth the things that are past, and for to come, and discloseth the paths of things that are secret.
20 *No thoght may escape him, nether may anie worde be hid from him.

Iob 41,4. Isa.29,15.

21 He hathe garnished the excellent workes of his wisdome, and he is from euerlasting to euerlasting, and for euer: vnto him may nothing be added, nether can he be minished: he hathe no nede of anie counseler.
22 Oh, how delectable are all his workes, & to be cōsidered euē vnto ỹ sparkes of fyre!
23 They liue all, and endure for euer: and when soeuer nede is, they are all obedient.
24 Thei are all double, one against another: he hathe made nothing ỹ hathe anie faute.
25 The one "commendeth the goodnes of the other, & who can be satisfied with beholding Gods glorie?

"Or, stablisheth.

CHAP. XLIII.

The summe of the creacion of the workes of God.

‖The wonderful workes of God.

1 THis high ornament ‖the cleare firmament, the beautie of the heauē so glorious to beholde,
2 The sunne also, a marueilous instrument when it appeareth, declareth, at his going out, the worke of the moste High.
3 At noone it burneth the countrey, & who may abide for the heat thereof?
4 The sunne burneth the mountaines thre times more then he that kepeth a fornace with cōtinual heat: it casteth out the fyrie vapours, & with the shining beames blindeth the eyes.
5 Great is the Lord that made it, and by his commandement he causeth it to runne hastely.
6 *The moone also hathe he made to appeare according to her season, that it shulbe be a declaration of the time, and a signe for the worlde.

Gen.1,16.

7 *The feasts are appointed by the moone: the light thereof diminisheth vnto ỹ end.

Exod.12,2.

8 The moneth is called after ỹ name thereof, & groweth wōdrously in her chāging.
9 It is a campe pitched on high, shining in the firmament of heauen: the beautie of heauē are the glorious starres, and the ornament that shineth in the high places of the Lord.
10 By the commandement of the holie one they

they continue in their order, and faile not in their watche.

Gen.9.14. 11 ¶*Loke vpon the raine bowe, and praise him that made it: verie beautiful is it in the brightnes thereof.

Isa 40,12. 12 *It compasseth the heauen about with a glorious circle, and the hands of the moste High haue bended it.

13 ¶Thorowe his cõmandement he maketh the snowe to haste, and sendeth swiftly the lightning of his iudgement.

14 Therefore he openeth his treasures, and the cloudes flie forthe as the foules.

15 In his power hathe he strengthened the cloudes, and broken the haile stones.

16 The mountaines leape at the sight of him: the South winde bloweth according to his wil.

17 The sounde of his thonder beateth the earth: so doeth the storme of the North: ỹ whirlewinde also, as birdes that flie, scattereth the snowe, and the falling downe thereof is as ỹ gresshoppers ỹ light downe.

18 The eye marueileth at the beautie of the whitenes thereof, & the heart is astonished at the raine of it.

19 He also powreth out the frost vpon the earth like salt, and when it is frosen, it sticketh on the toppes of pales.

20 When the colde North winde bloweth, an yce is frosen of the water, it abideth vpon all the gatherings together of water, and clotheth the waters as ẅ a brest plate.

21 It deuoureth the mountaines, & burneth the wildernes, and destroyeth that that is grene, like fyre.

22 The remedie of all these is when a cloude cometh hastely, & when a dewe cometh vpon the heat, it refresheth it.

23 [By his worde he stilleth the winde:] by his counsel he appeaseth the depe, and plãteth ylands therein.

24 They that saile ouer the sea, tel of the perils thereof, and when we heare it with our eares, we marueile thereat.

25 For there be strange, & wonderous workes, diuers maner of beasts, and the creation of whales.

26 Thorowe him are all things directed to a good end, & are stablished by his worde.

27 And whẽ we haue spoken muche, we can not atteine vnto them: but this is ỹ summe of all, that he is all.

28 What power haue we to praise him: for he is aboue all his workes?

Psal.96,4. 29 The Lord is terrible, and verie great, *& marueilous is his power.

30 Praise ỹ Lord, & magnifie him as muche as ye can, yet doeth he farre excede: exalt him with all your power, & be not wearie, yet can ye not atteine vnto it.

Psal.106,8. 31 *Who hathe sene him, that he might tel vs? and who can magnifie him as he is?

32 For there are hid yet greater things thẽ these be, & we haue sene but a fewe of his workes.

33 For the Lord hathe made all things, and giuen wisdome to suche as feare God.

CHAP. XLIIII.

The praise of certein holie men. Enoch. Noe. Abraham. Isaac and Iacob.

1 LEt vs now cõmende the famous men, and our fathers, of whome we are begotten.

2 The Lord hathe gotten great glorie by them, and that through his great power from the beginning.

3 Thei haue borne rule in their kingdomes, and were renoumed for their power, and were wise in counsel, and declared prophecies.

4 *They gouerned the people by counsel & by the knowledge of learning mete for the people, in whose doctrine were wise sentences. Exod.18,25.

5 They inuented the melodie of musicke, and expounded the verses that were writen.

6 They were riche and mightie in power, and liued quietly at home.

7 All these were honorable men in their generacions, & were wel reported of in their times.

8 There are of them that haue left a name behinde them, so that their praise shal be spoken of.

9 There are some also which haue no memorial, * and are perished, as thogh they had neuer bene, and are become as thogh they had neuer bene borne, and their children after them. Gen.7,23.

10 But the former were merciful men, whose righteousnes hathe not bene forgottẽ.

11 For whose posteritie a good inheritance is reserued, and their sede is conteined in the couenant.

12 Their stocke is conteined in the couenant, and their posteritie after them.

13 Their sede shal remaine for euer, & their praise shal neuer be taken away.

14 Their bodies are buryed in peace, but their name liueth for euermore.

15 *The people speake of their wisdome, & the congregacion talke of their praise. Chap 39,14.

16 ‖*Enoch pleased the Lord God: therefore was he translated for an example of repentance to the generacions. ‖Enoch. Gen.5,24. Hebr.11,5.

17 ‖*Noe was founde perfite, and in the time of wrath he had a reward: therefore was he left as a remnant vnto the earth, when the flood came. ‖Noe Gen.6,9. and 7,1. Hebr.11,7

18 An euerlasting couenant was made with him, that all flesh shulde* perish no more by the flood. Gen 9,11.

19 ‖Abrahã was a*great father of manie people: in glorie was there none like vnto him. ‖Abraham. Gen.12,3. & 15,5. & 17,4

20 He kept the Law of the moste High, & was in couenant with him, and he set the
Gen.21,4. couenant* in his flesh, and in tentation he was founde faithful.
Gen.22,16. Gal.3,8. 21 Therefore he assured him by an *othe, ỹ he wolde blesse the nacions in his sede, & that he wolde multiplie him as the dust of the earth, and exalte his sede as the starres, and cause them to inherite from sea to sea, and from the Riuer vnto the end of the worlde.
Gen.26,2. ‖Isaac. 22 *With ‖ Isaac did he confirme likewise for Abraham his fathers sake, the blessing of all men, and the couenant,
‖Iacob. *Or, knewe him. Gen.27,28. & 28,1. Gen 28,1. Ios 18,19 4 ‖Ioseph. 23 And caused it to rest vpon the head of ‖Iacob, and *made him self knowen by* his blessings, and gaue him an heritage and deuided his porcions, * and parted them among the twelue tribes.
24 And he broght out of him a ‖merciful man, which founde fauour in the sight of all flesh.

CHAP. XLV.

The praise of Moyses, Aaron, and Phinees.

‖Moyses. Exod.11,3. 4Ef.7,22. 1 AND ‖Moyses, the *beloued of God & men, *broght he forthe*, whose remẽbrance is blessed.
2 He made him like to the glorious Saints, and magnified him by the feare of his enemies.
Exod.6,7.8,9 3 By his wordes he caused the wonders to cease, and he made him *glorious in the sight of Kings, and gaue him commãdements for his people, and shewed him his glorie.
Numb.12,3. 4 *He sanctified him with faithfulnes, and mekenes, and chose him out of all men.
Exod.19,17. 5 He caused him to heare his voyce, and broght him into the darke cloude, * and there he gaue him the commandements before his face, euen the Law of life and knowledge, that he might teache Iacob ỹ couenant, and Israel his iudgements.
‖Aaron. Exod.4,28. 6 He exalted ‖Aaron an holie man like vnto him, euẽ his *brother of ỹ tribe of Leui.
7 An euerlasting couenant made he with him, and gaue him the priesthode among the people, and made him blessed through his comelie ornament, & clothed him with the garment of honour.
8 He put perfite ioye vpõ him, and girded him with ornaments of strength, as with breches, and a tunicle, and an ephod.
9 He compassed him about with belles of golde, & with manie belles round about,
Exod.28,35. *that when he went in, the sound might be heard, and might make a noyce in the Sanctuarie, for a remembrance to the childrẽ of Israel his people,
10 And with an holie garment, with golde also, and blewe silke, and purple, & diuers kindes of workes, and with a breastlappe
‖Vrim and Thummim. of iudgemẽt, & with the ‖signes of trueth,
11 And with worke of skarlet conningly wroght, and with precious stones grauen like seales, & set in golde by goldesmithes worke for a memorial with a writing grauen after the nomber of the tribes of Israel.
12 And with a crowne of golde vpon the mitre, bearing the forme and marke of holines, an ornamẽt of honour, a noble worke garnished, and pleasant to loke vpon.
13 Before him were there no suche faire ornaments: there might no strãger put them on, but onely his children, and his childrẽs children perpetually.
14 Their sacrifices were wholy consumed euerie day twise continually.
Leu.8,12. 15 *Moyses filled his hands, and anointed him with holie oyle: this was appointed vnto him by an euerlasting couenant, & to his sede, so long as the heauens shulde remaine, that he shulde minister before him, & also to execute the office of the priesthode, and blesse his people in his name.
16 Before all men liuing the Lord chose him that he shulde present offrings before him, and a swete sauour for a remembrance to make reconciliation for his people.
Deu.17,18. & 31,9. 17 *He gaue him also his commandements and autoritie according to the Lawes appointed, that he shulde teache Iacob the testimonies, and giue light vnto Israel by his Law.
Nom.16,1. 18 *Strangers stode vp against him, & enuied him in the wildernes, euen the men that toke Dathans and Abirams parte, & the companie of Core in furie and rage.
19 This the Lord sawe, and it displeased him, and in his wrathful indignacion were they consumed: he did wonders vpon them, and consumed them with the fyrie flame.
Nom.17,8. 20 *But he made Aaron more honorable, and gaue him an heritage, and parted the first frutes of the first borne vnto him: vnto him specially he appointed bread in abundance.
21 For the *Priests* did eat of the sacrifices of the Lord, which he gaue vnto him and to his sede.
Deu.12,12. & 18,1. 22 *Els had he none heritage in the land of his people, nether had he any porcion amõg the people: for *the Lord* is the porcion of his inheritance.
‖Phinees. Nom. 25,13. 1.mac.2,54. 23 The third in glorie is ‖*Phinees the sonne of Eleazar, becaus he had zeale in the feare of the Lord, & stode vp with good courage of heart, when the people were turned backe, and made reconciliation for Israel.
24 Therefore was there a couenant of peace made with him, that he shulde be the chief of the Sanctuarie and of his people, and that he and his posteritie shulde haue

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haue the dignitie of the prieſthode for euer,

25 And according to the couenant made with Dauid, that the inheritance of the kingdome ſhulde remaine to his ſonne of the tribe of Iuda: ſo the heritage of Aarō ſhulde be to the onelie ſonne of his ſonne, and to his ſede. God giue vs wiſdome in our heart to iudge his people in righteouſnes, that the good things that they haue, be not aboliſhed, and that their glorie may endure for their poſteritie.

CHAP. XLVI.

The praiſe of Ioſue, Caleb, and Samuel.

‖Ioſue *Nom. 27,18. deu. 34,9. ioſ 1,2. & 12,7.*

1 IEſus ‖*the ſonne of Naue was valiāt in the warres, & was ỹ ſucceſſour of Moyſes in prophecies, who according vnto his name, was a great ſauiour of the elect of God, to take vengeance of ỹ enemies that roſe vp againſt them, and to ſet Iſrael in their inheritance.

Ioſ 8,2. 2 *What glorie gate he, when he lift vp his hand, and drewe out his ſworde againſt the cities?

3 Who was there before him, like to him? for he foght the battels of the Lord.

Ioſ 10,12 4 *Strode not the ſunne ſtil by his meanes, & one day was as long as two?

5 He called vnto ỹ moſte high Gouernour when the enemies preaſed vpon him on euerie ſide, & the mightie Lord heard him with the haile ſtones, and with mightie power.

Ioſ 10,11. 6 He ruſhed in vpō the nacions in battel, & in the *going downe *of Bethoro* he deſtroied the aduerſaries, that they might knowe his weapons, and that he foght "in the ſight of the Lord: for he "followed the Almightie.

*Or, that the Lord fauored his battel
"Or, purſued the mightie men*

Nom. 14,6. 1 mac. 2,5. 7 *In ỹ time of Moyſes alſo he did a good worke: he and ‖Caleb the ſonne of Iephune ſtode againſt the enemie, and withheld the people from ſinne, & appeaſed the wicked murmuring.

‖Caleb.

Nom 26,65. deu. 1,35. 8 *And of ſix hundreth thouſand people of fote, they two were preſerued to bring thē into the heritage, euen into the land that floweth with milke and honey.

Ioſ. 14,11. 9 *The Lord gaue ſtrēgth alſo vnto Caleb, which remained with him vnto his olde age, ſo that he went vp into the high places of the land and his ſede obteined it for an heritage,

10 That all the children of Iſrael might ſe, that it is good to follow the Lord.

‖Iudges. 11 Concerning the ‖Iudges, euerie one by name, whoſe heart went not a whoring, nor departed from the Lord, their memorie be bleſſed.

Chap. 49,12. 12 Let *their bones floriſh out of their place, and their names by ſucceſsion remaine to them that are moſte famous of their children.

‖Samuel. *1. Sam 10,1. & 16,13.* 13 ¶‖Samuel the Prophet of the Lord, beloued of his Lord, *ordeined Kings, and anointed the princes ouer his people.

14 By the Lawe of the Lord he iudged the congregacion, and the Lord had reſpect vnto Iacob.

15 This Prophete was approued for his faithfulnes, and he was knowen faithful in his wordes and viſions.

1. Sam. 7,10. 16 *He called vpon the Lord almightie, when his enemies preaſed vpon him on euerie ſide, when he offred the ſucking lambe.

17 And the Lord thondred from heauen, & made his voyce to be heard with a great noyce.

18 So he diſcomfited the princes of ỹ Tyrians, and all the rulers of the Philiſtims.

1. Sam. 12,3 19 *And before his long ſlepe he made proteſtacion in the ſight of the Lord, and his anointed, that he toke no ſubſtance of any man, no, not ſo muche as a ſhooe, and no man colde accuſe him.

1. Sam. 28,15. 20 *After his ſlepe alſo he tolde of ỹ Kings death, & from the earth lift he vp his voyce, and prophecied that the wickednes of the people ſhulde periſh.

CHAP. XLVII.

The praiſe of Nathan, Dauid and Salomon.

‖Nathan *2 Sam. 12,1.* 1 AFter him roſe vp ‖*Nathā to prophecie in the time of Dauid.

‖Dauid. 2 For as the fat is taken away from the peace offring, ſo was ‖Dauid choſen out of the children of Iſrael.

1. Sam. 17,34. 3 *He plaied with the lions, as with kiddes, and with beares, as with lambes.

1. Sam. 17,49. 4 *Slewe he not a gyante when he was yet but yong, and toke away the rebuke from the people, when he lift vp his hand with the ſtone in the ſling, to beat downe the pride of Goliah?

5 For he called vpon the moſte high Lord, which gaue him ſtrength in his right hād, to ſlay that mightie warriour, and that he might ſet vp the horne of his people againe.

*1. Sam 18,7.
"Or, the people.
"Or, with bleſſings of the Lord*

6 *So "he gaue him ỹ praiſe of ten thouſand and honored him with "great praiſes, and gaue him a crowne of glorie.

2 Sam 1,7. 7 *For he deſtroied the enemies on euerie ſide, and rooted out the Philiſtims his aduerſaries, and brake their horne in ſunder vnto this day.

8 In all his workes he praiſed the Holy one, and the moſte High with honorable wordes, and with his whole heart he ſung ſongs, and loued him that made him.

1. Chr. 16,4. 9 *He ſet ſingers alſo before the altar, and according to their tune he made ſwete ſongs, that they might praiſe *God* daily, with their ſongs.

10 He ordeined to kepe the feaſt daies comely, and appointed the times perfitely, that they might praiſe the holy Name of God, and make the Temple to ſounde in the morning.

2.Sam.12,13. 11 *The Lord toke away his ſinnes, and exalted his horne for euer: he gaue him ỹ couenant of the kingdome, and the throne of glorie in Iſrael.

12 After him roſe vp a wiſe ſonne, who by him dwelt in a large poſſeſsion.

‖Salomon. 2.King.4,21. 13 ‖*Salomon reigned in a peaceable time, and was glorious: for God made all quiet roũde about, that he might buyld an houſe in his Name, and prepare the Sanctuarie for euer.

1.King.4,29 14 *How wiſe waſt ỹ in thy youth, and waſt filled with vnderſtãding, as with a flood!

15 Thy minde couered the whole earth, and hathe filled it with graue and darke ſentences.

16 Thy Name went abroade in the yles, & for thy peace thou waſt beloued.

1.King.4,31. 17 *The coũtreis marueiled at thee for thy ſongs, and prouerbes, and ſimilitudes, and interpretations.

18 By the Name of the Lord God, which is called the God of Iſrael, thou haſt *gathered golde as tinne, and haſt had as muche ſiluer as lead.

1.King.10,27

1.King.11,1. 19 *Thou dideſt bowe thy loines to womẽ, and waſt ouercome by thy bodie.

20 Thou dideſt ſtaine thine honour, and haſt defiled thy poſteritie, and haſt broght wrath vpon thy children, and haſt felt ſorowe for thy folie.

2.King.12,17. 21 *So the kingdome was deuided, and Ephraim begã to be a rebellious kingdome.

2.King.7,15. 22 *Neuertheles the Lord left not of his mercie, nether was he deſtroied for his workes, nether did he aboliſh the poſteritie of his elect, nor toke away the ſede of him that loued him, but he left a remnant vnto Iacob, & a roote of him vnto Dauid.

23 Thus reſted Salomon with his fathers, & of his ſede he left behinde him ‖ Roboam, euen "the fooliſhnes of the people, and one that had no vnderſtanding, *who turned away the people thorow his counſel, & ‖ Ieroboam the ſonne of Nabat, * which cauſed Iſrael to ſinne, & ſhewed Ephraim the way of ſinne,

‖Roboam. "Or, a moſt euident foole. 2.King.12,16. ‖Ieroboam. 2.King.12,28.

24 So that their ſinnes were ſo muche increaſed, that they were driuen out of the land.

25 For they ſoght out all wickednes, til the vengeance came vpon them.

CHAP. XLVIII.

The praiſe of Elias, Eliſeus, Ezekias and Iſaias.

‖Elias. 1.King.17,1. 1 THen ſtode vp ‖* Elias the Prophete as a fyre, and his worde burnt like a lampe.

2 He broght a famine vpon thẽ, and by his zeale he diminiſhed thẽ: [for they might not away with the commandements of the Lord.]

3 By the worde of the Lord he ſhut the heauen, * and thre times broght he the fyre from heauen.

1 King.18,38. and.2.kmg. 1,10.

4 O Elias, how honorable art thou by thy wonderous dedes! who may make his boaſt to be like thee!

5 *Which haſt raiſed vp the dead from death, & by the worde of the moſte High out of the graue:

1 King.17,21

6 Which haſt broght Kings vnto deſtruction, and the honorable from their ſeate:

7 Which heardeſt the rebuke of the Lord in Sina, * and in Horeb the iudgement of the vengeance:

1.Kin.19,11.

8 *Which dideſt anoint Kings that they might ‖recompenſe, and Prophetes to be thy ſucceſſours:

1.Kin.19,17. ‖The wickednes of Achab and Iezabel.

9 *Which waſt taken vp in a whirle winde of fyre, and in a charet of fyrie horſes:

2.King.2,11.

10 Which waſt appointed *to reproue in due ſeaſon, & to pacifie the wrath of the Lords iudgemẽt before it kindled, & to turne the hearts of the fathers vnto the childrẽ, and to ſet vp the tribes of Iacob.

Mala.4,5.

11 Bleſſed were they that ſawe thee, & ſlept in loue: for [a]we ſhal liue.

a That is, they that are ſuche

12 *When Elias was couered with the ſtorme, ‖Eliſeus was filled with his ſpirit: while he liued, he was not moued for any prince, nether colde any bring him into ſubiection.

2.King.2,11. ‖Eliseus.

13 Nothing colde ouercome him, * and after his death his bodie prophecied.

2.King.13,21

14 He did wonders in his life, and in death were his workes marueilous.

15 For all this the people repented not, nether departed they from their ſinnes: * til they were caryed away priſoners out of their land, and were ſcatered through all the earth, ſo that there remained but a very few people with the prince vnto the houſe of Dauid.

2.King.18,10

16 Howbeit ſome of them did right, and ſome heaped vp ſinnes.

17 ‖*Ezekias made his citie ſtrong, & conueied water into the middes thereof: he digged thorow the rocke with yron, and made fountaines for waters.

‖Ezekias. 2.King.18,2.

18 *In his time came Sennacherib vp, and ſent Rabſaces, and lift vp his hand againſt Sion, and boaſted proudely.

2.King.18,13.

19 Then trembled their hearts and hands, ſo ỹ they ſorowed like a woman in trauel.

20 But they called vpon the Lord, which is merciful, and lift vp their hands vnto him, and immediatly the holy one heard them out of heauen.

21 [He thoght no more vpon their ſinnes, nor gaue them ouer to their enemies,] but deliuered

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deliuered them by the hand of Esai.

2 King.19.35 Isa 37.36. Tob.1.21. 1 mac 7.41. 2 mac 8.19. ‖Isaias. 22 *He smote the hoste of the Assyrians, and his Angel destroyed them.

23 For Ezekias had done ỹ thing that pleased the Lord, and remained stedfastly in the wayes of Dauid his father, as ‖Esai the great Prophet, and faithful in his vision had commanded him.

2 King 20.10 Isa.38.8. 24 *In his time the sonne went backwarde, and he lengthened the Kings life.

25 He sawe by an excellēt Spirit what shulde come to passe at the last, and he comforted them that were sorowful in Sion.

26 He shewed what shulde come to passe for euer, and secret things, or euer thei came to passe.

CHAP. XLIX.

Of Iosias, Hezekiah, Dauid, Ieremi, Ezechiel, Zorobabel, Iesus, Nehemias, Enoch, Ioseph, Sem & Seth.

‖Iosias 2 King 22.1. & 23.2. 2.chro.34.3. 1 THe remembrance of ‖* Iosias is like the composition of the perfume that is made by the arte of the apothecarie: it is swete as honie in all mouthes, and as musicke at a banket of wine.

2 He behaued him self vprightly in the reformacion of the people, and toke away all abominacions of iniquitie.

2.King 23.4 3 He * directed his heart vnto the Lord, & in the time of ỹ vngodlie he established religion.

4 All, except Dauid and Ezekias, and Iosias, committed wickednes: for euen the Kings of Iuda forsoke the Law of the moste High, and failed.

*Or, power. 5 Therefore he gaue their "horne vnto other, and their honor to a strange nacio.

6 He burnt the elect citie of the Sanctuarie, * and destroied the stretes thereof according to the "prophecie of ‖Ieremias.

2 King 25.9. *Or, hand ‖Ieremias Ierem 38.6. Ierem 1.5. 7 For thei * intreated him euil, which neuertheles was a Prophete, * sanctified frō his mothers wombe, that he might roote out, and afflict, and destroye, and that he might also buyld vp, and plant.

‖Ezechiel Ezech.1.2. 8 ‖*Ezechiel sawe the glorious visiō, which was shewed him vpon the charet of the Cherubims.

Ezech.13. & 38. 9 *For he made mencio of the enemies vnder *the figure* of the raine, and directed thē that went right,

Chap.46.14. 10 *¶ And let the bones of the twelue Prophetes florish out of their place, and let their memorie be blessed: for they comforted Iacob, and deliuered them by assured hope.

Hag 2.24. ezr 3.2 ‖Zorobabel. 11 ¶ *How shal we praise ‖Zorobabel, which was as a ring on the right hand!

‖Iesus Zechar 3.1. ezr.13.2. hag.1.12. & 2.3. 12 So was ‖*Iesus also the sonne of Iosedec: these men in their time buylded the house, and set vp the Sanctuarie of the Lord againe, which was prepared for an euerlasting worship.

Nehe 7.1. ‖Nemias. 13 ¶ * And among the elect was ‖Neemias whose renoume is great, which set vp for vs the walles that were fallen, and set vp the gates and the barres, and laied the fundacions of our houses.

14 ¶ But vpon the earth was no man created like ‖*Enoch: for he was takē vp from the earth. ‖Enoch. Gen.5.24. ebr 11.5.

15 Nether was there a like man vnto ‖*Ioseph the gouernour of his brethren, & the vpholder of his people, whose bones were kept. chap 44.16. ‖Ioseph. Gen 41.44. & 42.6 & 45.8.

16 ‖ * Sem and ‖Seth were in great honour among men: and so was ‖Adam aboue euerie liuing thing in the creacion. ‖Sem. Gen 5.3. ‖Seth ‖Adam.

CHAP. L.

Of Simon the sonne of Onias. 22 An exhortacion to praise the Lord. 27 The autor of this boke.

1 ‖SImon * the sonne of Onias the hie Priest, which in his life set vp the house againe, and in his dayes established the "Temple, ‖Simon 2 Mac.3.4. *Or, people.

2 Vnder him was the fundacio of the double height laied, and the hie walles that compasseth the Temple.

3 In his daies the places, to receiue water that were decaied, *were restored* & the brasse was about in measure as the * sea. *Which Salomon made, 1. King.7.23.

4 He toke care for his people, that they shulde not fall, & fortified the citie against the siege.

5 How honorable was his conuersation among the people, and when he came out of the house couered with the vaile!

6 He was as the morning starre in the middes of a cloude, and as the moone when it is ful,

7 And as the sunne shining vpon the Temple of the moste High, and as the raine-bowe that is bright in the faire cloudes,

8 And as the floure of the roses in ỹ spring of the yere, and as lilies by the springs of waters, and as the branches of the frankēcense tre in the time of somer,

9 As a fyre & incense in the censer, and as a vessel of massie golde, set with all manei of precious stones,

10 And as a faire oliue tre that is fruteful, and as a cypresse tre, which groweth vp to the cloudes.

11 When he put on the garment of honour and was clothed with all beautie, he went vp to the holy altar, and made the garmēt of holines honorable.

12 When he toke the porcions out of the Priests hands, he him self stoode by the herth of the altar, compassed with his brethrē rounde about, as the branches do the cedre tre in Libanus, & thei cōpassed him as the branches of the palme trees.

13 So were all the sonnes of Aaron in their glorie, and the oblacions of the Lord in their hands before all the cōgregacion of Israel.

14 And that he might accompliſh his miniſterie vpon the altar, and garniſh the offring of the moſte High, and almightie,
15 He ſtretched out his hand to the drinke offring, and powred of the blood of the grape, and he powred at the fote of the altar a perfume of good ſauour vnto the moſte high King of all.
16 Then ſhowted the ſonnes of Aaron, and blowed with braſen trumpets, and made a great noyce to be heard, for a remẽbrance before the moſte High.
17 Then all the people together haſted, & fell downe to the earth vpõ their faces to worſhip their Lord God almightie, and moſte high.
18 The ſingers alſo ſang with their voyces, ſo that the ſounde was great, and the melodie ſwete.
19 And the people prayed vnto the Lord moſte high with prayer before him that is merciful, til the honour of the Lord were performed, and they had accompliſhed his ſeruice.
20 Then went he downe, and ſtretched out his hands ouer the whole congregacion of the children of Iſrael, that they ſhulde giue praiſe with their lippes vnto the Lord, and reioyce in his Name.
21 He began againe to worſhip, ỹ he might receiue the bleſsing of the moſte High.
22 Now therefore giue praiſe all ye vnto God, that worketh great thĩgs euerie where, which hathe increaſed our dayes from the wombe, and delte with vs according to his mercie,
23 That he wolde giue vs ioyfulnes of heart, & peace in our dayes in Iſrael, as in olde time,
24 That he wolde cõfirme his mercie with vs, and deliuer vs at his time.
25 ¶ There be two maner of people, ỹ mine heart abhorreth, & the third is no people:
26 They that ſit vpon the mountaine of Samaria, the Philiſtims, and the fooliſh people that dwell in " Sicimus.
27 ¶ Ieſus the ſonne of Sirach, *the ſonne* of Eleazarus, of Ieruſalem, hathe writen the doctrine of vnderſtanding and knowledge in this boke, and hathe powred out the wiſdome of his heart.
28 Bleſſed is he that exerciſeth him ſelf therein: and he that layeth vp theſe in his heart, ſhalbe wiſe.
29 For if he do theſe things, he ſhalbe ſtrõg in all things: for he ſetteth his ſteppes in the light of the Lord, which giueth wiſdome to the godlie. The Lord be praiſed for euer more: ſo be it, ſo be it.

"Or, Sitchem.

CHAP. LI.

A prayer of Ieſus the ſonne of Sirach.

I Wil confeſſe thee, ô Lord and King, and praiſe thee, ô God, my Sauiour: I giue thankes vnto thy Name.
2 For thou art my defender and helper, and haſt preſerued my bodie from deſtruction, and from the ſnare of the ſclanderous tongue, and from the lippes that are occupied with lies: thou haſt holpen me againſt mine aduerſaries,
3 And haſt deliuered me according to the multitude of thy mercie, and for thy Names ſake, from the roaring of them that were readie to deuoure me, and out of the hands of ſuche as ſoght after my life, and from the manifolde afflictions, which I had,
4 And from the fyre that choked me rounde about, and from the middes of the fyre that I burned not,
5 And from the botome of the belie of hel, from an vncleane tõgue, from lying wordes, from falſe accuſation to the King, & frõ the ſclander of an vnrighteous tõgue.
6 [My ſoule ſhal praiſe the Lord vnto death:] for my ſoule drewe nere vnto death: my life was nere to the hel beneth.
7 They cõpaſſed me on euerie ſide, & there was no man to helpe me: I loked for the ſuccour of men, but there was none.
8 Then thoght I vpon thy mercie, ô Lord, and vpon thine actes of olde, how thou deliuereſt ſuche as waite for thee, and ſaueſt them out of the hands of the "enemies.
9 Then lift I vp my prayer from the earth, and praied for deliuerance from death.
10 I called vpon the Lord the father of my Lord, that he wolde not leaue me in the daye of my trouble, and in the time of the proude without helpe.
11 I wil praiſe thy Name continually, and wil ſing praiſe with thankeſgiuing: & my prayer was heard.
12 Thou ſauedſt me from deſtruction, and deliueredſt me from the euil time: therefore wil I giue thankes and praiſe thee, & bleſſe the Name of the Lord.
13 Whẽ I was yet yong, or euer I wẽt abroad, I deſired wiſdome opẽly in my praier.
14 I praied for her before the Temple, and ſoght after her vnto farre countreis, and ſhe was as a grape that waxeth ripe out of the floure.
15 Mine heart reioyced in her: my foote walked in the right way, & from my youth vp ſoght I after her.
16 I bowed ſomewhat downe mine eare, & receiued her, & gate me muche wiſdome:
17 And I profited by her: therefore wil I aſcribe the glorie vnto him, that giueth me wiſdome.
18 For I am aduiſed to do thereafter: I wil be ielous of that that is good: ſo ſhal I not be confounded.
19 My ſoule hathe wreſteled with her, and I haue examined my workes: I lifted vp mine

"Or, nacions.

mine hands on hye, and conſidered the ignorances thereof.
20 I directed my ſoule vnto her, and I founde her in purenes: I haue had mine heart ioyned with her from the beginning: therefore ſhal I not be forſaken.
21 My bowels are troubled in ſeking her: therefore haue I gotten a good poſſeſsiō.
22 The Lord hathe giuē me a tōgue for my rewarde, wherewith I wil praiſe him.
23 Drawe nere vnto me, ye vnlearned, and dwell in the houſe of learning.
24 Wherefore are ye ſlowe? and what ſay you of theſe things, ſeing your ſoules are very thirſtie?
25 I opened my mouth, and ſaid, * Bye her for you without money. *Iſa 55.1.*
26 Bowe downe your necke vnder the yoke, & your ſoule ſhal receiue inſtruction: ſhe is ready that ye may finde her.
27 Beholde with your eyes, *how that I haue had but litle labour, & haue gotten vnto me muche reſt. *Chap.6.20.*
28 Get learning with a great ſome of money: for by her ye ſhal poſſeſſe muche golde.
29 Let your ſoule reioyce in the mercie *of the Lord*, and be not aſhamed of his praiſe.
30 Do your duetie betimes, and he wil giue you a rewarde at his time.

BARVCH.

CHAP. I.

1 Baruch wrote a boke during the captiuitie of Babylon, which he red before Iechonah and all the people 10 The Iewes ſent the boke with money vnto Ieruſalem to their other brethren, to the intēt that they ſhulde pray for them.

1 AND theſe are the wordes of the boke, which Baruch ŷ ſonne of Nerias, the ſonne of Maaſias, the ſonne of Sedecias, the ſonne of *Or, Sedeiah.* Aſadias, the ſonne of Helcias wrote in at Babylon,
2 In the fifte yere, and in the ſeuenth *day* of the moneth, what time as the Chaldeans toke Ieruſalem, and burnt it with fyre.
3 And Baruch did read the wordes of this boke, that Iechonias the ſonne of Ioacim King of Iuda might heare, & all the people that were come to heare the boke,
4 And in the audience of the gouernour, & of the Kings ſonnēs, & before the Elders, & before the whole people, frō the loweſt vnto the hieſt, before all them that dwelt at Babylon by the riuer *Or, Sadi.* Sud.
5 Which *when they heard it*, wept, faſted and made praiers before the Lord.
6 They made a collection alſo of money, according to euerie mans power,
7 And ſent it to Ieruſalem vnto Ioacim the ſonne of Helcias the ſōne of Salom Prieſt, and vnto the other Prieſts, and to all the people, which were with him at Ieruſalē,
8 When he had receiued the veſſels of the Temple of the Lord, that were taken away out of the Temple, to bring thē againe into the land of Iuda, the tenth day of *the moneth* *Or, Sibat.* Siuan, *to wit*, ſiluer veſſels, which Sedecias the ſonne of Ioſias King of Iuda had made,
9 After that Nabuchodonoſor King of Babylon had led away Iechonias from Ieruſalem, and his princes, & his nobles, priſoners, and the people, and caryed them to Babylon.
10 And they ſaid, Beholde, we haue ſent you money, wherwith ye ſhal bye burnt offrings for ſinne, and incenſe, and prepare a meat *Or, meate offring which was at euening and morning ſacrifice.* offring, & offre vpon the altar of the Lord our God,
11 And pray for the life of Nabuchodonoſor King of Babylon, and for the life of Baltaſar his ſonne, that their daies may be vpon earth, as the daies of heauen,
12 And that God wolde giue vs ſtrength & lighten our eyes, that we may liue vnder the ſhadowe of Nabuchodonoſor King of Babylon, and vnder the ſhadowe of Baltaſar his ſonne, that we may long do thē ſeruice, and finde fauour in their ſight.
13 Pray for vs alſo vnto the Lord our God (for we haue ſinned againſt the Lord our God, and vnto this day the furie of the Lord and his wrath is not turned from vs)
14 And rede this boke (which we haue ſent to you to be rehearſed in the Tēple of the Lord) vpon the feaſt daies, and at time conuenient.
15 Thus ſhal ye ſay, *To the Lord our God *belongeth* righteouſnes, but vnto vs ŷ confuſion of our faces, as it is come to paſſe this day vnto them of Iuda, and to the inhabitants of Ieruſalem, *Chap 2.6*
16 And to our Kings, and to our princes, & to our Prieſts, and to our Prophetes, and to our fathers,
17 Becauſe we haue *ſinned before the Lord our God, *Dan 9.7.*
18 And haue not obeied him, nether hearkened vnto the voyce of the Lord our God, to walke in the commandements that he gaue vs openly.
19 From the day that the Lord broght our fathers out of the land of Egypt, euen vnto this day, we haue bene diſobedient vn-

to the Lord our God, and we haue bene negligent to heare his voyce.

Deu.28.15. 20 *Wherefore theſe plagues are come vpō vs, and the curſe which the Lord appointed by Moyſes his ſeruant at the time that he broght our fathers out of the land of Egypt, to giue vs a land that floweth with milke and honie, as *appeareth* this day.

21 Neuertheles, we haue not hearkened vnto the voyce of the Lord our God, according to all the wordes of the Prophetes, whome he ſent vnto vs.

22 But euerie one of vs followed the wicked imaginacion of his owne heart, to ſerue ſtrange gods, and to do euil in the ſight of the Lord our God.

CHAP. II.

1 The Iewes confeſſe that they ſuffer iuſtely for their ſinnes. The true confeſsion of the Chriſtiās 11 The Iewes deſire to haue the wrath of God turned from them 32 He promiſeth that he wil call againe the people from captiuitie, and giue them a newe and euerlaſting teſtament.

1 THerefore the Lord our God hathe performed his worde, which he pronounced againſt vs, & againſt our iudges that gouerned Iſrael, and againſt our Kings, and againſt our princes, & againſt the men of Iſrael and Iuda,

2 To bring vpon vs great plagues, ſuche as neuer came to paſſe vnder ỹ whole heauē,

Deu.28.53. as they that were done in Ieruſalē, *according to things, that were written in the Lawe of Moyſes,

3 That ſome among vs ſhulde eat the fleſh of his owne ſonne, & ſome the fleſh of his owne daughter.

4 Moreouer, he hathe deliuered them to be in ſubiection to all the kingdomes, that are rounde about vs, to be as a reproche and deſolation among all the people rounde about where the Lord hathe ſcattred them.

5 Thus they are broght beneth and not aboue, becauſe we haue ſinned againſt the Lord our God, and haue not heard his voyce.

Chap.1.15. 6 *To the Lord our God *apperteineth* righteouſnes, but vnto vs & to our fathers open ſhame, as *appeareth* this day.

7 *For* all theſe plagues are come vpon vs, which the Lord hathe pronounced againſt vs.

8 Yet haue we not prayed before the Lord, that we might turne euerie one from the imaginacions of his owne wicked heart.

9 So the Lord hathe watched ouer the plagues, and the Lord hathe broght them vpon vs. for the Lord is righteous in all his workes, which he hathe commanded vs.

10 Yet we haue not hearkened vnto his voyce, to walke in the commandements of the Lord that he hathe giuen vnto vs.

Dan.9.15. 11 *And now, ô Lord God of Iſrael, that haſt broght thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mightie hand, and an hie arme, and with ſignes, and with wonders, and with great power, and haſt gotten thy ſelf a Name, as *appeareth* this day,

12 O Lord our God, we haue ſinned: we haue done wickedly: we haue offended in all thine ordinances.

13 Let thy wrath turne from vs: for we are but a fewe left among the heathen, where thou haſt ſcattred vs.

14 Heare our praiers, ô Lord, and our peticions, and deliuer vs for thine owne ſake, and giue vs fauour in the ſight of thē, which haue led vs away,

15 That all the earth may know that thou art the Lord our God, and that thy Name is called vpon Iſrael and vpon their poſteritie.

16 Therefore loke downe from thine holy Temple, and thinke vpon vs: encline thine eare, ô Lord, and heare vs.

Deu 26.15. isa 63.15. 17 *Open thine eyes, and beholde: for the dead that are in the graues, and whoſe ſoules are out of their bodies, *giue vnto the Lord, nether "praiſe, nor righteouſnes.

Pſal 6.6. & 115.17. isa 38.18. "Or, glorie, not praiſe of righteouſnes.

18 But the ſoule that is vexed for the greatnes *of ſinne*, and he that goeth crokedly, and weake, and the eyes that faile, and the hungrie ſoule wil giue thee praiſe & righteouſnes, ô Lord.

19 For we do not require mercie in thy ſight, ô Lord our God, for the righteouſnes of our fathers, or of our Kings,

20 But becauſe thou haſt ſent out thy wrath and indignacion vpon vs, as thou haſt ſpoken by "thy ſeruants the Prophetes, ſaying,

"Or, by the hand of thy ſeruants.

Iere.27.7. 21 *Thus ſaith the Lord, Bowe downe your ſhulders, and ſerue the King of Babylon: ſo ſhal ye remaine in the land, that I gaue vnto your fathers.

22 But if ye wil not heare thè voyce of the Lord, to ſerue the King of Babylon,

23 I wil cauſe to ceaſe in the cities of Iuda, and in Ieruſalem, I wil cauſe to ceaſe the voyce of mirthe, and the voyce of ioye, & the voyce of the bridegrome, and the voyce of the bride, & the land ſhalbe deſolate of inhabitants.

24 But we wolde no hearken vnto thy voyce, to ſerue the King of Babylon: therefore haſt thou performed the wordes that thou ſpakeſt by thy ſeruāts the Prophetes: *namely*, that the bones of our Kings, and the bones of our fathers ſhulde be caryed out of their places.

25 And lo, they are caſt out to the heat of the day, and to the colde of the night, and are dead in great miſerie with famine, & with

with the ſworde, and in baniſhment.
26 And the Temple wherein thy Name was called vpon, thou haſt brogh̄t to the ſtate, as *appeareth* this day, for the wickednes of the houſe of Iſrael, and the houſe of Iuda.
27 O Lord our God, thou haſt intreated vs according to equitie, and according to all thy great mercie.
28 As thou ſpakeſt by thy ſeruant Moyſes, in the day when thou dideſt cōmand him to write thy Lawe before the childrē of Iſrael, ſaying,
Leu 26.14. deu.28 15. 29 *If ye wil not obey my voyce, then ſhal this great ſwarme and multitude be turned into a verie fewe among the nacions where I wil ſcater them.
30 For I knowe that they wil not heare me: for it is a ſtiſnecked people: but in the land of their captiuitie they ſhal remember them ſelues,
31 And knowe that I am ỹ Lord their God: then wil I giue them an heart *to vnderſtand*, and eares.
32 And they ſhal heare, and praiſe me in the land of their captiuitie, & thinke vpon my Name.
33 Then ſhal they turne them from their harde backes, and from their euil workes: for they ſhal remember the way of their fathers, which ſinned before the Lord.
34 And I wil bring them againe into the land, which I promiſed with an othe vnto their fathers, Abraham, Iſaac and Iacob, and they ſhal be lords of it: and I wil increaſe them, aud they ſhal not be diminiſhed.
35 And I wil make an euerlaſting couenant with them, that I wil be their God, & they ſhalbe my people: and I wil no more driue my people of Iſrael out of the land that I haue giuen them.

CHAP. III.

1 The people continueth in their praier begon for their deliuerance. 9 He praiſeth wiſdome vnto the people, ſhewing that ſo great aduerſities came vnto them for the deſpiſing thereof 36 Onely God was the finder of wiſdome. 37 Of the incarnacion of Chriſt.

1 O Lord almightie, ô God of Iſrael, the ſoule that is in trouble, and the ſpirit that is vexed, cryeth vnto thee.
2 Heare, ô Lord, and haue mercie: for thou art merciful, and haue pitie vpon vs, becauſe we haue ſinned before thee.
3 For thou endureſt for euer, and we vtterly periſh.
4 O Lord almightie, the God of Iſrael, heare now the praier of the dead Iſraelites, and of their children, which haue ſinned before thee, and not hearkened vnto the voyce of thee their God, wherefore theſe plagues hang vpon vs.
5 Remember not the wickednes of our fathers, but thinke vpon thy power, and thy Name at this time.
6 For thou art the Lord our God, & thee, ô Lord, wil we praiſe.
7 And for this cauſe haſt thou put thy feare in our hearts, that we ſhulde call vpon thy Name, and praiſe thee in our captiuitie: for we haue conſidered in our mindes all the wickednes of our fathers, that ſinned before thee.
8 Beholde, we are yet this day in our captiuitie, where thou haſt ſcatered vs, to be a reproche, and a curſe, and ſubiect to payments, according to all the iniquities of our fathers, which are departed from the Lord their God.
9 O Iſrael, heare the commandements of life: hearken vnto them, that thou maieſt learne wiſdome.
10 What is the cauſe, ô Iſrael, that thou art in thine enemies land, and art waxen olde in a ſtrange countrey?
11 And art defiled with the dead? and art counted with them, that go downe to the graues?
12 Thou haſt forſaken the fountaine of wiſdome.
13 *For* if thou hadeſt walked in the way of God, thou ſhuldeſt haue remained ſafe for euer.
14 Learne where is wiſdome, where is ſtrength, where is vnderſtāding, that thou maiſt knowe alſo from whence cometh long continuance, and life, and where the light of the eyes, and peace is.
15 Who hathe found out her place? or who hathe come into her treaſures?
16 Where are the princes of the heathen, & ſuche as ruled the beaſts vpon the earth?
17 They that had their paſtime with the foules of the heauen, that hoorded vp ſiluer, and golde, wherein men truſt, & made none end of their gathering?
18 For they that coyned ſiluer, and were ſo carefu̅l of their worke, and whoſe inuention had none end,
19 Are come to naught, and gone downe to hel, and other men are come vp in their ſteades.
20 Whē thei were yong, they ſawe ỹ light, and dwelt vpon the earth: but they vnderſtode not the way of knowledge,
21 Nether perceiued the paths thereof, nether haue their children receiued it: but they were farre of from that way.
22 It hathe not bene heard of in the land of Chanaan, nether hathe it bene ſene in Theman,
23 Nor the Agarines that ſoght after wiſdome vpon the earth, nor the marchants of Nerran, and of Theman, nor the expounders of fables, nor the ſearchers out of wiſdome haue knowen the way of wiſ-

dome, nether do they thinke vpon the pathes thereof.
24 O Iſrael, how great is the Houſe of God! and how large is the place of his poſſeſsion!
25 It is great, and hathe none end: it is hie, and vnmeaſurable.
26 There were the gyants, famous from the beginning, that were of ſo great ſtature, and ſo expert in warre.
27 Thoſe did not the Lord choſe, nether gaue he the way of knowledge vnto them.
28 But thei were deſtroied, becauſe thei had no wiſdome, and periſhed through their owne fooliſhnes.
29 Who hathe gone vp into heauen, to take her, and broght her downe frō the cloudes?
30 Who hathe gone ouer the ſea, to finde her, and hathe broght her, rather then fine golde?
31 No man knoweth her waies, nether conſideret h her paths.
32 But he that knoweth all things, knoweth her, and he hathe founde her out with his vnderſtanding: this ſame is he which hathe prepared the earth for euermore, and hathe filled it with foure footed beaſtes.
33 When he ſendeth out the light, it goeth: and when he calleth it againe, it obeieth him with feare.
34 And the ſtarres ſhine in their watch, and reioyce. When he calleth them, they ſay, Here we be: and ſo with cherefulnes they ſhewe light vnto him that made them.
35 This is our God, and there ſhal none other be compared vnto him.
36 He hathe founde out all ȳ way of knowledge, and hathe giuen it vnto Iacob his ſeruant, and to Iſrael his beloued.
37 Afterwarde he was ſene vpon eart h, and dwelt among men.

CHAP. IIII.

The reward of them that kepe the Law, and the puniſhment of them that deſpiſe it. 12 A comforting of the people being in captiuitie. 19 A complaint of Ieruſalem & vnder the figure thereof the Church. 25 A conſolacion and comforting of the ſame.

1 THis is the boke of the cōmandements of God, and the Law that endureth for euer: all they that kepe it, ſhal come to life: but ſuche as forſake it, ſhal dye.
2 Turne thee, ô Iacob, and take holde of it: walke by this brightnes before the light thereof.
3 Giue not thine honour to another, nor the thīgs that are profitable vnto thee, to a ſtrange nacion.
4 O Iſrael, we are bleſſed: for the thīgs that are acceptable vnto God, are declared vnto vs.
5 Be of good comfort, ô my people, which art the memorial of Iſrael.
6 Ye are ſolde to the nacions, not for your deſtruction: but becauſe ye prouoked God to wrath, ye were deliuered vnto the enemies.
7 For ye haue diſpleaſed him that made you, offring vnto deuils and not to God.
8 Ye haue forgotten him that created you, euen the euerlaſting God, & ye haue greiued Ieruſalem, that nouriſhed you.
9 When ſhe ſawe the wrath comming vpō you from God, ſhe ſaid, Hearken, ye that dwell about Sion: for God hathe broght me into great heauines.
10 I ſe the captiuitie of my ſonnes and daughters, which ȳ Euerlaſting wil bring vpon them.
11 With ioye did I nouriſh thē, but I muſt leaue them with weping and mourning.
12 Let no man reioyce ouer me a widdowe, and forſaken of manie, which for the ſinnes of my children am deſolate, becauſe they departed from the Law of God.
13 They wolde not knowe his righteouſnes, nor walke in the wayes of his commādements: nether did they enter into the paths of diſcipline, through his righteouſnes.
14 Come, ye that dwell about Sion, and call to remembrance the captiuitie of my ſonnes and daughters, which the Euerlaſting hathe broght vpon them.
15 For he hathe broght vpon them a nation from farre, an impudent nacion, and of a ſtrange langage,
16 Which nether reuerence the aged, nor pitie the yong: theſe haue caried away the dere beloued of the widdowes, leauing me alone, and deſtitute of my daughters.
17 But what can I helpe you?
18 Surely he that hathe broght theſe plagues vpon you, can deliuer you from the hands of your enemies.
19 Go your way, ô children, go your way: for I am left deſolate.
20 I haue put of the clothing of peace, and put vpon me the ſackecloth of prayer, and ſo long as I liue, I wil call vpon the Euerlaſting.
21 Be of good comfort, ô children: crye vnto God, and he wil deliuer you from the power, and hand of the enemies.
22 For I haue hope of your ſaluatiō through the Euerlaſting, and ioye is come vpon me frō the Holy one, becauſe of the mercie, which ſhal quickely come vnto you frō our euerlaſting Sauiour.
23 For I ſent you away with weping, and mourning: but with ioye and perpetual gladnes wil God bring you againe vnto me.
24 Like as now the neighbours of Sion ſaw your captiuitie, ſo ſhal they alſo ſe ſhortly your ſaluatiō from God, which ſhal come vnto you with great glorie, and brightnes from

from the Euerlaſting.

25 My children, ſuffer paciently the wrath that is come vpon you from God: for thine enemie hathe perſecuted thee, but ſhortely thou ſhalt ſe his deſtruction, and ſhalt treade vpon his necke.

26 My darlings haue gone by rough wayes, and were led away as a flocke that is ſcatered by the enemies.

27 Be of good comfort, my children, and crye vnto God: for he that led you away, hathe you in remembrance.

28 And as it came into your minde to go aſtray from your God, ſo endeuoure your ſelues ten times more, to turne againe and to ſeke him.

29 For he that hathe broght theſe plagues vpon you, wil bring you euerlaſting ioye againe, with your ſaluation.

30 Take a good heart, ô Ieruſalem: for he which gaue thee that name, wil comfort thee.

31 They are miſerable that afflict thee, and ſuche as reioyce at thy fall.

32 The cities are miſerable whome thy children ſerue: miſerable is ſhe that hathe takē thy ſonnes.

33 For as ſhe reioyced at thy decay, and was glad of thy fall, ſo ſhal ſhe be ſorie for her owne deſolation.

34 For I wil take away the reioycing of her great multitude, and her ioye ſhalbe turned into mourning.

35 For a fyre ſhal come vpon her from the Euerlaſting, long to endure, & ſhe ſhalbe inhabited of deuils for a great ſeaſon.

36 O Ieruſalem, loke towarde the Eaſt, and beholde the ioye that cometh vnto thee from thy God.

37 Lo, thy ſonnes (whome thou haſt let go) come gathered together from the Eaſt vnto the Weſt, reioycing in the worde of the Holy one vnto the honour of God.

CHAP. V.

1 Ieruſalem is moued vnto gladnes for the returne of her people, and vnder the figure thereof the Church.

1 PVt of thy mourning clothes, ô Ieruſalem and thine affliction, and decke thee with the worſhippe and honour, that cometh vnto thee from God, for euermore.

2 Put on the garment of righteouſnes, that cometh from God, and ſet a crowne vpon thine head of the glorie of the Euerlaſting.

3 For God wil declare thy brightnes to euerie countrey vnder the heauen.

4 And God wil name thee by this name for euer, The Peace of righteouſnes, and the glorie of the worſhip of God.

5 Ariſe, ô Ieruſalem, & ſtand vpon hie, and loke about thee towarde the Eaſt, and beholde thy children gathered from the Eaſt vnto the Weſt by the worde of the Holie one, reioycing in the remembrance of God.

6 For thei departed from thee on foote, and were led away of their enemies: but God wil bring thē againe vnto thee, exalted in glorie, as children of the kingdome.

7 For God hathe determined to bring downe euerie high mountaine, and the long enduring rockes, and to fil the valleys, to make the grounde plaine, that Iſrael may walke ſafely vnto the honour of God.

8 The woods and all ſwete ſmelling trees ſhal ouerſhadowe Iſrael at the commandement of God.

9 For God ſhal bring Iſrael with ioye in the light of his maieſtie, with the mercie and righteouſnes that cometh of him.

CHAP. VI.

A COPIE OF THE PISTLE, that Ieremias ſent vnto them that were led away captiues into Babylon by the King of the Babylonians, to certifie thē of the thing that was commanded him of God.

1 BEcauſe of the ſinnes, that ye haue committed againſt God, ye ſhalbe led away captiues vnto Babylon, by Nabuchodonoſor, King of the Babylonians.

2 So when ye be come into Babylon, ye ſhal remaine there manie yeres, and a long ſeaſon, euen ſeuen generacions, and after that wil I bring you away peaceably frō thēce.

3 Now ſhal ye ſe in Babylon gods of ſiluer, and of golde, and of wood, borne vpon mēs ſhulders, to cauſe the people to feare.

4 *Beware therefore that ye in no wiſe be like the ſtrangers, nether be ye afraide of them, when ye ſe the multitude before thē and behinde them worſhipping them, *Iſa 44,18. pſal 115,8 wiſ.13,14.*

5 But ſay ye in your hearts, O Lord, we muſt worſhippe thee.

6 For mine Angel ſhalbe with you, & ſhal care for your ſoules.

7 As for their tongue, it is poliſhed by the carpenter, and they them ſelues are gilted, and laied ouer with ſiluer: yet are they but lyes, and can not ſpeake.

8 And as they take golde for a maide that loueth to be deck,

9 So make they crownes for the heads of their gods: ſome times alſo the Prieſts them ſelues conuey away the golde, and ſiluer from their gods, and beſtowe it vpon them ſelues.

10 Yea, they giue of the ſame vnto the harlots, that are in their houſes: againe, they decke theſe gods of ſiluer, and gods of golde, and of wood with garments like men,

11 Yet can not they be preſerued from ruſt and wormes,

12 Thogh they haue couered thē with clothing of purple, and wipe their faces becauſe of the duſt of the Temple, whereof there is muche vpon them.
13 One holdeth a ſcepter, as thogh he were a certeine iudge of the coūtrey: yet can he not ſlay ſuche as offende him.
14 Another hathe a dagger or an axe in his right hand: yet is he not able to defende him ſelf from battel, nor from theues: ſo then it is euident, that they be no gods.
15 Therefore feare them not: for as a veſſel that a man vſeth, is nothing worthe when it is broken,
16 Suche are their gods: when they be ſet vp in their temples, their eyes be ful of duſt by reaſon of the fete of thoſe ỹ come in:
17 And as the *gates are ſhut in round about vpon him that hathe offended the King: or as one that ſhulde be led to be put to death, ſo the Prieſts kepe their tēples with doores, and with lockes, & with barres, leſt their *gods* ſhulde be ſpoyled by robbers.
18 They light vp candels before them: yea, more thē for them ſelues whereof they cā not ſe one: for they are but as one of the poſtes of the temple.
19 They confeſſe, that euen their hearts are gnawen vpon: but when the things, that crepe out of the earth, eat them and their clothes, they feele it not.
20 Their faces are blacke thorow the ſmoke that is in the temple.
21 The owles, ſwalowes and birdes flie vpō their bodies, and vpon their heads, yea, & the cattes alſo.
22 By this ye may be ſure, that they are not gods: therefore feare them not.
23 Notwithſtāding the golde, that is about them to make them beautiful, except one wipe of the ruſt, they can not ſhine: nether when they were molten, did they fele it.
24 The things wherein is no breth, are boght for a moſte high price.
25 *They are borne vpon mens ſhulders, becauſe they haue no feete, whereby they declare vnto men, that they be nothing worthe: yea, & they that worſhip them, are aſhamed.
26 For if they fall to the grounde at anie time, they can not riſe vp againe of them ſelues, nether if one ſet them vp right, can they moue of them ſelues, nether if they be bowed downe, can they make them ſelues ſtreight: but they ſet giftes before them, as vnto dead men.
27 As for the things ỹ are offred vnto them, their Prieſts ſell them, and abuſe them: likewiſe alſo the women lay vp of the ſame: but vnto the poore and ſicke they giue nothing.
28 The menſtruous women, and they that are in childebed, touche their ſacrifices: by theſe things ye may knowe that they are no gods: feare them not.
29 From whence cometh it then, that they are called gods? becauſe the women bring giftes to the gods of ſiluer, and golde, and wood.
30 And the Prieſts ſit in their temples, hauing their clothes rent, whoſe heades and beardes are ſhauen, & being bare headed,
31 Thei roare, & crye before their gods, as men do at the feaſt of one that is dead.
32 The Prieſts alſo take away of their garments, and clothe their wiues and childrē.
33 Whether it be euil that one doth vnto thē, or good, they are not able to recompenſe it: they can nether ſet vp a King nor put him downe.
34 In like maner they cā nether giue riches, nor money: thogh a man make a vowe vnto them and kepe it not, they wil no require it.
35 They can ſaue no mā from death, nether deliuer the weake from the mightie.
36 They can not reſtore a blinde man to his ſight, nor helpe anie man at his nede.
37 They can ſhewe no mercie to the widdowe, nor do good to the fatherles.
38 Their gods of wood, golde and ſiluer, are as ſtones, that be hewen out of the mountaine, and they that worſhip them, ſhalbe confounded.
39 How ſhulde a man thē thinke or ſay that they are gods?
40 Moreouer the Chaldeās them ſelues diſhonor them: for when thei ſe a dōme man, that cā not ſpeake, thei preſent him to Bel,
41 And deſire that he wolde make him to ſpeake, as thogh he had anie felīg: yet thei that vnderſtand theſe things, can not leaue them: for they alſo haue no ſenſe.
42 Furthermore the women, girded with coards, ſit in the ſtretes, and burne *ſtrawe.
43 And if one of them be drawen away, and lie with anie ſuche as come by, ſhe caſteth her neighbour in the teeth, becauſe ſhe was not ſo worthely reputed, nor her coard broken.
44 Whatſoeuer is done amōg them, is lies: how may it then be thoght or ſaid, that they are gods?
45 Carpenters and goldeſmithes make thē, nether be they anie other thing, but euen what the workeman wil make them.
46 Yea, they that make them, are of no lōg continuance: how ſhulde then the things that are made of them, be gods?
47 Therefore they leaue lies, and ſhame for their poſteritie.
48 For when there cometh anie warre or plague vpō thē, the Prieſts imagine with them ſelues, where they may hide thē ſelues with them.
49 How then can men not perceiue, that they

*Or, courtes.

Iſa. 46, 7.

*Or, brawne.

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they be no gods, which can nether defend them ſelues from warre, nor from plagues?

Pſal 115.3. wiſd.13.10.

50 For *ſeing they be but of wood, and of ſiluer, and of golde, men ſhal knowe hereafter that they are but lies, and it ſhalbe manifeſt to all nacions & Kings, that they be no gods, but the workes of mens hands, and that there is no worke of God in thē.

51 Whereby it maye be knowen, that they are no gods.

52 They can ſet vp no King in the lād, nor giue raine vnto men.

53 They can giue no ſentence of a matter, nether preſerue from iniurie: they haue no power, but are as crowes betweene the heauen and the earth.

54 When there falleth a fyre vpō the houſe of thoſe gods of wood, and of ſiluer, & of golde, the Prieſts wil eſcape & ſaue thē ſelues, but thei burne as ȳ balkes therein.

55 Thei can not withſtand anie King or enemies: how can it then be thoght or ſaid that they be gods?

56 Moreouer theſe gods of wood, of golde, and of ſiluer can nether defend them ſelues from theues nor robbers.

57 For they that are ſtrongeſt, take awaye their golde and ſiluer, and apparel, wherewith they be clothed: and when they haue it, they get them awaye: yet can they not helpe them ſelues.

58 Therefore it is better to be a King, & ſo to ſhewe his power, or els a profitable veſſel in an houſe, whereby he that oweth it, might haue profite, then ſuche falſe gods: or to be a dore in an houſe, to kepe ſuche things ſafe as be therein, then ſuche falſe gods: or a piller of wood in a palace, then ſuche falſe gods.

59 For the ſunne, and the moone, and the ſtarres that ſhine, when thei are ſent downe for neceſſarie vſes, obey.

60 Likewiſe alſo the lightning when it ſhineth, it is euident: and the winde bloweth in euerie countrey.

61 And when God cōmandeth the cloudes to go about the whole worlde, they do as thei are bidden.

62 Whē the fyre is ſent downe from aboue to deſtroye hilles and woods, it doeth that which is commanded: but theſe are not like anie of theſe things, nether in forme, nor power.

63 Wherefore men ſhulde not thinke, nor ſay that they be gods, ſeing thei can nether giue ſentence in iudgement, nor do men good.

64 For ſo muche now as ye are ſure, that they be no gods, feare them not.

65 For they can nether curſe, nor bleſſe Kings:

66 Nether can thei ſhewe ſignes in the heauen among the heathē, nether ſhine as the moone.

67 The beaſtes are better thē they: for thei can get them vnder a couert, and do them ſelues good.

68 So ye may be certified that by no maner of meanes, they are gods: therefore feare them not.

69 For as a ſkarcrowe in a garden of cucumbers kepeth nothing, ſo are their gods of wood, and of ſiluer, and of golde:

70 And likewiſe their gods of wood, and golde and ſiluer are like to a white thorne in an orcharde, that euerie birde ſitteth vpon, and as a dead bodie that is caſt in the darke.

71 By the purple alſo and brightnes, which fadeth vpon them, ye may vnderſtād, that they be no gods: yea, they them ſelues ſhal be conſumed at the laſt, and they ſhalbe a ſhame to the countrey.

72 Better therefore is the iuſte man, that hathe none idoles: for he ſhalbe farre frō reproſe.

THE SONG OF THE thre holie children, which follōweth in the third chapter of Daniel after this place, Thei fell downe bound into the middes of the hote fyrie fornace.

CHAP. I.

23 The praier of Azarias 46 The crueltie of the King. 48 The flame deuoureth the Chaldeans. 49 The Angel of the Lord was in the fornace. 51 The thre children praiſe the Lord and prouoke all creatures to the ſame.

24 AND they walked in the middes of the flame, praiſing God, & magnified the Lord.

25 Then Azarias ſtode vp, and praied on this maner, and opening his mouth in the middes of the fyre, ſaid,

26 Bleſſed be thou, ô Lord God of our fathers: thy Name is worthie to be praiſed and honored for euermore.

27 For thou art righteous in all the things, that thou haſt done vnto vs, and all thy workes are true, and thy waies are right, & all thy iudgements certeine.

28 In all the things that thou haſt broght vpon vs, & vpon Ieruſalem, the holie citie of our fathers, thou haſt executed true

iudgements: for by right and equitie haſt thou broght all theſe things vpon vs, becauſe of our ſinnes.

29 For we haue ſinned and done wickedly, departing from thee: in all things haue we treſpaſed,

30 And not obeied thy commandements, nor kept them, nether done as thou hadeſt commanded vs, that we might proſper.

31 Wherefore in all that thou haſt broght vpon vs, & in euerie thing that thou haſt done to vs, thou haſt done them in true iudgement:

32 As in deliuering vs into the hands of our wicked enemies, & moſte hateful traitors, and to an vnrighteous King, and the moſte wicked in all the worlde.

33 And now we may not open our mouthes: we are become a ſhame and reproſe vnto thy ſeruants, and to them that worſhippe thee.

34 Yet for thy Names ſake, we beſeche thee, giue vs not vp for euer, nether breake thy couenant,

35 Nether take awaye thy mercie from vs, for thy beloued Abrahams ſake, and for thy ſeruant Iſaaks ſake, & for thine holy Iſraels ſake,

36 To whome thou haſt ſpoken and promiſed, that thou woldeſt multiplie their ſede as the ſtarres of heauen, and as the ſand, that is vpon the ſeaſhore.

37 For we, ô Lord, are become leſſe then anie nacion, and be kept vnder this daye in all the worlde, becauſe of our ſinnes:

38 So that now we haue nether prince, nor Prophet, nor gouernour, nor burnt offring, nor ſacrifice, nor oblacion, nor incenſe, nor place to offer ỹ firſt frutes before thee, that we might finde mercie.

39 Neuertheles in a contrite heart, and an humble ſpirit, let vs be receiued.

40 As in the burnt offring of rams and bullockes, & as in ten thouſand of fat lambs, ſo let our offring be in thy ſight this day, that it may pleaſe thee: for there is no confuſion vnto thē that put their truſt in thee.

41 And now we followe thee with all our heart, and feare thee, and ſeke thy face.

42 Put vs not to ſhame, but deale with vs after thy louing kindenes, and according to the multitude of thy mercies.

43 Deliuer vs alſo by thy miracles, & giue thy Name the glorie, ô Lord,

44 That all they which do thy ſeruants euil, may be confounded: euen let them be confounded by thy great force and power, and let their ſtrength be broken,

45 That they maye knowe, that thou onelie art the Lord God, and glorious ouer the whole worlde.

46 ¶ Now the Kings ſeruants that had caſt them in, ceaſed not to make the ouen hote with [a] naphtha, and with pitche, and with towe, and with fagotes,

[a] Which is a certeine kinde of fat & chalkie claye, as Plinius writeth, 2 boke chap 105.

47 So that the flame went out of the fornace fortie and nine cubites.

48 And it brake forthe, & burnt thoſe Chaldeans, that it founde by the fornace.

49 But the Angel of the Lord went downe into the fornace with thē that were with Azarias, and ſmote the flame of the fyre out of the fornace,

50 And made in the middes of the fornace like a moyſte hiſsing winde, ſo that the fyre touched thē not at all, nether grieued, nor troubled them.

51 Then theſe thre (as out of one mouth) praiſed, and glorified, and bleſſed God in the fornace, ſaying,

52 Bleſſed be thou, ô Lord God of our fathers, and praiſed, and exalted aboue all things for euer, & bleſſed be thy glorious & holie Name, & praiſed aboue all thīgs, and magnified for euer.

53 Bleſſed be thou in the Temple of thine holy glorie, and praiſed aboue all things, and exalted for euer.

54 Bleſſed be thou that beholdeſt ỹ depths, & ſitteſt vpon the Cherubims, & praiſed aboue all things, and exalted for euer.

55 Bleſſed be thou in the glorious Throne of thy kingdome, and praiſed aboue all things, and exalted for euer.

56 Bleſſed be thou in the firmament of heauen, and praiſed aboue all things, & glorified for euer.

57 All ye workes of the Lord, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

58 O * heauens, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalte him aboue all things for euer. *Pſal. 148. 4.

59 O Angels of the Lord, bleſſe ye ỹ Lord: praiſe him, & exalte him aboue all things for euer.

60 All ye waters that be aboue the heauen, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

61 All ye powers of the Lord, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

62 O ſunne and moone, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, & exalte him aboue all things for euer.

63 O ſtarres of heauē, bleſſe ye ỹ Lord: praiſe him, & exalte him aboue all thīgs for euer.

64 Euerie ſhower, & dewe, bleſſe ye ỹ Lord: praiſe him, & exalte him aboue all things for euer.

65 All ye windes, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

66 O fyre & heat, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, & exalte hī aboue all things for euer.

67 O * winter and ſommer, bleſſe ye the Lord: *Or, colde.

Lord:praiſe him,and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

68 O dewes and *ſtormes of ſnowe, bleſſe ye the Lord:praiſe him,and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

69 O froſt and colde, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him,& exalte him aboue all things for euer.

70 O yce, and ſnowe, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him,& exalte him aboue all things for euer.

71 O nightes & dayes,bleſſe ye Lord:praiſe him, and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

72 O light and darkenes, bleſſe ye ỹ Lord: praiſe him,& exalte him aboue all things for euer.

73 O lightenings and cloudes,bleſſe ye the Lord:praiſe him,and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

74 Let the earth bleſſe the Lord:let it praiſe him, and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

75 O mountaines, and hilles, bleſſe ye the Lord:praiſe him,and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

76 All things that growe on the earth,bleſſe ye the Lord:praiſe him,and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

77 O fountaines,bleſſe ye the Lord:praiſe him,& exalte hī aboue all things for euer.

78 O Sea, and floods, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, & exalte him aboue all things for euer.

79 O whales, and all that moue in the waters,bleſſe ye the Lord:praiſe him,and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

80 All ye foules of heauē,bleſſe ye ỹ Lord: praiſe him,& exalte him aboue all things for euer.

81 All ye beaſts and cattel, bleſſe ye the Lord:praiſe him,and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

82 O children of men, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him, & exalte him aboue all things for euer.

83 Let Iſrael bleſſe the Lord, praiſe him and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

84 O Prieſts of the Lord,bleſſe ye ỹ Lord: praiſe him,& exalte him aboue all things for euer.

85 O ſeruāts of the Lord,bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him,& exalte him aboue all things for euer.

86 O ſpirits and ſoules of the righteous, bleſſe ye the Lord: praiſe him,and exalte him aboue all things for euer.

87 O Saints and humble of heart,bleſſe ye the Lord:praiſe him, & exalte him aboue all things for euer.

88 O Ananias,Azarias,and Miſael,bleſſe ye the Lord:praiſe him,& exalte him aboue all things for euer:for he hathe deliuered vs from the hel, and ſaued vs from the hand of death,and deliuered vs out of the middes of the fornace, & burning flame: euen out of the middes of the fyre hathe he deliuered vs.

89 Confeſſe vnto the Lord,that he is gracious:for his mercie endureth for euer.

90 All ye that worſhippe the Lord, bleſſe the God of gods:praiſe him,and acknowledge him:for his mercie *endureth* worlde without end.

THE HISTORIE OF

*Susanna, which ſome ioyne to the end of Daniel, and make it the 13. chap.

1 The two gouerners are taken with the loue of Suſanna. 19 They take her alone in the garden 20 They ſolicite her to wickednes 23 She choſeth rather to obey God, thogh it be to the danger of her life 34 She is accuſed 45 Daniel doeth deliuer her. 62 The gouerners are put to death.

1 THERE dwelt a mā in Babylon called Ioacim,

2 And he toke a wife,whoſe name was Suſanna,the daughter of Helcias, a verie faire woman, and one that feared God.

3 Her father and her mother alſo were godlie people,& raught their daughter according to the Law of Moſes.

4 Now Ioacim was a great riche man,and had a faire garden ioyning vnto his houſe,and to him reſorted the Iewes,becauſe he was more honorable then all others.

5 The ſame yere were appointed two of the ancients of the people to be iudges,ſuche as the Lord ſpeaketh of, that the iniquitie came from Babylon, & frō the anciēt iudges, which ſemed to rule ỹ people.

6 Theſe hanted Ioacims houſe, & all ſuche as had anie thing to do in the Law, came *thither* vnto them.

7 Now when the people departed away at noone, Suſanna went into her houſbands garden to walke.

8 And the two Elders ſawe her that ſhe wēt in daily and walked, ſo that their luſt was inflamed towarde her.

9 Therefore thei turned away their [a] mīde, & caſt downe their eyes, ỹ thei ſhulde not ſe heauen, nor remēbre iuſte iudgements.

[a] To wit,from God.

10 And albeit thei bothe were woũded with her loue, yet durſt not one ſhewe another his grief.
11 For they were aſhamed to declare their luſt, that they deſired to haue to do w̃ her.
12 Yet they watched diligently from day to day to ſe her.
13 And the one ſaid to the other, Let vs go now home, for it is diner time.
14 So they went their way, and departed, one from another: yet they returned againe, and came into the ſame place, and after that they had aſked one another the cauſe, thei acknowledged their luſt: thẽ appointed they a time bothe together whẽ they might finde her alone.
15 Now when they had ſpied out a conuenient time, that ſhe went in, as her maner was, with two maides onely, and thoght to waſh her ſelf in the garden (for it was an hote ſeaſon)
16 And there was no bodie there, ſaue the two Elders that had hid them ſelues, and watched for her:
17 She ſaid to her maides, Bring me oyle & ſope, and ſhut the gardẽ dores, that I may waſh me.
18 And they did as ſhe bade them, and ſhut the garden dores, and went out them ſelues at a backe dore, to fet the thing that ſhe had commanded them: but they ſawe not the Elders, becauſe they were hid.
19 Now whẽ the maides were gone forthe, the two Elders roſe vp & ranne vnto her, ſaying,
20 Beholde, the garden dores are ſhut, that no man can ſe vs, & we burne in loue with thee: therefore conſent vnto vs, and lye with vs.
21 If thou wilt not, we wil beare witnes againſt thee, that a yong mã was with thee, and therefore thou dideſt ſend away thy maides from thee.
22 Then Suſanna ſighed, and ſaid, I am in trouble on euerie ſide: for if I do this thig, it is death vnto me: & if I do it not, I can not eſcape your hands.
23 It is better for me to fall into your hãds, and not do it, then to ſinne in the ſight of the Lord.
24 With that Suſanna cryed with a loude voyce, and the two Elders cryed out againſt her.
25 Then ranne the one, and opened the garden dore.
26 ¶ So whẽ the ſeruants of the houſe heard the crye in the garden, they ruſhed in at ỹ backe dore, to ſe what was done vnto her.
27 But when the Elders had declared their matter, the ſeruants were greatly aſhamed: for there was neuer ſuche a reporte made of Suſanna.
28 On the morow after, came the people to Ioacim her houſband, & the two Elders came alſo, ful of miſchieuous imaginaciõ againſt Suſanna, to put her to death,
29 And ſaid before the people, Send for Suſanna the daughter of Helcias Ioacims wife. And immediatly they ſent.
30 So ſhe came with her father & mother, her children and all her kinred.
31 Now Suſanna was very tender, and faire of face.
32 And theſe wicked mẽ cõmanded to vncouer her *face* (for ſhe was couered) that thei might ſo be ſatiſfied with her beautie.
33 Therefore they that were about her, and all they that knewe her, wept.
34 Thẽ the two Elders ſtode vp in the middes of the people, and layed their hands vpon her head,
35 Which wept and loked vp towarde heauen: for her heart truſted in the Lord.
36 And the Elders ſaid, As we walked in the garden alone, ſhe came in with two maides, whome ſhe ſent away from her, and ſhut the garden dores.
37 Then a yong man, which there was hid, came vnto her, and lay with her.
38 Then we which ſtode in a corner of the gardẽ, ſeing this wickednes, rãne vnto thẽ, and we ſawe them as they were together,
39 But we colde not holde him: for he was ſtronger then we, and opened the dore, and leaped out.
40 Now when we had taken this woman, we aſked her what yong man this was, but ſhe wolde not tel vs: of theſe things are we witneſſes.
41 Then the aſſemblie beleued them, as thoſe that were the Elders and iudges of the people: ſo thei condẽned her to death.
42 Then Suſanna cryed out with a loude voyce, and ſaid, O euerlaſting God, that knoweſt the ſecrets, and knoweſt all things afore they come to paſſe,
43 Thou knoweſt, that they haue borne falſe witnes againſt me, and beholde, I muſt dye, where as I neuer did ſuche thigs as theſe men haue maliciouſly inuented againſt me.
44 And the Lord heard her voyce.
45 ¶ Therefore when ſhe was led to be put to death, the Lord raiſed vp ỹ holie ſpirit of a yong childe, whoſe name was Daniel.
46 Who cryed with a loude voyce, I am cleane from the blood of this woman.
47 Thẽ all the people turned them toward him, and ſaid, What meane theſe wordes, that thou haſt ſpoken?
48 Thẽ Daniel ſtode in the middes of thẽ, and ſaid, Are ye ſuche fooles, ô Iſraelites, that without examination, or knowledge of the trueth, ye haue condemned a daughter of Iſrael?
49 Returne againe to iudgement: for they haue

haue borne falſe witnes againſt her.
50 Wherefore the people turned againe in all haſte, & the Elders ſaid vnto him, Come, ſit downe among vs, & ſhew it vs, ſeing God hathe giuen thee ỹ office of an Elder.
51 Then ſaid Daniel vnto them, Put theſe two aſide, one farre from another, and I wil examine them.
52 So when they were put a ſonder, one frō another, he called one of them & ſaid vnto him, O thou that art olde in a wicked life, now thy ſinnes which thou haſt committed afore time, are come to light.
53 For thou haſt pronounced falſe iudgements, and haſt condemned the innocent, and haſt let the giltie go free, albeit the Lord ſaith, * The innocent and righteous ſhalt thou not ſlay. *Exod.22,7.*
54 Now then, if thou haſt ſene her, tel me, vnder what tre ſaweſt thou them companying together? Who anſwered, Vnder a lentiſke tre.
55 Thē ſaid Daniel, Verely thou haſt lyed againſt thine owne "head: for lo, the Angel of God hathe receiued the ſentence of God, to cut thee in two. *"Or, life.*
56 So put he him aſide, & commanded to bring the other, & ſaid vnto him, O thou ſede of Chanaan, and not of Iuda, beautie hathe diſceiued thee, and luſt hathe ſubuerted thine heart.
57 Thus haue ye dealt with the daughters of Iſrael, and they for feare cōpanied with you: but the daughter of Iuda wolde not abide your wickednes.
58 Now therefore tel me vnder what tre dideſt thou take them cōpanying together? Who anſwered, Vnder a "prime tree. *"Or, mirtle tre.*
59 Then ſaid Daniel vnto him, Verely thou haſt alſo lyed againſt thine head: for the Angel of God waiteth with the ſworde to cut thee in two, & ſo to deſtroie you bothe.
60 ¶ With that all ỹ whole aſſemblie cryed with a loude voyce, and praiſed God, which ſaueth them that truſt in him.
61 And they aroſe againſt the two Elders, (for Daniel had conuict them of falſe witnes by their owne mouth)
62 *And according to the Law of Moyſes they delt with them, as they delt wickedly againſt their neighbour, and put them to death. Thus the innocent blood was ſaued the ſame day. *Deu 19,18. prou 19,5.*
63 Therefore Helcias, and his wife praiſed God for their daughter Suſanna, with Ioacim her houſband, and all the kinred, that there was no diſhoneſtie foūde in her.
64 From that day forthe was Daniel had in great reputacion in the ſight of the people.
65 And King Aſtyages was laide with his fathers, and Cyrus of Perſia reigned in his ſteade.

THE HISTORIE OF Bel and of the dragon, which is the fourteenth chapter of Daniel after the Laten.

1 NOw when King Aſtyages was laide with his fathers, Cyrus ỹ Perſian receiued his kingdome.
2 And Daniel did eat at the Kings table, & was honored aboue all his friends.
3 Now the Babylonians had an idole, called Bel, and there were ſpent vpon him euerie day, twelue [a] great meaſures of fine floure, and fortie ſhepe, and ſix great [b] pottes of wine.
4 And the King worſhipped it, and went daily to honour it: but Daniel worſhipped his owne God. And the King ſaid vnto him, Why doeſt not thou worſhip Bel?
5 Who anſwered, and ſaid, Becauſe I may not worſhip idoles made with hands, but the liuing God, which hathe created the heauen & the earth, and hathe power vpō all fleſh.
6 Then ſaid the King vnto him, Thinkeſt thou not that Bel is a liuīg God? ſeeſt thou not how muche he eateth and drinketh euerie day?
7 Then Daniel ſmiled and ſaid, O King, be not deceiued: for this is but claye within, and braſſe without, and did neuer eat any thing.
8 So the King was wroth, and called for his Prieſts, and ſaid vnto them, If ye tell me not, who this is that eateth vp theſe expenſes, ye ſhal dye:
9 But if ye can certifie me that Bel eateth them, then Daniel ſhal dye: for he hathe ſpokē blaſphemie againſt Bel. And Daniel ſaid vnto the King, Let it be according to thy worde.
10 (Now the Prieſts of Bel were thre ſcore and ten beſide their wiues and childrē:) and the King went with Daniel into the temple of Bel.
11 So Bels Prieſts ſaid, Beholde, we wil go out, and ſet thou the meat there, ô King, & let the wine be filled: then ſhut the dore

[a] Called Artaba, whereof euerie one conteined ſomewhat more thē nine galons, which make in all an hundreth & eight galons at the leaſt

[b] Called Metreta, and euerie one of theſe meaſures cōteined about ten galons which in all make thre ſcore.

Bel and the dragon.

faſt, and ſeale it with thine owne ſignet.
12 And to morowe when thou commeſt in, if thou findeſt not that Bel hathe eaten vp all, we wil ſuffer death, or els Daniel that hathe lyed vpon vs.
13 Now thei thoght thẽ ſelues ſure ynough: for vnder the table thei had made a priuie entrance, and there went they in euer, and toke away the things.
14 So whẽ they were gone forthe, the King ſet meates before Bel. Now Daniel had commanded his ſeruants to bring aſhes, and theſe they ſtrowed thorowout all the temple, in the preſence of the King alone: then went they out, and ſhut the dore, & ſealed it with the Kings ſignet, and ſo departed.
15 Now in the night came the Prieſts, with their wiues and children, (as they were wonte to do) and did eat and drinke vp all.
16 In the morning betimes, the King aroſe and Daniel with him.
17 And the King ſaid, Daniel, are the ſeales whole? Who anſwered, Yea, ô King, thei be whole.
18 And aſſone as he had opened the dore, the King loked vpon the table, and cryed with a loude voyce, Great art thou, ô Bel, and with thee is no diſceite.
19 Then laughed Daniel, and helde the King that he ſhulde not go in, & ſaid, Beholde now the pauement, and marke wel whoſe footeſteppes are theſe.
20 And the King ſaid, I ſe the footeſteppes of men, women, and children: therefore the King was angrie,
21 And toke the Prieſts, with their wiues, and children, and they ſhewed him the priuie dores, where they came in, and conſumed ſuche things as were vpon the table.
22 Therefore the King ſlewe them, and deliuered Bel into Daniels power, who deſtroyed him and his temple.
23 ¶Moreouer in that ſame place there was a great dragon, which the Babyloniãs worſhipped.
24 And the King ſaid vnto Daniel, Sayeſt thou, that this is of braſſe alſo? lo, he liueth and eateth and drinketh, ſo that thou cãſt not ſay, that he is no liuing god: therefore worſhippe him.
25 Then ſaid Daniel vnto the King, I wil worſhippe the Lord my God: for he is the liuing God.
26 But giue me leaue, ô King, and I wil ſlay this dragon without ſworde or ſtaffe. And the King ſaid, I giue thee leaue.
27 Then Daniel toke pitche, and fatte, & heere, and did ſeeth them together, & made lompes thereof; this he put in the dragons mouthe, and ſo the dragon burſt in ſunder. And Daniel ſaid, Beholde, whome ye worſhippe.
28 When the Babylonians heard it, they were wonderful wroth, and gathered them together againſt the King, ſaying, The King is become a Iewe: for he hathe deſtroyed Bel, and hathe ſlaine the dragon, and put the Prieſts to death.
29 So they came to the King, and ſaid, Deliuer vs Daniel, or els we wil deſtroy thee and thine houſe.
30 Now whẽ the King ſawe, that thei preaſed ſore vpon him, and that neceſsitie conſtreined him, he deliuered Daniel vnto them:
31 Who caſt him into the lions denne, where he was ſix daies.
32 In the denne there were ſeuen lions, and they had giuẽ them euerie day two bodies and two ſhepe, which then were not giuen them, to the intent that they might deuour Daniel.
33 ¶Now there was in Iewrie a Prophet called Abbacuc, which had made potage, and broken bread into a bowle, and was going into the field for to bring it to the reapers.
34 But ỹ Angel of the Lord ſaid vnto Abbacuc, Go, carye the meat ỹ thou haſt, into Babylon vnto Daniel, which is in the liõs denne.
35 And Abbacuc ſaid, Lord, I neuer ſawe Babylõ, nether do I knowe where the denne is.
36 Then the Angel toke him by the crowne of the head, and bare him by the heere of the head, and through a mightie winde ſet him in Babylon vpon the denne.
37 And Abbacuc cryed, ſaying, O Daniel, Daniel, take the dinner that God hathe ſent thee.
38 Then ſaid Daniel, O God, thou haſt thoght vpon me, and thou neuer faileſt thẽ that ſeke thee and loue thee.
39 So Daniel aroſe, and did eat, and the Angel of the Lord ſet Abbacuc in his owne place againe immediatly.
40 Vpon the ſeuenth day, the King went to bewaile Daniel: and when he came to the denne, he loked in, and beholde, Daniel ſate *in the middes of the lions*.
41 Then cryed the King with a loude voyce, ſaying, Great art thou, ô Lord God of Daniel, and there is none other beſides thee.
42 And he drewe him out of the denne, and caſt thẽ that were the cauſe of his deſtruction into the denne, & they were deuoured in a momente before his face.

THE FIRST BOKE OF the Maccabees.

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CHAP. I.

1 The death of Alxãder the King of Macedonia. 11 Antiochus taketh the kingdome. 12 Many of the children of Israel make couenant with the Gentiles. 21 Antiochus subdueth Egypt and Ierusalem vnto his dominion. 50 Antiochus setteth vp idoles.

1 AFter that Alexander the Macedonian, ỹ ſonne of Philippe, went forthe of the land of Chettiim, & ſlewe Darius King of the Perſiãs and Medes, and reigned for him, as he had before in Grecia,

2 He toke great warres in hand, and wan ſtrong holdes, and ſlewe the Kings of the earth.

3 So went he thorow to ỹ ends of the worlde, and toke ſpoiles of many nacions, in ſo muche that ỹ worlde ſtode in awe of him: therefore his heart was puffed vp and was hawtie.

4 Now when he had gathered a mightie ſtrong hoſte,

5 And had reigned ouer regions, nacions and kingdomes, they became tributaries vnto him.

6 After theſe things he fel ſicke, and knewe that he ſhulde dye.

7 Then he called for the chief of his ſeruãtes, which had bene broght vp with him of children, and parted his kingdome among them, while he was yet aliue.

8 So Alexander had reigned twelue yeres when he dyed.

9 And his ſeruants reigned euerie one in his roume.

10 And they all cauſed thẽ ſelues to be crowned after his death, and ſo did their children after thẽ many yeres, and muche wickednes increaſed in the worlde.

11 For out of theſe came the wicked roote, *euen* Antiochus[o] Epiphanes the ſonne of King Antiochus, which had bene an hoſtage at Rome, and he reigned in the hundreth and ſeuen and thirtieth yere of the kingdome of the Grekes.

[o] Or, noble.

12 In thoſe daies wẽt there out of Iſrael wicked men, which entyced many, ſaying, Let vs go, and make a couenant with the heathen, that are rounde about vs: for ſince we departed frõ them, we haue had muche ſorowe.

13 So this deuice pleaſed them wel.

14 And certeine of the people were readie, & went to ỹ King which gaue thẽ licence to do after the ordinances of the heathen.

Ioſeph. Antiq. 12, chap. 6.

15 Thẽ ſet thei vp a place of exerciſe at Ieruſalẽ, according to the faciõs of ỹ heathẽ,

16 And made them [a] ſelues vncircũciſed, & forſoke the holy couenant, & ioyned them ſelues to the heathen, and were ſolde to do miſchief.

[a] By drawing ỹ ſkinne ouer the parte that was circumciſed, as Celſ. 7. chap 25. Epiph. lib de põderib. & menſur.

17 So whẽ Antiochus kingdome was ſet in order, he wẽt about to reigne ouer Egypt, that he might haue the dominion of two realmes.

18 Therefore he entred into Egypt with a mightie cõpanie, with charets, & elephantes, & with horſemẽ, & with a great nauie,

19 And moued warre againſt Ptolemeus King of Egypt: but Ptolemeus was afraid of him, and fled, and manie were wounded to death.

20 Thus *Antiochus* wanne many ſtrong cities in the land of Egypt, and toke away the ſpoiles of the land of Egypt.

21 And after that Antiochus had ſmitten Egypt, he turned againe in the hundreth, fortie and thre yere,

22 And went vp towarde Iſrael and Ieruſalẽ with a mightie people.

23 And entred proudly into the Sanctuarie, and toke away the golden altar, and the candleſticke for the light, & all the inſtruments thereof, & the table of ỹ ſhewbread, and the powring veſſels, and the bowles, & the golden baſins, and the vaile, and the crownes, & the golden apparel, which was before the Temple, and brake all in pieces.

24 He toke alſo the ſiluer and golde, & the precious iewels, & he toke the ſecret treaſures that he founde, & when he had taken away all, he departed into his owne land,

25 After he had murthered many men, and ſpoken verie proudely.

26 Therefore there was a great lamẽtacion in euerie place of Iſrael.

27 For the princes & the Elders mourned: the yong women, and the yong men were made feble, & the beautie of the women was changed.

28 Euerie bridegrome toke him to mourning, and ſhe that ſate in the mariage chãber, was in heauines.

29 The land alſo was moued for the inhabitãts thereof: for all the houſe of Iacob was couered with confuſion.

30 After two yeres the King ſent his chief taxe maſter into ỹ cities of Iuda, which came to Ieruſalem with a great multitude.

31 Who ſpake peaceable wordes vnto them in diſceite, & they gaue credit vnto him.

32 Then he fell ſuddenly vpon the citie, & ſmote it with a great plague, & deſtroied muche people of Iſrael.

33 And when he had ſpoiled the citie, he ſet fyre on it, caſting downe the houſes thereof, and walles thereof on euerie ſide.
34 The womē and their children toke they captiue, and led away the cattel.
35 Then fortified they the citie of Dauid with a great & thicke wall, & with mightie towres, and made it a ſtrong holde for them.
36 Moreouer they ſet wicked people there, and vngodlie perſones, and fortified them ſelues therein.
37 And they ſtored it with weapons and vitailes, and gathered the ſpoile of Ieruſalē, and laied it vp there.
38 Thus became they a ſore ſnare & were in ambuſhment for ỹ Sanctuarie, and were wicked enemies euermore vnto Iſrael.
39 For thei ſhed innocēt blood on euerie ſide of the Sanctuarie & defiled the Sāctuarie,
40 In ſo muche that the citizens of Ieruſalem fled away becauſe of them, and it became an habitacion of ſtrāgers, being deſolate of them whome ſhe had borne: for her owne children did leaue her.
41 Her Sāctuarie was left waſte as a wildernes: her holie daies were turned into mourning, her Sabbaths into reproche, and her honour broght to naught.
42 As her glorie had bene great, ſo was her diſhonour, and her excellencie was turned into ſorowe.
Ioſeph. Anti. 12.cha.6.& 7 43 Alſo the King wrote vnto all his kingdome, that all the people ſhulde be as one, and that euerie mā ſhulde leaue his lawes.
44 And all the heathen agreed to the commandement of the King.
45 Yea, many of the Iſraelites conſented to his religion, offring vnto idoles, & defiling the Sabbath.
46 So the King ſent letters by the meſſengers vnto Ieruſalem, and to the cities of Iuda, that they ſhulde followe the ſtrange lawes of the countrey,
47 And that they ſhulde forbid the burnt offrings and ſacrifices, and the "offrings in the Sanctuarie,
"Or, drinke offrings.
48 And that they ſhulde defile the Sabbaths and the feaſts,
49 And pollute the Sanctuarie and the holie men,
50 And to ſet vp altars, & groues, & chappels of idoles, & offer vp ſwines fleſh, and vncleane beaſts,
51 And that they ſhulde leaue their childrē vncircumciſed, & defile their ſoules with vnclennes, and pollute them ſelues, that they might forget the Law, & change all the ordinances,
52 And that whoſoeuer wolde not do according to the commandement of the King, ſhulde ſuffer death.
53 In like maner wrote he thorow out all his kingdomes, and ſet ouerſeers ouer all the people, *for to compell them to do theſe things.*
54 And he commanded the cities of Iuda to do ſacrifice, citie by citie.
55 Then went many of the people vnto thē by heapes, euery one that forſoke ỹ Law, and ſo they committed euil in the land.
56 And they droue the Iſraelites into ſecret places, euen whereſoeuer they colde flee for ſuccour.
57 The fifteenth day of Caſleu, in the hundreth and fiue and fortieth yere, they ſet vp the abomination of deſolacion vpon the altar, & thei buylded altars thorow out the cities of Iuda on euerie ſide.
58 And before the dores of the houſes, and in the ſtretes they burnt incenſe.
59 And the bokes of the Law, which they founde, they burnt in the fyre, and cutte in pieces.
60 Whoſoeuer had a boke of the Teſtament founde by him, or whoſoeuer conſented vnto the Law, the Kings commandement was, that they ſhulde put him to death by their autoritie,
61 And they executed theſe things euerie moneth vpon the people of Iſrael that were founde in the cities.
62 And in the fiue and twentieth day of the moneth, they did ſacrifice vpon the altar, which was in the ſtead of the altar of ſacrifices.
63 And according to the commandement, they put certeine woman to death, which had cauſed their children to be circumciſed,
64 And they hāged vp the children at their neckes, and they ſpoiled their houſes, and ſlewe the circumciſers of them.
65 Yet were there many in Iſrael, which were of courage, and determined in them ſelues, that they wolde not eat vncleane things,
66 But choſe rather to ſuffer death, then to be defiled with thoſe meats: ſo becauſe thei wolde not breake the holie couenant, they were put to death.
67 And this "tyrannie was verie ſore vpon the people of Iſrael. *"Or, rage.*

CHAP. II.

1 The mourning of Mattathias and his ſonnes for the deſtructiō of the holy citie. 19 They refuſe to do ſacrifice vnto idoles. 24 The zeale of Mattathias for the Law of God. 33 They are ſlaine and wil not fight againe becauſe of the Sabbath day. 49 Mattathias dying commandeth his ſonnes to ſticke by the worde of God, after the example of the fathers.

1 IN thoſe dayes ſtode vp Mattathias the Prieſt, *the ſonne* of Ioannes, *the ſonne* of Simeon, of the ſonnes of Ioarib of Ieruſalem, and dwelt in Modin. *Ioſep. Antiq 12.chap.7.*
2 And he had fiue ſonnes, Ioanan called Gaddis,

3 Simon

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3 Simon called Thaſsi,
4 Iudas which was called Maccabeus,
5 Eleazar called Abaron, & Ionathã, whoſe name was Apphus.
6 Now he ſawe the blaſphemies, which were committed in Iuda and Ieruſalem:
7 And he ſaid, Wo is me: wherefore was I borne, to ſe this deſtruction of my people, and the deſtruction of the holy citie, and thus to ſit ſtil? it is deliuered into the hands of the enemies,
8 And the Sanctuarie is in the hands of ſtrangers: her Temple is, as a man that hathe no renoume.
9 Her glorious veſſels are caryed away into captiuitie: her infants are ſlayne in the ſtretes, and her yong men are fallen by the ſworde of the enemies.
10 What people is it, that hathe not ſome poſſeſsion in *her* kingdome, or hathe not gotten of her ſpoyles?
11 All her glorie is taken away: of a fre woman, ſhe is become an handmaid.
12 Beholde, our Sanctuarie & our beautie, and honor is deſolate, and the Gentiles haue defiled it.
13 What helpeth it vs then to liue anie longer?
14 And Mattathias rent his clothes, he, and his ſonnes, and put ſackecloth vpon them, and mourned verie ſore.
15 ¶ Then came men from the King to the citie of Modin to compell them to forſake God, and to ſacrifice.
16 So manie of the Iſraelites conſented vnto them: but Mattathias and his ſonnes aſſembled together.
17 Then ſpake the commiſsioners of the King, and ſaid vnto Mattathias, Thou art the chief and an honorable man, & great in this citie, and haſt many children and brethren.
18 Come thou therefore firſt, and fulfil the Kings commandement, as all the heathen haue done, and alſo the men of Iuda, and ſuche as remaine at Ieruſalẽ: ſo ſhalt thou and thy familie be in the Kings fauour & thou and thy children ſhalbe enriched with ſiluer & golde, & w̃ manie rewards.
19 Then Mattathias anſwered & ſaid with a loude voyce, Thogh all nacions that are vnder the Kings dominion, obey him, and fall away euerie man from the religion of their fathers, and conſent to his commandements,
20 Yet wil I and my ſonnes, and my brethren, walke in ỹ couenant of our fathers.
21 God be merciful vnto vs, that we forſake not the Law and the ordinances.
22 We wil not hearken vnto the Kings wordes to tranſgreſſe our religion, nether on the right ſide, nor on the left.
23 And when he had left of ſpeaking theſe wordes, there came one of the Iewes, in the ſight of all to ſacrifice vpon the altar which was at Modin, according to the Kings commandement.
24 Now when Mattathias ſawe it, he was ſo inflamed with zeale, that his raines ſhoke, and his wrath was kindled according to the ordinance *of the Law*: therefore he ran vnto him, and killed him by the altar:
25 And at the ſame time he ſlewe ỹ Kings commiſsioner, that compelled him to do ſacrifice, and deſtroied the altar.
26 Thus bare he a zeale to ỹ Law of God, **doing*, as Phinees did vnto Zambri the ſonne of Salom. *Numb. 25.7.*
27 ¶ Then cryed Mattathias with a loude voyce in the citie, *ſaying*, Whoſoeuer is zealous of the Law, and wil ſtand by the couenant, let him come forthe after me.
28 So he, and his ſonnes fled into the mountaines, & left all that thei had in the citie.
29 Then manie that **ſoght after iuſtice & iudgement,
30 Went downe into ỹ wildernes to dwell there, bothe they, and their children, and their wiues, and their cattel: for the afflictions increaſed ſore vpon them.
31 ¶ Now whẽ it was tolde vnto the Kings ſeruants, and to the gariſons, which were in Ieruſalem in the citie of Dauid, that men had broken the Kings commandement, & were gone downe into the ſecret places in the wildernes,
32 Then many purſued after them: and hauing ouertaken them, thei camped againſt them, and ſet the battel in array againſt them on the Sabbath day,
33 And ſaid vnto them, Let this now be ſufficiẽt: come forthe & do according to the commandement of the King, and ye ſhal liue.
34 But they anſwered, We wil not go forthe, nether wil we do the Kings commandement, to defile the Sabbath day.
35 Then they gaue them the battel.
36 But the other anſwered them nothing, nether caſt anie one ſtone at thẽ, nor ſtopped the priuie places,
37 But ſaid, We wil dye all in our innocencie: the heauen and earth ſhal teſtifie for vs, that ye deſtroy vs wrongfully.
38 Thus thei gaue them the battel vpon the Sabbath, and ſlewe bothe men and cattel, their wiues and their children to the nomber of a thouſand people.
39 ¶ When Mattathias & his friends vnderſtode this, thei mourned for them greatly,
40 And ſaid one to another, If we all do as our brethren haue done, and fight not againſt the heathen for our liues, & for our Lawes, then ſhal thei incõtinently deſtroy vs out of the earth.
41 Therefore they concluded at the ſame

*Or, Eudaeus.

*Or, that lined iuſtly and vprightly.

time, ſayīg, Whoſoeuer ſhal come to make battel with vs vpon the Sabbath daye, we wil fight againſt him, that we dye not all, as our brethren that were murthered in the ſecret places.

42 Then came vnto them the aſſemblie of the Aſideans, which were of the ſtrongeſt men of Iſrael, all ſuche as were wel minded toward the Law.

43 And all they that were fled for perſecucion, ioyned them ſelues vnto them, and were an helpe vnto them.

44 So they gathered a power, and ſmote the wicked men in their wrath, & the vngodlie in their angre: but the reſt fled vnto the heathen, and eſcaped.

45 Then Mattathias and his friends went about, and deſtroyed the altars,

46 And circumciſed the children by force that were vncircumciſed, as manie as they founde within the coaſts of Iſrael,

47 And they purſued after the proude mē: and this acte proſpered in their hands.

48 So they recouered the Law out of the hand of the Gentiles, & out of the hand of Kings, and gaue not place to ỹ wicked.

49 Now when the time drewe nere, that Mattathias ſhulde dye, he ſaid vnto his ſonnes, Now is pride and perſecucion increaſed, and the time of deſtruction, and the wrath of indignacion.

50 Now therefore, my ſonnes, be ye zealous of the Law, & giue your liues for the couenant of our fathers.

51 Call to remembrance what actes our fathers did in their time: ſo ſhal ye receiue great honour and an euerlaſting name.

Gen.22.9. 52 *Was not Abraham founde faithful in tentacion, and it was imputed vnto him for righteouſnes?

Gen.41,40. 53 *Ioſeph in the time of his trouble kept the commandement, & was made the lord of Egypt.

Numb.25.13 eccleſ 45.28. 54 *Phinees our father, becauſe he was zealous and feruent, obteined the couenant of the euerlaſting prieſthode.

Ioſh.1.2. 55 *Ieſus for fulfilling the worde, was made the gouernour of Iſrael.

Numb.14.6. Ioſh.14.13. 56 *Caleb, becauſe he bare witnes before the congregacion, receiued the heritage of the land.

2.Sam.2.4. 57 *Dauid, becauſe of his mercie obteined the throne of ỹ kingdome for euermore.

2 King.2,11. 58 *Elias, becauſe he was zealous and feruēt in ỹ Law, was taken vp euen vnto heauen.

Dan.3.16. 59 *Ananias, Azarias and Miſael by their faith were deliuered out of the flame.

Dan.6,22. 60 *Daniel, becauſe of his innocencie, was deliuered from the mouth of the lyons.

61 And thus ye may conſider thorowe out all ages, that whoſoeuer put their truſt in him, ſhal not want ſtrength.

62 Feare not ye then the wordes of a ſinful mā: for his glorie is but dongue and wormes.

63 To day is he ſet vp, & to morowe he ſhal not be foūde: for he is turned into his duſt, and his purpoſe periſheth.

64 Wherefore, my ſōnes, take good hearts, and ſhewe your ſelues men for the Law: for by it ſhal you obteine glorie.

65 And beholde, I knowe that your brother Simon is a man of counſel: giue eare vnto him alway: he ſhalbe a father vnto you.

66 And Iudas Maccabeus hathe bene migh tie and ſtrong, euen from his youth vp: let him be your captaine and fight you the battel for the people.

67 Thus ſhal ye bring vnto you all thoſe that obſerue the Law, & ſhal aduenge the iniuries of your people.

68 Recompenſe fully the heathen, and giue your ſelues to the commandement of the Law.

69 So he bleſſed them, and was laied with his fathers,

70 And dyed in the hundreth, fortie & ſix yere, and his ſonnes buryed him in his fathers ſepulchre at Modin, & all Iſrael made great lamentacion for him.

CHAP. III.

1 Iudas is made ruler ouer the Iewes. 11 He killeth Apollonius & Seron the princes of Syria. 44 The confidence of Iudas towarde God. 55 Iudas determineth to fight againſt Lyſias, whome Antiochus had made captaine ouer his hoſte.

1 THen Iudas his ſonne, called Maccabeus, roſe vp in his place.

2 And all his brethren helped him, and all they that helde with his father, and foght with courage the battel of Iſrael.

3 So he gate his people great honour: he put on a breſtplate as a gyant, and armed him ſelf, and ſet the battel in array, and defended the tampe with the ſworde.

4 In his actes he was like a lyon, and as a lyons whelpe roaring after the pray.

5 For he purſued the wicked, & ſoght them out, & burnt vp thoſe that vexed his people,

6 So that the wicked fled for feare of him, and all the workers of iniquitie were put to trouble: and ſaluacion proſpered in his hand.

7 And he grieued diuers Kings, but Iacob reioyced hy his actes, and his memorial is bleſſed for euer.

8 He went alſo thorowe the cities of Iuda, and deſtroyed the wicked out of them, and turned away the wrath from Iſrael.

9 So was he renoumed vnto the ends of the earth, and he aſſembled together thoſe that were readie to periſh.

10 ¶But [a] Apollonius gathered the Gentiles, and a great hoſte out of Samaria, to fight againſt Iſrael.

[a] Who was gouernour of Syria. Ioſeph Antiq.12. chap.9.

11 Which

11 Which when Iudas perceiued, he went forthe to mete him, and ſmote him, & ſlue him, ſo that many fel downe ſlaine, & the reſt fled.
12 So Iudas toke their ſpoiles, and toke alſo Apollonius ſworde, and foght with it all his life long.
13 ¶ Now whē Seron a prince of ỹ armie of Syria, heard that Iudas had gathered vnto him the congregacion, and Church of the faithful, and went forthe to the warre,
14 He ſaid, I wil get me a name, and wil be glorious in the realme: for I wil go fight with Iudas, & thē that are with him, which haue deſpiſed the Kings commandement.
15 So he made him readie to go vp, and there went with him a mightie hoſte of the vngodlie to helpe him, & to be aduenged of the children of Iſrael.
16 And when he came nere to the going vp of Bethhoron, Iudas went forthe to mete him with a ſmale companie.
17 But when they ſawe the armie coming againſt them, they ſaid to Iudas, How are we able, being ſo fewe, to fight againſt ſo great a multitude, & ſo ſtrong, ſeing we be ſo wearie, and haue faſted all this day?
18 Then ſaid Iudas, It is an eaſie thing for many to be ſhut vp in the hands of fewe, and there is no difference before *the God* of heauen, to deliuer by a great multitude, or by a ſmale companie.
19 For the victorie of the battel ſtādeth not in the multitude of ỹ hoſte, but the ſtrēgth cometh from heauen.
20 They come againſt vs with a cruel and proude multitude, to deſtroy vs, and our wiues, and our children, and to robbe vs.
21 But we do fight for our liues, and for our Lawes,
22 And God him ſelf wil deſtroie thē before our face: therefore be not ye afraied of them.
23 And whē he had left of ſpeaking, he lept ſuddenly vpon them: ſo was Seron and his hoſte deſtroied before him.
24 And they purſued them from the going downe of Bethhorō vnto the plaine: where there were ſlaine eight hundreth men of them, and the reſidue fled into the land of the Philiſtims.
25 Then the feare & terrour of Iudas & his brethrē fel vpon the naciōs rounde about,
26 So that his fame came vnto the King: for all the Gentiles colde tell of the warres of Iudas.
27 ¶ But when King Antiochus heard theſe tidings, he was angrie in his minde: wherefore he ſent forthe, & gathered all ỹ power of his realme a very ſtrong armie,
28 And opened his treaſurie, and gaue his hoſte a yeres wages in hand, commanding thē to be readie for a yere for all occaſiōs.
29 Neuertheles, when he ſawe that the money of his treaſures failed, & that the tributes in the countrey were ſmale, becauſe of the diſſencion, & plagues ỹ he had broght vpon the land, in taking away the lawes which had bene of olde time,
30 He feared leſt he ſhulde not haue now at the ſeconde time, as at the firſt, for the charges & giftes that he had giuē with a liberal hand afore: for in liberalitie he farre paſſed the other Kings ỹ were before him.
31 Wherefore he was heauie in his minde, and thoght to go into Perſia, for to take tributes of the countreis, and to gather muche money.
32 So he left Lyſias a noble man and of the Kings blood to ouerſe the Kings buſines, from the riuer of Euphrates vnto the borders of Egypt,
33 And to bring vp his ſonne Antiochus, til he came againe.
34 Moreouer, he gaue him halfe of his hoſte and elephantes, & gaue him the charge of all things that he wolde haue done,
35 And concerning thoſe which dwelt in Iuda and Ieruſalem, that he ſhulde ſend an armie againſt them, to deſtroy and roote out the power of Iſrael & the remnant of Ieruſalem, and to put out their memorial from that place,
36 And to ſet ſtrangers for to inhabite all their quarters, & parte their lād amōg thē.
37 And the King toke the halfe of the hoſte that remained, & departed from Antiochia his royal citie, in the yere an hūdreth fortie and ſeuen, and paſſed the riuer Euphrates, & went thorow the hie countreis.
38 Then Lyſias choſe Ptolemeus the ſonne of Dorimīnus, & Nicanor, and Gorgias, mightie men, and the Kings friends,
39 And ſent with them fortie thouſand fote men, & ſeuen thouſand horſemen, to go into the land of Iuda, & to deſtroie it, as the King commanded.
40 So they wēt forthe with all their power and came and pitched by ‖Emmaus in the plaine countrey. ‖Emmaus.
41 Now when the marchants of the countrey heard the rumour of them, they toke very muche ſiluer & golde, & ſeruants, & came into the campe to bye the childrē of Iſrael for ſclaues, & the ſtrength of Syria & of ſtrange nacions ioyned with them.
42 ¶ Now when Iudas & his brethren ſawe that trouble increaſed, and that the hoſte drewe nere vnto their borders, cōſidering the Kings wordes, whereby he had commanded to deſtroy the people, and vtterly aboliſh them,
43 They ſaid one to another, Let vs redreſſe the decay of our people, and let vs fight for our people, and for our Sanctuarie.
44 Then the cōgregaciō were ſone readie

gathered to fight, and to praye, and to deſire mercie and compaſsion.

45 As for Ieruſalem, it was not inhabited, but was as a wildernes. There went none that was borne in it, in or out at it, and the Sanctuarie was troden downe, and the ſtrangers kept the fortereſſe, and it was the habitacion of the heathen: & the mirth of Iacob was taken away: the pipe and the harpe ceaſed.

46 So they gathered them ſelues together, and came to Maſpha before Ieruſalem: for in Maſpha was ỹ place where they praied afore time in Iſrael.

47 And they faſted that day, and put ſackecloth vpon them, and caſt aſhes vpon their heads, and rent their clothes,

48 And opened the boke of the Law, wherein the heathē ſoght to paint the lickenes of their idoles,

49 And broght the Prieſts garments, and the firſt frutes, and the tithes, and ſet there the Nazarites, which accompliſhed their daies.

50 And they cryed with a loude voyce, towarde heauen, ſaying, What ſhal we do with theſe? and whether ſhal we carye them away?

51 For thy Sanctuarie is troden downe and defiled, and thy Prieſts are in heauines, & broght downe.

52 And beholde, the heathē are come againſt vs to deſtroie vs: thou knoweſt what thīgs they imagine againſt vs.

53 How can we ſtand before them, except thou helpe vs?

54 Then they blewe the trumpets, & cryed with a loude voyce.

55 And after this Iudas ordeined captaines ouer the people, euen captaines ouer thouſands, and captaines ouer hundreths, and captaines ouer fifties, and captaines ouer ten.

56 And they cōmanded them that buylded houſes, or maried wiues, or planted vineyardes, or were fearful, that thei ſhulde returne euerie one to his owne houſe, according* to the Law. *Deut.20.5. Iud.7.3.

57 So the hoſte remoued, and pitched vpon the Southſide of Emmaus.

58 And Iudas ſaid, Arme your ſelues, and be valiant men, & be readie againſt the morning to fight with theſe naciōs, which are gathered together againſt vs, to deſtroie vs and our Sanctuarie.

59 For it is better for vs to dye in battel, then to ſe the calamities of our people & of our Sanctuarie.

60 Neuertheles as the wil *of God* is in heauen, ſo be it.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Iudas goeth againſt Gorgias which lieth in wait. 14 He putteth Gorgias and his hoſte to flight. 28 Lyſias inuadeth Iudea. 29 But Iudas driueth him out. 43 Iudas purifieth the Temple and dedicateth the altar.

1 THen toke Gorgias fiue thouſand *fote* men, and a thouſand of the beſt horſemen, and departed out of the campe by night, *Ioſeph lib.12. chap.12.*

2 To inuade the campe of the Iewes, and to ſlaye thē ſuddenly: and the men of the fortereſſe were his guides.

3 Now when Iudas heard it, he remoued, & they that were valiant men to ſmite the Kings armie which was at Emmaus,

4 Whiles yet the armie was diſperſed frō the campe.

5 In the meane ſeaſon came Gorgias by night into Iudas campe: & when he founde no man there, he ſoght thē in the mountaines: for ſaid he, They flee from vs.

6 But aſſone as it was day, Iudas ſhewed him ſelf in the field with thre thouſand mē, which had nether harnes nor ſwordes to their mindes.

7 And thei ſawe that the armies of the heathen were ſtrong and wel armed, and their horſemen about them, and that theſe were experte men of warre.

8 Then ſaid Iudas to the mē that were with him, Feare ye not their multitude, nether be afraied of their aſſalt.

9 Remember, how our fathers were deliuered* in the red Sea, when Pharao purſued them with an armie. *Exod.14.9.

10 Therefore now let vs crye vnto heauen, and the Lord wil haue mercie vpon vs, & remember the couenant of our fathers, & wil deſtroie this hoſte before our face this day:

11 So ſhal all the heathen knowe, that there is one, which deliuereth and ſaueth Iſrael.

12 Then the ſtrangers lift vp their eyes, & ſawe them coming againſt them,

13 And they went out of their tētes into the battel, and they that were with Iudas, blew the trumpets.

14 So they ioyned together, and the heathē were diſcomfited and fled by the plaine.

15 But the hinmoſte of thē fel by the ſworde, and they purſued them vnto" Gazerō, and into the plaines of Idumea, and of Azotus, and of Iamnia, ſo that there were ſlaine of them about thre thouſand men. "Or, *Aſſaremah*

16 So Iudas turned againe with his hoſte frō purſuing them,

17 And ſaid vnto the people, Be not griedie of the ſpoiles: for there is a battel before vs.

18 And Gorgias and the armie is here by vs in the mountaine: but ſtand ye now faſt againſt your enemies, and ouercome them: then may ye ſafely take the ſpoiles.

19 As Iudas was ſpeaking theſe wordes, there appeared one parte which loked from the

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the mountaines.
20 But when *Gorgias* ſawe that his were fled, and that Iudas ſoldiers burnt the tentes: (for the ſmoke that was ſene, declared what was done.)
21 When they ſawe theſe things, they were ſore afraied, and when they ſawe alſo that Iudas and his hoſte were in the field readie to ſet them ſelues in array,
22 They fled euerie one into the land of ſtrangers.
23 So Iudas turned againe to ſpoile the tentes, where he gate muche golde and ſiluer, and precious ſtones, and purple of the ſea, and great riches.
24 Thus they went home, and ſang pſalmes, and praiſed towarde the heauen: for he is gracious, and his mercie endureth for euer.
25 And ſo Iſrael had a great victorie in that day.
26 ¶ Now all the ſtrangers that eſcaped, came, & tolde Lyſias all the things that were done.
27 Who when he heard theſe things, was ſore afraied, and diſcouraged, becauſe ſuche things came not vpon Iſrael as he wolde, nether ſuche things as the King had commanded him, came to paſſe.
28 Therefore the next yere following, gathered Lyſias thre ſcore thouſande choſen *fote* men, and fiue thouſande horſemen to fight againſt Ieruſalem.
29 So they came into 'Idumea, and pitched their tentes at 'Beth-ſura, where Iudas came againſt them with ten thouſand men.
30 And whē he ſawe that mightie armie, he praied and ſaid, Bleſſed be thou, ô Sauiour of Iſrael, *which dideſt deſtroie the aſſalte of ẏ mightie man by the hād of thy ſeruāt Dauid, *& gaueſt the hoſte of the ſtrāgers into the hād of Ionathan, ẏ ſonne of Saul, and of his armour bearer:
31 Shut vp this armie in ẏ hand of thy people of Iſrael, & let thē be confounded with their power, and with their horſemen.
32 Make them afraied, and conſume their boldenes & ſtrength, that thei may be aſtoniſhed at their deſtruction.
33 Caſt them downe by the ſworde of them that loue thee: thē ſhal all thei that knowe thy Name, praiſe thee with ſongs.
34 So they ioyned together, and there were ſlaine of Lyſias hoſte, fiue thouſand men, and they fell before them.
35 Thē Lyſias, ſeing his armie put to flight and the manlines of Iudas ſoldiers, and that they were readie, either to liue or dye valiantly, he went into Antiochia, and gathered ſtrangers, and when he had furniſhed his armie, he thoght againe (being prepared) to come againſt Iudea.
36 Then ſaid Iudas & his brethrē, Beholde, our enemies are diſcomfited: let vs now go vp to clenſe, and to repaire the Sanctuarie.
37 So all the hoſte gathered them together, and went vp into the mountaine of Sion.
38 Now whē they ſawe the Sanctuarie layed waſte, and the altar defiled, and the dores burnt vp, and the ſhrubbes growing in the courtes, as in a foreſt, or as on one of the mountaines, and that the Prieſts chābers were broken downe,
39 They rent their clothes, and made great lamentation, and caſt aſhes vpon their heads,
40 And fel downe to the grounde on their faces, and blewe an alarme with the trumpets, and cryed towarde heauen.
41 Then Iudas commanded certeine of the men to fight againſt thoſe which were in ẏ caſtel, til he had clenſed the Sanctuarie.
42 So he choſe Prieſts that were vndefiled, ſuche as delited in the Law,
43 And they clenſed the Sāctuarie, and bare out the defiled ſtones into an vncleane place,
44 And conſulted what to do with the altar of burnt offrings, which was polluted.
45 So they thoght it was beſt to deſtroie it, leſt it ſhulde be a reproche vnto them, becauſe the heathen had defiled it: therefore they deſtroyed the altar,
46 And layed vp the ſtones vpon the moūtaine of the Temple in a conuenient place, til there ſhulde come a Prophet, to ſhewe what ſhulde be done with them.
47 So they toke whole ſtones according to the Law, and buylded a new altar accor ding to the former,
48 And made vp the Sanctuarie, and the things that were within the Temple, and the courts, and all things.
49 They made alſo new holie veſſels, and broght into the Temple the candelſticke, and the altar of burnt offrings, and of incenſe and the table.
50 And they burnt incenſe vpō the altar, & lighted the lampes which were vpon the candelſticke, that they might burne in the Temple.
51 Thei ſet alſo the ſhewbread vpon the table, and hanged vp the vailes, and finiſhed all the workes that they had begon to make.
52 'And vpon the fiue and twentieth day of the ninth moneth, which is called the moneth of Chaſlu, in the hundreth and eight and fortieth yere they roſe vp betimes in the morning,
53 And offred ſacrifice according to the Law, vpō the new altar of burnt offrings, that they had made.
54 According to the time, and according to the day, that the heathen had defiled it, in

'Or, Iudea.
'Or, Bethhoron.
1. Sam. 17, 50.
1 Sam. 14, 13.

the ſame day was it made new with ſongs, and harpes, and lutes, and cymbales.
55 And all the people fel vpon their faces, worſhipping & praiſing towarde the heauen him that had giuen thē good ſucceſſe.
56 So they kept the dedicacion of the altar eight daies, offring burnt offrings with gladnes, & offred ſacrifices of deliuerance and praiſe,
57 And decte the forefronte of the Temple with crownes of golde and ſhields, & dedicated the gates and chambers, & hanged dores vpon them.
58 Thus there was very great gladnes amōg the people, and the reproche of the heathen was put away.
59 So Iudas and his brethren with the whole cōgregacion of Iſrael ordeined that the daies of dedicacion of the altar ſhulde be kept in their ſeaſon from yere to yere, by the ſpace of eight daies, from the fiue and twentie day of the moneth Chaſleu, with mirth and gladnes.
60 And at the ſame time buylded they vp mount Sion with hie walles and ſtrong towers rounde about, leſt the Gentiles ſhulde come, and treade it downe, as they had done afore.
61 Therefore they ſet a garifon there to kepe it, & fortified Beth-ſura to kepe it, that the people might haue a defenſe againſt Idumea.

CHAP. V.

3 Iudas vanquiſhed the heathen that go about to deſtroie Iſrael, & is holpen of his brethren Simon and Ionathan 50 He ouerthroweth the citie of Ephron, becauſe they denyed him paſſage thorowe it.

1 NOw when the nacions rounde about heard, that the altar was buylded, & the Sanctuarie renued, as afore, they were ſore grieued.
2 Therefore they thoght to deſtroie the generacion of Iacob that was among them, and begāne to ſlaye and deſtroy the people.
3 Then Iudas foght againſt the children of Eſau in Idumea at *Arrabathene, becauſe they beſieged the Iſraelites, and he ſmote them with a great plague, and droue them to ſtraites, and toke their ſpoiles.
4 He thoght alſo vpō the malice of the children of Bean, which had bene a ſnare and an hinderance vnto the people, when they laye in waite for them in the hie way.
5 Wherefore he ſhut them vp in towers, and beſieged them, and deſtroied them vterly, and burnt their towers with fyre, with all that were in them.
6 Afterward, went he againſt the children of Ammon, where he founde a mightie power, and a great multitude with Timotheus their captaine.
7 So he had manie battels with them, but they were deſtroyed before him, and ſo he diſcomfited them,
8 And toke Gazer with the townes thereof, and ſo turned againe into Iudea.
9 ¶ Then the heathen that were in Galaad, gathered them together againſt the Iſraelites that were in their quarters, to ſlay them: but they fled to the caſtel of Datheman,
10 And ſent letters to Iudas, and to his brethren, ſaying, The heathen that are about vs, are gathered againſt vs, to deſtroye vs,
11 And they make them readie for to come, and to take the fortereſſe, whereunto we are fled, and Timotheus is captaine of their hoſte.
12 Come now therefore, and deliuer vs out of their hands: for manie of vs are ſlaine:
13 And all our brethrē that were at Tubin, are ſlaine, and they haue taken away their wiues, and their children, and their goods, and deſtroyed there almoſte a thouſand men.
14 While theſe letters were yet a reading, beholde, there came other meſſengers frō Galile with their clothes rēt, which tolde the ſame tidi. gs,
15 And ſaid, that they of Ptolemais, and of Tyrus, and of Sidon, and of all Galile of the Gentiles were gathered againſt them to deſtroye them.
16 When Iudas, and the people heard theſe wordes, a great Congregacion came together, to cōſulte what they might do for their brethrē, that were in trouble, & whome they beſieged.
17 Then ſaid Iudas to Simon his brother, Chuſe thee out men, and go & deliuer thy brethren in Galile, and I and my brother Ionathan, wil go into the countrey of Galaad.
18 ¶ So he left Ioſephus the ſonne of Zacharias, and Azarias to be captaines of the people, and to kepe the remnant of the hoſte in Iudea,
19 And commanded them, ſaying, Take the ouerſight of this people, and make no warre againſt the heathen, vntil we come againe.
20 And vnto Simon were giuen thre thouſand men to go into Galile, and to Iudas eight thouſand men for the countrey of Galaad.
21 Then went Simon into Galile, and gaue diuers battels to the heathen, and the heathen were diſcomfited by him.
22 And he purſued them vnto the gates of Ptolemais: & there were ſlaine of the heathen almoſte thre thouſand men: ſo he toke their ſpoiles.
23 Thus they reſcued them that were in Galile

*Or, Arabathene

lile and in Arbattis with their wiues, and their children, and all that they had, and broght them into Iudea with great ioye.

24 ¶Iudas Maccabeus alſo, and his brother Ionathan went ouer Iorden, and trauailed thre dayes iourney in the wildernes,

25 Where they met with the Nabathites, who receiued them louingly, & tolde thē euerie thing that was done vnto their brethren in the countrey of Galaad,

26 And how that manie of them were beſieged in Boſorra, & Boſor, in Alemis, Chaſbon, Maged and Carnaim (all theſe cities are ſtrong, and great)

Or, Chaſphor.

27 And that they were kept in other cities of Galaad, and to morow they are appointed to bring their hoſte vnto theſe fortes, and to take them, and to deſtroye them all in one day.

28 So Iudas & his hoſte turned in all haſte by the way of the wildernes towarde Boſorra, and wan the citie, and ſlewe all the males with the edge of the ſworde, and toke all their ſpoile, and ſet fyre vpō *the citie*.

29 And in the night he remoued from thence, and went towarde the fortereſſe.

30 And betimes in the morning when thei loked vp, beholde, there was an innumerable people bearing ladders, and inſtruments of warre, to take the forte, and had aſſalted them.

31 When Iudas ſawe that the battel was begon, and that the crye of the citie went vp to heauen with trumpets, and a great ſounde,

32 Then he ſaid vnto the armie, Fight this day for your brethren.

33 So he wēt forthe behinde them with thre companies, and they blew the trumpets, & cryed with prayer.

34 Then the hoſte of Timotheus knewe, that it was Maccabeus, and they fled from him, & he ſmote them with a great ſlaughter, ſo that there was killed of them the ſame day, almoſte eight thouſand men.

35 ¶Then departed Iudas vnto Maſpha, & laid ſiege vnto it, and wanne it, and ſlewe all the males thereof, and ſpoiled it, and ſet fyre vpon it.

36 From thence went he and toke Chaſbō, Maged, and Boſor, and the other cities in Galaad.

37 After theſe things gathered Timotheus another hoſte, and he camped before Raphon beyonde the flood.

38 Now Iudas had ſent to eſpie the hoſte, & they broght him worde againe, ſaying, All the heathen that be rounde about vs, are gathered vnto him, and the hoſte is verie great,

39 And he hathe hyred the Arabians to helpe them, and they haue pitched their tentes beionde the flood, & are readie to come and fight againſt thee. So Iudas went to mete them.

40 Then Timotheus ſaid vnto the captaines of his hoſte, When Iudas and his hoſte come nere the flood, if he paſſe ouer firſt vnto vs, we ſhal not be able to withſtand him: for he wil be to ſtrong for vs.

41 But if he be afraid, and campe beyonde the flood, we wil go ouer vnto him, and ſhal preuaile againſt him.

42 Now whē Iudas came nere to the flood, he cauſed the gouernours of the people to remaine by the flood, and commāded thē, ſaying, Suffer none to pitche a tent, but let euerie man come to the battel.

43 So he went firſt ouer towarde them, and all people after him: and all the heathen were diſcomfited before him, & caſt away their weapons, and fled into the tempſe that was at Carnaim.

44 Which citie Iudas wanne, and burnt the temple with all that were in it: ſo was Carnaim ſubdued, and might not withſtand Iudas.

45 ¶Then Iudas gathered all the Iſraelites that were in the countrey of Galaad, from the leaſt vnto the moſt, with their wiues and their children, and their baggage, a verie great hoſte, to come into the lād of Iuda.

46 So they came vnto Ephron, which was a great citie by the way, and ſtrongly defenſed: they colde not paſſe, nether at the right hand nor at the left, but muſt go thorowe it.

47 But they that were in the citie, ſhut thē ſelues in, and ſtopped vp the gates with ſtones: and Iudas ſent vnto them with peaceable wordes, ſaying,

48 Let vs paſſe thorowe your land, that we may go into our owne countrey, and none ſhal hurt you: we wil but onely go thorowe on fote: but they wolde not open vnto him.

49 Wherefore Iudas commanded a proclamacion to be made thorowe out the hoſte, that euerie man ſhulde aſſilt it according to his ſtanding.

50 So the valiant men ſet vpon it, and aſſalted the citie all that day, and all that night, and the citie was giuen ouer into his hands:

51 Who ſlewe all the males with the edge of the ſworde, and deſtroyed it, and toke the ſpoile thereof, and went thorowe the citie ouer them that were ſlaine.

52 Then went they ouer Iorden into the great plaine before Bethſan.

53 And Iudas gathered together thoſe that were behinde, and gaue the people good exhortation all the way thorowe, til they were come into the land of Iuda.

54 Thus they went vp with ioye, and glad-

nes vnto mount Sion, where they offred burnt offrings, becauſe there were none of them ſlaine, but came home againe in ſafetie.

55 ¶Now whiles Iudas and Ionathan were in the land of Galaad, and Simon their brother in Galile before Ptolemais,

56 Ioſeph the ſonne of Zacharias, and Azarias the captaines, hearing of the valiant actes, and battels which they had achiued, ſaid,

57 Let vs get vs a name alſo, and go fight againſt the heathen that are round about vs.

58 So they gaue their hoſte a commandement and went towarde Iamnia.

59 But Gorgias and his men came out of the citie to fight againſt them.

60 And Ioſeph and Azarias were put to flight and purſued vnto the borders of Iudea: and there were ſlaine that day of the people of Iſrael about two thouſand men: ſo ỹ there was a great ouerthrowe among the people of Iſrael,

61 Becauſe they were not obedient vnto Iudas, and his brethrē, but thoght to do ſome valiant thing.

62 Alſo they came not of the ſtocke of theſe men, by whoſe hands deliuerāce was giuen to Iſrael.

63 But the man Iudas, and his brethren were greatly commended in the ſight of all Iſrael, and of all the heathen, whereſoeuer their name was heard of.

64 And the people came vnto them, bidding them welcome.

Ioſeph Antiq. 12. chap. 11 & 12.

65 Afterwarde went Iudas forthe with his brethren, and foght againſt the children of Eſau in the lād toward the South, where he wanne Hebron, and the townes thereof, & he deſtroyed the caſtel thereof, & burnt the towres thereof round about.

66 Then remoued he to go into the land of the *Or, Philiſtims.* ſtrangers, and went thorow Samaria.

67 At the ſame time were the Prieſts of the cities ſlaine in ỹ battel, which wolde ſhewe their valiantnes, and went forthe to battel without counſel: and when Iudas came to Azotus in the ſtrangers lād, he brake downe their altars, and burnt with fyre the images of their gods, and toke away the ſpoiles of the cities, and came againe into the land of Iuda.

CHAP. VI.

1 Antiochus, willing to take the citie of Elimais, is driuen away of the citizens. 8 He falleth into ſickenes, and dyeth. 17 His ſonne Antiochus is made King. 34 The maner to prouoke elephantes to fight. 43 Eleazarus valiant acte. 49 The ſiege of Sion.

Ioſeph Anti. 12. chap. 13.

1 NOw when King Antiochus trauailed thorow the high countreis, he heard that Elimais in the countrey of Perſia was a citie greatly renoumed for riches, ſiluer and golde,

2 And that there was in it a verie riche tẽple, where as were coueringes of golde, cote armoures, and harnes, which Alexandre Kīg of Macedonia the ſonne of Philippe (ỹ reigned firſt in Grecia) had left there.

3 Wherefore he went about to take the citie, and to ſpoile it, but he was not able: for ỹ citizens were warned of the matter,

4 And roſe vp againſt him in battel, & he fled and departed thence with great heauines, and came againe into Babylon.

5 Moreouer, there came one which broght him tidings in the coūtrey of Perſia, that the armies that went againſt the land of Iuda, were driuen away,

6 And that Lyſias, which went forthe firſt with a great power, was driuen away of the Iewes, and that they were made ſtrong by the armour, and power, and diuers ſpoyles which they had gotten of the armies whome they had deſtroyed,

7 And that they had pulled downe the abominacion, which he had ſet vp vpon the altar at Ieruſalem, and fenſed the Sāctuarie with high walles, as it was afore, and Beth-ſura his citie.

8 So when the King had heard theſe wordes, he was aſtoniſhed, and ſore moued: therefore he laid him downe vpō his bed, & fel ſicke for verie ſorowe, becauſe it was not come to paſſe, as he had thoght.

9 And there continued he manie dayes: for his grief was euer more & more, ſo that he ſawe he muſt nedes dye.

10 Therefore he ſent for all his friends, & ſaid vnto them, The ſlepe is gone from mine eyes, and mine heart faileth for verie care.

11 And I thinke with my ſelf, Into what aduerſitie am I come? & into what floods of miſerie am I fallen now, where as afore time I was in proſperitie, and greatly fet by, by reaſon of my power?

12 And now do I remember the euils that I haue done at Ieruſalem: for I toke all the veſſels of golde & of ſiluer that were in it, and ſent to deſtroye the inhabitants of Iuda without cauſe.

13 I knowe that theſe troubles are come vpon me for the ſame cauſe, and beholde, I muſt dye with great ſorowe in a ſtrange land.

14 Then called he for Philippe, one of his friends, whome he made ruler of all his realme,

15 And gaue him the crowne, and his robe, and the ring, that he ſhulde inſtruct his ſonne Antiochus, and bring him vp, til he might reigne him ſelf.

16 So King Antiochus dyed there in the hundreth, and fortie and ninth yere.

17 ¶When Lyſias knewe, that the King

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Ioseph Antiq. 12, chap. 14.

was dead, he ordeined Antiochus his ſonne (whome he had broght vp) to reigne in his fathers ſtead, and called him Eupator.

18 Now they that were in the caſtle *at Ieruſalem*, kept in the Iſraelites rounde about the Sanctuarie, and ſoght alwaies their hurt, and the ſtrengthening of ỹ heathen.

19 Therefore Iudas thoght to deſtroy thẽ, & called all the people together to beſiege them.

20 So they came together, and beſieged thẽ in the hundreth and fiftie yere, and made inſtruments to ſhoote and other engins of warre.

21 But certeine of them that were beſieged, gate forthe, (vnto whome ſome vngodlie men of Iſrael ioyned them ſelues.)

22 And they went vnto the King, ſaying, How long wilt thou ceaſe from executing iudgement, and aduenge our brethren?

23 We haue bene readie to ſerue thy father, & to go forwarde in thoſe things, that he appointed, & to obey his commandemẽts.

24 Therefore they of our nacions fel from vs for this cauſe, and whereſoeuer they founde anie of vs, they ſlewe them, and ſpoyled our inheritance.

25 And thei haue not onely laied hand vpon vs, but vpon all about their borders.

26 And beholde, this day are they beſiegĩg the caſtle at Ieruſalem to take it, and haue fortified the Sanctuarie, and Beth-ſura.

27 And if thou doeſt not preuent thẽ quickely, thei wil do greater things then theſe, and thou ſhalt not be able to ouercome them.

28 When the King heard this, he was verie angrie, and called all his friends, the captaines of his armie, and his horſemen,

29 And bandes that were hired, came vnto him frõ the Kings, that were confederate, and from the yles of the ſea.

30 So the nomber of his armie was an hundreth thouſand fote men, & twentie thouſand horſemen, and two and thirtie elephantes exerciſed in battel.

31 Theſe came through Idumea and drewe nere to Beth-ſura, and beſieged it a long ſeaſon, and made engins of warre: but thei came out, and burnt them with fyre, and foght valiantly.

32 Then departed Iudas from the caſtle, & remoued the hoſte towarde Beth-zacarias ouer againſt the Kings campe.

33 So the King aroſe verie earely, & broght the armie and his power towarde the way of Beth-zacarias, where the armies ſet thẽ ſelues in array to the battel, and blewe the trumpets.

34 And to prouoke the elephantes for to fight, thei ſhewed thẽ the blood of grapes and mulberies,

35 And they ſet the beaſts according to the ranges: ſo that by euerie elephant there ſtode a thouſand men armed with coates of maile and helmets of braſſe vpõ their heads, and vnto euerie beaſt were ordeined fiue hundreth horſemen of the beſt,

36 Which were readie at all times whereſoeuer the beaſt was: and whetherſoeuer the beaſt went, they went alſo, and departed not from him.

37 And vpon them were ſtrong towres of wood that couered euerie beaſt, which were faſtened thereon with inſtruments, & vpon euerie one was two and thirtie men, that foght in them, and the Indian that ruled him.

38 They ſet alſo the remnant of the horſemen vpon bothe the ſides in two wings of the hoſte to ſtirre them vp, and to kepe them in the valleis.

39 And when the ſunne ſhone vpon the golden ſhields, the mountaines gliſtered therewith, and gaue light as lãpes of fyre.

40 Thus parte of the Kings armie was ſpred vpon the hie mountaines, and parte beneth: ſo they marched forwarde warely and in order.

41 And all they that heard the noyce of their multitude, and the marching of the companie, and the ratteling of the harnes, were aſtoniſhed: for the armie was verie great and mightie.

42 Then Iudas and his hoſte entred into the battel, & thei ſlewe ſix hundreth men of the Kings armie.

43 ¶ Now when Eleazar, *the ſonne* of " Abaron, ſawe one of the elephãtes armed with royal harnes, and was more excellent then all ỹ other beaſts, he thoght that the King ſhulde be vpon him. *" Or, Auaran.*

44 Wherefore he ieoparded him ſelf to deliuer his people, and to get him a perpetual name,

45 And ranne boldely vnto him through the middes of the hoſte, ſlaying on the right hand, and on the left, ſo that thei departed away on bothe ſides.

46 So went he to the elephantes fete, and gate him vnder him, and ſlewe him: then fel the elephant downe vpon him, & there he dyed.

47 But *the other*, ſeing the power of ỹ King and the fiercenes of his armie, departed from them.

48 ¶ And the Kings armie went vp to mete them towarde Ieruſalem, and the King pitched his tents in Iudea towarde mount Sion.

49 Moreouer, the King toke truce with thẽ that were in Beth-ſura: but when they came out of the citie, becauſe they had no vitailes there, and were ſhut vp therein, & the land had reſted,

50 The King toke Beth-ſura, and ſet there

a garison to kepe it,
51 And beſieged the Sanctuarie many dayes,& made inſtruments to ſhoote,& other engins of warre, and inſtruments to caſt fyre and ſtones, and pieces to caſt dartes and ſlings.
52 "Thei alſo made engins againſt their engins,and foght a long ſeaſon. *Or,the Iewes.
53 But in the garners there were no vitailes: for it was the ſeuenth yere, and then they that were in Iudea, & were deliuered from the Gentiles, had eaten vp the reſidue of the ſtore,
54 So that in the Sanctuarie were fewe men left: for the famine came ſo vpon thē,that they were ſcattered euerie mā to his owne place.
55 ¶Now when Lyſias heard that Philippe (whome Antiochus the King, whiles he liued, had ordeined to bring vp Antiochus his ſonne,that he might be King)
56 Was come againe out of Perſia,& Media, and the Kings hoſte with him, and thoght to take vnto him the rule of thīgs,
57 He *and his* haſted, and were ſtirred forwarde by them in the caſtel to go and tell the King, and the captaines of the hoſte, and to others, *ſaying*, We decreaſe dayly, & our vitailes are but ſmale:and the place that we laye ſiege vnto,is ſtrong, and the affaires of the realme depende vpon vs.
58 Now therefore let vs "agre with theſe men, & take truce with them, and with all their nacion, *Or,giue handr.
59 And grāte them to liue after their Law, as they did afore:for they be grieued,and do all theſe things,becauſe we haue broken their Lawes.
60 So the King and the princes were content,and ſent vnto them to make peace,& they receiued it.
61 When the King & the princes had made an othe vnto them, they came vpō this out of the fortereſſe.
62 And the King went vp to mount Sion: but when he ſawe that the place was wel defenſed, he brake his othe that he had made, and commanded to breake downe the wall rounde about.
63 Then departed he in all haſte, and returned vnto Antiochia where he founde Philippe hauing dominion of the citie:ſo he foght againſt him, and toke the citie by force.

CHAP. VII.

1 Demetrius reigned,after he had killed Antiochus and Lyſias. 5 He troubleth the children of Iſrael thorowe the counſel of certeine wicked perſones. 37 The praier of the Prieſts againſt Nicanor. 41 Iudas killeth Nicanor,after he had made his praier.

Ioſeph.Antiq.12,chap.8
1 IN the hundreth and one and fiftieth yere,departed Demetrius the ſonne of Seleucus from Rome, and came vp with a fewe men vnto a citie of the ſea coaſt,and reigned there.
2 And when he came into the poſſeſsion of his fathers kīgdome, his ſoldiers toke Antiochus and Lyſias,and broght them vnto him.
3 But when it was tolde him,he ſaid, Shewe me not their faces.
4 So thei put thē to death. Now when Demetrius was ſet vpon the throne of his kingdome,
5 There came vnto him all the wicked and vngodlie men of Iſrael, whoſe captaine was Alcimus,that wolde haue bene the hie Prieſt.
6 Theſe men accuſed the people vnto the King,ſaying,Iudas and his brethren haue ſlayne all thy friends, and driuen vs out of our owne land.
7 Wherefore ſend now ſome man,whome thou truſteſt, that he maye go and ſe all the deſtruction,which he hathe done vnto vs,and to the Kings land,and let him puniſh them with all their partakers.
8 Then the King choſe Bacchides a frīēd of his,which was a great man in the realme,and ruled beyonde the flood, and was faithful vnto the King,and ſent him,
9 And that wicked Alcimus,whome he made hie Prieſt, and commanded him to be aduenged of the children of Iſrael.
10 So they departed,and came with a great hoſte into the land of Iuda, and ſent meſſengers to Iudas and his brethren, deceitfully with peaceable wordes.
11 But they beleued not their ſaying: for thei ſawe that they were come with a great hoſte.
12 Then a companie of the gouernours aſſembled vnto Alcimus and Bacchides to intreat of reaſonable points.
13 And the "Aſideans were the firſt that required peace among the children of Iſrael. *Or,Haſidim.
14 For ſaid they, He that is a Prieſt of the ſede of Aarō,is come with this armie:therefore he wil not hurt vs.
15 Then he ſpake vnto them peaceably,and ſwore vnto them,and ſaid,We wil do you no harme,nether your friends:
16 And they beleued him:but he toke of thē thre ſcore men,and ſlewe them in one day according to the wordes that were writen.
17 *Thei haue *caſt* ȳ bodies of thy Saintes, and their blood rounde about Ieruſalem, and there was no man that wolde burye them. *Pſal.79,2.
18 So there came a feare and trembling among all the people: for they ſaid, There is nether trueth nor righteouſnes in them: for they haue broken the appointment & othe that they made.
19 Thē Bacchides remoued frō Ieruſalem, and

& pitched his tente at [a]Beth-zecha, where he ſent forthe & toke manie of the mẽ that had forſaken him, & certeine of the people whome he ſlewe *& caſt* into the great pit.

20 Then committed he the countrey vnto Alcimus, & left men of warre with him to helpe him: ſo Bacchides wẽt vnto ỹ King.

21 Thus Alcimus ſtroue for ỹ prieſthode.

22 And all ſuche as troubled the people reſorted vnto him: in ſomuche, that they obteined the land of Iuda, and did muche hurt in Iſrael.

23 Now when Iudas ſawe all the miſchief, that Alcimus and his companie had done amõg the Iſraelites more then the heathẽ,

24 He went forthe rounde about all the borders of Iudea, and puniſhed thoſe, that were fallen away, ſo that they came no more abroade in the countrey.

25 But when Alcimus ſawe that Iudas & his people had goten the vpper hãd, & knewe that he was not able to abide them, he went againe to the King, and accuſed thẽ of wicked things.

26 Then the King ſent Nicanor one of his chief princes, which hated Iſrael deadly, & commanded him, that he ſhulde deſtroye the people. *Ioſeph Anti. 12. chap. 16.*

27 ¶So Nicanor came to Ieruſalem with a great hoſte, and ſent vnto Iudas, and his brethren deceitfully with friendlie wordes, ſaying,

28 Let there be no warre betwene me, and you: I wil come with fewe men, to ſe how ye do, friendly.

29 So he came vnto Iudas, and they ſaluted one another peaceably: but the enemies were prepared to take away Iudas.

30 Neuertheles, it was tolde Iudas, that he came vnto him vnder diſceit: therefore he feared him, and wolde not ſe his face no more.

31 When Nicanor perceiued that his counſel was bewrayed, he went out to fight againſt Iudas, beſide [a]Carphaſalama. [a]Or, Adaſa.

32 Where there were ſlaine of Nicanors hoſte about fiue thouſand men: ſo they fled vnto the citie of Dauid.

33 After this came Nicanor vp vnto moũt Sion, and ſome of the Prieſts with the Elders of the people went forthe of the Sanctuarie to ſalute him peaceably, & to ſhew him the burnt offring that was offered for the King.

34 But he laughed at them, and mocked thẽ and counted them prophane, and ſpake proudly,

35 And ſwore in his wrath, ſaying, If Iudas and his hoſte be not deliuered now into mine hands, if euer I come againe in ſafetie, I wil burne vp this houſe. With that, went he out in a great anger.

36 Then the Prieſts came in, and ſtode before *the* altar in the Temple, weping, and ſaying,

37 For ſo muche as thou, o *Lord*, haſt choſen this Houſe, that thy Name might be called vpon therein, and that it ſhulde be an houſe of prayer, and peticion for thy people,

38 Be aduenged of this man and his hoſte, and let them be ſlaine by the ſworde: remember their blaſphemies, & ſuffre them not to continue.

39 ¶When Nicanor was gone from Ieruſalem, he pitched his tent at Beth-horon, & there an hoſte met him out of Syria.

40 And Iudas pitched in [a]Adaſa with three thouſand mẽ where Iudas prayed, ſaying, [a]Or, Adaſa.

41 *O Lord*, *becauſe the meſſengers of King Sẽnacherib blaſphemed thee, thine Angel went forthe, and ſlewe an hundreth, foure ſcore, and fiue thouſand of them. *2. King. 19. 35. tob. 1. 21. eccleſ. 48. 24. iſa. 37. 36. 2. mac. 8. 19.*

42 So deſtroye thou this hoſte before vs to day, that all other may knowe that he hathe ſpokẽ wickedly againſt thy Sãctuarie, & puniſh him according to his malice.

43 So the armies ioyned together in battel, the thirteenth day of the moneth Adar: but Nicanors hoſte was diſcomfited, and he him ſelf was firſt ſlaine in the battel.

44 Now when his armie ſawe that Nicanor was ſlaine, they caſt away their weapons and fled.

45 But they purſued after thẽ a dayes iourney from Adaſa vnto Gaſera, blowing an alarme with the trumpets after them.

46 So they came forthe of all the townes of Iudea rounde about, and ruſſhed vpon them, and threwe them from one to another, ſo that they all fel by the ſworde, & there was not one of them lefte.

47 Then they toke the ſpoyles, and the pray and ſmote of Nicanors head, and his right hand, which he helde vp ſo proudly, and broght it with them, and hanged them vp afore Ieruſalem.

48 So the people reioyced greatly, and kept that day as a day of great gladnes.

49 And they ordeined, to kepe yerely that day on the thirteenth day of the moneth Adar.

50 Thus the land of Iuda was in reſt a litle while.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Iudas, conſidering the power and policie of the Romains, maketh peace with them. 22 The conditions of mutual friendſhip ſent to the Iewes.

1 IVdas heard alſo the fame of the Romains, that thei were mightie, and valiant, and agreable to all things that were required of them, and made peace with all that came vnto them, *Ioſeph Antiq. 12. chap. 18.*

2 And that they were men of great power, and they tolde him of their battels, and their worthie actes, which they did amõg

Or, freemen. the Galatiás whome they had conquered, and made to paye tribute,

3 And what they had done in the countrey of Spaine: how that they had wonne there the mines of ſiluer and golde,

4 And that by their counſel, and gentle behauiour they were rulers in euerie place, thogh the place was farre from them, and that they had diſcomfited, and giuen great ouerthrowes to ỹ Kings that came againſt them, from the vttermoſt parte of ỹ earth, and that others gaue them tribute euerie yere,

5 How they had alſo diſcomfited by battel Philippe and Perſes Kings of the *Or, Citims.* Macedonias, and others, that roſe againſt thē, and how they ouercame them,

6 And how great Antiochus King of Aſia that came againſt thē in battel, hauing an hundreth and twentie elephāts, with horſemen, & charrets, and a verie great armie, was diſcomfited by them,

7 And how they toke him aliue, and ordeined him, with ſuche as ſhulde reigne after him, to paye a great tribute, & to giue hoſtages, and a ſeparate porcion,

8 Euen the countrey of India, and Media, and Lydia, and of his beſt coūtreys, which they toke of him and gaue them to King Eumenes.

9 Againe when it was tolde them that the Greciās were comming to deſtroye them,

10 They ſent againſt thē a captaine, which gaue them battel, & ſlewe manie of thē, & toke manie priſoners with their wiues, and children, and ſpoyled them, and conquered their land, and deſtroyed their ſtrong holdes, and ſubdued them to be their bōdmen, vnto this day:

11 Moreouer, how they deſtroyed, & broght into ſubiection other kingdomes & yles, whoſoeuer had withſtand them:

12 But that thei kept amitie with their owne friends, and thoſe that ſtayed vpon them: finally, that conquered kingdomes, bothe farre and nere, in ſo muche that whoſoeuer heard of their renoume, was afrayed of them.

13 For whome they wolde helpe to their kingdomes, thoſe reigned, and whome they wolde, they put downe: thus were thei in moſte high autoritie.

14 Yet for all this that none of them ware a crowne, nether was clothed in purple, to be magnified thereby,

15 But that thei had ordeined them ſelues a counſel, wherein thre hundreth and twētie men conſulted daiely, and prouided for the commune affaires, to gouerne them wel,

16 And that they committed their gouernement to one man euerie yere, who did rule ouer all their countrey, to whome euerie man was obedient: and there was nether hatred nor enuie among them.

17 ¶ Then Iudas choſe Eupolemus the ſonne of Iohn, *the ſonne* of Accus, and Iaſon, the ſonne of Eleazar, and ſent them vnto Rome to make friēdſhip, & mutual felowſhip with them,

18 That they might take from them the yoke (for they ſawe that the kingdome of the Grecians wolde kepe Iſrael in bondage)

19 So they went vnto Rome, which was a verie great iourney, and came into the *Or, counſel.* "Senat where they ſpake and ſaid,

20 Iudas Maccabeus with his brethren, and the people of the Iewes hathe ſent vs vnto you, to make a bonde of friendſhip, and peace with you, and ye to regiſter vs as your partakers and friends.

21 And the matter pleaſed them.

22 And this is the copie of the epiſtle that they wrote in tables of braſſe and ſent to Ieruſalem, that they might haue by them a memorial of the peace, and mutual felowſhip.

23 Good ſucceſſe be to the Romaines, and to the people of the Iewes, by ſea, and by land for euer, and the ſworde, and enemie be from them.

24 If there come firſt anie warre vpon the Romaines, or anie of their friēds throughout all their dominion,

25 The people of the Iewes ſhal helpe thē, as the time ſhalbe appointed, with all their heart,

26 Alſo "they ſhal giue nothing to thē that *Or, the Remainr.* come to fight for thē, nor ſerue them with wheat nor weapōs, nor monei, nor ſhippes as it pleaſeth the Romaines, but "they ſhal *Or, the Iewes.* kepe their couenantes without taking anie thing of them.

27 Likewiſe alſo if warre come firſt againſt the nacion of the Iewes, the Romains ſhal helpe them with a good wil, according as the time ſhalbe appointed them.

28 Nether ſhal wheat be giuen vnto them, that take their parte, nor weapons, nor money, nor ſhippes, as it pleaſeth ỹ Romains, who wil kepe theſe couenants without deceite.

29 According to theſe articles ỹ Romains made the bonde with the people of the Iewes.

30 If after theſe pointes the one partie, or the other wil adde or diminiſh, they may do it, at their pleaſures, & whatſoeuer they ſhal adde, or take away, ſhal be ratified.

31 And as touching the euil that Demetrius hathe done vnto the Iewes, we haue written vnto him, ſaying, Wherefore layeſt thou thine heauie yoke vpon our friends, and confederates the Iewes?

32 If therefore they complaine anie more againſt

againſt thee, we wil do them iuſtice, and fight with thee by ſea and by land.

CHAP. IX.

1 After the death of Nicanor Demetrius ſendeth his armie againſt Iudas. 18 Iudas is ſlaine. 31 Ionathan is put in the ſtead of his brother. 47 The battel betwene Ionathan, and Bacchides. 55 Alcimus is ſmitten with the palſie, and dyeth. 68 He cometh vpon Ionathan by the counſel of certeine wicked perſones, and is ouercome. 70 The truce of Ionathã with Bacchides.

Ieſeph. Anti. 12. chap 18.

1 IN the meane ſeaſon when Demetrius had heard how Nicanor, and his hoſte had giuen the battel, he ſent Bacchides, and Alcimus againe into Iudea, and his
Or, the right horne. *chief ſtrength with them.

2 So they went forthe by the way that is towarde Galgala, and pitched their tentes before Meſaloth which is in Arbelis, and wanne it and ſlewe muche people.

3 And in the firſt moneth of the hundreth, fiftie and two yere, they layed their ſiege againſt Ieruſalem.

4 But they raiſed their campe, and came to Berea, with twentie thouſand *fote* men & two thouſand horſemen.

Or, Laiſa. 5 Now Iudas had pitched his tent at "Eleaſa, & thre thouſand choſen men with him.

6 And when they ſawe, that the multitude of the armie was great, they were ſore afraide, and manie conueied them ſelues out of the hoſte, ſo that there abode no mo of them, but eight hundreth men.

7 When Iudas ſawe that his hoſte failed him, and that he muſt nedes fight, he was ſore troubled in minde that he had no time to gather them together, and was diſcouraged.

Neuertheles, he ſaid vnto them that remained, Let vs riſe, and go vp againſt our enemies, if peraduenture we may be able to fight with them.

9 But they wolde haue ſtaied him, ſaying, We are not able: but let vs rather ſaue our liues: turne backe now, ſeing our brethren are departed: for ſhal we fight againſt thẽ, that are ſo fewe?

10 Then Iudas ſaid, God forbid, that we ſhulde do this thing, to fle from them: if our time be come, let vs dye manfully for our brethren, and let vs not ſtaine our honour.

11 Then the hoſte remoued out of the tentes, and ſtode againſt them, who had deuided their horſemen into two troupes, and they that threwe with ſlings, and the archers marched in the forewarde, and they that foght in the forewarde, were all valiant men.

12 And Bacchides was in the right wing. So the armie drewe nere on bothe ſides, & blewe the trumpets.

13 They of Iudas ſide blew the trumpets alſo, & the earth ſhoke at the noyce of the armies, and the battel continued from morning to night.

14 And when Iudas ſawe that Bacchides and the ſtrength of his armie was on the right ſide, he toke with him all the hardie men,

15 And brake the right wing, and followed vpon them vnto mount Azotus.

16 Now when they which were of the left wing, ſawe that the right wing was diſcomfited, they followed Iudas behinde, and thẽ that were with him hard at the heles.

17 Then was there a ſore battel: for many were ſlaine of bothe the parties.

18 Iudas alſo him ſelf was killed, and the remnant fled.

19 So Ionathan and Simon toke Iudas their brother, and buryed him in his fathers ſepulchre in the citie of Modin.

20 And all the Iſraelites wept for him, and mourned greatly for him, and lamẽted many daies, ſaying,

21 How is the valiant man fallen which deliuered Iſrael!

22 Concerning the other things of Iudas, bothe the battels and the valiant actes that he did, & of his worthines, they are not written: for they were very many.

Ioſeph Anti. 13. cha. 1. & 2

23 ¶Now after the death of Iudas, wicked men came vp in all the coaſtes of Iſrael, & there aroſe all ſuche as gaue them ſelues to iniquitie.

24 In thoſe daies was there a very great famine in the land, and all the countrey gaue ouer them ſelues with them.

25 And Bacchides did chuſe wicked men, and made them lords in the land.

26 Theſe ſoght out, and made ſearche for Iudas friends, and broght them vnto Bacchides, which aduẽged him ſelf vpon thẽ, and mocked them.

27 And there came ſo great trouble in Iſrael, as was not ſince the time that no Prophet was ſene among them.

28 Then came all Iudas friends together, & ſaid vnto Ionathan,

29 Seing thy brother Iudas is dead, & there is none like him to go forthe againſt our enemies, euen againſt Bacchides, and "againſt thẽ of our nacion that are enemies vnto vs,

"Or, againſt the enemies of our nacion.

30 Therefore, this day we chuſe thee that thou maiſt be our prince and captaine in his place to order our battel.

31 So Ionathan toke the gouernance vpon him at the ſame time, and ruled in ſtead of his brother Iudas.

32 But when Bacchides knewe it, he ſoght for to ſlay him.

33 Then Ionathan and Simon his brother, perceiuing that, fled into the wildernes of Thecua with all their companie, and pitched their tentes by the water poole of Aſphar.

34 Which when Bacchides vnderſtode, he came ouer Iorden with all his hoſte vpon the Sabbath day.
35 (Now had Ionathan ſent his brother *Iohn*, a captaine of the people, to pray his friends the Nabathites, that they wolde kepe their baggage which was muche.
*Or, Iambri. 36 But the children of *Ambri came out of Medaba, & toke Iohn, and all that he had, & when they had taken it, went their way.
37 After this came worde vnto Ionathan, and to Simon his brother, that the children of Ambri made a great mariage, & broght
*Or, Nadabath. the bride from *Medaba with great pompe: for ſhe was daughter to one of the nobleſt princes of Canaan.
38 Therefore they remembred Iohn their brother, and went vp, and hid them ſelues vnder the couert of the mountaine.
39 So they lift vp their eyes, and loked, and beholde, there was a great noyce, & muche preparation: then the bridegrome came forthe, and his friends and his brethren met them with tymbrels, and inſtruments of muſike, and manie weapons.
40 Then Ionathans men that lay in ambuſhe, roſe vp againſt thē, & ſlewe manie of them, and the remnant fled into the moũtaines, ſo that they toke all their ſpoiles.
41 Thus the mariage was turned to mourning, and the noyce of their melodie into lamentacion.
42 And ſo when they had aduenged the blood of their brother, they turned againe vnto Iorden.
43 When Bacchides heard this, he came vnto the border of Iorden with a great power vpon the Sabbath day.)
44 Then Ionathan ſaid vnto his cõpanie, Let vs riſe now, & fight againſt our enemies: for it is not to day as in time paſt.
45 Beholde, ỹ battel is before vs, and behinde vs, and the water of Iorden on this ſide and that ſide, and the mariſe, and foreſt, ſo ỹ there is no place for vs to turne aſide.
46 Wherefore crye now vnto heauen, that ye may be deliuered from the power of your enemies: ſo they ioyned battel.
47 Then Ionathan ſtretched out his hand to ſmite Bacchides: but he turned aſide frõ him and reculed.
48 Then Ionathan, and they that were with him, leapt into Iorden, and ſwimmed ouer vnto the further bãke: but the other wolde not paſſe through Iorden after them.
49 So in that day were ſlaine of Bacchides ſide about a thouſand men.
50 Then he turned againe to Ieruſalem, & buylt vp the ſtrong cities in Iuda, as the caſtel of Iericho, and Emmaus, and Bethhoron, and Bethel, and Thamnatha, Pharathoni, & Tepho, with high walles, with gates, and with barres,
51 And ſet gariſons in thē, that they might vſe their malice vpon Iſrael.
52 He fortified alſo the citie Beth-ſura, and Gazara, and the caſtel, & ſet a gariſon in them with prouiſion of vitailes.
53 He toke alſo the chiefeſt mens ſonnes in the countrey for hoſtages, and put them in the caſtel at Ieruſalem to be kept.
54 ¶ Afterwarde in the hundreth, fiftie and thre yere, in the ſeconde moneth, Alcimus commanded, that the walles of the inner court of the Sãctuarie ſhulde be deſtroied, and he pulled downe the monumentes of the Prophetes, and began to deſtroy them.
55 But at the ſame time Alcimus was plagued, and his enterpriſes were hindred, & his mouth was ſtopped: for he was ſmitten with a palſie, & colde no more ſpeake, nor giue order concerning his houſe.
56 Thus dyed Alcimus with great torment at the ſame time.
57 And when Bacchides ſawe, that Alcimus was dead, he turned againe to the King, & ſo the land of Iuda was in reſt two yeres.
58 Then all the vngodlie men helde a counſel, ſaying, Beholde, Ionathan and his companie dwell at eaſe, & without care: wherefore let vs bring Bacchides hither, and he wil take them all in one night.
59 So they went and conſulted with him.
60 Who aroſe and came with a great hoſte, and ſent letters priuely to his adherentes, which were in Iudea, to take Ionathan and thoſe that were with him: but they colde not, for their counſel was knowen vnto them.
61 And *they toke fiftie men of the coun- *Or, Ionathan.
trey, which were the chief workers of this wickednes, and ſlewe them.
62 ¶ Then Ionathan and Simon with their cõpanie departed vnto *Beth-baſin which *Or, Beth-beſſen.
is in the wildernes, and repaired the decay thereof, and made it ſtrong.
63 Whē Bacchides knewe this, he gathered all his hoſte, and ſent worde to them that were of Iudea.
64 Then came he & laid ſiege to Beth-baſin, and foght againſt it a long ſeaſon, and made inſtruments of warre.
65 But Ionathan had left his brother Simõ in the citie, & went forthe into the countrey, and came with a certeine nomber,
66 And ſlewe *Odomeras and his brethren *Or, Odarte.
and the children of Phaſiron in their tentes: ſo he began to ſlaye, and increaſed in power.
67 Simon alſo and his companie went out of the citie, and burnt vp the inſtruments of warre,
68 And foght againſt Bacchides, and diſcõfited him, and vexed him ſore, ſo that his counſel and iorney was in vaine.
69 Wherefore he was very wroth at ỹ wicked

ked men, that gaue him counſel to come into the countrey, & ſlewe many of them,
70 and purpoſed to returne into his owne countrey.
Whereof when Ionathan had knowledge, he ſent ambaſſadours vnto him, to intreat of peace with him, & that the priſoners ſhulde be deliuered.
71 Which thing he accepted, and did according to his deſire, and made an othe, that he wolde neuer do him harme all the daies of his life.
72 So he reſtored vnto him the priſoners that he had taken afore time out of the lād of Iuda, and ſo returned and went into his owne land, nether did he come any more into their borders.
73 Thus the ſworde ceaſed from Iſrael, and Ionathan dwelt at Machmas, and began there to gouerne the people, and deſtroied the vngodlie men out of Iſrael.

CHAP. X.

Demetrius deſireth to haue peace with Ionathan. 18 Alexander alſo deſireth peace with the Iewes. 48 Alexander maketh warre againſt Demetrius. 50 Demetrius is ſlayne. 51 The friendſhip of Ptolemeus & Alexander.

Ioſep. Antiq. 13. chap. 2, 3.
1 IN the hundreth and thre ſcore yere came Alexander the ſonne of Antiochus Epiphanes, and toke Ptolemais, and they receiued him, and there he reigned.
2 Now when Demetrius the King heard it, he gathered an exceading great hoſte, and went forthe againſt him to fight.
3 Alſo Demetrius ſent letters vnto Ionathā, with louīg wordes, as thogh he wolde preferre him.
4 For he ſaid, We wil firſt make peace with him, before he ioyne with Alexander againſt vs.
5 Els he wil remember all the euil that we haue done againſt him, & againſt his brethren and his nacion.
6 And ſo he gaue Ionathan leaue to gather an hoſte, and to prepare weapons, and to be confederate with him, and commanded the hoſtages that were in the caſtel, to be deliuered vnto him.
7 ¶ Then came Ionathan to Ieruſalem, and red the letters in the audience of all the people, & of them that were in the caſtel.
8 Therefore they were ſore afraied, becauſe they heard that the King had giuē him licence to gather an armie.
9 So they that were of the caſtel, deliuered the hoſtages vnto Ionathan, who reſtored them to their parents.
10 Ionathan alſo dwelt at Ieruſalem, & began to buyld, and repaire the citie.
11 And he commanded the workemen to buylde the walles, & the mount Sion rounde about with hewen ſtone, to fortifie it: & ſo they did.
12 Then the ſtrangers that were in the caſtels which Bacchides had made, fled,
13 So that euerie man left his place, & went into his owne countrey.
14 Onely at Beth-ſura remained certeine which had forſaken the Law and the commandements: for it was their refuge.
15 ¶ Now when King Alexander had heard of the promiſes that Demetrius had made vnto Ionathan: and when it was tolde him of the battels and noble actes, which he and his brethren had done, and of the paines that they had indured,
16 He ſaid, Might we finde ſuche a mā? now therefore we wil make him our friend and confederate.
17 Vpon this he wrote a letter, and ſent it vnto him, with theſe wordes, ſaying,
18 KING ALEXANDER to his brother Ionathan ſendeth ſalutation.
19 We haue heard of thee, that thou art a very valiant man, and worthie to be our friend.
20 Wherefore this day we ordeine thee to be the hie Prieſt of thy nacion, and to be called the Kings friend: and he ſent him a purple robe, and a [e] crowne of golde, that thou maiſt [f] conſider what is for our profite, and kepe friendſhip towarde vs.
21 So in the ſeuēth moneth of the hundreth and thre ſcore yere, vpon the feaſt daye of the tabernacles, Ionathan put on the holie garment, & gathered an hoſte, & prepared many weapons.
22 ¶ Which when Demetrius heard, he was marueilous ſory, and ſaid, *Ioſeph. Antiq. 13. chap. 3.*
23 What haue we done, that Alexander hathe preuented vs in getting the friendſhip of the Iewes for his ſtrength?
24 Yet wil I write and exhorte them, and promes them dignities and rewardes, that they may helpe me.
25 Whereupon he wrote vnto them theſe wordes, KING DEMETRIVS vnto the nacions of the Iewes ſendeth greting.
26 We haue heard that ye haue kept your couenant towarde vs, and continued in our friendſhip, and haue not ioyned with our enemies, whereof we are glad.
27 Now therefore remaine ſtil, and kepe fidelitie towarde vs, and we wil recompenſe you for the good things that ye haue done for vs,
28 And wil releaſe you of many charges, & giue you rewardes.
29 And now I diſcharge for your ſake all ȳ Iewes from tributes, & fre you from the cuſtomes of ſalte, and the crowne taxes, and from the thirde parte of the ſede.
30 And frō the halfe of the frute of ȳ trees which is mine owne duetie, I ſo releaſe thē

[e] Or, mitre.
[f] Or, take the part.

that frō this day forthe, none ſhal take any thing of the land of Iuda, or of the thre gouernements which are added thereunto as of Samaria and of Galile, [a] from this daye forthe for euermore.

a And of the coūtrey beyonde Iorden, as Ioſephus writeth.

31 Ieruſalem alſo with all things belonging thereto, ſhalbe holie and fre from the tenthes and tributes.

32 Alſo I releaſe the power of the caſtel which is at Ieruſalem, and giue it vnto the hie Prieſt, ỹ he may ſet in it ſuche men, as he ſhal chuſe to kepe it.

33 Moreouer I frely deliuer euerie one of the Iewes that were taken away priſoners out of the land of Iuda through out all my realme, and euerie one of them ſhalbe free from tributes, yea, euen their catel,

34 And all the feaſtes, and Sabbaths, & new moones, and the daies appointed and the thre daies before the feaſt, & the thre daies after the feaſt, ſhalbe daies of fredome & libertie for all the Iewes in my realme,

35 So that *in them* no man ſhal haue power to do any thing, or to vexe any of them in any maner of cauſe.

36 Alſo thirtie thouſand of the Iewes ſhalbe writen vp in the Kings hoſte, and haue their wages paied them as apperteineth to all them that are of the Kings armie: and of thē ſhalbe ordeined certeine to kepe ỹ Kings ſtrong holdes.

37 And ſome of them ſhalbe ſet ouer the Kings moſte ſecret affaires, and their gouernours and their princes ſhalbe of them ſelues, and they ſhal liue after their owne lawes, as the King hathe cōmanded in the land of Iuda.

38 And the thre gouernements that are added vnto Iudea from the countrey of Samaria, ſhalbe ioyned vnto Iudea, and they ſhalbe as vnder one, and obey none other power, but the hie Prieſt.

39 And I giue Ptolemais & the borders thereof vnto the Sanctuarie at Ieruſalem, for the neceſſarie expēſes of the holie things.

40 Moreouer, I wil giue euerie yere fiftene thouſand ſicles of ſiluer of the Kings reuenues out of the places apperteining vnto me.

41 And all the ouerplus which they haue not paied for the things due, as they did in the former yeres, from hence forthe they ſhal giue it towarde the workes of the Temple.

42 And beſides this, the fiue thouſand ſicles of ſiluer which they receiued yerely of the accounte appointed for the interteinemēt of the Sanctuarie, theſe yeres paſſed, euen theſe things ſhalbe releaſed becauſe they apperteine to the Prieſts that miniſter.

43 Item, whoſoeuer they be that flee vnto the Temple at Ieruſalem, or within the liberties thereof, and are indetted to ỹ King for any maner of thing, they ſhalbe pardoned, and all that they haue in my realme.

44 For the buylding alſo and repairing of the workes of the Sāctuarie, expenſes ſhal be giuen of the Kings reuenues.

45 And for the making of the walles of Ieruſalem, and fortifying it rounde about that the holdes in Iudea may be buylt vp, ſhal alſo the coſtes be giuen out of the Kings reuenues.

46 ¶ But when Ionathan & the people heard theſe wordes, thei gaue no credit vnto thē, nether receiued them: for thei remembred the great wickednes that he had done in Iſrael, and how ſore he had vexed them.

47 Wherefore they agreed vnto Alexander: for he was the firſt that had intreated of true peace with them, and ſo were confederat with him alway.

48 Then gathered King Alexander a great hoſte, & camped ouer againſt Demetrius.

49 So the two Kings ioyned battel, but Demetrius hoſte fled, and Alexander purſued him, and preuailed againſt them.

50 So that ſore battel continued til the ſunne went downe, and Demetrius was ſlaine the ſame day.

51 ¶ Then Alexander ſent ambaſſadours vnto Ptolemeus the King of Egypt with theſe wordes, ſaying, *Ioſeph. Antiq 13. chap. 5.*

52 For ſo muche as I am come againe to my realme, and am ſet in the throne of my fathers, and haue gotten the dominion, and haue deſtroied Demetrius, and enioye my countrey,

53 Seing that I haue euen giuen him the battel, and he and his armie is diſcomfited by me, & I ſit in the throne of his kingdome,

54 Let vs now make friēdſhip together, and giue me now thy daughter to wife: ſo ſhal I be thy ſonne in law, and giue thee rewardes, and vnto her things according to thy dignitie.

55 Then Ptolemeus the King gaue anſwer, ſaying, Happie be the day, wherein thou art come againe vnto the lande of thy fathers, and ſitteſt in the throne of their kingdome.

56 Now therefore wil I fulfil thy writing: but mete me at Ptolemais that we may ſe one another, and that I may make thee my ſonne in law, according to thy deſire.

57 So Ptolemeus wēt out of Egypt with his daughter Cleopatra, & came vnto Ptolemais in the hūdreth threſcore & two yere,

58 Where King Alexander met him, and he gaue vnto him his daughter Cleopatra, and maried them at Ptolemais with great glorie, as the maner of Kings is.

59 ¶ Then wrote King Alexander vnto Ionathan, that he ſhulde come and mete him.

60 So he went honorably vnto Ptolemais, and there he met the two Kings, and gaue them

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them great presents of siluer and golde, and to their friends, and founde fauour in their sight.

61 And there assembled certeine pestilent felowes of Israel, & wicked men to accuse him: but the King wolde not heare them.

62 And the King commanded that they shulde take of the garments of Ionathan, & clothe him in purple: and so they did: & the King appointed him to sit by him,

63 And said vnto his princes, Go with him into the middes of the citie, and make a proclamacion, that no man complaine against him of anie matter, & that no man trouble him for anie maner of cause.

64 So when his accusers sawe his honour according as it was proclaimed, and that he was clothed in purple, they fled all away.

65 And the King preferred him to honour, and wrote him among his chief friends, and made him a duke, and partaker of his dominion.

66 Thus Ionathan returned to Ierusalem with peace and gladnes.

67 ¶ In the hundreth, thre score & fiue yere came Demetrius the sonne of Demetrius from Creta into his fathers land.

68 Whereof whē King Alexander heard, he was verie sorie, and returned vnto Antiochia.

69 Then Demetrius appointed Apollonius ỹ gouernour of Celosyria, who gathered a great host, and camped in Iamnia, and sent vnto Ionathan the hie Priest, saying,

70 Darest thou, being but alone, lift vp thy self against vs? and I am laughed at, and reproched, because of thee: now therefore why doest thou vant thy self against vs in the mountaines?

71 Now then if thou trust in thine owne strength, come downe to vs into the plaine field & there let vs trye the matter together: for I haue the strength of cities.

72 Aske and learne who I am, and thei shal take my parte: and they shal tell thee that your fote is not able to stand before our face: for thy fathers haue bene twise chased in their owne land.

73 And now how wilt thou be able to abide so great an hoste of horsemen and fotemē in the plaine, where is nether stone, nor rocke, nor place to flee vnto?

74 When Ionathan heard the wordes of Apollonius, he was moued in his mīde: wherefore he chose ten thousand men, and went out of Ierusalem, & Simon his brother met him for to helpe him.

75 And he pitched his tents at Ioppe: but they shut him out of the citie: for Apollonius garison was in Ioppe.

76 Then they foght against it, and they that were in the citie, for verie feare let him in: so Ionathan wan Ioppe.

77 Apollonius hearing of this, toke thre thousand horsemē with a great hoste *offote* men & went towarde Azotus, as thogh he wolde go forwarde, & came immediatly into ỹ plaine field, because he had so manie horsemen, and put his trust in them.

78 So Ionathan followed vpon him to Azotus, and the armie skirmished with his arriere bande.

79 For Apollonius had left a thousand horsemen behinde them in ambush.

80 And Ionathan knewe that there was an ambushment behinde him, and thogh they had compassed in his hoste, & shot dartes at the people from the morning to the euening,

81 Yet the people stode stil, as Ionathan had commanded them, til their horses were wearie.

82 Then brogh Simon forthe his hoste, & set them against the bande: but the horses were wearie, and he discomfited them, & thei fled: so the horsemen were scattered in the field,

83 And they fled to Azotus, and came into the temple of Dagon their idole, that thei might there saue them selues.

84 But Ionathan set fyre vpon Azotus and all the cities rounde about it, & toke their spoiles, and burnt with fyre the temple of Dagon with all thē that were fled into it.

85 Thus were slayne and burnt about eight thousand men.

86 So Ionathan remoued the hoste from thence, and camped by Ascalon, where the men of the citie came forthe, & met him with great honour.

87 After this went Ionathan and his hoste againe to Ierusalem with great spoiles.

88 And when King Alexander heard these things, he begā to do Ionathan more honour,

89 And sent him a colar of golde, as the vse is to be giuen vnto suche as are of the Kings blood: he gaue him also Accaron, with the borders thereof in possession.

CHAP. XI.

3 The dissension betwene Ptolemeus and Alexander his sonne in law. 17 The death of Alexander. 19 Demetrius reigneth after the death of Ptolemeus. 22 Sion is besieged of Ionathan. 42 Demetrius seing that no man resisted him, sendeth his armie againe. 54 Tryphon moueth Antiochus against Demetrius.

1 AND the King of Egypt gathered a great hoste, like the sand that lyeth vpon the sea shore, and manie ships, and went about through deceit to obteine the kingdome of Alexander, and to ioyne it vnto his owne realme. *Ioseph Antiq. 13. chap. 7*

2 Vpon this he went into Syria with friendlie wordes, and was let into the cities, and men came forthe to mete him: for King Alexander had commanded them to mete him, because he was his father in Law.

3 Now when he entred into the citie of Ptolemais, he lefte bands and garisons in euerie citie.

4 And when he came nere to Azotus, they shewed him the temple of Dagō that was burnt, and Azotus, and the suburbes thereof that were destroyed, and the bodies cast abroad, and them that he had burnt in the battel: for they had made heapes of them by the way where he shulde passe.

5 And thei tolde the King what Ionathan had done, to the intēt thei might get him euil wil: but the King helde his peace.

6 And Ionathan met the King with great honour at Ioppe, where they saluted one another, and laye there.

7 So when Ionathan had gone with ỹ King vnto the water that was called Eleutherus, he turned againe to Ierusalem.

8 So King Ptolemeus gate the dominion of the cities by the sea vnto Seleucia vpō the sea coast, imagining wicked counsels against Alexander,

9 ¶ And sent ambassadours vnto King Demetrius, sayīg, Come, let vs make a league betwene vs, and I wil giue thee my daughter, which Alexander hathe, and thou shalt reigne in thy fathers kingdome.

10 For I repent that I gaue Alexander my daughter: for he goeth about to slaye me.

11 Thus he sclandered Alexander, as one that shulde desire his realme.

12 And he toke his daughter from him, and gaue her vnto Demetrius, and forsoke Alexander, so that their hatred was openly knowen.

13 Then Ptolemeus came to Antiochia, where he set two crownes vpon his owne head, of Asia and of Egypt.

14 In the meane seasō was King Alexander in Cilicia: for they that dwelt in those places, had rebelled against him:

15 But when Alexander heard it, he came to warre against him, and Ptolemeus broght forthe his hoste, and met him with a mighty power, and put him to flight.

16 Then fled Alexander into Arabia, there to be defended: so Ptolemeus was exalted.

17 And Zabdiel the Arabian smote of Alexanders head, & sent it vnto Ptolemeus.

18 But the third day after, King Ptolemeus dyed: and thei that were in the holdes, were slayne one of another.

19 And Demetrius reigned in the hūdreth, thre score and seuenth yere.

20 ¶ At the same time gathered Ionathan them that were in Iudea, to laye siege vnto the castle, which was at Ierusalem, and they made manie instruments of warre against it.

21 Then went there certeine vngodlie persones (which hated their owne people) vnto King *Demetrius*, and tolde him that Ionathan besieged the castle.

22 So when he heard it, he was angrie, and immediatly came vnto Ptolemais, & wrote vnto Ionathan, that he shulde laye no more siege vnto it, but that he shulde mete him and speake with him at Ptolemais in all haste.

23 Neuertheles when Ionathan heard this, he commanded to besiege it: he chose also certeine of the Elders of Israel, and the Priests, and put him self in danger,

24 And toke with him siluer and golde, and apparel, and diuerse presents, and went to Ptolemais vnto the King, and founde fauour in his sight.

25 And thogh certeine vngodlie men of his owne nacion had made complaintes vpon him,

26 Yet the King intreated him as his predecessers had done, and promoted him in the sight of all his frends,

27 And confirmed him in the hie priesthode with all the honorable things, that he had afore, & made him his chief frēd.

28 Ionathan also desired the King, that he wolde make Iudea fre with the thre gouernemēts, & the countrey of Samaria, & *Ionathan* promised him thre hūdreth talents.

29 Whereunto the King consented, & gaue Ionathan writing of the same, conteining these wordes,

30 KING DEMETRIVS vnto his brother Ionathan, and to the nacion of the Iewes sendeth greting.

31 We send you here a copie of the letter, which we did write vnto our cousin Lasthenes concerning you, that ye shulde se it.

32 King Demetrius vnto Lasthenes his father sendeth greting.

33 For the faithfulnes that our frends the nacion of the Iewes kepe vnto vs, and for their good wil towardes vs we are determined to do them good.

34 Wherefore we assigne to thē the coasts of Iudea with the thre gouernements Apherema, and Lydda, and Ramathe (which are added vnto Iudea from the countrey of Samaria) and all that apperteineth to all them that sacrifice in Ierusalem: bothe concerning the paiments which the King toke yerely aforetime, bothe for the frutes of the earth, & for the frutes of the trees.

35 As for the other things apperteining vnto vs of the tenths & tributes, which were due vnto vs, and the customes of salte, & crowne taxes, which were payed vnto vs, we discharge thē of all frō hence forthe.

36 And nothing hereof shalbe reuoked frō this time forthe and for euer.

37 Therefore se that ye make a copie of these things, and deliuer it vnto Ionathā, that it may be set vp vpon the holy mount in an open place.

38 After

38 After this when Demetrius the King ſawe that his land was in reſt, and that no reſiſtance was made againſt him, he ſent away all his hoſte, euerie man to his owne place, except certeine bandes of ſtrangers, whome he brought from the yles of the heathen: wherefore all his fathers hoſte hated him.

39 Now was there one Tryphon, that had bene of Alexanders parte afore, which whē he ſawe that all ȳ hoſte murmured againſt Demetrius, he went to *Simalcue the Arabian, that brought vp Antiochus the ſonne of Alexander,

*Or, Emalcuel.

40 And lay ſore vpon him, to deliuer him this yong Antiochus, that he might reigne in his fathers ſtead: he tolde him alſo what great euil Demetrius had done, and how his men of warre hated him, and he remained there, a long ſeaſon.

41 Alſo Ionathan ſent vnto King Demetrius to driue them out which were in the caſtel at Ieruſalem, and thoſe that were in the fortereſſes; for they foght againſt Iſrael.

42 So Demetrius ſent vnto Ionathā, ſaying, I wil not onely do theſe things for thee & thy nacion, but if opportunitie ſerue, I wil honour thee and thy nacion.

43 Now therefore thou ſhalt do me a pleaſure, if thou wilt ſend me mē to helpe me: for all mine armie is gone from me.

44 So Ionathā ſent him three thouſand ſtrōg men vnto Antiochia, and they came vnto the King: wherefore the King was verie glad at their comming.

45 ¶But they that were of the citie, euen an hundreth, and twentie thouſand men, gathered them together in the middes of the citie, & wolde haue ſlaine the King.

46 But the King fled into the palace, & the citizens kept the ſtretes of the citie, and beganne to fight.

47 Then the King called to the Iewes for helpe, which came to him altogether, and went abroade through the citie,

48 And ſlewe the ſame day an hūdreth thouſand, and ſet fyre vpon the citie, and toke many ſpoiles in that day, & deliuered the King.

49 So when the citizens ſawe that the Iewes had gotten the vpper hand of the citie, and that they them ſelues were diſappointed of their purpoſe, they made their ſupplication vnto the King, ſaying,

*Or, giue vs the right hand.

50 *Grant vs peace, and let the Iewes ceaſe from vexing vs and the citie.

51 So they caſt away their weapons, & made peace, and the Iewes were greatly honored before the King, and before all that were in his realme, and they came againe to Ieruſalem with great pray.

52 Then King Demetrius ſate in the throne of his kingdome, and had peace in his land.

53 Neuertheles he diſſembled in all that euer he ſpake, and withdrewe him ſelf from Ionathan, nether did he rewarde him according to the benefites which he had done for him, but troubled him verie ſore.

54 ¶After this returned Tryphon with the yong childe Antiochus, which reigned, & was crowned.

55 Then there gathered vnto him all the mē of warre, whome Demetrius had ſcatered, and they foght againſt him, who fled and turned his backe.

56 So Tryphon toke the *beaſtes, and wan Antiochia.

*Or, elephantes.

57 And yong Antiochus wrote vnto Ionathan, ſaying, I appoint thee to be the chief Prieſt, and make thee ruler ouer the foure gouernements, that thou maiſt be a friend of the Kings.

58 Vpon this he ſent him golden veſſels to be ſerued in, and gaue him leaue to drinke in golde, and to weare purple, & to haue a colar of golde.

59 He made his brother Simon alſo captaine frō the coaſtes of Tyrus vnto the borders of Egypt.

60 Then Ionathan went forthe and paſſed through the cities beyonde the flood, and all the men of warre of Syria gathered vn to him for to helpe him: ſo he came vnto Aſcalon, & they of the citie receiued him honorably.

61 And from thence went he vnto Gaza: but they of Gaza ſhut him out: wherefore he laid ſiege vnto it, and burned the ſuburbes thereof with fyre, and ſpoiled them.

62 Then they of Gaza made ſupplication vnto Ionathan, and he made peace with them, and toke of the ſonnes of the chief men for hoſtages, and ſent them to Ieruſalem, and went through the countrey vnto Damaſcus.

63 And when Ionathan heard that Demetrius prices were come into Cades, which is in Galile, with a great hoſte, purpoſing to driue him out of the countrey,

64 He came againſt them, & left Simon his brother in the countrey.

65 And Simon beſieged Beth-ſura, and foght againſt it a long ſeaſon, and ſhut it vp.

66 So they deſired to haue peace with him, which he granted them, and afterwarde put them out from thence, and toke the citie, and ſet a gariſon in it.

67 Then Ionathan with his hoſte came to the water of Geneſar, and betimes in the morning came to the plaine of Azor.

68 And beholde the hoſtes of the *ſtrangers met him in the plaine, and had layed am-

*Or, heathen.

bushments for him in the mountaines.
69 So that when they came against them, the ambushments rose out of their places and skirmished.
70 So that all that were of Ionathans side, fled: and there was not one of them left, except Mattathias the sonne of "Absalomus, and Iudas the sonne of Calphi the captaines of the hoste.
"Or, Abessalomus.
71 Then Ionathan rent his clothes, and cast earth vpon his head, and prayed,
72 And turned againe to them to fight, and put them to flight, so that they fled away.
73 Now when his owne men that were fled, sawe this, they turned againe vnto him, & helped him to followe after all vnto their tentes at Cades, and there they camped.
74 So there were slaine of the strangers the same day about thre thousand men, & Ionathan turned againe to Ierusalem.

CHAP. XII.

1 Ionathan sendeth ambassadours to Rome, 2 And to the people of Sparta, to renewe their couenãt of friendship. 10 Ionathan putteth to flight the princes of Demetrius. 40 Tryphon taketh Ionathan by disceite.

Ioseph. Anti. 13. chap. 3.
1 IOnathan now seing that the time was mete for him, chose certeine men, and sent them vnto Rome, to establish and renew the friendship with them.
"Or, Lacedemoniaas.
2 He sent letters also vnto "the Spartians and to other places, for the same purpose.
3 So they went vnto Rome, and entred into the Senate, and said, Ionathan the hie Priest and the nacion of the Iewes sent vs vnto you, for to renewe friendship with you, and the bonde of loue, as in times past.
4 So the *Romaines* gaue them fre pasports, that men shulde lead them home into the land of Iuda peaceably.
5 ¶ AND THIS is the copie of the letters that Ionathan wrote vnto the Spartians,
6 Ionathan the hie Priest with the Elders of the nacion, and the Priests, and the rest of the people of the Iewes, send greting vnto the Spartians their brethren.
Ioseph. Anti. 13. chap. 5.
7 Heretofore were letters sent vnto Onias the hie Priest, from "Arius, which then reigned among you, that ye wolde be our brethren, as the copie here vnder writen specifieth.
"Or, Darius.
8 And Onias intreated the ambassadour honorably, and receiued the letters: wherein there was mencion made of the bonde of loue and friendship.
9 But as for vs, we nede no suche writings: for we haue the holy bokes in our hands for comfort.
10 Neuertheles we thoght it good to send vnto you, for the renewing of the brotherhode and friendship, lest we shulde be strange vnto you: for it is long since the time that ye sent vnto vs.
11 Wherefore we remember you at all seasons continually, and in the feastes and other daies appointed when we offre sacrifices and prayers, as it is mete and conuenient to thinke vpon our brethren.
12 And we reioyce at your prosperous estate.
13 And thogh we haue bene enuironed with great troubles & warres, so that the Kings rounde about vs haue foght against vs,
14 Yet wolde we not be grieuous vnto you, nor to other of our cõfederates & friends in these warres.
15 For we haue had helpe from heauen, that hathe soccoured vs, and we are deliuered from our enemies, and our enemies are subdued.
16 Yet haue we chosen Numenius *the sonne* of Antiochus, and Antipater *the sonne* of Iason, and sent them vnto the Romaines, for to renewe the former friendship with them, and league.
17 We commanded them also to go vnto you, and to salute you, and to deliuer you our letters, cõcerning the renewing of our brotherhode.
18 And now ye shal do vs a pleasure to giue vs an answer of these things.
19 ¶ And this was the copie of the letters, which Arius the King of Sparta sent vnto Onias.
20 THE KING of the Spartians vnto Onias the hie Priest sendeth greting.
21 It is founde in writing, that the Spartiãs and Iewes are brethren, and come out of the generacion of Abraham.
22 And now for somuche as this is come to our knowledge, ye shal do wel, to write vnto vs of your prosperitie.
23 As for vs, we haue writen vnto you, that your cattel and goods are ours, and ours are yours: these things haue we commanded to be shewed vnto you.
24 ¶ Now when Ionathan heard, that Demetrius princes were come to fight agaist him, with a greater hoste then afore,
25 He went from Ierusalem, and met them in the land of Hamath: for he gaue thẽ not space to come into his owne countrey.
26 And he sent spies vnto their tẽtes, which came againe, and tolde him, that they were appointed to come vpon him in the night.
27 Wherefore, whẽ the sunne was gone downe, Ionathan commanded his men to watche, and to be in armes ready to fight all the night, & sent watchmen rounde about the hoste.
28 But when the aduersaries heard that Ionathan was ready with his men to the battel, they feared, and trembled in their

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hearts, and kindled fyres in their tentes, and fled away.

89 Neuertheles Ionathan and his companie knewe it not til the morning: for thei ſawe the fyres burning.

90 Then Ionathan followed vpon them, but he colde not ouertake them: for they were gone ouer the flood Eleutherus.

91 So Ionathã turned to the Arabiãs, which were called Zabedei, and ſlewe them, and toke their ſpoile.

92 He proceded further alſo, and came vnto Damaſcus, and went through all the countrey.

93 But Simon his brother went forthe, and came to Aſcalon and to the next holdes, departing vnto Ioppe, and wanne it.

94 For he heard that they wolde deliuer the holde to them that toke Demetrius parte: wherefore he ſet a gariſon there to kepe it.

95 ¶After this came Ionathan home, and called the Elders of the people together, and deuiſed with them for to buyld vp the ſtrong holdes in Iudea,

96 And to make the walles of Ieruſalem hier, and to make a great mount betwixt the caſtel and the citie, for to ſeparate it from the citie, that it might be alone, and that men ſhulde nether bye, nor ſel in it.

97 So they came together to buylde vp the citie: for parte of the wall vpon the broke of the Eaſt ſide was fallen downe, and they repaired it, and called it Caphenatha.

98 Simon alſo ſet vp Adida in Sephela, & made it ſtrong with gates and barres.

Ioſeph. Anti. 13. chap. 9.

99 ¶In the meane time Tryphon purpoſed to reigne in Aſia, and to be crowned when he had ſlaine the King Antiochus.

100 But he was afraied that Ionathan wolde not ſuffer him, but fight againſt him: wherefore he went about to take Ionathan, and to kil him: ſo he departed, and came vnto Bethſan.

101 Then went Ionathã forthe againſt him to the battel with fortie thouſand choſen men, and came vnto Bethſan.

102 But when Tryphon ſawe that Ionathan came with ſo great an hoſte, he durſt not lay hand vpon him,

103 But receiued him honorably, and commended him vnto all his friends, and gaue him rewardes, and cõmanded his men of warre to be as obedient vnto him as to him ſelf,

104 And ſaid vnto Ionathan, Why haſt thou cauſed this people to take ſuche trauail, ſeing there is no warre betwene vs?

105 Therefore ſend them now home againe, and chuſe certeine men to wait vpon thee, and come thou with me to Ptolemais: for I wil giue it thee, with the other ſtrong holdes, and the other gariſons, and all them that haue the charge of the cõmune affaires: ſo wil I returne, & departe: for this is the cauſe of my comming.

106 Ionathan beleued him, & did as he ſaid, and ſent away his hoſte, which went into the land of Iuda,

107 And reteined but thre thouſand with him, whereof he ſent two thouſãd into Galile, & one thouſand went with him ſelf.

108 Now aſſone as Ionathã entred into Ptolemais, they of Ptolemais ſhut the gates, and toke him, and ſlewe all them with the ſworde, that came in with him.

109 Then ſent Tryphon an hoſte of fotemen, & horſemen into Galile, & into the great plaine, to deſtroye all Ionathãs companie.

110 But when they knewe that Ionathã was taken, and ſlaine, and thoſe that were with him, they incouraged one another, and came forthe againſt them readie to the battel.

111 But when thei which followed vpon thẽ, ſawe that it was a matter of life, they turned backe againe.

112 By this meanes all they came into the land of Iuda peaceably, and bewailed Ionathan, and them that were with him, and feared greatly, and all Iſrael made great lamentacion.

113 For all the heathẽ that were round about them, ſoght to deſtroye them.

114 For they ſaid, Nowe haue they no captaine, nor anie man to helpe them: therefore let vs now fight againſt them, and roote out their memorie from amõg men.

CHAP. XIII.

1 After Ionathan was taken, Simon is choſen captaine. 17 Tryphon, taking his children, and money for the redemption of Ionathan, killeth him and his children. 31 Tryphon killeth Antiochus, and poſſeſſeth the realme. 36 Demetrius taketh truce with Simon. 43 Simon winneth Gaz. 50 He poſſeſſeth the tower of Sion. 53 He maketh his ſonne Iohn captaine.

1 NOw when Simõ heard that Tryphõ gathered a great hoſte to come into the land of Iuda, and to deſtroye it, *Ioſeph. Anti. 13. chap. 9.*

2 And ſawe that the people was in great trembling and feare, he came vp to Ieruſalem, and gathered the people together,

3 And gaue them exhortacion, ſaying, Ye knowe what great things I, & my brethrẽ, & my fathers houſe haue done for ỹ Law, and the Sanctuarie, and the battels, & troubles that we haue ſene.

4 By reaſon whereof all my brethren are ſlaine for Iſraels ſake, and I am left alone.

5 Now therefore God forbide, that I ſhulde ſpare mine owne life in anie time of trouble: for I am not better then my brethren.

6 But I wil aduenge my nacion, and the Sanctuarie, and our wiues, and our children: for all the heathen are gathered to-

gether to deſtroy vs of very malice.
7 In hearing theſe wordes the hearts of the people were kindled,
8 So that they cryed with a loude voyce, ſayīg, Thou ſhalt be our captaine in ſtead of Iudas and Ionathan thy brethren.
9 Fight thou our battels, and whatſoeuer thou commandeſt vs, we wil do it.
10 ¶ So he gathered all the men of warre, making haſte to finiſh the walles of Ieruſalem, and fortified it rounde about.
11 Then ſent he Ionathan the ſonne of Abſalomus with a great hoſte vnto Ioppe, which droue them out that were therein, & remained there him ſelf.
12 Tryphon alſo remoued from Ptolemais with a great armie, to come into the lād of Iuda, & Ionathā was with him as priſoner.
13 And Simon pitched his tentes at "Addidis vpon the open plaine.
14 But when Tryphon knewe that Simon ſtode vp in ſtead of his brother Ionathan, & that he wolde fight againſt him, he ſent meſſengers vnto him, ſaying,
15 Where as we haue kept Ionathā thy brother, it is for money that he is owing in the Kings account cōcerning the buſines that he had in hand.
16 Wherefore ſend now an hūdreth talents of ſiluer, & his two ſonnes for hoſtages, ỹ when he is letten forthe, he wil not turne from vs, and we wil ſend him againe.
17 Neuertheles Simō knewe that he diſſembled in his wordes, yet commanded he the money and children to be deliuered vnto him, leſt he ſhulde be in greater hatred of the people of Iſrael.
18 Who might haue ſaid, Becauſe he ſent him not the money and the children, therefore is Ionathan dead.
19 So he ſent the children and an hundreth talents: but he diſſembled, and wolde not let Ionathan go.
20 ¶ Afterwarde came Tryphon into the land to deſtroye it, & went rounde about by the way, that leadeth vnto Adora: but whereſoeuer thei went, thether went Simō and his hoſte.
21 Now they that were in the caſtel, ſent meſſengers vnto Tryphon, that he ſhulde make haſte to come by the wildernes, & to ſend them vitailes.
22 So Tryphon made readie all his horſemen: but the ſame night fell a very great ſnowe, ſo that he came not, becauſe of the ſnowe: but he remoued and went into the countrey of Galaad.
23 And when he came nere to Baſcama, he ſlewe Ionathan and he was buryed there.
24 So Tryphon returned, & went into his owne land.
25 ¶ Then ſent Simon to take the bones of Ionathan his brother, & they buryed him in Modin his fathers cities.
26 And all Iſrael bewailed him with great lamētacion, & mourned for him verie lōg.
27 And Simon made vpon the ſepulchre of his father & his brethren, a buylding high to loke vnto, of hewen ſtone behinde and before,
28 And ſet vp ſeuen pillers vpon it, one againſt another, for his father, his mother, and foure brethren,
29 And ſet great pillers round about them, and ſet armes vpon the pillers for a perpetual memorie, and carued ſhippes beſide the armes, that they might be ſene of men ſailing in the ſea.
30 This ſepulchre which he made at Modin, ſtandeth yet vnto this day.
31 ¶ Now as Tryphon wēt forthe with the yong King Antiochus, he ſlewe him traiterouſly,
32 And reigned in his ſtead, and crowned him ſelf King of Aſia, and broght a great plague vpon the land.
33 Simon alſo buylte vp the caſtels of Iudea, and compaſſed them about with high towers, & great walles, euen with towers, and gates and barres, and laid vp vitailes in the ſtrong holdes.
34 Moreouer Simon choſe certeine men and ſent them to King Demetrius, that he wolde diſcharge the lād: for all Tryphons doings were robberies.
35 Whereupon Demetrius the King anſwered him, and wrote vnto him after this maner,
36 DEMETRIVS the King vnto Simon the high Prieſt, and the friend of Kings, and to the Elders and to the nation of the Iewes ſendeth greting.
37 The golden crowne, and 'precious ſtone that ye ſent vnto vs, haue we receiued, and are readie to make a ſtedfaſt peace with you, and to write vnto the officers, to releaſe you of the things wherein we made you fre.
38 So the things that we haue granted you, ſhalbe ſtable: the ſtrong holdes which ye haue buylded, ſhalbe your owne.
39 Alſo we forgiue the ouerſights, and fautes cōmitted vnto this day, and the crowne taxe that ye oght vs: and where as was anie other tribute in Ieruſalem, it ſhalbe now no tribute.
40 And they that are mete among you to be writen with our men, let them be writē vp, that there may be peace betwene vs.
41 Thus the yoke of the heathē was takē frō Iſrael in the hundreth, & ſeuentie yere.
42 And the people of Iſrael began to write in their letters, & publike inſtruments, IN THE FIRST yere of Simō, the high and chief Prieſt, gouernour, and prince of the Iewes.
43 In

* Or, Addus.

Ioſeph Anti. 13. chap. 10.

* Or, Collar, or bandricher in Greke Baſnen or baſen.

43 In thoſe dayes Simon camped againſt Gaza, and beſieged it rounde about, where he ſet vp an engine of warre, and approched nere the citie, and bet a towre, and toke it.

44 So thei that were in the engine, leapt into the citie, and there was great trouble in the citie,

45 In ſo muche that the people of the citie rent their clothes, and climed vp vpon the walles with their wiues, and children, and cryed with a loude voyce, beſeching Simon to grant them peace, ſaying,

46 Deale not with vs according to our wickednes, but according to thy mercie.

47 Then Simon pitied them, and wolde fight no more againſt them, but put them out of the citie, and clenſed the houſes, wherein the idoles were, and ſo entred thereunto with pſalmes and thankeſgiuing.

48 So when he had caſt all the filthines out, he ſet ſuche men in it as kept the Law, and fortified it, and buylded there a dwelling place for him ſelf.

49 Now, when they in the caſtel at Ieruſalem were kept, that they colde not come forthe nor go into the coũtrey, nether bye nor ſel, they were very hungrie, and manie of them were famiſhed to death,

50 In ſo muche that they beſoght Simon to make peace with them: which he granted them, and put them out from thence, and clenſed the caſtel from filthines.

51 And vpon the thre, and twentie day of the ſeconde moneth in the hũdreth, ſeuẽtie and one yere, they entred into it with thãkeſgiuing, and branches of palme trees, and with harpes, and with cymbales, and with violes, and with pſalmes, and ſongs, becauſe the great enemie of Iſrael was ouercome.

52 And he ordeined that the ſame day ſhulde be kept euerie yere with gladnes.

53 And he fortified the mount of the Tẽple that was beſide the caſtel where he dwelt him ſelf with his companie.

54 Simon alſo ſeing that Iohn his ſonne was now a mã, he made him captaine of all the hoſtes, & cauſed him to dwell in Gazaris.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Demetrius is ouercome of Arſaces. 11 Simon being captaine, there is great quietnes in Iſrael. 18 The couenant of friendſhip with the Romains, and with the people of Sparta is renewed.

1 IN the hundreth, ſeuentie and two yere gathered King Demetrius his hoſte, & departed vnto Media, to get him helpe for to fight againſt Tryphon.

2 But when Arſaces the King of Perſia and Media heard, that Demetrius was entred within his borders, he ſent one of his princes to take him aliue.

3 So he went, and ouercame the armie of Demetrius, and toke him, and broght him to Arſaces, which kept him in warde.

4 Thus all the land *of Iuda* was in reſt, ſo long as Simon liued: for he ſoght the welth of his nacion: therefore were they glad to haue him for their ruler, and to do him worſhip alway.

5 Simon alſo wanne the citie of Ioppe to his great honour to be an hauen towne, and made it an entrance vnto the yles of the ſea.

6 He enlarged alſo the borders of his people, and conquered the countreis.

7 He gathered vp manie of their people that were priſoners, and he had the dominion of Gazaris, and Beth-ſura, and the caſtel, which he clenſed from filthines, & there was no man that reſiſted him,

8 So that euerie mãn tilled his grounde in peace, and the land gaue her frutes, & the trees gaue their frute.

9 The Elders ſate in the opẽ places, & conſulted altogether for the commune welth, and the yong mẽ were honorably clothed and armed.

10 He prouided vitailes for the cities, and all kinde of munition, ſo that his glorious fame was renoumed vnto the end of the worlde.

11 He made peace thorow out the land, and Iſrael had perfite mirth and ioye.

12 For euerie mã ſate vnder his vine, & the fig trees, & there was no man to fray them.

13 There was none in the land to fight againſt them: for then the Kings were ouercome.

14 He helped all thoſe that were in aduerſitie among his people: he was diligent to ſe the Law kept, and he toke away the vngodlie, and wicked.

15 He beautified the Sãctuarie, and encreaſed the veſſels of the Temple.

16 Whẽ the Romains heard, and the Spartians had knowledge, that Ionathan was dead, they were very ſorie.

17 But whẽ they heard, that Simon his brother was made high Prieſt in his ſteade, & how he had wonne the land againe with the cities in it,

18 They wrote vnto him in tables of braſſe, to renewe the friendſhip, and bonde of loue, which they had made with Iudas & Ionathan his brethren.

19 Which writings were red before thẽ congregacion at Ieruſalem, and this is the copie of the letters that the Spartiãs ſent,

20 THE SENATORS and citie of Sparta vnto Simon the great Prieſt, and to the Elders, and to the Prieſts, and to the reſidue of the people of the Iewes their brethren ſend greting.

21 When your ambaſſadours that were ſent vnto our people, certified vs of your glorie

& honour, we were glad of their cõming,
22 And haue regiſtred their ambaſſage in ỹ publike recordes in this maner, Numenius *the ſonne* of Antiochus, and Antipater *the ſonne* of Iaſon the Iewes ambaſſadours came vnto vs, to renewe amitie with vs.
23 And it pleaſed the people, that the men ſhulde be honorably intreated, and that the copie of their ambaſſage ſhulde be regiſtred in the publike recordes, that it might be for a memorial vnto the people of Sparta: and a copie of the ſame was ſent to Simon the chief Prieſt.
24 After this Simon ſent Numenius to Rome, with a great ſhield of golde of a thouſand pounde weight, to cõfirme the friẽdſhip with them.
25 Which when the people vnderſtode, thei ſaid, What thankes ſhal we recompenſe againe vnto Simon and his children?
26 For he and his brethren, and the houſe of his father haue ſtabliſhed Iſrael, and ouercome their enemies, and haue confirmed the libertie thereof: therefore they wrote this in tables of braſſe, and ſet it vpõ pillers in mount Sion.
27 The copie of the writing is this, In the eight and twentie day of the moneth *Elul* Auguſte. in the hundreth, ſeuentie and two yere, in the thirde yere of Simon the high Prieſt.
28 In *Saramel in the great cõgregacion of *Or, Ieruſalem.* the Prieſts, and of the people, and of the gouernours of the nacion, and of the Elders of the countrei, we wolde ſignifie vnto you, ỹ manie battels haue bene foghten in our countrey.
29 Wherein Simon the ſonne of Mattathias (come of the children of Iareb) and his brethren put them ſelues in dãger, and reſiſted the enemies of their nacion, that their Sanctuarie, and Law might be mainteined, & did their nacion great honour.
30 For Ionathan gathered his nacion together, and became their high Prieſt, and is laid with his people.
31 After that wolde their enemies haue inuaded their countrey, and deſtroyed their land, and lay their hands on their Sanctuarie.
32 Then Simõ reſiſted them, & foght for his nacion, and ſpent muche of his owne ſubſtance, and armed the valiant men of his nacion, and gaue them wages.
33 He fortified alſo the cities of Iudea, and Beth-ſura that lyeth vpon the borders of Iudea (where the ordinance of their enemies lay ſometime) and ſet there a gariſon of the Iewes.
34 And he fortified Ioppe, which lyeth vpõ the ſea, and Gazara that bordreth vpon Azotus (where the enemies dwelt afore) and there he placed Iewes, and furniſhed them with thigs neceſſarie for the reparation thereof.
35 Now when the people ſawe the faithfulnes of Simon, and to what glorie he thoght to bring his nacion vnto, they made him their gouernour, and the chief Prieſt, becauſe he had done all theſe things, and for the vprightnes, and fidelitie that he had kept to his nacion, and that ſoght by all meanes to exalte his people.
36 For in his time they proſpered wel by him, ſo that the heathen were taken out of their countrey, and they alſo which were in the citie of Dauid at Ieruſalem, where they had made them a caſtel, out of the which they wẽt, and defiled all things that were about the Sanctuarie, and did great hurt vnto religion.
37 And he ſet Iewes in it, and fortified it, for the aſſurance of the land, and citie, and raiſed vp the walles of Ieruſalem.
38 And King Demetrius confirmed him in his high prieſthode for theſe cauſes,
39 And made him one of his friẽds, and gaue him great honour.
40 For it was reported that the Romains called the Iewes their friends, and confederates, & that they honorably receiued Simons ambaſſadours,
41 And that the Iewes, & Prieſts cõſented, that Simon ſhulde be their prince, & high Prieſt perpetually, til God raiſed vp the true Prophet,
42 And that he ſhulde be their captaine, and haue the charge of the Sanctuarie, and ſo ſet men ouer the workes, and ouer the countrey, and ouer the weapons, and ouer the forteresſes, and that ſhulde make prouiſion for the holie things,
43 And that he ſhulde be obeyed of euery man, and that all the writings in the countrey ſhulde be made in his name, and that he ſhulde be clothed in purple, and weare golde,
44 And that it ſhulde not be lawful for anie of the people or Prieſts to breake anie of theſe things, or to withſtand his wordes, or to call anie congregacion in the countrey without him, or be clothed in purple, or weare a colar of gold:
45 And if anie did contrarie to theſe things or brake anie of them, he ſhulde be puniſhed.
46 So it pleaſed all the people to agre that it ſhulde be done to Simon according vnto theſe wordes.
47 Simon alſo accepted it, and was content to be the high Prieſt, and the captaine, & the prince of the Iewes, and of the Prieſts, and to be the chief of all.
48 And they commanded to ſet vp this writing in tables of braſſe, and to faſten it to the wall that compaſſed the Sanctuarie in an open place,

49 And

49 And that a copie of the ſame ſhulde be laied vp in the treaſurie, that Simon and his ſonnes might haue it.

CHAP. XV.

1 Antiochus maketh a couenant of friendſhip with Simō 11 Tryphon purſued. 15 The Romains write lettres vnto Kings and nacions in the defence of the Iewes. 27 Antiochus refuſing the helpe that Simon ſent him, breaketh his couenant.

1 MOreouer King Antiochus the ſonne of Demetrius ſent lettres from the yles of the ſea vnto Simon the Prieſt, and prince of the Iewes, and to all the nacion,

2 Cōteining theſe wordes, ANTIOCHVS the King vnto Simon the great Prieſt, & to the nacion of the Iewes ſendeth gretīg.

3 For ſo muche as certeine peſtilent men haue vſurped ỹ kingdome of our fathers, I am purpoſed to chalenge the realme againe, and to reſtore it to the olde eſtate: wherefore I haue gathered a great hoſte, and prepared ſhippes of warre,

4 That I may go thorowe the countrey, & be aduenged of them, which haue deſtroied our countrey, and waſted manie cities in the realme.

5 Now therefore I do confirme vnto thee all the liberties, whereof all the Kings my progenitours haue diſcharged thee, and all the paiments, whereof they haue releaſed thee.

6 And I giue thee leaue to coyne money of thine owne ſtampe within thy countrey,

7 And that Ieruſalem, and the Sanctuarie be fre, and that all the weapons, that thou haſt prepared, and the forteresſes, which thou haſt buylded, & kepeſt in thine hāds, ſhalbe thine.

8 And all that is due vnto the King, and all that ſhalbe due vnto ỹ King, I forgiue it thee, from this time forthe for euermore.

9 And when we haue obteined our kingdome, we wil giue thee, & thy nacion & the Temple great honour, ſo that your honor ſhalbe knowen thorowe out the worlde.

Ioſeph Antiq. 13. chap. 11.

10 ¶ In the hūdreth, ſeuentie & foure yere, went Antiochus into his fathers land, and all the bandes came together vnto him, ſo that fewe were left with Tryphon.

11 So the King Antiochus purſued him, but he fled and came to Dora, which lyeth by the ſea ſide.

12 For he ſawe that troubles were towarde him, and that the armie had forſaken him.

13 Then camped Antiochus againſt Dora with an hundreth and twentie thouſand fighting men, and eight thouſand horſemen.

14 So he compaſſed the citie about, and the ſhippes came by the ſea. Thus they preſſed the citie by land, & by ſea, in ſo muche that they ſuffered no man to go in nor out.

15 In the meane ſeaſon came Numenius, and his companie from Rome, hauing lettres writen vnto the Kings and countreis, wherein were conteined theſe wordes,

16 LVCIVS THE Conſul of Rome vnto King Ptolemeus ſendeth greting.

17 The ambaſſadours of ỹ Iewes are come vnto vs as our friends and confederates from Simon the hie Prieſt, and from the people of the Iewes to renue friendſhip, and the bonde of loue,

18 Who haue broght a ſhield of golde weying a thouſand pounde.

19 Wherefore we thoght it good to write vnto the Kings and countreis, that they ſhulde not go about to hurt them, nor to fight againſt them, nor their cities, nor their countreie, nether to mainteine their enemies againſt them.

20 And we were content to receiue of them the ſhield.

21 If therefore there be anie peſtilēt felowes fled from their countrey vnto you, deliuer them vnto Simon the hie Prieſt, that he maye puniſh them according to their owne Law.

22 The ſame things were writen to Demetrius the King, and to Attalus, and to Arathes and to Arſaces,

23 And to all countreis, as "Sampſames, and to them of Sparta, and to Delus, and to Mindus and to Sicion, and to Caria, and to Samos, and to Pamphylia, and to Lycia, and to Halicarnaſſus, and to Rhodus, and to Phaſelis, and to Cos, and to Siden, and to Cortyna, and to Gnidon, and to Cyprus, and to Cyrene. *"Or, Sampſaces.*

24 And they ſent a copie of them to Simon the hie Prieſt.

25 ¶ So Antiochus the King cāped againſt Dora the ſeconde time euer readie to take it, and made diuers engins of warre, and kept Tryphon in, that he colde nether go in nor out.

26 Thē Simon ſent him two thouſand choſen men to helpe him with ſiluer & golde, and muche furniture.

27 Neuertheles, he wolde not receiue thē, but brake all the couenant, which he had made with him afore, and withdrewe him ſelf from him,

28 And ſent vnto him Athenobius one of his friends to commune with him, ſaying, Ye withholde Ioppe, and Gazara with the caſtle that is at Ieruſalem, the citie of my realme,

29 Whoſe borders ye haue deſtroyed and done great hurt in the land, and haue the gouernement of manie places of my kīgdome.

30 Wherefore now deliuer the cities, which ye haue taken, with the tributes of the places, that ye haue rule ouer without the

borders of Iudea,

31 Or els giue me for them fiue hundreth talents of ſiluer, and for the harme that ye haue done, and for the tributes of the places other fiue hundreth talents: if not, we wil come, and fight againſt you.

32 So Athenobius the Kings friend came to Ieruſalem, & when he ſawe the honour of Simon, and the cubbert of golde and ſiluer plate, and ſo great preparacion, he was aſtoniſhed, and tolde him the Kings meſſage.

33 Then anſwered Simon, and ſaid vnto him, We haue nether taken other mens lãds, nor withholden that which apperteineth to others: but our fathers heritage, which our enemies had vnrighteouſly in poſſeſsion a certeine time.

34 But when we had occaſion, we recouered the inheritance of our fathers.

35 And whereas thou *requireſt Ioppe and Gazara, they did great harme to our people, and through our countrey, yet wil we giue an hundreth talents for them. But Athenobius anſwered him not one worde,

*Or, complaineſt concerning.

36 But turned againe angrie vnto the King, and tolde him all theſe wordes, and the dignitie of Simon, with all that he had ſene: and the King was verie angrie.

37 ¶ In the meane time fled Tryphon by ſhippe vnto Orthoſias.

38 Then the King made Cendebeus captaine of the ſea coaſt, and gaue him bãdes of fotemen and horſemen,

39 And cõmanded him to remoue ẏ hoſte towarde Iudea, and to buylde vp Cedron, & to fortifie the gates, & to warre againſt the people: but ẏ King purſued Tryphon.

40 So Cendebeus came vnto Iamnia, and began to vexe the people, and to inuade Iudea, and to take the people priſoners, & to ſlay them.

41 And he buylte vp Cedron, where he ſet horſemen and gariſons, that they might make outrodes by the waies of Iudea, as the King had commanded him.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Cendebeus the captaine of Antiochus hoſte is put to flight by the ſonnes of Simon. 11 Ptolemeus the ſonne of Abobus killeth Simon and his two ſonnes at a banket. 23 Iohn killeth them that lye in waite for his life.

Ioſeph Antiq. 13. chap. 12.

1 THen came Iohn vp from Gazara, & tolde Simon his father, what Cendebeus had done.

2 So Simon called two of his eldeſt ſonnes, Iudas and Iohn, and ſaid vnto them, I, and my brethren, and my fathers houſe, haue euer from our youth vnto this day foghtẽ againſt ẏ enemies of Iſrael, & the matters haue had good ſucceſſe vnder our hands, & we haue deliuered Iſrael often times.

3 But I am now olde, & ye by *Gods* mercie are of a ſufficient age: be ye therefore inſtead of me, & my brother, & go forthe & fight for our nacion, & the helpe of heauen be with you.

4 So he choſe twentie thouſand fighting men of the countrey with the horſemen, which went forthe againſt Cendebeus, & reſted at Modin.

5 In the morning thei aroſe, and went into the plaine field: & beholde, a mightie great hoſte came againſt them bothe of fotemẽ, & horſemẽ: but there was a riuer betwixt them.

6 And Iohn ranged his armie ouer againſt him, and when he ſawe that the people was afrayed to go ouer the riuer, he went ouer firſt him ſelf, and the men ſeing him, paſſed through after him.

7 Then he deuided his men, & ſet the horſemen in the middes of the fotemen.

8 For their enemies horſemen were verie manie: but when thei blewe the trumpets, Cẽdebeus fled with his hoſte, whereof manie were ſlayne, & the remnant gate them to the fortereſſe.

9 Then was Iudas Iohns brother wounded: but Iohn followed after them, til he came to Cedron, which *Cendebeus* had buylt.

10 Alſo thei fled vnto the towres, that were in the fields of Azotus, and thoſe did *Iohn* burne with fyre: thus were there ſlaine two thouſand mẽ of them: ſo he returned peaceably into the land of Iuda.

11 ¶ Now in the field of Iericho was Ptolomeus the ſonne of Abubus made captaine, and he had abundance of ſiluer and golde.

12 (For he had maried the daughter of the hie Prieſt.)

13 Therefore he waxed proude in his minde, and thoght to rule the land, & thoght to ſlay Simon and his ſonnes by deceit.

14 Now as Simon went about thorowe the cities of the countrey, & ſtudied carefully for them, he came downe to Iericho with Mattathias, and Iudas his ſonnes in the hundreth, ſeuentie & ſeuen yere, in the eleuenth moneth, which is the moneth Sabat.

15 Thẽ *the ſonne* of Abubus receiued them by treaſon into a litle holde, called Dochus, which he had buylte, where he made them a great banket, and had hid men there.

16 So when Simon and his ſonnes had made good chere, Ptolemeus ſtode vp with his men, and toke their weapons, and entred in to Simon in the banket houſe, and ſlewe him with his two ſonnes, and certeine of his ſeruants.

17 Whereby he committed a great vilenie, and recompenſed euil for good.

18 Then wrote Ptolemeus theſe things and ſent to the King, that he might ſend him an hoſte to helpe him, & ſo wolde deliuer him the countrey with the cities.

19 He

19 He ſent other men alſo vnto Gazara, to take Iohn, and ſent letters vnto the captaines to come to him, and he wolde giue thē ſiluer, and golde and rewardes.
20 And to Ieruſalem he ſent other to take it, and the mountaine of the Temple.
21 But one ranne before, and tolde Iohn in Gazara, that his father, and his brethren were ſlaine, and that *Ptolemeus* had ſent to ſlay him.
22 When he heard this, he was ſore aſtoniſhed, & laid hands of them that were come to ſlay him, and ſlewe them: for he knewe that they went about to kill him.
23 Cōcerning other things of Iohn, bothe of his warres, and of his noble actes (wherein he behaued him ſelf manfully) of the buylding of walles which he made, and other of his dedes,
24 Beholde, they are writen in the chronicles of his prieſthode, frō the time, that he was made high Prieſt after his father.

THE SECONDE BOke of the Maccabees.

CHAP. I.

1 An epiſtle of the Iewes that dwelt at Ieruſalem, ſent vnto them that dwelt in Egypt, wherein they exhorte them to giue thankes for the death of Antiochus. 19 Of the fyre that was hid in the pitte. 24 The prayer of Neemias.

THE brethren the Iewes, which be at Ieruſalem, & they ỹ are in the countrey of Iudea, vnto ỹ brethren the Iewes, that are throwout Egypt, ſend ſalutation, and proſperitie.
2 God be gracious vnto you and remember his couenant made with Abraham, and Iſaac, and Iacob his faithful ſeruants,
3 And giue you all an heart, to worſhip him, and to do his wil with a whole heart and with a willing minde,
4 And open your hearts in his Law, and commandements, and ſend you peace,
5 And heare your prayers, and be reconciled with you, and neuer forſake you in time of trouble.
6 Thus now we praye here for you.
7 When Demetrius reigned, in the hundreth, threſcore and nine yere, we Iewes wrote vnto you in the trouble, and violence that came vnto vs in thoſe yeres, after that Iaſon, and his companie departed out of the holie land and kingdome,
8 And burnt the porche, and ſhed innocent blood. Then we praid vnto the Lord, and were heard: we offred ſacrifices and fine floure, and lighted the lampes, and ſet forthe the bread.
9 Now therefore kepe ye the dayes of the feaſt of the Tabernacles in the moneth Chaſleu.
10 ¶ In the hundreth, foureſcore and eight yere, the people that was at Ieruſalem, and in Iudea, and the counſel and Iudas, vnto Ariſtobulus King Ptolemeus maſter, which is of the ſtocke of the annointed Prieſts, & to the Iewes that are in Egypt, ſendeth greting and helth.
11 In ſo muche as God hathe deliuered vs from great perils, we thāke him highly, as thogh we had ouercome the King.
12 For he broght them into Perſia by heapes, that foght againſt the holie citie.
13 For albeit the captaine, and the armie, that was with him, ſemed inuincible, yet they were ſlaine in the temple of Nanea, by the diſceit of Naneas Prieſts.
14 For Antiochus, as thogh he wolde dwell with her, came thether, he, and his friends with him, to receiue money vnder the title of a dowrie.
15 But when the Prieſts of Nanea had laid it forthe, and he was entred with a ſmale companie within the Temple, they ſhut the Temple, when Antiochus was come in.
16 And by opening a priuie dore of the vaute, they caſt ſtones, as it were thunder, vpon the captaine *& hys*, and hauing bruſed them in pieces, they cut of their heads & threwe thē to thoſe that were without.
17 God be bleſſed in all things, which hathe deliuered vp the wicked.
18 Whereas we are now purpoſed to kepe ỹ purification of the Tēple vpon the fiue & twētie day of ỹ moneth Chaſleu, we thoght it neceſſarie to certifie you thereof, ỹ ye alſo might kepe the feaſt of ỹ Tabernacles, & of the fyre *which was giuen vs* when Neemias offred ſacrifice, after ỹ he had buylt the Temple, and the altar.
19 For whē as our fathers were led away vnto Perſia, ỹ Prieſts, which ſoght the honor of God, toke the *fyre of the altar priuely, and hid it in an hollow pit, which was drie in ỹ bottom, & therein they kept it, ſo that the place was vnknowen vnto euerie mā.
20 Now after manie yeres when it pleaſed God that Neemias ſhulde be ſent from the King of Perſia, he ſent of ỹ poſteritie of

*Leuit. 6. 13. & 10. 2. & 16. 3.

thoſe Prieſts, which had hid it to fetche the fyre, and as they tolde vs, they founde no fyre, but thicke water.

21 Then commanded he them to drawe it vp, and to bring it: and when the things apperteinīg to the ſacrifices were broght, Neemias commanded the Prieſts to ſprinkle the wood, and the things laid thereupō with water.

22 When this was done, and the time came that the ſunne ſhone, which afore was hid in the cloude, there was a great fyre kindled, ſo that euerie man marueiled.

23 Now the Prieſts, and all prayed, while the ſacrifice was conſuming: Ionathan began, and the other anſwered thereunto.

24 And the prayer of Neemias was after this maner, O Lord, Lord God maker of all things, which art feareful, and ſtrong, & righteous, and merciful, and the onelie and gracious King,

25 Onely liberal, onely iuſte and almightie and euerlaſting, thou that deliuereſt Iſrael from all trouble, and haſt choſen the fathers, and ſanctified them,

26 Receiue the ſacrifice for thy whole people of Iſrael, and preſerue thine owne porcion, and ſanctifie it.

27 Gather thoſe together, that are ſcatered from vs: deliuer them that ſerue amōg the heathen: loke vpon them which are deſpiſed, and abhorred, that the heathen may knowe that thou art our God.

28 Puniſh them that oppreſſe vs, and with pride do vs wrong.

29 Plant thy people againe in thine holie
Deut. 30.5. place *as Moyſes hathe ſpoken.

30 And the Prieſts ſang pſalmes thereunto.

31 Now when the ſacrifice was conſumed, Neemias commanded the great ſtones to be ſprinkled with the reſidue of the water.

32 Which whē it was done, there was kindled a flame, which was conſumed by the light, that ſhined from the altar.

33 ¶ So when this matter was knowen, it was tolde the King of Perſia; that in the place where the Prieſts, which were led away, had hid fyre, there appeared water, wherewith Neemias and his companie had purified the ſacrifices.

34 The King tryed out the thing, and cloſed the place about, and made it holie.

35 And to them that the King fauoured, he gaue and beſtowed manie giftes.

36 And Neemias called the ſame place Ephthar, which is to ſay, purification: but
10r, Nephi. manie men call it Nephthar.

CHAP. II.

How Ieremie hid the tabernacle, the Arke, and the altar in the hil. 23 Of the fiue bokes of Iaſon conteined in one.

1 IT is founde alſo in the writings of Ieremias the Prophet, that he commanded them, which were caried away, to take fyre, as was declared, & as the Prophet cō manded thē that were led into captiuitie,

2 * Giuing them a Law that they ſhulde not forget the commandemēts of ỹ Lord, & that they ſhulde not erre in their mindes, when they ſawe images of golde and ſiluer, with their ornaments. *Baruc. 6*

3 Theſe and ſuche other things commanded he them, and exhorted them that they ſhuld not let ỹ Law go out of their hearts.

4 It is writen alſo, how the Prophet, by an oracle that he had, charged them to take the tabernacle and the arke, and follow him: & when he came vp into ỹ mountaine where Moyſes went vp, *and ſawe the he- *Deu 34.*
ritage of God,

5 Ieremias went forthe, and founde an hollowe caue, wherein he laid the Tabernacle, and the Arke, and the altar of incenſe, and ſo ſtopped the dore.

6 And there came certeine of thoſe that followed him, to marke the place: but they colde not finde it.

7 Which when Ieremias perceiued, he reproued them, ſaying, As for that place, it ſhalbe vnknowen, vntil the time that God gather his people together againe, & that mercie be ſhewed.

8 Thē ſhal the Lord ſhewe thē theſe things, and the maieſtie of the Lord ſhal appeare and the cloude alſo, as it was ſhewed vnder Moyſes, and as *when Salomō deſired, that *1. King. 8*
the place might be honorably ſanctified. *2 chro. 6.*

9 For it is manifeſt that he, being a wiſe man, offred the ſacrifice of dedication, and conſecracion of the Temple.

10 *And as when Moyſes prayed vnto the *Leu. 9.2.*
Lord, the fyre came downe from heauē, & *& 10.16.*
conſumed the ſacrifice: ſo, when Salomon prayed, *the fyre came downe frō heauen, *2. Chro. 7*
and conſumed the burnt offring.

11 And Moyſes ſaid, Becauſe the ſinoffring was not eaten, therefore is it conſumed.

12 So Salomon kept thoſe eight dayes.

13 Theſe thīgs alſo are declared in the writings, and regiſters of Neemias, and how he made a librarie, and how he gathered the actes of the Kings, & of the Prophets, and the actes of Dauid, and the epiſtles of the Kings concerning the holie giftes.

14 Euen ſo Iudas alſo gathered all things that came to paſſe by the warres that were among vs, which things we haue.

15 Wherefore if ye haue nede thereof, ſend ſome to fetche them vnto you.

16 Where as we then are about to celebrate the purification, we haue writen vnto you, and ye ſhal do wel, if ye kepe the ſame dayes.

17 We hope alſo that the God, which deliuered all his people, and gaue an heritage to them all & the kingdome, & the prieſthode,

hode, and the Sanctuarie,

Deu.30,5. 18 *As he promiſed in the Law, wil ſhortly haue mercy vpō vs, & gather vs together from vnder the heauen into his holie place: for he hathe ſaued vs from great perils, and hathe clenſed the place.

19 As concerning Iudas Maccabæus, & his brethren, the purification of the great Tēple, and the dedicacion of the altar,

20 And the warres againſt Antiochus Epiphanes, and Eupator his ſonne,

21 And the manifeſt ſignes, that came frō heauen vnto thoſe, which manfully ſtode for the Iewes religiō: (for thogh they were but fewe, yet they rāne through whole coū treis, and purſued the barbarous armies,

22 And repaired the Tēple that was renoumed thorow out all the worlde, and deliuered the citie, and eſtabliſhed the Lawes, that were like to be aboliſhed, becauſe the Lord was merciful vnto thē w̄ all lenitie)

23 We wil aſſay to abbridge in one volume thoſe things, that Iaſon the Cyrenean hathe declared in fiue bokes.

24 For conſidering the wonderful nomber, & the difficultie that thei haue that wolde be occupied in the rehearſal of ſtories, becauſe of the diuerſitie of the matters,

25 We haue indeuored, that they that wolde read, might haue pleaſure, and that thei which are ſtudious, might eaſily kepe them in memorie, & that whoſoeuer read them, might haue profite.

26 Therefore to vs that haue taken in hand this great labour, it was no eaſie thing to make this abbridgement, but required bothe ſweat, and watching.

27 Like as he that maketh a feaſt, & ſeketh other mens commoditie, hathe no ſmale labour: ſo we alſo for manie mens ſakes are verie wel content to vndertake this great labour.

28 Leauing to the autor the exact diligence of euerie particular, we wil labour to go forwarde according to the preſcript order of an abbridgement.

29 For as he that wil buylde a newe houſe, muſt prouide for the whole buylding, but he that ſetteth out ỹ plat or goeth about to painte it, ſeketh but onely what is comlie for the decking thereof:

30 Euen ſo I thinke for vs, that it apperteineth to the firſt writer of a ſtorie to enter depely into it, and to make mencion of all things, and to be curious in euerie parte.

31 But it is permitted to him that wil ſhorten it, to vſe fewe wordes, and to auoyde thoſe things that are curious therein.

32 Here then wil we beginne the ſtorie, adding thus muche to our former wordes, that it is but a fooliſh thing to abonde in wordes before the ſtorie, and to be ſhorte in the ſtorie.

CHAP. III.

2 Of the honour done vnto the Temple by the Kings of the Gentiles. 6 Simon vttereth what treaſure is in the Temple. 7 Heliodorus is ſente to take them away. 26 He is ſtriken of God and healed at the prayer of Onias.

1 WHat time as the holy citie was inhabited with all peace, and when the Lawes were very wel kept, becauſe of the godlines of Onias the hie Prieſt, and hatred of wickednes,

2 It came to paſſe that euen the Kings did honour the place, and garniſhed the Temple with great giftes.

3 In ſo muche that Seleuchus King of Aſia of his owne rentes, bare all the coſtes belonging to the ſeruice of the ſacrifices.

4 But one Simon of the tribe of Beniamin being appointed ruler of the Temple, contended with the hie Prieſt concerning the iniquitie committed in the citie. *Or, the ſtate & promiſion.

5 And whē he colde not ouercome Onias, he gate him to Apollonius the ſonne of Thraſeas, which then was gouernour of Coeloſyria and Phenice,

6 And tolde him that the treaſurie in Ieruſalē was ful of innumerable money, which did not belong to the prouiſion of the ſacrifices, and that it were poſsible that theſe things might come into ỹ Kings hands.

7 Now whē Apollonius came to the King, and had ſhewed him of the money, as it was tolde him, the King choſe out Heliodorus his treaſurer, and ſent him with a commandement, to bring him the foreſaid money.

8 Immediatly Heliodorus toke his iourney as thogh he wolde viſite the cities of Coeloſyria & Phenice, but in effect to fulfil the Kings purpoſe.

9 So when he came to Ieruſalem, and was courteouſly receiued of the hie Prieſt into the citie, he declared what was determined concerning the money, & ſhewed the cauſe of his coming, and aſked if theſe things were ſo in dede.

10 Then the hie Prieſt tolde him that there were ſuche things laide vp by ỹ widdowes and fatherles,

11 And that a certeine of it belonged vnto Hircanus *the ſonne* of Tobias a noble mā, and not as that wicked Simon had reported, and that in all there were but foure hundreth talents of ſiluer, and two hundreth of golde,

12 And that it were altogether vnpoſsible to do this wrong to them that had committed it of truſt to the holines of the place and Temple, which is honored thorowe the whole worlde for holines & integritie.

13 But Heliodorus becauſe of the Kings cō mandemēt giuen him, ſaid that in any wiſe it muſt be broght into ỹ Kings treaſurie.

14 So he appointed a day, and went in to take order for theſe things: then there was no ſmale griefe thorowout the whole citie.
15 For ỹ Prieſts fell downe before the altar in the Prieſts garments, and called vnto heauen vpon him which had made a Law concerning things giuen to be kept, that they ſhulde be ſafely preſerued for ſuche as had committed them to be kept.
16 Then thei that loked the high Prieſt in the face, were wounded in their heart: for his countenance, and the changing of his colour declared the ſorowe of his minde.
17 The man was ſo wrapped in feare & trẽbling of the bodie, that it was manifeſt to thẽ that loked vpon him, what ſorowe he had in his heart.
18 Others alſo came out of their houſes by heapes vnto the cõmune prayer, becauſe ỹ place was like to come vnto contempt.
19 And the women, girt with ſakecloth vnder their breaſtes, filled the ſtretes, and the virgines that were kept in, ranne ſome to the gates and ſome to the walles, & others loked out of the windowes.
20 And all helde vp their hands toward heauen, and made prayer.
21 It was a lamentable thing to ſe the multitude that fell downe of all ſortes, and the expectation of the high Prieſt being in ſuche anguiſh.
22 Therefore thei called vpõ the almightie Lord that he wolde kepe ſafe and ſure the things, which were layed vp for thoſe that had deliuered them.
23 Neuertheles, the thing ỹ Heliodorus was determined to do, that did he performe.
24 And as he & his ſouldiers were now there preſent by the treaſurie, he that is the Lord of the ſpirits, & of all power, ſhewed a great viſion, ſo that all thei which preſumed to come with him, were aſtoniſhed at the power of God, and fell into feare, and trembling.
25 For there appeared vnto them an horſe with a terrible mã ſitting vpon him, moſte richely barbed, and he ranne fiercely, and ſmote at Heliodorus with his fore fete, & it ſemed that he that ſate vpon the horſe, had harnes of golde.
26 Moreouer, there appeared two yong mẽ, notable in ſtrength, excellent in beautie, and comelie in apparel, which ſtode by him on ether ſide, and ſcoureged him continually, and gaue him manie ſore ſtripes.
27 And Heliodorus fel ſuddenly vnto the grounde, and was couered with great darkenes: but they that were with him, toke him vp, and put him in a litter.
28 Thus he that came with ſo great cõpanie, & manie ſouldiers into ỹ ſaid treaſurie, was borne out: for he colde not helpe him ſelf with his weapons.
29 So they did knowe the power of God manifeſtly, but he was domme by the power of God, and lay deſtitute of all hope and helth.
30 And they praiſed the Lord that had honored his owne place: for the Tẽple which a litle afore was ful of feare and trouble, when the almightie Lord appeared, was filled with ioye and gladnes.
31 Then ſtreight wayes certeine of Heliodorus friends prayed Onias, that he wolde call vpõ the moſte High to grant him his life, which lay readie to giue vp the goſte.
32 So the hie Prieſt, conſidering that the King might ſuſpect that the Iewes had done Heliodorus ſome euil, he offered a ſacrifice for the helth of the man.
33 Now when the hie Prieſt had made his prayer, the ſame yong men in the ſame clothing appeared, and ſtode beſide Heliodorus, ſaying, Giue Onias ỹ hie Prieſt great thankes: for his ſake hathe the Lord granted thee thy life.
34 And ſeing that thou haſt bene ſcourged frõ heauen, declare vnto all mẽ the mightie power of God: & when they had ſpokẽ theſe wordes, they appeared no more.
35 So Heliodorus offred vnto the Lord ſacrifice, and made great vowes vnto him, which had granted him his life, and thanked Onias, & went againe with his hoſte to the King.
36 Then teſtified he vnto euerie man of the great workes of God that he had ſene with his eyes.
37 And when the King aſked Heliodorus, who were mete to be ſent yet once againe to Ieruſalem, he ſaid,
38 If thou haſt anie enemie or traitor, ſend him thether, & thou ſhalt receiue him wel ſcourged, if he eſcape with his life: for in that place, no doubte, there is a ſpecial power of God.
39 For he that dwelleth in heauen, hathe his eye on ỹ place, and defendeth it, & he beateth & deſtroieth thẽ that come to hurt it.
40 This came to paſſe concerning Heliodorus, and the keping of the treaſurie.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Simon reporteth euil of Onias. 7 Iaſon obteineth the office of the hie Prieſt by corrupting the King, 27 And was by Menelaus defrauded by like bribing. 34 Onias is ſlayne traiterouſly by Andronicus.

1 THis Simon now, of whome we ſpake afore, being a bewraier of the money and of his owne natural countrey, reported euil of Onias, as thogh he had moued Heliodorus vnto this, and had bene the inuenter of the euil.
2 Thus was he bolde to call him a traitour that was ſo beneficial to the citie, and a defender of his nacion, and ſo zealous of the Lawes.

3 But

3 But when his malice increaſed ſo farre, that thorow one that belonged to Simon, murthers were committed,
4 Onias conſidering the danger of this contention, & that Apollonius as he that was the gouernour of Coeloſyria and Phenice, did rage, and increaſed Simons malice,
5 He went to the King not as an accuſer of the citizens, but as one that intended the commune welth bothe priuatly and publikely.
6 For he ſawe it was not poſsible except the King toke order to quiet the matters, and that Simon wolde not leaue of his folie.
7 But after the death of Seleucus, when Antiochus, called Epiphanes, toke the kingdome, Iaſon the brother of Onias labored by vnlawful meanes to be hie Prieſt.
8 For he came vnto the King, and promiſed him thre hundreth and threſcore talents of ſiluer, and of another rente, foureſcore talents.
9 Beſides this he promiſed him an hundreth and fiftie, if he might haue licence to ſet vp a place for exerciſe, and a place for the youth, and that they wolde [e] name them of Ieruſalem Antiochians.
10 The which thing when the King had granted, & he had gotten the ſuperioritie, he began immediatly to drawe his kinſmē to the cuſtomes of the Gentiles,
11 And aboliſhed ỹ friendlie priuiledges of the Kings, that the Iewes had ſet vp by Iohn, the father of Eupolemus, which was ſent ambaſſadour vnto Rome, to become friends and confederates: he put downe their lawes & policies, & broght vp newe ſtatutes, and contrarie to the Lawe.
12 For he preſumed to buylde a place of exerciſe vnder the caſtel, & broght the chief yong men vnder his ſubiection, and made them weare [f] hattes.
13 So there began a great deſire to follow the maners of the Gentiles, and they toke vp the facions of ſtrange nacions by the exceading wickednes of Iaſon, not the hie Prieſt, but the vngodlie perſone,
14 So that the Prieſtes were now no more diligent about the ſeruice of the altar, but deſpiſed the Temple, and regarded not the ſacrifices, but made haſte to be partakers of the wicked expenſes at the playe [a] after the caſting of the ſtone.
15 For they did not ſet by the honour of their fathers, but liked the glorie of the Gentiles beſt of all.
16 By reaſon whereof great calamitie came vpon them: for they had them to be their enemies and puniſhers, whoſe cuſtome they followed ſo earneſtly, and deſired to be like them in all things.
17 For it is not a light thing to tranſgreſſe againſt the Lawes of God, but the time following ſhal declare theſe things.
18 ¶Now when the games that were vſed euerie fiue yere, were plaide at Tyrus, the King being preſent,
19 This wicked Iaſon ſent from Ieruſalem men to loke vpon them, as thogh they had bene Antiochians, ẅ broght thre hundreth drachmes of ſiluer for a ſacrifice to Hercules: albeit they that caryed them, deſired they might not be beſtowed on the ſacrifice (becauſe it was not comelie) but to be beſtowed for other expenſes.
20 So he that ſent them, ſent them for the ſacrifice of Hercules: but becauſe of thoſe that broght them, they were giuen to the making of galleis.
21 ¶Now Apollonius the ſonne of Meneſtheus was ſent into Egypt becauſe of the coronation of King Ptolemeus Philometor: but when Antiochus perceiued that he was euil affectioned towarde his affaires, he ſoght his owne aſſurance, and departed from thence to Ioppe, and ſo came to Ieruſalem,
22 Where he was honorably receiued of Iaſon, and of the citie, & was broght in with torche light, & with great ſhowtings, and ſo he went with his hoſte vnto Phenice.
23 Thre yere afterwarde Iaſon ſent Menelaus, the foreſaid Simons brother, to beare the money vnto the King, and to bring to paſſe certeine neceſſarie affaires, whereof he had giuen him a memorial.
24 But he, being commended to the King, magnified him for the appearance of his power, & turned the prieſthode vnto him ſelf: for he gaue thre hundreth talents of ſiluer more then Iaſon.
25 So he gate the Kings [f] letters patentes, albeit he had nothing in him ſelf worthie of the hie prieſthode, but bare the ſtomacke of a cruel tyrant, and the wrath of a wilde beaſt.
26 Thē Iaſon, which had diſceiued his owne brother, being deceiued by another, was compelled to flee into the countrey of the Ammonites.
27 So Menelaus gate the dominion: but as for the money that he had promiſed vnto the King, he toke none order for it, albeit Soſtratus ỹ ruler of the caſtel required it.
28 For vnto him apperteined the gathering of ỹ cuſtomes: wherefore they were bothe called before the King.
29 Now Menelaus left his brother Lyſimachus in his ſtead in the prieſthode, and Soſtratus *left* Crates which was gouernour of the Cyprians.
30 ¶Whiles theſe things were in doing, the Tharſians and they of Mallot made inſurrectiō, becauſe they were giuē to the Kings concubine called Antiochis.

[e] *Or, that he wolde write the Antiochians that were at Ieruſalem, among them*

[f] *Or, hatte in token of wantonnes as the Gentiles did.*

[f] *Or, commendatories.*

[a] This game was to tryc ſtrēgth by caſting a ſtone ỹ had an hole in the middes, or a piece of metal.

31 Then came the King in all haſte, to appeaſe the buſines, leauing Andronicus a man of autoritie to be his lieutenant.
32 Now Menelaus, ſuppoſing that he had gotten a cõuenient time, ſtole certeine veſſels of golde out of the Temple, and gaue certeine of them to Andronicus: and ſome he ſolde at Tyrus & in the cities thereby.
33 Which when Onias knewe of a ſuretie, he reproued him, and withdrewe him ſelf into a Sãctuarie at Daphne by Antiochia.
34 Wherefore Menelaus, takig Andronicus a parte, prayed him to ſlay Onias: ſo whẽ he came to Onias, he coũſeled him craftely, giuing him his right hand with an othe: (howbeit he ſuſpect him, & perſuaded him to come out of the Sanctuarie) ſo he ſlewe him incontinently without any regarde of righteouſnes.
35 For the which cauſe not onely the Iewes, but many other nacions alſo were grieued, and toke it heauily for the vnrighteous death of this man.
36 ¶ And when the King was come againe from the places about Cilicia, the Iewes that were in the citie, and certeine of the Grekes that abhorred the fact alſo, complained becauſe Onias was ſlaine without cauſe.
37 Therefore Antiochus was ſorie in his minde, and he had compaſsion, and wept becauſe of the modeſtie and great diſcretion of him that was dead.
38 Wherefore being kindled with angre, he toke away Andronicus garment of purple, and rent his clothes, and commanded him to be led through out the citie, and in the ſame place where he had cõmitted the wickednes againſt Onias, he was ſlaine as a murtherer. Thus the Lord rewarded him his puniſhment, as he had deſerued.
39 ¶ Now when Lyſimachus had done many wicked dedes in the citie through the counſel of Menelaus, and the brute was ſpred abroad, ỹ multitude gathered them together againſt Lyſimachus: for he had caryed out now muche veſſel of golde.
40 And when the people aroſe, & were ful of angre, Lyſimachus armed about thre thouſand, & began to vſe vnlauful power, a certeine tyrant being their captaine, who was no leſſe decayed in wit then in age.
41 But whẽ they vnderſtode the purpoſe of Lyſimachus, ſome gate ſtones, ſome great clubbes, and ſome caſt handfuls of duſt, which lay by, vpon Lyſimachus men, and thoſe that inuaded them.
42 Whereby manie of them were wounded, ſome were ſlaine, and all the other chaſed away: but the wicked Churchrobber him ſelf they killed beſides the treaſurie.
43 For theſe cauſes an accuſation was laide againſt Menelaus.
44 And when the King came to Tyrus, thrẽ men ſent from the Senat pleaded the cauſe before him.
45 But Menelaus, being now cõuinced, promiſed to Ptolemeus *the ſonne* of Dorimenes muche money, if he wolde perſuade the King.
46 So Ptolemeus went to the King into a courte, where as he was to coule him ſelf, & turned the Kings minde.
47 In ſo muche that he diſcharged Menelaus from the accuſacions (notwithſtanding he was the cauſe of all miſchief) and condẽned thoſe poore men to death, which if they had tolde their cauſe, yea, before the Scythians, thei ſhulde haue bene heard as innocent.
48 Thus were they ſone puniſhed vniuſtly, which followed vpõ the matter for the citie, and for the people, and for the holie veſſels.
49 Wherefore they of Tyrus hated that wickednes, and miniſtred all things liberally for their buryal.
50 And ſo through the couetouſnes of thẽ that were in power, Menelaus remained in authoritie, increaſing in malice, and declared him ſelfe a great traitor to the citizẽs.

CHAP. V.

2 Of the ſignes and tokens ſene in Ieruſalem. 6 Of the end and wickednes of Iaſon. 11 The purſute of Antiochus againſt the Iewes. 15 The ſpoiling of the Temple 27 Maccabeus fleeth into the wilderne.

1 ABout the ſame time Antiochus vndertoke his ſeconde voyage into Egypt.
2 And then were there ſene through out all the citie of *Ieruſalem*, fortie dayes long, horſemen running in the aire, with robes of golde, and as bandes of ſpeare men,
3 And as troupes of horſemen ſet in array, incountering & courſing one againſt another with ſhaking of ſhields and multitude of dartes and drawing of ſwordes, and ſhoting of arrowes, and the glittering of the golden armour ſene, and harnes of all ſortes.
4 Therefore euerie man prayed, that thoſe tokens might turne to good.
5 Now when there was gone forthe a falſe rumour, as thogh Antiochus had bene dead, Iaſon toke at ỹ leaſt a thouſand mẽ, and came ſuddenly vpon the citie, & they that were vpon the walles, being put backe and the citie at length taken,
6 Menelaus fled into the caſtel, but Iaſon ſlewe his owne citizẽs without mercie, not conſidering that to haue the aduantage againſt his kinſmẽ is greateſt diſaduãtage, but thoght that he had gotten the victorie of his enemies, & not of his owne nacion.
7 Yet he gate not the ſuperioritie, but at the laſt receiued ſhame for the rewarde of his

traiſon,

traiſon, and went againe like a vagabound into the countrey of the Ammonites.

8 Finally he had this end of his wicked cõuerſation, ỹ he was accuſed before Areta, the King of the Arabians, and fled from citie to citie, being purſued of euerie mã, and hated as a forſaker of the Lawes, and was in abominacion, as an enemie of his countrey and citizens, and was driuen into Egypt.

*Or, ſhut vp.

9 Thus he that had chaſed manie out of their owne countrey, periſhed as a baniſhed man, after that he was gone to the Lacedemonians, thinking there to haue gotten ſuccour by reaſon of kinred.

10 And he that had caſt manie out vnburyed, was throwen out him ſelf, no man mourning for him, nor putting him in his graue: nether was he partaker of his fathers ſepulchre.

11 ¶ Now when theſe things that were done, were declared to the King, he thoght that Iudea wolde haue fallen from him: wherefore he came with a furious minde out of Egypt, & toke the citie by violẽce.

12 He commanded his men of warre alſo, that they ſhulde kill, and not ſpare ſuche as they met, and to ſlay ſuche as went into their houſes.

13 Thus was there a ſlaughter of yong mẽ, and olde men, and a deſtruction of men & women & children, and virgines, and infants were murthered:

14 So that within thre dayes were ſlayne foure ſcore thouſand, and fortie thouſand taken priſoners, and there were as manie ſolde as were ſlayne.

15 Yet was he not content with this, but durſt go into the moſte holy Temple of all the worlde, hauing Menelaus that traitour to the Lawes, and to his owne countrey, to be his guide,

16 And with his wicked hãds toke the holie veſſels, which other Kings had giuen for ỹ garniſhing, glorie and honour of that place, & handled them with his wicked hãds.

17 So hautie in his minde was Antiochus, that he conſidered not, that God was not a litle wrothe for the ſinnes of them that dwelt in the citie, for the which ſuche cõtempt came vpon that place.

18 For if they had not bene wrapped in manie ſinnes, he, aſſone as he had come, had ſuddẽly bene puniſhed, & put backe from his preſumption, as Heliodorus was, whome Seleucus the King ſent to vewe the treaſurie.

19 But God hathe not choſen the nacion for the places ſake, but the place for the nacion ſake.

20 And therefore is the place become partaker of the peoples trouble, but afterwarde ſhal it be partaker of the benefites of the Lord, and as it is now forſaken in the wrath of the Almightie, ſo when the great Lord ſhalbe reconciled, it ſhalbe ſet vp in great worſhip againe.

21 ¶ So when Antiochus had taken eighten hundreth talents out of the Temple, he gate him to Antiochia in all haſte, thinking in his pride to make men ſayle vpon the drye land, and to walke vpon the ſea: ſuche an hie minde had he.

22 But he left deputes to vexe the people: at Ieruſalem Philippe a Phrygiã by birth, in maners more cruel then he that ſet him there:

23 And at Garizin Andronicus, & with thẽ Menelaus, which was more grieuous to the citizens then the other, and was deſpiteful againſt the Iewes his citizens.

24 He ſent alſo Apollonius a cruel prince, with an armie of two & twentie thouſand, whome he commanded to ſlaye thoſe that were towarde mans age, and to ſell the women, and the yonger ſorte.

25 So when he came to Ieruſalem, he famed peace, and kept him ſtil vntil the holy day of Sabbath: and then finding the Iewes keping the feaſt, he commanded his men ro take their weapons.

26 And ſo he ſlewe all them that were gone forthe to the ſhewe, and running through the citie with his men armed, he murthered a great nomber.

27 But Iudas Maccabeus, being as it were the tenth, fled into the wildernes, & liued there in the mountaines with his companie among the beaſtes, and dwelling there, and eating graſſe, leſt they ſhulde be partakers of the filthines.

CHAP. VI.

1 The Iewes are compelled to leaue the Law of God. 4 The Temple is defiled. 10 The women cruelly puniſhed. 28 The grieuous paine of Eleazarus.

1 NOt long after this, ſent the King an olde man of Athens, for to compell the Iewes, to tranſgreſſe the Lawes of the fathers, and not to be gouerned by the Law of God,

*Or, Antiochia.

2 And to defile the Temple that was at Ieruſalem, and to call it the temple of Iupiter Olympius, and that of Garizin, according as they did that dwelt at that place, Iupiter, that kepeth hoſpitalitie.

3 This wicked gouernement was ſore and grieuous vnto the people.

4 For the Temple was ful of diſſolucion, and glottonie of the Gentiles, which dallied with harlots, & had to do with women within the circuit of the holie places, and broght in ſuche things as were not lawful.

5 The altar alſo was ful of ſuche things, as were abominable & forbiden by the Law.

6 Nether was it lawful to kepe ỹ Sabbaths, nor to obſerue their anciẽt feaſts, nor plas-

nely to confeſſe him ſelf to be a Iewe.
7 In the day of the Kings birth they were grieuouſly compelled parforce euerie moneth to banket, and when the feaſt of Bacchus was kept, they were conſtrained to go in the proceſsion of Bacchus with garlandes of yuie.
8 Moreouer through the counſel of Ptolemeus, there went out a commandemēt vnto the next cities of the heathen againſt the Iewes, that the like cuſtome, and "banketting ſhulde be kept.
9 And who ſo wolde not conforme them ſelues to the maners of the Gentiles, ſhulde be put to death: then might a man haue ſene the preſent miſerie.
10 For there were two women brought forthe, that had circumciſed their ſonnes, whome when they had led rounde about ỹ citie (the babes hanging at their breaſts) they caſt them downe headlong ouer the walles.
11 Some that were runne together into dennes to kepe the Sabboth day ſecretly, were diſcouered vnto Philippe, and were burnt together, becauſe that for the reuerence of the honorable day they were afraied to helpe them ſelues.
12 ¶ Now I beſeche thoſe which reade this boke, that thei be not diſcouraged for theſe calamities, but that thei iudge theſe afflictions, not to be for deſtruction, but for a chaſtening of our nacion.
13 For it is a token of his great goodnes not ſo ſuffer ſinners long to continue, but ſtraight waies to puniſh them.
14 For the Lord doeth not lōg waite for vs, as for other nacions, whome he puniſheth whē thei are come to ỹ fulnes of their ſins.
15 But thus he dealeth with vs, that our ſinnes ſhulde not be heaped vp to the ful, ſo that afterwarde he ſhulde puniſh vs.
16 And therefore he neuer withdraweth his mercie from vs: & thogh he puniſh with aduerſitie, yet doeth he neuer forſake his people.
17 But let this be ſpoken now for a warnīg vnto vs: & now wil we come to the declaring of the matter in fewe wordes.
18 ¶ Eleazar then one of the principal ſcribes, an aged man, & of a wel fauoured countenance, was conſtrained to open his mouth, and to eat ſwines fleſh.
19 But he deſiring rather to dye glorioufly thē to liue with hatred, offred him ſelf willingly to the torment, and ſpit it out.
20 As thei oght to go *to death* which ſuffer puniſhment for ſuche things, as it is not lawful to taſte of for the deſire to liue.
21 But thei that had the charge of this wicked banket, for that olde friēdſhip of the mā, toke him aſide priuely, & prayed him, that he wolde take ſuche fleſh, as was lawful for him to vſe, & as he wolde prepare for him ſelf, & diſſemble as thogh he had eaten of the things appointed by ỹ King, euen the fleſh of the ſacrifice,
22 That in ſo doing he might be deliuered from death, and that for the olde friēdſhip that was among them, he wolde receiue this fauour.
23 But he began to conſider diſcretely, & as became his age, and the excellencie of his ancient yeres, and the honour of his gray heeres, whereunto he was come, & his moſte honeſt conuerſation from his childehode, but chiefly the holie Law made and giuen by God: therefore he anſwered conſequently, and willed them ſtraight waies to ſend him to the graue.
24 For it becometh not our age, *ſaid he*, to diſſemble, whereby manie yong perſones might thinke, that Eleazar being foure ſcore yere olde and ten were now gone to "another religion,
25 And ſo through mine hypocriſie (for a litle time of a tranſitorie life) they might be deceiued by me, and I ſhulde procure maledictiō, & reproche to mine olde age.
26 For thogh I were now deliuered frō the torments of mē, yet colde I not eſcape the hand of the Almightie, nether aliue nor dead.
27 Wherefore I wil now change this life manfully, and wil ſhewe my ſelf ſuche as mine age requireth,
28 And ſo wil leaue a notable exāple for ſuche as be yong, to dye willingly & courageouſly for the honorable & holie Lawes. And whē he had ſaid theſe wordes, immediatly he went to torment.
29 Now they that led him, changed ỹ loue which they bare him before, into hatred, becauſe of the wordes that he had ſpoken: for they thogh it had bene a rage.
30 And as he was readie to giue the goſt becauſe of the ſtrokes, he ſighed and ſaid, The Lord that hathe the holy knowledge, knoweth manifeſtly, that whereas I might haue bene deliuered frō death, I am ſcourged and ſuffer theſe ſore paines of my bodie: but in my minde I ſuffer them gladly for his religion.
31 Euē now after this maner ēded he his life, leauing his death for an exāple of a noble courage, and a memorial of vertue, not onely vnto yong mē, but vnto all his naciō.

"Or, eating of the fleſh that was ſacrificed.
"Or, to another maner of life.

CHAP. VII.

The puniſhment of the ſeuen brethren & of their mother.

1 IT came to paſſe alſo that ſeuen brethren, with their mother, were taken to be compelled by the King againſt the Law, to taſte ſwines fleſh, and were tormented with ſcourges and whippes.
2 But one of them, which ſpake firſt, ſaid thus, What ſekeſt thou? and what wolde ſt ỹ knowe

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knowe of vs: we are readie to dye, rather thē to trāſgreſſe the Lawes of our fathers.

3 Then was the King angrie, and commanded to heat pannes and cauldrons, which were incontinently made hote.

4 And he cōmanded the tōgue of him that ſpake firſt, to be cut out, and to flay him & to cut of the vtmoſt partes of his bodie in ỹ ſight of his other brethren & his mother.

5 Now when he was thus mangled in all his membres, he cōmanded him to be broght aliue to the fyre & to frye him in the panne: & while the ſmoke for a long time ſmoked out of the pāne, the *other brethren* with their mother, exhorted one another to dye courageouſly, ſaying in this maner,

6 The Lord God doeth regarde vs, & in dede taketh pleaſure in vs, as Moyſes* declared in the ſong wherein he teſtified openly, ſaying,

Deut. 32, 36.

That *God* wil take pleaſure in his ſeruāts.

7 ¶ So when the firſt was dead after this maner, they broght the ſeconde to make him a mocking ſtocke: and when they had pulled the ſkinne with ỹ heere ouer his head, they aſked him, if he wolde eat, or he were puniſhed in all the members of the bodie.

8 But he anſwered in his owne langage, & ſaid, No. Wherefore he was tormented forthewith like the firſt.

9 And when he was at ỹ laſt breth, he ſaid, Thou murtherer takeſt this preſent life from vs, but the King of the worlde wil raiſe vs vp, which dye for his Lawes, in the reſurrection of euerlaſting life.

10 ¶ After him was the thirde had in deriſion, and when they demanded his tongue, he put it out incōtinently, & ſtretched forthe his hands boldely,

11 And ſpake manfully, Theſe haue I had from the heauen, but now for the Law of God, I deſpiſe them, and truſt that I ſhal receiue them of him againe.

12 In ſo muche that the King & they which were with him, marueiled at the yong mās courage, as at one that nothing regarded ỹ paines.

13 ¶ Now when he was dead alſo, they vexed and tormented the fourth in like maner.

14 And when he was now readie to dye, he ſaid thus, It is better that we ſhulde chāge this which we might hope for of men, & wait for our hope from God, that we may be raiſed vp againe by him: as for thee, thou ſhalt haue no reſurrection to life.

15 ¶ Afterwarde they broght the fift alſo & tormented him,

16 Who loked vpon the King, & ſaid, Thou haſt power among men, and thogh thou be a mortal man, thou doeſt what thou wilt: but thinke not, that God hathe forſaken our nacion.

17 But abide a while, and thou ſhalt ſe his great power, how he wil torment thee and thy ſede.

18 After him alſo they broght the ſixt, who being at the point of death, ſaid, Deceiue not thy ſelf fooliſhly: for we ſuffer theſe things, which are worthie to be wōdred at for our owne ſakes, becauſe we haue offended our God.

19 But thinke not thou, which vndertakeſt to fight againſt God, that thou ſhalt be vnpuniſhed.

20 But the mother was marueilous aboue all other, & worthie of honorable memorie: for when ſhe ſawe her ſeuē ſonnes ſlaine within ỹ ſpace of one day, ſhe ſuffred it with a good wil, becauſe of the hope that ſhe had in the Lord.

21 Yea, ſhe exhorted euerie one of them in her owne langage, and being ful of courage and wiſdome, ſtirred vp her womanlie affections with a mālie ſtomacke, and ſaid vnto them,

22 I can not tel how ye came into my wombe: for I nether gaue you breth nor life: it is not I that ſet in order the members of your bodie,

23 But douteles the Creator of the worlde, which formed the birth of man, & founde out the beginning of all things, wil alſo of his owne mercie giue you breth and life againe, as ye now regarde not your owne ſelues, for his Lawes ſake.

24 Now Antiochus thinking him ſelf deſpiſed, & conſidering the iniurious wordes, while the yongeſt was yet aliue, he did exhorte him not onely with wordes, but ſwore alſo vnto him by an othe ỹ he wolde make him riche and welthie, if he wolde forſake ỹ Lawes of his fathers, & that he wolde take him as a frīēd, & giue him offices.

25 But when the yong mā wolde in no caſe hearken vnto him, the King called his mother, and exhorted that ſhe wolde counſel the yong man to ſaue his life.

26 And when he had exhorted her with manie wordes, ſhe promiſed him that ſhe wolde counſel her ſonne.

27 So ſhe turned her vnto him, laughing the cruel tyrant to ſcorne, & ſpake in her owne langage, O my ſonne, haue pitie vpon me, that bare thee nine moneths in my wombe, & gaue thee ſucke thre yeres, & nouriſhed thee, and toke care for thee vnto this age, and broght thee vp.

28 I beſeche thee, my ſonne, loke vpon the heauen & the earth, and all that is therein, & conſider that God made thē of things ỹ were not, & ſo was mākinde made likewiſe.

29 Feare not this hangman, but ſhewe thy ſelf worthie ſuche brethren by ſuffering death, that I may receiue thee in mercie with thy brethren.

30 While ſhe was yet ſpeaking theſe wor-

des, the yong man ſaid, Whome wait ye for? I wil not obey the Kings commandement: but I wil obey the commandement of the Lawe that was giuen vnto our fathers by Moyſes.

31 And thou that imagineſt all miſchief againſt the Hebrewes, ſhalt not eſcape the hand of God.

32 For we ſuffer theſe things, becauſe of our ſinnes,

33 But thogh the liuing Lord be angrie with vs a litle while for our chaſtening and correction, yet wil he be reconciled with his owne ſeruants.

34 But thou, ô man without religion & moſte wicked of all men, lift not thy ſelf vp in vaine, which art puffed vp with vncerteine hope, and lifteſt thine hands againſt the ſeruants of God.

35 For thou haſt not yet eſcaped the iudgement of almightie God, which ſeeth all things.

36 My brethrē that haue ſuffered a litle paine, are now vnder the diuine couenant of euerlaſting life: but thou through the iudgemēt of God, ſhalt ſuffer iuſt puniſhmēts for thy pride.

37 Therefore I, as my brethren haue done, offer my bodie and life for the Lawes of our fathers, beſeching God, that he wil ſone be merciful vnto our nacion, and that thou by torment and puniſhment mayeſt confeſſe, that he is the onelie God,

38 And that in me and my brethren ẏ wrath of the Almightie, which is righteouſly fallen vpon all our nation, may ceaſe.

39 Then the King being kindled with anger, raged more cruelly againſt him then the others, and toke it grieuouſly, that he was mocked.

40 So he alſo dyed holely, and put his whole truſt in the Lord.

41 Laſt of all after the ſonnes, was the mother put to death.

42 Let this now be ynough ſpoken concerning the bankets, and extreme cruelties.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Iudas gathereth together his hoſte. 9 Nicanor is ſent againſt Iudas. 16 Iudas exhorteth his ſouldiers to conſtancie. 20 Nicanor is ouercome. 27 The Iewes giue thankes, after they haue put their enemies to flight, diuiding parte of the ſpoiles vnto the fatherles and vnto the widdowes. 30 Timotheus and Bacchides are diſcomfited. 35 Nicanor fleeth vnto Antiochus.

1 THen Iudas Maccabeus, and they that were with him, went priuely into the townes, & called their kinſfolkes & friēds together, & toke vnto thē all ſuche as continued in the Iewes religiō, and aſſembled ſix thouſand men.

2 So they called vpō the Lord, that he wolde haue an eye vnto his people, which was vexed of euerie mā, & haue pitie vpō the Temple that was defiled by wicked men,

3 And that he wolde haue compaſsion vpon the citie ẏ was deſtroyed, & almoſt broght to the grounde, & that he wolde heare the voyce of the blood that cryed vnto him,

4 And that he wolde remember the wicked ſlaughter of the innocent children, & the blaſphemies cōmitted againſt his Name, & that he wolde ſhewe this hatred againſt the wicked.

5 Now when Maccabeus had gathered this multitude, he colde not be withſtand by the heathen: for the wrath of the Lord was turned into mercie.

6 Therefore he came at vnwares, & burnt vp the townes and cities: yet he toke the moſte commodious places, and ſlewe many of the enemies.

7 But ſpecially he vſed the nightes to make ſuche aſſalts, in ſo muche that the brute of his manlines was ſpred euerie where.

8 ¶ So when Philippe ſawe that this mā increaſed by litle and litle, and that things proſpered with him for the moſte parte, he wrote vnto Ptolemeus the gouernour of Coeloſyria and Phenice, to helpe him in the Kings buſines.

9 Then ſent he ſpedely Nicanor *the ſonne* of Patroclus, a ſpecial friend of his, & gaue him of all nacions of the heathē no leſſe then twentie thouſand men, to rote out the whole generacion of the Iewes, & ioyned with him Gorgias a captaine, which in matters of warre had great experience.

10 Nicanor ordeined alſo a tribute for the King of two thouſand talents, which the Romaines ſhulde haue, to be taken of the Iewes that were taken priſoners.

11 Therefore immediatly he ſent to the cities on the ſeacoaſt, prouoking them to bye Iewes to be their ſeruants, promiſing to ſel foureſcore & ten for one talent: but he cōſidered not the vengeance of almightie God, that ſhulde come vpon him.

12 When Iudas then knewe of Nicanors coming, he tolde thē that were with him, of the coming of the armie.

13 Now were there ſome of them fearful, which truſted not vnto ẏ righteouſnes of God, but fled away, & abode not in ẏ place.

14 But the other ſolde all that they had left, and beſoght the Lord together, to deliuer them frō that wicked Nicanor, which had ſolde them, or euer he came nere them.

15 And thogh he wolde not do it for their ſakes, yet for the couenant made with their fathers, and becauſe they called vpon his holie and glorious Name.

16 And ſo Maccabeus called his men together, about ſix thouſand, exhorting thē not to be afraied of their enemies, nether to feare the great multitude of the Gentiles, which came againſt them vnrighteouſly, but to fight manly,

17 Setting

17 Setting before their eyes the iniurie that they had vniuſtly done to the holy place, and the crueltie done to the citie by deriſion, and the deſtruction of the orders eſtabliſhed by their fathers.

18 For they, ſaid he, truſt in their weapons & boldenes: but our confidence is in the almightie God, which at a becke can bothe deſtroy them that come againſt vs, and all the worlde.

19 Moreouer he admoniſhed them of the helpe that *God* ſhewed vnto their fathers, as when there periſhed an hundreth and foure ſcore, and fiue thouſand vnder *Sennacherib,

2. King. 19, 35 Iſa. 37, 36. Iob. 1, 21. eccleſ. 48, 24. 1. mac. 7, 41.

20 And of the battel that they had in Babylon againſt the Galacians, how they came in all to ỹ battel eight thouſand, with foure thouſand Macedonians: and when the Macedonians were aſtoniſhed, the eight thouſand ſlewe an hũdreth & twentie thouſand through the helpe that was giuen thẽ from heauen, whereby they had receiued many benefites.

21 Thus when he had made thẽ bolde with theſe wordes, & readie to dye for ỹ Lawes and the countrey, he deuided his armie into foure partes,

22 And made his owne brethren captaines ouer ỹ armie, *to wit*, Simõ, & Ioſeph & Ionathan, giuing eche one fiftene hũdreth men.

23 And when Eleazarus had red the holie boke, & giuen them a token of the helpe of God, *Iudas* which led the forewarde, ioyned with Nicanor,

24 And becauſe the Almightie helped thẽ, they ſlewe aboue nine thouſand men, and wounded and maimed the moſte parte of Nicanors hoſte, and ſo put all to flight,

25 And toke the money frõ thoſe that came to bye them, and purſued them farre: but lacking time they returned.

26 For it was the day before the Sabbath, & therefore they wolde no longer purſue thẽ.

27 So they toke their weapõs, & ſpoiled the enemies, & kept the Sabbath, giuing thãkes and praiſing the Lord wonderfully, which had deliuered them that day, and powred vpon them the beginning of his mercie.

28 And afrer the Sabbath, * they diſtributed the ſpoiles to the ſicke, & to the fatherles, & to the widdowes, & deuided the reſidue among them ſelues and their children.

Nomb. 31, 27. 1. ſam. 30, 24.

29 When this was done, & they all had made a general prayer, they beſoght the merciful Lord to be reconciled at the length with his ſeruants.

30 Afterwarde with one cõſent they fel vpõ Timotheus and Bacchides, & ſlewe aboue twẽtie thouſand, & wanne hie & ſtrong holdes, & deuided great ſpoiles, & gaue an equal porciõ vnto ỹ ſicke, & to ỹ fatherles, & to ỹ widdowes, & to aged perſones alſo.

31 Moreouer they gathered their weapons together, and layed them vp diligently in conuenient places, and broght the remnãt of the ſpoyles to Ieruſalem.

32 They ſlewe alſo Philarches a moſte wicked perſone, which was with Timotheus, and had vexed the Iewes manie wayes.

33 And when they kept the feaſt of victorie in their countrey, they burnt Callifthenes that had ſet fyre vpon the holie gates, which was fled into a litle houſe: ſo he receiued a rewarde mete for his wickednes.

34 And that moſte wicked Nicanor, which had broght a thouſand marchants to bye the Iewes,

35 He was through the helpe of the Lord broght downe of them whome he thoght as nothing, in ſo muche that he put of his glorious raiment, and fled ouerthwart the countrey like a fugitiue ſeruant, and came alone to Antiochia, with great diſhonour through the deſtruction of his hoſte.

36 Thus he that promiſed to pay tribute to the Romaines, by meanes of the priſoners of Ieruſalem, broght newes, that the Iewes had a "defender, and for this cauſe none colde hurt ỹ Iewes, becauſe they followed the Lawes appointed by him.

" Or, God ſhall defende.

CHAP. IX.

1 Antiochus willing to ſpoyle Perſepolis, is put to flight. 5 As he perſecuteth the Iewes, he is ſtriken of the Lord. 13 The famed repentance of Antiochus. 28 He dyeth miſerably.

1 AT the ſame time, came Antiochus againe with diſhonour out of the countrey of Perſia.

2 For when he came to Perſepolis, & went about to robbe the Temple, and to ſubdue the citie, the people ranne in a rage to defende them ſelues with their weapons, and put them to flight, and Antiochus was put to flight by the inhabitants, and returned with ſhame.

3 Now when he came to Ecbatana, he vnderſtode the things that had come vnto Nicanor, and Timotheus.

4 And then being chafed in his fume, he thoght to impute to ỹ Iewes their faute, ẅ had put him to flight, and therefore commanded his charet man to driue cõtinually, and to diſpatche the iourney: for Gods iudgement compelled him: for he had ſaid thus in his pride, I wil make Ieruſalem a cõmune burying place of the Iewes, whẽ I come thether.

5 But the Lord almightie & God of Iſrael ſmote him with an incurable and inuiſible plague: for aſſone as he had ſpoken theſe wordes, a paine of the bowels, that was remediles, came vpon him, & ſore torméts of the inner partes,

6 And that moſte iuſtely: for he had tormẽted other mens bowels with diuerſe, and

ſtrange torments.

7 Howbeit he wolde in no wiſe ceaſe from his arrogancie, but ſwelled the more with pride, breathing out fyre in his rage againſt the Iewes, and commanded to haſte the iornay: but it came to paſſe that he fel downe from the charet that rāne ſwiftely, ſo that all the membres of his bodie were bruiſed with the great fall.

8 And thus he that a litle afore thoght he might commande the floods of the ſea (ſo proude was he beyonde the condicion of man) & to weigh the hie mountaines in ẏ balance, was now caſt on the ground, and caried in an horſelitter, declaring vnto all the manifeſt power of God,

Act. 12, 23. 9 *So that the wormes came out of the bodie of this wicked man in abundance: and whiles he was aliue, his fleſh fel of for paine and torment, and all his armie was grieued at his" ſmel.

*Or, ſtinkes. 10 Thus no man colde beare becauſe of his ſtinke, him ẏ a litle afore thoght he might reach to the ſtarres of heauen.

11 Then he began to leaue of his great pride, & ſelf wil, when he was plagued & came to the knowledge of him ſelf by the ſcourge of God, & by his paine which increaſed euerie moment.

12 And when he him ſelf might not abide his owne ſtinke, he ſaid theſe wordes, It is mete to be ſubiect vnto God, & that a man which is mortal, ſhulde not thinke him ſelf equal vnto God through pride.

13 This wicked perſone prayed alſo vnto ẏ Lord, who wolde now haue no mercie on him,

14 And ſaid thus ẏ he wolde ſet at libertie ẏ holie citie vnto ẏ which he made haſte to deſtroy it, & to make it a burying place.

15 And as touching the Iewes, whome he had iudged not worthie to be buryed, but wolde haue caſt them out with their children to be deuoured of the foules & wilde beaſtes, he wolde make thē all like the citizens of Athenes.

16 And whereas he had ſpoiled ẏ holie Tēple afore, he wolde garniſh it with great giftes, and encreaſe the holie veſſels, and of his owne rentes beare the charges belonging to the ſacrifices.

17 Yea, & that he wolde alſo become a Iewe him ſelf, & go through all the worlde that was inhabited, & preache ẏ power of God.

18 But for all this his paines wolde not ceaſe: for the iuſt iudgemēt of God was come vpō him: therefore deſpairing of his helth, he wrote vnto the Iewes this letter vnder writen, cōteining ẏ forme of a ſupplicatiō.

19 ¶ THE KING & prince Antiochus vnto the Iewes his louing citizens wiſheth muche ioye and helth and proſperitie.

20 If ye and your children fare wel, & if all things go after your minde, I giue great thākes vnto God hauing hope in ẏ heauē.

21 Thogh I lie ſicke, yet I am mindeful of your honour, & good wil for ẏ loue I beare you: therefore when I returned frō the countrey of Perſia, and fel into a ſore diſeaſe, I thoght it neceſſarie to care for the commune ſafetie of all,

22 Not diſtruſting mine helth, but hauing great hope to eſcape this ſickenes.

23 Therefore conſidering that when my father led an hoſte againſt ẏ high coūtreys, he appointed who ſhulde ſuccede him:

24 That if anie controuerſie happened cōtrary to his expectation, or if that anie tidings were broght that were grieuous, they in the lād might knowe to whome ẏ affaires were committed, that they ſhulde not be troubled.

25 Againe, when I ponder how that the gouernours, ẏ are borderers, and neighbours vnto my kingdome, waite for all occaſiōs, & loke but for opportunitie, I haue ordeined that my ſōne Antiochus ſhal be King whome I oft cōmēded & cōmitted to many of you, whē I went into ẏ hie prouinces, & haue writē vnto hī as followeth hereafter.

26 Therefore, I pray you & require you, to remēber the benefites ẏ I haue done vnto you generally, & particularly, and ẏ euerie mā wil be faithful to me and to my ſonne.

27 For I truſt that he wil be gentle, & louing vnto you according to my minde.

28 ¶ Thus ẏ murtherer & blaſphemer ſuffered moſte grieuouſly, & as he had intreated other mē, ſo he dyed a miſerable death in a ſtrange countrey among the mountaines.

29 And Philippe that was broght vp with him, carryed away his bodie, who fearing the ſonne of Antiochus, went into Egypt to Ptolemeus Philometor.

CHAP. X.

1 Iudas Maccabeus taketh the citie and the Temple. 10 The actes of Eupator. 16 The Iewes fight againſt the Idumeans. 24 Timotheus muadeth Iudea, with whome Iudas ſoyneth battel. 29 Fiue men appeare in the aire to the helpe of the Iewes. 37 Timotheus is ſlaine

1 MAccabeus now and his companie, through the helpe of the Lord, wan the Temple and the citie againe,

2 And deſtroyed the altars, and chapels that the heathē had buylded in the open places,

3 And clenſed the Tēple, & made another altar, & burned ſtones, & toke fyre of thē, and offred ſacrifices, & incenſe two yeres, and ſix monethes after, and ſet forthe the lampes, and the ſhewebread.

4 When that was done, they fel downe flat vpon the grounde, and beſoght the Lord, that they might come no more into ſuche troubles: but if they ſinned anie more againſt him, that he him ſelf wolde chaſtē them with mercie, & that they might not

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be deliuered to the blaſphemous, and barbarous nacions.

5 Now vpō the ſame day, that the ſtrāgers polluted the Tēple, on the verie ſame day it was clēſed againe euen ỹ fiue & twētieth day of the ſame moneth, which is Chaſleu.

6 They kept eight dayes with gladnes as in the feaſt of the Tabernacles, remēbring, that not long afore they held the feaſt of the Tabernacles when they liued in the mountaines and dennes like beaſtes.

7 And for the ſame cauſe they bare grene bowes, and faire branches and palmes, and ſang pſalmes vnto him that had giuen thē good ſucceſſe in clenſing his place.

8 They ordeined alſo by a commune ſtatute, and decre that euerie yere thoſe dayes ſhulde be kept of ỹ whole nacīō of ỹ Iewes.

9 And this was the end of Antiochus called Epiphanes.

10 ¶ Now wil we declare the actes of Antiochus Eupator, which was the ſonne of this wicked man gathering briefly the calamities of the warres, that followed.

11 For when he had taken the kingdome, he made one Lyſias, which had bene captaine of the hoſte in Phenice, & Coeloſyria, ruler ouer the affaires of the realme.

12 For Ptolemeus that was called Macron, purpoſed to do iuſtice vnto the Iewes for ỹ wrōg, ỹ had bene done vnto thē, & went about to behaue him ſelf peaceably w̄ thē.

13 For the which cauſe he was accuſed of his frends before Eupator, & was called oft times traitour, becauſe he had left Cyprus that Philometor had cōmitted vnto him, and came to Antiochus Epiphanes: therefore ſeing that he was no more in eſtimation, he was diſcouraged, and poyſonned him ſelf, and dyed.

14 ¶ But when Gorgias was gouernour of the ſame places, he interteined ſtrangers, & made warre oft times againſt the Iewes.

15 Moreouer the Idumeans that helde the ſtrōg holds, which were mete for their purpoſe, troubled the Iewes, and by receiuing them that were driuen frō Ieruſalem, toke in hand to continue warre.

16 Then thei that were with Maccabeus made prayers, & beſoght God that he wolde be their helper, and ſo they fel vpon the ſtrong holdes of the Idumeans,

17 And aſſalted them ſore, that they wanne the places, & ſlewe all that foght againſt them on the wall, and killed al ỹ they met with, & ſlewe no leſſe thē twētie thouſand.

18 And becauſe certeine (which were no leſſe then nine thouſand) were fled into two ſtrong caſtels, hauing all maner of things conuenient to ſuſteine the ſiege,

19 Maccabeus left Simō, & Ioſeph, & Zaccheus alſo, & thoſe that were with thē, w̄ were ynowe to beſiege them, and departed to thoſe places w̄ were more neceſſarie.

20 Now thei that were with Simon, being led with couetouſnes, were intreated for monei, (thorowe certeine of thoſe that were in ỹ caſtel,) & toke ſeuentie thouſand drachmes, and let ſome of them eſcape.

21 But when it was tolde Maccabeus what was done, he called the gouernours of the people together, & accuſed thoſe mē, that they had ſolde their brethren for money, and let their enemies go.

22 So he ſlewe thē when they were cōuict of traiſon, & immediatly wan ỹ two caſtels:

23 And hauing good ſucceſſe, as in all the warres that he toke in hand, he ſlew in the two caſtels mo then twentie thouſand.

24 Now Timotheus whome the Iewes had ouercome afore, gathered an armie of ſtrāgers of all ſortes, and broght a great troupe of horſemen out of Aſia to winne Iewrie by ſtrength.

25 But when he drewe nere, Maccabeus, and thei ỹ were with him, turned to praye vnto God, & ſprinkled earth vpō their heads, & girded their reines with ſackecloth,

26 And fel downe at the fote of the altar, & beſoght *the Lord* to be merciful to them, & to be an enemie to their enemies, and to be an aduerſarie to their aduerſaries, * as the Law declareth. *Exod.23.22. deu.20.4.*

27 So after the prayer, they toke their weapons, & went on further from the citie, & when they came nere to the enemies, they toke hede to them ſelues.

28 And whē ỹ morning appeared, they bothe ioyned together: the one parte had ỹ Lord for their refuge, & pledge of proſperitie, & noble victorie, and the other toke courage as a guide of the warre.

29 But when ỹ battel waxed ſtrong, there appeared vnto the enemies frō heauen fiue comelie men vpon horſes with bridles of golde, and two of them led the Iewes,

30 And toke Maccabeus betwixt them, & couered him on euerie ſide with their weapons, & kept him ſafe, but ſhot dartes, & lightenings againſt the enemies, ſo ỹ thei were cōfounded with blindenes, and beaten downe and ful of trouble.

31 There were ſlaine of *fotemen* twētie thouſand & fiue hūdreth & ſix hūdreth horſmē.

32 As for Timotheus him ſelf, he fled vnto Gazara, w̄ was called a very ſtrōg holde, wherein Chereas was captaine.

33 But Maccabeus & his cōpanie laid ſiege againſt ỹ fortreſſes w̄ courage for foure daies.

34 And thei that were within, truſting to the height of the place, blaſphemed exceedingly, and ſpake horrible wordes.

35 Neuertheles vpō the *fifth day in ỹ morning twentie yōg men of Maccabeus cōpanie, whoſe hearts were inflamed, becauſe of ỹ blaſphemies, came vnto ỹ wall, & w̄ bolde *Or, the fiue, & twentieth day.*

ſtomackes ſmote downe thoſe ỹ they met.
36 Others alſo that climed vp vpon the engines of warre againſt thẽ that were within, ſet fyre vpon the towers, & burnt thoſe blaſphemers quicke with the fyres that they had made, & others brake vp the gates, and receiued the reſt of the armie, and toke the citie.
37 And hauing found Timotheus, that was crept into a caue, they killed him, & Chereas his brother with Apollophanes.
38 When this was done, they praiſed ỹ Lord with pſalmes, and thankeſgiuing, which had done ſo great things for Iſrael, & giuen them the victorie.

CHAP. XI.

Lyſias goeth about to ouercome the Iewes. 8 Succour is ſent from heauen vnto the Iewes. 16 The letter of Lyſias vnto the Iewes. 20 The letter of King Antiochus vnto Lyſias. 27 A letter of the ſame vnto the Iewes. 34 A letter of the Romains to the Iewes.

VErie ſhortely after this, Lyſias the Kings ſtewarde, and a kinſmã of his, which had the gouernance of the affaires, toke ſore diſpleaſure for the things that were done.
2 And when he had gathered about foure ſcore thouſand, with all the horſmen he came againſt the Iewes, thinking to make the citie an habitacion of the Gentiles.
3 And the Temple wolde he haue to get money by, like the other temples of the heathen: for he wolde ſel the Prieſts office euerie yere.
4 And thus being puffed vp in his minde, becauſe of the great nomber of fotemen, & thouſands of horſmen, & in his foure ſcore elephants,
5 He came into Iudea, and drewe nere to Beth-ſura, which was a caſtel of defence, fiue [a] furlõgs from Ieruſalem, and laid ſore ſiege vnto it.
6 But when Maccabeus, and his companie knewe that he beſieged the holdes, they, & all the people made prayers with weping, and teares before the Lord, that he wolde ſend a good Angel to deliuer Iſrael.
7 And Maccabeus him ſelf firſt of all toke weapons, exhorting the other that they wolde ieoparde them ſelues together with him to helpe their brethren: ſo they went forthe together ẅ a courageous minde.
8 And as thei were there beſides Ieruſalem, there appeared before them vpon horſebacke a man in white clothing, ſhaking his harnes of golde.
9 Then they praiſed the merciful God all together, and toke heart, in ſo muche that they were ready, not onely to fight ẅ mẽ, but with the moſte cruel beaſts, & to breake downe walles of yron.
10 Thus they marched forwarde in array, hauing an helper from heauen: for the Lord was merciful vnto them.
11 And rũning vpõ their enemies like liõs, they ſlewe eleuen thouſand *fotemen*, and ſixten hundreth horſemen, & put all the other to flight.
12 Manie of them alſo being wounded, eſcaped naked, and Lyſias him ſelf fled away ſhamefully, and ſo eſcaped,
13 Who as he was a man of vnderſtanding cõſidering what loſſe he had had, & knowing, that the Hebrewes colde not be ouercome becauſe the almightie God helped them, ſent vnto them,
14 And promiſed, that he wolde conſent to all things which were reaſonable, and perſuade the King to be their friend.
15 Maccabeus agreed to Lyſias requeſtes, hauing reſpect in all things to ỹ commune welth, and what ſoeuer Maccabeus wrote vnto Lyſias concerning the Iewes, the King granted it.
16 For there were letters writen vnto the Iewes frõ Lyſias cõteining theſe wordes, LYSIAS vnto the people of the Iewes ſendeth greting.
17 Iohn & Abeſſalom, which were ſent frõ you, deliuered me the things that you demande by writing, and required me to fulfil the things that they had declared.
18 Therefore what things ſoeuer were mete to be reported to the King him ſelf, I haue declared them, and he granted that that was poſſible.
19 Therefore if ye behaue your ſelues as friẽds toward his affaires, hereafter alſo I wil indeuour my ſelf to do you good.
20 As concerning theſe things, I haue giuẽ commandement to theſe men, and to thoſe whome I ſent vnto you, to commune with you of the ſame particularly.
21 Fare ye wel, the hundreth and eight and fortie yere, the foure and twẽtieth day of the moneth Dioſcorinthius.
22 ¶ Now the Kings letter conteined theſe wordes, KING ANTIOCHVS vnto his brother Lyſias ſendeth greting.
23 Since our father is tranſlated vnto the gods, our wil is, that they which are in our realme, liue quietly, that euerie man may applie his owne affaires.
24 We vnderſtand alſo that the Iewes wolde not conſent to our father, for to be broght vnto the cuſtome of the Gentiles, but wolde kepe their owne maner of liuing: for the which cauſe they require of vs, that we wolde ſuffer them to liue after their owne Lawes.
25 Wherefore our minde is that this nacio ſhalbe in reſt, and haue determined to reſtore them their Temple, that thei may be gouerned according to the cuſtome of their fathers.
26 Thou ſhalt do wel therefore to ſend vnto them

[a] Whereof eight make a mile.

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them, and grante them peace, that when they are certified of our minde, they maie be of good comfort, and cherefully go about their owne affaires.

27 And this was the Kings letter vnto the nacion, KING ANTIOCHVS vnto the Elders of the Iewes, and to the reſt of the Iewes ſendeth greting.

28 If ye fare wel, we haue our deſire: we are alſo in good helth.

29 Menelaus declared vnto vs that your deſire was to returne home, & to applie your owne buſines.

30 Wherefore, thoſe that wil departe, we giue them fre libertie, vnto the thirtie daye of the moneth of "Panthicus,

"Or, April.

31 That the Iewes may vſe their owne maner of liuing and Lawes, like as afore, and none of them by anie maner of waies to haue harme for things done by ignorance.

32 I haue ſent alſo Menelaus to comfort you.

33 Fare ye wel: the hũdreth and eight & fortie yere, the fiftenth day of the moneth of Panthicus.

34 ¶ The Romains alſo ſent a letter conteining theſe wordes, QVINTVS MEMMIVS and Titus "Manilius embaſſadours of the Romains, vnto the people of the Iewes ſend greting.

"Or, Manlius.

35 The things that Lyſias the Kings kinſman hathe granted you, we grant the ſame alſo.

36 But concerning that which he ſhal report vnto the King, ſend hether ſome with ſpede, when ye haue conſidered the matter diligently, that we may conſult thereupõ as ſhalbe beſt for you: for we muſt go vnto Antiochia.

37 And therefore make haſte and ſend ſome men, that we may knowe your minde.

38 Fare wel: this hundreth and eight, and fortie yere, the fiftenth day of the moneth of Panthicus.

CHAP. XII.

a Timotheus troubleth the Iewes. 3 The wicked dede of thẽ of Ioppe againſt the Iewes. 6 Iudas is aduenged of thẽ. 9 He ſetteth fyre in the hauẽ of Iamnia. 20 The purſute of the Iewes againſt Timotheus. 24 Timotheus is taken and let go vnhurt. 32 Iudas purſueth Gorgias.

1 WHen theſe couenãts were made, Lyſias went vnto the King, and the Iewes tilled their grounde.

2 But the gouernours of the places, *as* Timotheus & Apollonius the ſonne of Genneus, and Ieronimus, & alſo Demophon, and beſides them Nicanor the gouernour of Cyprus, wolde not let them liue in reſt and peace.

3 ¶ They of Ioppe alſo did ſuche a vile act: they prayed the Iewes that dwelt among them, to go with their wiues and children into the ſhippes, which they had prepared as thogh they had oght them none euil wil.

4 And ſo by the commune aduiſe of the citie, they obeyed them, and ſuſpect nothing: but when they were gone forthe into the depe, they drowned no leſſe then two hundreth of them.

5 Now when Iudas knewe of this crueltie ſhewed againſt his nacion, he commãded thoſe men that were with him, to make them readie.

6 And hauing called vpon God the righteous Iudge, he went forthe againſt the murtherers of his brethren, and ſet fyre in the hauen by night, & burnt the ſhips, and thoſe that fled thence, he ſlewe.

7 And when the citie was ſhut vp, he departed as thogh he wolde come againe, and roote out all them of the citie of Ioppe.

8 ¶ But when he perceiued that the Iãnites were minded to do in like maner vnto the Iewes, which dwelt among them,

9 He came vpon the Iamnites by night, & ſet fyre in the hauẽ with the naue, ſo that the light of the fyre was ſene at Ieruſalẽ, vpon a two hundreth and fortie furlongs.

10 Now when they were gone from thence nine furlongs, in their iourney towarde Timotheus, about fiue thouſand mẽ *of fote* and fiue hundreth horſemen of the Arabians ſet vpon him.

11 So the battel was ſharpe, but it proſpered with Iudas thorowe the helpe of God: the [a] Nomades of Arabia, being ouercome, beſoght Iudas to make peace with them, and promiſed to giue him certeine cattel, and to helpe him in other things.

[a] So called becauſe they were ſhepherds.

12 And Iudas thinking that they ſhulde in dede be profitable cõcerning manie thigs, granted them peace: whereupõ thei ſhoke hands, and ſo they departed to their tents.

13 ¶ Iudas alſo aſſalted a citie called Caſpis, which was ſtrong by reaſon of a bridge, and fenced rounde about with walles, and had diuers kindes of people dwelling therein.

14 So they were within it, put ſuche truſt in the ſtrength of the walles, and in ſtore of vitailes, that they were the ſlacker in their doings, reuiling thẽ that were with Iudas, and reproching thẽ: yea, they blaſphemed & ſpake ſuche wordes as were not lawful.

15 But Maccabeus ſouldiers, calling vpon the great Prince of ỹ worlde (which without anie "inſtruments, or engins of warre, did *caſt downe the walles of Iericho, in the time of Ieſus) gaue a fierce aſſalt againſt the walles,

"Or, battel rammes.

Ioſh. 6. 20.

16 And toke the citie by the wil of God, and made an exceding great ſlaughter, in ſo muche that a lake of two furlongs broad, which laye thereby, ſemed to flowe with blood.

17 ¶Then departed thei from thence, ſeuen hundreth and fiftie furlongs, and came to Characa vnto the Iewes, that are called Tubieni.
18 But they founde not Timotheus there: for he was departed from thence, and had done nothing, and had left a gariſon in a verie ſtrong holde.
19 But Doſitheus, & Soſipater, which were captaines with Maccabeus, went forthe, & ſlewe thoſe that Timotheus had left in the fortereſſe more thē ten thouſand men.
20 And Maccabeus prepared, & ranged his armie by bandes, & went courageouſly againſt Timotheus, which had with him an hundreth and twentie thouſand men of fote, and two thouſand and fiue hundreth horſemen.
21 Whē Timotheus had knowledge of Iudas comming, he ſent the women, & children, and the other baggage afore vnto a fortereſſe called Carnion (for it was hard to beſiege, & vneaſie to come vnto becauſe of the ſtraites on all ſides.)
22 But when Iudas firſt bāde came in ſight, the enemies were ſmiten with feare, and a trembling was among them thorow the preſence of him that ſeeth all things, in ſo muche that thei fleing one here, another there, were oft times hurt by their owne people, and wounded with the pointes of their owne ſwordes.
23 But Iudas was verie earneſt in purſuing, and ſlewe thoſe wicked men: yea, he ſlewe thirtie thouſand men of them.
24 Timotheus alſo him ſelf fell into the hands of Doſitheus, & Soſipater, whome he beſoght with muche craſte to let him go with his life, becauſe he had manie of the Iewes parents & the brethren of ſome of them, which if they put him to death, ſhulde be deſpiſed.
25 So when he had aſſured thē with manie wordes, & promiſed that he wolde reſtore them without hurt, thei let him go for the helth of their brethren.
26 ¶Then went Maccabeus towarde Carmon, and Atargation, and ſlewe fiue and twentie thouſand perſones.
27 And after that he had chaſed away and ſlayne thē, Iudas remoued the hoſte towarde Ephron a ſtrong citie, wherein was Lyſias & a great multitude of all naciōs, & the ſtrōg yong men kept the walles defendīg thē mightely: there was alſo great preparacion of engins of warre, & dartes.
28 But when they had called vpō the Lord, which with his power breaketh the ſtrēgth of the enemies, they wan the citie, & ſlewe fiue and twentie thouſand of them that were within.
29 ¶Frō thence went thei to Scythopolis, which lieth ſix hundreth furlongs frō Ieruſalē.
30 But when the Iewes which dwelt there, teſtified, that the Scythopolitans delt louingly with them, & intreated them kindely in the time of their aduerſitie,
31 They gaue them thankes, deſiring them to be friendlie ſtil vnto them, and ſo thei came to Ieruſalem, as the feaſt of the wekes approched.
32 ¶And after ỹ feaſt called Penticoſt thei went forthe againſt Gorgias the gouernour of Idumea.
33 Who came out with thre thouſand men of fote and foure hundreth horſemen.
34 And when they ioyned together, a fewe of the Iewes were ſlayne,
35 And Doſitheus one of the Baccenors, which was on horſebacke and a mightie man, toke Gorgias, and laied holde of his garment, and drewe him by force, becauſe he wolde haue taken the wicked man aliue: but an horſeman of Thracia fell vpon him, and ſmote of his ſhulder, ſo that Gorgias fled into Mariſa.
36 And when they that were "with Eſerin, had foghten long, and were wearie, Iudas called vpō the Lord, that he wolde ſhewe him ſelf to be their helper, and captaine of the field. "Or, with Oneiar.
37 And then he began in his owne langage, and ſung pſalmes with a loude voyce, in ſo muche that ſtraight wayes he made thē that were about Gorgias, to take their flight.
38 ¶So Iudas gathered his hoſte, and came into the citie of Odolla. And when the ſeuenth day came, they clenſed them ſelues (as the cuſtome was) and kept the Sabbath in the ſame place.
39 And vpon the daye following, as neceſſitie required, Iudas and his companie came to take vp the bodies of them that were ſlayne, and to burye them with their kinſemen in their fathers graues.
40 Now vnder the coates of euerie one, that was ſlayne, they founde iewels that had bene conſecrate to the idoles of the *Iamnites, which thing is forbidden the Iewes by the Law. Thē euerie man ſawe, that this was the cauſe wherefore thei were ſlayne. *Deut.7.25. Iosh.7.26.
41 And ſo euerie man gaue thankes vnto the Lord, the righteous Iudge, which had opened the things that were hid.
42 And they gaue them ſelues to prayer, & beſoght him, that they ſhulde not vtterly be deſtroied for the faute committed. Beſides that, noble Iudas exhorted the people to kepe them ſelues from ſinne, for ſo muche as they ſawe before their eyes the things which came to paſſe by the ſinne of theſe that were ſlayne,
43 And hauing made a gathering through the companie, ſent to Ieruſalē about two thouſand

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thousand drachmes of siluer, to offer a sinneoffring, doing very wel, and honestly that he thoght of the resurrection.

44 For if he had not hoped, that thei which were slaine, shulde rise againe, it had bene superfluous, and vaine, to [a] pray for the dead.

45 And therefore he perceiued, that there was great fauour laid vp for those ỹ dyed godly. (It was an holie, & a good thoght) So he made a reconciliation for the dead that they might be deliuered from sinne.

a Frō this verse to the end of this chapter the Greke text is corrupt, so that no good sense, much lesse certeine doctrine can be gathered thereby. also it is euident that this place was not writen by the holie Gost, bothe because it disenteth frō the rest of the holie Scriptures, and also ỹ autor of this boke acknowledgīg his owne infirmitie, desireth pardō, if he haue not attemed to ỹ he shulde. And it semeth, that this Iason the Cyrenean, out of whome he toke this abridgement, is Ioseph Ben Gorion, who hathe writen in Ebrewe fiue bookes of these matters, and intreating this place, maketh no mencion of this prayer for the dead, lib. 3. chap. 19. for it is cotrarie to the custome of the Iewes, euen to this day, to pray for the dead. And thogh Iudas had so done, yet this particular example is not sufficiēt to establish a doctrine no more then Zipporahs was to proue that women might minister the sacraments, Exo. 4.25, or the example of Razis that one might kil him self, whome this autor so muche cōmendeth, 2. Macc. 14.41.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The comming of Eupator into Iudea. 4 The death of Menelaus. 10 Maccabeus going to fight against Eupator, moueth his souldiers vnto prayer. 15 He killeth fouretene thousand men in the tentes of Antiochus. 21 Rhodocus the betrayer of the Iewes is taken.

1 IN the hundreth, fortie and nine yere it was tolde Iudas, that Antiochus Eupator was comming with a great power into Iudea,

2 And Lysias the stewarde and ruler of his affaires with him. hauing bothe in their armie an hundreth and ten thousand men of fote of the Grecians, and fiue thousand horsemen, and two and twentie elephants, and thre hūdreth charets set with hookes.

3 Menelaus also ioyned him self with them and with great disceit incouraged Antiochus, not for the safegard of the countrei, but because he thoght to haue bene made the gouernour.

4 But the King of Kings moued Antiochus minde against this wicked man, and Lysias informed the King that this man was the cause of all mischief, so that the King commanded to bring him to Berea to put him vnto death as the maner was in that place.

5 Now there was in that place a tower of fiftie cubites high, ful of ashes, and it had an instrument that turned rounde, and on euerie side it rouled downe into the ashes.

6 And there whosoeuer was condemned of sacrilege, or of anie other grieuous crime, was cast of all men to the death.

7 And so it came to passe that this wicked man shulde dye suche a death, and it was a moste iuste thing that Menelaus shulde want buryal,

8 For because he had committed manie sinnes by the altar, whose fyre and ashes were holie: he him self also dyed in the ashes.

9 ¶Now the King raged in his minde, and came to shewe him self more cruel vnto the Iewes then his father.

10 Which things when Iudas perceiued, he commanded the people to call vpon the Lord night and day, that if euer he had holpen them, he wolde now helpe them, when they shulde be put from their Law, from their countrey and from the holie Temple:

11 And that he wolde not suffer the people, which a litle afore began to recouer, to be subdued vnto the blasphemous nacions.

12 So when they had done this all together, and besought the Lord for mercie with weping, and fasting, and falling downe thre daies together, Iudas exhorted them to make them selues readie.

13 And he being aparte with the Elders, toke counsel to go forthe, afore the King broght his hoste into Iudea, & shulde take the citie, & commit the matter to the helpe of the Lord.

14 So committing the charge to the Lord of the worlde, he exhorted his souldiers to fight manfully, euen vnto death for the Lawes, the Temple, the citie, their countrey, and the commune wealth, and camped by Modin.

15 And so giuing his souldiers for a watche worde, The victorie of God, he piked out the manliest yong men, and went by night into the Kings campe, and slewe of the hoste fourtene thousand men, & the greateste elephant with all that sate vpon him.

16 Thus when they had broght a great feare, and trouble in the campe, & all things went prosperously with them, they departed.

17 This was done in the breake of the day, because the protection of the Lord did helpe them.

18 ¶Now when the King had tasted the manlines of the Iewes, he went about to take the holdes by policie,

19 And marched towarde Beth-sura, which was a strōg holde of the Iewes: but he was chased away, hurt and lost of his men.

20 For Iudas had sent vnto them that were in it, suche things as were necessarie.

21 But Rhodocus which was in the Iewes hoste, discloseth the secretes to ỹ enemies: therefore he was sought out, and when they had gotten him, they put him in prison.

22 After this did the King commune with them that were in Beth-sura, and "toke truce with them, departed, and ioyned battel with Iudas, who ouercame him.

"Or, gaue and toke the right hand.

23 But when he vnderstode, that Philippe (whome he had left to be ouerseer of his busines at Antiochia) did rebell against him, he was astonished, so that he yelded him self to the Iewes, and made them an othe to do all things that were right, and was appeased towarde them, & offred sacrifice and adorned the Temple, and shewed great gentlenes to the place,

24 And embraced Maccabeus, and made him captaine and gouernour from Ptolemais vnto the Gerreneans.
25 Neuertheles, whē he came to Ptolemais, the people of the citie were not content wit this agrement: and becauſe they were grieued, they wolde that he ſhulde breake the couenants.
26 Then went Lyſias vp into the iudgemēt ſeat, and excuſed the fact as wel as he colde, & perſuaded them, and pacified them, and made them wel affectioned, and came againe vnto Antiochia. This is the matter concerning the Kings iournay, and his returne.

CHAP. XIIII.

Demetrius moued by Alcimus ſendeth Nicanor to kil the Iewes. 18 Nicanor maketh a compacte with the Iewes. 29 Which he yet breaketh through the mocion of the King 37 Nicanor commandeth Razis to be taken, who ſlayeth him ſelf.

1 AFter thre yeres was Iudas enformed that Demetrius the ſonne of Seleucus was come vp with a great power and name by the hauen of Tripolis,
2 When he had wonne the countrey, and ſlaine Antiochus and his lieutenāt Lyſias.
3 Now Alcimus, which had bene the high Prieſt, and wilfully defiled him ſelf in the time that all things were cōfounded, ſeing that by no meanes he colde ſaue him ſelf, nor haue anie more entrance to the holie altar,
4 He came to King Demetrius in the hundreth, fiftie and one yere, preſenting vnto him a crowne of golde, and a palme, & of the boughes, which were vſed ſolemnely in the Temple, and that day he helde his tongue.
5 But when he had gotten opportunitie, & occaſion for his rage, Demetrius called him to counſel, and aſked him what deuiſes or counſels the Iewes leaned vnto.
6 To the which he anſwered, the Iewes that be called Aſideans whoſe captaine is Iudas Maccabeus, maintein warres, and make inſurrections, and wil not let the realme be in peace.
7 Therefore I, being depriued of my fathers honour (I meane the high prieſthode) am now come hether,
8 Partely becauſe I was wel affectioned vnto the Kings affaires, and ſecondly becauſe I ſoght ȳ profite of mine owne citizēs: for all our people, thorowe their raſhnes, are not a litle troubled.
9 Wherefore, ô King, ſeing thou knoweſt all theſe things, make prouiſion for the countrey, and our nacion which is abuſed, according to thine owne humanitie, that is readie to helpe all men.
10 For as long as Iudas liueth, it is not poſſible that the matter ſhulde be wel.
11 When he had ſpoken theſe wordes, other friends alſo hauing euil wil at Iudas, ſet Demetrius on fyre.
12 Who immediatly called for Nicanor, the ruler of the elephantes, and made him captaine ouer Iudea,
13 And ſent him forthe, commanding him to ſlay Iudas, and to ſcatter thē that were with him, & to make Alcimus high Prieſt of the great Temple.
14 Then the heathen which fled out of Iudea from Iudas, came to Nicanor by flockes, thinking the harme and calamities of the Iewes to be their welfare.
15 Now whē the Iewes heard of Nicanors comming, and the gathering together of the heathen, they ſprinkled them ſelues with earth, & prayed vnto him which had appointed him ſelf a people foreuer, and did alwais defende his owne porcion with euident tokens.
16 So at the commandement of the captaine, they remoued ſtraight wayes from thence, and came to the towne of Deſſan,
17 Where Simō Iudas brother had ioyned battel with Nicanor, and was ſomewhat aſtoniſhed thorowe the ſudden ſilence of the enemies.
18 Neuertheles Nicanor hearing the manlines of them that were with Iudas, & the bolde ſtomackes that they had for their countrey, durſt not proue the matter with blood ſhedding.
19 Wherefore, he ſent Poſidonius, "Theodocius, and "Matthias before, to make peace. *"Or, Theodotus. "Or, Mattathias*
20 So when they had taken long aduiſemēt thereupō, and the captaine ſhewed it vnto the multitude, they were agreed in one minde, and conſented to the couenants.
21 And they appointed a day when they ſhulde particularly come together: ſo whē the day was come, they ſet for euerie man his ſtoole.
22 Neuertheles Iudas commanded certeine men of armes to waite in conuenient places, leſt there ſhulde ſuddenly ariſe anie euil thorowe the enemies: and ſo they communed together of the things whereupon they had agreed.
23 Nicanor, while he abode at Ieruſalem, did none hurt, but ſent away the people that were gathered together.
24 He "loued Iudas, and fauoured him in his heart. *"Or, had Iudas before his eyes.*
25 He praid him alſo to take a wife, and to beget children: ſo he maried, & they liued together.
26 But Alcimus perceiuing the loue that was betwene them, and vnderſtanding the couenantes that were made, came to Demetrius, and tolde him that Nicanor had taken ſtrange matters in hand, and ordeined Iudas a traitour to the realme, to be his

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his ſucceſſour.

27 Then the King was diſpleaſed, and by the reportes of this wicked man, he wrote to Nicanor, ſaying, that he was very angrie for the couenants, commanding him that he ſhulde ſend Maccabeus in all haſte priſoner vnto Antiochia.

28 When theſe things came to Nicanor, he was aſtoniſhed & ſore grieued, ỹ he ſhulde breake the things wherein they had agreed, ſeing that that man had committed no wickednes.

29 But becauſe it was not cõmodious to him to withſtand the King, he ſoght craftely to accompliſh it.

30 Notwithſtanding when Maccabeus perceiued that Nicanor beganne to be rough vnto him, and that he intreated him more rudely thẽ he was wonte, he perceiued that ſuche rigour came not of good, and therefore he gathered a fewe of his men, and withdrewe him ſelf from Nicanor.

31 But the other perceiuing that he was preuented by *Maccabeus* worthie policie, came into the great & holie Temple, and commanded the Prieſts, which were offring their vſual ſacrifices, to deliuer him the man.

32 And when they ſware that they colde not tell where the man was, whome he ſoght,

33 He ſtretched out his right hand towarde the Temple, and made an othe in this maner, If ye wil not deliuer me Iudas as a priſoner, I wil make this Temple of God a plaine field, and wil breake downe the altar, and wil erect a notable Temple vnto Bacchus.

34 After theſe wordes he departed: then the Prieſts lift vp their hands towarde heauẽ, and beſoght him that was euer the defender of their nacion, ſaying in this maner,

35 Thou, ô Lord of all things, which haſt nede of nothing, woldeſt that the Temple of thine habitacion ſhulde be among vs.

36 Therefore now, ô moſte holie Lord, kepe this houſe euer vndefiled, which lately was clenſed, and ſtoppe all the mouths of the vnrighteous.

37 Now was there accuſed vnto Nicanor, Razis one of the Elders of Ieruſalem, a louer of the citie, and a man of very good reporte, which for his loue was called a father of the Iewes.

38 For this man afore times when the Iewes were minded to kepe them ſelues vndefiled and pure, being accuſed to be of the religion of the Iewes, did offer to ſpend his bodie and life with all conſtancie for the religion of the Iewes.

39 So Nicanor willing to declare the hatred that he bare to the Iewes, ſent about fiue hundreth men of warre to take him.

40 For he thoght by taking him to do the Iewes muche hurte.

41 But when this companie wolde haue taken his caſtel, and wolde haue broken the gates by violence, and cõmanded to bring fyre to burne the gates, ſo that he was readie to be taken on euerie ſide, he [a] fel on his ſworde,

42 Willing rather to dye manfully, thẽ to giue him ſelf into the nãds of wicked men, and to ſuffer reproche vnworthie for his noble ſtocke.

43 Notwithſtanding what time as he miſſed of his ſtroke for haſte, and the multitude ruſſhed in violently between the dores, he ran boldely to the wall, and caſt him ſelf downe manfully amõg the multitude.

44 Which conueyed them ſelues lightly away, and gaue place, ſo that he fell vpon his bellie.

45 Neuertheles while there was yet breth in him, being kindled in his minde, he roſe vp, and thogh his blood guſhed out like a fountaine, and he was verie ſore wounded, yet he ran thorow the middes of the people,

46 And gate him to ỹ toppe of an hie rocke: ſo when his blood was vtterly gone, he toke out his owne bowels with bothe his hands, and threwe them vpon the people, calling vpon the Lord of life and ſpirit, that he wolde reſtore them againe vnto him, and thus he dyed.

[a] As this priuate example ought not to be followed of ỹ godlie, becauſe it is cõtrary to ỹ worde of God, although the autor ſeme here to approue it: ſo that place as touching prayer chap. 12, 44. thogh Iudas had appointed it, yet were it not ſufficient to proue a doctrine, becauſe it is onely a particular example.

CHAP. XV.

1 Nicanor goeth about to come vpon Iudas on the Sabbath day. 5 The blaſphemie of Nicanor. 14 Maccabeus expounding vnto the Iewes the viſion, incourageth them. 21 The prayer of Maccabeus. 30 Maccabeus commandeth Nicanors head and hands to be cut of, and hu tongue to be giuen vnto the foules. 39 The autor excuſeth him ſelf.

1 NOw when Nicanor knewe that Iudas and his companie were in the countrey of Samaria, he thoght with all aſſurance to come vpon them, vpon the Sabbath day.

2 Neuertheles the Iewes that were compelled to go with him, ſaid, O kill not ſo cruelly and barbarouſly, but honour and ſanctifie the day, that is appointed by him that ſeeth all things.

3 But this moſte wicked perſone demãded, Is there a Lord in heauen, that commanded the Sabbath day to be kept?

4 And whẽ they ſaid, There is a liuig Lord, which ruleth in the heauen, who commanded the ſeuenth day to be kept,

5 Thẽ he ſaid, And I am mightie vpõ earth to commande them for to arme them ſelues, and to performe the Kings buſines. Notwithſtanding, he colde not accompliſh his wicked enterpriſe.

6 For Nicanor lifted vp with great pride,

purpoſed to ſet vp a memorial of the victorie obteined of all them that were with Iudas.

7 But Maccabeus had euer ſure confidence and a perfite hope that the Lord wolde helpe him,

8 And exhorted his people not to be afraid at the coming of the heathen, but alway to remember the helpe that had bene ſhewed vnto them from heauen, and to truſt now alſo, that they ſhulde haue the victorie by the Almightie.

9 Thus he incouraged them by the Law & Prophetes, putting them in remembrance of the battels that they had wõne afore, & ſo made them more willing,

10 And ſtirred vp their hearts, and ſhewed them alſo the diſceitfulnes of the heathẽ, and how they had broken their othes.

11 Thus he armed euerie one of them, not with the aſſurance of ſhields and ſpeares, but with wholſome wordes and exhortacions, and ſhewed them a dreame worthie to be beleued, and reioyced them greatly.

12 And this was his viſion, He thoght that he ſawe Onias (which had bene the high Prieſt, a vertuous & a good man, reuerent in behauiour, and of ſober conuerſation, wel ſpoken, and one that had bene exerciſed in all pointes of godlines from a childe) holding vp his hands towarde heauen, and praying for the whole people of the Iewes.

13 ¶After this there appeared vnto him another man which was aged, honorable, and of a wonderful dignitie, and excellencie aboue him.

14 And Onias ſpake, & ſaid, This is a louer of the brethren, who prayeth muche for the people, and for the holie citie, *to wit*, Ieremias the Prophet of God.

15 He *thoght alſo* that Ieremias helde out his right hand, and gaue vnto Iudas a ſworde of golde: & as he gaue it, he ſpake thus,

16 Take this holie ſworde a gifte frõ God, wherewith thou ſhalt wounde the aduerſaries.

17 And ſo being comforted by the wordes of Iudas, which were very ſwete and able to ſtirre them vp to valiantnes and to incourage the heartes of the yong men, they determined to pitch no campe, but courageouſly to ſet vpon them, and mãfully to aſſaile them, and to trye the matter hand to hand, becauſe the citie and the Sanctuarie, and the Temple were in danger.

18 As for their wiues, and children, and brethren and kinſfolkes, they ſet leſſe by their danger: but their greateſt and principal feare was for the holie Temple.

19 Againe they that were in the citie, were careful for the armie that was abroad.

20 Now whiles thei all waited for the tryal of the matter, and the enemies now met with them, and the hoſte was ſet in araye, and the *beaſtes were ſeparated into conuenient places, and the horſemen were placed in the wings,

*Or, elephants

21 Maccabeus conſidering the coming of the multitude and the diuers preparations of weapons, and the fiercenes of the beaſtes, helde vp his hands towarde heauen, calling vpõ the Lord that doeth wonders, and that loked vpon thẽ, knowing that the victorie cometh not by the weapons, but that he giueth the victorie to them that are worthie, as ſemeth good vnto him.

22 Therefore in his prayer he ſaid after this maner, O Lord, *thou that dideſt ſend thine Angel in the time of Ezecias King of Iudea, who in the hoſte of Sennacherib ſlewe an hundreth, foreſcore & fiue thouſand,

*1. King. 19, 35. iſa. 37, 36. Iob. 1, 21. eccleſ. 48, 24.

23 Send now alſo thy good Angel before vs, ô Lord of heauens, for a feare and dreade vnto them,

24 And let thẽ be diſcõfited by the ſtrength of thine arme, which come againſt thine holie people to blaſpheme. Thus with theſe wordes he made an end.

25 Then Nicanor and they that were with him, drewe nere with trumpets and ſhoutings for ioye.

26 But Iudas and his companie praying and calling vpon God, incountered with the enemies,

27 So that with their hands they foght, but with their hearts they prayed vnto God, and ſlewe no leſſe then fiue & thirtie thouſand mẽ: for thorowe the preſence of God they were wonderouſly comforted.

28 Now when they left of, & were turning againe with ioye, they vnderſtode that Nicanor him ſelf was ſlaine for all his armour.

29 Then they made a great ſhoute and a crye, praiſing the Almightie in their owne langage.

30 Therefore *Iudas*, which was euer ỹ chief defender of his citizens bothe in bodie & minde, and which bare euer good affectiõ towardes them of his nacion, commanded to ſmite of Nicanors head, with his hand and ſhulder, and to bring it to Ieruſalem.

31 And when he came there, he called all thẽ of his nacion, and ſet the Prieſts by the altar, and ſent for them of the caſtel,

32 And ſhewed thẽ wicked Nicanors head, & the hand of that blaſphemour which he had holden vp againſt the holie Temple of the Almightie with proude bragges.

33 He cauſed the tongue alſo of wicked Nicanor to be cut in litle pieces, & to be caſt vnto the foules, and that the rewardes of his madnes ſhulde be hanged vp before the Temple.

34 So euerie man praiſed towarde the heauen the glorious Lord, ſaying, Bleſſed be he, that hathe kept his place vndefiled.
35 He hanged alſo Nicanors head vpon the hie caſtel, for an euident and plaine token vnto all of the helpe of God.
36 And ſo they eſtabliſhed all together by a cómune decre that they wolde in no caſe ſuffer this day without keping it holie:
37 And that the feaſt ſhulde be the thirtenth day of the twelfth moneth, which is called Adar in the Syriãs langage, the day before Mardocheus day.
38 Thus farre as concerning Nicanors matters, and from that time the Hebrewes had the citie in poſſeſsion. And here wil I alſo make an end.
39 If I haue done wel, and as the ſtorie required, it is the thing that I deſired: but if I haue ſpoken ſlenderly & barely, it is that I colde.
40 For as it is hurtful to drinke wine alone, and then againe water: and as wine tempered with water is pleaſant and deliteth the taſte, ſo the ſetting out of the matter deliteth the eares of them that read the ſtorie. And here ſhalbe the end.

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EXOD. XIIII, VER. XIII.

FEARE YE NOT, STAND STIL, AND BEholde the ſaluacion of the Lord, which he wil ſhewe to you this day.

Great are the troubles of the righteous:

but the Lord deliuereth them out of all, Pſal.34,19.

THE LORD SHAL FIGHT FOR YOV: therefore holde you your peace, Exod.14, vers.14.

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a This worde signifieth good tidinges, and is taken here for the storie which conteineth the ioyful message of the comming of the Sonne of God promised from the beginning.
b That is, written and taught by Matthewe.

THE ARGUMENT.

IN this historie written by Matthewe, Marke, Luke, and Iohn, the Spirit of God so gouerned their hearts, that although they were foure in nōber, yet in effect and purpose they so consent, as though the whole had bene composed by any one of them. And albeit in stile and maner of writing they be diuers, and sometime one writeth more largely that which the other doeth abbridge: nevertheles in matter and argument they all tende to one end: which is, to publish to the worlde the fauour of God towarde mankinde through Christ Iesus, whome the Father hathe giuen as a pledge of his mercie & loue. And for this cause they intitle their storie, Gospel, which signifieth good tidings, for asmuche as God hathe performed in dede that which the fathers hoped for. So that hereby we are admonished to forsake the worlde, and the vanities thereof, and with moste affectioned hearts embrace this incomparable treasure frely offred vnto vs: for there is no ioye nor consolacion, no peace nor quietnes, no felicitie nor saluacion, but in Iesus Christ, who is the very substance of this Gospel, and in whome all the promises are yea, and amen. And therefore vnder this worde is conteined the whole Newe testament: but communely we vse this name for the historie, which the foure Euangelists write, conteining Christs coming in the flesh, his death and resurrection, which is the perfite summe of our saluation. Matthewe, Marke, and Luke are more copious in describing his life and death: but Iohn more laboureth to set forthe his doctrine, wherein bothe Christs office, and also the vertue of his death and resurrection more fully appeare: for without this, to knowe that Christ was borne, dead & risen againe, shulde nothing profite vs. The which thing notwithstanding that the thre first touche partely, as he also sometime intermedleth the historical narration, yet Iohn chiefly is occupied herein. And therefore as a moste learned interpreter writeth, they describe, as it were, the bodie, and Iohn setteth before our eyes the soule. Wherefore the same aptely termeth the Gospel writ by Iohn, the keye which openeth the dore to the vnderstanding of the others: for whosoeuer doeth knowe the office, vertue and power of Christ, shal reade that which is written of the Sonne of God come to be the redemer of the worlde, with moste profit. Now as concerning the writers of this historie, it is euident that Matthewe was a Publicane or custome gatherer, and was thence chosen of Christ to be an Apostle. Marke is thoght to haue bene Peters disciple, and to haue planted the first Church at Alexandria, where he dyed the eight yere of the reigne of Nero. Luke was a phisition of Antiochia and became Pauls disciple, and fellowe in all his traueils: he liued foure score and foure yeres, and was buryed at Constantinople. Iohn was that Apostle whome the Lord loued, the sonne of Zebedeus, and brother of Iames: he dyed thre score yeres after Christ, and was buryed nere to the Citie of Ephesus.

CHAP. I.

1 The genealogie of Christ, that is, the Messias promised to the fathers. 18 Who was conceiued by the holy Goste, and borne of the virgine Marie, when she was betrouthed vnto Ioseph. 20 The Angel satisfieth Iosephes minde. 21 Why he is called Iesus, and wherefore Emanuel.

Luk.3,23.

1 THE [c]boke of the generacio of IESVS CHRIST the [d]sonne of [e]Dauid, the sonne of Abraham.

2 *Abrahā begate Isaac. *And Isaac begate Iacob. And *Iacob begate Iudas and his brethren.

3 *And Iudas begate Phares, and Zara [f] of Thamar. And *Phares begate Esrom. And Esrom begate Aram.

4 And Aram begate Aminadab. And Aminadab begate Naasson. And Naasson begate Salmon.

5 And Salmon begate Booz of [g]Rachab. And *Booz begate Obed of Ruth. And Obed begate Iesse.

6 And *Iesse begate Dauid the King. And *Dauid the King begate Solomon of her that was *the wife* of Vrias.

7 And *Solomon begate Roboam. And Roboam begate Abia. And Abia begate Asa.

8 And Asa begate Iosaphat. And Iosaphat begate Ioram. And Ioram begate Ozias.

9 And Ozias begate [h]Ioatham. And Ioatham begate Achaz. And Achaz begate Ezecias.

10 And *Ezecias begate Manasses. And Manasses begate Amon. And Amon begate Iosias.

11 And *Iosias begate Iacim. And Iacim begate Iechonias & his brethren about the time they were caryed away to Babylon.

12 And after they were caryed away into Babylon, *Iechonias begate [i]Salathiel. *And Salathiel begate Zorobabel.

c This is the rehearsal of the progenie, whereof Iesus Christ is sprōg according to the flesh.
d So called, for that he came of the stocke of Dauid.
e These two are first rehearsed, because Christ was especially promised to come of them and their sede, and therefore Christ communely was called the sonne of Dauid, because the promes was more euidently confirmed vnto him. *Gen.21,2. *Gen.25,24. *Gen.29,35. *Gen.38,27.
f By incestuous adulterie, the which shame setteth forthe his great humilitie, who made him self of no reputatioo, but became a seruant for our sakes: yea, a worme and no man, the reproche of men, and contempt of the people, and at length suffred the accursed death of the crosse. *2.Chron.2,5. *Ruth.4,18.*
g Rachab and Ruth, being Gentiles, signifie that Christ came not onely of the Iewes, and for them, but also of the Gentiles, and for their saluacion. *Ruth 4,18. 1.Sam.16,1. & 17,12. 2.Sam.12,24. 1.King.11,43 1.chro.3,10.*
h He hathe omitted thre Kings, Ioas, Amasia, Azaria, abbridgig the nomber to make the .xiiij. times fourtene generations. *2.King.20,21 & 21,18. 1.chro.3,13. 2.King 23, 34.& 24,1. 1.chro.36,4. 2.King.24,6. 2.chro.36,9.*
i After the captiuitie, the title royal was appointed vnto him: so that notwithstanding that they were as sclaues for the space of seuentie yeres, yet by the prouidence of God the gouernemēt remained in the familie of Dauid, where it continued til the coming of Christ. *1.Chro 3,17. 1.Esra.3,2. & 5,2.*

13 And Zorobabel begate Abiud. And Abiud begate Eliacim. And Eliacim begate Azor.
14 And Azor begate Sadoc. And Sadoc begate Achim. And Achim begate Eliud.
15 And Eliud begate Eleazar. And Eleazar begate Matthan. And Matthan begate Iacob.
16 And Iacob begate Ioseph, the housband of Marie, [k] of whome was borne IESVS, that is called [l] Christ.
17 So all the generacios from Abraham to Dauid, *are* fourtene generacions. And from Dauid vntil they were caryed away into Babylon, fourtene generacions: and after they were caryed away into Babylon vntil Christ, fourtene generacions.
18 ¶Now the byrth of IESVS Christ was thus, When as his mother Marie was *betrowthed to Ioseph, [m] before they came together, she was founde [n] with childe of the holie Gost.
19 Then Ioseph her housband being a [o] iust man, and not willing to *make her a publike example, was minded to put her away secretly.
20 But whiles he thoght these things, beholde, the Angel of the Lord appeared vnto him in a [p] dreame, saying, Ioseph the [q] sonne of Dauid, feare not to take Marie *for* thy wife: for that which is conceiued in her, is of the holie Gost.
21 And she shal bring forthe a sonne, and thou shalt *call his name [r] IESVS: for he shal *saue his people from their sinnes.
22 And all this was done that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet, saying,
23 *Beholde, a virgine shalbe with childe, and shal beare a sonne, and "they shal call his name Emmanuel, which is by interpretacion, [s] God with vs.
24 ¶Then Ioseph, being raised from slepe, did as the Angel of the Lord had inioyned him, and toke his wife.
25 But he knewe her not, til she had broght forthe her [r] first borne sonne, and he called his name IESVS.

k Albeit the Iewes nomber their kinred by the male-kind: yet this linage of Marie is cõprehended vnder the same, because she was maried to a man of her owne stocke & tribe
l Who is the true King, Priest, and Prophet annointed of God to accomplish ỹ office of ỹ redemer
Luk.1.27.
m Before he toke her home to him
n As the Angel afterwarde declared to Ioseph
o Vpright and fearing God, & therefore suspecting ỹ she had cõmitted fornicatiõ, before she was betrowthed, wolde nether reteine her, ẅ by the Law shulde be maried to another nether by accusing her put her to shame for her fact
Deut 24,1.
p This dreame is witnessed by the holie Gost, and is a kinde of reuelation.
Nom 12,6
q This name putteth him in remembrance of Gods promes to Dauid.
Luk.1.38.
r That is, a Sauiour
Act 4.12.
phil 2,10.
Isa.7,14.
"Or, thou.
s God is ioyned with vs by the meanes of Iesus Christ, who is bothe God and man
t Christ is here called the first borne, because she had neuer none before, and not in respect of any she had after. Nether yet doeth this worde (til) import alwayes a time following: wherein the contrarie may be affirmed, as our Sauiour, saying, that he wil be present with his disciples, til the end of the worlde, meaneth not, that after this worlde he wil not be with them.

CHAP. II.

1 The time and place of Christs birth 11 The Wisemen offer their presents. 14 Christ fleeth into Egypt. 16 The yong children are slaine. 23 Ioseph turneth into Galile.

1 WHen *IESVS then was borne at Beth-lehẽ in a Iudea, in the dayes of Herode the King, beholde, there came [b] Wisemen from the East to Ierusalem,
2 Saying, Where is the King of the Iewes that is borne? for we haue sene his [c] starre in the East, and are come [d] to worship him.
3 When King Herode heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Ierusalem with him.
4 And gathering together all the chief Priests & Scribes of the people, he asked of them, where Christ shulde be borne.
5 [e] And they said vnto him, At Beth-lehem in Iudea: for so it is written by the Prophet,
6 *And thou Beth-lehem in the land of Iuda, art not the least among the Princes of Iuda: for out of thee shal come the gouernour that shal fede my people Israel.
7 Then Herode [f] priuely called the Wisemen, *and* diligently inquired of them the time of the starre that appeared,
8 And sent them to Beth-lehem, saying, Go, and searche diligently for the babe: and when ye haue founde him, bring me worde againe, that I may come also, and worship him.
9 ¶So when they had heard the King, they departed: and lo, the [g] starre which they had sene in the East, went before them, til it came, and stode ouer *the place* where the babe was.
10 And when they sawe the starre, they reioyced with an exceading great ioye,
11 And went into the house, and "founde the babe with Marie his mother, and fel downe, and worshipped him, and opened their treasures, and presented vnto him giftes, [h] *euen* golde, and incense, and myrrhe.
12 And after they were warned of God in a dreame, that they shulde [i] not go againe to Herode, they returned into their countrey another way.
13 ¶After their departure, beholde the Angel of the Lord appeareth to Ioseph in a dreame, saying, Arise, & take the babe and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be there til I bring thee worde: for Herode wil seke the babe, to destroye him.
14 So he arose and toke the babe and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt,
15 And was there vnto the death of Herode, [k] that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken of the Lord by the * Prophet, saying, Out of Egypt haue I called my Sonne.
16 ¶Thẽ Herode, seing that he was mocked of ỹ Wisemen, was exceading wroth, and sent forthe, & slewe all the male children that were in Beth-lehem, and in all the coastes thereof, from two yere olde & vnder, according to the time which he had diligently searched out of the Wisemen.
17 So

Luk.2.6.
a For there is another Beth-lehem in the tribe of Zebulun.
b Wisemen, or Magi, in the Persians and Chaldeans tongue signifie Philosophers, Priests, or astronomers, & are here the first frutes of the Gentiles that came to worship Christ
c An extraordinarie signe to set forth ỹ Kings honour, whome ỹ worlde did not esteme
d Which was a declaration of that reuerẽce, which the Gentiles shulde beare vnto Christ
e They colde wel tell of Christ in general: but when they shulde professe his name, and giue him his due honor, thei were colde, and shrinke backe
Micah 5.2.
iohn 7.42.
f An euil conscience is a burning fyre
g The starre vanished away before, to ỹ intẽt thei shulde tary at Ierusalem, and there ioquire of the thing, to the confusion of the Iewes
"Or, sawe
h The Persias maner was not to salute Kigs without a present, and therefore they broght of that which was most precious in their contrei, whereof euery one of them offred.
i Promes ought not to be kept, where Gods honour and preaching of his trueth is hindered: or els it ought not to be broken.
k That which was prefigured by the deliuerance of the Israelites out of Egypt, ẅ were Christs Church and his bodie, is now verified, and accompli shed in the head Christ.
Hose 11,1.
l Within a certeine time after.

17 Then was that fulfilled which was ſpoke by the Prophet Ieremias, ſaying,

Iere.31.15 18 *In [m] Rama was a voyce heard, mourning, and weping and great lamentation: Rachel weping for her children, and wolde not be comforted, becauſe they [n] were not.

19 And when Herode was dead, behold, an Angel of the Lord appeareth in a dreame to Ioſeph in Egypt,

20 Saying, Ariſe, and take the babe and his mother, and go into the land of Iſrael: for they are [o] dead which ſoght the babes life.

21 Then he aroſe vp, and toke the babe and his mother, and came into the land of Iſrael.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reigne in Iudea in ſteade of his father Herode, he was afrayed to go thether: yet after he was warned of God in a dreame, he turned aſide into the parties of Galile,

23 And went and dwelt in a citie called Nazaret, that it might be fulfilled which was ſpoken by the Prophetes, *which was*, That he ſhulde be called [q] a [p] Nazarite.

m Herode renewed the ſorowe which ỹ Beniamites had ſuffred long before. yet for all his crueltie he colde not bring to paſſe, that Chriſt ſhulde not reigne

n That is, they were killed & dead

o Thus the faithful may ſe how God hathe infinite meanes to preſerue them frō the rage of tyrants.

*Or, therefore

Or, of Nazaret

p Which is ho lie and conſecrated to God: alluding vnto thoſe that were Nazarites in the olde Law, which were a figure of that holines which ſhulde be manifeſted in Chriſt, as was Sāſon, Ioſeph, &c

q *The office, doctrine, & life of Iohn. 7 The Phariſes are reproued 8 The frutes of repentance. 13 Chriſt is baptized in Iordan. 17 And autoriſed by God his Father.*

Mar.1.4. 1 *luk.3.3.* A *Nd in [a] thoſe dayes, Iohn the Baptiſte came and preached in the [b] wildernes of Iudea,

2 And ſaid, "Repent: for the [c] kingdome of heauen is at hand.

3 For this is he of whome it is ſpoken by the Prophet Eſaias, ſaying, * The voyce of him that cryeth in the wildernes, *is*, Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make his paths ſtraight.

4 *And this Iohn had his [d] garment of camels heere, and a girdle of a ſkin about his loynes: his meat was alſo [e] "locuſtes & wilde honie.

5 *Then went out to him Ieruſalem and all Iudea, and all the region rounde about Iordan.

6 And they were baptized of him in Iordan, [f] confeſsing their ſinnes.

7 Now when he ſawe many of the Phariſes and of the Sadduces come to his baptiſme, he ſaid vnto them, * O "generacions of vipers, who hathe forewarned you to flee from the angre to come?

8 Bring forthe therefore [g] frutes worthie amendement of life,

9 And thinke not to ſay with your ſelues, *We haue Abraham to *our* father: for I ſay vnto you, that God is able of theſe ſtones to raiſe vp children vnto Abraham.

Iohn 8.39. act.13.26.

10 And now alſo is the [h] axe put to the roote of the trees: *therefore euerie tre, which bringeth not forthe good frute, is hewen downe, and caſt into the fyre.

11 *In dede I baptize you [w] water to amendemēt of life, but he that cometh after me, is mightier then I, whoſe ſhoes I am not worthie to beare: he wil baptize you with the holie Goſt, and with [i] fyre.

12 Which hathe his [k] fanne in his hand, & wil make cleane his floore, and gather his wheat into his garner, but wil burne vp the chaffe with vnquencheable fyre.

13 ¶ *Thē came Ieſus frō Galile to Iordan vnto Iohn, to be baptized of him.

14 But Iohn put him backe, ſaying, I haue nede to be baptized of thee, and commeſt thou to me?

15 Then Ieſus anſwering, ſaid to him, Let be now: for thus it becometh vs to [l] fulfil all righteouſnes. So he ſuffred him.

16 And Ieſus when he was baptized, came ſtraight out of the water. And lo, the heauens were opened vnto him, & *Iohn* ſawe ỹ Spirit of God deſcending like a [m] doue, and lighting vpon him.

Mar 1,9. luk 3.22.

17 And lo, a voyce *came* from heauen, ſaying, *[n] This is my *beloued Sōne, in whome I am wel pleaſed.

h The iudgement of God is at hand to deſtroye ſuche as are not mete to be of his Church

Chap 7.19. Marc.1.8. luk.3.19. ioh 1.26. act 1.5. & 2.1 & 8.5 & 19.4

i When God baptizeth inwardely with the vertue of his Spirit, he burneth, & cōſumeth the vices and inflameth the heartes with loue towarde him.

k Which is ỹ preaching of the Goſpel, whereby he gathereth the faithful as good corne, & ſcatereth the infideles as chaffe.

l We muſt render perfit obedience to God in all things, which he hathe ordeined.

m To ſhewe the ſtate of his kingdome, which is in all mekenes & lowlines.

n The fauour of God reſteth on Ieſus Chriſt, that frō him it might be powred on vs, which deſerue of our ſelues his wrath, and indignation.

*Chap 17,5 2.per 1,17 *Coloſſ 1,13*

a In ỹ firſt yere of ỹ reigne of Tiberius, after Chriſt had long time remained in Nazaret, and was now about 30 yere olde.

b So called in reſpect of the playne countrey and fertile valleis: and not becauſe it was not inhabited

Or, be ſorie for your fautes paſt, and amend

c Which is, ỹ God wil reigne ouer vs, gather vs vnto him, pardon our ſinnes, and adopte vs by the preaching of the Goſpel

Iſa 40.3. mar.1.3. luk.3.4. ioh 1.23

Mar 1.6

d Wouen with heere, as groſſe heereciothe

e Suche meates as nature broght forthe without mans labour or diligence: reade Leuit 11, 22

*Or, graſshoppers.

f Acknowleging their fautes: for there is no repentance without confeſsion

*Mar 1,5. luk 3,7 *Chap 13,34 *Or, broodes*

g He menaceth thoſe venemous and malicious Phariſes with the iudgement of God, except they ſhewe before men ſuche workes as are agreable to the profeſſion of the godlie, whome Iſai calleth the trees of righteouſnes, chap 61,3.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Chriſt faſteth & is tempted. 11 The Angels miniſter vnto him 17 He beginneth to preache. 18 He calleth Peter, Andrew, Iames and Iohn, and healeth all the ſicke.

1 THen *was Ieſus led aſide [a] of the Spirit into the wildernes, to be [b] tēpted of the deuil.

Marc 1,12. luk 4.1.

a By the holie Goſt

2 And when he had faſted fortie dayes, and fortie nights, he was afterwarde hungrie.

3 Then came to him the tempter, and ſaid, If thou be the Sonne of God, [c] commande that theſe ſtones be made bread.

4 But he anſwering, ſaid, It is writtē, *Man ſhal not liue by bread onely, but by euerie [d] worde that proceadeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then ỹ deuil toke him vp into the [e] holie Citie, & ſet him on a "pinacle of the tēple,

6 And ſaid vnto him, If thou be the Sonne of God, caſt thy ſelf downe: for it is written, * ỹ he wil giue his Angels charge ouer thee, and with their hands they ſhal ſlifte thee vp, leſt at anie time ỹ ſhuldeſt daſh thy fote againſt a ſtone.

7 Ieſus ſaid vnto him, It is written againe, *Thou ſhalt not [g] tēpt the Lord thy God.

b To ỹ end ỹ he ouercomig theſe tentatiōs might get the victorie for vs

c Satan wolde haue Chriſt to diſtruſt God, and his worde and followe other ſtrange and vnlawful meanes

Deu 8.3.

d He meaneth the ordre that God harhe ordeined to maintene his creatures by

e To wit, Ieruſalem.

Or, vane which ſhewed where the wiade ſtode.

Pſal 92,11.

f He alledgeth but halfe the ſentēce to deceiue thereby the rather, and choke his craftie purpoſe

*Deut.6,16

g We muſt not leaue ſuche lawful meanes as God hathe appointed, to ſeke others after our owne fantaſie.

8 Againe the deuil toke him vp vnto an exceading hie mountaine, and [h] shewed him all the kingdomes of the worlde, and the glorie of them,

h In a vision.

9 And said to him, All these wil I giue thee, if thou wilt fall downe, and worship me.

Deut.6,13. & 10,20.

10 Then said Iesus vnto him, Auoide Satã: for it is written, *Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him onely shalt thou serue.

1 The worde of God is the sworde of the spirit, wherewith Satan is ouercome

11 Then the deuil [i] left him: and beholde, the Angels [k] came, and ministred vnto him.

k To comfort him

Mar 1,14. luk.4,14. iob 4,43.

12 ¶*And when Iesus had heard ỹ Iohn was [l] deliuered vp, he returned into Galile,

l And cast in prison by Herode

13 And leauing Nazaret, went and dwelt in Capernaum, which is nere the [m] sea in the borders of Zabulon & Nephthalim,

m For so they called ỹ lake of Genesareth

Isa.9,1.

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the Prophet, saying,

n Christ had preached now almost a yere in Iudea, and Samaria, and after went to preache in the vppermost Galile, which was out of the borders of Palestina

15 *The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim *by* the way of the sea, beyond Iordan, [n] Galile of the Gentiles:

o Which was without comfort, hathe receemed consolation

16 The people which sate in [o] darkenes, sawe great light: and to them which sate in the region and shadowe of death, light is risen vp.

Mar.1,15 Mar.1,16.

17 *From that time Iesus began to preache, and to say, Amend your liues: for ỹ kingdome of heauen is at hand.

p God hathe chosen ỹ weake things of the worlde to confounde the mighrie, 1.Corin 1,27

18 ¶*And Iesus walking by the sea of Galile, sawe two brethren, Simõ, which was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea (for they were [p] fishers.)

19 And he said vnto them, Followe me, and I wil make you fishers [q] of men.

q To drawe them out of the sea of this worlde, wherein they are drowned.

20 And they straight way leauing the nets, followed him.

21 And when he was gone forthe from thence, he sawe other two brethren, Iames *the sonne* of Zebedeus, and Iohn his brother in a ship with Zebedeus their father, mẽding their nets, and he called them.

r We ought to bemoste ready to followe Christ, when he calleth, leauing all worldelie respects aparte.

22 And they [r] without tarying, leauing the ship and their father, followed him.

23 So Iesus went about all Galile, teaching in their Synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the [s] kingdome, and healing euerie sickenes and euerie disease among the people.

s That is, the blessed tidings of forgiuenes of sinnes & reconciliation with God

24 And his fame spred abroad through all Syria: and they broght vnto him all sicke people, that were taken with diuers diseases and gripings, and them that were possessed with [t] deuils, & those which were [u] lunatike, and those that had the palsey: and he healed them.

t So that by healing incurable diseases Christs dimmisse appeared

u They that were mad or sicke at a certeine time of the moone.

25 And there followed him great multitudes out of Galile, and [x] Decapolis, and Ierusalem, and Iudea, and from beyonde Iordan.

x It was a countrey wherein was tẽ cities, as ỹ worde signifieth.

CHAP. V.

3 Christ teacheth who are blessed. 13 The salt of the earth & light of the worlde 16 Good workes 17 Christ came to fulfil the Law. 21 What is ment by killing. 23 Reconciliation. 27 Adulterie 29 Offences 31 Diuorcement 33 Not to sweare. 39 To suffer wrong. 43 To loue our enemies 48 Perfection.

1 AND when he sawe the multitude, he went vp into a mountaine: and whẽ he was set, his disciples came to him.

Luk 6,20.

2 And he opened his mouthe and taught them, saying,

a That feele them selues voide of all righteousnes that they may onely seeke it in Christ.

3 *Blessed *are* the [a] poore in spirit, for theirs is the kingdome of heauen.

Isa.61,2. luk.6,21.

4 *Blessed *are* they that [b] mourne: for they shalbe comforted.

b Which feele their owne miserie, & seke their comfort in God

5 *Blessed *are* the [c] meke: for they shal inherite the earth.

Psal.73,11.

c Who rather wolde suffer all iniuries, then they wolde reuenge thẽ selues

6 Blessed *are* they which [d] honger & thirst for righteousnes: for they shal be filled.

Psal.24,4.

d Being in necessitie, desire nothing but ỹ w is vpright & godlie.

7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for thei shal obteine mercie.

8 Blessed *are* the *pure in heart: for they shal se God.

e For he is called ỹ God of peace, 1 Cor 14,33.

9 Blessed *are* the peace makers: for they shalbe called the [e] children of God.

1.Pet 3,14.

10 Blessed *are* they *which suffer persecutiõ for righteousnes sake: for theirs is the kingdome of heauen.

1 Pet.4,14. act.5,41.

11 *Blessed are ye when men reuile you, and persecute *you*, and say all maner of euil against you for my sake, falsely.

Mar 9,50. luk.14,34.

12 Reioyce and be glad, for great is your rewarde in heauen: for so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you.

f Your office is to season men with the salt of ỹ heauẽlie doctrine

13 *Ye are the [f] salte of the earth: but if the salte haue lost his sauour, wherewith shal it be salted? It is thenceforthe good for nothing, but to be cast out, & to be troden vnder fote of men.

Mar 4,21. luk.8,16. & 11,33.

14 Ye are the light of the worlde. A citie that is set on an hill, can not be hid.

g Because you are sene farre of, giue good example of life

15 *Nether do men light a candel, and put it vnder a bushel, but on a candelsticke, & it giueth light vnto all that are in the house.

h The Gospel is the stablishing, & accõplishing of ỹ Law

16 *Let [g] your light so shine before men, that they may se your good workes, & glorifie your Father which is in heauen.

1.Pet.2,12.

17 Thinke not that I am come to destroye the Law, or the Prophetes. [h] I am not come to destroye them, but to fulfil them.

i The doctrine of the Law conteineth nothing vnprofitable or superfluous

Luk 16,17. Iam.2,10.

18 *For truely I say vnto you, Til heauen, and earth perish, one iote, or one title of the Law shal not scape, til [i] all things be fulfilled.

k Whosoeuer shal transgresse the least of the ten cõmandements in worde and exãple, he shal be cast out of the kingdome of God, except it be pardoned him in Christ.

19 *Whosoeuer therefore shal breake one of [k] these least commandements, & teache men so, he shalbe called the least in the kingdome of heauen: but whosoeuer shal obserue and teache *them*, the same shal be called great in the kingdome of heauen.

Luk.11,39.

20 For I say vnto you, except your righteousnes *excede the *righteousnes* of ỹ [l] Scribes

l Which nether expound the Law truely, nor obserue it wel.

and

& Phariſes, ye ſhal not enter into the kingdome of heauen.

21 m Ye haue heard that it was ſaid vnto thē of the olde time, *Thou ſhalt not kil: for whoſoeuer killeth, ſhal be "culpable of iudgement.

22 But I ſay vnto you, whoſoeuer is angrie with his brother" n vnaduiſedly, ſhal be culpable of iudgement. And whoſoeuer ſaieth vnto his brother, o Raca, ſhalbe worthie to be puniſhed by the p Counſel. And whoſoeuer ſhal ſay, Foole, ſhalbe worthie to be puniſhed with hel fyre.

23 If thē thou bring thy gift to the altar, & there remembreſt that thy brother hathe ought againſt thee,

24 Leaue there thine offring before the altar, and go thy way: firſt be q reconciled to thy brother, & then come & offer thy gift.

25 *Agre with thine aduerſarie quickely, whiles thou art in the way with him, leſt thine aduerſarie deliuer thee to the iudge, and the iudge deliuer thee to the ſergeāt, and thou be caſt into priſon.

26 Verely I ſay vnto thee, thou ſhalt not come out thence, til thou haſt payed the vtmoſt farthing.

27 ¶Ye haue heard that it was ſaid to them of olde time, *Thou ſhalt not commit adulterie.

28 But I ſay vnto you, ỹ whoſoeuer loketh on a womā to luſt after her, hathe cōmitted r adulterie wher already in his heart.

29 *Wherefore if thy right ſ eye cauſe thee to offend, plucke it out, and caſt it frō thee: for better it is for thee, that one of thy mē bers periſh, "thē that thy whole bodie ſhuld be caſt into hel.

30 Alſo if thy right hand make thee to offend, cut it of, and caſt it frō thee: for better it is for thee that one of thy members periſh, thē that thy whole bodie ſhulde be caſt into hel.

31 It hathe bene ſaid alſo, *Whoſoeuer ſhal put away his wife, let him giue her a teſtimonial of diuorcement.

32 But I ſay vnto you, whoſoeuer ſhal put away his wife (except it be for fornicatiō) t cauſeth her to commit adulterie: and whoſoeuer ſhal marie her that is diuorced, committeth adulterie.

33 Againe, ye haue heard that it was ſaid to them of olde time, *Thou ſhalt not forſweare thy ſelf, but ſhalt performe thine othes to the Lord.

34 But I ſay vnto you, u Sweare not at all, nether by heauē, for it is ỹ throne of God:

35 Nor yet by the earth: for it is his fote ſtole: nether by Ieruſalem: for it is the citie of the great King.

36 Nether ſhalt thou ſweare by thine head, becauſe thou canſt not make one heere white or blacke.

37 *But let your communication be, x Yea, yea: Nay, nay. For whatſoeuer is more thē theſe, commeth of y euil.

38 ¶Ye haue heard that it hathe bene ſaid, An* z eye for an eye, & a tooth for a tooth.

39 But I ſay vnto you, *Reſiſt not "euil: but whoſoeuer a ſhal ſmite thee on thy right cheke, turne to him the other alſo.

40 And if anie man wil ſue thee at the law, and take away thy coate, let him haue thy cloke alſo.

41 And whoſoeuer wil compell thee *to go* a mile, go with him twaine.

42 *Giue to him that aſketh, and from him ỹ wolde borow of thee, turne not away.

Ye haue heard that it hathe bene ſaid, *Thou ſhalt loue thy neighbour, and b hate thine enemie.

44 But I ſay vnto you, *Loue your enemies: bleſſe them that curſe you: do good to thē that hate you, *and praye for them which "hurt you, and perſecute you,

45 *That ye may be the childrē of your Father that is in heauen: for he maketh his ſunne to ariſe on the euil, and the good, and ſendeth raine on the iuſte, & vniuſte.

46 For if ye loue them, which loue you, what rewarde ſhal you haue? Do not the c Publicanes euen the ſame?

47 And if ye" be friendlie to your brethrē onely, what ſingular thing do ye ? do not euen the Publicanes likewiſe?

48 Ye ſhal therefore be d perfite, as your Father which is in heauen, is perfite.

CHAP. VI.

1 Of almes. 5 Prayer. 14 Forgiuing one another. 16 Faſting. 19 He forbiddeth the careful ſeeking of worldlie things, & willeth men to put their whole truſt in him.

1 TAke hede that ye giue not your almes before men, to be ſene of them, or els ye ſhal haue no rewarde of your Father which is in heauen.

2 * Therefore when thou giueſt thine almes, thou ſhalt not make a trumpet to be blowen before thee, as the a hypocrites do in the Synagogues and in the ſtretes, to be praiſed of men. Verely I ſay vnto you, they haue their b rewarde.

3 But when thou doeſt thine almes, let not thy c left hand knowe what thy right hand doeth,

4 That thine almes may be in ſecret, & thy Father that ſeeth in ſecret, he wil rewarde thee d openly.

5 And when thou prayeſt, be not as the hypocrites: for they loue to ſtand, and pray in the Synagogues, & in the corners of the ſtretes, becauſe they wolde be ſene of mē. Verely I ſay vnto you, they haue their rewarde.

6 But when thou prayeſt, e enter into thy chamber: & when thou haſt ſhut thy dore,

m He ſheweth how theſe wote thie ductors haue fal ely gloſed this cō mandement *Exod 20,13. deu 5,17*

"Or, ſubiect to puniſhment

°Or, without cauſe

n For God knowing his ſecret malice wil puniſh hi.

o Which ſignifieth in the Syrians tōgue an idle braine, & is ſpoken in contempt

p Like iudgement almoſte the Romains obſerued: for Triumuiri had the examination of ſmale matters, ỹ coūſel of xxiii of greater cauſes & finally great matters of importance were decided by the ſenate of lxxi iudges which here is compared to the iudgement of God, or to be puniſhed wt hel fyre

Luk 12,58

q For that thou haſt offended him, or he hathe offēded thee: for God preferreth brotherlie reconciliation to ſacrifice.

Exod 20,14. rom.13,9.

r Chaſtitie is required bothe in bodie & in minde

Chap.18 8. mar 9,47.

ſ Nothing is ſo precious wt ought not to be reiected in reſpect of the glorie of God

°Or, & not that

Chap 19,7. deu 24,1. mar.10,4. luk.16,18. 1.cor 7,10.

t In that he giueth her leaue to marry another by ỹ teſtimonial

Exod.20,7. leu 19,12. deu 5,11.

u All ſuperfluous othes are vtterly debarred, whether the Name of God be therein mencioned, or otherwiſe.

Iam 5,12.

x Let ſimplicitie, & trueth be in your wordes, and then ye ſhal not be ſo light, and ready to ſweare

y When a mā ſpeaketh other wiſe then he thinketh in heart, it cometh of an euil cōſcience, and of the deuil

Exod 21,24. deu 19,21. leuit.24 20.

z Albeit this was ſpoke for the iudges, yet euerie mā applied it to reuenge his priuate quarel.

Luk.6,29. rom.12,17. 1 cor 6,7.

°Or, rather

a Rather receiue double wrong, then reuenge thine owne griefs

Deut.15,8. Leuit.19,18.

b This was added by the falſe expoſiters ỹ Phariſes

Luk.6,27. Luk.23,34. act 7,60. 2.cor 4,13.

°Or, raſh in ỹt yu

Luk 6,32.

°Or, ambiace.

c Theſe did take to farme ỹ taxes, towls, & other payements, & therefore were greatly in diſdaine with all men

d We muſt labour to attayne vnto ỹ perfectiō of God, who of his free liberalitie, doeth good to them that are vnworthie

VI

Rom.12,8.

a Whoſe workes procede not of a right faith, but are done for vaine glorie

b In that they are praiſed & commended of men

c It is ſufficient that God approue our workes

d In that day when all thīgs ſhalbe reueiled

e Withdrawe thy ſelf rather aparte.

pray vnto thy Father which is in secret, & thy Father which seeth in secret, shal reward thee openly.

7 Also when ye pray, " [t]vse no vaine repetitions as the heathen: for they thinke to be heard for their muche babling.

8 Be ye not like them therefore: for your [g] Father knoweth whereof ye haue nede, before ye aske of him.

9 After this [h] maner therefore pray ye, *Our father which art in heauen, halowed be thy [i] Name.

10 Thy [k] kingdome come. Thy wil be done euen in earth, as *it is* in heauen.

11 Giue vs this day our daily bread.

12 And forgiue vs our dettes, as we also forgiue our detters.

13 And lead vs not into [l] tentation, but deliuer vs * frō euil: for [m] thine is the kingdome, and the power, and the glorie for euer, Amen.

14 * For if ye do forgiue men their trespaces, your heauenlie Father wil also forgiue you.

15 But if ye do not forgiue men their trespaces, no more wil your Father forgiue *you* your trespaces.

16 Moreouer, when ye fast, loke not sowre as the hypocrites: for they [n] disfigure their faces, that they might seme vnto men to fast. Verely I say vnto you, that they haue their reward.

17 But when thou fastest, [o] anoint thine head, and wash thy face,

18 That thou seme not vnto men to fast, but vnto thy Father which is in secret: & thy Father which seeth in secret, wil reward thee openly.

19 ¶ Lay not vp treasures for your selues vpon the earth, where the mothe & canker corrupt, & where theues digge through, and steale.

20 * But lay vp treasures for your selues in heauen, where neither the mothe nor canker corrupteth, and where theues nether digge through, nor steale.

21 For where your treasure is, there wil your heart be also.

22 ¶ * The light of the bodie is the eye: if thē thine eye be [p] single, thy whole bodie shal be light.

23 But if thine eye be [q] wicked, then all thy bodie shalbe darke. Wherefore if the [r] light [ȳ] is in thee, be darkenes, how great is that darkenes!

24 * No man can serue two masters: for either he shal hate the one, and loue the other, or els he shal leane to the one, and despise the other. Ye can not serue God and riches.

25 * Therefore I say vnto you, be not [s] careful for your life, what ye shal eat, or what ye shal drinke: nor yet for your bodie, what ye shal put on. Is not the life more worth then meat? and the bodie then raiment?

26 Beholde the foules of the heauen: for they sowe not, neither reape, nor carie into the barnes: yet your heauenlie Father feedeth them. Are ye not muche better then they?

27 Which of you by taking care, is able to adde one cubit vnto his stature?

28 And why care ye for raiment? Learne, how the lilies of [t] the field do growe: they [u] labour not, nether spinne:

29 Yet I say vnto you, that euen Solomon in all his glorie was not arayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore if God so clothe the grasse of the field which is to day, and to morowe is cast into the ouen, shal he not *do* muche more vnto you, ô ye of litle faith?

31 Therefore take no thoght, saying, What shal we eat? or what shal we drinke? or wherewith shal we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things [x] seke the Gētiles) for your heauenlie Father knoweth, that ye haue nede of all these things.

33 But seke ye first the kingdome of God, and his [y] righteousnes, & all these things shalbe ministred vnto you.

34 Care not then for the morowe: for the morowe shal care for " it [z] self: the day hathe ynough with his owne grief.

CHAP. VII.

1 Christ forbiddeth rash iudgement. 6 Not to cast holie things to doggs 7 To aske, seke, or knocke. 12 The scope of the Scripture 13 The straight and wide gate. 15 Of false Prophetes 16 The good tre and euil. 22 False miracles. 24 The house on the rocke or vpon the sand.

1 [a] Vdge not, that ye be not iudged.

2 For with what * iudgement ye iudge, ye shal be iudged, and with what * measure ye mette, it shal be measured to you againe.

3 And why seest thou the mote, that is in thy brothers eye, and perceiuest not the beame that is in thine owne eye?

4 * Or how saist thou to thy brother, Suffer me to cast out the mote out of thine eye, and beholde a beame is in thine owne eye?

5 Hypocrite, first cast out the beame out of thine owne eye, and then shalt thou se cleerely to cast out the mote out of thy brothers eye.

6 ¶ [b] Giue ye not that which is holie, to dogges, nether cast ye your pearles before swine, lest they treade them vnder their fete, and turning againe, all to rent you.

7 ¶ * Aske, and it shalbe giuen you: seke, & ye shal finde: knocke, & it shalbe opened vnto you.

8 For whosoeuer asketh, receiueth: and he, that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shalbe opened.

9 For what man is there among you, which if his

" Or, babble not me *the*

f He commandeth vs to beware of muche babling & superfluous repetes.

g Who is not perswaded by eloquent speache, and long talke, as men are.

h Christ bindeth them not to the wordes, but to the sense, and forme of prayer. *Luk.11.2.*

i We must seeke Gods glorie first, and aboue all thigs

k Reigne thou ouer all, and let vs render vnto thee perfit obedience, as thine Angels do

l To be ouercome thereby. *Chap 13.19.*

m This conclusion excludeth mans merites, and teacheth vs to grounde our prayers onely on God. *Mar.11.25. eccles 28.2.*

n Make their faces to seme of another sorte thē they were wōte to do

o Whereby is commanded to auoyde all vaine ostentation.

Luk. 12.33. 2.tim 6.19. Luk.11.34.

p If thine eye be disposed to liberalitie, prouer 21 9.

q If thine affection be corrupt & giuen to couetousnes, deu 15.9

r If the cocupiscēce & wicked affections ouercome reason, we must not marueil though men be blinded, & be like vnto beastes *Luk.16.13.*

Psal 55.22. luk.12.22. philip.4.6. 1.tim.6.8. 1 pet.5.7.

s Mans trauel nothing auaileth where God giueth not increase.

t The goodnes of God euen towards ȳ herbes of ȳ field, farre passeth all things that man can compasse by his power and labour.

u The worde signifieth, they weary not thē selues

x With care and distrust

y That is, to be regenerate, and amende, your liues

z *Or, his owne things*

z God wil prouide for euerie day that shalbe necessarie, though we do not increase the present griefe by the carefulnes how to liue in time to come.

a He commandeth, not to be curious or malicious to trye our, and condemne our neighbours fautes: for hypocrites hide their owne fautes, and seke not to amēde them, but are curious to reproue other mens. *Luk.6.37. rom.2.1. 1.cor.4.5. Mat.7.24. luk.6.38. Luk 6.38. and 41.*

b Declare not the Gospel to the wicked cōtēuers of God whome thou seest left to them selues & forsaken *Chap.21.22. mar.11.24. luk 11.9. ioh.14.13. & 16.14. iam.1.6.*

if his ſonne aſke him bread, wolde giue him a ſtone?
10 Or if he aſke fiſh, wil he giue him a ſerpent?
11 If ye then, which are euil, can giue to your childrē good gifts, how muche more ſhal your Father which is in heauen, giue good things to them that aſke him?
12 *Therefore whatſoeuer ye wolde that men ſhulde do to you, euen ſo do ye to them: for this is the [c] Law and the Prophetes.
13 ¶*[d] Enter in at the ſtreicte gate: for it is the wide gate, and broade waye that leadeth to deſtruction: and manie there be which go in thereat,
14 Becauſe the gate is ſtreicte, and the way narowe that leadeth vnto life, and fewe there be that finde it.
15 ¶ Beware of falſe prophetes, which come to you in ſhepes clothing, but inwardely they are rauening wolues.
16 Ye ſhal knowe thē by their frutes. *Do men gather grapes of thornes? or figges of thyſtels?
17 So euerie good tre brīgeth forthe good frute, and a "corrupt tre bringeth forthe euil frute.
18 A good tre can not bring forthe euil frute: nether can a corrupt tre bring forthe good frute.
19 *Euerie tre ẏ bringeth not forthe good frute, is hewen downe, and caſt into the fyre.
20 Therefore by their frutes ye ſhal knowe them.
21 ¶ Not euerie one that ſaieth vnto me, [f] Lord, Lord, ſhal enter into the kingdome of heauen, *but he that doeth my Fathers wil which is in heauen.
22 *Manie wil ſay to me in that day, Lord, Lord, haue we not[e] by thy Name prophecied? and by thy Name caſt out deuils? and by thy Name done manie "great workes?
23 And then wil I profeſſe to them, [h] *I neuer knewe you: *departe from me, ye that worke iniquitie.
24 Whoſoeuer then heareth of me theſe wordes, *and doeth the ſame, I wil liken him to a wiſe man, which hathe buylded his houſe on a rocke:
25 And the raine fell, and the floods came, and the windes blewe, and beat vpon that houſe, and it fell not: for it was grounded on a rocke.
26 But whoſoeuer heareth theſe my wordes, and doeth them not, ſhalbe lickened vnto a fooliſh man, which hathe buylded his houſe vpon the ſand:
27 And the raine fell, and the floods came, and the windes blewe, and beat vpon that houſe, and it fell, and the fall thereof was great.
28 ¶*And it came to paſſe, when Ieſus had ended theſe wordes, the people were aſtonied at his doctrine.
29 For he taught them as one hauing [i] autoritie, and not as the Scribes.

Luk.6,31 tob 4,16. c The whole law and the Scriptures ſet forthe vnto vs, & commende charitie
Luk.13,24. d We muſt ouercome and mortifie our affections, if we wil be true diſciples of Chriſt
e For the moſt parte of men ſeke their owne libertie, and runne headlōg to euil
Luk.6,43.
"Or, a rotten.
Chap.3,10.
f He meaneth hireligs & hypocrites, who rather ſerue God w̄ their lippes then w̄ their heart.
Rom 2,13. Iam 1,22
g By thy vertue, autoritie and power
"Or, miracles
h I neuer accepted you to be my true miniſters and diſciples
Luk.13,26. Pſal 6,9. Luk.6,47.

CHAP. VIII.

Chriſt healeth the leper. 5 The captaines faith. 11 The vocacion of the Gentiles 14 Peters mother in law 19 The Scribe that wolde followe Chriſt 21 Chriſts power 24 He ſtilleth the ſea and the winde. 28 And driueth the deuils out of the poſſeſſed into the ſwine.

1 NOw when he was come downe from the mountaine, great multitudes followed him.
2 *And lo, there came a leper and worſhipped him, ſaying, Maſter, if thou wilt, thou canſt make me cleane.
3 And Ieſus putting forthe his hand, touched him, ſaying, I wil, be thou cleane: and immediatly his [a] lepriſie was cleanſed.
4 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto him, See thou tell [b] no mā, but go, & ſhewe thy ſelf vnto the [c] Prieſt, and offer the gift that *Moyſes cōmanded, for [d] a witnes to them.
5 ¶*Whē Ieſus was entred into Capernaū, there came vnto him a "Centurion, beſeching him,
6 And ſaid, Maſter, my "ſeruant lieth ſicke at home of the palſie, and is grieuouſly pained.
7 And Ieſus ſaid vnto him, I wil come and heale him.
8 But the Centuriō anſwered, ſaying, Maſter, I am not worthie that thou ſhuldeſt come vnder my rofe: but ſpeake the worde onely, and my ſeruant ſhalbe healed.
9 For I am a man alſo vnder the autoritie *of another*, and haue ſouldiers vnder me: & I ſay to one, Go: and he goeth, and to another, Come: and he cometh, & to my ſeruant, Do this: and he doeth it.
10 When Ieſus heard *that*, he marueiled, & ſaid to them that followed *him*, Verely, I ſay vnto you, I haue not founde ſo great faith, euen in Iſrael.
11 But I ſay vnto you, that [e] manie ſhal come from the Eaſt and Weſt, and ſhal ſit downe with Abraham, and Iſaac, and Iacob in the kingdome of heauen.
12 And the children of the kingdome ſhal be caſt out into [f] vtter *darkenes: there ſhalbe weping and gnaſſhing of teeth.
13 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto the Centurion, Go thy way, and as thou haſt beleued, ſo be it vnto thee. And his ſeruant was healed the ſame houre.
14 ¶*And whē Ieſus came to Peters houſe, he ſawe his wiues mother laied downe, & ſicke of a feuer.
15 And he touched her hand, and the feuer left her: ſo ſhe aroſe, and miniſtred vnto them.

Mar 1,12. luk.4,32
i The mightie power of Gods Spirit appeared in him, whereby he declared himſelf to be God and cauſed others to beliue in him.
Mar 1,40. luk.5,12.
a It was not like that lepriſie that is now, but was a kinde thereof, which was incurable.
Leui 14,4.
Luk.7,1.
b He woldenot yet be throughly knowen, but had his time & houre appointed
c Our Sauiour wolde not cōtemne ẏ which was ordeined by the Law, ſeing as yet ẏ ceremonies thereof were not abroliſhed.
d To condemne them of ingratitude, whē they ſhal ſe thee whole
"Or, a captaine ouer an hundreth
"Or, ſeruant.
e Which are ſtrange people & the Gētiles, to whome the couenant of God did not properly appertein
Chap 22,13.
f For there is nothing but mere darkenes out of ẏ kingdome of heauen.
Mar 1,29. luk.4,38.

Mar 1,32. luk.4,40.

16 *When the euen was come, they broght vnto him manie that were possessed with deuils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* worde, and healed all that were sicke,

Isa 53,4. 1.pet 2,24. Luk.9,17.

17 That it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by *Esaias the Prophet, saying, g He toke our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.

g The Prophete speaketh chiefly of the sebleues & disease of our soules, & Iesus Christ hathe borne: therefore he setteth his great mercie and power before our eyes by healing the bodie.

18 ¶ * And when Iesus sawe great multitudes of people about him, he commanded them to go ouer *the water.*

19 Then came there a certeine Scribe, and said vnto him, Master, h I wil followe thee whetherfoeuer thou goest.

h He thoght by thismeanes to courrie fauour with the worlde: but Iesus sheweth him that he is farre wide fro that he loketh for: for in stead of worldelie welth, there is but pouertie in Christ

20 But Iesus said vnto him, The foxes haue holes, and the birdes of the heauen haue nestes, but the Sonne of man hathe not whereon to rest his head.

Mar.4,35. luk.8,22.

21 ¶ And i another of his disciples said vnto him, Master, suffer me first to go, and k burye my father.

i Luke maketh mencion of three, which were hindred by worldelie respects from comming to Christ

22 But Iesus said vnto him, Followe me, & let the l dead burye their dead.

k To succour & helpe him in his olde age til he dye, and then I wil followe thee wholy

23 ¶ * And whē he was entred into the ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And beholde, there arose a great tempest in the sea, so y the ship was couered with waues: but he was a slepe.

l No duetie or loue is to be preferred to Gods calling: therefore Iesus calleth them dead, & are hindered by any worldelie thing to followe Christ

25 Then his disciples came, & awoke him, saying, Master, saue vs: we perish.

Mar.4,38. luk.8,24.

26 And he said vnto thē, Why are ye feareful, ô ye of litle faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the windes and the sea: and *so* there was a great calme.

27 And the men marueiled, saying, What man is this, that both the windes and the sea obey him!

28 ¶ * And when he was come to the other side, into the countrey of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with deuils, which came out of the graues verie fierce, so that no man might go by that waye.

Mar 5,5. luk.8,26.

29 And beholde, they cryed out, saying, Iesus the Sonne of God, what haue we to do with thee? Art thou come hether to torment vs m before the time?

m The wicked wolde euer differre their punishment, thinking all correction to come to sone

30 Now there was a farre of from them, a great herd of swine feeding.

n The deuil desireth euer to do harme, but he can do no more, then God doeth appoint.

31 And the deuils besoght him, saying, If thou cast vs out, n suffer vs to go into the herd of swine.

32 And he said vnto them, Go. So thei went out, and departed into the herd of swine: & beholde, the whole herd of swine was caryed with violence from a stiepe downe place into the o sea, and dyed in the water.

o Meaning the lake of Genesareth.

33 Then the herdmen fled: and when thei were come into the citie, they tolde all things, and what was become of them that were possessed with the deuils.

34 And beholde all the citie came out, to mete Iesus: and when thei sawe him, p thei besoght hi to departe out of their coasts.

p These Gergesenes esteemed more their hogges then Iesus Christ.

CHAP. IX.

2 He healeth the palsie. 5 And forgiueth sinnes 9 He calleth and visiteth Matthewe 13 Mercie 15 He answereth the Pharises and Iohns disciples. 16 Of the rawe cloth and new wine. 22 He healeth the woman of the bloodie yssue 25 He raiseth Iairus daughter. 29 Giueth two blinde men their sight. 33 Maketh a domme man to speake. 35 Preacheth and healeth in diuerse places. 38 And exhorteth to prayers for the aduancement of the Gospel.

1 THen he entred into a ship, & passed ouer, and came into his owne citie.

2 And * lo, they broght to him a man sicke of y palsie, lying on a bed. And Iesus seig their a faith, said to the sicke of the palsie, Sonne, be of good comfort: thy b sinnes are forgiuen thee.

Mar 2,3. luk.5,24.

a And also his faith that had the palsie: for except we haue faith, our sinnes can not be forgiuen.

b Iesus toucheth the principal cause of all our miseries, w is sinne.

3 And beholde, certeine of the Scribes said with them selues, This man blaspheme th.

4 But when Iesus sawe their thoghts, he said, Wherefore thinke ye euil things c in your hearts?

c Because thei did maliciously refuse Christ, whoofered him self vnto them

5 For whether is it d easier to say, Thy sinnes are forgiuen thee, or to say, Arise, and walke?

d Christ speaketh according to their capacitie: for they more esteemed outwarde miracles, thē the vertue & power of Iesus Christ, whereby their sinnes might be forgiuen.

6 And that ye may knowe that the Sonne of man hathe autoritie in earth to forgiue sinnes, (then said he vnto the sicke of the palsie,) Arise, take vp thy bed, and go to thine house.

7 And he arose, and departed to his owne house.

8 So when the multitude sawe it, they marueiled, and glorified God, which had giuē suche autoritie to men.

9 ¶ * And as Iesus passed forthe from thence, he sawe a man sitting at the receite of custome named Matthewe, & said to him, Followe me. And he arose, and followed him.

Mar.2,14. luk.5,27.

e He reproueth the vaine persuasion of thē, which thoght thē selues whole, & contemned the poore sicke sinners, & soght Iesus Christ to be their physicio.

10 And it came to passe, as Iesus sate at meat in *his* house, beholde, manie Publicanes and sinners, that came *thether*, sate downe at the table with Iesus and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharises sawe that, they said to his disciples, Why eateth your master with Publicanes and sinners?

f Which are puffed vp with vaine confidence of your owne righteousnes.

12 Now when Iesus heard it, he said vnto them, The e whole nede not a physicion, but thei that are sicke.

Hose 6,7. chap.12,7.

13 But go f ye and learne what this is, * I g wil haue mercie, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but the *sinners to repentance.

g God requireth not ceremonies, but brotherlieloue of one towardes another.

1 Tim.1,15.

14 ¶ * Then came the disciples of Iohn to him, saying, Why do we and the Pharises fast oft, and thy disciples fast not?

Mar.2,18. luk.5,33.

15 And Iesus said vnto them, Cā the h children of the mariage chamber mourne as lōg as the bridegrome is with them? But y daies wil come when y bridegrome shalbe taken

h Christ wolde spare his disciples a while, not burdening them to muche, lest he shulde discourage them.

taken from them, and then ſhal they faſt.

i Chriſt compareth his diſciples for their infirmitie, to olde garments, and olde veſſels, W. are not able as yet to beare ȳ perfection of his doctrine, which he meaneth by new cloth, and new wine

16 Moreouer no man pieceth an i olde garment with a piece of "newe cloth: for that that ſhulde fil it vp, taketh away from the garment, and the breache is worſe.

17 Nether do they put newe wine into k olde "veſſels: for then the veſſels wolde breake, and the wine wolde be ſpilt, and the veſſels ſhulde periſhe: but they put newe wine into new veſſels, and ſo are both preſerued.

"Or, newe and vndreſſed

Mar 5.22.
luk.8.41.

18 ¶ *While he thus ſpake vnto them, beholde there came a certeine ruler, & worſhipped him, ſaying, My daughter is now deceaſed, but come and lay thine hand on her, and ſhe ſhal liue.

k Lue minde which is infected with the dregges of ſuperſtitious ceremonies, is not mete to receiue the pleaſant wine of the Goſpel

19 And Ieſus arоſe and followed him with his diſciples.

"Bottels or bagges of leddar or ſkinne, wherein wine was caried in aſſes or camels.

20 (And beholde a woman which was diſeaſed with an yſſue of blood twelue yeres, came behinde him, and touched the hēme of his garment.

21 For ſhe ſaid in her ſelf, If I may touche but his garmēt onely, I ſhalbe whole.

22 Then Ieſus turned him about, and ſeing her, did ſay, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hathe made thee whole. And the woman was made whole at that houre.)

l Players vpō flutes or pipes or other inſtruments, which in thoſe dayes they vſed at buryales.

23 Now when Ieſus came into the rulers houſe, and ſaw the l minſtrels and the multitude making noiſe,

24 He ſaid vnto them, Get you henſe: for the maide is not dead, but ſlepeth. And they laughed him to ſkorne.

25 And whē the multitude were put forthe, he went in and toke her by the hand, and the maide aroſe.

26 And this bruite went through out all that land.

27 And as Ieſus departed thence, two blinde men followed him, crying, and ſaying, O ſonne of Dauid, haue mercie vpon vs.

28 And when he was come into the houſe, the blinde came to him, and Ieſus ſaid vnto them, m Beleue ye that I am able to do this? And they ſaid vnto him, Yea, Lord.

m He wolde proue whether they bare him that reuerence which was due to Meſſias.

29 Then touched he their eyes, ſaying, According to your faith be it vnto you.

30 And their eyes were opened, and Ieſus charged them, ſaying, Se that no man knowe it.

31 But when they were departed, they ſpied abroad his fame throughout all that land.

Luk.11.14.

32 ¶ *And as they went out, beholde, they broght to him a domme man poſſeſſed wᵗ a deuil.

33 And when the deuil was caſt out, the domme ſpake: then the multitude marueiled, ſaying, The like was neuer ſene in Iſrael.

Chap 12.24.
mar 3.22
luk.11.17.

n This blaſphemie proceedeth of extreme impietie, ſeing all the people confeſſed the contrarie.

34 But the Phariſes ſaid, * He n caſteth out deuils, through the prince of deuils.

Mar 6.6.
luk.13.22.

o Whereby God gathereth his people together, that he may reigne ouer them

35 ¶ And *Ieſus wēt about all cities & townes, teaching in their Sinagogues, & preaching the Goſpel of the o kingdome, & healing euerie ſickneſs and euerie diſeaſe among the people.

Mar 6.34.
Luk.10.2.
ioha 4.36.

36 But *when he ſawe the multitude, he had compaſsion vpon them, becauſe they were diſperſed, and ſcatered abroad, as ſhepe hauing no ſhepherde.

p He meaneth the nomber of the people are ripe, and ready to receiue ȳ Goſpel, comparing the elect to a plentiful harueſt

37 Then ſaid he to his diſciples, * Surely ȳ p haruеſt is great, but ȳ laborers are fewe.

38 Wherefore pray the Lord of the haruеſt that he wolde "ſend forthe laborers into his haruеſt.

"Or, thruſt forthe

CHAP. X.

Chriſt ſendeth out his Apoſtles to preache in Iudea 7 He giueth them charge, teacheth them, and comforteth them againſt perſecution. 20 The holie Goſt ſpeaketh by his miniſters 26 Whome we ought to feare. 30 Our heeres are counted 32 To confeſſe Chriſt. 37 Not to loue our parents more then Chriſt. 38 To take vp our croſſe 39 To ſaue or loſe the life. 40 To receiue the preachers.

1 AND * he called his twelue diſciples vnto him, and gaue them power againſt vncleane ſpirits, to caſt them out, and to heale euerie ſickenes, & euerie diſeaſe.

Mar 3.8
luk.9.1.

2 Now the names of the twelue Apoſtles are theſe. The firſt is Simon, called Peter, and Andrewe his brother: Iames *the ſonne* of Zebedeus, and Iohn his brother.

3 Philippe and Bartlemewe: Thomas, and Matthewe the Publicane: Iames *the ſonne* of Alpheus, and Lebbeus whoſe ſurname was Thaddeus:

"Or, the zealous

4 Simon the Cananite, and Iudas Iſcariot, who alſo betrayed him.

a For the kingdome of God muſt firſt be preached vnto them, becauſe Chriſt was eſpecially promiſed vnto them

5 Theſe twelue did Ieſus ſend forthe, and commanded them, ſaying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into the cities of the Samaritans enter ye not:

Act.13.46.
Luk.10.5.

b He commāndeth them to offer themſelues freely to ȳ Lords worke without reſpect of gaine or luere

6 But go rather * to the a loſt ſhepe of the houſe of Iſrael.

Mar 6.8.
luk 9.3.
& 22.35.

7 * And as ye go, preach, ſaying, The kingdome of heauen is at hand.

"Or, prouide nor for

8 Heale the ſicke: cleanſe the lepers: raiſe vp the dead: caſt out the deuils. Freely ye haue receiued, b freely giue.

c Becauſe he ſendeth them not for a long time, but onely for one iourney, he defendeth ȳ things that might let them: nether is this a perpetual ordinarie

9 * "Poſſeſſe not c golde, nor ſiluer, nor money in your girdels,

"Or, purſes

10 Nor a ſcrippe for the iorney, nether two coates, nether ſhoes, nor a ſtaffe: * for the workeman is worthie of his meat.

1 Tim.5.18.
luk.10.7.

11 And into * whatſoeuer citie or towne ye ſhal come, enquire who is worthie in it, & there abide til ye go thence.

Luk.10.8.

12 And when ye come into an houſe, ſalute the ſame.

13 And if the houſe be worthie, let your peace come vpō it: but if it be not worthie,

let your peace returne to you.

Mar 6,11. *luk.9.5* *Act.13.51.* *and 18.6.*

14 *And whosoeuer shal not receiue you, nor heare your wordes, when ye departe out of that house, or that citie, *d shake of the dust of your fete.

d To signifie that their lād is pollured, & that you consent not to their wickednes

15 Truely I say vnto you, it shalbe easier for them of the land of e Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of iudgement, then for that citie.

Luk.10.3.

e Who were not so lively taught, and aduertised

16 ¶ *Beholde, I send you as shepe in the middes of wolues: be ye therefore wise as serpentes, and f innocent as doues.

Or, simple

f Not reuenging wrong, muche lesse doing wrong

17 But beware of men, for they wil deliuer you vp to the Councils, and wil scourge you in their Synagogues.

18 And ye shal be broght to the gouernours and Kings for my sake, in s witnes to thē, and to the Gentiles.

g To take frō them all pretence of ignorance, and to make them inexcusable

19 *But when they deliuer you vp, take no thoght how or what ye shal speake: for it shalbe giuen you in that houre, what ye shal say.

Mar 13,11. *luk.12,11.*

20 For it is not ye that speake, but the spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

Luk.21,16

21 And the *brother shal betray the brother to death, and the father the sonne, and the children shal rise against *their* parents, and shal cause them to dye.

22 And ye shalbe hated of all men for my Name: *but he that endureth to the end, he shalbe saued.

Mar.13,13. *luk.21,19*

h To profite & do good, & not to be idle.

23 And when they persecute you in this citie, flee h into another: for verely I say vnto you, ye shal not finish *all* the cities of Israel, til the i Sonne of man be come.

i And wil cōfort you & giue manifest euidence of his presence: and he speaketh not of their first sending, but of ȳ whole time of their Apostleship.

24 *The disciple is not aboue his master, nor the seruant aboue his lord.

Luk.6,40. *Ioh 13,16.* *and 15,20.*

25 It is ynough for the disciple to be as his master *is*, and the seruant as his lord. *If they haue called the master of the house k Beelzebub, how muche more them of his houshold?

Chap 12,2

k It was the name of an idole which signified the god of flyes, & in dispite thereof was attributed to the deuil read 2 Kig 1.2 and ȳ wicked called Christ by this name.

26 Feare them not therefore: *for there is nothing couered, that shal not be disclosed, nor hid, that shal not be knowen.

Mar 4,22 *luk.8,17.* *and 12,2*

27 What I tel you in darkenes, that speake ye in light: and what ye heare in the eare, that preache ye on the l houses.

l Which in those cōtreis are so made ȳ men may walke vpō them

28 And feare ye not them which kil the bodie, but are not able to kil the soule: but rather feare him, which is able to destroye bothe soule and bodie in hel.

2 Sam 14,11. *act 27,34* *Mar 8,38.* *luk.9,26.* *and 12,8.* *2 tim 2,12.*

29. Are not two sparrowes solde for a farthing, and one of them shal not fall on the ground without your Father?

30 *Yea, and all the heeres of your heade are nombred.

31 Feare ye not therefore, ye are of more value then manie sparrowes.

m And acknowledge me his onelie Sauiour

32 *Whosoeuer therefore shal m confesse me before men, him wil I confesse also before my Father, which is in heauen.

33 But whosoeuer shal denie me before mē, him wil I also denie before my Father, which is in heauen.

Luk.12,51.

n He giueth vs inwarde peace in our cōsciēces, but outwardly we must haue warre with wicked worldelings

34 *Thinke not that I am come to send n peace into the earth: I came not to send peace, but the sworde.

35 For I am come to set a man at o variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, & the daughter in law against her mother in law.

o Which thīg cometh not of the propertie of Christ, but procedeth of the malice of men, ẃ loue not the light, but darkenes, and are offended with the worde of saluation

36 *And a mans enemies *shalbe* they of his owne houshold.

Micah 7.6. *Luk.14.26.* *Chap 16.24.* *Mar 8.34.* *luk.9.23* *and 14.27.*

37 *He that loueth father or mother more then me, is not worthie of me. And he that loueth sonne, or daughter more then me, is not worthie of me.

38 *And he that taketh not his crosse, & p followeth after me, is not worthie of me.

p Also they ȳ inuent anie other way to honour God, then that he hathe prescribed by his worde, follow not Christ, but go before him.

39 *He that wil saue his q life, shal lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake, shal saue it.

q He that doth the preferre his life before my glorie

40 He that receiueth you, receiueth me: and he that receiueth me, receiueth him that hathe sent me.

Luk.10,6. *Ioh 3,20*

41 *He that receiueth a r Prophet in the name of a Prophet, shal receiue a Prophetes rewarde: and he that receiueth a righteous mā in the name of a righteous man, shal receiue the rewarde of a righteous man.

r We must reuerēce Christ in his seruāts, & receiue thē, as set frō him, & honour thē for their office sake

Mar.9,41.

42 *And whosoeuer shal giue vnto one of these litle ones to drinke a cup of colde water onely, in the name of a Disciple, verely I say vnto you, he shal not lose his rewarde.

CHAP. XI.

1 Christ preacheth 2 Iohn Baptist sendeth his disciples vnto him 7 Christs testimonie concerning Iohn 18 The opinio of the people cōcerning Christ and Iohn. 20 Christ vpbraideth the vnthankful cities 25 The Gospel is reuciled to the simple 28 They that labour, and are laden. 29 Christs yoke

1 AND it came to passe, that when Iesus had made an ende of commāding his twelue disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

2 ¶ *And whē Iohn heard in the prison the workes of Christ, he a sent two of his disciples, and said vnto him,

Luk.7.18.

a Not because Iohn was ignorant of Christ: but ȳ he might reach his disciples ȳ his office was to lead them to Christ.

3 Art thou he that shulde come, or shal we loke for another?

4 And Iesus answering, said vnto them, Go, and shewe Iohn, what things ye haue heard and sene.

5 The blinde receiue sight, & the halt go: the lepers are clensed, and the deaf heare: the dead are raised vp, *and the "poore receiue the Gospel.

Isa. 61,1. *luk 4,16*

Or, the Gospel is preached to the poore

6 And blessed is he that shal not b be offended in me.

b That take no occasiō by Christ to be hindered from the Gospel

7 And as they departed, Iesus begā to speake vnto the multitude, of Iohn, What wēt ye out into the wildernes to se? A c reed shaken with the winde?

c A man inconstant

8 But what went ye out to se? A mā clothed in soft

in ſoft raiment? Beholde, they that weare ſoft clothing, are in Kings houſes.

9 But what went ye out to ſe? A Prophet? Yea, I ſay vnto you, and [d] more then a Prophet.

d For ỹ Prophetes declared Chriſt lõg before he came, but Iohn as it were poſted him with his finger *Malach 3,1*

10 For this is he of whome it is written, * Beholde, I ſend my meſſenger before thy face, which ſhal prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verely I ſay vnto you, among thẽ which are [e] begotten of women, aroſe there not a greater then Iohn Baptiſt: notwithſtanding, he that is the [f] leaſt in the kingdome of heauen, is greater then he.

e Which were begotten and borne by the meanes of mã, and after the cõmune courſe of nature: for Chriſt was conceiued by the holie Goſt

f The leaſt of them that ſhal preache ỹ Goſpel in the new eſtat of Chriſts Church, ſhal haue more cleare knoledge then Iohn, and their meſſage ſhal be more excellẽt. *Luk.16,16*

12 And from * the time of Iohn Baptiſt hitherto, the kingdome of heauen [g] ſuffreth violence, and the violent take it by force.

g Mens zeales are inflamed with deſire to receiue Gods mercies offered, and are moſte greadie to heare the worde:

13 For all the Prophetes & the Law [h] prophecied vnto Iohn.

h They prophecied things to come, ẅ now we ſe preſent and more cleare

14 And if ye wil receiue [i] it, this is * Elias, which was to come.

i Meaning his teſtimonie cõcerning Iohn *Malach.4.5*

15 ¶ He that hathe eares to heare, let him heare.

Luk.7,32

16 * But whereunto ſhal I liken this generation? It is like vnto litle children which ſit in the markets, and call vnto their fellowes,

[k] Or, ſung mourningly

17 And ſay, We haue piped vnto you, & ye haue not danced, we haue [k] mourned vnto you, and ye haue not lamented.

k They that are wiſe in dede, acknowledge the wiſdome of God in him, whome ỹ Phariſes contemne, read Luk 7,29

18 For Iohn came nether eating nor drinking, and they ſay, He hathe a deuil.

19 The Sonne of man came eating & drinking, and they ſay, Beholde a glotton & a drinker of wine, a friend vnto Publicanes & ſinners: but [k] wiſdome is iuſtified of her children.

Luk.7,35

20 ¶ * Then begã he to vpbraide the cities, wherein moſte of his great workes were done, becauſe they repented not:

Luk.10,13.

l Cities of great marchãdiſe ful of ſolutnes and wantonnes

21 Wo *be* to thee, Chorazin: Wo *be* to thee, Bethſaida: for if the great workes, which were done in you, had bene done in [l] Tyrus & Sidon, they had repẽted long agone in ſackecloth and aſhes.

[m] Or, therefore

22 [m] But I ſay to you, It ſhalbe eaſier for Tyrus and Sidon at the day of iudgemẽt, then for you.

23 And thou, Capernaum, which art lifted vp vnto heauen, ſhalt be broght downe to hel: for if ỹ great workes, which haue bene done in thee, had bene done among them of Sodom, they had remained to this day.

24 But I ſay vnto you, that it ſhalbe eaſier for them of the land of Sodom in the day of iudgement, then for thee.

Luk.10,21.

25 * At that time Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid, I giue thee thãkes, ô Father, Lord of heauẽ & earth, becauſe thou haſt hid theſe things from the wiſe and men of vnderſtanding, and haſt opened them vnto babes.

26 It is ſo, o Father, becauſe thy good [m] pleaſure was ſuche.

m Faith cometh not of mans wil or power, but by the ſecret illumination of God, which is the declaration of his eternal counſel. *Iohn 3,36.*

27 * All things are giuen vnto me of my Father: and [n] no man knoweth the Sonne, but the Father: nether knoweth any man the Father, but the Sonne, & he to whome the Sonne wil reueile *him*.

Ioh.6,46.

n Which fele the waight, & grief of your ſinnes and miſeries.

28 Come vnto me, all ye that [o] are wearie & laden, and I wil eaſe you.

o To be gouerned by my Spirit, and to mortifie your affections *Ier.6,16.*

29 Take my [p] yoke on you, and learne of me, that I am meke and lowlie in heart: & ye ſhal finde * reſt vnto your ſoules.

1 Iohn 5,3.

30 * For my yoke is eaſie, and my burden light.

CHAP. XII.

3 Chriſt excuſeth his diſciples which plucke the eares of corne to eate vpon the Sabbath. 10 He healeth the withered hand. 22 Helpeth the poſſeſſed that was blinde and domme. 31 Blaſphemie. 34 The generation of vipers. 35 Of good wordes. 36 Of idle wordes. 38 He rebuketh the vnfaithful that wold haue tokens. 49 And ſheweth who is his brother, ſiſter and mother.

1 AT * that time Ieſus wẽt on a Sabbath day through the corne, and his diſciples were an hungred, & began to plucke the eares of corne and to eat.

Mar.2,23. luk 6,1 deu.23,25.

2 And when the Phariſes ſawe it, they ſaid vnto him, Beholde, thy diſciples do that which is not lawful to do vpõ the Sabbath.

3 But he ſaid vnto them, * [a] Haue ye not red what Dauid did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him?

1 Sam 21,6.

a Neceſſitie maketh that lawful, which is prohibited for a certeine reſpect, in things appertaining to ceremonies

4 How he entred into the Houſe of God, & ate the ſhewe bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nether for them which were with him, but onely for the * Prieſts?

Exod 29,33. leu 8,31. & 24,9.

5 Or haue ye not red in the Law how that on the Sabbath dayes the Prieſts in the Temple * [b] breake the Sabbath, and are blameles?

Nomb 28,9.

b Not that the Prieſts breake the Sabbath in doing that, which was cõmanded by the Law, but he ſpeaketh thus to cõfute ỹ error of the people, who thoght the Sabbath broken, if any neceſſarie worke was done that day

6 But I ſay vnto you, that here is one greater then the Temple.

7 Wherefore if ye knewe what this is, * I wil haue mercie and not ſacrifice, ye wolde not haue condemned the innocents.

Hoſe 6,7. chap 9,13.

8 For the ſonne of man is [c] Lord, *euen* of the Sabbath.

c Chriſt hathe power to exempt his frõ keping of the Sabbath, ſeing the ſeruice required in the Temple, was able to excuſe thẽ that labored in the ſame *Mar 3,1. luk 6,6.*

9 * And he departed thence, and went into their Synagogue:

10 And beholde, there was a mã which had *his* hand dryed vp. And they aſked him, ſaying, Is it lawful to heale vpõ a Sabbath day? that they might accuſe him.

11 And he ſaid vnto them, What man ſhal there be amõg you, that ſhal haue a ſhepe, and if it fall on a Sabbath day into a pit, wil not he take it and lift it out?

12 How muche more then is a man better thẽ a ſhepe? therefore, it is lawful to do wel on a Sabbath day.

13 Then ſaid he to the man, Stretch forthe thine hãd. And he ſtretched it forthe, and it was made whole as the other.

14 Then the Phariſes went out, and conſulted againſt him, how they might deſtroye him.

15 But whē Ieſus knewe it, he departed thēce, and great multitudes followed him, & he healed them all,

16 And charged them that they ſhulde not make him knowen,

17 That it might be fulfilled, which was ſpoken by Eſaias the Prophet, ſaying,

18 *Beholde my ſeruant whome I haue choſen, my beloued in whome my ſoule deliteth: I wil put my Spirit on him, & he ſhal ſhewe [d] iudgement to the Gentiles.

19 He ſhal not [e] ſtriue, nor crye, nether ſhal anie man heare his voyce in the ſtretes.

20 A [f] bruiſed rede ſhal he not breake, and ſmoking flaxe ſhal he not quenſhe, til he bring forthe iudgement [g] vnto victorie.

21 And in his Name ſhal the Gētiles truſt.

22 ¶*Then was broght to him one, poſſeſſed with a deuil, *bothe* blinde, and domme, and he healed him, ſo that he *which was* blinde and domme, bothe ſpake and ſawe.

23 And all the people were amaſed, & ſaid, Is not this the ſonne of Dauid?

24 But whē the Phariſes heard it, they ſaid, *This mā caſteth the deuils no other wiſe out, but through Beelzebub the prince of deuils.

25 But Ieſus knewe their thoghtes, and ſaid to them, Euerie kingdome deuided againſt it ſelf, ſhalbe [*] broght to naught: & euerie citie or houſe, deuided againſt it ſelf, ſhal not ſtand.

26 So if Satan caſt out Satan, he is deuided againſt him ſelf: how ſhal then his kingdome endure?

27 Alſo if I through Beelzebub caſt out deuils, by whome do your [h] children caſt them out? Therefore they ſhalbe your iudges.

28 But if I caſt out deuils by the Spirit of God, then is the kingdome of God come vnto you.

29 Els how can a man enter into a ſtrong mans houſe and ſpoile his goods, except he firſt binde the ſtrong man, and then ſpoile his houſe.

30 He [i] that is not with me, is againſt me: & he [ỹ] gathereth not with me, ſcattereth.

31 *Wherefore I ſay vnto you, euerie ſinne and blaſphemie ſhalbe forgiuen vnto men: but the blaſphemie *againſt* the holie Goſt ſhal not be forgiuen vnto men.

32 And whoſoeuer ſhal ſpeake a worde againſt the Sōne of man, it ſhalbe forgiuen him: but whoſoeuer ſhal ſpeake againſt [ỹ] holie Goſt, it ſhal not be forgiuē him, nether in this world nor in [ỹ] worlde to come.

33 Either make the tre good, and his frute good: or els make the tre [*] euil, & his frute euil: for the tre is knowen by the frute.

34 O [*] generacions of vipers, how can you ſpeake good things, when ye are euil? For of the * abundance of the heart the mouth ſpeaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treaſure of his heart bringeth forthe good things: & an euil man out of an euil treaſure, bringeth forthe euil things.

36 But I ſay vnto you, that of euerie [l] idle worde that men ſhal ſpeake, they ſhal giue acounte thereof at the day of iudgement.

37 For by thy wordes thou ſhalt be [m] iuſtified, and by thy wordes thou ſhalt be condemned.

38 ¶ *Then anſwered certeine of the Scribes & of the Phariſes, ſaying, Maſter, [n] we wolde ſe a ſigne of thee.

39 But he anſwered, and ſaid to them, An euil and [o] adulterous generacion ſeketh a ſigne, but no ſigne ſhal be giuen vnto it, ſaue the ſigne of the Prophet Ionas.

40 * For as Ionas was thre dayes, and thre nights in the whales bellie: ſo ſhal the Sonne of man be thre [p] dayes and thre nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineue ſhal riſe in iudgement with this generacion, and condemne it: for they * repented at the preaching of [q] Ionas: and beholde, a greater then Ionas is here.

42 * The Quene of the South ſhal riſe in iudgement with this generacion, and ſhal [r] condemne it: for ſhe came from the vtmoſt parties of the earth to heare the wiſdome of Solomon: and beholde a greater then Solomon *is* here.

43 ¶*Now whē the vncleane ſpirit is gone out of a man, he walketh throughout [*] drye places, ſeking reſt, and findeth none.

44 Then he ſaith, I wil returne into mine houſe, frō whence I came: & when he is come, he findeth it emptie, ſwept & garniſhed.

45 ¶Then he goeth, & taketh vnto him [ſ] ſeuen other [t] ſpirits worſe then him ſelf, and they entre in, and dwell there: * and the end of that man is worſe then the beginning. Euen ſo ſhal it be with this wicked generacion.

46 ¶*While he yet ſpake to the multitude, beholde, his mother, & his [u] brethren ſtode without, deſiring to ſpeake with him.

47 Thē one ſaid vnto him, Beholde, thy mother and thy brethren ſtand without, deſiring to ſpeake with thee.

48 But he anſwered, and ſaid to him that tolde him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he ſtretched forthe his hand towarde his diſciples, & ſaid, Beholde my [x] mother and my brethren.

50 For whoſoeuer ſhal do my Fathers wil which is in heauen, the ſame is my brother and ſiſter and mother.

CHAP.

Iſa.42,1.

d The right trade of gouernemēt, not onely to the Iewes, but alſo to ſtrange nacions

e He ſhal not make great noiſe, nor ſeke outwarde pōpe and glorie

f He wil beare with them that be infirme & weake. *Luk.11,14.*

g Chriſt ſhal ouercome all lettes, ẅ hinder the courſe of the Goſpel, and then ſhal giue ſentence as a conquerer againſt all his enemies. *Chap.9,34. mar 3,22. luk.11,15.*

*Or, defolate.

h Which coniured deuils by the vertue of Gods name, albeit it was expreſſy againſt the Law of God

i He declareth to the Phariſes, that they were in two fortes his enemies, not onely becauſe they did forſake him, but alſo make opē warre againſt him. *Mar.3,28. luk.12,10. 1.Ioh 5,13.*

k That is, he that ſtriueth againſt the truth which he knoweth, and againſt his owne conſcīēce, can not returne to repēntance: for he ſinneth againſt the holie Goſt.

*Or, corrupt

l Muche more they ſhal giue a counte of their blaſphemies.

m Their wicked wordes ſhal be a ſufficient proffe to condemne the vngodlie, if there were no other thing. *Chap.16,2. luk.11,29. 1 cor 1,22.*

n This was to finde ſome newe ſhift or pretext to reſiſt his doctrine *Iona.2,8.*

o They were become baſtardes and degenerate from their holie anceſters *Iona.3,1.*

p He taketh parte of the day for the whole day *1.King 10,2. 2 chro 9,1*

q Who was a poore ſtrāger, and yet theſe knowe not the Meſsias which was promiſed to be their King *Luk.11,24.*

r It is ment as touching her fact in cōming to ſe Solomon, and not her perſone: for ſhe was not inſtructed in the Lawe of God.

*Or, wilderneſs. *2 Pet.2,20. eb 6,4. & 10,26. Mar.3,31. luk 8,20.*

ſ Meaning an infinite nomber.

t If Satan be caſt out, we muſt watche ſtil, ỹ he enter not againe: for ſince he was once mās olde geſt, he knoweth euerie hole and corner of our houſe.

u This worde in the Scriptures ſignifieth oft times euerie kinſman.

x Chriſt preferreth the ſpirituall kinred to the carnall.

CHAP. XIII.

The ſtate of the kingdome of God ſet forthe by the parable of the ſede. 24 Of the tares. 31 Of the muſtarde ſede. 33 Of the leaue. 44 Of the treaſure hid in the field. 45 Of the perles. 47 And of the nette 57 The Prophet is contemned in his owne countrey.

Mar 4,1. luk 8,5.

1 THe * ſame day went Ieſus out of the houſe, and ſate by the ſea ſide.

a All deſired to heare his doctrine, but there was not like affection in all

2 And a great multitudes reſorted vnto hī, ſo that he went into a ſhip, and ſate downe: and the whole multitude ſtode on the ſhore.

3 Then he ſpake many things to them in parables, ſaying, Beholde, a ſower went forthe to ſowe.

4 And as he ſowed, ſome fel by the wayes ſide, and the foules came and deuoured them vp.

5 And ſome fel vpon ſtonie grounde, where they had not muche earth, and anone they ſprong vp, becauſe they had no depth of earth.

6 And when the ſunne roſe vp, they were parched, and for lacke of rooting, withred away.

7 And ſome fel among thornes, & the thornes ſprong vp, and choked them.

8 Some againe fel in good grounde, and broght forthe frute, one *corne* an hundreth folde, ſome ſixtie folde, and another thirtie folde.

b He ſheweth that all men can not vnderſtād theſe my ſteries, and alſo maketh his diſciples more attentiue.

9 He that b hathe eares to heare, let him heare.

10 ¶ Then the diſciples came, and ſaid to him, Why ſpeakeſt thou to them in parables?

11 And he anſwered and ſaid vnto them, Becauſe it is giuen vnto you, to knowe the ſecrets of the kingdome of heauen, but to them it is not c giuen.

c The Goſpel is hid to them that periſh. *Chap 25,29.*

d Chriſt increaſeth in his children his graces

e Euen that which he ſeemeth to haue. *Iſa 6,9 mar 4,12. luk 8,10. iohn 12,40. act 18,26 rom 11,8*

12 * d For whoſoeuer hathe, to him ſhalbe giuen, and he ſhal haue abundance: but whoſoeuer hathe not, from him ſhalbe taken away, euen e that he hathe.

13 Therefore ſpeake I to them in parables, becauſe they ſeing, do not ſe: and hearing, they heare not, nether vnderſtand.

14 So in them is fulfilled the prophecie of Eſaias, which *prophecie* ſaith, * By hearing, ye ſhal heare, and ſhal not vnderſtand, and ſeing ye ſhal ſe, and ſhal not perceiue.

f That which the Prophet referreth to the ſecret counſel of God, as here attributed to the hard ſtubbernes of the people: for the one can not be ſeparated frō the other

15 f For this peoples heart is waxed fatte, and their eares are dul of hearing, and with their eyes they haue winked, leſt they ſhulde ſe with their eyes, and heare with their eares, and ſhulde vnderſtand with their hearts, and ſhulde conuerte, that I might heale them.

g To wit, the glorie of the Sonne of God, to acknowledge him their Sauiour *Luk 10,24.*

16 But bleſſed *are* your eyes, for they ſe: & your eares, for they heare.

17 * For verely I ſay vnto you, that many Prophetes, & righteous men haue deſired to ſe thoſe things which ye ſe, & haue not ſene *them*, and to heare thoſe things which ye heare, & haue not heard *them*.

18 ¶ * Heare ye therefore the parable of the ſower. *Mar 4,15. luk 8,11.*

19 Whenſoeuer a man heareth the worde of the kingdome, and vnderſtandeth it not, the euil one cometh, and catcheth away that which was ſowen in his heart: & this is he which f hathe receiued the ſede by the way ſide. f *Or, was ſowen.*

20 And he that receiued ſede in the ſtonie grounde, is he which heareth the worde, & incontinently with ioye receiueth it.

21 Yet hathe he no roote in him ſelf, & dureth but a ſeaſon: for aſſone as tribulation or perſecution cometh becauſe of the worde, by and by he is offended.

22 And he that receiueth the ſede among thornes, is he that heareth the worde: but the care of this worlde, and the deceitfulnes of riches choke the worde, and he is made vnfruteful.

23 But he that receiueth the ſede in the good grounde, is he that heareth the worde, and vnderſtādeth it, which alſo beareth frute, & bringeth forthe, ſome an hūdreth folde, ſome ſixtie folde, & ſome thirtie folde.

24 ¶ Another parable put he forthe vnto them, ſaying, The kingdome of heauen is like vnto a man which ſowed good ſeed in his field.

h He teacheth the good and the bad ſhal be mixte togither in the Church to the end that the faithful may arme thē ſelues with patience and cōſtancie.

25 h But while men ſlept, there came his enemie, and ſowed tares among the wheat, & went his way.

26 And when the blade was ſprong vp, and broght forthe frute, then appeared the res alſo.

27 Then came the ſeruants of the houſeholder, and ſaid vnto him, Maſter. ſowedſt not thou good ſede in thy field? frō whence then hathe it tares?

28 And he ſaid to them, The enuious man hathe done this. Then the ſeruāts ſaid vnto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them vp?

29 But he ſaid, Nay, leſt while ye go about to gather the tares, ye plucke vp alſo with them the wheat.

i Chriſt meaneth only ſ the Church ſhal neuer be without ſome wicked men: althogh they be neuer ſo ſharpely puniſhed by ſuche meanes as he hathe left to purge his Church. *Mar 4,30.*

30 i Let bothe growe together vntil the harueſt, and in time of harueſt I wil ſay to the reapers, Gather ye firſt the tares, and binde them in ſheaues to burne them: but gather the wheat into my barne.

31 ¶ * Another parable he put forthe vnto them, ſaying, The kingdome of heauen is like vnto a graine of muſtard ſede, which a man taketh and ſoweth in his field:

k Thus teacheth vs not to be aſtoniſhed at the ſmale beginnings of the Goſpel *Luk 13,18.*

32 Which in dede is the k leaſt of all ſedes: but when it is growen, it is the greateſt among herbes, and it is a tre, ſo that the birdes of heauen come and buylde in the branches thereof.

33 ¶ * Another parable ſpake he to thē, The *Luk 13,21.*

kingdome of heauen is like vnto leauen, which a woman taketh and hideth in thre peckes of meale, [l] til all be leauened.

34 ¶ *All these things spake Iesus vnto the multitude in parables, and without parables spake he not to them,

35 That it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the Prophet, saying, *I wil open my mouth in [m] parables, & wil vtter the things which haue bene kept secret from the fundacion of the worlde.

36 Then sent Iesus the multitude away, and went into the house. And his disciples came vnto him, saying, Declare vnto vs the parable of the tares of the field.

37 Then answered he, and said to them, He that soweth the good sede, is the Sonne of man,

38 And the field is the worlde, & the good sede, they are the children of the kingdome, and the tares are the children of the wicked,

39 And the enemie that soweth them, is the deuil, * and the harueſt is the end of the worlde, and the reapers be the Angels.

40 As then the tares are gathered and burned in the fyre, so shal it be in the end of this worlde.

41 The Sonne of man shal send forthe his Angels, and they shal gather out of his kingdome all things that [n] offend, & them which do iniquitie,

42 And shal cast thē into a furnais of fyre. There shalbe wailing and gnasshing of teeth.

43 *Then shal the iust men shine as the sunne in the kingdome of their Father. He that hathe eares to heare, let him heare.

44 ¶ Againe the kingdome of heauē is like vnto a treasure hid in [o] field, which whē a man hathe founde, he hideth it, & for ioye thereof departeth and selleth all that he hathe, and byeth that field.

45 ¶ Againe the kingdome of heauē is like to a marchāt man, that seketh good perles,

46 Who hauing founde a perle of great price, went and solde all that he had, and boght it.

47 ¶ Againe the kingdome of heauen is like [o] vnto a drawe net cast into the sea, that gathereth of all kindes *of things*.

48 Which, whē it is [p] ful, men drawe to land, and sit and gather the good into vessels, and cast the [p] bad away.

49 So shal it be at the end of the worlde. The Angels shal go forthe, and seuer the bad from among the iust,

50 And shal cast them into a furnais of fyre: there shal be wailing, and gnasshing of teeth.

51 ¶ Iesus said vnto them, Vnderstand ye all these things? They said vnto him, Yea, Lord.

52 Then said he vnto thē, Therefore euerie [q] Scribe which is taught vnto the kingdome of heauen, is like vnto an housholder, which bringeth forthe out of his [r] treasure things bothe new and olde.

53 ¶ And it came to passe, that when Iesus had ended these parables, he departed thence,

54 *And came into his owne countrey, and taught them in their Synagogue, so that they were astonied, and said, Whence cometh this wisdome and great workes vnto this man?

55 Is not this the carpenters sonne? Is not his mother called Marie, *& his [s] brethren Iames and Ioses, and Simon and Iudas?

56 And are not his sisters all with vs? Whēce then hathe he all these things?

57 And they were offended with him. Then Iesus said to thē, *A Prophet is not without honour, [t] saue in his owne countrey, & in his owne house.

58 And he did not many great workes there, for their vnbeliefes sake.

CHAP. XIIII.

2 Herodes opinion concerning Christ 10 Iohn is beheaded. 19 Christ fedeth fiue thousand men with fiue loaues and two fishes 23 He prayeth in the mountaine. 25 He appeareth by night vnto his disciples vpon the sea, 31 And saueth Peter. 33 They confesse him to be the sonne of God 36 He healeth all that touched the hemme of his garment

1 AT *that time Herode the Tetrarche heard of the fame of Iesus,

2 And said vnto his seruants, This is Iohn Baptist. [a] He is risen againe from the dead, and therefore great [b] workes are wroght by him.

3 *For Herode had take Iohn, and bounde him, and put him in prison for Herodias sake, his brother Philips wife.

4 For Iohn said vnto him, It is not *[c] lawful for thee to haue her.

5 And whē he wolde haue put him to death, he feared the multitude, because thei counted him as a * Prophet.

6 But when Herodes birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before thē, and pleased Herode.

7 Wherefore he [d] promised with an othe, that he wolde giue her whatsoeuer she wolde aske.

8 And she being before instructed of her mother, said, Giue me here Iohn Baptist head in a platter.

9 And the King was sorie: neuertheles because of the othe, and them that sate with him at the table, he commanded it to be giuen *her*,

10 And sent, and beheaded Iohn in the prison.

11 And his head was broght in a platter, and giuen to the maide, and she broght it vnto her mother.

12 And

l By this he admonisheth them to waite til the frute of the Gospel appeare *Mar.4.33.*

Psal 78.2

m This worde signifieth graue and sententious prouerbes, to the end that the doctrine might haue the more maiestie, and the wicked might thereby be cōfounded.

Iesl.3.13. Reuel.14.15.

n The wicked which hurt others by their euil example.

Dan 12.3 Mat 3.7.

o It is a kinde of nette that gathereth in all things that come in the waye

p The Greke worde signifieth rotten things.

q Because the Scribes office was to expound the Scriptures, he meaneth him that doeth interpret them aright, and according to the Spirit. r The preachers of Gods worde must haue store of sondrie and ample instructions *Mar 6.1. luk.4.16.*

Iohn 6 42.

s *Or Cosins.*

Mar 6.4. luk.4.24. Iohn 4.44.

t Mē cōmunely neglect thē, whome they haue knowen of children: also thei do enuie them of the same countrey: and suche is their ingratitude that they take light occasion to contemne the graces of God in others.

Chap xiiii. *Mar 6.14. luk.9.7.*

a He spake after the commune errour: for they thoght that the soules of them that were departed, entred into another bodie *Mar.6.17. luk 3.14.*

Leuit 18.16. & 20.21.

b To approue his resurrection, and to get him greater authoritie

c Aswel because nature abhorreth suche horrible incest, as also that he had taken her by force from his brother *Chap 22.26.*

d The promes was wicked: but yet it was more vile to be obstinate in the same, that he might seme constant.

12 And his disciples came, and toke vp his
Or, kanted "bodie, and buryed it, and went, and tolde Iesus.

Mar 6,38. luk.9,10. 13 *And when Iesus heard it, he departed thence by ship into a e desert place apart. And when the multitude had heard it, thei followed him a fote out of the cities.

e To the intent that his disciples now after their ambassage might some what rest thē, orels that he might instruct them to greater entreprises

14 And Iesus went forthe and sawe a great multitude, and was moued with compassion towarde them, and he healed their sicke.

Mar 6,35. luk.9 12 iohn 6,5. 15 ¶ And when euen was come, * his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the houre is alreadie paste: let the multitude departe, that they may go into the townes, and bye them vitailes.

f Christ leaueth them not destitute of bodelie nourishmeng, which seke the fode of the soule.

16 But Iesus said to them, They haue no f nede to go away: giue ye them to eat.

17 Then said they vnto him, We haue here but fiue loaues, and two fishes.

18 And he said, Bring them hether to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit downe on the grasse, and toke the fiue loaues and the two fishes, and loked vp to heauen and "blessed, and brake, and gaue the loaues to his disciples, & the disciples to the multitude.

Or, praied and gaue thankes to God.

20 And they did all eat, and were sufficed, and they toke vp of the fragments that remained, twelue baskets ful.

21 And thei that had eaten, were about fiue thousand men, beside women & litle children.

g The disciples were lothe to departe from Christ: but yet they shewed their obedience

22 ¶ And straight waye Iesus g cōpelled his disciples to enter into a ship, and to go ouer before him, while he sent the multitude away.

Mar 6,46. iohn 6,16. 23 And assone as he had sent the multitude away, he went vp into a mountaine alone to pray: * and when the euening was come, he was there alone.

24 And the ship was now in the middes of the sea, and was tossed with waues: for it was a contrarie winde.

h The night was deuided into foure watches, whereof euerie one cōteined thre houres

25 And in the h fourth watche of the night, Iesus went vnto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when his disciples sawe him walkig on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit, and cryed out for feare.

i The presence of Christ maketh his bolde.

27 But straight way Iesus spake vnto them, saying, i Be of good comfort. It is I: be not afraied.

k His zeale was great, but he had not sufficiently considered ȳ measure of his faith.

28 Then Peter answered him, & said, Master, if it be thou, k byd me come vnto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come downe out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Iesus.

l His enterprise was to great, & therefore he must nedes fall in danger, when his faith failed.

30 But when he sawe a mightie winde, he was afraied: and as he l beganne to sinke, he cryed, saying, Master, saue me.

31 So immediatly Iesus stretched forthe his hand, and caught him, and said to him,

m Christ correcteth his fante, and also giueth remedie bothe at once.

m O thou of litle faith, wherefore dideste thou dout?

32 And assone as they were come into the ship, the winde ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship, came and worshipped him, saying, Of a trueth thou art the sonne of God.

Mar.6,54. 34 ¶ * And when they were come ouer, thei came into the land of Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place knewe him, they sent out into all that countrey rounde about, and broght vnto him all that were sicke,

n It semeth they were led with a certeine superstitiō, notwithstanding our Sauiour wolde not quenche the smoking flaxe, and therefore did beare with these smale beginnings.

36 And besoght him, that they might touche the hemme of his n garment onely: & as manie as touched it, were made whole.

CHAP. XV.

3 Christ excuseth his disciples, and rebuketh the Scribes, & Pharises, for transgressing Gods commandement by their owne tradicions 13 The plant that shalbe rooted out 18 What things defile a mā 22 He deliuereth the woman of Cananees daughter 26 The bread of the children 30 He healeth the sicke, 36 And feedeth foure thousand men, beside women and children.

1 THen came to Iesus the Scribes and Pharises, which were of Ierusalem, saying,

Mar.7,1. 2 * Why do thy disciples transgresse the tradicion of the Elders? for they a wash not their hands when they eat bread.

a Mē are more rigorous to obserue their owne traditions then Gods cōmandement.

3 But he answered & said vnto them, Why do ye also transgresse the commandemēt of God by your tradicion?

**Or, mear.*

4 * For God hathe commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: * and he that curseth father or mother, let him dye the death.

Exod 20,12. deut 5,16. ephes 6,2. c exod 21,17. leuit 20,9.

5 But ye say, Whosoeuer shal say to father or mother, b By the gift that is *offred* by me, thou maiest haue profite,

prou.20 20

b The Scribes dispensed with them that did not their duties to their owne parents, so ȳ their wold recompense ȳ same to their profite by their offrings.

6 Thogh he honour not his father, or his mother, *shalbe free*: thus haue ye made the commandement of God of no autoritie by your tradicion.

7 O hypocrites, Esaias prophecied wel of you, saying,

Isai 29,13. 8 * This people draweth nere vnto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with the lippes, but their heart is farre of from me.

c God wil not be honoured according to mans fantasie, but detesteth all good intentions, which are not grounded on his worde

9 But c in vaine they worship me, teachig *for* doctrines, mens precepts.

Mar 7,19. 10 * Then he called the multitude vnto him, and said to them, Heare and vnderstand.

11 That which goeth into the mouth, defileth not the man, but that which cometh out of the mouth, that defileth the man.

John 15,2. 12 ¶ Then came his disciples, and said vnto him, Perceiueste thou not, that the Pharises are offended in hearing *this* saying?

d All thei ar are not grafted in Iesus Christ by free adoption and euerie doctrine, that is not established by Gods worde.

13 But he answered & said, * d Euerie plant which mine heauenlie Father hathe not planted, shalbe rooted vp.

e They are not worthie to be cared for *Luk. 6,39.*

14 e Let them alone: they be the *blinde leaders of the blinde: & if the blinde leade the blinde, bothe ſhal fall into the ditche.

Mar 7,17. 15 ¶ *Then anſwered Peter, and ſaid to him, Declare vnto vs this parable.

16 Then ſaid Ieſus, Are ye yet without vnderſtanding?

17 Perceiue ye not yet, that whatſoeuer entreth into ỹ mouth, goeth into the bellie, and is caſt out into the draught?

18 But thoſe things which procede out of the mouth, come from the heart, and they defile the man.

Gen.6,5 & 8,21. 19 For out of ỹ heart *come euil f thoghts, murders, adulteries, fornicacions, thefts, falſe teſtimonies, ſclanders.

f All vices procede of the corrupt affection of the heart.

20 Theſe are the things, which defile the man: but to eat with vnwaſhen hands, defileth not the man.

Mar.7,24. 21 *And Ieſus went thence, and departed into the coaſts of Tyrus and Sidon.

22 And beholde, a woman a Cananite came out of the ſame coaſts, and cryed, ſaying vnto him, Haue mercie on me, ô Lord, the ſonne of Dauid: my daughter is miſerably vexed with a deuil.

23 But he anſwered her not a worde. Then came to him his diſciples, and beſoght him, ſaying, g Send her away, for ſhe cryeth after vs.

g The diſciples were offended at her importunitie

24 But he anſwered, and ſaid, I am not ſent, but vnto the *loſt ſhepe of the houſe of Iſrael.

Chap.10,6.

25 Yet ſhe came & worſhipped him, ſayīg, Lord, helpe me.

26 And he anſwered, & ſaid, It is not good to take the childrens bread, and to caſt it to h whelpes.

h Chriſt calleth the dogs, or whelpes which are ſtrangers from the houſe of God

27 But ſhe ſaid, Trueth, Lord: yet in dede the whelpes eat of the crommes, which fall from their maſters table.

28 Then Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto her, O womā, great is thy i faith: be it to thee, as thou deſireſt. And her daughter was made whole at that houre.

i Chriſt granted her petition, for her faiths ſake, and not at the requeſt of his diſciples.

29 ¶ So Ieſus *went away from thence, and came nere vnto the ſea of Galile, & went vp into a mountaine and ſate downe there.

Mar.7,31.

30 And great multitudes came vnto him, *hauing with them, halt, blinde, domme, maymed and manie other, and caſt them downe at Ieſus fete, and he healed them,

Iſa.35,5.

31 In ſo muche that the multitude wondered, to ſe the domme ſpeake, the maymed whole, the halt to go, and the blinde to ſe: and they glorified the God of Iſrael.

32 *Then Ieſus called his diſciples vnto him, and ſaid, I k haue compaſsion on this multitude, becauſe they haue continued with me alreadie thre daies, and haue nothing to eat: and I wil not let thē departe faſting, leſt they fainte in the way.

Mar.8,1.

k Chriſt can not forget thoſe that followe him.

33 And his diſciples ſaid vnto him, Whence ſhulde we get ſo muche bread in the wildernes, as ſhulde ſuffice ſo great a multitude?

34 And Ieſus ſaid vnto them, How manie loaues haue ye? And they ſaid, Seuen, and a fewe litle fiſhes.

35 Then he commanded the multitude to ſit downe on the grounde,

36 And toke the ſeuen loaues, and the fiſhes, and gaue thankes, & brake *them*, and gaue to his diſciples, and the diſciples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eat, and were ſufficed: & thei toke vp of the fragments that remained, ſeuen baſkets ful.

38 And they that had eaten, were foure thouſand men, beſide women, and litle children.

39 Then *Ieſus* ſent away the multitude, and toke ſhippe, and came into the partes of l Magdala.

l or, Magedan.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The Phariſes require a token 6 Ieſus warneth his diſciples of the Phariſes doctrine 16 The confeſsion of Peter 19 The keyes of heauen 24 The faithful muſt beare the croſſe. 25 To winne or loſe the life. 27 Chriſts comming.

Chap 12,38. mar.8,11. luk.12,54.

1 THen *came the a Phariſes and Sadduces, and did b tempt *him*, deſiring him to ſhewe them a ſigne from heauen.

a Although they did not agre in doctrine, yet thei ioyned together to fight againſt ỹ trueth.

b Men tempt God ether by their incredulitie, or curioſitie.

2 But he anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, When it is euening, ye ſay, Fayre wether: for the ſkie is red.

3 And in the morning *ye ſay*, To day *ſhalbe* a tempeſte: for the ſkie is red and lowring. O hypocrites, ye can diſcerne the face of the ſkie, and can ye not *diſcerne* the c ſignes of the times?

c Which apperteine to the heauenlie and ſpiritual life.

Chap 12,34.

4 *The wicked generacion, and adulterous ſeketh a ſigne, and there ſhal no ſigne be giuen it, but the d ſigne of the Prophet *Ionas: ſo he left them, and departed.

d Chriſt ſhal be to them as a Ionas raiſed vp from death.

Ionas.2,1. Mat.8,14. luk.12,1.

5 ¶ And when his diſciples were come to the other ſide, they had *forgotten to take bread *with them*.

6 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Take hede and beware of the leauen of the Phariſes and Sadduces.

7 And they m thoght in them ſelues, ſaying, *It is* becauſe we haue broght no bread.

m or, reaſoned with thē ſelues.

8 But Ieſus e knowing it, ſaid vnto them, O ye of litle faith, why thinke you *thus* in your ſelues, becauſe ye haue broght no bread?

e A token of Chriſts diuinitie, to knowe mens thoghts.

9 Do ye not yet perceiue, nether remember the fiue loaues, when there were *fiue thouſand *men*, and how manie baſkets toke ye vp?

Chap 14,17. ioh 6,9.

10 Neither the ſeuen loaues when there were *foure thouſand *men*, and how manie baſkets toke ye vp?

Chap.15,34.

11 Why perceiue ye not that I ſaid not vnto

vnto you concerning bread, that ye shulde beware of the leauen of the Pharises & Sadduces?

12 Then vnderstode they that he had not said that they shulde beware of the leauen of bread, but of the f doctrine of the Pharises, and Sadduces.

f We may boldely by Christs admonition reiect and cõtemne all erroneous doctrine and mans inuentions, and oght onely to cleaue to the worde of God

13 ¶*Now when Iesus came into the coastes of Cesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whome do men say that I, the Sonne of man am?

Mar 8.27.
luk 9.18.

14 And thei said, Some *say*, Iohn Baptist: and some, Elias: & others, Ieremias, or one of the Prophetes.

15 He said vnto them, But whome say ye that I am?

16 Then Simon Peter answered, and said, *Thou art the Christ the Sonne of the liuing God.

Ioh 6.69.
g He meaneth any thing that is in man.
Iohn 1.42.

17 And Iesus answered, & said to him, Blessed art thou, Simon, the sonne of Ionas: for g flesh & blood hathe not reueiled it vnto thee, but my Father which is in heauen.

h Vpon that faith whereby thou hast confessed and acknoledged me: for it is grounded vpon an infallible trueth
Iohn 20.21.

18 And I say also vnto thee, that thou art *Peter, and vpon h this rocke I wil buylde my Church: and the i gates of hel shal not ouercome it.

i The power of Satã which standeth in craft and violence

19 k And I *wil giue vnto thee the keyes of the kingdome of heauen, and whatsoeuer thou shalt l binde vpõ earth, shalbe bound in heauen: and whatsoeuer thou shalt "loose on earth, shalbe losed in heauen.

k The preachers of the Gospel open the gates of heauen with the worde of God, which is ỹ right keye: so that where this worde is not purely taught, there is nether key, nor autoritie

l Condẽne by Gods worde

"Or, absolue

20 Then he charged his disciples, that they shulde m tell no man that he was Iesus the Christ.

m Because he wolde yet instruct them, & not preuẽt his time

21 ¶n From that time forthe Iesus began to shewe vnto his disciples, that he must go vnto Ieruſalem, and suffer manie things of the Elders, and of the hie Priests, and Scribes, and be slaine, and rise againe the thirde day.

n He wolde plucke out of their hearts that false opinion, which they had of his temporal kingdome

22 Then Peter toke him aside, and began to rebuke him, saying, Master, pitie thy self: this shal not be vnto thee.

Chap 10.38.
mar.8.34.
luk.9.23.
& 14.27.

23 Then he turned backe, and said vnto Peter, Get thee behinde me, o Satan: thou art an offence vnto me, because thou vnderstãdest not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.

o Which worde signifieth an aduersarie, who resisteth the wil of God, either of malice, as did Iudas, or of rashenes and arrogancie, as Peter did.

24 Iesus then said to his disciples, * If any man wil followe me, let him forsake himself, & take vp his crosse, and followe me.

Chap. 10.39.
mar.8.34.
luk.9.24.
& 17.33.

25 For *whosoeuer wil p saue his life, shal lose it: and whosoeuer shal lose his life for my sake, shal finde it.

Mar.8.36.
luk.9.25.
iohn 12.25.

26 *For what shal it profite a man thogh he shulde winne the whole worlde, if he lose his owne soule? or what shal a man giue for recompense of his soule?

p That is, whosoeuer thinketh to saue him self by forsaking Iesus Christ.

27 For the Sonne of man shal come in the glorie of his Father with his Angels, and *then shal he giue to euerie mã according to his dedes.

Psal.62.12.
rom 2.6.

28 *Verely I say vnto you, there be some of them that stãd here, which shal not taste of death, q til they haue sene the Sonne of man come in his kingdome.

Mar 9.1.
luk 9.27.
q This was fulfilled in his resurrection & was as an entrie into his kingdome, and was also confirmed by sending the holie Goste, whereby he wroght so great and sondrie miracles.

CHAP. XVII.

2 The transfiguration of Christ vpon the mountaine of Thabor. 5 Christ oght to be heard. 11 12 Of Elias and Iohn Baptiste 15 He healeth the lunatike. 20 The power of faith. 21 Prayer & fasting. 22 Christ telleth thẽ before of his passion. 27 He payeth tribute.

Chap xvii.
Mar 9.2.
luk.9.28.

1 AND *"after six dayes, Iesus toke Peter, and Iames, and Iohn his brother, and broght them vp into an hie mountaine aparte,

"Or, the six day after

2 And was r tranſſigured before them: and his face did shine as the sunne, and his clothes were as white as the light.

r Christ shewed them his glorie, that they might not thinke ỹ he suffred through infirmitie, but that he offered vp him self willingly to dye.

3 And beholde, there appeared b vnto them Moses, and Elias, talking with him.

b By these two witnesses are represented the Lawe and the Prophetes, which lead vs to Christ

4 Then answered Peter, and said to Iesus, Master, it is c good for vs to be here: if thou wilt, let vs make here thre tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

Chap 3.17.
2.peter 2.17.
c After Moses & Elias departure Peter fearing he shulde lose that ioyful sight, speaketh as a man distraũt & wolde haue lodged them in earthlie houses, ỹ were receiued in glorie

5 While he yet spake, beholde, a bright cloude shadowed them: and beholde, there *came* a voyce out of ỹ cloude, saying, *This is my beloued Sonne, d in whome I am wel pleased: e heare him.

d We are reconciled to God by Christ onely.
Mar 9.11.
e Christ is our chief and onelie scholemaster
Chap.11.14.
mal 4.5.

6 And when the disciples heard that, they f fel on their faces and were sore afrayed.

f And so worshipped Christ

7 Then Iesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they lifted vp their eyes, they sawe no man, saue Iesus onely.

9 ¶And as they came downe frõ the mountaine, Iesus charged them, saying, Shewe the vision to no man, s vntil the Sonne of man rise againe from the dead.

g For men wolde not haue believed them, before that Christ had made his glorie more manifest by his resurrection

10 *And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the Scribes that *Elias must first come?

Mar 9.14.
luk.9.37.

11 And Iesus answered, and said vnto them, Certeinely Elias must first come, & restore all things.

12 But I say vnto you, that Elias is come already, and they knewe him not, but haue done vnto him whatsoeuer they wolde: likewise shal also the Sonne of man suffer of them.

13 Then the disciples perceiued that he spake vnto them of Iohn Baptist.

14 ¶*And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certeine man, and kneled downe to him,

15 And said, Master, haue pitie on my sonne: for he is lunatike, and is sore vexed: for oft times he falleth into the fyre, and oft times into the water.

16 And I broght him to thy disciples, and they colde not heale him.

17 Then Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid, [h]O gene
racion, faithles, and croked, how long now
ſhal I be with you? how lõg now ſhal I ſuf
fer you? bring him hither to me.
18 And Ieſus rebuked the deuil, & he went
out of him: and the childe was healed at
that houre.
19 Thẽ came the diſciples to Ieſus a parte,
and ſaid, Why colde not we caſt him out?
20 And Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Becauſe of
your vnbeliefe: for * verely I ſay vnto
you, if ye haue faith *as muche* as [i] a graine
of muſtard ſede, ye ſhal ſay vnto this moũ-
taine, [i] Remoue hence to yonder place, &
it ſhal remoue: and nothing ſhalbe vnpoſ-
ſible vnto you.
21 How be it this kinde goeth not out, but
by [k] prayer and faſting.
22 ¶And as their *abode in Galile, Ieſus ſaid
vnto them, The Sonne of man ſhal be de-
liuered into the hands of men,
23 And they ſhal kil him, but the thirde day
ſhal he riſe againe: and they were very
ſorie.
24 ¶And when they were come to Caper-
naum, they that receiued [l] polle money,
came to Peter, and ſaid, Doeth not your
Maſter pay tribute?
25 He ſaid, Yes. And when he was come
into ỹ houſe, Ieſus preuẽted him, ſaying,
What thinkeſt thou Simõ? Of whome do
the Kings of the earth take tribute, or pol
le money? of their children, or of ſtrãgers?
26 Peter ſaid vnto him, Of ſtrangers. Then
ſaid Ieſus vnto him, Then are the chil-
dren fre.
27 Neuertheles, leſt we ſhulde [m] offende
them, go to the ſea, and caſt in an angle, &
take the firſt fiſhe that cometh vp, & when
thou haſt opened his mouth, thou ſhalt
finde a [n] piece of twentie pence: that take,
and giue it vnto them for me and thee.

CHAP. XVIII.

The greateſt in the kingdome of heauen. 3 He teacheth his diſciples to be humble and harmeles. 6 To auoide occaſions of euil. 10 Not to contemne the litle ones. 11 Why Chriſt came. 15 Of brotherlie correction 17 Of the authoritie of the Church. 19 The commendacion of prayer and godlie aſſemblies. 21 Of brotherlie forgiuenes.

1 THe *ſame time the diſciples came vn
to Ieſus, ſaying, [a]Who is the greateſt
in the kingdome of heauen?
2 And Ieſus called a litle childe vnto him,
and ſet him in the middes of them,
3 And ſaid, Verely I ſay vnto you, except
ye be *conuerted, & become as litle [b] chil-
dren, ye ſhal not enter into the kingdome
of heauen.
4 Whoſoeuer therefore ſhal humble him
ſelf as this litle childe, the ſame is ỹ grea-
teſt in the kingdome of heauen.
5 [c]And whoſoeuer ſhal receiue ſuche a litle
childe in my Name, receiueth me.
6 *But whoſoeuer ſhal offende one of theſe
litleones which beleue in me, it were bet-
ter for him, that a [d] myllſtone were hanged
about his necke, and that he were drowned
in the depth of the ſea.
7 *Wo *be* vnto the worlde becauſe of offen
ces: for it muſt nedes be that offences ſhal
come, but wo *be* to that mã, by whome the
offence cometh.
8 *Wherefore, if thine hand or thy fote
cauſe thee to offende, cut thẽ of, & caſt *the*
from thee: it is better for thee to enter in-
to life, halt, or mamed, then hauing two
hands or two fete, to be caſt into euerla-
ſting fyre.
9 And if thine eye cauſe thee to offend,
plucke it out, & caſt it from thee: it is bet-
ter for thee to enter into life with one eye,
then hauing two eyes, to be caſt into hel
fyre.
10 [f]Se that ye deſpice not one of theſe litle-
ones: for I ſay vnto you, that in heauen
their *[g] Angels alwayes beholde the face
of my Father which is in heauen.
11 For * the Sonne of man is come to [h] ſaue
that which was loſt.
12 How thinke ye? * If a man haue an hun
dreth ſhepe, & one of thẽ be gone aſtray,
doeth he not leaue ninetie & nine, and go
into the mountaines, and ſeke that which
is gone aſtray?
13 And if ſo be that he finde it, verely I ſay
vnto you, he reioyceth more of that ſhepe,
then of the ninetie and nine which went
not aſtray.
14 So is it not the wil of your Father which
is in heauen, that one of theſe litleones
ſhulde periſh.
15 ¶*Moreouer, if thy brother treſpace a-
gainſt [i]thee, go, and [m]tell him his faute be
twene thee & him alone: if he heare thee,
thou haſt wonne thy brother.
16 But if he heare thee not, take yet with
thee one or two, that by ỹ *mouth of two
or three witneſſes euerie worde may be cõ-
firmed.
17 And if he wil not vouchſaue to heare
thẽ, tel it vnto the [k] Church: & if he refuſe
to heare the Church alſo, let him be vnto
thee as an heathen man, and a Publicane.
18 Verely I ſay vnto you, *Whatſoeuer ye
[l]binde on earth, ſhalbe bounde in heauen:
and *whatſoeuer ye loſe on earth, ſhal
be loſed in heauen.
19 Againe, verely I ſay vnto you, that if two
of you ſhal agre in earth vpon any thing,
whatſoeuer they ſhal deſire, it ſhal be [n]giue

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h He ſpeaketh chiefly to the Scribes, who began to bragge, as if they had now gotten the victorie ouer Chriſt becauſe his diſciples were not able to do this miracle.

Luk. 17,6.

i By this maner of ſpeache is ſignified, ỹ they ſhulde do things by their faith ỹ ſhulde ſeme impoſsible

Chap. 20,17. mar. 9,31. luk. 9,44. & 24,7

k The beſt remedie to ſtrẽg then the weake faith is prayer, which hathe faſting added to it, as an helpe to the ſame

[o]Or, were conuerſant, or returned into Galile

l The Greke worde is (didrachma) ỹ was of value about 10 pence of olde ſterling monie, & the Iſraelites payed it once by the Lawe, Exo 30,13, and at this time they payed it to the Romains

m Or giue occaſion to forſake ỹ trueth

n The worde is (Statera) ỹ cõteineth two didrachmas, & is valued about 5 groſes of olde ſterling.

Mar. 9,33. luk. 9,46.

a They ſtriue for the rewarde before they haue taken any payne: and where as they ſhulde haue holpen & reuerẽced one another, they were ambitious and deſpiters of their brethren.

Chap. 19,14. 1 cor 14,20.

b Not in lacke of diſcretion; but that they be not vayne glorious, ſeking to aduance themſelues to worldelie honours.

c He calleth them litle children now, ỹ humble themſelues with all humilitie and ſubiection

Mar 9,42. luk. 17,1

d The worde ſignifieth a great milſtone ỹ an aſſe tourneth, and it is ſpoken in reſpect of that which is tourned with mans hand, which is leſſe.

Chap 5,30. mar 9,45

e Chriſt warneth his to take heed that they ſhrinke not backe frõ him for any enil example or offence that man can giue.

f Chriſt toucheth the cauſe of this offence, which is pride and diſdeine of our inferiours

Pſal 34,7. Luk. 19,10. Luk. 15,4.

g Seing God hathe cõmaunded his Angels to take ỹ charge of his children, the wicked may be aſſured that if they deſpice them, God wil reuenge their cauſe

h We may not loſe by our offence that which God hathe ſo derely bought

Leu 19,17. eccle 19,13. luk. 17,3 iam 5,18.

i Wherewith thou maiſt be offended: he ſpeaketh of ſecret or particular ſinnes, & not of open or knowen to others

[p]Or reprue him

Deu 19,15. iohn 8 17. ebr 10,28. 2 cor 13,1. 1 Cor 5,9. 2 theſ 3,14. Iohn. 20,23.

k He meaneth according to the order that was amongs the Iewes, who had their cõcel of ancient and expert mẽ

to reforme maners, and execute diſcipline This aſſemblie repreſented the Church, which had appointed them to this charge l In the 16 chap 19. he ment this of doctrine, and here of eccleſiaſtical diſcipline, which dependeth of the doctrine. *[q]Or, done to.*

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them of my Father which is in heauen.
20 For where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the middes of them.
21 Then came Peter to him, & ſaid, Maſter, how oft ſhal my brother ſinne againſt me, & I ſhal forgiue him? *vnto ſeuen times?
22 Ieſus ſaid vnto him, I ſay not to thee, vnto ſeuen times, but vnto [m] ſeuentie times ſeuen times.
23 Therefore is the kingdome of heauen likened vnto a certeine King, which wolde take a countes of his ſeruants.
24 And when he had begonne to recken, one was broght vnto him, which oght him ten thouſand [n] talents.
25 And becauſe he had nothing to paye, his maſter commanded him to be ſolde, & his wife, & *his* children, and all that he had, and *the dette* to be payed.
26 The ſeruant therefore fel downe, and beſoght him, ſaying, Maſter, appeaſe thine angre towarde me, and I wil pay thee all.
27 Then that ſeruants maſter had compaſſion, and loſed him, and forgaue him the dette.
28 But when the ſeruant was departed, he founde one of his felowes, which oght him an hundreth [o] pence, & he layed hands on him, and toke him by the throte, ſaying, Pay me that thou oweſt.
29 Then his felow fel downe at his fete, and beſoght him, ſaying, Appeaſe thine angre towards me, and I wil pay thee all.
30 Yet he wolde not, but went and caſt him into priſon, til he ſhulde pay the dette.
31 And whē his *other* felowes ſawe what was done, they were very ſorie, and came, and declared vnto their maſter all ỹ was done.
32 Then his maſter called him, and ſaid to him, O euil ſeruant, I forgaue thee all that dette, becauſe thou prayedſt me.
33 Oghteſt not thou alſo to haue had pitie on thy felow, euen as I had pitie on thee?
34 So his maſter was wroth, and deliuered him to the iaylers, til he ſhulde pay all that was due to him.
35 So likewiſe ſhal mine heauēlie Father do vnto you, except ye forgiue [p] from your hearts, eche one to his brother their treſpaces.

Luk.17.4.

m We muſte be cōtinually ready to forgiue and be forgiuen

n A commune talent was valued at thre ſcore pounde: ſome alſo were greater and ſome leſſe

o Which amoūteth of our money to the ſume of 25 ſhillings, or verie nere, and was nothing in reſpect of ỹ former which his maſter forgaue him.

p God eſteemeth onely the heart and affection.

CHAP. XIX.

3 Chriſt ſheweth for what cauſe a woman may be diuorced 11 Continence is a gift of God 14 He receiueth litle babes 16 To obteine life euerlaſting 24 That ruche men can ſcarſely be ſaued 28 He promiſeth them which haue left all to followe him life euerlaſting.

Mar 10,1.

1 AND *it came to paſſe, that whē Ieſus had finiſhed thoſe ſayings, he departed from Galile, and came into the coaſtes of Iudea beyonde Iordan.
2 And great multitudes followed him, and he healed them there.
3 ¶ Then came vnto him the Phariſes tēpting him, and ſaying to him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for euerie [q] faute?
4 And he anſwered and ſaid vnto them, Haue ye not red, * that he which made *them* at the beginning, made them male and female,
5 And ſaid, *For this cauſe, ſhal a man leaue father and mother, and cleaue vnto his wife, and they [a] twaine ſhalbe one fleſh?
6 Wherefore they are no more twaine, but one fleſh. Let not man therefore put a ſunder that, which God hathe coupled together.
7 They ſaid to him, Why did then * Moſes commāde to giue a bil of diuorcemēt, and to put her away?
8 He ſaid vnto them, Moſes, becauſe of the [b] hardnes of your heart, ſuffred you to put away your wiues: but [c] from the beginning it was not ſo.
9 I ſay therefore vnto you, * that whoſoeuer ſhal put away his wife, except *it be* for whoredome, and marie another, [d] committeth adulterie: and whoſoeuer marieth her which is diuorced, doeth commit adulterie.
10 *Then* ſaid his diſciples to him, If the matter be ſo betwene man and wife, it is not good to marie.
11 But he ſaid vnto them, All men can not receiue this thing, ſaue they to whome it is giuen.
12 For there are [e] ſome [f] chaſte, which were ſo borne of *their* mothers bellie: and there be ſome chaſte, which be made chaſte by men: & there be ſome chaſte, [g] which haue made them ſelues chaſte for the kingdome of heauen. He [h] that is able to receiue *this*, let him receiue it.
13 ¶ * Thē were broght to him litle childrē, that he ſhulde put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the diſciples rebuked them.
14 But Ieſus ſaid, Suffer the litle children, and forbid them not to come to me: for of ſuche is the kingdome of heauen.
15 And whē he had put his hands on them, he departed thence.
16 ¶ * And beholde one came, and ſaid vnto him, Good Maſter, what good thing ſhal I do, that I may haue eternal life?
17 And he ſaid vnto him, [i] Why calleſt thou me good? there is none good but one, euen God: but if thou wilt entre into life, [k] kepe the commandements.
18 He ſaid to him, Which? And Ieſus ſaid, * Theſe, Thou ſhalt not kil: Thou ſhalt not cōmit adulterie: Thou ſhalt not ſteale: Thou ſhalt not beare falſe witnes.
19 Honour thy father and mother: and thou

Gen.1.27.
Gene 2,24.
1 cor.6.16
ephe 5.31.
a They that afore were as two, ſhalbe now as one perſone
Deu.24.1.
Chap 5,32.
mar 10,11
luk.16,18.
1 cor 7,11.
b It was to auoide the cruelitie, that men wolde haue vſed towards their wiues, if they had bene forced to reteine them in their diſpleaſure, furie and malice
c That is, at ỹ beginning, and by Gods ordinance
d For this bāde can not be broken at mās pleaſure.
e Some by nature are vnable to marie, and ſome by arte
f The worde ſignifieth (geldedes) and they were ſo made becauſe they ſhulde kepe the chambers of noble women: for they were iudged chaſte
g Which haue the gift of cōtinence, & vſe it to ſerue God with more free libertie.
h This gift is not commune for all mē, but is verie rare, and giuen to fewe: therefore mē may not raſhly abſteine from mariage
Chap. 18.3.
mar.10,13.
luk.18,15.
Mar 10,17.
luk.18,18.
i Becauſe this yong mā knewe nothing in Ieſus Chriſt but his manhode, he leadeth him to higher things, to the intent, that his doctrine might better take place.
k He ſpake thus that he might learne to knowe him ſelf.
* Exod 20,13 deu 5,16 rom 13,9.

shalt loue thy neighbour as thy self.

20 The yong man said vnto him, I haue [l] obserued all these things from my youth: what lacke I yet?

21 Iesus said vnto him, If thou wilt be perfite, go, [m] sel that thou hast, & giue it to the poore, and thou shalt haue treasure in heauen, and come and followe me.

22 And when the yong man heard that saying, he went away sorowful: for he had great [n] possessions.

23 Then Iesus said vnto his disciples, Verely I say vnto you, that a riche man shal hardely enter into the kingdome of heauen.

24 And againe I say vnto you, It is easier for a [o] camel to go through the eye of a nedle, then for a riche man to enter into the kingdome of God.

25 And when his disciples heard it, thei were excedingly amased, saying, Who then can be saued?

26 And Iesus behelde them, and said vnto thē, With men this is vnpossible, but with God [o] all things are possible.

27 ¶ *Then answered Peter, & said to him, Beholde, we haue forsaken all, & followed thee: what shal we haue?

28 And Iesus said vnto them, Verely I say to you, that when the Sonne of man shal sit in the throne of his maiestie, ye which followed me [p] in the regeneracion, * shal sit also vpon twelue thrones, and iudge the twelue tribes of Israel.

29 And whosoeuer shal forsake houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my Names sake, he shal receiue an [q] hundreth folde more, & shal inherite euerlasting life.

30 *But manie that are first, shalbe last, and the last *shalbe* first.

l He boasteth muche because as yet he knewe not him self m Christ hereby discouered his hyprocrisie, and caused him to feele his owne weakenes, not generally commanding all to do she like

n What hinderance men haue by riches

*Or, cable rope

o Who can frame mens hartes, so that they shal not set their mindes on their riches

Mar 10,28. luk.18,28.

p In this worke whereby the worlde is changed, renued and regenerate: or to ioyne this worde with the sentence following and so take regeneration for the day of iudgement, when the elect shal in soule and bodie enioye their inheritance, to the end ỹ they might knowe that it is not sufficiēt to haue begone once

Luk.22,30. Chap 20,16. mar.10,31. luk.13,30.

q The ioye of conscience ẅ Gods children feele euen in their afflictiōs is a 1000 folde more worthe then all worldelie treasures

CHAP. XX.

1 Christ teacheth by a similitude, that God is detter vnto no man, and how he alway calleth men to his labour. 18 He admonisheth them of his passion 20 He teacheth his to flee ambition 28 Christ payeth our ransome. 30 He giueth two blinde men their sight.

1 FOr the kingdome of heauen is like vnto a certeine house holder, which wēt out at the dawning of the day to hier laborers into his vineyarde.

2 And he agreed with ỹ laborers for a [a] penie a day, and sent them into his vineyarde.

3 And he went out about the [b] thirde houre, and sawe other standing ydle in the market place,

4 And said vnto them, Go ye also into *my* vineyarde, & whatsoeuer is right, I wil giue you: and they went their way.

5 Againe he went out about the sixt and ninth houre, and did likewise.

6 And he went about the eleuenth houre, and founde other standing ydle, and said vnto them, Why stand ye here all the day ydle?

7 They said vnto him, Because no man hathe hired vs. He said to them, Go ye also into *my* vineyarde, & whatsoeuer is right, that shal ye receiue.

8 ¶ And when euen was come, the master of the vineyard said vnto his steward, Call ỹ laborers, and giue them their hier, beginning at the last, til *thou come* to the first.

9 And they *which were hired* about the eleuenth houre, came and receiued euerie man a penie.

10 Now when the first came, they supposed that they shulde receiue more, but they likewise receiued euerie man a penie.

11 And when they had receiued it, they murmured against the master of the house,

12 Saying, These last haue wroght but one houre, and thou hast made them equal vnto vs, which haue borne the burden, & heat of the day.

13 And he answered one of them, saying, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didest thou not agre with me for a penie?

Or, felowe.

14 Take that which is thine owne, and go thy way: I wil giue vnto this last, as muche as to thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do as I wil with mine owne? Is thine eye [c] euil because I am good?

c Or enuious, because of my liberalitie. deut 15,19.

16 *So [d] the last shalbe first, and the first last: *for manie are called, but fewe chosen.

Chap 19,30. mar 10,31. luk.13,30. chap 22,14. Mar 10,32.

17 *And Iesus went vp to Ierusalem, and toke the twelue disciples aparte in the way, and said vnto them,

luk 18,31.

18 Beholde, we go vp to Ierusalem, and the Sonne of man shalbe deliuered vnto the chief Priests, and vnto the Scribes, & they shal condemne him to death,

d Therefore euerie man in his vocation, as he is called first, ought to go forwarde, & encourage others, seing the hyer is indifferent for all

19 And *shal deliuer him to the Gentiles, to mocke, and to scourge, and to crucifie *him*: but the thirde day he shal rise againe.

Ioh.18,32. Mar.10,33

20 *Then came to him the mother of Zebedeus children with her sonnes, worshipping *him*, & desiring a certeine thing of him.

21 And he said vnto her, What woldest thou? She said to him, Grante that these my two sonnes may sit, the one at thy right hand, and the other at thy left hand in thy kingdome.

22 And Iesus answered and said, Ye knowe not what ye aske. Are ye able to drinke of the [e] cup that I shal drinke of, and to be baptized with the baptisme that I shalbe baptized with? They said to him, We are able.

e He setteth ỹ crosse before their eyes to drawe thē frō ambition, calling it a cup, to signifie the measure of the afflictions, ẅ God hathe ordeined for euerie man: the which thing also he calleth baptisme.

23 And he said vnto them, Ye shal drinke in dede of my cup, and shalbe baptized with ỹ baptisme, that I am baptized with, but to sit at my right hand, and at my left hand,

a Which was called denarius, & was of value about foure pence halfe penie of olde money, and was communely a workemans hier

b They deuided the day in to twelue houres, so that the third was the fourth part of the day, six of ỹ clocke was none, nine was nire of the clocke after dynner, & the eleuenth houre was an houre before the sunne sett.

hand, is f not mine to giue: but *it ſhalbe giuen* to them for whome it is prepared of my Father.

f God my Father hathe not giuen me charge to beſtowe offices of honour here: but to be an exãple of humilitie vnto all

24 *And when the *other* ten heard this, they diſdained at the two brethren.

Mar.10,41. luk.22,25.

25 Therefore Ieſus called them vnto him, and ſaid, Ye knowe that the lords of the Gentiles haue domination ouer them, and they that are great, exerciſe autoritie ouer them.

26 But it ſhal not be ſo amõg you: but whoſoeuer wil be great among you, let him be your ſeruant,

27 And whoſoeuer wil be chief amõg you, let him be your ſeruant,

Philip.2,7.

28 *Euen as the Sonne of man came not to be ſerued, but to ſerue, and to giue his life for the ranſome of manie.

Mar 10,46 luk.18,39.

29 ¶*And as they departed from Iericho, a great multitude followed him.

30 And beholde, two blinde men, ſitting by the way ſide, when they heard that Ieſus paſſed by, cryed ſaying, O Lord, the ſonne of Dauid, haue mercie on vs.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, becauſe they ſhulde holde their peace: but they cryed the more, ſaying, O Lord, the ſonne of Dauid, haue mercie on vs.

32 Then Ieſus ſtode ſtil, and called them, & ſaid, What wil ye that I ſhulde do to you?

33 They ſaid to him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 And Ieſus moued with compaſsion touched their eyes, & immediatly their eyes receiued ſight, and they followed him.

CHAP. XXI.

Chriſt rideth into Ieruſalem on an aſſe. 12 The byers and ſellers are chaſed out of the Temple. 15 The children wiſh proſperitie vnto Chriſt. 19 The figtre withereth. 22 Faith requiſit in prayer. 25 Iohns baptiſme. 28 The two ſonnes. 33 The parable of the houſbandmen. 42 The corner ſtone reiected. 43 The Iewes reiected & the Gentiles receiued.

Mar.11,1. luk.19,29.

1 AND *when they drew nere to Ieruſalem, and were come to Bethphage, vnto the mount of the oliues, then ſent Ieſus two diſciples,

a By this entrie Chriſt wolde ſhewe the ſtate and condition of his kingdome, w is farre contrarie to the põpe and glorie of ỹ worlde

2 Saying to them, Go into the towne that is ouer againſt you, and anone ye ſhal finde an a aſſe bounde, and a colte with her: loſe them, and bring them vnto me.

3 And if anie man ſay oght vnto you, ſay ye, that the Lord hathe nede of them, and ſtraight way he wil let them go.

Iſa 62,11. zach.9,9. iohn 12,15.

4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled ẅ was ſpoken by the Prophet, ſaying,

5 ¶*Tel ye the b daughter of Siõ, Beholde, thy King cometh vnto thee, meke and ſitting vpon an aſſe, and a c colte, the fole of an aſſe vſed to the yoke.

b That is, the citie Sion, or Ieruſalem

c It is a maner of ſpeache called ỹ nechdoche, whereby two are taken for one

6 So the diſciples wẽt, and did as Ieſus had commanded them,

d He ridde on the fole & the dãme wẽt by.

7 And broght the aſſe & the colte, & put on d them their clothes, and ſet him thereon.

8 And a great multitude ſpred their garments in the way: and other cutte downe brãches from the trees, and ſtrawed them in the way.

9 Moreouer, the people that went before, and they alſo that followed, cryed, ſaying, e Hoſanna the ſonne of Dauid: bleſſed *be* he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hoſanna *thou which art* in the f hieſt *heauens*.

e Which is to ſay, Saue I pray thee, deſiring God to proſper & ſende good ſucceſſe to the Meſsias.

10 *And when he was come into Ieruſalem, all ỹ citie was moued, ſaying, Who is this?

Mar 11,11. luk.19,45. ioh 2,13.

11 And the people ſaid, This is Ieſus the Prophet of Nazaret in Galile.

f For God ẅ is in heauen, muſt onely ſaue.

12 ¶And Ieſus wẽt into the Tẽple of God, and caſt out all them that ſolde & boght in the g Temple, and ouerthrew the tables of the money changers, and the ſeates of them that ſolde doues,

g In the porche or entrie into ỹ Tẽple.

13 And ſaid to thẽ, It is writtẽ, *Mine houſe ſhalbe called the houſe of prayer: h but *ye haue made it a denne of thieues.

Iſa.56,7. Iere 7,11. Mar 11,17. luk.19,46.

h Vnder the pretence of religion hypocrites ſeke their owne gaine, and ſpoyle God of his true worſhip

14 Then *the blinde, and the halt came to him in the Temple, and he healed them.

15 But when the chief Prieſts and Scribes ſawe the marueils that he did, & the children crying in the Tẽple, & ſaying, Hoſanna the ſonne of Dauid, they diſdained,

Pſal 8,2.

16 And ſaid vnto him, Heareſt thou what theſe ſay? And Ieſus ſaid vnto thẽ, Yea: red ye neuer, *By the i mouth of babes & ſuckelings thou haſt k made perfite the praiſe?

i If God reueile his glorie & might by babes, that cã not as yet ſpeake, is it marueil, if they ỹ can ſpeake, do ſet forthe, and magnifie the ſame?

17 ¶So he left them, and went out of the citie vnto Bethania, and lodged there.

Mar 11,13.

18 And *in the morning as he returned into the citie, he was hungrie,

k In Ebrewe it is, haſt ordeined or groũdẽd ỹ ſtrẽgth: which is all to one purpoſe, becauſe God is then moſte praiſed when his ſtrength is beſt knowen.

19 And ſeing a figge tre in the way, he came to it, and founde nothing thereon, but leaues onely, and ſaid to it, Neuer frute grow on thee hence forwardes. And anone the figge tree withered.

Chap.17,20.

20 And when his diſciples ſawe it, they marueiled, ſaying, How ſone is the figge tre withered!

21 And Ieſus anſwered and ſaid vnto them, *Verely I ſay vnto you, if ye haue faith, and dout not, ye ſhal not onely do that, *which I haue done* to the figge tree, but alſo if ye ſay vnto this mountaine, l Take thy ſelf away, and caſt thy ſelf into the ſea, it ſhalbe done.

l Which thig ſemeth to be impoſsible.

22 *And whatſoeuer ye ſhal aſke in prayer, if ye beleue, ye ſhal receiue it.

Chap 7,7. ioh.15,7.

23 ¶*And when he was come into ỹ Tẽple, the chief Prieſts, and the Elders of the people came vnto him, as he was teaching, and ſaid, By what autoritie doeſt thou theſe things? and who gaue thee this autoritie?

1 ioh.3,24. Mar 11,27. luk.20,1.

24 Then Ieſus anſwered and ſaid vnto thẽ, I alſo wil aſke of you a certeine thing, ẅ if ye tel me, I likewiſe wil tell you by what autoritie I do theſe things.

25 The baptiſme of Iohn whẽce was it? frõ

Or, of God.

heauen, or of men? Then they reaſoned among them ſelues, ſaying, If we ſhal ſay from heauen, he wil ſay vnto vs, Why did ye not then beleue him?

m The hypocrites feare man more thē God, & malice neuer iuſtifieth the truth *Chap.14,5. mar.6,20.*

26 And if we ſay, Of men, we m feare ỹ people: *for all holde Iohn as a Prophet.

27 Then they anſwered Ieſus, and ſaid, We cā not tel. And he ſaid vnto them, Nether tel I you by what autoritie I do theſe things.

28 ¶But what thinke ye? A *certeine* man had two ſonnes, and came to the elder, & ſaid, Sōne, go & worke to day in my vineyard.

29 But he anſwered and ſaid, I wil not: yet afterwarde he repented him ſelf, and wēt.

30 Then came he to the ſeconde, and ſaid likewiſe. And he anſwered, and ſaid, I wil, ſyr: yet he went not.

31 Whether of them twaine did the wil of the father? They ſaid vnto him, The firſt. Ieſus ſaid vnto thē, Verely I ſay vnto you, that the n Publicanes and the harlots ſhal go before you into the kingdome of God.

n So farre it is impoſſible for them to repēt & be ſaued, ỹ ſtande in their owne conceite, that the greateſt ſinners that are, ſhal more ſone come to repentance

32 For Iohn came vnto you in the o way of righteouſnes, and ye beleued him not: but the Publicanes, & the harlots beleued him, and ye, thogh ye ſawe it, were not moued with repentāce afterwarde, that ye might beleue him.

o God taught by Iohn the way of righteouſnes, whoſe life was vpright and perfite *Iſa.5,1. ierem 2,21. mar.12,1. luk.20,9.*

33 ¶Heare another parable, There was a certeine houſholder, *which planted a vineyarde, and q hedged it round about, and "made a winepreſſe therein, and buylt a tower, and let it out to houſbandmen, and went into a ſtrange countrey.

p The vineyarde is the people, whome he had elected.

q Vſed all meanes to preſerue it, and to make it fruteful.

" or, digged.

34 And when the time of the frute drewe nere, he ſent his ſeruants to r the houſhād men to receiue the fiutes thereof.

r Which were the Prieſts & rulers

35 And the houſbandmē toke his ſ ſeruants and beat one, and killed another, and ſtoned another.

ſ The Prophetes

36 Againe he ſent other ſeruāts, mo thē the firſt: and they did the like vnto them.

37 But laſt of all he ſent vnto thē his owne t ſonne, ſaying, They wil reuerence my ſonne.

t Ieſus Chriſt *Chap 26,3. & 27,1. ioh.11,53.*

38 But when the houſbandmen ſawe the ſonne, they ſaid amōg them ſelues, *This is the heire: come, let vs kill him, & let vs take his inheritance.

39 So they toke him, and caſt him out of the vineyarde, and ſlewe him.

40 When therefore the Lord of the vineyarde ſhal come, what wil he do to thoſe houſbandmen?

*Pſal.118,22. act.4,11. rom.9,33. 1.pet 2,7.

41 They ſaid vnto him, He wil cruelly deſtroye thoſe wicked men, and will let out his vineyarde vnto other houſbandmen, which ſhal deliuer him the fiutes in their ſeaſons.

u As not mete or fit for their buylding.

x To faſten & ioyne the buylding together, & to vpholde e whole.

42 Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Red ye neuer in the Scriptures, *The ſtone which ỹ buylders u refuſed, the ſame is made the x head of the corner? This was the Lords doing, and it is marueilous in our eyes.

43 Therefore ſay I vnto you, the kingdome of God ſhalbe taken from you, & ſhalbe giuen to a nacīō, which ſhal bring forthe the frutes thereof.

44 * And whoſoeuer ſhal fall on this ſtone, he ſhalbe broken: but on whomeſoeuer it ſhal fall, it wil grinde him to powder. *Iſa.8,14.*

45 And when the chief Prieſts and Phariſes had heard his parables, they perceiued that he ſpake of them.

46 And they ſeking to lay hands on him, feared the people, becauſe they toke him as a Prophet.

CHAP. XXII.

2 The parable of the mariage. 9 The vocation of the Gentiles. 11 The mariage garment. 17 Of paying of tribute. 25 Of the reſurrection. 36 The Scribes queſtion. 44 Chriſts diuinitie.

1 THen * Ieſus anſwered, and ſpake vnto them againe in parables, ſaying, *Luk.14,16. reuel 19,9.*

2 The kingdome of heauen is like vnto a certeine King which maried his ſonne,

3 And a ſent forthe his ſeruants, to call thē that were bid to the wedding, but they wolde not come.

a Chriſt reprocheth ỹ Iewes of their ingratitude & obſtinate malice, in that they reiected the grace of God, ẅ was ſo plentifully offered vnto them

4 Againe he ſent forthe other ſeruants, ſaying, Tel thē which are bidden, Behold, I haue prepared my dinner: mine oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are readie: come vnto the mariage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their wayes, one to his ferme, & another about his marchandiſe.

6 And the remnant toke his ſeruants, & intreated them ſharpely, and ſlewe them.

7 But when ỹ King heard it, he was wroth, & ſent forthe his warriers, & b deſtroyed thoſe murtherers, and burnt vp their citie.

b God puniſheth extremely ſuche ingratitude

8 Then ſaid he to his ſeruants, Truely the wedding is prepared: but they which were bidden, were not worthie.

c The ingratitude of thē ẅ are bid, cā not cauſe Gods liberalitie & his holie meates to periſh, ẅ he hathe prepared for his

9 Go ye therefore out into the high wayes, and as manie as ye finde, bid them to the mariage.

d In ỹ Church the hypocrites are mixed ẅ the godlie.

10 So c thoſe ſeruants went out into the *hie* wayes and gathered together all that euer they founde, bothe d good and bad: ſo the wedding was furniſhed with gheſtes.

e He had not a pure affectiō & vpright cōſcience, which proceded of faith

11 Thē the King came in, to ſe the gheſtes, and ſaw there a man which had not on a e wedding garment.

f Thogh God ſuffre for a time hypocrites in the Church, yet he knoweth how to trie thē, & fanne them out *Cha.8,12. & 13,42 & 25, 30.*

12 And he ſaid vnto him, Friend, how f cameſt thou in hither, & haſt not on a wedding garment? And he was ſpeacheles.

13 Then ſaid the King to the ſeruants, Binde him hand and fote: take him away, and caſt him into vtter darkenes: * there ſhal be weping and gnaſſhing of teeth.

14 * For manie are g called, but fewe choſen. *Chap.20,16.*

g By the outwarde, & general calling *Mar.12,13 luk.20,26.*

15 ¶* Thē went the Phariſes & toke coūſel how

how they might tangle him in talke.

16 And they ſent vnto him their diſciples with the h Herodians, ſaying, Maſter, we knowe that thou art true, and teacheſt the way of God truely, nether careſt for anie man: for thou conſidereſt not the i perſone of men.

17 Tell vs therefore, how thinkeſt thou? Is it lawful to giue tribute vnto Ceſar, or not?

18 But Ieſus perceiued their wickednes, & ſaid, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19 Shewe me the "tribute money. And thei broght him a k penie.

20 And he ſaid vnto them, Whoſe is this image and ſuperſcription?

21 They ſaid vnto him, Ceſars. Then ſaid he vnto them, *Giue therefore to Ceſar, the things which are Ceſars, and giue vnto God, thoſe which are Gods.

22 And when they heard it, thei marueiled, and left him, and went their way.

23 ¶ * The ſame day the Sadduces came to him (which ſay that there is no reſurrection) and aſked him,

24 Saying, Maſter, * Moſes ſaid, If a man dye, hauing no "children, let his brother l marie his wife, and raiſe vp ſede vnto his brother.

25 Now there were with vs ſeuen brethren, and the firſt maried a wife, and deceaſed: and hauing none yſſue, left his wife vnto his brother.

26 Likewiſe alſo the ſeconde, & the third, vnto the ſeuenth.

27 And laſt of all the woman dyed alſo.

28 Therefore in the reſurrection, whoſe wife ſhal ſhe be of the ſeuen? for all had her.

29 Then Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto thē, Ye m are deceiued, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.

30 For in the reſurrection they nether marie wiues, nor wiues are beſtowed in mariage, but are as the n Angels of God in heauen.

31 And concerning the reſurrection of the dead, haue ye not red what is ſpoken vnto you of God, ſaying,

32 * I am the God of Abraham, & the God of Iſaac, and the God of Iacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the liuīg.

33 And when the people heard it, they were aſtonied at his doctrine.

34 ¶ * But when the Phariſes had heard, that he had put the Sadduces to ſilence, they aſſembled together.

35 And one of them, *which was* an expounder of the Law, aſked him a queſtion, tēpting him, and ſaying,

36 Maſter, which is the great commandement in the Law?

37 Ieſus ſaid to him, * Thou ſhalt loue the Lord thy God with all thine heart, with all thy ſoule, and with all thy minde.

38 This is the firſt and the great commandement.

39 And the ſeconde is like vnto this, * Thou ſhalt loue thy neighbour as thy ſelf.

40 On theſe two commandements hāgeth the whole Law, and the Propheres.

41 ¶ * While the Phariſes were gathered together, Ieſus aſked them,

42 Saying, What thinke ye of Chriſt? whoſe o ſonne is he? They ſaid vnto him, Dauids.

43 He ſaid vnto them, How then doeth Dauid in p ſpirit call him Lord, ſaying,

44 * The Lord ſaid to my Lord, Sit at my q right hand, r til I make thine enemies thy fote ſtole?

45 If then Dauid call him ſ Lord, how is he his ſonne?

46 And none colde anſwer him a worde, nether durſt anie from that daye forthe aſke him anie mo queſtions.

CHAP. XXIII.

Chriſt condemneth the ambicion, couetouſnes, and hypocriſie of the Scribes and Phariſes. 31 Their perſecutions againſt the ſeruants of God. 37 He prophecieth the deſtruction of Ieruſalem.

1 THen ſpake Ieſus to the multitude, & to his diſciples,

2 Saying, The * Scribes and the Phariſes t ſit in Moſes ſeat.

3 All therefore whatſoeuer they byd you obſerue, that u obſerue and do: but after their workes do not: for they ſay, and do not.

4 * For they binde heauie burdens, and grieuous to be borne, and laye them on mens ſhulders, but they them ſelues wil not moue them with *one* of their fingers.

5 All their workes they do for to be ſene of men: for they make their x phylacteries broad, and make long the * fringes of their garments,

6 * And loue the chief place at feaſts, and to haue the chief ſeates in the aſſemblies,

7 And gretings in the markets, and to be called of men, "Rabbi, Rabbi.

8 * But be not ye called, d Rabbi: for one is your "doctor, *to wit*, Chriſt, and all ye are brethren.

9 And * call no man your father vpon the earth: for their is but one, your Father which is in heauen.

10 Be not called e doctors: for one is your doctor, *euen* Chriſt.

11 But he that is f greateſt among you, let him be your ſeruant.

12 * For whoſoeuer wil exalt him ſelf, ſhal be broght low: and whoſoeuer wil humble

h Theſe were certeine flatterers of the court, which euer maintened that religion, ẏ King Herode beſt approued: and thogh they were enemies to the Phariſes: yet in this thing thei conſented, thinkīg to intangle Chriſt, and ſo ether to accuſe him of treaſon, or to brīg him into ẏ hatred of all his people *Rom 13,7.*

i As touching the outwarde qualitie, as whether a man be riche or poore

"*Or, the coyne of the tribute*

k Which was of value about fonre pence halfe penie *Mat 22,19. luk.20,24*

act.23,5. Deut.25,5.

"*Or, ſonnes*

l By the title of aliance: and here by brother he meaneth the next kinſman, ẏ law fully might marie her.

mWhere Gods worde is not preached and vnderſtand, there muſt nedes reigne blindenes and errours

n Foraſmuche as thei ſhalbe exempted frō the infirmities of this preſent life

Exod.3,6.

Mat.22,23.

Deut 6,5. luk.10,27.

Leui.19,18. mat 22,31. rom 13,9 gal 5,14. iam 2,8.

o Of what ſtocke or familie.

Mat.22,35. luk.20,41

p By the ſpirit of prophecie ſpeaking of the kingdome of Chriſt.

q By the right hand is ſignified ẏ autoritie and power, ẏ God giueth his Sonne Chriſt in making him his lieutenāt & gouernour ouer his Church *Pſal.110,1.*

r Not that his kingdome ſhal then end: but ẏ office of his humanitie ſhal ceaſe, and he ẇ the Father and holie Goſt ſhal reigne for euer as one God all in all.

ſ Chriſt is Dauids ſone touching his manhode, and his Lord, concerning his Godhead.

Chap XXIII.

Nehe 8,4.

a And teache that which Moſes ſaith.

b According, to Moſes whome they read, but not ẏ ẇ their teache of thē ſelues. *Luk.11,46. act 15,10.*

c Thei were ſkroles of parchemēt where in the commādements were written: and to this day the Iewes vſe the ſame & cloſe thē in a piece of lether, & ſo binde them to their browe & left arme, to the intent thei might haue cōtinual remembrance of the Law *Nom.15,38. deut 22,12.*

Mat.23,38. luk.11,43. & 20,46.

"*or, maſter.*

Iam 3,1.

"*or, teacher.*

Mal 1,6. Luk.14,11. & 18,14.

d Chriſt forbideth not to giue inſte honour to Magiſtrates and Maſters, but condemneth ambicion and ſuperioritie ouer our brothers faith, which office appertaineth to Chriſt alone. e The Phariſes were called Maſters or Fathers, and the Scribes Doctors f The higheſt dignitie in the Church is not lordſhippe, or dominion, but miniſterie and ſeruice.

him ſelf, ſhalbe exalted.

13 ¶ Wo therefore *be* vnto you Scribes and Phariſes, hypocrites, becauſe ye g ſhut vp the kingdome of heauen before men: for ye your ſelues go not in, nether ſuffer ye them h that wolde enter, to come in.

14 *Wo *be* vnto you Scribes and Phariſes, hypocrites: for ye deuoure widdowes houſes, euen vnder a colour of long prayers: wherefore ye ſhal receiue the greater damnacion.

15 Wo *be* vnto you, Scribes and Phariſes, hypocrites: for ye compaſſe i ſea and land to make one of your profeſsion: and when he is made, ye make him two folde more the childe of hel, then you your ſelues.

16 Wo *be* vnto you blinde guides, which ſay, Whoſoeuer ſweareth by the Tẽple, it is nothing: but whoſoeuer ſweareth by the golde of the Temple, he ᵉ offendeth.

17 Ye fooles and blinde, whether is greater, the golde, or the Tẽple that k ſanctifieth the golde?

18 And whoſoeuer ſweareth by the altar, it is nothing: but whoſoeuer ſweareth by the offring *that is* vpon it, offendeth.

19 Ye fooles and blinde, whether is greater, the offring, or the altar which ſanctifieth the offring?

20 Whoſoeuer therefore ſweareth by the altar, ſweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

21 *And whoſoeuer ſweareth by the Temple, ſweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.

22 *And he that ſweareth by heauen, ſweareth by the throne of God, and by him that ſitteth thereon.

23 ¶*Wo *be* to you, Scribes and Phariſes, hypocrites: for ye tythe mynt, & anny ſe, & cõmyn, and leaue the weightier matters of the Law, *as* iudgement, and mercie, & fidelitie. Theſe ought ye to haue done, & not to haue left the other.

24 Ye blinde guides, which l ſtraine out a gnatte, and ſwallow a camel.

25 ¶ Wo *be* to you, Scribes and Phariſes, hypocrites: m for ye make cleane the vtter ſide of the cup, and of the platter: but within thei are ful of briberie & ⁿ exceſſe.

26 Thou blinde Phariſe, clenſe firſt the inſide of the cup and platter, that the outſide of them may be cleane alſo.

27 Wo *be* to you, Scribes and Phariſes, hypocrites: for ye are like vnto ⁿ whited tombes, which appeare beautiful outwarde, but are within ful of dead mẽs bones, and of all filthines.

28 So are ye alſo: for outwarde ye appeare righteous vnto men, but within ye are ful of hypocriſie and iniquitie.

29 ¶ Wo *be* vnto you, Scribes and Phariſes, hypocrites: for ye buylde the tombes of the ᵖ Prophetes, & garniſh the ſepulchres of the righteous,

30 And ſay, If we had bene in the dayes of our fathers, we wolde not haue bene pateners with them in the blood of the Prophetes.

31 So thẽ ye be witneſſes vnto your ſelues, that ye ᵒ are the children of them that murthered the Prophetes.

32 Fulfil ye alſo ẏ meaſure of your fathers.

33 O ſerpents, the generacion of viperes, how ſhulde ye eſcape ẏ damnacion of hel!

34 Wherefore beholde, I ſend vnto you ᵖ Prophetes, and wiſe men, and Scribes, & of them ye ſhal kil and crucifie: and of thẽ ſhal ye ſcourge in your Synagogues, and perſecute from citie to citie,

35 That vpon ᵠ you may come all the righteous blood that was ſhed vpon ẏ earth, *from the blood of Abel the righteous vnto the blood ʳ of Zacharias the ſonne of Barachias, *whome ye ſlewe betwene ẏ Temple and the altar.

36 Verely I ſay vnto you, all theſe things ſhal come vpon this generacion.

37 *Ieruſalem, Ieruſalem, which killeſt the Prophetes & ſtoneſt them which are ſent to thee, how often wolde I haue gathered thy children together, * as the henne gathereth her chickens vnder her wings, and ye wolde not!

38 Beholde, your habitacion ſhalbe left vnto you deſolate.

39 For I ſaye vnto you, ye ſhal not ſe me ˢ hence forthe til that ye ſay, Bleſſed *is* he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 Chriſt ſheweth his diſciples the deſtruction of the Temple 5 24 The falſe Chriſts 13 To perſeuere. 14 The preaching of the Goſpel 6 29 The ſignes of the end of the worlde 42 He warneth them to wake 44 The ſudden comming of Chriſt.

1 AND *Ieſus went out, & departed frõ the Temple, and his diſciples came to him, to ſhewe him the ᵃ buylding of the Temple.

2 And Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Se ye not all theſe things? Verely I ſay vnto you, *there ſhal not be here left a ſtone vpon a ſtone, that ſhal not be caſt downe.

3 And as he ſate vpon the mount of Oliues, his diſciples came vnto him aparte, ſaying, Tell vs when theſe things ſhalbe, and what ſigne *ſhalbe* of thy comming, ᵇ and of the end of the worlde.

4 And Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, *ᶜ Take hede that no man deceiue you.

5 For manie ſhal come in my Name, ſaying, I am Chriſt, and ſhal deceiue manie.

6 And ye ſhal heare of warres, and rumors of warres: ſe that ye be not troubled: for all theſe things muſt come to paſſe, but the end is not yet.

7 For

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g Ye kepe backe the pure religion & knowledge of God when men are readie to embrace it

Mar 12,40. luk 20,47.

h Which haue now their fote within the dores.

i They ſoght all meanes, ẏ their colde inuent, to make of a Gentile a Iewe.

e *or, is a debter.*

k And maketh it to be taken as an holie thing, becauſe of the vſe: and hereby Chriſt ſheweth that mans doctrine doeth not onely obſcure the worde of God, but is contrarie to it.

2 King.8,13. 2.Mac 6,1.

Chap 5,34.

Luk 11,42.

l Ye ſtraye at ẏ ẅ is nothing, & let paſſe that ẅ is of greater importance

m Ye ſeke how to get eſtimacion with men and paſſe not whether ye haue a good conſcience or no

f *or, intemperancie.*

g *or, ſtained.*

n For a remẽbrance of thẽ, & in the meane ſeaſon they paſſed not for their doctrine.

o It is not now onely ẏ your nacion hathe begonne to be cruel againſt the ſeruants of God, & therefore it is no marueil though the children of ſuche murtherers handle roughly ẏ Prophetes

p To conuince you of greater ingratitude

Gen 4,8. ebr.11,44.

q Chriſt meaneth that all their race ſhal be puniſhed, ſo that the iniquitie of ẏ fathers ſhalbe powred into the boſome of the children, ẅ reſemble their fathers

r Read 2. Chro.24,22.

Luk.13,34.

2 Eſdr.1,30.

s He will remaine no more to them, as a teacher, but as a iudge, when as they ſhalbe cõpelled to confeſſe (although to late) that he is the verie Sõne of God Chap.XXIIII.

Mar.13,1. luk.21,5.

a Whoſe excellencie appeareth in that that Herode for the ſpace of 8 yeres kept 10000. men in worke, the ſtones were 15 cubites long, in height 12, in breadth 8, as Ioſephus writeth

Luk.19,44.

b They thoght ẏ worlde ſhulde be at an ẽd, when Ieruſalẽ were deſtroyed.

Ephe 5,6. coloſ 2,18.

c He anſwereth them not according to their mindes, but admoniſheth them of that which is neceſſarie for thẽ to knowe.

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7 For nacion shal rise against nacion, and realme against realme, & there shalbe pestilence, and famine, and earthquakes in diuers places.

d Great and cruel warres haue ensued since amongs the heathē for the contempt of the Gospel and increase more & more. *Chap 10,17. luk 21,12. ioh 15,20. and 16,2*

8 All these are but the d beginning of sorowes.

9 *Then shal they deliuer you vp to be afflicted, and shal kil you, and ye shalbe e hated of all nacions for my Names sake.

e As if you were the cause of these troubles

10 And then shal manie be offended, & shal betray one another, and shal hate one another.

11 And manie false prophetes shal arise, & shal deceiue manie.

f Manie wil kepe backe their charitie, becausе they are vnthankeful and euil, vpon whome they shulde bestowe it *2 Thes 3,13. 2 tim 2,3. Mar 13,14 luk 22,20. Dan 9,27*

12 And becausе f iniquitie shal be increassed, the loue of manie shalbe colde.

13 *But he that endureth to the end, he shalbe saued.

14 And this Gospel of the kingdome shalbe preached through the whole worlde for a witnes vnto all nacions, and thē shal the end come.

g When the Tēple shal be polluted, it shal be a signe of extreme desolation: the sacrifices shal end & neuer be restored

15 ¶When g ye *therefore shal se the h abomination of desolation spoken of by *Daniel the Prophet, stāding in the holie place, (let him that readeth consider it.)

h The horrible destructiō of the Temple & ꝙ corruptiō of Gods pure religion *Act 1,12.*

16 Then *let them which be in Iudea, flee into the mountaines.

*Or, man

17 Let him ẅ is on the house top, not come downe to fetch anie thing out of his house.

18 And he that is in the field, let not him returne backe to fetch his clothes.

19 And wo *shalbe* to them that are with childe, and to them that giue sucke in those dayes.

i God prouideth for his childrē in the middes of troubles

20 But pray that your flight be not in the winter, nether on the *Sabbath *day*.

k Whither the false Christs, and deceiuers lead the people, hiding thē selues in holes as if they were ashamed of their profession *Mar 13,21 luk 17,23.*

21 For then shalbe great tribulation, such as was not frō the beginning of the worlde to this time, nor shalbe.

Or, closets.

22 And except those dayes shulde be shortened, there shulde no "flesh be saued: but for the l electes sake those dayes shalbe shortened.

l In despite of Satan ꝙ faithful shal be gathered & ioyned ẅ Christ, as the egles assemble to a dead carkeis *Luk 17,37. Mar.13,24. luk 21,25. isa 13,10. eze 32,7. ioel 2,31. & 3,15.*

23 *Then if anie shal say vnto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, beleue it not.

24 For there shal arise false Christs, & false prophetes, and shal shewe great signes and wonders, so that if it were possible, they shulde deceiue the verie elect.

25 Beholde, I haue tolde you before.

26 Wherefore if they shal say vnto you, Beholde, he is in the k desert, go not forthe: Beholde, he is in the "secrete places, beleue it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the East, and shineth in to the West, so shal also the comming of the Sonne of man be.

28 *For wheresoeuer a dead l carkeis is, thither wil the egles resort.

29 *And immediatly after the m tribulatiōs of those dayes, shal the sunne n be darkened, & the moone shal not giue her light, and the starres shal fall from heauen, & the powers of heauen shalbe shaken.

m In He meaneth an horrible trebling of ꝙ worlde, & as it were, an alteration of ꝙ order of nature.

30 And then shal appeare the signe of the Sonne of man in heauen: and then shal all the kinreds of the earth mourne, and they shal se the Sonne of mā come in ꝙ cloudes of heauen with power and great glorie.

31 *And he shal send his Angels with a great sounde of a trumpet, and they shal gather together his elect, from the foure windes & from the one end of the heauen vnto the other. *Reuel 1,7. 1.cor 15,52. 1 thes.4,16.*

32 Now learne the parable of the figge tre: whē her bough is yet tender, & it bringeth forthe leaues, ye knowe ꝙ sommer is nere.

33 So likewise ye, whē ye se all these things, knowe that *the kingdome of God* is nere, *euen* at the dores.

o For within fiftie yeres after, Ierusalem was destroied: ꝙ godlie were persecuted, false teachers seduced the people, religiō was polluted, so that ꝙ worlde semed to be at an end *Mar.13,32. Gene 7,5. luk.17,28. 1.pet.3,20.*

34 Verely I say vnto you, this o generation shal not passe, til all these things be done.

35 *Heauen and earth shal passe away: but my wordes shal not passe away.

36 But of that day and houre knoweth no man, no not the Angels of heauen, but my Father onely.

37 But as the dayes of Noe *were*, so likewise shal the comming of the Sonne of mā be.

38 *For as in the dayes *before* the flood they did eat and drinke, mary, and giue in mariage, vnto the day that Noe entred into the Arke, *Gene 7,5. luk.17,28. 1.pet.3,20.*

p Because of their incredulitie

39 And p knewe nothing, til the flood came and toke them all awaye, so shal also the comming of the Sonne of man be.

q This teacheth euerie man to walke warely not respecting his cōpaniō although he be neuer so derevnto him.

40 *q Thē two men shalbe in the fields, the one shalbe receiued, and the other shalbe refused. *Luk.17,35. 1 thes 4,17.*

41 Two women shalbe grinding at the mil: the one shalbe receiued, & the other shalbe refused.

42 *Wake therefore: for ye knowe not what houre your master wil come. *Mar.13,35.*

43 Of *this be sure, that if the good man of the house knewe at what watche the thief wolde come, he wolde surely watche, and not suffre his house to be digged through. *Luk.12,39. 2.thes 5,2. reuel.16,15*

44 Therefore be ye also readie: for in the houre that ye thinke not, wil the Sonne of man come.

45 *Who then is a faithful seruant & wise, whome his master hathe made ruler ouer his householde, to giue thē meat in seasō? *Luk.12,42*

46 Blessed *is* that seruāt whome his master, when he cometh, shal finde so doing.

47 Verely I say vnto you, he shal make him ruler ouer all his goods.

48 But if that euil seruāt shal say in his heart, My master doeth deferre his cōming,

49 And begin to smite his felowes, and to eat and to drinke with the drunken,

50 That seruants master wil come in a day, when he loketh not for him, & in an houre

that he is not ware of,

51 And wil" cut him of, and giue him his portion with hypocrites: *there shalbe weping, and gnashing of teeth.

*Or, separat him *Chap.13.42. & 25.30.*

CHAP. XXV.

1 By the similitude of the virgines Iesus teacheth euerie man to watche 14 And by the talents to be diligent. 31 The last iudgement. 32 The shepe and the goates. 35 The workes of the faithful.

1 THen the [a] kingdome of heauen shalbe likened vnto ten virgins, which toke their lampes, and went to [b] mete the bridegrome.

a This similitude teacheth vs, that it is not sufficient to haue once giuen our selues to follow Christ, but that we must continue

2 And fiue of thē were wise, & fiue fooliſh.

3 The fooliſh toke their lāpes, but toke none oyle with them.

b To do him honor, as the maner was.

4 But ỹ wise toke oyle in their vessels with their lampes.

5 Now while the bridegrome taryed long, all slombred and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a crye made, Beholde, the bridegrome cometh: go out to mete him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, & trimmed their lampes.

8 And the fooliſh said to the wise, [c] Giue vs of your oyle, for our lampes are "out.

c Manie seke that ẅ they haue contemned, but it is to late

9 But the wise answered, saying, *We feare* lest there wil not be ynough for vs & you: but [d] go ye rather to them that sel, and bie for your selues.

*Or, quenched

d This was spoken in reproche, because they made not prouision in time.

10 And while they went to bie, the bridegrome came: & they that were readie, wēt in with him to the wedding, and the gate was shut.

11 Afterwardes came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to vs.

12 But he answered, and said, Verely I say vnto you, [e] I knowe you not.

e I wil not open to you because you haue failed in ỹ midde way *Chap 24.43. mar.13.33. Luk.19.12.*

13 *Watche therefore: for ye knowe nether the day, nor the houre, when the Sonne of man wil come.

14 * [f] For *the kingdome of heauen is* as a man that going into a strange countrey, called his seruants, and deliuered to them his goods.

f This similitude teacheth how we ought to continue in the knowledge of God, and do good with those graces ỹ God hathe giuē vs.

15 And vnto one he gaue fiue [g] talents, and to another two, & to another one, to euerie man after his owne habilitie, and straight way went from home.

g Euerie talēt communely made threscore pounde, read chap 18. 24

16 Then he that had receiued the fiue talents, went and occupied with them, and "gained other fiue talents.

*Or, made.

17 Likewise also, he that *receiued* two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that receiued that one, wēt & digged it in ỹ earth, & hid his masters money.

19 But after a long season, ỹ master of those seruants came, and rekened with them.

20 Then came he that had receiued fiue talents, and broght other fiue talents, saying, Master, thou deliueredst vnto me fiue talents: beholde, I haue gained with them other fiue talents.

21 Then his master said vnto him, It is wel done good seruāt and faithful, Thou hast bene faithful in litle, I wil make thee ruler ouer much: [h] entre in into thy masters ioy.

h The master receiueth him into his house to giue him parte of his goods and cōmodities.

22 Also he that had receiued two talents, came & said, Master, thou deliueredst vnto me two talents: beholde, I haue gained two other talents with them.

23 His master said vnto him, It is wel done good seruāt, and faithful, Thou hast bene faithful in litle, I wil make thee ruler ouer muche: enter in into thy masters ioye.

24 Then he which had receiued the one talent, came and said, Master, I knewe that thou wast an hard mā, which reapest where thou sowedst not, and gathereſt where thou strawedst not:

25 I was therefore afraide, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: beholde, thou hast thine owne.

26 And his master answered, and said vnto him, Thou euil seruant, & "slouthful, thou kneweſt that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I strawed not.

*Or, lingerer.

27 Thou oghteſt therefore to haue put my money to the exchangers, and then at my cōming shulde I haue receiued mine owne with vantage.

Chap.13.12. luk.8.18. and 19.26. mar 4.25.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and giue it vnto him which hathe ten talents.

29 *For vnto euerie man that hathe, it shal be giuen, and he shal haue abundance, and [i] from him that hathe not, euē that he hathe, shalbe taken away.

i The graces of God shalbe takē away frō hī that doeth not bestowe them to Gods glorie and his neighbours profite

30 Caſt therefore that vnprofitable seruant into vtter *darkenes: there shalbe weping, and gnashing of teeth.

Chap.8.12. and 22.13.

31 ¶ And when the Sonne of man cometh in his glorie, and all the holie Angels ẅ him, thē shal he sit vpon ỹ throne of his glorie.

32 And before him shalbe gathered all nacions, and he shal separate them one from another, as a shepherde separateth the shepe from the goates.

33 And he shal set the shepe on his right hand, and the goates on the left.

34 Then shal the King say to them on his right hand, Come ye [k] blessed of my Father: inherite ye ỹ kingdome prepared for you frō the [l] fundations of the worlde.

k For our saluation cometh of the blessing and fauour of God

l Hereby God declareth the certeintie of our predestination, whereby we are saued because we were chosen in Christ before the fundacions of the worlde. *Ephe. 1.4 Isa.58.7. ezec.18.7. Eccl 7.39.*

35 *For [m] I was an hungred, and ye gaue me meat: I thurſted, and ye gaue me drinke: I was a stranger, and ye lodged me:

m Christ meaneth not that our saluation dependeth on our workes or merites, but teacheth what it is to liue iustly according to godlines, & charitie, and ỹ God recompēseth his of his fre mercie, likewise as he doeth elect them

36 *I was* naked, and ye clothed me, I was *"sicke, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came vnto me.

*Or, infirme.

37 Then shal the righteous answere him, saying, Lord, when sawe we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or a thurſt, and gaue thee drinke?

38 And when sawe we thee a stranger, and lodged thee? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or

39 Or when ſawe we thee ſicke, or in priſon, and came vnto thee?
40 And the King ſhal anſwere and ſay vnto them, Verely I ſay vnto you, in as muche as ye haue done it vnto one of the leaſt of theſe my brethren, ye haue done it to me.
41 Then ſhal he ſay vnto them on the left hand, * Departe from me ye curſed, into euerlaſting fyre which is prepared for the deuil and his angels.
42 For I was an hungred, & ye gaue me no meat: I thurſted, & ye gaue me no drinke:
43 I was a ſtranger, and ye lodged me not: *I was* naked, and ye clothed me not: ſicke, and in priſon, and ye viſited me not.
44 Thē ſhal they alſo anſwere him, ſaying, Lord, when ſaw we thee an hungred, or a thurſt, or a ſtrāger, or naked, or ſicke, or in priſon, and did not miniſter vnto thee?
45 Thē ſhal he anſwer them, & ſay, Verely I ſai vnto you, in as muche as ye did it not to one of ỹ leaſt of theſe, ye did it not to me
46 * And theſe [n] ſhal go into euerlaſting paine, and the righteous into life eternal.

Pſal 6,9. chap 7,23. luk 13,27.
Dan.12,2. ſohn 5,29

n We muſte therefore onely do that, ẅ God requireth of vs, and not followe mens foolish fantaſies.

CHAP. XXVI.

3 Conſpiracie of the Preſts againſt Chriſt. 10 He excuſeth Magdalene. 26 The inſtitution of the Lords ſupper. 31 The diſciples weakenes. 48 The traiſon of Iudas. 62 The ſworde. 64 Becauſe Chriſt calleth him ſelf the Sonne of God, he is iudged worthie to dye. 69 Peter denieth, and repenteth.

1 AND * it came to paſſe, whē Ieſus had finiſhed all theſe ſayings, he ſaid vnto his diſciples,
2 Ye knowe that within two dayes is the Paſſeouer, and the Sonne of man ſhalbe deliuered to be crucified.
3 * Then aſſembled together ỹ chief Prieſts and the Scribes, and the Elders of the people into the hall of the high Prieſt, called Caiaphas,
4 And conſulted how they might take Ieſus by ſubtiltie, and kill him.
5 But they ſaid, Not on the feaſt *day*, leſt anie vprore be among the people.
6 ¶ * And when Ieſus was in Bethania, in the houſe of Simon the leper,
7 There came vnto him a womā, which had a boxe of verie coſtelie ointemēt, & [a] powred it on his head, as he ſate at the table.
8 And whēhis diſciples ſawe it, thei had [b] indignation, ſaying, What neded this waſte?
9 For this ointment might haue bene ſolde for muche, and bene giuen to the poore.
10 And Ieſus knowing it, ſaid vnto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for ſhe hathe wroght a good worke vpon me.
11 * For ye haue the poore alwayes with you, but me ſhal ye not [c] haue alwayes.
12 For in that ſhe powred this ointment on my bodie, ſhe did it to [d] burye me.
13 Verely I ſay vnto you, Whereſoeuer this Goſpel ſhalbe preached throughout all ỹ worlde, there ſhal alſo this that ſhe hathe done, be ſpoken of for a memorial of her.

Mar 14,1. luk 22,1.
Joh.11,47.
Mar 14,3. ſohn 11,2. and 12,3.
Deu.15,11

a He ſheweth what occaſion Iudas toke to commit his traiſon
b This was through Iudas motiō to who me they gaue credit
c This fact was extraordinarie, neither was it left as an example to be followed: alſo Chriſt is not preſent ẅ vs bodelie or to be honoured with anie outwarde pōpe
d To honour my burye with all.

14 ¶ * Then one of the twelue, called Iudas Iſcariot, went vnto the chief Prieſts,
15 And ſaid, What wil ye giue me, and I wil deliuer him vnto you? and they appointed vnto him thirtie [e] *pieces* of ſiluer.
16 And from that time, he ſoght opportunitie to betraye him.
17 ¶ * Now on ỹ firſt *day* of the feaſt of vnleauened bread ỹ diſciples came to Ieſus, ſaying vnto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Paſſeouer?
18 And he ſaid, Go into the citie to ſuche a man, & ſay to him, The maſter ſaith, [f] My time is at hand: I wil kepe the Paſſeouer at thine houſe with my diſciples.
19 And the diſciples did as Ieſus had giuen them charge, and made ready the Paſſeouer.
20 * So when the euen was come, he ſate downe with the twelue.
21 And as they did eat, he ſaid, Verely I ſay vnto you, that one of you ſhal betraye me.
22 And they were exceading ſorowful, and began euerie one of them to ſay vnto him, Is it I, Maſter?
23 And he anſwered and ſaid, He that [g] dippeth his hand with me in the diſh, he ſhal betraye me.
24 Surely the Sonne of man goeth his way, [h] as it is written of him: but wo *be* to that man, by whome the Sonne of man is betrayed: it had bene good for that mā, if he had neuer bene borne.
25 Then Iudas which betrayed him, anſwered, and ſaid, Is it I, Maſter? He ſaid vnto him, Thou haſt ſaid it.
26 ¶ * And as they did eat, Ieſus toke the bread: and when he had giuen thankes, he brake it, and gaue it to the diſciples, and ſaid, Take, eat: [i] this is my bodie.
27 Alſo he toke ỹ cup, & when he had giuen thankes, he gaue it them, ſaying, Drinke ye all of it.
28 For this is my [k] blood of the Newe teſtament, that is ſhed for manie, for the remiſſion of ſinnes.
29 I ſay vnto you, that [l] I wil not drinke hence forthe of this frute of the vine vntil that day, when I ſhal drinke it newe with you in my Fathers kingdome.
30 And when they had ſung a pſalme, they went out into the mount of oliues.
31 ¶ * Then ſaid Ieſus vnto them, All ye ſhal be [m] offended by me this night: for it is written, I * wil ſmite the ſhepherd, and the ſhepe of the flocke ſhalbe ſcattred.
32 But * after I am riſen againe, I wil go before you into Galile.
33 But Peter anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, [n] Though that all men ſhulde be offended by thee, yet wil I neuer be offended.

Mar 14,10. luk 22,14.

e Euery one in value was about foure pēce halfe pennie of olde ſterling
Mar.14,12. luk.22,7.

f He maketh haſte to a more worthie ſacrifice, to wit, to that which the Paſſeouer ſignified.

Mar 14,18. luk.22,14. ſohn 13,21.

g He that is accuſtomed to eat with me daily at the table, Pſal 41,9.
h To the intēt his diſciples might knowe that all this was appointed by the prouidence of God.
1. Cor.11,24.
i That is, a true ſigne and teſtimonie that my bodie is made yours, and by me your ſoules are nouriſhed.
k The wine ſignifieth that our ſoules are refreſhed and ſatiffied with the blood of Chriſt, ſpiritually receiued, ſo that without him we haue no nouriſhment
l You ſhal no more enioye my bodelie preſence til we mete together in heauen
Mar 14,27. ſohn 16,32. & 18,8
m Shal turne backe and be diſcouraged
Zach 13,7.
Mar.14,28. & 16,7.
n This declareth what danger it is to truſt to muche to our owne ſtrength.

Iohn 13,38

34 *Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Verely I ſay vnto thee, that this night, before ỹ cocke crowe, thou ſhalt denie me thriſe.

35 Peter ſaid vnto him, Thogh I ſhulde dye with thee, yet wil I not denie thee. Likewiſe alſo ſaid all the diſciples.

Mar 14,32. luk 22,39.

36 ¶*Then wēt Ieſus with thē into a place which is called Gethſemane, and ſaid vnto his diſciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And he toke Peter, and the two ſonnes of Zebedeus, and begā to waxe ſorowful, [o] and grieuouſly troubled.

[o] He feared not death of him ſelf, but trēbled for feare of Gods anger towarde ſinne, the burden whereof he Bare for our ſākes

38 Then ſaid Ieſus vnto them, My ſoul is verie heauie *euen* vnto the [p] death: tarie ye here, and watche with me.

[p] For he ſawe Gods angre kindled towardes vs

39 So he went a litle further, and fel on his face, and prayed, ſaying, O my Father, if it be poſsible, let this [q] cup [r] paſſe from me: neuertheles, not as I wil, but as thou wilt.

[q] That is, the angre of God for mans ſinnes.

[r] He knewe wel what his Father had determined, and therefore was ready to obey but he prayeth as ỹ faithful do in their troubles without reſpect of the eternal counſel of God

40 After he came vnto the diſciples, and founde thē aſlepe, & ſaid to Peter, What? colde ye not watche with me one houre?

41 Watch, and pray, that ye enter not into tentation: the ſpirit in dede is readie, but the fleſh is [s] weake.

[s] And therefore we muſt continually fight againſt the fleſh.

42 Againe he wēt away the ſecōde time & prayed, ſaying, O my Father, if this cup cā not paſſe away from me, but that I muſt drinke it, thy wil be done.

43 And he came, and founde them aſlepe againe: for their eyes were heauie.

44 So he left them and went away againe, and prayed the third time, ſaying the ſame wordes.

45 Then came he to his diſciples, and ſaid vnto them, [t] Slepe henceforthe, and take your reſt: beholde, the houre is at hand, and the Sonne of man is giuen into the hands of ſinners.

[t] He ſpeaketh this in a contrarie ſenſe, meaning they ſhulde anone be wel wakened.

46 [u] Riſe, let vs go: beholde, he is at hand that betrayeth me.

[u] Chriſt dyed willingly, and therefore preſented himſelf to his enemies.

47 *And while he yet ſpake, lo, Iudas, one of the twelue, came, and with him a great multitude with ſwordes and ſtaues, from the high Prieſts and Elders of the people.

Mar.14.43 luk.22.47. iohn 18.3.

48 Now he that betrayed him, had giuen them a token, ſaying, Whome ſoeuer I ſhal kiſſe, that is he, lay holde on him.

Or, Haile, rabbi.

49 And forthewith he came to Ieſus, and ſaid, "God ſaue thee, Maſter, & kiſſed him.

[x] He rebuketh his vnkindenes vnder the cloke of preteńſed friendſhippe

50 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto him, [x] Friend, wherefore art thou come? Thē came they, and laid hands on Ieſus, and toke him.

Or, ſhe ath be.

51 And beholde, one of them which were with Ieſus, ſtretched out *his* hand, & drewe his ſworde, and ſtroke a ſeruant of the high Prieſt, and ſmote of his eare.

Gen. 9.6. reuel. 13.10.

[y] The exerciſing of the ſworde is forbide to priuate perſones. Alſo he wolde haue hindered by his vndiſcrete zeale the worke of God.

52 Then ſaid Ieſus vnto him, Put vp thy ſworde into his "place: *for all that [y] take the ſworde, ſhal periſhe with the ſworde.

53 Ether thinke ſt thou, that I can not now pray to my Father, and he wil giue me mo then twelue [z] legions of Angels?

[z] Euery legiō conteined communely 6000. footemen, and 732 horſemen. whereby here he meaneth an infinit nombre

54 How then ſhulde the * Scriptures be fulfilled, *which ſay*, that it muſt be ſo?

Iſa. 53,10.

55 The ſame houre ſaid Ieſus to the multitude, Ye be come out as *it were* againſt a thief, with ſwordes and ſtaues, to take me: I ſate daily teaching in the Temple amōg you, and ye toke me not.

56 But all this was done, that the * Scriptures of ỹ Prophetes might be fulfilled. *Thē all the diſciples forſoke him, and fled.

Lamen. 4,20 Chap 20,3. Mar. 14,53. luk 22,54. iohn 18,14.

57 ¶*And they toke Ieſus, and led him to Caiaphas the hie Prieſt, where the Scribes and the Elders were aſſembled.

Mar 14,55.

[a] He declareth how Ieſus was wrōg fully accuſed, to the end that we may knowe his innocencie, and not that he ſuffered for him ſelf, but for vs.

58 And Peter followed him a farre of vnto the hie Prieſts hall, and went in, & ſate with the ſeruants to ſe the end.

59 Now *the chief Prieſts & the Elders, and all the whole council [a] ſoght falſe witnes againſt Ieſus, to put him to death.

[b] Which colde iuſtely witnes againſt him.

60 But they founde none, and thogh many falſe witneſſes came, yet founde they [b] none: but at the laſt came two falſe witneſſes,

Iohn 2,19.

[c] Chriſt did neglect their falſe reportes and more ouer he was not there to defend his cauſe, but to ſuffer condemnatiō.

61 And ſaid, This man ſaid, *I can deſtroy the Temple of God, and buylde it in thre dayes.

[d] Or adiure thee by thine allegeance towards God.

62 Then the chief Prieſt aroſe, and ſaid to him, Anſwereſt thou nothing? What is the matter that theſe men witnes againſt thee?

63 But Ieſus [c] helde his peace. Then the chief Prieſt anſwered, and ſaid to him, I [d] charge thee by the liuing God, that thou tell vs, if thou be the Chriſt the Sonne of God.

[e] Chriſt cōfeſſeth that he is the Sonne of God

64 *Ieſus ſaid to him, [e] Thou haſt ſaid it: neuertheles I ſay vnto you, hereafter ſhal ye ſe the Sonne of man, ſitting at the right hand of the power of *God*, and come in the cloudes of the heauen.

Chap 16,27. rom 14,10. 1 theſ 4,14.

65 Then the hie Prieſt rent his [f] clothes, ſaying, He hathe [g] blaſphemed: what haue we any more nede of witneſſes? beholde, now ye haue heard his blaſphemie.

[f] This was one of their owne traditions, if they had heard any Iſraelite blaſpheme

[g] The ennemies of God call a true confeſſiō blaſphemie

66 What thinke ye? They anſwered, & ſaid, He is worthie to dye.

Iſa 50,6.

67 *Then ſpat they in his face, and buffeted him: and [h] other ſmote him with their roddes,

[h] The officers ſmite Chriſt with their roddes or litle ſtaues

68 Saying, [i] Prophecie to vs, ô Chriſt, Who is he that ſmote thee?

[i] They mocked him after this ſorte that he might not ſeme to be a Prophet, and ſo wolde turne the peoples mindes from him

69 ¶*Peter ſate without in ỹ hall: & a maide [z] came to him, ſaying, Thou alſo waſt with Ieſus of Galile.

Mar 14,66. luk 22,55. iohn 18,25.

70 But he denied before them all, ſaying, I wot not what thou ſaiſt.

71 And when he went out into the porche, another *maide* ſawe him, and ſaid vnto them that were there, This man was alſo with Ieſus of Nazaret.

[k] An example of our infirmitie that we may learne to depende vpon God and not put our truſt in our ſelues.

72 And [k] againe he denyed with an othe, ſaying, I knowe not the man.

73 So

73 So after a while, came vnto him thei that ſtode by, and ſaid vnto Peter, Surely thou art alſo one of them: for euen thy ſpeache bewrayeth thee.

74 Then began he to curſe *him ſelf*, and to ſweare, ſaying, I knowe not the man. And immediatly the cocke crewe.

l He was liuely touched w repentance by the motion of Gods Spirit, who neuer ſuffereth his to periſh vtterly, thogh for a time they fall, to the intent they may fele their owne weaknes & acknolege his great mercie.

75 Then Peter remembred the wordes of Ieſus, which had ſaid vnto him, Before the cocke crowe, thou ſhalt deny me thrife. So he went out, and l wept bitterly.

CHAP. XXVII.

2 Christ is deliuered vnto Pilate. 5 Iudas hangeth himſelf. 24 Christ is pronounced innocent by the iudge, and yet is condemned, and crucified among theues 46 He prayeth vpon the croſſe 51 The vaile is rent 52 The dead bodies ariſe 57 Ioſeph buryeth Christ. 64 Watchmen kepe the graue.

Mar 15,1. luk 22,66. ſohn 17,20.

1 WHen * the morning was come, all the chief Prieſts, & the Elders of the people toke counſel againſt Ieſus, to put him to death,

a For they had no autoritie to condemne him or to put any to death

2 And led him away bounde, and a deliuered him vnto Pontius Pilate the gouernour.

b Outer late repentāce bringeth deſpairetion

3 ¶ Then when Iudas which betrayed him, ſawe that he was condemned, b he repented him ſelf, and broght againe the thirtie *pieces* of ſiluer to the chief Prieſts, and Elders,

c Althogh he abhorre his ſinnes, yet is he not diſpleaſed there with, but diſpaireth in Gods mercies, and ſeketh his owne deſtruction

4 Saying, I haue c ſinned betraying the innocēt blood. But they ſaid, What is that to vs? d ſe thou to it.

Act. 1,18.

5 And whē he had caſt downe the ſiluer *pieces* in the Temple, he departed, and went, *and hanged him ſelf.

d Theſe hypocrites laye the whole faute vpon Iudas

6 And the chief Prieſts toke the ſiluer *pieces*, and ſaid, It is not e lawful for vs to put them into the "treaſure, becauſe it is the price of blood.

e The hypocrites are full of conſcience in a matter of nothing, but to ſhede innocēt blood they make nothing at it

7 And they toke counſel, and boght with them a potters field, for the buryal of f ſtrangers.

*Or, corbana

8 Wherefore that field is called, * the field of blood, vntil this day.

Act 1,19

9 (Then was fulfilled that which was ſpoken by Ieremias the Prophet, ſaying, *And they toke thirtie ſiluer *pieces*, the price of him that was valued, whome *they* of the children of Iſrael valued.

Zach.11,13.

f For ỹ Iewes thoght it a greet offence to be buryed in the ſame place that the ſtrangers were

10 And thei gaue them for the potters field, as the Lord appointed me.)

Mar 15,3. luk.23,3. ſohn 18,33.

11 ¶ *And Ieſus ſtode before the gouernour; and the gouernour aſked him, ſaying, Art thou the King of ỹ Iewes? Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Thou ſaiſt it.

12 And when he was accuſed of the chief Prieſts and Elders, he anſwered nothing.

13 Thē ſaid Pilate vnto him, Heareſt thou not how many things they laye againſt thee?

14 But he anſwered him not to one worde, in ſo muche that the gouernour maruelled greatly.

15 Now at the feaſt, ỹ gouernour was wont to g deliuer vnto the people a ſ priſoner, whome they wolde.

*Or, quite.

g It was a tradition of the Iewes to deliuer a priſoner at Eaſter.

16 And they had thē a notable priſoner, called Barabbas.

17 *When they were then gathered together, Pilate ſaid vnto them, Whether wil ye that I let looſe vnto you Barabbas, or Ieſus which is called Chriſt?

18 (For he knewe wel, that for enuie they had deliuered him.

19 Alſo whē he was ſet downe vpō the iudgemēt ſeat, his wife ſent to him, ſaying, h Haue thou nothing to do with that iuſte man: for I haue ſuffered many things this day in a dreame by reaſon of him.)

h This was to the greater cōdemnation of Pilate, whome neither his owne knowledge colde teache, nor counſel of others, to defende Chriſts innocencie.

20 *But the chief Prieſts & the Elders had perſuaded the people that thei ſhulde aſke Barabbas, and ſhulde deſtroy Ieſus.

Mar.15,11. luk.23,18. ſoh.18,40. act 3,14.

21 Then the gouernour anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, Whether of the twaine wil ye that I let looſe vnto you? And they ſaid, i Barabbas.

i The multitude preferre the wicked to the righteous

22 Pilate ſaid vnto them, What ſhal I do then with Ieſus which is called Chriſt? Thei all ſaid to him, Let him be crucified.

23 Then ſaid the gouernour, But what euil hathe he done? Then thei cryed the more, ſaying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate ſawe that he auailed nothing, but that more tumulte was made, he toke water and waſſhed his hands before the multitude, ſaying, I am innocent of the blood of this k iuſt man: loke you to it.

k Pilate beareth witnes ỹ he is innocent, before he condemne him

25 Then anſwered all the people, and ſaid, His l blood *be* on vs, and on our children.

l If his death be not lawful, let the puniſhment fall on our heades & our childrens. and as they wiſhed, ſo this curſſe taketh place to this day

26 Thus let he Barabbas looſe vnto them, and ſcourged Ieſus, and deliuered him to be crucified.

Mar 15,16. ſohn 19,1

27 ¶ *Thē the ſouldiours of the gouernour toke Ieſus into the commune hall, and gathered about him the whole bande.

28 And thei ſtripped him, & put vpon him a m ſkarlet robe,

m To deride him, becauſe he called him ſelf a King.

29 And platted a crowne of thornes, and put it vpō his head, and a rede in his right hand, and bowed their knees before him, and mocked him, ſaying, God ſaue thee King of the Iewes,

30 And ſpitted vpon him, and toke a rede, and ſmote him on the head.

31 Thus when they had mocked him, they toke the robe from him, and put his owne raiment on him, and led him away to crucifie him.

Mar 15,20. luk.23,26.

32 *And as they came out, they founde a man of Cyrene, named Simon: him they compelled to beare his croſſe.

Iohn 19,16

33 * And when they came vnto the place called Golgotha, (that is to ſay, the place of *dead mens* ſkulles.)

n It was a kinde of drinke to open the vaines, and ſo to haſten his death, which was giuen him vpon ỹ croſſe.

34 Thei gaue him n vineger to drinke, mingled with gall; and when he had taſted the-

reof, he wolde not drinke.

35 ¶ And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, & did caſt lottes, that it might be fulfilled, which was ſpoken by the Prophet, *They deuided my garmēts among them, and vpon my veſture did caſt lottes.

36 And they ſate, and watched him there.

37 ¶ Thei ſet vp alſo ouer his head his cauſe written, ° THIS IS IESVS THE KING OF THE IEWES.

38 ¶ And there were two thieues crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 And they that paſſed by, reuiled him, wagging their heads,

40 And ſaying, *Thou that deſtroyeſt the Temple, and buyldeſt it in thre dayes, ſaue thy ſelf: if thou be the Sonne of God, come downe from the croſſe.

41 Likewiſe alſo the hie Prieſts mocking him, with the Scribes, and Elders, and Phariſes, ſaid,

42 He ſaued others, *but* he can not ſaue him ſelf: if he be the King of Iſrael, let him now come downe from the croſſe, and we wil beleue him.

43 *He p truſteth in God, let him deliuer him now, if he wil haue him: for he ſaid, I am the Sonne of God.

44 That ſame alſo the qthieues which were crucified with him, caſt in his teeth.

45 Now from the r ſixt houre was there darkenes ouer all the ſ land, vnto the ninth houre.

46 And about the ninth houre Ieſus cryed with a loude voyce, ſaying, *Eli, Eli, lama ſabacthani? that is, t My God, my God, why haſt thou forſaken me?

47 And ſome of them that ſtode there, whē thei heard it, ſaid, This man calleth u Elias.

48 And ſtraight way one of them ran, and toke *a ſponge, and filled it with vineger, and put it on a "rede, and gaue him to drinke.

49 Other ſaid, Let be: let vs ſe, if Elias wil come and ſaue him.

50 Then Ieſus cryed againe with a loude voyce, and yelded vp the x goſt.

51 And beholde, *the y vaile of the Temple was rent in twayne, from the top to the bottome, and the earth did quake, and the ſtones were clouen,

52 And the graues did open them ſelues, & many bodies of the Saincts which ſlept, aroſe,

53 And came out of the graues after his reſurrection, and went into the "holie Citie, and appeared vnto many.

54 When the Centurion, & they that were with him watching Ieſus, ſawe the earthquake, and the things that were done, they feared greatly, ſaying, Truely z this was the Sonne of God.

55 ¶ And many women were there, beholding him a farre of, which had followed Ieſus from Galile, miniſtring vnto him.

56 Among whome was Marie Magdalene, and Marie the mother of Iames & Ioſes, and the mother of Zebedeus ſonnes.

57 ¶ *And when the euen was come, there came a a riche man of Arimathea, named Ioſeph, who had alſo him ſelf bene Ieſus diſciple.

58 He went to Pilate, and aſked the bodie of Ieſus. Then Pilate commanded the bodie to be deliuered.

59 So Ioſeph toke the bodie, and wrapped it in a cleane linnen cloth,

60 And put it in his newe b tombe, which he had hewen out in a rocke, & rolled a great ſtone to the dore of the ſepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Marie Magdalene, and the other Marie ſitting ouer againſt the ſepulchre.

62 ¶ Now the next day that followed the c Preparation *of the Sabbath*, the hie Prieſts and Phariſes aſſembled to Pilate,

63 And ſaid, Sir, we remember that that deceiuer ſaid, while he was yet aliue, Within thre dayes I wil riſe.

64 Commande therefore, that the ſepulchre be made ſure vntil ỹ thirde day, leſt his diſciples come by night, & ſteale him away, and ſay vnto the people, He is riſen from the dead: ſo ſhal the laſt d errour be worſe then the firſt.

65 Then Pilate ſaid vnto them, Ye haue e a watche: go, and make it ſure as ye knowe.

66 And they went, and made the ſepulchre f ſure with the watche, and ſealed the ſtone.

CHAP. XXVIII.

6 The reſurrection of Chriſt. 10 The brethren of Chriſt. 12 The hie Prieſts bribe the ſouldiers. 17 Chriſt appeareth to his diſciples, and ſendeth thē forthe to preache, and to baptize. 20 Promiſing to them continual aſſiſtance.

1 NOw *in the "end of the a Sabbath, whē the firſt *day* of the weke began to dawne, Marie Magdalene, and the other Marie came to ſe the ſepulchre.

2 And beholde, there was a great earthquake: for the b Angel of the Lord deſcended frō heauen, and came and rolled backe the ſtone from the dore, and ſate vpon it.

3 And his countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as ſnowe.

4 And for feare of him, the kepers were aſtonied, and became as dead men.

5 But the Angel anſwered, and ſaid to the women, Feare ye not: for I knowe that ye ſeke Ieſus which was crucified:

6 He is not here, for he is riſen, as he ſaid:

come,

Pſal 22,19. mar.15,24.

The maner then was to ſet vp a writing to ſignifie wherefore a man was executed: but he a God gouerned Pilates hand to write other wiſe then he thoght. *Iohn 3,14.*

Pſal 22,9. Wiſ.2,18.

p This was a great tētation, to go about to take from him his truſte in God, and ſo to bring him to deſpaire

q Meaning by this ſynechdoche the one of the theeues

r That was frō none til thre of the cloche

ſ Of Iewrie and the countrey there about.

Pſal.22,2.

t Notwithſtanding that he feeleth him ſelf as it were wounded with Gods wrath and forſaken for our ſinnes, yet he ceaſeth not to put his cōfidēce i God and call vpon him: which is writen to teache vs in all afflictiōs to truſt ſtil in God, be the aſſautes neuer ſo grieuous to the fleſh.

u They mocked at Chriſts prayer, as if it had bene in vaine.

Pſal.69,22.

x Or, byſſope Ballot, *Iohn 19,29.*

y Voluntarely after he had obeyed his Father in all things. * *1 Chro 3,14.* y Which ſignified an end of all the ceremonies of the Lawe. ° Or, Ieruſalem.

z This iudgemēt of an heathen man was ſufficient to condemne the groſſe malice of the Iewes.

Mar.15,42. luk.23,50. iohn 19 38

a Who was ſo muche the more in danger by declaring him ſelf to be Ieſus diſciple.

b Chriſts buryng doeth ſo much more verifie his death & reſurrection.

c Which was the day before the Sabbath

d More wil tolow his doctrine then did afore he was put to death

e That is, men appointed for the keping of the Temple

f The more ỹ men go about to ſubdue Chriſts power ỹ more ſhewe they their owne malice, and procure to thē ſelues ỹ greater condemnation, for as muche as Gods glorie the more appeareth thereby.

Mar.16,1. iohn 20,11.

"Or, euening

a Here the Euangeliſte reckeneth the natural day from the ſunne riſing to his riſing againe, & not as the Iewes did, & began to count at the firſt houre after the ſunne ſet

b There were two, but it is a maner of ſpeache to vſe the ſingular nōber for ỹ plural, and contrarie.

come, ſe the place where ỹ Lord was laid,
7 And go quickly, and tell his diſciples that he is riſen from the dead: and beholde, he goeth before you into Galile: there ye ſhal ſe him: [e] lo, I haue tolde you.
8 So they departed quickly from the ſepulchre, with feare and great [d] ioye, & did runne to bring his diſciples worde.
9 And as they went to tell his diſciples, beholde, Ieſus alſo met them, ſaying, God ſaue you. And they came, and toke him by the fete, and worſhipped him.
10 Then ſaid Ieſus vnto them, Be not afraied. Go, *and* tell my brethren, that thei go into Galile, and there ſhal they ſe me.
11 ¶ Now when they were gone, beholde, ſome of the watche came into the citie, & ſhewed vnto the hie Prieſts all ỹ things that were done.
12 And thei gathered them together with the Elders, and toke counſel, & gaue large money vnto the ſouldiers,
13 Saying, Say, His diſciples came by night and ſtole him away while we ſlept.
14 And if ỹ gouernour heare of this, we wil perſuade him, and ſaue you harmeles.
15 So they toke the money, & did as they were taught: and this [e] ſaying is noiſed among the Iewes vnto this day.
16 ¶ Then the eleuen diſciples went into Galile, into a mountaine, where Ieſus had appointed them.
17 And when they ſawe him, they worſhipped him: but ſome douted.
18 And Ieſus came, and ſpake vnto them, ſaying, * All power is giuen vnto me in heauen, and in earth.
19 * Go therefore, and teache all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and the Sonne, and the holie Goſt,
20 Teaching them to obſerue all things, whatſoeuer I [f] haue commanded you: & lo, * I am with you alway, vntil the [g] end of the worlde, Amen.

e He aſſureth them ỹ it is lo

d Their ioye was mixt with feare, bothe because of ỹ Angels preſence, & alſo for that thei were not aſſured.

e An extreme vengeance of God, whereby the Iewes were ỹ more hardened, ſo that thei cā not fele the profite of his death & reſurrection.

Ebr. 1,3. chap 11,27. iohn 17,2. Mar. 16,15.

f Men muſt not teache their owne doctrine, but whatſoeuer Chriſt hathe taught thē: for he reſerueth this authoritie to hī ſelf, to be ỹ onelie teacher and author of ỹ doctrine. *Iohn 14,16.*

g By power, grace and vertue of the holie Goſt.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

of Ieſus Chriſt, according to Marke.

CHAP. I.

a The office, doctrine & life of Iohn the Baptiſte. 9 Chriſt is baptized. 13 And tempted 14 He preacheth 17 Calleth the fiſhers 23 Chriſt healeth the man with the vncleane ſpirit. 27 New doctrine 29 He healeth Peters mother in law. 34 The deuils knowe him 41 He cleanſeth the leper, and healeth diuers others.

a He ſheweth ỹ Iohn Baptiſt was the firſt preacher of the Goſpel.

THE [a] beginning of the Goſpel of Ieſus Chriſt, the Sonne of God:
2 As it is written in the Prophetes, * Beholde, I ſend my [b] meſſenger before thy face, which ſhal prepare thy way before thee.
3 * The voyce of him that cryeth in ỹ wildernes, [c] Prepare the way of the Lord: make his paths ſtraight.
4 * Iohn did baptize in the wildernes, and [d] preache the baptiſme of amendement of life, for remiſsion of ſinnes.
5 And all the countrey of Iudea, and they of Ieruſalem went out vnto him, and were all baptized of him in the riuer Iordan, confeſsing their ſinnes.
6 Now Iohn was clothed with camels heere, and with a girdle of a ſkinne about his loines: and he did eat " * locuſtes & wilde honie,
7 * And preached, ſaying, A ſtronger then I, cometh after me, whoſe ſhoes latchet I am not worthie to ſtoup downe, & vnloſe.
8 Trueth it is, I haue * baptized you with [e] water: but he wil baptize you with the holie Goſt.
9 ¶ * And it came to paſſe in thoſe dayes, that Ieſus came from Nazaret *a citie* of Galile, and was baptized of Iohn in Iordan.
10 And aſſone as " he was come out of the water, *Iohn* ſawe the heauens clouen in twaine, and the [f] holie Goſt deſcending vpon him like a doue.
11 Then there was a voyce from heauen, *ſaying*, Thou [g] art my beloued Sonne, in whome I am wel pleaſed.
12 * And immediatly the " Spirit driueth him into the wildernes.
13 And he was there in the wildernes fortie daies, and was [h] tempted of Satan: he was alſo with the wilde beaſts, and the Angels miniſtred vnto him.
14 ¶ * Now after that Iohn was committed *to priſon*, Ieſus came into Galile, preaching [i] the Goſpel of the kingdome of God,
15 And ſaying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdome of God is at hand: repent and beleue the Goſpel.
16 ¶ * And as he walked by the " ſea of Galile, he ſawe Simon, and Andrewe his brother, caſting a nette into the ſea, (for they were fiſhers.)
17 Thē Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Followe me,

b In Greke, Angel, or Ambaſſadour. *Iſa 40,3. luk 3,4. iohn 1,23. Mat 3,3.*

c Take awaye all lettes, w might hinder Chriſt to come to you.

d He did bothe baptize & preache, but preached firſt, & after baptized, as appeareth by Mat 3,11: ſo that the ordre is here inuerted, which thing is commune in the Scriptures

" Or, graſſhoppers. *Leuit 11,22. Mat 3,12. luk 3,16. iohn 1,27.*

Malac 3,1.

Act. 1,5. & 2, 4 & 11,16. & 19,4. Mat. 3,14. luk. 3,22. iohn 1,33.

e He declareth that he is but the miniſter of the outwarde ſigne, and ỹ is as Ieſus Chriſt that giueth the force & vertue.

" Or, Ieſus

f This was done for the confirmatiō of Iohn and them that ſtode bye. *Mat 4,1. luk. 4,1.*

g The Father beareth witnes that Chriſt is the verie Sonne of God.

" Or, the holie Goſt

h Chriſt wolde be tempted to perſuade vs, ỹ he wil helpe them that be tempted, Ebr. 2,18. *Mat. 4,12. luk. 4,14. iohn 4,43.*

i By ỹ which Goſpel he wil rule & reigne ouer all. *Mat. 4,18. luk. 5,2.*

" Or, lake.

and I wil make you to be [k] fishers of men.
18 And straight waye they forsoke their nettes, and followed him.
19 And when he had gone a litle further thence, he sawe Iames *the sonne* of Zebedeus, and Iohn is brother, as they were in the shippe, mending their nettes.
20 And anone he called them: and they left their father Zebedeus in the ship with his hyred seruants, and went their way after him.
21 ¶ So *they entred into Capernaum, and straight way on the Sabbath daye he entred into the Synagogue and taught.
22 And they were astonied at his doctrine: * for he taught them as one that had autoritie, and [l] not as the Scribes.
23 ¶ And there was in their Synagogue a mā which had an vncleane spirit, & he cryed,
24 Saying, Ah, what haue we to do with thee, ô Iesus of Nazaret? Art thou come to destroy vs? I knowe thee what thou art, *euen* that holie one of God.
25 And Iesus rebuked him, saying, [m] Holde thy peace, and come out of him.
26 And the vncleane spirit tare him, and cryed with a loude voyce, and came out of him.
27 And they were all amased, so that they demanded one of another, saying, What thing is this [n] what new doctrine is this? for he commandeth the foule spirits with autoritie, and they obey him.
28 And immediatly his fame spred abroad throughout all the region bordering on Galile.
29 ¶ *And assone as they were come out of the Synagogue, they entred into the house of Simon and Andrewe, with Iames & Iohn.
30 And Simons wiues mother in law laye sicke of a feuer, and anone they tolde him of her.
31 And he came & toke her by the hand, & lift her vp, and the feuer forsoke her by & by, and she ministred vnto them.
32 And when euen was come, and the sunne was downe, they broght to him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with deuils.
33 And the whole citie was gathered togeth[er] at the dore.
34 And he healed manie that were sicke of diuers diseases: and he cast out manie deuils, & [o] suffred not the deuils to say that they knewe him.
35 And in the morning verie earely, [*] before day *Iesus* arose and went out into a solitarie place, and there praied.
36 And Simon, and thei that were with him, followed after him.
37 And when they had founde him, they said vnto him, All men seke for thee.
38 Then he said vnto them, Let vs go into the next townes, that I may preache there also: for I came out for that purpose.
39 And he preached in their Synagogues, throughout all Galile, and cast the deuils out.
40 ¶ *And there came a leper to him, beseching him, and kneled downe vnto him, & said to him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me cleane.
41 And Iesus had compasion, and put forthe his hand, and touched him, and said to him, I wil: be thou cleane.
42 And assone as he had spoken, immediatly the leprosie departed from him, and he was made cleane.
43 And after he had giuen him a streict [p] commandement, he sent him awaye forthewith,
44 And said vnto him, Se thou say nothing to anie man, but get thee hence, & shewe thy self to [q] the * Priest, and offer for thy clensing those things, which Moses commanded, for a [r] testimonial vnto them.
45 But when he was departed, * he beganne to tel manie things, and to publish the matter: so that Iesus [s] colde no more openly enter into the citie, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from euerie quarter.

CHAP. II.

3 He healeth the man of the palsie. 5 He forgiueth sinnes. 14 He calleth Leui the customer. 16 He eateth with sinners. 18 He excuseth his disciples, as touching fasting, and keping the Sabbath daye.

1 AFter * *a fewe* dayes, he entred into Capernaum againe, and it was noysed that he was in the [a] house.
2 And anone, manie gathered together, in so muche that the places about the dore colde not receiue anie more: and he preached the worde vnto them.
3 And there came vnto him, that broght one sicke of the palsie, borne of foure men.
4 And becaus[e] they colde not come nere vnto him for the multitude, they vncouered the rofe of the house where he was: and when they had broken it open, thei let downe the bed, wherein the sicke of the palsie laye.
5 Now when Iesus sawe their faith, he said to the sicke of the palsie, Sonne, thy [b] sinnes are forgiuen thee.
6 And there were certeine of the Scribes, sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,
7 Why doeth this man speake suche blasphemies? * who can forgiue sinnes, but God onelie?
8 And immediatly when Iesus perceiued in his spirit, that thus they thoght with thē selues, he said vnto thē, Why reason ye

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k To drawe them from perdicion.

Mat.4.23. luk.4.31.

Mat.7.28. luk.4.32.

l Whose doctrine was dead, & nothing sauoured of the spirit.

m Christ wolde not suffer the father of lyes to beare witnes to the truth.

n Thei referre the miracle to the kinde of doctrine, & so marueil at it, as a newe and strange thing, and do not cōsider the power of Christ, who is the autor of the one and the other.

Mat.8.14. luk.4.38.

o Christ wolde not haue suche witnesses to preache him & his Gospel. So Paule was offended that § Pythonesse shulde testifie of him, Act. 16.18.

*Or, being yet night.

Mat.8.1. luk.5.12.

p Forbidding him to tell anie man, because as yet his time was not come to be knowen *Leui 14.4.*

q It belonged to the Priest to knowe if a mā were healed of the leprosie *Luk.5.18.*

r To take all maner of excuse from them, & to condēne them of ingratitude.

s The preasse was so great, that he shulde haue bene thronged.

Mat 9.1. luk.5.18.

a Where he was wonte to remaine.

b By these wordes Christ shewed that he was sent of his Father w autoritie to take away our sinnes.

Iob.14.4. isa.43.25.

ye theſe things in your hearts?

9 c Whether is it eaſier to ſay to the ſicke of the palſie, Thy ſinnes are forgiuen thee? or to ſay, Ariſe, and take vp thy bed, and walke?

10 And that ye may knowe, that the Sonne of man hathe autoritie in earth to forgiue ſinnes, (he ſaid vnto ỹ ſicke of the palſie.)

11 I ſay vnto thee, Ariſe & take vp thy bed, and get thee hence into thine owne houſe.

12 And by and by he aroſe, and toke vp his bed, and went forthe before them all, inſomuche that they were all amaſed, and glorified God, ſaying, d We neuer ſawe ſuche a thing.

13 ¶Then he went againe towarde the ſea, and all the people reſorted vnto him, and he taught them.

14 *And as Ieſus paſſed by, he ſawe Leui *the ſonne* of Alpheus ſit at the receite of cuſtome, & ſaid vnto him, Followe me. And he aroſe and followed him.

15 ¶And it came to paſſe, as Ieſus ſate at table in his houſe, many Publicanes & ſinners ſate at table alſo w Ieſus, & his diſciples: for there were many ỹ followed him.

16 And when the Scribes and Phariſes ſawe him eat with ỹ Publicanes & ſinners, they ſaid vnto his diſciples, How is it, that he eateth and drinketh with Publicanes and ſinners?

17 Now when Ieſus heard it, he ſaid vnto them, The whole haue no nede of the phyſicion, but the ſicke. *I came not to call the e righteous, but the ſinners to repentance.

18 *And the diſciples of Iohn, & the Phariſes did faſt, and came and ſaid vnto him, Why do the diſciples of Iohn and of the Phariſes faſt, and thy diſciples faſt not?

19 And Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Can the f children of the mariage chamber faſt, whiles the bridegrome is with them? as long as they haue the bridegrome with them, they can not faſt.

20 But the dayes wil come, when the bridegrome ſhalbe taken from them, and then ſhal they faſt in thoſe dayes.

21 Alſo no mā ſoweth a piece g of new cloth in an olde garment: for els the new *piece* taketh away the filling vp from the olde, and the breache is worſe.

22 Likewiſe, no man putteth new wine into olde veſſels: for els the new wine breaketh the veſſels, and the wine runneth out, and the veſſels are loſt: but new wine muſt be put into new veſſels.

23 ¶*And it came to paſſe as he wēt through the corne on the Sabbath day, that his diſciples, as they went on their way, began to plucke the eares of corne.

24 And the Phariſes ſaid vnto him, Behold, why do they on the Sabbath day, that which is not lawful?

25 And he ſaid to them, Haue ye neuer red what * Dauid did, when he had nede, and was an hungred, *bothe* he, and they that were with him?

26 How he went into the houſe of God, in the dayes of h Abiathar the hie Prieſt, and did eat the ſhewe bread, which were not lawful to eat, but for the * Prieſts, and gaue alſo to them which were with him?

27 And he ſaid to them, The Sabbath was i made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

28 Wherefore the Sonne of man is Lord, euen of the Sabbath.

CHAP. III.

1 He healeth the man with the dryed hand. 14 He choſeth his Apoſtles. 21 Chriſt is thoght of the worldlings to be beſides him ſelf. 22 He caſteth out the vncleane ſpirit, which the Phariſes aſcribe vnto the deuil. 29 Blaſphemie againſt the holie Goſt. 33 The brother, ſiſter and mother of Chriſt.

1 AND *he entred againe into the Synagogue, and there was a man which had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him, whether he wolde heale him on the Sabbath day, that they might accuſe him.

3 Then he ſaid vnto the man which had the withered hand, Ariſe: *ſtand forthe* in the middes.

4 And he ſaid to them, Is it lawful to do a good dede on the Sabbath day, or to do euil? to ſaue ỹ life, or to kil? But thei a helde their peace.

5 Then he loked rounde about on them b angerly, mourning alſo for the hardenes of their hearts, and ſaid to the man, Stretch forthe thine hād. And he ſtretched it out: and his hand was reſtored, as whole as the other.

6 ¶And the Phariſes departed, & ſtraight waye gathered a councel with the c Herodians againſt him, that they might deſtroye him.

7 But Ieſus auoyded with his diſciples to the ſea: and a great multitude followed him from Galile, and from Iudea,

8 And from Ieruſalem, and from Idumea, and beyonde Iordan: and they that dwelled about Tyrus and Sidon, when thei had heard what great things he did, came vnto him in great nomber.

9 And he commanded his diſciples, that a ſhip ſhulde waite for him, becauſe of the multitude, leſt they ſhulde throng him.

10 For he had healed many, inſomuche that they preaſſed vpon him, to touche him as many as had * plagues.

11 And when the vncleane ſpirits ſawe him, they fel downe before him, and cryed, ſaying, Thou art the Sonne of God.

12 And he ſharpely rebuked thē, to the end they ſhulde not vtter him.

c Chriſt ſpeaketh according to their capacitie, who were ſo blinde that they wolde believe nothing, but that which they ſaw with their eyes, and therefore ſheweth his autoritie ouer the ſoule by the power which he hathe ouer the bodie

d Their owne conſciences cauſe them to confeſſe the trueth

Mat 9 9. luk 5,27.

1 *Tim 1,15.*

e He ſpeaketh of ſuche as perſuade them ſelues to be iuſte although they be nothing leſſe

Mat 9,14. luk 5,33.

f Chriſt ſheweth that he wil ſpare his & not burden them before it be neceſſarie

g The worde properly ſignifieth newe cloth which as yet hathe not paſſed the hādes of the fuller.

Mat.12,1. luk.6,1.

1 Sam.21,6.

h He was alſo called Achimelech, as his father was, ſo that bothe the father and the ſonne were called by bothe theſe names, 1 Chron 24, 3. 2 ſam 8, 17 & 15,29 1 king 2, 26

Exod 29, 33. leuit 8, 31. & 24, 9

i Seing ỹ Sabbath was made for mans vſe, it was not meete it ſhulde be vſed to his hinderance & incommoditie.

Mat 12,9. luk 6,6.

a They helde their tongues of malice: for they wolde neither confeſſe nor denie.

b Chriſt is in ſuche ſorte angrie with man that he pitieth him & ſeketh to winne him.

c Although they hated one another deadly, yet this hindered thē, not to ioine their malice to reſiſte Chriſt; read Mat 22,16.

* Or, ſcourges, meaning diſeaſes.

Chap 6.7. mat 10,1. luk.9,1.

13 ¶*Then he went vp into a mountaine, & called vnto him whome he wolde, & they came vnto him.

14 And he appointed twelue that they ſhulde be with him, and that he might ſend thē to preache,

15 And that they might haue power to heale ſickeneſſes, and to caſt out deuils.

16 And the firſt *was* Simon, & he named Simon, Peter.

17 Then Iames *the ſonne* of Zebedeus, and Iohn, Iames brother (& named them Boanerges, which is the ſonnes of thunder.)

18 And Andrew, and Philippe, and Bartlemew, and Matthewe, & Thomas, and Iames, *the ſonne* of Alpheus, and [r] Thaddeus and Simon the [s] Cananite.

[r] Or, Lebbeus, or Iudas
[s] Or, zealous.

19 And Iudas Iſcariot, who alſo betrayed him, and they came [d] home.

d The diſciples were now conuerſant with Chriſt bothe at home and abroad.

20 And the multitude aſſembled againe, ſo that they colde not ſomuche as eat bread.

21 And whē [e] his kinſfolkes heard of it, they went out to lay [e] holde on him: for they thoght he had bene beſide him ſelf.

[e] Or, they that were about him. Mat. 9,34. & 12,24. luk.11,14.

22 ¶*And the Scribes which came from Ieruſalem, ſaid, He hathe Beelzebub, and through the prince of deuils he caſteth out deuils.

e His kinſfolkes wolde haue ſhut him within dores, leſt any harme ſhulde haue come vnto them, if any tumulte had bene made: for ſome wolde haue made him a King, & the Phariſes with others ſoght his life: ſo that hereby they might haue procured ſ hatred of Herode, and of the Phariſes and of the Romains.

23 But he called them vnto him, and ſaid vnto thē in parables, How can Satan driue out Satan?

24 For if a kingdome be deuided againſt it ſelf, that kingdome can not ſtand.

25 Or if a houſe be deuided againſt it ſelf, that houſe can not continue.

26 So if Satan make inſurrectiō againſt him ſelf, & be deuided, he can not endure, but is at an end.

27 No mā can entre into a ſtrong mans houſe, and take away his goods, except he firſt binde that ſtrong man, and then ſpoile his houſe.

Mat 12,38. luk.12,10. 1 ioh 5,16.

28 ¶*Verely I ſay vnto you, all ſinnes ſhal be forgiuen vnto the children of men, and blaſphemies, wherewith they blaſpheme:

f Which is, when a man fighteth againſt his owne conſcience, & ſtriueth againſt the trueth which is reueiled vnto him: for ſuche one is in a reprobate ſenſe and can not come to repentance Mat.12,46. luk.8,19.

29 But he that [f] blaſphemeth againſt the holy Goſt, ſhal neuer haue forgiuenes, but is culpable of eternal damnation,

30 Becauſe they ſaid, He had an vncleane ſpirit.

31 ¶*Then came his [g] brethren and mother, and ſtode without, and ſent vnto him, and called him.

[g] Or, kinſfolkes.

32 And the people ſate about him, and they ſaid vnto him, Beholde, thy mother, & thy brethren ſeke for thee without.

33 But he anſwered thē, ſaying, Who is my mother and my brethren?

34 And he loked rounde about on thē, which ſate in compaſſe about him, and ſaid, Beholde my mother and my brethren.

35 For whoſoeuer doeth the wil of God, he is my brother, and my ſiſter, and mother.

CHAP. IIII.

2 By the parables of the ſede, and the muſtarde corne, Chriſt ſheweth the ſtate of the kingdome of God 11 A ſpecial gift of God to knowe the myſteries of his kingdome. 37 He ſtilleth the tempeſte of the ſea which obeyed him.

1 AND*he begā againe to teache by the ſea ſide, & there gathered vnto him a great multitude, ſo that he entred into a ſhip, and ſate in the ſea, and all the people was by the ſea ſide on the land.

Mat 13,1. luk.8,4.

2 And he taught them many things in parables, and ſaid vnto them in [a] "his doctrine,

a It is called Chriſts doctrine, either for that he was accuſtomed to ſpeake vnto them by ſimilitudes: or els becauſe it had ſ vertue & mateſtie that men colde not denie but it came from heaueu

3 Hearken: Beholde, there went out a ſower to ſowe.

4 And it came to paſſe as he ſowed, that ſome fel by the way ſide, & the foules of the heauen came and deuoured it vp.

5 And ſome fel on ſtonie grounde, where it had not muche earth, & by and by ſprang vp, becauſe it had not depth of earth.

6 But aſſone as the ſunne was vp, it caught heate, and becauſe it had not roote, it withered away.

[a] Or, as he taught.

7 And ſome fel among the thornes, and the thornes grewe vp and choked it, ſo that it gaue no frute.

8 Some againe fel in good grounde, and did yelde frute that ſprong vp, and grew, and it broght forthe, ſome thirtie folde, ſome ſixtie folde, and ſome an hundreth folde.

9 Then he ſaid vnto them, He that hathe [b] eares to heare, let him heare.

b For God doeth not opē all mens hartes to vnderſtand his myſteries

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelue, aſked him of the parable.

11 And he ſaid vnto them, To [c] you it is giuen to knowe the myſterie of the kingdome of God: but vnto them that are [d] without, all things be done in parables,

c Which are led by the Spirit of God

d And are not of the nomber of the faithful, neither atteine to the pith and ſubſtance, but onely ſtaye in the outwarde rinde and barke

12 *That they ſeing, may ſe, and not diſcerne: and they hearing, may heare, and not vnderſtand, leſt at any time they ſhulde turne, and their ſinnes ſhulde be forgiuen them.

Iſa 6,9. mat 13,14. luk.8,10. ioh 12,40. act 28,26. rom.11,8.

13 Againe he ſaid vnto them, Perceiue ye not this parable? how thē ſhulde ye vnderſtand all *other* parables?

14 The ſower ſoweth the worde.

15 And theſe are they that *receiue the ſede* by the wayes ſide, in whome the worde is ſowen: but when they haue heard it, Satan cometh immediatly, and taketh away the worde that was ſowen in their hearts.

16 And likewiſe they that receiue ſ ſede in ſtonie grounde, are they, which when they haue heard the worde, ſtraight wayes receiue it with gladnes.

17 Yet haue they no roote in them ſelues, and endure but a time: *for* when trouble and perſecution ariſeth for the worde, immediatly

mediatly they be offended.
18 Alſo they that receiue the ſede among the thornes, are ſuche as heare the worde:
19 But the cares of this worlde, and the *diſceifulnes of riches, and the luſtes of other things entre in, & choke the worde, and it is vnfruteful.
20 But they that haue receiued ſede in good grounde, are they that heare the worde and receiue it, and bring forthe frute, one *corne* thirtie, another ſixtie, and ſome an hundreth.
21 ¶Alſo he ſaid vnto them, * Is e the candle " light to be put vnder a buſſhel, or vnder the table, and not to be put on a candleſticke?
22 *f For there is nothing hid, that ſhal not be opened: nether is there a ſecret, but that it ſhal come to light.
23 If any man haue eares to heare, let him heare.
24 And he ſaid vnto them, Take hede what ye heare. * With g what meaſure ye mette, it ſhalbe meaſured vnto you: & vnto you that heare, ſhal more be giuen.
25 *For vnto him that hathe, ſhal it be giuē, and from him that hathe not, ſhalbe taken away, h euen that he hathe.
26 ¶Alſo he ſaid, So is the i kingdome of God, as if a man ſhulde k caſt ſede in the grounde,
27 And ſhulde ſlepe, and riſe vp night and day, and the ſede ſhulde ſpring and grow vp, he not knowing how.
28 For the earth bringeth forthe frute of her ſelf, firſt the blade, then the eares, after that ful corne in the eares.
29 And aſſone as the frute ſheweth it ſelf, anone he putteth in the ſickel, becauſe the harueſt is come.
30 ¶*He ſaid moreouer, Whereunto ſhal we liken the kingdome of God ? or with what compariſon ſhal we compare it?
31 *It* is like a graine of muſtarde ſede, which when it is ſowen in the earth, is the leaſt of all ſedes that be in the earth:
32 But after that it is ſowen, it groweth vp, and is greateſt of all herbes, and beareth great brāches, ſo that the foules of heauen may buylde vnder the ſhadow of it.
33 And *with many ſuche parables he preached the worde vnto them, as they were able to heare it.
34 And without parables ſpake he nothing vnto them: but he expounded all things to his diſciples aparte.
35 ¶*Now the ſame day when euen was come, he ſaid vnto them, Let vs paſſē ouer vnto the other ſide.
36 And they left the multitude, and ! toke him as he was in the ſhip: and there were alſo with him other ſhippes.
37 And there aroſe a great ſtorme of winde, & the waues daſhed into the ſhip, ſo that it was now ful.
38 And he was in the ſterne m a ſlepe on a pillowe: and they awoke him, and ſaid to him, Maſter, careſt thou not that we periſh?
39 And he roſe vp, and rebuked the winde, and ſaid vnto the ſea, Peace, and be ſtil. So the winde ceaſed, and it was a great calme.
40 Then he ſaid vnto them, Why are ye ſo feareful ? " how is it that ye haue no faith?
41 And they feared excedingly, & ſaid one to another, Who is this, that bothe the winde and the ſea obey him?

Mat.5,15. luk.8,16. & 11,33.
e Chriſt ſetteth before their eyes the true patron of a Chriſtiā life
1.Tim 6,17.
Mat.10,26. luk.8,17. & 12,2.
f We may not take occaſion to do euil vnder colour to hide our doings: for all ſhal be diſcloſed at the length
Mat 7,2. luk.6,38
g If you do your endeuour faithfully, ye ſhal be recompenſed iuſtely
Mat 13,12. & 25,29. luk.8,18. & 9,26.
h That which he thinketh him ſelf to haue.
i Theſe two ſimilitudes following proue, that although the kingdome of God ſemeth to haue very litle appearance or beginning, yet God doeth increaſe it aboue mans reaſon
Mat 13,31 luk.13,19
k If the miniſters do their duetie, God wil giue ẏ increaſe
Mat.13,34.
Mat 8,23. luk.8,22.
l And ſet forwarde.
m Chriſt leaueth vs ofte times to our ſelues, bothe aſwel that we may learne to knowe our owne weakenes, as his mightie power
Or, haue you not yet faith?

CHAP. V.

Ieſus caſteth the deuils out of the man and ſuffereth them to enter into the ſwine 25 He healeth a woman from the bloodie yſſue. 41 And raiſeth the captaines daughter.

1 AND * they came ouer to the other ſide of the ſea into the countrey of the Gadarens.
2 And when he was come out of the ſhip, there met him incontinently out of the graues, a man which had an vncleane ſpirit:
3 Who had his abyding among the graues, and no man colde binde him, no not with chaines,
4 Becauſe that when he was often bounde with fetters and chaines, he plucked ẏ chaines a ſondre, and brake the fetters in pieces, nether colde anie man tame him.
5 And alwayes bothe night & day he cryed in the mountaines, and in the graues, and ſtroke him ſelf with ſtones.
6 And when he ſaw Ieſus a farre of, he ranne, and worſhipped him,
7 And cryed with a loude voyce, and ſaid, a What haue I to do with thee, Ieſus, the Sonne of the moſte high God ? " I charge thee by b God, that thou torment me not.
8 (For he ſaid vnto him, Come out of the man, thou vncleane ſpirit.)
9 And he aſked him, What is thy name ? & he anſwered ſaying, My name is c Legion: for we are manie.
10 And he prayed him inſtātly, ẏ he wolde not ſend them away out of the countrey.
11 Now there was there in the moūtaines a great herd of ſwine, feeding.
12 And all the deuils beſoght him, ſaying, Send vs into the ſwine, that we may entre into them.
13 And incontinently Ieſus gaue them leaue. Then the vncleane ſpirits went out & entred into the ſwine, and the herd " ran headling from the high bāke into the ſea, (& there were about two thouſand ſwine) and they were drowned in the " ſea.
14 And the ſwineherds fled and tolde it in the citie, & in the countrey, & they came

Mat 8,28. luk 8,26.
a The deuil is conſtrained to confeſſe Ieſus Chriſt, and yet ceaſeth not to reſiſt him
Or, adiure thee to ſweare by God
b He abuſeth the Name of God, to maintein his tyrannie.
c A Legion cōteined aboue 6000 in nomber, read Mat. 26,53.
Or, ran with violence headlong
Or, in the lake.

out to ſe what it was that was done.
15 And they came to Ieſus, and ſawe him that had bene poſſeſſed with the deuil, and had the legion, ſit bothe clothed, & in his right minde: & they were afraid.
16 And they that ſawe it, tolde them, what was done to him that was poſſeſſed with the deuil, and concerning the ſwine.
17 Then [d] they began to praye him, that he wolde [e] departe from their coaſtes.
18 And when he was come into the ſhip, he that had bene poſſeſſed with the deuil, prayed him that he might be with him.
19 Howbeit, Ieſus wolde not ſuffre him, but ſaid vnto him, Go thy way home to thy friends, and [f] ſhewe thē what great things the Lord hathe done vnto thee, and *how* he hathe had compaſsion on thee.
20 So he departed, and began to publiſh in [g] Decapolis, what great thīgs Ieſus had done vnto him: and all men did marueil.
21 ¶ And when Ieſus was come ouer againe by ſhip vnto the other ſide, a great multitude gathered to him, and he was nere vnto the ſea.
22 *And beholde, there came one of the rulers of the Synagogue, whoſe name was Iairus: and when he ſawe him, he fel downe at his fete,
23 And beſoght him inſtantly, ſaying, My litle daughter lieth at point of death: *I praye thee* that thou woldeſt come & laye thine hāds on her, that ſhe may be healed, and liue.
24 Then he went with him, and a great multitude followed him, and thronged him.
25 (And there was a certeine woman, which was diſeaſed with an yſſue of blood twelue yeres,
26 And had ſuffered many things of many phyſicions, and had ſpent all that ſhe had, and it auailed her nothing, but ſhe became muche worſe.
27 When ſhe had heard of Ieſus, ſhe came in the preaſſe behinde, and [g] touched his garment.
28 For ſhe ſaid, If I may but touche his clothes, I ſhal be whole,
29 And ſtraight way [h] the courſe of her blood was dryed vp, & ſhe [i] felt in her bodie, that ſhe was healed of that [k] plague.
30 And immediatly when Ieſus did knowe in him ſelf the vertue that wēt out of him, he turned him roūde about in the preaſſe, and ſaid, Who hathe touched my clothes?
31 And his diſciples ſaid vnto him, Thou ſeeſt the multitude throng thee, & ſayeſt thou, Who did touche me?
32 And he loked rounde about, to ſe her that had done that.
33 And the woman feared and trembled: for ſhe knewe what was done in her, & ſhe came and [l] fel downe before him, & tolde him the whole trueth.
34 And he ſaid to her, Daughter, thy faith hathe made thee whole: go in peace, and be whole of thy [m] plague.)
35 While he yet ſpake, there came from the *ſame* ruler of the Synagogues houſe *certeine* which ſaid, Thy daughter is dead: why diſeaſeſt thou the Maſter anie further?
36 Aſſone as Ieſus heard that worde ſpoken, he ſaid vnto the ruler of the Synagogue, Be not afraide: onely beleue.
37 And he ſuffered no man to followe him, ſaue Peter and Iames, and Iohn the brother of Iames.
38 So he came vnto the houſe of the ruler of the Synagogue, and ſawe the tumulte, & them that wept and wailed greatly.
39 And he went in, & ſaid vnto them, Why make ye this trouble, and wepe? the childe is not [n] dead, but ſlepeth.
40 And they [o] laught him to ſcorne: but he put them all out, and toke the father, and the mother of the childe, and [k] them that were with him, & entred in where the childe laye,
41 And toke the childe by the hand, & ſaid vnto her, Talitha cumi, which is by interpretation, Maiden, I ſay vnto thee, ariſe.
42 And ſtraight way the maiden aroſe, and walked: for ſhe was of the age of twelue yeres, and they were aſtonied out of measure.
43 And he charged them ſtraitely that no man ſhulde knowe of it, and commanded to giue her meat.

CHAP. VI.

4 How Chriſt and his are receiued in their owne countrey. 7 The Apoſtles commiſſion. 14 Sondrie opinions of Chriſt. 25 Iohn is put to death, and buryed. 31 Chriſt giueth reſt to his diſciples. 38 The fiue loaues and two fiſſhes. 48 Chriſt walketh on the water. 55 He healeth manie.

1 AFterwarde *he departed thēce, & came into his owne countrey, and his diſciples followed him.
2 And when the Sabbath was come, he began to teache in the Synagogue, & manie that heard him, were aſtonied, & ſaid, [a] Frō whence hathe he theſe things? & what wiſdome is this that is giuen vnto him, that euen "ſuche great workes are done by his hands!
3 Is not this the carpenter Maries ſonne, the [b] brother of Iames and Ioſes, and of Iuda and Simon? and are not his ſiſters here with vs? And they were [b] offended in him.
4 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto them, A *Prophet is not without honour, but in his owne coū trey, and among his owne kinred, & in his owne houſe.
5 And [c] he colde there [d] do no great workes ſaue that he laid his hands vpon a fewe ſicke folke, and healed *them*.
6 *And he marueiled at their vnbeliefe, and went about by the townes on euerie ſide,

d Marke how loue of riches and worldelie reſpects hīder men to receiue Chriſt
e The worldelings more eſteme their ſwine, then they do Ieſus Chriſt
f We muſt declare vnto others the benefites which God ſheweth towardes vs, that thereby they may giue him praiſe and glorie
g Or, *in the countrey of the ten cities.*
Mat.9.18. luk.8.41.
g Her faith brought her to Chriſt and moued her to approche nere vnto him, & not a ſuperſtitious opinion, to attribute anywertue to his garment
h Or, *fountaine.*
i Or, *knewe.*
k Or, *ſcourge.*
l He ment, ſhe was not dead to remaine ſo becauſe ſhe ſhulde incōtinently be reſtored againe to life.
m For thei had no hope to ſe her liue againe
n That is, his thre diſciples.
o For thei laught him to ſcorne, knowing that ſhe was dead.
Mat.13.54. luk.4.16.
a Chriſt is neglected of his owne friends, and kinſfolkes
"or, *miracles.*
"or, *couſin.*
b That which ought to moue thē to come to Chriſt, cauſeth thē to go backe from him, & cometh of their owne wickednes.
Mat 13.57. luk.4.24. ioh.4.44.
c That is, he wolde not
d Lacke of faith maketh vs vnable to receiue Gods benefites
Mat.4.23. luk.13.22.

ſide, teaching.

Mat.10,1. chap.3,14. Luk.9,1

7 ¶*And he called the twelue, and began to ſend them two & two, and gaue thē power ouer vncleane ſpirits,

f Chriſt onely orbiddeth them to carye ante thing, ẅ might be burdenous, or hinder their meſſage

8 And commanded them, that they ſhulde take nothing for *their* iorney, ſaue a ſtaffe onely: nether e ſcrip, nether bread, nether money in their "girdles,

*Or, purſe

9 But that thei ſhulde be ſhod ẅ *f ſandals, & that they ſhulde not put on two coates.

Act.12,8.

f Which wete a kīde of light ſhoes tied to the feete with ſtrings

10 And he ſaid vnto them, Whereſoeuer ye ſhal entre into an houſe, there abide til ye departe s thence.

Mat 10,14. Luk.9,5. Act.13,51. & 18 6

11 * And whoſoeuer ſhal not receiue you, nor heare you, whē ye depart thēce, h *ſhake of ẏ duſt that is vnder your feete, for a witnes vnto thē. Verely I ſay vnto you, It ſhalbe eaſier for Sodom, or Gomorrha at the day of iudgement, then for that citie.

g He forbiddeth curioſitie in changing their lodginges in this their ſpeady meſſage

12 ¶And they went out and preached, that *men* ſhulde amende their liues.

h In token of execration, & of the horrible vengeance of God which ſhal light vpō them

13 And they caſt out manie deuils: and they *anointed manie that were ſicke, with oyle and healed *them*.

Iam 5,14.

14 ¶*Then King Herode heard *of him* (for his name was ſpred abroade) & ſaid, Iohn Baptiſt is riſen againe frō the dead & therefore great workes are wroght by him.

Mat 14,1. Luk.9,7

i The oyle was a ſigne of this miraculo⁹ working, and not a medicine to heale diſeaſes: ſo that ẏ gift of miracles ceaſing, the ceremonie is to no vſe

15 Other ſaid, It is Elias: and ſome ſaid, It is a Prophet, or as one k of the Prophetes.

Luk.3,19.

k Meaning of the olde Prophetes

16 *So when Herode heard it, he ſaid, It is Iohn whome I beheaded: he is l riſen frō the dead.

l They had then this cōmune error, ẏ they thoght ẏ ſoules being departed out of one bodie went ſtraight into another.

17 For Herode him ſelf had ſent forthe, & had taken Iohn, and bounde him in priſon for Herodias ſake, which was his brother Philippes wife, becauſe he had maried her.

Leu 18,16. and 20,21.

18 For Iohn ſaid vnto Herode, *It is not m lawful for thee to haue thy brothers wife.

m The libertie that Iohn vſed to repreue vice without acception of perſone, declareth how the true miniſters ought to behaue themſelues.

19 Therefore Herodias had a quarel againſt him, & wolde haue killed him, but ſhe colde not:

20 For Herode feared Iohn, knowing that he *was* a iuſte man, and an holie, and reuerenced him, & when he heard him, he did manie things, and n heard him gladly.

n Suche is the nature of Gods worde, ẏ it cōpelleth ẏ verie tyrants to reuerence it: as no doute the King had ſome good motions, but the ſeede fel in ſtone places & ſo toke no roote

21 But the time being conuenient, when Herode on his birth day made a banket to his princes & captaines, and chiefeſtates of Galile:

o What inconuenience cometh by wanton dancing

Mat.14,8.

22 And the daughter of the ſame Herodias came in and o danced, and pleaſed Herode and them that ſate at table together, the King ſaid vnto ẏ maide, Aſke of me what thou wilt, and I wil giue it thee.

23 And he ſware vnto her, What ſoeuer thou ſhalt aſke of me, I wil giue it thee, *euen* vnto the halfe of my kingdome.

24 *So ſhe went forthe, and ſaid to her mother, What ſhal I aſke? And ſhe ſaid, Iohn Baptiſts head.

25 Thē ſhe came in ſtraight way with haſte vnto the King, and aſked, ſaying, I wolde that thou ſhuldeſt giue me euen now in a charger the head of Iohn Baptiſt.

26 Then the King was verie ſorye: *yet* for his othes ſake, and for their ſakes which ſate at table with him, he wolde not refuſe her.

27 And immediatly the King ſent the hāgman, and gaue charge that his head ſhulde be brought. So he went & beheaded him in the priſon,

28 And brought his head in a charger, and gaue it to the p maide, and the maide gaue it to her mother.

p Ioſeph⁹ calleth her name Salumen, the daughter of Philippe, and Herodias.

29 And when his diſciples heard it, they came and toke vp his "bodie, and put it in a tombe.

*Or, carkeis.

Luk 9,10.

30 ¶*And the Apoſtles gathered them ſelues together to Ieſus, and q tolde him all things, bothe what they had done, & what they had taught.

q The Apoſtles rendre coūte of their meſſage, ẅ is to declare their fidelitie and obedience

31 And he ſaid vnto them, Come ye aparte into the wildernes, r and reſte a while: for there were manie commers & goers, that they had not leaſure to eat.

r Chriſt beareth with the infirmitie of his ſeruants, & bringeth them to quietnes, ẏ he may inſtruct them & make them ſtrong againſt troubles.

32 *So they went by ſhip out of the way into a deſert place.

Mat.14,13. luk.9,10.

33 But the people ſaw thē when they departed, & manie knewe him, & ranne a foote thither out of all cities, and came thither before them, and aſſembled vnto him.

Mat 9,36. & 14,14. Luk 9,11.

34 *Then Ieſus went out, and ſawe a great multitude, and had cōpaſſion on them, becauſe they were like s ſhepe which had no ſhepherde: *and he began to teache them manie things.

Mat 14,15.

s This declareth ẏ there is an horrible diſordre amōg ẏ people, where the true preaching of Gods worde wanteth.

35 *And when the day was now farre ſpent, his diſciples came vnto him, ſaying, This is a deſert place, and now the day is farre paſſed.

36 Let them departe, that they may go into the villages and townes about, & bye thē bread: for they haue nothing to eat?

37 But he anſwered, & ſaid vnto them, Giue ye them to eat. And thei ſaid vnto him, Shal we go and bye t two hundreth penie worthe of bread, and giue them to eat?

t Which is about fiue poſide ſterling

38 *Then he ſaid vnto them, How manie loaues haue ye? go and loke. And whē thei knewe it, they ſaid, Fiue, and two fiſſhes.

Mat 14,17. luk 9,13. ioha 6,9.

39 So he commanded them, to make them all ſit downe by "companies vpon the grene graſſe.

"Or, by table fulls: for in euerie vāke were as manie as a table colde holde

40 Then they ſate downe by u rowes, by hūdreths, and by fifties.

u The Greke worde ſignifieth ſuche beddes as are made in a gardē, ſo that the companie, ẅ were thereſet, might ſeme as rowes or orders of beddes in a garden.

41 And he toke the fiue loaues, and the two fiſſhes, & loked vp to heauen, & gaue thākes & brake the loaues, & gaue them to his diſciples to ſet before them, and the two fiſſhes he deuided among them all.

42 So they did all eat, and were ſatiſfied.

43 And they toke vp twelue baſkettes ful of the fragments, and of the fiſſhes.

44 And they that had eaten, were about fiue thouſand men.

45 ¶And ſtraight way he cauſed his diſciples to go into the ſhip, and to go before vnto the other ſide vnto Bethſaida, while he ſent away the people.

46 Then aſſone as he had ſent them away, he departed into a mountaine to pray.

Mat.14.13. ioh.6.15. 47 *And when euen was come, the ſhip was in the middes of the ſea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he ſawe them troubled in rowing, (for the winde was cõtrarie vnto them) & about the fourth [x] watche of the night, he came vnto them, walking vpon the ſea, & wolde haue paſſed by them.

x Which was about two or thre houres before day.

49 And when thei ſawe him walking vpon the ſea, they ſuppoſed it had bene a ſpirit, and cryed out.

50 For they all ſawe him, and were ſore afraide: but anone he talked with them, and ſaid vnto them, Be [y] of good comfort: it is I, be not afraide.

y Chriſt aſſureth his & maketh the bolde, botne by his worde, and mightie power

51 Then he went vp vnto them into the ſhip, and the winde ceaſed, and they were ſore amaſed in them ſelues beyonde meaſure, and marueiled.

a They had for got the miracle which was wroght w ꝑ fiue loaues.

52 [z] For they had not conſidered *the matter* of the loaues, becauſe their hearts were hardened.

Mat.14.34. 53 ¶*And they came ouer, and wẽt into the land of Genneſaret, and arriued.

54 So whẽ they were come out of the ſhip, ſtraight way they knewe him,

55 And ranne about throughout all that region round about, & began to carye hither & thither in beddes all that were ſicke, where they heard that he was.

56 And whither ſoeuer he entred into townes, or cities, or villages, they laid their ſicke in the "ſtretes, and prayed him that they might touche at the leaſt the [a] edge of his garment. And as manie as touched him, were made whole.

"or, markets.

a Not for anie ſuche vertue that was in his garment, but for ꝯ confidence which they had in him.

CHAP. VII.

2 The diſciples eat with vnwaſſhen hands. 8 The commandement of God is tranſgreſſed by mans traditions. 22 What defileth man. 24 Of the woman of Syrophenicia. 32 The healing of the domme. 37 The people praiſe Chriſt.

Mat.15.2. 1 THen *gathered vnto him the Phariſes, and certeine of the Scribes which came from Ieruſalem.

"or, filthie.

a The Phariſes wolde not eat with vnwaſſhen hãds becauſe they thoght that the commune handling of things defiled them, ſo that they made holines and religion to depẽd in hands waſhings

2 And when they ſawe ſome of his diſciples eat meat with "cõmune [a] hands, (that is to ſay vnwaſſhen) they complained.

b Or contentiouſly, ſtriuig to waſh beſt.

3 (For the Phariſes, & all the Iewes, except they waſh their hãds [b] oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the Elders.

4 And *when they come* from the market, except they waſhe, they eat not: and manie other things there be, which they haue taken vpon them to obſerue, *as* the waſſhing of cuppes, and [c] pottes, and of braſen veſſels, and of tables.)

c Litle pottes, ſomewhat more in quantitie then a wine pinte.

5 Then aſked him the Phariſes and Scribes, Why walke not thy diſciples according to the tradition of the Elders, but eat "meat with vnwaſſhen hands?

"or, bread.

6 Then he anſwered and ſaid vnto them, Surely * Eſai hathe prophecied wel of you, hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoreth me with their [d] lippes, but their heart is farre away from me.

Iſa.29.13.

d With an outward ſhew.

7 But they worſhip me in vaine, teaching *for* doctrines the [e] cõmandements of men.

e Whoſoeuer teacheth anie doctrine but Gods worde, is a falſe worſhipper, and a ſeducer of the people, ieme his doctrine neuer ſo probable to the iudgement of man

8 For ye laye the commandement of God aparte, and obſerue the tradition of men, *as* the waſſhing of pottes and of cuppes, & manie other ſuche like things ye do.

9 And he ſaid vnto them, Wel, ye reiect the commandement of God that ye may obſerue your owne tradition.

10 For Moſes ſaid, *Honour thy father, and thy mother: &, *Whoſoeuer ſhal curſe father or mother, let him [f] dye the death.

Exod.20.12. deut 5.16. ephe 6.2. Exod 21.17. leui.20.9. prou 20.20.

f That is, with out anie hope of pardone.

11 But ye ſay, If a man ſay to father or mother, Corban, *that is*, By the gift that is *offred* by me, thou maiſt haue profite, *he ſhal be free.*

12 So ye ſuffre him no more to do anie thing for his father, or his mother,

13 Making the worde of God of none autoritie, by your tradition which ye haue ordeined: and ye do manie ſuche like things.

14 *Then he called the whole multitude vnto him, and ſaid vnto them, Hearkẽ you all vnto me, and vnderſtand.

Mat.15.10.

15 There [g] is nothing without a man, that can defile him, when it entreth into him: but the things which procede out of him, are they which defile the man.

g There is no outwarde or corporal thig, ẏ entreth into man, that can defile him: meaning chiefly of meats, which if thei be takẽ exceſsiuely, it cometh of the inordinate luſt of the heart, and ſo the luſt is euil.

16 If anie haue eares to heare, let hĩ heare.

17 And when he came into an houſe *away* from the people, his diſciples aſked him concerning the parable.

18 And he ſaid vnto thẽ, What? are ye without vnderſtanding alſo? Do ye not knowe that whatſoeuer thing from without entreth into a man, can not defile him,

19 Becauſe it entreth not into his heart, but into the bellie, and goeth out into the draught which is ꝯpurging of all meates?

20 Then he ſaid, That which cometh out of man, that defileth man.

21 *For frõ within, *euen* out of the heart of men, procede euil thoghts, adulteries, fornications, murthers,

Gen.6 & 8.21.

22 Theftes, couetouſnes, wickednes, diſceite, "vnclennes, a "wicked eye, backebiting, pride, fooliſhnes.

"or, wantonnes "Or, enuie.

23 All theſe euil things come from within, and defile a man.

24 ¶ *And from thẽce he roſe, and went into the borders of Tyrus and Sidon, and entred

Mat.15.21.

entred into an houſe, and wolde that no man ſhulde haue knowen: but he colde not be hid.

25 For a certeine woman, whoſe litle daughter had an vncleane ſpirit, heard of him, and came, and fell at his feete.

26 (And the woman was a Greke, a Syrophenisian by nacion) & ſhe beſought him that he wolde caſt out the deuil out of her daughter.

h Meaning the Iewes, to whome the promiſes were firſt made.

27 But Ieſus ſaid vnto her, Let the h children firſt be fed: for it is not good to take the childrens bread, and to caſt it vnto i whelpes.

i The Iewes toke ſtrangers no better then ſ dogs, & therefore Chriſt ſpeaketh according to their opinion

28 Then ſhe anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, Trueth, Lord: yet in dede the whelpes eat vnder the table of the childrens k crommes.

k She aſketh but the poore crômes, & not the childrens bread, wherein ſhe declareth her faith and humilitie.

29 Then he ſaid vnto her, For this ſaying go thy way: the deuil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when ſhe was come home to her houſe, ſhe founde the deuil departed, and her daughter lying on the bed.

31 ¶ And he departed againe from the coaſts of Tyrus and Sidon, and came vnto the ſea of Galile, through the middes of the coaſts of Decapolis.

32 And they broght vnto him one that was deafe, and ſtambred in his ſpeache, and prayed him to put his hand vpon him.

33 Then he toke him aſide from the multitude, and put his fingers in his eares, and did ſpit, and touched his tongue.

l Declaring by this ſigne the compaſsion ſ he hathe vpon mans miſeries

34 And loking vp to heauen, he l ſighed, & ſaid vnto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And ſtraight way his eares were opened, and the ſtring of his tongue was loſed, and he ſpake plaine.

36 And he cõmanded them, that thei ſhulde tell no man: but how muche ſoeuer he forbad them, the more a great deale they publiſhed it,

37 And were beyonde meaſure aſtonied, ſaying, * m He hathe done all things wel: he maketh bothe the deafe to heare, and the domme to ſpeake.

Gen 1,31.
eccl 39,21.

m As if they wolde ſay, beſides all ſ miracles that he hathe done, euen this now declareth that whatſoeuer he doeth, is verie wel

CHAP. VIII.

The miracle of the ſeuen loaues 11 The Phariſes aſke a ſigne. 15 The leauen of the Phariſes 22 The blinde receiueth his ſight. 29 He was knowen of his diſciples. 33 He reproueth Peter. 34 And ſheweth how neceſſarie perſecucion is.

Mat 15,32.

1 IN * thoſe dayes, when there was a verie great multitude, and had nothing to eat, Ieſus called his diſciples to him, and ſaid vnto them,

a Chriſt prouideth for his when they ſeme to be deſtitute and forſaken.

2 I haue a compaſsiõ on the multitude, becauſe they haue now continued with me thre daies, and haue nothing to eat.

3 And if I ſend them away faſting to their owne houſes, they wolde faint by the way: for ſome of them came from farre.

4 Then his diſciples anſwered him, n How can a man ſatiſfie theſe b with bread here in the wildernes?

n Or, where.

b If bread were ſo hard to come by, it ſemed vnpoſsible to obteine other meat

5 And he aſked them, How manie loaues haue ye? And they ſaid, Seuen.

6 Then he commanded the multitude to ſit downe on the grounde: and he toke the ſeuen loaues, & gaue thankes, brake *them*, & gaue to his diſciples to ſet before *them*, and they did ſet *them* before the people.

7 Thei had alſo a fewe ſmale fiſhes: & whē he had giuen thankes, he commanded thē alſo to be ſet before *them*.

8 So they did eat, and were ſuffiſed, and they toke vp of the broken meat that was left, ſeuen baſkets ful,

9 (And thei that had eaten, were about foure thouſand) ſo he ſent them away.

10 ¶ * And anone he entred into a ſhip with his diſciples, and came into the parties of c Dalmanutha.

Mat 15,39.

c Which was nere to Bethſaida, betwene the lake of Geneſaret & mount Thabor.

11 * And the Phariſes came forthe, and beganne to diſpute with him, ſeking of him a ſigne from heauen, and tempting him.

Mat 16,1.

12 Then he d ſighed diepely in his ſpirit, & ſaid, Why doeth this e generacion ſeke a ſigne? Verely I ſay vnto you, f a ſigne ſhal not be giuen vnto this generacion.

d O the incõprehẽſible loue of ſ Chriſt! how long ſhal we abuſe his great mercies!

e Chriſt goeth about by ſharpenes of ſpeache to ſaue thē from wilful deſtruction

Mat 16,5.

13 ¶ So he left them, & went into the ſhip againe, and departed to the other ſide.

14 ¶ * And thei had forgottē to take bread, nether had thei in the ſhip with them, but one loafe.

Or, if a ſigne be giuen

15 And he charged them, ſaying, Take hede, and beware of the g leauen of the Phariſes, and of the leauen of Herode.

f As if he wolde ſay, if I ſhewe them anie ſigne, let me be a lyar & deceiuer

16 And they thoght among them ſelues, ſaying, *It is*, becauſe we haue no bread.

17 And when Ieſus knewe it, he ſaid vnto them, Why reaſon you *thus* becauſe ye haue no bread? perceiue ye not yet, nether vnderſtand? haue ye your hearts yet hardened?

g He willeth them to beware contagious doctrine & ſuche ſubtile practiſes as ſ aduerſaries vſed to ſuppres his Goſpel.

18 Haue ye eyes and ſe not? and haue ye eares, and heare not? & do ye not remẽber?

19 * When I brake the fiue loaues among fiue thouſand, how manie baſkets ful of broken meat toke ye vp? They ſaid vnto him, Twelue.

Iohn 6,13.

20 And when *I brake* ſeuen among foure thouſand, how manie baſkets of the leauīgs of broken meat toke ye vp? And thei ſaid, Seuen.

21 Then he ſaid vnto them, h How *is it* that ye vnderſtand not?

h Chriſt reproueth them becauſe their mindes are as yet vpon the materiall leauē notwithſtanding they had proued by diuers miracles ſ he gaue them their daelie bread

22 And he came to Bethſaida, & thei broght a blinde man vnto him, and deſired him to touche him.

23 Then he toke the blinde by the hand, & led him out of the towne, and ſpit in his eyes, and put his hands vpon him, & aſked him, if he ſawe oght.

24 And he loked vp, and ſaid, I ſe men: for I ſe them walking like trees.
25 After that, he put his hands againe vpon his eyes, & made him loke againe. And he was reſtored to his ſight, & ſawe euerie man a farre of clearely.
26 And he ſent him home to his houſe, ſaying, Nether go into the towne, nor tell it to anie in the towne.

Mat 16,13. luk.9.18.

27 ¶* And Ieſus went out, and his diſciples into the townes of Ceſarea Philippi. And by the waye he aſked his diſciples, ſaying vnto them, Whome do men ſay that I am?
28 And they anſwered, *Some ſay* Iohn Baptiſt: and ſome, Elias: and ſome, one of the Prophetes.
29 And he ſaid vnto them, But whome ſay ye that I am? Thē Peter anſwered & ſaid vnto him, Thou art the [i] Chriſt.

i He that is ꝧ anoynted of God & fulfilled with all grace for mās ſaluacion.

30 And he ſharpely [k] charged them that concerning him they ſhulde tell no man.

k Differring it to a more commodious time, leſt ſudde haſte ſhulde rather hinder then. further ꝧ myſterie of his comming.

31 Then he began to teache them that the Sonne of man muſt ſuffer manie things, and ſhulde be reproued of the Elders, & of the hie Prieſts & of the Scribes, and be ſlayne, & within thre dayes riſe againe.
32 And he ſpake that thing plainely. Then Peter toke him aſide, and began to rebuke him.
33 Then he turned backe, and loked on his diſciples, and rebuked Peter, ſaying, Get thee behinde me, [l] Satan: for thou vnderſtandeſt not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.

l This worde ſignifieth, Aduerſarie, or Enemie: & he calleth him ſo, becauſe he did as muche as in him laye, to pul him from obeying God.

34 ¶And he called the people vnto him with his diſciples, and ſaid vnto them, *Whoſoeuer wil followe me, let him forſake him ſelf, and take vp his croſſe, and followe me.

Mat.10,38. & 16,24 luk. 9,23. & 14. 27.

35 For whoſoeuer wil * ſaue his life, ſhal loſe it: but whoſoeuer ſhal loſe his life for my ſake and the Goſpels, he ſhal [m] ſaue it.

Mat.10,39. & 16,25 luk. 9,24. & 17,33 Iohn 12,25.

36 For what ſhal it profite a man, thogh he ſhulde winne the whole worlde, if he loſe his ſoule?

m For mortalitie & corruption, he ſhal receiue immortalitie & perfection

37 Or what ſhal a man giue for recompenſe of his ſoule?

Mat.10,33. luk.9,26. & 12,9.

38 *For whoſoeuer ſhalbe aſhamed of me, & of my wordes among this adulterous and ſinfull generacion, of him ſhal the Sonne of man be aſhamed alſo, when he cometh in the glorie of his Father with the holie Angels.

CHAP. IX.

2 The transfiguracion. 7 Chriſt is to be heard. 16 The domme ſpirit is caſt out. 29 The force of prayer and faſting. 31 Of the death and reſurrection of Chriſt. 33 The diſputacion who ſhulde be the greateſt. 38 Not to hinder the courſe of the Goſpel. 42 Offences are forbidden.

Mat.16,28. luk.9,27.

a The preaching of the Goſpel receiued & increaſed: he ſpake this to coforte them, & ꝧ they ſhulde not thinke thei trauailed in vaine.

1 AND *he ſaid vnto them, Verely I ſay vnto you, that there be ſome of thē that ſtand here, which ſhal not taſte of death, til they haue ſene the [a] kingdome of God come with power.

2 *And ſix dayes after Ieſus toke Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, & broght them vp into an hie mountaine out of the way alone, & he was tranſſigured before them.

Mat.17,1. luk.9.28.

3 And his raiment did [b] ſhine, *and was* verie white, as ſnow, ſo white as no fuller cā make vpon the earth.

b Chriſt ſheweth his maieſtie ſo farre as their infirmitie was able to cōprehend it.

4 And there appeared vnto thē Elias with Moſes, and they were talking with Ieſus.
5 Then Peter anſwered, and ſaid to Ieſus, Maſter, it is good for vs to be here: let vs make alſo thre tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moſes, and one for Elias.
6 [c] Yet he knewe not what he ſaid: for they were afrayed.

c Peter meaſured this viſion according to his owne capacitie, not conſidering the end thereof

7 And there was a cloude that ſhaddowed them, & a voyce came out of the cloude, ſaying, *This is my beloued Sonne: [d] heare him.

Mat 3,17 & 17,5 luk.3,22. chap 1,11. Mat.17,9

d Chriſt onely muſt be ꝧ chief teacher & inſtructour of all them, ẅ profes them ſelues to be his mēbers, ſeing that God the Father giueth him this autoritie & cōmādeth vs this obedience.

8 And ſuddenly they loked rounde about, and ſawe no more anie man ſaue Ieſus onely with them.
9 *And as thei came downe from the moūtaine, he charged them that thei ſhulde tell no man what they had ſene ſaue when the Sonne of man were riſen from the dead againe.
10 So they kept that matter to them ſelues, and demanded one of another, what the riſing frō the dead againe ſhulde meane?
11 Alſo they aſked him, ſaying, Why ſay the Scribes, that * Elias [e] muſt firſt come?

Malach. 4,5.

e Their falſe opinion was ꝧ ether Elias ſhulde riſe againe from the dead, or that his ſoule ſhulde enter into ſome other bodie

12 And he anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, Elias verely ſhal firſt come and reſtore all things: and * as it is written of the Sonne of man, he muſt ſuffer manie things, and be ſet at noght.

Iſa 53,4.

13 But I ſay vnto you, that [f] Elias is come, (and they haue done vnto *him* whatſoeuer they wolde) as it is * written of him.

f That is, Iohn Baptiſt

14 ¶ * And when he came to *his* [g] diſciples, he ſawe a great multitude about them, & the Scribes diſputing with them.

Mat 17,14. luk.9,38.

g To the ſame, ẅ he left the daye before.

15 And ſtraight waye all the people, when thei behelde him, were amaſed, and ranne to him, and ſaluted him.
16 Then he aſked the Scribes, What diſpute you [*] among yourſelues?

Or, againſt me.

17 And one of the companie anſwered, & ſaid, Maſter, I haue broght my ſonne vnto thee, which hathe a domme ſpirit:

h When ꝧ ſpirit cometh vpon him, he teareth him with inward ſorow & pangs as in a colike a man feeleth ſuche grief, as if his bowels were rent a ſunder.

18 And where ſoeuer he taketh him, he [h] teareth him, and he ſometh, and gnaſſheth his teeth, and pineth away: and I ſpake to thy diſciples that they ſhulde caſt him out, and they colde not.
19 Then he anſwered him, and ſaid, [i] O faithles generacion, how long now ſhal I be with you! how long now ſhal I ſuffer you! Bring him vnto me.

i It ſemeth ꝧ this man deſired not ſo ſharpe an anſwer: but Chriſt ſpeaketh in his perſone to the Phariſes, ẅ were ſtubburne & deſperate

20 So they broght him vnto him: & aſſone as the ſpirit ſawe him, he tare him, and he fel

ſel downe on the grounde, walowing and
foming.
21 Then he aſked his father, How long time is it ſince he hathe bene thus? And he ſaid, Of a childe.
22 And oft times he caſteth him into ỹ fyre, and into the water to deſtroye him: but if thou canſt do anie thing, helpe vs, and haue compaſsion vpon vs.
k The Lord is euer readie to helpe vs, ſo ỹ we put him not backe through our incredulitie
23 And Ieſus ſaid vnto him, If k thou canſt beleue it, all things are [l] poſsible to him that beleueth.
l All things that are agreable to the wil of God, ſhalbe grãted to him that beleueth: for faith ſeketh nothing, that is contrarie to his wil, or that is not reueiled in his worde
24 And ſtraight way the father of the childe cryed with teares, ſaid, Lord, I beleue: helpe my m vnbelief.
m That is, the feblenes, and imperfectiõ of my faith
25 When Ieſus ſawe that the people came running together, he rebuked the vncleane ſpirit, ſaying vnto him, Thou domme & deafe ſpirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and entre no more into him.
26 Then *the ſpirit* cryed, and rent him ſore, and came out, and n he was as one dead, in ſo muche that manie ſaid, He is dead.
n Meaning, ỹ childe.
27 But Ieſus toke his hand and lift him vp and he roſe.
28 And whẽ he was come into the houſe, his diſciples aſked him ſecretly, Why colde not we caſt him out?
29 And he ſaid vnto them, This kinde can by no other meanes come forthe, but by o prayer, and faſting.
o Meaning, ỹ prayer which is ſurely groũded vpõ faith and hathe faſting ioyned vnto it as a profitable aide
Mat 17.22.
luk.9.22.
30 ¶ *And they departed thence, and went through Galile, & he wolde not that anie ſhulde haue knowen it.
31 For he taught his diſciples, and ſaid vnto them, The Sonne of man ſhalbe deliuered into the hands of men, and they ſhal kil him, but after that he is killed, he ſhal riſe againe the third day.
p Becauſe thei imagined that Chriſt ſhulde reigne temporally, this matter of his death was ſo ſtrãge, that they colde perceiue nothing.
Mat.18.1.
luk.9.45.
32 But p they vnderſtode not that ſaying, and were afraide to aſke him.
33 * After he came to Capernaum: and whẽ he was in the houſe, he aſked them, What was it ỹ ye diſputed amõg you by the way?
34 And thei held their peace: for by the way they reaſoned among them ſelues, who *ſhulde be* the chiefeſt.
35 And he ſate downe, and called the twelue, and ſaid to them, If anie man deſire to be firſt, the ſame ſhalbe laſt of all, and ſeruant vnto all.
36 And he toke a litle childe and ſet him in the middes of them, and toke him in his armes, and ſaid vnto them,
37 Whoſoeuer ſhal receiue one of ſuche litle children in my Name, receiueth me: and whoſoeuer receiueth me, receiueth not q me, but him that ſent me.
q To wit, onely as man, but as him in who me is all perfection & fulnes of all graces & benefites.
Luk.9.49.
1.Cor.12.3.
38 ¶ *Then Iohn anſwered him, ſaying, Maſter, we ſawe one caſting out deuils by thy Name, which followeth not vs, & we forbade him, becauſe he followeth vs not.
39 *But Ieſus ſaid, Forbid him not: for there is no man that can do a r miracle by my Name, that can lightly ſpeake euil of me.
r Or, aske great worke
40 For whoſoeuer is not s againſt vs, is on our parte.
s Although he ſhewe not him ſelf to be myne, yet in that he beareth reuerence to my Name, it is ynough for vs
41 *And whoſoeuer ſhal giue you a cup of water to drinke for my Names ſake, becauſe ye belong to Chriſt, verely I ſay vnto you, he ſhal not loſe his rewarde.
Mat.10.42.
42 *And whoſoeuer ſhal offend one of theſe litle ones, that beleue in me, it were better for him rather, that a milſtone were hanged about his necke, and that he were caſt into the ſea.
Mat.18.6.
luk.17.2.
43 *Wherefore if thine t hand cauſe thee to offende, cut it of: it is better for thee to entre into life, maimed, thẽ hauing two hãds, to go into hel into the fyre that neuer ſhal be quenched,
Mat 5.29.
& 18.8
t It is a maner of ſpeache, ẅ ſignifieth, that we ſhulde cut of all things, which hinder vs to ſerue Chriſt
44 *Where their u worme dyeth not, & the fyre neuer goeth out.
Iſa.66.24.
45 Likewiſe, if thy foote cauſe thee to offende, cut it of: it is better for thee to go halt into life, then hauing two feete to be caſt into hel into the fyre that neuer ſhalbe quenched,
u These ſimilitudes declare the paines, & eternal tormentes of the damned.
46 Where their worme dyeth not, and the fyre neuer goeth out.
47 And if thine eye cauſe thee to offende, plucke it out: it is better for thee to go into the kingdome of God with one eye, thẽ hauing two eyes, to be caſt into hel fyre,
48 Where their worme dyeth not, and the fyre neuer goeth out.
49 For euerie man ſhalbe x ſalted with fyre: and * euerie ſacrifice ſhalbe ſalted with ſalte.
x They ẅ deſtroye ỹ grace that their naue receiued of God, are as ſalte, ẅ hathe loſt it ſauour and are worſe thẽ infideles.
50 *Salte is good: but if the y ſalte be vnſauerie, wherewith ſhal it be ſeaſoned? Haue ſalte in your ſelues, and haue peace, one with another.
Matth.19.1

CHAP. X.

2 Of diuorcement 17 The riche man queſtioneth with Chriſt. 30 Their reward that are perſecuted 35 Of the ſonnes of Zebedeus. 46 Bartimeus hathe his eyes opened.

1 AND *he aroſe from thence and went into the coaſtes of Iudea by the farre ſide of Iordan, and the people reſorted vnto him againe, and as he was wont, he taught them againe.
2 Then the Phariſes came and aſked him, if it were lawful for a mã to put away *his* wife, and tempted him.
3 And he anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, What did *Moſes commande you?
Deu.24.1
4 And they ſaid, Moſes ſuffred to write a bil of diuorcement, and to put her away.
a The true way to amẽde abuſes is to returne to the inſtitution of thinges, and to trie them by Gods worde
5 Then Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto thẽ, For ỹ hardnes of your heart he wrote this precept vnto you.
6 But at the a beginning of the creacion *God made them male and female.
Gene.1.27.
mat 19.4
Gen.2.31.
1.cor 6.16.
7 *For this cauſe ſhal man leaue his father
ephe 5.31.

and mother, and cleaue vnto his wife.

a Or, person 8 And they twaine shalbe one a flesh: so that thei are no more twaine, but one flesh.

1 Cor 7.10. 9 *Therefore, what God hathe coupled together, let not man separate.

10 And in the house his disciples asked him againe of that matter.

Mat.5.32. & 19.9. luk 16.18. 1 cor 7.10. 11 And he said vnto thē, *Whosoeuer shal put away his wife and marie another, b cōmitteth adulterie against her.

b For the seconde is not his wife, but his harlot. 12 And if a womā put away her housband, & be maried to another, she committeth adulterie.

Mat 19.13. luk 18.15. 13 ¶*Then they broght litle childrē to him that he shulde touche them: and his disciples rebuked those that broght them.

14 But when Iesus sawe it, he was displeased, and said to them, Suffre the litle childrē to come vnto me, & forbid them not: for of suche is the kingdome of God.

c We must be regenerat and voide of all pride, and concupiscence 15 Verely I say vnto you, Whosoeuer shal not receiue the kingdome of God as c a litle childe, he shal not entre therein.

Mat 19.15. luk 18.15. d It was vsual with ỹ Iewes that the greater shulde blesse the inferior Eb 7.7 therefore Christ, being head of his Church, did by a solēne kinde of prayer offer vp and consecrat the babes to God Exo 20.19. 16 And he toke them vp in his armes, & put *his* hands vpon them, and d blessed them.

17 ¶And when he was gone out on the way, there came one* running, and kneled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shal I do, that I may possesse eternal life?

e Christ wolde shewe that his goodnes was farre other wayes then ỹ goodnes ẅ is attributed to men which is ful of vanitie & hypocrisie 18 Iesus said to him, Why callest thou me good? e there is none f good but one, *euen* God.

19 Thou knowest the cōmandemēts, *Thou shalt not commit adulterie. Thou shalt not kil. Thou shal not steale. Thou shalt not beare false witnes. Thou shalt hurt no *man*. Honour thy father and mother.

f That is, he approued certeine good seed that was in him, which gaue him a litle motion 20 Then he answered, and said to him, Master, all these things I haue obserued from my youth.

g He toucheth his maladie, & sore, ẅ before he felt not. 21 And Iesus behelde him, and g loued him, and said vnto him, One thing is lacking vnto thee, Go & h sell all that thou hast, and giue to the poore, and thou shalt haue treasure in heauen, and come, followe me, and take vp the crosse.

22 But he was sad at that saying, and went away sorowful: for he had great possessiōs.

23 And Iesus loked rounde about, and said vnto his disciples, How hardely do they that haue riches, entre into the kingdome of God!

24 And his disciples were astonied at his wordes. But Iesus answered againe, and said vnto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches, to entre into the kingdome of God!

*Or, cable rope. h Which putteth his trust in riches. 25 It is easier for a *camel to go through the eye of a nedle, then for a h riche man to entre into the kingdome of God.

26 And they were muche more astonied, saying with them selues, Who then can be saued?

27 But Iesus loked vpō them, & said, With men *it is* impossible, but not with God: for with God i all things are possible.

i For he cā giue grace to ỹ riche to cause him to enioye his riches, as if he had thē not. 28 ¶*Thē Peter began to say vnto him, Lo, we haue forsakē all, & haue followed thee.

Mat 19.27. luk.18.28. 29 Iesus answered, and said, Verely I say vnto you, there is no man that hathe forsaken house or brethren or sisters, or father or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my sake and the Gospels,

Mat.10.30 luk.13.30. 30 But he shal receiue an hundreth folde now at this present: houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands with k persecutions, & in the worlde to come, eternal life.

k We must not measure these promises by our owne couetous desires, but referre ỹ accomplishement to Gods wil, who euen in our persecutions and afflictions performeth the same so farre as they be expedient Let vs therefore learne to haue ynough and to want, that being tryed, we may enioye our treasures in heauē. 31 *But manie *that are* l first, shalbe last, and the last, first.

l He saith this because they that are first called, shulde go stil forwarde and not disdaine others 32 ¶*And they were in the way going vp to Ierusalem, and Iesus went before them, & they were amased, and as they followed, they were afraide, & Iesus toke the twelue againe, and began to tel them what things shulde come vnto him,

Mat 20.17. luk 18.31. 33 *Saying*, Beholde we go vp to Ierusalem, and the Sonne of man shalbe deliuered vnto the high Priests, & to the Scribes, and thei shal condemne him to death, and shal deliuer him to the Gentiles.

Mat 20.19. 34 And they shal mocke him, and scourge him, and spit vpon him, and kil him: but the thirde day he shal rise againe.

Mat.20.20 35 ¶*The Iames and Iohn the sonnes of Zebedeus came vnto him, saying, Master, we wolde that thou shuldest do for vs that that we desire.

36 And he said vnto them, What wolde ye I shulde do for you?

37 And they said to him, Grante vnto vs, that we may sit one at thy right hād, & the other at thy left hand in thy glorie.

m Can you be partakers of my crosse and afflictions? 38 But Iesus said vnto them, Ye knowe not what ye aske. Can ye m drinke of the cup that I shal drinke of, and be baptized with the baptisme that I shalbe baptized with?

39 And thei said vnto him, We can. But Iesus said vnto them, Ye shal drinke in dede of the cup that I shal drinke of, and be baptized with the baptisme wherewith I shalbe baptized:

n I haue not this commission for this time. 40 But to sit at my right hand & at my left, is not n mine to giue, but *it shalbe giuen* to them for whome it is prepared.

41 And when the ten heard that, they began to disdaine at Iames and Iohn.

Luk.22.25. 42 But Iesus called them vnto him, and said to them, * Ye knowe that they which delite to beare rule among the Gentiles, haue domination ouer them, and they that be great among them, exercise autoritie ouer them.

o Christ wolde not that his disciples and ministers shulde beare rule as worldelie gouernours do 43 But it shal o not be so among you: but whosoeuer wil be great among you, shalbe your seruant.

44 And

44 And whoſoeuer wil be chief of you, ſhal be the ſeruant of all.

45 For euen the Sonne of man came not to be ſerued, but to ſerue, and to giue his life for the raunſome of manie.

Mat 20,29. luk.18,35. 46 ¶*Then they came to Iericho: and as he went out of Iericho with his diſciples, and a great multitude, p Bartimeus the ſonne of Timeus a blinde man, ſate by the wayes ſide begging.

p The other Euangeliſtes mencion two, but Marke nameth him that was moſte knowen.

47 And when he heard that it was Ieſus of Nazaret, he began to crye and to ſay, Ieſus the Sonne of Dauid, haue mercie on me.

48 And manie rebuked him, becauſe he ſhulde holde his peace: but he q cryed muche more, O Sonne of Dauid, haue mercie on me.

q The more that Satan reſiſteth vs, the more our faith ought to increaſe.

49 Then Ieſus ſtode ſtil, and commanded him to be called: and they called the blinde, ſaying vnto him, Be of good comfort: ariſe, he calleth thee.

50 So he threwe away his cloke, and roſe & came to Ieſus.

51 And Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, What wilt thou that I do vnto thee? And the blinde ſaid vnto him, Lord, that I may receiue ſight.

52 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Go thy way: thy faith hathe ſaued thee. And by and by, he receiued *his* ſight, and followed Ieſus in the way.

CHAP. XI.

1 Chriſt rideth to Ieruſalem. 13 The figge tree dryeth vp. 15 The biers and ſellers are caſt out of the Temple. 24 He declareth the vertue of faith and how we ſhulde pray. 27 The Phariſes queſtion with Chriſt.

Mat.21,1. luk.19,29. 1 AND *when they came nere to Ieruſalem, to Bethphage and Bethania vnto the mount of oliues, he ſent forthe two of his diſciples,

a Chriſt ſheweth by this poore entrie the ſtate of his kingdome, and it is not like to the great magnificence of this worlde.

2 And ſaid vnto them, a Go your wayes into that towne that is ouer againſt you, and aſſone as ye ſhal entre into it, ye ſhal finde a colte bounde, whereon neuer man ſate: loſe him and bring him.

3 And if anie man ſay vnto you, Why do ye this? Say that the Lord hathe nede of him, and ſtraight way he wil ſend him hither.

4 And they went their way and founde a colte tied by the dore without, in a place where two wayes met, and thei loſed him.

5 Then certeine of them, that ſtode there, ſaid vnto thē, What do ye loſing ỹ colte?

6 And they ſaid vnto them, as Ieſus had cōmanded them. So they let them go.

Ioh.12,14. 7 ¶* And they broght the colte to Ieſus, and caſt their garments on him, and he ſate vpon him.

b Euerie one ſhewed ſome ſigne of honour and reuerence

8 And b manie ſpred their garments in the way: other cut downe brāches of the trees and ſtrawed them in the way.

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cryed, ſaying, Hoſanna: bleſſed *be* he ỹ cometh in the Name of the Lord.

10 Bleſſed *be* the kingdome that cometh in the c Name of the Lord of our father d Dauid: Hoſanna, *o thou which art* in the hieſt *heauens.*

c Many came in their owne name, but Chriſt came in the Name of the Lord.

11 *So Ieſus entred into Ieruſalem, and into the Temple: and when he had loked about on all things, & now it was euenīg, he wēt forthe vnto Bethania with the twelue.

Mat 21,16. luk 19,45.

d Becauſe the promes was made to him.

12 *And on the morow when they were come out from Bethania, he e was hungrie.

Mat 21,19.

e Chriſt was ſubiect to our infirmities.

13 And ſeing a figge tre a farre of, that had leaues, he went *to ſe* if he might finde any thing thereon: but whē he came vnto it, he founde nothing but leaues: for the time of figges was not yet.

14 Then Ieſus anſwered, & ſaid to it, f Neuer man eat frute of thee hereafter while the worlde ſtandeth: and his diſciples heard it.

f This was to declare how muche they diſpleaſe God which haue but an outwarde ſhewe & appearance without frute.

15 ¶And they came to Ieruſalem, and Ieſus went into the Temple, and began to caſt out them that ſolde & boght in the Temple, and ouerthrew the tables of the money changers, & the ſeates of them that ſolde doues.

16 Nether wolde he ſuffer that any mā ſhulde cary a veſſel through the Temple.

17 And hē taught, ſaying vnto them, Is it not writtē, *Mine Houſe ſhalbe called the Houſe of prayer vnto all nacions? *but you haue made it a denne of theues.

Iſa.56,7. Ier.7,11.

18 And the Scribes and hie Prieſts heard it, and ſoght how to g deſtroye him: for they feared him, becauſe the whole multitude was aſtonied at his doctrine.

g For nether colde they ſuffer reprehenſion, nor that their profite ſhulde be hindered.

19 But when euen was come, *Ieſus* went out of the citie.

20 ¶*And in the morning as they paſſed by, they ſawe the figge tre dryed vp from the rootes.

Mat.21,19.

21 Then Peter remembred, and ſaid vnto him, Maſter, beholde, the figge tre which thou curſedſt, is withered.

22 And Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, Haue h faith in God.

h Chriſt taketh occaſion to inſtruct the of the vertue of faith.

23 For verely I ſay vnto you, that whoſoeuer ſhal ſay vnto this mountaine, Take thy ſelf away, and caſt thy ſelf into the ſea, and ſhal not wauer in his heart, but ſhal beleue that thoſe things which he ſaith, ſhal come to paſſe, what ſoeuer he ſaith, ſhalbe *done* to him.

24 *Therefore I ſay vnto you, i whatſoeuer ye deſire when ye pray, beleue that ye ſhal haue it, and it ſhalbe *done* vnto you.

Mat 7,7. luk.11,9.

i He teacheth vs not hereby to aſke whatſoeuer ſemeth good i our fantaſies: for our prayer muſt be grounded on faith, and our faith vpon the worde of God.

25 *But when ye ſhal ſtand, and pray, forgiue, if ye haue any thing againſt any man, ỹ your Father alſo which is in heauen, may forgiue you your treſpaces.

26 For if you wil not forgiue, your Father which is in heauē, wil not pardon you your treſpaces.

Mat.6,14.

*Or, ſaue, I pray thee

Mat.21,19. luk.20,1.

27 ¶*Then thei came againe to Ieruſalem: and as he walked in the Temple, there came to him the high Prieſts, and the Scribes, and the Elders,

28 And ſaid vnto him, By what autoritie doeſt thou theſe things? and who gaue thee this autoritie, that thou ſhuldeſt do theſe things?

29 Then Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto thē, I wil alſo aſke of you a certeine thing, and anſwer ye me, and I wil tel you by what autoritie I do theſe things.

30 The [k] baptiſme of Iohn, was it from heauen, or of men? anſwer me.

31 And they thoght with them ſelues, ſaying, If we ſhal ſay from heauen, he wil ſay, Why then did ye not beleue him?

32 But if we ſay of men, we feare the people: for all men counted Iohn, that he had bene a verie Prophet.

33 Then they anſwered, and ſaid vnto Ieſus, We can not tel. And Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, [l] Nether wil I tel you by what autoritie I do theſe things.

k He comprehendeth his whole office, and miniſterie

l They came of malice, and not to learne: therefore Chriſt thoght them vnworthie to be taught.

CHAP. XII.

1 The vineyarde is let out. 14 Obedience and tribute due to princes. 25 The reſurrection of the dead. 28 The ſumme of the Law. 35 Chriſt the ſonne of Dauid. 38 Hypocrites muſt be eſchewed. 41 The offring of the poore widowe.

1 AND he began to ſpeake vnto them in parables, *A *certeine* man planted a vineyarde, and compaſſed it with an hedge, and digged a pit for the [a] winepreſſe, and buylt a towre in it, and let it out to houſbandmen, and went into a ſtrange countrey.

Iſa.5,1. iere.2,21. mat.21,33. luk.20,9.

a The Greke worde ſignifieth the veſſel or fat, wherin ſtandeth vnder the winepreſſe to receiue the ioyce or licour.

2 And at a time, he ſent to the houſband men a ſeruant, that he might receiue of the houſband men of the frute of ỹ vineyard.

3 But they toke him, and bet him, and ſent him away emptie.

4 And againe, he ſent vnto them another ſeruant, and at him they caſt ſtones, and brake his head, and ſent him away ſhamefully handled.

5 And againe he ſent another, & him they ſlewe, and manie other, beating ſome, and killing ſome.

6 Yet had he one ſonne, his derebeloued: him alſo he ſent the laſt vnto thē, ſaying, They wil reuerence my ſonne.

7 But the houſband men ſaid among thē ſelues, This is the heire: come, let vs kil him, and the inheritance ſhalbe ours.

b He ſheweth ỹ plague that ſhal befale theſe ambitious & couetous rulers, whoſe hearts are hardened againſt Chriſt. *Pſal.118,22. iſa.28,16. mat.22,42. act.4,11. rom.9,33. 1.pet.2,8.*

8 So they toke him, and killed him, and caſt him out of the vineyarde.

9 What ſhal then the Lord of the vineyarde do? He [b] wil come and deſtroye theſe houſband men, and giue the vineyarde to others.

10 Haue ye not red ſo muche as this Scripture? * The ſtone which ỹ buylders did refuſe, is made the head of the corner.

11 This [c] was done of the Lord, & it is marueilous in our eyes.

c It is the ordinace of God that it ſhulde be ſo, which moſte communely is contrarie to mans reaſon: & thus that which was ſpoken figuratiuely of Dauid, is fulfilled in Chriſt, read Matth. 22,16

12 Then they went about to take him, but they feared the people: for they perceiued that he ſpake that parable againſt them: therefore they left him, & went their way.

13 ¶*And they ſent vnto him certeine of the Phariſes, and of the Herodians that they might take him in *his* talke.

Mat 22,15. luk.20,20.

14 And whē they came, they ſaid vnto him, Maſter, we knowe that thou art true, & careſt for no man: for thou conſidereſt not the [d] perſone of mē, but teacheſt the [e] way of God truely, Is it lawful to giue tribute to Ceſar, or not?

d As the qualities of the minde or bodie, or of outward things.

e As godlie maners, agreable to Gods Law.

15 Shulde we giue it, or ſhulde we not giue it? But he knewe their hypocriſie, and ſaid vnto them, [f] Why tempt ye me? Bring me a penie, that I may ſe it.

f He gaue thē to vnderſtand that he knewe their malicious intent.

16 So they broght it, and he ſaid vnto thē, Whoſe is this image and ſuperſcription? and they ſaid vnto him, Ceſars.

17 Then Ieſus anſwered, & ſaid vnto them, *Giue to Ceſar the things that are Ceſars, and to God, thoſe that are Gods: and they marueiled at him.

Rom.13,7.

18 ¶*Then came the Sadduces vnto him, (which ſay, there is no reſurrection) and they aſked him, ſaying,

Mat.22,23. luk.20,27.

19 Maſter, *Moſes wrote vnto vs, If any mās brother dye, and leaue *his* wife, and leaue no children, that [g] his brother ſhulde take his wife, and raiſe vp ſede vnto his brother.

Deu 25,5.

g This was a politike law giuen for a time for the preſeruation of families, read Mat 22,24.

20 There were ſeuen brethren, and the firſt toke a wife, and when he dyed, left no yſſue.

21 Then the ſeconde toke her, and he dyed, nether did he yet leaue yſſue, & the thirde likewiſe.

22 So ſeuen had her, and left no yſſue: laſt of all the wife dyed alſo.

23 In the reſurrection then, when they ſhal riſe againe, whoſe wife ſhal ſhe be of them? for ſeuen had her to wife?

24 Then Ieſus anſwered, & ſaid vnto them, Are ye not therefore deceiued, becauſe ye knowe not the Scriptures, nether ỹ power of God?

25 For when they ſhal riſe againe from the dead, nether men mary, nor wiues are maried, but are [h] as the Angels which are in heauen.

h Not as touching ỹ ſpirituall nature, but cōcerning the ſtate of incorruption, and immortalitie, ſo that then there ſhal nede no more marriage.

26 And as touching the dead, that they ſhal riſe againe, haue ye not red in the boke of Moſes, how in the buſh God ſpake vnto him, ſaying, I * am the God of Abraham, and the God of Iſaac, and the God of Iacob?

Exod.3,6. mat 22,32.

27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the [i] liuing. Ye are therefore greatly deceiued.

i Then it followeth that they liue, although they be diſceaſed out of this life.

28 ¶*Then

Mat.22,35. 28 ¶ *Thé came one of the Scribes that had heard them diſputing together, & perceiuing that he had anſwered them wel, he aſked him, Which is the firſt commandement of all?

29 Ieſus anſwered him, The firſt of all the commandements *is*, *Heare, Iſrael, The Lord our God is the onelie Lord.

Exod.20,2. deut.6,4.

30 Thou ſhalt therefore loue the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy ſoule, & with all thy "minde, & with all thy ſtrength: this is the firſt commandement.

"Or, thought.

Leuit 19,18. mat 22,39. rom 13,9. galat 5,14. iam.2,8.

31 And the ſeconde *is* [k] like, that is, *Thou ſhalt loue thy neighbour as thy ſelf. There is none other commãdement greater then theſe.

k That is, depẽdeth on the firſt and procedeth of the loue of God.

32 Then the Scribe ſaid vnto him, Wel Maſter, thou haſt ſaid the trueth, that there is one God, and that there is none but he,

33 And to loue him with all the heart, and with all the vnderſtanding, & with all the ſoule, and with all the ſtrength, and to loue *his* neighbour as him ſelf, is more then all burnt [l] offrings and ſacrifices.

l He meaneth all the ceremonies of the Law, wherein the hypocrites put great holines

34 Then, when Ieſus ſawe that he anſwered diſcretely, he ſaid vnto hí, Thou [m] art not farre from the kingdome of God. And no man after that durſt aſke him any queſtiõ.

m Becauſe he ſhewed him ſelf willing to be taught and wel perceiued the difference betwixt our outwarde profeſſion, and that which God doeth principally require of vs

35 ¶ *And Ieſus anſwered & ſaid teaching in the Temple, How ſay the Scribes ẏ Chriſt is the ſonne of Dauid?

Mat.22,41. luk.20,41. Pſal 110,1.

36 For Dauid him ſelf ſaid by ẏ [n] holie Goſt, *The Lord ſaid to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, til I make thine enemies thy foteſtole.

n Inſpired by the holie Goſt and by the Spirit of prophecie

37 Then Dauid him ſelf calleth him Lord: by what meanes is he then his ſonne? and muche people heard him gladly.

Mat 23,6. luk.11,43. & 20,45.

38 *Moreouer he ſaid vnto them in [o] his doctrine, Beware of the Scribes which loue to go in long [o] robes, and *loue* ſalutacions in the markets,

[o] Or, as he taught

o He condemneth not their apparel, but their vaine oſtentation and outwarde ſhewe of holines, whereby they deceiued the ſimple people

39 And the chief ſeates in the Synagogues, and the firſt roumes at feaſtes,

Mat.23,14. luk 20,47.

40 Which *deuour widowes houſes, "euen vnder a coulour of long prayers. Theſe ſhal receiue the greater damnation.

Luk.21,1. "Or, and vnder pretence praye ing

41 *And as Ieſus ſate ouer againſt the treaſurie, he behelde how the people caſt money into the treaſurie, and many richemen caſt in muche.

p Which is about half a farthing

42 And there came a certeine poore widowe, and ſhe threw in two mites, which make a [p] quadrin.

q Our Sauiour oftemeth our giftes by our affections and ready willes

43 Then he called vnto him his diſciples, and ſaid vnto thé, Verely I ſay vnto you, that this poore widowe hathe caſt [q] more in, then all they which haue caſt into the treaſurie.

44 For they all did caſt in of their ſuperfluitie: but ſhe of her pouertie did caſt in all that ſhe had, *euen* all her liuing.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The deſtruction of Ieruſalem. 10 The Goſpel ſhalbe preached to all. 9. 22 The perſecutions and falſe Prophetes which ſhal be before the comming of Chriſt. whoſe houre is vncertein. 33 He exhorteth euery one to watch.

1 AND *as he went out of the Temple, one of his diſciples ſaid vnto him, Maſter, ſe what ſtones, and what buyldings *are here*.

Mat.24,1. luk.21,5.

2 *Then Ieſus anſwered and ſaid vnto him, Seeſt thou theſe great buyldings? there ſhal not be left one ſtone vpõ a ſtone, that ſhal not be throwen downe.

Luk.19,44.

3 And as he ſate on ẏ mount of oliues, ouer againſt the Temple, Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and Andrew aſked him ſecretly,

4 Tel vs, when ſhal theſe things be? & what *ſhalbe* the ſigne when all theſe things ſhalbe fulfilled?

5 And Ieſus anſwered them, and began to ſay, *[a] Take hede leſt any mã deceiue you.

Epheſ 5,6. 2theſſ.2,3.

a He doeth anſwer them of things that were more neceſſarie for them to know thé the things that they demanded

6 For many ſhal come in my Name, ſayíg, I [b] am *Chriſt*, and ſhal deceiue many.

b Vſurping the autoritie of Chriſt.

7 Furthermore when ye ſhal heare of warres and rumors of warres, be ye not troubled: for *ſuche things* muſt nedes be: but the end *ſhal* not *be* yet.

8 For nacion ſhal riſe againſt nacion, and kingdome againſt kingdome, and there ſhalbe earthquakes in diuers quarters, and there ſhalbe famine and troubles: theſe *are* the beginnings of ſorowes.

9 But take ye hede to your ſelues: for they ſhal deliuer you vp to the Councils, and to the Synagogues: ye ſhalbe beaten, and broght before rulers and Kings for my ſake for a [c] teſtimonial vnto them.

c That they may be inexcuſable

10 And the Goſpel muſt firſt be publiſhed among all nacions.

Mat 10,19. luk.12,11. & 21,14.

11 *But when they lead you, and deliuer you vp, take ye no [d] thoght afore, nether premeditate [e] what ye ſhal ſay: but whatſoeuer is giuen you at the ſame time, that ſpeake: for it is not ye that ſpeake, but the holie Goſt.

d He onely forbiddeth ẏ care which cometh of diſtruſt

e This is not to make them negligent, but to aſſure them that he wil aſſiſt them and inſtruct them ſufficiently ẏ anſwers, ſo ẏ thei may hereby perceiue that their defence ſtandeth not in their owne wiſdome, or eloquence

12 Yea, and the brother ſhal deliuer the brother to death, and the father the ſonne, and the children ſhal riſe againſt their parents, and ſhal cauſe them to dye.

13 And ye ſhalbe hated of all men for my Names ſake: but whoſoeuer ſhal endure vnto the end, he ſhalbe ſaued.

14 *Moreouer, when ye ſhal ſe the abomination of deſolation (ſpoken of by *Daniel the Prophet) [f] "ſtãding where it ought not, (let him that readeth, cõſider it) *then let thé *that be* in Iudea, flee into the [g] moũtaines,

Mat 24,15. Dan 9,27. Luk.21,20.

f This is ment of that time that the Romains ſhulde profane the Temple

"Or, being.

g Becauſe the deſtruction ſhal be moſte extreme and cruel.

15 And let him that is vpon the houſe, not come downe into the houſe, nether entre thereín, to fetch any thing out of his houſe,

16 And let him that is in the field, not turne backe againe vnto the thĩgs which he left

behinde him, to take his clothes.

h For they shal not be able to flee.

17 Thē wo *shalbe* tō thē that are with [h] childe, and to them that giue sucke in those dayes.

i That you haue no let to hinder you when you shulde escape.

18 [i] Pray therefore that your flight be not in the winter.

19 For there shalbe in those dayes suche tribulatiō, as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created vnto this time, nether shalbe.

Or, man.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those dayes, no *flesh shulde be saued: but for the elects sake, which he hathe chosen, he hathe shortened those dayes.

Mat.24,23. luk.21,8.

21 Then *if any man say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or, lo, *he is* there, beleue it not.

22 For false Christs shal rise, and false Prophetes, & shal shewe signes and wonders, to deceiue if it were [k] possible, the very elect.

k The elect may wauer & be troubled, but they can not vtterly be deceiued, and ouercome

l Wherefore he that suffreth him self now to be seduced, hathe none excuse

23 But take ye hede: beholde, I haue shewed you all things [l] before.

Isa 13,10. 24,8 32,7. Ioel 2,10. & 3,15. Mat. 24,30.

24 ¶ Moreouer *in those dayes, after that tribulation the sunne shal waxe darke, & the moone shal not giue her light,

m This teacheth ỹ there shalbe a change of ỹ whole ordre of nature.

25 And the [m] starres of heauen shal fall: and the powers which are in heauen, shal shake.

26 And then shal they se the Sonne of man coming in the cloudes, with great power and glorie.

27 *And he shal then send his Angels, and shal gather together his elect from the foure windes, & from the vtmost parte of the earth to the vtmost parte of heauen.

28 Now learne a parable of the figge tre. When her bough is yet tender, & it bringeth forthe leaues, ye knowe that sommer *is* nere.

29 So in like maner, when ye se these things come to passe, knowe that *the kingdome of God* is nere, *euen* at the dores.

n The worde signifieth the space of a 100 yeres albeit this came to passe before fiftie yeres.

30 Verely I say vnto you, that this [n] generacion shal not passe, til all these things be done.

31 Heauen and earth shal passe away, but my wordes shal not passe away.

o When the destruction of Ierusalem, the persecutions and illusions shal come: but chiefly these are vnderstand of the secōde comming of Christ. *Mat 24,13.*

32 But of that [o] day and houre knoweth no man, no, not the Angels which are in heauen, nether the [p] Sonne him self, saue the Father.

p In that he is man and mediator.

33 *Take hede: watche, & pray: for ye knowe not when the time is.

34 *For the Sonne of man is* as a mā going into a strange countrey, & leaueth his house, & giueth autoritie to his seruants, and to euerie man his worke, and commandeth the porter to watch.

q For of the comming we are most assured: but of the time, the yere, the day or houre, we are ignorant, and therefore must watch continually

35 [q] Watch therefore, (for ye knowe not when the Master of the house wil come, at euen, or at midnight, at the cocke crowing, or in the dauning)

36 Lest if he come suddenly, he shulde finde you sleping.

37 And those things that I say vnto you, I say vnto all men, Watch.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The Priests conspire against Christ. 3 Maris Magdalene anointeth Christ 12 The Passeouer is eaten. 18 He telleth afore of the treason of Iudas 22 The Lords supper is instituted. 46 Christ is taken. 67 Peter denyeth him

1 AND* two dayes after followed *the feast of* the Passeouer, and of vnleauened bread: and the hie Priests, and Scribes soght how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. *Mat 26,2. luk 22,1*

2 But they said, Not in the feast *day*, lest there be any tumult among the people.

3 *And when he was in Bethania in the house of Simon the leper, as he sate at table, there came a womā hauing a boxe of oyntment of [r] spikenarde, verie costlie, and she brake the boxe, and powred it on his head. *Mat 26,6 ioh 12,2.*

r Or, of pure narde and fastiful ly made

4 Therefore [a] some disdeined among them selues, and said, To what end is this waste of oyntment?

a As Iudas who caused this murmuring.

5 For it might haue bene solde for more thē [b] thre hundreth pence, & bene giuen vnto the poore, [c] & they grudged against her.

b Which are in value about six pound sterling

c To wit, Iudas who was offēded therewith, and therefore made a busines.

6 But Iesus said, Let her alone: why trouble ye her? she hathe wroght a good worke on me.

7 For ye haue the poore with you alwayes, and when ye wil ye may do them good, but me ye shal not haue alwayes.

8 She hathe done that she colde: she came afore hand to anoint my bodie to the buryng.

9 Verely I say vnto you, whereseoeuer this Gospel shalbe preached throughout the whole worlde, this also that she hath done, shalbe spoken of in remembrance of her.

10 ¶ *Thē Iudas Iscariot, one of the twelue [d] wēt away vnto the high Priests, to betray him vnto them. *Mat 26,14. luk.22,4.*

d He toke occasion by this oyntment as of a thing euil done

11 And when they heard it, they were glad, & promised that they wolde giue him money: therefore he soght how he might conueniently betray him.

12 ¶ *Now ỹ first day of vnleauened bread, when they sacrificed the Passeouer, his disciples said vnto him, Where wilt thou that we go & prepare, that thou maist eat the Passeouer? *Mat 26,17. luk.22,8.*

13 Then he sent forthe two of his disciples, and said vnto them, Go ye into the citie, and there shal a man mete you bearing a pitcher of water: followe him.

14 And whithersoeuer he goeth in, say ye to the good man of the house, The Master saith, Where is ỹ lodging where I shal eat the Passeouer with my disciples?

15 And he wil shewe you an vpper chamber *which is* large, trimmed and prepared: there make it readie for vs.

16 So his disciples went forthe, and came to the citie, & founde as he had said vnto thē,

and

and made readie the Passeouer.

17 ¶And at euen he came with the twelue.

Mat 26,20. luk 22,14 iohn 13,21.

18 *And as thei sate at table and did eat, Iesus said, Verely I say vnto you, that one of you shal betray me, which eateth with me.

19 Then they began to be sorowful and to say to him one by one, Is it I? And another, Is it I?

20 And he answered and said vnto them, *It is* one of the twelue that [e] dippeth with me in the platter.

e To dip the hand, is as muche to say, as he that is accustomed to eate with me.

21 *Truely the Sonne of man goeth his way, as it is [f] written of him: but wo *be* to that man, by whome the Sonne of man, is betrayed: it had bene good for that mā, if he had neuer bene borne.

Psal. 41,10. mat 26,23. iohn 13,18. act. 1,16.

f This declareth that nothing can be done without Gods prouidence

22 *And as they did eat, Iesus [g] toke the bread, and when he had giuen thankes, he brake it & gaue it to them, and said, *Take, eat, this is my bodie.

Mat 26,26. 1 cor 11,24.

g Read Matth. Chap 26,26

23 Also he toke the cup, and when he had [h] giuen thankes, gaue it to them: and they all dranke of it.

h The Greke worde is to blesse, which is here taken onely to giue thankes as S. Luk & S Paul interprete it, & S Marke also speaking of the cuppe.

24 And he said vnto thē, This is my blood of the new Testament, which is shed for manie.

25 Verely I say vnto you, I wil drinke no more of the frute of the vine, vntil that day, that I drinke it new in the kingdome of God.

26 And when they had sung a psalme, they went out to the mount of oliues.

Iohn 16,32.

27 ¶ *Then Iesus said vnto them, All ye shalbe [i] offended by me this night: for it is written, *I wil smite the shepherd, & the shepe shalbe scattered.

i That is, turned from me, because of the persecution.

Zac. 13,7.

28 But after that I am risen, I wil go into *Galile before you.

Chap 16,7.

29 And Peter said vnto him, Althogh all men shulde be offended, yet wolde not I.

30 Then Iesus said vnto him, Verely I say vnto thee, this day, *euen* in this night, before the cocke crowe twise, thou shalt denie me thrise.

31 But he said more earnestly, If I shulde dye with thee, I wil not denie thee: likewise also said they all.

Mat. 26,36. luk 22,39.

32 ¶ *After they came into a place named Gethsemane: then he said to his disciples, Sit ye here, til I haue prayed.

33 And he toke with him Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and he began [k] to be afraied, & in great heauines,

k His diuinitie was as it were hid, & his humanitie shewed it self fully

34 And said vnto them, My soule is verie heauie, *euen* vnto the death: tary here and watch.

35 So he went forwarde a litle, & fel downe on the grounde, and praied, that if it were possible, that houre might passe frō him.

l Ab in Ebrewe, & Abba in ỹ Syrian tongue signifieth Father.

36 And he said, [l] Abba, Father, all things are possible vnto thee: take away this cup from me: neuertheles not that I wil, but that thou [m] wilt, *be done*.

m He standeth not so to his owne wil, but that willingly he offereth him self to obey God.

37 Then he came and founde them sleping, and said to Peter, Simō, slepest thou? coldest not thou watch one houre?

38 ¶Watch ye, and pray, that ye entre not into tētacion: the spirit in dede is readie, but the flesh is weake.

39 And againe he went awaye, and prayed, and spake the same wordes.

40 And he returned, and founde them aslepe againe: for their eyes were heauie: nether knewe they what they shulde answer him.

41 And he came the thirde time, and said vnto them, [n] Slepe hence forthe, and take your rest: it is ynough: the houre is come: beholde, the Sonne of man is deliuered into the hands of sinners.

n He meaneth that the houre wil come whē they shalbe kept from sleping.

42 Rise vp: let vs go: lo, he that betrayeth me, is at hand.

Mat. 26,47. luk. 22,47. iohn. 18,3.

43 *And immediatly while he yet spake, came Iudas that was one of the twelue, & with him a great multitude with swordes and staues from the hie Priests, and Scribes and Elders.

44 And he that betrayed him, had giuen thē a token, saying, Whomesoeuer [o] I shal kisse, he it is: take him & leade him awaye safely.

o It was the fashion then to grete with kissing at their meetings, & also at their departure

45 And assone as he was come, he went straight waye to him, and said, [p] Master, Master, and kissed him.

p He repeteth it twise, as if he had bene moued with a certeine pitie in taking his last leaue.

46 Then they layed their hands on him, & toke him.

47 And [q] one of them that stode by, drewe out a swoorde, and smote a [r] seruant of the hie Priest, and cut of his eare.

q To wit, Peter

r Called Malchus

48 And Iesus answered and said vnto thē, Ye become out as vnto a thefe with swordes and with staues to take me.

49 I was daiely with you teaching in the Temple, & ye [s] toke me not: but *this is done* that the Scriptures shulde be fulfilled.

s Which declareth that no man can do anie thing contrarie to Gods ordinance.

50 Then they [t] all forsoke him, and fled.

51 And there followed him a certeine yong man, clothed in linnen vpon his bare *bodie*, and the yong men caught him.

t Meaning all the disciples.

52 But he left his linnē cloth, and fled from them naked.

Mat 26,57. luk. 22,54. iohn 18,24

53 *So thei led Iesus away to the hie Priest, and to him came all the [u] hie Priests, and the Elders, and the Scribes.

u That is, thei which had chiefest auroritie amōg the Priests.

54 And Peter followed him a [x] farre of, euen into the hall of the hie Priest, and sate with the seruants, and warmed *him self* at the [o] fyre.

x Which signified that his hot zeale begā now to be abated.

55 And the *hie Priests, and all the Counsil soght for witnes against Iesus, to put him to death, but founde none.

Mat. 26,59.

*Or, light.

56 For manie bare false witnes against him, but their witnes [o] agreed not together.

*Or, were set like.

57 Then there arose certeine, & bare false

witnes againſt him, ſaying,

58 We heard him ſay, * I ỽ wil deſtroy this Temple made with hands, & within thre daies I wil buylde ānother, made without hands.

59 But their witnes yet agreed not together.

60 Then the hie Prieſt ſtode vp amongs them, and aſked Ieſus, ſaying, Anſwereſt thou nothing? what is the matter that theſe beare witnes againſt thee?

61 But he held his peace, and anſwered nothing. Againe the hie Prieſt aſked him, & ſaid vnto him, Art thou Chriſt the Sonne of the [z] Bleſſed?

62 And Ieſus ſaid, I am *he*, * and ye ſhal ſe the [a] Sonne of man ſit at the right hand of the power of *God*, & come in the cloudes of heauen.

63 Then the hie Prieſt rent his clothes and ſaid, What haue we anie more nede of witneſſes?

64 Ye haue heard the blaſphemie: what thinke ye? And they all condemned him to be worthie of death.

65 And ſome began to ſpit at him, and to couer his face, and to beate him with fyſtes, and to ſay vnto him, Prophecie. And the [b] ſergeants ſmote him with *their* rods.

66 * And as Peter was beneath in the hall, there came one of the maides of the hie Prieſt.

67 And when ſhe ſawe Peter warming *him ſelf*, ſhe loked on him, and ſaid, Thou waſt alſo with Ieſus of Nazaret.

68 But [c] he denied it, ſaying, I knowe him not, nether wot I what thou ſaieſt. Then he went out into the "[d] porche, & the cocke crewe.

69 * Then a maide ſawe him againe, & began to ſay to them that ſtode by, This is *one* of them.

70 But he denied it againe: & anone after, they that ſtode by, ſaid againe to Peter, Surely thou art *one* of them: for thou art of Galile, and thy ſpeache is like.

71 And he began to curſe, & ſweare, *ſaying*, I knowe not this mā of whome ye ſpeake.

72 * Then the ſecõde time the cocke crewe, and Peter remembred the worde that Ieſus had ſaid vnto him, Before the cocke crowe twiſe, thou ſhalt denie my thriſe, & "[e] waying that with him ſelf, he wept.

Iohn 2,19.
y Theſe two witneſſes diſſẽted, in that the one reported ỹ Chriſt ſaid, he colde deſtroye the Tẽple (as Mat. writeth) & ỹ other ſaid, that he heard him ſaye. that he wolde do it as is here noted.

Mat 24,30.
z That is, of God, who is worthie all praiſe: the ẅ worde in their language the Iewes when they ſpeake of God, vſe communely in their writings eue̅ to this day a Whome thei now conteᷤned in this baſe eſtate, thei ſhulde ſe appeare at the laſt day with maieſtie and glorie

Mat 26,69.
luk.22,55.
ioh 18,25.
b This declareth the wickednes & inſolencie of the gouernours, & rulers, ſeing their officers contrarie to all iuſtice, thus raged & tormẽted him, that was innocent.

Mat 26,71.
luk.22,58.
ioh 18,25.
c We ought to conſider our owne infirmitie, ỹ we may learne onely to truſt I God, and not in our owne ſtrength.

Mat 26,75.
ioh.13,38.

CHAP. XV.

1 Ieſus is led to Pilate 15 He is condemned, reuiled and put to death. 46 And is buryed by Ioſeph.

1 AND * anone in the dawning, the hie Prieſts helde [a] a coũſel with the Elders, and the Scribes, & the whole Council, and bounde Ieſus, and led him away, and deliuered him to Pilate.

Mat.27,1.
luk.22,66.
ioh 18,20.
a For the Romains gaue thẽ no autoritie to put anie man to death.

2 Then Pilate aſked him, Art thou the King of the Iewes? And he anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, Thou ſaieſt it.

3 And the hie Prieſts accuſed him of manie things.

4 * Wherefore Pilate aſked him againe, ſaying, Anſwereſt thou nothing? beholde how manie things thei witnes againſt thee.

Mat 27,12.
luk.23,3.
ioh 18,33.

5 But Ieſus anſwered [b] no more at all, ſo that Pilate marueiled.

b He wolde not defend his cauſe, but preſẽted him ſelf willingly to be cõdemned.

6 Now at the feaſt Pilate did deliuer a priſoner vnto them, whomeſoeuer thei wolde deſire.

7 Then there was one named Barabbas, ẅ was boũde with his fellowes, that had made inſurrection, who in the inſurrection had committed murther.

8 And the people cryed a loude, & began to deſire *that he wolde do* as he had [c] euer done vnto them.

c The people alwaies maintaine their cuſtomes, although thei be worthe nothing.

9 Then Pilate anſwered them, and ſaid, Wil ye that I let loſe vnto you the King of the Iewes?

10 For he knewe that the hie Prieſts had deliuered him of enuie.

11 But the hie Prieſts had moued the people *to deſire* that he wolde rather deliuer Barabbas vnto them.

12 And Pilate anſwered, and ſaid againe vnto thẽ, What wil ye then that I do *with him*, whome ye call the King of the Iewes?

13 And thei cryed againe, Crucifie him.

14 Then Pilate ſaid vnto them, But what euil hathe he done? And they cryed the more feruently, Crucifie him.

15 So Pilate [d] willing to contẽt the people, loſed them Barabbas, and deliuered Ieſus when he had ſcourged him, that he might be crucified.

d When a iudge hathe reſpect to men, he quite forgetteth iuſtice.

16 Then the ſouldiers led him awaye into the hall, which is the "[e] commune hall, and called together the whole band,

"Or, Pretorie.

17 And clad him with purple, and platted a crowne of thornes, & put it about *his head*,

18 And began to ſalute him, *ſaying*, Haile, King of the Iewes.

19 And they ſmote him on the head with a "reede, and ſpat vpon him, and bowed the knees, & did him reuerence.

"Or, Realme.

Mat 27,31.
luk. 23,25.
e It was ỹ cuſtome to make him that was condemned, to carie his croſſe, but Ieſus was not able for weakenes.

20 And when they had mocked him, they toke the purple of him, and put his owne clothes on him, and led him out to crucifie him.

Mat.27,33.
luk.23,33.
ioh 19,16.

21 * And they [e] compelled one that paſſed by, *called* Simon of Cyrene (which came out of the countrey, and was father of Alexander and Rufus) to beare his croſſe.

22 * And they broght him to a place named Golgotha, which is by interpretacion, the place of *dead mens* ſkulles.

f Which was to haſten his death: but he wolde not drinke it, becauſe he wolde warte for the boure ỹ his Father had appointed, that he might render vnto him perfect obedience.

23 And they gaue him to drinke wine mingled [f] with myrrhe: but he receiued it not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, caſting lottes for them,

"[e] Or, puſhed out of the doores and wept.

them, what euerie man shulde haue.

g The Iewes deuided their day into 4 partes, so that by the third houre is here ment ỹ thirde parte of the day, & was from six a clocke to nine, at what time Mat saith he was crucified

25 And it was g the thirde houre, when they crucified him.

26 And the title of his cause was writtē aboue, THE KING OF THE IEWES.

27 Thei crucified also with him two theues, the one on the right hand, and the other on his left.

28 Thus the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, * And he was counted among the wicked.

Isa 53,12.

29 And they that went by, railed on him, wagging their heads, & saying, *Hey, thou

Iohn 2,19.

that destroyest the Temple, & buyldest it in thre dayes,

30 Saue thy self, and come downe from the crosse.

31 Likewise also euen the hie Priests mocking, said among thē selues with the Scribes, He saued other men, him self he can not saue.

32 Let Christ the King of Israel now come downe from the crosse, that we may se, and beleue. h They also that were crucified with him, reuiled him.

h Meaning the one of them that were crucified

33 ¶Now when ỹ sixt houre was come, darkenes arose ouer i all the land vntil the ninth houre.

i Because this darkenes was onely ouer the land of Chanaan, when the rest of ỹ worlde was light, the miracle is the greater

Psal 22,1.

mat 27,46.

34 And at the k ninth houre Iesus cryed with a loude voyce, saying, * Eloi, Eloi, lamma-sabachthani? which is by interpretacion, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

k Which was the third parte of the day, & about thre of the clocke after none

35 And some of them that stode by, when they heard it, said, l Beholde, he calleth Elias.

Psal 69,22.

l This was spoken mockingly.

36 And one ran, and filled a * sponge ful of vineger, and put it on a reede, and gaue him to drinke, saying, Let him alone: let vs se if Elias wil come and take him downe.

37 And Iesus cryed with a loude voyce, and gaue vp the gost.

38 ¶And the vaile of the Temple was rent in twaine, from the top to the bottome.

m Who had charge ouer an hundreth men.

39 Now when the m Centurion, which stode ouer against him, sawe that he thus crying gaue vp the gost, he said, Truely this man was the Sonne of God.

40 ¶There were also women, which behelde a farre of, amōg whome was Marie Magdalene, and Marie (the mother of Iames the lesse, and of Ioses) and Salome,

Luk 8,2.

41 Which also when he was in Galile, * followed him and ministred vnto him, and many other women which came vp with him vnto Ierusalem.

Mat.27.57.

luk.23,50.

iohn 19,38.

n A graue mā and of great autorite

o This man shewed his faith boldely when the danger semed to be moste perilous.

42 ¶*And now whē night was come (because it was the day of the preparacion that is before the Sabbath)

43 Ioseph of Arimathea, an n honorable Counsellour, which also loked for ỹ kingdome of God, came, & went in o boldely vnto Pilate, and asked the bodie of Iesus.

44 And Pilate marueiled, if he were alreadie dead, and called vnto him the Centurion, and asked of him whether he had bene any while dead.

45 And whē he knewe *the trueth* of the Centurion, he gaue the bodie to Ioseph,

46 Who boght a linnen cloth, and toke him downe, and wrapped him in the linnen cloth, and layd him in a tombe that was hewen out of a rocke, & rolled a stone vnto the dore of the sepulchre:

47 And Marie Magdalene, and Marie Ioses *mother* behelde where he shulde be layd.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The women come to the graue. 9 Christ being risen again, appeareth to Magdalene. 14 Also to the eleuen and reproueth their vnbelief 16 He commaudeth the preaching of the Gospel & the ministration of baptisme vnto them.

1 AND* whē the Sabbath daye was past, Marie Magdalene, & Marie the *mother* of Iames, & Salome, boght swete ointments that they might come, and embaulme him.

Luk.24,1.
iohn 20,1.

2 Therefore early in the morning, the first day of the weeke, they came vnto the sepulchre, when the sunne was "yet rising,

"Or, *not risen.*

3 And they said one to another, Who shal roll vs away the stone from the doore of the sepulchre?

4 And when they loked, they sawe that the stone was rolled away (for it was a very great one.)

5 * So they went into the sepulchre, and sawe a a yong man sitting at the right side, clothed in a long white robe: and they were afrayed.

Mat 28,5.
iohn 20,12.
a The Angel of God in the likenes of a yong man.

6 But he said vnto them, Be not afrayed: ye seke Iesus of Nazaret, which hathe bene crucified: he is risen, he is not here: beholde the place, where they put him.

7 But go your way, and tel his disciples, & bPeter, that he wil go before you into Galile: there shal ye se him, * as he said vnto you.

b He especially maketh mēcion of Peter to cōfort him, because he had fallen into greater dāger then the reste

Mat 26,32.
chap.14,28.

8 And they went out quickely and fled frō the sepulchre: for they trembled and were amased: nether said they any thing to any man: for they were afrayed.

9 ¶And when Iesus was risen againe, in the morow (which was ỹ first day of the weke) he appeared first to Marie Magdalene, *out of whome he had cast seuen deuils.

Iohn 20,16.
luk.8,2.

10 And she went and tolde them that had bene with him, which mourned and wept.

11 And whē they heard that he was aliue, & had appeared to her, they cbeleued it not.

c They had sone forgotten that ỹ Christ had ofte tolde them of his resurrection

Luk.24,13.

12 ¶*After that, he appeared vnto two of them in another forme, as thei walked and went into the countrey.

13 And they went and tolde it to the remnant, but they beleued them not.

Luk.24.36 *Iohn 20.19* d Mourning & praying

14 ¶*Finally, he appeared vnto the eleuen as they d sate together, and reproued them of their vnbelief & hardnes of heart, because they beleued not them which had sene him, being risen vp againe.

Mat 28.19 e As wel Gentile as Iewe

15 And he said vnto them, * Go ye into all the worlde, & preache the Gospel to e euerie creature.

16 He that shal beleue & be baptized, shalbe saued: *but he that wil not beleue, shalbe damned.

Iohn 12.48 *Act 16.18.* f This giste was but for a time to cause men the more willingly to receiue the Gospel which as yet was not euidently knowen.

17 And these f tokens shal followe thē that beleue, *In my Name thei shal cast out deuils, and * shal speake with g newe tongues,

18 *And shal take away serpents, and if they shal drinke any deadlie thing, it shal not hurt them: *they shal lay their hāds on the sicke, and they shal recouer.

19 *So after the Lord had spoken vnto thē, he was receiued into heauen, & sate at the right hand of God.

20 And they went forthe, and preached euerie where. And the *Lord wroght with them, & confirmed the worde with h signes that followed, Amen.

Act 2.4 & 10.46. g With other and diuers, as Luke saith *Act 28.5.* *Act 18.8.* *Luk.24.5.* *Eb 2.4.* h The miracles & signes followe the doctrine, as certein seales, so that if the doctrine be false, the miracles can be no better, Deute. 13.3.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

of Iesus Christ, according to Luke.

CHAP. I.

1 Of Zacharias, and Elisabet. 11 The Angel sheweth him of the natiuitie of Iohn Baptist. 20 His incredulitie is punished 28 The talke of the Angel, and Marie. 46 Her song 57 The birth, Circumcision, and graces of Iohn. 68 Zacharias giueth thankes to God, & prophecieth.

1 FOr as muche as many haue takē in hand to set forthe ỹ storie of those things, whereof we are fully persuaded,

2 a As they haue deliuered them vnto vs, which from the beginning sawe thē their selues, and were ministers of the b worde,

3 It semed good also to me (moste noble Theophilus) assone as I had searched out perfitely all thīgs frō ỹ beginning, to write vnto thee thereof from point to point,

4 That thou mightest acknowledge the certeintie of those things, whereof thou hast bene instructed.

5 IN the time of c Herode King of Iudea, there *was* a certeine Priest named Zacharias, of the d course of Abia: & his wife *was* of the e daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elisabet.

6 Bothe were f iust before God, and walked in all the commandements and g ordinances of the Lord, without reprofe.

7 And thei had no childe, because that Elisabet was barren: & bothe were wel stricke in age.

8 And it came to passe, as he executed the Priests office before God, as his course came in order,

9 According to the custome of the Priests office, his lot was to h burne incense, when he went into the i Temple of the Lord.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were without in prayer, * while the incense was burning.

Exod 30.7. Leu.16.17.

11 Then appeared vnto him an Angel of the Lord standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias sawe *him*, he was troubled, and feare fel vpon him.

13 But the Angel said vnto him, Feare not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard, and thy wife Elisabet shal beare thee a sonne, and thou shalt call his name k Iohn.

14 And thou shalt haue ioye and gladnes, & many shal reioyce at his birth.

15 For he shalbe great in the sight of the Lord, & shal nether drinke wine, nor l strōg drinke: and he shalbe filed with the holie Gost, euen from his mothers wombe.

16 *And many of the children of Israel shal he turne to their Lord God.

17 *For he shal go m before him in the spirit & power of Elias, to turne the hearts of the n fathers to ỹ children, & the disobediēt to the wisdome of the iust men, to make readie a people prepared for the Lord.

18 Then Zacharias said vnto the Angel, Whereby shal I knowe this? for I am an olde man, and my wife is of a great age.

19 And the Angel answered, and said vnto him, I am o Gabriel that stand in the presence of God, and am sent to speake vnto thee, & to shewe thee these good tidings.

20 And beholde, thou shalt be domme, and not be able to speake, vntil p the day that these things be done, because thou beleuedst not my wordes, which shalbe fulfilled in their season.

21 Now the people waited for Zacharias, and marueiled that he taried so long in the Temple.

22 And whē he came out, he colde not speake vnto them: then they perceiued that he had

a Meaning, the Apostles with whome he was conuersant

b Or of the thing: and it may be referred ether to Christ or to the Gospel. and hereby is mēt that they were the ministers of Christ, who is called ỹ worde: or ministers of ỹ worde ỹ is to say, of the Gospel: & this cōmendeth the autoritie of his doctrine, seing he receiued it of the Apostles.

c I Some of Antipater. d Read. 1 Chr. 24.10.

e By her father: for by her mothers line she was of ỹ house of Dauid

f This perfection or iustice is iudged by the frutes and outwarde appearance, and not by the cause: which onely cometh of Gods fre mercie through Christ

g The Greke worde signifieth, iustifications, whereby is ment the outwarde obseruation of the ceremonies commanded by God.

h That is, ỹ euening & morning sacrifice according to the Law. i The Temple was deuided into thre partes: the first was ỹ bodie of the Tēple called Atriū, where the people was: the second called, Sanctū, where the Priests and Leuites were: and the third Sanctum Sanctorum, into the which the hie Priest entred once a yere to sacrifice.

k Which signifieth the grace of the Lord.

l The worde signifieth all maner of drīke which maketh mē dronken *Mal 4.5.* *mat 11.14.*

Mat.3.14

m As a King in his royalte hathe one to go before him, who signifieth the King to be at hand.

n Whē Christ saieth he came to set the father against ỹ sonne &c. he meaneth the successe & cometh of ỹ Gospel through the malice of men: but here he speaketh of the true end & prosperitie of the Gospel.

o Which signifieth, the strength or souereintie of God

p We must not measure Gods promes by our weake sences

had ſene a viſion in the Temple: for he made ſignes vnto them, and remained domme.

¶ Whiles their courſe endured to ſacrifice, they might not lie with their wiues, nor drinke ane licour that might make one drunke r For the barren women enioyed not the promes which God made to them that were maried, to haue yſſue: but principally they were depriued of that promes which God made to Abraham, that he wolde increaſe his ſede

23 And it came to paſſe, when the dayes of his office were fulfilled, that he departed q to his owne houſe.

24 And after thoſe dayes, his wife Eliſabet conceiued, and hid her ſelf fiue moneths, ſaying,

25 Thus hathe the Lord dealt with me, in the dayes wherein he loked on *me*, to take from me r my rebuke among men.

26 ¶ And in the ſixt moneth, the Angel Gabriel was ſent frō God vnto a citie of Galile, named Nazaret,

27 To a virgine affianced to a man whoſe name *was* Ioſeph, of the houſe of Dauid, & the virgins name *was* Marie.

28 And the Angel went in vnto her, & ſaid, *Haile thou *that art* freely beloued: ỹ Lord *is* with thee: bleſſed *art* thou amōg womē.

29 And when ſhe ſawe *him*, ſhe was troubled at his ſaying, & thoght what maner of ſalutacion that ſhulde be.

30 Then ỹ Angel ſaid vnto her, Feare not, Marie: for t thou haſt founde fauour with God.

31 *For lo, thou ſhalt conceiue in thy wombe, and beare a ſonne, and ſhalt call his name IESVS.

32 He ſhalbe great, & ſhalbe called the Sonne t of the moſte High, and the Lord God ſhal giue vnto him the throne of his father Dauid.

33 *And he ſhal reigne ouer ỹ houſe of Iacob for euer, & of his kingdome ſhalbe nō end.

34 Then ſaid Marie vnto the Angel, u How ſhal this be, ſeing, I know no man?

35 And the Angel anſwered, and ſaid vnto her, The holie Goſt ſhal come vpon thee, & the power of the moſt High ſhal x ouerſhadowe thee: therefore alſo that y holie thing which ſhalbe borne of thee, ſhalbe called the Sonne of God.

36 And beholde, thy z couſin Eliſabet, ſhe hathe alſo conceiued a ſonne in her olde age: and this is her ſixt moneth, which was called barren.

37 For with God ſhal nothing be vnpoſſible.

38 Then Marie ſaid, Beholde, the ſeruant of the Lord: be it vnto me according to thy worde. So the Angel departed from her.

39 ¶ And Marie aroſe in thoſe dayes, and went into the hill *countrey* with haſte to a a citie of Iuda,

40 And entred into the houſe of Zacharias, and ſaluted Eliſabet.

41 And it came to paſſe, as Eliſabet heard the ſalutacion of Marie, the babe b ſprang in her bellie, & Eliſabet was filled with the holie Goſt.

42 And ſhe cryed with a loude voyce, and ſaid, Bleſſed art thou among women, becauſe the c frute of thy wombe is bleſſed.

43 And whence *cometh* this to me, that the mother of my Lord ſhulde come to me?

44 For lo, aſſone as the voyce of thy ſalutatiō ſoūded in mine eares, the babe ſprāg in my bellie for ioye.

45 And bleſſed *is* ſhe that beleued: for thoſe things ſhalbe performed, which were tolde her d from the Lord.

46 Then Marie ſaid, My e ſoule magnifieth the Lord,

47 And my ſpirit reioyceth in God my Sauiour.

48 For he hathe loked on the "poore degre of his ſeruant: for beholde, from hence forthe ſhal all ages call f me bleſſed.

49 Becauſe, he that is mightie, hathe done for me great things, & holie *is* his Name.

50 And his g mercie *is* from generacion to generacion on them that feare him.

51 *He hathe ſhewed ſtrength with his arme: *he hathe ſcattered the proude in the h imagination of their hearts.

52 He hathe put downe the mightie from *their* ſeates, and exalted thē of lowe degre.

53 *He hathe filled the hungrie with good things, and ſent away the riche emptie.

54 * He hathe vpholden Iſrael his ſeruant, being mindeful of *his* mercie

55 (* As he hathe ſpoken to our fathers, *to wit*, to Abraham and his "ſede) for euer.

56 ¶ And Marie abode with her about thre moneths: after, ſhe returned to her owne houſe.

57 ¶ Now Eliſabets time was fulfilled, that ſhe ſhulde be deliuered, and ſhe brogh forthe a ſonne.

58 And her neighbours, & couſins heard tel how the Lord had ſhewed his great mercie vpon her, and they reioyced with her.

59 And it was ſo that on the eight day they came to circumciſe the babe, & called him Zacharias, after the Name of his father.

60 But his mother anſwered, and ſaid, Not ſo, but he ſhalbe called Iohn.

61 And they ſaid vnto her, There is none of thy kinred, ỹ is named with this Name.

62 Then they made ſignes to his father, how he wolde haue him called.

63 So he aſked for writing tables, & wrote, ſaying, His name is Iohn, and they marueiled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediatly, and his tongue *loſed*, and he i ſpake & praiſed God.

65 Then feare came on all them that dwelt nere vnto them, and all theſe wordes were noiſed abroade throughout all the hil *cōtrey* of Iudea.

*Or gladacr be to thee
Or, receiued in to fauour
f Not for her merites: but onely through Gods fre mercie, who loued vs when we were ſinners, that whoſoeuer reioyceth, ſhulde reioyce in the Lord
Iſa 7,14.
mat 1,21
chap 2,21.
t Becauſe he is the true Sonne of God, begotten from before all beginning, and manifeſted in fleſh at the determinat time.
Dan 7,14.
micah 4,7.
u She wolde be reſolued of all doutes to the end that ſhe might more ſurely embraſe the promes of God
x It ſhalbe a ſecret operatiō of the holie Goſt
y He muſt be pure and without ſinne, ẅ muſt take away the ſinnes of the worlde
z Notwithſtāding that Eliſabet was maried to one of ỹ tribe of Leui, yet ſhe was Maries couſin which was of the ſtocke of Dauid For the law which forbade marīage out of their owne tribe, was onely that ỹ tribes ſhulde not be mixt and confounded, which colde not be
c He ſheweth the cauſe why Marie was bleſſed.
d By the meſſage of the Angel
e The ſoule, & the ſpirit ſignifie the vnderſtanding & affectiō, which are the two principal partes of the ſoule
Or, lowe eſtate.
f This fauour that God hathe ſhewed me, ſhalbe ſpokē of for euer.
Iſa 51,9.
Pſal 33,10.
iſa 29,15.
g According to the promes made to Abraham that he wolde be his God, and the God of his ſede for euer.
1.Sam 2,6.
pſal 34,11.
Iſa 30,38.
& 41,8.
and 54,5.
iere 31,5.
Gen.17,19.
& 22,16.
pſal 132,12.
h The wicked lay ſnares for other, wherein they themſelues are taken.
Or, poſteritie.
i Not onely for his benefite in pardoning his faute, but alſo to ſhewe that he was iuſtly puniſhed for his incredulitie.

in marying with ỹ Leuites: for they had no portiō aſſigned vnto thē a Which was alſo called, Kiriath-arba or Hebron, Ioſh 14,15, & 21,11 b This mouing was extraordinarie and not natural, which was to commend the miracle

66 And all they that heard them, laid *them* vp in their hearts, saying, What maner childe shal this be! and the [k] hand of the Lord was with him.

67 Thē his father Zacharias was filled with the holie Goſt, and prophecied, saying,

68 Blessed *be* ỹ Lord God of Israel, because he hathe [l] visited* & redemed his people,

69 *And hathe raised vp the [m] horne of salvacion vnto vs, in the house of his seruant Dauid,

70 *As he spake by the mouth of his holie Prophetes, which were since the worlde began, *saying*,

71 *That he wolde send vs* deliuerance from our enemies, & from the hands of all that hate vs,

72 That he wolde shewe [n] mercie towards our fathers, and remembre his holie couenant,

73 **And* the othe which he sware to our father Abraham:

74 *Which was*, that he wolde grante vnto vs, that we being deliuered out of the hands of our enemies, shulde [o] serue him without feare

75 All the dayes of our life, in *holines and righteousnes [p] before him.

76 And thou, babe, shalt be called the Prophete of the moste High: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his wayes,

77 *And* to giue knowledge of saluatiō vnto his people, by the remissiō of their sinnes,

78 Through the tender mercie of our God, whereby *the [r] day spring from an hie hathe visited vs,

79 To giue light to them that sit in darkenes, and in the shadowe of death, & to guide our fete into the way of [s] peace.

80 And the childe grewe and waxed strong in spirit, and was in [t] the wildernes, til the day came, that he shulde shewe him self vnto Israel.

k The mightie power of God and his graces ỹ declared that he shulde be an excellēt person one

Mat.1,21.
chap 2,30.

l In declaring him self mindeful of his people, & therefore is come from heauen to visit and redeme them

Psal 132,17.
Ier 23,6.
& 30,10.

m When the promises of God semed to haue failed, & the state of Israel to haue perished, then sent he his Christ who by his inuincible strength, as with a strong horne ouerthrewe his enemies

Gen 22,16.
iere 31,6
ebr 6,13.

n He declareth the cause and fountaine of our redēption.

1.Pet 1,15

o This is the end of our redemption

p To whome no hypocrisie can be acceptable.

q He sheweth that our saluatiō cōsisteth in the remissiō of sinnes, which is the principal parte of the Gospel

Zach 3,9.
mal 4,2.
& 6,12.

r Or, branche of a tree, meaning the Messias, who is the sunne of righteousnes which shineth from heauen

s That is, of all felicitie

t He meaneth ỹ parte of Iudea which was least inhabited where also the grosse & rude people dwelled

CHAP. II.

7 The birth and circumcision of Christ 22 He was receiued into the Tēple 28 Simeon and Anna prophecie of him. 46 H was founde among the doctours. 51 His obedience to father and mother.

1 AND it came to passe in those dayes, that there came a cōmandement frō Augustus Cesar, that all the [a] worlde shulde be "taxed.

2 (This first [b] taxing was made when Cyrenius was gouernour of Syria.)

3 Therefore went all to be taxed euerie mā to his owne citie.

4 And [c] Ioseph also went vp from Galile out of a citie called Nazaret, into Iudea, vnto the citie of *Dauid, which is called Beth-lehem (because he was of the house and linage of Dauid,)

5 To be taxed with Marie that was giuen him to wife, which was with childe.

6 ¶ And so it was, that while they were there, the daies were accomplished that she shulde be deliuered.

7 And she brought forthe her [d] first begotten sonne, & wrapped him in swadling clothes and laid him in a [e] cratche, because there was no rowme for them in the ynne.

8 ¶ And there were in the same coūtrey shepherds, abiding in the field, and keping watch by night because of their flocke.

9 And lo, the Angel of the Lord came vpon them, and the glorie of the Lord shone about them, and they were sore afraide.

10 Then the Angel said vnto them, Be not afraide: for behoide, I bring you tidings of great ioye, that shalbe to all the people:

11 *That is*, that vnto you is borne this day in the citie of [f] Dauid, a Sauiour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And [g] this *shalbe* a signe to you, Ye shal finde ỹ childe swadled, & laid in a cratch.

13 And straight way there was with the Angel a multitude of heauenly souldiers, praying God, and saying,

14 Glorie *be* to God in the high *heauens*, and peace in earth, & towards men [h] good wil.

15 And it came to passe when the Angels were gone away from them into heauen, that ỹ shepherds said one to another, Let vs go then vnto Beth-lehem, and se this thīg that is come to passe, which the Lord hathe shewed vnto vs.

16 So they came with haste, & founde both the Marie and Ioseph, and the babe laid in the cratch.

17 And when they had sene it, they published abroade the thing, which was told them of that childe.

18 And all that heard it, wōdred at ỹ things which were told them of the shepherds.

19 But Marie kept all those sayings & pondered *them* in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all that they had heard & sene, as it was spoken vnto them.

21 ¶ *And whē the eight daies were accomplished, that they shulde circumcise the childe, his name was then called *IESVS, which was named of the Angel, before he was conceiued in the wombe.

22 *And when the dayes of "her purificatiō after the Law of Moses were accōplished, they brought him to Ierusalem, to present him to the Lord.

23 (As it is writen in the Law of the Lord, *Euerie man childe" that *first* openeth the wombe, shalbe called holie to the Lord:)

24 And to giue an oblation, *as it is commanded in the Law of the Lord, [i] a paire of turtle doues, or two yong pigeons.

25 And beholde, there was a mā in Ierusalē, whose

a So much as was subiect to the Romains.

*Or, *that is writing*

b Whereby the people were more charged and oppressed

c He sheweth by what occasion Iesus was borne in Bethlehem.

Luk 1,26.

d Read Mat. 1,25

e Whereby appeared his pouertie, and their cruelnes which wolde not pitie suche a woman in labour case

f Which was Beth-lehem.

g Because they shulde not be offended with Christs poore estate, the Angel preuenteth this doute, and sheweth in what sorte they shulde finde him

h The free mercie & good wil of God, which is the fountaine of our peace and felicitie, & is chiefly declared to the elect.

Gen.17,12.

Mat.1,21.
chap 1,31.
Iohn 7,22.

Leu 12,3.

"Or, their

Exod.13,2.
nomb 8,16

"Or, that is first borne

Leu 12,6

i Which offring was appointed to thē which were so poore that they were not able to offer a lambe.

whoſe name was Simeon: this man *was* iuſte, and feared God, and waited for the conſolation of Iſrael, and the holie Goſt was vpon him.

k The Spirit of prophetie.

26 And a reuelation was giuen him of the holie Goſt, that he ſhulde not ſe death, before he had ſene the Lords "Chriſt.

"Or, Meſſias.

27 And he came "by *the motion* of ỹ Spirit in to the Temple, & when the parẽts broght in the childe Ieſus, to do for him after the cuſtome of the Law,

"Or, ſpeake, in the Spirit.

28 Then he toke him in his armes, and praiſed God, and ſaid,

l Simeon declareth him ſelf to dye willingly ſince he hathe ſene the Meſsias which was promiſed

29 Lord, l now letteſt thou thy ſeruant departe in peace, according to thy worde.

m The meane and ſubſtance of ſaluation

30 For mine eyes haue ſene thy m ſaluation,

"Or, for the reuelation of

31 Which thou haſt prepared before the face of all people:

32 A light to be reueiled to the Gentiles, & the glorie of thy people Iſrael.

33 And Ioſeph and his mother marueiled at thoſe things, which were ſpoken touching him.

n That is, prated to God for them, and for the proſperitie of Chriſts kingdome

34 And Simeon n bleſſed them, and ſaid vnto Marie his mother, Beholde, this *childe* is appointed for the o* fall and riſing againe of manie in Iſrael, & for a ſigne which ſhalbe ſpoken againſt,

Iſa 8,14.
rom 9,32.
1 pet 2,8

o* Io be ỹ fall of ỹ reprobate which periſhe through their owne defaut, & raiſing vp of the elect to whome God giueth faith

35 (Yea and a p ſworde ſhal pearce through thy ſoule) that the q thoghts of manie hearts may be opened.

p That is, ſorowes ſhulde pearce her heart, as a ſworde

36 And there was a Propheteſſe, one Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aſer, which was of a great age, & had r liued with an houſband ſeuen yeres frõ her virginitie.

q This chiefly appeareth whẽ the croſſe is layd vpõ vs, whereby mens hearts are tryed

37 And ſhe *was* widowe about foure ſcore, and foure yeres, and went f not out of the Temple, but ſerued *God* with faſtings and prayers, night and day.

r She was ſeuen yeres maryed.

38 She ſ ẽ coming at the ſame inſtant vpon them, "confeſſed likewiſe the Lord, & ſpake of him to all that loked for redemption in Ieruſalem.

ſ She was cõtinually in the Temple

39 And when thei had performed all things according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galile to their owne citie Nazaret.

"Or, praiſed.

40 And the childe grewe, and waxed ſtrõg in Spirit, and was filled with wiſdome, and the grace of God was with him.

41 ¶ Now his parẽts went to Ieruſalẽ euerie yere, *at the feaſt of the Paſſeouer.

Deut 16,1.

42 And when he was twelue yere olde, and they were come vp to Ieruſalem, after the cuſtome of the feaſt,

43 And had finiſhed the dayes *thereof*, as they returned, the childe Ieſus rẽmained in Ieruſalem, and Ioſeph knewe not nor his mother,

44 But they ſuppoſing, that he had bene in the companie, went a dayes iorney, and ſoght him among *their* kinſfolke, and acquaintance.

45 And whẽ they founde him not, they turned backe to Ieruſalem, and ſoght him.

46 And it came to paſſe thre dayes after, that they founde him in the Temple, ſitting in the middes of the "doctours, bothe hearing them, and aſking them queſtions.

"Or, learned men

47 And all that heard him, were aſtonied at his vnderſtanding, and anſwers.

48 So when thei ſaw him, they were amaſed, and his mother ſaid vnto him, Sonne, why haſt thou thus dealt with vs? beholde, thy father and I haue ſoght thee with heauie hearts.

t Our duetie to God is to be preferred before father and mother

49 Then ſaid he vnto them, How is it that ye ſoght me? t knewe ye not that I muſt go about my fathers buſines?

u For his vocatiõ was not yet manifeſtly knowen

50 But they u vnderſtode not the worde that he ſpake to them.

51 Then he wẽt downe with them, & came to Nazaret, and was ſubiect to them: & his mother kept all theſe ſayings in her heart.

52 And Ieſus increaſed in wiſdome, & ſtature, and in fauour with God and men.

CHAP. III.

3 The preaching, baptiſme, and priſonment of Iohn. 15 He is thoght to be Chriſt. 21 Chriſt is baptized. 23 His age, and genealogie.

1 NOw in the fifteth yere of the reigne of Tiberius Ceſar, Pontius Pilate being gouernour of Iudea, and a Herode being tetrarch of Galile, and his brother Philippe tetrarch of Iturea, and of the countrey of Trachonitis, and Lyſanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

a This was ỹ ſonne of Herode called the great.

2 (*When Annas and Caiaphas were the high b Prieſts) the worde of God came vnto Iohn, the ſonne of Zacharias in the wildernes.

Act.4,6.

b There colde be by Gods Law but one ſacrificer at once, but becauſe of the troubles that then reigned, the office was ſo mangled by reaſon of ambition & briberie, that bothe 'Caiaphas and Annas his father in law had it deuided betwene thẽ.

3 *And he came into all the coaſtes about Iordan, preaching the baptiſme of repentance for the remiſsion of ſinnes,

4 As it is written in the boke of the ſayings of Eſaias the Prophet, which ſaith, *The voyce of him that cryeth in the wildernes *is*, Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make his paths ſtraight.

Mat.3,3.
mar.1,4.
Iſa 40,3.
ioh 1,23.

5 Euerie c valley ſhalbe filled, and euerie mountaine, and hil ſhalbe broght lowe, & croked things ſhalbe made ſtraight, & the rough wayes *ſhalbe made* ſmothe.

c All impediments ſhalbe taken away, ẅ ſhulde hinder ỹ way of God or of ſaluatiõ, ſo that ỹ way ſhalbe plaine by Chriſt to lead vs vnto God

6 And "all fleſh ſhal ſe the d ſaluation of God.

"Or, euerie mã.

d That is, the Meſsias ſhalbe reueiled to ỹ worlde

7 Then ſaid he to the people that were come out to be baptized of him, "* O generations of vipers, who hathe forewarned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Mat 3,7.
"Or, vipers brood.

8 Bring forthe therefore frutes worthie a t mendemẽt of life, & beginne not to ſay ẅ your ſelues, We haue Abrahã to *our* father: for I ſay vnto you, ỹ God is able of theſe ſtones to raiſe vp children vnto Abraham.

e The vengeãce of God is at hand.

9 Now alſo is the e axe laid vnto the roote of the trees: therefore euerie tre which bringeth not forthe good fruite, ſhalbe hewen downe and caſt into the fyre.

10 ¶Then the people aſked him, ſaying, What ſhal we do then?

11 And he anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, *He f that hathe two coates, let him parte with him that hathe none: and he that hathe meat, let him do likewiſe.

*Iam 2.15. 1 Iohn 3.17.

f He willeth that the riche helpe ỹ poore according to their neceſſitie

12 Then came there g Publicanes alſo to be baptized, and ſaid vnto him, Maſter, what ſhal we do?

g Whoſe office was to receiue the tribute and towles.

13 And he ſaid vnto thẽ, Require no more then that which is appointed vnto you.

14 The ſouldiers likewiſe demanded of him, ſaying, And what ſhal we do? And he ſaid vnto them*, Do violence to no man, nether accuſe anie falſely, and be content with your wages.

15 As the people waited, and all men muſed in their hearts of Iohn, if he were not the Chriſt,

16 Iohn anſwered, and ſaid to them all, *In dede I h baptize you with water, but one ſtronger then I, cometh, whoſe ſhoes latchet I am not worthie to vnloſe: he wil baptize you with the holie Goſt, and i with fyre.

*Mat 3.11. mar.1.8. ioh 1.26. act.1.5. & 8.4. & 11.16. & 19.4.

17 *Whoſe fanne is in his hand, and he wil make cleane his flooer, and wil gather the wheat into his garner, but the chaff wil he burne vp with fyre that neuer ſhalbe quenched.

*Mat.3.12.

h The vertue and force of baptiſme ſtandeth in Ieſus Chriſt, & Iohn was but ỹ miniſter thereof.

i That is, with a mightie, and vehement Spirit: whoſe properte is to cõſume, and purge our filth as fyre doeth ỹ mettals

18 Thus then exhorting with manie other things, he preached vnto the people.

19 *But when k Herode the tetrarch was rebuked of him for Herodias his brother Philippes wife, and for all the euils which Herode had done,

*Mat 14.3. mar.6.17.

k Named Antipas

20 He added yet this aboue all, that he ſhut vp Iohn in priſon.

21 *Now it came to paſſe, as all the people were baptized, & that Ieſus was baptized & did pray, that the heauen was opened:

*Mat 3.23. mar.1.9. ioh.1.32.

22 And ỹ holie Goſt came downe in a bodelie ſhape like a doue, vpõ him, & there was a voyce frõ heauen, ſaying, Thou art my beloued Sonne: in thee I am wel pleaſed.

23 ¶And Ieſus him ſelf began to be about thirtie yere of age, being as men ſuppoſed the ſonne of l Ioſeph, *which was the ſonne* of Eli,

l Luke aſcendeth from the laſt father to ỹ firſt, and Matthewe deſcendeth from the firſt to ỹ laſt. Matthewe extẽdeth not his rehearſal further then to Abrahã, ẅ is for the aſſurãce of ỹ ꝓmes for the Iewes Luke referreth it euen to Adã, whereby the Gentiles alſo are aſſured of the promes, becauſe they came of Adam, & are reſtored in the ſeconde Adam: Matthewe counteth by the legal deſcent, and Luke by the natural: finally bothe two ſpeaking of the ſame perſones applie vnto them diuers names. *Or, Ioſech.

24 *The ſonne* of Matthat, *the ſonne* of Leui, *the ſonne* of Melchi, *the ſonne* of Ianna, *the ſonne* of Ioſeph,

25 *The ſonne* of Mattathias, *the ſonne* of Amos, *the ſonne* of Naum, *the ſonne* of Eſli, *the ſonne* of Nagge,

26 *The ſonne* of Maath, *the ſonne* of Mattathias, *the ſonne* of Semei, *the ſonne* of Ioſeph, *the ſonne* of Iuda,

27 *The ſonne* of Ioanna, *the ſonne* of Rheſa, *the ſonne* of Zorobabel, *the ſonne* of Salathiel, *the ſonne* of Neri,

28 *The ſonne* of Melchi, *the ſonne* of Addi, *the ſonne* of Coſam, *the ſonne* of Elmodam, *the ſonne* of Er,

29 ¶*The ſonne* of "Ioſe, *the ſonne* of Eliezer, *the ſonne* of Iorim, *the ſonne* of "Matthat, *the ſonne* of Leui,

*Or, Ieſue *Or, Mattha

30 *The ſonne* of Simeon, *the ſonne* of Iuda, *the ſonne* of Ioſeph, *the ſonne* of Ionan, *the ſonne* of Eliacim,

31 *The ſonne* of Melea, *the ſonne* of "Mainan, *the ſonne* of Mattatha, *the ſonne* of Nathan, *the ſonne* of Dauid,

*Or, Menna.

32 *The ſonne* of Ieſſe, *the ſonne* of Obed, *the ſonne* of Booz, *the ſonne* of Salmon, *the ſonne* of Naaſſon,

33 *The ſonne* of Aminadab, *the ſonne* of Aram, *the ſonne* of Eſrom, *the ſonne* of Phares, *the ſonne* of Iuda,

34 *The ſonne* of Iacob, *the ſonne* of Iſaac, *the ſonne* of Abraham, *the ſonne* of Thara, *the ſonne* of Nachor,

35 *The ſonne* of Saruch, *the ſonne* of Ragau, *the ſonne* of Phalec, *the ſonne* of Eber, *the ſonne* of Sala,

36 *The ſonne* of Cainã, *the ſonne* of Arphaxad, *the ſonne* of Sem, *the ſonne* of Noe, *the ſonne* of Lamech,

37 *The ſonne* of Mathuſala, *the ſõne* of Enoch, *the ſonne* of Iared, *the ſonne* of Maleleel, *the ſonne* of Cainan.

38 *The ſonne* of Enos, *the ſonne* of Seth, *the ſonne* of Adam, *the ſonne* m of God.

m Not that Adam was ỹ ſonne of God by generatiõ, but by creation, in the ẅ ſenſe God alſo calleth him ſelf father. Deut 32.6 & ver 18 & 19.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Ieſus is led into the wildernes to be tempted 13 He ouercometh the deuil. 14 He goeth into Galile. 16 Preacheth at Nazaret, and Capernaum. 22 The Iewes deſpiſe him. 38 He cometh into Peters houſe, and healeth his mother in law. 41 The deuils acknowledge Chriſt. 43 He preacheth through the cities.

1 AND Ieſus ful of the holie Goſt returned from Iordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wildernes,

*Mat 4.1. mar.1.12.

2 *And was *there* fourtie dayes tempted of the deuil, and in thoſe dayes a he did eat nothing: but when they were ended, he afterwarde was hungrie.

a This faſt was miraculous, to confirme the Goſpel, and ought no more of men to be followed thẽ the other miracles that Chriſt did

3 Then the deuil ſaid vnto him, If thou be the Sonne of God, commande this ſtone that it be made bread.

*Deu.8.3. mat.4.4.

4 But Ieſus anſwered him, ſaying, It is writen, * That man ſhal not liue by bread only, but by euerie b worde of God.

b That is, by the ordinance, and prouidence of God

5 Then the deuil toke him vp into an high mountaine, and ſhewed him all the kingdomes of the worlde, "in the twinkeling of an eye.

"Greke, in a moment of time

6 And the deuil ſaid vnto him, All this power wil I c giue thee, and the glorie of thoſe *kingdomes*: for that is deliuered to me: & to whomeſoeuer I wil, I giue it,

c Satan promiſeth that, ẅ he can not giue, thinking thereby that he might deceme the more craftely: for he is but prince of ỹ worlde by permiſsion, & hathe his power limited.

7 If thou

7 If thou therefore wilt *worſhip me, they ſhalbe all thine.
*Or fall downe before me
8 But Ieſus anſwered him, and ſaid, "Hence from me, Satan: for it is written, * Thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy d God, and him alone thou ſhalt ſerue.
"Greke, Go behinde me. *Deut 6,16 & 10,20.* d Chriſt sheweth ỹ all creatures ought onely to worſhip and ſerue God
9 Then he broght him to e Ieruſalem, and ſet him on a pinacle of the Temple, and ſaid vnto him, If thou be the Sonne of God, caſt thy ſelf downe from hence,
e This declareth how hard it is to reſiſt ỹ tentacions of Satan: for he giueth not ouer for twiſe or thriſe putting backe
10 For it is written, * That he wil giue his Angels charge ouer thee to kepe thee:
*Pſal.91,12.
11 And with *their* hands they ſhal lift thee vp, leſt at anie time thou ſhuldeſt daſh thy foote againſt a ſtone.
12 And Ieſus anſwered and ſaid vnto him, It is ſaid, * Thou ſhalt not tẽpt the Lord thy God.
Deut.6,16.
13 And when the deuil had ended all the tentacion, he departed from him f for a ſeaſon.
f It is not ynough, twiſe or thriſe to reſiſt Satã: for he neuer ceaſeth to tempt: or if he relent a litle, it is to the ẽd, that he maye renewe his force & aſſaile vs more ſharply
14 ¶ And Ieſus returned by the power of ỹ ſpirit into Galile: and there went a fame of him throughout all the region rounde about.
15 For he taught in their Synagogues, and was honoured of all men.
16 * And he came to Nazaret where he had bene broght vp, and (as his cuſtome was) went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day, and ſtode vp to reade.
Mat.13,54. mar 6,1. Iohn 4,43.
17 And there was deliuered vnto him the boke of the Prophet Eſaias: and when he had opened the boke, he founde the place, where it was written,
18 * The Spirit of the Lord *is* vpon me, becauſe he hathe g anointed me, that I ſhulde preache the Goſpel to the poore: he hathe ſent me, that I ſhulde heale the brokẽ hearted, that I ſhulde preache deliuerãce to the captiues, and recouering of ſight to the blinde, that I ſhulde ſet at libertie thẽ that are bruiſed,
Iſa 61,1. g That is, endued with graces.
19 And that I ſhulde preache the h acceptable yere of the Lord.
h He alludeth to the yere of Iubile, which is mencioned in the Law, whereby this deliuerãce was figured
20 And he cloſed the boke, and gaue it againe to the miniſter, and ſate downe: and the eyes of all that were in the Synagogue were faſtened on him.
21 Then he began to ſay vnto them, This daye is this Scripture fulfilled in your eares.
22 And all i bare him witnes, & wondered at the gracious wordes, which proceded out of his mouth, and ſaid, Is not this Ioſephs ſonne?
i Thei approued & comended whatſoeuer he ſaid.
23 Then he ſaid vnto them, Ye wil ſurely ſaye vnto me this prouerbe, Phyſicion, k heale thy ſelf: whatſoeuer we haue heard done in Capernaum, do it here likewiſe in thine owne countrey.
k Beſtowe thy benefites vpon them, ẅ apperteine more vnto thee. *Ioh 4,44.*
24 And he ſaid, Verely I ſaye vnto you, * No l Prophet is accepted in his owne countrey.
l Their infidelitie ſtayed Chriſt from working miracles.
25 But I tell you of a trueth, manie widdowes were in Iſrael in the dayes of * Elias, when heauen was ſhut thre yeres and ſix moneths, when great famine was throughout all the land,
1 King 17,9. Iam 5,17.
26 But vnto none of them was Elias ſent, ſaue into Sarepta, *a citie of* Sidon, vnto a m certeine widdowe.
m He ſheweth by examples ỹ God oft times preferreth the ſtrãgers to thẽ of the houſholde
27 Alſo manie lepers were in Iſrael, in the time of * Eliſeus the Prophet: yet none of them was made cleane, ſauing Naaman the Syrian.
2.King.5,14.
28 Then all *that were* in the Synagogue, whẽ thei heard it, were n filled with wrath,
n Becauſe they perceiued that the grace of God ſhulde be taken frõ them & giuen to others
29 And roſe vp, and thruſt him out of the citie, and led him vnto the edge of the hil, whereon their citie was buylt, to caſt him downe headlong.
30 But he paſſed o through the middes of them, and went his way,
o And eſcaped miraculouſly out of their hands: for his houre was not yet come *Mat.4,13. mar 1,21. Mat.7,29. mar 1,22.*
31 ¶ * And came downe into Capernaum a citie of Galile, and there taught them on the Sabbath dayes.
32 * And thei were aſtonied at his doctrine: for his worde was with p autoritie.
p Ful of dignitie & maieſtie, ẅ touched the heart of the auditours and cauſed them to beare reuerence to his wordes
33 And in the Synagogue there was a man which had a q ſpirit of an vncleane deuil, which cryed with a loude voyce,
q That is, the motion of the deuil, or ỹ was tormented ẅ a verie deuil.
34 Saying, Oh, what haue we to do with thee, thou Ieſus of Nazaret? art thou come to deſtroy vs? I knowe who thou art, *euen* the Holie one of God.
35 And Ieſus rebuked him, ſaying, Holde thy peace, and come out of him. Thẽ the deuil throwing him in the middes *of them*, came out of him, and hurt him not.
36 So feare came on them all, and they ſpake among themſelues, ſaying, What thing is this? for with autoritie and power he commandeth the foule ſpirits, and they come out?
37 And the fame of him ſpred abroad throughout all the places of the countrey rounde about.
38 ¶ * And he roſe vp, and came out of the Synagogue, & entred into Simons houſe. And Simons wiues mother was taken with a great feuer, and they required him for her.
Mat.8,14. mar.1,29.
39 Then he ſtode ouer her, and rebuked the feuer, and it left her: and immediatly ſhe aroſe, and miniſtred vnto them.
40 Now whẽ the ſunne was downe, all they ỹ had ſicke *folkes* of diuers diſeaſes, broght them vnto him, and he laied his hands on euerie one of them, and healed them.
Mar.1,32.
41 * And deuils alſo came out of manie, crying, and ſaying, r Thou art the Chriſt the Sonne of God: but he rebuked them, & ſuffred them not to ſay that thei knewe him to be the Chriſt.
r The deuils are cõſtrained to confeſſe Chriſt to be ỹ Sonne of God, & yet it doeth nothing auaile them becauſe it cometh not of faith.
42 And whẽ it was day, he departed & went

forthe into a deſert place, and the people ſoght him, and came to him, and kept him that he ſhulde not departe from them.

43 But he ſaid vnto them, Surely I muſt alſo preache the kingdome of God to other cities: for therefore am I ſent.

44 And he preached in the Synagogues of Galile.

CHAP. V.

1 Chriſt preacheth out of the ſhip. 6 The great draught of fiſh. 10 Certeine diſciples are called. 12 He cleanſeth the leper. 18 He healeth the man of the palſie. 27 He calleth Matthewe the cuſtomer. 30 Eateth with ſinners. 34 And excuſeth his, as touching faſting.

Mat 4,18. mar 1,16.

1 THen *it came to paſſe, as the people preaſſed vpon him to heare the worde of God, that he ſtode by the lake of Genneſaret,

2 And ſawe two ſhippes ſtand by the lake ſide, but the fiſſhermen were gone out of them, and were waſſhing their nettes.

a To the intent that he might not be througed of ỹ preaſſe, & alſo that he might the better be heard.

3 And a he entred into one of the ſhippes, which was Simons, and required him that he wolde thruſt of a litle from the land: and he ſate downe, and taught the people out of the ſhip.

4 ¶ Now when he had left ſpeaking, he ſaid vnto Simon, Lanche out into the depe, and let downe your nettes to make a draught.

b The worde ſignifieth him that is made ruler ouer anie thing

5 Then Simon anſwered, & ſaid vnto him, b Maſter, we haue trauailed all night, and haue taken nothing: neuertheles at thy c worde I will let downe the net.

c He ſheweth his prompt obedience to Chriſts commandement.

6 And when they had ſo done, they incloſed a great multitude of fiſhes, ſo that their net brake.

7 And they beckened to their parteners, which were in ỹ other ſhip, that thei ſhulde come and helpe them, who came then, and filled bothe the ſhippes, that they did d ſinke.

d Thei were ſo laden that thei almoſte ſunke.

8 Now when Simon Peter ſawe it, he fell downe at Ieſus knees, ſaying, Lord, go fró me: for I am a ſinful man.

e The feeling of Gods preſence maketh afrayed.

9 For he e was vtterly aſtonied, and all that were with him, for the draught of fiſhes, which they toke.

10 And ſo was alſo Iames and Iohn the ſonnes of Zebedeus, which were companions with Simon. Then Ieſus ſaid vnto Simon, Feare not: from f hence forthe thou ſhalt catch men.

f He appointeth him to ỹ office of an Apoſtle.

11 And when they had broght the ſhippes to land, they forſoke all, & followed him.

Mat 8,2. mar.1,40.

12 ¶ *Now it came to paſſe, as he was in a certeine citie, beholde, there was a man ful of leproſie, and when he ſawe Ieſus, he fel on his face, and beſoght him, ſaying, Lord if thou wilt, thou canſt make me cleane.

13 So he ſtretched forthe his hand, & touched him, ſayīg, I wil, be thou cleane. And immediatly the leproſie departed from him.

14 And he commanded him that he ſhulde tell it no man: but Go, *ſaith he*, and ſhewe thy ſelf to the g Prieſt, and offer for thy clenſing, as *Moſes hathe commanded, for a witnes vnto them.

Leui 14,4.

g Hereby he ſhewed them that he wolde not tranſgreſſe the Law, and ỹ thei ſhulde be inexcuſable, who ſeīg ỹ miracle wroght, wolde not beleue Chriſt.

15 But ſo muche more went there a fame abroad of him, and great multitudes came together to heare, and to be healed of him of their infirmities.

16 But he kept him ſelf aparte in the wildernes, and praied.

17 ¶ And it came to paſſe, on a certeine daye, as he was teaching, that the Phariſes & doctours of the Law ſate by, which were come out of euerie towne of Galile, and Iudea, and Ieruſalem, & the power of the Lord was *in him* to heale them.

18 *Then beholde, men broght a man lyīg in a bed, which was taken with a palſie, and they ſoght meanes to bring him in, and to laie him before him.

Mat 9,2. mar.2,3.

19 And when they colde not finde by what way they might bring him in, becauſe of the preaſſe, they went vp on the houſe, & let him downe through the tiling, bed & all, in the middes before Ieſus.

20 And when he ſawe their faith, he ſaid vnto him, Man, thy h ſinnes are forgiuen thee.

h Chriſt toucheth the principal cauſe of all our euils.

21 Then the Scribes and the Phariſes begā to thinke, ſaying, Who is this that ſpeaketh blaſphemies? who can forgiue ſinnes, but God onelie?

22 But when Ieſus perceiued their thoghts, he anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, What thinke ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is eaſier to ſay, Thy i ſinnes are forgiuen thee, or to ſay, Riſe and walke?

i Foraſmuche as his diuinitie was ſufficiently ſhewed by this miracle, he gaue them hereby to vnderſtand ỹ he had power to forgiue ſinnes.

24 But that ye may knowe that the Sonne of man hathe autoritie to forgiue ſinnes in earth, (he ſaid vnto the ſicke of the palſie) I ſay to thee, Ariſe: take vp thy bed, & go to thine houſe.

25 And immediatly he roſe vp before them, and toke vp *his bed* whereon he laie, and departed to his owne houſe, praiſing God.

26 And they were all amaſed, and praiſed God, and were filled with feare, ſaying, Douteles we haue ſene "ſtrange things to daye.

"Or, aboue our expectacion.

27 ¶ * And after that, he went forthe and ſawe a Publicane named ' Leui, ſitting at the receite of cuſtome, & ſaid vnto him, Followe me.

Mat.9,9. mar.2,14.

'Or, Matthewe.

28 And he left all, roſe vp, and followed him.

29 Then Leui made him a great feaſt in his owne houſe, where there was a great companie of Publicanes, & of other, that ſate at table with them.

30 But

30 But they that were Scribes and Phariſes among them, murmured againſt his diſciples, ſaying, Why eat ye & drinke ye with Publicanes and ſinners?

31 Then Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto thē, They that are whole, nede not the phyſicion, but they that are ſicke.

32 *I came not to call the [k] righteous, but ſinners to repentance.

33 ¶*Then they ſaid vnto him, Why do the diſciples of Iohn faſt often, and "pray, and the *diſciples* of the Phariſes alſo, but thine eat, and drinke?

34 And he ſaid vnto them, Can ye make the [l] children of the wedding chamber to faſt, as long as the bridegrome is with them?

35 But the dayes wil come, euen when the bridegrome ſhalbe taken away frō them: then ſhal they faſt in thoſe dayes.

36 Againe he ſpake alſo vnto thē a parable, No mā putteth a piece of a newe garmēt into an olde veſture: for then the newe rēteth it, and the piece *taken* out of the new, agreeth not with the olde.

37 [m] Alſo no man powreth newe wine into olde veſſels: for then the newe wine wil breake the veſſels, and it wil runne out, & the veſſels wil periſh.

38 But newe wine muſt be powred into newe veſſels: ſo bothe are preſerued.

39 Alſo no man that [n] drinketh olde wine, ſtraight way deſireth newe: for he ſaith, The olde is better.

CHAP. VI.

Chriſt ſtandeth in his diſciples defence and his owne, as touching the breache of the Sabbath 12 After watching and prayer he cleeteth his Apoſtles 18 He healeth and teacheth the people 20 He ſheweth who are bleſſed 27 To loue our ennemies. 37 Not to iudge raſhly. 41 And to auoide hypocriſie.

1 AND *it came to paſſe on the ſeconde [a] Sabbath, *after* the firſt, that he went through the corne fields, and his diſciples plucked the eares of corne, and did eate, and rubbe them in *their* hands.

2 And certeine of the Phariſes ſaid vnto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath dayes?

3 Then Ieſus anſwered them, & ſaid, * Haue ye not red this, that Dauid did when he him ſelf was an hungred, & they which were with him,

4 How he went into the houſe of God, and toke, and ate the ſhewe bread, & gaue alſo to them which were with him, which was not lawful to eate, but for the * Prieſts onely?

5 And he ſaid vnto them, The Sonne of mā is [b] Lord alſo of the Sabbath day.

6 ¶* It came to paſſe alſo on another Sabbath, that he entred into the Synagogue & taught, and there was a man, whoſe right hand was dryed vp.

7 And the Scribes and Phariſes watched him, whether he wolde heale on the Sabbath *day*, that they might finde an accuſation *againſt* him.

8 But he knewe their thoghts, and ſaid to the man which had the withered hand, Ariſe, & ſtand vp in the middes. And he aroſe, and ſtode vp.

9 Then ſaid Ieſus vnto thē, I wil aſke you a queſtion, Whether is it lawful on the Sabbath dayes to do good, or to do euil? to ſaue "life, or to deſtroye it?

10 And he beheelde them all in compaſſe, & ſaid vnto the mā, Stretch forthe thine hād. And he did ſo, and his hand was reſtored againe, as whole as the other.

11 Then they were filled ful of madnes, & communed one with another, what they might do to Ieſus.

12 ¶And it came to paſſe in thoſe dayes, ỹ he went into a mountaine to pray, & ſpent the night in prayer to God.

13 *And whē it was day, he called his diſciples, and of them he choſe [c] twelue, which alſo he called [d] Apoſtles.

14 (Simon whome he named alſo Peter, and Andrewe his brother, Iames and Iohn, Philippe, and Bartlemewe:

15 Matthewe, and Thomas: Iames *the ſonne* of Alpheus, and Simon called zelous,

16 Iudas Iames *brother*, and Iudas Iſcariot, which alſo was the traytour.)

17 Then he came downe with them, and ſtode in "a plaine place, with the compaꝑnie of his diſciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Iudea, and Ieruſalem, and from the ſea coaſt of Tyrus & Sidon, which came to heare him, and to be healed of their diſeaſes:

18 And they that were vexed with foule ſpirits, and they were healed.

19 And the whole multitude ſoght to touch him: for there went vertue out of him, and healed them all.

20 ¶*And he lifted vp his eyes vpō his diſciples, and ſaid, Bleſſed *be* ye [e] poore: for yours is the kingdome of God.

21 *Bleſſed *are* ye that hunger now: for ye ſhalbe ſatiſfied: bleſſed *are* ye that * wepe now: for ye ſhal laugh.

22 *Bleſſed are ye when men hate you, and when [f] they ſeparate you, and reuile *you*, & put out your name as euil, for the Sonne of mans ſake.

23 Reioyce ye in that day, and be [g] glad: for beholde, your rewarde *is* great in heauen: for after this maner their fathers did to the Prophetes.

24 *But wo *be* to you *that are* [h] riche: for ye haue receiued your conſolation.

25 *Wo *be* to you that are ful: for ye ſhal hūger. Wo *be* to you that now [i] laugh: for ye ſhal waile and wepe.

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1 Tim 1,15
k Which ſeme to be righteo⁹ and yet are but hypocrites
Mat 9,14. mar 2,18.
"Greke, make prayers
l The friends and familiars of Chriſt: and hereby Ieſus Chriſt declareth that he wil not burdē his, before ỹ he hathe made them able to beare.
m Read Mat. 9,17
n He admoniſheth them not to truſt to muche to their owne ſenſe or iudgement: nor becauſe they haue accuſtomed thē ſelues to one thing, to condēne another, which is better.
a Thoſe feaſts which contenued manie dais as the Paſſeouer, and the feaſt of Tabernacles, had two Sabbaths: the firſt day of the feaſt, & the laſt
1. Sam. 21,6.
Exo. 19,33. leu 8,32. & 24,9
b Hauing power to diſpenſe with, & qualifie the keping of the Sabbath and other ceremonies
Mat 12,5. mar. 3,2.
c According to the ſimilitude of the twelue Patriarkes, of whome the Churche of God is ſprong
d Ambaſſadors or meſſengers whome he had elected before, but now enioyneth thē their charge
"Or, champion.
e They that are humble & ſubmit thē ſelues willingly to obeie God.
Mat 5,2. Iſa 65,13 Iſa 61,3. Mat 5,3.
f He meaneth excōmunicatiō which alſo he calleth putting out their names S Iohn calleth it caſting out of ỹ Synagogue: S. Paul, deliuering to Satan, ỹ puniſhemēt as it is moſte terrible when it is iuſtly executed, ſō is it cōfortable to ỹ godlie whē they are caſt out of wicked mēs cōpanie, as the Prophet declareth, Pſal 1,1
g The worde ſignifieth to lape for ioye, or to ſhewe mirthe by outward geſture.
Amos 6,1. eccle. 31,8.
h That put your truſt in your riches, & forget ỹ life to come
i Signifying them that liue at eaſe & after the pleaſures of the fleſh.
* *Iſa 65,13.*

k He reproueth ambition & vaine glorie when as men go about by all meanes to get fauour, & worldelie pōpe

Mat 5.44.

Mat 5.39.

l Rather endure more iniurie then reuenge your ſelues.

1 Cor 6.7.

26 Wo *be* to you whē all k men ſpeake wel of you: for ſo did their fathers to the falſe prophetes.

27 ¶*But I ſay vnto you which heare, Loue your enemies: do wel to thē ẅ hate you.

28 Bleſſe them that curſe you, and pray for them which hurt you.

29 *And vnto him that l ſmiteth thee on the *one* cheke, offer alſo the other: *& him that taketh away thy cloke, forbid not *to take thy* coate alſo.

30 Giue to euerie man that aſketh of thee: and of him that taketh away thy *goods*, m aſke them not againe.

m Be not ſo careful for the loſſe of thy goods, ỹ thou ſhuldeſt be diſcouraged to ſerue God

Mat 7.12.

Iob 4.16.

Mat 5.42.

n They are communely called ſinners, ẅare of a wicked life, and without all feare of God

Mat 5.42.

deu.15.8.

31 * And as ye wolde that men ſhulde do to you, ſo do ye to them likewiſe.

32 *For if ye loue them which loue you, what thanke ſhal ye haue? for euen the n ſinners loue thoſe that loue them.

33 And if ye do good for them which do good for you, what thāke ſhal ye haue? for euen the ſinners do the ſame.

34 *And if ye lend to *them* of whome ye hope to receiue, what thāke ſhal ye haue? for euen the ſinners lend to ſinners, to receiue the like.

o Not onely not hoping for profite, but to loſe the ſtocke & principa l foraſmuche as Chriſt bindeth him ſelf to repay the whole with a more liberal intereſt.

Mat.5.42.

Mat.7.1.

35 Wherefore loue ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, o loking for nothing againe, and your rewarde ſhalbe great, and ye ſhalbe the children of * the moſte High: for he is kinde vnto the vnkinde, & to the euil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father alſo is merciful.

37 ¶*Iudge not, and ye ſhal not be iudged: condemne not, and ye ſhal not be condemned: forgiue, and ye ſhalbe forgiuen.

Mat.7.2.

mar.4.24.

38 Giue, and it ſhalbe giuen vnto you: * a good meaſure, preſſed downe, ſhakē together and running ouer ſhal men giue into your boſome: for with what meaſure ye mette, with the ſame ſhal men mette to you againe.

Mat.15.14.

39 And he ſpake a parable vnto them, *Can the blinde lead the blinde? ſhal they not bothe fall into the ditch?

Mat.10.24

ſohn 13.16.

& 15.20.

40 *The diſciple is not aboue his maſter: but whoſoeuer *wilbe* a perfite diſciple, ſhal be as his maſter.

Mat.7.3.

p He reproueth the hypocriſie of ſuche as winke at their owne horrible faultes, & yet are ſo curious to ſpie out ye leaſt faute in their brother.

41 ¶*And why p ſeeſt thou a mote in thy brothers eye, and conſidereſt not the beame, that is in thine owne eye?

42 Ether how canſt thou ſaye to thy brother, Brother, let me pul out the mote that is in thine eye, whē thou ſeeſt not the beame that is in thine owne eye? Hypocrite, caſt out the beame out of thine owne eye firſt, & then ſhalt thou ſe perfectly, to pul out the mote that is in thy brothers eye.

Mat.7.17.

43 ¶* For it is not a good tre that bringeth forthe euil fruté: nether an euil tre, that bringeth forthe good frute.

Mat.12.33.

44 *For euerie tre is knowen by his owne frute: *for nether of thornes gather mē figges, nor of buſhes gather they grapes.

Mat 7.16.

45 A q good man out of the good treaſure of his heart bringeth forthe good, and an euil man out of the euil treaſure of his heart bringeth forthe euil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth ſpeaketh.

q The name and title are nothing worthe to proue ỹ a man is ſeruo of God, except in effect he ſhewe the ſame

Mat 7.21.

rom.2.13.

iam.1.21.

46 ¶*But why call ye me r Maſter, Maſter, and do not the things that I ſpeake?

r He ſpeaketh not onely to the falſe propheres, but to all falſe paſtours, hirelings and hypocrites.

47 Whoſoeuer cometh to me, and heareth my wordes, & doeth the ſame, I wil ſhewe you to whome he is like.

48 He is like a man which buylt an houſe, and digged depe, and laid the fundation on a rocke: and when the waters aroſe, the flood bet vpon that houſe, and colde not ſhake it: for it was grounded vpō a rocke.

49 But he that heareth and doeth not, is like a man that buylt an houſe vpon ỹ earth without fundaciō, againſt which the flood did beat, and it fel by and by: and the fall of that houſe was great.

CHAP. VII.

2 He healeth the captaines ſeruant. 11 He raiſeth vp the widowes ſonne from death to life. 19 He anſwereth the diſciples whome Iohn Baptiſte ſent vnto him. 24 He commendeth Iohn. 31 And reproueth the Iewes for their vnſaithfulnes 36 He eateth with the Phariſe 37 The woman waſſheth his fete with her teares, and he forgiueth her ſinnes.

1 WHē *he had ended all his ſayings in the audience of the people, he entred into Capernaum.

Mat 8.5.

2 And a certeine a Centurions ſeruant was ſicke and ready to dye, which was dere vnto him.

a It might be, that this captaine did lie with his garriſon in Capernaum.

3 And when he heard of Ieſus, he ſent vnto him ỹ Elders of the Iewes, beſeching him that he wolde come and heale his ſeruant.

4 So they came to Ieſus, and beſoght him inſtantly, ſaying that he was worthie that he ſhulde do this for him.

5 For he loueth, *ſaid they*, our nacion, and he hathe buylt vs a b Synagogue.

b In buylding them a Tēple for their aſſemblies, he ſhewed his zeale towardes the true ſeruice of God

6 Then Ieſus went with them: but when he was now not farre from the houſe, the Centurion ſent friends to him, c ſaying vnto him, Lord, trouble not thy ſelf: for I am not worthie that thou ſhuldeſt enter vnder my rooſe.

c The friends ſpeake to Ieſus in the captaines name

7 Wherefore I thoght not my ſelf worthie to come vnto thee: but d ſay the worde, & my ſeruant ſhalbe whole.

d Or, commāde by a worde onely that it ſo be.

8 For I likewiſe am a man ſet vnder autoritie, and haue vnder me ſouldiers, and I ſay vnto one, Go, and he goeth, & to another, Come, and he cometh, and to my ſeruant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When Ieſus heard theſe things, he marueiled at him, & turned him, & ſaid to the people, that followed him, I ſay vnto you, I haue not found ſo e great faith, no not in Iſrael.

e He commendeth this heathen captaine becauſe he aſſureth him ſelf vpon Chriſts worde alone.

10 And when they that were ſent, turned

backe to the houſe, they founde the ſeruãt that was ſicke, whole.

11 And it came to paſſe the day after, that he went into a citie called f Naim, and manie of his diſciples went with him, and a great multitude.

12 Now when he came nere to the gate of the citie, beholde, there was a dead man caryed out, *who was* the onelie begotten ſonne of his mother, which was a widowe, & muche people of the citie was with her.

13 And when the Lord ſawe her, he had compaſsion on her, and ſaid vnto her, Wepe not.

14 And he went and touched the 'coffin (and they that bare him, ſtode ſtil) and he ſaid, g Yong man, I ſay vnto thee, Ariſe.

15 And he that was dead, ſate vp, & begã to ſpeake, & he deliuered him to his mother.

16 Thẽ there came a feare on them all, and they glorified God, ſaying, A great Prophet is raiſed vp among vs, and God hathe h viſited his people.

17 And this rumour of him went forthe throughout all Iudea, and throughout all the region rounde about.

18 ¶ And the diſciples of Iohn ſhewed him of all theſe things.

19 So Iohn called vnto him two certeine men of his diſciples, and ſent them to Ieſus, ſaying, Art thou i he that ſhulde come, or ſhal we waite for another?

20 And when the mẽ were come vnto him, they ſaid, Iohn Baptiſt hathe ſent vs vnto thee, ſayīg, Art thou he that ſhulde come, or ſhal we wait for another?

21 And at that time, he cured manie of their ſickenes, and plagues, and of euil ſpirits, and vnto manie blinde men he gaue ſight.

22 And Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto thẽ, Go your wayes and ſhewe Iohn, k what things ye haue ſene and heard: ỹ the blinde ſe, the halte go, the lepers are clenſed, the deafe heare, the dead riſe againe, & the l "poore receiue the Goſpel.

23 And bleſſed is he, that ſhal not be m offended in me.

24 And when the meſſengers of Iohn were departed, he began to ſpeake vnto the people of Iohn, What wẽt ye out into the wildernes to ſe? A n rede ſhaken with the winde?

25 But what went ye out to ſe? A man clothed in ſoft raiment? beholde, they which are gorgeouſly apparelled, and liue delicately, are in Kings courtes.

26 But what wẽt ye fo the to ſe? A Prophet? yea, I ſay to you, & greater thẽ a Prophet.

27 This is hẽ of whome it is writẽ, *Beholde, I ſend my "meſſenger before thy face, which ſhal prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I ſay vnto you, there is no greater Prophet then Iohn, among them that are °begotten of women: neuertheles, he that is the leaſt in ỹ kingdome of God is greater then he.

29 Then all the people that heard, and the Publicanes o iuſtified God, being baptized with the p baptiſme of Iohn.

30 But the Phariſes & the expoũders of the Law deſpiſed the counſel of God q againſt them ſelues, & *were* not baptized of him.

31 *And the Lord ſaid, Whereunto ſhal I liken the men of this generacion? & what *thing* are they like vnto?

32 They are like vnto childrẽ ſitting in the market place, and crying one to another, and ſaying, r We haue piped vnto you, & ye haue not danced: we haue mourned to you, and ye haue not wept.

33 For Iohn Baptiſt came, nether eating bread, nor drinking wine: and ye ſay, He hathe the deuil.

34 The Sonne of man is come, and ſeateth and drinketh: and ye ſay, Beholde, a man *which is* a glotten, and a drinker of wine, a friend of Publicanes and ſinners.

35 But wiſdome is t iuſtified of all her children.

36 ¶ *And one of the Phariſes deſired him that he wolde eat with him: and he went into the Phariſes houſe, and ſate downe at table.

37 And beholde, a womã in the citie, which was a ſinner, when ſhe knewe that Ieſus ſate at table in ỹ Phariſes houſe, ſhe brought a boxe of ointement.

38 *And ſhe ſtode at his fete behinde him weping, and began to waſh his fete with teares, and did wipe them with the heeres of her head, & kiſſed his fete, & anointed them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Phariſe which bade him, ſawe it, he ſpake within him ſelf, ſaying, If this man were a Prophet, he wolde ſurely haue knowen who, and what maner of woman this is which toucheth him: for ſhe is a ſinner.

40 And Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, Simon, I haue ſomewhat to ſay vnto thee. And he ſaid, Maſter, ſay on.

41 There was a certeine lender which had two detters: the one ought fiue hundreth pence, and the other fiftie.

42 Whẽ they had nothing to pay, he forgaue them bothe. Which of thẽ therefore, tell *me*, will loue him moſte?

43 Simon anſwered, & ſaid, I ſuppoſe that he, to whome he forgaue moſte. And he ſaid vnto him, Thou haſt truely iudged.

44 Then he turned to the woman, and ſaid vnto Simõ, Seeſt thou this womã? I entred into thine houſe, and thou gaueſt me no water to my fete: but ſhe hathe waſhed my fete with teares, and wiped them with the

f Which was a towne of Galile in the tribe of Iſſachar not farre from Tiberias.

'Or, biere.

g Chriſt calleth thoſe things that are not, as if they were, & giueth life to them that be dead.

h That is, to eſtabliſh, and reſtore them

i To wit, the Meſsias, and redemer.

k He declareth by the vertues, and power ỹ were in him that he was ỹ Chriſt.

l Suche as feele their owne miſerie, and wretchednes

"Or, the Goſpel is preached to the poore

m That ſhal perſeuere and not ſhrinke backe for anie thing that cã come vnto thẽ Read Mat. 11,7.

Matth 3,1.

°Or, Angel.

'Or, borne.

o They praiſed him as iuſt, faithful, good and merciful, ſo that ỹ frute of their baptiſme appeared in them.

Mat.21,16.

p This worde comprehendeth the whole doctrine ỹ Iohn taught

q Meaning to their owne cõdemnation or as ſome read, with thẽ ſelues becauſe they durſt not openly ſpeake againſt Iohns doctrine: for they feared the people, Matth 21,46.

r The ſongs of litle childrẽ are ſufficient to condemne the Phariſes and ſuche like

ſ Lineth according to the facion of other men.

t He ſheweth that the wicked, although they turne frõ God, ſhal nothig hinder the elect to cõtinewe in the faith of the Goſpel

Mar.15,40. iohn 20,11.

heeres of her head.

45 Thou gaueſt me no kiſſe: but ſhe ſince the time I came in, hathe not ceaſed to kiſſe my fete.

46 Mine head with oyle thou diddeſt not anoint: but ſhe hathe anointed my feete with ointement.

47 Wherefore I ſaye vnto thee, manie ſinnes are forgiuen her: for ſhe [u] loued muche. To whome a litle is forgiuen, he doeth loue a litle.

48 And he ſaid vnto her, Thy ſinnes are forgiuen thee.

49 And they that ſate at table with him, began to ſay within them ſelues, Who is this that euen forgiueth ſinnes?

50 And he ſaid to the womã, Thy faith hathe ſaued thee: go in [x] peace.

u This great loue is a ſigne that ſhe felt her ſelf muche bounde vnto Chriſt, who had forgiuen her ſo manie ſinnes.

x The peace of conſcience cometh onely of faith.

CHAP. VIII.

Chriſt with his Apoſtles go from towne to towne and preache 3 The women miniſter vnto them of their goods 5 He ſheweth the parable of the ſede 21 He telleth who is his mother and his brother 24 He ſtilleth the raging of the lake. 27 He deliuereth the poſſeſſed 33 The deuils enter into the heard of ſwine 42 He healeth the ſicke woman, and Iairus daughter.

1 AND it came to paſſe afterwarde, that he him ſelf went through euerie citie and towne, preaching, and publiſhing the kingdome of God, & the twelue *were* with him.

2 And certeine women, which were healed of euil ſpirits, and infirmities, *as* * Marie which was called Magdalene, out of whome went ſeuen deuils,

Mar.16.9.

3 And Ioanna the wife of Chuza Herodes ſtewarde, & Suſanna, & manie other which [a] miniſtred vnto [o] him of their ſubſtance.

a Whereby they acknowledged the benefite & they had receiued of him, & also ſhewed their perſeuerance, which proued their knowledge to be of God

o Or, to them.

4 *Now whē muche people were gathered together, and were come to him out of all cities, he ſpake by a parable,

Mat.13.3. mar.4.3.

5 A ſower went out to ſowe his ſeed, and as he ſowed, ſome fel by the way ſide, and it was troden vnder fete, and the foules of heauen deuoured it vp.

6 And ſome fel on the ſtones, and when it was ſprong vp, it withered away, becauſe it lacked moiſtnes.

7 And ſome fel among thornes, and ỹ thornes ſprang vp with it, and choked it.

8 And ſome fel on good groũde, and ſprãg vp, and bare frute, an hundreth folde. And as he ſaid theſe things, he cryed, He that hãthe eares to [b] heare, let him heare.

b That is, to vnderſtand, & beleue theſe things.

9 Thē his diſciples aſked him, demãding, what parable that was?

10 And he ſaid, Vnto you it is giuen to know the ſecrets of the kingdome of God, but to other in [c] parables, that when *they ſe, they ſhulde not ſe, and when they heare, they ſhuldē not vnderſtand.

c Which worde is here taken for an obſcure or darke ſaying.

Iſa.6.9. matth.13.14. mar.4.12. ioh.12.40. act.28.26. rom 11.8. Mat.13.18. mar.4.15.

11 *The parable is this, The ſede is the worde of God.

12 And thei that are beſide the way, are thei that heare: afterwarde commeth the deuil, and taketh away the worde out of their hearts, leſt they ſhulde beleue, & be ſaued.

13 But they that are on the ſtones, *are they* which when they haue heard, receiue the worde with ioye: but they haue no rootes, which for a while [d] beleue, but in the time of tentation go away.

d That is, acknowledge & conſent to the worde and, alſo reuerence it

14 And that which fel among thornes, are they which haue heard, and [e] after their departure are choked with cares and with riches, and voluptuous liuing, and bring forthe no frute.

e When they returne home to their affaires.

15 But that *which fel* in good ground, are they which with an honeſt & good heart heare the worde, and kepe it, & bring forthe frute with pacience.

16 ¶*No [f] man when he lighteth a candel, couereth it vnder a veſſel, nether putteth it vnder the [g] table, but ſetteth it on a candleſticke, that they that entre in, may ſe the light.

Chap 12.33. mat 5.15. mar.4.22.

f Chriſt warneth his to do good with their light ẅ they haue receiued, and to ſet it forthe before all mẽs faces

g Or, bed

17 *For nothing is ſecret, that ſhal not be euidẽt: nether any thing hid, that ſhal not be knowen, and come to light.

18 Take hede therefore how ye heare: * for whoſoeuer hathe, to him ſhalbe giuen: and whoſoeuer hathe not, frõ him ſhalbe taken euen that, which [h] it ſemeth that he hathe.

Chap.12.2. mat 10.26. mar 4.22.

19 ¶*Then came to him his mother & his brethren, and colde not come nere to him for the preaſſe.

Mat 13.12. & 25.29 mar 4.25. chap 19.26.

20 And it was tolde him *by certeine* which ſaid, Thy mother and thy [i] brethren ſtand without, and wolde ſe thee.

Mat 12.46. mar 3.32

21 But he anſwered, & ſaid vnto them, My mother, and my brethrē are [k] theſe which heare the worde of God, and do it.

g Bothe to him ſelf, and to others

i Or, kinſfolkes

h The ſpirituall kinred is to be preferred to the carnal & natural for aſmuche as thereby of many we are made one, confeſſing together one God, one faith, & one baptiſme, loving God aboue all thing, & our neighbour as our ſelues.

Mat 8.23. mar 4.36.

22 ¶*And it came to paſſe on a certeine day, that he went into a ſhip with his diſciples, and he ſaid vnto them, Let vs go ouer vnto the other ſide of the lake. And they lanched forthe.

23 And as they ſailed, he fel a [l] ſlepe, & there came downe a ſtorme of winde on the lake, and they were filled with water, and were in ieopardie.

l The worde ſignifieth a depe or ſounde ſlepe.

24 Then they went to him, and awoke him, ſaying, Maſter, maſter, we periſh. And he aroſe, and rebuked the winde, & the waues of water: & they ceaſed, and it was calme.

25 Then he ſaid vnto them, Where is your faith? and they feared, & wondered among them ſelues, ſaying, Who is this that commandeth bothe the windes and water, and they obey him?

26 ¶*So they ſailed vnto the region of the Gadarenes, which is ouer againſt Galile.

Mat 8.28. mar 5.1.

27 And as he wẽt out to land, there met him a certeine man out of the citie, which had a deuil long time, and he ware no clothes, nether abode in houſe, but in the graues.

28 And when he ſawe Ieſus, he cryed out, & fel

fel downe before him,& with a loude voyce ſaid, What haue I to do with thee, Ieſus the Sonne of God, the moſt high? I beſeche thee [k] torment me not.

29 For he commanded the foule ſpirit to come out of the mā: (for [e] oft times he had caught him: therefore he was bound with chaines, and kept in fetters: but he brake the bandes, and was [l] caryed of the deuil into wildernesſes.)

30 Then Ieſus aſked him, ſaying, What is thy name? And he ſaid, [m] Legion, becauſe many deuils were entred into him.

31 And they beſoght him, that he wolde not commande them to go out into the [n] diepe.

32 And there was there by, an herd of many ſwine, feding on an hil, and the *deuils* beſoght him, that he wolde ſuffre thē to entre into them. So he ſuffred them.

33 Then went the deuils out of the man, and entred into the ſwine: and the herd was caryed with violence from a ſtepe downe place into the lake, and was choked.

34 When the herdmen ſawe what was done, they fled: and when they were departed, they tolde it in the citie and in the countrey.

35 Then they came out to ſe what was done, and came to Ieſus, & founde the man, out of whome the deuils were departed, ſitting at the fete of Ieſus, clothed, & in his right minde: and they were afraid.

36 They alſo which ſawe it, tolde them by what meanes he that was poſſeſſed with the deuil, was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the countrey about the Gadarenes, beſoght him, [ỹ] he wolde departe frō them: for they were taken with a great feare: and he went into the ſhip, and returned.

38 Then the man, out of whome the deuils were departed, beſoght him that he might be with him: but Ieſus ſent him away, ſaying,

39 [o] Returne into thine owne houſe, and ſhewe what great things God hathe done to thee. So he went his way, and preached through out all [ỹ] [p] citie, what great things Ieſus had done vnto him.

40 ¶ And it came to paſſe when Ieſus was come againe, that [ỹ] people receiued him: for they all waited for him.

41 ¶ *And beholde, there came a man named Iairus, and he was the ruler of the [q] Synagogue, who fel downe at Ieſus fete, and beſoght him that he wolde come into his houſe.

42 For he had but a daughter onely, about twelue yeres of age, & ſhe laye a dying (& as he went, the people thronged him.

43 And a woman hauing an yſſue of blood, twelue yeres long, which had ſpent all her ſubſtance vpon phyſicions, and colde not be healed of any:

44 Whē ſhe came behīde *him*, ſhe touched the [r] hem of his garment, and immediatly her yſſue of blood ſtanched.

45 Then Ieſus ſaid, Who is it that hathe touched me? When euerie man denyed, Peter ſaid & thei that were with him, Maſter, the multitude thruſt thee, & tread on thee, and ſayeſt ỹ, Who hathe touched me?

46 And Ieſus ſaid, Some one hathe touched me: for I perceiue that vertue is gone out of me.

47 When the woman ſawe that ſhe was not hid, ſhē came trembling, & fel downe before him, & tolde him before all ỹ people, for what cauſe ſhe had touched him, and how ſhe was healed immediatly.

48 And he ſaid vnto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy [f] faith hathe made thee whole: go in peace.)

49 While he yet ſpake, there came one frō the ruler of the Synagogues houſe, which ſaid to him, Thy daughter is dead: diſeaſe not the Maſter.

50 When Ieſus heard it, he anſwered [t] him, ſaying, Feare not: beleue onely, & ſhe ſhal be made whole.

51 And when he went into the houſe, he ſuffred no man to go in with him, ſaue Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and the father & mother of the maide.

52 And all wept, and ſorowed for her: but he ſaid, Wepe not: for ſhe is not [u] dead, but ſlepeth.

53 And they laught him to ſkorne, knowing that ſhe was dead.

54 So he [x] thruſt them all out, and toke her by the hand, and cryed, ſaying, Maid, ariſe.

55 And her ſpirit came againe, and ſhe roſe ſtraight way: and he commanded to giue her meat.

56 Then her parents were aſtonied: but he commanded them that they ſhulde tell no man what was done.

k Satan is tormented where Chriſt is preſent

e Or, many a day agone

l The worde ſignifieth to be inforced with violence, as an horſe when he is ſpurred

m A Legion, as writeth Vegetius, conteined 6000 foremen, & 732 horſemē: but here it is taken for an vncertein and infinite nōber

n That is, ſo to depart that they colde do no harme: and this worde chap 16, 25. is called hel, where the deuils are chained in the obſcuritie of darkenes, 2 Pet 2, 4.

o Chriſt knewe that he ſhulde better ſerue him being abſent then with him

p This was his owne citie called Gadaris, which was in the countrey of Decapolis, & therefore Luke diſſenteth not from Marke who writeth ỹ he preached in Decapolis. *Mat 9,18. mar 5,22.*

q Of the Congregation of the Iewes.

r Being aſſured of the vertue and power of Ieſus Chriſt and not arributing any vertue to the garment.

f Chriſt doeth not ſpute vnto vs the weakenes of our faithe, but doeth accept it, as thogh it were perfite.

t Meaning the ruler of the Synagogue

u Although ſhe was verely dead: yet to Chriſt it was more eaſie to reſtore her to life, then it is for one man to wake another out of his ſleepe

x He meaneth thoſe which he founde in the houſe.

CHAP. IX.

a He ſendeth out the twelue Apoſtles to preache 7 Herode heareth tel of him. 12 He feedeth fiue thouſand men with fiue loaues, & two fiſhes 19 Diuerſe opinīos of Chriſt. 28 He trāſfigureth him ſelf vpon the mount. 42 He deliuereth the poſſeſſed. 47 And teacheth his diſciples to be lowlie. 54 They deſire vengeance, but he reproueth them.

1 THen * called he the twelue diſciples together, and gaue them power and autoritie ouer all deuils, and to heale diſeaſes. *Mat 10,1. mar 3,13. & 6,7.*

2 *And he ſent them to preache the kingdome of God, and to cure the ſicke. *Mat 10,7. mar.6,8*

3 And he ſaid to them, [a] Take nothing to your iourney, nether " ſtaues, nor ſcrip, nether bread, nor ſiluer, nether haue two coates.

a So the end they might do their charge with greater diligence whē they had nothing to let them

" Or, rodders.

4 And whatſoeuer houſe ye entre into, there abide, and b thence departe.

b He willeth them not to tary long, but to preache frō towne to towne

5 And whoſoeuer wil not receiue you, whē ye go out of that citie, * ſhake of the very c duſt from your fete for a teſtimonie againſt them.

Chap 10.11. act.13.51.

c Which was a ſigne of detestation, and of the vengeance which was prepared for ſuch contemners of Gods benefites which are vnworthie ỹ one ſhulde receiue any thig at their hāds.

6 And they went out, and went through euerie towne preaching the Goſpel, and healing euerie where.

7 ¶*Now Herode the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he douted, becauſe that it was ſaid of ſome, that Iohn was riſen againe from the dead:

8 And of ſome, that Elias had appeared: & of ſome, that one of the olde Prophetes was riſen againe.

Mat 14.1. mar 6.14.

9 Then Herode ſaid, Iohn haue I beheaded: who then is this of whome I heare ſuche things? and he deſired to ſe him.

Mar 6.30.

10 ¶*And whē the Apoſtles returned, they tolde him what great things they had done. *Then he toke them, & went aſide into a ſolitarie place, *nere* to the citie called Bethſaida.

Mat 14.13. mar 6.32.

11 But when the people knewe it, they followed him: and he receiued them, & ſpake vnto them of the kingdome of God, & healed them that had nede to be healed.

Mat.14.15. mar 6.35. Iohn 6.5.

12 *And whē the day began to weare away, the twelue came, and ſaid vnto him, Send the people away, that they may go into the townes and villages rounde about, & lodge, and get meat: for we are here in a deſert place.

d Chriſt forſaketh not them that followe him, but ſendeth them ſufficient reliefe.

13 But he ſaid vnto them, d Giue ye them to eat. And they ſaid, We haue no mo but fiue loaues & two fiſhes, except we ſhulde go and bye meat for all this people.

14 For they were about fiue thouſand men. Then he ſaid to his diſciples, Cauſe them to ſit downe by fifties in a companie.

15 And they did ſo, and cauſed all to ſit downe.

16 Then he toke the fiue loaues, and the two fiſhes, and loked vp to heauen, and e bleſſed them, and brake, and gaue to the diſciples, to ſet before the people.

e Iohn ſayeth, he gaue thankes. Ioh 6.11.

17 So they did all eat, and were ſatiſfied: & there was takē vp of that remained to thē, twelue baſkets ful of broken meat.

Mat.16.13. mar.8.27.

18 ¶*And it came to paſſe as he was alone praying, his diſciples were with him, and he aſked thē, ſaying, Whome ſay the people that I am?

19 They anſwered, and ſaid, Iohn Baptiſt: and others ſay, Elias: & ſome ſay, that one of the olde Prophetes is riſen againe.

f For he knewe beſt his conuenient time which was appointed for him to be manifeſted in.

Mat.17.22. mar 8.31.

20 And he ſaid vnto them, But whome ſay ye that I am? Peter anſwered, & ſaid, The Chriſt of God.

21 And he warned, and commanded them, that they ſhulde tell f that to no man,

22 Saying, * The Sonne of man muſt ſuffre many things, and be reproued of the Elders, & of the hie Prieſts and Scribes, and be ſlaine, and the thirde day riſe againe.

23 ¶*And he ſaid to them all, If any man wil come after me, let him denye him ſelf, and take vp his croſſe g daily, and followe me.

Chap 14.27. mat 10.38. & 16.24. mar 8.35.

g For as one day followeth another, ſo doeth one croſſe followe in the necke of another

24 For whoſoeuer wil ſaue his life, ſhal loſe it: and whoſoeuer ſhal loſe his life for my ſake, the ſame ſhal ſaue it.

25 For what auātageth it a man, if he winne the whole worlde, and deſtroye him ſelf, or loſe him ſelf?

26 * For whoſoeuer ſhalbe aſhamed of me, and of my wordes, of him ſhal the Sonne of man be aſhamed, when he ſhal come in his glorie, and *in the glorie* of the Father, and of the holie Angels.

Chap 12.9. & 17.33 mat 10.33. mar 8.38. 2.tim.2.12.

27 *And I tell you of a ſuretie, there be ſome ſtanding here, which ſhal not taſte of death, til they haue ſene the h kingdome of God.

Mat 16.28. mar 9.1.

h Eſtabliſhed and enlarged by the preaching of the Goſpel

28 * And it came to paſſe about an eight dayes after thoſe wordes, that he toke Peter, & Iohn, and Iames, and went vp into a mountaine to pray.

Mat 17.1. mar 9.2.

29 And as he prayed, the facion of his countenance was changed, & his garment *was* white and gliſtered.

30 And beholde, two men talked with him, which were Moſes and Elias,

31 Which appeared in glorie, and tolde of his i departing, which he ſhulde accōpliſh at Ieruſalem.

i That is, what yſſuche ſhulde haue and how he ſhulde dye.

32 But Peter and they that were with him, were heauie with ſlepe, and when they awooke, they ſawe his glorie, and the two men ſtanding with him.

33 And it came to paſſe, as they departed from him, Peter ſaid vnto Ieſus, Maſter, it is good for vs to be here: let vs therefore make thre tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moſes, and one for Elias, and wiſt not what he ſaid.

34 While he thus ſpake, there came a cloude & k ouerſhadowed them, & they feared when theſe were entring into the cloude.

k For otherwayes they had not bene able to comprehend his great maieſtie.

35 *And there came a voyce out of the cloude, ſaying, This is my beloued Sōne, heare him.

Mat.3.17. mar.1.11.

36 And when the voyce was paſt, Ieſus was founde alone: and they kept it cloſe, and tolde no man in l thoſe dayes any of thoſe things which they had ſene.

l Thei concealed it til Chriſts reſurrection, as Marke writeth.

37 ¶And it came to paſſe on the next day, as they came downe from the mountaine, muche people met him.

38 *And beholde, a man of the companie cryed out, ſaying, Maſter, I beſeche thee, beholde my ſonne: for he is all that I haue.

Mat 17.14. mar.9.17.

39 And lo, a ſpirit taketh him, & ſuddenly he cryeth, and he teareth him, that he fometh, and with muche pame departeth from

from him, when he hathe bruiſed him.

40 Now I haue beſoght thy diſciples to caſt him out, but they colde not.

m Vnder the colour that his diſciples colde not heale the ſicke man, he reproueth them, ẅ wolde haue diminiſhed his authorite.

41 Then Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid, m O generacion faithles, and croked, how long now ſhal I be with you, & ſuffer you? brīg thy ſonne hither.

42 And whiles he was yet comming, the deuil rent him, and tare him: and Ieſus rebuked the vncleane ſpirit, and healed the childe, and deliuered him to his father.

43 ¶ And thei were all amaſed at the mightie power of God: & while thei all wondred at all things, which Ieſus did, he ſaid vnto his diſciples,

n Greke, put these wordes into your eares.

44 n Marke theſe wordes diligently: for it ſhal come to paſſe, that the Sonne of man ſhalbe deliuered into the hands of men.

n They were ſo blinded with this opinion ẏ Chriſt ſhulde haue a temporal kingdome, ẏ they wolde not vnderſtand when he ſpake of his death *Mat 18,1.*

45 But they n vnderſtode not that worde: for it was hid from them, ſo that they colde not perceiue it: and they feared to aſke him of that worde.

mar 9,33.

46 ¶ * Then there aroſe a diſputacion among them, which of them ſhulde be the greateſt.

47 When Ieſus ſawe the thoghts of their hearts, he toke a litle childe, and ſet him by him,

48 And ſaid vnto them, Whoſoeuer receiueth this litle childe in my Name, receiueth me: and whoſoeuer ſhal receiue me, receiueth him that ſent me: for he that is leaſt among you all, he ſhalbe great.

Mar 9,38.

49 ¶ * And Iohn anſwered, & ſaid, Maſter, we ſawe one caſting out deuils in thy Name, and we forbade him, becauſe he followeth *thee* not with vs.

o For aſmuche as he letteth vs not, & God is glorified by his occaſion

50 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Forbid ye *him* not: for he that is not againſt vs, o is with vs.

p Of his death whereby he was exalted.

51 ¶ And it came to paſſe, when the p dayes were accompliſhed, that he ſhulde be receiued vp, he ſetteled him ſelf fully to go to Ieruſalem,

52 And ſent meſſengers before him: and they went and entred into a towne of the Samaritans, to prepare him *lodging*.

q Or face, or apparel: for they knewe he was a Iewe, & as touching ẏ Samaritans opinion of the Temple, read Iohn 4,20: alſo thei hated the Iewes, becauſe they differed from them in religion

53 But they wolde not receiue him, becauſe his q behauiour was, *as* thogh he wolde go to Ieruſalem.

2 King 1,10.

54 And when his diſciples, Iames and Iohn ſawe it, they ſaid, Lord, wilt thou that we commande, that fyre come downe from heauen, and conſume them, euen as * Elias did?

Mat 8,19

r He reproueth their raſhe & carnal affectiō, which were not led with Elias ſpirit.

55 But Ieſus turned about, & rebuked thē, and ſaid, Ye knowe not of what r ſpirit ye are.

56 * For the Sonne of man is not come to deſtroye mens liues, but to ſaue thē. Then they went to another towne.

57 ¶ And it came to paſſe that as they went in the way, a certeine man ſaid vnto him, I wil followe thee, Lord, whether ſoeuer thou goeſt.

f We muſt not followe Chriſt for riches and commodities, but prepare & ſelues to ſuffer and ſo ẏ croſſe by his example

58 And Ieſus ſaid vnto him, The f foxes haue holes, and the birdes of the heauen haue neſtes, but the Sonne of man hathe not whereon to laie his head.

t That is, til he be dead & I haue done my duetie to him in buryig him.

59 But he ſaid vnto another, Followe me. And the ſame ſaid, Lord, ſuffer me firſt to go and t burye my father.

u We may not followe what ſemeth beſt to vs, but onely Gods calling. & here by dead he meaneth thoſe that are vnprofitable to ſerue God.

60 And Ieſus ſaid vnto him, u Let the dead burye their dead: but go thou and preache the kingdome of God.

x To be hindered, or entangled ẅ reſpect of ani worldlie cōmoditie, or ſtaied to go forwarde for ani paine, or trouble.

61 Then another ſaid, I wil followe thee, Lord: but let me firſt go bid thē fare wel, which are at mine houſe.

62 And Ieſus ſaid vnto him, No man ẏ putteth his hand to the plough, and x loketh backe, is apte to the kingdome of God.

CHAP. X.

1 He ſendeth the ſeuentie before him to preache, and giueth them a charge how to behaue them ſelues 13 He threateneth the obſtinate 21 He giueth thankes to his heauenlie Father. 25 He anſwereth the Scribe that tempted him. 33 And by the example of the Samaritane ſheweth who is a mans neighbour 38 Martha receiueth the Lord into her houſe. 40 Marie is feruent in hearing his worde.

Chap X

a Meaning a great nomber of people, ẅ are readie to be broght vnto God

1 AFter * these things, the Lord appointed other ſeuentie alſo, and ſent thē, two and two before him into euerie citie and place, whether he him ſelf ſhulde come.

b That is, the preachers. *Mat 10,18*

c Not ẏ they ſhal hurt you, but that you ſhalbe preſerued by my prouidence

2 And he ſaid vnto them, * a The harueſt is great, but the b laborers *are* fewe: pray therefore the Lord of the harueſt to ſend forthe laborers into his harueſt.

Mat.9,37. 2 King 4,29. Mat 10,12. mar 6,10

d He willeth ẏ thei ſhulde diſpatche this iourney ẅ diligēce not occupying thē ſelues about other duetues

3 *Go your waies: beholde, I ſend you forthe as lambs among c wolues.

4 Beare no bagge, nether ſcryp, nor ſhoes, * and d ſalute no man by the way.

e It was their maner of ſalutaciō whereby they wiſſhed helth & felicitie. *Deut 24,14. mat 10,10. 1.tim 5,18.*

5 *And into whatſoeuer houſe ye enter, firſt ſay, e Peace *be* to this houſe.

6 And if the f ſonne of peace be there, your peace ſhal reſt vpon him: if not, it ſhal turne to you againe.

f Which loueth the doctrine of peace & the Goſpel

7 And in that houſe tarie ſtil eating, and drinking ſuche things as by them *ſhalbe ſet before you*: * for the laborer is worthie of his wages. Go not from g houſe to houſe.

g He wolde not ẏ they ſhulde tary lōg in one towne, nether yet to be careful to chaange their lodging

8 But into whatſoeuer citie ye ſhal enter, if they receiue you, h eat ſuche things as are ſet before you,

h Doute not to receiue nouriſhemēt of thē, for whome you trauail. *Chap 9,5.*

9 And heale the ſicke that are there, & ſay vnto them, The kingdome of God is come nere vnto you.

10 But into whatſoeuer citie ye ſhal enter, if they wil not receiue you, go your waies out into the ſtretes of the ſame, and ſay,

11 Euen the verie * duſt, which cleaueth on vs of your citie, we wipe of againſt you: notwithſtanding knowe this, that ẏ kingdome of God was come nere vnto you.

mat 10,14. & 13,6.

12 For I ſay to you, that it ſhalbe eaſier [illegible] that daye for them of Sodom, [illegible]

that citie.

Mat.11,21. 13 *Wo *be* to thee, Chorazin: wo *be* to thee, Beth-saida: for if the miracles had bene done in Tyrus & Sidon, which haue bene done in you, they had a great while agone repented, sitting [k] in sacke clothe and asshes.

k Which were the signes of repentance.

14 Therefore it shalbe easier for Tyrus, [l] & Sidon, at the iudgement, then for you.

15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heauē, shalt be thrust downe to hel.

Mat 10,40. Joh.13,20. 16 ¶ *He that heareth you, heareth me: & he that despiseth you, despiseth me: and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.

l The mo benefites ẏ God bestoweth vpō anie people, ẏ more doeth their ingratitude deserue to be punished.

17 ¶ And the seuentie turned againe with ioye, saying, Lord, euen the deuils are subdued to vs through thy Name.

m The power of Satan is beaten downe by the preaching of the Gospel.

18 And he said vnto them, I sawe [m] Satan, like lightening, fall downe from heauen.

19 Beholde, I giue vnto you power to treade on serpents, and scorpions, and ouer all the power of the enemie, & nothing shal hurt you.

20 Neuertheles, in this reioyce not, that ẏ spirits are subdued vnto you: but rather reioyce, because your names are written in heauen.

Or, in his minde.

21 ¶ That same houre reioyced Iesus in "the spirit, and said, I confesse vnto thee, Father, Lord of heauen & earth, that thou hast hid these things from the [n] wise and learned, and hast reueiled them to babes: euen so, Father, because it so pleased thee.

n He attributeth it to the free electiō of God, that the wise & worldlings knowe not the Gospel, & yet the poore base people vnderstand it.

22 Then he turned to his disciples, and said, All things are [o] giuen me of my Father: and [p] no man knoweth who the Sonne is, but the Father: nether who the Father is, saue the [q] Sonne, and he to whome the Sonne wil reueile him.

o Christ is ō onlie meane to receiue Gods mercies by

p Therefore we muste esteme him as the fathers voyce hathe taught vs, & not according to mans iudgement

Mat 13,16.

q In whome we se God as in his liuelie image.

23 ¶ And he returned to his disciples, and said secretly, * Blessed *are* the eyes, which se that ye se.

24 For I tell you that manie Prophetes & Kings haue desired to se those things, which ye se, and haue not sene *them*: and to heare those things, which ye heare, & haue not heard *them*.

Mat.22,35. mar.12,28.

25 ¶ *Then beholde, a certeine expounder of the Law stode vp, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shal I do, to inherite eternal life?

26 And he said vnto him, What is written in the Law? how readest thou?

Deut.6,5.

27 And he answered, and said, * Thou shalt loue thy Lord God with all thine heart, & with all thy soule, & with all thy strength, & with all thy thoght, * & thy neighbour as thy self.

Leui.19,18.

Or, to approue himself as iust.

28 Then he said vnto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, & thou shalt liue.

r For thei counted no man their neighbour, but their friend.

29 But he willing to "iustifie him self, said vnto Iesus, Who [r] is then my neighbour?

30 And Iesus answered, and said, A certeine man went downe from Ierusalem to Iericho, and fell among theues, and they robbed him of his rayment, and wounded him, & departed, leauing him halfe dead.

s For so it semed to mans iudgement, although this was so appointed by Gods counsel and prouidence

31 And by [s] chance there came downe a certeine [t] Priest that same way, and when he sawe him, he passed by on the other side.

t He priuely noteth ẏ great cruelte, ẅ was amōg this people & chiefly ẏ gouernours.

32 And likewise also a Leuite, when he was come nere to the place, went and loked *on him*, and passed by on the other side.

u This nacion was odious to the Iewes.

33 Then a certeine [u] Samaritan, as he iourneyed, came nere vnto him, and when he sawe him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, & bounde vp his woūdes, and powred in oyle and wine, and put him on his owne beast, and brought him to an ynne, and made prouision for him.

x Which was about 9 pēce of sterling money.

35 And on the morowe when he departed, he toke out [x] two pence, and gaue them to the hoste, and said vnto him, Take care of him, and whatsoeuer thou spendest more, when I come againe, I wil recompense thee.

36 Which now of these thre, thinkest thou, was neighbour vnto him that fell among the theues?

y Helpe him ẏ hathe neade of thee although ẏ knowe hi not

37 And he said, He that shewed mercie on him. Then said Iesus vnto him, Go, [y] and do thou likewise.

38 ¶ Now it came to passe as they wēt, that he entred into a certeine towne, and a certeine woman named Martha, receiued him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Marie, which also sate at Iesus fete, and heard his preaching.

40 But Martha was combred about muche seruing, and came to him, & said, Master, doest thou not care that my sister hathe left me to serue alone? bid her therefore, that she helpe me.

z For she forgate the principal, ẅ was to heare Gods worde.

41 And Iesus answered, and said vnto her, Martha, Martha, thou carest, & art [z] troubled about manie things.

a It was not mete that she shulde haue bene drawen from so profitable a thing, whereunto she colde not alwaies haue opportunitie.

42 But one thing is nedeful, Marie hathe chosen the good parte, [a] which shal not be taken away from her.

CHAP. XI.

1 He teacheth his disciples to pray. 14 He driueth out a deuil. 15 And rebuketh the blasphemous Pharises. 28 He preferreth the spiritual cousinage 29 They requyre signes and tokens. 37 He eateth with the Pharise. and reprooueth the hypocrisie of the Pharises, Scribes and hypocrites.

1 AND so it was, that as he was praying in a certeine place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said vnto him, Master, teache vs to praye, as Iohn also taught his disciples.

Mat.6,9.

2 *And he said vnto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father, ẅ art in heauē, halowed be thy Name: Thy kingdome come: Let thy wil be done euē in earth, as *it is* in heauen:

3 Our

3 Our daily bread giue vs [a] for the day:
4 And "forgiue vs our ſinnes: for euen we forgiue euerie man that is indetted to vs: And lead vs not into temptation: but deliuer vs from euil.
5 ¶Moreouer he ſaid vnto them, [b] Which of you ſhal haue a friend, and ſhal go to him at midnight,& ſay vnto him, Friend, lend me thre loaues?
6 For a friend of mine is come" out of the way to me, and I haue nothing to ſet before him:
7 And he within ſhulde anſwer, and ſay, Trouble me not: the dore is now ſhut,and my children are with me in bed: I can not riſe and giue them to thee.
8 I ſay vnto you, thogh he wolde not ariſe and giue him, becauſe he is his friend, yet douteles becauſe of his "importunitie, he wolde riſe, and giue him as many as he neded.
9 *And I ſay vnto you, Aſke, and it ſhalbe giuen you: ſeke,and ye ſhal finde: knocke, and it ſhalbe opened vnto you.
10 For euerie one that aſketh, receiueth:& he that ſeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh,it ſhalbe opened.
11 *If a ſonne ſhal aſke bread of any of you that is a father,wil he giue him a ſtone? or if *he aſke* a fiſhe,wil he for a fiſhe giue him a ſerpent?
12 Or if he aſke an egge,wil he giue him a ſcorpion?
13 If ye then which are euil, can giue good gifres vnto your children,how muche more ſhal your heauēlie Father giue [c] the holie Goſt to them,that deſire him?
14 ¶Then he caſt out a deuil which was domme:and when the deuil was gone out, the domme ſpake, and the people wondered.
15 But ſome of them ſaid, He caſteth out deuils through Beelzebub the chief of the deuils.
16 And others tempted him,ſeking of him a ſigne from heauen.
17 But he knewe their thoghtes,and ſaid vnto them, *Euerie kingdome deuided againſt it ſelf,ſhalbe deſolate,and an houſe *deuided* againſt an houſe,falleth.
18 So if Satan alſo be deuided againſt him ſelf, how ſhal his kingdome ſtand, becauſe ye ſay that I caſt out deuils through Beelzebub?
19 If I through Beelzebub caſt out deuils, by whome do your [d] children caſt them out? Therefore ſhal they be your iudges.
20 But if I by the [e] finger of God caſt out deuils, douteles the kingdome of God is come vnto you.
21 When a ſtrong man armed, kepeth his [f] palace, the things that he poſſeſſeth, are in peace.
22 But when a ſtronger then he, commeth vpon him, and ouercommeth him: he taketh from him all his armour wherein he truſted,and deuideth his ſpoiles.
23 He that is not [g] with me, is againſt me: and he that gathereth not with me, ſcattereth.
24 *When the vncleane ſpirit is gone out of a man,he walketh through drye places, ſeking [h] reſt: and when he findeth none, he ſaith,I wil returne vnto mine houſe whence I came out.
25 And when he commeth, he findeth it ſwept and [i] garniſhed.
26 Then [k] goeth he,and taketh to him [l] ſeuen other ſpirits worſe then him ſelf: and they entre in,and dwell there, * ſo the laſt ſtate of that man is worſe then the firſt.
27 ¶And it came to paſſe as he ſaid theſe things, a certeine woman of the cōpanie lifted vp her voyce,& ſaid vnto him,Bleſſed *is* the wombe that bare thee, and the pappes which thou haſte ſucked.
28 But he ſaid, [m] Yea,rather bleſſed *are* they that heare the worde of God, and kepe it.
29 ¶*And when the people were gathered thicke together,he began to ſay, This is a wicked generacion: they ſeke a ſigne, and there ſhal no ſigne be giuen them, but the ſigne of * Ionas the Prophet.
30 For as Ionas was a ſigne to the Nineuites,ſo ſhal alſo the Sōne of man be to this generacion.
31 *The Quene of the South ſhal riſe in iudgement, with the men of this generacion,and ſhal condemne them: for ſhe came from the vtmoſt partes of the earth to heare the wiſdome of Solomon,and beholde,a greater then Solomon *is* here.
32 The men of Nineue ſhal riſe in iudgement with this generacion, and ſhal condemne it: for they* repented at the preaching of Ionas: and beholde, a greater then Ionas *is* here.
33 ¶*No man lighteth a candel, & putteth it in a priuie place,nether vnder a buſhel: but on a candleſticke, that thei which come in,may ſe the light.
34 *"The light of the bodie is the [n] eye: therefore when thine eye is [o] ſingle, then is thy whole bodie light: but if thine eye be euil,then thy bodie is darke.
35 Take hede therefore, that ȳ light which is in thee,be not darkenes.
36 If therefore thy whole bodie *ſhalbe* light, hauing noparte darke,thē ſhal all be light, euen as when a candel doeth light thee with the brightnes.
37 ¶And as he ſpake, a certeine Phariſe beſoght him to dyne with him:& he went in,and ſate downe at table.
38 And when the Phariſe ſawe it, he mar-

a Or euerie day, or aſmuche as is ſufficient for this day
"Or,pardone.
b By this ſimilitude he teacheth vs that we oght not to be diſcouraged, if we obteine not incontinently ȳ which we demande
"Or,in paſſing by the way
"Or,impudencie
Mat 7,7. & 21,22. mar 11,24. iohn 14,13. & 16,12. iam 1,10.
Mat 9,33. & 12,22. mar 3,30.
c The chiefeſt thing that we can deſire of God,is his holie Spirit.
Mat.12,25. mar.3,24.
d That is to ſay,your coniurers
e The finger of God is taken for ȳ vertue and power of God. And the vertue of the Father and the Sonne is the holie Goſt: for ſo Matthew doeth interpret this place
f The worde ſignifieth, an entrie or porche before an houſe
"Or,ſafetie.
g They that do not wholy applye them ſelues to deſtroy the kingdome of Satan,can not be counted to be on Chriſts ſide but are his aduerſaries: how muchemore is he againſt him that maketh open warre w̄ him as Satan doeth?
Mat 12,43.
h To the intēt that he might worke according to his malicious nature
Ebr 6,4 1.pet 2,20.
i More apt to receiue him then it was afore
k If by infidelitie we turne backe frō God, Satan hathe greater power ouer vs then he had before.
Ma 12,45.
l He meaneth an infinite nōber
Ion 2,3
m Chriſt gaue her a prime taunt for that ſhe omitted ȳ chief praiſe w̄ was due vnto him: that was, that they are bleſſed in deed to whome he cōmunicateth hī ſelf by his worde
1 King.10,1. 2.chro.9,1.
Ion.3,5.
Chap 8,16. mat 5,15. mar.4,21.
Mat 6,22.
"Or,candle
n Becauſe it ſhulde guide and lead the bodie
o Without ſpot or vice.

ueiled that he had not firſt waſhed before dyner.

Mat 23,25. 39 *And the Lord ſaid to him, In dede ye Phariſes make cleane the outſide of the cup, and of the platter: but the inwarde parte is ful of rauening and wickednes.

40 Ye fooles, did not he that made that which is without, make that which is within alſo?

p Chriſt here requireth two things: firſt ỹ we come truely by our meat and drinke: and next that wè diſtribute parte to ỹ poore: for charitie is the perfection of the Lawe

41 Therefore, pgiue almes of 'thoſe things which are within, and beholde, all things ſhalbe cleane to you.

'Or, of that that you haue

42 But wo *be* to you, Phariſes: for ye tithe the mynt and the rewe, and all maner herbes, and paſſe ouer' iudgement and the loue of God: theſe oght ye to haue done, and q not to haue left the other vndone.

'Or, that which is iuſt & right

Chap 20,46. mat 23,6. mar 12,38.

43 *Wo *be* to you, Phariſes: for ye loue the vppermoſt ſeates in the Synagogues, and gretings in the markets.

q He wolde not breake the very leaſt commaundement before all things were accompliſhed: but taught them to ſticke to the chiefeſt & not preferre the inferior ceremonies ẅ muſt quickely be aboliſhed.

44 Wo *be* to you, Scribes and Phariſes, hypocrites: for ye are as graues which r appeare not, & the men that waike ouer thẽ, perceiue not.

r Whoſe ſtinke and infectiõ appeare not ſuddenly

45 ¶*Then anſwered one of the expounders of the Lawe, and ſaid vnto him, Maſter, thus ſaying thou putteſt vs to rebuke alſo.

Act 15,10.

46 And he ſaid, Wo *be* to you alſo, ye interpreters of the Lawe: for ye lade men with burdens grieuous to be borne, and ye your ſelues touche not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Wo *be* to you: for ye 'buylde the ſepulchres of the Prophetes, and your fathers killed them.

'Or, monumente.

Mat 23,29. mar 5,32.

48 'Truely ye beare witnes, and allow the dedes of your fathers: for they killed thẽ, and ye "buylde their ſepulchres.

f Whereby you kepe in remẽbrance ỹ execrable dedes of your fathers.

t You ſhewe your ſelues as great hypocrites as were your fathers, making men beleue ye honour God whẽ you diſhonour him

49 Therefore ſaid the wiſdome of God, I wil ſend them Prophetes and Apoſtles, & of them they ſhal ſlay and 'perſecute,

'Or, cruelly expel them.

50 That the blood of all the Prophetes, ſhed frõ the fundacion of the worlde, may be required of this generacion,

u They were more curious to buylde their graues thẽ to followe their doctrine.

Gen 4,8.

51 From the blood of *Abel vnto the blood of *Zacharias, which was ſlaine betwene the altar and the Temple: verely I ſay vnto you, it ſhalbe required of x this generacion.

2 Chro 24,22.

'Or, cruelly expel them.

52 Wo *be* to you, interpreters of the Law: for ye haue y take away the keye of knowledge: ye entred not in your ſelues, and thẽ that came in, ye forbade.

xBecauſe they were culpable of the ſame faure ỹ their anceſtors were

53 And as he ſaid theſe things vnto them, the Scribes and Phariſes began to vrge him ſore, and to prouoke him to ſpeake of many things,

y They hid & toke away the pure doctrine & true vnderſtanding of the Scriptures.

54 Laying wait for him, and ſeking to catche ſome thing of his mouth, whereby they might accuſe him

CHAP. XII.

1 Chriſt commandeth to auoide hypocriſie. 4 That we ſhulde not feare man but God. 5 To cõfeſſe his Name. 10 Blaſphemie againſt the Spirit. 14 Not to paſſe our vocation. 15 Not to giue our ſelues to couetous care of this life. 32 But to righteouſnes, almes, watching, patience, wiſdome and concorde.

1 IN*the meane time, there gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, ſo that they trode one another: & he begã to ſay vnto his diſciples firſt, Take hede to your ſelues of the leauen of the Phariſes, which is hypocriſie.

Mat 16,6. mar 8,14.

2 *For there is nothing couered, that ſhal not be reueiled: nether hid, that ſhal not be knowen.

Mat 10,26. mar 4,22.

3 Wherefore whatſoeuer ye haue ſpoken in darkenes, it ſhalbe heard in the light: and that which ye haue ſpoken in the eare, in ſecret places, ſhalbe preached on the ahouſes.

a Openly that all men may heare

4 *And I ſay vnto you, my̆ friends, be not afraid of them that kil the bodie, and after that are not able to do any more.

Mat.10,28.

5 But I wil forewarne you, whome ye ſhal feare: feare him which after he hathe killed, hathe power to caſt into hel: yea, I ſay vnto you, him feare.

6 Are not fiue ſparowes boght for two farthings, & yet not one of them is forgottẽ before God?

Chap.9,26. mat 10,32. mar 8,38.

7 Yea, and all the heeres of your head are nombred: feare not therefore: ye are more of value then many ſparowes.

a.ſtim 2 12.

8 *Alſo I ſay vnto you, Whoſoeuer ſhal confeſſe me before men, him ſhal the Sonne of man confeſſe alſo before the Angels of God.

b He that ſhal reſiſte againſt the worde of God purpoſely, and againſt his conſcience

9 But he that ſhal denye me before men, ſhalbe denyed before the Angels of God.

c Be not ſo douteful that you ſhulde be diſcouraged or diſtruſt.

10 And whoſoeuer ſhal ſpeake a worde a gainſt the Sonne of man, it ſhalbe forgiuen him: but vnto him that b ſhal blaſpheme the holie Goſt, it ſhal not be forgiuen.

'Or, moment.

Mat 10,19. mar 13,32.

11 *And when they ſhal bring you vnto the Synagogues, & vnto the rulers & princes, take no 'thoght how, or what thing ye ſhal anſwer, or what ye ſhal ſpeake.

d Chriſt chiefly came to be iudged & not to iudge, not withſtanding he willeth the Chriſtians to be iudges and decide cõtrouerſies betwixt their brethrẽ, 1 Cor 6, 1

12 For the holie Goſt ſhal teache you in ỹ ſame houre, what ye oght to ſay.

e Chriſt condemneth the arrogancie of the riche worldelings, who as thogh they had God locked vp in their coffres & barnes, ſet their whole felicitie in their goods, not conſidering that God gaue thẽ life and alſo can take it away when he wil

13 And one of the companie ſaid vnto him, Maſter, bid my brother deuide the inheritance with me.

14 And he ſaid vnto him, Man, who made me a d iudge, or a deuider ouer you?

'For, countrey.

15 Wherefore he ſaid vnto them, Take hede, and beware of couetouſnes: e for thogh a man haue abundance, *yet* his life ſtãdeth not in his riches.

Eccle.11,19.

16 And he put forthe a parable vnto them, ſaying, *The 'grounde of a certeine riche man broght forthe frutes plenteouſly.

17 The-

17 Therefore he thoght with him ſelf, ſaying, What ſhal I do, becauſe I haue no *roume*, where I may lay vp my frutes?
18 And he ſaid, This wil I do, I wil pul downe my barnes, and buylde greater, & therein wil I gather all my frutes, and my goods.
19 And I wil ſay to my ſoule, Soule, thou haſt muche goods laid vp for many yeres: liue at eaſe, eat, drinke, and take thy paſtime.
20 But God ſaid vnto him, O foole, this night wil they fetche away thy ſoule from thee: thē whoſe ſhal thoſe things be which thou haſt prouided?
21 So *is* he that garhereth riches to him ſelf, and is not riche in f God.
22 And he ſpake vnto his diſciples, Therefore I ſay vnto you, * Take no thoght for your life, what ye ſhal eat: nether for your bodie, what ye ſhal put on.
23 The life is more then meat: and the bodie *more* then the raiment.
24 g Conſider the rauens: for they nether ſowe nor reape: which nether haue ſtore houſe nor barne, & *yet* God fedeth them: how muche more are ye better thē foules?
25 And which of you with taking thoght, can adde to his ſtature one cubit?
26 If ye then be not able to do the leaſt thing, why take ye thoght for the remnant?
27 h Cōſider the lilies how they grow: they labour not, nether ſpin they: yet I ſay vnto you, ỹ Solomon him ſelf in all his royaltie was not clothed like one of theſe.
28 If then God ſo clothe the graſſe which is to day in the field, & to morow is caſt into the ouē, how muche more *wil he clothe* you, ô ye of litle faith?
29 Therefore aſke not what ye ſhal eat, or what ye ſhal drinke, nether ſtand in doute.
30 For all ſuche things the people of the worlde ſeke for: and your Father knoweth that ye haue nede of theſe things.
31 But rather ſeke ye after the kingdome of God, i & all theſe things ſhalbe miniſtred vnto you.
32 Feare not, litle flocke: for it is your Fathers pleaſure, to giue you the k kingdome.
33 ¶ * Sel that ye haue, and giue almes: make you bagges, which waxe not olde, a treaſure that can neuer faile in heauen, where no theſe commeth, nether moth corrupteth.
34 For where your treaſure is, there wil your hearts be alſo.
35 ¶ * Let your loines be l girde about, and your lights burning,
36 And ye your ſelues like vnto men that wait for their maſter, when he wil returne from the wedding, that when he commeth and knocketh, they maye open vnto him immediatly.
37 Bleſſed *are* thoſe ſeruants, whome the Lord when he cometh ſhal finde waking: verely I ſay vnto you, he wil m girde him ſelf about, and make them to ſit downe at table, and wil come forthe, & ſerue them.
38 And if he come in the ſeconde watche, or come in the thirde watche, & ſhal finde them ſo, bleſſed are thoſe ſeruants.
39 * Now vnderſtande this, that if the good man of ỹ houſe had knowen at what houre the theef wolde haue come, he wolde haue watched, and wolde not haue ſuffered his houſe to be digged through.
40 Be ye alſo prepared therefore: for the Sonne of man wil come at an houre when ye thinke not.
41 Then Peter ſaid vnto him, Maſter, telleſt thou this parable vnto vs, or euen to all?
42 And the Lord ſaid, Who is a faithful ſtewarde, & wiſe, whome the maſter ſhal make ruler ouer his houſholde, to giue them their n portion of meat in ſeaſon?
43 Bleſſed *is* that ſeruant, whome his maſter when he cometh, ſhal finde ſo doing.
44 Of a trueth I ſay vnto you, that he wil make him ruler ouer all that he hathe.
45 But if that ſeruant ſay in his heart, My maſter doeth deferre his comming, and ſhal beginne to ſmite the ſeruants, and maidens, and to eat, and drinke, and to be drunken,
46 The maſter of that ſeruāt wil come in a day whē he thinketh not, & at an houre whē he is not ware of, and wil cut him of, & giue him his portion with the vnbeleuers.
47 ¶ And that ſeruant that knewe his maſters wil, and prepared not him ſelf, nether did according to his wil, ſhalbe beatē with manie *ſtripes*.
48 But he that knewe it not, and yet did cōmit things o worthie of ſtripes, ſhalbe beaten with fewe *ſtripes*: for vnto whome ſoeuer p muche is giuē, of him ſhalbe muche required, and to whome men muche commit, the more of him wil they aſke.
49 ¶ I am come to put q fyre on the earth, & what is my deſire, if it be all ready kindled?
50 Notwithſtanding I muſt be r baptized w a baptiſme, and how am I grieued, til it be ended?
51 * Thinke ye that I am come to giue peace on earth? I tel you, nay, but rather debate.
52 For from hence forthe there ſhalbe fiue in one houſe deuided, thre againſt two, & two againſt thre.
53 The father ſhalbe deuided againſt the ſonne, and the ſonne againſt the father: the mother againſt ỹ daughter, & thē daughter againſt the mother: the mother in law againſt her daughter in law, & the daughter in law, againſt her mother in law.

f To depende onely on his prouidēce knowing that he hathe ynough for all
Mat 6,25.
2 pet 5,7
pſal 55,26.

g He exhorteth vs to caſt our care on God, & to ſubmit our ſelues to his prouidence.

h The liberalitie of God which ſhineth in the herbes and floures, ſurmounteth all that man can do by his riches or force

i Which are but acceſſaries, and are commune as wel to the wicked men as to the godlie.
Mat 6,20.

k Which is ỹ chiefeſt thing that can be giuen, and therefore you can not wāt thoſe things which are of leſſe importance.
1. Pet 1,13.

l Be in a readines to execute the charge which is committed vnto you.

m Becauſe they did vſe long garmēts, the maner was to girde or truſſe thē vp whē they wēt about anie buſines
Mat. 24,43.
reuel. 16,15.

n The portiō of ſeruants euerie moneth was foure pecks of corne as Donatus writeth in Phormio.

o Therefore ignorance is inexcuſable.

p To whome God hathe giuen manie graces.

q The Goſpel is as a burnīg fyre moſte vehement, which maketh a chāge of things through al ỹ worlde
Mat 10,34.

r If there be great troubles and alterātiōs vpon ỹ earth, ẃ things come not by the proprietie of the Goſpel, but through the wickednes of man

s He compareth his death to baptiſme.

Mat 16,2. 54 ¶*Then ſaid he to the people, When ye ſe a cloude riſe out of the Weſt, ſtraight way ye ſay, A ſhower cõmeth: and ſo it is.

55 And when *ye ſe* the South winde blow, ye ſay, that it wil be hote: and it commeth to paſſe.

56 Hypocrites, ye can diſcerne the face of the earth, and of the ſkie: but why diſcerne ye not this time?

57 Yea, and why iudge ye not of your ſelues what is right?

Mat 5,25. 58 ¶*While thou goeſt with thine aduerſarie to the ruler, as thou art in the way, giue diligence in the way, ỹ thou maiſt be [t] deliuered from him, leſt he bring thee to the iudge, & the iudge deliuer thee to the iayler, and the iayler caſt thee into priſon.

59 I tell thee, thou ſhalt not departe thẽce, til thou haſt payed the vtmoſt mite.

[t] Though it be to thy loſſe & hinderance.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The crueltie of Pilate. 2 We ought not to condemne all to be wicked men which ſuffre. 3 Chriſt exhorteth to repentance. 11 He healeth the croked woman. 15 Anſwereth to the maſter of the Synagogue 18 By diuers ſimilitudes he declareth what the kingdome of God is. 23 Alſo that the nomber of them which ſhal be ſaued, is ſmale. 33 Finally he ſheweth that no worldelie policie or force can let the worke and counſel of God.

1 THere were certeine men preſent at the ſame ſeaſon, that ſhewed him of ỹ Galileãs, whoſe blood Pilate had [a] mingled with their owne ſacrifices.

2 And Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, Suppoſe ye, ỹ theſe Galileans were [b] greater ſinners then all the *other* Galileans, becauſe they haue ſuffered ſuche things?

3 I tell you, nay: but except [c] ye amende your liues, ye ſhal all likewiſe periſh.

4 Or thinke you that thoſe eightene, vpon whome the towre in [d] Siloam fel, & ſlewe them, were "ſinners aboue all men that dwell in Ieruſalem?

5 I tell you, nay: but except ye amẽde your liues, ye all ſhal likewiſe periſh.

6 ¶He ſpake alſo this parable, A certeine mã had a figge tre planted in his vineyarde: and he came and ſoght frute thereon, and founde none.

7 Then ſaid he to the dreſſer of his vineyarde, Beholde, [e] this thre yeres haue I come and ſoght frute of this figge tre, and finde none: [f] cut it downe: why kepeth it [g] alſo the ground baren?

8 And he anſwered, & ſaid vnto him, Lord, let it alone this yere alſo, til I digge round about it, and dongue it.

9 And if it beare frute, *wel*: if not, thẽ after thou ſhalt cut it downe.

10 ¶And he taught in one of the Synagogues on the Sabbath day.

11 And beholde, there was a woman which had a [h] ſpirit of infirmitie eightene yeres, & was [i] bowed together, and colde not lift vp *her ſelf* in anie wiſe.

12 When Ieſus ſawe her, he called her to him, and ſaid to her, Woman, thou art "loſed from thy diſeaſe.

13 And he laid his hands on her, and immediatly ſhe was made ſtraight againe, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the Synagogue anſwered with indignation becauſe that Ieſus had healed on the Sabbath *day*, & ſaid vnto the people, There are ſix dayes in which men oght to worke: in thẽ therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.

15 Then anſwered him the Lord, and ſaid, Hypocrite, doeth not eithe one of you on the Sabbath *day* loſe his oxe or his aſſe fr õ the ſtall, & lead him away to ỹ water?

16 And oght not this daughter of Abrahã, whome Satã had bounde, lo, eightenẽ yeres, be loſed from this bonde on the Sabbath day?

17 And when he ſaid theſe things, all his aduerſaries were aſhamed: but all the people reioyced at all the excellent things, that were done by him.

18 ¶*Then ſaid he, What is the [k] kingdome of God like? or whereto ſhal I compare it?

19 It is like a graine of muſtarde ſeed, which a man toke and ſowed in his garden, and it grewe, and waxed a great tre, and the foules of the heauen made neſtes in the branches thereof.

20 ¶And againe he ſaid, Whereunto ſhal I liken the kingdome of God?

21 It is like leauen, which a womã toke, and hid in thre peckes of floure, til all was leauened.

22 ¶*And he went through all cities and townes, teaching, & iourneying towardes Ieruſalem.

23 Then ſaid one vnto him, Lord, *are there* fewe ỹ ſhalbe ſaued? And he ſaid vnto thẽ,

24 *[l] Striue to entre in at the ſtraite gate: for manie, I ſay vnto you, wil ſeke to enter in, and ſhal not be able.

25 When the good man of the houſe is riſen vp, and hathe ſhut to the dore, and ye beginne to ſtand without, and to knocke at the dore, ſaying, Lord, Lord, open to vs, and he ſhal anſwer and ſay vnto you, I knowe you not whence ye are,

26 [m] Then ſhal ye beginne to ſay, We haue eaten and drunke in thy preſence, & thou haſt taught in our ſtretes.

27 *But he ſhal ſay, I tel you, I know you not whence ye are: departe from me, all ye workers of iniquitie.

28 There ſhalbe weping and gnaſſhing of teeth, when ye ſhal ſe Abraham and Iſaac, and Iacob, and all the Prophetes in the kingdome of God, and your ſelues thruſte

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a He murthered them as they were ſacrificing: & ſo their blood was mingled with ỹ blood of the beaſtes which were ſacrificed

b For ỹ Iewes toke occaſion hereby to condemne them as moſte wicked men.

c He warneth thẽ rather to conſider their owne eſtate, thẽ to reproue other mens.

d Which towre ſtode by the riuer Siloe or fiſhpoole in Ieruſalem.

"Or, deuers.

e By this ſimilitude is declared the great patience that God vſeth toward ſinners in loking for their amendement: but this delay auaileth them nothing, when they ſtil remaine in their corruption.

f We ſe our ſtate, if we bring not forthe frute

g For bothe it is vnfruteful it ſelf, and doeth hurt to the ground where it groweth

h Whome Satan had ſtroken with a diſeaſe, as the ſpirit of couetouſnes is that ſpirit, that maketh a man couetous.

i As they are whoſe ſinewes are ſhronke

"Or, ſet at libertie out of Satans bandes

Mat 13.31. mar.4.31.

k By theſe ſimilitudes he ſheweth the increaſe, whereby God augmenteth his kingdome, cõtrarie to all mens opiniõs.

Mat.9.35. mar.6.6.

Mat 7,13.

l We muſt endeuour & cut of all impediments, which may let vs.

m He warneth the Iewes, ỹ they deprriue not thẽ ſelues by their owne negligence of that ſalnatiõ, which was offred vnto thẽ.

Mat 7.13. & 25.41. pſal.6.13.

out at dores.

n The people which thē were ſtrangers.

29 Then ſhal come *manie* from the n East, & from the Weſt, and from the North, and from the South, and ſhal ſit at table in the kingdome of God.

o Chriſt cutteth of the vaine confidence of the Iewes who glorified in that, that God had choſen them for his people: yet they obeied him not according to his worde

30 *And beholde, o there are laſt, which ſhalbe firſt, and there are firſt, which ſhal be laſt.

Mat 19.30. & 20,16. mar.10,31.

31 The ſame day there came certeine Phariſes, and ſaid vnto him, Departe, and go hence: for Herode wil kil thee.

p Nether the enuie of the Phariſes, who wolde haue put him in feare of Herode, nor yet anie policie of man colde ſtay him from that office which God had enioyned him.

32 Thē ſaid he vnto thē, Go ye & tell that foxe, Beholde, I p caſt out deuils, and wil heale ſtil q to day, and to morowe, and the third day r I ſhalbe "perfited.

q Meaning a litle while

33 Neuertheles I muſt walke to daye, and to morowe, and the day following: for it can not be, that a Prophet ſ ſhulde periſh out of Ieruſalem.

r By Chriſts death we are made perfite for euer

*Or, make an end

ſ He noteth their malice, which by all meanes ſoght his death more thē did the tyrant, of whome they willed him to beware.

34 *O Ieruſalem, Ieruſalem, which killeſt the Prophetes, and ſtoneſt them that are ſent to thee, how often wolde I haue gathered thy children together, as the henne gathered her broode vnder *her* wings, & ye wolde not!

t Chriſt forewarneth them of the deſtruction of the Temple, and of their whole policie.

35 Beholde, your t houſe is left vnto you deſolate: and verely I tel you, ye ſhal not ſe me vntil *the time* come that ye ſhal ſay, uBleſſed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

u When your owne conſcience ſhal reproue you and cauſe you to confeſſe that which ye nowe denie, which ſhalbe when you ſhal ſe me in my maieſtie.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 Ieſus eateth with the Phariſe. 4 Healeth the dropſie vpon the Sabbath 8 Teacheth to be lowlie & to bid the poore to our table. 15 He telleth of the great ſupper. 28 He warneth them that wil followe him, to lay their accountes before, what it wil coſt them. 34 The ſalt of the earth.

1 AND it came to paſſe that whē he was entred into the houſe of one of the chief Phariſes on the Sabbath *day*, to "eat bread, they watched him.

*Or, take his refection.

2 And beholde, there was a certeine mā before him, which had the dropſie.

3 Then Ieſus anſwering, ſpake vnto the expoūders of the Law, and Phariſes, ſaying, Is it lawful to heale on the Sabbath *day*?

4 And they held their peace. Then he toke him, and healed him, and let him go,

5 And anſwered them, ſaying, Which of you *ſhal haue* an aſſe, or an oxe fallen into a pit, and wil not ſtraightway pul him out on the Sabbath day?

6 And they colde not anſwer him againe to thoſe things.

7 ¶He ſpake alſo a parable to the gheſts, when he marked how they choſe out the chief roumes, and ſaid vnto them,

x He reproueth their ambition, which deſire to ſit in the hieſt places.

8 x When thou ſhalt be bidden of anie mā to a weddig, ſet not thy ſelf downe in the chiefeſt place, leſt a more honorable man then thou, be bidden of him,

9 And he that bade bothe him and thee, come, and ſay to thee, Giue this man roume, and thou then beginne with ſhame to take the loweſt roume.

Prou.25,7.

10 *But whē ȳ art bidden, go & ſit downe in the loweſt roume, that when he that bade thee, cometh, he may ſay vnto thee, Friend, ſit vp hier: thē ſhalt thou haue worſhip in the preſence of them that ſit at table with thee.

Chap 18,14. mat.23,2.

11 *For whoſoeuer exalteth him ſelf, ſhal be broght low, and he that humbleth him ſelf, ſhalbe exalted.

Prou.3,9. tob 4,7.

12 ¶Thē y ſaid he alſo to him that had bidden him, *When thou makeſt a dyner or a ſupper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, nether thy kinſemen, nor the riche neighbours, leſt they alſo bid thee againe, and a recompenſe be made thee.

y Chriſt reprehendeth onely the blinde affectiō of mā, which regardeth nothing but a worldelie recompenſe.

13 But when thou makeſt a feaſt, call the poore, the maimed, the lame, & the blind,

14 And thou ſhalt be bleſſed, becauſe they cā not recōpenſe thee: for thou ſhalt be recōpenſed at the reſurrection of the iuſte.

15 ¶Now whē one of them that ſate at table, heard theſe things, he ſaid vnto him, Bleſſed *is* he that eateth bread in the kingdome of God.

Mat 22,2. reuel 19,9.

16 Then ſaid he to him, *z A certeine man made a great ſupper, and bade manie,

z He caſteth the Iewes in ȳ teeth w̄ their ingratitude, w̄ wolde not eat of thoſe holie meates of Gods worde, which was preſented vnto thē, & whereunto they were bid a long time before.

17 And ſent his ſeruant at ſupper time to ſay to them that were bidden, Come: for all things are now ready.

18 But they all with one *minde* begā to make excuſe: The firſt ſaid vnto him, I haue boght a ferme, and I muſt nedes go out & ſe it: I pray thee haue me excuſed.

19 And another ſaid, I haue boght fiue yoke of oxen, and I go to proue them: I pray thee, haue me excuſed.

20 And another ſaid, I haue maried a wife, and therefore I can not come.

21 So ȳ ſeruant returned, & ſhewed his maſter thēſe things. Thē was the good mā of the houſe angrie, & ſaid to his ſeruāt, a Go out quickely into ȳ places & ſtretes of the citie, and bring in hither the poore, & the maimed, and the halt, and the blinde.

a Here is ſignified the calling of the Gētiles.

22 And the ſeruant ſaid, Lord, it is done as thou haſt cōmāded, & yet there is roume.

b God wil rather receiue all the raſkal people of the worlde to his banket, then them which are vnthākful.

23 Then the maſter ſaid to the ſeruant, Go out into the b hie wayes, and hedges, and c compel them to come in, that mine houſe may be filled.

c This cōpulſiō cometh of the feling of the power of Gods worde, after that his worde hathe bene preached

24 For I ſay vnto you, that none of thoſe men which were bidden, ſhal taſte of my ſupper.

25 Now there went great multitudes with him, and he turned and ſaid vnto them,

d That is, he ȳ caſteth not of all affectiōs and deſires, w̄ drawe vs frō Chriſt.

26 If anie man come to me, and d hate not his father, and mother, & wife, & children, and brethren, and ſiſters: yea, and his owne life alſo, he can not be my diſciple.

Chap 9.23. mat 10.37. & 16.24. mar.8.34.

27 *And whoſoeuer beareth not his croſſe, and cometh after me, can not be my diſciple.

h He that will profeſſe the Goſpel, muſte diligently conſider what his profeſſion requireth, & not raſhely to take in hand ſo great an enterprise: nether yet when he hathe taken in hand, in anie caſe to forſake it.

28 For which of you minding to buylde a towre, ſitteth not downe before, and h coũteth the coſt, whether he haue ſufficient to performe it,

29 Leſt that after he hathe laid the fundation, and is not able to performe it, all that beholde it, beginne to mocke him,

30 Saying, This man began to buylde, and was not able to make an end?

31 Or what King going to make warre againſt another King, ſitteth not downe firſt, & taketh counſel, whether he be able with tẽ thouſand, to mete him that cometh againſt him with twentie thouſand?

32 Or els while he is yet a great way of, he ſendeth an ambaſſage, and deſireth condicions of peace.

i He that is not perſuaded to leaue all at euerie houre to beſtowe hi ſelf frankely in Gods ſeruice *Mat 5.13 mar.9.50.*

33 So likewiſe, whoſoeuer he be of you, that i forſaketh not all that he hathe, he can not be my diſciple.

34 *Salt is good: k but if ſalt haue loſte his ſauour, wherewith ſhal it be "ſalted?

35 It is nether mete for the land, nor yet for the dongue hil, but men caſt it out. He that hathe eares to heare, let him heare.

CHAP. XV.

2 The Phariſis murmure becauſe Chriſt receiueth ſinners 4 The louing mercie of God is openly ſet forthe in the parables of the hundreth ſhepe. 7 Ioye in heauen for one ſinner. 12 Of the prodigal ſonne.

1 THen reſorted vnto him all the Publicanes, and ſinners, to heare him.

2 Therefore the Phariſes and ſcribes murmured, ſaying, He receiueth ſinners, & eateth with them.

3 Then ſpake he this parable to them, ſaying,

Mat 18.12.

4 *What man of you hauing an hundreth ſhepe, if he looſe one of them, doeth not leaue ninetie and nine in the wildernes, & go after that which is loſt, vntil he finde it?

5 And when he hathe founde it, he laieth it on his ſhulders with ioye.

6 And whẽ he cõmeth home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, ſaying vnto them, Reioyce with me: for I haue founde my ſhepe, which was loſt.

7 I ſay vnto you, that likewiſe ioye ſhalbe in heauen for one ſinner that conuerteth, *more* then for ninetie and nine a iuſte men, which nede none amendement of life.

a Which iuſtifie thẽ ſelues, & knowe not their owne faultes

8 Ether what woman hauing ten b pieces of ſiluer, if ſhe looſe one piece, doeth not light a candel, & ſwepe the houſe, and ſeke diligently til ſhe finde it?

b The worde is *drachma*, which is ſome what more in value then fyue pence of olde ſterling money, & was equal with a Romaine penie.

9 And when ſhe hathe foũde it, ſhe calleth her friends, and neighbours, ſaying, Reioyce with me: for I haue founde the piece which I had loſt.

10 Likewiſe I ſay vnto you, there is ioye in the preſence of the Angels of God, for one ſinner that conuerteth.

11 ¶He ſaid moreouer, A certeine man had two ſonnes.

12 And the yonger of thẽ ſaid to his father, Father, giue me the c portion of the goods that falleth to me. So he deuided vnto them *his* ſubſtance.

c This declareth that we ought not to deſire to haue our portion ſeparate from God except we will loſe all

13 So not long after, when the yonger ſonne had gathered all together, he toke his iorney into a farre countrey, and there he waſted his goods with d riotous liuing.

d The Greke worde ſignifieth, ſo to waſte all that a man reſerueth nothing to him ſelf

14 Now when he had ſpent all, there aroſe a great dearth throughout that land, and he began to be in neceſsitie.

15 Then he went and claue to a citizen of that countrey, and he ſent him to his farme, to feede ſwine.

16 And he wolde faine haue filled his bellie with ỹ huſkes, that the ſwine ate: e but no man gaue *them* him.

e For no man had pitie vpõ him

17 Then he came to him ſelf, and ſaid, How manie hired ſeruants at my fathers haue bread ynough, and I dye for hunger?

18 I wil riſe and go to my father, and ſay vnto him, Father, I haue ſinned againſt f heauen, and before thee,

f That is, againſt God.

19 And am no more worthie to be called thy ſõne: make me as one of thy hired ſeruãts.

20 So he aroſe and came to his father, and whẽ he was yet a g great way of, his father ſawe him, and had compaſsion, and ran & fel on his necke, and kiſſed him.

g God preuẽteth vs and heareth our groninges before we crye to him

21 And the ſonne ſaid vnto him, h Father, I haue ſinned againſt heauen, and before thee, and am no more worthie to be called thy ſonne.

h He was touched with the feeling of his ſinne & therefore was aſhamed thereof, and beame in heart.

22 Then the father ſaid to his ſeruants, Bring forthe the beſt robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and ſhoes on his feete,

23 And bring the fat calf, and kil him, and let vs eat, and be merie.

24 For this my ſonne was dead, and is aliue againe: and he was loſt, but he is founde. And they began to be merie.

25 Now the i Elder brother was in the field, and when he came and drewe nere to the houſe, he heard melodie, and dancing,

i God reproueth the enuie of ſuche as grudge when God receiueth ſinners to mercie.

26 And called one of his ſeruants, & aſked what thoſe things ment.

27 And he ſaid vnto him, Thy brother is come, and thy father hathe killed the fatted calfe, becauſe he hathe receiued him ſafe and ſounde.

28 Thẽ he was angrie, & wolde not go in: therefore came his father out and entreated him.

29 But he anſwered & ſaid to his father, Lo theſe manie yeres haue I done thee ſeruice, nether brake I at anie time thy cõmãdement, & yet thou neuer gaueſt me a kid that I might make merie with my friẽds.

30 But

30 But whē this thy ſonne was come, which hathe deuoured thy goods with harlots, thou haſt for his ſake killed the fat calfe.

k Thy parte, ẏ art a Iewe, is nothing diminiſhed by that ẏ Chriſt was alſo killed for the Gentiles: for he accepteth not ẏ perſone but feedeth idifferētly all thē that beleue in him with his bodie and blood to life euerlaſtig.

31 And he ſaid vnto him, k Sonne, thou art euer with me, and all that I haue, is thine.

It was mete that we ſhulde make mery, & be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is aliue againe: and he was loſt, but he is founde.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Chriſt exhorteth hu to wiſdome and liberalitie by the example of the ſteward 13 None can ſerue two maſters 14 He reproueth the couetouſnes and hypocriſie of the Pharyſes 16 Of the end and force of the Law. 18 Of the holie ſtate of marriage. 19 Of the riche and Lazarus.

1 AND he ſaid alſo vnto his diſciples, a There was a certeine riche man, which had a ſtewarde, and he was accuſed vnto him, that he waſted his goods.

a Chriſt teacheth hereby, ẏ likewiſe as he ẅ is in auctoritie & hathe riches, if he get 2 friends in his ꝓſperitie, may be relieued in his aduerſitie: ſo our liberalitie towards ỏ 3 neighbour ſhal ſtand vs in ſtede at ẏ daye of iudgement that God wil accept it as done vnto him

2 And he called him, and ſaid vnto him, How *is it* that I heare this of thee? Giue an accounts of thy ſtewardſhip: for thou maieſt be no longer ſtewarde.

3 Then the ſtewarde ſaid within him ſelf, What ſhal I do: for my maſter wil take away from me the ſtewardeſhip? I can not digge, & to begge I am aſhamed.

4 I knowe what I wil do, that when I am put out of the ſtewardeſhip they may receiue me into their houſes.

b God, who doeth here repreſent ẏ maſter of the houſe, doeth rather commende the prodigal waſte of his goods, & the liberal guiing of the ſame to ẏ poore, then ẏ ſtrait keping & harding of them.

5 Then called he euerie one of his maſters detters, & ſaid vnto the firſt, How muche oweſt thou vnto my maſter?

6 And he ſaid, An hūdreth meaſures of oyle. And he ſaid to him, Take thy writing, and ſit downe quickely, and write fiftie.

7 Then ſaid he to another, How muche oweſt thou? And he ſaid, An hūdreth meaſures of wheat. Then he ſaid to him, Take thy writing, and write foure ſcore.

c That is, either wickedly gotten, or wickedly kept, or wickedly ſpēt: & hereby we be warned to ſuſpect riches which for the moſte parte are an occaſion to their poſſeſſours of great wickednes.

8 And the Lord commended b the vniuſt ſtewarde, becauſe he had done wiſely. Wherefore the children of this worlde are in their generacion wiſer thē the children of light.

d Thei which can not wel be ſtowe worldelie goods, wil beſtowe euil ſpiritual treaſures: & therefore they oght not to be committed vnto them

9 And I ſaye vnto you, Make you friends c with the riches of iniquitie, that when ye ſhal want, they may receiue you into euerlaſting habitacions.

10 He that is faithful in the leaſt, he is alſo faithful in muche: and he that is vniuſt in the leaſt, is vniuſt alſo in muche.

e As are riches and ſuche like things, which God hathe giuen not for our ſelues ōely, but to beſtowe vpon others.

11 If thē ye haue not bene faithful in d the wicked riches, who wil truſt you in ẏ true *treaſure*?

Mat. 6, 24.

12 And if ye haue not bene faithful in e another mans *goods*, who ſhal giue you that which is f yours?

f Chriſt calleth the gifts, which he giueth vnto vs, ours.

13 *No ſeruant can ſerue two maſters: for ether he ſhal hate the one, and loue the other: or els he ſhal leane to the one, & deſpiſe the other. Ye can not ſerue God and riches.

14 All theſe things heard the Phariſes alſo which were couetous, and they g mocked him.

g Becauſe thei iudged no man happie, but thoſe ẏ were riche.

15 Then he ſaid vnto them, Ye are they, which h iuſtifie your ſelues before men: but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly eſteemed amōg men, is abominacion in the ſight of God.

h Which loue outwarde appearance, and vaine glorie.

16 * The Law and the Prophetes *endured* vntil Iohn: and ſince that time the kingdome of God is preached, and euerie man i preaſſeth into it.

Mat. 11, 12.

i Their zeale is ſo inflamed, ẏ thei followe the Goſpel without reſpect of worldlie things

17 * Now it is more eaſie that heauen and earth ſhulde paſſe away, then that one title of the Law ſhulde fall.

Mat. 5, 18.

18 ¶ * Whoſoeuer putteth away his wife, & marieth another, committeth adulterie: & whoſoeuer marieth her that k is put away from her houſband, cōmitteth adulterie.

Mat. 5, 32 19, 9 1 cor 7, 11.

k That is, ẅ is not lawfully diuorced

19 ¶ There was a l certeine riche mā, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared wel and delicately euerie day.

l By this florie is declared what puniſhement thei ſhal haue, which liue deliciouſly & neglect the poore.

20 Alſo there was a certeine begger named Lazarus, which was laied at his gate ful of ſores,

21 And deſired to be refreſhed with the crommes that fell from the riche mans table: yea, and the dogs came and licked his ſores.

22 And it was ſo that the begger dyed, and was caryed by the Angels into m Abrahams n boſome. The riche man alſo dyed and was buryed.

m As the fathers in the olde Law were ſaid to be gathered into ẏ boſome of Abraham, becauſe thei receiued the fruite of the ſame faith ẅ him: ſo in the newe Teſtament we ſay ẏ the members of Chriſt are ioyned to their head, or gathered vnto him

n Whereby is ſignified that moſte bleſſed life, ẅ they ẏ dye in the faith that Abraham did, ſhal emoye after this worlde.

23 And being in hel in torments, he lift vp his eyes, and ſawe Abraham a farre of, & Lazarus in his boſome.

24 Then he cryed, and ſaid, Father Abraham, haue mercie on me, and ſend Lazarus that he may dippe ẏ typ of his o finger in water, and coole my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame.

o Chriſt deſcribeth ſpiritual things by ſuche maner of ſpeache, as is moſte propre to our vnderſtāding: for our ſoules haue neither fingers nor eyes, neither are they thirſtie or ſpeake: but ẏ Lord as it were in a table, painteth forthe the ſtate of the life to come, as our capacitie is able to comprehend it

25 But Abraham ſaid, p Sonne, remember that thou in thy life time receiueſt thy "pleaſures, and likewiſe Lazarus "paines: now therefore is he comforted, and thou art tormented.

p In calling him ſonne, he taūeth his vaine boaſting, who in his life vanted him ſelf to be the ſonne of Abraham: warning vs alſo hereby how litle glorious titles auaile.

26 Beſides all this, betwene you and vs there is a great q gulfe ſet, ſo that they which wolde go from hence to you, can not, nether can they come from thence to vs.

27 Then he ſaid, I pray thee therefore father, that thou wolde ſt ſend him to my fathers houſe,

28 (For I haue fiue brethrē) that he may teſtifie vnto them, leſt they alſo come into this place of torment.

q Which declareth that it is to late to be inſtructed by the dead, if in their life time thei can not profite by the liuelie worde of God.

29 Abraham ſaid vnto him, They haue Moſes & the r Prophetes: let them r heare them.

r As faith cometh by Gods worde, ſo is it maintened by the ſame So that nether we oght to loke for Angels from heauen, or the dead to confirme vs therein, but onelie the worde of God is ſufficient to life euerlaſting

30 And he ſaid, Nay, father Abraham:

"Or, good things "Or, euil things "Or, ſwallowing pit

but if one came vnto thé from the dead, they wil amend their liues.

31 Then he ſaid vnto him, If they heare not Moſes and the Prophetes, nether wil thei be perſuaded, thogh one riſe from the dead againe.

CHAP. XVII.

2 Chriſt teacheth his diſciples to auoide occaſiõs of offece, 3 One to forgiue another, 5 We ought to pray for the increaſe of faith. 6 He magnifieth the Vertue of faith, 18 And ſheweth the vnhabilitie of mã, 11 Healeth ten lepers, 20 Speaketh of the latter dayes, and of the end of the worlde.

Mat 18.7. mar.9.42.

1 THen ſaid he to the diſciples, * It can not be auoided, but that offences wil come, but wo *be* to him by whome they come.

2 It were better for him that a great milſtone were hanged about his necke, and that he were caſt into the ſea, then that he ſhulde [a] offende one of theſe litle ones.

a That is, to turne him backe from ỹ knowledge of God, and his ſaluacion

3 ¶ Take hede to your ſelues: if thy brother treſpace againſt thee, rebuke him: & if he repent, forgiue him.

Mat.18,21.

4 *And thogh he ſinne againſt thee [b] ſeuen times in a daye, and ſeuen times in a daye turne againe to thee, ſaying, It repenteth me, thou ſhalt forgiue him.

b That is, manie times: for by a certeine nõber he meaneth an vncertéine.

5 ¶ And the Apoſtles ſaid vnto the Lord, Increaſe our faith.

Mat 17.20.

6 And the Lord ſaid, * If ye had faith *as muche* as is [c] a graine of muſtard ſede, and ſhulde ſay vnto this mulbery tre, [d] plucke thy ſelf vp by the rootes, and plante thy ſelf in the ſea, it ſhulde euen obey you.

c That is, if thei had neuer ſo litle of pure and perfite faith

d Meanig, thei ſhulde do wonderful and incredible thigs.

7 ¶ Who is it alſo of you that hauing a ſeruant plowing or feding cattel, wolde ſaye vnto him by & by, when he were come frõ the field, Go, and ſit downe at table?

e Hereby is declared ỹ it is not ynough to do a piece of our duetie for a time, but alſo we muſt continue to the end.

8 And wolde not rather ſay to him, [e] Dreſſe wherewith I may ſuppe, and girde thy ſelf, and ſerue me, til I haue eaten and dronken, and afterward eat thou, & drinke thou?

9 Doeth he thanke that ſeruant, becauſe he did that which was commãded vnto him? I trowe not.

10 So likewiſe ye, when ye haue done all thoſe things, which are commanded you, ſay, We are [f] vnprofitable ſeruants: we haue done that which was our duetie to do.

f For God receiueth nothig of vs, whereby he ſhulde ſtãd bõde vnto vs.

11 ¶ And ſo it was when he went to Ieruſalem, that he paſſed through the middes of Samaria and Galile.

12 And as he entred into a certeine towne, there met him ten men that were lepers, which ſtode a farre of.

13 And they lift vp their voyces and ſaid, Ieſus, Maſter, haue mercie on vs.

14 And when he ſawe *them*, he ſaid vnto them, * Go, ſhewe your ſelues vnto the

Leui.14.2.

g Priests. And it came to paſſe, that as thei went, they were clenſed.

g To whome it did apperteine to iudge of the leproſie, Leui. 14,2: and hereby alſo the Prieſts ſhulde haue no occaſion to grudge, or murmure.

15 Then one of them, when he ſawe that he was healed, turned backe, and with a loude voyce praiſed God,

16 And fell downe on his face at his fete, and gaue him thankes: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid, Are there not ten clenſed? but where *are* the [h] nine?

h He noteth hereby their ingratitude, & ỹ the greateſt parte neglect the benefites of God.

18 There are none founde that returned to giue God praiſe, ſaue this ſtranger.

19 And he ſaid vnto him, Ariſe, go thy way, thy faith hathe made thee whole.

20 ¶ And when he was demanded of the Phariſes, when the kingdome of God ſhulde come, he anſwered them, & ſaid, The kingdome of God cometh not [i] with obſeruacion.

i It can not be decerned by anie outwarde ſhew, or maieſtie, whereby it might the rather be knowẽ

21 Nether ſhal men ſay, Lo here, or lo there: for beholde the kingdome of God is [k] within you.

*Or, among you.

k Ether by reaſon of the worde of God, which is receiued by faith, or that Meſsias whome thei ſoght, as abſent, is now preſent, euẽ within their owne dores, and yet they knowe hi not, Iohn 1,11

22 And he ſaid vnto the diſciples, The dayes wil come, when ye ſhal deſire to ſe [l] one of the dayes of the Sonne of man, and ye ſhal not ſe it.

Mat.24,23. mar.13,21.

l He ſpeaketh of his firſt cõming into the worlde.

23 * Then they ſhal ſaye to you, Beholde here, or beholde there: *but* go not thither, nether followe them.

24 For as the lightening that lighteneth out of the one *parte* vnder heauen, ſhineth vnto the other *parte* vnder heauen, ſo ſhal the Sonne of man be in his [m] daye.

Gen.7.5.mat. 24,38 1 pet 3, 20.

m Meaning his ſeconde comming, wherein he ſhal appeare in glorie

25 But firſt muſt he ſuffer manie things, & be reproued of this generacion.

26 * And as it was in the [n] dayes of Noe, ſo ſhal it be in the dayes of the Sonne of man.

n When men contemned the iudgement of God, wherewith they were before menaced

27 They ate, they dranke, they maried wiues, and gaue in mariage vnto the daye that Noe went into the Arke: & the flood came, and deſtroyed them all.

Gen.19.24.

28 * Likewiſe alſo, as it was in the dayes of Lot: they ate, they dranke, they boght, they ſolde, they planted, they buylt.

29 But in the daye that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fyre and brimſtone from heauen, and deſtroyed them all.

30 After theſe *enſamples* ſhal it be in the daye when the Sonne of man ſhalbe reueiled.

o We muſt forget that which we haue left behinde vs, to the end, that we may ỹ better followe ỏ heauenlie vocacion

31 At that daye he that is vpon the [o] houſe, and his ſtuffe in the houſe, let him not come downe to take it out: and he that is in the field likewiſe, let him not turne backe to that he left behinde.

Gen.19,26. Chap 9,24. & 16,25. matth.10,39. mar 8,35.

32 *Remember Lots wife.

iohn 12,25.

33 * Whoſoeuer wil ſeke to ſaue his ſoule, ſhal loſe it: & whoſoeuer ſhal loſe it, [p] ſhal get it life.

p This corporel death ſhal engendre life euerlaſting

34 * I tell you, in that night there ſhalbe

Mat.24,41.

two in one q bed: the one shalbe receiued, and the other shalbe left.

35 Two women shalbe grinding together: the one shalbe taken, and the other shalbe left.

36 And they answered, and said to him, Where, Lord? And he said vnto them, *r Where soeuer ỹ bodie is, thither wil also the egles resorte.

q He meaneth ỹ no bãde or coniunction is so strait ỹ shuld de stay vs *Mat.24.28.*

r Nothing can hinder ỹ faithful to be ioyned to their head Iesus Christ: for thei shal gather vnto him, as ỹ rauening birdes about a carian.

‖ *Two shalbe in the field: one shalbe receiued, & another shal be left.* *Eccle.18.22. rom 13.12 1 thes 5.17.*

CHAP. XVIII.

2 By the example of the widowe, and the Publicane Christ teacheth how to pray. 15 By the example of children he exhorteth to humilitie. 18 Of the way to be saued, and what things let. 29 The rewarde promised to vs. 31 And of the crosse.

1 AND *he spake also a parable vnto thẽ, *to this end*, that they oght alwayes to pray, and not to a waxe fainte,

2 Saying, There was a iudge in a certeine citie, which feared not God, nether reuerẽced man.

3 And there was a widow in ỹ citie, which came vnto him, saying, "Do me iustice against mine b aduersarie.

4 And he wolde not for a time: but afterwarde he said with him self, Thogh I feare not God, nor reuerence man,

5 Yet because this widowe troubleth me, I wil do her right, lest at the last she come and make me wearie.

6 And the Lord said, Heare what the vnrighteous iudge saith.

7 Now shal not God aduenge his elect, ẅ crye day and night vnto him, yea, thogh c he suffer long for them?

8 I tel you he wil aduenge thẽ quickely: but when the Sonne of man cometh, shal he finde faith on the earth?

9 ¶He spake also this parable vnto certeine which trusted in them selues that they were iuste, and despised other,

10 Two men wẽt vp into ỹ Tẽple to pray: the one a Pharise, and the other a Publicã.

11 The Pharise d stode & prayed thus with him self, O God, I thanke thee that I am not as other mẽ, extorsioners, vniust, adulterers, or euen as this Publican.

12 I fast twise in the weke: I giue tithe of all that euer I possesse.

13 But the Publicane standing a farre of, wolde not lift vp so muche as his e eyes to heauẽ, but smote his brest, saying, O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tel you, this man departed to his house iustified, "rather then the other: * for euerie man that exalteth him self, shalbe broght low, & he that humbleth him self, shalbe exalted.

15 ¶* They broght vnto him also f babes, that he shulde touche them. And when his disciples sawe it, they rebuked them.

16 But Iesus called g them vnto him and said, Suffre the babes to come vnto me, & forbid them not: for of h suche is the kingdome of God.

17 Verely I say vnto you, whosoeuer receiueth not the kingdome of God as i a babe, he shal not enter therein.

18 *Thẽ a certeine ruler asked him, saying, Good master, what ogh t I to do, to inherite eternal life?

19 And Iesus said vnto him, Why callest thou me k good? none is good, saue one, *euen* God.

20 Thou knowest the commandements, *Thou shalt not commit adulterie: Thou shalt not kil: Thou shalt not steale: Thou shalt not beare false witnes: Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these haue I kept from my youth.

22 Now whẽ Iesus heard that, he said vnto him, Yet lackest thou one thing. Sel all ỹ euer thou hast, & distribute vnto the poore, and thou shalt haue treasure in heauen, and come, folowe me.

23 But when he heard those things, he was verie heauie: for he was marueilous riche.

24 And when Iesus sawe him sorowful, he said, With what difficultie shal they that haue riches, entre into the kingdome of God?

25 Surely it is easier for a "camel to go through a nedles eye, then for a riche man to entre into the kingdome of God.

26 Then said they that heard it, And who then can be saued?

27 And he said, The things which are vnpossible with mẽ, are l possible with God.

28 ¶*Then Peter said, Lo, we haue left all, and haue followed thee.

29 And he said vnto thẽ, Verely I say vnto you, there is no man that hathe left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or childrẽ for the kingdome of Gods sake,

30 Which shal not receiue m muche more in this worlde, and in the worlde to come life euerlasting.

31 ¶*Then Iesus toke vnto him the twelue, and said vnto them, Beholde, we go vp to Ierusalem, and all things shalbe fulfilled to the Sonne of man, that are written by the Prophetes.

32 For he shalbe deliuered vnto the Gẽtiles and shalbe mocked, and shalbe spitefully entreated, and shalbe spitted on.

33 And when they haue scourged him, they wil put him to death: but the third day he shal rise againe.

34 But thei vnderstode none of these thĩgs, and this saying was hid from them, nether perceiued they the things, which were spoken.

35 ¶*And it came to passe, that as he was come nere vnto Iericho, a certeine blinde man sate by the way side begging.

a The Greke worde signifieth, not to shrinke backe as cowards do in warre, or to giue place in afflictions or dãgers

*Or, auenge me

b Who plea-deth against me.

c And seme slowe in reuenging their wrongs.

d Whereby he declared his pronde, & disdainful heart.

e These were signes of an humble and lowlie heart.

*Or, and not the other

Chap 14.11. matth.23.12. Mat 19.13. mar 10.13.

f The worde signifieth yong sucking babes ẅ thei caryed in their armes.

g He meaneth the nources or them that bare the babes, whome ỹ Apostles rebuked.

h He comprehẽdeth aswel them ỹ are infants of age, as them also, ẅ are like vnto infants in simplicitie and plainenes *Mat.19.16. mar 10.17.*

i Signifying ỹ they ought to lay aside all malice and pride. *Exod 20.13.*

k Because cõmunely they abused this worde, Iesus sheweth him that he colde not confesse him to be good except also he acknowledged that he was of God.

*Or, cable rope.

l For he so goeth with the hert of man, that ... riches do not blinde ... *Mat. 5.27. mar 10.28.*

m The litle ỹ a mã hathe ẅ the grace of God, is an hũdreth folde better the all ỹ abundance ỹ one can haue without him: but the chief recompense is in heauen *Mat 20.17. mar 10.33.*

Mat.20.29. mar.10.46.

36 And when he heard the people passe by, he asked what it ment.

37 And thei said vnto him, that Iesus of Nazaret passed by.

38 Then he cryed, saying, Iesus the Sonne of Dauid, haue mercie on me.

39 And they which wēt before, rebuked him, that he shulde holde his peace, but he cryed muche more, O [n] Sonne of Dauid, haue mercie on me.

n The people vsed to call ỹ Messias by this Name, because they knewe he shulde come of ỹ Rocke of Dauid, Psal 132,11 act 2,30.

40 And Iesus stode stil, and commanded him to be broght vnto him. And when he was come nere, he asked him,

41 Saying, What wilt thou that I do vnto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receiue my sight.

42 And Iesus said vnto him, Receiue thy sight: thy faith hathe saued thee.

o He was mindeful of the benefite receiued & also the people were moued thereby to glorifie God.

43 Then immediatly he receiued his sight, and followed him, [o] praising God: and all the people, when they sawe *this*, gaue praise to God.

CHAP. XIX.

2 Of Zaccheus. 12 The ten pieces of money 28 Christ rideth to Ierusalem, & wepeth for it. 45 He chaseth out the marchāts, 47 And his enemies seke to destroy him.

1 NOw when Iesus entred and passed through Iericho,

2 Beholde, there was a mā named Zaccheus, which *was* the chief receiuer of the tribute, and he was riche.

3 And he soght to se Iesus, who he shulde be, and colde not for the preasse, because he was of a lowe stature.

4 Wherefore he ran before, and climed vp into a wilde figge tre, that he might se him: for he shulde come that *way*.

5 And when Iesus came to the place, he loked vp, and sawe him, and said vnto him, Zaccheus, come downe at once: for to day I must abide at thine house.

6 Then he came downe hastely, and receiued him ioyfully.

7 And when all they sawe it, they murmured, saying, that he was gone in to lodge with a "sinneful man.

"Or, a man of a wicked life.

8 And Zaccheus stode forthe, & said vnto the Lord, Beholde, Lord, the halfe of my goods I giue to the poore: and if I haue taken frō anie man by "forged cauillation, I restore him foure folde.

"Or, false accusation

9 Then Iesus said to him, This day is saluation come vnto this [a] house, forasmuche as he is also become the [b] sonne of Abraham.

10 *For the Sonne of man is come to seke, and to saue that which was lost.

11 And whiles they heard these things, he continued and spake a parable, because he was nere to Ieruſalem, and because also they thoght that the kingdome of God shulde shortely appeare.

12 He said therefore, *A certeine noble mā went into [c] a farre countrey, to receiue for him self a kingdome, and so to come againe.

Mat.25,14.

c This was to declare to thē that he must yet take great paines before his kingdome shulde be established.

13 And he called his ten seruants, and deliuered them ten [d] pieces of money, and said vnto them, [e] Occupie til I come.

d This piece of money is called Mina, and the whole some mounteth about the value of 17 pounds, estēming euerie piece, about fiue nobles & seuen pence

e God wil not that his graces remaine idle with vs.

14 Now his citizēs hated him, and sent an ambassage after him, saying, We wil not haue this man to reigne ouer vs.

15 And it came to passe, when he was come [f] againe, and had receiued his kingdome, ỹ he cōmanded the seruants to be called to him, to whome he gaue his money, that he might knowe what euerie mā had gained.

f Whereby we learne that the seconde comming of our Saviour Christ shalbe more glorious, and excellent, thē it doeth now appeare.

16 Thē came the first, saying, Lord, thy piece hathe encreased ten pieces.

17 And he said vnto him, Wel, good seruāt: becaus ỹ hast bene faithful in a verie litle thing, take thou autoritie ouer tē cities.

18 And the seconde came, saying, Lord, thy piece hathe encreased fiue pieces.

19 And to the same he said, Be thou also *ruler* ouer fiue cities.

20 So the other came and said, Lord, beholde thy piece, which I haue laid vp in a napkin.

21 For I feared thee, because thou art a straite man: thou takest vp, that thou laidest not downe, and reapest that thou diddest not sowe.

22 Then he said vnto him, Of thine owne [g] mouth will I iudge thee, ô euil seruāt. Thou knewest that I am a straite man, taking vp that I laid not downe, and reaping that I did not sowe.

g They that suppresse the gifres of God, & liue in idlenes, are without all excuse.

23 Wherefore thē gauest not thou my money into the bāke, that at my comming I might haue required it with vantage?

Chap 8,18. matth 13,12. & 25,29. mar 4,25.

24 And he said to them that stode by, Take from him that piece, and giue it him that hathe ten pieces.

h He ỹ faithfully beſtoweth the graces of God, shal haue them increased: but they shalbe raken away frō him that is vnprofitable, and viseth them not to Gods glorie

25 (And they said vnto him, Lord, he hathe ten pieces.)

26 *For I say vnto you, that vnto all them that haue, it shalbe [h] giuen: and from him that hathe not, euen that he hathe, shalbe taken from him.

27 Moreouer those mine enemies, which wolde not that I shulde reigne ouer them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

Mat.21,1. mar 11,1.

i Hereby we perceiue the excellent constancie of Christ, who notwithstanding he did now fight against the terrour of death, and Gods iudgemēt: yet wēt before his fearful disciples and led the way to death.

28 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, he went forthe [i] before, asceāding vp to Ierusalem.

29 *And it came to passe, when he was come nere to Bethphage, and Bethania, besides the mount which is called *the mount* of olives, he sent two of his disciples,

30 Saying, Go ye to the towne which is before *you*, wherein, assone as ye are come, ye shal finde a colte tied, whereon neuer man sate: lose him, and bring him *hither*.

31 [k] And if anie man aske you, why ye lose *him*, thus shal ye say vnto him, Because

k Christ preuenteth suche difficulties as might haue troubled his disciples

the

a Zaccheus adoption was a signe that ỹ whole familie was receiued to mercie. Notwithstanding this promes, God reserueth to him self fre liberte ether to chuse or forsake as in Abrahams house *Mat.18,11.*

b To be the sonne of Abraham, is to be chosen frely, Rom 9,8 to walke in the steppes of the faith of Abraham, Rom.4,12: to do the workes of Abraham. Iohn 8,39 by the ẅ thing we are moste assured of life euerlasting. Ro,8,29.

the Lord hathe nede of him.

32 So they that were ſent, went their way, and founde it as he had ſaid vnto them.

33 And as they were loſing the colte, the owners thereof ſaid vnto them, Why loſe ye the colte?

34 And they ſaid, The Lord hathe nede of him.

Mat.21.7. iohn 12,14. 35 ¶*So they brought him to Ieſus, and they caſt their garments on the colte, and ſet Ieſus thereon.

36 And as he went, they ſpred their clothes in the way.

37 And when he was now come nere to the going downe of the mount of oliues, the whole multitude of the diſciples began to reioyce, & to praiſe God with a loude voice, for all the great workes ỹ thei had ſene,

38 Saying, Bleſſed *be* the King that cometh in the Name of the Lord: [l] peace in heauen, and glorie in the hieſt *places*.

l They wiſh that God may be appeaſed, & reconciled vnto mē: and ſo by this meanes be glorified.

39 Then ſome of the Phariſes of the companie ſaid vnto him, Maſter, rebuke thy diſciples.

40 But he anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, I tel you, that if theſe ſhulde holde their peace, the ſtones wolde crye.

Chap 21,6. mat 24,1. mar 13,1. 41 ¶*And whē he was come nere, he beheldē the citie, and wept for it,

m Chriſt parſely pitieth ỹ Citie which was ſo nere her deſtructiō, & partely vpbraideth their malice which wolde not embrāce Chriſt their Sauiour, and therefore pronounceth greater puniſhment to Ieruſalem then to other cities, which had not receiued like graces.

42 Saying, [m] O if thou haddeſt euen knowē at the leaſt in this thy day [n] thoſe things, which *belong* vnto thy peace: but now are they [o] hid from thine eyes.

n Meaning Chriſt, without whome there is no ſalnatiō, & with whome is all felicitie.

o Through thine owne malice thou art blinded

43 For the dayes ſhal come vpon thee, that thine enemies ſhal caſt a trēche about thee, and compaſſe thee rounde, and kepe thee in on euerie ſide,

Iſa 56,7. mat 21,12 mar 11,17. Iere 7,11. 44 And ſhal make thee eauen with the grouūde, and thy children which are in thee, and they ſhal not leaue in thee a ſtone vpon a ſtone, becauſe thou kneweſt not the time of thy [p] viſitation.

p And receiuedſt not the redemer, ẃ was ſent thee.

45 ¶*He went alſo into the Temple, and began to caſt out them that ſolde therein, and them that boght,

46 Saying vnto them, It is written, * Mine houſe is the houſe of prayer, * but ye haue made it a denne of theues.

47 And he taught [q] daily in the Tēple. And the high Prieſts & the Scribes, & the chief of the people ſought to deſtroye him.

48 But they colde not finde what thei might do to him: for all the people [q] hanged vpō him when they heard him.

q That is, were moſte attēt to heare

CHAP. XX.

4 Chriſt ſtoppeth his aduerſaries mouthes by another queſtion. 9 Sheweth their deſtructiō by a parable. 22 The autoritie of princes. 27 The reſurrection, & his diuine power. 45 He reproueth the ambition of the Scribes.

Mat.21,23. mar,11,27. 1 AND *it came to paſſe that on one of thoſe dayes, as he taught the people in the Temple, and preached the Goſpel, the high Prieſts & the Scribes came vpon him with the Elders,

2 And ſpake vnto him, ſaying, Tell vs by what autoritie thou doeſt theſe things, or who is he that hathe giuen thee this autoritie?

3 And he anſwered and ſaid vnto them, I alſo wil aſke you one thing: tell me therefore:

a By baptiſme he cōprehēdeth all Iohns miniſterie, who bare witnes to Chriſt.

4 The [a] baptiſme of Iohn was it from heauen, or of men?

5 And they reaſoned within them ſelues, ſaying, If we ſhal ſay from heauen, he wil ſay, Why then beleued ye him not?

6 But if we ſhal ſay, Of men, all the people wil ſtone vs: for thei be perſuaded that Iohn was a Prophet.

7 Therefore they anſwered, that they colde not tell whence it *was*.

b By this meanes he made them aſhamed and aſtoniſhed

8 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto them, [b] Nether tell I you, by what autoritie I do theſe things.

Mat.21,33. mar.12,1. Iſa 5,1. ier 2,21.

9 ¶*Thē began he to ſpeake to the people this parable, * A certeine man planted a [c] vineyarde, & [d] let it forthe to houſbandmen: and went into a ſtrange countrey, for a great ſeaſon.

c The Iewes were as Gods plantes & his owne grafting.

10 And at a time he ſent a [e] ſeruant to the houſband men, that they ſhulde giue him of the frute of the vineyarde, but the houſband men did beat him, and ſent him a way emptie.

d God cōmitted his people to the Gouernors & Prieſts

11 Againe he ſent yet another ſeruant: and they did beat him, and fowle entreated him, and ſent him away emptie.

e He raiſed vp Prophettes.

12 Moreouer, he ſent the third, and him they wounded, and caſt out.

13 Then ſaid the Lord of the vineyarde, What ſhal I do? I wil ſend my beloued ſonne: it may be that thei wil do reuerēce, when they ſe him.

14 But when the houſband men ſawe him, they reaſoned with them ſelues, ſaying, This is the heire: come, let vs kil him, that the enheritance may be ours.

15 So they caſt him out of the vineyarde, & killed him. What ſhal the Lord of the vineyarde therefore do vnto them?

16 He wil come & deſtroy theſe houſbandmen, and wil giue out his vineyarde to others. But when they heard it, they ſaid, God forbid.

Pſal. 117,22. iſa 28,16. act 4,11. rom 9,33. 1.pet.2,8.

17 ¶And he beheld them, and ſaid, What meaneth this then that is written, * The ſtone that the buylders refuſed, that is made the head [f] of the corner?

f For by it the building is ioyned together & made ſtrong

18 [g] Whoſoeuer ſhal fall vpon that ſtone, ſhalbe broken: & on whome ſoeuer it ſhal fall, it wil grinde him to powder.

g They that ſtumble & fall on Chriſt, thinking to oppreſſe him, ſhalbe ouerthrowen

19 Then the hie Prieſts and the Scribes the ſame houre went about to lay hands on him: (but they feared the people) for they perceiued that he had ſpoken this parable againſt them.

them ſelues & deſtroyed.

Mat 22,16. mar 12,13.

20 *And they [h] watched *him*, & ſent forthe

h They wayred for a conuenient time and place.

ſpies, which ſhulde faine them ſelues iuſte men, to take him in his talke, and to deliuer him vnto the power and autoritie of the gouernour.

21 And they aſked him, ſaying, Maſter, we knowe that thou ſayeſt, and teacheſt right, nether doeſt thou accept mãs perſone, but teacheſt the way of God truely.

i They thoght it vnlawful to pay to a prince being an infidel, that which thei were wõt to pay to God in his Tẽple.

22 Is it ilawful for vs to giue Ceſar tribute or no?

23 But he perceiued their craftines, & ſaid vnto them, Why tempt ye me?

24 Shewe me a penie. Whoſe image and ſuperſcription hathe it? They anſwered and ſaid, Ceſars.

Rom 13,7.

25 Then he ſaid vnto them, * k Giue thẽ vnto Ceſar the things which are Ceſars, and to God thoſe which are Gods.

k The duetie vnto princes, letteth nothig that vnto God is due vnto God

26 And they colde not reproue his ſaying before the people: but they marueiled at his anſwer, and helde their peace.

Mat.22,23. mar.12,18.

27 *Then came to him certeine of the Sadduces (which denie that there is anie reſurrection) and they aſked him,

Deu.25.5

28 Saying, Maſter, *Moſes wrote vnto vs, If anie mans brother dye hauing a wife, and he dye without children, that his brother ſhulde take *his* wife, and raiſe vp ſede vnto his brother.

29 Now there were ſeuen brethren, and the firſt toke a wife, & he dyed without children.

k In this place he calleth all them children of this worlde which remaine in the ſame: or els matrimonie ſhulde not ſeme to appertaine to the children of God, as that wicked monſtre pope Cyricius taught againſt the manifeſt Scriptures.

30 And the ſeconde toke the wife, and he dyed childeles.

31 Then the third toke her: and ſo likewiſe the ſeuen dyed, and left no children.

32 And laſt of all, the woman dyed alſo.

33 Therefore at the reſurrection, whoſe wife of them ſhal ſhe be? for ſeuen had her to wife.

l Since mariage is ordeined to maintaine & increaſe mãkinde, whẽ we ſhal be immortal; it ſhal not be in anie vſe

34 Thẽ Ieſus anſwered, & ſaid vnto them, The l children of this worlde marie wiues and are maried.

m For although the wicked riſe againe, yet that life is but death and an eternal deſtruction.

35 But they which ſhalbe counted worthie to enioye that worlde, and the reſurrectiõ from the dead, nether marie wiues, nether are maried.

Exo.3,6.

36 m For they can dye no more, foraſmuche as thei are equal vnto the Angels, and are the Sonnes of God, n ſince they are the children of the reſurrection.

o Of them & are not, but of thẽ which are.

37 And that the dead ſhal riſe againe, euen *Moſes ſhewed it beſides the buſhe, when he ſaid, The Lord o the God of Abraham, & the God of Iſaac, & the God of Iacob.

p The immortalitie of the ſoule cãnot be ſeparate from the reſurrectiõ of the bodie, whereof here Chriſt properly ſpeaketh.

38 For he is not the God of the odead, but of them which liue: p for all liue vnto him.

Mat.22,44. mar.12,35.

39 Then certeine of the Phariſes anſwered and ſaid, Maſter, thou haſt wel ſaid.

40 And after that, durſt they not aſke him anie thing at all.

41 ¶ *Then ſaid he vnto them, How ſay thei that Chriſt is Dauids ſonne?

42 And Dauid him ſelf ſaith in the boke of the Pſalmes, * The Lord ſaid vnto my Lord, ſit at my right hand,

Pſal.110,1.

43 Til I ſhal make thine enemies thy foteſtole.

44 Seing Dauid calleth him Lord, how is he then his q ſonne?

q For the ſonne is not Lord of his father, and therefore it followeth that Chriſt is God

45 ¶ Then in the audiẽce of all the people he ſaid vnto his diſciples,

46 *Beware of the Scribes, which deſire to go in long robes, and loue ſalutations in the markets, and the hieſt ſeates in the Synagogues, and the chief roumes at feaſts:

Chap. 11, 43. mat 23,6. mar.12,38.

47 Which deuoure widowes houſes, euen vnder a colour of long praying: theſe ſhal receiue greater damnation.

CHAP. XXI.

3 Chriſt commendeth the poore widdowe & He forewarneth of the deſtruction of Ieruſalem. 8 Of falſe teachers. 9 Of the tokens and troubles to come. 27 Of the end of the worlde. 37 And of his daylie exerciſe.

1 AND *as he behelde, he ſawe the riche men, which caſt their giftes into the treaſurie,

Mar.12,41.

2 And he ſawe alſo a certeine poore widowe, which caſt in thither two mites,

3 And he ſaid, Of a trueth I ſay vnto you, that this poore widowe hathe caſt in more then they all.

a God eſteemeth not the gift or almes by the quantitie or value, but by the heart & affection

4 aFor they all haue of their ſuperfluitie caſt into the offrings of God: but ſhe of her penurie hathe caſt in all the liuing that ſhe had.

Chap 19,43, mat 24,1. mar.13,1.

5 *Now as ſome ſpake of the Temple, how it was garniſhed with goodlie ſtones and with "conſecrat things, he ſaid,

"Or, gifts.

6 Are theſe the things that ye loke vpon? the dayes wil come wherein a ſtone ſhal not be left vpon a ſtone, that ſhal not be throwen downe.

7 Then they aſked him, ſaying, Maſter, but when ſhal theſe things be? and what ſigne *ſhal* there *be* when theſe things ſhal come to paſſe?

b Chriſt then maketh anſwer of that, which was more neceſſarie for them, and not to the queſtion they demaunded.

8 *And he ſaid, b Take hede, that ye be not deceiued: for many wil come in my Name, ſaying, I am *Chriſt*, & the time draweth nere: followe ye not them therefore.

9 And when ye heare of warres and ſeditions, be not afrayed: for theſe things muſt firſt come, but the end followeth not by and by.

10 Then ſaid he vnto them, Nacion ſhal riſe againſt nacion, and kingdome againſt kingdome,

11 *And great earthquakes ſhalbe in diuers places, and hunger, and peſtilence, and fearefull things, and great ſignes ſhal there be from heauen.

Mat 24,8. mar 13,9.

12 But before all theſe, they ſhal lay their hands on you, & perſecute *you*, deliuering you vp to the Synagogues, and into priſones,

ſones, and bring you before Kings and rulers for my Names ſake.

c This their ſuffrance ſhal bothe be a greater confirmation to the Goſpel, and alſo by their cõſtancie the tyrannie of their enemis ſhal at length be manifeſt before God & man *Chap 12,12. mat.10,19. mar.13,11.*

13 And this ſhal turne to you, for a c teſtimonial.

14 *Lay it vp therefore in your hearts, that ye premeditate not, what ye ſhal anſwer.

15 For I wil giue you a mouth and wiſdome, where againſt all your aduerſaries ſhal not be able to ſpeake, nor d reſiſt.

d For though they were ſo impudent to reſiſt, yet trueth euer gaineth ỹ victorie *Mat.10,13.*

16 Yea, ye ſhalbe betrayed alſo of your parents, and of your brethren, and kinſmen, and friends, and *ſome* of you ſhal they put to death.

17 And ye ſhal be hated of all men for my Names ſake.

18 *Yet there ſhal not one heere of your heades periſh.

e That is, liue ioyfully and bleſſedly, euen vnder the croſſe. *Mat 24,13. mar 13,14. dan.9,17.*

19 By your pacience e poſſeſſe your ſoules.

20 ¶*And when ye ſe Ieruſalem beſieged with ſouldiers, then vnderſtand that the deſolation thereof is nere.

21 Then let them which are in Iudea, flee to the mountaines: and let them which are in the middes thereof, departe out: and let not them that are in the countrey, enter therein.

22 For theſe be the dayes of vengeance, to fulfil all things that are written.

23 But wo *be* to them that be with childe, & to them that giue ſucke in thoſe dayes: for there ſhalbe great diſtreſſe in this land, & f wrath ouer this people.

f Gods wrath againſt this people ſhal appeare by the calamities and plagues, wherewith he wil puniſh them

24 And they ſhal fall on the edge of the ſworde, and ſhalbe led captiue into all nacions, and Ieruſalem ſhalbe troden vnder fote of the Gentiles, vntil the g time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

g He meaneth their iniquities to receiue likewiſe their puniſhment afterwarde. *Iſa 13,10. ezek 32,7. mat 24,29. mar 13,24.*

25 *Then there ſhalbe ſignes in the ſunne, and in the moone, and in the ſtarres, and vpon the earth trouble among the nacions with perplexitie: the ſea and the waters ſhal roare.

26 And mens hearts ſhal faile them for feare, and for loking after thoſe things which ſhal come on the worlde: for the powers of heauen ſhal be ſhaken,

27 And then ſhal they ſe the Sonne of man come in a cloude, with power and great glorie.

28 And when theſe things begin to come to paſſe, then loke vp, and lift vp your heads: * for your h redemption draweth nere.

Rom 8,23

h The effect of that redẽption which Ieſus Chriſt hathe purchaſed, ſhal then fully appeare.

29 And he ſpake to them a parable, Beholde, the figge tre, and all trees,

30 When they now ſhote forthe, ye ſeing them, knowe of your owne ſelues, that ſommer is then nere.

31 So likewiſe ye when ye ſe theſe things come to paſſe, knowe ye that the kingdome of God is nere.

i For all theſe things came within 50 yeres after.

32 Verely I ſay vnto you, This age ſhal not paſſe, til all *theſe* things be done.

33 Heauen and earth ſhal paſſe away, but my wordes ſhal not paſſe away.

34 Take hede to your ſelues, leſt at any time your hearts be oppreſſed with ſurfeting and drunkennes, and cares of this life, and leſt that day come on you at vnwares.

k To catch & intangle them, whereſoeuer they be in the worlde

35 For as a k ſnare ſhal it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

*Or, that ye may be made worthie

36 Watche therefore, & pray continually, *that ye may be counted worthie to eſcape all theſe things that ſhal come to paſſe, and that ye may ſtand before the Sonne of mã.

37 ¶Now in the day time he taught in the Temple, & at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called *the mount* of oliues.

38 And all the people came in the morning to him, to heare him in the Temple.

CHAP. XXII.

4 Conſpiracie againſt Chriſt. 7 They eat the Paſſeouer. 19 The inſtitucion of the Lords ſupper. 24 They ſtriue who ſhalbe greateſt, and he reproueth thẽ. 42 He prayeth vpon the mount 47 Iudas treaſon. 54 They take him, & bring him to the hie Prieſts houſe 60 Peter demeth him thriſe, and yet repenteth. 67 Chriſt is broght before the Counſel, where he maketh ample confeſſion.

Mat 26,1. mar 14,1.

1 NOw *the a feaſt of vnleauened bread drewe nere, which is called the Paſſeouer.

a The feaſt was ſo called, becauſe they colde eat no leauened bread for the ſpace of ſeuen dates: for ſo long the feaſt of ỹ Paſſeouer continued.

2 And the hie Prieſts & Scribes ſoght how they might kill him: for they feared the people.

3 Then entred Satan into Iudas, who was called Iſcariot, and was of the nomber of the twelue.

4 And he went his way, and cõmuned with the hie Prieſts & b captaines, how he might betray him to them.

b Suche as were appointed to kepe the Temple

5 So they were c glad, and agreed to giue him money.

c For thei were in doute what way to take before this occaſion was offred.

6 And he conſented, and ſoght opportunitie to betray him vnto them, when the people were away.

Mat.26,17. mar 14,13.

7 ¶*The came ỹ day of vnleauened bread when the Paſſeouer d muſt be ſacrificed.

d According to Gods commandement ỹ was firſt to offer it, and after to eat it.

8 And he ſent Peter and Iohn, ſaying, Go, and prepare vs the Paſſeouer, that we may eat it.

9 And they ſaid to him, Where wilt thou, that we prepare it?

10 Then he ſaid vnto them, Beholde, when ye be entred into the citie, there ſhal a man mete you, bearing a pitcher of water: followe him into ỹ houſe that he entreth in,

11 And ſay vnto the good man of the houſe, The Maſter ſaith vnto thee, Where is the lodging where I ſhal eat my Paſſeouer with my diſciples?

12 Then he ſhal ſhewe you a great hie chãber trimmed: there make it readie.

13 So they went & founde as he had ſaid vn to them, and made readie the Paſſeouer.

Mat.26,20. mar.14,18.

c Which was in the euening about ỹ twye light, which time was appointed to eat the Paſſeouer.

14 *And when the c houre was come, he ſate downe, and the twelue Apoſtles with him.

15 Then he ſaid vnto them, I haue earneſtly deſired to eat this Paſſeouer with you before I ſuffre.

16 For I ſay vnto you, f Hence forthe I wil not eat of it any more, vntil it be fulfilled in the kingdome of God.

f He meaneth that this is the laſt time that he wolde be conuerſant w̃ thẽ as he was before, or ſo eat with them

17 And he toke the cup, and gaue thankes, and ſaid, Take this, and deuide it among you.

18 For I ſay vnto you, I wil not drinke of the frute of the vine, vntil the kingdome of God be come.

Mat.26,28. mar.14,22. 1 cor 11,24.

g The bread is a true ſigne, and an aſſured teſtimonie that the bodie of Ieſus Chriſt is giuen for the nourriture of our ſoules: likewiſe the wine ſignifieth ỹ his blood is our drinke to refreſhe and quicken vs euerlaſtingly.

19 *And he toke bread, and when he had giuen thankes, he brake it, and gaue to them, ſaying, g This is my bodie, which is giuen for you: do this in the remẽbrance of me.

Iohn 13,18. Pſal.40,11.

h The ſigne of the new couenant which is eſtabliſhed & ratified by Chriſts blood.

20 Likewiſe alſo after ſupper *he toke* the cup, ſaying, This cup *is* the new h Teſtament in my blood, which is ſhed for you.

21 *Yet beholde, the hand of him that betrayeth me, is with me at the table.

Mat.20,25. mar.10,42.

i By the ſecret couſel of God, as Act 4,28

22 And truely the Sonne of man goeth as it is[wt] i appointed: but wo *be* to that man, by whome he is betrayed.

k Meaning ỹ thei haue vaine & flattering titles giuen them, for aſmuche as they are nothing leſſe then their names do ſignifie.

23 Then they began to enquire among thẽ ſelues which of thẽ it ſhulde be, that ſhulde do that.

24 ¶ *And there aroſe alſo a ſtrife amõg thẽ, which of them ſhulde ſeme to be the greateſt.

25 But he ſaid vnto them, The Kings of the Gentiles reigne ouer them, and they that beare rule ouer thẽ, are called k Gracious lords.

Or, yonger.

26 But ye *ſhal* not *be* ſo: but let the greateſt among you be as the *leaſt: & the chiefeſt as he that ſerueth.

Or, leaue by-queſt

27 For who is greater, he that ſitteth at table, or he that ſerueth? Is not he that ſitteth at table? And I am among you as he that ſerueth.

Mat.19,28.

l By theſe ſimilitudes he declareth that they ſhalbe partakers of his glorie: for in heauen is nether eating nor drinking

28 And ye are they which haue continued with me in my tentations.

29 Therefore I *appoint vnto you a kingdome, as my Father hathe appoĩted to me,

30 *That ye may l eat, and drinke at my table in my kingdome, and ſit on ſeates, and iudge thẽ twelue tribes of Iſrael.

1. Pet.5,8.

m Satã ſeketh by all meanes to diſquiet the Church of Chriſt, to diſperſe it, and to ſhake it from the true faith.

31 ¶ And the Lord ſaid, Simon, Simon, beholde, * Satan hathe deſired you, m to wynowe you, as wheat.

n It was ſore ſhakẽ, but yet not ouerthrowen

32 But I haue prayed for thee, that thy faith n faile not: therefore when thou art conuerted, ſtrengthen thy brethren.

Mat.26,34. mar.14,30. iohn 13,38.

33 *And he ſaid vnto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee into priſon, and to death.

34 But he ſaid, I tell thee, Peter, the cocke ſhal not crowe this day, before thou haſt thrife denyed that thou kneweſt me.

Mat.10,9.

35 ¶ And he ſaid vnto thẽ, *Whẽ I ſent you without bagge, and ſcrip, and ſhoes, lacked ye any thing? And they ſaid, Nothing.

36 Then he ſaid to them, But now he that hathe a bagge, let him take it, and likewiſe a ſcrip: and he that hathe none, let him ſel his coate, and o bye a ſworde.

o By this he ſheweth them that they muſt ſuſteine great troubles and afflictions. *Iſa 53,12.*

37 For I ſay vnto you, That yet the ſame which is written, muſt be pertormed in me, * Euen with the wicked was he nombred: for douteles thoſe things which *are written* of me, haue an end.

p They were yet ſo rude ỹ they thoght to haue reſiſted with materiall weapons, where as Chriſt warneth them of a ſpiritual fight, wherein aſwel their life as faith ſhulde be in danger.

38 And they ſaid, Lord, beholde, here are p two ſwordes. And he ſaid vnto them, It is ynough.

Mat.26,36. mar.14,32. iohn 18,1.

39 ¶ *And he came out, and went (as he was wonte) to the mounte of oliues: and his diſciples alſo followed him.

Mat.26,41. mar 14,38.

40 *And when he came to the place, he ſaid to them, Pray, leſt ye enter into tentation.

q Meaning, his death and paſſion.

41 And he gate him ſelf from them, about a ſtones caſt, and kneled downe, & prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou wilt, take away this q cup from me: neuertheles, not my wil, but thine be done.

43 And there appeared an Angel vnto him from heauen, comforting him.

r The worde ſignifieth that horrour that Chriſt had cõceiued not onely for feare of death, but of his fathers iuſt gremẽt & wrath againſt ſinne.

44 But being in an r agonie, he prayed more earneſtly: and his ſweate was like droppes of blood, trickling downe to the grounde.

45 And he roſe vp from prayer, & came to *his* diſciples, and founde them ſleping for heauines.

46 And he ſaid vnto them, Why ſlep ye? riſe and pray, leſt ye entre into tentation.

Mat 26,47. mar.14,43. iohn 18,3.

47 ¶ *And while he yet ſpake, beholde a cõpanie, and he that was called Iudas one of the twelue, went before them, and came nere vnto Ieſus to kiſſe him.

48 And Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Iudas, betrayeſt thou the Sonne of man with a kiſſe?

49 Now when they which were about him, ſawe what wolde followe, they ſaid vnto him, Lord, ſhal we ſmite with ſworde?

50 And one of them ſmote a ſeruant of the hie Prieſt, and ſtrake of his right eare.

51 Then Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid, Suffre *them* thus farre: and he touched his eare, & healed him.

52 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto the hie Prieſts, & captaines of the Temple, and the Elders which were come to him, Be ye come out as vnto a theefe with ſwordes and ſtaues?

53 When I was daily with you in the Tẽple, ye ſtretched not forthe the hands againſt me: but this is your very houre, and the ſ power of darkenes.

ſ For now God gaue libertie to Satã whoſe miniſters they were, to execute his rage againſt him: which thing we ſe is gouerned by the prouidence of God *Mat.26,54. mar 14,66. iohn 18,26.*

54 ¶ Then toke they him, and led him, and broght him to the hie Prieſts houſe. And Peter followed a farre of.

55 *And whẽ they had kindled a fyre in the middes of the hall, and were ſet downe together, Peter alſo ſate downe among thẽ.

56 And a certeine maide behelde him as he ſate by the fyre, and hauing wel loked on him,

him, ſaid, This man was alſo with him.
57 But he denied him, ſaying, Woman, I knowe him not.
58 And after a litle while, another mā ſawe him, and ſaid, Thou art alſo of them. But Peter ſaid, Man, I am not.
59 And about the ſpace of an houre after a certeine other affirmed, ſaying, Verely euen this man was with him: for he is alſo a Galilean.
60 And Peter ſaid, Man, I knowe not what thou ſaieſt. And immediatly while he yet ſpake, the cocke crewe.
61 Then the Lord turned backe, and loked vpon Peter: and Peter remembred the worde of the Lord, how he had ſaid vnto him, * Before the cocke crowe, thou ſhalt denie me thriſe.
62 And Peter went out, & wept bitterly.
63 ¶ And the men that helde Ieſus, mocked him, and ſtroke him.
64 And when they had blindefolded him, thei ſmote him on the face, & aſked him, ſaying, [t] Prophecie who it is ỹ ſmote thee.
65 And manie other things blaſphemouſly ſpake they againſt him.
66 * And aſſone as it was day, the Elders of the people, and the hie Prieſts & the Scribes came togēther, and led him into their Councel,
67 Saying, [u] Art thou the Chriſt? tell vs. And he ſaid vnto thē, If I tell you, ye wil not beleue it.
68 And if alſo I aſke you, ye wil not anſwer me, nor let me go.
69 [x] Hereafter ſhal the Sonne of man ſit at the [y] right hand of the power of God.
70 Then ſaid they all, Art thou then the Sonne of God? And he ſaid to thē, Ye ſay that I am.
71 Then ſaid they, What nede we anie further witnes? for we our ſelues haue heard it of his owne mouth.

Mat 26,34. ioh.13,38.

t Thei ſkoffed at him, becauſe the people thoght he was a Prophet. *Mat 27,1. mar 15,1. ioh 18,28.*

u They aſked not to the end that the trueth might be knowen, (for the thing was to manifeſt) but for malice thei bare towardes Chriſt

x At his ſecōde coming

y As in the ſeconde place of honour & dignitie.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Ieſus is broght before Pilate and Herode 18 Of Barabbas. 26 Of Simon the Cyrenian 27 The women make lamentacion 33 Chriſt crucified 34 He praieth for his enemies 40 He conuerteth the theef & manie others at his death. 53 And is buryed.

Mat.27,11. mar 15,2.

1 THen * the whole multitude of them aroſe, and led him vnto [a] Pilate.
2 And they began to accuſe him, ſaying, We haue founde this man peruerting the people, and forbidding to paye tribute to Ceſar, ſaying, That he is Chriſt a King.
3 * And Pilate aſked him, ſaying, Art thou the King of the Iewes? And he anſwered him, and ſaid, Thou ſaiſt it.
4 Then ſaid Pilate to the hie Prieſts, and to the people, I finde no faute in this man.
5 But they were the more fierce, ſaying, He moueth the people, teaching through out all Iudea, beginning at Galile, euen to this place.
6 Now when Pilate heard of Galile, he aſked whether the man were a Galilean.
7 And when he knewe that he was of Herodes iuriſdiction, he [b] ſent him to Herode, which was alſo at Ieruſalem [*] in thoſe daies.
8 And when Herode ſawe Ieſus, he was exceadingly glad: for he was [c] deſirous to ſe him of a long ſeaſon, becauſe he had heard manie things of him, and truſted to haue ſene ſome [*] ſigne done by him.
9 Then queſtioned he with him of manie things: but he anſwered him [d] nothing.
10 The hie Prieſts alſo and Scribes ſtode forthe and accuſed him vehemently.
11 And Herode with his [*] men of warre, deſpiſed him, and mocked him, and arayed him in [e] white, and ſent him againe to Pilate.
12 * And the ſame daye Pilate and Herode were made friends together: for before they were enemies one to another.
13 ¶ Then Pilate called together the hie Prieſts, and the rulers, and the people,
14 And ſaid vnto them, Ye haue broght this man vnto me, as one that peruerted the people: and beholde, I haue examined him before you, and haue founde no faute in this man, of thoſe things whereof ye accuſe him:
15 No, nor yet Herode: for I ſent you to him: and lo, nothing worthie of death is done [*] to him.
16 I wil therefore chaſtiſe him, and let him lowſe.
17 (For of [f] neceſsitie he muſt haue let one lowſe vnto them at the feaſt.)
18 Then all the multitude cryed at once, ſaying, Away with him, and deliuer to vs Barabbas:
19 Which for a certeine inſurrection made in the citie, & murther was caſt in priſon.
20 Then Pilate ſpake againe to them, willing to let Ieſus lowſe.
21 But they cryed, ſaying, Crucifie, crucifie him.
22 And he ſaid vnto them the third time, But what euil hathe he done? I finde [g] no cauſe of death in him: I wil therefore chaſtiſe him, and let him lowſe.
23 But they were inſtant with loude voyces, and required that he might be crucified: and the voyces of them and of the hie Prieſts preuailed.
24 So Pilate gaue ſentence, that it ſhulde be as they required.
25 And he let lowſe vnto them him that for inſurrection and murther was caſt into priſon, whome thei deſired, and deliuered Ieſus to do with him what they wolde.
26 ¶ * And as they led him awaye, they

a Who was the chief gouernour, and had the examinacion of matters of life & death

b To rid his hands, and to gratifie Herode

*Or, at that time

c Of a certeine curioſitie.

*Or, miracle.

d For Chriſt came not to defend him ſelf, neither yet wold pleaſe the vaine curioſitie of this tyraunt.

*Or, bande, or traine

e Communely this was a robe of honour, or excellencie: but it was giuen to Chriſt in mockage. *Mat 27,28. mar 15,16. ioh 18,38. & 19,4.*

*Or, in bright colour.

*Or, by him.

f For the Romains had giuen ſuche frāches & liberties to ỹ Iewes, which was but a tradition, & not according to the worde of God.

g The iudge gmeth ſentence with Chriſt, before he condemneth him, where by plainly appeareth Ieſus innocencie.

Mat 27,32. mar 15,21.

caught one Simon of Cyrene, comming out of the field, and on him they laid the crosse, to beare it after Iesus.

27 And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women, which women bewailed and lamented him.

28 But Iesus turned backe vnto them, and said, "Daughters of Ierusalem, wepe not for me, but wepe for your selues, and for your children.

"Or, women of Ierusalem.

29 For beholde, the daies wil come, when men shal say, Blessed *are* the barren, & the wombes that neuer bare, and the pappes which neuer gaue sucke.

30 Then shal they beginne to say to the mountaines, *Fall on vs: and to the hilles, Couer vs.

Isa 2.19 hose. 10.8. reuel 6. 16.

31 *For if they do these things to a [h] grene tre, what shalbe done to the drye?

1 Pet 4.17.

32 *And there were two others, which were euil doers, led with him to be slayne.

Mat.27.38. mar 15.27. iohn 19.18.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called "Caluerie, there they crucified him, and the euil doers: one at the right hand, and the other at the left.

h If the innocent be thus handled, what shal the wicked man be?

"Or, the place of skulles

34 Then said Iesus, Father, forgiue them: for they knowe not what they do. And they parted his rayment, and cast lots.

35 And the people stode, and beholde: and the rulers mocked him with them, saying, He saued others: let him saue him self, if he be the Christ, the [i] Chosen of God.

i Whome God hathe before all others appointed to be the Messias: otherwise the Scriptures calleth them the elect of God, whome he hathe chosen before all beginning to life euerlasting

36 The souldiers also mocked him, and came and offred him [k] vineger,

k Mixt with myrrhe & gall to hasten his death

37 And said, If thou be the King of the Iewes, saue thy self.

38 And a superscription was also written ouer him, in [l] Grēke lettres, and in Latin, & in Hebrewe, THIS IS THE KING OF THE IEWES.

l That the thing might be knowen to all nacions, because these three languages were moste comune.

39 ¶ And one of the euil doers, which were hanged, railed on him, saying, If thou be the Christ, saue thy self and vs.

40 But the other answered, and rebuked him, saying, [m] Feareſt thou not God, seing thou art in the same condemnacion?

m The condēnacion which thou now suffreſt, causeth it thee not to feare God?

41 We are in dede righteously *here*: for we receiue things worthie of that we haue done: but this man hathe done nothing amisse.

42 And he said vnto Iesus, Lord, remember me, when thou comeſt into thy kingdome.

43 Then Iesus said vnto him, Verely I say vnto thee, to day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

n Which was middaye.

44 ¶ And it was about the [n] sixt houre: and there was a darkenes ouer all the land, vntil the ninth houre.

45 And the sunne was darkened, and the vaile of the Temple rent through the middes.

46 And Iesus cryed with a loude voyce, and said, * Father, into thine hands I commēd my spirit. And when he thus had said, He gaue vp the gost.

Psal 30.6.

47 ¶ Now whē the "[o] Cēturion sawe what was done, he glorified God, saying, Of a suretie this man was iuste.

"Or, Captaine

o The Romaine Captaine who had charge ouer an hūdreth men.

48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things, which were done, smote their brests, and returned.

49 And all his acquaintance stode a farre of, & the women that followed him from Galile, beholding these things.

50 ¶ * And beholde, there was a mā named Ioseph, which was a counseller, a good mā and a iuste.

Mat 27.57. mar 15.43. iohn 19.38.

51 He did not consent to the counsel and dede of them, *which was* of Arimathea, a citie of ỹ Iewes: who also him self "[p] waited for the kingdome of God.

"Or, had embraced

p He loked for the redemer, by whome all inulde be restored.

52 He went vnto Pilate, and asked thē bodie of Iesus,

53 And toke it downe, and wrapped it in a linnen cloth, & laid it in a toumbe hewen out of a rocke, wherein was neuer man yet laid.

54 And that day was the [q] Prepariacion, & the Sabbath [r] drewe on.

q When men prepared all things readie for the feast.

r That is, begā the same euening.

55 And the women also that followed after, which came with him fro Galile, beheld the sepulchre, & how his bodie was laid.

56 And thei returned and prepared odores, and ointments, and rested the Sabbath *day* according to the commandement.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 The women come to the graue 13 Christ appeareth vnto the two disciples that go towarde Emmaus. 36 He standeth in the middes of his disciples, and openeth their vnderstanding in the Scriptures 47 He giueth them a charge 51 He ascendeth vp to heauen 52 His disciples worship him, 53 And of their daiely exercise.

1 NOw the * [a] first *day* of ỹ weke early in the morning, they came vnto the sepulchre, and broght the odores, which they had prepared, & certeine *women* with them.

Mat 28.1. mar.16.1. iohn 20.1

a Which was the first day after ỹ first Sabbath of the feast.

2 And they founde the stone rolled awaye from the sepulchre,

3 And went in, but founde not the bodie of the Lord Iesus.

4 And it came to passe, that as they were amased thereat, beholde, [b] two men suddenly stode by them in shining vestures.

b Two Angels in forme of men.

5 And as they were afrayed, and bowed downe their faces to the earth, they said to them, Why seke ye him that liueth, among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember *how he spake vnto you, when he was yet in Galile,

Chap.9.22. mat 17.23. mar.8.31.

7 Saying, that the sonne of man must be deliuered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third daye rise againe.

8 And

8 And they remembred his wordes,
9 And returned from the ſepulchre, & tolde all theſe things vnto the eleuen, and to all the remnant.
10 Now it was Marie Magdalene & Ioanna, & Marie the *mother* of Iames, & other women with them, which tolde theſe things vnto the Apoſtles.
11 But their wordes ſemed vnto them, as a fained thing, neither beleued they them.
12 Then aroſe Peter, and ran vnto the ſepulchre, and loked in, and ſawe the linnen clothes laid by them-ſelues, & departed wondering in him ſelf at that which was come to paſſe.
13 ¶*And beholde, two of them went that ſame day to a towne which was from Ieruſalem about [c] thre ſcore furlongs, called Emmaus.
14 And they [d] talked together of all theſe things that were done.
15 And it came to paſſe, as they communed together, and reaſoned, that Ieſus him ſelf drewe nere, and went with them.
16 But their eyes [e] were holden, that they colde not knowe him.
17 And he ſaid vnto them, What maner of communications are theſe that ye haue one to another as ye walke, and are ſad?
18 And the one (named Cleopas) anſwered and ſaid vnto him, Art thou onely a [f] ſtranger in Ieruſalem, & haſt not knowen the things which are come to paſſe therein in theſe dayes?
19 And he ſaid vnto them, What things? And they ſaid vnto him, Of Ieſus of Nazaret, which was a Prophet, mightie in dede and in worde before God, and all the people,
20 And how the hie Prieſts, and our rulers deliuered him to be condemned to death, and haue crucified him.
21 But we [g] truſted that it had bene he that ſhulde haue deliuered Iſrael, and as touching all theſe things, to day is the third day, that they were done.
22 Yea, and certeine women among vs made vs aſtonied, which came early vnto the ſepulchre.
23 And whē they founde not his bodie, they came, ſaying, that they had alſo ſene a viſiō of Angels, which ſaid that he was aliue.
24 Therefore certeine of them which were with vs, went to the ſepulchre, and founde it euen ſo as the women had ſaid, but him they ſawe not.
25 Then he ſaid vnto them, [h] O fooles and ſlowe of heart to beleue all that the Propheres haue ſpoken,
26 Ought not Chriſt to haue ſuffred theſe things, and to enter into his glorie?
27 And he began at [i] Moſes, & at all the Propheres, and interpreted vnto them in all the Scriptures the things which were *written* of him.
28 And they drewe nere vnto the towne, which they went to, but he [k] made as thogh he wolde haue gone further.
29 But they conſtrained him, ſaying, Abide with vs. for it is towardes night, and the day is farre ſpent. So he went in to tarie with them.
30 And it came to paſſe, as he ſate at table with them, he toke the bread, [l] and gaue thankes, and brake it, and gaue it to them.
31 Thē their eyes were opened, & thei knewe him: but he was taken out of their ſight.
32 And they ſaid betwene them ſelues, Did not our hearts burne within vs, while he talked with vs by the way, and when he opened to vs the Scriptures?
33 And they roſe vp the ſame houre, and returned to Ieruſalem, and founde the Eleuen gathered together, and them that were with them,
34 Which ſaid, The Lord is riſen in dede, and hathe appeared to Simon.
35 Then they tolde what things *were* done in the way, and how he was knowen of thē in [m] breaking of bread.
36 ¶*And as they ſpake theſe things, Ieſus him ſelf ſtode in the middes of them, and ſaid vnto them, Peace *be* to you.
37 But they were abaſhed & afraid, ſuppoſing that they had ſene a ſpirit.
38 Then he ſaid vnto them, Why are ye troubled? and wherefore do doutes ariſe in your hearts?
39 Beholde mine hands and my fete: for it is I my ſelf: handle me, and ſe: for a ſpirit hathe not fleſh & bones, as ye ſe me haue.
40 And when he had thus ſpoken, he ſhewed them *his* hands and fete.
41 And while they yet beleued not for ioye, and wondered, he ſaid vnto them, Haue ye here any meat?
42 And they gaue him a piece of a broiled fiſh, and of an honie combe,
43 And he toke it, & did eat before them.
44 And he ſaid vnto them, Theſe are the wordes, which I ſpake vnto you while I was yet with you, that all muſt be fulfilled which are written of me in the Law of Moſes, and in the Prophetes, and in the Pſalmes.
45 Then opened he their vnderſtanding, that they might vnderſtād the Scriptures,
46 And ſaid vnto them, Thus is it written, and thus it behoued Chriſt to ſuffre, & to riſe againe from the dead the thirde day,
47 And that repentance, and remiſsion of ſinnes ſhulde be preached in his Name amōg all nacions, beginning at Ieruſalem.
48 Now ye are witneſſes of theſe things.
49 And beholde, I wil ſend the *promes of my Father vpō you: but tary ye in the citie

Mat.16,12.

c Which is about ſeuen miles & an halfe.

d Hereby appeareth ỹ they had faith, although it was weake.

e This declareth that we can nether ſe, nor vnderſtand til God open our eyes.

f For the thig was ſo notorious, that all men might haue knowen it.

g They vnderſtode not yet what was the deliuerance ỹ Ieſus Chriſt purchaſed for vs, but loked for ſome worldelie proſperitie.

h Infidelitie is reproued.

i Chriſt onely is the interpreter of ỹ Scriptures: for bothe the beginning and end thereof direct vs to him, becauſe he is the Sauiour that is promiſed.

k Becauſe Chriſt did bothe ſhut their eyes and open thē, he wolde kepe them in ſuſpens til his time came to manifeſt him ſelf vnto them

l According to the cuſtome: ỹ which maner of prayng before meales they vſe to this day.

m So ſone as he beganne to breake bread. *Mar.16,14. Iohn 20,19.*

Iohn 15,26. Act.1,4.

of Ieruſalem, [n] vntil ye be endued with power from an hie.

50 Afterwarde he led them out into Bethania, and lift vp his hands, & bleſſed them.

51 And it came to paſſe, that as he bleſſed them, *he departed from them, and was caryed vp into heauen.

52 And they worſhipped him, and returned to Ieruſalem with great ioye,

53 And were continually in the Temple, praiſing, and lauding God, Amen.

n Which was til whitſonde, when the holie Goſt was ſent from heauen.

Mar.16,19. act.1,9.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

of Ieſus Chriſt, according to Iohn.

CHAP. I.

1 14 17 The diuinitie, humanitie, & office of Ieſus Chriſt. 15 The teſtimonie of Iohn. 39 The calling of Andrewe, Peter, &c.

[o] IN the beginning was the Worde, and the Worde was with [a] God and that Worde was God.

2 The ſame was [b] in the beginning [w] God.

3 All things were made by it, & [c] without it was made nothing that was made.

4 In it was [d] life, and the life was the [e] light of men.

5 And the light ſhineth in [f] [y] darkenes, & the darkenes comprehended it not.

6 ¶ *There was a man ſent fro God, whoſe name was Iohn.

7 The ſame came for a witnes, to beare witnes of the light, that all mē through him might beleue.

8 He was not that light, but *was ſent* to beare witnes of the light.

9 That was the true light, which lighteth euerie man that [o] cometh into the worlde.

10 He was in the worlde, and the worlde was * made by him: & the worlde [g] knewe him not.

11 He came vnto [h] his owne, and his owne receiued him not.

12 But as many as receiued him, to them he gaue [i] power to be the ſonnes of God, *euen* to them that beleue in his Name,

13 Which are borne not of blood, nor of the wil of the fleſh, nor of the wil of man, but of God.

14 *And the Worde was made [k] fleſh, and dwelt among vs, (and we * ſawe the glorie thereof, as the glorie of the onely begotten *Sonne* of the Father) *ful of grace and trueth.

15 ¶ Iohn bare witnes of him, & cryed, ſaying, This was he of whome I ſaid, He that cōmeth after me, is preferred before me: for he was [p] before me.

16 And of his fulnes haue all we receiued, and [l] grace for grace.

17 For the Lawe was giuen by Moſes, but grace and trueth came by Ieſus Chriſt.

18 *No man hathe ſene God at any time: the onely begotten Sonne, which is in the [m] boſome of the Father, he hathe [n] declared him.

19 ¶ Then this is the recorde of Iohn, whē the Iewes ſent Prieſts and Leuites from Ieruſalem, to aſke him, Who art thou?

20 And he confeſſed and denyed not, and ſaid plainely, I * am not the Chriſt.

21 And they aſked him, What thē? Art thou Elias? And he ſaid, I am not. Art thou the [o] Prophet? And he anſwered, No.

22 Then ſaid they vnto him, Who art thou that we may giue an anſwer to them that ſent vs? what ſaiſt thou of thy ſelf?

23 He ſaid, I * am the voyce of him that cryeth in the wildernes, Make ſtraight the way of [y] Lord, as ſaid the Prophet Eſaias.

24 Now they which were ſent, were of the Phariſes.

25 And they aſked him, and ſaid vnto him, Why baptizeſt thou then, if thou be not the Chriſt, nether Elias, nor the Prophet?

26 Iohn anſwered them, ſaying, I baptize with water: but there is one among you, whome ye knowe not.

27 *He it is that commeth after me, which is preferred before me, whoſe ſhoe latchet I am not worthie to vnloſe.

28 Theſe things were done in Bethabara beyonde Iordan, where Iohn did baptize.

29 ¶ The next day Iohn ſeeth Ieſus cōming vnto him, and ſaith, Beholde the lambe of God, which taketh away the [p] ſinne of the worlde.

30 This is he of whome I ſaid, After me cometh a mā, which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knewe [q] him not: but becauſe he ſhulde be declared to Iſrael, therefore am I come, baptizing with water.

32 So Iohn bare recorde, ſaying, I ſawe *the Spirit come downe from heauen, like a doue, and it abode vpon him.

33 And I knewe him not: but he that ſent me to baptize with water, he ſaid vnto me, Vpō whome thou ſhalt ſe the Spirit come downe, & tary ſtil on him, that is he which baptizeth with the [r] holie Goſt.

34 And

1.Tim 6,16. 1 Iohn 4,12.

m Meaning he is moſte deare, and ſtraitely ioyned to his Father, noe onely in loue, but alſo in nature and vnion

n And ſo God that before was inuiſible, was made, as it were, viſible in Chriſt

Act 13,23.

o Whome the Iewes looked for to be ſuche one as Moſes was. Deut 18,15.

Iſa 40,3. mat 3,3. luk.3,4.

Mat 3,11. mar 1,7. luk.3,16. act 1,5. & 11,16. & 19,4.

p Signifiȝ the originall ſinne, which is the fountaine of all ſinnes & there with all other ſinnes

q That is, by ſight, but onely by the reuelation of God.

Mat 3,16. mar.1,10. luk.3,22.

r Who giueth the vertue and effect to baptiſme, accompliſhing that thing which is thereby repreſented

o Or, preceding frō the Father.

Or, more excellent then I

l More abundant grace thē by Moſes.

Or, before the beginning

a Chriſt is God before all time.

b The Sōne is of the ſame ſubſtance with the Father

c No creature was made without Chriſt.

d Whereby all thīgs are quickened and preſerued

e The life of man is more excellent then of any other creature, becauſe it is ioyned with light and vnderſtanding.

Mat 3,1. mar.1,4. luk.3,3.

f Mans minde is ful of darkenes becauſe of the corruption thereof.

Or, are borne.

Ebr 11,4.

g Becauſe they did not worſhip him as their God. Ro 1,21 act 14,15.

h To the Iſraelites who were his peculiar people

i Meaning a priuiledge, or dignitie.

Mat.1,16. luk.3,7. Mat.17,2. 2.pet 1,17. Coloſ.1,19. & 2,9.

k He was formed and made man by the operation of the holie Goſt without the operation of mā

34 And I ſawe, and bare recorde that this is the Sonne of God.

35 ¶ The next day, Iohn ſtode againe, and two of his diſciples:

36 And he behelde Ieſus walking by, and ſaid, Beholde the f lambe of God.

37 And the two diſciples heard him ſpeake, and followed Ieſus.

38 Then Ieſus turned about, and ſawe them followe, & ſaid vnto them, What ſeke ye? And they ſaid vnto him, Rabbi (which is to ſay by interpretation, Maſter) t where dwelleſt thou?

39 He ſaid vnto them, Come, and ſe. They came and ſawe where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the u tenth houre.

40 Andrewe, Simõ Peters brother, was one of the two which had heard x it of Iohn, & that followed him.

41 The ſame founde his brother Simon firſt, and ſaid vnto him, We haue founde the Meſsias, which is by interpretation, "the Chriſt.

42 And he broght him to Ieſus. And Ieſus behelde him, & ſaid, Thou art Simon the ſonne of Iona: thou ſhalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a ſtone.

43 ¶ The day following, Ieſus wolde go into Galile, and founde Philippe, and ſaid vnto him, Followe me.

44 Now Philippe was of Bethſaida, the citie of Andrewe and Peter.

45 Philippe founde Nathanael, and ſaid vnto him, We haue founde him, of whome * Moſes did write in the Law, and the *Prophetes, Ieſus of Nazaret the ſonne of Ioſeph.

46 Then Nathanael ſaid vnto him, Can there any y good thing come out of Nazaret? Philippe ſaid to him, Come, and ſe.

47 Ieſus ſawe Nathanael coming to him, & ſaid of him, Beholde, in dede an Iſraelite, in whome is no guile.

48 Nathanael ſaid vnto him, Whēce knewe ſt thou me? Ieſus anſwered, & ſaid vnto him, Before that Philippe called thee, whē thou waſt vnder the figge tre, I ſawe thee.

49 Nathanael anſwered, & ſaid vnto him, Rabbi, thou art the Sonne of God: thou art the King of Iſrael.

50 Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, Becauſe I ſaid vnto thee, I ſawe thee vnder the figge tre, "beleueſt thou? thou ſhalt ſe greater things then theſe.

51 And he ſaid vnto him, Verely, verely, I ſay vnto you, hereafter ſhal ye ſe heauen z open, & the Angels of God * aſcending, and deſcending vpon the Sonne of man.

f He alludeth to the Paſchal lambe, which was a figure of Chriſt.

t Or where is thy lodging? or whither goeſt thou? For he dwelled in Nazaret, and was there as a ſtrãger

u That was, two houres before night

x How Iohn ſaid, that Ieſus was the lambe of God.

"Or, the Anointed.

"Or, Petrus.

Gen 49,10. deut 18,18 Iſa. 42,4. 10. 48,8. ier. 33,5. ezec 34,23. & 37,24 dan 9,24.

y Thoſe things which are contemptible to the worlde, are eſteemed and preferred of God: and thoſe things which ỹ worlde preferreth, God abhorreth.

"Or, thou beleueſt

z Chriſt openeth the heauens, that we may haue acceſſe to God, and maketh vs felowes to the Angels

Gen. 28,12.

CHAP. II.

Chriſt turneth the water into wine: 14 He driueth the byers, and ſellers out of the Tẽple 19 He forewarneth his death and reſurrection. 23 He conuerteth many, and diſtruſteth man.

1 AND the thirde day, was there a mariage in Cana *a towne* of Galile, & the mother of Ieſus was there.

2 And Ieſus was called alſo, and his diſciples vnto the mariage.

3 Now when the wine failed, the mother of Ieſus ſaid vnto him, They haue no wine.

4 Ieſus ſaid vnto her, Woman, what haue I to do with thee? mine houre is not yet come.

5 His mother ſaid vnto the ſeruants, Whatſoeuer he ſaith vnto you, do it.

6 And there were ſet there, ſix waterpottes of ſtone, after the maner of the a purifying of the Iewes, conteining two or thre "b firkins a piece.

7 And Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Fil the waterpottes with water. Then they filled them vp to the brim.

8 Then he ſaid vnto them, Drawe out now & beare vnto the "gouernour of the feaſt. So they bare it.

9 Now whē the gouernour of the feaſt had taſted the water that was made wine, (for he knewe not whence it was: but ỹ ſeruãts, which drewe the water, knewe) the gouernour of the feaſt called the bridegrome,

10 And ſaid vnto him, All men at the beginning ſet forthe good wine, and when men haue wel drunke, then that which is worſe: *but* thou haſt kept backe the good wine vntil now.

11 This beginning of "miracles did Ieſus in Cana *a towne* of Galile, and ſhewed forthe his glorie: & his diſciples beleued on him.

12 After ỹ he went downe into Capernaũ, he and his mother, and his "brethren, and his diſciples: but they continued not manie dayes there.

13 For the Iewes Paſſeouer was at hand. Therefore Ieſus went vp to Ieruſalem.

14 * And he founde in the Temple thoſe that ſolde oxen, and ſhepe, and doues, and changers of money, ſitting *there*.

15 Thē he made a ſcourge of ſmale cordes, & draue them all out of the Temple with the ſhepe, and oxen & powred out the chãgers money, and ouerthrewe the tables,

16 And ſaid vnto them that ſolde doues, Take theſe things hence: make not my Fathers houſe, an houſe of marchandiſe.

17 And his diſciples remembred, that it was written, * The c zeale of thine houſe hathe eaten me vp.

18 Then anſwered the Iewes, and ſaid vnto him, What "ſigne ſheweſt thou vnto vs, that thou doeſt theſe things?

19 Ieſus anſwered and ſaid vnto them, * Deſtroye this temple, and in thre dayes I wil raiſe it vp againe.

20 Then ſaid the Iewes, Fortie and ſix yeres was this Temple a buylding, and wilt thou reare it vp in thre dayes?

a Who vſed cõtinual waſhigs to purifie them ſelues Which ſuperſtition Hebion the heretike wolde haue broght into ỹ Church and now the Papiſtes haue receaued it.

"Or, meaſures.

b Whereof euerie one conteined 15 gallons

"Or, ſteward.

"Or, ſigne.

"Or, confins.

Mat 21,12. mar 11,17. luk. 19,46.

c This affectiõ was ſo burnig in him, that it ſurmoũted and ſwallowed vp all the others.

"Or, miracle

Mat 26,61. & 27,40. mar 14,58. & 15,29.

d Christs bodie might iustly be called the temple, because the fulnes of the God head dwelleth in it corporally, Colo 2,9

21 But he spake of the temple of his [d]bodie.
22 Assone therefore as he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembred that he thus said vnto them: and they beleued the Scripture, and the worde which Iesus had said.
23 Now when he was at Ierusalē at ỹ Passeouer in ỹ feast, many beleued in his Name, when they sawe his miracles ẅ he did.
24 But Iesus [e] did not commit him self vnto them, because he knewe them all,
25 And had no nede that any shulde testifie of man: for he knewe what was in man.

e For he toke not them for true disciples, as he knewe by their inwarde thoghtes, what religion soeuer they did pretende outwardely.

CHAP. III.

3 Christ instructeth Nicodemus in the regeneration. 15 Of faith. 16 Of the loue of God towards the worlde. 23 The doctrine and baptisme of Iohn. 28 And the witnes that he beareth of Christ.

1 THere was now a mā of ỹ Pharises named Nicodemus, a ruler of ỹ Iewes.
2 He came to Iesus by night, and said vnto him, Rabbi, we knowe that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man colde do these miracles that thou doest, except God were with him.
3 Iesus answered, and said vnto him, Verely, verely I say vnto thee, except a man be borne againe, he can not [a] se the [b] kingdome of God.
4 Nicodemus said vnto him, How can a man be borne which is olde? can he enter into his mothers wombe againe, and be borne?
5 Iesus answered, Verely, verely I say vnto thee, except that a man be borne of [c] water and of the Spirit, he can not enter into the kingdome of God.
6 That which is borne of the flesh, is flesh: & that that is borne of the Spirit, is spirit.
7 Marueile not that I said to thee, Ye must be borne againe.
8 The [d] winde bloweth where it listeth, & thou heareste the sounde thereof, but canst not tel whence it cometh, and whether it goeth: so is euerie man that is borne of the Spirit.
9 Nicodemus answered, and said vnto him, How can these things be?
10 Iesus answered, and said vnto him, Art thou a teacher of Israel, and [e] knowest not these things?
11 Verely, verely I say vnto thee, we speake that we [f] knowe, & testifie, that we haue sene: but ye [g] receiue not our witnes.
12 If when I tel you [h] earthlie things, ye beleue not, how shulde ye beleue, if I shal tell you of heauenlie things?
13 For no man ascendeth vp to heauen, but he that hathe descended from heauen, the Sonne of man which is in [i] heauen.
14 *And as Moses lift vp the serpent in the wildernes, so must the Sonne of man be [k] lift vp,
15 That whosoeuer beleueth in him, shulde not perish, but haue eternal life.
16 *For God so loued the worlde, that he hathe giuen his onely begotten Sōne, that whosoeuer beleueth in him, shulde not perish, but haue euerlasting life. *1 Iohn 4.9.*
17 *For God sent not his Sonne into the worlde, that he shulde [l] condemne the worlde, but that the [m] worlde through him might be saued. *Chap 9.39. and 12.47*
18 He that beleueth in him, shal not be cōdemned: but he that beleueth not, is condēned already, because he beleueth not in ỹ Name of the onely begottē Sōne of God.
19 *And this is the [n] condemnation, that light is come into the worlde, & mē loued darkenes rather then light, because their dedes were euil.
20 For euerie man that euil doeth, hateth the light, nether commeth to light, lest his dedes shulde be reproued.
21 But he that doeth [o] trueth, commeth to the light, that his dedes might be made manifest, that they are wroght [p] according to God.
22 ¶ After these things, came Iesus and his disciples into the [q] land of Iudea, and there taried with them, and *baptized.
23 And Iohn also baptized in Enon besides Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.
24 For Iohn was not yet cast into prison.
25 Thē there arose a questiō betwene Iohns disciples & the Iewes, about [q] purifying.
26 And they came vnto Iohn, and said vnto him, Rabbi, [r] he that was with thee beyonde Iordan, to whome *thou bareste witnes, beholde, he baptizeth, and all men come to him.
27 Iohn answered, & said, A mā can receiue nothing, except it be giuē him frō heauē.
28 Ye your selues are my witnesses, that *I said, [s] I am not the Christ, but ỹ I am sent before him.
29 He that hathe the bride, is the bridegrome: but the friēd of the bridegrome which stādeth and heareth him, reioyceth greatly, because of ỹ bridegromes voice. This my ioye therefore is fulfilled.
30 He must [t] increase, but I *must* decrease.
31 He that is come from on high, is aboue all: he that is of the [u] earth, is of the earth, and speaketh of the earth: he that is come from heauen, is aboue all.
32 And what he hathe sene and heard, that he testifieth: but no man receiueth his testimonie.
33 He that hathe receiued his testimonie, hathe sealed that *God is true. *Rom 3.4.*
34 For he whome God hathe sent, speaketh the wordes of God: for God giueth *him* not the Spirit by [x] measure.
35 The Father loueth the Sonne, and hathe *giuen

a To entre therein
b Which thig is to be assembled and incorporate into ỹ Church of God
c Which is the spiritual water where the holie Gost doeth washe vs into newnes of life.
d As ỹ power of God is manifest by the moning of the aire, so is it in changing and renuing vs, although the maner be hid frō vs
e Although he was excellently learned, yet knewe he not those things which the very babes in Christs schole ought to knowe
f We may not teache our owne inuentions
g He reproueth him, for that men do teache things which they vnderstande not, and yet others beleue them: but Christ teacheth thigs most certeine & knowen, & mē will not receiue his doctrine
h Which was after a commune and grosse maner
i By reason of the vnion of his Godhead with his manhoode
Nom.21,9.
k His power must be manifest, which is not yet knowē

l Ihe contēpt of Christ, and the sinnes of the wicked cōdemne thē: yet Christ as a iuste iudge giueth sentence against the reprobate
m Not onely ỹ Iewes, but whosoeuer shulde beleue in him *Chap.1,9.*
n The cause and matter of condemnation
o In walking roundely, and sincerely. *Or, in God*
p As they do which set God onely before their eyes, and follow the rule of his worde
q Or territorie *Chap 4,1.*
q That is, how they might be made cleane, before God, ẅ the washings vnder the law did represent. *Chap 1,17.*
r They were led wambitiō fearing lest their master shulde haue lost his fame *Chap 1,20.*
s No mā ought to vsurpe anie thing further then God giueth him.
t And be exalted, and I esteemed as his seruant
u The minister compared to Christ is but earth.
x For vnto Christ was giuen the full abundance of all grace, that we might receiue of him as of ỹ onelie fountaine

*giuen all things into his hand.

Mat 10.26. Abac.2.4. 1.ioh.5.10.

36 *He that beleueth in the Sonne, hathe euerlasting life, & he that obeieth not the Sonne, shal not se life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The communication of Christ with the woman of Samaria. 34 His zeale towarde his Father & his harueste. 39 The conuersion of the Samaritans. 45 And Galileans. 47 How he healeth the rulers sonne.

1 NOw when the Lord knewe, how the Pharises had heard, that Iesus made and baptized mo disciples then Iohn,

2 (Thogh Iesus him self baptized not:but his disciples)

a To giue place to their rage

3 He a left Iudea,and departed againe into Galile.

4 And he must nedes go through Samaria.

5 Then came he to a citie of Samaria called "Sychar,neie vnto the possession that *Iacob gaue to his sonne Ioseph.

*Or,Sichem. Gen 33.19. & 48.22. *

6 And there was Iacobs well. Iesus thē wearied in the iorney,sate b thus on the well:it was about the c sixt houre.

b Euen wearie as he was c Which was midday.

7 There came a woman of Samaria to drawe water. Iesus said vnto her,Giue me drinke.

8 For his disciples were gone away into the citie,to bye meat.

9 Then said the woman of Samaria vnto him,How is it, that thou being a Iewe,askest drinke of me , which am a woman of d Samaria ? For the Iewes medle not with the Samaritans.

d For ỹ Iewes estemed the Samaritans as wicked, and prophane.

10 Iesus answered & said vnto her, If thou knewest the e gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Giue me drinke, thou woldest haue asked of him, and he wolde haue giuen thee f "water of life.

e Meaning of him self whome his Father had sent to cōuert this woman

11 The woman said vnto him,Syr,thou hast nothing to drawe with , & the well is depe: from whence then hast thou that water of life?

f Which is ỹ loue of God in his Sōne powred into our hearts by the holie Gost vnto euerlasting life,Rom 5.5 1 Iohn 3.5 *Or,the liuelie water.*

12 Art thou greater then our father Iacob, which gaue vs the well, & he him self drāke thereof,& his children,and his cattel?

13 Iesus answered,and said vnto her, Whosoeuer drinketh of this water, shal thirst againe:

g Of the spiritual grace h He shal neuer be dryed vp or destitute

14 But whosoeuer drinketh of the g water that I shal giue him,shal neuer be more h athirst: but the water that I shal giue him, shalbe in him a well of water, springing vp into euerlasting life.

15 The woman said vnto him,Syr,giue me of that water,that I may not thirst,nether come hither to drawe.

16 Iesus said vnto her, Go,call thine husband,and come hither.

17 The woman answered, and said I haue no husband. Iesus said to her, Thou hast wel said,I haue no husband.

18 For thou hast had fiue husbands,and he whome thou now hast, is not thine husband:that saidest thou truely.

19 The womā said vnto him,Syr,I i se that thou art a Prophet.

i Til she was liuely touched with her faultes, she mocked and wolde not heare Christ

20 Our fathers worshiped in this mountaine,and ye say,that in *Ierusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Deut.12.6.

21 Iesus said vnto her, Woman,beleue me, the houre cometh,when ye shal nether in this mountaine, nor at Ierusalem worship the Father.

22 Ye worship that which ye *knowe not:we worship that which we knowe: for saluation is of the Iewes.

2 Kin.17.29.

23 But the houre cometh,and now is, when the true worshippers shal worshippe ỹ Father in spirit, & trueth:for the Father requireth euen suche to worship him.

24 *God is a k Spirit,and they that worship him,must worship him in spirit & trueth.

2 Cor 3.17.

k God being of a spiritual nature, requireth a spiritual seruice, and agreable to his nature.

25 The woman said vnto him , I know wel that Messias shal come,which is called Christ: when he is come, he wil tell vs all things.

26 Iesus said vnto her, I am he, that speake vnto thee.

27 ¶And vpon that came his disciples,and marueiled that he talked with a woman: yet no man said vnto him , What askest thou?or why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and wēt her way into the citie, & said to ỹ mē,

29 Come, se a mā which hathe tolde me all things that euer I did:is not he the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the citie,& came vnto him.

31 ¶In the meane while, ỹ disciples prayed him,saying,Master,eat.

32 But he said vnto thē, I haue meat to eat, that ye knowe not of.

33 Then said the disciples betwene thē selues , Hathe anie man broght him meat?

l There is nothing, that I hunger for more, or wherein I take greater pleasure.

34 Iesus said vnto them, l My meat is that I may do the wil of him that sent me, and finish his worke.

35 Say not ye, There are yet foure moneths, & *then* cometh harueste? Beholde, I say vnto you,Lift vp your eyes,and loke on the regions: * for they are white already vnto harueste.

Mat 9.37. luk.10.2.

m Without grudging the one at the others labour.

36 And he that reapeth,receiueth wages,& gathereth frute vnto life eternal,that bothe he that soweth, & he ỹ reapeth,might m reioyce together.

*Or,prouerbe

n Meaning, ỹ Prophetes

37 For herein is the "saying true, that one soweth and another reapeth.

o The Samaritans shewed them selues willing to receiue his doctrine, who being but strāgers and skarsely knowing Christ, are a condemnation to the Iewes, & all others, which neglect Gods worde when it is offered.

38 I sent you to reape that, whereon ye bestowed no labour: n other men laboured, & ye are entred into their labours.

39 Now manie of the Samaritans of ỹ citie o beleued in him,for the saying of the womā which testified, He hathe tolde me all things that euer I did.

40 Then when the Samaritans were come vnto him, they beſoght him, that he wolde tarie with them: and he abode there two dayes.

41 And manie mo [p] beleued becauſe of his owne worde.

42 And thei ſaid vnto the woman, Now we beleue, not becauſe of thy ſaying: for we haue heard him our ſelues, & knowe that this is in dede the Chriſt the Sauiour of the worlde.

43 ¶ So two dayes after he departed thence, and went into Galile.

44 For Ieſus him ſelf had *teſtified that a Prophet hathe none honour in [q] his owne countrey.

45 Then whē he was come into Galile, the Galileans receiued him, which had ſene all the things that he did at Ieruſalem at the feaſt: for they went alſo vnto the feaſt.

46 And Ieſus came againe into *Cana *a towne* of Galile, where he had made of water wine. And there was a certeine [r] ruler, whoſe ſonne was ſicke at Capernaum.

47 Whē he heard that Ieſus was come out of Iudea into Galile, he went vnto him, & beſoght him that he wolde [s] go downe, & heale his ſonne: for he was euen ready to dye.

48 Then ſaid Ieſus vnto him, Except ye ſe ſignes and wonders, ye wil not beleue.

49 The ruler ſaid vnto him, Sir, go downe before my ſonne dye.

50 Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Go thy way, thy ſonne liueth: and the man beleued the worde that Ieſus had ſpoken vnto him, & went his way.

51 And as he was now [t] going downe, his ſeruants met him, ſaying, Thy ſonne liueth.

52 Then enquired he of thē the houre whē he began to amende. And they ſaid vnto him, Yeſterday the ſeuenth houre the feuer left him.

53 Then the father knewe, that it was the ſame houre in the which Ieſus had ſaid vnto him, Thy ſonne liueth. And he beleued, and all his houſhold.

54 This ſeconde miracle did Ieſus againe, after he was come out of Iudea into Galile.

p That is, had the right and true faith.

Mat 13.58. mar 6.4. luk.4.24.

q Here by his owne countrey he meaneth Ieruſalem, & the countrey about

Chap.2.1.

r The worde ſignifieth royal or one of ỹ Kings court: & it ſemeth, ỹ he was one of Herods court, who was in great eſtimation with Herode, whome the people called King, Mar. 6.14.

Or, ſeme.

s Or, returning.

CHAP. V.

1 He healeth the man that was ſicke eight and thirtie yeres. 10 The Iewes accuſe him. 19 Chriſt anſwereth for him ſelf, and reprooueth them. 32 Shewing by the teſtimonie of his Father. 33 Of Iohn. 36 Of his workes. 39 And of the Scriptures who he is.

1 AFter *that, there was a feaſt of the Iewes, & Ieſus wēt vp to Ieruſalem.

2 And there is at Ieruſalem by "the place of the ſhepe, a [a] poole called in Ebrewe [b] Bethesda, hauing fiue porches:

3 In the which lay a great multitude of ſicke folke, of blinde, halte, & withered, waiting for the mouing of the water.

4 For an Angel went downe at a certeine ſeaſon into the poole, and troubled the water: whoſoeuer then firſt, after the ſtirring of the water, ſtepped in, was made whole of whatſoeuer diſeaſe he had.

5 And a certeine man was there, which had bene diſeaſed eight and thirtie yeres.

6 When Ieſus ſawe him lie, and knewe that he now lōg time had bene diſeaſed, he ſaid vnto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The ſicke man anſwered him, Sir, I haue no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into ỹ poole: but while I am cōming, another ſteppeth downe before me.

8 Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Riſe: [c] take vp thy bed, and walke.

9 And immediatly the mā was made whole, and toke vp his bed, and walked: & the ſame day was the Sabbath.

10 The Iewes therefore ſaid to him that was made whole, It is the Sabbath *day*: [x] it is not lawful for thee to carie thy bed.

11 He anſwered them, He that made me whole, he ſaid vnto me, Take vp thy bed, and walke.

12 Then aſked they him, What man is that which ſaid vnto thee, Take vp thy bed, & walke?

13 And he that was healed, knewe not who it was: for Ieſus had conueyed him ſelf away from the multitude that was in that place.

14 And after that, Ieſus founde him in the Temple, and ſaid vnto him, Beholde, thou art made whole: [d] ſinne no more, leſt a worſe thing come vnto thee.

15 ¶ The man departed, and tolde the Iewes that it was Ieſus, which had made him whole.

16 And therefore the Iewes did perſecute Ieſus, & ſoght to ſlay him, becauſe he had done theſe things on the Sabbath *day*.

17 But Ieſus anſwered thē, My Father worketh hitherto, and I worke.

18 Therefore the Iewes ſoght the more to kil him: not onely becauſe he had broken the Sabbath: but ſaid alſo that God was [e] his [f] Father, and made him ſelf equal with God.

19 Then anſwered Ieſus, & ſaid vnto them, Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, The Sonne can do nothing of him ſelf, ſaue that he ſeeth ỹ Father do: for whatſoeuer things he doeth, the ſame things doeth ỹ Sōne alſo.

20 For the Father loueth the Sōne, & [g] ſheweth him all things, whatſoeuer he him ſelf doeth, and he wil ſhewe him greater workes then theſe, that ye ſhulde marueile.

21 For likewiſe as the Father raiſeth vp the dead, & quickeneth them, ſo the Sonne quickeneth

Leu.23.2. deu.16.1.

"Or, the ſhepe market

a Where the ſhepe were waſhed, that ſhulde be ſacrificed

b Which ſignifieth the houſe of powring out, becauſe the water ranne out by conduits.

c This was, to the end that the miracle might be ſo euident, that no mā colde ſpeake againſt it.

Ier.17.22.

d The afflictiōs that we endure, are chaſtiſements for our ſinnes.

e That is, propre & peculiar to him alone.

f It was lawful for all Iſrael to call God their Father, Exod 4.22. but becauſe Chriſt did attribute to hī ſelf, ỹ he had power ouer all things, and wrought as his Father did, thei gathered ỹ Chriſt did not onely make him ſelf ỹ Sonne of God, but alſo equal with him

g That is, he doeth communicate ỹ him, hauing the ſame power and the ſame wil.

quickeneth whome he wil.

22 For the Father iudgeth no man, but hathe committed all [h] iudgement vnto the Sonne,

[h] In giuing him power & rule ouer all

23 Becauſe that all men ſhulde honour the Sonne, as they honour the Father: he that honoreth not the Sonne, the ſame honoreth not the Father, which hathe ſent him.

24 Verely, verely, I ſay vnto you, he that heareth my worde, & beleueth in him that ſent me, hathe euerlaſting life, & ſhal not come into condemnacion, but hathe paſſed from death vnto life.

25 Verely, verely, I ſay vnto you, the houre ſhal come, and now is, when the dead ſhal heare the voyce of the Sõne of God: and they that [i] heare it, ſhal liue.

[i] Thei that receiue it by faith

26 For as the Father hathe life in [k] him ſelf, ſo likewiſe hathe he giuẽ to the Sonne to haue life in him ſelf,

[k] To communicate it w vs

27 And hathe giuen him power alſo to execute [l] iudgement, in that he is the Sõne of man.

[l] That is, to gouerne and rule all thigs

28 Marueile not at this: for the houre ſhal come in the which all that are in the graues, ſhal heare his voyce.

Mat.25,41. 29 And they ſhal come forthe, * that haue done good, vnto the reſurrection of life: but they that haue done euil, vnto the reſurrection of condemnacion.

30 I can do nothing of mine owne ſelf: as I heare, I iudge: and my iudgemẽt is iuſt, becauſe I ſeke not mine owne wil, but the wil of the Father who hathe ſent me.

Chap 8,14. mat.3,17. 31 If I *ſhulde beare witnes of my ſelf, my witnes were not [m] true.

[m] Chriſt had reſpect to their weakenes, ẏ heard him, and therefore ſaid his owne witnes ſhulde not be ſufficient.

32 There is another that beareth witnes of me, and I knowe that the witnes, which he beareth of me, is true.

Chap.1,27. 33 * Ye ſent vnto Iohn, and he bare witnes vnto the trueth.

34 But I receiue not the recorde of man: neuertheles theſe things I ſay, ẏ ye might be ſaued.

or, lampe. 35 He was a burning, and a ſhining "cãdle: and ye wolde for a [n] ſeaſon haue reioyced in his light.

[n] But ye left him quickely & did not perſeuere.

36 But I haue greater witnes then the witnes of Iohn: for the workes which the Father hathe giuen me to finiſh, the ſame workes that I do, beare witnes of me, that the Father ſent me.

Mat.3,17. & 17,5. Deut 4,12. 37 And the * Father him ſelf, which hathe ſent me, [o] beareth witnes of me. Ye haue not heard his voyce at anie time, * nether haue ye ſene his ſhape.

[o] In the Law & Prophetes.

38 And his worde haue ye not abiding in you: for whome he hathe ſent, him ye beleue not.

Act.17,11. 39 *Searche the Scriptures: for in them ye thinke to haue eternal life, & thei are thei which teſtifie of me.

40 But ye wil not come to me, ẏ ye might haue life.

41 I receiue not praiſe of men.

[p] The people are more readie to receiue falſe prophetes, then Ieſus Chriſt

42 But I knowe you, that ye haue not the loue of God in you.

43 I am come in my Fathers Name, and ye receiue me not: if [p] another ſhal come in his owne name, him wil ye receiue.

[q] Vaine glorie is a great let for a man to come to God. *Chap.12, 43. Gen.3,15 & 22,18 & 49, 10. deut.18,15*

44 How can ye beleue, which [q] receiue *honour one of another, and ſeke not the honour that cometh of God alone?

[r] As Moſes ſhal accuſe thẽ that truſt in him: ſo they ſhal haue no greater enemies at the daye of iudgement, then the vngratefull Marie & the Saintes, vpon whome now thei call: but whoſoeuer doeth accuſe, Chriſt & their owne conſcience ſhal condẽne ẏ reprobat.

45 Do not thinke that I wil accuſe you to my Father: there is one that [r] accuſeth you, *euen* Moſes, in whome ye truſt.

46 For had ye beleued Moſes, ye wolde haue beleued me: * for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye beleue not his writings, how ſhal ye beleue my wordes?

CHAP. VI.

10 Ieſus fedeth fiue thouſand men with fiue loaues & two fiſhes. 15 He departeth awaye, that thei ſhulde not make him King. 26 He reproueth the fleſhlie hearers of his worde. 41 The carnal are offended at him. 63 The fleſh profiteth not.

1 AFter theſe things, Ieſus went his way ouer the [a] ſea of Galile, *or* of [b] Tiberias.

[a] Called the lake of Geneſareth

[b] Tiberias, Bethſaida, and Capernaũ were on this ſide the lake, in reſpect of Galile: but it is here ſaid ẏ he went ouer, becauſe there were diuers crikes & turnings, ouer the which me ferried *Leui 23,2. deut 16,1. Mat.14,16. mar.6,32. luk.9,13.*

2 And a great multitude followed him, becauſe they ſawe his miracles, which he did on them that were diſeaſed.

3 Then Ieſus went vp into a mountaine, and there he ſate with his diſciples.

4 Now ẏ Paſſeouer, a * feaſt of the Iewes, was nere.

5 *Then IESVS lift vp *his* eyes, and ſeing that a great multitude came vnto him, he ſaid vnto Philippe, Whence ſhal we bye bread, that theſe might eat?

6 (And this he ſaid to proue him: for he him ſelf knewe what he wolde do)

7 Philippe anſwered him, [c] Two hundreth penyworthe of bread is not ſufficient for them, that euerie one of them may take a litle.

[c] This ſumme amõteth to about fiue põde ſterling.

8 Then ſaid vnto him one of his diſciples, Andrewe, Simon Peters brother,

9 There is a litle boye here, which hathe fiue barlie loaues, and two fiſhes: but what are they among ſo manie?

10 And Ieſus ſaid, Make the people ſit downe. (Now there was muche graſſe in that place) Then the men ſate downe in nomber, about fiue thouſand.

[d] Praier and thankeſgiuing do ſanctifie our meates wherewith we are nourished.

11 And Ieſus toke the bread, and [d] gaue thankes, and gaue to the diſciples, and the diſciples to them that were ſet downe: & likewiſe of the fiſhes as muche as they wolde.

[e] The abundãce ſtore of Gods gifts ought not to make vs prodigal to waſte them.

12 And when they were ſatiſfied, he ſaid vnto his diſciples, Gather vp the broken meat which remaineth, that [e] nothing be loſt.

13 Then they gathered it together, and filled twelue baſkets with the broken meat

of the fiue barlie loaues, which remained vnto them that had eaten.

14 Then the men when they had ſene the miracle that Ieſus did, ſaid, This is of a trueth the Prophet that ſhulde come into the worlde.

15 When Ieſus therefore perceiued that they wolde come, and take him to make him a [f] King, he departed againe into a mountaine him ſelf alone.

16 ¶Whē euen was now come, his diſciples went downe vnto the ſea,

17 *And entred into a ſhip, and went [g] ouer the ſea towardes Capernaum: and now it was darke, & Ieſus was not come to them.

18 And the ſea aroſe with a great winde that blewe.

19 And when they had rowed about fiue & twentie, or thirtie [h] furlongs, they ſawe Ieſus walking on the ſea, and drawing nere vnto the ſhip: ſo they were afraied.

20 But he ſaid vnto them, It is I: be not afraied.

21 Then willingly they receiued him into the ſhip, and the ſhip was by and by at the land, whether they went.

22 ¶The day following, the people which ſtode on the other ſide of the ſea, ſawe that there was none other ſhip there, ſaue that one, whereinto his diſciples were entred, and that Ieſus went not with his diſciples in the ſhip, but that his diſciples were gone [i] alone,

23 And that there came other ſhippes from Tiberias nere vnto the place where they ate the bread, after the Lord had giuen thankes.

24 Now when the people ſawe that Ieſus was not there, nether his diſciples, thei alſo toke ſhipping, & came to Capernaum, ſeking for Ieſus.

25 And when they had founde him on the [k] other ſide of the ſea, thei ſaid vnto him, Rabbi, when cameſt thou hither?

26 Ieſus anſwered them, and ſaid, Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, ye ſeke me not, becauſe ye ſawe the miracles, but becauſe ye ate of the loaues, and were filled.

27 Laboure not for the meat which periſheth, but for the meat that [l] endureth vnto euerlaſting life, which the Sonne of mā ſhal giue vnto you: for him hathe * God the Father [m] ſealed.

28 Then ſaid they vnto him, What ſhal we do, that we might worke the [n] workes of God?

29 Ieſus anſwered, & ſaid vnto them, *This is ỹ worke of God, that ye beleue in him, whome he hathe ſent.

30 They ſaid therefore vnto him, What ſigne ſheweſt thou then, that we maye ſe it, and beleue thee? what doeſt thou worke?

31 *Our fathers did eat Mānа in the deſert, as it is *written, He gaue them bread frō heauen to eat.

32 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, [o] Moſes gaue you not bread from heauen, but my Father giueth you the true bread from heauen.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh downe from heauen, and giueth life vnto the worlde.

34 Then thei ſaid vnto him, Lord, euermore giue vs this bread.

35 And Ieſus ſaid vnto thē, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me, ſhal not hūger, and *he that beleueth in me, ſhal [p] neuer thurſt.

36 But I ſaid vnto you, that ye alſo haue ſene me, and beleue not.

37 All [q] that the Father giueth me, ſhal come to me: and him that cometh to me, I caſt not away.

38 For I came downe from heauen, not to do mine owne wil, but his wil which hathe ſent me.

39 And this is the Fathers wil which hathe ſent me, that of all which he hathe giuen me, I ſhulde loſe nothing, but ſhulde raiſe it vp againe at the laſt day.

40 And this is the wil of him that ſent me, that euerie man which ſeeth the Sonne, & beleueth in him, ſhulde haue euerlaſting life: and I wil raiſe him vp at the laſt day.

41 The Iewes then murmured at him, becauſe he ſaid, I am the bread, which is come downe from heauen.

42 And they ſaid, * Is not this Ieſus the ſonne of Ioſeph, whoſe father & mother we knowe? how thē ſaith he, I came downe from heauen?

43 Ieſus then anſwered, & ſaid vnto them, Murmure not among your ſelues.

44 No man can [r] come to me, except the Father, which hathe ſent me, [s] drawe him: and I wil raiſe him vp at the laſt day.

45 It is written in the * Prophetes, And they ſhalbe all taught of God. Euerie man therefore that hathe heard, & hathe learned of the Father, cometh vnto me,

46 *Not that anie man hathe ſene the Father, ſaue he which is of God, he hathe ſene the Father.

47 Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, He that beleueth in me, hathe euerlaſting life.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 *Your fathers did eat Manna in the wildernes, [t] and are dead.

50 This is the bread, which cometh downe from heauen, that he which eateth of it, ſhulde not dye.

51 I am the [u] liuig bread, which came downe from heauen: if anie man eat of this bread, he ſhal liue for euer: and the bread that I wil giue, is my fleſh, which I wil giue

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f That imagined an earthlie kīgdome without the teſtimonie of Gods worde, ſo that by this meanes his ſpirtual kīgdome ſhulde haue bene abolifhed. *Mat 14,23. mar 6,47.*

g Ouer a corner of ỹ lake

h Whereof eight make a mile.

i Wherefore it muſt nedes followe ỹ Chriſt paſſed miraculouſly.

k This was not ſtraight ouer ỹ lake frō ſide to ſide, but ouer a crike, or arme of ỹ lake, which ſaued muche labour to them ỹ ſhulde haue gone about by land.

l Which nouriſheth & augmenteth our faith *Chap. 1,32. mat 3,17. & 17,5. 1. Iohn 3,23.*

m For when he appointed him to be the Mediator, he ſet his marke & ſeale in him to be ỹ onelie one to reconcile God & man together

n Suche as be acceptable vnto God.

r That is, ordeined to me

s By lightening his heart with his holie Spirit

t Then there is no fode that can nouriſh ō ſoules, but Ieſus Chriſt.

u Which giue life to the worlde.

giue for the life of the worlde.
52 Then the Iewes ſtroue among them ſelues, ſaying, How can this man giue vs *his* fleſh to eat?
53 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, Except ye eat the fleſh of the Sõne of man, and drinke his blood, ye haue [x] no life in you.
54 Whoſoeuer * eateth my fleſh, and drinketh my blood, hathe eternal life, and I wil raiſe him vp at the laſt day.
55 For my fleſh is meat in dede, & my blood is drinke in dede.
56 He [y] that eateth my fleſh, and drinketh my blood, [z] dwelleth in me, and I in him.
57 As the liuing Father hathe ſent me, ſo liue I by the Father, and he that eateth me, euen he ſhal liue by me.
58 This is the bread which came downe from heauen: not as your fathers haue eaten Manna, and are dead. He that eateth of this bread, ſhal liue for euer.
59 Theſe things ſpake he in the Synagogue as he taught in Capernaum.
60 Manie therefore of his diſciples (when thei heard this) ſaid, This is an hard saying: who can [a] heare it?
61 But Ieſus knowing in him ſelf, that his diſciples murmured at this, ſaid vnto thẽ, Doeth this offende you?
62 *What* then if ye ſhulde ſe the Sõne of mã [b] aſcende vp *where he was before?
63 It is the Spirit that quickeneth: the fleſh [c] profiteth nothing: the wordes that I ſpeake vnto you, are ſpirit and life.
64 But there are ſome of you that beleue not: for Ieſus knewe from the beginning, which they were that beleued not, & who ſhulde betraye him.
65 And he ſaid, Therefore ſaid I vnto you, that no man can come vnto me, except it be giuen vnto him of my Father.
66 From that time, manie of his diſciples went backe, and walked no more with him.
67 Thẽ ſaid Ieſus to the twelue, Wil ye alſo go away?
68 Then Simon Peter anſwered him, Maſter to whome ſhal we go? Thou haſt the wordes of [d] eternal life:
69 And we beleue and knowe that thou art the Chriſt the Sonne of the liuing God.
70 Ieſus anſwered thẽ, Haue not I * choſen you twelue and [e] one of you is a deuil?
71 Now he ſpake it of Iudas Iſcariot the ſonne of Simõ: for he it was that ſhulde betraye him, thogh he was one of ỹ twelue.

x Where Christ is not, there death reigneth *1. Cor. 11, 27.*

y As our bodies are ſuſteined with meat & drinke ſo are our ſoules nouriſhed with the bodie, and blood of Ieſus Chriſt.

z To eat the fleſh of Chriſt and drinke his blood, is to dwell in Chriſt and to haue Chriſt dwelling in vs.

a That is, vnderſtand it.

Chap. 3, 13.
b He meaneth not that his humanitie deſcended from heauen: but he ſpeaketh touching ỹ vnion of bothe natures, attributing to the one that which appertaineth to the other.

c To wit, if it be ſeparate from ỹ Spirit, whereof it hathe the force: for it cometh of the power of the Spirit that the fleſh of Chriſt giueth vs life.

d Thẽ without Chriſt there is but death: for his worde onely leadeth vs to life. *Mat. 16, 16.*

e Althogh your nomber be ſmale, yet ſhal ye be diminiſhed.

CHAP. VII.

Ieſus reproueth the ambition of his couſins. 12 There are diuers opinions of him among the people. 17 He ſheweth how to knowe the trueth. 20 The iniurie they do vnto him. 47 The Phariſes rebuke the officers becauſe they haue not taken him. 52 And chide with Nicodemus for taking his parte.

1 AFter theſe things, Ieſus walked in Galile, and wolde not walke in Iudea: for the Iewes ſoght to kil him.
2 Now the Iewes * [a] feaſt of the Taberna- *Leui. 23, 34.*
cles was at hand.
3 His brethren therefore ſaid vnto him, Departe hence, and go into Iudea, that thy diſciples may ſe thy workes that thou doeſt.
4 For there is no mã that doeth anie thing ſecretly, & he him ſelf ſeketh to be [f] famous. If thou doeſt theſe things, ſhewe thy ſelf to the worlde.
5 For as yet his brethrẽ beleued not in him.
6 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto thẽ, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway readie.
7 The worlde can not hate you: but me it hateth, [b] becauſe I teſtifie of it, that the workes thereof are euil.
8 Go ye vp vnto this feaſt: I wil [c] not go vp yet vnto this feaſt: for my time is not yet fulfilled.
9 ¶ Theſe things he ſaid vnto them, and abode ſtil in Galile.
10 But aſſone as his brethren were gone vp, then wẽt he alſo vp vnto the feaſt, not openly, but as *it were* priuely.
11 Then the Iewes ſoght him at the feaſt, & ſaid, Where is he?
12 And muche murmuring was there of him amõg the people. Some ſaid, He is a good man: other ſaid, Naye: but he deceiueth the people.
13 Howbeit no man ſpake openly of him for feare of the [d] Iewes.
14 Now whẽ half the feaſt was done, Ieſus went vp into the Temple and taught.
15 And the Iewes marueiled, ſaying, How knoweth this man the [e] Scriptures, ſeing that he neuer learned.
16 Ieſus anſwered them, & ſaid, My doctrine is not [e] mine, but his that ſent me.
17 If anie mã wil do his wil, he ſhal knowe of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I ſpeake of my ſelf.
18 He [f] that ſpeaketh of him ſelf, ſeketh his owne glorie: but he that ſeketh his glorie that ſent him, the ſame is true, and no [g] vnrighteouſnes is in him.
19 *Did not Moſes giue you a Law, and *yet* none of you kepeth the Law? *Why go ye about to kil me?
20 The [h] people anſwered, and ſaid, Thou haſt a deuil: who goeth about to kil thee?
21 Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid to them, I haue done one worke, and ye all [i] marueile.
22 * Moſes therefore gaue vnto you circũciſion, (not becauſe it is of Moſes, but of the *fathers) and ye on the Sabbath *day* circumciſe a man.
23 If a man on the Sabbath receiue circumciſion, that the Law of Moſes ſhulde not be broken, be ye angrie with me, becauſe I

a At this feaſt they dwelled ſeuen dayes in the rentes, ẅ put thẽ in remembrance, ỹ they had no eitie here permanent, but ỹ they muſt ſeke one to come.

b Why the worlde hateth Chriſt.

c Chriſt doeth not vtterly denie that he wolde go to ỹ feaſt, but ſignifieth ỹ as yet he was not fully determined.

d Theſe were the heads of ỹ people who did enuie Chriſt.

e In that, that he is man onely.

f By this marke we may knowe whether the doctrine be of God, or of man.

g Nothing cõterfait or vntrue.

Exod. 24, 3.
Chap. 5, 18.
h Who did not know the fetche of the Scribes.

i Becauſe I did it on the Sabbath day. *Leuit. 12, 3.* *Gen. 17, 10.*

haue made a man euerie whit whole on the Sabbath *day*?

Deu.1,16. 24 *Iudge not according to the appearance, but iudge righteous iudgement.

25 ¶ Then said some of them of Ierusalem, Is not this he, whome they go about to kil?

Or, freely. 26 And beholde, he speaketh "openly, and they say nothing to him: do ỹ rulers know in dede that this is the verie Christ?

27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when the Christ cometh, no man shal knowe whence he is.

28 ¶ Then cryed Iesus in the Temple as he taught, saying, Ye [k] bothe knowe me, and knowe whence I am: yet am I not come of my self, but he that sent me, is true, whome ye knowe not.

[k] He speaketh this, as it were scornefully.

29 But I knowe him: for I am of him, and he hathe sent me.

30 Then they soght to take him, but no mā laid hands on him, becaus̄e his houre was not yet come.

[l] They were wel minded to heare him: ỹ preparation is here called (although improperly) fauth

31 Now manie of the people [l] beleued in him, and said, When the Christ cometh, wil he do mo miracles then this man hathe done?

32 The Pharises heard that the people murmured these things of him, and the Pharises, and high Priests sent officers to take him.

[m] He sheweth vnto thē that they haue no power ouer hī, til the time come that his Father hathe ordeined.

33 Then said Iesus vnto them, Yet am I [m] a litle while with you, and then go I vnto him that sent me.

34 *Ye shal seke me, & shal not finde *me*, & where I am, can ye not come.

Chap 13,33.

*Or, shalbe.

35 Then said the Iewes amongs them selues, Whither wil he go, that we shal not finde him? Wil he go vnto them that are "dispersed among the [n] Grecians, and teache the Grecians?

*Greke, dispersion

[n] Among the Iewes ỹ were scatered here and there among the Gētiles

36 What saying is this that he said, Ye shal seke me, and shal not finde *me*? and where I am, can ye not come?

Leu.23,36.

37 Now in the last & *great day of ỹ feast, Iesus stode and cryed, saying, If anie man thirst, let him come vnto me, and drinke.

Deu.18,15.

38 He that [o] beleueth in me, * as saith the Scripture, out of his bellie shal flowe riuers of water [p] of life.

[o] The true way to come to Christ, is by fauth

[p] Which shal neuer drye vp.

Ioel.2,28. act.2,17.

39 (*This spake he of the Spirit which they that beleued in him, shulde receiue: for the [q] holie Gost was not yet *giuen* becaus̄e that Iesus was not yet glorified)

[q] These were the visible graces, which were giuen to the Apostles after his ascension

40 So manie of the people, whē they heard this saying, said, Of a trueth this is the [r] Prophet.

[r] They loked for some notable Prophet besides the Messias, chap.6,14

41 Other said, This is the Christ: and some said, But shal Christ come out of Galile?

Micah 5,2.

42 *Saith not the Scripture that the Christ shal come of the sede of Dauid, and out of the towne of Beth-lehē, where Dauid was?

mat.2,5.

43 So was there dissention amōg the people for him.

44 And some of them wolde haue taken him, but no man laid hands on him.

45 Then came the officers to ỹ high Priests & Pharises, & they said vnto them, Why haue ye not broght him?

46 The officers answered, [s] Neuer mā spake like this man.

[s] Wherein appeareth the mightie power of Christs worde against his enemies

47 Then answered them the Pharises, Are ye also deceiued?

48 Doeth anie of the [t] rulers, or of the Pharises beleue in him?

[t] They alledge the authoritie of man against Gods authoritie.

49 But this people, which knowe not the Law, are cursed.

50 Nicodemus said vnto thē, (*he that came to Iesus by night, & was one of them.)

Chap 3,2

51 Doeth our Law iudge a man before it heare him, * & knowe what he hathe done?

Deu.17,8. & 19,18.

52 They answered and said vnto him, Art thou also of Galile? Search and loke: for out of Galile ariseth no Prophet.

53 And euerie man went vnto his owne house.

CHAP. VIII.

11 Christ deliuereth her that was taken in adulterie. 12 He is the light of the worlde 14 He sheweth from whence he is come, wherefore, and whether he goeth. 33 Who are fre, & who are bounde 34 Of fre men and sclaues, & their rewarde. 46 He defieth his enemies. 59 And being persecuted, withdraweth him self.

1 AND Iesus went vnto the mount of oliues,

2 And early in the morning came againe into the Temple, and all the people came vnto him, and he sate downe, and taught them.

3 Then the Scribes, & the Pharises broght vnto him a woman, taken in adulterie, & set her in the middes,

4 And said vnto him, Master, this woman was taken in adulterie, in the verie act.

5 *Now Moses in the Law commanded vs, that suche shulde be stoned: what saist thou therefore?

Leu.20,10.

6 And this they said to tempt him, that thei might haue, whereof to [a] accuse him. But Iesus stouped downe, and with his finger wrote on the grounde.

[a] Ether for breaking the Law, if he did deliuer her, or of lightnes, & inconstantie, if he did condēne her

7 And while they continued asking him, he lift him self vp, & said vnto them, *Let him that is among you without sinne, cast the first stone at her.

Deu.17,7.

8 And againe he stouped downe, and wrote on the grounde.

9 And when they heard it, being accused by their owne conscience, they went out one by one, beginning at the eldest euen to the last: so Iesus was left alone, and thē woman standing in the middes.

10 When Iesus had lift vp him self againe, and sawe no man, but the woman, he said vnto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hathe no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Iesus said,

[b] Nether

b Nether do I condemne thee: go and ſinne no more.

12 Then ſpake Ieſus againe vnto them, ſaying, I *am the light of ỹ worlde: he that followeth me, ſhal not walke in darkenes, but ſhal haue the "light of life.

13 The Phariſes therefore ſaid vnto him, Thou beareſt record of thy ſelf: thy record is not "true.

14 *Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, cThogh I beare record of my ſelf, yet my record is true: for I knowe whence I came & whether I go: but ye can not tel d whence I come, and whether I go.

15 Ye iudge after the fleſh: e I iudge no man.

16 And if I alſo iudge, my iudgemẽt is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father, that ſent me.

17 And it is alſo written in your Law, *that the teſtimonie of two men is true.

18 I am f one that beare witnes of my ſelf, & the Father that ſent me, beareth witnes of me.

19 Then ſaid they vnto him, Where is thy Father? Ieſus anſwered, Ye nether knowe me, nor my Father. If ye had knowen me, ye ſhulde haue knowen my Father alſo.

20 Theſe wordes ſpake Ieſus in the g treaſurie, as he taught in the Temple, and no man laid hands on him: for his houre was not yet come.

21 Then ſaid Ieſus againe vnto them, I go my way, and ye ſhal ſeke me, and ſhal dye in your h ſinnes. Whether I go, can ye not come.

22 Then ſaid the Iewes, Wil he kil him ſelf becauſe he ſaith, Whether I go, can ye not come?

23 And he ſaid vnto them, i Ye are frõ beneth: I am fr̃ aboue: ye are of this worlde: I am not of this worlde.

24 I ſaid therefore vnto you, That ye ſhal dye in your ſinnes: for except ye beleue, that I am he, ye ſhal dye in your ſinnes.

25 Then ſaid they vnto him, Who art thou? And Ieſus ſaid vnto them, "Euen the ſame thing that I ſaid vnto you k from the beginning.

26 I haue manie things to ſay, and to iudge of you: but he that ſent me, is true, and the things that I haue heard of him, thoſe ſpeake I to the worlde.

27 They vnderſtode not that he ſpake to them of the Father.

28 Then ſaid Ieſus vnto them, Whẽ ye haue l lift vp the Sonne of man, then ſhal ye m knowe that I am n he, and that I do nothing of my ſelf, but as my Father hathe taught me, ſo I ſpeake theſe things.

29 For he that ſent me, is with me: the Father hathe not left me alone, becauſe I do alwayes thoſe things that pleaſe him.

30 ¶As he ſpake theſe things, many beleued in him.

31 Then ſaid Ieſus to the Iewes which beleued in him, If ye continue in my worde, ye are verely my diſciples,

32 And ſhal knowe the trueth, & the trueth o ſhal make you fre.

33 They anſwered him, pWe be Abrahams ſede, and were neuer bonde to any man: why ſaiſt thou then, Ye ſhalbe made fre?

34 Ieſus anſwered them, Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, that who ſoeuer committeth ſinne, is the *ſeruant of ſinne.

35 And the ſeruant abideth not in the houſe for euer: but the Sonne abideth for euer.

36 If the Sõne therefore ſhal make you fre, ye ſhalbe fre in dede.

37 I qknowe that ye are Abrahams ſede, but ye ſeke to kill me, becauſe my worde hathe no place in you.

38 I ſpeake that which I haue ſene with my Father: and ye do that which ye haue ſene with your father.

39 They anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, Abraham is our father. Ieſus ſaid vnto thẽ, If ye were Abrahams children, ye wolde do the r workes of Abraham.

40 But now ye go about to kill me, a man that haue tolde you the trueth, which I haue heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41 Ye do the workes of your father. Then ſaid they to him, We are not borne of fornicatiõ: we haue one Father, which is God.

42 Therefore Ieſus ſaid vnto them, If God were your Father, then wolde ye loue me: for I proceded forthe, & came from God, nether came I of my ſelf, but he ſent me.

43 Why do ye not vnderſtand my talke? becauſe ye can not sheare my worde.

44 *Ye are of your father the deuil, and the luſtes of your father ye wil do: he hathe bene a murtherer t from the beginning, & uabode not in the trueth, becauſe there is no trueth in him. When he ſpeaketh a lie, then ſpeaketh he of his x owne: for he is a liar, and the father thereof.

45 And becauſe I tell you the trueth, ye be "leue me not.

46 Which of you can rebuke me of ſinne? and if I ſay the trueth, why do ye not beleue me?

47 *He that is of God, heareth Gods wordes: ye therefore heare them not, becauſe ye are not of God.

48 Then anſwered the Iewes, and ſaid vnto him, Say we not wel that thou art a Samaritan, and haſt a deuil?

49 Ieſus anſwered, I haue not a deuil, but I honour my Father, and ye haue diſhonored me.

50 And I ſeke not mine owne praiſe: but there is one that ſeketh it, and yiudgeth.

51 Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, If a man

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b Ieſus wolde not medle, but with ỹ which did appertein to his office, to wit, to bring ſinners to repentance: and therefore did not abolish the Law againſt adulterie

Chap 1.5.

& 9.5

"Or, liuelie light

"Or, ſure.

Chap 5.31.

c That which Chriſt denied chap 5.31, here he graunteth, to declare vnto thẽ their ſtubbernes: and ſaith that being God he beareth witnes to his humanitie: likewiſe doeth God ỹ father witnes ỹ ſame which are two diſtict pſones, thogh but one God.

d In that he came from his father, he ſheweth that he is not onely man, but God alſo

Deu 17.6.

& 19.15.

mat.18.16.

2.cor 13.1.

ebr.10.28.

e He wolde not iudge raſhely, as they did

f Which place proueth Chriſt to be verie God, and man.

g That is, the place where ỹ veſſel and other things belonging to the Temple, were kept

h Becauſe of their rebelliõ wherein they did perſeuere

i He ſheweth the differẽce betweue the Goſpel, & the ſubtil wit of man.

"Or, from the beginning euen that I ſaid vnto you

k That is, who he was, whẽce he was & why he came into this worlde

l Their endeauours & practiſes whereby they thinke to deſtroye him, ſhal ſerue to exalte, & magnifie his glorie

m Not to beleue in him, but to be conuicted

n To wit, the Meſſias.

o For we were ſclaues to ſin

p Theſe were not the beleuing Iewes, but the mockers that anſwered thus.

Rom.6.20.

2.pet.2.19.

q He graunteth their ſayings in ſuche ſorte, ỹ he ſheweth vnto them that their owne dedes proue thẽ liers.

r Which were his obedience, charitie & ſuche good workes which proceded of faith.

ſ For you are carnal and can not vnderſtãd ſpiritual thige

1 Iohn 3.8.

t Since the firſt creation of man.

u It followeth then that he was once in the trueth: for he was not created euil

x According to his wont and cuſtome.

1.Iohn 4.6.

y Who wil reuenge ỹ iniurie that you do againſt me, or rather againſt him.

z For the faithful euen in death ſe life.

kepe my worde, he ſhal neuer z ſe death.
52 Then ſaid ỹ Iewes to him, Now knowe we that thou haſt a deuil. Abrahã is dead, and the Prophetes, and thou ſaiſt, If a man kepe my worde, he ſhal neuer taſt of death.
53 Art thou greater then our father Abraham, which is dead? and the Prophetes are dead: whome makeſt thou thy ſelf?
54 Ieſus anſwered, If I honour my ſelf, mine honour is nothing worthe: it is my Father that honoureth me, whome ye ſay, that he is your God.
55 Yet ye haue not knowẽ him: but I knowe him, and if I ſhulde ſay I knowe him not, I ſhulde be a liar like vnto you: but I knowe him, and kepe his worde.
56 Your father Abraham reioyced to ſe my a day, and he ſawe it, and was glad.

a Which was to ſe ỹ cõming of Chriſt in ỹ fleſh: ẅ thing Abrahã ſawe farre of with ỹ eyes of faith. ebr 11.10.

57 Then ſaid the Iewes vnto him, Thou art not yet fiftie yere olde, and haſt thou ſene Abraham?
58 Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, before Abraham was, b I am.

Chap 10.31.

b Not onely God, but the Mediator betwene God, & mã, appointed from before all eternitie.

59 *Thẽ toke they vp ſtones, to caſt at him, but Ieſus hid him ſelf, and went out of the Temple ‖.

CHAP. IX.

‖ And he paſſed throughthe middes of them and ſo went his way.

1 Of him that was borne blinde. 11 The confeſſion of him that was borne blinde. 39 To what blinde men Chriſt giueth ſight.

1 AND as Ieſus paſſed by, he ſawe a mã which was blinde from his birth.
2 And his diſciples aſked him, ſaying, Maſter, who did ſinne, this man, or his parẽts, that he was borne blinde?

a God doeth not alwayes puniſh mẽ for their ſinnes.

3 Ieſus anſwered, a Nether hathe this man ſinned, nor his parents, but that the workes of God ſhulde be ſhewed on him.
4 I muſt worke the workes of him that ſent me, while it is b day: the night cometh whẽ no man can worke.

b Whẽ opportunitie & the ſeaſon ſerueth

5 As long as I am in the worlde, *I am the light of the worlde.

Chap.1.9. & 8.12. & 12.35.

c This was not for any vertue that was in the earth, in the ſpittle, or in the claye to make one ſe: but it onely pleaſed him to vſe theſe ſignes & meanes.

6 Aſſone as he had thus ſpoken, c he ſpate on the grounde, & made claye of the ſpettle, and anointed the eyes of the blinde with the clay,
7 And ſaid vnto him, Go waſh in the poole of Siloam (which is by interpretatiõ, d Sẽt) He went his way therefore, and waſhed, & came againe ſeing.

d Hereby was prefigured the Meſsias, who ſhulde be ſent vnto them.

8 Now the neighbours and they that had ſene him before, when he was blinde, ſaid, Is not this he that ſate and begged?
9 Some ſaid, This is he: & others ſaid, He is like him: but he him ſelf ſaid, I am he.
10 Therefore they ſaid vnto him, How were thine eyes opened?
11 He anſwered, and ſaid, The man that is called Ieſus, made claye, and anointed mine eyes, and ſaid vnto me, Go to the poole of Siloam and waſh. So I went and waſhed and receiued ſight.
12 Then they ſaid vnto him, Where is he? He ſaid, I can not tell.
13 ¶ They broght to the Phariſes him that was once blinde.
14 And it was the Sabbath *day*, when Ieſus made the claye, and opened his eyes.
15 Thẽ againe the Phariſes alſo aſked him, how he had receiued ſight. And he ſaid vnto them, He laid claye vpon mine eyes, & I waſhed, and do ſe.
16 Then ſaid ſome of the Phariſes, This man is not of God, becauſe he kepeth not the Sabbath *day*. Others ſaid, How can a man that is a ſinner, do ſuche miracles? and there was a diſſenſion among them.
17 Then ſpakẽ they vnto the blinde againe, What ſaiſt thou of him, becauſe he hathe opened thine eyes? And he ſaid, He is a Prophet.
18 Then the Iewes did not beleue him (that he had bene blinde, and receiued his ſight) vntil they had called the parents of him that had receiued ſight.
19 And they aſked thẽ, ſaying, Is this your ſonne, whome ye ſay was borne blinde? How doeth he now ſe then?
20 His parents anſwered them, & ſaid, We knowe that this is our ſonne, and that he was borne blinde:
21 But by what meanes he now ſeeth, we knowe not: or who hathe opened his eyes, e can we not tell: he is olde ynough: aſke him: he ſhal anſwer for him ſelf.

e They durſt not ſpeake the trueth for feare they ſhulde be excommunicate.

22 Theſe wordes ſpake his parents, becauſe they feared the Iewes: for the Iewes had ordeined alreadie, that if any mã did confeſſe that he was the Chriſt, he ſhulde be *excommunicate* out of the Synagogue.
23 Therefore ſaid his parents, He is olde ynough: aſke him.
24 Then againe called they the man that had bene blinde, and ſaid vnto him, f Giue glorie vnto God: we knowe that this man is a ſinner.

f That is, Conſider that nothig is hid frõ God: therefore tel vs ỹ trueth that God may be glorified thereby. Ioſ 7.19. 1 ſam.6.5.

25 Then he anſwered, and ſaid, Whither he be a ſinner or no, g I can not tell: one thing I knowe, that I was blinde, and now I ſe.

g He ſpake this in mockerie

26 h Thẽ ſaid they to him againe, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

h They thoght ether to driue him from the trueth, or to make hi ſwerue by their oft times examining hi: which practiſe Satãs members euer do obſerue in examining the Chriſtians

27 He anſwered them, I haue tolde you alreadie, and ye haue not heard it: wherefore wolde ye heare it againe? wil ye alſo be his diſciples?

i He derideth their wilful malice and ignorance

28 Then checked they him, & ſaid, Be thou his diſciple: we be Moſes diſciples.
29 We knowe that God ſpake with Moſes: but this man we knowe not frõ whence he is.

k They douted not of his coũtrey or parents, but of his office and autoritie

30 The man anſwered, and ſaid vnto them, Doutles, this is a marueilous thing, that ye k knowe not whence he is, and yet he hathe

hathe opened mine eyes.

31 Now we knowe that God heareth not [f] ſinners: but if any man be a worſhipper of God, and doeth his wil, him heareth he.

32 Since the worlde began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was borne blinde.

33 If this man were not of God, he colde haue done nothing.

34 They anſwered, & ſaid vnto him, Thou art altogether borne in ſinnes, and doeſt thou teache vs? ſo they caſt him out.

35 Ieſus heard that they had [g] caſt him out: and when he had founde him, he ſaid vnto him, Doeſt thou beleue in the Sonne of God?

36 He anſwered, and ſaid, Who is he, Lord, that I might beleue in him?

37 And Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Bothe thou haſt ſene him, & he it is that talketh with thee.

38 Then he ſaid, Lord, I beleue, and [m] worſhipped him.

39 And Ieſus ſaid, I am come vnto [n] iudgement into this worlde, that they which ſe not, might ſe: & that they *which ſe, might be made blinde.

40 And ſome of the Phariſes which were with him, heard theſe things, and ſaid vnto him, Are we blinde alſo?

41 Ieſus ſaid vnto them, If ye were blinde, [o] ye ſhulde not haue ſinne: but now ye ſay, We ſe: therefore your ſinne remaineth.

f Or, wicked men, contemners of God & ſuche as delite in ſinne.

g Or, excommunicate him.

m As all aſtoniſhed he fel downe & worſhipped him.

n Meaning, ẅ rule & autoritie, to make the poore blinde to ſe, and ỹ proude ſeers blinde

Chap 3.17. & 12.47.

o You ſhulde not be ſo muche in faute.

CHAP. X.

1 Chriſt is the true ſhepherd, and the dore. 19 Diuers opinions of Chriſt. 24 He is aſked if he be Chriſt 32 His workes declare that he is God. 34 The princes called gods.

1 VErely, verely I ſay vnto you, He that entreth not in by the dore into the ſhepefolde, but climeth vp another way, he is a thefe and a robber.

2 But he that goeth in by the dore, is the ſhepherd of the ſhepe.

3 To him the porter openeth, and the ſhepe heare his voyce, and he [a] calleth his owne ſhepe by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he hathe ſent forthe his owne ſhepe, he goeth before them, and the ſhepe followe him: for they knowe his voyce.

5 And they wil not followe a ſtranger, but they flee from him: for they knowe not the voyce of ſtrangers.

6 This parable ſpake Ieſus vnto them: but they vnderſtode not what things they were which he ſpake vnto them.

7 Then ſaid Ieſus vnto them againe, Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, I am the dore of the ſhepe.

8 All, [b] that euer came before me, are theues & robbers: but the ſhepe did not heare them.

9 I am the dore: by me if any man enter in, he ſhalbe ſaued, and ſhal [c] go in and go out, and finde paſture.

10 The theſe commeth not, but for to ſteale, and to kill, and to deſtroye: I am come that they might haue life, and haue it in abundance.

11 *I am the good ſhepherd: the good ſhepherd giueth his life for his ſhepe.

12 But an hireling, and he which is not the ſhepherd, nether the ſhepe are his owne, ſeeth the wolfe cõming, & he leaueth the ſhepe, and fleeth, and the wolfe catcheth them, and ſcattereth the ſhepe.

13 So the hireling fleeth, becauſe he is an hireling, and careth not for the ſhepe.

14 I am the good ſhepherd, and [d] knowe mine, and am knowen of mine.

15 [e] As the Father [f] knoweth me, ſo knowe I the Father: and I lay downe my life for *my* ſhepe.

16 [g] Other ſhepe I haue alſo, which are not of this folde: them alſo muſt I bring, and they ſhal heare my voyce: and * there ſhal be one ſhepefolde, & one ſhepherd.

17 [h] Therefore doeth my Father loue me, becauſe * I lay downe my life, ỹ I might take it againe.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it downe of my ſelf: I haue power to lay it downe, and haue power to take it againe: this * commandement haue I receiued of my Father.

19 ¶ Then there was a diſſention againe among the Iewes for theſe ſayings.

20 And many of them ſaid, He hathe a deuil, and is madde: why heare ye him?

21 Others ſaid, Theſe are not the wordes of him that hathe a deuil: can the deuil open the eyes of the blinde?

22 And it was at Ieruſalem the [i] *feaſt of the* *Dedication, and it was winter.

23 And Ieſus walked in the Temple, in [k] Solomons porche.

24 Thẽ came the Iewes rounde about him, and ſaid vnto him, How long doeſt thou [o] make vs doute? If thou be the Chriſt, tell vs plainely.

25 Ieſus anſwered them, I tolde you, and ye beleue not: the workes that I do in my Fathers Name, they beare witnes of me.

26 But ye beleue not: [l] for ye are not of my ſhepe, as I ſaid vnto you.

27 My ſhepe heare my voyce, and I knowe them, and they followe me,

28 And I giue vnto them eternal life, and they ſhal neuer periſh, nether ſhal any plucke them out of mine hand.

29 My Father which gaue *them* me, is [m] greater then all, and none is able to take them out of my Fathers hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

31 *Then the Iewes againe toke vp ſtones, to ſtone him.

32 Ieſus anſwered them, Many good workes

Iſa 40.11 ezek.34.23.

d Chriſt knoweth his becauſe he loueth them, careth and prouideth for them.

e As ỹ Father can not forget him, no more can he forget vs

f In that he loueth and approueth me.

Ezec 37.22.

g To wit, among the Gentiles, which then were ſtrãgers from the Church of God

Iſa 53.7. Act 2.24.

h Chriſt euen in that that he is mã, hathe deſerued his Fathers loue and euerlaſting life, not to his fleſhe onely, but to vs alſo which by his obedience and perfect iuſtice are imputed righteous, Ro. 5.19 phil 2.7.

1 Mac. 4.59.

i Which was inſtitute, that the people might giue thãkes to God for their deliuerance and reſtoring of their religion and Temple, which Antiochus had corrupted and polluted

k Which was builded againe after the patron of that which Solomõ builded

o Or, holdeſt our minde in ſuſpenſe

l The cauſe wherefore the reprobate can not beleue

m Whereby we learne how ſafely we are preſerued againſt all dangers

Chap 8.59.

haue I ſhewed you from my Father: for which of theſe workes do ye ſtone me?

33 The Iewes anſwered him, ſaying, For the good worke we ſtone thee not, but for blaſphemie, and that thou being a man, makeſt thy ſelf God.

34 Ieſus anſwered them, Is it not written in your Law, *I ſaid, ye are [a] gods?

*Pſal.82.6.

a Meaning of Princes and rulers, who for their office ſake are called gods, and are made here in earth as his Lieutenants: wherefore if this noble title be giuen to man, muche more is apperteined to him that is the Sonne of God equal with his Father.

35 If he called them gods, vnto whome the worde of God was *giuen*, and the Scripture can not be broken,

36 Say ye of him, whome the Father hathe ſanctified, and ſent into the worlde, Thou blaſphemeſt, becauſe I ſaid, I am the Sonne of God?

37 If I do not the workes of my Father, beleue me not.

38 But if I do, then thogh ye beleue not me, *yet* beleue the workes, that ye may knowe & beleue, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.

39 Againe they went about to take him, but he eſcaped out of their hands,

40 And went againe beyonde Iordan, into the place where Iohn firſt baptized, and there abode.

41 And many reſorted vnto him, and ſaid, Iohn did [c] no miracle: but all things that Iohn ſpake of this man, were true.

c Whereby they gathered that Chriſt was more excellent then Iohn.

42 And many beleued in him there.

CHAP. XI.

a Chriſt raiſeth Lazarus from death. 47 The hie Prieſts and Phariſes gather a counſel againſt him. 50 Caiaphas prophecieth. 54 Chriſt getteth him out of the way.

1 AND a certeine man was ſicke, *named* Lazarus of Bethania, the towne of Marie, and her ſiſter Martha.

2 (And it was that *Marie which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his fete with her heere, whoſe brother Lazarus was ſicke.)

*Chap.12.3. Mat.26.7.

3 Therefore *his* ſiſters ſent vnto him, ſaying, Lord, beholde, he whome thou loueſt, is ſicke.

4 When Ieſus heard it, he ſaid, This ſickenes is not [a] vnto death, but for the glorie of God, that the Sonne of God might be glorified thereby.

a For although he dyed, yet being reſtored ſo ſone to life, it was almoſt no death in cõpariſon.

5 ¶Now Ieſus loued Martha and her ſiſter and Lazarus.

6 And after he had heard that he was ſicke, yet abode he two dayes ſtil in ỹ ſame place where he was.

7 Then after that, ſaid he to his diſciples, Let vs go into Iudea againe.

*Chap.7.30. & 8.59. & 10.39.

8 The diſciples ſaid vnto him, Maſter, the Iewes lately ſoght to *ſtone thee, & doeſt thou go thither againe.

9 Ieſus anſwered, Are there not [b] twelue houres in the day? If a man walke in the day, he ſtombleth not, becauſe he ſeeth the light of this worlde.

b He that walketh in his vocation, & hathe the light of God for his guyde, needeth to feare no dãgers. The day alſo, bothe ſomer & winter was with the Iewes diuided into 12 houres

10 But if a man walke in the night, he ſtombleth, becauſe there is no light in him.

11 Theſe things ſpake he, and after he ſaid vnto thẽ, Our friend Lazarus ſlepeth: but I go to wake him vp.

12 Then ſaid his diſciples, Lord, if he ſlepe, he [c] ſhal be ſafe.

c They laboured to ſtay Chriſt from going into Iudea, as though there had bene no nede

13 Howbeit, Ieſus ſpake of his death: but they thoght that he had ſpoken of the [d] natural ſlepe.

d Or, ſlombering ſlepe.

14 Then ſaid Ieſus vnto them plainely, Lazarus is dead.

15 And I am glad for your ſakes, that I was not there, that ye may beleue: but let vs go vnto him.

16 Then ſaid Thomas (which is called [d] Didymus) vnto his fellowe diſciples, Let vs alſo go, that we may dye with him.

d Which ſignifieth in our tõgue, a twynne in birth.

17 ¶Thẽ came Ieſus, & founde that he had line in the graue foure dayes already.

18 (Now Bethania was nere vnto Ieruſalẽ, about [e] fiftene furlongs of.)

e Which were almoſt two mile.

19 And many of the Iewes were come to Martha and Marie to comfort them for their brother.

20 Then Martha, when ſhe heard that Ieſus was coming, wẽt to mete him: but Marie ſate ſtil in the houſe.

21 Then ſaid Martha vnto Ieſus, Lord, if thou haddeſt bene here, my brother had not bene dead.

22 But now [f] I knowe alſo, that whatſoeuer thou aſkeſt of God, God wil giue it thee.

f She ſheweth ſome faith, & notwithſtãding was almoſt ouercome by her affections.

23 Ieſus ſaid vnto her, Thy brother ſhal riſe againe.

24 Martha ſaid vnto him, I knowe that he ſhal riſe againe in the reſurrection at the laſt day.

25 Ieſus ſaid vnto her, [g] I am the reſurrection and the life: he that beleueth in me, thogh he were dead, *yet* ſhal he liue.

g Chriſt reſtoreth vs from death to giue vs euerlaſting life.

26 And whoſoeuer liueth, and beleueth in me, ſhal neuer dye. Beleueſt thou this?

27 She ſaid vnto him, Yea, Lord, I beleue that thou art the Chriſt the Sõne of God, which ſhulde come into the worlde.

28 ¶And when ſhe had ſo ſaid, ſhe went her way, and called Marie her ſiſter ſecretly, ſaying, The Maſter is come, and calleth for thee.

29 And when ſhe heard it, ſhe aroſe quickely, and came vnto him.

30 For Ieſus was not yet come into the towne, but was in the place where Martha met him.

31 The Iewes then which were with her in the houſe, and comforted her, when they ſawe Marie, that ſhe roſe vp [h] haſtely, and went out, followed her, ſaying, She goeth vnto the graue, to wepe there.

h Wherein ſhe declared her affection and reuerence that ſhe bare to Chriſt.

32 Then when Marie was come where Ieſus was, and ſawe him, ſhe fel downe at his fete, ſaying vnto him, Lord, if thou haddeſt

haddeſt bene here, my brother had not bene dead.

33 When Ieſus therefore ſawe hei wepe,& the Iewes *alſo* wepe which came with her, he [i] groned in the ſpirit, & was troubled in him ſelf,

34 And ſaid, Where haue ye laid him? Thei ſaid vnto him, Lord, come, and ſe.

35 *And* Ieſus [k] wept.

36 Then ſaid the Iewes, Beholde, how he loued him.

37 And ſome of them ſaid, Colde not he, which opened the eyes of the blinde, haue made alſo, that this man ſhulde not haue dyed?

38 Ieſus therefore againe groned in him ſelf, and came to the graue. And it was a caue, and a ſtone was laid vpon it.

39 Ieſus ſaid, Take ye away the ſtone. Martha the ſiſter of him that was dead, ſaid vnto him, Lord, he ſtinketh alreadie: for he hathe bene *dead* foure daies.

40 Ieſus ſaid vnto her, Said I not vnto thee, that if thou diddeſt beleue, thou ſhuldeſt ſe the [l] glorie of God?

41 Then they toke away the ſtone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Ieſus lift vp his eyes, and ſaid, Father, I thanke thee, becauſe thou haſt heard me.

42 I knowe that thou heareſt me alwayes, but becauſe of the people that ſtand by, I ſaid it, that they maye beleue, that thou haſt ſent me.

43 As he had ſpoken theſe things, he cryed [w] a loude voyce, Lazarus, come forthe.

44 Then he that was dead, came forthe, bounde hand and fote with bandes, & his face was bounde with a napkin. Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Loſe him, and let him go.

45 ¶Then manie of the Iewes, which came to Marie, and had ſene the things, which Ieſus did, beleued in him.

46 But ſome of them went their way to the Phariſes, and tolde them what things Ieſus had done.

47 Then gathered the hie Prieſts, and the Phariſes a counſil, and ſaid, What ſhal we do? For this man doeth manie miracles.

48 If [m] we let him thus alone, all men wil beleue in him, and the Romaines wil come and take away bothe our place, and the nacion.

49 Then one of them *named* Caiaphas, which was the hie Prieſt [n] that ſame yere, ſaid vnto thē, Ye perceiue nothing at all,

50 Nor yet do you conſider that it is expedient for vs, that one man dye for the people, and that the whole nacion periſh not.

51 This ſpake he not of him ſelf: but being hie Prieſt that ſame yeie, he [o] prophecied that Ieſus ſhulde dye for the nacion:

52 And not for the nacion onely, but that he ſhulde gather together in one [ỹ] children of God, which were ſcattered.

53 Then from that day forthe they conſulted together, to put him to death.

54 Ieſus therefore walked no more openly among the Iewes, but went thence vnto a countrey nere to the wildernes, into a citie called Ephraim, and there cōtinued with his diſciples.

55 ¶And the Iewes Paſſeouer was at hand, and manie went out of the countrey vp to Ieruſalem before the Paſſeouer, to [p] purifie them ſelues.

56 Then ſoght they for Ieſus, and ſpake among them ſelues, as thei ſtode in the Tēple, What thinke ye, that he cometh not to the feaſt?

57 Now bothe the hie Prieſts and the Phariſes had giuen a commandement, that if anie man knewe where he were, he ſhulde ſhewe it, that they might take him.

CHAP. XII.

7 Chriſt excuſeth Maries faſt 13 The affection of ſome towards him, and the rage of others againſt him and Lazarus 25 The commoditie of the croſſe 27 His praier 28 The anſwer of the Father. 32 His death, and the frute therof 36 He exhorteth to faith 40 The blindenes of ſome, and the infirmities of others

1 THen* Ieſus ſix dayes before the Paſſeouer came to Bethania, where Lazarus was, which was dead, whome he had raiſed from the dead. *Mat.26,6. mar 14,3.*

2 There they made him a ſupper, & Martha ſerued: but Lazarus was one of them that ſate at the table with him.

3 Then toke Marie a pound of ointment of ſpikenarde verie coſtlie, and anointed Ieſus [a] fete, & wipte his fete with her heere, & the houſe was filled with the ſauour of the ointment.

4 Then ſaid one of his diſciples, *euen* Iudas Iſcariot Simons *ſonne*, which ſhulde betraye him,

5 Why was not this ointment ſolde for [b] thre hundreth pence, and giuen to the poore?

6 Now he ſaid this, not that he cared for the poore, but becauſe he was a theſe, and * had the bagge, and bare that which was giuen. *Chap.13,29.*

7 Then ſaid Ieſus, Let her alone: againſt the day of my burying ſhe kept it.

8 For the poore alwayes ye haue with you, but me ye ſhal not haue alwaies.

9 Then muche people of the Iewes knewe that he was there: and they came, not for Ieſus ſake onely, but that they might ſe Lazarus alſo, whome he had raiſed from the dead.

10 The hie Prieſts therefore cōſulted, that they might put Lazarus to death alſo,

11 Becauſe that for his ſake manie of the Iewes went away, and beleued in Ieſus. *Mat.21,8. mar 11,7. luk.19,35.*

12 ¶* On the morowe a great multitude

i For compaſſion: for he felt our miſeries, as thogh he ſuffred [ỹ] like

k We read not that his affections were ſo ceſſine that he kept no meaſure, as we do in our ſorowes, ioyes & other affections.

l That is, a miracle whereby Gods Name ſhulde be glorified.

m They reſiſt God, thinking to hinder his worke by their owne policies.

n Or, for that preſent time.

o God made him to ſpeake, nether colde his impietie let Gods purpoſe who cauſed this wicked man euen as he did Balaam, to be an inſtrument of [ỹ] holie Goſt

p Becauſe thei thoght hereby to make them ſelues more holie againſt thei ſhulde eat the Paſſeouer: but they were not commanded by God to vſe this ceremonie.

a Euen [f:ō] the head to [ỹ] fete.

b Read Mar. 14,15

that were come to the feaſt, when they
heard that Ieſus ſhulde come to Ieruſalē,
13 Toke branches of palme trees, & went
forthe to mete him, and cryed, c Hoſanna, Bleſſed is the King of Iſrael that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
14 And Ieſus founde a d yong aſſe, and ſate thereon, as it is written,
15 *Feare not, daughter of Sion: beholde, thy Kig cometh ſitting on an aſſes colte.
16 But his diſciples vnderſtode not theſe things at the firſt: but when Ieſus was glorified, then remembred they, that theſe things were written of him, and that they had done theſe things vnto him.
17 The people therefore that was with him, bare witnes that he called Lazarus out of the graue, and raiſed him from the dead.
18 Therefore met him the people alſo, becauſe thei heard that he had done this miracle.
19 And the Phariſes ſaid among them ſelues, Perceiue ye how ye preuaile nothing? Beholde, the e worlde goeth after him.
20 ¶ Now there were certeine f Grekes among them that came vp to worſhip at the feaſt.
21 And they came to Philippe, which was of Bethſaida in Galile, and deſired him, ſaying, Syr, we wolde ſe Ieſus.
22 Philippe came and tolde Andrewe: and againe Andrewe & Philippe tolde Ieſus.
23 And Ieſus anſwered them, ſaying, The houre is come, that the Sonne of mā muſt be g glorified.
24 Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, Except the wheate corne fall into the grounde & dye, it bideth alone: but if it dye, it bringeth forthe muche frute.
25 *He that h loueth his life, ſhal loſe it, & he that i hateth his life in this worlde, ſhal kepe it vnto life eternal.
26 *If anie man ſerue me, let him followe me: for where I am, there ſhal alſo my ſeruant be: and if anie man ſerue me, him wil my Father honour.
27 Now is my ſoule troubled: & what ſhal I ſay? Father, ſaue me from this houre: but therefore came I vnto this houre.
28 Father, glorifie thy Name. Then came there a voyce from heauen, *ſaying*, I haue bothe glorified it, and wil glorifie it againe.
29 Then ſaid the people that ſtode by and heard, that it was a thundre: others ſaid, An Angel ſpake to him.
30 Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid, This voyce came not becauſe of me, but for your ſakes.
31 Now is the k iudgement of this worlde: now ſhal the prince of this worlde be caſt out.
32 *And l I, if I were lift vp from the earth, wil drawe l all men vnto me.
33 Now this ſaid he, ſignifying what death he ſhulde dye.
34 The people anſwered him, We haue heard out of the *Law, that the Chriſt bydeth for euer: and how ſaiſt thou, that the Sonne of man muſt be lift vp? who is that Sonne of man?
35 Then Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Yet a litle while is *the light with you: walke while ye haue light, leſt the darkenes come vpon you: for he that walketh in the darke, knoweth not whether he goeth.
36 While ye haue light, beleue in ỹ light, that ye may be the children of the light. Theſe things ſpake Ieſus, and departed, & hid him ſelf from them.
37 ¶ And thogh he had done ſo manie miracles before them, *yet* beleued they not on him:
38 That the ſaying of Eſaias the Prophet might be fulfilled, that he ſaid, *Lord, who beleued our reporte? and to whome is the m arme of the Lord reueiled?
39 Therefore colde thei not beleue, becauſe that Eſaias ſaith againe,
40 *He hathe blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart, that they ſhulde not ſe with *their* eyes, nor vnderſtand with *their* heart, and ſhulde be conuerted, & I ſhulde n heale them.
41 Theſe things ſaid Eſaias when he ſawe his glorie and ſpake of him.
42 Neuertheles euen among the chief rulers manie beleued in him: but becauſe of the Phariſes, they did not confeſſe him, leſt they ſhulde "be *caſt* out of the Synagogue.
43 *For they loued the o praiſe of men, more then the praiſe of God.
44 And Ieſus cryed, and ſaid, He that beleueth in me, beleueth not in me, but in him that ſent me.
45 And he that ſeeth me, ſeeth him that ſent me.
46 I *am come a light into the worlde, that whoſoeuer beleueth in me, ſhulde not abide in darkenes.
47 And if anie man heare my wordes, and beleue not, I "iudge him not: for I came not to "iudge the worlde, but to ſaue the worlde.
48 He that refuſeth me, and receiueth not my wordes, hathe one that p iudgeth him: *the worde that I haue ſpoke, it ſhal iudge him in the p laſt day.
49 For I haue not ſpoken of my ſelf: but the Father, which ſent me, he gaue me a commandement what I ſhulde ſay, and what I ſhulde ſpeake.
50 And I knowe that his commandement is life euerlaſting: the things therefore that I ſpeake, I ſpeake *the* ſo as the Father ſaid vnto me.

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c That is, ſaue, I beſeech thee.
d This doeth wel declare ỹ his kingdome ſtode not in outwarde things
Zach 9.9i
e Or, the preaſſe.
f They were of the race of the Iewes, and came out of Aſia & Grecia: for els ỹ Iewes wolde not haue permitted ỹ they ſhulde worſhip with them in the Tēple.
g Which is, ỹ ỹ knowledge of him ſhulde be manifeſt through all ỹ worlde.
Mat 10.39. & 16.25. mar 8.35. luk.9.24. & 17.33. Chap 12.24.
h If the loue thereof let hī from comming to Chriſt.
i And ſo loſeth it for Chriſts ſake.
k The reformacion and reſtoring of thoſe things, which were out of order.
Chap.3.14.
l The croſſe is the meane to gather the Church of God together, and to drawe mē to heauen.
m Not onely ỹ Iewes but alſo the Gentiles.
Pſal 89.37. & 110.4 & 117.2. ezek.37.25.
Chap 1.9.
Iſa 53.1 rom. 10.16.
n By deliuering thē from their miſeries, & giuing them true felicitie.
Iſa.6.9 mat. 13.14 mar.4.12 luk.8.11. act 28.26. rom 11.8.
o Or, excommunicate.
Chap 5.44. o To be eſteemed of men.
p For that day ſhalbe the approbacion of the Goſpel.
Mar 16.26. chap 3.17
q Or, condemneth.
r Or, condemne.
s Or, condemneth.
m That is, the Goſpel, which is ỹ power of God to ſaluacio to euerie one that doeth beleue.

CHAP. XIII.

f Christ washeth the disciples fete, 14 Exhorting them to humilitie & charitie. 21 Telleth them of Iudas the traitour, 34 And commandeth them earnestly to loue one another. 38 He forewarneth of Peters denial.

1 NOw * before the feast of the Passeouer, when Iesus knewe that his houre was come, that he shulde departe out of this worlde vnto the Father, for asmuche as he loued his owne which were in the worlde, vnto the end he [a] loued them.

Mat 26,2. mar 14,1 luk 22,1.

a Because he sawe the danger great ẅ was towarde thē, therefore he toke ȳ greater care for them

2 And when [b] supper was done (and that the deuil had now put in the heart of Iudas Iscariot, Simons *sonne*, to betraye him)

b Which was the eating of the Passeouer

3 Iesus knowing that the Father had giuen all things into his hands, & that he was come from God, and went to God,

4 He riseth from supper, and layeth aside *his vpper* garments, and toke a towel, and girde him self.

5 After that, he powred water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples fete, and to wipe them with the towel, wherewith he was girde.

6 Then came he to Simon Peter, who said to him, Lord, doest thou wash my fete?

7 Iesus answered and said vnto him, What I do, thou knowest not now: but thou shalt knowe it hereafter.

8 Peter said vnto him, Thou shalt neuer wash my fete. Iesus answered him, If I [c] wash thee not, thou shalt haue no parte with me.

c And make thee cleane from thy sinnes.

9 Simon Peter said vnto him, Lord, not my fete onely, but also the hands & the head.

10 Iesus said to him, He that is washed, nedeth not, saue to [d] wash *his* fete, but is cleane euerie whit: and ye are * cleane, but not all.

d That is, to be continually purged of his corrupt affections and worldelie cares ẅ remaine dayly in vs

Chap 15,3.

11 For he knewe who shulde betraye him: therefore said he, Ye are not all cleane.

12 ¶So after he had washed their fete, and had taken his garments, and was set downe againe, he said vnto them, Knowe ye what I haue done to you?

13 Ye call me Master, and Lord, and ye say wel: for *so* am I.

14 If I then your Lord, and Master, haue washed your fete, ye also ought to wash [e] one anothers fete.

e To serue one another.

15 For I haue giuen you an example, that ye shulde do, euen as I haue done to you.

Chap 15,20. mat 10,24. luk 6,40.

16 Verely, verely I say vnto you, * The seruant is not greater then his master, neither the ambassadour greater then he that sent him.

17 If ye knowe these things, blessed are ye, if ye do them.

18 ¶I speake not of you all: I knowe whome I haue chosen: but *it is* that the Scripture might be fulfilled, * He ȳ eateth bread with me, hathe [f] lift vp his hele against me.

Psal 41,10.

f Vnder pretence of friendship seketh his destruction.

19 From hence forthe tell I you before it come, ȳ when it is come to passe, ye might beleue that I am [g] he.

g To wit, the Christ and redemer of the worlde

20 * Verely, verely I say vnto you, If I send anie, he that receiueth him, receiueth me, and he that receiueth me, receiueth him that sent me.

Mat 10,40. luk 10,16.

21 When Iesus had said these things, he was [h] troubled in the Spirit, & [i] testified, and said, Verely, verely I say vnto you, that one of you shal betraye me.

h For very hot zor & indignation of suche an abominable acte as Iudas shulde commit

i He did openly affirme.

22 * Then the disciples loked one on another, douting of whome he spake.

Mat.26,21. mar 14,18. luk 22,21.

23 Now there was one of his disciples, ẅ [k] leaned on Iesus bosome, whome Iesus loued.

k Their facion was not to sit at table, but hauing their shoes of, and cushions vnder their elbowes, leaned on their sides, as it were nal-fe lying

24 To him beckened therefore Simon Peter, ȳ he shulde aske who it was of whome he spake.

25 He then, as he leaned on Iesus breast, said vnto him, Lord, who is it?

26 Iesus answered, He it is, to whome I shal giue a soppe, when I haue dipte it: and he wet a soppe, and gaue it to Iudas Iscariot, Simons *sonne*.

27 And after the soppe, [l] Satan entred into him. Thē said Iesus vnto him, That thou doest, do quickely.

l Satā toke full possession of him.

28 But none of them that were at table, knewe, for what cause he spake it vnto him.

29 For some of them thoght because Iudas had the bagge, that Iesus had said vnto hī, Bie those things that we haue nede of against the feast: or that he shulde giue some thing to the poore.

30 Assone then as he had receiued the soppe, he went immediatly out, and it was night.

31 ¶When he was gone out, Iesus said, [m] Now is the Sonne of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

m Meaning, ȳ his crosse shal ingēder a marueilous glorie. and that in it shal shine the infinite bountie of God.

32 If God be glorified in him, God shal also glorifie him in him self, & shal straight way glorifie him.

33 Litle childrē, yet a litle while am I with you: ye shal seke me, but as I said vnto the * Iewes, Whither I go, can ye not come: also to you say I now,

Chap 7,34.

34 *n A new commandement giue I vnto you, that ye loue one another: as I haue loued you, that ye also loue one another.

Leuit 19,18. mat.22,39. chap.15,12. 1 Iohn 4,21.

35 By this shal all mē knowe that ye are my disciples, if ye haue loue one to another.

n Whereof we ought to haue continual remēbrance as though it were euen newly giuen

36 Simō Peter said vnto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Iesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not followe me now: but thou [o] shalt followe me afterwardes.

o When thou shalt be more strong

37 Peter said vnto him, Lord, why can I not followe thee now? * I wil lay downe my life for thy sake.

Mat 26,14. mar.14,30.

38 Iesus answered him, Wilt thou lay downe thy life for my sake? Verely, verely I say vnto thee, The cocke shal not crowe,

til thou haue denyed me thriſe.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 He armeth his diſciples with conſolation againſt trouble. 2 He aſcendeth into heauen to prepare v. a place. 6 The way, the trueth and the life. 10 The Father and Chriſt one. 13 How we ſhulde pray. 23 The promes vnto them that kepe his worde.

1 AND he ſaid to his diſciples, Let not your heart be troubled: ye beleue in God, [a] beleue alſo in me.

a For in ſo beleuīg no troubles ſhal ouercome them.

2 In my Fathers houſe are [b] many dwelling places: if it were not ſo, I wolde haue tolde you: I go to prepare a place for you.

b So that there is not onely place for him, but for all his.

3 And thogh I go to prepare a place for you, I wil [c] come againe, and receiue you vnto my ſelf, that where I am, there may ye be alſo.

c At the latter day, Act.1,11.

4 And whither I go, ye knowe, and the way ye knowe.

5 Thomas ſaid vnto him, Lord, we [d] knowe not whither thou goeſt: how can we then knowe the way?

d He was not altogether ignorant, but his knowledge was weake and imperfite

6 Ieſus ſaid vnto him, I am the [e] Way, and the Trueth, & the Life. No man cōmeth vnto the Father, but by me.

e Therefore we muſt begin in him, continewe in him, & end in him.

7 If ye had knowen me, ye ſhulde haue knowen my Father alſo: and from hence forthe ye knowe him, and haue ſene him.

8 Philippe ſaid vnto him, Lord, ſhewe vs *thy* Father, and it ſuffiſeth vs.

9 Ieſus ſaid vnto him, I haue bene ſo long time with you, and haſt thou not knowen me, Philippe? he that hathe ſene me, hathe ſene my Father: how the ſaiſt thou, Shewe vs *thy* Father?

10 Beleueſt thou not, that I am in the Father, and [f] the Father is in me? The wordes that I ſpeake vnto you, I ſpeake not of my [g] ſelf: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he [h] doeth the workes.

f For the verie fulnes of the diuinitie remaineth in Chriſt.

g In that, that he is man.

h Who declareth his mateſtie and vertue by his doctrine and miracles.

11 Beleue me, that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: at the leaſt, beleue me for the very workes ſake.

12 Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, he that beleueth in me, the workes that I do, [i] he ſhal do alſo, & greater then theſe ſhal he do: for I go vnto my Father.

i This is referred to the whole bodie of the Church in whome this vertue of Chriſt doeth ſhine & remaine for euer.

13 *And whatſoeuer ye aſke in my Name, that wil I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Sonne.

Chap.16,23. mat 7.7. mar.11,24. iam.1,5.

14 If ye ſhal aſke any thing in my Name, I wil do it.

15 If ye loue me, kepe my cōmandements,

16 And I wil pray the Father, and he ſhal giue you another [k] Cōforter, that he may abide with you for euer,

k I haue comforted you whiles I was with you, but henſforthe ye holie Goſt ſhal comfort you, and preſerue you. Alſo called becauſe he worketh in vs the trueth.

17 *Euen* the Spirit of [l] trueth, whome the worlde can not receiue, becauſe it ſeeth him not, neither knoweth hi: but ye knowe him: for he dwelleth with you, and ſhalbe in you.

l Which thig he doeth by ye vertue of his Spirit.

18 I wil not leaue you comfortles: *but* I wil [m] come to you.

19 Yet a litle while, and the worlde ſhal ſe me no more, but ye ſhal ſe me: becauſe I liue, ye ſhal liue alſo.

20 At that day ſhal ye knowe that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

21 He that hathe my commandements, and kepeth them, is he that loueth me: and he that loueth me, [n] ſhalbe loued of my Father: and I wil loue him, and wil ſhewe mine owne ſelf to him.

n He ſhal ſenſibly feele ye grace of God abideth in him

22 Iudas ſaid vnto him (not [o] Iſcariot) Lord, what is the cauſe that thou wilt ſhewe thy ſelf vnto vs, and not vnto the worlde?

o But the brother of Iames.

23 Ieſus anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, If any man loue me, he wil kepe my worde, & my Father wil loue him, and we wil come vnto him, and wil dwell with him.

p Whereby he aduertiſeth not to haue reſpect to ye worlde, leſt they ſhulde be drawen backe by euil example

24 He that loueth me not, kepeth not my wordes, and the worde which ye heare, is not [q] mine, but the Fathers which ſent me.

q That is, not his alone: for he had nothig ſeparate from his Father.

25 Theſe things haue I ſpoken vnto you, being preſent with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the holie Goſt, whome the Father wil ſend in my Name, he ſhal teache you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, which I haue tolde you.

27 [r] Peace I leaue with you: my peace I giue vnto you: not as the worlde giueth, giue I vnto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor feare.

r All comfort & proſperitie.

28 Ye haue heard how I ſaid vnto you, I go away, and wil come vnto you. If ye loued me, ye wolde verely reioyce, becauſe I ſaid, I go vnto the Father: for my Father is [s] greater then I.

s In that, that Chriſt is become man to be Mediator betwene God & vs.

29 And now haue I ſpoken vnto you, before it come, that when it is come to paſſe, ye might beleue.

30 Hereafter wil I not ſpeake many things vnto you: for the [t] prince of this worlde commeth, and hathe [u] noght in me.

t Satan executeth his rage & tyrānie by the permiſsion of God

31 But *it is* that the worlde may knowe that I loue *my* Father: & as the Father hathe cōmanded me, ſo I do. Ariſe, let vs go hence.

u Satan ſhal aſſaile me with all his force, but he ſhal not finde thig in me which he loketh for: for I am that innocēt lambe without ſpot.

CHAP. XV.

1 The ſwete conſolation, and mutual loue betwene Chriſt and his membres vnder the parable of the vine. 18 Of their cōmune afflictions and perſecutions. 26 The office of the holie Goſt and the Apoſtles.

1 I AM the true vine, and my Father is an houſband man.

2 *Euerie branche that beareth not frute in me, he taketh away: & euerie one that beareth frute, he purgeth it, that it may bring forthe more frute.

Mat.15,13.

3 *Now are ye cleane through the worde, which I haue ſpoken vnto you.

Chap.13,11.

4 Abide in me, and I in you: as the brāche can not beare frute of it ſelf, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, [x] except ye abide in me.

x We can brig forthe no frute, except we be ingraffed in Chriſt.

5 I am the vine: ye *are* the branches: he that abideth

abideth in me,& I in him,the ſame bringeth forthe muche frute: for without me cā ye do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is caſt forthe as a branche,and withereth: and men gather them, and caſt *them* into the fyre, and they burne.

b We muſt be rooted in Ieſus Chriſt by faith, which cometh of the worde of God

7 If ye abide in me and my [b] wordes abide in you,aſke [c] what ye wil,and it ſhalbe done to you.

c So that ye folowe Gods worde, which ye comprehēd by faith

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye beare muche frute,and be made my diſciples.

d Wherewith I loue you.

9 As the Father hathe loued me, ſo haue I loued you: continue in [d] my loue.

10 If ye ſhal kepe my commandements,ye ſhal abide in my loue, as I haue kept my Fathers commandements,and abide in his loue.

11 Theſe things haue I ſpokē vnto you,that my ioye might remaine in you, and that your ioye might be [e] ful.

e Perfect and entier *Chap 15.34. 1 theſſ 1.9. 1 ihn 3.11. & 4.21.*

12 *This is my commandement, that ye loue one another,as I haue loued you.

13 Greater loue then this hathe no man, when any man beſtoweth his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatſoeuer I commande you.

15 Henceforthe,call I you not ſeruants:for the ſeruant knoweth not what his maſter doeth: but I haue called you friends: for [f] all things that I haue heard of my Father,haue I made knowen to you.

f So that there is nothing omitted that is neceſſarie for vs and concerning our ſaluation *Mat 28.19.*

16 Ye haue not choſen me, but I haue choſen you, and ordeined you, *that ye go & bring forthe frute, and that your frute remaine, that whatſoeuer ye ſhal aſke of the Father in my Name,he may giue it you.

17 Theſe things commande I you, that ye loue one another.

g The worde alſo ſignifieth, to be diligent to eſpie fautes to trippe one

18 If the worlde hate you, ye knowe that it [g] hated me before you.

h Which is ſelf ſame worde, but called theirs becauſe they preache it *Chap 13.16. mat 10.24. Mat 24.9.*

19 If ye were of the worlde,the worlde wolde loue his owne: but becauſe ye are not of the worlde, but I haue choſen you out of the worlde, therefore the worlde hateth you.

20 Remember the worde that I ſaid vnto you, * The ſeruant is not greater then his maſter. *If they haue perſecuted me, they wil perſecute you alſo: if they haue [s] kept my worde,they wil alſo kepe [h] yours.

i But ſhulde haue ſemed to be innocent, if I had not diſcouered their malice

21 But all theſe things wil they do vnto you for my Names ſake,becauſe they haue not knowen him that ſent me.

k In that they refuſed Chriſt it taketh from them all excuſe wherewith they wolde haue iuſtified them ſelues as if they had bene very holie & without all ſinne.

22 If I had not come and ſpoken vnto thē, they [i] ſhulde not haue had ſinne: but now haue they no [k] cloke for their ſinne.

23 He [ỹ] hateth me,hateth my Father alſo.

24 If I had not done workes among them which none other man did, they had not had ſinne:but now haue thei bothe ſene,& haue hated bothe me,and my Father.

25 But *it is* that the worde might be fulfilled,that is written in their [l] Law, * They hated me without a cauſe. *Pſal 35.19*

l That is ,in the holie Scriptures

26 But when [ỹ] Comforter ſhal come, *whome I wil ſend vnto you from the Father, *euen* the Spirit of trueth,which proceadeth of the Father,he ſhal teſtifie of me. *Chap.14.26. luk 24.49.*

27 And ye ſhal witneſſe alſo,becauſe ye haue bene with me from the beginning.

CHAP. XVI.

2 He putteth them in remembrance of the croſſe, and of their owne infirmitie to come. 7 And therefore doeth comfort thē with the promes of the holie Goſt 16 Of the comming againe of Chriſt. 17 Of his aſcenſion. 23 To aſke in the Name of Chriſt Peace in Chriſt,& in the worlde affliction.

1 THeſe things haue I ſaid vnto you, that ye ſhulde not be [a] offended.

a And ſo ſhrinke from me *Greke, put you out of the Synagogues.*

2 They ſhal excommunicate you: yea,the time ſhal come, that whoſoeuer killeth you,wil thinke that he doeth God ſeruice.

3 And theſe things wil they do vnto you, becauſe they haue not knowen the Father, nor me.

4 But theſe things haue I tolde you, that when the houre ſhal come,ye might remēber,that I tolde you thē. And theſe things [b] ſaid I not vnto you from the beginning, becauſe I was with you.

b He bare with them becauſe they were but weakelings.

5 But now I go my way to him that ſent me and none of you aſketh me, [c] Whither goeſt thou?

c For if you did conſider, ye wolde reioyce.

6 But becauſe I haue ſaid theſe things vnto you,your hearts are ful of ſorowe.

7 Yet I tel you the trueth, It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away,the Cōforter wil not come vnto you: but if I departe,I wil ſend him vnto you.

8 And when he is come,he wil [d] reproue the worlde of ſinne, and of righteouſnes, and of iudgement.

d Or, convince. This is to be vnderſtand of the cōming of the holie Goſt when his vertue and ſtrength ſhal ſhine in the Church

9 Of [e] ſinne, becauſe they beleue not in me:

e His enemies which contēned him,& put him to death, ſhalbe cōuict by their owne conſcience,for that they did not beleue in him. Act 2,37. and ſhal acow that without Ieſus Chriſt there is nothing but ſinne

10 Of [f] righteouſnes, becauſe I go to my Father,and ye ſhal ſe me no more:

f Wherefore ỹ wicked muſt nedes cōfeſſe ỹ he was iuſte, & beloued of his Father, &

11 Of [g] iudgemēt,becauſe the prince of this worlde is iudged.

g When they ſhal knowe that I(whome they called the carpenters ſonne,and willed to come downe frō the croſſe) am the verie Sōne of God which haue ouercome all the power of hel and reigne ouer all,2 Cor 10,12.ephe 1,19

12 I haue yet [h] manie things to ſay vnto you,but ye can not beare them now.

h Theſe things are conteined in the doctrine of the Apoſtles which onely is ſufficient

13 Howbeit, when he is come which is the Spirit of trueth, he wil lead you into all trueth: for he ſhal not ſpeake of him ſelf, but whatſoeuer he ſhal heare,ſhal he ſpeake, and he wil ſhewe you the things [i] to come.

i As touching the ſpiritual kingdome of God:for the Apoſtles knewe not that til after the reſurrection.

14 He ſhal glorifie me: for he ſhal receiue of mine,and ſhal ſhewe it vnto you.

15 All things that the Father hathe,are mi-

not condemned by him as a blaſphemer or tranſgreſſor

ne: therefore ſaid I, that he ſhal take of mine, and ſhewe it vnto you.

k Mine abſence ſhal not be long: for I wil ſend you ỹ holie Goſt, who ſhal remaine with you for euer.
l Frō death I paſſe to glorie and ſo wil I indue you with mine heauēlie vertue.

16 k A litle *while*, and ye ſhal not ſe me: and againe a litle *while*, and ye ſhal ſe me, for I l go to my Father.

17 Thē ſaid *ſome* of his diſciples amōg thē ſelues, What is this that he ſaith vnto vs, A litle *while*, and ye ſhal not ſe me, & againe, a litle *while*, and ye ſhal ſe me, and, For I go to my Father?

18 They ſaid therefore, What is this that he ſaith, A litle *while*? we knowe not what he ſaith.

19 Now Ieſus knewe that they wolde aſke him, and ſaid vnto them, Do ye enquire among your ſelues, of that I ſaid, A litle *while*, and ye ſhal not ſe me: and againe, a litle *while*, and ye ſhal ſe me?

20 Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, that ye ſhal wepe and lament, and the worlde ſhal reioyce: & ye ſhal ſorowe, but your ſorowe ſhalbe turned to ioye.

21 A woman when ſhe trauaileth, hathe ſorowe, becauſe her houre is come: but aſſone as ſhe is deliuered of the childe, ſhe remembreth no more the anguiſh, for ioye that a man is borne into the worlde.

22 And ye now therefore are in ſorowe: but I wil ſe you m againe, and your hearts ſhal reioyce, and your ioye ſhal n no man take from you.

m By ỹ power and vertue of the holie Goſt.
n For it ſhalbe grounded vpō my reſurrectiō & the grace of the holie Goſt.
Chap 14,13.
mat 7,7.
& 21,22.
mar 11,24.
luk.11,9.
iam 1,5.

23 And in ỹ day ſhal ye aſke me o nothing. *Verely, verely I ſay vnto you, whatſoeuer ye ſhal aſke the Father in my Name, he wil giue it you.

o For ye ſhal haue perfect knowledge, & ſhal no more doute as you were wont.

24 Hitherto haue ye aſked p nothing in my Name: aſke, and ye ſhal receiue, that your ioye may be ful.

p In reſpect of that that you ſhal obteine, if you aſke in faith.
Chap 17,8.

25 Theſe things haue I ſpoken vnto you in parables: but the time wil come, when I ſhal no more ſpeake to you in parables: but I ſhal ſhewe you plainely of ỹ Father.

26 At that day ſhal ye aſke in my Name, & I ſay not vnto you, that I q wil pray vnto the Father for you.

q Chriſt denieth not that he is ỹ mediator, but ſheweth that they ſhal obteine their requeſtes without difficultie or any paine.

27 For the Father him ſelf loueth you, becauſe ye haue loued me, * and haue beleued that I came out from God.

28 I am come out from the Father, & came into the worlde: againe I leaue the worlde, and go to the Father.

29 His diſciples ſaid vnto him, Lo, now ſpeakeſt thou plainely, and thou ſpeakeſt no parable.

30 Now knowe we that thou knoweſt all things, and nedeſt not that any mā ſhulde aſke thee. By this we beleue, that thou art come out from God.

31 Ieſus anſwered them, Do you beleue now?

Mat.26,31.
mar.14,27.

32 * Beholde, the houre cometh, & is alreadie come, that ye ſhalbe ſcattred euerie mā into his owne, and ſhal leaue me alone: but I am not r alone: for the Father is with me.

r Although mē forſake Chriſt, yet is he no whit diminiſhed: for he & his Father are one

33 Theſe things haue I ſpoken vnto you, ỹ ſ in me ye might haue peace: in the worlde ye ſhal haue affliction, but be of good comfort: I haue ouercome the worlde.

ſ We haue reſt & cōfort when we are truely graffed in Chriſt.

CHAP. XVII.

t The prayer of Chriſt vnto his Father, bothe for him ſelf and his Apoſtles, and alſo for all ſuche as receiue the truth.

1 THeſe things ſpake Ieſus, and lift vp his eyes to heauen, & ſaid, Father the houre is come: glorifie thy Sonne, that thy Sonne alſo may glorifie thee,

2 * As thou haſt giuen him a power *ouer* all fleſh, that he ſhulde giue eternal life to all b them that thou haſt giuen him.

Mat 28,18.
a Chriſt hathe all rule & dominion ouer men.
b Which are the elect

3 And this is life eternal, that they knowe thee *to be* the onely verie God, and whome thou haſt ſent, Ieſus c Chriſt.

c That is, that they acknowledge bothe ỹ Father, & the Sonne to be verie God

4 I haue d glorified thee on the earth: I haue finiſhed the worke which thou gaueſt me to do.

d ✠ Aſwel by doctrine as miracles.

5 And now glorifie me, thou Father, with thine owne ſelf, with ỹ glorie which I had with thee before the worlde was.

6 I haue declared thy Name vnto the men which thou gaueſt me out of the worlde: e thine they were, and thou gaueſt thē me, and they haue kept thy worde.

e Our electiō ſtādeth in the good pleaſure of God, which is the onelie fundation, & cauſe of our ſaluation, and is declared to vs in Chriſt, through whome we are iuſified by faith and ſanctified, Rom 8,30. ephe 1,4
Chap 16,27.

7 Now they knowe that all things whatſoeuer thou haſt giuen me, are of thee.

8 For I haue giuen vnto them the wordes, which thou gaueſt me, and they haue receiued *them*, * and haue knowen ſurely that I came out from thee, and haue beleued that thou haſt ſent me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for f ỹ worlde, but for them which thou haſt giuen me: for they are thine.

f That is, the reprobate.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.

11 And now am I no more in the worlde, but theſe are in the worlde, & I come to thee. Holie Father, kepe them in thy Name, *euen* them whome thou haſt giuen me, that they may be g one, as we *are*.

g That they may be ioyned in vnitie of faith & ſpirit

12 While I was with them in the worlde, I kept them in thy Name: thoſe that thou gaueſt me, haue I kept, and none of them is loſt, but the h childe of perdition, that the * Scripture might be fulfilled.

h He was ſo called, not onely for ỹ he periſhed, but becauſe God had appointed and ordeined him to this end, Act 1,16. & 4,27.
Pſal.109,8.

13 And now come I to thee, & theſe things ſpeake I in ỹ worlde, that they might haue my ioye fulfilled in them ſelues.

14 I haue giuen them thy worde, and the worlde hathe hated them, becauſe they are i not of the worlde, as I am not of ỹ worlde.

i But are ſeparate by the ſpirit of regeneration.

15 I pray not that thou ſhuldeſt take them out of the worlde, but that thou kepe them from euil.

16 They are not of the worlde, as I am not of the worlde.

17 " k Sanctifie

o Or, consecrate thē to thy self

17 k Sanctifie thē with thy trueth: thy worde is trueth.

k Renewe thē w thine heauenlie grace, ỹ they onely may seke thy wil

18 As thou diddest send me into the worlde, so haue I sent them into the worlde.

19 And for their sakes sanctifie I my self, that they also may be l sanctified through the trueth.

l Which thīg declareth that Christs holines is ours

20 I pray not for these alone, but for them also which shal beleue in me, through their worde,

21 That they all may be one, as thou, ô Father, *art* in me, and I in thee: *euen* that they may be also one in vs, that the m worlde may beleue that thou hast sent me.

m That the infideles may by experience be conuicted to confesse my glorie

22 And the glorie that thou gauest me, I n haue giuen them, that they may be one, as we are one,

n I haue shewed thē the example and patron of perfect felicitie

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one, & that the worlde may know, that thou hast sent me, & hast loued them, as thou hast loued me.

Chap 12,16.

24 *Father, I wil that they which thou hast giuen me, be o with me euen where I am, that they may beholde my glorie, which thou hast giuen me: for thou louedst me before the fundation of the worlde.

o That they maie profit, and grow vp in suche sort ỹ is ỹ end they may enioy the eternal glorie with me

25 O righteous Father, the worlde also hathe not knowen thee, but I haue knowen thee, and these haue knowen, that thou hast sent me.

26 And I haue declared vnto them thy Name, and wil declare it, that the loue wherewith thou hast loued me, may be in them, and I in p them.

p For without him we cā not comprehende the loue wherewith God loueth vs.

CHAP. XVIII.

Christ is betrayed. 6 The wordes of his mouth smite the officers to the grounde. 10 Peter smiteth of Malchus eare. 13 Iesus is brought before Annas and Caiaphas. 25 Where Peter denieth him. 36 He telleth Pilate what his kingdome is.

1 WHen Iesus had spokē these things, he went forthe with his disciples ouer ỹ a broke *Cedrō, where was a gardē, into the which he entred, and his disciples.

2.Kin 15,23. mat.26,36. mar 14,32. luk.22,39.

a Which was a deepe valley through ỹ which a streame rāne after a great raine.

2 And Iudas which betrayed him, knewe also the place: for Iesus oft times resorted thither with his disciples.

3 *Iudas then after he had receiued a b bāde of men and officers of the high Priests, and of the Pharises, came thither with lanternes and torches, and weapons.

Mat 26,47. mar 14,43. luk.22,47

b The which he had obteined of the gouernour of the Temple.

4 Then Iesus, knowing all things that shulde come vnto him, went forthe and said vnto them, Whome seke ye?

5 They answered him, Iesus of Nazaret. Iesus said vnto thē, I am he. Now Iudas also which betrayed him, stode with them.

6 Assone then as he had said vnto them, I am he, they wēt backewards, and fel to the grounde.

7 Then he asked them againe, Whome seke ye? And they said, Iesus of Nazaret.

8 Iesus answered, I said vnto you, that I am he: therefore if ye seke me, let these go their way,

9 *Thus was* that the worde might be fulfilled which he spake, * c Of thē which thou gauest me, haue I lost none.

Chap.17,12.

c He bothe spareth their bodies & also saueth their soules.

10 Then Simon Peter hauing a sworde, drewe it, and smote the high Priests seruant, and cut of his right eare. Now the seruants name was Malchus.

11 Then said Iesus vnto Peter, Put vp thy sworde into the sheath: shal I not drinke of ỹ cup which *my* Father hathe giuē me?

12 Then the bande and the captaine, & the officers of the Iewes toke Iesus, and bounde him,

13 And led him away to * d Annas first (for he was Father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high Priest e that same yere)

Luk.3,2.

d Who sente Christ vnto Caiaphas the high Priest bounde

14 *And Caiaphas was he, that gaue counsel to the Iewes, that it was expedient that one man shulde dye for the people.

Chap 11,50.

e Alchogh this office was for terme of life by Gods ordinance, yet the ambition, and dissension of ỹ Iewes caused the Romaines from time to time to change it either for briberie or fauour

15 ¶ *Now Simon Peter followed Iesus, & another disciple, and that disciple was knowē of the high Priest: therefore he wēt in with Iesus into the hall of ỹ high Priest.

Mat 26,58. mat.14,54. luk.22,54.

16 But Peter stode at the dore without. Then went out the other disciple which was knowen vnto the high Priest, and spake to her that kept the dore, and brogt in Peter.

17 Then said the maide that kept the dore, vnto Peter, Art not thou also one of this mans disciples? He said, I am not.

18 And the seruants and officers stode there, which had made a fyre of coles: for it was colde, and they warmed them selues. And Peter also stode among them & warmed him self.

19 (¶ The high Priest then asked Iesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

20 Iesus answered him, I spake f openly to the worlde: I euer taught in the Synagogue & in the Tēple, whither the Iewes resorte continually, and in secret haue I said nothing.

f That is, frēkely, and plainely.

21 Why askest thou me? aske them which heard me what I said vnto them: beholde, they knowe what I said.

22 When he had spoken these things, one of the officers which stode by, smote Iesus with *his* rod, saying, Answerest thou the high Priest so?

23 Iesus answered him, If I haue euil spoken, beare witnes of the euil: but if I haue wel spoken, why smitest thou me?

24 ¶ Now Annas had g sent him bounde vnto Caiaphas the high Priest)

g After that Caiaphas had first sent him to him.

25 * And Simon Peter stode and warmed him self, and they said vnto him, Art not thou also of his disciples? He denied it, & said, I am not.

Mat 26,57. mar 14,53 luk.22,54.

26 One of the seruants of the high Priest, his cousin whose eare Peter smote of, said,

Did not I ſe thee in the garden with him?
27 Peter then denied againe, and immediatly the cocke crewe.
Mat.27.2. mar.15.1. luk.23.1. Act.10.28. & 11.3.
28 ¶ * Then led they Ieſus from Caiaphas into the commune hall. Now it was morning & thei them ſelues went not into the cõmune hall, leſt they ſhulde be *defiled, but that they might eat the Paſſeouer.
29 Pilate then went out vnto them, and ſaid, What accuſation bring ye againſt this man?
30 They anſwered and ſaid vnto him, If he were not an euil doer, we wolde not haue deliuered him vnto thee.
31 Then ſaid Pilate vnto them, Take h ye him, and iudge him after your owne Law. Then the Iewes ſaid vnto him, It is not i lawful for vs to put anie man to death.
32 *It was* that the worde of Ieſus * might be fulfilled which he ſpake, ſignifyīg what death he ſhulde dye.
33 *So Pilate entred into the commune hall againe, and called Ieſus, & ſaid vnto him, Art thou the King of the Iewes?
34 Ieſus anſwered him, Saiſt thou that of thy ſelf, or did other tel it thee of me?
35 Pilate anſwered, Am I a Iewe? Thine owne nation, and the high Prieſts haue deliuered thee vnto me. What haſt thou done?
36 Ieſus anſwered, My kingdome is not of this k worlde: if my kingdome were of this worlde, my ſeruants wolde ſurely fight, that I ſhulde not be deliuered to ỹ Iewes: but now is my kingdome not from hence.
37 Pilate then ſaid vnto him, Art thou a King thẽ? Ieſus anſwered, Thou ſaiſt that I am a King: for this cauſe am I borne, & for this cauſe came I into the worlde, that I ſhulde beare witnes vnto the trueth: euerie one that is of the trueth, heareth my voyce.
38 Pilate ſaid vnto him, l What is trueth? And when he had ſaid that, he went out againe vnto the Iewes, & ſaid vnto them, I finde in him no cauſe at all.
39 *But you haue a m cuſtome, that I ſhulde deliuer you one loſe at the Paſſeouer: wil ye then that I loſe vnto you the King of the Iewes?
40 *Thẽ cryed they all againe, ſaying, Not him, but Barabbas: now this Barabbas was a murtherer.

h He ſpake this diſdainfully, becauſe they were ſo bent againſt all right and equitie.
Mat.20.19.
i As if they ſhulde ſay, Thou wilt not ſuffre vs to do it: for he knew that it was not permitted to them by the Romaines to puniſh with death.
Mat.27.11. mar.15.2. luk.23.3.
k It ſtandeth not in ſtrength of men nor in worldelie defence.
l This was a mocking and diſdemeful queſtion.
Mat.27.15. mar.15.6. luk.23.17.
m This was one of their blinde abuſes: for the Law of God gaue no liberte to quite a wicked treſpaſer.
Act.3.14

CHAP. XIX.

a When Pilate colde not aſwage the rage of the Iewes againſt Chriſt, he deliuereth him vp with his ſuperſcription to be hanged betwixt two theeues. 23 They caſt lottes for his garments. 26. He commendeth his mother vnto Iohn. 28 Calleth for drinke. 33 Dyeth, and his ſide is perced, and taken downe from the croſſe. 38 He is buryed.

1 THen * Pilate toke Ieſus & a ſcourged him.
2 And the ſouldiers platted a crowne of thornes, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple garment,
3 And ſaid, Hail, King of the Iewes. And they ſmote him with *their* roddes.
4 Then Pilate went forthe againe, and ſaid vnto them, Beholde, I bring him forthe to you, that ye may knowe, ỹ I finde no faute in him at all.
5 Thẽ came Ieſus forthe wearing a crowne of thornes, and a purple garment. And *Pilate* ſaid vnto them, b Beholde the man.
6 Then when the high Prieſts and officers ſawe him, they cryed, ſaying, Crucifie, crucifie *him*. Pilate ſaid vnto them, Take ye him and crucifie *him*: for I finde no faute in him.
7 The Iewes anſwered him, We haue a Law, and by our Law he oght to dye, becauſe he made him ſelf the c Sõne of God.
8 ¶Whẽ Pilate then heard that worde, he was the more afraide,
9 And went againe into the commune hall and ſaid vnto Ieſus, Whẽce art thou? But Ieſus gaue him none anſwere.
10 Thẽ ſaid Pilate vnto him, Speakeſt thou not vnto me? Knoweſt thou not that I haue power to crucifie thee, and haue power to loſe thee?
11 Ieſus anſwered, Thou coldeſt haue no d power at all againſt me, except it were giuen thee from aboue: therefore he that deliuered me vnto thee, hathe the greater ſinne.
12 From thence forthe Pilate ſoght to loſe him, but the Iewes cryed, ſaying, If thou deliuer him, thou art not Ceſars friend: *for* whoſoeuer maketh him ſelf a King, ſpeaketh againſt Ceſar.
13 ¶When Pilate heard that worde, he broght Ieſus forthe, and ſate downe in the iudgement ſeat in a place called the e Pauement, and in Hebrewe, Gabbatha.
14 And it was the Preparation of the Paſſeouer, and about the f ſixt houre: and he ſaid vnto the Iewes, Beholde your King.
15 But they cryed, Away with him, away with him, crucifie him. Pilate ſaid vnto them, Shal I crucifie your King? The high Prieſts anſwered, We haue no King but Cefar.
16 Then deliuered he him vnto them, to be crucified. * And they toke Ieſus, and led him away.
17 And he bare his croſſe, and came into a place named *of dead mens* Skulles, which is called in Ebrewe, g Golgotha:
18 Where thei crucified him, & two other with him, on ether ſide one, & Ieſus in ỹ middes.
19 ¶And Pilate wrote alſo a title and put it on the croſſe, and it was written, IESVS OF NAZARET THE KING OF THE IEWES.

a He thoght to haue pacified the furie of the Iewes by ſome indifferent correction.
b He ſpake in mockerie, becauſe Chriſt called him ſelf King.
c Chriſt was in deede the Sonne of God, and therefore might iuſtly call him ſelf ſo, without breache of ỹ Law: wherefore their colored accuſation was falſely applied.
d Her by he ſheweth him, that he ought not to abuſe his office and autoritie.
e Which was midday.
Mat.27.31. mar.15.21.

20 This

20 This title then red manie of the Iewes: for the place where Iesus was crucified, was nere to the citie: and it was written in
h Hebrewe, Greke and Latin.

h Because all nacions might vnderstand it

21 Then said the hie Priests of the Iewes to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Iewes, but that he said, I am King of the Iewes.

22 Pilate answered, What I haue written, I haue written.

Mat 27.35. mar 15.24. luk 23.33

23 ¶ Then the *souldiers, when they had crucified Iesus, toke his garments & made foure partes, to euerie souldier a parte, & his coate: and the coate was without seame, wouen from the top throughout.

24 Therefore thei said one to another, Let vs not deuide it, but cast lots for it, whose it shalbe. *This was* that ỹ i Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, *They departed my garmẽts among them, & on my coate did cast lottes. So the souldiers did these things in dede.

i That which was prefigured in Dauid, was accõplished in Iesus Christ. *Psal. 22.18*

25 ¶ Then stode by the crosse of Iesus his mother, and his mothers sister, Marie *the wife of* 'Cleopas, and Marie Magdalene.

'Or, Clopas.

26 And when Iesus sawe his mother, & the disciple standing by whome he loued, he said vnto his mother, Womã, beholde thy sonne.

27 Then said he to the disciple, Beholde thy mother: and from that houre, the disciple toke her home vnto him.

28 ¶ After, when Iesus knewe that all things were performed, that ỹ *Scripture might be fulfilled, he said, I thirst.

*Psal. 68.22.

29 And there was set a vessel ful of vinegre: & they filled a sponge with vinegre, and k put it about l an hyssope *stalke*, and put it to his mouth.

k Or fastened it vpon an hyssope stalke

l It may appear that ỹ crosse was not hie, seme- m

30 Now when Iesus had receiued of the vinegre, he said, m It is finished, and bowed his head, and gaue vp the gost.

r ...ith ware ... hyssope ...ke, ẅ as ... ...th,

31 The Iewes then (because it was the Preparacion, that the bodies shulde not remaine vpõ the crosse on the Sabbath *day*: for that Sabbath was an n hie day) besoght Pilate that their legges might be broken, and that they might be taken downe.

... 4 33 w... ... lowest a... ...gs herbes, as ỹ cedre was hiest amongs trees.

m Mans saluacion is perfected by the onelie sacrifice of Christ: & all ỹ ceremonies of the Law are ended

n Because the day of th... ...af ...seou ... ...ẅ

32 Then came the souldiers and brake the legges of the first, and of the other, which was crucified with *Iesus*.

33 But when they came to Iesus, and sawe that he was dead alreadie, they brake not his legges.

34 But one of the souldiers with a speare o perced his side, & forthewith came there out blood and water.

And he that sawe it, bare recorde, & his recorde is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might beleue it.

... ...gaine from death to life

Exodus 12.46. numb. 9.12.

36 For these things were done, ỹ the* Scripture shulde be fulfilled, Not a bone of him shalbe broken.

37 And againe another Scripture saith, *Thei shall se him whome thei haue thrust through.

Zach 12.10.

38 *And after these things, Ioseph of Arimathea (who was a disciple of Iesus, but p secretly for feare of the Iewes) besoght Pilate that he might take downe the bodie of Iesus. And Pilate gaue him licẽce. He came then and toke Iesus bodie.

Mat. 27.57. mar 15.42. luk. 23.50

p That is to say, before Christs death, but now he declareth him self manifestly

39 And there came* also Nicodemus (which first came to Iesus by night) and broght of myrrhe & aloes mingled together about an hundreth pounde.

*Chap 3.2.

40 q Then toke thei ỹ bodie of Iesus, and wrapped it in linnen clothes with the odours, as the maner of ỹ Iewes is to burie.

q This honorable buryal was as a prepariacõ & entrie vnto the resurrection.

41 And in that place where Iesus was crucified, was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was neuer man yet laid.

42 There then laid they Iesus, because of the Iewes Preparacion *day*, for the sepulchre was nere.

CHAP. XX.

1 Marie Magdalene cometh to the sepulchre. 3 So do Peter & Iohn. 12 The two Angels appeare. 17 Christ appeareth to Marie Magdalene. 19 And to all his disciples. 27 The incredulitie & confession of Thomas.

1 NOw *the first *day* of the weke came Marie Magdalene, earely when it was yet a darke, vnto the sepulchre, and sawe the stone taken away from the tõbe.

Mar 16.1. luk. 24.1

a She departed frõ home before day, & came thether about the sunne rising. Mar 16.2.

2 Then she ranne, and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whome Iesus loued, and said vnto them, They haue taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we knowe not where they haue laid him.

3 Peter therefore went forthe, & the other disciple, & they came vnto the sepulchre.

4 So they ranne bothe together, but the other disciple did out runne Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

5 And he stouped downe, and sawe the linnen clothes lying: yet went he not in.

6 Then came Simon Peter folowing him, and went into the sepulchre, and sawe the linnen clothes lye,

7 And the "kerchefe that was vpõ his head, not lying ẅ the linnen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by it self.

"Or, napkin.

8 Then went in also the b other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he sawe it, c and beleued.

b That is, Iohn ẅ wrote this Gospel

c He beleued ỹ Christs bodie was taken away, according as Marie reported.

9 For as yet they knewe not the Scripture, That he must rise againe from the dead.

10 And the disciples went away againe vnto their "owne home.

"Or, to their companie

11 ¶ * But Marie stode without at the sepulchre weping: & as she wept, she bowed her self into the sepulchre,

Mat. 28.8. mar 16.5

12 And sawe two Angels in white, sitting, the one at the head, & the other at the fe-

te, where the bodie of Ieſus had laine.
13 And they ſaid vnto her, Woman, why wepeſt thou? She ſaid vnto them, They haue taken away my Lord, and I knowe not where they haue laid him.
14 When ſhe had thus ſaid, ſhe turned her ſelf backe and ſawe Ieſus ſtanding, and knewe not that it was Ieſus.
15 Ieſus ſaith vnto her, Woman, why wepeſt thou? whome ſekeſt thou? She ſuppoſing that he had bene the gardener, ſaid vnto him, Syr, if thou haſt borne him hence, tell me where thou haſt laid him, and I wil take him away.
16 Ieſus ſaith vnto her, Marie. She turned her ſelf, & ſaid vnto him, Rabboni, which is to ſay, Maſter.
17 Ieſus ſaith vnto her, Touche me not: for I am not yet [d] aſcended to my Father, but go to my [e] brethren, and ſay vnto them, I aſcend vnto my Father, & to your Father, and to my God, and your [f] God.
18 Marie Magdalene came and tolde the diſciples that ſhe had ſene the Lord, and that he had ſpoken theſe things vnto her.
19 ¶ * The ſame daye then at night, which was the firſt *day* of the weeke, and when the [g] dores were ſhut where the diſciples were aſſembled for feare of the Iewes, came Ieſus and ſtode in the middes, & ſaid to them, [h] Peace *be* vnto you.
20 And when he had ſo ſaid, he ſhewed vnto them *his* hands, and his ſide. Then were the diſciples glad when they had ſene the Lord.
21 Then ſaid Ieſus to them againe, Peace *be* vnto you: as my Father ſent me, ſo ſend I you.
22 And whē he had ſaid that, he [i] breathed on them, and ſaid vnto them, Receiue the holie Goſt.
23 * Whoſoeuers ſinnes ye remit, they are remitted vnto them: & whoſoeuers ſinnes ye reteine, they are reteined.
24 ¶ But Thomas one of the twelue, called Didymus, was not with them when Ieſus came.
25 The other diſciples therefore ſaid vnto him, We haue ſene the Lord: but he ſaid vnto them, Except I ſe in his hands the print of the nailes, and put my finger into the "print of the nailes, and put mine hand into his ſide, I wil not beleue it.
26 ¶ And eight daies after againe his diſciples were within, and Thomas with them. *Then* came Ieſus, whē the dores were ſhut, and ſtode in the middes, and ſaid, Peace *be* vnto you.
27 After, ſaid he to Thomas, Put thy finger here, and ſe mine hands, and put forthe thine hand, and put it into my ſide, and be not faithles, but faithful.
28 Then Thomas anſwered, and ſaid vnto him, *Thou art* my Lord, and my God.
29 Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Thomas, becauſe thou haſt ſene me, thou beleueſt: bleſſed *are* they that haue [k] not ſene, and haue beleued.
30 ¶ * And manie other ſignes alſo did Ieſus in the preſence of his diſciples, which are not written in this boke.
31 But theſe things are written, ỹ ye might beleue, that Ieſus is the Chriſt the Sonne of God, and that in beleuing ye might haue life through his Name.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Chriſt appeareth to his diſciples againe. 15 He commādeth Peter earneſtly to fede his ſhepe. 18 He forewarneth him of his death. 25 And of Chriſts manifolde miracles.

1 AFter theſe things, Ieſus ſhewed him ſelf againe to his diſciples at ỹ "ſea of Tiberias: and thus ſhewed he *him ſelf*.
2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas, which is called Didymus, & Nathanael of Cana in Galile, and the *ſonnes* of Zebedeus, & two other of his diſciples.
3 Simon Peter ſaid vnto them, I go a fiſhing. They ſaid vnto him, We alſo wil go with thee. They went their way and entred into a ſhip ſtraight way, & that night caught they nothing.
4 But when the morning was now come, Ieſus ſtode on the ſhore: neuertheles the diſciples knewe not that it was Ieſus.
5 Ieſus then ſaid vnto them, "Sirs, haue ye anie meat? They anſwered him, No.
6 Then he ſaid vnto them, Caſt out the net on the right ſide of the ſhip, & ye ſhal finde. So they [a] caſt out, and they were not able at all to drawe it, for the multitude of fiſhes.
7 Therefore ſaid the diſciple whome Ieſus loued, vnto Peter, It is the Lord. When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girde his [b] coate to him (for he was naked) and caſt him ſelf into the ſea.
8 But the other diſciples came by ſhippe (for they were not farre from land, but about two hundreth cubites) & they drewe the net with fiſhes.
9 Aſſone then as they were come to land, they ſawe hotte coles, and fiſh laid thereon, and bread.
10 Ieſus ſaid vnto thē, Bring of the fiſhes, which ye haue now caught.
11 Simon Peter ſtepped forthe and drewe the net to land, ful of great fiſhes, an hundreth, fiftie and thre: and albeit there were ſo manie, yet was not the net broken.
12 Ieſus ſaid vnto them, Come, & dyne. And none of the diſciples durſt aſke him, Who art thou, ſeing they knewe that he was the Lord.
13 Ieſus then came & toke bread, and gaue them, and fiſh likewiſe.

14 This

d Becauſe ſhe was to muche addicted to the corporal preſence, Chriſt teacheth herto lift vp her mīde by faith into heauē where onely after his aſcenſion he remaineth, & where we ſit with him at ỹ right hād of the Father *Mar 16,14. luk 24,36. 1 cor 15,5*
e That is, the diſcip'es: for he was ỹ firſt borne amoogs manie brethrē, Pſal 22,23. rom 8,29 coloſ 1,18
f He is our Father & ỹ God, becauſe Ieſus Chriſt is our brother. *Mat 28,10.*
g So that no man opened him the dores, but by his diuine power he cauſed them to opē of their owne accord, as of Peter is red, Act 5,19 & 12,10
h Or all proſperitie: ỹ maner of greting ỹ Iewes vſed.
i To giue thē greater power & vertue to execute ỹ weightie charge that he wolde commit vnto them.
"Or, place.

k Which depend vpon the ſimplicitie of Gods worde, & grounde not thē ſelues vpō mans ſenſe and reaſon. *Chap 20,29.*

"Or, Lake of Genezareth.

"Or, Children.

a Albeit they knewe him not, yet they folowed his counſel, becauſe thei had all night takē paines in vaine.

b It was ſome linnen garmēt, which fiſhers vſed to weare, which being truſſed vnto him, couered his nether partes, & alſo letted not his ſwimming

14 This is now the third time that Ieſus ſhewed him ſelf to his diſciples, after that he was riſen againe from the dead.

15 ¶So whē they had dined, Ieſus ſaid to Simon Peter, Simon *ſonne* of Iona, [c] loueſt thou me more thē theſe? He ſaid vnto him, Yea Lord, thou knoweſt that I loue thee. He ſaid vnto him, Fede my lambes.

16 He ſaid to him againe the ſecōde time, Simon *the ſonne* of Iona, loueſt thou me? He ſaid vnto him, Yea Lord, thou knoweſt that I loue thee. He ſaid vnto him, Fede my ſhepe.

17 He ſaid vnto him the [d] third time, Simon *the ſonne* of Iona, loueſt thou me? Peter was ſorie becauſe he ſaid to him the third time, Loueſt thou me: and ſaid vnto him, Lord, thou knoweſt all things: thou knoweſt that I loue thee. Ieſus ſaid vnto him, Fede my ſhepe.

18 Verely, verely I ſay vnto thee, When thou waſt yong, thou girdedſt thy ſelf, & walkedſt whither thou woldeſt: but when thou ſhalt be olde, thou ſhalt ſtretch forth thine hands, & another ſhal [e] girde thee, & lead thee whither thou woldeſt not.

19 And this ſpake he, ſignifying by what death he ſhulde glorifie God. And whē he had ſaid this, he ſaid to him, Followe me.

20 Then Peter turned about, and ſawe the diſciple whome IESVS loued, following, which had alſo *leaned on his breſt at ſupper, and had ſaid, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? *Chap 13.23.*

21 When Peter therefore ſawe him, he ſaid to Ieſus, Lord, what ſhal this man *do*?

22 Ieſus ſaid vnto him, If I wil that he tarie til I come, what is it to thee? followe thou me.

23 Then went this worde abrode among the brethren, that this diſciple ſhulde not dye. Yet Ieſus ſaid not to him, He ſhal not dye: but if I wil that he tarie til I come, what is it to thee?

24 This is that diſciple, which teſtifieth of theſe things, & wrote theſe things, and we knowe that his teſtimonie is true.

25 * Now there are alſo manie other things which Ieſus did, the which if they ſhulde be written euerie one, [f] I ſuppoſe the world colde not conteine the bokes that ſhulde be written, Amen. *Chap 20.3.*

c The miniſter can not wel teache his cōgregation, except he loue Chriſt effectually, & loue is not in them that feed not the flocke

d Becauſe Peter ſhulde be eſtabliſhed in his office of an Apoſtle, Chriſt cauſeth him by theſe thre times cōfeſſing, to wipe away the ſhame of his thre times denying

e In ſtead of a girdle, ỹ ſhalt be tyed with bands & cordes: & where as now thou goeſt at libertie, then thou ſhalt be drawē to punishemēt whē thy fleſh ſhal after a ſorte reſiſt.

f But God wolde not charge vs wt ſo great an heape: ſeing therefore that we haue ſo muche as is neceſſarie, we ought to contēt our ſelues and praiſe his mercie.

THE ACTES OF THE holie Apoſtles written by Luke the Euangeliſte.

THE ARGUMENT.

CHriſt, after his aſcenſion, performed his promes to his Apoſtles, and ſent them the holie Goſt, declaring thereby, that he was not onely mindeful of his Church, but wolde be the head & mainteiner thereof for euer. Wherein alſo his mightie power appeareth, who notwithſtanding that Satan & the worlde reſiſted neuer ſo muche againſt this noble worke, yet by a fewe ſimple men of no reputation, repleniſhed all the worlde with the ſounde of his Goſpel. And here, in the beginning of the Church, and in the increaſe thereof, we may plainely perceiue the practiſe and malice which Satan continually vſeth to ſuppreſſe, and ouerthrowe the Goſpel: he raiſeth conſpiracies, tumultes, commotions, perſecutions, ſclanders and all kinde of crueltie. Againe we ſhal here beholde the prouidence of God, who ouerthroweth his enemies enterpriſes, deliuereth his Church from the rage of tyrants, ſtrengtheneth, and incourageth his moſt valiantly and conſtantly to followe their captaine Chriſt, leauing as it were by this hiſtorie a perpetual memorie to the Church, that the croſſe is ſo ioyned with the Goſpel, that they are fellowes inſeparable, and that the end of one affliction, is but the beginning of another. Yet neuertheles God turneth the troubles, perſecutions, impriſonings and tentations of his, to a good yſſue, giuing them as it were, in ſorrowe, ioye: in bandes, fredome: in priſon, deliuerance: in trouble, quietnes: in death, life. Finally, this boke cōteineth manie excellent ſermons of the Apoſtles & diſciples, as touching the death, reſurrection, and aſcenſion of Chriſt. The mercie of God. Of the grace, and remiſſion of ſinne through Ieſus Chriſt. Of the bleſſed immortalitie. An exhortation to the miniſters of Chriſts flocke. Of repentance, & feare of God, with other principal points of our faith ſo that this onelie hiſtorie in a maner may be ſufficient to inſtruct a man in all true doctrine and religion.

CHAP. I.

1 The wordes of Chriſt & his Angels to the Apoſtles. 9 His aſcenſiō 14 Wherein the Apoſtles are occupied til the holie Goſt be ſent. 26 And of the electiō of Matthias.

1 THE former treatiſe, ô Theophilus, of all that IESVS began to [a] do, & teach,

a Whereby is ment Chriſts doctrine, & his miracles declared for the cōfirmation of the ſame

2 Vntil the day, that he was taken vp, after that he through the holie Goſt, had giuen [b] commandements vnto the [c] Apoſtles, whome he had choſen:

3 To whome alſo he preſēted him ſelf aliue after that he had ſuffred, by manie infallible tokens, being ſene of them by the *ſpace* of fourtie dayes, & ſpeaking of thoſe things which *apperteine to* ỹ [d] king dome of God.

4 And whē he had [e] gathered *them* together, he commanded them, that they ſhulde not departe frō Ieruſalem, but to wait for

b To preache the Goſpel.

c Who as they were called by God, ſo had they their conſciences aſſured by his holie Spirit

d Whereby God reigneth in vs

e Becauſe they ſhould be all witneſſes of his aſcenſion.

the promes of the Father, *which, *ſaid he*, ye haue heard of me.

5 *For Iohn in dede baptized with water, but ye ſhalbe baptized with the holie Goſt within theſe fewe dayes.

6 When they therefore were come together, they aſked of him, ſaying, Lord, wilt thou t at this time reſtore the kingdome to Iſrael?

7 And he ſaid vnto them, It is not for you to knowe the b times, or the ſeaſons, which the Father hathe put in his owne power,

8 But ye ſhal receiue power of ỹ holie Goſt, when he ſhal come on you: and ye ſhalbe i witneſſes vnto me bothe in Ieruſalem, & in all Iudea, and in Samaria, and vnto the vttermoſt parte of the earth.

9 * And when he had ſpoken theſe things, while they beholde, he was l taken vp: for a cloude toke him vp out of their ſight.

10 And while thei loked ſtedfaſtly towarde heauen, as he went, beholde, m two men ſtode by them in white apparel,

11 Which alſo ſaid, Ye men of Galile, why ſtand ye n gaſing into heauen? This Ieſus which is taken vp from you into heauen, ſhal o ſo come, as ye haue ſene him go into heauen.

12 ¶Then returned they vnto Ieruſalem from the mount that is called *the mount* of oliues, which is nere to Ieruſalem, conteining a p Sabbath *dayes* iourney.

13 And when thei were come in, they wẽt vp into an vpper chamber, where abode bothe Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and Andrewe, Philippe, and Thomas, Bartlemewe, and Matthewe, Iames *the ſonne* of Alpheus, and Simon zelotes, and Iudas Iames *brother*.

14 Theſe all continued with one q accorde in r prayer and ſupplicatiõ with the s women, and Marie the mother of Ieſus, and with his brethren.

15 ¶And in thoſe dayes Peter ſtode vp in ỹ middes of the diſciples and ſaid (now the nomber of t names that were in one place, were about an hundreth and twentie)

16 Ye men & brethrẽ, this u Scripture muſt nedes haue bene fulfilled, which the * holie Goſt by the mouth of Dauid ſpake before of Iudas, which was * guide to them that toke Ieſus.

17 For he was nombred with vs, and had obteined x felowſhip in this miniſtration.

18 He therefore hathe purchaſed a field with the y rewarde of iniquitie: and when he * had throwẽ downe him ſelfe head lõg he braſt a ſondre in the middes, and all his bowels guſhed out.

19 And it is knowen vnto all the inhabitãts of Ieruſalem, inſo muche, that that field is called in their owne lãgage, Aceldama, that is, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the boke of Pſalmes, * Let his habitacion be voyde, and let no man dwell therein: * alſo, Let another take his z charge.

21 Wherefore, of theſe men which haue cõpanied with vs, all the time that the Lord Ieſus was a conuerſant among vs,

22 Beginning from the Baptiſme of Iohn, vnto the day that he was taken vp from vs, muſt one of thẽ be made a witnes with vs of his b reſurrection.

23 And they preſented two, Ioſeph called Barſabas, whoſe ſurname was Iuſtus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, ſaying, Thou Lord, which knoweſt the hearts of all men, ſhewe whether of theſe two c thou haſt choſen,

25 That he may take the roume of this miniſtration and Apoſtleſhip, from which Iudas hathe gone aſtray, to go to his owne place.

26 Then they gaue forthe their lottes: and the lot fel on Matthias, and he was by a commune conſent counted with the Eleuẽ Apoſtles.

CHAP. II.

3 The Apoſtles hauing receiued the holie Goſt, make their hearers aſtoniſhed. 14 When Peter had ſtopped the mouthes of the mockers, he ſheweth by the viſible graces of the holie Spirit that Chriſt is come. 41 He baptizeth a great nũber that were conuerted. 42 The godlie exerciſe, charitie, and diuers vertues of the faithful

1 AND when the a day of Pentecoſte was come, they were b all with one accorde in one place.

2 And * ſuddenly there came a ſounde from heauen, as of a ruſhing *and* mightie c winde, and it filled all the houſe where they ſate.

3 ¶And there appeared vnto them clouen d tongues, like e fyre, and it ſate vpon eche of them.

4 And they were all filled with the holie Goſt, and began to ſpeake with other tongues, as the Spirit gaue them f vtterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Ieruſalem Iewes, men that feared God, of euerie nation vnder heauen.

6 Now when this was g noiſed, the multitude came together and were aſtonied, becauſe that euerie man heard them ſpeake his owne langage.

7 And they wondred all, and marueiled, ſaying amõg them ſelues, Beholde, are not all theſe which ſpeake, of Galile?

8 How then heare we euerie man our owne h langage, wherein we were borne?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the inhabitants of Meſopotamia, and of Iudea, & of Cappadocia, of Pontus, and Aſia,

10 And

Luk.24.49. iohn 14.25. & 15.26. & 16.7. Mat.3.11. mar.1.8. luk 3.16 ioh 1.26. chap.2.2. & 11.16. & 19.4.

f That is, with thoſe ſpiritual graces ỹ Ieſus onely giueth by his Spirit

g This declareth mans impacience who can not abide quietly til Gods appointed time come, but wolde haue all things accompliſhed according to their affectiõs, read Zach 6.14

Luk.24.52.

h For this paſſeth our capacitie, and God reſerueth it to him ſelf

i To ſtand in the face of ỹ whole worlde & ſignifieth that thei muſt entre vnto heauen by afflictiõs, & therefore muſt fight before thei get the victorie.

k Hereby thei might learne that the Meſſias was not onely for the Iewes, but alſo for ỹ Gẽtiles

l Whereby they knewe certeinely whether he went.

m Which were Angels in mens forme

n And feking him with carnal eyes.

o As the true redemer to gather vs vnto him

p Which was two mile, according to the Iewes traditiõ, albeit it was not ſo appointed by ỹ Scriptures.

Pſal.49.9 Iohn 13.18.

q A liuelie patron to learne how to diſpoſe our ſelues to receiue the giftes of the holie Goſt.

Mat 27.5.

r Partely to obteine the holie Goſt, & partely to be deliuered from the preſent dangers. *Or, wiues*

Or, men

ſ The offence, which might haue come by Iudas fall, is hereby taken away, becauſe the Scripture had ſo forewarned

Or, portion

t Perpetual infamie is the rewarde of all ſuche as by vnlawfully gotten goods bye anie thing.

u In that he mencioneth ỹ principal article of our faith, he comprehendeth al ſo the reſt.

x To the intent that he that ſhulde take in hand ỹ excellent office of an Apoſtle, might be choſen by the autoritie of God.

a The holie Goſt was ſent when muche people was aſſembled in Ieruſalem at the feaſt, Exod 23.16 leui 23.16. deu 16.9 becauſe ỹ thing might not onely be knowẽ there, but alſo through the worlde.

Chap 1.5. and 11.15. & 19.6. mat.3.11. mar 1.8. luk 3.16

b That is, the Apoſtles

c Whereby is ſignified the holie Goſt

d This ſigne agreeth with ỹ thing, which is ſignified thereby

e To declare the vertue, and force ỹ ſhulde be in them.

Or, to ſpeake.

f How the Apoſtles ſpake diuers langages

g For they colde ſpeake all langages, ſo that they were able to ſpeake to euerie man in his owne langage.

10 And of Phrygia,& Pãphilia, of Egypt, and of the parties of Lybia, which is beſide Cyrene, and "ſtrangers of Rome, and
h Iewes,and i proſelytes,
11 Cretes,and Arabians: we heard thẽ ſpeake in our owne tõgues the wonderful *workes* of God.
12 They were all then amaſed,and douted, ſaying one to another,What may this be?
13 And others k mocked,and ſaid, They are ful of "newe wine.
14 ¶ But Peter ſtanding with the Eleuen, lift vp his voice, and ſaid vnto them, Ye mẽ of Iudea, *and* ye all that inhabit Ieruſalem,be this knowen vnto you, and hearken vnto my wordes.
15 For theſe are not dronken, as ye ſuppoſe, ſince it is but the thirde houre of the day.
16 But this is that,which was ſpoken by the l Prophet *Ioel,
17 And it ſhalbe in ỹ laſt dayes, ſaith God, I wil powre out of my Spirit vpon all m fleſh, and your ſonnes, and your daughters ſhal prophecie,and your yong mẽ ſhal ſe viſions, and your n olde men ſhal dreame dreames.
18 And on my ſeruants,and on mine handemaides I wil o powre out of my Spirit in thoſe dayes,and they ſhal prophecie.
19 And I wil ſhewe wõders in heauẽ aboue, and tokens in the earth beneth,blood,and fyre,and the vapour of ſmoke.
20 * The p ſunne ſhalbe turned into darkenes, & the moone into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.
21 And it ſhalbe, *that whoſoeuer ſhal call on the q Name of the Lord,ſhalbe ſaued.
22 Ye mẽ of Iſrael,heare theſe wordes, IESVS of Nazaret,a man approued of God among you with great workes, and wondres, and ſignes, which God did by him in the middes of you, as ye your ſelues alſo knowe:
23 Him,*I ſay*,haue ye taken by the hands of r the wicked,being deliuered by the ſ determinate counſel,& "foreknowledge of God, and haue crucified and ſlaine:
24 Whome God hathe raiſed vp, & loſed the t ſorrowes of death,becauſe it was vnpoſsible that he ſhulde be holden of it.
25 For Dauid ſaith concerning him,* I beheld the Lord alwayes before me: for he is at my u right hand,that I ſhulde not be ſhaken.
26 Therefore did mine heart reioyce, and my tongue was glad, and moreouer alſo my fleſh ſhal reſt in x hope,
27 Becauſe thou wilt not leaue my "ſoule in graue,nether wilt ſuffer thine holie one to "ſe corruption.
28 Thou haſt ſhewed me the y wayes of life,and ſhalt make me ful of ioye with thy countenance.
29 Men & brethrẽ,I may boldely ſpeake vnto you of the Patriarke Dauid, * that he is bothe dead and buryed, and his ſepulchre remaineth with vs vnto this day.
30 Therefore,ſeing he was a z Prophet, and knewe that God had * ſworne with an othe to him, that of the frute of his loines he wolde raiſe vp Chriſt concerning the fleſh to ſet him vpon his throne,
31 He knowing this before,ſpake of the reſurrection of Chriſt, that *his "ſoule ſhulde not be left in a graue, nether his fleſh ſhulde "ſe corruption.
32 This Ieſus hathe God raiſed vp,whereof we all are witneſſes.
33 Since then that he by the b right hand of God hathe bene exalted,and hathe c receiued of his Father the promes of the holie Goſt, he hathe ſhed forthe this which ye now ſe and heare.
34 For Dauid is not aſcended into heauen, but he ſaith, * The Lord ſaid to my Lord, d Sit at my right hand,
35 Vntil I e make thine enemies thy foteſtole.
36 Therefore, let all the houſe of Iſrael knowe for a ſuretie, that God hathe f made him bothe Lord,and Chriſt,this Ieſus, *I ſay*,whome ye haue crucified.
37 Now when they heard it,they were pricked in their hearts, and ſaid vnto Peter & the other Apoſtles, Men & brethren,what ſhal we do?
38 Then Peter ſaid vnto them,Amend your liues, and be g baptized euerie one of you in the Name of Ieſus Chriſt for the remiſſion of ſinnes: & ye ſhal receiue the h gift of the holie Goſt.
39 For the promes *i is made* vnto you, and to your children, and to all that are a farreof, *euen* as many as the Lord our God ſhal call.
40 And with many other wordes he "beſoght, & exhorted *them*,ſaying, Saue your ſelues from this frowarde generacion.
41 Then they that gladly receiued his worde,were baptized: and the ſame day,there were added *to the Church* about thre thouſand "ſoules.
42 And they continued in the Apoſtles doctrine, and k felowſhip, and l breaking of bread,and prayers.
43 ¶ And feare came vpõ euerie ſoule: and many wonders and ſignes were done by the Apoſtles.
44 And all that beleued, were in one place, and had all things * commune.
45 And thei ſolde their poſſeſsiõs & m goods

Or, thoſe that dwelt at Rome
h Whoſe anceſtres were not of the Iewiſh nation, but were conuerted to the Iewes religion, which their children did profeſſe.
i That is, ſuche as were conuerted to the Iewiſh religion, which were before paynims and idolaters.
k There is no worke of God ſo excellent, which the wicked ſkoffers do not deride.
Or, ſwete.
Ioel 2,28.
iſa 44,3.
l He expoundeth Ioels minde without binding him ſelf to his wordes
m Or mãmeaning yong and olde, man and woman
n Meaning, ỹ God wil ſhewe him ſelf verie familiarely & plainely bothe to olde & yong
o Euen in great abundãce.
Ioel 2,32.
p God wil ſhewe ſuche ſignes of his wrathe through all the worlde,that men ſhalbe no leſſe amaſed thẽ if the whole ordre of nature were chaunged
Rom.10,13.
q He teacheth this remedie to auoyde the wrath, and threatenings of God,and to obteine ſaluation
r God cauſed their wickednes to ſet forthe his glorie contrarie to their myndes.
Pſal 15 9.
ſ As Iudas trayſon and ỹ Iewes cruelte towards Chriſt were moſte deteſtable, ſo were thei nor onely knowen to the eternal wiſdome of God,but alſo directed by his immutable counſel
t Bothe as touching the paine,& alſo the horror of Gods wrath and curſe
u To ſignifie that nothing can comfort vs in our afflictiõs except we know that God is preſent with vs
x Our hope ſtandeth in Gods defenſe.
y In reſtoring me from death to life.
1. King.2,10.
z And ſo knewe by reuelation & ſpecial promes that thei be colde not haue knowen
Chap.13,36.
pſal 131,11.
Pſal.15,10.
chap 13,35.
a The worde ſignifieth a place where one can ſe nothing
b By the vertue & power.
c He obteined of his father power to accõpliſh the promes which he made to his Apoſtles,as touching the holie Goſt to be ſent vnto them
Pſal 110,1.
d And therefore Chriſt doeth farre excell Dauid
e Chriſt is the onelie redemer vnto whome all powers are ſubiect & muſt obey
f That is, hathe appointed a King & ruler: and note, that in all this Sermon Peter ſpeaketh of Chriſts manhode, as he was dead, buryed, riſen & aſcended to heauen.
g He ſpeaketh not here of the forme of baptiſme, but teacheth that the whole effect thereof conſiſteth in Ieſus Chriſt
h The viſible ſignes.
i Chriſt is promiſed bothe to the Iewes and Gentiles, but the Iewes haue the firſt place
Or, proueſted before God
Or, perſones
k Which ſtandeth in brotherlie loue, & liberalitie.
Rom 15,26.
2. cor 9,13.
ebr. 13,16
l Which was ỹ miniſtration of the Lords ſupper
Chap 4,32 order was obſ-

m Not ỹ their goods were mingled all togeither: but ſuche ſerued that euerie man frankely relieued anothers neceſſitie.

and parted them to all men, as euerie one had nede.

46 And they continued daily with one accorde in the Temple, *& [n] breaking bread "at home, did eat their meat together with gladnes and singlenes of heart,

47 Praising God, and had fauour with all the people: and the Lord added to the Church [o] from day to day, suche as shulde be saued.

Chap 20.7.

n They did eat together, and at these feasts did vse to minister the Lords supper, 1 Cor 11,21. Iude 12.

"Or, from house to house

o Whereby we se that the Apostles trauailed not in vaine

CHAP. III.

The lame is restored to his fete. 12 Peter preacheth Christ vnto the people.

1 NOw Peter and Iohn went vp together into the Temple, at the [a] nine the houre of prayer.

2 And a certeine man which was a creple frō his mothers wombe, was caryed, whome they laid daily at the gate of the Temple called Beautiful, to aske [b] almes of thē that entred into the Temple.

3 Who seing Peter and Iohn, that they wolde entre into the Tēple, desired to receiue an almes.

4 And Peter earnestly beholding him with Iohn, said, Loke on vs.

5 And he gaue hede vnto them, trusting to receiue some thing of them.

6 Then said Peter, Siluer and golde haue I none, but suche as I [c] haue, that giue I thee: In the [d] Name of Iesus Christ of Nazaret rise vp and walke.

7 And he toke him by the right hand, and lift *him* vp, and immediatly his fete and ancle bones receiued strength.

8 And he leaped vp, stode, and walked, and entred with them into the Tēple, walking and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people sawe him walke, and praising God,

10 And thei knewe him, that it was he which sate for the almes at the Beautiful gate of the Temple: & they were amased, and sore astonied at that, which was come vnto him.

11 ¶ And as the creple which was healed, helde Peter and Iohn, all the people ran amased vnto them in the porche which is called Solomons.

12 So whē Peter sawe it, he answered vnto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marueile ye at this? or why loke ye so stedfastly on vs, as thogh by our owne [e] power or godlines, we had made this man go?

13 The GOD of Abraham, and Isaac, and Iacob, the *GOD of our fathers hathe glorified his Sonne Iesus, whome ye betrayed, and denied in the presence of Pilate, whē he had iudged him to be deliuered.

14 *But ye denyed the holie one & the iust, and desired a [f] murtherer to be giuen you,

15 And killed the Lord of life, whome God hathe raised from the dead, whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his [g] Name hathe made this man sounde, whome ye se, and knowe, through faith in * his [z] Name: & the faith which is by him, hathe giuē to him this disposition of his whole bodie in ỹ presēce of you all.

17 And now brethrē, I knowe that through [h] ignorance ye did it, as *did* also your [r] gouerners.

18 But those things which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his Prophetes, that Christ shulde suffre, he hathe thus fulfilled.

19 Amend your liues therefore, and turne, that your sinnes may be put away, whē the time of refresshing [k] shal come from the presence of the Lord.

20 And he shal send Iesus Christ, which before was preached vnto you.

21 Whome the heauen must [l] conteine vntil the time that all things [m] be restored, which God had spoken by the mouth of all his holie Prophetes since the worlde began.

22 *For Moses said vnto the Fathers, The Lord your God shal raise vp vnto you a Prophet, *euen* of your [n] brethren like vnto me: ye shal heare him in all things, whatsoeuer he shal say vnto you.

23 For it shalbe that euerie persone which shal not heare that Prophet, shalbe destroyed out of the people.

24 Also all the Prophetes from Samuel, and thence forthe as many as haue spoken, haue likewise foretolde of these dayes.

25 Ye are the [o] children of the Prophetes, & of the couenant, which God hathe made vnto our fathers, saying to Abraham, *Euen in thy sede shal all the [p] kinreds of the earth be [q] blessed.

26 First vnto you hathe God raised vp his Sonne Iesus, & him he hathe sent to blesse you, in [r] turning euerie one of you from your iniquities.

e He correcteth the abuse of men who attribute that to mans holines, which onely appertei neth to God. *Chap. 5,30.*

Mat. 27,20. mar. 15,11. luk. 23,18. iohn 18,40.

f To wit, Barrabbas.

g To wit, Gods Name; whereby it appeareth that they did striue against God. *1 Peter 1, 21.*

"Or, in Christ.

h He doeth not excuse their malice, but because that ignorance and a blinde zeale led many, he putteth them in hope of saluation

i He meaneth some, & not all

k When Iesus shal come to iudge the worlde, ye shal knowe that he wilbe your redemer & not your Iudge.

l We therefore beleue constantly, ỹ he is in none other place.

m Which is begon & continueth but the full accomplishement, & perfectiō is differred to the last day

Deut 18.15. chap 7,37.

n Of the stocke of Abrahā: obecause they came of the same nacion, and therefore were heires of the same promes ẅ appertened to the whole bodie of ỹ people

Gen 12,3. gala 3.8.

p Bothe Iew & Gentile

q None are blessed but in Christ.

r So that our regeneration and newnes of life is inclosed vnder this blessing.

CHAP. IIII.

3 Peter and Iohn deliuered out of prison, preache the Gospel boldely to Thes cōfesse plainely the Name of Christ. 16 They are commanded to preache no more in that name. 24 They pray for the good successe of the Gospel. 32 The increase, vnitie and charitie of the Church.

1 AND as they spake vnto the people, ỹ Priests & the [a] captaine of the Temple, & the Sadduces came vpon them,

2 Taking it grieuously that they taught the people, and preached in Iesus *Name* the [b] resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid handes on them, & put thē in holde, vntil ỹ next day: for it was now euentide.

4 Howbeit, many of them which heard the worde, beleued, and the nōbre of the men was about [c] fiue thousand.

5 ¶ And it came to passe on ỹ morrow, that their

a It is to be thoght that this was the Captaine of the Romaines garison.

b The Sadduces were great enemies to this doctrine

c The whole Church was increased to this nombre.

their rulers, and Elders, and Scribes, were
gathered together at Ierusalem,
6 And Annas the chief Priest, & Caiaphas,
and Iohn, and Alexander, and as many as
were of the kinred of the hie Priestes.
7 And when they had set thē before them,
d By whose autoritie or cōmandement?
they asked, By what power, or d in what
Name haue ye done this?
e For he colde not haue so spoken of himself
8 Then Peter ful of the e holie Gost, said
vnto them, Ye rulers of the people, & El-
ders of Israel,
9 For asmuche as we this day are exami-
f Iudges ought not to condemne, but approue and commend ỹ which is wel done.
ned of the f good dede *done* to the impo-
tent man, *to wit*, by what meanes he is ma-
de whole,
10 Be it knowen vnto you all, and to all the
people of Israel, that by the Name of Ie-
sus Christ of Nazaret, whome ye haue cru
cified, whome God raised againe frō the
dead, *euen* by him doeth this man stand
here before you, whole.
Psal.117,22.
isa 28,16
mat 21,42.
mar 12,10.
luk.20,17.
rom.9,33.
1 pet 2,7.
11 * This is the stone cast a side, of you
g buylders, which is become the head of
the h corner.
g Meaning Priests, Elders and Gouerners
h For to vphold the waight & force of the buylding
12 Nether is there saluation in any other:
for among men there is giuen none other
name i vnder heauen, whereby we must be
saued.
i That is, none other cause or meane.
13 Now when they sawe the boldnes of Pe-
ter and Iohn, & vnderstode that they were
vnlearned men and without knowledge,
they marueiled, & knewe them, that they
had bene with Iesus:
14 And beholding also the man which was
healed standing with them, they had no-
thing to say against it.
15 Then they commanded them to go a-
side out of the Council, and k conferred a-
k The wicked stil rage agaīst Christ, though their owne cō science do condemne them.
mong them selues,
16 Saying, What shal we do to these men?
for surely a manifest signe is done by thē,
& it is openly knowen to all thē that dwell
in Ierusalem: and we can not denye it.
17 But that it be noised no farther among
the people, let vs threaten and charge thē,
that they speake henceforthe to no man
in this l Name.
l They gaue commandemēt to preache Christ no more
18 So they called them, and commanded
them, that in m no wise they shulde speake
or teache in the Name of Iesus.
m They prefer re their autori tie to the ordi nance of God
19 But Peter and Iohn answered vnto thē,
and said, Whether it be right in the sight
of God, to obey you rather then God,
iudge ye.
20 For we can not but speake the things
n To the intēt that we shulde beare witnes, & preache thē
which we haue n sene and heard.
21 So they o threatened them, and let them
go, and founde nothing how to punish
o God hathe put a ring through the wickeds noses so that bestayeth thē frō their mischieuous purposes.
them, because of the people: for all men
praised God for that which was done.
22 For the man was aboue fourtie yere old,
on whome this miracle of healing was
shewed.
23 Then assone as they were let go, they ca-
me to their p felowes, & shewed all that the
hie Priests & Elders had said vnto them.
p To encourage one another, & to glorifie God.
24 And when they heard it, they lift vp
their voyces to God with one accorde, &
said, O Lord, thou art the God which hast
made the heauen and the earth, the sea, &
all things that are in them.
25 Which q by the mouth of thy seruāt Da
uid hast said, *Why did the Gētiles rage,
and the people imagine vaine things?
q They groūde their praiers vpō Gods promes, who had assured that he wolde enlarge the kingdome of Christ. *Psal 2,1.*
26 The Kings of the earth assembled, and
the rulers came together against ỹ Lord,
and against his Christ.
27 For r douteles, against thine holie Son-
ne Iesus, whome thou haddest s anointed,
bothe Herode & Pontius Pilate, with the
Gentiles and the people of Israel gathe-
red them selues together,
r This is the verifying of ỹ prophecie
s And appointed to be King
28 To do whatsoeuer thine t hand, and thy
u coūsel had determined before to be done.
t Power, and iustice.
u All things are done by ỹ force of Gods purpose, according to the decree of his wil, Ephe 1,11.
29 And now, ô Lord, beholde their x threat-
nings, & y grante vnto thy seruants with
all boldenes to speake thy worde,
x Asswage their rage and malice which they entreprise against thee
30 So that thou stretche forthe thine hand,
that healing, and signes, and wonders may
be done by the Name of thine holie Son-
ne Iesus.
y They seke not how to liue at ease, but whereby they may moste glorifie God.
31 And when as they had prayed, the place
was shaken where they were assembled to-
gether, and they were all z filled with the
holie Gost, and they spake the worde of
God a boldely.
z This was a signe of Gods presence and the performās of his promes
a This boldenes & constancie declared that their praier toke effect
32 And the multitude of them that bele-
ued, were of one heart, and of one b soule:
nether any of them said, that any thing of
that which he possessed, was his c owne,
but they had all things * commune.
Chap 2,44
b Of one minde, wil, consent and affection
c Their hearts were so ioined in God, ỹ being all members of one bodie, they colde not suffer their fellowmembres to be destitute
33 And with great power gaue the Apostles
witnes of the resurrection of the Lord Ie
sus: and great grace was vpon them all.
34 Nether was there any among them,
that d lacked: for as many as were posses-
sers of lands or houses, solde them, and
broght the price of the things that were solde,
d As the Apostles suffred none to lacke, so S Paul commandeth, that no idle loyterers be maintened, 2 Thes. 3,10
35 And laid it downe at the Apostles fete,
and it was distributed vnto euerie man,
e according as he had nede.
e The goods were not alike deuided amongs all, but as euerie man had want, so was his necessitie moderately relieued.
36 Also Ioses which was called of the Apo-
stles, Barnabas (that is by interpretation
the sonne of consolation) being a Leuite,
and of the countrey of Cyprus,
37 Where as he had land, solde it, & broght
the money, and laid it downe at the Apo-
stles fete.

CHAP. V.

f The hypocrisie of Ananias and Sapphira is punished 12 Miracles are done by the Apostles 17 They are taken, but the Angel of God bringeth them out of prison 29 Their bolde confession before the Counsil 34 The counsel of Gamaliel. 40 The Apostles are beat, and reioyce in trouble.

1 BVt a certeine man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, ſolde a poſſeſſion,

2 And [a] kept away *parte* of the price, his wife alſo being of counſel, & broght a certeine parte, and laid it downe at the Apoſtles fete.

3 Then ſaid Peter, Ananias, why hathe Satan filled thine heart, that thou ſhuldeſt lie vnto the holie [b] Goſt, and kepe away *parte* of the price of the poſſeſſion?

4 Whiles it remained, [c] apperteined it not vnto thee? and after it was ſolde, was it not in thine owne [d] power? how is it that thou haſt conceiued this thing in thine heart? thou haſt not lied vnto mē, but vnto God.

5 Now when Ananias heard theſe wordes, he fel downe, and gaue vp the goſt. Then great feare came on all them that heard theſe things.

6 And the yong men roſe vp, and toke him vp, and caryed *him* out, and buryed *him*.

7 And it [e] came to paſſe about the ſpace of thre houres after, that his wife came in, ignorant of that which was done.

8 And Peter ſaid vnto her, Tell me, ſolde ye the lād for ſo muche? And ſhe ſaid, Yea, for ſo muche.

9 Then Peter ſaid vnto her, Why haue ye agreed together, to [f] tempt the Spirit of the Lord? beholde, the fete of them which haue buryed thine houſbād, *are* at the dore, and ſhal carye thee out.

10 Then ſhe fell downe ſtraight way at his fete, and yelded vp the goſt: and the yong men came in, and founde her dead, and caryed her out, and buryed her by her houſband.

11 And great feare came on all the Church, and on as many as heard theſe things.

12 Thus by the hands of the Apoſtles were many ſignes and wonders ſhewed among the people (and they were all with one accorde in [g] Solomons porche.

13 And of the other [h] durſt no man ioyne him ſelf to them: neuertheles the people [i] magnified them,

14 Alſo the nombre of them that beleued in the Lord, bothe of men & womē, grewe more and more)

15 In ſomuche that thei broght the ſicke into the ſtretes, and laid them on beddes and couches, that at the leaſt way the ſhadowe of Peter, whē he came by, might ſhadowe ſome of them.

16 There came alſo a multitude out of the cities rounde about vnto Ieruſalē, bringing ſicke folkes, & them which were vexed with vncleane ſpirits, who were all healed.

17 ¶ Then the chief Prieſt roſe vp, & all they that were with him (which was the ſecte of the [k] Sadduces) and were ful of indignation,

18 And laid hands on the Apoſtles, and put them in the commune priſon.

19 But the Angel of the Lord, by night opened the priſon dores, & broght them forthe, and ſaid,

20 Go your way, and ſtand in the Temple, & ſpeake to the people all the wordes [m] of this life.

21 So when they heard it, they entred into the Tēple early in the morning & taught. And the chief Prieſt came, and they that were with him, and called the Counсil together, and all the Elders of the children of Iſrael, and ſent to the priſon, to cauſe them to be broght.

22 But when the officers came, and founde them not in the priſon, they returned and tolde it,

23 Saying, Certeinely we founde [ỹ] priſon ſhut as ſure as was poſsible, & the kepers [n] ſtanding without, before the dores: but when we had opened, we founde no man within.

24 Then whē the *chief* Prieſt, and the captaine of the Temple, and the hie Prieſts heard theſe things, they douted of them, whereunto this wolde growe.

25 Then came one and ſhewed thē, ſaying, Beholde, the men that ye put in priſon, are ſtanding in the Temple, and teache the people.

26 Then went the captaine with the officers, and broght them without violence (for they feared the people, leſt they ſhulde haue bene ſtoned [o])

27 And when they had broght them, they ſet them before the Counсil, and the chief Prieſt aſked them,

28 Saying, Did not we ſtraitely commande you, that ye ſhulde not teache in this Name? and beholde, ye haue filled [o] Ieruſalem with your doctrine, & ye wolde bring this mans [p] blood vpon vs.

29 Then Peter and the Apoſtles anſwered, and ſaid, We ought rather to obey God then [q] men.

30 The *God of our fathers hathe raiſed vp Ieſus, whome ye ſlew, & hanged on a tre.

31 Him hathe God lift vp with his right hand, *to be* a Prince and a [r] Sauiour, to giue repentance to Iſrael, and forgiuenes of ſinnes.

32 And we are his witneſſes cōcerning theſe things which we ſay: yea, and the holie Goſt, whome God hathe giuen to them that obey [ſ] him.

33 Now when they heard it, they braſt for anger, and conſulted to ſlay them.

34 Then ſtode there vp in the Coūcil a certeine Phariſe named Gamaliel, a doctour of the Law, honored of all the people, and commāded to put the Apoſtles forthe a litle

a Which ſignified therr ſacriledge, diſtruſt, & hypocriſie.

b Who moued thine heart to ſel thy poſſeſſion: where as [ỹ] turneſt parte to another vſe, as if God did not ſe thy diſſimulation

c His ſinne therefore was ſo muche greater in that he cōmitted it willingly

d Then no mā was cōpelled to ſel his poſſeſſions, nor to put his money to the commune vſe

e Becauſe that God ſo diſpoſed it.

f And to mocke him, as if he ſhulde not haue knowen your craftie fetche, which declareth that when men do any thīg of an euil cōſcience, they do not onely pronounce the ſentēce of damnatiō vpō them ſelues, but alſo prouoke the wrath of God, becauſe they do proue, as it were, purpoſely, whether God be righteous and almightie

g Read the annotatiō vpō the figure 1 King 6 page 252.

h Becauſe of their owne euil cōſciences which made them to tremble: for they that were not aſſured of Gods mercies in Chriſt, were aſtoniſhed at theſe ſtrāge iudgements.

i That is, thei gaue them great praiſe.

k Which then were the chief among them.

l They were ful of blinde zeale, emulatiō and ielouſie, in defence of their ſuperſtition.

m That is, of the liuelie doctrine, whereby the way to life is declared.

n So [ỹ] there was no fraude nor deceit, nor negligence, but it liuelie ſetteth forthe the power of God & his prouidēce for him.

o He accuſeth them of rebellion & ſeditiō.

p And to make vs giltie of Chriſts death.

q When they commande, or forbid vs any thing contrary to the worde of God *Chap. 3. 13.*

r Meaning that he is the mediator & onelie meane betwene God & man

ſ That is, Chriſt.

a litle space,

35 And said vnto them, Men of Israel, take hede to your selues, what ye entend to do touching these men.

36 For before these times, rose vp [t] Theudas boasting himself, to whome resorted a nomber of men, about a foure hundreth, who was slayne: and thei all which obeied him, were scattered, & broght to noght.

37 After this man, arose vp [u] Iudas of Galile, in the daies of the tribute, and drewe away muche people after him: he also perished, and all that obeied him, were scattered abroad.

38 And now I say vnto you, refraine your selues from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel, or this worke be of men, it wil come to noght:

39 But if it be of [x] God, ye cā not destroie it, lest ye be founde euen fighters against God.

40 And to him they agreed, and called the Apostles: and when thei had beaten them, they commanded that they shulde not speake in the Name of Iesus, & let thē go.

41 So they departed from the Council, reioycing, that they were counted worthie to suffer rebuke for his Name.

42 And daiely in the Temple, & frō house to house they ceased not to teache, and preache Iesus Christ.

t This Theudas was aboue thirtie yeres before him, of whome Iosephus mencioneth, li 20 de Antiq chap 4. that was after the death of Herode ỹ Grear, whē Archelaus his sonne was at Rome, at what time Iudea was ful of insurrectiōns: so that it is not sure to gyue credit to Eusebius in this point
u Of hī maketh mencion Iosephus li 18 where he speaketh of the taxig, Luk. 2, 1.
x He groūdeth vpō good principles, būt he douteth of the qualitie of the cause, neither dare affirme whether it be good or bad: wherein appeareth he was but a worldeling

CHAP. VI.

3 Seuen Deacons are ordeined in the Church. 8 The graces and miracles of Steuen, whome they accused falsely.

1 AND in those daies, as the nomber of the disciples grewe, there arose a murmuring of the [a] Grecians towardes the Hebrewes, because their widdowes were [b] neglected in the daielie ministring.

2 Then the twelue called the multitude of the disciples together, and said, It is not mete that we shulde leaue the worde of God to serue the [c] tables.

3 Wherefore brethren, loke ye out among you seuen men of honest reporte, and ful of the holie Gost, and of wisdome, which we may appoint to this busines.

4 And we wil giue our selues continually to prayer, and to the ministracion of the worde.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Steuen a man ful of [d] faith & of the holie Gost, and *Philippe, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, & Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a [e] proselyte of Antiochia,

6 Which they set before the Apostles: and they praied, and [f] laid their hands on thē.

7 And the worde of God increased, & the nomber of the disciples was multiplied in Ierusalem greatly, and a great cōpanie of the Priests were obedient to ỹ [g] faith.

8 ¶ Now Steuen ful of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

a Hereby is ment Hebrewes, which were borne in Iewrie, & spake Hebrewe.
b They were not loked vnto in the distribucion of the almes
c That is, to make prouisiō for the maintenance of the poore, forasmuche as they were not able to satisfie bothe ỹ offices.
d He ioyneth faith with the other gifts of ỹ holie Gost
e Meaning one ỹ was turned to the Iewish religion *Chap. 2, 8.*
f This ceremonie ỹ Iewes obserued in solēne sacrifices, Leui 3, 2 & also in prater & priuate blessings, Gen. 48, 14: likewise in the primitiue Church it was vsed, ether whē they made ministers, or gaue the gifts of ỹ holie Gost: ẅ gifts beīg now takē away, the ceremonie must cease.
g That is, to the Gospel, ẅ is receiued by faith.

9 Then there arose certeine of the [h] Synagogue, which are called Libertines, and Cyrenians, and of Alexandria, and of thē of Cilicia, and of Asia, and disputed with Steuen.

10 But they were not able to resist the wisdome, & the Spirit by the which he spake.

11 Thē they [i] suborned mē, which said, We haue heard him speake blasphemous wordes against Moses, and God.

12 Thus they moued the people & the Elders, and the Scribes: and running vpon him, caught him, and broght him to the Council,

13 And set forthe false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speake blasphemous wordes against this holie place, and the Law.

14 For we haue heard him say, that [k] this Iesus of Nazaret shal destroye this place, and shal change the ordinances, which Moses gaue vs.

15 And as all that sate in the Coūcil, loked stedfastly on him, they sawe his face as *it had bene* the [l] face of an Angel.

h Or colledge: diuers nations had colledges at Ierusalem, wherein their youth was instructed, as we se in vniuersities.
i That is, instructed & set forthe false witnesses: and thus malice seketh false shiftes when truth faileth her
k Thei speake this in cōtēpt.

CHAP. VII.

Steuen maketh answer by the Scriptures to his accusers. 51 He rebuketh the hardnecked Iewes. 57 And is stoned to death. 58 Saul kepeth the tormentours clothes.

1 THen said the chief Priest, Are these things so?

2 And he said, Ye [a] men, brethren and fathers, hearken. The God of [b] glorie appeared vnto our father Abraham, while he was in [c] Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

3 *And said vnto him, Come out of thy countrey, and from thy kinred, and come into the land, which I shal shewe thee.

4 Then came he out of the land of ỹ Chaldeans, & dwelt in Charran. And after that his father was dead, *God* broght him from thence into this land, wherein ye now dwell,

5 And he gaue him none inheritance in it, no, nōt the breadth of a fote: yet he promised that he wolde giue it to him for a possession, and to his sede after him, when as yet he had no childe.

6 But God spake thus, that his *sede shulde be a soiourner in a strange land, and that thei shulde kepe it in bondage, & entreate it euil [d] foure hundreth yeres.

7 But the nacion to whome they shalbe in bondage, wil I [e] iudge, saith God: and after that, they shal come forthe and serue me in this place.

8 *He gaue him also the couenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begate *Isaac, and circumcised him the eight daye: and Isaac *begate* *Iacob, and Iacob the twelue

l Not onely a certeine confidence, but also great maiestie appearing in him.
a Steuen was accused that he demed God, & therefore he is more diligēt to purge this crime.
Gen. 12, 1.
b Hereby he is discerned from the false gods
c He speaketh here of Mesopotamia, as it conteineth Babylon & Chaldea in it.
Gen. 15, 13.
d Beginning to recken the yeres from the time that Isaac was borne.
e Take vengeance of them & deliuer my people.
Gen. 17, 9.
Gen. 21, 3.
Gen. 25, 24.

*Patriarkes.

Gen 29.33 & 30.5 & 35 23

9 And the Patriarkes moued with enuie ſolde *Ioſeph into Egypt: but God was

Gen 37.28

f That is, preſerued & broght all things to a good vſue

f with him,

Gen.41.37.

10 And deliuered him out of all his afflictions, and *gaue him fauour and wiſdome in the ſight of Pharao King of Egypt, who made him gouernour ouer Egypt, & ouer his whole houſe.

11 ¶Then came there a famine ouer all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, that our fathers founde no ſuſtenance.

Gen 42.1.

12 But when *Iacob heard that there was corne in Egypt, he ſent our fathers firſt.

Gen 45.4.

13 *And at the ſeconde time, Ioſeph was knowen of his brethren, and Ioſephs kinred was made knowen vnto Pharao.

g After the Hebrewe, thre ſcore & ten

14 Then ſent Ioſeph and cauſed his father to be broght, & all his kinred, euen g thre ſcore and fiftene ſoules.

Gen 46.5.

15 So *Iacob went downe into Egypt, and he *dyed, and our fathers,

Gen 49.33.

Gen 50.7

ioſh 24.32.

16 And were remoued into *Sychem, and were put in the ſepulchre, that h Abraham had boght *for money of the ſonnes of Emor, ſonne of Sychem.

Gen 23.16.

Exod 1.7.

h It is probable that ſome writer through negligence put in Abraham in this place, in ſtede of Iacob, who boght this field, Gen. 33.19. or, by Abraham he meaneth the poſteritie of Abraham

17 But when the time of the promes drewe nere, which God had ſworne to Abraham, the people *grewe & multiplied in Egypt,

Exod 2.2.

ebr 11.23

18 Til another King aroſe, which knewe not Ioſeph.

i He inuented craftie wayes bothe to deſtroye the Iſraelites ouer muche labour, & alſo to get great profite by thē, Exod. 1.10

19 The ſame dealt i ſubtely with our kinred, and euil intreated our fathers, & made them to caſt out their yong children, that *they ſhulde not remaine aliue.

*Or, that their race ſhulde faile.

20 *The ſame time was Moſes borne, and was acceptable vnto God, which was nouriſhed vp in his fathers houſe thre moneths.

21 And whē he was caſt out, Phara os daughter toke him vp, & nouriſhed him for her owne ſonne.

22 And Moſes was learned in all the wiſdome of the Egyptians, and was mightie in wordes and in dedes.

23 Now when he was ful fortie yere olde, it came into his heart to viſit his brethren, the children of Iſrael.

Exod.2.11.

24 *And when he ſawe one *of them* ſuffer wrong, he defended him, and auenged his quarel that had the harme done to him, & ſmote the Egyptian.

25 For he ſuppoſed his brethren wolde haue vnderſtand, that God by his hand ſhulde giue them deliuerance: but thei vnderſtode it not.

Exod 2.13.

26 *And the next day, he ſhewed him ſelf vnto them as they ſtroue, and wolde haue ſet them at one againe, ſaying, Syrs, ye are brethrē: why do ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong, thruſt him away, ſaying, Who made thee a prince, and a iudge ouer vs?

28 Wilt thou kil me, as thou diddeſt the Egyptian yeſterday?

29 Then fled Moſes at that ſaying, & was a ſtranger in the land of Madian, where he begate two ſonnes.

30 And when fourtie yeres were expired, there appeared to him in the *wildernes of mount Sina, an Angel of the Lord in a flame k of fyre, in a buſh.

Exod 3.2.

k This fyre repreſented the furnace of afflictiō wherein the people of God were.

31 And when Moſes ſawe it, he wondred at ỹ ſight: & as he drewe nere to conſider it, the voyce of the Lord came vnto him, ſaying,

32 I am the l God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Iſaac, & the God of Iacob. Then Moſes trembled, & durſt not beholde it.

l Seing this Angel called him ſelf God, it declareth ỹ he was Chriſt the Mediator, who is the eternal God.

33 Then the Lord ſaid to him, m Put of thy ſhooes from thy fete: for the place where thou ſtandeſt, is holie grounde.

m In ſigne of reuerence, read Exod 3.5.

34 I haue ſene, I haue ſene the affliction of my people, which is in Egypt, and I haue heard their groning, and am come downe to deliuer them: and now come, and I wil ſend thee into Egypt.

35 This Moſes whome thei forſoke, ſaying, Who made thee a prince and a iudge? the ſame God ſent for a prince, and a deliuerer by the hands of the Angel, which appeared to him in the buſh.

Exod 7.8 9.10 11.14.

36 He *brought them out, doing wonders, and miracles in the land of Egypt, and in the red ſea, and in the wildernes *fourtie yeres.

Exod 16.1. Deut 18.15. chap 3.22

37 This is that Moſes, which ſaid vnto the childrē of Iſrael, *A n Prophet ſhal ỹ Lord your God raiſe vp vnto you, *euen* of your brethren, like vnto me: him ſhal ye heare.

n He proueth that Chriſt is the end of the Law and the Propheetes.

Exod 19.2.

38 *This is he that was in the Congregacion, in the wildernes with the o Angel, which ſpake to him in mount Sina, & with our fathers, who receiued the p liuelie oracles to giue vnto vs.

o Moſes was the Angels or Chriſts miniſter, & a guide to the fathers.

p By oracles is meant ỹ ſayings that God ſpake to Moſes.

Exod 32.1.

39 To whome our fathers wolde not obey, but refuſed, & in their hearts turned backe againe into Egypt,

40 Saying vnto Aaron, *Make q vs gods that may go before vs: for r we knowe not what is become of this Moſes that broght vs out of the land of Egypt.

q Figures, or teſtimonies of the preſence of God

r Yet they knewe he was abſēt for their commoditie, & ſo wolde ſhortely returne & bring them the Law

Rom.1.24.

41 And they made a calfe in thoſe daies, and offred ſacrifice vnto the idole, and reioyced in the workes of their owne hāds.

42 Then God turned himſelf away, & *gaue them vp to ſerue the s hoſte of heauen, as it is written in the boke of the Prophetes, *t O houſe of Iſrael, haue ye offred to me ſlayne beaſts & ſacrifices by the ſpace of fourtie yeres in the wildernes?

(As the ſunne, moone & other ſtarres, Deut. 17.3)

Amos 5.25.

t Your fathers began to wilderues to contēne mine ordināces, & you now farre paſſe them in impietie.

43 And ye u toke vp the tabernacle of *Moloch, & ỹ ſtarre of your god Remphan, figures, w̄ ye made to worſhip them: therefore I wil carie you away beyōde Babylō.

Leui 20.2.

u And carved it vpon your ſhulders.

x They ought to haue bene content with this couenant onely, & not to haue gone after their lewd fantasies

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of[x] witnes in the wildernes, as he had appointed, speaking vnto *Moses, that he shulde make it according to the facion that he had sene.

*Exo 25,40. *ebr 8,5.*

45 Which *tabernacle* also our fathers receiued, and broght in with* Iesus into the possession of the Gẽtiles, which God drawe out before our fathers, vnto the dayes of Dauid:

*Ioſ 3,14. *1.Sam 13,14. *psal 89,21. *2 Sam.7,2.*

46 *Who founde fauour before God, and desired that he might* finde a tabernacle for the God of Iacob.

*psal.132,5. *2.Chro.17,12. *1 king 6,1.*

47 *But Solomon buylt him an house.

Chap 17,24.

y He reproueth the grosse dulnes of the people ẅ abused the power of God in that they wolde haue conteined it within the tẽple

48 Howbeit the moste High * dwelleth not in[y] temples made with hands, as saith the *Prophet,

Isa 66,1.

z God can not be conteined in any space of place.

49 Heauen *is* my throne, & earth *is* my foteſtole: what[z] house wil ye buylde for me, saith the Lord? or what place is it that I shulde rest in?

*Ier 9,26. *62,sk. 44,9.*

50 Hathe not mine hand made all these things?

a Which neither forsake your olde wickednes, nor so muche as heare when God speaketh to you, but stil rebel

51 *Ye stiffenecked and of vncircumcised [a]hearts & eares, ye haue alwayes resisted ỹ holie Goſt: as your fathers *did*, so *do* you.

b Which is Iesus Christ who is not onely iuſt for his innocẽcie, but because all true iustice cõmeth of him

52 Which of the Prophetes haue not your fathers persecuted? and they haue slaine them, which shewed before of the coming of that[b] Iuſt, of whome ye are now the betrayers and murtherers,

*Exo 16,13.

53 *Which haue receiued the Law by the [c]ordinance of Angels, & haue not kept it.

c By their ministerie or office

54 But when they heard these things, their hearts brast for anger, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth.

55 But he being ful of the holie Goſt, loked stedfastly into heauen, and sawe the glorie of God, and Iesus standing at [d] the right hand of God,

d And reigning in his flesh, wherein he had suffered.

56 And said, Beholde, I se the heauẽs open, and the Sonne of man standing at the right hand of God.

57 Then they gaue a shoute with a loude voyce, and stopped their eares, and [e] ranne vpon him all at once,

e This was done of furious violence & by no forme of iustice

58 And cast him out of the citie, and stoned him: and the* witnesses laid downe their clothes at a yong mans fete, named Saul.

Chap.22,20.

59 And they stoned Steuen, who called on *God*, & said, Lord Iesus, receiue my spirit.

60 And he kneled downe, and cryed with a loude voyce, * Lord, lay not this sinne to their charge. And when he had thus spoken, he slept.

*Mat 5,44. *luk.23,34. *1.cor.4,12.*

CHAP. VIII.

2 Steuen is lamented & buryed. 3 The rage of the Iewes and of Saul against them. 4 The faithful scattred, preache here & there 9 Samaria is seduced by Simõ the sorcerer, but was conuerted by Philippe, and confirmed by the Apoſtles 18 The couetousnes and hypocrisie of Simon, 26 And conuersion of the Eunuche.

1 AND Saul consented to his death, and at that time, there was a great persecution against the Church which was at Ieruſalem, & they were all scattred abroade through the regions of Iudea & of Samaria, except the Apoſtles.

a From the place where he was stoned

2 Then *certeine* men fearing God, [a]caryed Steuen amongs thẽ, *to be buryed*, and made great [b] lamentation for him.

b When the Church is depriued of any worthie member, there is iuste cause of sorrowe: and note that here is no mention of any relikes or prayers for the dead, or worshiping

3 But Saul made hauocke of the Church, and entred into euerie house, and drewe out bothe men and women, and put them into prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattred abroade, went to and fro preaching the worde.

c The conuersion of Samaria was as it were the first frutes of the calling of the Gentiles.

5 ¶ Then came Philippe into the citie [c] of Samaria, & preached Christ vnto them.

6 And the people gaue hede vnto those things which Philippe spake, with one accorde, hearing & seing the miracles which he did.

7 For vncleane spirits crying with a loude voyce, came out of many that were possessed *of them*: and many taken with palsies, & that halted, were healed.

8 And there was great ioye in that citie.

9 And there was before in the citie a certeine man called Simon, which vsed witchecraft, and bewitched the people of Samaria, saying, that he him self was some great man.

d This declareth how muche more we are inclined to follow the illusions of Satan then the trueth of God.

10 To whome they [d] gaue hede from the least to the greateſt, saying, This man is the great [e] power of God.

e This is the craft of Satan to couer all his illusiõs vnder the Name of God.

11 And they gaue hede vnto him, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But assone as they beleued Philippe, which preached the things that concerned the kingdome of God, and in the Name of Iesus Christ, they were baptized bothe men and women.

f The maiestie of Gods worde forced him to confesse the trueth: but yet was he not regenerat therefore.

13 Then Simon him self[f] beleued also and was baptized, & continued with Philippe, and wondred, when he sawe the signes and great miracles which were done.

14 ¶ Now whẽ the Apoſtles, which were at Ieruſalem, heard say, that Samaria had receiued the worde of God, they sent vnto them Peter and Iohn.

15 Which when they were come downe, prayed for them, that they might receiue the[g] holie Goſt.

g Meaning the particular gifts of ỹ holie Spirit

16 (For as yet, he was come downe on none of them, but they were baptized [h] onely in the Name of the Lord Iesus)

h They had onely receiued the commune grace of adoption & regeneracion which are offered to all ỹ faithful in baptisme, & as yet had not receiued the gift to speake in diuers languages, & to do miracles.

17 Then laid they their hands on them, & they receiued the holie Goſt.

18 And when Simon sawe, that through laying on of the Apoſtles hãds the holie Goſt was giuen, he offred them money,

19 Saying, Giue me also this power, that on whome soeuer I lay the hands, he may receiue the holie Goſt.

20 Then said Peter vnto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou thinkest that ỹ gift of God may be obteined with money.

21 Thou hast nether parte nor [i] fellowship in this busines: for thine heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 [k] Repent therefore of this thy wickednes, and pray God, that if it be [l] possible, the thoght of thine heart may be forgiuen thee.

23 For I se that thou art [m] in ỹ gall of * bitternes, and in the bonde of iniquitie.

24 Then answered Simon, & said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, ỹ none of these things which ye haue spoken, come vpon me.

25 ¶ So they, when they had testified and preached the worde of the Lord, returned to Ierusalem, and preached the Gospel in many townes of the Samaritans.

26 Then the Angel of the Lord spake vnto Philippe, saying, Arise, and go towarde the South vnto the way that goeth downe frō Ierusalem vnto Gaza, which is [n] waste.

27 And he arose and went on: and beholde, a certeine [o] Eunuche of Ethiopia Cādaces the Quene of the Ethiopians chief Gouerner, who had the rule of all her treasure, & came to Ierusalem to worship:

28 And as he returned sitting in his charet, he red Esaias the Prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said vnto Philippe, Go nere & ioyne thy self to yonder charet.

30 And Philippe ranne thether, and heard him read the Prophet Esaias, & said, But vnderstandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except I had a guide? And he desired Philippe, that he wolde come vp and sit with him.

32 Now the place of the Scripture which he red, was this, * He was led as a shepe to ỹ slaughter: & like a lambe domme before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth.

33 [p] In his humilitie his [q] iudgement hathe bene exalted: but who shal declare his [r] generatiō? for his life is taken frō the [s] earth.

34 Then the Eunuche answered Philippe, and said, I pray thee of whome speaketh the Prophet this? of him self, or of some other man?

35 Then Philippe [t] opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached vnto him Iesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came vnto a certeine water, and the Eunuche said, Se, *here is* water: what doeth let me to be baptized?

37 And Philippe said vnto him, If thou beleuest with [u] all thine heart, thou maist. Then he answered, and said, I beleue that Iesus Christ is the Sonne of God.

38 Then he commanded the charet to stand stil: and they went downe bothe into the water, bothe Philippe & the Eunuche, and he baptized him.

39 And assone as they were come vp out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philippe, that ỹ Eunuche [x] sawe him no more: so he went on his way reioycing.

40 But Philippe was founde at [y] Azotus, & he walked to and fro preaching in all the cities, til he came to Cesarea.

CHAP. IX.

3 The conuersion of Saul. 15 His vocation to the Apostleship 20 His zeale to execute the same 25 How he escapeth the Iewes conspiracies. 26 His accesse to the Apostles. 31 The prosperitie of the Church. 34 Peter healeth Æneas. 40 Raiseth Tabitha 42 He conuerteth many to Christ. 43 And lodgeth in a tāners house.

1 AND * Saul yet [a] breathing out threatnings & slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went vnto the hie Priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the Synagogues, that if he founde any that were of that [b] way (ether men or women) he might bring them bounde vnto Ierusalem.

3 Now as he iourneyed, it came to passe ỹ as he was come nere to Damascus, * suddenly there shined rounde about hi a light from heauen.

4 And he fel to the earth, and heard a voyce, saying to him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Iesus whome thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kicke against [c] prickes.

6 He *then* bothe trembling and astonied, said, Lord, what wilt thou that I do? And ỹ Lord said vnto him, Arise and go into the citie, and it shalbe tolde thee what thou shalt do.

7 The men also which iorneyed with him, stode amased, hearing [d] *his* voyce, but [e] seing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the grounde, and opened his eyes, *but* [f] sawe no man. Then led they him by the hand, and broght him into Damascus,

9 Where he was thre dayes without sight, and nether [g] ate nor dranke.

10 And there was a certeine disciple at Damascus named Ananias, & to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Beholde, I am *here*, Lord.

11 Then the Lord said vnto him, Arise, and go into ỹ strete which is called Straight, and seke in the house of Iudas after one called Saul of Tarsus: for beholde, he prayeth.

12 (And he sawe in a vision a man named Ananias coming in to him, & putting his hands

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f Thou art not worthie to be of the nomber of ỹ faithful

k That is, turne away from thy wickednes

l Hereby he wolde make him to feele his sinne and not ỹ he douted of Gods mercies, if he colde repent.

Deut. 29. 18.

m Or thine heart is full of displeaseful malice, & deuelish peyson of impietie, so that now Satan hathe thee tied as captiue in his bands

n After that Alexāder had destroyed it, it was not much peopled, as it was afore, and therefore in respect was as waste

o Eunuche signifieth him that is gelded: but because in the East partes great affaires were commit to suche, it came in vse that noble men were called Eunuches, although they were not gelded: also all maner officers and seruants, that were put in credit or necessarie affaires, were called by this name, as Isa 39. 7

Isa 53. 7.

p Albeit Christ was in graue and in deathes bandes, feling also his Fathers angre against sinne, yet he brake the bādes of death and was exalted, Act 2, 24

q The punishmēt which he suffred, was the beginning of his glorie

r That is, how long his age shal endure: for being risen frō death, death shal no more reigne, nether shal his kingdome euer haue end: or els we may take generation, for his Church ỹ neuer shal haue ende: for now they sit in the heauēlie places with Christ their head, as Ephes 2, 6

s And he now reigneth in heauen

t He declared at length this matter of so great importance.

u With a pure and perfect heart.

x This was, to the intent that he might knowe so muche the better ỹ Philip was sent to him by God

y Or perciued him self to be

y Some thinke this citie was also called Asdod, Ios. 15, 47.

Rom 9. 3. Gal 1, 13.

a He persecuted with a great rage, and cruelnes the innocent blood which he thirsted for: ẅ declareth wherunto mā is led by his rashe zeale, before he haue the true knowledge of God

b That is of ỹ secte, or sorte.

Chap 22, 6. 1. Cor. 15, 8.

c That is, to resist God whē he pricketh & solliciteth our consciences.

d Meaning Sauls voice, as Chap 22, 9

e For onely Saul knewe that Iesus spake vnto him.

f For he was blinde.

g He was so rauished with the vision that he did meditate nothing, but heauēlie thīgs and therewith was satisfied.

hands on him, that he might receiue his ſight.)

13 Then Ananias anſwered, Lord, I haue heard by many of this mã, how muche euil he hathe done to thy ſainctes at Ieruſalẽ.

14 Moreouer here he hathe autoritie of the hie Prieſts, to binde all that call on thy Name.

15 Then the Lord ſaid vnto him, Go thy way: for he is a [h] choſen veſſel vnto me, to [i] beare my Name before the Gentiles, & Kings, and the children of Iſrael.

16 For I wil ſhewe him, how many things he muſt ſuffre for my Names ſake.

17 Then Ananias went his way, and entred into the houſe, and put his hands on him, and ſaid, Brother Saul, the Lord hathe ſent me (*euen* Ieſus ỹ appeared vnto thee in the way as thou cameſt) that thou mighteſt receiue thy ſight, and be filled with the holie Goſt.

18 And immediatly there fel from his eyes as *it had bene* ſcales, & ſuddenly he receiued ſight, and aroſe, and was baptized,

19 And receiued meat, & was ſtrẽgthened. So was Saul certeine dayes with the diſciples which were at Damaſcus.

20 And ſtraight way he preached Chriſt in the Synagogues, that he was the Sonne of God,

21 So that all that heard him, were amaſed, and ſaid, Is not this he, that deſtroyed thẽ which called on this Name in Ieruſalem, & came hither for that intent, ỹ he ſhulde bring them bounde vnto the hie Prieſts?

22 But Saul encreaſed the more in ſtrẽgth, and confounded the Iewes which dwelt at Damaſcus, [k] confirming, that this was the Chriſt.

23 And after [l] that many dayes were fulfilled, the Iewes toke counſel together, to kill him.

24 But their laying await was knowen of Saul: now they [*m] watched the gates day and night, that they might kill him.

25 Then the diſciples toke him by night, and put him through the wall, and let him downe in a baſket.

26 And when Saul was come to Ieruſalem, he aſſaide to ioyne him ſelf with the diſciples: but they were all afraid of him, and beleued not that he was a diſciple.

27 But Barnabas toke him, and broght him to the Apoſtles, and declared to them, how he had ſene the Lord in the way, & that he had ſpoken vnto him, & how he had ſpokẽ boldely at Damaſcus in ỹ Name of Ieſus.

28 And he [n] was conuerſant with [o] them at Ieruſalem,

29 And ſpake boldely [o] in the Name of the Lord Ieſus, & ſpake and diſputed with the [p] Greciãs: but they went about to ſlay him.

30 But when the brethren knewe it, they broght him to Ceſarea, & ſent him forthe to [q] Tarſus.

31 Then had the Churches reſt through all Iudea, and Galile, and Samaria, and were edified, & walked in the feare of the Lord, and were multiplied by the comfort of the holie Goſt.

32 And it came to paſſe, as Peter walked through out all *quarters*, he came alſo to the ſainctes which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he founde a certeine man named AEneas, which had kept his bed eight yeres, and was ſicke of the palſie.

34 Thẽ ſaid Peter vnto him, AEneas, Ieſus Chriſt maketh thee whole: ariſe and [t] make vp thy bed. And he aroſe immediatly.

35 And [r] all that dwelt at Lydda and [ſ] Saron, ſawe him, and turned to the Lord.

36 There was alſo at Ioppa a certeine *womã* a diſciple named Tabitha (which by interpretation is called [t] Dorcas) ſhe was [u] full of good workes & almes which ſhe did.

37 And it came to paſſe in thoſe dayes, that ſhe was ſicke and dyed: and when they had [u] waſhed her, they laid her in an vpper chamber.

38 Now foraſmuche as Lydda was nere to Ioppa, and the diſciples had heard that Peter was there, they ſent vnto him two men, deſiring that he wolde not delaye to come vnto them.

39 Then Peter aroſe and came with them: and when he was come, they broght him into the vpper chamber, where all the widdowes ſtode by him weping, and ſhewing the coates and garments, which Dorcas made, while ſhe was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forthe, and kneled downe, and praid, and turned him to the bodie, and ſaid, Tabitha, ariſe. And ſhe opened her eyes, and when ſhe ſawe Peter, ſate vp.

41 Then he gaue her the hand & lift her vp, and called the [x] ſainctes & widdowes, and reſtored her aliue.

42 And it was knowen throughout all Ioppa, and manie beleued in the Lord.

43 And it came to paſſe that he taryed manie dayes in Ioppa ẅ one Simon a "tãner.

CHAP. X.

3 Cornelius admoniſhed by the Angel, 7 He ſendeth to Ioppa 11 The viſiõ that Peter ſawe. 17 How he was ſent to Cornelius. 19 The Gentiles alſo receiue the Spirit, and are baptized.

1 FVrthermore there was a certeine mã in Ceſarea called Cornelius, a captaine of the bande called the Italian *bande*,

2 A deuout mã, and [a] one that feared God with all his houſholde, which gaue muche almes to the people, and prayed God continually.

3 He ſawe in a viſion euidently (about the ninte houre of the day) an Angel of

h A worthie ſeruãt of God and endued with excellent graces aboue others.
i To beare me witnes, and ſet forthe my glorie.
k Proning by the conference of the Scriptures
l That was after thre yeres, that he had remained at Damaſcus, and in the countrey about, Gal 1,18
a Cor 11,32.
m The Gouernour at their requeſt appointed a watche as he declareth to the Corinthiãs
n Greke, went in and out
o With Peter and Iames, Gal 1,19
o Making open profeſsion of the Goſpel
p Which were Iewes, but ſo called becauſe they were diſperſed through Grecia and other countreis.
q Becauſe it was his owne countrey, and there he might haue ſome autoritie.
r Meaning, the greateſt parte.
ſ A place ſo called, and not a citie.
t That is, a deere, or rebucke.
t Or, riche.
u To the intẽt they might burie her afterwarde: for this was their cuſtome.
x For, ſhe was reſtored to life, rather that others might haue occaſion to beleue, and glorifie God, then for her owne ſake.
" Or, coriar.
a Who had forſaken all ſuperſtitious, & gaue him ſelf to the true ſeruice of God.

God comming in to him, and ſaying vnto him, Cornelius.

4 But when he loked on him, he was afraid, and ſaid, What is it, Lord? And he ſaid vnto him, Thy prayers & thine almes are come [b] vp into remembrance before God.

5 Now therefore ſend men to Ioppa, & call for Simon, whoſe ſurname is Peter.

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tãner, whoſe houſe is by the ſea ſide: ‖he ſhal tell thee what thou oghteſt to do.

7 And when the Angel which ſpake vnto Cornelius, was departed, he called two of his ſeruãts, & a ſouldier that feared God, one of them that waited on him,

8 And tolde them all things, and ſent them to Ioppa.

9 On the morowe as they went on their iorney, and drewe nere vnto the citie, Peter went vp vpon the houſe to pray, about the [c] ſixt houre.

10 Then waxed he an hungred, and wolde haue eatẽ: but while they made *ſome thing* readie, he fel into a trance.

11 And he ſawe heauen opened, and a certeine veſſel come downe vnto him, as *it had bene* a great ſhete, knit at the foure corners, and was let downe to the earth.

12 Wherein were [d] all maner of foure foted beaſtes of the earth, and wilde beaſtes and creping things, and foules of the heauen.

13 And there came a voyce to him, Ariſe, Peter: kill, and eat.

14 But Peter ſaid, Not ſo, Lord: for I haue neuer eaten any thing that is [e] polluted, or vncleane.

15 And the voyce *ſpake* vnto him againe the ſeconde time, The things that God hathe [e] purified, [f] pollute thou not.

16 This was ſo done thriſe: and the veſſel was drawen vp againe into heauen.

17 ¶ Now while Peter douted in hĩ ſelf what this viſiõ which he had ſene, meant, beholde, the men which were ſent from Cornelius, had inquired for Simons houſe, and ſtode at the gate,

18 And called, & aſked, whether Simõ, which was ſurnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 And while Peter thoght on the viſion, the Spirit ſaid vnto him, Beholde, thre mẽ ſeke thee.

20 Ariſe therefore, and get thee downe, & go with them, and [g] doute nothing: for I haue ſent them.

21 ¶ Then Peter wẽt downe to ỹ men, which were ſent vnto him frõ Cornelius, & ſaid, Beholde, I am he whome ye ſeke: what is the cauſe wherefore ye are come?

22 And they ſaid, Cornelius the captaine, a iuſt man, and one that feareth God, and of good reporte among all the nacion of the Iewes, was warned from heauen by an holie Angel, to ſend for thee into his houſe, and to heare thy wordes.

23 Then called he them in, & lodged them, and the next day, Peter went forthe with them, and certeine brethren from Ioppa accompanied him.

24 ¶ And the day after, thei entred into Ceſarea. Now Cornelius waited for them, & had called together his kinſmen, and ſpecial friends,

25 And it came to paſſe as Peter came in, that Cornelius met him, and fel downe at his fete and [h] worſhipped him.

26 But Peter toke him vp, ſaying, Stand vp: for euen I my ſelf am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he came in, & founde manie that were come together.

28 And he ſaid vnto them, Ye knowe that it is an vnlawful thing for a man that is a Iewe, to companie or come vnto one of another nation: but God hathe ſhewed me, that I ſhulde not call anie man "polluted, or vncleane.

29 Therefore came I vnto you without ſaying naye, when I was ſent for. I aſke therefore, for what intent haue ye ſent for me.

30 Then Cornelius ſaid, Foure dayes ago, about this houre, I faſted, and at the nynthe houre I praid in mine houſe, and beholde, a man ſtode before me in bright clothing,

31 And ſaid, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine almes are had in remembrance in the ſight of God.

32 Send therefore to Ioppa, and call for Simon, whoſe ſurname is Peter (he is lodged in the houſe of Simon a tanner by the ſea ſide) who when he cometh, ſhal ſpeake vnto thee.

33 Then ſent I for thee immediatly, and thou haſt wel done to come. Now therefore are we all here preſent before God, to heare all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and ſaid, Of a trueth I perceiue, that *God is no accepter of perſones.

35 But in euerie natiõ he that [i] feareth him, and worketh [k] righteouſnes, is accepted with him.

36 Ye knowe the worde which God hathe ſent to ỹ childrẽ of Iſrael, preaching [l] peace by Ieſus Chriſt, which is Lord of all.

37 *Euen* the worde which came through all Iudea *beginning in Galile, after the baptiſme which Iohn preached,

38 *To wit*, how God [m] annointed Ieſus of Nazaret with the holie Goſt, and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppreſſed of the deuil: for God was with him.

39 And we are witneſſes of all things which he did bothe in the land of the Iewes, and in Ieruſalem: whome they ſlewe, hanging him

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[b] That is, God did accept thẽ: whereof it followeth that he had faith: for els it is impoſſible to pleaſe God

‖ *He ſhal ſpeake wordes vnto thee whereby thou ſhalt be ſaued & all thine houſe.*

[c] Which was midday.

[d] As camels horſes, dogs, oxẽ, ſhepe, ſwine & ſuche like which man nouriſheth for his vſe.

[e] In taking away the difference betwixt vncleane beaſtes and cleane he ſheweth there is no difference betwixt ỹ Iewes and Gentiles

[f] Take it not for polluted & impure.

[g] The true obedience which procedeth of faith, ought to be without doute or queſtioning

*Or, Peter.

h Shewed to muche reuerẽce, and farre paſſing decẽt ordre, as though Peter had bene God.

*Or, commune.

*Or, commune

Deu. 10, 17. 2. chro 19, 17. iob. 34, 19. wiſd 6, 8. eccleſ 35, 16. rom 2, 11. gal. 2, 6. ephe 6, 9. col 3, 25. 1. pet. 1, 17.

i By this ſpeache the Ebrewes meane the whole religiõ of God, which without faith profiteth vs nothing.

Luk. 1, 74.

k That is, he that is vpright & doeth hurt to no man, but doeth good to all

l Meaning the reconciliation betwene God & mã through Chriſt Ieſus, Luk 2, 14

m That is, endued him with graces & giftes aboue all others.

him on a tre.
40 Him God raiſed vp the third day, and cauſed that he was ſhewed openly:
41 Not to all the people, but vnto the witneſſes choſen before of God, *euen* to vs which did eat and drinke with him, after he aroſe from the dead.
42 And he commanded vs to preache vnto the people, & to teſtifie, that it is he that is ordeined of God a iudge of quicke and dead.
Iere.31.34. micah 7.18. chap.15.9. 43 To him alſo giue all the *Prophetes witnes, that through his Name all that beleue in him, ſhal receiue remiſsion of ſinnes.
44 While Peter yet ſpake theſe wordes, the holie Goſt fel on all them which heard the worde.
45 So they of the circumciſion which beleued, were aſtonied, as manie as came with Peter, becauſe that on the Gentiles alſo was powred out the gift of the holie Goſt.
a We ought not to debarre them of baptiſme whome God teſtifieth to be his: for ſeing they haue the principal, that is leſſe, ought not to be denied thē. ‖ *Ieſus Chriſt.* 46 For they heard them ſpeake with tōgues, & magnifie God. Then anſwered Peter,
47 Can anie man [a] forbid water, that theſe ſhulde not be baptized, which haue receiued the holie Goſt, as wel as we?
48 So he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord‖. Then prayed they him to tarie certeine dayes.

CHAP. XI.

Peter ſheweth the cauſe wherefore he went to the Gentiles 18 The Church approueth it 21 The Church increaſeth. 22 Barnabas and Paul preache at Antiochia 28 Agabus propheciseth dearth to come. 29 And the remedie.

1 NOw the Apoſtles and the brethren that were in Iudea, heard, that the Gentiles had alſo receiued the worde of God.
2 And when Peter was come vp to Ieruſalem, they of the circumciſion [a] contended againſt him,
a For they colde not yet comprehende this ſecret, ẅ was hid from the Angels thē ſelues, euen from the creation of the worlde, Eph. 3.8 col. 1.26.
3 Saying, Thou wenteſt in to men vncircumciſed, and haſt eaten with them.
4 Then Peter began, and expounded *the thing* in order to [b] them, ſaying,
b He purgeth his fact before ỹ Church.
5 I was in the citie of Ioppa, praying, and in a trance I ſawe *this* viſion, A certeine veſſel cōming downe as *it had bene* a great ſhete, let downe from heauen by the foure corners, and it came to me.
6 Toward the which when I had faſtened mine eyes, I conſidered, and ſawe foure foted beaſtes of the earth, and wilde beaſtes, and creping things, & foules of the heauē.
7 Alſo I heard a voyce, ſaying vnto me, Ariſe, Peter: ſlay and eat.
8 And I ſaid, God forbid, Lord: for nothing polluted or vncleane hathe at anie time entred into my mouth.
9 But the voyce anſwered me the ſecond time from heauen, The things that God hathe purified, pollute thou not.
10 And this was done thre times, and all were taken vp againe into heauen.
11 Then beholde, immediatly there were thre mē already come vnto the houſe where I was, ſent from Ceſarea vnto me.
12 And the Spirit ſaid vnto me, that I ſhulde go with them, without douting: moreouer theſe ſix brethren came with me, & we entred into the mans houſe.
13 And he ſhewed vs, how he had ſene an Angel in his houſe, which ſtode and ſaid to him, Send men to Ioppa, and call for Simon whoſe ſurname is Peter.
14 He ſhal ſpeake wordes vnto thee, whereby bothe thou and all thine houſe ſhalbe ſaued.
15 And as I began to ſpeake, the holie Goſt fel on them, * euen as vpon vs at the beginning. *Chap 2.4. & 3.6.*
16 Then I remembred the worde of the Lord, how he ſaid, * Iohn baptized with water, but ye ſhalbe [c] baptized with the holie Goſt. *Chap 1.5. & 19.4. mat 3.11. mar 1.8. luk.3.16. iohn.1.17.*
17 For as muche then as God gaue them a like gift, as *he did* vnto vs, when we beleued in the Lord Ieſus Chriſt, who was I, that I colde let God‖?
c That is, indued with the graces of the holie Goſt
‖ *Not to giue them the holie Goſt.*
18 When they heard theſe things, [d] they helde their peace, and glorified God, ſaying, Then hathe God alſo to the Gentiles granted [e] repentance vnto life.
d Their modeſtie declareth that they were not aſhamed to vnſay that whereof they had vniuſtely blamed Peter.
19 ¶ And thei which were * ſcattred abroade becauſe of the " affliction that aroſe about Steuen, walked throughout til they came vnto Phenice and Cyprus, and Antiochia, preaching the worde to no man, but vnto the Iewes onely. *Chap.8.1.*
e This repentāce depēdeth vpon faith
Or, trouble
20 Now ſome of them were men of Cyprus and of Cyrene, which when they were come into Antiochia, ſpake vnto the [f] Grecians, and preached the Lord Ieſus.
f He meaneth not the Iewes which being ſcattered abroade in diuers countreis were called by this name, but the Grecians, ẅ were Gētiles.
21 And the [g] hand of the Lord was with thē ſo that a great nomber beleued & turned vnto the Lord.
g The power and vertue
22 Then tidings of thoſe things came vnto the eares of the Church, which was in Ieruſalem, & they ſent forthe Barnabas that he ſhulde go vnto [h] Antiochia.
h This was the moſte famous citie of Syria, and boudered vpon Cilicia
23 Who when he was come & had ſene the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted all, that with purpoſe of heart they wolde "cleaue vnto the Lord.
Or continue with the Lord.
24 For he was a good man, and ful of the holie Goſt, and faith, and muche people ioyned them ſelues vnto the Lord.
25 ¶ Then departed Barnabas to Tarſus to ſeke Saul:
26 And when he had founde him, he broght him vnto Antiochia, and it came to paſſe that a whole yere they were conuerſant with the Church, and taught muche people, inſo muche, that the diſciples were firſt called [i] Chriſtians in Antiochia.
i Where as before they were called diſciples, now they are named Chriſtians.

27 In those dayes also came Prophetes frō Ierusalem vnto Antiochia.

28 And there stode vp one of them named Agabus, and signified by the [k] Spirit, that there shulde be great famine throughout all the worlde, which also came to passe vnder Claudius Cesar.

29 Then the disciples, euerie man according to his habilitie, [l] purposed to send succour vnto the brethren which dwelt in Iudea.

30 Which thing they also did, and sent it to the Elders, by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

a This prophesie was an occasion to the Antiochias to relieue the necessitie of their brethrē in Ierusalem.

l To signifie that it came of a charitable minde towardes them.

CHAP. XII.

1 Herode persecuteth the Christians. 2 He killeth Iames. 4 And putteth Peter in prison. 7 Whome the Lord deliuereth by an Angel. 21 The horrible death of Herode. 24 The Gospel florisheth. 25 Barnabas & Saul returning to Antiochia take Iohn Marke with them.

NOw about that time, [a] Herode the King stretched forthe *his* hands to vexe certeine of the Church.

2 And he killed Iames the [b] brother of Iohn with the sworde.

3 And when he sawe that it [c] pleased the Iewes, he proceded further, to take Peter also (then were ỹ daies of vnleauened bread)

4 And whē he had caught him, he put him in prison, and deliuered him to [d] foure quaternions of souldiers to be kept, intending after the Passeouer to bring him forthe to the people.

5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer was made of the Church vnto God for him.

6 And when Herode wolde haue broght him out vnto the people, the same night slept Peter betwene two souldiers, bounde with two chaines, and the kepers before the dore kept the prison.

7 *And beholde, the Angel of the Lord came vpon them, and a light shined in the house, and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him vp, saying, Arise quickely. And his chaines fel off from *his* hands.

8 And the Angel said vnto him, Girde thy self, and binde on thy [e] sandales. And so he did. Then he said vnto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and followe me.

9 So *Peter* came out and followed him, & knewe not that it was true, which was done by the Angel, but thoght he had sene a vision.

10 Now when they were past the first and the secōde watche, they came vnto the yrō gate, that leadeth vnto the citie, which opened to them by it owne accorde, and they went out, and passed through one strete, and by and by the Angel departed from him.

11 ¶And when Peter was come to him self, he said, Now I know for a trueth, that the Lord hathe sent his Angel, and hathe deliuered me out of the hand of Herode, and from all the [f] waiting for of the people of the Iewes.

12 And as he considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Marie, the mother of Iohn, whose surname was Marke, where manie were gathered together and prayed.

13 And when Peter knocked at the entrie dore, a maide came forthe to hearken, named Rhode.

14 But when she knew Peters voyce, she opened not the entrie *dore* for gladnes, but ran in, and tolde how Peter stode before the entrie.

15 But they said vnto her, Thou art mad. Yet she affirmed it constantly, that it was so. Then said they, It is his [g] Angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking, and whē thei had opened it, and sawe him, they were astonied.

17 And he beckened vnto them with the hand, to holde their peace, and tolde them how the Lord had broght him out of the prison. And he said, Go shewe these things vnto Iames and to the brethren: and he departed and went into [h] another place.

18 ¶Now assone as it was day, there was no smale trouble among the souldiers, what was become of Peter.

19 And when Herode had soght for him, & founde him not, he examined the kepers, and commanded them to be led to be punished. And he went downe from Iudea to Cesarea, and *there* abode.

20 Then Herode intended to make warre against them of Tyrus and Sidō, but they came all with one accorde vnto him, and [i] persuaded Blastus the Kings chamberlaine, and they desired peace, becawse their coūtrey was nourished by the Kings *land*.

21 And vpon a day appointed, Herode arayed him self in royal apparel, and sate on the iudgement seat, and made an oration vnto them.

22 And the people gaue a shoute, *saying*, The voyce of God, and not of man.

23 But immediatly the Angel of the Lord smote him, becawse he [k] gaue not glorie vnto God, so that he was eatē [l] of wormes, and gaue vp the goste.

24 And the worde of God [m] grewe, and multiplied.

25 So Barnabas and Saul returned from Ierusalem, when they had fulfilled their [n] office, and toke with them Iohn, whose surname was Marke.

b There was another so named which was the sonne of Alpheus.

c It came thē of no zeale nor religion, but onely to flatter the people.

d The nōber being sixtene was deuided by foures, to kepe diuers wardes.

e Read Marke 6.9.

f For they thoght ỹ Herode wolde haue put him to death, as he had purposed.

g For thei did know by Gods worde that Angels were appointed to defende ỹ faithful, and also in those dayes thei were accustomed to se sache fightes.

h Which was lesse suspect, by reason of the brethren.

i Bothe by flatering wordes, & also by briberie.

k Which he shulde haue done, if he had punished the flatterers, of whose vanitie he cōplained, when he was a dying, as Iosephus writeth

l The vilenes of the punishmēt declareth how God detesteth pride, and tyrannie: his grande father also was eaten of lise.

m The more that tyrāts go about to suppresse Gods worde, the more doeth it increase

CHAP. XIII.

1 Paul and Barnabas are called to preache among the Gentiles. 7 Of Sergius Paulus, and Elymas the sorcerer. 13 The departure of Marke. 14 Paul preacheth at Antiochia. 42 The faith of the Gentiles. 46 The Iewes reiected. 48 Thes that are ordeined to life, beleue. 52 The fruite of faith.

n Which was to distribute ỹ almes sent frō Antiochia, Chap. 11.29.

1 THere were alſo in the Church that was at Antiochia, certeine Prophetes and teachers, as Barnabas, & Simeon called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, & [a]Manahen (which had bene broght vp with Herode the Tetrarch) and Saul.

a This declareth that God calleth of all ſortes bothe hie & lowe.

2 Now as they [b] miniſtred to the Lord, & faſted, the holie Goſt ſaid, Separate me Barnabas & Saul, for the worke whereunto I haue called them.

b The worde ſignifieth to execute a publicke charge, as the Apoſtleſhip was: ſo yͤ here is ſhewed, that they preached, and prophecied.

3 Then faſted they and praied, and laid their hands on them, and let them go.

4 And they, after they were * ſent forthe of the holie Goſt, came downe vnto Seleucia, and from thence they ſailed to Cyprus.

Chap.14,26.

5 And whē thei were at Salamis, thei preached the worde of God in the Synagogues of the Iewes: and they had alſo Iohn to *their* miniſter.

6 So when they had gone throughout the yle vnto Paphus, they founde a certeine ſorcerer, a falſe prophet, being a Iewe, named Bariesus,

7 Which was with yͤ Deputie Sergius Paulus, a prudent man. He called vnto him Barnabas and Saul, and deſired to heare the worde of God.

8 But Elymas, the ſorcerer (for ſo is his name by interpretacion) withſtode them, & ſoght to turne away the Deputie frō the faith.

9 Then Saul (which alſo *is called* Paul) being ful of the holie Goſt, ſet his eyes on him,

10 And ſaid, O ful of all ſubtiltie and all miſchief, the childe of the deuil, & enemie of all righteouſnes, wilt yͤ not ceaſe to peruert the ſtraight [c] waies of yͤ Lord?

c Which are yͤ doctrine of the Apoſtles, yͤ onelie leadeth vs to God.

11 Now therefore beholde, the hand of the Lord *is* vpon thee, & thou ſhalt be blinde, & not ſe the ſunne for a ſeaſon. And immediatly there fell on him a miſte and a darkenes, and he went about, ſeking ſome to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the Deputie when he ſawe what was done, beleued, and was aſtonied at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and they that were with him were departed by ſhip from Paphus, they came to Perga *a citie* of Pamphylia: then Iohn departed from them, and returned to Ieruſalem.

d This was another Antiochia then that which was in Syria

14 But when thei departed from Perga, thei came to [d] Antiochia *a citie* of Piſidia, and went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day, and ſate downe.

e This declareth that the Scripture is giuē to teache & exhorte vs, & that thei refuſed none yͤ had giftes to ſet forth Gods glorie & to edifie his people.

15 And after the lecture of the Law & Prophetes, the rulers of the Synagogue ſent vnto them, ſaying, Ye men and brethren, if ye haue anie worde of [e] exhortacion for the people, ſay on.

16 Then Paul ſtode vp and beckened with the hand, and ſaid, Men of Iſrael, and ye that feare God, hearken.

17 The God of this people of Iſrael choſe our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt in the land of * Egypt, & with an * high arme broght them out thereof.

Exod.1,1.
Exod.13,14.

18 And about the time *of fortie yeres, ſuffred he their [f] maners in the wildernes.

Exod.16,1.

f Here is declared the great patience & lōg ſuffring of God before he puniſheth.

19 And he deſtroyed ſeuen nacions in the land of Chanaan, & * deuided their land to them by lot.

20 Then afterwarde he gaue vnto them *Iudges [g] about foure hundreth and fiftie yeres, vnto the time of Samuel yͤ Prophet.

Ioſh.14,1.
Iud.3,9.
1 Sam.8,1.

21 So after that they deſired a * King, and God gaue vnto them * Saul, the ſonne of Cis, a man of the tribe of Beniamin, *by the ſpace* of fortie yeres.

1.Sam.9,1.; & 10,1

g For theſe 450 yeres were not fully accōpliſhed, but there lacked 3 yeres counting from the birth of Iſaac to the diſtribucion of yͤ land of Canaā.

22 And after he had takē him away, he raiſed vp * Dauid to be their King, of whome he witneſſed, ſaying, I haue foūde Dauid *the ſonne* of Ieſſe, a man after mine owne heart, which wil do all things that I wil.

1 Sam 16,13. Pſal 89,21. Iſa 11,1.

23 Of this mans ſede hathe God * accordīg to *his* promes raiſed vp to Iſrael, the Sauiour Ieſus:

24 When * Iohn had firſt preached before his comming the baptiſme of repentance to all the people of Iſrael.

Mat.3,1. mar 1,2 luk. 3,2.

25 And when Iohn had fulfilled *his* [h] courſe, he ſaid, * Whome ye thinke that I am, I am not he: but beholde, there cometh one after me, whoſe ſhoe of *his* fete I am not worthie to loſe.

Mar 1,7. ioh 1,20.

h Whē his office drewe to an end, he ſent his diſciples to Chriſt.

26 Ye men and brethren, children of the generacion of Abraham, and whoſoeuer among you feareth God, to you is the [i] worde of this ſaluacion ſent.

i That is, this meſſage & tidings of ſaluacion.

27 For the inhabitants of Ieruſalem, and their rulers, becauſe they [k] knewe him not, nor yet the wordes of the Prophetes, which are [l] red euerie Sabbath *daye*, they haue fulfilled them in condemning him.

k He rebuketh them for their ignorance

l Although thei red the Law, yet their hearts are couered that they can not vnderſtand, 2 Cor. 3,14.

28 And thogh thei foūde no cauſe of death *in him*, *yet* deſired thei Pilate to kill him.

29 And when they had [m] fulfilled all things that were written of him, they toke him downe from the tre, and put him in a ſepulchre.

Mat.27,22. mar.15,13. luk.23,23.

30 But God * raiſed him vp from the dead.

ioh.19,6.

31 And he was ſene manie dayes of them, which came vp with him from Galile to Ieruſalem, which are his witneſſes vnto the people.

Mat.28,8. mar.16,6. luk.24,7. ioh 20,19.

m In Chriſt all yͤ promiſes are Yea, & Amen, 2.Cor 1,20.

32 And we declare vnto you, that touching the promes made vnto the fathers,

33 God hathe fulfilled it vnto vs their children, in that he [n] raiſed vp Ieſus, euen as it is written in the ſeconde Pſalme, * Thou art my Sonne: this day haue I begotē thee.

Pſal 2,7.ebr.

n In that he was borne and incarnate.

34 Now as concerning that he raiſed him vp frō the dead, no more to returne to the graue, he hathe ſaid thus, * I wil giue you

1.3. & 55.
Iſa.55,3

the o holie things of Dauid, which are faithful.

35 Wherefore he ſaith alſo in another place, *Thou wilt not ſuffre thine Holie one to ſe corruption.

36 Howbeit, Dauid after he had ſerued his time by ỹ counſel of God, he *ſlept, & was laid with his fathers, & ſawe corruption.

37 But he whome God raiſed vp, ſawe no corruption.

38 Be it knowen vnto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached vnto you ỹ forgiuenes of ſinnes.

39 And from all things, from which ye colde not be iuſtified by the Law of Moſes, by him euerie one that beleueth, is iuſtified.

40 Beware therefore, leſt that come vpon you, which is ſpoken of in the Prophetes,

41 * Beholde, ye p deſpiſers, & wonder, and vaniſh away: for I worke a q worke in your daies, a worke which ye ſhal not beleue, if a man wolde declare it you.

42 ¶ And when they were come out of the Synagogue of the Iewes, the Gentiles beſought, that they wolde preache theſe wordes to them the next Sabbath *day*.

43 Now when the Congregacion was diſſolued, manie of the Iewes, and proſelytes that feared God, folowed Paul & Barnabas, which ſpake to them, and exhorted them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next Sabbath *day* came almoſt the whole citie together, to heare ỹ worde of God.

45 But whē the Iewes ſawe the people, thei were ful of r enuie, & ſpake againſt thoſe things, which were ſpoken of Paul, contrarying *them*, and railing on *them*.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas ſpake boldely, and ſaid, * It was neceſſarie that the worde of God ſhulde firſt haue bene ſpoken vnto you: but ſeing ye put it frō you, and iudge your ſelues vnworthie of ſ euerlaſting life, lo, we turne to the Gētiles.

47 For ſo hathe the Lord commanded vs, *ſaying*, * I haue made thee a light of the Gentiles, that thou ſhuldeſt be the ſaluacion vnto the end of the worlde.

48 And when the Gentiles heard it, they were glad, and glorified the worde of the Lord: and as manie as were t ordeined vnto eternal life, beleued.

49 Thus the worde of the Lord was publiſhed throughout the whole countrey.

50 But ỹ Iewes ſtirred *certeine* u deuoute & honorable womē, & the chief men of ỹ citie, & raiſed perſecuciō againſt Paul & Barnabas, & expelled thē out of their coaſts.

51 But they x ſhouke of the duſt of their fete againſt them, and came vnto Iconium.

52 And the diſciples were filled with ioye, and with the holie Goſt.

CHAP. XIIII.

3 God giueth ſucceſſe to his worde. 6 Paul and Barnabas preache at Iconium and are perſecuted. 13 At Lyſtra thei wolde do ſacrifice to Barnabas & Paul, which refuſe it, & exhorte the people to worſhip the true God. 19 Paul is ſtoned. 22 They confirme the diſciples in faith and pacience, 23 Appointe miniſters, 26 And paſſing through manie places, make reporte of their diligence at Antiochia.

1 AND it came to paſſe in Iconiū, that they went bothe together into the Synagogue of the Iewes, and ſo ſpake, that a great multitude bothe of the Iewes and of the Grecians beleued.

2 But the a vnbeleuing Iewes ſtirred vp, and corrupted the mindes of the Gentiles againſt the brethren.

3 So therefore they abode there a long time, and ſpake boldely in the Lord, which gaue teſtimonie vnto the worde of his grace, and cauſed ſignes and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the people of the citie were diuided: and ſome were with the Iewes, and ſome with the Apoſtles.

5 And when there was an aſſaut made bothe of the Gentiles, and of the Iewes with their rulers, to do them violence, and to ſtone them,

6 They were ware of it, and fled vnto Lyſtra, and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, & vnto the region rounde about,

7 And there were preaching the Goſpel ‖.

8 ¶ *Now there ſate a certeine man at Lyſtra, impotent in his fete, which was a creple from his mothers wombe, who had neuer walked.

9 He heard Paul ſpeake: who beholding him, and perceiuing that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loude voyce, ‖ Stand vpright on thy fete. And he leaped vp, & walked.

11 Then when the people ſawe what Paul had done, they lift vp their voyces, ſaying in the ſpeache of Lycaonia, Gods are come downe to vs in the likenes of men.

12 And thei called Barnabas, Iupiter, & Paul, Mercurius, becauſe he was ỹ chief ſpeaker.

13 Then Iupiters prieſt, which was before their citie, broght bulles with b garlandes vnto the c gates, & wolde haue ſacrificed with the people.

14 But when the Apoſtles, Barnabas and Paul heard it, thei d rent their clothes, & ran in among the people, crying,

15 And ſaying, O men, why do ye theſe things? We are euen men e ſubiect to the like paſsions that ye *be*, and preache vnto you, that ye ſhulde turne from theſe vaine *idoles* vnto the liuing God, * which made heauen and earth, and the ſea, & all things that in them are.

16 Who in times paſt * ſuffred all the Gentiles to walke in their owne f waies.

17 Ne-

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o Meaning, ỹ he wolde faithfully accōpliſh the promiſes, & he made of his fre mercie & the foreſatheirs: and he ſhewe th that as the grace, & God hathe giuen to his Sōne, is permanēt for euer, ſo likewiſe the life of ỹ Sonne is eternal

Pſal 15,10.
chap 2,31
1.King 2,10.
chap 2, 29.

p He reproueth them ſharpely becauſe ſofteners wolde not preuaile

q Which is, vēgeance vnſpeakeable, for the contempt of Gods worde.

Habak.1,5.

r Thei diſdained ỹ the Gentiles ſhulde be made equal & them.

Mat.10,6.

s Which is, to knowe one onelie God, and whome he hathe ſent, Ieſus Chriſt.

t None cā beleue, but they whome God doeth appoint before all beginnings 29 he ſaued

u He meaneth ſuperſticious women, & ſuche, as were led & a blinde zeale, albeit ỹ commune people eſteemed thē godlie: & therefore Luke ſpeaketh as ỹ world eſteemed them.

x To line after their owne fantaſies not preſcribing vnto them anie religion

Isa.49,6.
luk 2,32.
Mat 10,14.
mat.5,11.
luk.9,5.
chap.18,6.
Pſal 81,13.
rom.1,2.
Gen.1,1.
pſal.145,6.
reuel.14,7.

a Which wolde not obey ỹ doctrine, neither ſuffer thē ſelues to be perſuaded, to beleue ỹ truth and to embrace Chriſt.

‖ *In ſo muche that all the people were moued at the doctrine. So bothe Paul & Barnabas remained at Lyſtra.*

‖ *I ſay to thee in the Name of the Lord Ieſus Chriſt.*

b That is, trimmed & flowres & garlandes:

c He meaneth before the gates of ỹ houſe where ỹ Apoſtles lodged: for the tēple was without the towne, & therefore ỹ Prieſt broght the ſacrifice (as he thoght) to the gods them ſelues.

d In ſigne of deteſting & abhorring it

e That is, not without our infirmities and ſinnes, & alſo ſubiect to death

f To line after their owne fantaſies not preſcribing vnto them anie religion

17 Neuertheles, he left not him ſelf without g witneſſe, in that he did good *and* gaue vs raine from heauen, and fruteful ſeaſons, filling our hearts with foode, and h gladnes,

18 And ſpeaking theſe things, ſcarſe reſtrained they the people, that they had not ſacrificed vnto them‖.

19 Then there came certeine Iewes frō Antiochia and Iconium, which whē they had perſuaded the people, ‖ *ſtoned Paul, and drewe him out of the citie, ſuppoſing he had bene dead.

20 Howbeit, as the diſciples ſtode rounde about him, he aroſe vp, and came into the citie, and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And after they had preached to that citie, & had taught manie, they returned to Lyſtra, and to Iconium, and to Antiochia,

22 Confirming the diſciples hearts, & exhorting them to continue in the faith, *affirming* ỹ we muſt through manie afflictions entre into the kingdome of God.

23 And when they had ordeined thē Elders by i election in euerie Church, and praid, and faſted, they commended them to the Lord in whome they beleued.

24 Thus they went through out Piſidia, & came to Pamphilia.

25 And when they had preached the worde in Perga, they camē downe to Attalia,

26 And thence failed to Antiochia, * from whence they had bene commended vnto the grace of God, to the worke which they had fulfilled.

27 And when they were come & had gathered ỹ Church together, they rehearſed all the things that God had done k by them, and how he had opened the dore of faith vnto the Gentiles.

28 So there they abode a long time with the diſciples.

g To take frō men all excuſe.

h That being ſatiſfied they might reioyce

‖ *but that they ſhulde go euerie man home. And whiles they taried & taught, there came, &c. 2 Cor 11,22.*

‖ *And diſputing boldely perſuaded the people to forſake thē: for, ſaid thei, they ſay nothing true, but lie in all things.*

i The worde ſignifieth to elect by putting vp ỹ hāds which declareth that miniſters were not made without the conſent of the people *Chap. 13,1.*

k By their miniſterie.

CHAP. XV.

1 Variance about circumciſion. 22 The Apoſtles ſend their determination to the Churches. 35 Paul and Barnabas preache at Antiochia. 39 And ſeparate companie becauſe of Iohn Marke.

a As Cerinth and others: ſo writeth Epiphanius againſt ỹ Cerinthians: alſo the fame of the place whence they came, did muche preuaile to perſuade abrode *Gal. 5,1.*

1 THen came downe a certeine from Iudea, and taught the brethren, *ſaying*, *Except ye be circumciſed after the maner of Moſes, ye can not be ſaued.

2 And when there was great diſſention, and diſputation by Paul & Barnabas againſt them, they ordeined that Paul and Barnabas, and certeine other of them, ſhulde go vp to Ieruſalem vnto the Apoſtles & Elders about this queſtion.

3 Thus being ſent forthe by the Church, they paſſed through Phenice, and Samaria, declaring the conuerſion of the Gentiles: and they broght great ioye vnto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Ieruſalem, they were receiued of the Church, and of the Apoſtles and Elders, and they declared what things God had done by them.

5 But *ſaid they*, certeine of the ſecte of the b Phariſes, which did beleue, roſe vp, ſaying, that it was nedeful to circumciſe thē, and to commande *them* to kepe the Law of Moſes.

6 Then the Apoſtles & Elders came together to loke to this matter.

7 And when there had bene great diſputation, Peter roſe vp, & ſaid vnto them, * Ye mē & brethrē, ye knowe that a good while ago, among vs God choſe out *me*, that the Gentiles by my mouth ſhulde heare the worde of the Goſpel, and beleue.

8 And God which knoweth the hearts, bare them witnes, in giuing vnto them the holie Goſt, euen as *he did* vnto vs.

9 And he put no c difference betwene vs & them, after that by faith he d had *purified their hearts.

10 Now therefore, why e tempt ye God, to * lay a yoke on ỹ diſciples neckes, which nether our fathers, nor we were able to beare?

11 But we beleue, through the f grace of the Lord Ieſus Chriſt to be ſaued, euen as they *do*.

12 Then all the multitude kept ſilence, and heard Barnabas & Paul, which tolde what ſignes and wondres God had done among the Gentiles by them.

13 And when they helde their peace, Iames anſwered, ſaying, Men & brethren, hearken vnto me.

14 *Simeon hathe declared, how God firſt did viſite the Gētiles, to take *of them* a people vnto his Name.

15 And to this agre the wordes of the Prophetes, as it is written,

16 * After this I wil returne, and wil buylde againe the g tabernacle of Dauid, which is fallen downe, and the ruines thereof wil I buylde againe, and I wil ſet it vp,

17 That the reſidue of men might ſeke after the Lord, and all the h Gentiles vpon whome my Name is called, ſaith ỹ Lord which doeth all theſe things.

18 From the begining of the worlde God knoweth all his workes.

19 Wherefore my ſentence is, that we trouble not them of the Gentiles that are turned to God,

20 But that we write vnto them, that they abſteine them ſelues frō i filthines of idoles, and k fornication, and that that is ſtrāgled, and from blood‖.

21 For l Moſes of olde time hathe in euerie

b Which were factious, & giuen to diſſenſion.

Chap. 10,28.

c As touching adopcion, and eternal life. *2 Cor 1,2. chap. 10,43.*

d By faith God purifieth the heart *Mat 23,4.*

e They purpoſely tēpt God ỹ lay greater charges on mens conſciences, then they are able to beare

f And not by the Law: for it is a clog to ỹ conſciēce, and we can not be deliuered thereby.

2. Pet. 1,1.

Amos. 9,11.

g That is, the Church where of the Tēple was a figure.

h Which are gathered into one familie ỹ the Iewes to the intēt thei ſhulde acknowledge all one God, and one Sauiour Chriſt Ieſus.

i For ſome thoght it none offence to be preſent in the idoles tēples, & there to bāket: ỹ S Paul ſaith, is to drinke the cup of the deuils, 1. Cor 10,21

k The heathē thoght this no vice, but made it a commune cuſtome.

As touching a ſtrangled thing & blood.

they were not vnlawful of thē ſelues, & therefore were obſerued but for a time ‖ *And whatſoeuer they wolde not ſhulde be done vnto them ſelues, that they ſhulde not do it to others* l Therefore the ceremonies cōmanded by God colde not ſo ſone be aboliſhed, til the liberte of the Goſpel were better knowen.

citie them that preache him, ſeing he is red in ỹ Synagogues euerie Sabbath *day*.

22 Then it ſemed good to the Apoſtles and Elders with ỹ whole Church, to ſend choſen men of their owne cõpanie to Antiochia with Paul and Barnabas: *to wit*, Iudas whoſe ſurname was Barſabas and Silas, ẅ were chief men among the brethren,

23 And wrote letters by them after this maner, THE APOSTLES, AND ỹ Elders, & the brethren, vnto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antiochia, & in Syria, and in Cilicia, ſend greting.

24 Foraſmuche as we haue heard, that certeine which departed from vs, haue troubled you with wordes, and cumbred your mindes, ſaying, Ye muſt be circumciſed & kepe the Law: to whome we gaue no ſuche commandement,

25 It ſemed therefore good to vs, when we were come together with one accorde, to ſend choſen men vnto you, ẅ our beloued Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that haue giuen vp their liues for the Name of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

27 We haue therefore ſent Iudas and Silas, which ſhal alſo tell you the ſame things by mouth.

28 For it ſemed good to the holie Goſt, and [m] to vs, to lay no more burden vpon you, then theſe neceſſarie things,

29 *That is*, that ye abſteine from things offered to idoles, and blood, and that that is ſtrangled, and from fornication: ‖ from which if ye kepe your ſelues, ye ſhal do wel. Fare ye wel.

30 Now when they were departed, they came to Antiochia, & after that they had aſſembled the multitude, they deliuered the epiſtle.

31 And when they had red it, they reioyced for the conſolation.

32 And Iudas and Silas being Prophetes, [n] exhorted the brethrẽ with manie wordes, and ſtrengthened them.

33 And after they had taried there a ſpace, they were let go in [n] peace of the brethren vnto the Apoſtles.

34 Notwithſtanding [o] Silas thoght good to abide there ſtil ‖.

35 Paul alſo and Barnabas cõtinued in Antiochia, teaching and preaching with manie other the worde of the Lord.

36 ¶ But after certeine dayes, Paul ſaid vnto Barnabas, Let vs returne, & viſite our brethren in euerie citie, where we haue preached ỹ worde of ỹ Lord, & ſe how thei do.

37 And Barnabas ‖ counſeled to take with them Iohn, called Marke.

38 But Paul thoght it not mete to take him vnto their companie, which departed frõ them from Pamphilia, and went not with them to the worke.

39 Then were they ſo ſtirred that they [p] departed aſunder one from the other, ſo that Barnabas toke Marke, and ſailed vnto Cyprus.

40 And Paul choſe Silas and departed, being commended of the brethren vnto the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, ſtabliſhing the Churches.

CHAP. XVI.

1 When Paul had circumciſed Timothie, he toke him with him. 7 The Spirit calleth them from one countrey to another. 14 Lydia is conuerted. 18 Paul and Silas impriſoned conuert the iailer. 37 And are deliuered as Romaines.

1 THen came he to Derbe & to Lyſtra: and beholde, a certeine diſciple was there named * Timotheus, a womans ſonne, which was a Ieweſſe & beleued, but his father was a Grecian.

2 Of whome the brethren which were at Lyſtra and Iconium, reported wel.

3 Therefore Paul wolde that he ſhulde go forthe with him, & toke and [a] circumciſed him, becauſe of the Iewes, which were in thoſe quarters: for they knew all, that his father was a Grecian.

4 And as they went through the cities, they deliuered them the decrees to kepe, ordeined of the Apoſtles and Elders, which were at Ieruſalem.

5 And ſo were the Churches ſtabliſhed in the faith, and encreaſed in nombre daily.

6 ¶ Now when they had gone through out Phrygia, and the region of Galacia, they were [b] forbidden of the holie Goſt to preache the worde in [c] Aſia.

7 Then came they to Myſia, & ſoght to go into Bithynia: but ỹ Spirit ‖ ſuffred thẽ not.

8 Therefore they paſſed through Myſia, & came downe to [d] Troas,

9 Where a viſion appeared to Paul in the night. There ſtode a man of Macedonia, & prayed him, ſaying, Come into Macedonia, and helpe vs.

10 And after he had ſene the viſion, immediatly we prepared to go into Macedonia, being [e] aſſured that the Lord had called vs to preache the Goſpel vnto them.

11 Thẽ went we forthe from Troas, & with a ſtraight courſe came to Samothracia, & the next day to [f] Neapolis,

12 ¶ And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief citie in the partes of Macedonia, and ſwhoſe inhabitants came from Rome to dwell there, and we were in that citie abiding certeine dayes.

13 And on the Sabbath day, we went out of the citie, beſides a riuer, where they were wont to [h] pray: and we ſate downe, and ſpake vnto the women, which were come together.

14 And a certeine woman named Lydia, a ſeller

p God ſuffreth the moſte perfite to fall, and yet turneth their infirmities to the ſetting forthe of his glorie, as this breache of companie cauſed the worde to be preached in mo places.

a Leſt the Iewes ſhulde diſdaine him as one that were prophane, and without God.

b God chuſeth not onely mẽ, but alſo appointeth countreis where his worde ſhal be preached, and onely as he wil.

c Meaning, Aſia the leſſe.

‖ *of Ieſus.*

d Called alſo Antigonia, & Alexandria.

e We ought not to credit viſions, except we be aſſured thereof by ỹ Spirit of God.

f Which is in the borders of Thracia and Macedonia.

g In Greke & Latine ỹ worde is called Colonia which can not otherwiſe be wel expreſſed, but by ſuche circumſtance of wordes.

h Where the Chriſtians accuſtomed to aſſemble their Church, whã the infideles perſecuted thẽ.

m Whome the holie Goſt hathe moued & directed to ordeine, & write theſe things, not as the autors of this doctrine, but as ỹ miniſters of Gods ordinance, Exod 14. 31. mdg. 7 20. hag. 1, 12

‖ *and whatſoeuer ye wolde not that men ſhulde do vnto you, do not to others.*

n Or, *comforted*

o Hauing deſired leaue of the Church, ỹ brethrẽ prayed God to proſper their iorney.

‖ *and onely Iudas went.*

o Who for mere cauſes, chãged his minde.

‖ *wolde take Iohn, &c.*

ſeller of purple, of the citie of the Thyatirians, which worſhipped God, heard vs: whoſe heart the Lord opened, that ſhe attended vnto the things, which Paul ſpake.

15 And when ſhe was baptized, and her houſholde, ſhe beſoght vs, ſaying, If ye haue iudged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into mine houſe, and abide *there*: and ſhe conſtrained vs.

16 And it came to paſſe that as we went to prayer, a certeine maide hauing *a ſpirit *i* of diuination, met vs, which gate her maſters muche vantage with diuining.

17 She followed Paul and vs, and cryed, ſaying, Theſe men are the ſeruants of the moſte high God, which ſhewe vnto vs the *k*way of ſaluation.

18 And this did ſhe manie dayes: but Paul being grieued, *l* turned about, and ſaid to the ſpirit, I commande thee in the Name of Ieſus Chriſt, that thou come out of her. And he came out the ſame houre.

19 Now whē her maſters ſawe that the hope of their gaine was gone, they caught Paul & Silas, and drewe thē into the market place vnto the magiſtrates,

20 And broght them to the gouernours, ſaying, Theſe mē which are Iewes, trouble our citie,

21 And preache ordinances, which are not lawful for vs to receiue, nether to obſerue, ſeing we are Romaines.

22 The people alſo roſe vp together againſt them, and the gouernours rent *m*their clothes, and * commanded *them* to be beaten with roddes.

23 And when they had beatē them ſore, they caſt *them* into priſon, cōmanding the iailer to kepe them ſurely.

24 Who hauing receiued ſuche commandement, caſt them into the *o*inner priſon, & made their fete faſt in the ſtockes.

25 Now at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, & ſang a pſalme vnto God: and the priſoners heard them.

26 And ſuddēly there was a great earthquake, ſo that the fundation of the priſon was ſhaken: & by and by all the dores opened, and euerie mans bandes were loſed.

27 Then the keper of the priſon waked out of his ſlepe, and when he ſawe the priſon dores open, he drewe out his ſworde and wolde haue killed him ſelf, ſuppoſing the priſoners had bene fled.

28 But Paul cryed *w* a loude voyce, ſaying, Do thy ſelf no harme: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light and leaped in and came trembling, and fel downe before Paul and Silas,

30 And broght thē out, and ſaid, Syrs, what muſt I do to be ſaued?

31 And they ſaid, Beleue in the Lord Ieſus Chriſt, & *y* ſhalt be ſaued, and thine houſholde.

32 And they preached vnto him the worde of *y* Lord, & to all that were in his houſe.

33 Afterwarde he toke thē the ſame houre of the night, & waſhed *their* *p*ſtripes, and was baptized with all that belonged vnto him, ſtraight way.

34 And when he had broght them into his houſe, he *q*ſet meat before them, and reioyced that he with all his houſholde beleued in God.

35 And when it was day, ‖ the gouernours ſent the ſergeants, ſaying, Let thoſe men go.

36 Then the keper of the priſon tolde theſe wordes vnto Paul, *ſaying*, The gouernours haue ſent to loſe you: now therefore get you hence, and go in peace.

37 Then ſaid Paul vnto them, After that they haue beaten vs openly vncōdemned, which are *n* Romaines, they haue caſt vs into priſon, & now wolde they put vs out priuely? nay verely: but let them come & bring vs out.

38 And the ſergeants tolde theſe wordes vnto the gouernours, who *o*feared when they heard that they were Romaines.

39 Then came they and prayed them, and broght them out, and deſired them to departe out of the citie.

40 And they went out of the priſon, and entred into the *houſe of* Lydia: and when they had ſene the brethrē, they comforted them, and departed.

Leu. 20, 27. deu. 18. 7. 1 ſam 28. 7.

i Which colde geſſe & foredeme of things paſt, preſent & to come: *w* knowledge in manie things God permitteth to the deuil.

k Satā although he ſpake the trueth, yet was his malicious purpoſe to cauſe the Apoſtles to be troubled as ſeditious perſones and teachers of ſtrange religion

l For Satans ſubtilte increaſed, & alſo it might ſeme that Satan, & the Spirit of God taught bothe one doctrine, Read Mar 1, 34.

m To wit, the clothes of Paul & Silas.

2 Cor 11, 3. 1 theſ. 2, 2.

n Or, *in the bottome of the priſon, or in a dungion.*

o Or, wonder *p* ſtripes.

q Greke, *he ſet the table.*

‖ *The Gouernours aſſembled together in the market, & remēbring the earthquake that was, they feared and ſent, &c.*

n No man had authoritie to beat, or put to death a citizen Romaine, but the Romaines them ſelues by the cōſent of the People

o For the puniſhment was great againſt them that did iniurie to a citizen Romaine

CHAP. XVII.

1 Paul commeth to Theſſalonica, 4 Where ſome receiue him, and others perſecute him. 11 To ſearche the Scriptures. 17 He diſputeth at Athens, and the frute of his doctrine.

1 NOw as they paſſed through Amphipolis, and Apollonia, they came to Theſſalonica, where was a Synagogue of the Iewes.

2 And Paul, as his maner was, went in vnto them, & thre Sabbath *dayes* diſputed with them by the Scriptures,

3 Opening, and alledging that Chriſt muſt haue ſuffred, and riſen againe from the dead: and this is Ieſus Chriſt, whome, *ſaid he*, I preache to you.

4 And ſome of them beleued, & ioyned in companie with Paul and Silas: alſo of the Grecians that feared God a great multitude, & of the chief women not a fewe.

5 But the Iewes which beleued not, moued with enuie, toke vnto them certeine vagabondes & wicked felowes, and when they had aſſembled the multitude, they made a tumulte in the citie, & made aſſaut againſt the houſe of Iaſon, & ſoght to bring them out to the people.

6 But when they founde them not, they drewe Iaſon & certeine brethren vnto the heades of the citie, crying, Theſe are they

which haue ſubuerted the ſtate of the world,and here they are,

7 Whome Iaſon hathe receiued, and theſe all do againſt the decrees of Ceſar,ſaying that there is another [a]King,one Ieſus.

8 Then they troubled the people, and the heads of the citie, when they heard theſe things.

9 Notwithſtanding when they had receiued "ſufficient aſſurance of Iaſon and of the other,they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediatly ſent away Paul & Silas by night vnto Berea, which when they were come thither, entred into the Synagogue of the Iewes.

11 Theſe were alſo [b] more noble men then they which were at Theſſalonica, which receiued the worde with all readines,and *ſearched the Scriptures daily, [c] whether thoſe things were ſo.

12 Therefore manie of them beleued, & of honeſte women,which were Grecians,and men not a fewe.

13 ¶But when the Iewes of Theſſalonica knewe, that the worde of God was alſo preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither alſo,and moued the people.

14 But by & by ỹ brethren ſent away Paul to go as *it were* to the ſea:but Silas and Timotheus abode there ſtil.

15 And they that "did conduit Paul,broght him vnto Athenes: and when they had receiued a commandement vnto Silas and Timotheus that they ſhulde come to him at once,they departed.

16 ¶Now while Paul waited for them at Athenes,his ſpirit was ſtirred in him,when he ſawe the citie [d] ſubiect to idolatrie.

17 Therefore he diſputed in the Synagogue with the Iewes, and with them that were religious, and in the market daily [e] with whome ſoeuer he met.

18 Then certeine philoſophers of the [f] Epicures,and of the [g] Stoickes, diſputed with him,and ſome ſaid, What wil this "babler ſay? Others *ſaid*, He ſemeth to be a ſetter forthe of ſtrange gods (becauſe he preached vnto them Ieſus, & the reſurrectiõ.)

19 And they toke him, and broght him into [h] Mars ſtrete, ſaying, May we not knowe, what this new doctrine,whereof thou ſpeakeſt,is?

20 For thou bringeſt certeine ſtrãge things vnto our eares: we wolde knowe therefore,what theſe things meane.

21 For all the Athenians , and ſtrangers which dwelt there,"gaue them ſelues to nothing els,but ether to tel,or to heare ſome newes.

22 Then Paul ſtode in the middes of [i] Mars ſtrete,& ſaid, Ye mẽ of Athenes, I perceiue that in all things ye are to ſuperſtitious.

23 For as I paſſed by,& behelde your deuocions,I founde an altar wherein was written, [k] VNTO THE VNKNOWEN GOD. Whome ye then ignorantly worſhip,him ſhewe I vnto you.

24 God that made the worlde, & all things that are therein, ſeing that he is Lord of heauen & earth,* dwelleth not in temples made with hands,

25 *Nether is worſhipped with mens hãds, as thogh he neded any thing , ſeing he giueth to all life and breath and all things,

26 And hathe made of one blood all mankinde,to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hathe [l] aſsigned the times which were ordeined before, and the boundes of their [m] habitation,

27 That they ſhulde ſeke the Lord, if ſo be they might haue groped after him , and founde [n] *him*,thogh douteles he be not farre from euerie one of vs.

28 For in him we liue , and moue , and haue our being , as alſo certeine of your owne [o] Poetes haue ſaid, For we are alſo his generacion.

29 *For aſmuche then, as we are the generacion of God, we ought not to thinke that the Godhead is like vnto [p] gold, or ſiluer, or ſtone grauen by arte and the inuention of man.

30 And the time of this ignorãce God [q] regarded not : but now he admoniſheth [r] all men euerie where to repent,

31 Becauſe he hathe appointed a day in the which he wil iudge the worlde in righteouſnes , by that man whome he hathe appointed , *whereof* he hathe giuen an aſſurance to all mẽ,in that he hathe raiſed him from the dead.

32 Now when they heard of the reſurrectiõ from the dead,ſome mocked,& other ſaid, We wil heare thee againe of this thing.

33 And ſo Paul departed from among them.

34 Howbeit certeine men claue vnto Paul, and beleued: among whome was alſo Denis [t] Areopagita, and a woman named Damaris,and other with them.

CHAP. XVIII.

3 Paul laboureth with his hands , and preacheth at Corinthus. 6 He is deteſted of the Iewes. 8 Yet receiued of many. 9 And cõforted of the Lord. 14 Gallio refuſeth to medle with religion. 18 Pauls vowe. 21 His faith in the prouidẽce of God. 22 And care for the brethren. 24 The praiſe of Apollos.

1 AFter theſe things,Paul departed frõ Athenes,and came to Corinthus,

2 And founde a certeine Iewe, named * Aquila, borne in Pontus, lately come from Italie,and his wife Priſcilla (becauſe that [a] Claudius had cõmanded all Iewes to departe frõ Rome)and he came vnto them.

3 And becauſe he was of the ſame craſte,he abode

a Like quarelpiking theyſed againſt Chriſt: & theſe be the weapons wherewith ỹ worlde continually fighteth againſt the mẽbres of Chriſt,trayſon & ſedition.
"Or,a ſufficient anſwer.
b Not more excellent of birth,but more prompt,and couragious in receiuing the worde of God: for he compareth thẽ of Berea w̃ thẽ of Theſſalonica who perſecuted ỹ Apoſtles in Berea
Ioh.5,39
c This was not onely to trie if theſe things which they had heard, were true, but alſo to confirme them ſelues in the ſame, and to increaſe their faith
d That citie w̃ was the fountaine of all knowledge, was now the ſinke of more horrible idolatrie
e Suche was his feruẽt zeale towards Gods glorie, that he labored to amplifie the ſame bothe in ſeaſon, and out of ſeaſon , as he taught afterwarde to Timothie.
f Who belde, that pleaſure was mãs whole felicitie
g Who taught ỹ vertue was onely mans felicitie, which notwithſtanding they neuer attemed vnto
"Or,raſcal, or,ſtriuer
h Where iudgement was geuen of waighty matters, but chiefely of impiette againſt their gods, whereof Paul was accuſed: or els was led thither becauſe of ỹ reſorte of people whoſe eares euer tickled to heare newes.
"Or,had leaſure.
i Which was alſo called Areopagus.
k Hereby Paul taketh an occaſion to bring them to ỹ true God.
Chap 7.48.
Pſal 50,8.
l Before man was created, God had appointed his ſtate & condition
m This is ment as touching the ſondrie changes of the worlde, as when ſome people departe out of a countrey, & others come to dwel therein
n Men grope in darkenes til Chriſt the true light ſhine in their hearts.
Iſa 40,23.
o As Aratus & others
p He condemneth the matter and the forme where with God is cõterfaited
q But pardoned it,and did not punith it as it deſerued.
r This is ment of the vniuerſal worlde,and not of euery particular mã: for whoſoeuer ſinneth without the Lawe, ſhal die without the Lawe.
"Or, a iudge of Mars ſtrete.
* Aquila ſignifieth an Eagle.
Rom.16,3.
a This was Claudius Ceſar, who then was Emperour.

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abode with them and [b] wroght (for their crafte was to make [c] tentes.)

4 And he diſputed in the Synagogue euerie Sabbath *day*, and exhorted the Iewes, & the Grecians.

5 Now when Silas & Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul [d] burned in ſpirit, teſtifying to the Iewes that Ieſus was the Chriſt.

6 And when they reſiſted and blaſphemed, he *ſhouke his raiment, & ſaid vnto them, [e] Your blood *be* vpon your owne head: I am cleane: frō hence forthe wil I go vnto the Gentiles.

7 So he departed thence, and entred into a certeine mans houſe, named Iuſtus, a worſhipper of God, whoſe houſe ioyned hard to the Synagogue,

8 And *Criſpus the chief ruler of the Synagogue, beleued in the Lord with all his houſholde: and many of the Corinthiās hearing it, beleued & were baptized.

9 Then ſaid the Lord to Paul in the night by a viſion, Feare not, but ſpeake, & holde not thy peace.

10 For [f] I am with thee, and no man ſhal lay *hands* on thee to hurt thee: for I haue muche people in this citie.

11 So he continued there a yere and ſix moneths, and taught the worde of God amōg them.

12 ¶Now when Gallio was Deputie of [g] Achaia, the Iewes aroſe with one accorde againſt Paul, and broght him to the iudgement ſeat,

13 Saying, This felow perſuadeth men to worſhip God contrary to the [g] Law.

14 And as Paul was about to opē his mouth, Gallio ſaid vnto the Iewes, If it were a matter of wrong, or an euil dede, ō ye Iewes, I wolde according to reaſon mainteine you.

15 But if it be a queſtion of wordes, and names, and of your Law, loke ye to it your ſelues: for I wil be no iudge of thoſe things.

16 And he draue them from the iudgemēt ſeat.

17 Then toke all the Greciāns [h] Soſthenes the chief ruler of the Synagogue, and bet him before the iudgement ſeat: but Gallio cared nothing for thoſe things.

18 But when Paul had taried there yet a good while, he toke leaue of the brethren, and ſailed into Syria (and with him Priſcilla and Aquila) after that he had [i] ſhorne his head in Cenchrea: for he had a [k] vowe.

19 Then he came to Epheſus, and left them there: but he entred into the Synagogue and diſputed with the Iewes.

20 Who deſired him to tary a longer time with them: but he wolde not conſent,

21 But bade them fare wel, ſaying, I muſt nedes kepe this feaſt that commeth, in Ieruſalē: but I wil returne againe vnto you, *if God wil. So he ſailed from Epheſus.

22 ¶And whē he came downe to [k] Ceſarea, he went vp *to Ieruſalem*: & when he had ſaluted the Church, he wēt downe vnto Antiochia.

23 Now when he had taried *there* a while, he departed, and went through the countrey of Galacia & Phrygia by order, ſtrengthening all the diſciples.

24 And a certeine Iewe named *Apollos, borne at Alexādria, came to Epheſus, an eloquent mā, & [l] mightie in the Scriptures.

25 The ſame was [l] inſtructed in the way of the Lord, & he ſpake feruently in the Spirit, and taught diligently the things of the Lord, & knewe but the [m] baptiſme of Iohn onely.

26 And he began to ſpeake boldely in the Synagogue. Whome when Aquila & Priſcilla had heard, they toke him vnto them, and [n] expounded vnto him the [o] way of God more perfectly.

27 And when he was minded to go into Achaia, the brethren exhorting him, wrote to the diſciples to receaue him: and after he was come thither, he holpe thē muche which had beleued through grace.

28 For mightely he confuted publikely the Iewes with great vehemencie, ſhewing by the Scriptures, that Ieſus was the Chriſt.

CHAP. XIX.

6 The holie Goſt is giuen by Pauls hands 9 The Iewes blaſpheme his doctrine, which was confirmed by miracles. 13 The raſhenes, and puniſhment of the coniurers, & the frute that came thereof. 24 Demetrius raiſeth ſedition vnder pretence of Diana. 41 Yet God deliuereth his and appeaſeth it by the towne clarke.

1 AND it came to paſſe, while Apollos was at Corinthus, that Paul whē he paſſed through the vpper coaſtes, came to Epheſus, and founde certeine diſciples,

2 And ſaid vnto thē, Haue ye receiued the [a] holie Goſt ſence ye beleued? And they ſaid vnto him, We haue not ſo muche as heard whether there be an holie Goſt.

3 And he ſaid vnto them, [b] Vnto what were ye then baptized? And they ſaid, Vnto Iohns baptiſme.

4 Then ſaid Paul, *Iohn verely baptized with the baptiſme of repentance, ſaying vnto the people, that they ſhulde beleue in him, which ſhulde come after him, that is, in Chriſt Ieſus.

5 So when they heard it, they were [c] baptized in the Name of the Lord Ieſus.

6 And Paul laid his hands vpon them, and

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b Thus he vſed where euer he came: but principally at Corinthus becauſe of ſ false Apoſtles which preached with ouf wages to winne the peoples fauour.

c Or pauilliōs which thē were made of ſkines.

d And boyled with a certeine zeale *Chap 13.33. mat 16.14.*

e Becauſe they haue none excuſe, he denoūceth the vengeance of God againſt them through their owne faute. *1 Cor.1.14.*

f God promiſeth him a ſpecial protectiō, whereby he wolde defende him from the violent rage of his enemies

g They accuſed him becauſe he erāſgreſſed the ſeruice of God appointed by ſ Law.

h Of whome is ſpokē 1 Co. 1.1.

i Paul did thus beare with the Iewes infirmities which as yet were not ſufficiently inſtructed *Nom 6.18. chap.21.24.*

k Called Ceſarea Stratonis.

2 Cor 4.18. Iam.4.15.

l That is, was ſomewhat entred

m He had but as yet ſ firſt principles of Chriſts religiō: and by baptiſme is here mēt the doctrine.

n This great learned, and eloquent man diſdained not to be taught of a poore craftes man.

o The way to ſaluation.

2 Cor 1.12.

*Or, wel inſtructed

a That is, the particular giftes of the Spirit: for as yet they knewe not the viſible gifts

b Meaning, what doctrine they did profeſſe by their baptiſme: for to be baptized in Iohns baptiſme ſignifieth to profeſſe the doctrine which he taught, & ſealed with the ſigne of baptiſme to be baptized in the Name of the Father, & c is to be dedicate and conſecrate vnto him: to be baptized in the death of Chriſt, or for the dead, or into one bodie, vnto remiſsion of ſinnes, is, that ſinne by Chriſts death may be aboliſhed, and dye in vs, & that we may growe in Chriſt our head, and that our ſinnes may be waſhed away by the blood of Chriſt. * *Mat 3.11 mar.1.8 luk 3.16 iohn 1.27 chap 1.5 & 2.2. & 11.16.*

c Endewed with the viſible graces of the holie Goſt.

the holie Goſt came on them, & they ſpake the tongues, and prophecied.

7 And all the men were about twelue.

8 ¶ Moreouer he went into the Synagogue, & ſpake boldely for the ſpace of thre moneths, diſputing & exhorting to the things that *apperteine* to the kingdome of God.

9 But when certeine were hardened, and diſobeyed, ſpeaking euil of the way *of God* before the multitude, he departed from them, and ſeparated the diſciples, and diſputed daily in the ſchole of one [d] Tyrannus‖.

[d] That is, of a certeine man ſo called

‖ *From fiue a clocke vnto ten.*

10 And this was done by the ſpace of two yeres, ſo that all they which dwelt in Aſia, heard the worde of the Lord Ieſus, bothe Iewes and Grecians.

11 And God wrought no ſmale miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 So that from his bodie were broght vnto the ſicke, [*]kerchefs [e] or handkerchefs, and the diſeaſes departed from them, and the euil ſpirits went out of them.

[*] *Or, napkins.*

[e] This was to autorize the Goſpel, and to cõfirme Pauls miniſterie, not to cauſe men to worſhip hi or his napkins

13 Then certeine of the vagabonde Iewes, [*]exorciſtes, toke in hand to name ouer thẽ which had euil ſpirits, the Name of the Lord Ieſus, ſaying, We [f] adiure you by Ieſus, whome Paul preacheth.

[*] *Or, conjurers.*

[f] They abuſe Pauls autorite, & without any vocation of God, vſurpe that which is not in mans power.

14 (And there were certeine ſonnes of Sceua a Iewe, the Prieſt, *about* ſeuen which did this)

15 And the euil ſpirit anſwered, and ſaid, Ieſus I acknowledge, and Paul I knowe: but who are ye?

16 And the man in whome ỹ euil ſpirit was, ran on them, & ouercame them, & preuailed againſt them, ſo that they fled out of that houſe, naked, and wounded.

17 And this was knowen to all the Iewes & Grecians alſo, which dwelt at Epheſus, & feare came on them all, and the Name of the Lord Ieſus was magnified.

18 And many that beleued, came and cõfeſſed, and [g] ſhewed their workes.

[g] That is, declared by confeſsiõ of their ſinnes and by shew good workes ỹ they were faithful.

19 Many alſo of them which vſed curious artes, broght their bokes, and burned them before all men, and they counted the price of them, & founde it [h] fiftie thouſand *pieces* of ſiluer.

[h] This mounteth to of our money about 2000 markes.

20 So the worde of God grewe mightely, and preuailed.

21 ¶ Now when theſe things were accompliſhed, Paul purpoſed [i] by the Spirit to paſſe through Macedonia and Achaia, and to go to Ieruſalem, ſaying, After I haue bene there, I muſt alſo ſe Rome.

[i] By the motion of the holie Goſt, he vndertoke this iorney.

22 So ſent he into Macedonia two of them that miniſtred vnto him, Timotheus and Eraſtus, *but* he remained in Aſia for a ſeaſon.

[k] That is, about the ſtate of the Chriſtians: for they contemned the Chriſtians becauſe they left the olde religion, & broght in another trade of doctrine.

23 And the ſame time there aroſe no ſmale trouble about that [k] way.

24 For a certeine man named Demetrius a ſiluerſmith, which made ſiluer [*]temples of Diana, [l] broght great gaines vnto the craftes men:

[*] *Or, ſhrines.*

[l] What ſimplicitie doeth not couetouſnes driue a man vnto?

25 Whome he called together, with the workemen of like things, and ſaid, Sirs, ye knowe that by this crafte [m] we haue our goods.

[m] He was moued with his profit: & the others for their bellies, ſo that they wolde rather loſe bothe their liues, & religion then their filthie gaine

26 Moreouer ye ſe and heare, that not alone at Epheſus, but almoſte through out all Aſia this Paul hathe perſuaded, & turned away muche people, ſaying, That they be not gods which are made with hands,

27 So that not onely this thing is dangerous vnto vs, [n] that the ſtate ſhulde be reproued, but alſo that the [o] temple of the great goddeſſe Diana ſhulde be nothing eſtemed, and that it wolde come to paſſe that her magnificence, which all Aſia and the [p] worlde worſhippeth, ſhulde be deſtroyed.

[n] Meaning their arte and occupation.

[o] Religion is his ſeconde argument which he leſſe eſteemeth, then his profit, and therefore putteth it laſt, which thing is contrary to the doigs of the faithful: for they preferre religion aboue all.

28 Now when they heard it, they were ful of wrath, and cryed out, ſaying, Great *is* Diana of the Epheſians.

29 And the whole citie was ful of cõfuſion, and they ruſhed into the commune place with one aſſent, and caught * Gaius, and *Ariſtarchus, men of Macedonia, & Pauls companions of his iourney.

[p] He groũdeth his religiõ vpon the multitude & autorite of ỹ worlde, as do the Papiſtes

30 And whẽ Paul wolde haue entred in vnto the people, the diſciples ſuffred him not.

Rom 16,23. 1 Cor.1,14. Coloſ 4,10.

31 ‹ Certeine alſo of the chief of Aſia which were his frieds, ſent vnto him, deſirīg him that he wolde not preſent him ſelf in the commune place.

32 Some therefore cryed one thing, and ſome another: for the aſſemblie was out of order, and the more parte knewe not wherefore they were come together.

33 And *ſome* of the companie [q] drewe forthe Alexander, the Iewes thruſting him forwardes. Alexander then beckened with the hand, and wolde haue excuſed the matter to the people.

[q] And ſet him in an hie place where the people colde not come nere him but whẽcethei might wel heare his voyce.

34 But when they knewe that he was a Iewe, there aroſe a ſhoute almoſte for the ſpace of two houres, of all men crying, Great *is* Diana of the Epheſians.

35 Then the towne clarke when he had ſtayed the people, ſaid, Ye mẽ of Epheſus, what man is it that knoweth not how that the citie of the Epheſians is a worſhipper of the great goddeſſe Diana, and of *the image*, which came downe from [r] Iupiter?

[r] Antiquitie & the couetouſnes of the Prieſts broght in this ſuperſtition: for it is writen that the temple being repaired ſeuen times, this idole was neuer chãged, Plin li 16,40.

36 Seing then that no man can [ſ] ſpeake againſt theſe things, ye ought to be appeaſed, and to do nothing raſhly.

37 For ye haue broght hither theſe men, which haue nether commit ſacrilege, nether do blaſpheme your goddeſſe.

by ſuche deluſions ỹ worlde is moſte eaſely abuſed

[ſ] He pacifieth the people by worldelie wiſdome, & hathe no reſpect to religion.

38 Wherefore, if Demetrius and the craftes men which are with him, haue a matter againſt any mã, the lawe is open, & there are Deputies: let them accuſe one another.

39 But

39 But if ye inquire anie thing concerning other matters it maye be determined in a lawful aſſemblie.

40 For we are euen in ieopardie to be accuſed of this daies ſedicion, foraſmuche as there is no cauſe, whereby we may giue a reaſon of this concourſe of people.

41 And when he had thus ſpoken, he let the aſſemblie departe.

CHAP. XX.

Paul goeth into Macedonia and into Grecia. 7 He celebrateth the Lords ſupper and preacheth. 9 At Troas he raiſeth vp Eutychus 17 At Epheſus he calleth the Elders of the Church together, committeth the keping of Gods flocke vnto them, warneth them of falſe teachers, maketh his prayer with them, and departeth by ſhip towards Ieruſalem.

1 NOw after the tumulte was ceaſed, Paul called the diſciples vnto him, and embraſed them, and departed to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone through thoſe parties, and had exhorted them with manie wordes, he came into Grecia.

3 And hauing taried *there* thre moneths, becauſe the Iewes laid waite for him, as he was about to ſaile into Syria, he purpoſed to returne through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Aſia Sopater of Berea, and of them of Theſſalonica, Ariſtarchus, and Secundus, & Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus, & of them of Aſia Tychicus, and Trophimus.

5 Theſe wēt before, & taried vs at Troas.

6 And we ſailed forthe from [a] Philippi, after the daies of vnleauened bread, & came vnto them to Troas in fiue daies, where we abode ſeuen daies.

7 And [b] the firſt day of the weke, the diſciples being come together to [c] breake bread, Paul preached vnto thē, readie to departe on the morowe, and continued the preaching vnto midnight.

8 And there were manie lightes in an vpper chamber, where [*] they were gathered together.

9 And there ſate in a windowe a certeine yong [*] man, named Eutychus, fallen into a depe ſlepe: & as Paul was lōg preaching, he ouercome with ſlepe, fell downe from the third lofte, and was taken vp dead.

10 But Paul went downe, and laid him ſelf vpon him, & embraſed him, ſaying, Trouble not your ſelues: for his life is in him.

11 So when *Paul* was come vp againe, and had broken bread, & eaten, he commoned a long while til the dawning of the daye, *and* ſo he departed.

12 And they broght the boie aliue, and thei were not a litle comforted.

13 ¶ Then we went for the to ſhip, & ſailed vnto *the citie* [d] Aſſos, that we might receiue Paul there: for ſo had he appointed, and wolde him ſelf go a fote.

14 Now when he was come vnto vs to Aſſos, and we had receiued him, we came to Mitylenes.

15 And we ſailed thence, and came the next day ouer againſt Chios, and the next daye we arriued at Samos, and taried at Trogyllium: the next daye we came to Miletum.

16 For Paul had determined to ſaile by Epheſus, becauſe he wolde not ſpend the time in Aſia: for he hafted to be, if he colde poſsible, at Ieruſalem, at the day of [*] Pentecoſte.

17 ¶ Wherefore from Miletum he ſent to Epheſus, & called the Elders of ỹ Church.

18 Who when they were come to him, he ſaid vnto them, Ye knowe frō the firſt day that I came into Aſia, after what maner I haue bene with you at all ſeaſons,

19 [e] Seruing the Lord with all [f] modeſtie, and with manie teares, and tentacions, which came vnto me by the layings awaite of the Iewes,

20 And how I kept [g] backe nothing that was profitable, but haue ſhewed you, and taught you openly, & throughout euerie houſe,

21 Witneſsing bothe to the Iewes, & to the Grecians the [h] repentance towarde God, & [i] faith towarde our Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

22 And now beholde, I go [k] bounde in the ſpirit vnto Ieruſalem, and knowe not what things ſhal come vnto me there,

23 Saue that the holie Goſt [l] witneſſeth in euerie citie, ſaying, that bandes and afflictions abide me‖.

24 But I paſſe not at all, nether is my life deare vnto my ſelf, ſo that I may fulfil my courſe with ioye, and the miniſtracion which I haue receiued of the Lord Ieſus, to teſtifie ỹ Goſpel of the grace of God.

25 And now beholde, I knowe that hence forthe ye all, through whome I haue gone preaching the kingdome of God, ſhal ſe my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to recorde this day, that I am pure from the [m] blood of all men.

27 For I haue kept nothing backe, but haue ſhewed you [n] all the counſel of God.

28 Take hede therefore vnto your ſelues, and to all the flocke, whereof the holie Goſt hathe made you Ouerſeers, to fede the Church of God, which he hathe purchaſed with his [o] owne blood.

29 For I knowe this, that after my departīg ſhal grieuous wolues entre in among you, not ſparing the flocke.

30 Moreouer of your owne ſelues ſhal mē ariſe ſpeaking [p] peruerſe things, to drawe diſciples after them.

31 Therefore watche and remember, that by *the ſpace* of thre yeres I ceaſed not to

a He remained there theſe daies, becauſe he had better opportunitie to teache: alſo ỹ abolifhing of the Law was not yet knowē.

b Which we call Sōday of this place and alſo of the 1 Cor 16, 2 we gather that the Chriſtiās vſed to haue their ſolemne aſſemblies this day, laying aſide ỹ ceremonie of the Iewiſh Sabbath.

c To celebrate the Lords Supper, Chap 2, 46

*Or, we

*Or, boye.

d Which was a citie of Myſia called otherwiſe Apollonia, Plin li 5 chap 30.

*Or, Wiſſunside

e In my vocacion & miniſterie

f This vertue is contrarie to boaſting & hie minded: ẅ vices are deteſtable in the ſeruants of Ieſus Chriſt

g I nether held my tongue for feare, nor diſſembled for gaine

h Which is ỹ tourning to God by newnes of life

i Which is the receiuing of ỹ grace, which Chriſt doeth offer vs

k That is, by the impulſion & commandement of the holie Goſt, who draweth me as with a band.

l By the Prophetes

‖ *In Ieruſalem.*

m I am not the occaſion of anie deſtructions.

n Which cōcerneth your ſaluacion.

o That ẅ appertaineth to ỹ humanitie of Chriſt, is here attributed to his diuinitie, becauſe of the communion of the ꝓprieties, & vnio of the two natures in one perſone.

p Through their ambitiō, ẅ is mother of all hereſie and wickednes.

warne euerie one, bothe night and daye with teares.

32 And now brethren, I commende you to God, and to the worde of his grace, which q is able to buylde further, & to giue you an r inheritance among all them, which are sanctified.

33 I haue coueted no mans siluer, nor golde, nor apparel.

34 Yea, ye knowe, that these hands haue ministred vnto my *necesities, & to them that were with me.

35 I haue shewed you all things, how that so laboring, ye ought to supporte the weake, & to remēber the wordes of the Lord Iesus, how that he said, s It is a blessed thing to giue, rather then to receiue.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneled downe, and prayed with them all.

37 Then they wept all abundantly, and fel on Pauls necke, and kissed him,

38 Being chiefly sorie for the wordes which he spake, That they shulde se his face no more. And thei accompanied him vnto the ship.

q To increase you with further graces & to finish his worke in you
r He promiseth to the faithful continual increase of grace, til they enter into ỹ possession of that inheritance, wch is prepared for them
*1 Cor.4.12.
1.thes 2.9.
2.thes 3.8
s Although this be not orderly so writē in anie one place, yet it is gathered of diuers places of ỹ Scripture in effect.

CHAP. XXI.

ỹ The commune prayers of the faithful 8 Philippes foure daughters propheteſſes 23 Pauls constancie to beare the crosse, as Agabus & others forespake, although he was otherwise counseled by the brethren. 28 The great danger that he was in, and how he escaped.

1 AND as we lauched forthe, and were departed from them, we came with a straight course vnto Coos, and the daye following vnto the Rhodes, & from thence vnto Patara.

2 And we founde a ship that went ouer vnto Phenice, and went aboarde, & set forthe.

3 And when we had discouered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed towarde Syria, and arriued at Tyrus: for there the ship vnladed the burden.

4 And when we had founde disciples, we taryed there seuen dayes. And they tolde Paul a through the b Spirit, that he shulde not go vp to Ierusalem.

5 But whē the daies were ended, we departed, and went our way, and thei all accompanied vs with *their* wiues and children, euen out of the citie: & we kneling downe on the shore, prayed.

6 Then when we had embraced one another, we toke ship, & thei returned home.

7 And when we had ended the course from Tyrus, we arriued at Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one daye.

8 And the next day, Paul & thei that were with him, departed, and came vnto Cesarea: and we entred into the house of *Philippe the Euangelist, which was one of the c seuen *Deacons*, and abode with him.

a By the reuelacio of Gods Spirit
b The holie Spirit reueiled vnto them the persecutions ỹ Paul shulde haue made against him, and the same Spirit also strengthened Paul to suffeine them.
*Chap.6.5.
c This office of Deaconship was but for a time, according as the Congregacion had nede, or otherwise

9 Now he had foure daughters virgines, which did prophecie.

10 And as we taryed there manie dayes, there came a certeine Prophet frō Iudea, named Agabus.

11 And when he was come vnto vs, he toke Pauls girdle, and bounde his owne hands and fete, and said, d Thus saith the holie Goost, So shal the Iewes at Ierusalē e binde the man that oweth this girdle, and shal deliuer him into the hands of ỹ Gentiles.

12 And when we had heard these things, bothe we and other of the same place besoght him that he wolde not go vp to Ierusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, and said, What do ye weping and breaking mine heart? For I am readie not to be bounde onely, but also to dye at Ierusalem for the Name of the Lord Iesus.

14 So when he wolde not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The wil of the Lord be done.

15 And after those dayes we trussed vp our fardeles, and went vp to Ierusalem.

16 There went with vs also *certeine* of the disciples of Cesarea, & broght with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an olde disciple, with whome we shulde lodge.

17 And when we were come to Ierusalem, the brethren receiued vs gladly.

18 And the next daye Paul went in with vs vnto f Iames: and all the Elders were there assembled.

19 And when he had embraced them, he tolde by ordre all things, that God had wroght among the Gentiles by his ministracion.

20 So when thei heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said vnto him, Thou seest, brother, how manie thousand Iewes there are which beleue, and they are all zealous of the Law.

21 Now they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Iewes, which are among the Gentiles, to forsake Moses, and saist, that they ought not to circumcise their children, nether to liue *after* the customes.

22 What is then *to be done*? the multitude must nedes come together: for they shal heare that thou art come.

23 Do therefore this that we saye to thee. We haue h foure men, which haue made a vowe.

24 Them take, & i purifie thy self with thē, and contribute with them, that they maye *shaue their heades: and all shal knowe, that those things, whereof they haue bene informed concerning thee, are nothing, but that thou thy self also walkest and kepest the Law.

25 For as touching the Gentiles, which beleue

d God wolde haue his seruants bandes knowen, to the intent that no man shulde thinke that he cast him self into wilful danger
e This was not to make Paul afraied, but to encourage him agaīst ỹ brunt.
f Who was ỹ chief, or superintendent of ỹ Church of Ierusalem.
g That is, according to the maners that ỹ fathers obserued, wch were cōmanded by God.
h Who as yet were not wel instructed in Christ.
*Numb.6.18.
chap.18.18
i The end of this ceremonie was thankesgiuing, & was instituted by God, and partely of ignorance and infirmitie retained: therefore S. Paul supported therein ỹ weakenes of others & made him self all to all men, not considering his conscience

beleue, we haue written, and determined
Chap 15,20. *that thei obserue no suche thing, but that they kepe them selues from things offred to idoles, and from blood, and frō that that is strangled, and from fornication.

26 Then Paul toke the men, and the next day was purified with them, and entred into the Temple, * declaring the accōplishment of the daies of the purification, vntil that an offering shulde be offered for euerie one of them.
Nom 6,13. chap 24,8.

27 And when the seuen dayes were almoste ended, the Iewes which were of Asia (whē they sawe him in the Temple) moued all the people, and k laid hands on him,

k In thinking to appease the faithful, and to suppose the infirme, he falleth into the hands of his enemies

28 Crying, Men of Israel, helpe: this is the man that teacheth all men euery where against the people, and the Law, and this place: moreouer, he hathe broght Greciās into the Temple, and hathe l polluted this holie place.

l By bringing in suche as were not circūcised

29 For they had sene before Trophimus an Ephesiā with him in the citie, whome they supposed that Paul had broght into the Temple.

30 Then all the citie was moued, & the people ran together: and they toke Paul, and drewe him out of the Tēple, & forthewith the dores were shut.

31 But as they went about to kill him, tydings came vnto the chief Captaine of the bāde, that all Ierusalem was on an vproare.

m Which were vndercaptains and had charge ouer an hundreth souldiers

32 Who immediatly toke souldiers and m Centurions, and ran n downe vnto them: and when they sawe the chief Captaine & the souldiers, they left beating of Paul.

n A notable example of Gods prouidence for the defence of his

33 Then the chief Captaine came nere and toke him, & commanded him to be bounde with two chaines, and demāded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And one cryed this, another that, among the people. So when he colde not knowe the certeinetie for the tumulte, he cōmanded him to be led into the castle.

35 And whē he came vnto the grieces, it was so that he was borne of the souldiers, for ỹ violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of ỹ people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul shulde haue bene led into the castle, he said vnto the chief Captaine, May I speake vnto thee? Who said, Canst thou *speake* Greke?

Chap 5,36. o Iosephus li. Antiq 20 cha. 11 & de bello Iuda li, 2 cha. 12.

38 Art not thou the * o Egyptian, who before these dayes raised a sedition, & led out into the wildernes foure thousand mē that were murtherers?

Chap. 22,3.

39 Then Paul said, Douteles I am a man which am a Iewe, & citizen of * Tarsus, a famous citie in Cilicia, & I beseche thee, suffre me to speake vnto the people.

40 And when he had giuē him licence, Paul stode on the grieces, & beckened with the hand vnto the people: and when there was made great silence, he spake vnto them in the Hebrue tongue, saying,

CHAP. XXII.

3 Paul rendreth an account of his life and doctrine. 25 He escapeth the whippe by reason he was a citizen of Rome.

1 YE men, brethren & fathers, heare my p "defence now towards you.
p Or, reason, or excuse.

2 (And whē they heard that he spake in the Hebrue tongue to them, they kept the more silence, and he said)

3 I am verely a man, *which am* a Iewe, borne in * Tarsus in Cilicia, but broght vp in this citie at the q fete of Gamaliel, and instructed according to the perfect maner of the Law of the Fathers, and was zealous towarde God, as ye all are this day.
Chap 21,39. q Whereby he declareth his modestie, diligence & docilitie.

4 * And I persecuted this r "way vnto the death, binding and deliuering into prison bothe men and women,
Chap 8,3. r Or, this profession of the Christians

5 As also ỹ chief Priest doeth beare me witnes, & all the state of the Elders: of whome also I receiued letters vnto the s brethren, and went to Damascus to bring thē which were there, bounde vnto Ierusalem, that they might be punished.
s To ỹ Iewes to whome the letters were directed.

6 ¶ And so it was, as I iourneid and was come nere vnto Damascus about noone, that suddenly there shone from heauen a great light rounde about me.

7 So I fel vnto the earth, and heard a voyce, saying vnto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 Then I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said to me, I am Iesus of Nazaret, whome thou persecutest.

9 Moreouer they that were with me, sawe in dede a light and were afraid: but they heard not the voyce of him that spake vnto me.

10 Then I said, What shal I do, Lord? And the Lord said vnto me, Arise, and go into Damascus: and there it shalbe tolde thee of all things, which are appointed for thee to do.

11 So when I colde not se for the glorie of that light, I was led by the hand of them that were with me, and came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias a godlie man, as perteining to the Law, hauing good reporte of all the Iewes which dwelt there,

13 Came vnto me, and stode, and said vnto me, Brother Saul, receiue thy sight: & that same houre I loked vpon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hathe t appointed thee, that ỹ shuldest know his wil, and shuldest se that u Iust one, and shuldest heare the voyce of his mouth.
t This may be referred to the eternal counsel of God, or els to the execution & declaration of ỹ same which semeth here to be more propre
u Which is Christ, 1 Ioh 2,1.

15 For thou shalt be his witnes vnto all men

of the things, which thou haſt ſene and heard.

16 Now therefore why tarieſt thou? Ariſe, and be baptized, and waſhe away thy ſinnes, in calling on the [e] Name of the Lord.

e He ſheweth that ſinnes cā not be waſſhed away, but by Chriſt who is the ſubſtance of Baptiſme: in whome alſo is comprehended the Father & the holie Goſt.

17 ¶ And it came to paſſe, that when I was come againe to Ieruſalem, and prayed in the Temple, I was in a traunce,

18 And ſawe him ſaying vnto me, Make haſte, & get thee quickely out of Ieruſalem: for they wil not receiue thy witnes cōcerning me.

19 Then I ſaid, Lord, they knowe ỹ I* priſoned, and bet in euerie Synagogue them that beleued in thee.

Chap 8,3.

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Steuen was ſhed, I alſo *ſtode by, and conſented vnto his death, and kept the clothes of them that ſlewe him.

Chap.7,58.

21 Thē he ſaid vnto me, Departe: for I wil ſend thee farre hence vnto the Gentiles.

22 ¶ And they heard vnto this worde, *but* thē they lift vp their voyces, and ſaid, Away with ſuche a felowe from the earth: for it is not mete that he ſhulde liue.

23 And as they cryed and caſt of their clothes, and threwe duſt into the aire,

24 The chief captaine commanded him to be led into the caſtle, & bade that he ſhulde be ſcourged, and examined, that he might knowe wherefore they cryed ſo on him.

25 And as they bounde him with thongs, Paul ſaid vnto the Cēturion that ſtode by, Is it lawful for you to ſcourge one that is a [f] Romaine, and not condemned?

f Not becauſe he was borne at Rome, but by reaſon of his citie: for Tarſus was inhabited by the Romains, and was their Colonia, whereof read cha. 16,12.

26 Now when the Centurion heard it, he went, and tolde the chief captaine, ſaying, Take hede what thou doeſt: for this man is a Romaine.

27 Then the chief captaine came, and ſaid to him, Tell me, art thou a Romaine? And he ſaid, Yea.

28 And the chief captaine anſwered, With a great ſummē obteined I this burgeſſhip. Then Paul ſaid, But I was [g] ſo borne.

g This priuiledge was oft times giuen in recompenſe of ſeruice to them that were farre of Rome, & to their childrē, though they were not borne in the citie.

29 Then ſtraight way they departed from him, which ſhulde hāue examined him: & the chief captaine alſo was afraid, after he knewe that he was a Romaine, and that he had bounde him.

30 On the next day, becauſe he wolde haue knowen the certeinetie wherefore he was accuſed of thē Iewes, he loſed him from *his* bondes, & commanded the hie Prieſts and all their Counceil to cōme *together*: and he broght Paul, and ſet him before them.

CHAP. XXIII.

5 The anſwer of Paul being ſmit, and the ouerthrowe of his enemies. 11 The Lord encourageth him 23 And becauſe the Iewes layed waite for him, he is ſent to Ceſarea.

AND Paul behelde earneſtly ỹ Counceil, and ſaid, Men *and* brethren, I haue in all good conſcience ſerued God vntil this day.

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2 Then the hie Prieſt Ananias commanded thē that ſtode by, to ſmite him on the mouth.

3 Then ſaid Paul to him, God [a] wil ſmite thee, thou whited wall: for thou ſitteſt to iudge me according to the Law, and commandeſt thou me to be ſmiten contrary to the Law?

a Paul doeth not curſe the hie Prieſt, but denounceth ſharpely ỹ puniſhment of God ỹ ſhulde light vpō him, who vnder pretence of mainteinig ỹ Lawe doeth tranſgreſſe it. *Exod 22,28.*

4 And thei that ſtode by, ſaid, Reuileſt thou Gods hie Prieſt?

5 Then ſaid Paul, I [b] knewe not, brethren, that he was the hie Prieſt: for it is written, *Thou ſhalt not ſpeake euil of ỹ Ruler of thy people.

b He made this excuſe as it were in moēkerie, as if he wolde ſay, I knowe nothig in this man worthie ỹ office of the hie Prieſt *Phil.3,5.*

6 But whē Paul perceiued that the one parte were of the Sadduces, and the other of ỹ Phariſes, he cried in the Counceil, Men *and* brethren, *I am a Phariſe, the ſonne of a Phariſe: I am accuſed of the hope and [c] reſurrection of the dead.

chap 24,22.

7 And when he had ſaid this, there was a diſſenſion betwene the Phariſes and the Sadduces, ſo that the multitude was deuided.

c He meneth not but there were other points, but he expreſſeth that for the which the Sadduces that were the chief gouerners, hated hī moſte for *Mat 22,23.*

8 *For the Sadduces ſay that there is no reſurrection, nether Angel, nor ſpirit: but ỹ Phariſes confeſſe [d] bothe.

d Vnderſtanding both kindes, the Angels & the ſpirits, which he concludeth vnder one, & the reſurrection vnder the other parte.

9 Then there was a great crye: & the Scribes of the Phariſes parte roſe vp, and ſtroue, ſaying, We finde none euil in this mā: but if a ſpirit or an Angel hathe ſpoken to him, let vs not fight againſt God.

10 And when there was a great diſſenſion, the chief captaine, fearing leſt Paul ſhulde haue bene pulled in pieces of them, cōmanded the ſouldiers to go downe, and to take him from among them, and to bring him into the caſtel.

11 ¶ Now the night following the Lord ſtode by him, & ſaid, Be of good courage, Paul: for as thou haſt teſtified of me in Ieruſalem, ſo muſt thou beare witnes alſo at Rome.

12 And when the day was come, certeine of the Iewes made an aſſemblie, and bounde them ſelues with an [e] othe, ſaying, that thei wolde nether eat nor drinke, til they had killed Paul.

e The worde ſignifieth curſing, as when a man either ſweareth, voweth or wiſheth him ſelf to die, or to be giuen to the deuil, except he bring his purpoſe to paſſe.

13 And they were more then fourtie, which had made this conſpiracie.

14 And they came to the chief Prieſts and Elders, and ſaid, We haue bounde our ſelues with a ſolēne othe, that we wil eat nothing, vntil we haue ſlaine Paul.

15 Now therefore, ye and the Counceil ſignifie to the chief captaine, that he bring him forthe vnto you to morow, as thogh ye wolde knowe ſome thing more perfitely of him, and we, or euer he come nere, wil be readie to kil him.

16 But

16 But when Pauls ſiſters f ſonne heard of their laying awaite, he went, and entred into the caſtle, and tolde Paul,

f This declareth that God hathe ſo many meanes to deliuer his children out of dãger as there are creatures in the worlde, ſo that the aduerſaries can not cõſpire ſo craftely againſt them, but he hathe infinite meanes to defeat their wicked practiſes.

17 And Paul called one of ỹ Cẽturions vnto him, & ſaid, Bring this yong man vnto the chief captaine: for he hathe a certeine thing to ſhewe him.

18 So he toke him, and broght him to the chief captaine, and ſaid, Paul the priſoner called me vnto him, and prayed me to bring this yong mã vnto thee, which hathe ſome thing to ſay vnto thee.

19 Then the chief captaine toke him by the hand, and went aparte with him alone, and aſked him, What haſt thou to ſhewe me?

20 And he ſaid, The Iewes haue conſpired to deſire thee, that thou woldeſt bring forthe Paul to morow into the Councel, as thogh they wolde inquire ſomewhat of him more perfitely.

21 But let them not perſuade thee: for there lie in waite for him of them, more then fourtie men, which haue bounde them ſelues with an othe, that they wil nether eat nor drinke, til they haue killed him: and now are they readie, and wait for thy promes.

22 The chief captaine then let the yong man depaite, and charged him to ſpeake it to no man, that he had "ſhewed him theſe things.

"Greke, that thou haſt ſhewed theſe things to me.

23 And he called vnto him two certeine Centurions, ſaying, Make readie two hundreth ſouldiers, that they may go to Ceſarea, and horſmen thre ſcore and ten, and two hundreth, with dartes at the thirde houre of the night.

24 And let them make readie an horſe that Paul being ſet on, may be broght ſafe vnto Felix the Gouernour.

g This letter was writ partely in the fauour of Paul, that his aduerſaries might not oppreſſe him.

25 And he wrote an g epiſtle in this maner,

26 Claudius Lyſias vnto the moſte noble Gouernour Felix ſendeth greting.

27 As this man was taken of the Iewes, and ſhulde haue bene killed of them, I came vpon them with the gariſon, and reſcued him, h perceiuing that he was a Romaine.

h The Captaine diſſembleth to cõmend his owne diligence: for he did not knowe ỹ Paul was a Romaí before he had reſcued him, & giuen hi to be ſtraitly examined.

28 And when I wolde haue knowen the cauſe, wherefore they accuſed him, I broght him forthe into their council.

29 *There* I perceiued that he was accuſed of queſtions of their Law, but had no crime worthie of death, or of bondes.

30 And whẽ it was ſhewed me, how that the Iewes laid wait for the man, I ſent *him* ſtraight way to thee, and commanded his accuſers to ſpeake before thee the things that they had againſt him. Fare wel.

31 Then the ſouldiers as it was commanded them, toke Paul, and broght him by night to Antipatris.

32 And the next day, they left the horſmen to go with him, and returned vnto the caſtel.

33 Now when they came to Ceſarea, they deliuered the epiſtle to the Gouernour, & preſented Paul alſo vnto him.

34 So when the Gouernour had red it, he aſked of what i prouince he was: and whẽ he vnderſtode that he was of Cilicia,

i By this name the Romanes called euerie countrey which they had ſubdued

35 I wil heare thee, ſaid he, when thine accuſers alſo are come, & commanded him to be kept in Herodes iudgement hall.

CHAP. XXIIII.

10 Paul being accuſed, anſwereth for his life and doctrine againſt his accuſers 25 Felix gropeth him, thinking to haue a bribe, 28 And after leaueth him in priſon.

1 NOw after fiue dayes, Ananias the high Prieſt came downe with the Elders, and *with* Tertullus a certeine oratour, which appeared before the Gouernour againſt Paul.

2 And whẽ he was called forthe, Tertullus began to accuſe *him*, ſaying, Seing that we haue obteined great quietnes through thee, and that manie worthie things are done vnto this nation through thy prouidence,

3 We acknowledge it wholy, and in all places, moſte k noble Felix, with all thankes.

k For Felix by his diligẽce had taken Eleazarus the captaine of ỹ murtherers, & put the Egyptian to flight which raiſed vp tumultes in Iudea: for theſe the orator praiſeth him: otherwiſe he was borne cruel & couetous, read Ioſeph li 20 Antiq. chap 11, & 12. & li 2 de bello Iudaico chap 12

4 But that I be not tedious vnto thee, I pray thee, that ỹ woldeſt heare vs of thy courteſie a fewe wordes.

5 Certeinely we haue founde this man a peſtilent felowe, and a mouer of ſedition amõg all the Iewes throughout the worlde and a chief mainteiner of the l ſecte of the m Nazarites:

l Or herſie: for ſo the wicked termed ỹ true Chriſtian religion

m Which taught the people to maintein their liberte againſt the Romaines: and thogh ỹ accuſers approued bothe this ſecte and their doctrine, yet to get Paul puniſhed, they ſeme to condẽne it

6 And hathe gone about to pollute the Tẽple: therefore we toke him, and wolde haue iudged him according to our Law:

7 But the "chief captaine Lyſias came vpõ vs, and with great violence toke him out of our hands,

"Or, captaine of a thouſand

8 Cõmãding his accuſers to come to thee: of whome thou maiſt (if thou wilt inquire) know all theſe things whereof we accuſe him.

9 And the Iewes likewiſe affirmed, ſaying that it was ſo.

10 Then Paul, after that the gouernour had beckened vnto him that he ſhulde ſpeake, anſwered, I do the more gladly anſwer for my ſelf, for aſmuche as I knowe that thou haſt bene of manie yeres a n iudge vnto this o nation,

n Or, gouernor: for before this he ruled Trachonites, Batanea, and Gaulanites

o So that thou art not ignorant of their factions

11 Seing that thou maiſt knowe, that there are but twelue dayes ſince I came vp p to worſhip in Ieruſalem.

p Not that his purpoſe was to worſhip there, but the Iewes ſo founde him by the counſel of others for he thoght to haue woone the ſimple brethren, and to ſtop the enemies mouthes.

12 And thei nether founde me in the Temple diſputing with anie man, nether making vproare among the people, nether in

the Synagogues, nor in the citie.
13 Nether can they proue the things, whereof they now accuse me.
14 But this I confesse vnto thee, that after the way (which they call g heresie) so worship I the God of my fathers, beleuing all things which are written in the Law & the Prophetes,
15 And haue hope towards God, that the resurrection of the dead which they themselues loke for also, shalbe bothe of iust and vniust.
16 And herein I endeuour my self to haue alway a cleare conscience towarde God, & towarde men.
17 Now after h many yeres, I came and broght almes to my nacion & offrings.
18 * At what time, certeine Iewes of Asia founde me purified in the Temple,
19 Nether with multitude, nor with tumult.
20 Who i ought to haue bene present before thee, and accuse *me*, if they had ought against me.
21 Or let these them selues say, if they haue founde any vniust thing in me, while I stode in the Council,
22 Except *it be* for this one voyce, that I cryed standing among them, * Of the resurrectiō of the dead am I accused of you this day.
23 Now when Felix heard these things, he differred them, & said, When I shal more perfitely knowe the things which cōcerne this way, by the coming of Lysias ỹ chief Captaine, I wil decise your matter.
24 Then he cōmanded a Centurion to kepe Paul, and that he shulde haue ease, and that he shulde forbid none of his acquaintance to minister vnto him, or to come vnto him.
25 ¶ And after certeine dayes, came Felix with his wife Drusilla, which was a k Iewesse, & he called for the Paul, & heard him of the faith in Christ.
26 And as he disputed of righteousnes, and temperance, & of the iudgement to come, Felix l trembled, & answered, Go thy way for this time, and when I haue conuenient time, I wil call for thee.
27 He hoped also that money shulde haue bene giuen him of Paul, that he might losse him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.
28 When two yeres were expired, Porcius Festus came into Felix roume: and *Felix* willing to m get fauour of the Iewes, left Paul bounde.

g As the Scribes and Pharises termed the Christians doctrine.
h Meaning, ỹ it was a long time since he had beoe at Ierusalem, ẅ was when he broght almes. *Chap.11,29. rom.15,26. 2.cor.9,2.*
i For his accusers spake but vpon a false reporte, which these belowes of Satan had blowen a broad, and durst not them selues appeare. *Chap.23,7.*
k Or, Iewe.
l BY whose counsel Felix called for Paul
l The worde of God maketh the verie wicked astonished, and therefore to them it is the sauour of death vnto death.
m Or, to do a pleasure.

CHAP. XXV.

2 The Iewes accuse Paul before Festus. 8 He answereth for himself. 11 And appealeth vnto the Emperour. 14 His matter is rehearsed before Agrippa. 23 And he is broght forthe.

1 WHen Festus was then come into the prouince, after thre dayes he went vp from Cesarea vnto Ierusalem.
2 Then the high Priest, and the chief of the Iewes appeared before him against Paul: and they besoght him,
3 And a desired fauour against him, that he wolde send for him to Ierusalem: and they laid wait to kil him by the way.
4 But Festus answered, that Paul shulde be kept at Cesarea, & ỹ he him self wolde shortly departe *thither*.
5 Let them therefore, said he, which amōg you are b able, come downe with vs: and if there be anie wickednes in the man, let them accuse him.
6 ¶ Now when he had taried among thē no more then ten dayes, he went downe to Cesarea, and the next day sate in the iudgement seat, & cōmanded Paul to be broght.
7 And when he was come, the Iewes which were come from Ierusalē, stode about him and laid manie and grieuous complaintes against Paul, which they colde not proue,
8 Forasmuche as he answered, c that he had nether offended anie thing against ỹ Law of the Iewes, nether against the Temple, nor against Cesar.
9 Yet Festus willing to d get fauour of the Iewes, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go vp to Ierusalem, and there be iudged of these things before me?
10 Then said Paul, I stand at d Cesars iudgemēt seat, where I ought to be e iudged: to the Iewes I haue done no wrong, as thou verie wel knowest.
11 For if I haue done wrong, or committed anie thing worthie of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof they accuse me, no man can deliuer me to them: I appeale vnto Cesar.
12 Then when Festus had spoken with f the Council, he answered, Hast thou appealed vnto Cesar? vnto Cesar shalt thou go.
13 ¶ And after certeine dayes, King Agrippa and g Bernice came downe to Cesarea to salute Festus.
14 And when they had remained there manie dayes, Festus proposed Pauls cause vnto the King, saying, There is a certeine man left in prison by Felix.
15 Of whome when I came to Ierusalem, the high Priests & Elders of the Iewes informed me, and desired to haue iudgemēt against him.
16 To whome I answered, that it is not the maner of the Romaines for fauour to deliuer anie man to the death before that he which is accused, haue the accusers before him, and haue place to defend him self, cōcerning the crime.
17 Therefore when they were come hither, without delay the day following I sate on the

a The enuious sute of the Priests against Paul.
b Which may moste commodiously.
c Paul defendeth him self in iudgement.
d Seing him self betrayed by the ambition of the iudge, he desireth that in consideratiō of his fredome, he may be sent to Rome.
e It is lawful to require the defense of the Magistrate to maintein our right.
f Without whose consent he colde do nothing.
g This was his owne sister whome he entertained.

on the iudgement ſeat, and cõmanded the man to be broght forthe.

18 Againſt whome when the accuſers ſtode vp, they broght no crime of ſuche things as I ſuppoſed:

19 But had certeine queſtions againſt him of their owne [h] ſuperſtition, and of one Ieſus which was dead, whome Paul affirmed to be aliue.

h This worde doeth alſo ſignifie religion: but he ſpeaketh in contempt of the true doctrine.

20 And becauſe I douted of ſuche maner of queſtion, I aſked him whether he wolde go to Ieruſalem, and there be iudged of theſe things.

21 But becauſe he appealed to be reſerued to the examination of Auguſtus, I commanded him to be kept, til I might ſend him to Ceſar.

22 Then Agrippa ſaid vnto Feſtus, I wolde alſo heare the man my ſelf. To morowe, ſaid he, thou ſhalt heare him.

23 And on the morow when Agrippa was come and Bernice with great pompe, and were entred into the "Cõmune hall with the chief captaines and chief men of the citie, at Feſtus commandement Paul was broght forthe.

"Or, auditorie.

24 And Feſtus ſaid, King Agrippa, and all men which are preſent with vs, ye ſe this man, about whome all the multitude of the Iewes haue called vpõ me, bothe at Ieruſalem, and here, crying, that he oght not to liue anie longer.

25 Yet haue I founde nothing worthie of death, ỹ he hathe cõmitted: neuertheles, ſeing that he hathe appealed to Auguſtus, I haue determined to ſend him.

26 Of whome I haue no certeine thing to write vnto my [i] Lord: wherefore I haue broght him forthe vnto you, & ſpecially vnto thee, King Agrippa, ỹ after examinatiõ had, I might haue ſomewhat to write.

i Flatterers firſt vſed to call Tyrants by this name, and after it ſo growed into vſe, that vertuous princes refuſed it not, as appeareth by Plinies epiſtles to Traiane.

27 For me thinketh it vnreaſonable to ſend a priſoner, and not to ſhewe the cauſes which are *layed* againſt him.

CHAP. XXVI.

The innocencie of Paul is approued by rehearſing his conuerſation. 25 His modeſt anſwer againſt the iniurie of Feſtus.

1 THen Agrippa ſaid vnto Paul, Thou art permitted to ſpeake for thy ſelf. So Paul ſtretched forthe the hand, and anſwered for him ſelf.

2 I thike my ſelf happie, King Agrippa, becauſe I ſhal anſwer this daye before thee of all the things whereof I am accuſed of the Iewes:

3 Chiefly, becauſe thou haſt knowledge of all cuſtomes, and queſtions which are among ỹ Iewes: wherefore, I beſeche thee, [a] to heare me paciently.

a Forasmuche as he beſt vnderſtode the religion, he oght to be more attentiue

4 As touching my life from *my* childehode and what it was from the beginning among mine owne nation at Ieruſalem, knowe all the Iewes,

5 Which knewe me heretofore (if they wolde teſtifie) that after the moſte ſtraite [b] ſect of our religion I liued a Phariſe.

b Paul ſpeaketh of this ſect according to the peoples eſtimatiõ who preferred it as moſte holie aboue all others: for their doctrine was leaſt corrupt.

6 And now I ſtand and am accuſed for the hope of the promes made of God vnto our fathers.

7 Whereunto our twelue tribes inſtantly ſeruing *God* day and night, hope to come: for ỹ which hopes ſake, ô King Agrippa, I am accuſed of the Iewes.

8 Why ſhulde it be thoght a thing incredible vnto you, that God ſhulde raiſe againe the dead?

9 I alſo verely thoght in my ſelf, that I oght to do manie contrarie things againſt the Name of Ieſus of Nazaret.

10 *Which thing I alſo did in Ieruſalem: for manie of the Sainctes I ſhut vp in priſon, hauing receiued autoritie of the high Prieſts, and when they were put to death, I [c] gaue *my* ſentence. *Chap. 8, 3.*

c That is, I approued their cruelcie which they vſed againſt him.

11 And I puniſhed thẽ throughout all ỹ Synagogues, and cõpelled them to blaſpheme, and being more mad againſt them, I perſecuted them, euen vnto ſtrange cities.

12 At which time, euen as I went to *Damaſcus with autoritie, & cõmiſsion from the high Prieſts, *Chap. 9, 3.*

13 At midday, ô King, I ſawe in the way a light from heauen, paſsing the brightnes of the ſunne, ſhine rounde about me, and them which went with me.

14 So when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice ſpeaking vnto me, and ſaying in the Hebrewe tongue, *Saul, Saul, why perſecuteſt thou me? It is hard for thee to kicke againſt prickes. *Chap. 9, 4. & 22, 7.*

15 Then I ſaid, Who art thou, Lord? And he ſaid, I am Ieſus whome thou perſecuteſt.

16 But riſe and ſtand vp on thy fete: for I haue appeared vnto thee for this purpoſe, to appoint thee a miniſter and a witnes, bothe of the things which thou haſt ſene, & of the things in the which I wil appeare vnto thee,

17 Deliuering thee from the [d] people, & frõ the Gẽtiles, vnto whome now I ſend thee,

d Of the Iewes.

18 To [e] opẽ their eyes, that they may turne from darkenes to light, and frõ the power of Satan vnto God, that they may receiue forgiuenes of ſinnes, and inheritãce amõg them, which are ſanctified by faith in me.

e Although this properly appertaineth vnto God, yet he applieth this vnto his miniſters vnto whome he giueth his holie Spirit.

19 Wherefore, King Agrippa, I was not diſobedient vnto the heauenlie viſion,

20 * But ſhewed firſt vnto them of Damaſcus, and a Ieruſalem, and throughout all the coaſtes of Iudea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they ſhulde repent, and turne to God, and do workes worthie amendemẽt of life. *Chap. 13, 14.*

21 For this cauſe the Iewes caught me in the Temple, and went about to kil me. *Chap. 21, 30.*

22 Neuertheles, I obteined helpe of God, and continue vnto this day, witnesing bothe to smal & to great, saying none other things, then those which the Prophetes & Moses did say shulde come,

23 *To wit*, that Christ shulde suffer, and that he shulde be the first that shulde rise from the dead, and shulde shewe light vnto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus answered for himself, Festus said with a loude voyce, Paul, thou art besides thy self: muche learning doeth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, ô noble Festus, but I speake the wordes of trueth and sobernes.

26 For the King knoweth of these things, before whome also I speake boldely: for I am persuaded that f none of these things are hid from him: for this thing was not done in a corner.

f He knewe ỹ the Law and the Prophetes were of God, but he did not vnderstand the true applying of the same.

27 O King Agrippa, beleuest thou the Prophetes? I know that thou beleuest.

28 Then Agrippa said vnto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to become a Christiã.

29 Thẽ Paul said, I wolde to God that not onely thou, but also all that heare me to daye, were bothe almost, & altogether suche as I am, except these bondes.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the King rose vp, and the gouernour, and Bernice, and they that sate with them.

31 And when they were gone aparte, they talked betwene them selues, saying, This man doeth nothing worthie of death, nor of bondes.

32 Then said Agrippa vnto Festus, This mã might haue bene losed, if he had not appealed vnto Cesar.

CHAP. XXVII.

Pauls dangerous viage and his companie towarde Rome. 44 How, and where they arriue.

NOw when it was concluded, that we shulde saile into Italie, they deliuered bothe Paul, & certeine other prisoners vnto a Centurion named Iulius, of the bande of Augustus.

2 And * we entred into a ship of Adramyttium purposing to saile by the costes of Asia, and launched forthe, and had Aristarchus of Macedonia, a Thessalonian, w̃ vs.

*a.Cor.11.25.

3 And the next day we arriued at Sidon: & Iulius courteously entreated Paul, & gaue him libertie to go vnto his friends, that they might refresh him.

a From Sidon to Myra they shulde haue sailed north, & by west: but ỹ windes caused them to saile to Cyprus plaine North: thẽce to Cilicia North and by East, and so to Pamphylia, & Myra plaine West.

4 And from thence we launched, and sailed harde by a Cyprus, because the windes were contrarie.

5 Then sailed we ouer the sea by Cilicia, and Pamphylia, and came to Myra, *a citie* in Lycia.

6 And there the Centurion founde a ship of Alexandria, sailing into Italie, and put vs therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly manie dayes, and scarce were come against Gnidum, because the winde suffered vs not, we sailed harde by b Candie, nereto c Salmone,

b Which was an high hil of Candie bowing to the sea warde.

8 And with muche a do sailed beyonde it, and came vnto a certeine place called the Faire hauens, nere vnto the which was the citie Lasea.

9 So when muche time was spent, and sailing was now ieoperdous, because also the d Fast was now passed, Paul exhorted *thẽ*,

d This fast the Iewes obserued about the moneth of October in the Feast of their expiatiõ, Leui. 23.37. So that Paul thoght it better to winter there, then to saile in the diepe of winter ẅ was at hand.

10 And said vnto them, Syrs, I se that this viage wil be with hurt & muche domage, not of the lading & shippe onely, but also of our liues.

11 Neuertheles ỹ Centurion beleued rather the gouerner & the master of the ship, thẽ those things which were spoken of Paul.

12 And because the hauen was not commodious to winter in, manie toke counsel to departe thence, if by anie meanes they might atteine to Phenice, *there* to winter, which is an hauen of Candie, and lieth towarde the Southwest and by West, and Northwest and by West.

13 And when the southern winde blewe softely, they supposing to obteine their purpose, losed nerer, and sailed by Candie.

14 But anone after, there arose by it a stormie winde called d Eurocly don.

d That is, the Northeast winde, or enerie East winde that is furious and stormie.

15 And when the ship was caught, & colde not resist the winde, we let her go, & were caryed away.

16 And we rã vnder a litle yle named e Clauda, and had muche a do to get the boat.

e This yle was West and by South from Candie straight towarde the gouif Syrtes, which were certeine boiling sandes ỹ swallowed vp all that thei caught.

17 Which they toke vp and vsed all helpe, vndergirding the ship, fearing lest they shulde haue fallen into Syrtes, and they let downe the f vessel, and so were caryed.

f Or, boat.

18 The next day when we were tossed with an exceading tempest, they f lightened the shippe.

f Or, cast out the wares.

19 And the third day we cast out with our owne hands the takling of the ship.

20 And when nether sunne nor starres in manie dayes appeared, and no smal tẽpest lay vpon vs, all hope that we shulde be saued, was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence, Paul stode forthe in the middes of thẽ, and said, Syrs, ye shulde haue hearkened to me, and not haue losed from Candie: so shulde ye haue f gained this hurt and losse.

f That is, ye shulde haue saued the losse by auoiding the danger.

22 But now I exhorte you to be of good courage: for there shalbe no losse of anie mans life among you, saue of the shippe onely.

23 For there stode by me this night the Angel of g God, whose I am, & whome I serue,

g They colde not thẽ reproue him of rashenes, seing that this was ỹ ordinance of God.

24 Saying, Feare not, Paul: for thou must be broght before Cesar: and lo, God hathe giuen

h The graces & blesſings, ẅ God giueth to his children, profite manie times the enemies, ẅ are vnworthie to receiue ỹ frute thereof.

given vnto h thee all that saile with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good courage: for i I beleue God, that it shalbe so as it hathe bene tolde me.

i Faith is grounded vpon ỹ worde of God.

26 Howbeit, we must be caſt into a certeine yland.

27 And when the fourteenth night was come, as we were caryed to & fro in the k Adriatical *sea* about midnight, the shipmen demed that some coutrey approched vnto them,

k This sea in Strabos time was taken for all that parte, which was about the mountaines called Cerunii, & so deuideth Italie frō Dalmatia, & goeth vp to Venice.

28 And sounded, and founde it twentie fathoms: & when they had gone a litle further, they sounded againe, and founde fiftene fathoms.

29 Then fearing leſt they shulde haue fallen into some rough places, they caſt foure ancres out of the sterne, & wished that the day were come.

30 Now as the mariners were about to flee out of the ship, & had let downe the boate into the sea vnder a colour as thogh they wolde haue caſt ancres out of the foreship,

31 Paul said vnto the Centurion and the souldiers, Except these abide in the ship, l ye can not be saſe.

l Paul wolde vse suche meanes, as God had ordeined, leſt he shulde seme to haue tẽpted him.

32 Then the souldiers cut of the ropes of the boat, and let it fall away.

33 And when it began to be daye, Paul exhorted them all to take meat, saying, This is the fourteenth daye that ye haue taryed, and continued m fasting, receiuing nothing.

m He meaneth an extraordinarie abstinence, ẅ came of the feare of death, & so toke away their appetite.

34 Wherefore I exhorte you to take meat: for this is for your sauegarde: for there shal not n an heere fall from the head of anie of you.

n By this Hebrewe phraſe is ment ỹ they shulde be in all points saſe and sounde. 1. Sam. 14, 45. 1. king. 1, 52. mat. 10, 30.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he toke bread, and gaue thankes to God, in presence of them all, and brake it, and began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good courage, & they also toke meat.

37 Now we were in the ship in all two hundreth, thre score and sixtene soules.

38 And when they had eaten ynough, they lightened the ship, and caſt out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was daye, they knewe not the countrey, but they spyed a certeine creeke with a banke, into the which they were minded (if it were possible) to thruſt in the ship.

40 So when they had taken vp the ancres, they committed *the ship* vnto the sea, and loſed the rudder bondes, and hoyſed vp the maine saile to the winde, & drewe to the shore.

41 And when they fell into a place, where two seas met, they thruſt in the ship: and the fore parte stucke faſt, and colde not be moued, but the hinder parte was brokē with the violence of the waues.

42 Then the souldiers counsel was o to kil the prisoners, leſt anie of them, when he had swome out, shulde flee away.

o This declareth the great and barbarous ingratitude of the wicked, ỹ can not bewone by no benefites.

43 But the Centurion willing to saue Paul, staied them from *this* counsel, and commanded that they that colde swime, shulde caſt them selues first into the sea, and go out to land:

44 And the other, some on boardes, & some on certeine *pieces* of the ship: and so it came to paſſe, ỹ thei came all saſe to land.

CHAP. XXVIII.

2 Paul with his companie are gently intreated of the barbarous people. 5 The viper hurteth him not. 8 He healeth Publius father and others, and being furnished by them of things neceſſarie, he fared towarde Rome. 15 Where being receiued of the brethren, he declareth his buſines. 30 And there preacheth two yeres.

1 AND when they were come saſe, then they knewe that the yle was called a Melita.

a Now called Malta.

2 And the Barbarians shewed vs no litle kindenes: for they kindled a fyre, and receiued vs euerie one, becauſe of the present showre, and becauſe of the colde.

3 And when Paul had gathered a nomber of stickes, and laid them on the fyre, there came a viper out of the heat, and leapt on his hand.

Or, heape.

4 Now when the Barbarians sawe the worme hang on his hand, they said among them selues, This man surely is a b murtherer, whome, thogh he hathe escaped the sea, yet c Vengeance hathe not suffred to liue.

b Suche is the peruers iudgement of men, that they condemne suche as thei se in anie affliction.

c Whome thei made a Goddeſſe & called her Dice, or Nemesis.

5 But he shoke of the worme into the fyre, and felt no harme.

6 Howbeit thei waited when he shulde haue swolne, or fallen downe dead suddenly: but after they had loked a great while, and sawe no inconuenience come to him, thei changed their mindes, and said, That he was a d God.

d Beholde the extremitie of the seinfidieles, & how muche thei are bent to superſtitiō: for after one rage & erreur thei fell into anothes.

7 In the same quarters, the chief man of the yle (whoſe name was Publius) had poſſessions: the same receiued vs, and lodged vs thre daies courteously.

8 And so it was, that the father of Publius lay sicke of the feuer, & of a bloodie flixe: to whome Paul entred in, & when he praied, he laid *his* hands on him, and healed him.

9 When this then was done, other also in the yle, which had diſeaſes, came to him and were healed,

10 Which also did vs great honour: and when we departed, they laded vs ẅ things neceſſarie.

11 ¶ Now after thre moneths we departed in a ship of Alexādria, which had wintred in the yle, whoſe badge was e Castor and Pollux.

e These ỹ Paynims fained to be Iupiters childrē, & gods of the sea.

12 And when we arriued at Syracuſe, we ta-

ryed *there* thre dayes.

13 And from thence we fet a compaſſe, and came to Rhegium: and after one daye, the South winde blewe, & we came the ſecõde daie to Putioli,

14 Where we founde brethren, and were deſired to tarie with them ſeuen dayes, & ſo we went towarde Rome.

15 ¶ And from thence, when the brethren heard of vs, they came to mete vs at the Market of Appius, and at the f Thre "tauernes, whome when Paul ſawe, he thanked God, and waxed bolde.

16 So when we came to Rome, the Centurion deliuered the priſoners to the generall Captaine: but Paul was g ſuffred to dwel by him ſelf with a ſouldier that kept him.

17 And the third day after, Paul called the chief of the Iewes together: & when thei were come, he ſaid vnto them, Men & brethren, thogh I haue committed nothing againſt the people, or Lawes of the fathers, *yet* was I deliuered priſoner from Ieruſalẽ into the hands of the Romaines.

18 Who when thei had examined me, wolde haue let me go, becauſe there was no cauſe of death in me.

19 But when the Iewes ſpake contrarie, I was conſtrained to appeale vnto Ceſar, not becauſe I had ought to accuſe my nacion of.

20 For this cauſe therefore haue I called for you, to ſe *you*, and to ſpeake with *you*: for the hope h of Iſraels ſake, I am bounde with this chaine.

21 Then they ſaid vnto him, We nether receiued letters out of Iudea concerning thee, nether came anie of the brethrẽ that ſhewed or ſpake anie euil of thee.

22 But we wil heare of thee what thou thinkeſt: for as cõcerning this ſecte, we knowe that euerie where it is ſpoken againſt.

23 And when they had appointed him a daye, there came manie vnto him into *his* lodging, to whome he expounded and teſtified the i kingdome of God, and preached vnto them concerning Ieſus bothe out of the Law of Moſes and out of the Prophetes, from morning to night.

24 And ſome were perſuaded with the things, which were ſpoken, and ſome beleued not.

25 Therefore when thei agreed not among them ſelues, they departed, after that Paul had ſpoken one worde, *to wit*, Wel ſpake ỹ holie Goſt by Eſaias the Prophet vnto our fathers,

26 Saying, * k Go vnto this people, and ſay, By hearing ye ſhal heare, and ſhal not vnderſtand, and ſeing ye ſhal ſe, and not perceiue.

27 For the heart of this people is waxed fat, and their eares are dull of hearing, and with their eyes haue they winked, leſt they ſhulde ſe with *their* eyes, & heare with *their* eares, & vnderſtand with *their* hearts, and ſhulde returne that I might l heale them.

28 Be it knowen therefore vnto you, that this ſaluacion of God is ſent to the Gentiles, and they ſhal heare it.

29 And when he had ſaid theſe things, the Iewes departed, and had great reaſoning among them ſelues.

30 And Paul remained two yeres ful in an houſe hired for him ſelf, and receiued all that came in vnto him,

31 Preaching the kingdome of God, & teaching thoſe things, which concerne the Lord Ieſus Chriſt, with all boldenes of ſpeache, without let.

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"Or, Shoppes.

f These places were diſtant from Rome a daies iourney, or there about

g No doute the Captaine vnderſtode bothe by Feſtus letres, & alſo by the reporte of the vnder captaine ỹ Paul had comitted no faute.

h That is, for Ieſus Chriſts cauſe, whome thei had long loked for as he that ſhulde be ỹ redemer of ỹ worlde.

i That this kingdome, ỹ was ſpoken of by the Prophetes, was offred vnto them by the cõming of Chriſt.

Iſa.6,9. mat.13,14. mar.4,12. luk.8,10. ioh.12,40. rom.11,8.

k Hereby the hearts of the infideles ogbt to be molified, & ỹ weakelings confirmed that thei be not offended by the ſtubbernes of the wicked.

l The worde of God healeth when the vertue of the Spirit is ioyned with it: & it is preached generally, ỹ all might be inexcuſable.

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the Apoſtle Paul to the Romaines.

THE ARGUMENT.

THe great mercie of God is declared towarde man in Chriſt Ieſus, whoſe righteouſnes is made ours through faith. For when man by reaſon of his owne corruption colde not fulfil the Law, yea, committed moſte abominably, bothe againſt the Law of God and nature, the infinite bountie of God, mindeful of his promes made to his ſeruant Abraham, the father of all beleuers, ordeined that mans ſaluation ſhulde onely ſtand in the perfect obedience of his Sonne Ieſus Chriſt: ſo that not onely the circumciſed Iewes, but alſo the vncircumciſed Gentiles ſhulde be ſaued by faith in him: euen as Abraham before he was circumciſed, was counted iuſte onely through faith, and yet afterwarde receiued circumciſion, as a ſeale or badge of the ſame righteouſnes by faith. And to the intent, that none ſhulde thinke that the couenant which God made to him, and his poſteritie, was not performed: ether becauſe the Iewes receiued not Chriſt (which was the bleſſed ſede) or els beleued not that he was the true redemer, becauſe he did not onely, or at leaſt more notably preſerue the Iewes, the examples of Iſmael and Eſau declare, that all are not Abrahams poſteritie, which come of Abraham according to the fleſh: but alſo the verie ſtrangers and Gentiles grafted in by faith, are made heires of the promes. The cauſe whereof is the onelie wil of God: foraſmuche as of his fre mercie he electeth ſome to be ſaued, and of his iuſte iudgement reiecteth others to be damned, as appeareth by the teſtimonies of the Scriptures. Yet to the intent that the Iewes ſhulde not be to muche beaten downe, nor the Gentiles to muche puffed vp, the example of Elias proueth, that God hathe yet his elect euen of the natural poſteritie of Abraham, thogh it appeareth not ſo to mans eye: and for that preferment that the Gentiles haue, it procedeth of the liberal mercie of God, which he at length wil ſtretch towarde the Iewes againe, and ſo gather the whole Iſrael (which is his Church) of them bothe. Thus groundewoorke of faith and doctrine layed, inſtructions of Chriſtian maners followe: teaching euerie man to walke in roundenes of conſcience in his vocation, with all patience and humblenes, reuerencing, and obeying the magiſtrate, exerciſing charitie, putting of the olde man, and putting on Chriſt, bearing with the weake, and louing one another according to Chriſts example. Finally S. Paul after his commendacions to the brethren exhorteth them to vnitie, and to flee falſe preachers and flatterers, and ſo concludeth with a prayer.

CHAP. I.

1 Paul ſheweth by whome, and to what purpoſe he is called. 13 His ready wil. 16 What the Goſpel is. 20 The vſe of creatures and wherefore they were made. 21. 24 The ingratitude, peruerſitie and puniſhment of all mankinde.

1 PAVL a *ſeruãt of IESVS CHRIST, a called to be an Apoſtle, b *put aparte to preache the Goſpel of God,

2 (Which he had promiſed afore by his *Prophetes in the c holie Scriptures)

3 Concerning his Sonne Ieſus Chriſt our Lord (which was made of the d ſede of Dauid according to the fleſh,

4 And declared mightely *to be* the Sonne of God, touching the Spirit of e ſanctification by the reſurrection frõ the dead)

5 By whome we haue receiued f grace and Apoſtleſhip (that obedience might be giuen vnto the faith) in his Name among all the Gentiles,

6 Among whome ye be alſo the g called of Ieſus Chriſt:

7 To all *you* that be at Rome beloued of God, called *to be* Saints: * h Grace *be* with you, and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

8 Firſt I thanke my God through Ieſus Chriſt for you all, becauſe your faith is publiſhed throughout i the whole worlde.

9 For God is my witnes (whome I ſerue in my k ſpirit in ỹ l Goſpel of his Sõne) that without ceaſing I make mẽcion of you

10 Alwayes in my prayers, beſeching, that by ſome meanes one time or other I might haue a proſperous iourney by the wil of God, to come vnto you.

11 * For I long to ſe you, that I might beſtowe among you ſome ſpiritual gifte, to ſtrengthen you,

12 That is, that I might be comforted together with you, through *our* mutual faith, bothe yours and mine.

13 Now my brethren, I wolde that ye ſhulde not be ignorant, how that I haue often times purpoſed to come vnto you (but haue bene m let hitherto) that I might haue ſome n frute alſo among you, as *I haue* among the other Gentiles.

14 I am detter bothe to the Grecians, and to the Barbarians, bothe to the wiſemen & vnto the vnwiſe.

15 Therfore, aſmuche as in me is, I am ready

1.Cor.1,2. Gal.1,3. 2.Tim.1,6.

Or, miniſter.

a Through Gods mercie, and alſo appointed by cõmandement to this Apoſtleſhip. *Act.13,2. Deu.18,15. act.3,22.*

b Or choſen by the eternal couſel of God, or by the declaration of the ſame couſel.

c The Scriptures onely ſet forthe ỹ great benefite of God promiſed and performed to the worlde in Ieſus Chriſt.

d Meaning of the poſteritie and of ỹ fleſh of the virgine Marie.

e By the Spirit he declareth that Chriſt is God whoſe power did ſo ſanctifie his humanitie, that it colde not fele corruption, nor yet remaine in death.

f What was that moſte liberal benefite to preache the vnſearcheable riches of Chriſt.

g That is, by the mercie of God are adopted in Ieſus Chriſt.

h The fremercie of God & proſperous ſucceſſe in all things.

i That is, through all Chriſtian Churches.

k Earneſtly, and from the heart.

l In preaching the Sonne of God, that is, reconciliation and peace through Chriſt *Chap.15,33.*

m Ether by Satan *1.Theſſ. 2,18.* or by the holie Goſt, *Act. 16, 6.* or called to ſome other place to preache the Goſpel, *Chap. 15,20.*

n Whereof as ſpoken *Ioha 15,16.*

to preache the Gospel to you also, that are at Rome.

16 For I am not [o] ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the *[p] power of God vnto saluatiō to euerie one that beleueth, to the Iewe first, and also to the "Grecian.

17 For by it the [q] righteousnes of [r] God is reueiled, from faith to faith: as it is writtē, *The iuste shal liue by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is reueiled from heauen against all [s] vngodlines, and vnrighteousnes of men, which withholde the trueth [t] in vnrighteousnes,

19 For asmuche as [ỹ], which may be knowen of God, is manifest in them: for God hathe shewed it vnto them.

20 For the inuisible things of him, that is, his eternal power and Godhead, are sene by the creation of the worlde, being cōsidered in *his* workes, to the intēt that they shulde be without excuse:

21 *Because that when they knewe God, they [u] glorified him not as God, nether were thankeful, but became vaine in their imaginations, and their fooliish heart was ful of darkenes.

22 When they professed them selues to be wise, they became fooles.

23 For thei turned the glorie of the incorruptible God to the similitude of the image of a corruptible man, & of birdes, and foure foted beastes, & of creeping things.

24 Wherefore also God [x] [y] gaue them vp to their hearts lustes, vnto vnclēnes, to defile their owne bodies betwene thē selues:

25 Which turned the trueth of God vnto a lie, and worshipped and serued the creature, "forsaking the Creator, which is blessed for euer, Amen.

26 For this cause God gaue them vp vnto vile affections: for euen their women did change the natural vse into that which is against nature.

27 And likewise also the men left the natural vse of the woman, and burned in their "luste one towarde another, and man with man wroght filthines, & receiued in them selues suche recompense of their errour, as was mete.

28 For as thei regarded not to knowe God, *euen so* God deliuered them vp vnto [z] reprobat mīde, to do those things which are not conuenient,

29 Being ful of all vnrighteousnes, fornication, wickednes, coueteousnes, maliciousnes, full of enuie, of murther, of debate, of disceite, taking all things in the euil parte, whisperers,

30 Backebiters, haters of God, doers of wrōg, proude, boasters, inuenters of euil things, disobedient to parents, without vnderstanding, couenant breakers, without naturall affection, suche as can neuer be appeased, merciles.

31 Which mē, thogh they knewe [a] the *Law of God, how that they which commit suche things, are worthie of death, *yet* not onely do the same, but also [b] fauour them that do them.

CHAP. II.

1 He feareth the hypocrites with Gods iudgemēt, 7 And cōforteth the faithful. 12 To beat downe all vaine pretence of ignorance, holines, and of alliance with God, he proueth all men to be sinners. 15 The Gentiles by their conscience. 17 The Iewes by the Law written.

1 THerefore thou art inexcusable, ô mā, whosoeuer thou art that "[a] iudgest: *for in that that thou iudgest another, thou cōdemnest [b] thy self: for thou that iudgest, doest the same things.

2 But we knowe that the iudgemēt of God is according to [c] trueth, against thē which commit suche things.

3 And thinkest thou this, ô thou man, that iudgest them which do suche things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the iudgement of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his bountifulnes, and *pacience, and long sufferance, not knowing that the bountifulnes of GOD leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But thou, after thine hardnes and heart that can not repent, *heapest vnto thy self wrath against the day of [d] wrath and of the declaration of the iuste indgement of God,

6 *Who wil rewarde euerie mā according to his [e] workes:

7 *That is*, to them which by continuance in wel doing seke glorie, and honour, & immortalitie, eternal life:

8 But vnto them that are contentious and disobey the trueth, and obey vnrighteousnes, *shalbe* indignation and wrath.

9 Tribulation and anguish *shalbe* vpon the soule of euerie man that doeth euil: of the Iewe first, and *also* of the [f] Grecian.

10 But to euerie man that doeth good, *shalbe* glorie, and honour, and peace, to the Iewe first, and *also* to the Grecian.

11 For there is no *respect of [g] persones with God.

12 For as manie as haue sinned without the Law, shal perish also [h] without the Law: & as manie as haue sinned in the Law, shalbe iudged by the Law

13 (*For the hearers of the Law *are* not righteous before God: but ỹ doers of the Law shalbe iustified.

14 For when the Gentiles which haue not the Law, do by nature the things *conteined* in the Law, they hauing not the Law, are a Law vnto them selues,

15 Which shewe ỹ effect of the Law written

o He passeth not for the mocking of ỹ wicked. *1.Cor.1,18.*
p Or, effectual instrument.
"Or, Gentile. *Habrk.2,4. gal.3,11. ebr.10,37.*
q The perfection, & integrite ẅ whosoeuer hathe, appeareth before God holie, blameles, & cā be accuted of no faute and this iustice is contrarie to mans iustice, or ỹ iustice of workes, & onely is apprehēded by faith which daily increaseth, Psal 84,7.
r Which God approueth. *Ephe.4,18.*
s He deuided the law of nature corrupt into vngodlines, & vnrighteousnes. Vngodlines conteineth the false worshiping of God: vnrighteousnes, breache of loue towarde man.
t In that they nether worshipped God, as nature partely teacheth thē, nor loue one another.
u They worshipedhim not as he prescribed, but after their good intentions.
x Or deliuered them as a iuste iudge.
y Seing men wolde not according to the knowledge ỹ God gaue thē, worshipp him a right, he smote their hearts with blindnes that they shulde not knowe them selues, but do inurie one to another and commit suche horrible vilenie.
z Or, *abuse the Creator.*
"Or, *apperite.*
a That is, suche one as was destitute of all iudgement.

a Which Law God writ in their consciences, and ỹ Philosophers called it the Law of nature: the lawers, ỹ law of natiōs, whereof Moses Law is a plaine exposition.
"Or, *righteousnes*
b Or consent to thē: which is the ful measure ot all iniquitie.

"Or, *blame ſt.*
a Nether they which do approue euil doers, nor they which reproue them, are excusable before God. *Mat.7,1. 1.cor.4,5.*
b For ether thou art giltie of the same faute, or like.
c For he iudgeth the heart and regardeth not the outwarde persone. *2.Pet.2,13.*

Iam.5,3.
d The wicked shalbe condemned, and ỹ faithful deliuered. *Psal 62,13. reuel.22,2. mat.16,7.*
e The commune sorte of mē are moste vnable to be iustified by their workes, seing Abraham the father of beleuers hathe nothing to glorie of before God, & therefore all mens workes shal cōdemne them, & they onely shalbe saued, which apprehende Iesus Christ by faith to be their onelie iustice, & sanctification. *Deu.10,17. 2.chro.19,7. iob.37,19. act 10,34. Mat.7,21. iam.1,22.*
f By the Grecian he vnderstandeth the Gentile, & euerie one that is not a Iewe.
g As touching anie outwarde qualitie, but as the peruerter before I make

his vessels, he doeth appoint some to glorie, and others to ignomi.
h That is, without the knowledge of the Law written, which was giuen by Moses.

in their

i For mans cõ sciẽce sheweth him when he doeth good or euil.

in their i hearts, their conscience also bearing witnes, & their thoghts accusing one another, or excusing,)

16 At the day when God shal iudge the secretes of men by Iesus Christ, according to my Gospel.

k He awaketh the Iewes, ẅ were a slepe through a certeine securitie & confidence in the Law.

17 ¶ k Beholde, thou art called a Iewe, and restest in the Law, and *gloriest in God,

18 And knowest *his* wil, and "alowest the things that are excellent, in that thou art instructed by the Law:

*Chap. 9, 4.

"Or, trust the things that diseast from it.

19 And persuadest thy self that thou art a guide of the blinde, a light of them which are in darkenes.

20 An instructer of them which lacke discretion, a teacher of the vnlearned, which hast the l forme of knowledge, and of the trueth in the Law.

l The way to teache others in the knowledge of the trueth.

21 Thou therefore, ẅ teachest another, teachest thou not thy self? ÿ that preachest, A man shulde not steale, doest thou steale?

22 Thou that saist, A man shulde not commit adulterie, doest thou commit adulterie? thou that abhorrest idoles, committest thou sacrilege?

23 Thou that gloriest in the Law, through breaking the Law dishonorest thou God?

24 For the Name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, *as it is written.

*Isa. 52, 5. Ezec. 36, 20.

25 For circumcision verely is profitable, if thou do the Law: but if thou be a transgresor of the Law, thy m circumcision is made vncircumcision.

m The end of circumcision was ŷ keping of the Law, & the Sacramẽt separated frõ his end is of none effect.

26 Therefore if the vncircumcision kepe the ordinances of the Law, shal not his vncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

27 And shal not vncircumcision which is by nature (if it kepe the Law) "iudge thee, which by the n letter and circumcision *art* a transgressor of the Law?

"Or, condemne.

n When the Law is called the letter, or that it pronoketh death in vs, or that it killeth, or is ŷ ministerie of death, or ŷ it is ŷ strẽgth of sinne, it is mẽt as we consider the Law of it selfe without Christ.

28 For he is not a Iewe, which is one outwarde: nether is that circumcision, which is outwarde in the flesh:

29 But he is a Iewe which is one within, & the * circumcision *is* of the heart, in the o spirit, not in ŷ letter, whose praise is not of men, but of God.

*Col. 2, 11.

o In the inwarde man & heart.

CHAP. III.

1 Hauing granted some prerogatiue to the Iewes, because of Gods fre and stable promes. 10 He proueth by the Scriptures, bothe Iewes and Gentiles to be sinners. 21. 24 And to be iustified by grace through faith, & not by workes. 31 And so the Law to be established.

1 WHat is then the preferment of the Iewe? or what is the profite of circumcision?

2 Muche euerie maner of way: for chiefly, because vnto them were committed the "oracles of God.

"Or, wordes. Isa. 46, 13. chap. 9, 5. 2 Tim. 2, 12

3 For what, thogh some did not beleue? shal their * vnbelief make the" faith of God without effect?

"Or, promes

4 God forbid: yea, let God be *true, and *euerie man a liar, as it is writtẽ, *That thou mightest be a iustified in thy wordes, and ouercome, when thou art iudged.

*John 3, 33. Psal. 116, 11. Psal. 51, 6.

a That thou maist be declared iuste, and thy goodnes and trueth in performig thy promises may appeare, when man ether of curiositie or arrogãcie wolde iudge thy workes.

5 Now if b our vnrighteousnes commende the righteousnes of God, what shal we say? Is God vnrighteous which punisheth? (I speake c as a man.)

b He sheweth how ŷ wicked do reason against God.

c Whose carnal wisdome wil not obey the wil of God

6 God forbid: els how shal God iudge the worlde?

7 For if ŷ veritie of God hathe more abũded through my lie vnto his glorie, why am I yet condemned as a sinner?

8 And (as we are blamed, and as some affirme that we say) why do we not euil, that good may come *thereof*? whose damnation is iust.

d Left the Iewes shulde be puffed vp in that he preferred them to the Gẽtiles, he sheweth that this their preferment standeth onely in the mercie of God, for asmuche as bothe Iewe and Gẽtil through sinne are subiect to Gods wrath, that they might bothe be made equal in Christ.

9 What then? d are we more excellent? No, in no wise: for we haue already proued, that all, bothe Iewes and Gentiles are *vnder sinne.

*Gal. 3, 22. Psal. 14, 1. & 53, 4. Psal. 5, 10. Psal. 140, 4. Psal. 10, 7. Isai. 59, 7. prou. 1, 16.

10 As it is writtẽ, *There is none righteous, no not one.

11 There is none that vnderstandeth: there is none that seketh God.

12 They haue all gone out of the way: they haue bene made altogether vnprofitable: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

13 *Their throte is an open sepulchre: they haue vsed their tõgues to deceit: *the poyson of aspes *is* vnder their lippes.

14 *Whose mouth is ful of cursing and bitternes.

15 *Their fete are swift to sheade blood.

16 Destruction and calamitie *are* in their wayes,

17 And the e way of peace they haue not knowen.

e A peaceable & innocẽt life.

18 *The feare of God is not before their eyes.

*Psal. 36, 1.

19 * Now we knowe that whatsoeuer the f Law saith, it saith it to them which are vnder the Law, that euerie mouth may be stopped, and all the worlde be g culpable before God.

*Gal. 2, 17.

f That is, the olde testament.

g The Law doeth not make vs giltie, but doeth declare that we are giltie before God, & deserue condemnation.

20 Therefore by the workes of the h Law shal no flesh be iustified in his sight: for by the Lawe *commeth* the knowledge of sinne.

h He meaneth the Law ether written or vnwritten which commandeth or forbiddeth any thing, whose workes can not iustifie because we can not performe them. *Chap. 2, 17.*

21 But now is the* righteousnes of God made manifest without the Law, hauing witnes of the Law and of the Prophetes,

22 *To wit*, the righteousnes of God by the faith of Iesus Christ, vnto all, and vpon all that beleue.

23 For there is no difference: for all haue sinned, and are i depriued of the glorie of God,

i The worde signifieth them which are left behinde in the race and are not able to runne to the marke, ŷ is to euerlasting life, which here is called the glorie of God.

24 And are iustified frely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Iesus,

25 Whome God hathe set forthe *to be* a re-

conciliation through faith in his blood to declare his k righteousnes, by the forgiuenes of the sinnes that are passed through the pacience of God,

26 To shewe at this time his righteousnes, that he might be iuste, and a iustifier of him which is of the faith of Iesus.

27 Where is then the reioycing? It is excluded. By what Law? of workes? Nay: but by the l Law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is iustified by faith without the workes of the Law.

29 *God*, is he the God of the Iewes onely, & not of the Gentiles also? Yes, euen of the Gentiles also.

30 For it is one God who shal iustifie circumcision m of faith, and vncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make the Law of none effect through faith? God forbid: yea n we establish the Law.

k Or fidelitie in performing his promes.

l The Law of faith is the Gospel which offreth saluation with condition (if thou beleuest) & cō dition also Christ frely giueth to vs. So the conditiō of the Law is (if thou doest all these things) the W onely Christ hathe fulfilled for vs.

m Meaning, that they are all iustified by one meanes, & if they wil haue anie difference, it onely standeth in wordes: for in effect there is none.

n The doctrine of faith is the ornament of the Law: for it embraceth Christ, who by his death hathe satisfied the Law: so that the Law which colde not bring vs to saluation by reason of our owne corruption, is now made effectual to vs by Christ Iesus.

CHAP. IIII.

1, 17 He declareth that iustification is a free gift euen by them themselues, of whome the Iewes moste boasted as of Abraham and of Dauid. 15 And also by the office of the Law & faith.

1 WHat shal we say then, that Abraham our father hathe foūde a cōcerning the flesh a?

a That is, by workes.

2 For if Abraham were iustified by workes, he hathe wherein to b reioyce, but not with God.

b He might pretende some merite or worke worthie to be recompensed.

3 For what saith the Scripture? *Abraham beleued God, and it was counted to him for righteousnes.

Gen.15,6. Gal.3,6. Iam.2,23.

4 Now to him that c worketh, the wages is not counted by fauour, but by dette,

c Merseth by his workes.

5 But to him that d worketh not, but beleueth in him that e iustifieth the vngodlie, his faith is counted for righteousnes.

d That dependeth not on his workes, nether thinketh to merit by them.

e Which maketh him that is wicked in him self, iuste in Christ.

6 Euen as Dauid declareth the blessednes of the mā, vnto whome God imputeth righteousnes without workes, *saying*,

7 *Blessed *are* thei, whose iniquities are forgiuen, and whose sinnes are couered.

Psal.32,1.

8 Blessed *is* the mā, to whome the Lord imputeth not sinne.

9 *Came* this blessednes then vpon the f circumcision *onely*, or vpon the vncircumcision also? For we say, that faith was imputed vnto Abraham for righteousnes.

f Vnder this excellent sacrament he comprehēdeth the whole Law.

10 How was it then imputed? when he was circumcised, or vncircumcised? not when he was circumcised, but when he was vncircumcised.

11 *After he receiued the signe of circumcisiō, as ỹ seale of the righteousnes of the faith which he had, when he was vncircumcised, that he shulde be the father of all them that beleue, not being circumcised, that righteousnes might be imputed to them also,

Gen.17,7,10.

12 And the father of circumcision, not vnto them onely which are of the circumcision, but vnto them also that walke in the g steppes of the faith of our father Abraham, *which he had* when he was vncircumcised.

g This may not be vnderstande of the frutes of faith: (for thereof ỹ Apostle doeth hereafter expressly intreat) but of ỹ faith it selfe.

13 For the promes that he shulde be the heire of the worlde, was not *giuen* to Abraham, or to his seed, through the h Law, but through the righteousnes of faith.

h In fulfilling the workes the reof.

14 For if they which i are of the Law, *be* k heires, faith is made voyde, & the promes is made of none effect.

i And thinke to performe ỹ same by workes.

k If it be requisit to fulfil the Law for him that shal be of Abrahās inheritance, then it is in vaine to beleue ỹ promes: for it serueth to no vse.

15 For the Law causeth l wrath: for where no Law is, there *is* no m transgression.

Gen.17,4.

l Through our defaut, and not of it self.

m That is no breache of cō mandemente.

16 Therefore *it is* by faith, that *it might come* by grace, and the promes might be sure to n all the sede, not to that onely which is of the Law: but also to that which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of vs all,

n Which beleue.

17 (As it is written, *I haue made thee a father of many nacions) *euen* o before God whome he beleued, who quickeneth the p dead, and calleth those things which be not, as though they were.

o By a spirituall kinred which God chiefly accepteth.

Gen.17,5.

18 Which *Abraham* aboue hope, beleued vnder hope, that he shulde be the father of many nacions: according to that which was spoken *to him*, *So shal thy sede be.

p Abraham begate the circūcised euē by ỹ vertue of faith and not by ỹ power of nature, which was extinguished: so the Gentils which were nothig, are called by the power of God to be of the nōber of ỹ faithful.

19 And he q not weake in the faith, considered not his owne bodie, which was now dead, being almost an hundreth yere olde, nether r the deadnes of Saras wombe.

q But, moste stroog & constant.

r In that she was past childe bearing.

20 Nether did he doute of the promes of God through vnbeliefe, but was strengthened in ỹ faith, & gaue s glorie to God,

s For his mercie and trueth.

21 Being fully assured that he which had promised, was also able to do it.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousnes.

23 Now it is not written for him onely, that it was imputed to him for righteousnes,

24 But also t for vs, to whome it shalbe imputed *for righteousnes*, which beleue in him that raised vp Iesus our Lord from the dead.

t For our instructions: for we shalbe iustified by the same meanes.

25 Who was deliuered *to death* for our sinnes, & u is risen againe for our iustification.

u To accomplish & make perfect our iustification.

CHAP. V.

1 He declareth the frute of faith; 7 And by comparison setteth forthe the loue of God and obedience of Christ, which is the fundacion and grounde of the same.

1 THen being iustified by faith, we haue a peace towarde God through our Lord Iesus Christ.

a By peace here is mēt that incredible and most constant quietnes of minde

2 *By whome also we haue accesse through

*when we are deliuered from all terror of conscience, & fully perswaded of the fauour of God: and this peace is the frute of faith. *Ephes. 2,23*

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faith vnto this grace, wherein we stand, & reioyce vnder ỹ hope of the glorie of God.

Iam.1,3. 3 Nether *do we so* onely, but also we *reioyce in tribulatiõs, knowing that tribulation bringeth forthe patience,

4 And patience experience, and experience hope,

b For it hathe euer good successe.
c He meaneth that loue wherewith God loueth vs.
Ebr.9,15.
1.pet.3 18.
d By this comparison he amplifieth the death of Christ.
e That is, for suche one of whome he hathe receiued good.

5 And hope maketh not [b] ashamed, because the [c] loue of God is shed abroade in our hearts by the holie Goste, which is giuẽ vnto vs.

6 For Christ, when we were yet of no strength, at *his* time, dyed for the * vngodlie.

7 Douteles one wil scarse dye for a [d] righteous man: but yet for a [e] good mã it may be that one dare dye.

8 But God setteth out his loue towarde vs, seing ỹ while we were yet sinners, Christ dyed for vs.

9 Muche more then, being now iustified by his blood, we shal be saued from wrath through him.

F Because of sinne: yet frendes by the grace of Christ.

10 For if when we were [f] enemies, we were recõciled to God by the death of his Sonne, muche more being recõciled, we shalbe saued by his life.

11 And not onely *so*, but we also reioyce in God through our Lord Iesus Christ, by whome we haue now receiued ỹ atonemẽt.

12 Wherefore, as by one man sinne entred into the worlde, and death by sinne, and so death wẽt ouer all men: for asmuche as all men haue sinned.

g From Adam to Moses.

13 For vnto the [g] time of the Law was sinne in the worlde, but sinne is not imputed, while there is no Law.

h He meaneth yong babes, which nether had the knowledge of the Law of nature, nor any motiõ of concupiscẽce, muche lesse cõmitted any actual sinne: & this may also comprehend ỹ Gentiles.
i Yet all mankinde, as it were sinned whẽ they were as yet inclosed in Adames loynes.
k Which was Christ.

14 But death reigned from Adam to Moses euen ouer them also that sinned not [h] after the like maner of the transgression of [i] Adam, which was ỹ figure of [k] him that was to come.

15 But yet the gift is not so, as is the offence: for if through the offence of one, many be dead, muche more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man Iesus Christ, hathe abunded vnto many.

16 Nether is the gift *so*, as *that which entred in* by one that sinned: for the faute *came* of one *offence* vnto condẽnacion: but the gift *is* [l] of many offences to iustification.

l For by Christ we are not onely delivered from ỹ sinnes of Adam, but also from all suche as we haue added thereunto.
m The iustice of Iesus Christ which is imputed to ỹ faithful.
n Which beleue to be saued in Iesus Christ.

17 For if by ỹ offence of one, death reigned through one, muche more shal they which receiue the abundance of grace, and of the gift of [m] righteousnes, reigne in life through one, *that is* Iesus Christ.

18 Likewise thẽ as by the offence of one *the faute came* on all men to condemnation, so by the iustifying of one *the benefite abunded* toward [n] all men to ỹ iustification of life.

19 For as by one mans disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shal many also be made righteous.

20 Moreouer the [o] Law entred thereupon that the offence shulde [p] abunde: neuertheles where sinne abunded, *there* grace abunded muche more:

o The Lawe of Moses.
p That it might be more manifestly knowen, & set before all mens eyes.

21 That as sinne had reigned vnto death, so might grace also reigne by righteousnes vnto eternal life, through Iesus Christ our Lord.

CHAP. VI.

Because no man shulde glorie in the flesh, but rather seke to subdue it to the Spirit. 3 He sheweth by the vertue & end of Baptisme. 5 That regeneration is ioyned with iustification, and therefore exhorteth to godlie life. 21 Setting before mens eyes the rewarde of sinne and righteousnes.

1 WHat shal we say then? Shal we continue stil in sinne, that grace may abunde? God forbid.

2 How shal we, that are [a] dead to sinne, liue yet therein?

a He dyeth to sinne in whome the strẽgth of sinne is broken by ỹ vertue of Christ, and so now liueth to God.
Gal.3,27.
Col.2,12.

3 Knowe ye not, that * all we which haue bene baptized into [b] Iesus Christ, haue bene baptized into his death?

b Which is, that growing together with him, we might receiue vertue to kill sinne, and raise vp our new man.
Ephes.4,23.
col.3,8.
ebr.12,2.
2.pet.2,1.
1.Cor.6,14.
2.tim.2,11.

4 * We are buryed then with him by baptisme into his death, that like as Christ was raised vp from the dead by the glorie of the Father, so we also shulde * walke in newnes of life.

5 *For if we be [c] grafted with him [d] to the similitude of his death, euen so shal we be *to the similitude* of his resurrection,

c The Greke worde meaneth, that we growe vp together with Christ, as we se mosse, yuie, mistel towe, or suche like growe vp by a tre and are nourished with the ioyse thereof.
d If we by his vertue dye to sinne.

6 Knowing this, that our olde man is crucified with him, that the [e] bodie of sinne might be destroyed, that henceforthe we shulde not serue sinne.

e The flesh wherein sinne sticketh fast.

7 For he that is dead, is [f] freed from sinne.

f Because that being dead we can not sinne.

8 Wherefore, if we be dead with Christ, we beleue that we shal liue also with him,

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from ỹ dead, dyeth no more: death hath no more dominion ouer him.

10 For in that he dyed, he dyed once [g] to sinne: but in that he liueth, he liueth to [h] God.

g That he might destroy sinne in our flesh.
h And sitteth at the right hand of the Father.

11 Likewise thinke ye also, that ye are [i] dead to sinne, but are aliue [k] to God in Iesus Christ our Lord.

i We may gather ỹ we are dead to sinne, when sinne beginneth to dye in vs: which is by the participation of Christs death, by whome also being quickened we liue to God, that is, to righteousnes.
k In that ye are led with the Spirit of God.

12 Let not sinne reigne therefore in your mortal bodie, that ye shulde obey it in the [l] lustes thereof.

l The minde first ministreth euil motions, whereby mans wil is entised: thence burst forthe the lustes, by them ỹ bodie is prouoked, and the bodie by his actions doeth solicite the minde: therefore he commandeth, at the least that we rule our bodies.

13 Nether giue ye your membres *as* [o] weapons of vnrighteousnes vnto sinne: but giue your selues vnto God, as they that are aliue from the dead, and *giue* your membres *as* weapons of righteousnes vnto God.

o Or, instrumẽtes, or armoure.

14 For sinne shal not haue dominion ouer you: for ye are not vnder the [m] Law, but vnder [n] grace.

m Which is the declaration of sinne.
n Indewed with the Spirit of Christ.

15 What then? ſhal we ſinne, becauſe we are not vnder the Law, but vnder grace? God forbid.

16 *Knowe ye not, that to whomeſoeuer ye giue your ſelues as ſeruãts to obey, his ſeruants ye are to whome ye obey, whether it be of ſinne vnto death, or of [o] obedience vnto righteouſnes?

17 But God *be* thanked, that ye haue bene the ſeruants of ſinne, but ye haue obeyed from the heart vnto the forme of the doctrine, whereunto ye were [p] deliuered.

18 Being then made [q] fre from ſinne, ye are made the ſeruants of righteouſnes.

19 I ſpeake [r] after the maner of man, becauſe of the infirmitie of your fleſh: for as ye haue giuen your members ſeruants to vnclennes and to iniquitie, to *commit* iniquitie, ſo now giue your mẽbers ſeruants vnto righteouſnes in holines.

20 For when ye were the ſeruants of ſinne, ye were freed from righteouſnes.

21 What frute had ye then in thoſe things, whereof ye are now aſhamed? For the [ſ] end of thoſe things *is* death.

22 But now being freed from ſinne, and made ſeruants vnto God, ye haue your frute in holines, and the end, euerlaſting life.

23 For the [t] wages of ſinne is death: but the gifte of God *is* eternal life through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord.

John 8.34. 2.pet.2.19.

[o] Shewig that none can be iuſt which doeth not obey God.

[p] To conforme yourſelues vnto it.

[q] It is a moſt vile thing for him that is deliuered frõ ỹ ſclaueric of ſinne, to returne againe to the ſame.

[r] Leauing to ſpeake of heauenlie things, according to your capacitie, I vſe theſe ſimilitudes of ſeruitude & fredome, that ye might the better vnderſtand.

[ſ] Or, ỹ reward and recompenſe.

[t] Sinne is compared to a tyrant which reigneth by force, who giueth death as an allowance to them that were preferred by the Lawe.

CHAP. VII.

1.7.12 The vſe of the Law. 6.24 And how Chriſt hathe deliuered vs from it. 16 The infirmitie of the faithful. 23 The dangerous fight betwene the fleſh & the Spirit.

1 KNowe ye not, brethren, (for I ſpeake to them that knowe the Lawe) that the [a] Law hathe dominion ouer a man as long as he liueth?

2 *For the [b] woman which is in ſubiection to a man, is bounde by the law to the man, while he liueth: but if the man be dead, ſhe is deliuered from the law of the man.

3 So then, if while the man liueth, ſhe take another man, ſhe ſhalbe called an *adultereſſe: but if the man be dead, ſhe is fre frõ the Law, ſo that ſhe is not an adultereſſe, thogh ſhe take another man.

4 So ye, my brethrẽ, are dead alſo to ỹ Law by the bodie of Chriſt, that ye ſhulde be vnto another, *euen* vnto [c] him that is raiſed vp frõ the dead, that we ſhulde bring forthe frute vnto God.

5 For when we were [d] in the fleſh, the "motions of ſinnes, which were by the Law, had force in our membres, to bring forthe frute vnto death.

6 But now we are deliuered from the Law, being dead [e] vnto it, wherein we were holden, that we ſhulde ſerue in newnes of Spirit, and not in the oldenes of the letter.

7 [f] What ſhal we ſay then? *Is* the Law ſinne? God forbid. Nay, I knewe not ſinne, but by the Law: for I had not knowen [g] luſt, except the Law had ſaid, * Thou ſhalt not luſt.

8 But ſinne toke an occaſion by the commandement, and wroght in me all maner of cõcupiſcence: for without the Law ſinne *is* dead.

9 For I once [h] was a liue, without the Law: but when the commandement came, ſinne reuiued,

10 But I dyed: and the ſame cõmandement which was *ordeined* vnto life, was founde *to be* vnto me vnto death.

11 For ſinne toke occaſion by the commandement, and diſceiued me, and thereby ſlew *me*.

12 Wherefore the Law *is* * holie, and the commandement *is* holie, and iuſt, & good.

13 Was that thẽ which is good, made death vnto me? God forbid: but ſinne, that it might [i] appeare ſinne, wroght death in me by that which is good, that ſinne might be out of meaſure ſinful by the commandement.

14 For we knowe that the Lawe [k] is ſpiritual, but I am carnal, ſolde vnder ſinne.

15 For I alowe not that which I do: for what I [l] wolde, that do I not: but what I hate, that do I.

16 If I do then that which I wolde not, I conſent to the Law, that *it is* good.

17 Now then, it is no more I, that do [m] it, but the ſinne that dwelleth in me.

18 For I knowe, that in me, that is, in my "fleſh, dwelleth no good thing: for to will is preſent with me: but I finde no meanes to performe that which is good.

19 For I do not the good thing, which I wolde, [n] but the euil, which I wolde not, that do I.

20 Now if I do that I wolde not, it is no more I that do it, but the ſinne that dwelleth in me.

21 I finde then by the Law, that when I wolde do good, euil is preſent with me.

22 For I delite in the Law of God, concerning the [o] inner man:

23 But I ſe another "law in my [p] membres, rebelling againſt the law of my minde, & leading me captiue vnto the law of ſinne, which is in my membres.

24 O wretched mã that I am, who ſhal deliuer me from the [q] bodie of this death!

25 I thanke God through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Then I my ſelf in my [r] minde ſerue the Law of God, but in my [ſ] fleſh the law of ſinne.

Exod.20.17. deut.5.21.

[f] There is nothig more enemie to ſinne thẽ the Law: if ſo be therefore that ſinne rage more by reaſon thereof then before, why ſhulde it be imputed to the Lawe ẅ diſcloſeth the ſleightes of ſinne her enemie?

[g] Which is an inwarde vice not openly knowen.

[h] He thoght him ſelf to be aliue, when he knewe not the Lawe.

1.Tim.1.8.

[i] Sinne being diſcloſed by the Lawe, is ſo muche more deteſtable, becauſe it turneth the goodnes of ỹ Lawe to our deſtruction.

[k] So that it cãnot iudge the affections of the heart.

[l] He is not able to do that which he deſireth to do, & therefore is farre from the true perfection

[m] He doeth not excuſe hi ſelf, but ſheweth that he is not able to accompliſh ỹ good deſire ẅ is in him.

"Or, *in my nature.*

[n] The fleſh ſtayeth euen ỹ moſte perfect to runne forwarde as the ſpirit wiſheth.

[o] That is, in my ſpirit.

"Or, *commaadement.*

[p] Euen the corruption which yet remaineth.

[q] This fleſhlie lump of ſinne and death.

[r] In that parte which is regenerate.

[ſ] Which is the parte corrupted.

[a] Meaning, ỹ moral Lawe. *2.Cor.7.39.*

[b] Bothe in this firſt mariage & in the ſeconde, the houſband & the wife muſt be conſidered within our ſelues: the firſt houſband was Sinne, and our fleſh was the wife: their children were the frutes of the fleſh, Gal.5.19. In the ſeconde mariage ỹ Spirit is the houſband, the new creature is the wife, & their children are the frutes of the Spirit, Gal.5.22.

[c] Which is ỹ Spirit or the ſeconde houſband.

[d] When we were deſtitute of the Spirit of God.

"Or, *affections.*

[e] Meaning to ſinne, our firſt houſband.

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sorte the faithful ght to be. 6 The fruite of the Spirit in them. 17 Of hope. 18 Of pacience vnder the crosse. 28 Of the mutual loue betwixt God and his children. 29 Of his fore knowledge.

a Though sinne be in vs, yet it is not imputed vnto vs through Christ Iesus.

1 NOw then there *is* no [a] condemnacion to them that are in Christ Iesus,
b He annexeth the condition lest we shulde abuse ỹ libertie.
2 which walke not [b] after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
c The power & autoritie of the Spirit that is, ỹ grace of regeneracion.
d Whose sanctificacion is maue ours.
2 For the [c] Law of the Spirit of life *which is* in [d] Christ Iesus, hathe freed me from the law of sinne and of death.
*Or, of no strength.
*Or, by sinne.
3 For (that that was impossible to the Law, in as muche as it was "weake, because of the flesh) God sending his owne Sonne,
e Christ did take flesh, ỹ of nature was subiect to sinne, ẅ notwithstãding he sanctified euen in the verie instant of his conceptiõ, & so did appropriate it vnto him, that he might destroie sinne in it, 2. Cor. 5, 21.
in the [e] similitude of sinful flesh, and "for sinne, condemned sinne in the flesh,
f That which the Law requireth.
4 That the [f] righteousnes of ỹ Law might be fulfilled in vs, which walke not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
g The worde comprehẽdeth all ỹ which is moste excellẽt in man, as wil, vnderstanding, reasõ, wit, &c.
*Or, if so be.
*Or, flesh.
5 For they that are after the flesh, [g] sauour the things of the flesh: but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
h The Spirit of regeneracio ẅ abolisheth sinne in our flesh, not all at once, but by degrees: wherefore we muste in ỹ meane time call to God through pacience.
6 For the wisdome of the flesh *is* death: but the wisdome of the Spirit *is* life & peace,
i But to liue after the Spirit. k So he nameth the holie Goste of the effect, ẅ he causeth in vs, when he proposeth vs saluacion by ỹ Law with an impossible cõdicion, who also doeth seale our saluacion in our hearts by Christs free adopcion, that we cõsider not God now as a rigorous Lord, but as a moste merciful Father. *Gal. 4, 5.*
7 Because the wisdome of the flesh *is* enmitie against God: for it is not subiect to the Law of God, nether in dede can be.
8 So then they that are in the flesh, can not please God.
9 Now ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, "because the Spirit of God dwelleth in you: but if anie man hathe not the Spirit of Christ, the same is not his.
l So ỹ we haue two witnesses, Gods Spirit & ours, who is certified by ỹ Spirit of God.
10 And if Christ be in you, the "bodie is dead, because of sinne: but the [h] Spirit *is* life for righteousnes sake.
m Freely made partakers of the Fathers treasures.
*Or, of like value.
11 But if the Spirit of him that raised vp Iesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised vp Christ from the dead, shal also quicken your mortal bodies, because that his Spirit dwelleth in you.
12 Therefore brethren, we are detters not to the flesh, to liue after the [i] flesh:
13 For if ye liue after the flesh, ye shal dye: but if ye mortifie the dedes of the bodie by the Spirit, ye shal liue.
14 For as manie as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sonnes of God.
15 For ye haue not receiued the Spirit of bondage to feare againe: but ye haue receiued the Spirit of [k] adopcion, whereby we crye *Abba, Father.
16 The same Spirit [l] beareth witnes with our Spirit, that we are the childrẽ of God.
17 If *we be* children, *we are* also [m] heires, euen the heires of God, & heires annexed with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him, that we maye also be glorified with him.
18 For I counte that the afflictions of this present time *are* not "worthie of the glorie, which shalbe shewed vnto vs.
19 For the feruent desire of the creature waiteth when the sonnes of God shalbe reueiled.
n The creatures shal not be restored before that Gods children be broght to their perfection: in the meane season they waite.
20 Because the [n] creature is subiect to [o] vanitie, not of it owne wil, but by reason of him, which hathe subdued it vnder hope,
o That is, to destruction, because of mans sinne.
21 Because the creature also shalbe deliuered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious libertie of ỹ sonnes of God.
22 For we knowe that euerie [p] creature groneth with vs also, and trauaileth in paine together vnto this present.
p He meaneth not the Angels nether deuils nor men.
23 And not onely *the creature*, but we also which haue the [q] first frutes of the Spirit, euen we do sigh in our selues, waiting for the adopcion, *euen* the *redemption of our [r] bodie.
q And yet are farre from the perfection. *Luk. 21, 28.*
r Which shalbe in the resurrection when we shalbe made cõformable to our head Christ.
24 For we are saued by hope: but [s] hope that is sene, is not hope: for how can a man hope for that which he seeth?
s By hope is ment ỹ thing, which we hope for.
25 But if we hope for that we se not, we do with pacience abide for it.
26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we knowe not what to praie as we oght: but the Spirit it self maketh requeste for vs with sighs, which can not be expressed.
27 But he that searcheth ỹ hearts, knoweth what is the meaning of the Spirit: for he [t] maketh requeste for the Saincts, according to *the wil of* God.
t In ỹ he stirreth their hearts to pray, & sheweth both whome to aske, and how.
28 Also we knowe that all things worke together for the best vnto them that loue God, euen to them that are called of *his* purpose.
29 For those which he [u] knewe before, he also predestinate to be made like to the image of his Sonne, that he might be the first borne among manie brethren.
u He sheweth by the ordre of our election that afflictions are meanes to make vs like the Sonne of God.
30 Moreouer whome he predestinate, them also he called, and whome he called, them also he iustified, and whome he iustified, them he also glorified.
31 What shal we then say to these things? If God be on our side, who *cã be* against vs?
32 Who spared not his owne Sonne, but gaue him for vs all *to death*, how shal he not with him giue vs all things also?
33 Who shal lay anie thing to the charge of Gods chosen? *it is* God that *[x] iustifieth,
x Who pronounceth his iust in his Sonne Christ. *Isa. 50, 8.*
34 Who shal condemne? *it is* Christ, which is dead, yea or rather, which is risen againe, who is also at the right hand of God, and maketh requeste also for vs.
35 Who shal separate vs from the loue of [y] Christ? shal tribulacion or anguish, or persecucion, or famine, or nakednes, or peril, or sworde?
y Wherewith he loued vs, or God in Christ: ẅ loue is grounded vpo his determinate purpose, and Christ is the pledge thereof.
36 As it is writtẽ, *For thy sake are we [z] killed all day long: we are counted as shepe for the slaughter. *Psal. 44, 23.*
z Which is to signifie the cõdicio of Christes Church.
37 Neuertheles, in all these things we are more then conquerers through him that loued vs.

38 For I am perſuaded that nether death,
nor life, nor Angels, nor [a] principalities,
nor powers, nor things preſent, nor things
to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor anie other
creature ſhalbe able to ſeparate vs from
the [b] loue of God, which is in Christ Ie-
ſus our Lord.

a Paul ſetteth forthe by theſe wordes the wonderful nature of the ſpirits, aſwel the good, Eph 1,21 col.1,1.as the enil ſpirits, Epheſ.6,12.col. 2,15.
b That is, wherewith God loueth vs in his Sonne Christ Ieſus.

CHAP. IX.

1 Hauing teſtified his great loue towardes his nation, & the ſignes thereof, 11 He entreateth of the election and reprobacion. 24 Of the vocacion of the Gentiles. 30 And reiection of the Iewes.

1 I Say the trueth [a] in Christ, I lye not,
my conſcience bearing me witnes in
the holie Goſt,
2 That I haue great heauines and continu-
al ſorowe in mine heart.
3 * For I wolde wiſh my ſelf to be [b] ſepa-
rate from Christ, for my brethré that are
my kinſmen according to the fleſh,
4 Which are the Iſraelites, to whome *per-
teineth* the adoption, and the [c] glorie, and
the d* Couenantes, and the giuing of the
Law, and the ſeruice *of God*, and the pro-
miſes.
5 Of whome *are* the fathers, and of whome
concerning the fleſh, Chriſt *came*, who is
e God ouer all bleſſed for euer, Amen.
6 * Notwithſtanding it can not be that the
worde of God ſhulde [*] take none effect:
for all they are not [f] Iſrael, which are of
Iſrael:
7 Nether *are thei* all children, becauſe thei
are the ſede of Abraham: * but, In [g] Iſaac
ſhal thy ſede be called:
8 That is, they which are the children of
the [h] fleſh, are not the children of God:
but the * children of the promes are coun-
ted for the ſede.
9 For this is a worde of promes, * In this
ſame time wil I come, and Sara ſhal haue
a ſonne.
10 Nether *he* onelie *felt this*, but alſo * Re-
becca when ſhe had conceiued by one, *e-
uen* by our father Iſaac.
11 For yer *the children* were borne, & when
they had nether done good, nor euil (that
the purpoſe of God might remaine acco'r
ding to electiō not by workes, but by him
that calleth)
12 It was ſaid vnto her, The elder ſhal
ſerue the yonger.
13 As it is written, * I haue loued Iacob, &
haue hated Eſau.
14 What ſhal we ſay then? Is there vnrigh
teouſnes with God? God forbid.
15 For he ſaith to Moſes, * I [i] wil haue mer-
cie on him, to whome I wil ſhewe mercie:
and wil haue compaſsion on him, on who-
me I wil haue compaſsion.
16 So then *it is* not in him that willeth, nor
in him that runeth, but in God that ſhew-
eth mercie.
17 For the [k] Scripture ſaith vnto Pharao,
* For this ſame purpoſe haue I ſtirred thee
vp, that I might ſhewe my power in thee,
and that my Name might be declared
through out all the earth.
18 Therefore he hathe mercie on whome
he wil, & whome he wil, he hardeneth.
19 Thou wilt ſay then vnto me, Why do-
eth he yet complaine? for who hathe reſi-
ſted his wil?
20 But, ô man, who art thou which [l] plea-
deſt againſt God? ſhal the * thing formed
ſay to him that formed it, Why haſt thou
made me thus?
21 Hathe not the potter power of the claie
to make of the ſame lompe one veſſel to
[m] honour, and another vnto diſhonour?
22 *What* and if God wolde, to ſhewe his
wrath, and to make his power knowen, ſuf-
fre with lōg pacience the veſſels of wrath,
prepared to deſtruction?
23 And that he might declare the riches of
his glorie vpon ỹ veſſels of mercie, which
he hathe prepared vnto glorie?
24 Euen vs, whome he hathe called, not of
the Iewes onely, but alſo of the Gentiles,
25 As he ſaith alſo in Oſee, * I wil call them,
My people, which were not my people: &
her, Beloued, which was not beloued.
26 And it ſhalbe in the place where it was
ſaid vnto them, * Ye are not my people,
that there they ſhalbe called, The childrē
of the liuing God.
27 Alſo Eſaias cryeth concerning Iſrael,
* Thogh the nomber of the children of
Iſrael were as the ſand of the ſea, *yet* ſhal
but a remnant be ſaued.
28 [l] For he wil make his account, & gather
it into a ſhort ſūme with righteouſnes: for
the Lord wil make a ſhort count in the
earth.
29 * And as Eſaias ſaid before, Except the
Lord of hoſtes had left vs a ſede, we had
bene made as [m] Sodom, and had bene li-
ke to Gomorrha.
30 What ſhal we ſay then? That the Gen-
tiles which folowed not righteouſnes, haue
atteined vnto righteouſnes, euen the righ
teouſnes which is of faith.
31 But Iſrael which folowed the Law of
righteouſnes, colde not atteine vnto the
Law of righteouſnes.
32 Wherefore? Becauſe *they ſought it* not by
faith, but as *it were* by the workes of the
Law: for they haue ſtombled at the ſtom-
bling ſtone,
33 As it is written, * Beholde, I lay in Sion
a [n] ſtombling ſtone, and a rocke to make
men fall: and euerie one that beleueth in
him, ſhal not be aſhamed.

a As becometh him that reuerenceth Christ, or whoſe tongue Christ ruleth & ſo taketh Christ for his witnes. *Act.9,2. 1.cor.15,8.*
b He wolde redeme the reiection of ỹ Iewes w his owne damnacion, w declareth his zeale towarde Gods glorie. read Exod.32, 32. *Chap.2,17. epheſ.2,12.*
c The Arke of the couenant, becauſe it was a ſigne of Gods preſence, was called Gods glorie, 1.Sam. 4,21.pſal.26,8. *Gen.21,12. ebr.11,17.*
d The two tables of the couenant, Deut. 11,9.
e Christ is verie God. *Gal.4,25. Gen.18,10.*
[*] *Greke, fall away.*
f That is, of Iacob whoſe name was alſo Iſrael. *Gen.25,1.*
g The Iſraelites muſt not be eſteemed by their kinred, but by the ſecret election of God, which is aboue the externall vocaciō h As, Iſmael, *Gen.25,23. Malac.1,2. Exod.33,19.*
i As the onelie wil & purpoſe of God is the chief cauſe of election & reprobacion: ſo his fre mercie in Christ is an inferior cauſe of ſaluacion, & the hardening of the heart, an inferior cauſe of damnacion.
k That is, God in ỹ Scripture. *Exod.9,16.*
l Or, breaketh againſt. *Iſa.45,9. Jerem.18,6. wiſd.15,7.*
m Or, vnto honeſt vſes.
l God wil make ſuche waſte of that people that the fewe ỹ ſhal remaine, ſhalbe a worke of his iuſtice, & ſhal ſet forthe his glorie in his Church. *Iſa.1,9.*
m That is, vterly loſt.
n Iesus Christ is to the inſide ỹ deſtructiō, & to the faithfi life & reſurrection. *Iſa.8,14. & 28,16.1.pet.2, 6.pſal.118,22.*

CHAP. X.

1 After that he had declared his zeale towardes them, 3 He

3 He sheweth the cause of the ruine of the Iewes. 4 The end of the Lawe. 5 The difference betwene the iustice of the Lawe, and of faith. 17 Whereof faith cōmeth, and to whome it belongeth. 19 The reiection of the Iewes, and calling of the Gentiles.

1 BRethrē, mine hearts desire & prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saued.

a That is a certeine affection, but not a true knowledge.
2 For I beare them recorde, that they haue a the zeale of God, but not according to knowledge.

b The end of the Lawe is to iustifie thē which obserue it; therefore Christ hauing fulfilled it for vs, is made our iustice, sanctification, &c.
Gal. 3,24.
Leu. 18,5.
ezek. 20,13.
gal. 3,12.
3 For they, being ignorāt of the righteousnes of God, & goīg about to stablish their owne righteousnes, haue not submitted them selues to the righteousnes of God.
4 *For Christ *is* the b end of the Law for righteousnes vnto euerie one ỹ beleueth.
5 For Moses *thus* describeth the righteousnes which is of the Lawe, * That the man which doeth these thīgs, shal liue thereby.
Deut. 30,12.
Deut. 30,14.
6 But the righteousnes which is of faith, speaketh on this wise, c * Say not in thine heart, Who shal ascende into heauē? (that is to bring Christ from aboue)

c Because we can not perfor me the Law, it maketh vs to dout, who shal go to heauen & so say, Who shal go downe to the depe to deliuer vs thēce? but faith teacheth vs ỹ Christ is ascended vp to take vs with him & hathe descended into the depth of death to destroy death, & deliuer vs
7 Or, Who shal descende into the depe? (ỹ is to bring Christ againe from the dead)
8 But what saith it? * The worde is nere thee, *euen* in thy mouth, and in thine heart. This is ỹ d worde of faith which we preache.
Isa. 28,16.

d That is, the promes & the Gospel which agreeth with the Lawe.
9 For if thou shalt cōfesse with thy mouth the Lord Iesus, and shalt beleue in thine heart, that God raised him vp from the dead, thou shalt be saued.
10 For with the heart man beleueth vnto righteousnes, and with e the mouth man confesseth to saluation.
11 For the Scripture saith, * Whosoeuer beleueth in him, shal not be ashamed.
Ioel. 2,32.
act. 2,21.

e That is, the way to be saued is to beleue with heart that we are saued onely by Christ, and to confesse the same before the worlde.
12 For there is no difference betwene the Iewe & the Grecian: for he ỹ is Lord ouer all, is riche vnto all, that call on him.
13 *For whosoeuer shal call vpō the Name of the Lord, shalbe saued.
14 But how shal thei call on him, in whome they haue not beleued? and how shal they beleue in him, of whome they haue not heard? and how shal they heare without a preacher?
Isa. 52,7.
naum 1,15.

f Meaning the Gospel & the good tydings of saluation wher preached.
15 And how shal they preache, except they be sent? as it is written, * How beautiful are the "fete of them which bring glad tydings of peace, and bring glad tydings of good things!
Isa. 53,1.
iohn 12,38.

g That is, by Gods commandemēt, of whome they are sent, that preache the Gospel. It may be also taken for the very preaching it self.
16 But they haue not all obeyed the Gospel: for Esaias saith, * Lord, who hathe beleued our f reporte?
17 Then faith *is* by hearing, & hearing g by the worde of God.
Psal. 19,5
18 But I demāde, Haue h thei not heard? No doute their i sounde went out through all the earth, & their wordes into the ends of the k worlde.

h Bothe the Iewes & Gentiles. i The Hebrewe worde signifieth the line or proportion of the heauens, whose moste excellent frame, besides the rest of Gods creatures, preacheth vnto the whole worlde and setteth forthe the wonderous workes of the Creator.

k Then seing all the worlde knewe God by his creatures, the Iewes colde not be ignorant, and so sinned of malice.
19 But I demande, Did not Israel knowe God? First Moses saith, *I wil prouoke you to enuie by a nation that is not *my* nation, & by a foolish *nation* I wil anger you.
Deut 32,21.
20 * And Esaias is bolde, and saith, I was founde of them that soght me not, and haue bene made manifest to them that asked not after me.
Isa. 65,1.
21 And vnto Israel he saith, * All the day long haue I stretched forthe mine hand vnto a "disobedient, and gainesaying people.
Isa. 65,2.
Or, rebelling.

CHAP. XI.

4 God hathe his Church although it be not sene to mās eye. 5 The grace shewed to the elect. 7 The iudgement of the reprobate. 8 God hathe blinded the Iewes for a time, and reueiled him self to the Gentiles. 18 Whome he warneth to humble thē selues. 29 The gifts of God without repentāce. 33 The depth of Gods iudgements.

1 I Demande then, Hathe God cast away his people? God forbid: for I also am an Israelite, of the sede of Abrahā, of the tribe of Beniamin.
2 God hathe not cast away his people which he a knewe before. Knowe ye not what the Scripture saith of Elias, how he maketh request vnto God b against Israel, saying,

a And elected before all beginning.

b He talked with God not that he shulde punish Israel, but yet lamented their falshode & so his wordes made against them.
3 *Lord, they haue killed thy Prophetes, & digged downe thine altars: and I am left alone, and they seke my life?
1. King 19,10.
4 But what saith ỹ answer of God to him? *I haue reserued vnto my self c seuē thousand men, which haue not bowed the knee to Baal.
1. King 19,18

c Meaning an infinit nomber
5 Euē so then at this present time is there a remnant through the "election of grace.
Or, free electiō
6 And if *it be* of grace, it is no more of workes: or els were grace no more grace: but if it be of workes, it is no more grace: or els were worke no more worke.
Isa. 6,29. & 9,10.
mat. 13,14.
iohn 12,40.
act. 28,26.
7 What then? Israel hathe not obteined ỹ he soght: but the electiō hathe obteined it, and the rest haue bene hardened,
Psal. 69,22.

Or, preiudged

d Christ by ỹ mouth of the Prophet witheth that which came vpon ỹ Iewes, that is, that as birdes are taken where as they thinke to finde fode, so ỹ Law which the Iewes of a blinde zeale preferred to the Gospel thinking to haue saluation by it, shulde turne to their destruction.
8 According as it is written, * God hathe giuen thē the spirit of "slomber: eyes that they shulde not se, & eares that they shulde not heare vnto this day.
Deut 29,4.
Isa. 29,10.
Or, dulnes
9 And Dauid saith, * Let their d table be made a snare, & a net, & a stombling blocke, euen for a recompense vnto them.
Psal. 69,23.
10 Let their eyes be darkened that they se not, & e bowe downe their backe alwayes.
11 I demande then, Haue they stombled, that they f shulde fall? God forbid: but through their fall saluation *commeth* vnto the Gentiles, to g prouoke them to follow them.

e Take frō thē thy grace and strength.
f Without hope to be restored.
g The Iewes to followe the Gentiles.
12 Wherefore if the fall of them *be* the riches of the worlde, & the diminishing of thē the h riches of the Gētiles, how much more shal their abundance *be*?

h In that the Gentiles haue the knowledge of the Gospel.

13 For *in that* I ſpeake to you Gentiles, in aſmuche as I am the Apoſtle of the Gentiles, I magnifie mine office,

i That they might be ielouſe ouer Chriſt againſt the Gētiles, and ſo to be more feruēt in loue toward Chriſt then ỹ Gentiles.

14 *To trie* if by any meanes I might [i] prouoke them of my fleſh to followe them, & might ſaue ſome of them.

15 For if the caſting away of them *be* the recōciling of the worlde, what *ſhal* the receiuing *be*, but [k] life from the dead?

k The Iewes now remaine, as it were, in death for lacke of the Goſpel: but when bothe they & the Gentiles ſhal ēbrace Chriſt, ỹ worlde ſhalbe reſtored to a newe life.

16 For if [l] the firſt frutes *be* holie, ſo *is* the whole lompe: and if the [m] roote be holie, ſo *are* the branches.

l Abrahā was not onely ſanctified, but his ſede alſo ẅ neglected not the promes.

m Meaning Abraham.

17 And thogh ſome of the brāches be broken of, & thou being a wilde oliue tre, waſt grafte in [n] for them, and made partaker of the roote, and fatneſſe of the [o] oliue tre,

*Or, in them.

n That is, the Church of the Iſraelites.

18 Boaſt not thy ſelf againſt the branches: and if thou boaſt thy ſelf, thou beareſt not the roote, but the roote thee.

o Be careful: worſhip God, & truſt in his promes.

19 Thou wilt ſay then, The brāches are broken of, that I might be grafte in.

20 Wel: through vnbelefe they are broken of, and thou ſtandeſt by faith: be not hie minded, but [o] feare.

21 For if God ſpared not the natural branches, *take hede*, leſt he alſo ſpare not thee.

22 [p] Beholde therefore the bountifulnes, & ſeueritie of God: towarde them which haue fallen, ſeueritie: but towarde thee, bountifulnes, if thou continue in *his* bountifulnes: or els thou ſhalt alſo be cut of.

p He ſpeaketh of the Iewes and Gētiles in general.

23 And thei alſo, if thei abide not ſtil in vnbeleſe, ſhalbe graffed in: for God is able to graffe them in againe.

24 For if thou waſt cut out of the oliue tre, which was wilde by nature, and waſt graffed contrary to nature in a right oliue tre, how muche more ſhal they that are by nature, be graffed in their owne oliue tre?

25 For I wolde not, brethrē, that ye ſhulde be ignorant of this ſecret (leſt ye ſhulde be arrogant in your ſelues) ỹ partely [q] obſtinacie is come to Iſrael, vntil the fulnes of the Gentiles be come in.

q Meaning ſtubbernes & induration againſt Gods worde. *Iſa.59.20.*

26 And ſo [r] all Iſrael ſhalbe ſaued, as it is written, * The deliuerer ſhal come out of Sion, and ſhal turne away the vngodlines from Iacob.

r He ſheweth that the time ſhal come that the whole natiō of ỹ Iewes thogh not euery one particularly, ſhalbe ioyned to the Church of Chriſt. *Iſa.27.9. iere.31.33. ebr.8.8. & 10.16.*

27 And this is my couenāt to them, *When I ſhal take away their ſinnes.

28 As cōcerning the Goſpel, *they are* enemies for your ſakes: but as touching the electiō, they are beloued for the fathers ſakes.

29 For the [s] giftes and calling of GOD are without repentance.

s To whome God giueth his Spirit of adoption, and whome he calleth effectually, he can not periſh: for Gods eternall counſel neuer changeth.

30 For euen as ye in time paſt haue not beleued God, yet haue now obteined mercie through their vnbelefe,

31 Euen ſo now haue they not beleued [t] by the mercie *ſhewed* vnto you, that they alſo may obteine mercie.

*Or, that by your mercie.

32 For God hathe ſhut vp [t] all in vnbelefe, that he might haue mercie on all.

t That is, bothe Iewes and Gentiles.

33 O the depnes of the riches, bothe of the wiſdome, & knowledge of God! how vnſearcheable are his iudgemēts, & his wayes paſt finding out!

Iſa.40.13. wiſdo 9.13. 1.cor.2.16.

34 *For [u] who hathe knowen the minde of the Lord? or who was his counſeller?

u He reproueth the raſhnes of men ẅ murmure againſt the iudgemēts of God.

35 Or who hathe [x] giuen vnto him firſt, and he ſhalbe recompenſed?

x That is, prouoked him by his good workes?

36 For of [y] him, and through him, and for him are all things: to him *be* glorie for euer. Amen.

y All things are created and preſerued of God to ſet for the his glorie.

CHAP. XII.

The conuerſation, loue and workes of ſuche as beleue in Chriſt. 19 Not to ſeke reuengeance.

1 I Beſeche you therefore, brethrē, by the mercies of God, that ye giue vp your bodies a [a] liuing ſacrifice, holie, acceptable vnto God, *which is* your [b] reaſonable ſeruing of God.

a In ſtede of dead beaſts, liuelie ſacrifice: in ſtede of the blood of beaſtes which was but a ſhadowe & pleaſed not God of it ſelf, the acceptable ſacrifice of the ſpiritual man, framed by faith to godlines and charitie. *Ephe.5.17. 1.theſſ.3.1.*

b That is, true, lawful & ſpiritual, 1 Pet.2.5. *1.Cor.12.12. epheſ.4.7.*

2 And facion not your ſelues like vnto this worlde, but be ye changed by ỹ renuing of your minde, ỹ ye may *proue what is the [c] good wil of God, & acceptable, & perfite.

c Whatſoeuer is not agreable to Gods wil, is euil, diſpleaſāt and vnperfect. *1.Pet.4.10.*

3 For I ſay through the grace that is giuen vnto me, to euerie one that is amōg you, ỹ no man preſume to vnderſtand aboue that which is mete to vnderſtand, but that he [d] vnderſtand according to [e] ſobrietie, as God hathe dealt to euerie man the * meaſure of faith.

d Two things are required, if we wil iudge ſoberly of Gods giftes in vs: the one that we do not arrogate to our ſelues that ẅ we haue not: next, that we boaſt not of the giftes, but reuerently vſe them to Gods honour. *Mat.6.2. 2.Cor.9.7.*

4 For as we haue many mēbers in one bodie, and all members haue not one office,

5 So we being many are one bodie in Chriſt, and euerie one, one anothers members.

6 *Seing then ỹ we haue giftes that are diuers, according to ỹ grace that is giuē vnto vs, whether *we haue* [f] prophecie, *let vs prophecie* according to ỹ proportiō of [g] faith:

Amos.5.15.

e That is, ſoberly, not neglecting Gods giftes, but vſing them to his glorie. *Epheſ.4.2. 1.pet.2.17. ebr.13.1.*

7 Or an office, *let vs waite* on the office: or he that teacheth, on teaching:

8 Or he ỹ exhorteth, on exhortatiō: he that [h] diſtributeth, *let him do it* * with ſimplicitie: he that ruleth, with diligence: he that ſheweth mercie, with *cherefulnes.

*Or, the time. *Luk.18.1. 1.Cor.16.1. Ebr.13.2 1.pet.4.13. Mat.5.44.*

9 *Let* loue *be* without diſſimulation. *Abhorre that which is euil, and cleaue vnto that which is good.

10 *Be affectioned to loue one another with brotherlie loue, In giuing honor, go one before another,

11 Not ſlouthful to do ſeruice: feruēt in ſpirit: ſeruing the Lord,

12 Reioycing in hope, paciēt in tribulatiō, *continuing in prayer,

13 *Diſtributing vnto the neceſsities of the Saītes: *giuing your ſelues to hoſpitalitie.

14 * Bleſſe thē which perſecute you: bleſſe, *I ſay*, and curſe not.

15 Reioyce with them that reioyce, & wepe with them that wepe.

f By propheſying here he meaneth preaching and teaching: & by office or miniſterie, all ſuche offices, as apperteine to the Church, as Elders, Deacons, &c. g By faith he meaneth the knowledge of God in Chriſt with the gifts of the holie Goſt. h Of theſe officers ſome are Deacons, ſome Gouernors, ſome kepe the poore. He meaneth them which were appointed to loke vnto the poore, as for the moſte parte were the widowes, Act 6.1. 1.tim 5.9.

16 Be of like affection one towards another: *be not hie minded: but make your ſelues equal to them of the lower ſorte: be not wiſe in k your ſelues.

*Prou.3,7. iſa.5,11.

k That is, in your owne cõceit.

17 *Recõpenſe to no mã euil for euil: l procure things honeſt in the ſight of all men.

*Prou.20,22. mat.5,39. 1.pet.3,9. 2.cor.8,21.

l Liue ſo honeſtly & godly that no mã can finde faute with you.

18 *If it be poſsible, aſmuche as in you is, haue peace with all men.

*Ebr.12,14. Eccle 29,1. mat.5,38. Deu.32,35. ebr.10,30.

19 Dearly beloued, *auenge not your ſelues, but giue place vnto wrath: for it is written, *Vengeãce is mine: I wil repaye, ſaith the Lord.

*Prou.25,21.

20 *Therefore, if thine enemie hunger, fede him: if he thirſt, giue him drinke: for in ſo doing, thou ſhalt heape m coles of fyre on his head.

m For ether thou ſhalt wõne him with thy benefit, or els his conſciẽce ſhal beare him witnes ẏ Gods burning wrath hãgeth ouer him.

21 Be not ouercome of euil, but ouercome euil with goodnes.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The obedience to the Rulers. 4 Why they haue the ſworde. 8 Charitie ought to meaſure all our doings. 11 An exhortation to innocencie & puritie of life.

1 LEt *euerie ſoule be ſubiect vnto the higher powers: for there is no power but of God: & the powers that be, are ordeined of God.

*Wiſd.6,4. tit.3,1. 1.pet.2,13.

2 Whoſoeuer therefore reſiſteth ẏ power, reſiſteth the ordinance of God: and they that reſiſt, ſhal receiue to them ſelues n iudgement.

n Not onely the puniſhmẽt of the Iudges, but alſo the vengeance of God.

3 For princes are not to be feared *for* good workes, but *for* euil. Wilt ẏ then be without feare of the power? do wel: ſo ſhalt thou haue praiſe of the ſame.

4 For he is the miniſter of God for thy wealth: but if thou do euil, feare: for he beareth not the ſworde for noght: for he is the miniſter of God o to take vengeãce on him that doeth euil.

o *Greke, a reuenger with wrath*

5 Wherefore ye muſt be ſubiect, not becauſe of wrath onely, but alſo for p conſcience ſake.

p For no priuate man can contemne that gouernemẽt ẅ God hathe appointed without ẏ breache of his cõſcience: and here he ſpeaketh of ciuil magiſtrats: ſo that Antichriſt and his can not wraſt this place to eſtabliſh their tyrannie ouer the cõſcience.

6 For, for this cauſe ye paye alſo tribute: for they are Gods miniſters, applying them ſelues for the ſame q thing.

*Mat.22,21.

q That is, to defend ẏ good and to puniſh the euil.

7 *Giue to all men therefore their duetie: tribute, to whome *ye owe* tribute: cuſtome, to whome cuſtome: feare, to whome feare: honour, to whome *ye owe* honour.

8 Owe nothing to any man, but to loue one another: for he that loueth another, hathe fulfilled the r Law.

r He meaneth onely the ſecõde table.

9 For this, * Thou ſhalt not commit adulterie, Thou ſhalt not kill, Thou ſhalt not ſteale, Thou ſhalt not beare falſe witnes, Thou ſhalt not couet: and if there be any other commandement, it is briefly comprehẽded in this ſaying, *euẽ* in this, *Thou ſhalt loue thy neighbour as thy ſelf.

*Exod.20,14. deut.5,18. Leuit.19,18. mat.22,39. gal.5,14. iam.2,8. 1.Tim.1,5.

10 Loue doeth not euil to his neighbour: therefore is loue ẏ *fulfilling of the Law.

11 And that, cõſidering the ſeaſon, that *it is* now time that we ſhulde ariſe from ſlepe: for now is our ſaluation s nerer, then whẽ we beleued it.

s Before we beleued, it had bene in vaine to tel vs theſe thigs: but now ſeing our ſaluation is nere, let vs take hede that we neglect not this occaſion.

12 The night is paſt, & the day is at hand: let vs therefore caſt away the workes of darkenes, and let vs put on the t armour of light,

*Luk.21,34.

t That is, honeſt maners & godlie.

13 So that we walke honeſtly, as in the day: not in * u glotonie, and dronkennes, nether in chambering and wantonnes, nor in ſtrife and enuying:

u *Or, ryote.*

14 *But put ye on the Lord IESVS CHRIST, and take no thoght for the fleſh, to *fulfil* the luſtes of it.

*Gal.5,16. 1.pet.2,11.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The weake oght not to be deſpiſed. 10 No man ſhulde offende anothers conſcience. 15 But one to ſupporte another in charitie and faith.

1 HIm that is weake in the a faith, receiue vnto you, *but* not b for controuerſies of diſputations.

a That is, the doctrine of ẏ Goſpel.

b Leſt he ſhulde departe ether more ignorant then he came, or els ẅ a greater ſcrupule of cõſciẽce.

2 One beleueth ẏ he may eat of all things: & another, which is weake, eateth herbes.

3 Let not him that eateth, deſpiſe him that eateth not: and let not him which eateth not, iudge him that eateth: for God hathe receiued him.

4 *Who art thou that condemneſt another mans ſeruant? he ſtandeth or falleth to his owne c maſter: yea, he ſhalbe eſtabliſhed: for God is able to make him ſtande.

*Iam.4,12.

c It is the Lords matter & not thine.

5 This mã eſteemeth one day aboue another day, & another man counteth euerie daye a like: let euerie man be d fully perſuaded in his minde.

d We muſt be aſſured in our conſcience by Gods worde in all things that we do: ẏ if we be ſtrõg, we may know what is our libertie and if we be weake, we may learne to profit daily.

6 He that e obſerueth the day, obſerueth it to the f Lord: and he that obſerueth not the day, obſerueth it not to the Lord. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord: for he giueth God thãkes: and he ẏ eateth not, h eateth not to the Lord, and giueth God thankes.

e That counteth one day more holie thẽ another.

f Who iudgeth whether he doeth wel or no.

7 For none of vs liueth i to him ſelf, nether doeth anie dye to him ſelf.

g Becauſe he thinketh the meates vnclean by ẏ Law.

8 For whether we liue, we liue vnto the Lord: or whether we dye, we dye vnto the Lord: whether we liue therefore, or dye, we are the Lords.

h Here we muſt note thre things: firſt, ẏ he ſpeaketh of things which of them ſelues are indifferẽt, albeit in the Law thei were not: next, that he reproueth not the condẽning of the a & bur of the perſones: thirdly that he meaneth not the ſtubburne and malicious, who me he calleth dogges & concision, but the weake and infirme to whome as yet God had not reueiled the perfite libertie.

9 For ẏ to this ende Chriſt both died and roſe againe, and reuiued, that he might be Lord both of the dead and the quicke.

10 But why doeſt thou iudge thy brother? or why doeſt thou deſpiſe thy brother? *for we ſhal all appeare before the iudgement ſeat of Chriſt.

11 For it is written, *I k liue, ſaith the Lord, and euerie knee ſhal bowe to me, and all tongues ſhal l confeſſe vnto God.

*Rom.14,10. *Iſa. 45,23 phil. 2,10.

12 So then euerie one of vs ſhal giue accountes of him ſelf to God.

13 Let vs not therefore iudge one another anie more: but vſe *your* iudgement rather

i Bothe our life, and death oght to profite our brother. *2. Cor 5,10. k This othe particularly apperteineth to God who is ẏ true life of him ſelf, & giueth it to all others. l And acknowledge me for their God.

in this, that no man putte an occasion to fall, or a stombling blocke before *his* brother.

m He preuenteth the obiection which the Christians might vse.

14 mI knowe, & am persuaded through the Lord Iesus, that there is nothīg vncleane of it self: but vnto him that iudgeth any thing to be vncleane, to hī *it is* vncleane.

15 But if thy brother be grieued for the meat, now walkest thou not charitably: *destroy not him with thy meat, for whome Christ dyed.

*1.Cor.8.11.

n Which is the benefite of Christiā libertie by abusing whereof ye cause ỹ weake ligs to blaspheme the Gospel which might seme to them contrarie to Gods wil, and the doctrine of the Lawe.

16 Cause not your n commoditie to be euil spoken of.

o God wil not reigne ouer his by suche obseruations.

17 For the o kingdome of God is not meat nor drinke, but righteousnes, and peace, & ioye in the holie Gost.

*Tit.1.15.

18 For whosoeuer p in these things serueth Christ, is acceptable vnto God, and is approued of men.

p In peace & righteousnes.

*2.Cor.8.13.

19 Let vs then followe those things which concerne peace, and wherewith one may edifie another.

20 Destroy not ỹ worke of God for meats sake: *all things in dede are pure: but *it is* euil for the man which eateth with offence.

q Faith here is taken for a ful persuasion of the Christian libertie in things indifferent as the Apostle interpreteth it in the 24 verse.

21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drinke wine, nor any thing, whereby thy brother stombleth, or is offended, or made weake.

22 Hast thou q faith? haue it with thy self before God: blessed is he ỹ r condemneth not him self in ỹ thing which he alloweth.

r Which hathe none euil remorse of cōscience in his doing.

23 For he that douteth, is condemned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: & whatsoeuer is not of f faith, is sinne.

f Meaning, of aright conscience.

CHAP. XV.

Paul exhorteth thē to support & loue one another by the example of Christ. 9 And by the onelie mercie of God which is the cause of saluation bothe of the one & the other. 14 He sheweth his zeale to warde them, & the Church. 30 And requireth the same of them.

1 WE which are strong, ought to beare the infirmities of the weake, and not to please our selues.

2 *Therefore* let euerie mā please his neighbour in that that is good to a edification.

*Psal.69.10.

a To edifie, signifieth to do all maner dueties to our neighbour, ether to bring him to Christ, or if he be wō me, that he may growe from faith to faith: for ỹ faithful are called the temple of God wherein he is resident by his holie Spirit: & these faithful are the stones of ỹ newe Ierusalē: that is, the vniuersal Church, and not to my

3 For Christ also wolde not please him self, but as it is written, *The rebukes of them which rebuke thee, fel b on me.

4 For whatsoeuer things are written afore time, are written for our learning, that we through patience, & cōforte of the Scriptures might haue hope.

5 Now the God of c pacience and consolation giue you that ye be * like minded one towards another, according to Christ Iesus,

6 That ye with one minde, *and* with one mouth may praise God euē the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ.

Isa.54. reuel.21. of the which buylding Christ is the chief corner stone, Eph. 2,20. b I did so beare them, as if they had bene done to me Father. c Which is ỹ autor of pacience. 1.Cor.1.10. philip.3.16.

7 Wherefore receiue ye one another, as Christ also receiued vs to the d glorie of God.

d To make vs partakers of Gods glorie.

8 Now I say, that Iesus Christ was a e minister of the circumcision, for the f trueth of God, to cōfirme the promises *made* vnto the fathers.

e First to gather ỹ Iewes, and then the Gentiles that bothe might be made one flocke.

f That God might be knowen true.

9 And let the Gentiles praise God for *his* mercie, as it is writtē, * For this cause I wil confesse thee amōg the Gentiles, and sing vnto thy Name.

*Psal.18.50. 2.sam.22.50. Deu.32.43.

10 And againe he saith, *Reioyce, ye Gentiles with his people.

11 And againe, *Praise the Lord, all ye Gētiles, & laude ye him, all people together.

*Psal.117.1.

12 And againe Esaias saith, * There shalbe a roote of Iesse, and g he that shal rise to reigne ouer h the Gentiles, in him shal the Gentiles trust.

*Isa.11.10.

g Which is Christ who did spring as a yong budde out of ỹ drye and dead rote.

h Then seing he take bothe the Iewes and Gētiles to his Fathers glorie, they oght by his example to loue together.

13 Now the God of hope fil you with all ioye, and peace in beleuing, that ye may abunde in hope through the power of the holie Gost.

14 And I my self also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are ful of goodnes, and filled with all knowledge, and are able to admonish one another.

15 Neuertheles brethrē, I haue somewhat boldly after a sort writtē vnto you, as one that putteth you in remembrāce, through the grace that is giuen me of God,

16 That I shulde be the minister of Iesus Christ towarde the Gentiles, ministring the Gospel of God, that the offring vp of the Gentiles might be acceptable i being sanctified by the holie Gost.

i The minister offreth vp the people to God by the Gospel

17 I haue therefore whereof I may reioyce in Christ Iesus in those things which *perteine* to God.

18 For I dare not k speake of anie thing, which Christ hathe not wroght by me, to *make* the Gentiles obedient in worde and dede,

k God gaue him suche ample occasions to set forthe his excellent workes ỹ he had done by him, that the Apostle nede not to seke anie other thing to boast vpon.

19 With the power of signes and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God: so that from Ierusalem, and rounde about vnto Illyricum, I haue caused to abunde the Gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so I enforced my self to preache the Gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I shulde haue buylt on another mans fundation.

21 But as it is written, *To whome he was not spoken of, they shal se *him*, & they that heard not, shal vnderstand *him*.

*Isa.52.15.

22 Therefore also I haue bene * oft let to come vnto you.

*Chap.1.13. 1.thes.2.17.

23 But now seing I haue no more place in these quarters, and also haue * bene desirous manie yeres agone to come vnto you,

*Chap.1.1.

24 When I shal take my iourney into Spaine, I wil come to you: for I trust to se you in my

in my iorney, & to be broght on my way thitherwarde by you, after that I haue bene somewhat filled with your *companie*.

l Which was to carie the almes.

25 But now go I to Ieruſalem, to l miniſter vnto the Saintes.

26 For it hathe pleaſed them of Macedonia and Achaia, to make a certeine diſtributiō vnto the poore Saintes which are at Ieruſalem.

1.Cor.9,12.

27 For it hathe pleaſed them, and their detters are they: *for if the Gentiles be made partakers of their ſpiritual things, their duetie is alſo to miniſter vnto them in carnal things.

m I ſhal faithfully leaue it with them, & as it were ſealed moſte ſurely

Chap.1,10.

n Almes is ẏ frute of faith and charitie.

28 When I haue therefore performed this, and haue m ſealed them this n frute, I wil paſſe by you into Spaine.

o His coming ſhalbe profitable vnto thē: for God wil giue him abundant knowledge of Diuine myſteries to cōmunicate vnto them.

2.Cor.1,11.

29 *And I knowe when I come, that I ſhal come to you with o abundance of the bleſſing of the Goſpel of Chriſt.

p He feared leſt ſclāderous tongues wolde haue made his meſſage ether odious, or leſſe acceptable.

Iſa.9,6.

30 Alſo bretherē I beſeche you for our Lord Ieſus Chriſts ſake, and for the loue of the Spirit, that ye *wolde ſtriue with me by prayers to God for me.

31 That I may be deliuered frō them which are diſobediēt in Iudea, & that my ſeruice which I haue to do at Ieruſalem, may be p accepted of the Saintes,

32 That I may come vnto you with ioy by the wil of God, & may ẅ you be refreſhed.

33 Thus the *God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

CHAP. XVI.

1 After manie recommendations, 17 He admoniſheth them to beware falſe brethren and to be circumſpect. 20 He prayeth for them, and giueth thankes to God.

1 I Commende vnto you Phebe our ſiſter which is a ſeruant of the Church of Cēchrea,

2 That ye receiue her in the Lord, as it becometh Saintes, and that ye aſsiſt her in whatſoeuer buſines ſhe nedeth of your aide: for ſhe hathe giuen hoſpitalitie vnto manie, and to me alſo.

Act.18,3.

3 Grete *Priſcilla and Aquila my fellow helpers in Chriſt Ieſus.

4 (Which haue for my life laid downe their owne necke. Vnto whome not I onely giue thankes, but alſo all the Churches of the Gentiles)

5 Likewiſe *greté* the Church that is in their houſe. Salute my beloued Epenetus, which is the a firſt frutes of "Achaia in Chriſt.

a The firſt w was cōſecrate to the Lord by embracing the Goſpel.

"Or, Aſia.

6 Grete Marie which beſtowed muche labour on vs.

b They were grafted in Chriſt by faith afore I was called, and were wel eſtemed of the Apoſtles, and of the Churches.

7 Salute Andronicus and Iunia my couſins and fellow priſoners, which are notable among the Apoſtles, and b were in Chriſt before me.

8 Grete Amplias my beloued in the Lord.

9 Salute Vrbanus our felowe helper in Chriſt, and Stachys my beloued.

10 Salute Apelles approued in Chriſt. Salute them which are of Ariſtobulus *friends*.

11 Salute Herodion my kinſman. Grete thē which are of the *frieds* of Narciſſus which are in the Lord.

12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphoſa, which *women* labour in the Lord. Salute the beloued Perſis, which *woman* hathe laboured muche in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus choſen in the Lord, & his mother and mine.

14 Grete Aſyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Mercurius, and the bretherē which are with them.

15 Salute Philologus and Iulias, Nereas, & his ſiſter, and Olympas, & all the Saintes which are with them.

16 Salute one another with an *holie c kiſſe. The Churches of Chriſt ſalute you.

1.Cor.16,20. 2.cor.13,12. 1.pet.5,14.

c This was a ſigne of amitie among the Iewes, which he willeth to be holie, that is, that it come from a mindeful of godlie charitie.

2.Ichn 10.

17 ¶Now I beſeche you brethren, marke them diligently which cauſe diuiſion and offences, contrarie to the doctrine which ye haue learned, and *auoide them.

18 For they that are ſuche, ſerue not the Lord Ieſus Chriſt, but their owne d bellies, and with e faire ſpeache & flattering deceiue the hearts of the ſimple.

d Theſe be markes to know the falſe Apoſtles by.

e The worde ſignifieth him that promiſeth muche & performeth nothing, who ſemeth alſo to ſpeake for thy profite, but doeth nothing leſſe.

Act.16,1

19 For your obediēce is come abrode amōg all: I am glad therefore of you: but yet I wolde haue you wiſe, vnto that which is good, and ſimple concerning euil.

20 The God of peace ſhal treade Satan vnder your fete ſhortly. The grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt *be* with you.

21 *Timotheus my companion, and Lucius and Iaſon, and Soſipater my kinſmen, ſalute you.

phil.2,19.

22 I Tertius, which wrote out this epiſtle, ſalute you in the Lord.

23 *Gaius mine hoſte, & of ẏ whole Church ſaluteth you. Eraſtus the "chamberlaine of f the citie ſaluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

1.Cor.1,14.

"Or, receiuer.

f Corinthus.

24 The grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt *be* with you all. Amen.

25 *To him now that is of power to eſtabliſhe you according to my Goſpel, and preaching of Ieſus Chriſt, *by the reuelation g of the myſterie, which was kept ſecret ſince the worlde began:

Eph.3,19. Ephe.3,9. col.1,26. 2.tim.1,10. tit.1,2. 1.pet.1,10

26 (But now is opened, & publiſhed amōg all nations by the Scriptures of the Prophetes, at the commandement of the euerlaſting God for the obedience of faith)

g Bothe as touching the doctrine of ẏ Goſpel, and alſo the calling of the Gentiles.

27 To God, *I ſay*, onely wiſe, be praiſe through Ieſus Chriſt for euer. Amen.

Written to the Romaines from Corinthus *and ſent* by Phebe, ſeruant of the Church, which is at Cenchrea.

THE FIRST EPISTLE
of Paul to the Corinthians.

THE ARGUMENT.

After that S. Paul had preached at Corinthus a yere and an halfe, he was compelled by the wickednes of the Iewes to saile into Syria. In whose absence false Apostles entred into the Church, who being puffed vp with vaine glorie, and affectat eloquence, sought to bring into contẽpt the simplicitie which Paul vsed in preaching the Gospel. By whose ambition suche factions & schismes sprãg vp in the Church, that frõ opinions in pollicies & ceremonies they fel to false doctrine and heresies, calling into doute the resurrection frõ the dead, one of the chiefest points of Christian religiõ. Against these euils the Apostle procedeth, preparing the Corinthians hearts, & eares with gentle salutations: but sone after he reproueth their contentions and debates, their arrogancie & pride, and exhorteth thẽ to cõcorde & humilitie, setting before their eyes the spiritual vertue, & heauenlie wisdome of the Gospel, which cãnot be perswaded by worldlie wit and eloquent reasons, but is reueiled by Gods Spirit, and so sealed in mens hearts. Therefore this salutation may not be attribute to the ministers, but onely to God, whose seruants they are, and haue receiued charge to edifie his Church wherein S. Paul behaued him self skilfully, buylding according to the fundation (which is Christ) and exhorteth others to make the end proportionable to the beginning, taking diligent hede that they be not polluted with vaine doctrine, seing they are the Temple of God. And as for those which douted of his Apostleship, he sheweth them that he dependeth not on mans iudgement, albeit he had declared by manifest signes that he neuer sought his owne glorie, nether yet how he might liue, but onely the glorie of Christ: which thing at his comming he wolde declare more amply, to the shame of those vaine glorious braggers, who sought them selues onely, & therefore suffred moste horrible vices vnreproued & vnpunished, as incest, contentions, pleadings before infideles, fornication, & suche like, to the great sclander of the Gospel. This done, he answereth to certeine points of the Corinthians letter, as touching single life, duetie of mariage, of discorde & dissension among the maried, of virginitie, & seconde mariage. And because some thoght it nothing to be present at idole seruice, seing in their heart they worshiped the true God, he warneth them to haue respect to their weake brethren, whose faith by that dissembling was hindred, & their consciences wounded, which thing rather thẽ he wolde do, he wolde neuer vse that libertie which God had giuen him. But forasmuche as pride, & self wil was the cause of those great euils, he admonisheth them by the example of the Iewes not to glorie in these outwarde gifies, whose horrible punishment for the abuse of Gods creatures, ought to be a warning to all men to followe Christ vprightly, without all pollution and offence of others. Then he correcteth diuers abuses in their Church, as touching the behauiour of men, and wemen in the assemblies: of the Lords Supper, the abuse of the spiritual gifies, which God hathe giuen to mainteine loue and edifie the Church: as concerning the resurrection from the dead, without the which the Gospel serueth to no vse. Last of all he exhorteth the Corinthians to relieue the poore brethren at Ierusalem, to perseuere in the loue of Christ, and wel doing, sending his commendations, and wishing them peace.

CHAP. I.

He praiseth the great graces of God shewed towarde them, 10 Exhorting them to concorde and humilitie. 19 He beateth downe all pride, and wisdome which is not grounded on God, 26 Shewing whome God hathe chosen to confounde the wisdome of the worlde.

1 PAVL called to be an Apostle of IESVS CHRIST, through the wil of God, and our brother Sostenes,

2 Vnto the Church of God which is at Corinthus, to them that are *[a] sanctified in Christ Iesus, *[b] Saintes by calling, *with all that [c] call on the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ in euerie place, bothe their Lord, and ours:

3 Grace be with you, and peace from God our Father, & from the Lord Iesus Christ.

4 I thanke my God alwayes on your behalfe for the [d] grace of God, which is giuen you in Iesus Christ,

5 *That in all things ye are made riche [e] in him, in [f] all kinde of speache, and in all knowledge:

6 As the testimonie of Iesus Christ hathe bene confirmed in you.

7 So that ye are not destitute of anie gift: *wayting for the appearing of our Lord Iesus Christ.

8 Who shal also confirme you vnto the end, that ye may be [g] blameles in the day of our Lord Iesus Christ.

9 *God is faithful, by whome ye are called vnto the felowship of his Sõne Iesus Christ our Lord.

Act 15,9. 1.thes 4,7. Rom 1,7. eph.1,1. col.1,22. 2.tim.1,9. tit.2,1. 2.Tim 2,23.

a Whome God hathe separate from the rest of the worlde, purified, and giuen to his Sonne, that he might be in them, and they in him. b Made holie by the free mercie & calling of God. c Which is to acknowledge him to be verie God, to worship him, and seke vnto him for helpe.

d For all the benefites ye haue receiued by the Gospel *Colos.1,10. & 2,7. philip.3,20. tit.2,11.*

e As mẽbres of the same bodie which communicate with their head. *1.Thes.3,12. & 3,13.*

f He commendeth those gifites in them, whose abuse after he doeth reproue, as eloquence, philosophie, and their knowledge of Gods worde.

g For there is no condemnation to them that are grafted in Christ Iesus. **Psal.138,8. 1 thes 5,24*

10 Now I beseche you, brethrē, by the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ, *that ye all *h* speake one thing, and that there be no dissentions among you: but be ye knit together in one minde, and in one iudgement.

Rom.15.5. philip.3.16.
h Disagreing in wordes ingēdreth dissentiō of minde, whereof procedeth repugnancie of iudgemēt, which is the mother of schisme and herefie.

11 For it hathe bene declared vnto me, my brethren, of you by them that are of the house of [1] Cloe, that there are cōtentions among you.

[1] Which was a vertuous woman & zealous of Gods glorie and sought the quietnes of the Church.

12 Now this I say, that euerie one of you saith, I am Paules, and I am *Apollos, and I am Cephas, and I am Christs.

13 Is Christ deuided? was Paul crucified for you? ether were ye baptized *k* into the name of Paul?

Act.18.24.
k Read the annotacion, Act. 3.16.

14 I thanke God, that I baptized none of you, but *Crispus, and [l] Gaius,

Act.18.8.
[l] This Gaius was Pauls hoste, in whose house also the Church was at Corinthus, Rom.16.23: there was yet another so called, which was of Derbe. & followed Paul, Act 20.4

15 Lest anie shulde say, that I had baptized into mine owne name.

16 I baptized also the housholde of Stephanas: furthermore knowe I not, whether I baptized anie other.

17 For Christ sent me not to *m* baptize, but to preache the Gospel, not with *[n] wisdome of wordes, [o] lest the crosse of Christ shulde be made of none effect.

Chap.2.19. galat.1.4. 2.pet.1.16.
m That is, chiefly & peculiarly

Rom.1.16. Isa.29.14.
n As rhetoricke, or arte oratorie.
o When men shulde attribute that vnto eloquence, which onely belonged to the power of God.

18 For the preaching of the crosse is to thē that perish, foolishnes: but vnto vs, which are saued, it is the *power of God.

19 For it is written, I *wil destroye the wisdome of the wise, and wil cast away the vnderstanding of the prudent.

20 Where is the wise? where is the [p] Scribe? where is the [q] disputer of this worlde? hathe not God made the wisdome of this worlde foolishnes?

p That is, the interpreter of the Law.

Mat.12.38.
q He that is so subtil in discussing questions? & herein Paul reprocheth euen the best learned, as thogh not one of them colde perceiue by his owne wisdome this mysterie of Christ reueiled in the Gospel.

21 For seing the worlde by wisdome knewe not God in the wisdome of God, it pleased God by the foolishnes of preaching to saue them that beleue:

22 Seing also that the Iewes require a*signe, and the Grecians seke after wisdome.

23 But we preache Christ crucified: vnto the Iewes, euen a stombling blocke, & vnto the Grecians, foolishnes:

24 But vnto them which are called, bothe of the Iewes & Greciās *we preache* Christ, the power of GOD, and the wisdome of God.

25 For the [r] foolishnes of God is wiser thē men, and the weakenes of God is stronger then men.

r He speaketh in the persone of the wicked, who contrarie to their cōscience rather attribute these things to God, then acknowledge their owne follie & weakenes.

26 For brethren, you se your calling, how that not manie wise men [s] after the flesh, not manie mightie, not manie noble *are called.*

s According as the worlde termeth wise me.

27 But God hathe chosen the foolish thīgs of the worlde to confounde the wise, and God hathe chosen the weake things of the worlde, to confounde the mightie things.

28 And vile things of the worlde & things which are despised, hathe God chosen, & things [t] which are not, to bring to noght things [u] that are,

t Which are in mans iudgement almost nothing, but taken for abiects & castawaies.
u Estemed & in reputacion.

29 That no [x] flesh shulde reioyce in his presence.

Ierem.23.5.
x Thus he calleth man in cōtempt & to beate downe his arrogancie.

30 But ye are of him in Christ Iesus, who of God is made vnto vs *wisdome and righteousnes, and sanctificacion, and redempcion,

Ierem.9.24. 2.cor.10.17.

31 That, according as it is written, *He that reioyceth, [y] let him reioyce in the Lord.

y That is, attribute all thinges to God with thankesgiuing

CHAP. II.

1 He putteth for example his maner of preaching, which was according to the tenor of the Gospel. 8 Which Gospel was contemptible & hid to the carnal, 10 And againe honorable and manifest to the Spiritual.

1 AND I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with *excellencie of wordes, or of wisdome, shewing vnto you the [a] testimonie of God.

Chap.1.17.
Or, mysterie.
a That is, the Gospel, whereby God ooeth manifest himselfe to the worlde, or where of God is the autor & witnes.

2 For I estemed not to [b] knowe anie thing among you, saue Iesus Christ, and him crucified.

Or, I theght nothing worthie to be knowen.

3 *And I was among you in [b] weakenes, and in feare, & in muche trembling.

Act.18.1. Chap.1.17.

4 Nether *stode* my worde, & my preaching in the *entising speache of mans wisdome, but in plaine euidence of [c] the Spirit and of power,

2.pet.1.16.
b Herein appeareth his greatmodestie, who was not glorious, but abiect & humble, not ful of vaineboastings & arrogancie, but of feare & trembling for the [g] migh tie power of God.

5 That your faith shulde not be in the wisdome of men, but in the power of God.

6 And we speake wisdome among them that are [c] perfite: not the wisdome of this worlde, nether of the [d] princes of this worlde, which come to noght.

c They whose vnderstandigs are illuminate by faith, acknowledge this wisdome, which the worlde calleth follie.

7 But we speake the wisdome of God in a mysterie, *euen* the hid *wisdome*, which God had determined before the worlde, vnto our glorie.

d The worde is here taken for thē whome etner for wisdome, riches or power men moste esteme.

8 Which [e] none of the princes of this worlde hathe knowen: for had thei knowē it, thei wolde not haue crucified [f] the Lord of glorie.

Isa.64.4.
e That is, very fewe.
f He calleth Iesus [g] mightie God, ful of true glorie & maiestie, whome Dauid also calleth [g] King of glorie, Psal.24.7. and Steuen nameth him the God of glorie, Act.7.2: & hereby appeareth the diuinitie of Christ & cōiunctiō of two natures in one persone.

9 But as it is written, *The things which eye hathe not sene, nether eare hathe heard, nether came into mās heart, *are*, which God hathe prepared for them that loue him.

Chap.1.17. 2.pet.1.16.

10 But God hathe reueiled *them* vnto vs by his Spirit: for the Spirit [h] searcheth all things, yea, the deepe things of God.

h For he is

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, saue the spirit [i] of a man, which is in him? euen so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we haue [k] receiued not the Spirit of the worlde, but the Spirit, which is of God, that we might knowe the [l] thīgs that are giuen to vs of God.

13 Which things also we speake, not in the *wordes which mans wisdome teacheth,

g Man is not able to thinke Gods prouidence towards his one God with the Father and the Sonne. *i* Mans minde, which vnderstandeth and iudgeth. *k* We are not moued with that Spirit, which teacheth things wherewith the worlde is delited, and which men vnderstand by nature. *l* All the benefites of God in Iesus Christ.

but which the holie Goſt teacheth, comparing [m] ſpiritual things with ſpiritual things.

14 But the [n] natural man perceiueth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are fooliſhnes vnto him: nether can he knowe *them*, becauſe they are ſpiritually diſcerned.

15 But he that is * ſpiritual, diſcerneth all things: yet he him ſelf is [o] iudged of no man.

16 *For who hathe knowen the minde of the Lord, that he might inſtruct him? But we haue the [p] minde of Chriſt.

m As that we teache is ſpiritual, ſo ſ kinde of teaching muſt be ſpiritual, that ſ wordes may agre with the matter.

n Whoſe knowledge & iudgement is not cleared by Gods Spirit.

Prou. 27, 19.
Iſa. 40, 13.
wiſd. 9, 17.
rom. 11, 34.

o For the tryeth of God is not ſubiect to the iudgement of man.

p That is, Chriſts Spirit, Iohn 16, 13. rom 8, 9.

CHAP. III.

3 Paul rebuketh the ſectes and autours thereof. 7 No man ought to attribute his ſaluacion to the miniſters, but to God. 10 That they beware erronious doctrines. 11 Chriſt is the fundacion of his Church. 16 The dignitie and office bothe of the miniſters and alſo of all the faithfull.

AND I colde not ſpeake vnto you, brethrē, as vnto ſpiritual mē, but as vnto carnal, *euen* as vnto [a] babes in Chriſt.

2 I gaue you milke to drinke, & not meat: for ye were not yet able *to beare it*, nether yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for where as *there is* among you enuying, and ſtrife, and diuiſions, are ye not carnal, and walke as men?

4 For when one ſaith, I am Pauls, and another, I am Apollos, are ye not carnal?

5 Who is Paul then? and who is Apollos, but the miniſters by whome ye beleued, & as the Lord gaue to euerie man?

6 I haue planted, Apollos watred, but God gaue the encreaſe.

7 So then, nether is he that planteth, anie thing, nether he that watreth, but God that giueth the encreaſe.

8 And he that planteth, & he that watreth, are [b] one, *and* euerie man ſhal receiue his wages, according to his labour.

9 For we together are Gods [c] laborers: ye are Gods houſbandrie, *and* Gods buylding.

10 According to the grace of God giuen to me, as a ſkilful maſter buylder, I haue laid the fundacion, and another buyldeth thereon: but let euerie man [d] take hede how he buyldeth vpon it.

11 For other fundacion can no man lay, then that which is laid, which is Ieſus Chriſt.

12 And if anie man buylde on this fundacion, golde, ſiluer, precious ſtones, tymber, haye, *or* ſtubble,

13 Euerie mans worke ſhalbe made manifeſt: for the [e] daye ſhal declare it, becauſe it ſhalbe reueiled by the [f] fyre: & the fyre ſhal trye euerie mans worke of what ſorte it is.

14 If anie mans worke, that he hathe buylt vpon, abide, he ſhal receiue wages.

a Being ingrafted in Chriſt by faith, we begin to moue by his Spirit, & as we profite in faith, we growe vp to a ripe age. And here let him take hede that teacheth, leſt for milke he giue poyſon: for milke and ſtrong meat in effect are one, but onely differ in maner & forme.

Pſal. 62, 13.
Galat. 6, 5.

b He chargeth them with two faultes: the one, ſ thei attributed to meche to ſ miniſters, & ſ other, that thei preferred one miniſter to another.

c So made by his grace.

d He reproueth the miniſters of Corinth, as teachers of curious doctrines & queſtions.

e Or the time: which is, whē the light of ſ truth ſhal expel the darkenes of ignorance, then the curious oſtentacion of mans wiſdome ſhalbe broght to noght.

f By the tryal of Gods Spirit.

15 If anie mans worke burne, he ſhal [g] loſe, but he [h] ſhalbe ſaſe him ſelf: neuertheles yet as it were by the fyre.

16 *Knowe ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If anie man deſtroy the Tēple of God, him ſhal God deſtroy: for the Temple of God is holie, which ye are.

18 Let no man deceiue him ſelf. If anie man among you ſeme to be wiſe in this worlde, let him be a foole, that he may be wiſe.

19 For ſ wiſdome of this worlde is fooliſhnes with God: for it is written, * He catcheth the wiſe [k] in their owne craftines.

20 * And againe, The Lord knoweth that the thoghts of the wiſe be vaine.

21 Therefore let no man [l] reioyce in men: for all things are yours.

22 Whether it be Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the worlde, or life, or death: whether they be things preſent, or things to come, *euen* all are yours,

23 And ye Chriſts, and Chriſt Gods.

g Bothe his labour & rewarde.

Chap. 6, 19.
2. cor. 6, 16.

h He reproueth thē not as falſe apoſtles, but as curious teachers of humaine ſciēces, as they which lothing at the ſimplicitie of Gods worde, preache philoſophical ſpeculacions.

i As touching his life, if he holde faſt the fundacion.

Iob. 5, 13.

k When they them ſelues are entāgled in ſ ſame ſnares, ſ thei laid for others.

Pſal. 94, 11.

l But in God who worketh by his miniſters to his owne glorie & the cōfort of his Church.

CHAP. IIII.

1 After that he had deſcribed the office of a true Apoſtle, 3 Seing they did not acknowledge him ſuche one, 4 He appealeth to Gods iudgement. 7 Beating downe their glorie which hindered them to praiſe that, which they diſpraiſed in him. 16 He ſheweth what he requireth on their parte, & what they ought to loke for of him at his returne.

1 LET a man ſo thinke of vs, as of the [a] miniſters of Chriſt, and diſpoſers of the ſecrets of God.

2 And as for the reſt, it is required of the diſpoſers, ſ euerie mā be founde faithful.

3 * As touching me, I paſſe verie litle, to be iudged of you, or of "mans iudgement: no, I iudge not [b] mine owne ſelf.

4 For I [c] knowe nothing by [d] my ſelf, yet am I not thereby iuſtified: but he that iudgeth me, is the Lord.

5 Therefore * iudge nothing before the time, vntil the Lord come, who wil lighten things that are hid in darkenes, and make the counſels of the hearts manifeſt: and then ſhal euerie man haue praiſe of God.

6 Now theſe things, brethren, I haue figuratiuely applied vnto mine owne ſelf & Apollos, for your ſakes, that ye might learne [e] by vs, that no man preſume aboue that which is written, that one ſwel not againſt another for anie mans cauſe.

7 For who [f] ſeparateth thee? and what haſt thou, that thou haſt not receiued? if thou haſt receiued it, why reioyceſt thou, as thogh thou hadeſt not receiued it?

8 Now ye are ful: now ye are made riche: ye reigne as Kings without vs, and wolde to God ye did reigne, that we alſo might reigne with you.

9 For I thinke that God hathe ſet forthe

a As it is a thing intollerable to cōtēne ſ true miniſters of God, ſo it is greatly reprehenſible to attribute more vnto thē then is mete.

Mat. 7, 1.

"Greke, *mans day.*

Mat. 7, 1.
rom. 2, 1.

b Whether I haue great gifts or litle, few or manie.

c For as I do not knowe, whereby I ſhulde take anie occaſion of glorie: ſo I am certeine ſ before God another maner of iuſtice is required.

d Concerning mine office.

e By our example.

f To wit, from other men and preferreth thee?

vss the laſte Apoſtles, as men appointed to death: for we are made a gaſing ſtocke vnto the worlde, and to the Angels, and to men.

10 We *are* [h] fooles for Chriſts ſake, and ye *are* wiſe in Chriſt: we *are* weake, and ye ſtrong: ye *are* honorable, and we *are* deſpiſed.

11 Vnto this houre we bothe hõger, & thirſt, and are naked, and are buffeted, and haue no certeine dwelling place,

12 *And labour, working w̃ our owne hands: we are reuiled, & *yet* we bleſſe: we are perſecuted, *and* ſuffer it.

13 *We are euil ſpoken of, and we "pray: we are made as the filthe of the worlde, the ofſkowring of all things, vnto this time.

14 I write not theſe things to ſhame you, but as my beloued childrẽ I admoniſh you

15 For thogh ye haue ten thouſand "inſtructours in Chriſt, yet *haue ye* not manie fathers: for in Chriſt Ieſus I haue begotten you through the Goſpel.

16 Wherefore, I pray you, be ye followers of me.

17 For this cauſe haue I ſent vnto you Timotheus, which is my beloued ſonne, and faithful in the Lord, w̃ ſhal put you in [i] remembrance of my wayes in Chriſt "as I teache euerie where in euerie Church.

18 Some are puffed vp as thogh I wolde not come to you.

19 But I wil come to you ſhortely, *if the Lord wil, and wil knowe, not the ſpeache of them which are puffed vp, but the power.

20 For the [k] kingdome of God *is not* in worde, but in [l] power.

21 What wil ye? ſhal I come vnto you with a rod, or in loue, and in the ſpirit of mekenes?

CHAP. V.

1 He reproueth ſharpely their negligence in puniſhing him that had committed inceſte, 3 Willing them to excommunicate him, 7 To embrace puritie, 9 And flee wickednes.

1 IT is heard certeinely *that there is* fornication amõg you, and ſuche fornicatiõ as is not once named among the [a] Gentils, *that one ſhulde haue his fathers wife.

2 And ye are puffed vp & haue not rather ſorowed, that he which hathe done this dede, might be put from among you.

3 *For I verely as abſent in bodie, but preſent in ſpirit, haue determined already as thogh I were preſent, that he that hathe [b] thus done this thing,

4 When ye are gathered together, and my [c] ſpirit, [d] in the Name of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, that ſuche one, I ſay, by the power of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt,

5 * Be deliuered vnto [e] Satan, for the deſtructiõ of the fleſh, that the ſpirit may be ſaued in the day of the Lord Ieſus.

6 Your reioycing is not [g] good: *know ye not that a litle leauẽ, leaueneth the whole lumpe?

7 Purge out therefore the olde leauen, that ye may be a newe lumpe, [h] as ye are vnleauened: for Chriſt our Paſſeouer is ſacrificed for vs.

8 Therefore let vs kepe the feaſt, not with olde leauẽ, nether in the leauen of malicioufsnes and wickednes: but with the vnleauened bread of ſincerittie and trueth.

9 I wrote vnto you in an epiſtle, *that ye ſhulde not cõpanie together w̃ fornicators,

10 And [i] not all together with the fornicators of this worlde, or with the couetous, or with extorcioners, or with idolaters: for then ye muſte go out of the worlde.

11 But now I haue written vnto you, that ye companie not together: if anie that is called a brother, be a fornicator, or couetous, or [k] an idolater, or a railar, or a drunkard, or an extorcioner, with ſuche one eat not.

12 For what haue I to do, to iudge them alſo, which are [l] without? do ye not iudge thẽ that are [m] within?

13 But God iudgeth them that are without. Put away therefore frõ among your ſelues that wicked man.

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[a] Who wolde thinke that you wolde ſuffer that miſchief vnpuniſhed, which ỹ moſte barbarous nations abhorre to ſpeake of. *Leu.18,8. Col.2,5.*

[b] Hauing now receiued the Goſpel.

[c] My wil and conſent.

[d] With inuocatiõ of Gods Name, as becometh them w̃ procure the Lords buſines and not their owne. *1. Tim.1,20.*

[e] Which is, to be as an heathen man and publicane.

[f] For being wouñded with ſhame & ſorowe, his fleſh or olde man ſhal dye: and the ſpirit or newe man ſhal remaine aliue & enioye the victorie in ỹ day when the Lord ſhal iudge the quicke and dead, 2. Cor.4,18. 1 pet.4,6. *Gal.5,9.*

[g] Seing you ſuffer ſuche mõ ſtrous vices among you. *Mat.18,17. 2 theſſ.3,14.*

[h] As euerie mã particularly is pure, ſo ỹ whole Church in general may be pure.

[i] But he meãt of thoſe that were conuerſant in the Church, whome they ought by diſcipline to haue corrected: for as touching ſtrãgers they ought by all meanes godly to winne thẽ to Chriſt.

[k] Who to pleaſe bothe parties wolde be preſent at idole ſeruice, & yet profeſſe the Goſpel.

[l] Vnto whome the Eccleſiaſtical diſcipline doeth not ſtretch.

[m] Which are ſubiect to Gods worde, & to the diſcipline of the Church.

CHAP. VI.

1 He rebuketh them for going to law together before the Heathen 7 Chriſtians ought rather to ſuffer. 12 He reproueth the abuſing of Chriſtian libertie. 15 And ſheweth that we ought to ſerue God purely bothe in bodie, and in ſoule.

1 DAre anie of you, hauing buſines againſt another, be iudged vnder "the [a] vniuſt, and not vnder the Saintes?

2 *Do ye not knowe, that the Saintes ſhal iudge the worlde? If the worlde then ſhalbe iudged by you, are ye vnworthie to iudge the ſmalleſt matters?

3 Knowe ye not ỹ we ſhal iudge the [b] Angels? how muche more things that perteine to this life?

4 If then ye haue iudgemẽts of things perteining to this life, [c] ſet vp them which are [d] leaſt eſteemed in the Church.

5 I ſpeake it to your ſhame. Is it ſo that there is not a wiſe man among you? no not one, ỹ can iudge betwene his brethrẽ?

6 But a brother goeth to lawe with a brother, and that vnder the infideles.

7 Now therefore there is vterly "a faute among you, becauſe ye go to law one with another: *why rather ſuffer ye not wrong? why rather ſuſteine ye not harme?

8 *Nay, ye your ſelues [e] do wrong, and do harme, and that to your brethren.

"Or, iudges & magiſtraates which are vnfideles. Wiſ.3,2.

[a] He calleth them vniuſte, whoſoeuer are not ſanctified in Chriſt.

[b] Who are now apoſtates & deuils, Mat.25,41.

[c] That is, make them iudges.

[d] If ye ſo burne with deſire to pleade, kepe a court among your ſelues, and make the leaſt eſteemed your iudge: for it is moſte eaſie to iudge betwene brethren.

"Or, impotencie of mynde. Mat.5,39. luk.6,29. rom.12,19. 1.Theſſ.4,6.

[e] He ſoeth not reproue ỹ godlie, which with a good conſcience vſeth ỹ magiſtrat to defende his right, but condemneth hatred, grudges & deſires of reuengeance.

9 Knowe ye not that the vnrighteous ſhal not inherite the kingdome of God? Be not deceiued: * neither fornicatours, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor wãtons, nor bouggerers,

10 Nor theues, nor couetous, nor drunkards, nor railers, nor extorcioners ſhal inherite the kingdome of God.

11 And ſuche were *ſome of you: but ye are waſhed, but ye are ſanctified, but ye are iuſtified in the Name of the Lord Ieſus, and by the Spirit of our God.

12 ¶ *All [f] things are lawful vnto me: but all things are not profitable. I may do all things, but I wil not be broght vnder [g] the power of anie thing.

13 Meates *are ordeined* for the bellie, and the bellie for ỹ meates: but God ſhal deſtroie bothe it, and them. Now the bodie *is* not for [h] fornication, but for the [i] Lord, & the Lord for the bodie.

14 And God hathe alſo raiſed vp ỹ Lord, and *ſhal raiſe vs vp by his power.

15 Knowe ye not, that your bodies are the members of Chriſt? ſhal I then take the mẽbers of Chriſt, and make them the mẽbers of an [k] harlot? God forbid.

16 Do ye not knowe, that he which coupleth him ſelf with an harlot, is one bodie? *for two, ſaith he, ſhalbe one fleſh.

17 But he that is ioyned vnto the Lord, is one ſpirit.

18 Flee fornication: euerie ſinne that a man doeth, is without the bodie: but he ỹ cõmit teth fornicatiõ, ſinneth againſt his [l] owne bodie.

19 Know ye not, that *your bodie is ỹ tẽple of the holie Goſt, *which is* in you, whome ye haue of God? and ye are not your owne.

20 *For ye are boght for a price: therefore glorifie God in your bodie, and in your ſpirit: for they are Gods.

Eph.5.3. 1.tim.1.9.

Eph 2.12. tit. 3.3. 1.pet.4.3. Chap.10.23. eccle.37.31.

f Here he ſpeaketh of things indifferent of their nature, & firſt as touchig carnal libertie

g For we are ſubiect to thoſe thigs which we can not want.

h They abuſed meates, bothe in that they offended others thereby, & alſo prouoked their owne luſts to vnclennes.

Rom.6.5.

i God wil be Lord bothe of the ſoul and bodie.

k Whereby he ſignifieth, that bothe we ſhal ſe the glorie of the reſurrection of the iuſte, and alſo that dignitie, and priuiledge where by we be made the mẽbers of Chriſt.

Gen.2.24. mat.19.5. mar.10.7. eph.5.31. Chap.3.17. 2.cor.6.16. Chap.7.23. 1.pet.1.18.

l That is, he more polluteth his owne bodie, then he that committeth anie other ſinne.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Apoſtle anſwereth to certeine queſtions, which the Corinthians deſired to knowe. 2 As of ſingle life, 8 Of the duetie of mariage. 11 Of diſcordes & diſſenſion in mariage. 13 Of mariage betwene the faithful & vnfaithful. 18 Of vncircumciſing the circumciſed. 21 Of ſeruitude. 25 Of virginitie. 39 And ſeconde mariage.

1 NOw concerning the things whereof ye wrote vnto me, It *were* [a] good for a man not to touche a woman.

2 Neuertheles, to auoide fornication, let [b] euerie man haue his wife, and let euerie woman haue her owne houſband.

3 *Let the houſbãd giue vnto the wife [c] due beneuolence, and likewiſe alſo the wife vnto the houſband.

4 The wife hathe not ỹ power of her owne bodie, but the houſband: and likewiſe alſo the houſband hathe not the power of his owne bodie, but the wife.

5 Defraude not one another, except *it be* with conſent for a time, that ye may giue your ſelues to faſting and prayer, & againe come together that Satan tempt you not for your incontinencie.

6 But I ſpeake this by permiſſion, [d] not by commandement.

7 For I wolde that all men were euen as I my ſelf *am*: but euerie man hathe his proper gift of God, one after this maner, and another after that.

8 Therefore I ſay vnto the vnmaried, and vnto the widowes, it is good for them if they abide euen as I *do*.

9 But if they can not abſteine, let thẽ marie: for it is better to marie thẽ to [e] burne.

10 And vnto the maried I cõmande, not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife *departe from her houſband.

11 But and if ſhe [f] departe, let her remaine vnmaried, or be recõciled vnto her houſband, and let not the houſband put [g] away *his* wife.

12 But to the remnant I ſpeake, *&* not [h] the Lord, If anie brother haue a wife, that beleueth not, if ſhe be content to dwell with him, let him not forſake her.

13 And the womã which hathe an houſbãd that beleueth not, if he be content to dwel with her, let her not forſake him.

14 For the vnbeleuing houſband is [i] ſanctified by the wife, & the vnbeleuing wife is ſanctified by the houſband, els were your childrẽ vncleane: but now are they [k] holie.

15 But if the vnbeleuing departe, let him departe: a brother or a ſiſter is not in ſubiection in [l] ſuche things: but God hathe called vs in peace.

16 For what knoweſt thou, ô wife, whither thou ſhalt ſaue thine houſband? Or what knoweſt thou, ô mã, whither thou ſhalt ſaue thy wife?

17 But as God hathe diſtribute to euerie mã, as the Lord hathe [m] called euerie one, ſo let him walke: and ſo ordeine I, in all Churches.

18 Is anie man called being circumciſed? let him not [n] gather *his vncircumciſion*: is anie called vncircumciſed? let him not be circumciſed.

19 [o] Circumciſion is nothing, & vncircumciſion is nothing, but the keping of the cõmandements of God.

20 *Let euerie man abide in the ſame vocation wherein he was called.

21 Art thou called *being* a ſeruant? [p] care not for it: but if yet thou maiſt be free, vſe it rather.

22 For he that is called in the [q] Lord *being* a ſeruant, is the Lords freman: likewiſe alſo

a Or, expediẽt becauſe mariage, through mans cõruption, and not by Gods inſtitution bringeth cares and troubles.

1.Pet.3.7.

b Speaking to all men in general.

c Which conteineth all duties perteining to mariage.

d He ſheweth that he commandeth not preciſely all men to marie, but that God hathe granted this remedie vnto them ẃ can not liue chaſte.

e With the fyre of concupiſcence, that is when mans wil ſo giueth place to the luſt that temteth, that he can not call vpõ God with a quiet conſcience.

Mat 5.32. & 19.9. mar.10.11. luk.16.18.

f For hatred, diſſenſion, anger, &c.

g Saue for whordome, as Matth 5.32.

h In ſmuche as there was nothing expreſly ſpoken hereof in the Law, or Prophetes: or els he ſpake this moued by the Spirit of God as he teſtifieth in the 25. ver.

i Meaning, that the faith of ỹ beleuer hathe more power to ſanctifie mariage then the wickednes of the other to pollute it.

k They that are borne of ether of the parents faithful, are alſo counted members of Chriſts Church, becauſe of ỹ promes, Act.2.39.

l When ſuche things come to paſſe, that the faithful & vnfaithful be maried together, and the one forſake ỹ other without cauſe.

m The lawful vocation in outwarde things muſt not lightly be neglected.

n Which is when the ſurgeon by arte draweth out the ſkinne to couer the parte, Celſus lib. 7. ca. 25 Epiphan. lib. de ponderib & menſur. 1. Maccab 1.16

o It is all one whither thou be Iewe or Gentil *Ephe 4.1. 1.tim 6.1.

p Although God hathe called thee to ſerue in this life, yet thinke not thy condition vnworthie for a Chriſtian: but reioyce, that thou art deliuered by Chriſt from the miſerable ſeruitude of ſinne and death.

q Being ſeruant by condition is made partaker of Chriſt.

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he that is called *being* fre, is Christs seruãt.

Chap.6,20. *1.pet.1,20.* 23 *Ye are boght [o] with a price: be not the seruants of men.

[o] Or, dearly.

24 Brethren, let euerie man, wherein he was called, therein abide [r] with God.

[r] Syncerely: as in the presence of God.

25 Now concerning [o] virgines, I haue no [s] commandement of the Lord: but I giue mine aduise, as one that hathe obteined mercie of the Lord to be [t] faithful.

[o] Or, the state of virginitie.

[s] He bindeth no man to that w̃ God hathe left fre. but sheweth what is moste agreable to Gods wil, according to the circumstance of the time, place & persones.

[t] Or, beleued.

26 I suppose then [u] this to be good for the present necessitie: *I meane* that it is good for a man so to be.

[u] To be single.

27 Art thou boũde vnto a wife? seke not to be losed: art thou losed from a wife? seke not a wife.

28 But if thou takest a wife, thou sinnest not: and if a virgine marie, she sinneth not: neuertheles, suche shal haue [x] [y] trouble in the flesh: but I [x] spare you.

[x] In these afflictions and persecutions.

[x] As worldlie cares of their children & familie.

[y] He doeth not preferre singlenes as a thing more holie then mariage, but by reason of incommodities, w̃ the one hathe more then the other.

29 And this I say, brethré, because the time is short, [z] here after that bothe they which haue wiues, be as though they had none:

[z] In wishing that you colde liue without wiues.

30 And they that [a] wepe, as though they wept not: and they that [b] reioyce, as though thei reioyced not: & thei that bie, as though they possessed not:

[a] Which be in aduersitie.

[b] Which be in prosperitie.

31 And they that vse this worlde, as though they vsed it not: for the [c] facion of this worlde goeth away.

[c] In this worlde there is nothing but mere vanitie.

32 And I wolde haue you without care. The vnmaried careth for the things of y̆ Lord, how he may please the Lord.

33 But he that is maried, careth for the things of the [d] worlde, how he maie please *his* wife‖.

[d] Which onely apperteine to this presene life.

‖ *And he is diuided*, meaning into diuers cares.

34 There is differẽce also betwene a virgine & a wife: the vnmaried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be [e] holie, bothe in bodie and in spirit: but she that is maried, careth for the things of the worlde, how she may please her husband.

[e] She may atteine vnto it sooner then the other, because she is without cares.

35 And this I speake for your owne cõmoditie, not to [f] tangle you in a snare, but that *ye followe* that, which is honest, and that ye may cleaue fast vnto the Lord without separation.

[f] Seing S. Paul colde binde no mãs conscience to single life, what presumption is it that anie other shulde do it.

36 But if anie man thinke that it is vncomlie for his virgine, if she passe the flowre of *her* age, & [g] nede so require, let him do what he wil, he sinneth not: let them be maried.

[g] That is, that she shulde marie to auoide fornication.

37 Neuertheles he [h] that standeth firme in his heart, that he hathe no nede, but hathe [i] power ouer his owne wil, & hathe so decreed in his heart, that he wil kepe his virgine, he doeth wel.

[h] Meaning, he that is fully persuaded that he hathe no nede.

[i] For the fathers wil dependeth on his childrẽs in this point: in so muche as he is boũde to haue respect to their infirmitie, neither can he iustly require of thẽ singlenes, if they haue not that gift of God so to liue.

38 So then he that giueth her to mariage, doeth wel, but he that giueth her not to mariage, doeth [k] better.

[k] And more cõmodious for his childrẽ in preseruing them from cares.

39 The wife is bounde by the [l] law, as long as her husband * liueth: but if her husband be dead, she is at libertie to mary w̃ whome she wil, onely in the Lord.

[l] Of matrimonie. * *Rom.7,1.*

40 But she is more blessed, if she so abide, in my iudgement: *and I thinke that I haue also the Spirit of God.

* *1.Thess.4,8.*

CHAP. VIII.

He rebuketh thẽ that vse their libertie to the slander of other, in going to the idolatrous sacrifices. 9 And sheweth how men ought to behaue them towarde suche as be weake.

1 AND as touching things sacrificed vnto idoles, we knowe that we all haue [a] knowledge: knowledge puffeth vp, but loue edifieth.

[a] Of the libertie that God hathe giuen vs touchig outwarde things.

2 Now, if any man thinke that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to knowe.

3 But if any man loue God, the same is [o] knowen of him.

[o] Or, taughte

4 Cõcerning therefore meat sacrificed vnto idoles, we knowe that an idol *is* [b] nothig in the worlde, & that there *is* none other God but one.

[b] This he speaketh in their persone which bragged so muche of their libertie, saying that an image amõgst all thigs that are made, is of no force.

5 For thogh there be that are called gods, whether in heauẽ, or in earth, (as there be many gods, and many [c] lords)

[c] Which being idoles, yet are esteemed of mẽ as Lords and Seigneurs.

6 Yet vnto vs there *is* but one God, *which is* the Father, of whome are all things, & we in him: & *one Lord Iesus Christ, by whome *are* all things, and we by him.

* *Iohn 13,33. chap.12,3.*

7 But euerie man hathe not knowledge: for some hauing [d] cõscience of the idole, vntil this houre, eat as a thig sacrificed vnto the idole, and so their conscience being weake, is defiled.

[d] In that they thoght y̆ meat offered vp to the image, not to be pure, and therefore colde not eat it with agood cõscience.

8 But meat maketh not vs acceptable to God: for nether if we eat, haue we y̆ [e] more: nether if we eat not, haue we the lesse.

[e] This abundance and wãt is referred to spiritual thigs Rom 14,17.

9 But take hede lest by any meanes this [o] power of yours be an occasion of falling to them that are weake.

[o] Or, liberte in things indifferent.

10 For if any man se thee which hast knowledge, sit at table in the idoles temple, shal not the cõscience of him which is weake, be [o] [f] boldened to eat those things which are sacrificed to idoles?

[o] Greke, buylded vp

[f] By thine example without any ground de of doctrine. *Rom.14,15.*

11 And through thy knowledge shal the * [g] weake brother perish, for whome Christ dyed.

[g] Which eateth against his conscience, or in doute.

12 Now when ye sinne so against the brethren, and wounde their weake conscience, ye sinne against Christ.

13 *Wherefore if meat offend my brother, I wil eat no flesh while the worlde standeth, that I may not offend my brother.

* *Rom.14,21.*

CHAP. IX.

He exhorteth them by his example to vse their libertie to the edification of other. 24 To runne on forthe in the course that they haue begonne.

1 AM I not an Apostle? am I not fre? haue I not sene Iesus Christ our Lord? are ye not my worke in the Lord?

2 If I be not an Apostle vnto other, yet

douteles I am vnto you: for ye are the [a] seale of mine Apostleship in the Lord.

a I nede no further declaratiõ but the workes that I haue wroght among you.

3 My defense to thẽ yͭ examine me, is this,

4 Haue we not power to eat [c] & to drinke?

b And call into doute mine office.

5 Or haue we not power to [d] lead about a wife being a [e] sister, as wel as the rest of the Apostles, and as the [f] brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

c On yͭ Church charges.

d The Apostles led their wiues about with them.

e A faithful & Christiã wife.

6 Or I only and Barnabas, haue not we power [f] not to worke?

*Or, confra?

f Whether thei might not as lawfully liue without labouring for their liuing w͛ their owne hãds, as other Apostles.

7 Who goeth a warfare anie time at his owne cost? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the frute thereof? or who fedeth a flocke, and eateth not of the milke of the flocke?

Deu.25.4.
1.Tim.5.18.

8 Say I these things according to man? saith not the Law the same also?

9 For it is writtẽ in yͭ Law of Moses, *Thou shalt not mussel the mouth of the oxe that treadeth out the corne: doeth God take [g] care for oxen?

g Had God respect & properly to the oxẽ them selues when he made this Law, and not rather vnto men?

10 Ether saith he it not all together for our sakes? For our sakes no doute it is written, that he which eareth, shulde eare in hope: and that he that thresheth in hope, shulde be partaker of his hope.

Rom.15.27.

11 *If we haue sowen vnto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we reape your carnal things?

12 If others with you be partakers of *this* [h] power, *are* not we rather? neuertheles, we haue not vsed this power: but [i] suffre all things, that we shulde not hinder the Gospel of Christ.

h To liue on other mens charges?

*Or, take in worthe.

13 Do ye not knowe, that they which minister about the *holie things, eat of yͭ things of the Temple? and they which wait at the altar, are partakers [k] with the altar?

Deu.18.1.

k For yͭ parte yͭ was burnt, was deuored of the altar, & the other was due vnto the Priests by the Law.

14 So also hathe the Lord ordeined, that they which preache the Gospel, shulde liue of the Gospel.

15 But I haue vsed none of these things: nether wrote I these things, that it shulde be so done vnto me: for it were better for me to dye, then that anie man shulde make my [l] reioycing vaine.

l For now you haue no iuste cause against me, seing that I preached the Gospel frely vnto you.

16 For thogh I preache the Gospel, I haue nothing to reioyce of: for necessitie is laid vpon me, and wo is vnto me, if I preache not the Gospel.

17 For if I do it willingly, I haue a rewarde: but if I do it against my wil, [l] *notwithstanding* the dispensation is committed vnto me.

l Seing he is charged to preache, he must willingly and earnestly followe it: for if he do it by constraynte, he doeth not his duetie.

18 What is my rewarde then? verely that whẽ I preache the Gospel, I make the Gospel of Christ [m] fre that I abuse not mine autoritie in the Gospel.

m That I be not chargeable to thẽ vnto whome I preache, seing that they thinke that I preache for gaines.

19 For thogh I be fre frõ all men, yet haue I made my self seruant vnto all men, that I might winne the mo.

Act.16.3.
Gal.2.3.

20 *And vnto yͭ Iewes I become as a Iewe, that I may winne the Iewes: to them that are vnder the Lawe, as *thogh I were* vnder the [n] Law, that I may winne thẽ that are vnder the Law:

n As touching yͭ ceremonies.

21 To them that are without lawe, as *thogh I were* without law (whẽ I am not without Law as perteining to God, but *am* in the Law through Christ) that I may winne them that are without Law.

22 To the weake I become as weake, that I may winne yͭ weake: I am made [o] all thigs to all men, that I might by all meanes saue some.

o In things indifferent, as eating of meats, obseruation of feasts & daies and suche like, he fashioned him selfe to men in suche sorte as he might best gaine them to Christ.

23 And this I do for the Gospels sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

24 Knowe ye not, that they which runne in a race, runne all, yet one receiueth the price? so runne, that ye may obteine.

25 And euerie man that proueth masteries, [p] absteineth from all things: and they *do it* to obteine a corruptible crowne: but we for an vncorruptible.

p That is, keepeth a strait & dyet & refraineth from suche things as might distẽpre his bodie.

26 I therefore so runne, not as vncerteinly: so fight I, not as one that beateth the ayre.

27 But I beat downe my [q] bodie, & bring it into subiection, lest by any meanes after that I haue preached to other, I my self shulde be [r] reproued.

q Or, olde mã which rebelleth against the Spirit.

r Lest he shulde be reproued of mẽ when they shulde se him do contrarie, or contemne yͭ thing which he taught others to do.

CHAP. X.

He feareth them with the examples of the Iewes, that they put not their trust carnally in the graces of God, 14 Exhorting them to flee all idolatrie. 23 And offence of their neighbour.

1 MOreouer, brethrẽ, I wolde not that ye shulde be ignorãt, that all our fathers were vnder* the cloude, and all passed through the* sea,

Exod.13.22.
numb.9.18.
Exod.14.22
Exod.16.15.

2 And were all *baptized vnto [a] Moses, in the cloude, and in the sea,

a Moses being their guide, or minister, or as some read, they were baptized vnto Moses Lawe, others, by Moses.

3 And did all eat yͭ same [b] [c] spiritual meat,

Exod.17.6.
numb.20.10.

4 *And did all drinke the same spiritual drinke (for they dranke of the spiritual Rocke that followed them: and the Rocke [d] was Christ)

b That is, Manna which was the outwarde signe or Sacrament of yͭ Spiritual grace.

5 But with many of thẽ God was not pleased: for they were* ouerthrowen in the wildernes.

Num.26.65.
Num.11.4.
& 26.64.

6 Now these are ensamples to vs, to the intent yͭ we shulde not lust after euil things *as they also lusted.

Psal.106.34.

c They ate yͭ same meat that we do, because the substance of theirs and our Sacramẽts is all one.

7 Nether be ye idolaters as *were* some of them, as it is written, *The people sate downe to [e] eat and drinke, and rose vp to playe.

d That is, signified Christ as all Sacraments do.

8 Nether let vs commit fornication, as some of them committed fornication, and fel in one* [f] daye thre & twẽtie thousand.

Exod.32.6.
Num.25.9.

9 Nether let vs tempt [g] Christ, as some of them also tẽpted *him*, & were* destroyed of serpents.

Num.21.6.
Psal.106.14.

e Because hereby occasion was taken to forget God, & cõmit idolatrie, there readeth foure

f Moses and twentie thousand, which declareth an infinite nomber.

g Who was their leader and was called the Angel of God.

10 Nether

10 Nether murmure ye, as ſome of them
*alſo murmured, and were deſtroyed of
the [h] deſtroyer.
11 Now all theſe things came vnto them
for enſamples, and were written to admoniſh[i] vs, vpō whome ẏ [k] ends of the worlde are come.
12 Wherefore, let him ẏ thinketh he ſtandeth, take hede leſt he fall.
13 There hathe no tentation taken you, but
ſuche as apperteineth to man: and God is
faithful, which wil not ſuffer you to be
tempted aboue that you be able, but [l] wil
euen giue the yſſue with the tētation, that
ye may be able to beare it.
14 Wherefore my beloued, flee from idolatrie.
15 I ſpeake as vnto them which haue vnderſtanding: iudge ye what I ſay.
16 The cuppe of bleſsing which we [m] bleſſe, is it not the communion of the blood
of Chriſt? The bread which we breake, [n] is
it not the communion of the bodie of
Chriſt?
17 For we that are many, are [o] one bread &
one bodie, becauſe we all are partakers of
one bread.
18 Beholde Iſrael *which is* after the [p] fleſh:
are not they which eat of the ſacrifices,
partakers of the altar?
19 What ſay I then? that the idole is any
thing? or that that which is ſacrificed to
idoles, is any thing?
20 *Nay*, but that theſe things which the
Gentiles ſacrifice, they ſacrifice to deuils,
and not vnto God: and I wolde not that
ye ſhulde haue [q] felowſhippe with the deuils.
21 Ye can not drinke the cup of the Lord,
and the cup of the deuils. Ye can not be
partakers of the Lords table and of the table of deuils.
22 Do we prouoke the Lord to anger? are
we ſtronger then he?
23 *All things are lawful for me, but all
things are not expedient: all things are
lawful for me, but all things edifie not.
24 Let no man ſeke his owne, but euerie mā
anothers wealth.
25 Whatſoeuer is ſolde in the [r] ſhambles,
eat ye, & [s] aſke no queſtion for conſcience ſake.
26 *For the earth *is* the Lords, and all that
therein is.
27 If any of them which beleue not, call
you *to a feaſt*, and if ye wil go, whatſoeuer
is ſet before you, eat, aſking no queſtion
for conſcience ſake.
28 But if any man ſay vnto you, This is ſacrificed vnto idoles, eat it not, becauſe of
him that ſhewed it, and for the conſcience (for the earth *is* the Lords, and all that
therein is)
29 And the conſcience I ſay, not thine, but
of that other: for why ſhulde my [t] libertie
be condēned of another mans conſcience?
30 For [u] if I through *Gods* benefite be partaker, why am I euil ſpoken of, for that
wherefore I giue thankes?
31 *Whether therefore ye eat or drinke, or
whatſoeuer ye do, do all to the glorie of
God.
32 Giue none offence, nether to the Iewes,
nor to the Grecians, nor to the Church
of God:
33 Euen as I pleaſe [x] all men [y] in all things,
not ſeking mine owne profite, but *the profite* of many, that they might be ſaued.

Num. 14,37.
h Meaning either the good or euil Angel whoſe miniſtrie God vſeth to execute his iudgement to ẏ vtter deſtruction of the wicked.
i How God wil plague vs if we be ſubiect to the like vices.
k Or, later dais of Chriſts comming.
l He that led you into this tentatiō which commeth vnto you ether in proſperitie or aduerſitie, or for your ſinnes paſt, wil turne it to your commoditie & deliuer you.
*Or, thanker giuing.
m Or, prepare to this holie vſe with praiſe and thankes giuing.
n The effectual badge of our coniūction and incorporation with Chriſt?
o If we that are many in nōber, are but one bodie in effect, ioyned with our head Chriſt, as many cornes make but one loafe, let vs renounce idolatrie which doeth ſeparate our vnitie.
p Which is gouerned according to the ceremonies of ẏ Law.
q Which is to aſſemble in ẏ companie where idoles are called vpon.
Chap. 6,13. eccl 37,31.
r For in thoſe days they were accuſtomed to ſel certeine of the fleſh of beaſtes ſacrificed in ẏ ſhambles & turned the money to ẏ Prieſts profit.
Pſal. 24,1.
s Or, doute not

CHAP. XI.

He rebuketh the abuſes which were crept into their Church. 4 As touching prayer, prophecying. 18 And miniſtring the Lords Supper. 23 Bringing them againe to the firſt inſtitution thereof.

1 BE *ye the followers of me, euen as I
am of Chriſt.
2 Now, brethren, I commend you, that ye
remēbre "all my things, & kepe the ordinances, as I deliuered them to you.
3 But I wil that ye knowe, that Chriſt is the
*head of euerie man: & the man is the womans head: and God is Chriſts head.
4 Euerie mā [a] praying or [c] prophecying hauing *any thing* on *his* head, [b] diſhonoreth
his head.
5 But euerie woman that prayeth or [c] prophecieth bareheaded, diſhonoreth her
head: for it is euē one very thing, as thogh
ſhe were ſhauen.
6 Therefore if the woman be not couered,
let her alſo be ſhorne: and if it be ſhame
for a woman to be "ſhorne or ſhauen, let
her be couered.
7 For a man oght not to couer *his* head: for
aſmuche as he is the *[d] image and glorie
of God: but the woman is the [e] glorie of
the man.
8 For the man is not of the woman, but the
woman of the man.
9 *For the man was not created for the womans ſake: but the woman for the mans
ſake.
10 Therefore oght ẏ womā to haue [f] power
on *her* head, becauſe of the [g] Angels.
11 Neuertheles, nether is the man without
the woman, nether the woman without the
man in the [h i] Lord.
12 For as the woman is of the man, ſo is the
man alſo by the woman: but all things are
of God.
13 Iudge in your ſelues, is it comelie that a
woman praye vnto God vncouered?
14 Doeth not nature it ſelf teache you, that
if a mā haue long [k] heere, it is a ſhame vnto him?

t We muſt take hede that through our abuſe, our libertie be not condemned.
u If by the benefite of God I may eat any kinde of meat, why ſhulde I by my defaut cauſe this benefite to be euil ſpoke of? Coloſ. 3,17.
x That is, the infirme.
y Which are indifferent.
2. Theſ. 3,9.
*Or, in all thīge remembre me.
Ephe. 5,23.
a This is referred to commune prayer and preaching: for alchogh one ſpeake, yet the action is commune, ſo ẏ the whole Church may be ſaid to praye or preache.
*Or preaching.
b This tradition was obſerued according to the time and place that all things might be done in comelines & to edification.
Gen. 1,26. & 5,1. & 9,6. col. 3,3,10.
c Read chap. 14,34.
Gen. 2,22.
*Or, powlled.
d The image of Gods glorie, in whome his maieſtie & power ſhine concerning his authoritie.
e Or receiueth her glorie, in commendation of mā, & therefore is ſubiect.
f Some thing to couer her head in ſigne of ſubiection.
g To whome thei alſo ſhew their diſſolution, and not onely to Chriſt.
h Who is author & maintei of mā, ſo now

ner of their mutual cōiunction. i For as God made the womā is man multiplied by the woman. k As women vſe to weare.

15 But if a woman haue long heere, it is a praiſe vnto her: for her heere is [l] giuē her for a couering.

l For God hathe giuen to woman longer heere thē vnto man, to the end ſhe ſhulde truſſe it vp about her head, whereby ſhe declareth that ſhe muſt couer her head.

16 But if any man luſte to be contentious, we haue no ſuche cuſtome, nether ỹ Churches of God.

17 ¶Now in this that I declare, I praiſe *you* not, that ye come together, not with profit, but with hurt.

18 For firſt of all, when ye come together in the Church, I heare that there are diſſenſions among you: and I beleue it *to be true* [m] in ſome parte.

m Not that all were ſo, but ỹ moſte parte.

19 For there muſt be [n] hereſies euen among you, that they which are approued amōg you, might be knowen.

n Gods Church is not onely ſubiect to diſcenſion as touching ordres and maners, but alſo to hereſies as touching doctrine

20 When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lords Supper.

21 For euerie man when they ſhulde eat, taketh his owne ſupper afore, and one is hungrie, and another is drunken.

22 Haue ye not houſes to eat & to drinke in? diſpiſe ye ỹ Church of God, and ſhame thē that haue not? what ſhal I ſay to you? ſhal I praiſe you in this? I praiſe you not.

o Who ought onely to beare autoritie in ỹ Church.

23 For I haue receiued of the [o] Lord that which I alſo haue deliuered vnto you, *to wit*, That the Lord Ieſus in the night that he was betrayed, toke bread.

Mat.26,26. mar.14,22. luk.22,19.

24 *And when he had giuen thākes, he brake it, and ſaid, Take, eat: this is my bodie, which is [p] broken for you: this do ye in remēbrance of me.

p Signifying ỹ maner of his death whē his bodie ſhulde, as it were, be torne and broken with moſt grieuous torments (albeit not as ỹ thies of the theiues were) ỹ which thing the breking of ỹ bread, as a figure, doeth moſte liuely repreſent

25 After the ſame maner alſo *he toke* the cup, when he had ſupped, ſaying, This cup is the Newe teſtament in my blood: this do as oft as ye drinke it, in remēbrance of me.

26 For as often as ye ſhal eat this bread, & drinke this cup, ye ſhewe the Lords death til he come.

27 Wherefore, whoſoeuer ſhal eat this bread, and drinke the cup of the Lord [q] vnworthely, ſhalbe giltie of the bodie & blood of the Lord.

q By peruerting the true & pure vſe of the ſame.

2.Cor.13,5.

28 *Let a man therefore examine him ſelf, and ſo let him eat of this bread, & drinke of this cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh vnworthely, eateth and drinketh his owne damnation, *becauſe* he diſcerneth not [r] ỹ Lords bodie.

r But as though theſe holie myſteries of the Lords bodie & blood were cōmune meats, ſo without reuerence he cometh vnto thē

30 For this cauſe many *are* weake, and ſicke among you, and many [ſ] ſlepe.

ſ Or, dye. Let them loke to them ſelues which ether adde or take away frō the Lords inſtitution.

31 For if we wolde iudge our ſelues, we ſhulde not be iudged.

32 But when we are iudged, we are chaſtened of the Lord, becauſe we ſhulde not be condemned with the worlde.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tary one for another.

34 And if any man be hungrie, let him eat at home, that ye come not together vnto condemnation. Other things wil I ſet in order when I come.

CHAP. XII.

The diuerſitie of the giftes of the holie Goſt ought to be vſed to the edifying of Chriſts Church. 12 As the mēbers of mans bodie ſerue to the vſe one of another.

1 NOw concerning ſpiritual *giftes*, brethren, I wolde not haue you [a] ignorant.

a The Corinthians hauing notable gifts, ſemed to haue forgotten, of whome, & for what end they had receiued them.

2 Ye knowe that ye were Gentiles, and were caryed away vnto the [b] domme idoles, as ye were [c] led.

Mar.9,39.

b Which colde not heare your prayers.

Iohn 13,13. chap.8,6. phil.2,10.

c By Satās ſuggeſtion.

3 Wherefore, I declare vnto you, that no man *ſpeaking by the [d] Spirit of God, calleth Ieſus * execrable: alſo no man can ſay that Ieſus is the Lord, but by the holie Goſt.

d As no mā ỹ hathe the Spirit of God, can blaſpheme Chriſt, and worſhip idoles, ſo none cā acknowledge Chriſt for Lord and God without the ſame Spirit.

4 Now there are diuerſities of giftes, but the ſame Spirit.

5 And there are diuerſities of adminiſtrations, but the ſame Lord.

6 And there are diuerſities of operatiōs, but God is the ſame, which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifeſtation of the Spirit is giuen to euerie man, to [e] profit withall.

e To wit, the Church, which is the whole body.

8 For to one is giuen by the Spirit the worde of wiſdome: and to another the worde of [f] knowledge, by the ſame Spirit:

f That is, the vnderſtanding of the Scriptures.

9 And to another *is giuen* [g] faith, by the ſame Spirit: and to another the giftes of healing, by the ſame Spirit:

g To do onely miracles by.

10 And to another [h] ỹ operations of great workes: and to another, [i] prophecie: and to another, [k] the diſcerning of ſpirits: and to another, diuerſities of tongues: & to another the interpretation of tongues.

h To worke by miracles againſt Satan & hypocrites, as was done againſt Ananias, Elymas, &c.

11 *And all theſe things worketh euen the ſelf ſame Spirit, diſtributing to euerie mā ſeuerally as he wil.

Rom 2,3. ephes.4,8.

i Meaning the declaration of Gods myſteries.

k To trie bothe ỹ doctrine & ỹ perſones.

12 For as the bodie is one, and hathe many membres, and all the membres of the bodie, which is one, thogh they be many, *yet* are *but* one bodie: euen ſo is Chriſt.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into [l] one bodie, whether *we be* Iewes or Grecians, whether *we be* bonde, or fre, and haue bene all made to drinke into one Spirit.

l That we might be one bodie with Chriſt, and the whole Church one Chriſt: of the which communiō Baptiſme, & ỹ Lords Supper are effectual ſignes: for by baptiſme we are regenerat into one Spirit, and by the Lords Supper we are incorporat into Chriſts bodie to be gouerned by the ſame Spirit.

14 For the bodie alſo is not one member, but many.

15 If the fote wolde ſay, Becauſe I am not the hand, I am not of the bodie, is it therefore not of the bodie?

16 And if the eare wolde ſay, Becauſe I am not the eye, I am not of the bodie, is it therefore not of the bodie?

17 If the whole bodie *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the ſmelling?

18 But now hathe God diſpoſed the membres euerie one of them in the bodie, at his owne pleaſure.

19 For

19 For if they were all one member, where were the bodie?

20 But now *are* there manie membres, yet but [m] one bodie.

[m] And therefore whatsoeuer the diuersitie is, yet the profite ought to be commune and serue to the edification of the Church.

21 And the eye can not say vnto the hand, I haue no nede of thee: nor the head againe to the fete, I haue no nede of you.

22 Yea, muche rather those membres of the bodie, which seme to be [n] more feble, are necessarie.

[n] Whose vse semeth to be more vile.

23 And vpon those *membres* of the bodie, which we thinke moste vnhoneſt, put we more [o] honestie on: and our vncomelie *partes* haue more comelines on.

[o] We are more careful to couer them.

24 For our comelie *partes* nede it not: but God hathe tempered the bodie together, and hathe giuen the more honour to that *parte* which lacked,

25 Lest there shulde be anie diuision in the bodie: but that the members shulde [p] haue the same care one for another.

[p] Euerie one in his office for the preseruacion of the bodie.

26 Therefore if one member suffer, all suffer with it: if one member be had in honour, all the membres reioyce with it.

27 Now ye are the bodie of Christ, & membres [q] "for *your* parte.

[q] For all Churches dispersed throughout ỹ world are diuers membres of one bodie. "Or, *euerie one for his parte.* *Ephes.4.11.*

28 [r] And God hathe ordeined some in the Church: *as* first, Apostles, secondly Prophetes, thirdly teachers, then them that do miracles: after that, the giftes of healing, [r] helpers, [s] gouernours, diuersitie of tongues.

[r] As Deacons. [s] As Elders.

29 Are all Apostles? are all Prophetes? are all teachers?

30 Are all doers of miracles? haue all the giftes of healing? do all speake with tongues? do all interprete?

31 But "desire you the best gifts, and I wil yet shewe you a more excellent way.

"Or, *do ye then desire the best giftes.*

CHAP. XIII.

Because loue is the fountaine and rule of edifying the Church, he setteth forthe the nature, office and praise thereof.

1 THogh I speake with the tongues of men and [a] Angels, and haue not loue, I am *as* sounding brasse, or a tinkling cymbal.

Chap. XIII. [a] If the Angels had tongues, & I had the vse thereof, & did not bestowe them to profite my neighbour, it were nothig but vaine babling.

2 And thogh I had the *gift* of prophecie, and knewe all secretes and all knowledge, yea, if I had [b] all faith, so that I colde remoue * mountaines and had not loue, I were nothing.

Mat.17,20. luk.17,6. [b] Faith is here taken for the gift of doing miracles, ỹ the wicked may haue, as Mat.7.22, & also for that faith (called historical) ỹ beleueth the mightie power of Christ, but can not apprehēd Gods mercie through him: & this deuils haue, Iam.2,19: & therefore is separate from charitie, but ỹ faith that iustifieth in effect cānot, as 1 Ioh.2,9.

3 And thogh I fede the poore with all my goods, and thogh I giue my bodie, that I be burned, and haue not loue, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Loue suffreth long: it is bountiful: loue enuieth not: loue doeth not boast it self: it is not puffed vp:

5 It disdaineth not: it seketh not her owne things: it is not prouoked to anger: it thinketh not euil:

6 It reioyceth not in iniquitie, but reioyceth in the trueth:

7 It suffreth all things: it beleueth [c] all things: it hopeth all things: it endureth [d] all things.

[c] Not ỹ it suffreth it self to be abused, but iudgeth others by all loue & humanitie. [d] Which may be without offence of Gods worde.

8 Loue doeth neuer fall away, thogh that prophecyings be abolished, or the tōgues cease, or knowledge vanish away.

9 For [e] we knowe [f] in parte, and we [g] prophecie in parte.

[e] Knowledge it self shalbe perfited in the worlde to come, & not abolished: but the maner of knowing & teaching shal cease, whē we shalbe before Gods presence, where we shal nether nede scholes nor teachers. [f] That is, imperfectly. [g] "Or, *teache.* The mysteries of God.

10 But when that which is perfite, is come, then that which is in parte, shalbe abolished.

11 When I was a childe, I spake as a childe, I vnderstode as a childe, I thoght as a childe: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we se [g] through a glasse darkely: but then *shal we se* face to face. Now I knowe in parte: but then shal I knowe euen as I am "knowen.

"Or, *taught of God*

13 And now abideth faith, hope & loue, *euen* these thre: but the [h] chiefest of these *is* loue.

[h] Because it serueth bothe here & in the life to come: but faith and hope appertaine onely to this life.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 He exhorteth to loue, commendeth the gift of tongues, & other spirituall gifts, 5 But chiefly prophecying. 34 He cōmandeth women to kepe silence in the Church, 40 And sheweth what good ordre ought to be obserued in the Church.

1 FOllowe after loue, and couet spirituall *gifts*, and rather that ye maye [a] prophecie.

[a] That is, to expounde the worde of God to the edification of the Church.

2 For he that speaketh *a strange* tongue, speaketh not vnto men, but vnto God: for no man [b] heareth *him*: howbeit in [c] the spirit he speaketh secret things.

[b] Vnderstandeth him. [c] By the spirituall gift, which he hathe receiued.

3 But he that prophecieth, speaketh vnto men to edifying, and to exhortacion, and to comfort.

4 He that speaketh *strange* language, edifieth [d] him self: but he that prophecieth, edifieth the Church.

[d] For he profiteth none saue him self.

5 I wolde that ye all spake *strange* languages, but rather that ye prophecied: for greater is he that prophecieth, thē he that speaketh *diuers* tongues, except he expoūde it, that the Church may receiue edification.

6 And now, brethren, if I come vnto you speaking *diuers* tongues, what shal I profite you, except I speake to you, ether by [e] reuelacion, or by knowledge, or by prophecying, or by doctrine?

[e] The prophecie expoūdeth ỹ God hath reuealed: & the doctrine teacheth, that which he hath giuen vs to vnderstand. "Or, *flute.*

7 Moreouer things without life which giue a founde, whether *it be* a "pipe or an harpe, except they make a distinction in the founds, how shal it be knowen what is piped or harped?

8 And also if the trumpet giue an vncerteine founde, who shal prepare him self to battel?

9 So likewise you, by the tongue, except ye vtter wordes that haue significacion, how

ſhal it be vnderſtand what is ſpoken? for ye ſhal ſpeake in the f ayre.

10 There are ſo manie kindes of voyces, (as it cometh to paſſe) in the worlde, and none of them g is domme.

11 Except I knowe then the power of the voyce, I ſhalbe vnto him that ſpeaketh, h a barbarian, and he that ſpeaketh, ſhalbe a barbarian vnto me.

12 Euen ſo, for aſmuche as ye couet ſpirituall *gifts*, ſeke that ye maye excel vnto the edifying of the Church.

13 Wherefore, let him that ſpeaketh a *ſtrãge* tongue, praie, that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray *in* a *ſtrange* tongue, my ſpirit i praieth: but mine vnderſtãding is without k frute.

15 What is it then? I wil praye with the ſpirit, but I wil pray with the vnderſtanding alſo: I wil l ſing with the ſpirit, but I wil ſing with the vnderſtanding alſo.

16 Els, when thou bleſſeſt with the ſpirit, how ſhal he that occupieth the roume of the vnlearned, ſay m Amen, at thy giuing of thankes, ſeing he knoweth not what thou ſaiſt?

17 For thou verely giueſt thankes wel, but the other is not edified.

18 I thanke my God, I ſpeake languages more then ye all.

19 Yet had I rather in the Church to ſpeake n fiue wordes with mine vnderſtanding that I might alſo inſtruct others, then ten thouſand wordes in a *ſtrange* tongue.

Mat.18.3.

20 Brethren, be not* children in vnderſtãding, but as concerning malicioufnes be children, but in vnderſtanding be of a ripe age.

Iſa.28.11. deut 28.49. serem.5.15. ezek.3.6.

21 In the Law it is written, * o By men of other tongues, & by other languages wil I ſpeake vnto this people: yet ſo ſhal they not heare me, ſaith the Lord.

22 Wherefore *ſtrange* tõgues are for a p ſigne, not to them that beleue, but to thẽ that beleue not: but prophecying *ſerueth* not for thẽ that beleue not, but for thẽ which beleue.

23 If therefore, when the whole Church is come together in one, and all ſpeake *ſtrãge* tongues, there come in they that are vnlearned, or they which beleue not, wil thei not ſay, that ye are out of your wittes?

24 But if all prophecie, and there come in one that beleueth not, or one vnlearned, q he is rebuked of r all men, and is iudged of all.

25 And ſo are the ſecretes of his heart made manifeſt, & ſo he wil fall downe on his face and worſhip God, and ſay plainely that God is in you in dede.

26 What is to be *done* then, brethren? when ye come together, *according as* euerie one of you hathe a pſalme, *or* hathe doctrine, *or* hathe a tongue, *or* hathe reuelacion, *or* hathe interpretacion, let all things be done vnto edifying.

27 If anie man ſpeake a *ſtrange* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the ſ moſt, by thre, and that by courſe, and let one interpret.

28 But if there be no interpreter, let him kepe ſilence in the Church, *which ſpeaketh languages*, and let him ſpeake to him ſelf, and to God.

29 Let the Prophetes ſpeake two, or thre, and let the other iudge.

30 And if anie thig be reueiled to another ŷ ſitteth by, let the firſt holde his peace.

31 For ye may all prophecie one by one, ŷ all may learne, & all may haue comfort.

32 And the t ſpirits of the Prophetes are u ſubiect to the Prophetes.

33 For God is not *the autor* of confuſion, but of peace, as *we ſe* in all the Churches of the Saintes.

34 * Let your women kepe x ſilence in the Churches: for it is not permitted vnto thẽ to ſpeake: but *they ought* to be ſubiect, as alſo * the Law ſaith.

35 And if thei will learne anie thing, let thẽ aſke their houſbands at home: for it is a ſhame for women to ſpeake in ŷ Church.

36 y Came the worde of God out from you? ether came it vnto you onely?

37 If anie man thinke him ſelf to be a Prophet, or z ſpiritual, let him a acknowledge, that the things, that I write vnto you, are the commandements of the Lord.

38 a And if anie man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 Wherefore, brethrẽ, couet to prophecie, & forbid not to ſpeake languages.

40 Let all things be done honeſtly and by order.

f Your wordes ſhalbe loſt: for ye ſhal neither glorifie God thereby, nor profit mã.
o Or, as the thing requireth
g That is, they may be able to be vnderſtand.
h He contemneth the Corinthians of barbarouſnes in ŷ thing, whereby thei thoght to haue attained to the greateſt praiſe of eloquence.
i And doeth his parte.
k Not in reſpect of him, ŷ praieth, but in reſpect of the Church, which is nothing edified thereby
l Or, giue thankes by ſinging
m One, one ŷ made the praiers, & the reſt of the people followed in heart his wordes, & when he had prayed, thei all ſaid, Amen, ſignifying that they beleued aſſuredly that God wolde graute their requeſts.
n That is, moſte fewe.
o He threatneth thẽ moſte ſharpely, that God wil puniſh the contempt of his worde, & their cõtrefait ignorance, foraſmuche as to ſpeake ẅ vnknowẽ tongues is a ſigne of Gods curſe towards the wicked.
p Of Gods curſe when they are not vnderſtand.
q By hearing his ſecret faultes ript vp, & his ſinnes reproued by Gods worde, he is compelled by his owne conſcience to praiſe God.
r Which expounde the worde of God.
ſ Paul beareth as yet ẅ their weakenes, becauſe alſo theſe were the gifts of God: but yet he ſheweth that thei ſhuld not paſſe this meaſure that firſt one, after another & at ŷ vtmoſt the third ſhulde read in a ſtrange language, which was to declare Gods miracle in the gift of tõgues: but chiefly he cõmandeth that nothing be done without interpretacion.
1.Tim.2,11.
t Or learning, ẅ Gods Spirit moueth them to vtter.
Gen 3,16.
u To the intẽt ŷ others maye iudge of him ŷ hathe ſpoken, if he haue paſſed the cõpaſ of Gods worde: wherefore S Iohn cõmãdeth to trye ŷ ſpirits whether thei be of God.
x Becauſe this diſorare was in the Church, that women vſurped that ẅ was peculiar to men, the Apoſtle here ſheweth what is mete to be done, & what is not: & albeit he mencioned this abuſe afore, yet he referred it to this place to be reproued, becauſe there he brought it in for another purpoſe.
y Are ye the firſt or the laſt Chriſtians, that ye nether ſubmit your ſelues to the Churches, of whome you haue receiued the Goſpel? nor haue reſpect to the others to whome the Goſpel doeth likewiſe appertein?
z To haue vnderſtanding of ſpirituall things.
a If anie man haue iudgement, let him acknowledge that I ſpeake of the Spirit of God, and ſo let him obey: and if he haue no iudgemẽt, let him acknowledge his ignorance, and trouble not the Church, but credit them that are learned.

CHAP. XV.

He proueth the reſurrection of the dead. 3 And firſt that Chriſt is riſen: 12 Then that we ſhal riſe. 52 And the maner how.

1 MOreouer,* brethren, I declare vnto you the Goſpel, which I preached vnto you, which ye haue alſo receiued, and wherein ye continue,

2 And whereby ye are ſaued, if ye kepe in memorie, after what maner I preached it vnto you, a except ye haue beleued in vaine.

3 For firſt of all, I deliuered vnto you that which I b receiued, how that Chriſt dyed for our ſinnes according to ŷ * Scriptures,

4 And that he was buryed, & that he aroſe the third day accordig to the * Scriptures,

5 * And

Gal.1,11.
a If you beleue to be ſaued by the Goſpel, ye muſt beleue alſo the reſurrection of the dead, which is one of the principal points thereof, or els your belief is but vaine.
Iſa.53.5. 1.pet.2,24.
b He ſheweth that nothing ought to be taught, which we haue not learned by Gods worde,
Ionas.2,1.

Iohn 20,19.
c Although Iudas wanted, yet they were ſo called ſtil.

5 *And that he was ſene of Cephas, then of the c twelue.
6 After that, he was ſene of mo then fiue hundreth brethren at once: whereof many remaine vnto this preſent, & ſome alſo are a ſlepe.
7 After that, he was ſene of Iames: then of all the Apoſtles.
8 *And laſt of all he was ſene alſo of me as of one, borne out of due time.

Act.9.4. rom.6.3. ephe.3,8. Ephe.3,7.
d For he was but the inſtrument, and miniſter and giueth the whole glorie to God.
e Chriſts death is not effectual except he riſe from death.
f For if Chriſt be ſwaloed vp of death, there remaineth no hope of life any more.
g As mortification, and remiſsion of ſinnes depend on Chriſts death: ſo our quickening and reſtoring to life ſtand in his reſurrection.
h You are not forgiuen nor ſanctified.
Or, onely for this life ſake.
i As by the offring of ỹ firſt frute the whole frute is ſanctified, ſo by Chriſt which is the firſt ỹ is raiſed, all haue aſſurance of ỹ reſurrection.
k Who roſe firſt from the dead to take poſſeſsion in our fleſh for vs his members.
l To wit, the faithful.
Col.1,18. reuel.1,5. 1.The.4,15.
m Chriſt as he is man & head of the Church is ſaid to be ſubiect to God: but in reſpect of the worlde, is King of heauen and earth. This kingdome ſtandeth in gouerning the faithful: and ouercoming the aduerſaries, euen death the chiefeſt, which done, Chriſt being perfited with all his membres, ſhal as he is man, & head of the Church, with his felowe heires deliuer his kingdome, and he is equal.

9 For I am the leaſt of the Apoſtles, which am not mete to be called an Apoſtle, becauſe I perſecuted the Church of God.
10 *But by the d grace of God, I am that I am: and his grace which is in me, was not in vaine: but I laboured more abundantly then they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which is with me.
11 Wherefore whether it were I, or they, ſo we preache, and ſo haue ye beleued.
12 ¶ Now if it be preached, that Chriſt is riſen from the dead, how ſay ſome among you, that there is no reſurrection of the dead?
13 For if there be no reſurrection of the dead, then is Chriſt not riſen.
14 And if Chriſt be not riſen, then is our preaching e vaine, and your f faith is alſo vaine.
15 And we are founde alſo falſe witneſſes of God: for we haue teſtified of God, that he hathe raiſed vp Chriſt: whome he hathe not raiſed vp, if ſo be the dead be not raiſed.
16 For if ỹ dead be not raiſed, thē is Chriſt not raiſed.
17 And if Chriſt be not raiſed, your faith is g vaine: ye are yet in your h ſinnes.
18 And ſo they which are a ſlepe in Chriſt, are periſhed.
19 If in this life "onely we haue hope in Chriſt, we are of all men the moſte miſerable.
20 But now is Chriſt riſen from the dead, *and* was made the * firſt i frutes of them that ſlept.
21 For ſince by man *came* death, by man *came* alſo the reſurrection of the dead.
22 For as in Adam all dye, euē ſo in k Chriſt ſhal l all be made aliue,
23 But euerie man in his * owne order: the firſt frutes *is* Chriſt, afterwarde, they that are of Chriſt, at his comming *ſhal riſe againe.*
24 Then *ſhalbe* the end, whē he hathe m deliuered vp the kingdome to God, euē the Father, when he hathe put downe all rule, and all autoritie and power.
25 For he muſt reigne * til he hathe put all his enemies vnder his fete.
26 The laſt enemie that ſhalbe deſtroyed, *is* death.
27 *For he hathe put downe all things vnder his fete. (And when he ſaith that all things are ſubdued *to him*, it is manifeſt ỹ he is excepted, which did put downe all things vnder him.)
28 And when all things ſhalbe ſubdued vnto him, then ſhal the Sōne alſo him ſelf be ſubiect vnto him, that did ſubdue all thīgs vnder him, that God may be n all in all.
29 Els what ſhal they do which are baptized o for dead? if the dead riſe not at all, why are they then baptized for dead?
30 Why are we alſo in ieoperdie euerie houre?
31 q By our reioycīg which I haue in Chriſt Ieſus our Lord, I dye daily.
32 If I haue foght with beaſtes at Epheſus after r the maner of men, what aduātageth it me, if the dead be not raiſed vp? * let vs eat & drinke: for to morowe we ſhal dye.
33 Be not deceiued: *euil ſpeakings corrupt good maners.
34 Awake to *line* righteouſly, and ſinne not: for ſome haue not the knowledge of God. I ſpeake this to your ſhame.
35 But ſome man wil ſay, How are the dead raiſed vp? and with what bodie come they forthe?
36 O foole, that which thou ſoweſt, is not quickened, except it dye.
37 And ỹ which thou ſoweſt, thou ſoweſt not that bodie that ſhalbe, but bare corne, as it falleth, of wheat, or of ſome other.
38 But God giueth it a bodie at his pleaſure, euen to euerie ſede his owne bodie.
39 All fleſh *is* not the ſame fleſh, but there is one ſ fleſh of men, and another fleſh of beaſtes, and another of fiſhes, and another of birdes.
40 There *are* alſo heauenlie bodies, and earthlie bodies: but the glorie of the heauenlie *is* one, and *the glorie* of the earthlie *is* another.
41 There is another glorie of the t ſunne, and another glorie of the moone, and another glorie of ỹ ſtarres: for one ſtarre differeth from *another* ſtarre in glorie.
42 So alſo *is* the reſurrection of the dead. *The bodie* is ſowen in corruption, *and* is raiſed in incorruption.
43 It is ſowen in u diſhonour, *and* is raiſed in glorie: it is ſowen in weakenes, & is raiſed in power.
44 It is ſowen a natural bodie, & is raiſed a x ſpiritual bodie: there is a natural bodie, & there is a ſpiritual bodie.
45 As it is alſo writen, The firſt man * Adam was made a liuing ſoule: and the laſt Adam *was made* a y quickening Spirit.
46 Howbeit that *was* not firſt *made* which is ſpiritual: but that *which is* natural, & afterwarde that *which is* ſpiritual.

Pſal.8,7. ebr.2,8.

n We ſhalbe perfectly fulfilled with his glorie and felicitie.
o That is, as dead, & becauſe they were but newly come to Chriſt, wolde be baptized before they dyed.
p Except theſe things be true of Chriſts kingdome and his ſubiection, what ſhal become of them whome the Church daily baptizeth, for to deſtroye death in thē ẅ is the end of baptiſme, and ſo they to riſe againe?
Iſa.22,13. Wiſdo.2,6.
**Menander in Thaidi.*
q I take to witnes all my forrowes, wherein I may iuſtly reioyce in ỹ Lord, that I haue ſuſteined them among you
r That is, hauīg regarde to this preſēt life, & not to Gods glorie, & to life euerlaſting.
ſ There is one ſubſtance as touching the fleſh bothe of man and beaſt, but the difference is as touching the qualitie.
t Euen as the ſunne and the moone beig of one ſubſtance differ in dignitie: ſo in the reſurrection our bodies ſhal haue many excellent qualities then they haue now
u For what is more vile to loke vnto thē the dead carkeis?
Gen.2,7.
x Not changīg the ſubſtance, but made partaker of the diuine nature.
y Chriſt brīgeth vs from heauen the Spirit of life.

47 The firſt man *is* of the earth, earthlie: the ſecond man *is* the Lord from heauen.
48 As the earthlie, ſuche *are* they alſo that are earthlie: and as the heauenlie, ſuche *are* they alſo that are heauenlie.
49 And as we haue borne the image of the earthlie, we ſhal alſo beare the image of the heauenlie.
50 Now this ſay I, brethren, that fleſh and bloude cannot inherite the kingdome of God, neither can corruption inherite incorruption.
51 Behold, I ſhewe you a ſecret thing: We ſhal not all ſlepe, but we ſhal all be changed,
52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the laſt trompet. For the trompet ſhal ſownde, and the dead ſhal be raiſed vncorrupt, and we ſhalbe changed.
53 For this corruptible muſt put on incorruption, and this mortal muſt put on immortalitie.
54 So when this corruptible ſhal haue put on incorruption, and this mortal ſhal haue put on immortalitie, then ſhal be brought to paſſe the ſaiīg that is writen, Death is deuoured in victorie.
55 O death, where is thy victorie? O death, where is thy ſting?
56 The ſting of death is ſinne, and the power of ſinne is the Law.
57 But thankes be to God, which giueth vs victorie through our Lord Ieſus Chriſt.
58 Therefore, my deare brethren, be ye ſtable, vnmouable, alwaies abounding in the worke of the Lord, foraſmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vaine in the Lord.

Rom.5,12. 1.Cor.15,21.
z Adam was the firſt man, and Chriſt the ſecond: Adam was earthlie, Chriſt heauenlie: Adam was the firſt roote of ſinne and death, Chriſt the firſt roote of righteouſnes and life.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Of the collection for the ſaintes. 5 Of his iourney. 10 Of Timothe. 12 Of Apollos. 13 Exhortation to watchfulnes. 15 Of Stephanas. 19 Salutations. 21 The ſalutation of Paul. 22 Anathema. 23 The conclusion.

1 Now as touching the collection for the ſaintes, as I haue ordeined in the churches of Galatia, euen ſo do ye.
2 Vpon the firſt day of the weke let euerie one of you put aparte by him ſelf, and lay vp as God hath proſpered him, that there be no gatheringes when I come.
3 And when I come, whome ye ſhal alow by your letters, them wil I ſende to bring your liberalitie vnto Ieruſalem.
4 And if it be meete that I go alſo, they ſhal go with me.
5 Now I wil come vnto you, when I ſhal paſſe through Macedonia: for I do paſſe through Macedonia.
6 And it may be that I wil abide, or alſo winter with you, that ye may bring me forwarde whither ſoeuer I go.
7 For I wil not ſee you now by the waie: but I truſt to tarie a while with you, if the Lord ſuffer.
8 But I wil tarie at Epheſus vntil Pentecoſt.
9 For a great dore and effectual is opened vnto me, and there are many aduerſaries.
10 Now if Timothe come, ſee that he be with you without feare: for he worketh the worke of the Lord, as I alſo do.
11 Let no man therefore deſpiſe him: but bring him forwarde in peace, that he may come vnto me: for I loke for him with the brethren.
12 As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly deſired him to come vnto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come now: howbeit he wil come when he ſhal haue conuenient time.
13 Watche ye, ſtande faſt in the faith, quite you like men, be ſtrong.
14 Let all your thīges be done with charitie.
15 I beſeche you, brethren, (ye know the houſe of Stephanas, that it is the firſt frute of Achaia, and that they haue addicted them ſelues to miniſter vnto the ſaintes)
16 That ye alſo ſubmit your ſelues vnto ſuche, and vnto euerie one that helpeth with vs, and laboureth.
17 I am glad of the comming of Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus: for they haue ſupplied that which lacked on your behalfe.
18 For they haue refreſhed my ſpirite, and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are ſuche.
19 The churches of Aſia ſalute you. Aquila and Priſca ſalute you hartely in the Lord, with the Church that is in their houſe.
20 All the brethren ſalute you. Salute ye one another with an holie kiſſe.
21 The ſalutation of Paul with mine owne hand.
22 If any man loue not the Lord Ieſus Chriſt, let him be a Anathema Maranatha.
23 The grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt be with you.

a Let him be ſubiect to God with whome and the holie Goſt in Godhead
Pſal.110,1. act.2,34. ebr.1,13. & 10.13.

XX. ii.

47 The firſt mā *is* of the earth, earthlie: the ſeconde man *is* the Lord [z] from heauen.
48 As *is* the earthlie, ſuche *are* they that are earthlie: & as *is* the heauenlie, ſuche *are* they alſo that are heauenlie.
49 And as we haue borne the [a] image of the earthlie, ſo ſhal we beare the image of the heauenlie.
50 This ſay I, brethren, ỹ [b] fleſh & blood can not inherit ỹ kingdome of God, nether doeth corruption inherit incorruption.
51 Beholde, I ſhewe you a ſecret thing, We ſhal not all ſlepe, but we ſhal all be [c] changed,
52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the laſt * trumpet: for the trumpet ſhal blowe, and the dead ſhal be raiſed vp incorruptible, and we ſhalbe changed.
53 For this corruptible muſt put on incorruption: and this mortal *muſt* put on immortalitie.
54 So when this corruptible hathe put on incorruption, & this mortal hathe put on immortalitie, then ſhal be broght to paſſe the ſaying that is written, * Death is ſwalowed vp into victorie.
55 ‖ *O death, where *is* thy ſtīg! ô graue where *is* thy victorie!
56 The ſting of death *is* ſinne: and the [d] ſtrength of ſinne *is* the Law.
57 *But thankes *be* vnto God which hathe giuen vs victorie through our Lord Ieſus Chriſt.
58 Therefore my beloued brethren, be ye ſtedfaſt, vnmoueable, abūdant alwayes in the worke of the Lord, for aſmuche as ye knowe, that your labour is not in [e] vaine in the Lord.

z This is attribute to Chriſt as concerning his diuinitie, not in reſpect of his humanitie whoſe fleſh hathe this glorie by ỹ power of God who dwelleth in it.
a Bothe in ſubſtāce & forme we are earthlie.
b This natural bodie as it is now, til it be made newe by the Spirit of Chriſt.
c When the Lord cometh to iudgement, ſome of the Saintes ſhalbe aliue, whome he wil change euen as if they were dead, ſo that thischange is in ſteade of death torhē *Mat.24.31.* *1.theſſ.4.16.* *Iſa.25.8.* *reuel.7.17.* ‖ *O death, where is thy victorie! o graue, where is thy ſting!* *Hoſe 13.14.* *ebr.2.14.*
d Sinne firſt broght ī death and giueth it power ouervs, and ỹ ſtrength of ſinne is the Law, becauſe it doeth reueile ỹ iudgemēt of God againſt vs: or els the chief cauſe of our deſtrūctiō is in our ſelues *1.Ioh.5.5.*
e The hope of reſurrection cauſeth the faithful to ſurmounte all difficulties.

CHAP. XVI.

He putteth them in remembrance of the gathering for the poore brethrē at Ieruſalem. 13 We muſt perſeuere in faith, in the loue of Chriſt & our neighbour. 15 After his cōmendations he wiſheth to thē all proſperitie.

1 COncerning* the [a] gathering for the Saintes, as I haue ordeined in the Churches * of Galacia, ſo do ye alſo.
2 Euerie firſt *day* of the weke, let euerie one of you put aſide by him ſelf, and laye vp as *God* hathe proſpered him, that thē there be no gatherings when I come.
3 And when I am come, whoſoeuer ye ſhal alowe [b] by letters, thē wil I ſend to bring your liberalitie vnto Ieruſalem.
4 And if it be mete that I go alſo, they ſhal go with me.
5 Now I wil come vnto you, after I haue gone through Macedonia (for I wil paſſe through Macedonia)
6 And it may be that I wil abide, yea, or winter with you, that ye may bring me on my way whitherſoeuer I go.
7 For I wil not ſe you now in my paſſage: but I truſt to abide a while with you, if the Lord permit.
8 And I wil tary at Epheſus vntil Pētecoſt.
9 For a great dore and [c] effectual is opened vnto me: but there are many aduerſaries.
10 ¶ Now if Timotheus come, ſe that he be [d] without feare with you: for he worketh the worke of the Lord, euen as I *do*.
11 Let no man therefore [e] deſpiſe him: but conuaye him forthe [f] in peace, that he may come vnto me: for I loke for him with the brethren.
12 As touchīg *our* brother Apollos, I greatly deſired him, to come vnto you with the brethren: but his minde was not at all to come at this time: howbeit he wil come when he ſhal haue conuenient time.
13 ¶ [g] Watch ye: ſtand faſt in the faith: quite you like men, & be ſtrong.
14 Let all your things be done in [h] loue.
15 Now, brethren, I beſeche you (ye knowe the houſe of Stephanas, that it is the [i] firſt frutes of Achaia, & that they haue giuen them ſelues to miniſter vnto the Saintes)
16 That ye be * obedient euen vnto ſuch, & to all that helpe with vs and labour.
17 I am glad of the comming of Stephanas, & Fortunatus, and Achaicus: for they haue [l] ſupplied the want of you.
18 For they haue comforted my [m] ſpirit and yours: acknowledge therefore ſuche men.
19 The Churches of Aſia ſalute you: Aquila and Priſcilla with the Church that is in their houſe, ſalute you greatly in the Lord.
20 All the brethren grete you. Grete ye one another with an * holie [m] kiſſe.
21 The ſalutation of *me* Paul with mine owne hand.
22 If any mā loue not ỹ Lord Ieſus Chriſt, let him be had in execration, [n] *yea excommunicate* to death.
23 The grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt *be* with you.
24 My loue *be* with you all in Chriſt Ieſus, Amen.

Act.11.29. *& 12.25.* *rom 15.25.*
a Vpon the firſt day of the weke which ỹ Scripture calleth the Lords day, others Sōday, they accuſtomed not one by ỹ Church but at home alſo accordingto euery mās ſeale, to lay vp ſome piece of money towarde ỹ relief of the poore brethrē *Act.18.23.*
b Which ye ſhal ſend by them that cary the money.
c Becauſe God bleſſed his labour.
d Willing that they ſhulde defende him againſt the aduerſaries of Chriſt becauſe it is ỹ Churchs ductie to be careful for the preſeruatiō of their miniſters
e As though he were to yōg to be a miniſter.
f That is, ſafe and ſounde.
g Leſt Satan ſteale vpō you at vnwares.
h For they had euery man reſpect to hi ſelf contrary to loue.
i That is, the firſt which embraced ỹ Goſpel.
k And reuerence them.
l The grief ỹ I toke for your abſence, was greatly aſwaged by their preſence.
m Or, minde.
Rom.16.16. *2.cor.13.12.* *1.pet.5.14.*
m In token of mutual loue, which thing was obſerued in the primatiue Church when ỹ Lords Supper was miniſtred.
n Or, *Maranatha.*
n Or, as is moſt probable, from Epheſus.

The firſt *Epiſtle* to the Corinthians, written frō Philippi, & *ſent* by Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus, and Timotheus.

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ſtle of Paul to the Corinthians.

THE ARGUMENT.

AS nothing can be written, either ſo perfitely, or with ſo great affection and zeale, which is not vnprofitable to many, and reſiſted by ſome: ſo the firſt epiſtle written by S. Paul to the Corinthians, beſides the puritie and perfection of the doctrine, ſheweth a loue towarde them farre paſſing all natural affections: which did not onely not profit all, but hardened the hearts of many to remaine in their ſtubbernes, and contemne the Apoſtles autoritie. By reaſon whereof S. Paul, being let with iuſte occaſions to come vnto them, wrote this epiſtle from Macedonia, minding to accompliſh the worke which he had begonne among them. Firſt therefore he wiſheth them wel in the Lord, declaring that albeit certeine wicked perſones abuſed his afflictions to condemne thereby his autoritie, yet they were neceſſarie ſchoolings, and ſent to him by God for their bettering. And where as they blame his long abſence, it came of no inconſtancie, but to beare with their inhabilitie and imperfection, leſt contrary to his fatherlie affection, he ſhulde haue bene compelled to vſe rigour and ſeueritie. And as touching his ſharpe writing in the former epiſtle, it came through their faute, as is now euident bothe in that, that he pardoneth the treſpacer, ſeing he doth repent: and alſo in that he was vnquiet in his minde, til he was certified by Titus of their eſtate. But foraſmuche as the falſe Apoſtles went about to vndermine his autoritie, he confuteth their arrogant bragges, and commendeth his office, and the diligent executing of the ſame: ſo that Satan muſt haue greatly blinded their eyes, which ſe not the brightnes of the Goſpel in his preaching: the effect whereof is newnes of life, forſaking of our ſelues, cleauing to God, fleing from idolatrie, embracing the true doctrine, and that ſorrowe which engendreth true repentance: to the which is ioyned mercie and compaſſion towards our brethren: alſo wiſdome to put difference betwixt the ſimplicitie of the Goſpel, and the arrogancie of the falſe preachers, who vnder pretence of preaching the trueth, ſoght onely to fil their bellies, where as he contrariwiſe, ſoght them, and not their goods, as thoſe ambitious perſones ſclandered him: wherefore at his comming he menaceth ſuche as rebell againſt his autoritie, that he wil declare by liuelie example, that he is the faithful ambaſſadour of Ieſus Chriſt.

CHAP. I.

4 He declareth the great profite that cometh to the faithful by their afflictions. 15.17 And becauſe they ſhulde not impute to lightnes, that he differred his comming contrarie to his promes, he proueth his conſtancie, bothe by the ſyncerite of his preaching, and alſo by the immutable trueth of the Goſpel. 21 Which trueth is grounded on Chriſt, and ſealed in our hearts by the holie Goſt.

1 PAul an Apoſtle of IESVS CHRIST by the wil of God, & *our* brother Timotheus, to the Church of God, which is at Corinthus with all the Saintes, which are in all
2 Achaia:
Grace *be* with you, and peace from God our Father, & *from* the Lord Ieſus Chriſt.
3 *b Bleſſed *be* God euen the Father of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforte,
4 Which comforteth vs in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comforte thē which are in anie affliction by the cōforte wherewith we our ſelues are comforted of God.
5 For as the ſufferings of Chriſt abunde in vs, ſo our conſolation abundeth through Chriſt.
6 And whether we be afflicted, *it is* for your conſolation and [d] ſaluation, which [e] is wroght in the induring of the ſame ſuffrings, which we alſo ſuffer: or whether we be comforted, *it is* for your conſolation ad ſaluation.
7 And our hope is ſtedfaſt cōcerning you, in as muche as we knowe that as ye are partakers of the ſuffrings, ſo *ſhal ye be* alſo of the conſolation.
8 For brethrē, we wolde not haue you ignorant of our affliction, which came vnto vs in Aſia, how we were preſſed [f] out of meaſure paſſing ſtrength, ſo that we all together douted, euen of life.
9 Yea, we receiued the ſentēce of death in our ſelues, becauſe we ſhulde not truſt in our ſelues, but in God, [g] which raiſeth the dead.
10 Who deliuered vs from ſo [h] great a death, and doeth deliuer *vs*: in whome we truſt, that yet here after he wil deliuer *vs*,
11 *So that ye labour together in prayer for vs, that for the gift *beſtowed* vpon vs for manie, thankes may be giuen by manie perſones for vs.
12 [i] For our reioycing is this, the teſtimonie of our conſcience, that in ſimplicitie and godlie purenes, & not in fleſhlie wiſdome, [k] but by the grace of God we haue had our conuerſation in the worlde, and moſte of all to you wardes.

XX.iii.

a Meaning ſ countrey where of Corinthus was the chief citie.
Epheſ 1.3. 1.pet.1.3.
b Or praiſe & glorie begin.
c Which I ſuffer for Chriſt, or ſ Chriſt ſuffereth in me. Rom 7.5 & 8.3. col 1.24
d For ſeing hī indure ſo muche, they had occaſion to be confirmed in the Goſpel
e As God onely worketh all things in vs: ſo doeth he alſo our ſaluation by his fre mercie, and by ſuche meanes as he hathe here left in this life for vs to be exerciſed in.
f Hereby he ſheweth his owne infirmitie ſ it might appeare how wonderfully Gods graces wroght in him
g I was vtterly reſolued in my ſelf to dye
h So manie dāgers of death.
Rom 15.30.
i He rendreth a reaſon why they ought to praye vnto God for his recouerie
k Vſing that wiſdome ſ God gaue me from heauen.

13 For we [l] write none other things vnto you, then ỹ ye read or els that ye acknowledge, & I truſt ye ſhal acknowledge vnto the end.

14 Euen as ye haue acknowledged vs partely, that we are your [m] reioycing, euen as ye are [n] ours, in the [o] day of *our* Lord Ieſus.

15 And in this confidence was I minded firſt to come vnto you, that ye might haue had a double grace,

16 And to paſſe by you into Macedonia, & to come againe out of Macedonia vnto you, and to be led forthe towarde Iudea of you.

17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I vſe lightnes? or minde I thoſe things which I minde, raccording to ỹ fleſh, that ẅ me ſhulde be, [q] Yea, yea, and Nay, nay?

18 Yea, [r] God is faithful, that our worde towarde you was not Yea, and Nay.

19 For the Sonne of God Ieſus Chriſt who was preached among you by vs, *that is* by me, and Siluanus, and Timotheus, was not Yea, and Nay: but in him it was [s] Yea.

20 For all the promiſes of God in him *are* [t] Yea, and *are* in him Amen, vnto the glorie of God through vs.

21 And it is God which ſtabliſheth vs with you in Chriſt, and hathe anointed vs.

22 Who hathe alſo ſealed vs, & hathe giuẽ the *earneſt of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 Now, I call God for a recorde vnto my ſoule, that to ſpare you, I came not as yet vnto Corinthus.

24 Not that we [u] haue dominion ouer your faith, but we are helpers of your ioye: for by [x] faith ye ſtande.

l Ye knowe partely my cõſtancie bothe by my dwellig with you, and alſo my writing vnto you: and I truſt ye ſhal knowe me to be the ſame to ỹ very end

m In that we haue taught you ỹ Goſpel ſo ſyncerely.

n Becauſe we haue wõne you to Chriſt.

o Which ſhal aboliſh all worldelie glorie.

p Which is ſtedfaſtely to promes and not to performe.

q Now to affirme one thing, and then to deny it, which is a ſigne of incõſtancie.

r He taketh God to witnes that he preacheth ỹ trueth

s He preached nothing vnto them but onely Ieſus Chriſt who is the moſte conſtant and infallible trueth of the Father.

t They are made, performed & we are partakers onely by him, who is our Amen, in that he hathe fulfilled them for vs. *Ephe.4.30.*

u In that I ſay I came not becauſe I wolde ſpare you, I meane not that I haue autoritie to alter true religiõ, or to binde your cõſciences: but that I am Gods miniſter to confirme and comfort you.

x And faith is not in ſubiection to man.

CHAP. II.

He ſheweth his loue towardes them, 7 Requiring like wiſe that thei wolde be fauorable to the inceſtuous adulterer, ſeing he did repent. 14 He alſo reioyceth in God for the efficacie of his doctrine. 17 Confuting thereby ſuche quarelpikers, as vnder pretence of ſpeaking againſt his perſone, ſoght nothing, but the ouerthrowe of his doctrine.

1 BVt I determined thus in my ſelf, that I wolde not come againe to you in heauines.

2 For if I make you ſorie, who is he then that ſhulde make me glad, but the ſame which is made [a] ſorie by me?

3 And I wrote [b] this ſame thing vnto you, leſt when I came, I ſhulde take heauines of them, of whome I ought to reioyce: this confidence haue I in you all, that my ioye is the *ioye* of you all.

4 For in great affliction, and anguiſh of heart I wrote vnto you with many teares: not that ye ſhulde be made ſorie, but that ye might perceiue the loue which I haue, ſpecially vnto you.

5 And if any hathe cauſed ſorow, the ſame hathe not [c] made me ſorie, but partely (leſt I ſhulde [d] more charge *him*) you all.

6 It is ſufficient vnto the ſame man, that he was rebuked of manie.

7 So that now contrarie wiſe ye ought rather to forgiue *him*, and comforte *him* leſt the ſame [e] ſhulde be ſwalowed vp with ouer muche heauines.

8 Wherefore, I praye you, that you wolde [f] confirme your loue towards him.

9 For this cauſe alſo did I write, ỹ I might knowe the proſe of you, whether ye wolde be obedient in all things.

10 To whome ye forgiue anie thing, I *forgiue* alſo: for verely if I forgaue anie thig, to whome I forgaue it, for your ſakes *forgaue I it* in the [g] ſight of Chriſt,

11 Leſt Satan ſhulde [h] circumuent vs: for we are not ignorant of his enterpriſes.

12 ¶ Furthermore, when I came to Troas *to preache* Chriſts Goſpel, & a dore was opened vnto me of the Lord,

13 I had no reſt" in my ſpirit, becauſe I foũde not Titus my brother, but toke my leaue of thẽ, and went away into Macedonia.

14 [i] Now thankes *be* vnto God which alwayes maketh vs [k] to triumph in Chriſt, and maketh manifeſt the ſauour of his knowledge by vs in euerie place.

15 For we are vnto God the ſwete ſauour of Chriſt, in them that are ſaued, and in them which periſh.

16 To the one *we are* the [l] ſauour of death, vnto death, and to the other the ſauour of life, vnto life, *and who is ſufficient for theſe things?

17 *For we are not as manie, [m] which make marchandiſe of the worde of God: but as of ſyncerite, but as of God in the ſight of God ſpeake we in Chriſt.

a Which was giuen to Satan but now doeth repent.

b Which made you & him ſory in my former epiſtle.

c After his adulterer did repẽt & amẽd, Paul did ſo vtterly caſt of all ſorowe, ỹ he demeth that in maner he was ame what ſorie.

d And ſo ſhul de increaſe his ſorowe which I wolde diminiſh.

e The adulterer, which mainteined his mother in Law.

f That ar my interceſsion you wolde declare by the publike conſent of the Church that you embrace him againe as a brother ſeing he was excommunicate by the commune conſent.

g That is, truely, and from mine heart, euen as in the preſence of Chriſt.

h By our rigorous puniſhig.

i Or, *In my minde.*

k In working mightely by vs he maketh vs partakers of his victorie and triumph.

l The preaching of the croſſe bringeth death to them which onely conſider Chriſts death as a cõmune death, & be thereat offẽded, or els thinke it folie: & brigeth againe life to thẽ who in his death beholde their life.

m That is, ẅ preache for gaine, & corrupt it to ſerue mens affections.

i From this place vnto the 6. chap. 11. he entreateth onely of ỹ miniſters, ſaue he ſome time interme deleth that ẅ apperte ineth to the whole Church, as Chap. 3, 17, and 18 verſes, and not onely to ỹ miniſters. *Rom.11,16. Chap.4,2.*

n Or, *through Chriſt, or of Chriſt*

CHAP. III.

1 He taketh for example the faith of the Corinthians for a probation of the trueth which he preached. 6 And to exalte his Apoſtleſhip againſt the bragges of the falſe apoſtles. 7. 13 He maketh compariſon betwixt the Law and the Goſpel.

1 DO [a] we begine to praiſe our ſelues againe? or nede we as ſome other, epiſtles of recommendation vnto you, or *letters* of recommendation from you?

2 Ye are our epiſtle, written in our hearts, which is vnderſtand and red of all men,

3 In that ye are manifeſt, to be the epiſtle of Chriſt, [b] miniſtred by vs, and written, not with yncke, but with the Spirit of the liuing God, not in [c] tables of ſtone, but in fleſhlie tables of the heart.

4 And ſuche truſt haue we through Chriſt to God:

a Meaning himſelf, Timothe and Siluanus.

b Who were Gods penne.

c The hardnes of mans heart before he be regenerat, is as a ſtonie table, Eze. 11,19, & 36, 26: but being regenerat by the Spirit of God, it is as ſofte as fleſh, ỹ the grace of the Goſpel may be written in it, as in new tables. Ier 31,33.

5 Not

5 Not that we are ſufficient of our ſelues, to thinke anie thing, as of our ſelues: but our ſufficiencie *is* of God.

6 Who alſo hathe made vs able miniſters of the New teſtament, not of the [d] letter but of the [e] Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the [f] Spirit giueth life.

7 If then the miniſtration [g] of death *written* & letters & ingraué in ſtones, was glorious ſo ẏ the childrē of Iſrael colde not beholde the face of Moſes for the [h] glorie of his countenance (which *glorie* is done away)

8 How ſhal not the miniſtration of the Spirit be more glorious?

9 For if the miniſterie of [i] cōdēnation *was* glorious, muche more doeth the miniſtration of [k] righteouſnes excede in glorie.

10 For euen that which was glorified, was not glorified in this point, *that is*, as touching the exceding glorie.

11 For if that which ſhulde be aboliſhed, *was* glorious, much more ſhal that which remaineth, be glorious.

12 Seing then that we haue ſuche truſt, we vſe [l] great boldenes of ſpeache.

13 *And *we are* not as Moſes, *which* [m] put a vaile vpon his face, that the children of Iſrael ſhulde not looke vnto the end of that which ſhulde be aboliſhed.

14 Therefore their mindes are hardened: for vntil this day remaineth the ſame couering vntaken away in the reading of the Olde teſtament, which *vaile* in Chriſt is put away.

15 But [illegible] vnto this day, when Moſes is [illegible], the vaile is laied ouer their hearts.

16 Neuertheles when their *heart* ſhalbe turned to the Lord, the vaile ſhalbe taken away.

17 Now the [n] Lord is the *Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* libertie.

18 But we all beholde as in a [o] mirrour the glorie of the Lord with open face, and are changed into the ſame image, from glorie to glorie, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

d Whoſe miniſter Moſes was
e Which Chriſt gaue.
f Meaning, the ſpiritual doctrine, ẅ is in our hearts.
g Thus he nameth the Law in cōpariſon of the Goſpel.
h After ẏ God had ſpoken ẅ him and giuen him the Law.
i For the Law declareth all men to be vnder condemnation.
k Meaning, of the Goſpel ẅ declareth that Chriſt, is made our righteouſnes.
l In preaching the Goſpel.
Exo. 34.33.
m Moſes ſhewed the Law as it was couered ẅ ſhadowes, ſo that ẏ Iewes eyes were not lightened but blinded, and ſo colde not come to Chriſt who was the end thereof: ẏ ſame [illegible] ſetteth before the glorie of God clearely, not couering our eyes, but driuing ẏ darkenes away from them.
Ioh. 4.24.
n Chriſt is our mediator, & autor of the New teſtamēt, whoſe doctrine is ſpiritual, & giueth life to the Law.
o In Chriſt, who is God manifeſted in the fleſh, we ſe God ẏ Father as in a moſte cleare glaſſe.

CHAP. IIII.

1 He declareth his diligence, and roundenes in his office. 8 And that which his enemies toke for his diſaduantage, to wit, the croſſe and afflictions which he endured, he turned it to his great aduantage. 11.17 Shewing what profit cometh thereby.

THerefore, ſeing that we haue this miniſterie, as we haue receiued mercie, a we fainte not:

2 But haue caſt from vs the [b] clokes of ſhame & *walke not in craftines, nether handle we the worde of God diſceitfully: but in declaration of the trueth we approue our ſelues to euerie mans conſcience in the ſight of God.

3 If our Goſpel be then hid, it is hid to thē, that are loſt.

4 In whome the [c] god of this worlde hathe blinded the mindes, *that is*, of the infideles, that the light of the glorious Goſpel of Chriſt, which is the [d] image of God, ſhulde not ſhine vnto them.

5 For we preache not our [e] ſelues, but Chriſt Ieſus the Lord, and our ſelues your ſeruāts for Ieſus ſake.

6 For God that *commanded the light to ſhine out of darkenes, *is he* which hathe ſhined in [f] our hearts, to giue the [g] light of the knowledge of the glorie of God in the face of Ieſus Chriſt.

7 But we haue this [h] treaſure in earthē veſſels, ẏ the excellencie of that power might be of God and not of vs.

8 We are afflicted on euerie ſide, yet *are we* not in diſtreſſe: in pouertie, but not ouercome of pouertie.

9 *We are* perſecuted, but not forſaken: caſt downe, but we periſh not.

10 Euerie where we beare about in our bodie the [i] dying of the Lord Ieſus, that the life of Ieſus might alſo be made manifeſt in our bodies.

11 For we which liue, are alwayes deliuered vnto death for Ieſus ſake, that the life alſo of Ieſus might be made manifeſt in our mortal fleſh.

12 So then [k] death worketh in vs, and life in you.

13 And becauſe we haue the ſame [l] Spirit of faith, according as it is written, *I beleued, & therefore haue I ſpoken, we alſo beleue, and therefore ſpeake,

14 Knowing that he which hathe raiſed vp the Lord Ieſus, ſhal [m] raiſe vs vp alſo by Ieſus, and ſhal ſet vs with you.

15 For all things *are* for your ſakes that moſte plenteous grace by the thankeſgiuing of [n] manie may redoūde to the praiſe of God.

16 Therefore we faint not, but though our outwarde man [p] periſh, yet the inwarde man is [o] renewed daily.

17 For our [p] light affliction ẅ is but for a moment, cauſeth vnto vs a farre moſte excellent & an eternal waight of glorie:

18 While we loke not on the things which are ſene, but on the things, which are not ſene: for the things which are ſene, *are* temporal: but the things which are not ſene, *are* eternal.

a For anie troubles or afflictions.
b Meaning, ſuche ſhifres & pretences as become not them that haue ſuche a great office in hond.
Coap. 3.17.
c To wit Sathā, Ioh. 12.31, & 14.30. eph. 6.12
d In whome God doeth ſhewe him ſelf to be ſene: and here Chriſt is called ſo in reſpect of his office.
Gene. 1.3.
e As they, ẅ preache for gaine, or elſe ẅ rather ſeke to be ſene and knowen, then to edifie.
f Which are your ſeruants.
g That we hauing receiued light, ſhuld cōmunicate the ſame ẅ others and therefore Chriſt calleth thē the light of the world, Mat 5.14.
h Albeit the miniſters of ẏ Goſpel be cōtemptible as touching their perſone, yet ẏ treaſure which they carie, is nothing worſe or inferior.
i All ẏ faithful, & chiefly the miniſters muſt drinke of this cup, becauſe ẏ world hateth Chriſt: & alſo that the members ſhulde be conformable to Chriſt their head, yet by ẏ mightie power of Chriſt, who ouercame death, they are made conquerours.
Pſal. 116.10.
k By our death you haue life: ſo that the frute of our afflictions cometh to you.
l The ſame faith by ẏ inſpiration of ẏ holie Goſt.
m In deliuering vs from theſe dangers, which is as it were a reſtoring frō death to life.
n That I being deliuered and reſtored to you againe, may not onely my ſelf giue God thankes for this infinite benefite of deliuerance, but alſo you all, which are bothe partakers of mine affliction and comforte, may abundantly ſet forthe his glorie. o Be corrupted. o Groweth ſtronger. p Which is ſo called in reſpect of the euerlaſting life.

CHAP. V.

1 Paul procedeth to declare the vtilitie that cometh by the croſſe. 4 How we ought to prepare our ſelues vnto it. 5 By whome. 9 And for what end. 14.19 He ſetteth forthe the grace of Chriſt. 20 And the office of miniſters, and all the faithful.

a After this bodie shalbe dissolued, it shalbe made incorruptible and immortal.

1 FOr we knowe that if a our earthlie house of this tabernacle be destroied, we haue a buylding *giuen* of God, *that is*, an house not made with hands, *but* eternal in the heauens.

2 For therefore we sigh, desiring to be clothed with our house, which is frō heauen.

*Or, if so be we shalbe founde clothed, & not naked *Reuel. 16, 15.*

3 "Because that if we be clothed, we shal not be founde *naked.

4 For in dede we that are in this tabernacle, sigh and are burdened, "because we wolde not be vnclothed, but wolde be clothed vpon, that mortalitie might be swalowed vp of life.

*Or, wherein.

5 And he that hathe created vs for this thing, *is* God, who also hathe giuen vnto vs the earnest of the Spirit.

b Not onely quiet in mide, but also ready so susteine all dangers: being assured of the good successe thereof.

6 Therefore we are alway b bolde, thogh we knowe that whiles we are "at home in the bodie, we are absent from the Lord.

*Or, strangers in the bodie.

7 (For we c walke by faith, & not by sight)

c For here onely we beleue in God, & se him not.

8 Neuertheles, we are bolde, & loue rather to remoue out of the bodie, and to dwell with the Lord.

d In this bodie.

9 Wherefore also we couet, that bothe dwelling d at home, and remouing e from home, we may be acceptable to him.

Rom. 14, 10.

10 *For we must all appeare before the iudgemēt seat of Christ, that euerie man may receiue the things which are *done* in his bodie, according to that he hathe done, whether *it be* f good or euil.

e Out of this bodie, to heauen.

f That is, either glorie, or shame.

g His fearful iudgement.

11 Knowing therefore the g terror of the Lord, we h persuade men, & we i are made manifest vnto God, & I trust also that we are made manifest in your consciences.

h He proueth the dignitie of his ministerie by ỹ frute and effect thereof, which is to bring men to Christ.

12 For we praise not our selues againe vnto you, but giue you an occasion to reioyce of vs, that ye may haue *to answere* against them, which reioyce in the k face, and not in the heart.

i By imbracing the same faith which we preache to others.

k As they, ẅ more esteemed the outwarde shewe of wisdome and eloquence, then true godlines.

13 For whether we be l out of our wit, *we are it* m to God: or whether we be in our right minde, *we are it* vnto you.

l As the aduersaries said, ẅ wolde not abide to heare them praised m Our solie serueth to Gods glorie.

14 For the loue of Christ constraineth vs: because we thus iudge, that if one be dead for all, then were n all dead,

n Therefore whosoeuer giueth place to ambition or vaine glorie, is yet dead, and liueth not in Christ.

15 And he dyed for all, that they o which liue, shulde not hence forthe liue vnto thē selues, but vnto him which dyed for thē, and rose againe.

Isa. 43, 19. Reuel. 21, 5.

16 Wherefore, hēce forthe know we no mā after the flesh, yea thogh we had knowen Christ after the flesh, yet now hēce forthe q know we *him* no more.

o As the onely faithful do in Christ. p According to the estimation of the worlde: but as he is guided by the Spirit of God. q We do not esteme, nor commende Christ him self now, as he was an excellent man: but as he was the Sonne of God, partaker of his glorie, and in whome God dwelled corporally: and do you thinke, that I wil flatter my self or anie man in setting forthe his giftes? Yea, when I praise my ministerie, *I* cōmende the power of God: when I commende our worthie factes, I praise the mightie power of God, set forthe by vs wormes and wretches. r Let him be regenerat, and renounce him self, els all the rest is nothing.

17 Therefore if anie man *be in Christ, let him be* a r new creature. *Olde things are passed away: beholde, all things are become new.

18 And all things *are* of God, which hathe reconciled vs vnto him self by Iesus Christ, and hathe giuen vnto vs the ministerie of reconciliation.

19 For God was in Christ, and reconciled the worlde to him self, not imputing their sinnes vnto them, and hathe committed to vs the worde of reconciliation.

s Therefore without Christ we can not enioye the life euerlasting, nor come to God.

20 Now then are we ambassadours for Christ: as thogh God did beseche *you* through vs, we praye you in Christs stede, that ye be reconciled to God.

21 For he hathe made him *to be* t sinne for vs, which knew no sinne, that we shulde be u made the righteousnes of God in him.

t That is, a sacrifice for sinne.

u By imputation, when we shalbe clad with Christe iustice.

CHAP. VI.

r An exhortation to Christian life. 11 And to beare him like affection, as he doeth them. 14 Also to kepe them selues from all pollution of idolatrie bothe in bodie, and soule, and to haue none acquaintance with idolaters.

1 SO we therefore as workers together be seche *you*, that ye receiue not the grace of God in vaine.

2 For he saith, * I haue heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of saluation haue I suckered thee: beholde now the a accepted time, beholde now the daye of saluation.

Isa. 49, 8.

a To wit, Gods free mercie, wherein he hathe powred forthe his infinite loue.

3 We giue no occasion of offence in anie thing, that *our* ministerie shulde not be b reprehended.

b By the infideles, if they sawe no frute come thereof. *1. Cor. 4, 1.*

4 But in all things we approue our selues as * the ministers of God, in muche patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in prisones, in tumultes, in labours,

c He declareth ẅ what weapons he resisted his afflictions.

6 By c watchings, by fastings, by puritie, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindnes, by the d holie Gost, by e loue vnfained,

d Who is the efficient cause.

e Which is, the final cause

7 f By the worde of trueth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousnes on the right hand and on the lefte,

f By the Gospel, and the power of God and his owne integritie, he ouerthrew Satan, and the worlde, as ẅ. weapons on euerie side most ready.

8 By honour, and dishonour, by euil reporte & good reporte, as deceiuers, and *yet* true:

9 As vnknowen, and *yet* knowen: as dying, and beholde, we liue: as chastened, and *yet* not killed:

10 As sorowing, & *yet* alway reioycing: as poore, and *yet* make manie riche: as hauing nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

11 O Corinthians, our g mouth is open vnto you: our heart is made large.

g Signifying his moste vehement affection.

12 Ye are not kept straite in vs, but ye are kept straite in your owne h bowelles.

h Their iudgement was so corrupted, ỹ they were not likewise affectioned towardes him, as he was towardes them.

13 Now for the same recompense, I speake as to *my* children, i Be you also enlarged.

i Shewe like affection towardes me.

14 k Be not vnequally yoked with the infideles: for *what felowſhip hathe righteouſnes with vnrighteouſnes? and what communion hathe light with darkenes?

15 And what concorde hathe Chriſt with [o] Belial? or what parte hathe the beleuer with the infidel?

16 And what agrement hathe the Temple of God with idoles? * for ye are the Temple of the [l] liuing God: as God hathe ſaid, * I wil dwell among them, and walke there: and I wil be their God, and they ſhalbe my people.

17 *Wherefore come out from among thē, and ſeparate your ſelues, ſaith the Lord: and touche none vncleane thing, & I wil receiue you.

18 * And I wil be a Father vnto you, and ye ſhalbe my ſonnes and daughters, ſaith the Lord almightie.

Eccl.13,21.
k He ſemeth to allude to ỹ w̄ is written, Deut 22,10. where ỹ Lord commandeth that an oxe & an aſſe be not yoked together, becauſe ỹ match is vnequal: ſo if the faithful marie with the infideles, or els haue to do w̄ them in anie thig vnlawful, it is here repro ued.
1.Cor.3,13. & 6,19. Leui.26,11. Iſa.52,11. Ierem.31,1.
Or, the deuil.
l So called becauſe he hathe not onely life in him ſelf, but giueth it alſo to all liuing creatures.

CHAP. VII.

1 He exhorteth them by the promiſes of God to kepe them ſelues pure. 3.7 Aſſuring them of his loue. 8.13 And doeth not excuſe his ſeueritie towarde them, but reioyceth thereat, conſidering what profite came thereby. 10 Of two ſortes of ſorow.

1 SEing then we haue theſe promiſes, dearely beloued, let vs [a] clenſe our ſelues from all filthines of the [b] fleſh & ſpirit, and growe vp vnto ful holines in the feare of God.

2 [c] Receiue vs: we haue done wrong to no man: we haue conſumed no man: we haue [d] defrauded no man.

3 I ſpeake it not to *your* condemnacion: for I haue ſaid before, that ye are in our hearts, to dye and liue together.

4 I vſe great boldenes of ſpeache towarde you: I reioyce greatly in you: I am filled with comfort, and am exceading ioyous in all our tribulacion.

5 For whē we were come into Macedonia, our fleſh had no reſte, but we were troubled on euerie ſide, fightings [e] without, & terrours within.

6 But God, that comforteth the abiect, comforted vs at the comming of Titus:

7 And not by his comming onely, but alſo by the conſolacion wherewith he was cōforted of you, whē he tolde vs your great deſire, your mourning, your feruent minde to mewarde, ſo that I reioyced [f] muche more.

8 For thogh I made you ſorie with a letter, I repent not, thogh I did repent: for I perceiue that the ſame epiſtle made you ſorie, thogh *it were* but for a ſeaſon.

9 I now reioyce, not that ye were ſorie, but that ye ſorowed to repentance: for ye ſorowed godly, ſo that in nothing ye were hurt by vs.

10 *For godlie ſorowe cauſeth repentance vnto ſaluacion, not to be repented of: but the worldlie ſorowe cauſeth death.

11 For beholde, this thing that ye haue bene [g] godly ſorie, what great care it hathe wroght in you: yea, what [h] clearīg of your ſelues: yea *what* indignacion: yea, *what* feare: yea, *how* great deſire: yea, *what* a zeale: yea, *what* [i] puniſhmēt: in all things ye haue ſhewed your ſelues, that ye are pure in this matter.

12 Wherefore, thogh I wrote vnto you, I did not it for his cauſe that had done the wrōg, nether for his cauſe that had the iniurie, but that our care towarde you in the ſight of God might appeare vnto you.

13 Therefore we were comforted, becauſe ye were comforted: but rather we reioyced muche more for the ioy of Titus, becauſe his [k] ſpirit was refreſhed by you all.

14 For if ỹ I haue boaſted anie thīg to him of you, I haue not bene aſhamed: but as I haue ſpoken vnto you all things in trueth, euen ſo our boaſtīg vnto Titus was true.

15 And [k] his inwarde affection is more abundant towarde you, when he remembreth the obedience of you all, *and* how with feare & trembling ye receiued him.

16 I reioyce *therefore* that I may [l] put my confidence in you in all things.

a Confider this wel, ye ỹ ſerue idoles w̄ your bodies, & yet thinke your cōſciences pure towarde God: God wil one day ſmite you for your halting.
b Of bodie & ſoule.
c That we may reache you.
d By grīedie couetouſnes.
e He had nether reſt in bodie, nor ſpirit. & it ſemeth ỹ he alludeth to that which is written, Deut. 32,25. for the croſſe to mans eye is commune bothe to ỹ godlie & to the wicked, althogh to contrarie ends.
f This ioye ouercame all my ſorowes.
g Whoſe heart Gods Spirit doeth touche, he is ſorie for his ſinnes committed againſt ſo merciful a Father: & theſe are the frutes of his repēt ance, as wirnes Dauids & Peters teares: others which are ſorie for their ſinnes onely for feare of puniſhment & Gods vengeance, fall into deſperatiō, as Cain, Saul, Achitophel & Iudas.
h In aſking God forgiuenes.
i For in iudging & chaſtiſing your ſelues, you preuēted Gods anger.
k *Heart.*
k The Greke worde ſignifieth, his bowelles, whereby is ment moſte great loue and tender affections.
l Bothe in thinking & reporting wel of you.

CHAP. VIII.

1 By the example of the Macedonians, 9 And Chriſt he exhorteth them to continue in relieuing the poore Saintes, commending their good beginning. 23 After he commendeth Titus and his felowes vnto them.

1 WE do you alſo to wit, brethren, of the [a] grace of God beſtowed vpon the Churches of Macedonia,

2 Becauſe in great tryal of affliction their ioye abunded, and their moſte extreme pouertie [b] abunded vnto their riche liberalitie.

3 For to *their* power (I beare recorde) yea, & beyonde their power, they were willing,

4 And praied vs with great inſtance that we wolde receiue the [c] grace, & felowſhip * of the miniſtring which is towarde the Saintes.

5 And *this they did*, not as we loked for: but gaue their owne ſelues, firſt to the Lord, and *after* vnto vs by the wil of God,

6 That we ſhulde exhorte Titus, that as he had begonne, ſo he wolde alſo accompliſh the ſame grace among you alſo.

7 Therefore, as ye abunde in euerie thing, in faith and worde, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your loue towards vs, *euen ſo ſe* that ye abūde in this grace alſo.

8 This ſay I not by commandement, but becauſe of the diligence of others: therefore proue I the naturalnes of your loue.

9 For ye knowe the grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, that he being riche, for your ſakes became poore, that ye through his pouertie might be made riche.

a This benefite of God appeared in two things: firſt, ỹ the Macedonians being in ſo great afflictiōs were ſo prone to helpe others: & next ỹ being in great pouertie, were verie liberal towards others.
b So that a moſte abundāt riuer of riches flowed out of their pouertie.
c So he calleth their liberalitie, either becauſe they were the beſtowers of Gods graces, or becauſe they receiued them of God frely, and ſo they deſired Paul to ſe to ỹ diſtribution thereof.

10 And I ſhewe *my* minde herein: for this is expedient for you, ẅ haue begonne not to do onely, but alſo to [d] wil, a yere a go.
11 Now therefore performe to do it alſo, that as *there was* a readines to wil, euẽ ſo ye maye performe it of that which ye haue.
12 For if there be firſt a willing minde, it is accepted according to that a mã hathe, & not according to that he hathe not.
13 Nether *is it* that other men ſhulde be eaſed and you grieued.
14 But vpon like condicion, at this time your [e] abundance *ſupplieth* their lacke, that alſo their abundance may be for your lacke, that there may be [f] equalitie:
15 As it is written, *He that *gathered* muche, had nothing ouer, and he that *gathered* litle, had not the leſſe.
16 And thankes *be* vnto God, which hathe put in the heart of Titus the ſame care for you.
17 Becauſe he accepted the [g] exhortacion, yea, he was ſo careful that of his owne accorde he went vnto you.
18 And we haue ſent alſo with him the brother, whoſe praiſe *is* [h] in ỹ Goſpel throughout all the Churches,
19 (And not ſo onely, but is alſo choſen of the Churches to be a felowe in our iourney concerning this grace that is miniſtred by vs vnto the glorie of the ſame Lord, and *declaracion* of your prõpt minde)
20 Auoyding this, that no man ſhulde blame vs in this abundance that is miniſtred by vs,
21 *Prouiding for [i] honeſt things, not onely before the Lord, but alſo before men.
22 And we haue ſent with thẽ our brother, whome we haue oft times proued to be diligent in manie things, but now muche more diligent, for the great confidence, which I *haue* in you.
23 Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my felowe and helper to you warde: or of our brethren, they are meſſengers of the Churches, & the [k] glorie of Chriſt.
24 Wherefore ſhewe towarde them, & before the Churches the profe of your loue, and of the reioycing that we haue of you.

d Euerie man may do good that hathe abilitie thereunto, but to wil, and haue a minde to do good, cometh of perfite charitie.
e That as you helpe others in their nede, ſo others ſhal releue your want. *Exod. 16. 18.*
f That bothe you & others, as occaſiõ ſhal ſerue, may relieue ỹ godlie according to their neceſsities.
g And willingly offred him ſelf to gather your almes.
h In preaching the Goſpel. Some vnderſtand Luke, others Barnabas.
Rom. 12. 17.
i His weldoing is approued before God & man.
k That is, by whome Chriſts glorie is greatly aduanced.

CHAP. IX.

1 The cauſe of Titus and his companions comming to thẽ. 6 He exhorteth to giue almes cherefully. 7 Shewing what frute wil come thereof.

1 FOr as touching the miniſtring to the Saintes, it is ſuperfluous for me to write vnto you.
2 For I knowe your readines of mĩde, whereof I boaſt my ſelf of you vnto them of Macedonia, & *ſay*, that Achaia was prepared a yere a go, and your zeale hathe prouoked manie.
3 Now haue I ſent the brethren, leſt our reioycing ouer you ſhulde be in vaine in this behalfe, that ye (as I haue ſaid) be readie:
4 Leſt if thei of Macedonia come with me, and finde you vnprepared, we (I nede not to ſay, you) ſhulde be aſhamed in this my conſtant boaſting.
5 Wherefore, I thoght it neceſſarie to exhorte the brethren to come before vnto you, and to finiſh your beneuolence appointed afore, that it might be readie, *and come* as of beneuolence, and not as of ſparing.
6 This yet *remember*, that he which ſoweth ſparingly, ſhal reape alſo ſparingly, and he that ſoweth liberally, ſhal reape alſo liberally.
7 As euerie man wiſheth in his heart, *ſo let him giue*, not * grudgingly, or of neceſsitie: *for God loueth a chereful giuer.
8 And God is able to make all grace to abounde towarde you, that ye alwaies hauing [a] all ſufficiencie in all things, may abounde in euerie [b] good worke,
9 * As it is written, [c] He hathe ſparſed abroad and hathe giuen to the poore: his beneuolence remaineth for euer.
10 Alſo he that findeth ſeede to the ſower, wil miniſter likewiſe bread for foode, and multiplie your ſede, and increaſe the frutes of your beneuolence,
11 That on all partes ye may be made riche vnto all liberalitie, ẅ cauſeth through vs thankeſgiuing vnto God.
12 For the miniſtracion of this ſeruice not onely ſupplieth the neceſsities of ỹ Saintes, but alſo is abundant by the thankeſgiuing of manie vnto God,
13 (Which by the experimente of this miniſtracion praiſe God for your voluntarie ſubmiſsion to the Goſpel of Chriſt, and for your liberal diſtribution to them, and to all men)
14 And by [d] their praier for you, " deſiring after you greatly, for the abundant grace of God in you.
15 Thankes therefore *be* vnto God for his vnſpeakeable gift.

Prou. 11. 25. rom. 12. 8. Eccle. 35. 11.
a Leſt thei ſhulde giue but litle, diſtruſting to impouerith thẽ ſelues thereby, he ſheweth ỹ God wil ſo bleſſe their liberal hearts, ỹ bothe they ſhal haue ynough for thẽ ſelues & alſo to helpe others with all. *Pſal. 112. 9.*
b That ye may do good & helpe others at all times.
c Dauid ſpeaketh of that man ẅ feareth God & loueth his neighbour.
d Beſides that by their liberalitie God ſhal be praiſed, thei alſo ſhalbe cõmẽded to God by their prayers whome thei haue holpen, yea, & all men ſhal reuerence them, as being endued with an excellent gift of God.
" Or, greatly affectioned towarde you.

CHAP. X.

He toucheth the falſe apoſtles and defendeth his autoritie, 11 And ſheweth what his power is, 13 And how he vſeth it.

1 NOw I Paul my ſelf beſeche you by the mekenes, & gentlenes of Chriſt, which when I am preſent among you, *am* [a] baſe, but am bolde towarde you being abſent:
2 And *this* I require you, that I nede not to be bolde when I am preſent, with that ſame confidence, wherewith I thinke to be bolde againſt ſome, ẅ eſteme vs as though we walked [b] according to the fleſh.
3 Neuertheles, though we walke in the fleſh, yet we do not warre after the fleſh,

a Theſe wordes his backbiters vſed, thinking thereby to diminiſh his autoritie, as verſe. 10.
b As though we boaſted of our ſelues by a carnal affection.

4 (For the weapons of our warrefare are not carnal, but mightie through God, to caſt downe holdes)
5 Caſting downe the imaginations, and euerie high thing that is exalted againſt the knowledge of God, and bringing into captiuitie euerie thoght to the obedience of Chriſt,
6 And hauing ready the vengeance againſt all diſobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.
7 Loke ye on things after the appearance? If anie man truſt in him ſelf that he is Chriſts, let him conſider this againe of him ſelf, that as he *is* Chriſts, euē ſo *are we* Chriſts.
8 For thogh I ſhulde boaſt ſomewhat more of our autoritie, which the Lord hathe giuen vs for edification, and not for your deſtruction, I ſhulde haue no ſhame.
9 *Thus I ſay* that I may not ſeme as *it were* to feare you with letters.
10 For the letters, [c] ſaith he, are ſore and ſtrong, but his bodelie preſence is weake, and his ſpeache is of no value.
11 Let ſuche one thinke this, that ſuche as we are in worde by letters when we are abſent, ſuche *wil we be* alſo in dede, when we are preſent.
12 For we dare not make our ſelues of the nomber, or to compare our ſelues to thē, which praiſe them ſelues: but they vnderſtand not that they [d] measure them ſelues with them ſelues, & compare them ſelues with them ſelues.
13 But we wil not reioyce of things, which are not within *our* meaſure, * but according to the [e] measure of the line, whereof God hathe diſtributed vnto vs a meaſure to attaine euen vnto you.
14 For we ſtretch not our ſelues beyonde *our* meaſure, as thogh we had not attained vnto you: for euen to you alſo haue we come *in preaching* the Goſpel of Chriſt,
15 Not boaſting of thigs which are without *our* meaſure: *that is*, of other mens labours: and we hope, when your faith ſhal increaſe, to be magnified by you according to our line abundantly,
16 And to preache the Goſpel in thoſe *regions* which *are* beyōde you: not to reioyce in [f] another mans line, *that is* in the things that are prepared already.
17 *But let him that reioyceth, reioyce in the Lord.
18 For he that praiſeth him ſelf, is not alowed, but he whome the Lord praiſeth.

c Meaning, a certaine man among thē, ẅ thus ſpake of Paul.
d He ỹ meaſureth anie thig, muſt haue ſome line or meaſure to mette by, and not to meaſure a thing by it ſelf: ſo theſe boaſters muſt meaſure them ſelues by their worthie actes: & if they wil compare with others, let thē ſhewe what coūtreis, what cities, & people they haue wonne to the Lord: for who wil praiſe ỹ ſouldier, ẅ onely at the table can finely talke of the warres, & whē he cometh, ro the brunt, is nether valiant nor expert? *Eph. 4.8.*
e That is, the giftes & vocation, ẅ God had giuen him to winne others by.
f God gaue ỹ whole worlde to ỹ Apoſtles to preache in, ſo that Paul here meaneth by ỹ line his portion of the coūtreis where he preached. *Ier. 9.24. 1.cor. 1,31.*

CHAP. XI.

2 He declareth his affection towarde them. 5 The excellence of his miniſterie. 9 And his diligence in the ſame. 13 The fetches of the falſe apoſtles. 16 The peruerſe iudgement of the Corinthians. 22 And his owne praiſes.

1 WOlde to God, ye colde ſuffer a litle my [a] fooliſhnes, and in deed, [b] ye ſuffer me.
2 For I am ielous ouer you, with godlie ielouſie: for [c] I haue prepared you for one houſband, to preſent you *as* a pure virgine to Chriſt:
3 But I feare leſt as the * ſerpent beguiled Eue through his ſubtiltie, ſo your mindes ſhulde be corrupte from the ſimplicitie that is in Chriſt.
4 For if he that cometh, preacheth another [d] Ieſus then him whome we haue preached: or if ye receiue another [e] ſpirit then that which ye haue receiued: ether another Goſpel, then that ye haue receiued, ye might wel haue ſuffered *him*.
5 Verely I [f] ſuppoſe that I was not inferior to the verie chief Apoſtles.
6 And thogh *I be* [g] rude in ſpeaking, yet *I am* not *ſo* in knowledge, but amōg you we haue bene made manifeſte to the vtmoſt, in all things.
7 Haue I committed an offence, becauſe I abaſed my ſelf, that ye might be exalted, & becauſe I preached to you the Goſpel of God frely?
8 I [h] robbed other Churches, and toke wages *of them* to do you ſeruice.
9 And when I was preſent with you, and had nede, I was [i] not ſlothful to the hinderance of anie man: for that which was lacking vnto me, the brethren which came frō Macedonia, ſupplied, and in all things I kept and wil kepe my ſelf that I ſhulde not * be grieuous to you.
10 [k] The trueth of Chriſt is in me, that this reioycing ſhal not be ſhut vp againſt me in the regions of Achaia.
11 Wherefore? becauſe I loue you not? God knoweth.
12 But what I do, that wil I do: that I may cut away occaſion from them which deſire [l] occaſion, that they might be founde like vnto vs in that wherein they reioyce.
13 For ſuche falſe [m] apoſtles are deceitful workers, and tranſforme them ſelues into the Apoſtles of Chriſt.
14 And no marueile: for Satan him ſelf is tranſformed into an Angel of light.
15 Therefore it is no great thing, thogh his miniſters tranſforme them ſelues, as thogh *they were* the miniſters of righteouſnes, whoſe end ſhalbe according to their workes.
16 I ſay againe, let no mā thinke, that I am fooliſh: or els take me euē as a foole, that I alſo may boaſt my ſelf a litle.
17 That I ſpeake, I ſpeake it not after the [n] Lord: but as *it were* fooliſhly, in this *my* great boaſting.

a He calleth the praiſing of hī ſelf dotage to the ẅ thig the arrogācie of the falſe apoſtles cōpelled him, who ſought nothing els, but to ouerthrowe the Church by diminiſhing the autoritie of his miniſterie. *Gene. 3,4.*
b To ſpeake in mine owne cōmendation.
c The miniſter marieth Chriſt & his Church as houſband and wife by ỹ preaching of the Goſpel.
d That is, more perfite doctrine concerning Chriſt Ieſus.
e More excellent giftes of the ſpirit by other mens preaching.
f They did not preache Chriſt more purely then I did: for in this behalfe I was nothing inferior to the chiefeſt Apoſtles.
g That is, vſe no worldelie eloquence.
h Other Churches relieued me.
i He did not onely labour with his hāds for his liuing, but in his extreme pouertie preached diligently, without burdening anie mā, or els waxing ſlothful to do his duetie to euerie man. *Chap. 12,13. act 20,34.*
k Let not the trueth of Chriſt be thoght to be in me, if I ſuffer my ioye to be ſhut vp, ẅ I haue conceiued of God.
l To ſclander my miniſterie, if I ſhulde receiue wages.
m By falſe apoſtles here is not ment ſuche as teache falſe doctrine (ẅ doutles, they wolde haue growen vnto) but ſuche as were vaineglorious, and did not their duetie ſyncerely.
n In his heart he had reſpect to the Lord: but his facion of boaſting ſemed according to man, wherunto they compelled him.

o In outwarde things.

18 Seing that manie reioyce o after the fleſh, I wil reioyce alſo.

19 For ye ſuffer fooles gladly, becauſe that ye are wiſe.

20 For ye ſuffre euen if a man bring you into bondage, if a man deuoure *you*, if a man take *your goods*, if a man exalte him ſelf, if a man ſmite you on the face.

p I note this diſhonour, ẅ they do vnto you. *Philip 3.5.*

21 p I ſpeake as concerning the reproche: as thogh that we had bene q weake: but wherein anie man is bolde (I ſpeake fooliſhly) I am bolde alſo.

q That is, abiect, vile, miſerable, a craftes man, an idiot, & ſubiect to a thouſand calamities, which things the falſe apoſtles obiected againſt him as moſte certeine teſtimonies of his vnworthines.

22 They are Ebrewes, * ſo am I: they are Iſraelites, ſo am I: they are the ſede of Abraham, ſo am I:

r Put caſe ye terme it ſo, yet is it true. *Deu.25.3. Act.16.25. Act.14.19. Act.27.14.*

23 They are the miniſters of Chriſt (I ſpeake as a foole) I am more: in labours more abundant: in ſtripes aboue meaſure: in priſon more plenteouſly: in r death oft.

s In the preſent danger of death.

t At fiue ſeuerall times euerie time thirtie, and nine.

24 Of the Iewes fiue t times receiued I fortie *ſtripes** ſaue one.

u Of the Romaine magiſtrates.

25 u I was thriſe * beaten with roddes: I was *once ſtoned: I ſuffered thriſe * ſhipwracke: night & day haue I bene in ẏ depe ſea.

26 In iornaying *I was* often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of mine owne nation, in perils among the Gentiles, in perils in the citie, in perils in wildernes, in perils in ẏ ſea, in perils amongs falſe brethren,

x As impriſonements, beating, hongre, thirſt, colde, nakednes and ſuche like: wbich things the aduerſaries condemne as infirme in me. *Act.9.24.*

27 In wearines & painefulnes, in watching often, in honger & thirſt, in faſtings oftẽ, in colde and in nakednes.

28 Beſide the things which are outwarde, I am combred daily, *and haue* the care of all the Churches.

29 Who is weake, and I am not weake? who is offended, and I burne not?

30 If I muſt nedes reioyce, I wil reioyce of mine x infirmities.

31 The God, euen the Father of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, which is bleſſed for euermore, knoweth that I lye not.

32 In * Damaſcus the gouerner of the people vnder King Aretas, laide watche in the citie of the Damaſcẽs, and wolde haue caught me.

33 But at a windowe was I let downe in a baſket through the wall, & eſcaped his hãds.

CHAP. XII.

1 He reioyceth in his preferment. 5. 7 But chiefly in his humblenes. 11 And layeth the cauſe of his boaſting vpon the Corinthias. 14 He ſheweth what good wil he beareth them. 20 And proteſteth to come vnto them.

1 IT is not expedient for me no dout to reioyce: for I wil come to viſions and reuelations of the Lord.

Act.9.3

a That is, a Chriſtian: or, I ſpeake it in Chriſt.

2 * I knowe a man a in Chriſt aboue fourtene yeres ago, (whether *he were* in the bodie, I can not tel, or out of the bodie, I can not tel: God knoweth) which was taken vp into the b thirde heauen.

b That is to ſay, into the higheſt heaue.

3 And I knowe ſuche a man (whether in the bodie, or out of ẏ bodie, I can not tel: God knoweth.)

4 How that he was take vp into Paradiſe, & heard c wordes which can not be ſpoken, which are not "poſsible for man to vtter.

c Mans infirmitie was not able to declare the, neither were they ſhewed vnto him for that end.

"Or, lawful.

5 Of ſuche a man wil I reioyce: of my ſelf wil I not reioyce, except it be of mine infirmities.

6 For thogh I wolde reioyce, I ſhulde not be a foole: for I wil ſay the trueth, but I refraine, leſt anie mã ſhulde thinke of me aboue that he ſeeth in me, or ẏ he heareth of me.

d The greke worde ſignifieth a ſharpe piece of wood as a pale, or ſtake, and alſo a litle ſpilde or ſharpe thig ẅ pricketh one as he goeth through buſſhie & thicke places, and entring into the fleſh, can not be taken out without cutting of the fleſh: and this was the rebelling of ẏ fleſh againſt the ſpirit, & warned him that Satã was at hand.

7 And leſt I ſhulde be exalted out of meaſure through the abundance of reuelatiõs, there was giuen vnto me d a pricke in the fleſh, ẏ meſſenger of Satã to buffet me, becauſe I ſhulde not be exalted out of meaſure.

8 For this thing I beſoght the Lord e thriſe, that it might departe from me.

e That is to ſay, often times.

9 And he ſaid vnto me, My grace is ſufficiẽt for thee: for my power is made f perfite through weakenes. Verie gladly therefore wil I reioyce rather in mine infirmities, that the power of Chriſt may dwell in me.

f Is knowen, & euidently ſeene.

10 Therefore g I take pleaſure in infirmities, in reproches, in neceſsities, in perſecutions, in anguiſh for Chriſts ſake: for whẽ I am weake, then am I ſtrong.

g He doeth not onely patiently beare his afflictions, but alſo ioyfully, and as one that taketh pleaſure therein for Chriſts ſake. *Chap.11.9.*

11 I was a foole to boaſt my ſelf: ye haue cõpelled me: for I ought to haue bene cõmended of you: for in nothing was I inferior vnto the verie chief Apoſtles, thogh I be nothing.

12 The ſignes of an Apoſtle were wroght among you with all pacience, with ſignes, and wonders, and great workes.

13 For what is it, wherein ye were inferiors vnto other Churches, *except that I haue not bene "ſlothful to your hinderãce? forgiue me this wrong.

"Or, chargeable.

h For firſt, he was minded to departe from Epheſus into Macedonia, & ſo to Corinthus, 1.Cor.16, 5. Then when the Lord letted this purpoſe, he appointed to go ſtraight from Epheſus to Corinthus, Chap. 1, 15. ẅ intent being chãged, he wẽt to Macedonia, from whence now he appointeth the third time to come vnto them

14 Beholde, the h thirde time I am readie to come vnto you, and yet wil I not be ſlothful to your hinderãce: for I ſeke not yours, but i you: for the children ought not to laye vp for the fathers, but the fathers for the children.

i Which declareth his fatherlie affectiõ

15 And I wil moſte gladly beſtowe, and wil be beſtowed for your ſ ules: thogh the more I loue you, the leſſe I am loued.

*Or, your cauſe or perſones.

16 But be it that I charged you not: k yet foraſmuche as I was craftie, I toke you with guile.

k Thus ſaid his aduerſaries that thogh he toke it not by him ſelf, yet he did it by ẏ meanes of others.

17 Did I pill you by anie of them whome I ſent vnto you?

18 I haue deſired l Titus, & with him I haue ſent a brother: did Titus pil you of anie thing? walked we not in the ſelf ſame ſpirit? *walked we* not in the ſame ſteppes?

l To go to you.

19 Againe, thinke ye that we excuſe our ſelues vnto you? we ſpeake before God in Chriſt. But *we do* all things, dearly beloued, for your edifying.

20 For

20 For I feare leſt when I come, I ſhal not finde you ſuche as I wolde: and that I ſhalbe founde vnto you [m] ſuche as ye wolde not, and leſt *there be* ſtrife, enuying, wrath, contentions, backebitings, whiſperings, ſwellings & diſcorde.

21 *I feare* leſt when I come againe, my God [n] abaſe me among you, and I ſhal bewaile manie of them which haue ſinned already, and haue not repented of the * vnclennes, and fornication, and wantonnes, which they haue committed.

m Meaning, ſharpe & ſeuere.
n There was nothing where at he ſo muche reioyced, as when his preachīg profited: & therefore he calleth ỹ Theſſalonians his glorie & ioye: as alſo nothig did more caſt downe his heart as whē his labour did no good.

CHAP. XIII.

1 He threateneth the obſtinate. 5 And declareth what his power is by their owne teſtimonie. 10 Alſo he ſheweth what is the effect of this epiſtle. 11 After hauing exhorted them to their duetie, he wiſheth them all proſperitie.

1 THis *is* the [a] thirde time ỹ I come vnto you.* In the mouth of two or thre witneſſes ſhal euerie worde ſtand.

2 [b] I tolde you before, and tel you before: as though I had bene preſent the ſeconde time, ſo write I now being abſent to them which heretofore haue ſinned, and to all others, that if I come againe, I wil not ſpare,

3 Seing that ye ſeke experience of Chriſt, that ſpeaketh in me, which towarde you is not weake, but is mightie in you.

4 For though he was crucified concerning *his* [c] infirmitie, yet liueth he through the power of God. And we no dout are weake in him: [d] but we ſhal liue ẅ him, through the power of God towarde you.

5 *Proue your ſelues whether ye are in the faith: examine your ſelues: knowe ye not your owne ſelues, how that Ieſus Chriſt is in you, except ye be reprobates? *1.Cor.11,28.*

6 But I truſt that ye ſhal knowe that we are not reprobates.

7 Now I pray vnto God ỹ ye do none euil, not that we ſhulde ſeme approued, but ỹ ye ſhulde do that which is honeſt: though we be as [e] reprobates.

8 For we can not *do* anie thing againſt the trueth, but for the trueth.

9 For we are glad when we are weake, and that ye are [f] ſtrong: this alſo we wiſh for *euen* your perfection.

10 Therefore write I theſe things being abſent, leſt when I am preſent, I ſhulde vſe ſharpenes, according to the power which the Lord hathe giuen me, to [g] edification, and not to deſtruction.

11 Finally brethren, fare ye wel: be perfite: be of good comfort: be of one minde: liue in peace, and the God of loue and peace ſhalbe with you.

12 Grete one another with an * holie [h] kiſſe. All the Saintes ſalute you.

13 The grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, and the loue of God, and the cōmunion of the holie Goſt be with you all, Amen.

e In mans iudgement who for the moſt parte reiecteth the beſt, and approueth the worſte.
f Hauing abūdance of the grace of God.
g Commit not by your negligence that, that which is ordeined to ſaluation, turne to your deſtruction.
Rom.16,16. 1.cor.16,20. 1.pet 5,14.
h Which was according to thoſe coūtreis in thoſe dayes bothe of the Iewes and of other nations.

a His firſt cōming was his dwellingamōg them: his ſecōde was his firſt epiſtle, & now he is ready to come ỹ third time: wherfore cōmings he calleth his thre witneſſes *Deu.19,15. mat.18,16. iohn 8,17. ebr.10,28,*
b In my firſt epiſtle, Chap. 4,20.
c In that he humbled him ſelf and toke vpon him the forme of a ſeruaunt.
d Chriſt as touching the fleſh in mans iudgemēt was vile & abiect: therefore we that are his members, can not be otherwiſe eſtemed: but being crucified, he ſhewed him ſelf verie God: ſo thinke, that we whome yē cōtemne as dead men & caſtawayes, haue through God ſuche power to execute againſt you, ỹ ye may fele ſenſibly that we liue in Chriſt.

THE EPISTLE OF the Apoſtle Paul to the Galatians.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe Galatiās after they had bene inſtructed by S. Paul in the trueth of the Goſpel, gaue place to falſe Apoſtles, who entring in, in his abſence corrupted the pure doctrine of Chriſt, & taught that the ceremonies of the Law muſt be neceſſarily obſerued, which thing the Apoſtle ſo earneſtly reaſoneth againſt, that he proueth that the granting thereof is the ouerthrowe of mans ſaluacion purchaſſed by Chriſt: for thereby the light of the Goſpel is obſcured: the conſcience burdened: the teſtaments confounded: mans iuſtice eſtabliſhed. And becauſe the falſe teachers did pretend, as though they had bene ſent of the chief Apoſtles, and that Paul had no autoritie, but ſpake of him ſelf, he proueth bothe that he is an Apoſtle ordeined by God, and alſo that he is not inferior to the reſt of the Apoſtles: which thing eſtabliſhed, he procedeth to his purpoſe, prouing that we are frely iuſtified before God without any workes or ceremonies: which notwithſtanding in their time had their vſe and commoditie: but now they are not onely vnprofitable figures, but alſo pernicious, becauſe Chriſt the trueth and the end thereof is come: wherefore men ought now to embrace that libertie, which Chriſt hathe purchaſſed by his blood, & not to haue their conſciences ſnared in the grennes of mans traditions: finally he ſheweth wherein this libertie ſtandeth, and what exerciſes apperteine thereunto.

CHAP. I.

Paul rebuketh their inconstancie which suffred them selues to be seduced by the false apostles who preached that the obseruation of the ceremonies of the Law were necessarie to saluation. 8 And detesteth them that preache ane otherwise then Christ purely. 13 He sheweth his owne conuersation, magnifieth his office & Apostleship, and declareth him self to be equal with the chief Apostles.

Tit.1.3.
a For God is the autor of all ministerie.
b This prerogatiue was peculiar to the Apostles.
Luk.1.74.
c Which is, ỹ corrupt life of man without Christ.
Or, doctrine.
d That is, to be partakers of the saluatiō offred frely by Christ.
e For what is more cōtrarie to our fre iustificatiō by faith, then the iustificatiō by ỹ Law, or our workes? therefore to ioyne these two together, is to ioyne light wt darkenes, death with life, & doeth vtterly ouerthrow the Gospel.
f If it were possible, that an Angel shuld do so: wherby Paul declareth the certeintie of his preaching.
1.Cor.15.1.
Or, abominable
g Since that of a Pharise I was made an Apostle.
h That is, doctrine inuēted by mā, nether by mās autoritie do I preache it
Act.9.1.
i By an extraordinarie reuelation.
Or, age.
k That is, of ỹ Law of God wt was giuen to the ancient fathers.
l He maketh three degrees.
m Gods eternal predestination first his eternal cōsel, then his appointing from the mothers wōbe, & thirdly his calling.
Ephes 3.8.
Or, to me.
n That is, wt manie man, as thogh I had made of his cōsel to approue my doctrine.

1 PAul *an Apostle (not a of men, nether by b mā, but by IESVS CHRIST, and God the Father wt hathe raised him from the dead)*
2 *And* all the brethren wt are with me, vnto ỹ Churches of Galatia:
3 Grace *be* with you and peace from God the Father, & *from* our Lord Iesus Christ,
4 Which gaue him self for our sinnes, that he might deliuer vs * from this c presēt euil worlde according to the wil of God euen our Father,
5 To whome *be* glorie for euer and euer, Amen.
6 I marueile that ye are so sone remoued away vnto another "Gospel, from him that had called you in the d grace of Christ,
7 Which is not another *Gospel*, saue ỹ there be some which trouble you, and intende to e peruert the Gospel of Christ.
8 But thogh that we, or an f Angel from heauen preache vnto you other wise, thē that which we haue preached vnto you, let him be "accursed.
9 As we said before, so say I now againe, If anie man preache vnto you otherwise, thē ỹ ye haue receiued, let him be accursed.
10 For g now preache I mans *doctrine*, or Gods? or go I about to please men? for if I shulde yet please men, I were not the seruant of Christ.
11 *Now I certifie you, brethren, that the Gospel which was preached of me, was not after h man.
12 For nether receiued I it of man, nether was I taught it, but by the i reuelation of Iesus Christ.
13 For ye haue heard of my conuersation in time paste, in the Iewish religiō, how that * I persecuted the Church of God extremely, and wasted it,
14 And profited in the Iewish religiō aboue manie of my "companions of mine owne nacion, and was muche more zealous of ỹ k traditions of my fathers.
15 But when it l pleased God (which had separated me from my mothers wombe, and called *me* by his grace)
16 To reueile his Sonne "in me, that I shulde preache him * among the Gentiles, immediatly I cōmunicated not with m flesh and blood:
17 Nether came I againe to Ierusalem to them which were Apostles before me, but I went into Arabia, & turned againe vnto Damascus.
18 Then after thre yeres I came againe to Ierusalem to visite Peter, and abode with him fiftene dayes.
19 And none other of the Apostles sawe I, saue Iames the Lords brother.
20 Now the things which I write vnto you, beholde, *I witnesse* before God, that I lie not.
21 After that, I went into the coastes of Syria & Cilicia: for I was vnknowen by face vnto the Churches of Iudea, which were in Christ.
22 But they had heard onely *some say*, He wt persecuted vs in time past, now preacheth the n faith, which before he destroyed.
23 And they glorified God for me.

n That is, the Gospel which is the doctrine of faith.

CHAP. II.

Confirming his Apostleship to be of God, 3 He sheweth why Titus was not circumcised. 6 And that he is nothing inferior to other Apostles: 11 Yea, and that he hathe reproued Peter the Apostle of the Iewes. 16 After he cometh to the principal scope, which is to proue that iustification onely commeth of the grace of God by faith in Iesus Christ, and not by the workes of the Lawe.

1 THen fourtene yeres after, I went vp againe to Ierusalem with Barnabas, and toke with me Titus also.
2 And I went vp by reuelation, and a communicated with thē of the Gospel which I preache among the Gentiles, * but particularly with them that were the chief, lest by any meanes I shulde runne, or had runne " in vaine:
3 But nether yet Titus which was with me, thogh he were a Grecian, was b compelled to be circumcised
4 For all the false brethren that crept in: who cāme in priuely to spie out our libertie, which we haue in Christ Iesus, ỹ they might bring vs into bondage.
5 To whome we c gaue not place by subiection for an houre, that the trueth of the Gospel might continue with you.
6 And of them which semed to be great, *I was not taught* (what they d were in time passed, it maketh no matter to me: * God acceptēth no mans persone) neuertheles, they ỹ are the chief, e did communicate nothing with me.
7 But cōtrariwise, when they sawe that the Gospel ouer the vncircumcision was committed vnto me, as *the Gospel* ouer the Circumcision was vnto Peter:
8 (For he that was mightie by Peter in the Apostleship ouer the Circumcisiō, was also mightie by me towarde the Gentiles)
9 And when Iames, and Cephas, and Iohn knewe of the grace that was giuen vnto me, wt are counted to be pillers, thei gaue

a Paul nothing doured of his doctrine: but because many reported that he taught contrarie doctrine to ỹ other Apostles, which rumors hindered the course of the Gospel, he endeuored to remedie it, and to proue that they consented with him.
Act.15.2.
Greek, without profit.
b Which declareth that the other Apostles agreed with him.
c Lest we shulde haue betraied ỹ Christian libertie.
d Albeit they had bene consonant with Christ afore time
Deut.10.17.
2.chro.19.7.
Iob.34.19.
wisd.6.8.
eccles.35.16.
act.10.34.
rom.2.11.
ephe.6.9.
colos.3.26.
1.pet.1.17.
e But approued my doctrine perfect in all points.

to

to me and to Barnabas the [f] right hands of
felowſhip, that we *ſhulde preache* vnto the
Gentiles, and thei vnto the Circumciſion,
10 *Warning* onely that we ſhulde remember the poore: which thing alſo I was diligent to do.
11 ¶ And whē Peter was come to Antiochia,
I withſtode him [g] to his face: for he was to
be blamed.
12 For before that certeine came from Iames, he ate with the Gentiles: but when
they were come, he withdrewe & ſeparated him ſelf, fearing them which were of
the Circumciſion.
13 And the other Iewes diſſembled likewiſe with him, in ſomuche that Barnabas
was brought into their diſsimulation alſo.
14 But when I ſawe, that they went not the
"right way to the trueth of the Goſpel, I
ſaid vnto Peter before all men, If [h] ye being
a Iewe, liueſt as the Gētiles, & not like the
Iewes, why [i] cōſtraineſt thou the Gentiles
to do like the Iewes?
15 We *which are* Iewes by nature, and not
[i] ſinners of the Gentiles,
16 Knowe that a man is not iuſtified by the
workes of the Law, but by the faith of Ieſus Chriſt: euen we, *I ſay*, haue beleued in
Ieſus Chriſt, that we might be iuſtified by
the faith of Chriſt, and not by the workes
of the Law, becauſe that by the workes of
the Law no "fleſh ſhalbe iuſtified.
17 *If then while we ſeke to be made righteous by Chriſt, we our ſelues are founde
[k] ſinners, is Chriſt therefore the miniſter
of ſinne? God [l] forbid.
18 For if I buylde againe the things that I
haue deſtroyed, [m] I make my ſelf a treſpaſer.
19 For I through the Law am dead to the
Law, & that I might liue vnto God, I am
[n] crucified with Chriſt.
20 Thus I liue *yet*, [o] not I now, but Chriſt
liueth in me: & in that that I now liue in
the [p] fleſh, I liue by the faith in the Sonne
of God, who hathe loued me, & giuen him
ſelf for me.
21 I do not abrogate the [q] grace of God: [r] for
if righteouſnes *be* by ye Law, then Chriſt
dyed [o] without a cauſe.

ued ye the [b] Spirit by the workes of ye Law,
or by the hearing of [c] faith *preached*?
3 Are ye ſo fooliſh, that after ye haue begonne in the Spirit, ye wolde now [d] be made perfite by the [e] fleſh?
4 Haue ye ſuffred ſo many things in vaine?
if ſo be it be euen in vaine.
5 He therefore ye miniſtreth to you the Spirit, & worketh miracles among you, *doeth*
he it through the workes of the Law, or
by the hearing of faith *preached*?
6 *Yea rather* as Abraham beleued God, &
it was * imputed to him for righteouſnes.
7 Knowe ye therefore, that they which are of faith, the ſame are the children of Abraham.
8 For the Scripture foreſeing, ye God wolde
iuſtifie ye Gētiles through faith, preached
before ye Goſpel vnto Abrahā, *ſaying*, *In
thee ſhal all the Gentiles be bleſſed.
9 So then they which be of faith, are bleſſed with faithful Abraham.
10 For as many as are of the [f] workes of the
Law, are vnder the curſe: for it is written,
*Curſed is euerie man that continueth not
in all things, which are writtē in the boke
of the Law, to do them.
11 And that no man is iuſtified by the Law
in the ſight of God, it is euident: * for the
iuſt ſhal liue by faith.
12 And the [g] Law is not of faith: but * the
man that ſhal do thoſe things, ſhal liue in
them.
13 Chriſt hathe redemed vs from the curſe of the Law, when he was made a curſe
for vs (for it is written, * Curſed is euerie
one that hangeth on tre)
14 That the bleſsing of Abrahā might come on the Gentiles through Chriſt Ieſus,
that we might receiue the [h] promes of the
Spirit through faith.
15 Brethren, [i] I ſpeake as men do, * Thogh
it be but a mans couenant when it is confirmed, *yet* no man doeth abrogate it, or
[k] addeth any thing thereto.
16 Now to Abraham and his ſede were the
promiſes made. He ſaith not, And to the
ſedes, as *ſpeaking* of many: but, And to thy
ſede, as of one, which [l] is Chriſt.
17 And this I ſay, that the Law which was
foure hundreth and thirtie yeres after, can
not diſanul the couenant that was confirmed afore of God in reſpect of Chriſt, ye
it ſhulde make the promes of none effect.
18 For if the inheritance *be* of the Law, *it*
is no more by the promes, but God gaue
it vnto Abraham by promes.
19 Wherefore then *ſerueth* the Law? It was
[m] added becauſe of the [n] trāſgreſsions, til ye
ſede came vnto ye which the promes was

CHAP. III.

He rebuketh them ſharpely. 2 And proueth by diuers reaſons that iuſtification is by faith. 6 As appeareth by the example of Abraham. 10.19.24. And by the office, & the end, bothe of the Law. 11.25. And of faith.

O Fooliſh Galatiās, who hathe bewitched you that ye ſhulde not obey the
trueth, to whome Ieſus Chriſt before [a] was
deſcribed in your ſight, & among you crucified?
2 This onely wolde I learne of you, Receiue ye the [b] Spirit by the workes of the Law,
or by the hearing of faith?

[a] To whome Chriſt was ſo liuely preached, as if his liuelie image were ſet before your eyes, or els had bene crucified among you.

[b] Meaning the giftes of the Spirit.

[c] That is, the doctrine of ſalvatiō through faith in Ieſus Chriſt, as cha. 5.22.

[d] The falſe apoſtles taught ye Chriſt profited nothing, except they were circūciſed, and that the Lawe was the perfection, & Chriſts doctrine onely the rudimēts thereunto.

[e] And ceremonies of the Lawe?

[f] Which thinke to be iuſtified by them.

[g] The Lawe pronouceth not the iuſt, which beleue, but ye worke, and ſo condēneth all them which in all points do not fulfil it.

[h] Which is ye Goſpel.

[i] I wil vſe a cōmune example ye you may be aſhamed to attribute ſuche vnto God, the to ſuche couenants, which one man maketh to another

[k] No more is the promes or couenant of God abrogate by ye Law, nor yet is the Law added to the promes to take any thig away that was ſuperfluous, or to ſupplie any thig that wanted.

[l] Which declareth that ye Iewes and Gētiles are bothe partakers of ye ſede.

[m] That promes, becauſe the are ioyned in Chriſt which is this bleſſed ſede.

[n] That ſinne might appeare and be made more abundant, and ſo all to be ſhut vp vnder ſinne.

Act.11,30. 1.Cor.9,3.

[f] Meaning, before all men.

[g] *Greke, with a right fote.*

[h] In bringing their conſciences into doute by thine exāple & autoritie? and here the Apoſtle commeth to his chief point.

[i] For ſo ye Iewes called the Gentiles in reproche.

[k] *Or, man.*

[l] Except our frutes be agreable to ō faith, we declare ye we haue not Chriſt.

Rom.3,19. phil.3,9.

[m] For he cauſed thē not to ſinne, but diſcloſed it, neither toke he away ye righteouſnes of the Law, but ſhewed their hypocriſie which were not able to performe ye whereof they boaſted.

[n] For my doctrine is to deſtroy ſinne by faith in Chriſt and not to eſtabliſh ſinne.

[o] And fele his ſtrength in me which killeth ſinne.

[p] Not as I was once, but regenerat, and changed into a new creature, in qualitie, & not in ſubſtance.

[q] In this mortal bodie.

[r] As did the falſe Apoſtles which preached not the faith in Chriſt

[o] *Or, for nothing.*

made: & it was ordeined by [n] Angels in the hand of a Mediatour.

20 Now a Mediatour is not *a Mediatour* of [o] one: but God is [p] one.

21 *Is* the Law then againſt the promes of God? God forbid: for if there had bene a Law giuē which colde haue giuen life, ſurely righteouſnes ſhulde haue bene by the Law.

22 But the Scripture hathe *concluded [q] all vnder ſinne, that the promes by the faith of Ieſus Chriſt ſhulde be giuen to them that beleue.

23 But before [r] faith came, we were kept vnder the Law, and ſhut vp vnto the faith, which ſhulde afterwarde be reueiled.

24 Wherefore the * Law was our ſcholemaſter *to bring vs* to Chriſt, that we might be made righteous by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer vnder [s] a ſcholemaſter.

26 For ye are all [t] ye ſonnes of God by faith, in Chriſt Ieſus.

27 * For all ye [u] are [x] baptized into Chriſt, haue put on Chriſt.

28 There is nether Iewe nor Grecian: there is nether bonde nor fre: there is nether male nor female: for ye are all [y] one in Chriſt Ieſus.

29 And if *ye be* Chriſts, then are ye Abrahams ſede, and heires by promes.

CHAP. IIII.

1 He ſheweth wherefore the ceremonies were ordeined. 3 Which being ſhadowes muſt end when Chriſt the trueth commeth. 9 He moueth them by certeine exhortations. 22 And confirmeth his argument with a ſtrong example or allegorie.

1 THen I ſay, that the [a] heire as long as he is a childe, differeth nothing from a ſeruant, thogh he be Lord of all,

2 But is vnder [b] tuters and gouerners, vntil the time appointed of the father.

3 Euen ſo, we when we were children, were in bondage vnder the [c] rudiments of the worlde.

4 But when the fulnes of time was come, God ſent forthe his Sonne made of a woman, & made [d] vnder the Law,

5 That he might redeme them which were vnder the Law, that we * might receiue the adoption of the ſonnes.

6 And becauſe ye are ſonnes, God hathe ſent forthe the [e] Spirit of his Sonne into your hearts, which cryeth, [f] Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore, thou art no more [g] a ſeruant, but a ſonne: now if *thou be* a ſonne, *thou art* alſo the heire of God through Chriſt.

8 But euen then, when ye [h] knewe not God, ye did ſeruice vnto them, which by [i] nature are not gods.

9 But now ſeing ye knowe God, yea, rather are knowen of God, how turne [k] ye againe vnto impotent and beggerlie rudiments, whereunto *as* from the beginning ye wil be in bondage againe?

10 Ye obſerue [l] dayes, and moneths, and times, and yeres.

11 I am in feare of you, leſt I haue beſtowed on you labour in vaine.

12 Be ye as [m] I: for I am euen as you: brethren, I beſeche you: ye haue not hurt [n] me at all.

13 And ye knowe, how through [o] infirmitie of the fleſh I preached the Goſpel vnto you at the firſt.

14 [p] And the tryal of me which was in my fleſh, ye deſpiſed not, nether abhorred: but ye receiued me as an [q] Angel of God, *yea*, as Chriſt Ieſus.

15 What was then your felicitie? for I beare you recorde, that if it had bene poſſible, ye wolde haue plucked out your owne eyes, and haue giuen them to me.

16 Am I therefore become your enemie, becauſe I tell you the trueth?

17 They are ielous ouer you [r] amiſſe: yea, they wolde exclude [ſ] you, that ye ſhulde altogether loue them.

18 But it is a good thing to loue earneſtly alwayes in a good thing, & not onely whē I am preſent with you,

19 My litle children, of whome I trauaile in birth againe, vntil Chriſt be [t] formed in you.

20 And I wolde I were with you now, that I might change my voyce: for I am in doute of you.

21 Tell me, ye that wil be vnder the Law, do ye not heare the Law?

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two ſonnes, * one by a ſeruant, & * one by a fre woman.

23 But he which was of the ſeruāt, was borne after the fleſh: and he which was of the fre woman, *was borne* by promes.

24 By the which things another thing is ment: for theſe *mothers* [u] are the two Teſtaments, the one which is [x] Agar of mount Sina, which gendreth vnto bondage,

25 (For Agar *or* Sina is a mountaine in [y] Arabia, & it anſwereth to Ieruſalem which now is) and ſhe is in bondage with her children.

26 But Ieruſalem, which is [z] aboue, is fre: which is the mother of vs all.

27 For it is written, * Reioyce thou [z] barren that beareſt no children: breake forthe, & crye, thou that trauaileſt not: for the deſolate hathe many mo children, then ſhe which hathe an houſband.

28 * Therefore, brethrē, we are after the ma-

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n Who as miniſters gaue it to Moſes by the autoritie of Chriſt.

o But ſerueth bothe for the Iewes & Gentiles to ioyne them to God.

p Conſtant & alwayes like him ſelf.

Rom 3,9.

q Bothe men and all their workes.

r The ful reuelation of thīgs which were hid vnder the ſhadowes of ȳ Law.

Rom.10,4.

ſ Not that the doctrine of the Law is aboliſhed, but the condemnation thereof is taken away by faith.

Rom.6,3.

t So that Baptiſme ſucceedeth Circumciſion, and ſo through Chriſt bothe Iewe and Gentile is ſaued.

u As all one man.

a The Church of Iſrael was vnder ȳ Lawe as the pupil ſubiect to his tutor, euen vnto the time of Chriſt, when ſhe waxed ſtrong, and thē her tutelſhip ended.

b That is, the Lawe, which before he called a ſcholemaſter, chap.3, 25.

c That is, vnder the Law, which was but an, a b.c. in reſpect of ȳ Goſpel.

d That is, who was ſubiect vnto the Lawe.

Rom.8,13.

e For our adoption vnto Chriſt is ſealed by him.

f He inſtructeth both Iewes, & Gentiles to call God their Father in euerie langage, ſo that none are excepted.

g Which maiſt not vſe thy libertie.

h When ye receiued the Goſpel, ye were idolaters: therefore it is ſhame for you to refuſe libertie and become ſeruants, yea, and ſeing the Iewes deſire to be out of their tutelſhip.

i Not in dede, but in opinion.

k The Galatians, of Patrimms began to be Chriſtians, but by falſe apoſtles were turned backewarde to begine a newe the Iewiſh ceremonies, and ſo in ſtede of going forward towarde Chriſt, they ran backewarde from him.

l Ye obſerue dayes, as Sabbaths, newe moones, &c: ye obſerue moneths as the firſt and ſeuēth moneth: ye obſerue times, as Eaſter, whitſontide, the feaſt of Tabernacles: ye obſerue yeres, as the Iubile, or yere of forgiuenes, which beggerlie ceremonies are moſte pernicious to them which haue receiued ȳ ſweete libertie of the Goſpel, and thruſt thē backe into ſuperſtitious ſclauerie.

m So friendful to me, as I am affectioned towarde you.

n For I pardon you, if you repent.

o Being in great dangers and afflictions, or without pōpe & oſtentation.

p That is, the troubles and vexations ẅ God ſent to trie me while I was among you.

q For my miniſteries ſake.

r For they are but ambitious

ſ They wolde turne you frō me that you might followe them.

t And imprinted ſo in your hearts ȳ you loue none other.

Gen.16,15.

Gen.21,2.

u That is, ſignifie.

x Agar, and Sina repreſente the Lawe: Sara and Ieruſalem ȳ Goſpel: Iſmael ȳ Iewiſh Synagogue, and Iſaac the Church of Chriſt.

Iſa.54,1

y That is, out of the land of promes.

Rom.9,8.

z Or. *hie & beauculit.*

z Meaning Sara.

ner of Isaac, children of the promes.
29 But as then he that was borne after the flesh, persecuted him that *was borne* after the Spirit, euen so it is now.
30 But what saith the Scripture? * Put out the seruant and her sonne: for the sonne of the seruant shal not be heire with the sonne of the fre woman.
31 Then brethren, we are not children of the seruant, but of the [a] fre woman ‖.

Gen.21,10.
‖ *By the libertie wherewith Christ hathe made vs fre.*
a For we are in ỹ Church of Christ, which is our mother, & not of the Synagogue ẅ is a seruant vnder the Law.

CHAP. V.

2 He laboureth to drawe them away from Circumcision, 17 And sheweth them the battel betwixt the Spirit & the flesh, and the frutes of them bothe.

1 STand fast therefore in the libertie wherewith Christ hathe made vs fre, and be not intangled againe with the yoke of bondage.
2 * Beholde, I Paul say vnto you, that if ye be [a] circumcised, Christ shal profite you nothing.
3 For I testifie againe to euerie man, which is circumcised, that he is bounde to kepe the whole Law.
4 Ye are * abolished from Christ: whosoeuer are iustified by the Law, ye are fallen from grace.
5 For we through the Spirit [b] waite for the hope of righteousnes through faith.
6 For in Iesus Christ neither Circumcision auaileth anie thing, neither vncircucision, but faith which worketh by loue.
7 Ye did runne wel: who did let you, that ye did not obeie the [c] trueth?
8 *It is* not the persuasion of him that [d] calleth you.
9 *A litle [e] leauen doeth leauen the whole lompe.
10 I haue trust in you through the Lord, that ye wil be none otherwise [f] minded: but he that troubleth you, shal beare *his* condemnacion, whosoeuer he be.
11 And brethren, if I yet preache circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecucion? Then is the [g] sclander of the crosse abolished.
12 Wolde to God they were euen cut of, which do disquiet you.
13 For brethren, ye haue bene called vnto libertie: onely vse not *your* libertie as an occasion vnto the flesh, but by loue serue one another.
14 For [h] all the Law is fulfilled in one worde, which is this, * Thou shalt loue thy neighbour as thy self.
15 If ye byte & deuoure one another, take hede lest ye be consumed one of another.
16 Then I say, * walke in the [i] Spirit, and ye shal not fulfil the lustes of the flesh.
17 For the [k] flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrarie one to the other, so that ye can not do the same things that ye wolde.
18 And if ye be led by the [l] Spirit, ye are not vnder the Law.
19 Moreouer the workes of the flesh are manifest, which are adulterie, fornicació, vnclennes, wantonnes,
20 Idolatrie, witchcraft, hatred, debate, emulacions, wrath, contentions, sedicions, heresies,
21 Enuie, murthers, dronkennes, glottonie, and suche like, whereof I tell you before, as I also haue tolde you before, that they which do suche things, shal not inherite the kingdome of God.
22 But the frute of the Spirit is loue, ioye, peace, long suffring, gentlenes, goodnes, faith,
23 Mekenes, temperancie: against suche there is [m] no Law.
24 For they that are Christs, [n] haue crucified the flesh with the affections and the lustes.
25 If we liue in the Spirit, let vs also walke in the [o] Spirit.
26 Let vs not be desirous of vaine glorie, prouoking one another, enuying one another.

Act.15,2
a If you ioyne circumcisió to the Gospel, as a thing necessarie to saluacion.
1.Cor.1,17.
b We liue in hope through that Spirit ẅ causeth faith, & ẅ is giuen to the faithful ỹ we shulde by faith & not by the Law obteine the croune of glorie, ẅ Christ giueth freely.
1.Cor 5,6.
c Then what soeuer is not ỹ worde of God, ẅ here he calleth trueth, is verie lies.
d Which is God.
e A litle corruption doeth destroy ỹ whole doctrine.
f That ye wil imbrace the worde of God purely
g That is, the doctrine of ỹ Gospel, which the worlde abhorred, as a sclanderous thing, & therewith were offended.
h Meaning the seconde table.
Leui.19,18.
mat.22,39.
mar.12,31.
iam.2,8.
Rom. 13,14.
1 pet.2,10.
i In the man regenerat.
k That is, the natural mā fleeth against ỹ Spirit of regeneration.
l If you be guided by ỹ Spirit of adoptiō, that which ye do, is agreable to God although it be not perfite.
m For they are vnder the Spirit, or grace.
n Christ hathe not onely remitted their sinnes, but sanctified thē into newnes of life.
o That being dead to sinne & liuig to God, we may declare the same in holines & innocencie of life.

CHAP. VI.

1 He exhorteth them to vse gentlenes towarde the weake, 2 And to shewe their brotherlie loue and modestie: 6 Also to prouide for their ministers, 9 To persseuere, 14 To reioyce in the crosse of Christ, 15 To newnes of life, 16 And last of all wisheth to them with the rest of the faithful all prosperitie.

1 BRethren, if a man be [a] fallen by occasion into anie faute, ye which are spiritual, restore suche one with the spirit of mekenes, considering thy self, lest thou also be tempted.
2 Beare ye one anothers burden, and so [b] fulfil the Law of Christ.
3 For if anie man seme to him self, that he is some what, when he is [c] nothing, he deceiueth him self in his imaginacion.
4 But let euerie man proue his owne worke, and then shal he haue [d] reioycing in him self onely and not in another.
5 *For euerie man shal beare his owne burden.
6 Let him that is taught in the worde, make him that hathe taught him, partaker of all *his* [e] * goods.
7 Be not deceiued: God is not mocked: for whatsoeuer a man soweth, that shal he also reape.
8 For he that [f] soweth to his flesh, shal of the flesh reape corruptiō: but he that soweth to the spirit, shal of the spirit reape life euerlasting.
9 * Let vs not therefore be wearie of wel doing: for in due season we shal [g] reape, if we faint not.
10 While we haue therefore time, let vs do good vnto all men, but specially vnto thē, which are of the housholde of faith.
11 ¶ Ye se how large a lettre I haue written

a Ether by reason of his flesh or Satan.
b Christ exhorteth in sondrie places to mutual loue, and therefore brotherlie loue is here called ỹ Law of Christ, & his commāndement, Iohn 13,34 & 15,12.
c He sheweth that mā hathe nothing of hī self whereof he shulde reioyce.
d For his reioycing is a testimonie of a good conscience, 2.Cor.1,12. wherein he may reioyce before me, but not before God.
e For it were a shame not to prouide for their corporal necessities ẅ fedeour soules ẅ the heauenlie deinties.
1.Cor.3,8.
1.Cor 9,7
f He prouoketh ỹ the ministers must be nourished for if men onely prouide for worldelie things without respect of ỹ life euerlastig, thē they procure to them selues death, & mocke God, who hathe giuen them his ministers to teache them heauēlie things.
2.Thes.3,13.
g The frute ẅ God hathe promised.

vnto you with mine owne hand.

12 As manie as deſire to make a faire ſhewe [h] in the fleſh, they conſtraine you to be circumciſed, onely becauſe they wolde not ſuffer perſecucio for the [i] croſſe of Chriſt.

13 For they them ſelues which are circumciſed, kepe not the Law, but deſire to haue you circumciſed, that they might reioyce [k] in your fleſh.

14 But God forbid that I ſhulde reioyce, but in ỹ croſſe of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, whereby the [l] worlde is crucified vnto me, and I vnto the worlde.

15 For in Chriſt Ieſus nether circumciſion auaileth anie thing, nor vncircumciſion, but a newe [m] creature.

16 And as manie as walke according to this rule, peace *ſhal* be vpon them, & mercie, and [n] vpon the Iſrael of God.

17 From hence forthe let no man [o] put me to buſines: for I beare in my bodie the [p] markes of the Lord Ieſus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt *be* with your ſpirit, Amen.

Vnto the Galatians written from Rome.

h By the outwarde ceremonies.

i That is, for preaching ... crucified.

k That they haue made you Iewes.

l By ỹ worlde he meaneth all outwarde pompe, ceremonies & thigs, which pleaſe mens fantaſies.

m Which is regenerate by faith.

n That is, vpō the Iewes, as Rom 2,19.

o Let no man trouble my preaching trō hence forthe: for my markes are witneſſes how valiantly I haue foght.

p Which are odious to the worlde, but glorious before God.

THE EPISTLE OF
Paul to the Epheſians.

THE ARGUMENT.

While Paul was priſoner at Rome, there entred in among the Epheſians falſe teachers, who corrupted the true doctrine which he had taught them, by reaſon whereof he wrote this Epiſtle to confirme them in that thing, which they had learned of him. And firſt after his ſalutacion, he aſſureth them of ſaluacion, becauſe they were thereunto predeſtinate by the fre election of God, before they were borne, and ſealed vp to this eternal life by the holie Goſt, giuen vnto them by the Goſpel, the knowledge of the which myſterie he prayeth God to confirme towarde them. And to the intent they ſhulde not glorie in them ſelues, he ſheweth them their extreme miſerie, wherein they were plonged before they knewe Chriſt, as people without God, Gentiles to whome the promiſes were not made, and yet by the fre mercie of God in Chriſt Ieſus, they were ſaued, and he appointed to be their Apoſtle, as of all other Gentiles: therefore he deſireth God to lighten the Epheſians hearts with the perfite vnderſtanding of his Sonne, & exhorteth them likewiſe to be mindeful of ſo great beneſites, nether to be moued with the falſe apoſtles, which ſeke to ouerthrowe their faith, and treade vnder fote the Goſpel, which was not preached to them, as by chance or fortune, but according to the eternal counſel of God: who by this meanes preſerueth onely his Church. Therefore the Apoſtle commendeth his miniſterie, foraſmuche as God thereby reigneth among men, and cauſeth it to bring forthe moſte plentiful frutes, as innocencie, holines, with all ſuche offices apperteining to godlines. Laſt of all, he declareth not onely in general what ought to be the life of the Chriſtians, but alſo ſheweth particularly, what things concerne euerie mans vocacion.

a As with the knowledge of God in Chriſt, w faith, hope, charitie and other gifts.

CHAP. I.

After his ſalutacion, 4 He ſheweth that the chief cauſe of their ſaluacion ſtandeth in the fre election of God through Chriſt. 16 He declareth his good wil towarde them, giuing thankes and praying God for their faith. 21 The maieſtie of Chriſt.

1 PAul an Apoſtle of Ieſus Chriſt, by ỹ wil of God, to the [a] Saintes, which are at Epheſus, & to the faithful in Chriſt Ieſus:

2 Grace *be* with you, & peace frō God our Father, & *from* the Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

3 *Bleſſed *be* God euen the Father of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, which hathe bleſſed vs with all [a] ſpiritual bleſsing in heauenlie "things in Chriſt,

4 *As he hathe [b] choſen vs in him, before ỹ fundacion of the worlde, ỹ we* ſhulde be holie, & without blame before hī in loue:

5 Who hathe predeſtinate vs, to be [d] adopted through Ieſus Chriſt vnto him ſelf, according to the good pleaſure of his wil,

6 To the [e] praiſe of the glorie of his grace, wherewith he hathe made vs accepted in *his* beloued,

7 By whome we haue redemption through his blood, *euen* the forgiuenes of ſinnes, according to his riche grace:

8 Whereby he hathe bene abūdant toward vs in all wiſdome & vnderſtanding,

9 And hathe opened vnto vs the myſterie of his wil according to his good pleaſure, which he had purpoſed [f] in him,

10 That in the diſpenſacion of the fulnes of the times he might gather together in one [g] all things, bothe which are in heaue and which are in earth, *euen* in Chriſt:

11 In whome alſo we are choſen when we were predeſtinate according to the purpoſe of him, which worketh all things after the counſel of his owne wil,

12 That [h] we, which firſt truſted in Chriſt, ſhulde be vnto the praiſe of his glorie:

13 In whome alſo ye *haue truſted* after that ye heard the worde of trueth, *euen* ỹ Goſpel of your ſaluacion, wherein alſo after that ye beleued, ye were ſealed with the holie

a Or, *places*.

b This electiō to life euerlaſting can neuer be chāged: but in temporal offices, w God hathe appointed for a certeine ſpace, when the terme is expired, he changeth his election, as we ſe in Saul and Iudas.

1.Cor.1,2.

c Whē Chriſts iuſtice is imputed ours.

2 Cor.1,3.
1.pet.1,3.
2.Tim.1,9.

d Where as we were not ỹ naturalchildrē he receiued vs by grace, and made vs his children.

Coloſ.1,22.

e The principal end of our election is to praiſe & glorifie the grace of God.

f That is, in Chriſt.

g By this he meaneth the whole bodie of the Church, w he diuideth into them, w. are in heauen, & them which are in earth: alſo ỹ faithful which remaine in earth, ſtand of the Iewes & the Gentiles.

h To wit, the Iewes.

holie Spirit of promes,

14 Which is the erneſt of our inheritance, i vntil the redẽption of the poſſeſsion purchaſſed vnto the praiſe of his glorie.

15 Therefore alſo after that I heard of the faith, which ye haue in the Lord Ieſus, & loue towarde all the Saintes,

16 I ceaſe not to giue thankes for you, making mention of you in my prayers,

17 That the God of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt the Father of glorie, might giue vnto you the Spirit of wiſdome, and reuelation through the knowledge of k him,

18 That ỹ eyes of your vnderſtanding may be lightened that ye may knowe what the hope is of his calling, and what the riches of his glorious inheritance *is* in the Saintes,

19 And what is ỹ exceading greatnes of his power toward vs, which beleue, * accordīg to the working of his mightie power,

20 Which he wroght in Chriſt, whē he raiſed him from the dead, and l ſet him at his right hand in the heauenlie *places*,

21 Farre aboue all principalitie, and power, & might, & domination, & euerie Name, that is named, not in this worlde onely, but alſo in that that is to come,

22 * And hathe made all things ſubiect vnder his fete, & hathe appointed him ouer all things *to be* the head to the Church,

23 Which is his bodie, *euen* the m fulnes of him that filleth all in all things.

i Though we be redemed frō ỹ bondage of ſinne by the death of Chriſt, Rom.6,22, yet we hope for this ſecōde redemptiō which ſhalbe when we ſhalpoſſeſſe our inheritance in the heauens, whereof we haue the holie Goſt for a gage, as Chap. 4,30.

k Or Chriſt.

l Made him Gouerneur of all things bothe in heauen & in earth ſo that Chriſts bodie is now onely there, or els it ſhulde not be a true bodie and his aſcenciō ſhulde be but a fantaſtical thing and onely imagined.

Col.2,12.
chap.3,7.
Pſal.8,8.
ebr.2,8.

m This is the great loue of Chriſt towarde his Church that he counteth not himſelf perfect without vs ẅ are his members: and therefore the Church is alſo called Chriſt, as 1.Cor.12,12.

CHAP. II.

1 To magnifie the grace of Chriſt, which is the onelie cauſe of ſaluation. 11 He ſheweth them what maner of people they were before their conuerſion. 18 And what they are now in Chriſt.

Col.2,13.

1 AND * you *hathe he quickened*, that were dead in treſpaſſes and ſinnes,

2 Wherein, in time paſt ye walked, according to the courſe of this worlde, & after the * a prince that ruleth in the aire, *euen* the ſpirit, that now worketh in the childrē of diſobedience,

Chap.6,12.

a Meaning Satan.

3 Among whome we alſo had our cōuerſation in time paſt, in the luſtes of our fleſh, in fulfilling the wil of the fleſh, & of the minde, and were b by nature the children of wrath, as wel as others.

b Not by creation, but by Adams tranſgreſſion, and ſo by byrth.

4 But God which is riche ī mercie, through his great loue wherewith he loued vs,

5 Euen when we were dead by ſinnes, hathe quickened vs c together * in Chriſt, *by whoſe* grace ye are ſaued,

c Bothe Iewe and Gentil.
* Or, with Chriſt

6 And hathe d raiſed vs vp together, and made vs ſit together in the heauenlie *places* in Chriſt Ieſus,

d We that are the members, are raiſed vp from death & reigne with our head Chriſt in heauen by faith.

7 That he might ſhew in the ages to come the exceding riches of his grace, through his kindnes towarde vs in Chriſt Ieſus.

8 For by grace are ye ſaued through faith, and that not of your ſelues: it *is* the gifte of God,

9 Not of workes, leſt any man ſhulde boaſte him ſelf.

10 For we are e his workemanſhip created in Chriſt Ieſus vnto good workes, which God hathe ordeined, that we ſhulde walke in them.

e Here he meaneth, as concerning grace, and not by nature.

11 Wherefore f remember that ye being in time paſt Gentiles in the fleſh, & called * vncircumciſion of them, which are called circumciſion in the fleſh, made with hands,

f He ſheweth here that the further ỹ Gentiles were of from the grace of God, the greater detters they are now to the ſame.

1.Sam.17,26.
ez.44.7.
Rom.9,4.

12 That ye were, *I ſay*, at ỹ time without Chriſt, & were aliantes from the cōmune welth of Iſrael, & were * ſtrangers frō the g couenants of promes, & had no h hope, & *were* * without God in the worlde.

g It was but one couenāt, but becauſe it was diuers times confirmed & eſtabliſhed, therefore here he calleth them Couenants.

* Or, *Atheiſters.*

h Where no promes is, there is no hope.

13 But now in Chriſt Ieſus, ye which once were farre of, are made nere by the blood of Chriſt.

14 For he is our peace, which hathe made of bothe one, & hathe broken the i ſtoppe of the particion wall,

i That is, the cauſe of the diuiſion that was betwene the Iewes and the Gentiles.

15 In abrogating through his k fleſh the hatred, *that is*, the Law of commandements *which ſtandeth* in ordinances, for to make of twaine one newe man in him ſelf, *ſo* making peace,

k For in Chriſt all things were accompliſhed, which were prefiguarate in the Law.

16 And that he might reconcile bothe vnto God in one l bodie by *his* croſſe, & ſlaye hatred thereby,

l For of the Iewes and the Gentils he made one flocke.

17 And came, and preached peace to you ẅ were a farre of, & to them that were nere.

18 * For through him we bothe haue an entrance vnto the Father by one Spirit.

* Or, *death.*

Rom.5,2.

19 Now therefore ye are no more ſtrangers & foreners: but citizens with the Saintes, and of the houſholde of God,

20 And are buylt vpō the fundacion of the Apoſtles and Prophetes, Ieſus Chriſt him ſelf being the chief corner ſtone,

21 In whome all the buylding coupled together, groweth vnto an holie Temple in the Lord,

22 In whome ye alſo are buylt together to be the habitation of God by the Spirit.

CHAP. III.

1 He ſheweth the cauſe of his impriſonment: 13 Deſireth them not to faint becauſe of his trouble. 14 And prayeth God to make them ſtedfaſt in his Spirit.

1 FOr this cauſe, I Paul *am* the a priſoner of Ieſus Chriſt for you Gentiles,

a He reioiceth in that he ſuffred impriſonment for the maintenāce of Chriſts glorie.

2 If ye haue heard of the b diſpenſation of the grace of God, which is giuen me to you warde,

b Which was his vocation to preache vnto the Gentiles.

3 *That is*, that *God* by reuelatiō hathe ſhewed this myſterie vnto me (as I wrote c aboue in fewe wordes,

c That is, in ỹ firſt chap. of this Epiſtle, ver.9.

4 Whereby whē ye read, ye may know mine vnderſtanding in the myſterie of Chriſt)

5 Which in other ages was d not opened

d Althogh the fathers, & the Prophetes had reuelations certeine, yet it was not in cōpariſon of that abūdance which was ſhewed whē the Gentiles were called: neither yet was the time, nor the maner knowen.

vnto the sonnes of men, as it is now reueiled vnto his holie Apostles and Prophetes by the Spirit,

6 That the Gentiles shulde be inheriters also, and of the same bodie, and partakers of his promes in Christ by the Gospel,

7 Whereof I am made a minister by the gifte of the grace of God giuen vnto me *through the working of his power.

Chap.1,19.

8 *Euen vnto me the least of all Saintes is this grace giuen, that I shulde preache among the *Gentiles the vnsearcheable riches of Christ,

1.Cor.15,9.

Gal.1,16.

9 And to make cleare vnto all men what the felowship of the *mysterie is, which from the beginning of the worlde hathe bene hid in God, who hathe created all things by Iesus Christ,

Rom.16,25. col.1,26. 2.tim.1,10. tit.1,2. 2.pet.1,20.

10 To the intent, that now vnto[e] principalities and powers in heauēlie *places* might be knowen[f] by the Church the manifolde wisdome of God,

11 According to the eternal purpose, which he wroght in Christ Iesus our Lord.

12 By whome we haue boldnes & entrance with confidence, by faith in him.

13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for your sakes, which is your glorie.

14 For this cause I bowe my knees vnto the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ,

15 (Of whome is named the whole[g] familie in[h] heauen and in earth)

16 That he might grante you according to the riches of his glorie, that ye may be stregthened by his Spirit in the inner man,

17 That Christ may dwell in your[i] hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in loue,

18 May be able to cōprehend with all Saintes, what is the[k] breadth, and length, and depth, and height:

19 And to knowe the loue of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all[l] fulnes of God.

20 *Vnto him therefore that is able to do exceading abundantly aboue all that we aske or thinke, according to the power that worketh in[m] vs,

Rom.16,25.

21 Be praise in the Church by Christ Iesus, throughout all generatiōs for euer, Amen.

e The Angels.

f The Church being gathered of so many kindes of people, is an example, or a glasse for the Angels to beholde the wisdome of God in, who hathe turned their particular discords into an vniuersal concorde, & of the Sinagogue of bondage, hathe made the Church of fredome.

g He that is not of the bodie of Christ, is in death.

h The faithful which dyed before Christ came, were adopted by him, & make one familie with the Saincts which yet remaine aliue.

i For we confesse that, & we beleue

k All perfectiō on euerie side is in him.

l That all the graces of God may abounde in you.

m In that we fele Christ in vs.

CHAP. IIII.

He exhorteth them vnto mekenes, long suffering, vnto loue and peace. 3 Euerie one to serue and edifie another with the gift that God hathe giuen him. 14 To beware of strange doctrine. 22 To lay aside the olde conuersation of grisedie lustes, and to walke in a newe life.

1 I *Therefore, beīg prisoner in the[a] Lord, praye you that ye walke worthie of the vocation whereunto ye are called,

Phil.1,27. col.1,10. 1.thess.2,12.

2 With all humblenes of minde, and mekenes, with long suffring, supporting one another through loue,

3 Endeuoring to kepe the vnitie of the Spirit in the bonde of peace.

4 There is [b] one bodie, and one [c] Spirit, euen as ye are called in one hope of your vocation.

5 *There is* one Lord, one Faith, one Baptisme,

6 *One God & Father of all, which is [d] aboue all, and [e] through all, & in you all.

7 *But vnto euerie one of vs is giuen grace, according to the measure of the [f] gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he saith, *When he ascended vp on hie, he [g] led captiuitie captiue, and gaue giftes vnto men.

9 (Now, in that he ascended, what is it but that he had also descended first into the lo weest partes of the earth?

10 He that descēded, is euen the same that ascended, farre aboue all heauens, that he might fill[h] all things)

11 *He therefore gaue some *to be* Apostles, and some Prophetes, & some Euāgelistes, and some Pastours, and Teachers,

12 For the[i] gathering together of the Saintes, for the worke of the ministerie, [k] *and* for the edificatiō of the bodie of Christ,

13 Til we all mete together (in the vnitie of faith & knowledge of the Sonne of God) vnto a [l] perfite man, & vnto the measure of the age of the fulnes of Christ,

14 That we hence forthe be no more children, wauering & caryed about with euerie winde of doctrine, by the deceit of mē, and with craftines, whereby they laye in waite to deceiue.

15 But let vs followe the trueth in loue, and in all things growe vp into him, which is the [m] head, *that is* Christ,

16 By whome all the bodie being coupled and knit together by euerie ioynt, for the furniture *thereof* (according to the effectual power, *which is* in the measure of euerie parte) receiueth increase of the bodie, vnto the edifying of it self in loue.

17 This I say therefore and testifie in the Lord, that ye henceforthe walke not as *other Gentiles walke, in vanitie of their [n] minde,

18 Hauing their cogitation darkened, and being strangers from the life of [o] God through the ignorāce that is in them, because of the [p] hardenes of their heart:

19 Which being [q] past *feling, haue giuen them selues vnto wantonnes, to worke all vnclennes, *euen* with griedines.

20 But ye haue not so learned Christ.

21 If so be ye haue heard him, and haue bene taught by him, as the [r] trueth is in Iesus,

22 *That is*, * that ye cast of, concerning the

a For the Lords cause.

b Which by dissentiōs you seperate asonder.

c So that ye can not dissent one from another, seing the Spirit, which ioyneth you in one bodie, can not dissent frō him self.

Mal.2,10.

d In power.

e By his prouidence.

Rom.12,3. 1.cor.12,11.

f Which he giueth vs.

2.Cor.10,13. psal.68,19.

g The Messias came downe from heauen into the earth, to triumph ouer Satā, death and sinne, and led thē as prisoners & sclaues, which before were conquerers, and kepe all insubiectiō: which victorie he gate and also gaue it as a most precious gift to his Church.

1.Cor.12,27.

h With his gifts & benefites.

i To restore that which was out of order.

k That the bodie of Christ might be perfect.

l That we may be of a ripe Christiā age & come to that ful measure of knowledge we shal haue of Christ.

m Christ being head of his Church, nourisheth his mēbres & ioyneth them together by iointes, so that euerie parte hathe his iuste proportion of bode, that at length the bodie may grow vp to perfectiō

n Man not regenerat hathe his minde, vnderstanding & heart corrupte.

o By that which God liueth in his.

p The hardenes of heart is the founteine of ignorāce.

1.Tim.4,2.

q *Or, without remorse of conscience.*

Col.3,12.

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conuersation in time past, the r olde man, which is corrupt through the deceiueable lustes,

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your minde,

24 *And put on the new man, which s after God is created in righteousnes, and true holines.

25 *Wherefore cast of lying, & speake euerie man trueth vnto his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

26 *Be t angry, but sinne not: let not the sunne go downe vpon your wrath,

27 *Nether giue place to the deuil.

28 Let him that stole, steale no more: but let him rather labour and worke with his hãds the thing which is good, that he may haue to giue vnto him that nedeth.

29 *Let no corrupt communication procede out of your mouths: but that which is good, to the vse of edifying, that it may minister u grace vnto the hearers.

30 And x grieue not the holie Spirit of God by whome ye are sealed vnto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitternes, and angre, and wrath, crying, and euil speaking be put away frõ you, with all maliciousnes.

32 *Be ye courteous one to another, & tender hearted, forgiuing one another, euen as God for Christs sake forgaue you.

That is, all ie natural cor . iption that is an vs.

Rom.6,4. col.3,8. ebr.12,2. 1.pet.2,1. & 4,2. Zacha.8,16.

s Which is created according to ỹ image of God.

Psal.4,5. Iam.4,7.

t If so be that ye be angry, so moderat yout affection, that it burst not out into an y euil worke, but be sone appeased.

Chap.5,3. col.4,6.

u And cause them to profit in godlines.

x So behaue your selues ỹ the holie Gost may willingly dwel in you, & giue him no occasion to departe for sorrow by your abusing of Gods graces.

Col.3,19.

CHAP. V.

2 He exhorteth them vnto loue. 3 Warneth them to beware of vnclennes, couetousnes, foolish talking, and false doctrine. 17 To be circumspecte. 18 To auoide dronkennes. 19 To reioyce and to be thankeful towarde God. 21 To submit them selues one to another. 22 He entreateth of corporal mariage and of the spirtual betwixt Christ and hu Church.

Iohn 13,34. & 15,12. 1.iohn 3,23.

1 BE ye therefore followers of God, as dere children,

2 *And walke in loue, euen as Christ hathe loued vs, and hathe giuen him self for vs, *to be* an offring and a sacrifice of a swete a smelling sauour to God.

a Alluding to the perfumes and incẽsing in the Law.

Mar.7,21. chap 4,19. col.3,5. 2.thess.2,17.

3 *But fornication, & all vnclennes, or couetousnes, let it not be once named amõg you, as it becommeth Saintes,

b Which is ether vaine, or elss by exãple and euil speaking may hurt your neighbour: for other wise there be diuers exãples in the Scriptures of pleasant talke, which is also godlie, as 1.King.18,27.

4 Nether filthines, nether fooliſh talking, nether b iesting, which are things not comelie, but rather giuing of thankes.

c Because he thinketh that his life standeth in his riches.

Mat.24,4. mar.13,5. luk.21,8. 2.thess.2,3.

5 For this ye knowe, that no whoremõger, nether vncleane persone, nor couetous persone, which is c an idolater, hathe any inheritance in the kingdome of Christ, & of God.

6 *Let no d man deceiue you with vaine wordes: for for suche things commeth the wrath of God vpon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not therefore companions with them.

8 For ye were once darkenes, but are now light in the Lord: walke as e children of light,

d Ether in excusing sinne, or in mocking at the menaces, and iudgements of God.

e Seing God hathe adopted you for his, ỹ ye shulde be holie.

9 (For the frute of the Spirit *is* in all goodnes, and righteousnes, and trueth)

10 Approuing that which is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And haue no fellowship with ỹ vnfruteful workes of darkenes, but euen f reproue them rather.

f And make them knowen by your honest and godlie life.

12 For it is shame euẽ to speake of ỹ things, which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things when they are reproued of the g light, are manifest: for it is light that maketh all things manifest.

g The worde of God discouereth the vices which were hid before.

14 Wherefore he saith, h Awake thou that slepest, & stãd vp from the dead, & Christ shal giue thee light.

h God thus speaketh by his seruants to drawe the infideles frõ their blindenes.

15 Take hede therefore that ye walke circumspectly, not as fooles, but as *wise,

Colos.4,5.

16 i Redeming the time: for the k dayes are euil.

i Selling all worldlie pleasures to bye time.

Rom 12,2. 1.thes 4,3.

17 *Wherefore, be ye not vnwise, but vnderstand what the wil of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunke with wine, wherein is excesse: but be fulfilled with thẽ Spirit,

k *In these* perilous dayes & craftie of the aduersaries, take hede how to bye againe the occasions of godlines, & the worlde hathe taken from you.

19 Speaking vnto your selues in psalmes, and *l* hymnes, and spiritual songs, singing, and making melodie to the Lord in your l hearts,

Or, songs of praise and thãkesgiuing.

l And not onely with tongue.

Col.3,16.

20 Giuing thãkes alwaise for all things vnto God euen the Father, in the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ,

21 Submitting your selues one to another in the m feare of God.

1.tit.2,5. 1.pet.3,1 1.Cor.11,3.

m Except our friendship be ioyned, & knit in God, it is not to be esteemed

22 ¶ *Wiues, submit your selues vnto your housbands, as vnto the Lord.

23 *For the housband is the wiues head, euẽ as Christ is the head of the Church, & the same is the sauiour of *his* n bodie.

n The Church: so the housband oght to nourish, gouerne and defend his wife from perils.

Col.3,19.

24 Therefore as the Church is in subiectiõ to Christ, euen so *let* the wiues *be* to their housbands in euerie thing.

25 ¶ *Housbands, loue your wiues, euen as Christ loued the Church, & gaue him self for it,

26 That he might sanctifie it, & clẽse it by the o washing of water through ỹ worde,

o Baptisme is a token that God hathe cõsecrated the Church to him self, and made it holie by his worde: that is, his promes of free iustification, and sanctification in Christ.

27 That he might make it vnto him self a glorious Church, not hauig p spot or wrincle, or anie suche thing: but that it shulde be holie and without blame.

p Because it is couered and cledde with Christs iustice and holines

28 So oght men to loue their wiues, as their owne bodies: he that loueth his wife, loueth him self.

29 For no mã euer yet hated his owne flesh, but nourisheth & cherisheth it, euẽ as the Lord *doeth* the Church.

30 For we are mẽbers of his bodie, q of his flesh, and of his bones.

q This our coniunction with Christ must be considered as Christ is the housband, and we the wife, which are not onely ioyned to him by nature, but also by the cõmunion of substance, through the holie Gost and by faith: the seale and testimonie thereof is the Supper of the Lord.

31 *For this cause shal a man leaue father & mother, & shal cleaue to his wife, & they twaine shalbe one flesh.

32 This is a great secret, but I speake concerning Christ, & cõcerning the Church.

33 Therefore euerie one of you, *do ye so*: let euerie one loue his wife, euẽ as him self, & *let* the wife *se* that she feare her housband.

Gen.2,24. mat.19,5. mar.10,7. 1.cor.6,16.

CHAP. VI.

1 How children shulde behaue themselues towarde their fathers and mothers, 4 Likewise parents towarde their children, 5 Seruants towarde their masters, 9 Masters towarde their seruants. 13 An exhortation to the spiritual battel and what weapons the Christians shulde fight with all.

1 CHildren, * obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Colos.3,20.

2 *Honour thy father and mother (which is the first commandement with [a] promes)

Exo.20,12. deut.5,16. eccle.3,10. mat.15,4. mar.7,10.

3 That it may be wel with thee, and that thou maist liue long on earth.

4 And ye, fathers, prouoke not your childrẽ to [b] wrath: but bring them vp in [c] instruction and information of the Lord.

5 *Seruants, be obedient vnto them that are *your* masters, [d] according to the flesh, with feare and trembling in singlenes of your hearts as vnto Christ,

6 Not with seruice to the eye, as men pleasers, but as the seruants of Christ, doing the wil of God from the heart,

7 With good wil seruing the Lord, and not men.

8 And knowe ye that whatsoeuer good thing any man doeth, that same shal he receiue of the Lord, whether *he be* bonde or fre.

9 And ye masters, do the same things vnto them, putting away threatning: & knowe that euen "your master also is in heauẽ, neither is there * [e] respect of persone w̃ him.

10 ¶Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the" whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the assaults of the deuil.

12 For we wrestle not against [f] flesh and blood, but against * principalities, against powers, *and* against the worldlie gouernours, *the princes* of the darkenes of this worlde, against spiritual wickednesses, *which are* in the hie places.

Chap.2,2.

13 For this cause take vnto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to resist in the euil daye, & hauing finished all things, stand fast.

14 Stand therefore, and your loines girde about with veritie, & hauing on the brest plate of [g] righteousnes,

15 And your fete shod with the [h] preparation of the Gospel of peace.

16 Aboue all, take the shield of faith, wherewith ye may quench all the fyrie dartes of the wicked,

17 *And take the helmet of [i] saluation, and the sworde of ỹ Spirit, which is the worde of God.

Isa.59,17. 1 thes.5,8.

18 And pray alwaise with all maner prayer and supplicatiõ in the Spirit: and * watch thereunto with all perseuerãce and supplication for all Saintes,

Col.4,3.

19 *And for me, that vtterance may be giuẽ vnto me, that I may open my mouth boldely to publish the secret of the Gospel,

2.Thess.3,1.

20 Whereof I am the ambassadour in bondes, that therein I may speake boldely, as I ought to speake.

21 ¶But that ye may also knowe mine affaires, & what I do, Tychicus *my* deare brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shal shewe you of all things,

22 Whome I haue sent vnto you for ỹ same purpose, that ye might knowe mine affaires, & that he might comfort your hearts.

23 Peace *be* with the brethren, and loue with faith from God the Father, and *from* the Lord Iesus Christ.

24 Grace *be* with all them which loue our Lord Iesus Christ, to *their* [k] immortalitie, Amen.

Written from Rome vnto the Ephesians, & *sent* by Tychicus.

[a] This is the first commandement of the seconde table and hathe the promes with condition.
[b] By asperitie *Col.3,22. tit.2,9. 1.pet.2,18.*
[c] That they be not broght vp in wārones, but in the feare of the Lord.
[d] Which haue dominion ouer your bodies, but not ouer ỹ soules.
*Or, bothe yours & their masters.
[e] Whether he be seruant or master. *Deu.10,17. 2.chro.19,7. iob.34,19. Wisdo.6,8. eccle.35,16. act.10,34. rom.2,11. gal.2,6. col.3,25. 1.pet.1,17.*
*Or, complet harnesse.
[f] The faithful haue not only to striue against men and themselues, but against Satan the spiritual enemie, who is moste dangerous: for he is ouer our heades so that we can not reache him, but he must be resisted by Gods grace.
[g] Innocencie & godlie life.
[h] That ye may be ready to suffer all thigs for the Gospel
[i] Or saluatiõ purchased by Iesus Christ. *Col.4,3.*
[k] Or to be with out corruptiõ, that is, to haue life euerlasting, which is the end of this grace.

THE EPISTLE OF Paul to the Philippians.

THE ARGVMENT.

Paul being warned by the holie Goste to go to Macedonia, planted first a Church at Philippi a citie of the same countrey: but because his charge was to preache the Gospel vniuersally to all the Gentiles, he trauailed from place to place, til at the length he was taken prisoner at Rome, whereof the Philippians, being aduertised, sent their minister Epaphroditus with relief vnto him: who declaring him the state of the Church, caused him to write this Epistle, wherein he commendeth them that they stode manfully against the false apostles, putting them in minde of his good wil towarde them, and exhorteth them that his imprisonment make them not to shrinke: for the Gospel thereby was confirmed and not diminished: especially he desireth them to flee ambition, and to

embrace

embrace modestie, promising to send Timotheus vnto them, who shulde instruct them in matters more amply: yea, and that he him self wolde also come vnto them, adding likewise the cause of their ministers so long abode. And because there were no greater enemies to the crosse then the false apostles, he cōfuteth their false doctrine, by proving onely Christ to be the end of all true religion, with whome we haue all thing, and without whome we haue nothing, so that his death is our life, and his resurrection our iustification. After this followe certeine admonitions bothe particular and general, with testification of his affection towarde them, and thankeful accepting of their benevolence.

CHAP. I.

1 S. Paul discouereth his heart towarde them. 3 By his thankes giuing. 4 Prayers. 9 And wishes for their faith and saluation. 7. 12. 20. He sheweth the frute of his crosse. 15. 27 And exhorteth them to vnitie. 28 And patience.

1 PAul & Timotheus the seruants of IESVS CHRIST, to all the Saintes in Christ Iesus which are at Philippi, with the [a] Bisshops, and Deacons:

2 Grace *be* with you, and peace from God our Father, & *from* the Lord Iesus Christ.

3 * I thanke my God *hauing* you in perfect memorie,

4 (Alwaise in all my prayers for all you, praying with gladnes)

5 Because of the [b] fellowship which ye haue in the Gospel, from the [c] first day vnto now.

6 And I am persuaded of this same thing that he that hathe begone *this* good worke in you, wil performe it vntil the [d] day of Iesus Christ,

7 As it becometh me so to iudge of you all because I haue you in remembrāce [e] that bothe in my bādes, and in *my* defense, and confirmation of the Gospel you all were partakers of my [f] grace.

8 For God is my recorde, how I long after you all from the verie heart rote in Iesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your loue may abūde, yet more and more in knowledge, and in all iudgement,

10 That ye may discerne things that "differ *one from another*, that ye may be pure, and [g] without offence, vntil the day of Christ,

11 Filled with the frutes of [h] righteousnes, which are by Iesus Christ vnto the glorie and praise of God.

12 ¶ I wolde ye vnderstode, brethren, that the things which *haue come* vnto me, are turned rather to the furthering of the Gospel,

13 So that my bādes in [i] Christ are famous throughout all the [k] iudgement hall, and in all other *places*,

14 In so muche that manie of the brethren in the Lord are boldned through my bandes, and dare more frankely speake the [l] worde.

15 Some preache Christ euē through enuie and strife, and some also of good wil.

16 The one parte preacheth Christ of contention & not [m] purely, supposing to adde more affliction to my bandes.

17 But the others of loue, knowing that I "am set for the defense of the Gospel.

18 What then? yet Christ is preached all maner wayes, whether *it* [n] *be* vnder a pretence, or syncerely: and I therein ioye: yea, and wil ioye.

19 For I knowe that this shal turne to my saluation, through your prayer, & by the helpe of the Spirit of Iesus Christ,

20 As I hartely loke for, and hope, that in nothing I shalbe ashamed, but that with all confidence, as all wayes, so now Christ shal be magnified in my bodie, whether *it be* by life or by death.

21 For Christ *is* to me bothe in life, and in death aduantage.

22 And whether to [o] liue in the flesh *were* profitable for me, and what to chose I know not.

23 For I am greatly in doute on bothe sides, desiring to be losed and to be with Christ, which is beste of all.

24 Neuertheles, to abide in the "flesh *is* more nedeful for you.

25 And this am I sure of, that I shal abide, and with you all continue, for your furtherance and ioye of *your* faith,

26 That ye may more abundantly reioyce in Iesus Christ for me, by my comming to you againe.

27 * Onely let your cōuersation be, as it becometh [y] Gospel of Christ, that whether I come and se you, or els be absent, I may heare of your matters that ye "continue in one Spirit, & in one minde fighting together through the faith of the Gospel.

28 And in nothing feare your aduersaries, which is to them a [p] token of perdition, & to you of saluation, and [q] that of God.

29 For vnto you it is giuen "for Christ, that not onely ye shulde beleue in him, but also suffer for his sake,

30 Hauing the same fight, which ye sawe in me, and now heare *to be* in me.

CHAP. II.

3 He exhorteth them aboue all things to humilitie, whereby pure doctrine is chiefly maintained. 19 Promising that he and Timotheus wil spedely come vnto them. 27 And excuseth the long tarying of Epaphroditus.

a By bisshops here he meaneth them that had charge of the worde & gouerning, as pastours doctors, elders: by deacons, suche as had charge of the distribution, & of the poore and sicke.

b With other Churches.

c That ye receiued the Gospel.

d When you shal receiue the crowne of glorie.

e It was a sure token of their loue, that they did helpe him by all meanes possible, when he was absent, & in prison, euen as if they had bene prisoners with him.

f Of this peculiar benefite to suffer for Christs sake.

g That you so increase in godlines that not onely ye can put difference betwene good & euil: but also that ye profit more and more with out slipping backe, or standing in a staye.

h Righteousnes is the tre good workes the frute.

i Which I sustaine for Christs cause.

k That is, in the court or Palais of the Emperour Nero.

l Or, professe the Gospel, cōsidering my cōstancie.

m But with a corrupt minde

n Their preteēce was to preache Christ, & therefore their doctrine was true: but they were ful of ambition & enuie thinking to deface Paul & preferre themselues.

o To liue in the flesh is to liue in this brittel bodie, til we be called to liue euerlastingly: but to liue according to the flesh or to be in the flesh, signifie, to be destitute of the Spirit and to be plonged in the filthie concupiscences of the flesh.

Ephes. 4. 1. col. 1, 10. 1. Thess. 2, 12.

p The more the tyrants rage against the Gospel, the more manifestly they declare that their runne to their owne destruction: and against constat per seuerance for Christs sake is an euident signe of saluation.

q God sheweth by this meanes of bearing the crosse who are his, and who are not.

a If you ſo loue me that you deſire my comforte.

1 IF *there be* therefore anie a conſolation in Chriſt, if anie cõfort of loue, if anie felowſhip of the Spirit, if anie compaſsion and mercie,

2 Fulfil my ioye, that ye be like minded, hauing the ſame loue, being of one accorde, and of b one iudgement,

o From the cõſent of wils & mindes he proceedeth to the agrement in doctrine, that there might be ful and perfect concorde. *Rom.12,10.*

3 That nothing *be done* through contentiõ or vaine glorie, but that in mekenes of minde *euerie man eſteme other better then him ſelf.

4 Loke not euerie mã on his owne things, but euerie man alſo on the things of other men.

5 Let the ſame minde be in you that was euen in Chriſt Ieſus,

Mat.20.28.

c If Chriſt being verie God equal with ỹ Father, laid aſide his glorie, and being Lord, became a ſeruant, and willingly ſubmitted him ſelf to moſte ſhameful death, ſhal we which are nothing but vile ſclaues, through arrogancie treade downe our brethren, & preferre our ſelues?

6 Who c being in the forme of God, thoght it no d robbery to be equal with God:

Ebr.2,9.

d For he that was God, ſhulde haue done none iniurie to the Godhead.

7 *But he made him ſelf of no reputation, and toke on him the e forme of a ſeruant, and was made like vnto men, and was foũde in f ſhape as a man.

Rom.14,11.
iſa.45,23.
Iohn 13,13.
1.cor.8,6.
& 12,3.

e The poore and weake nature of man.

f He was ſene and heard of men, ſo that his behauiour and perſone declared that he was as a miſerable man.

8 *He humbled him ſelf, and became obedient vnto the death, euen the death of the croſſe.

1.Pet.4,9.

g Worſhip, & be ſubiect to him.

9 Wherefore God hathe alſo highly exalted him, and giuen him a Name aboue euerie name,

Mat.5,19.

h Runne forwarde in that race of righteouſnes, wherein God hathe frely placed you through Ieſus Chriſt and cõducteth you his children by his ſpirit to walke in good workes, and ſo to make your vocation ſure.

10 *That at the Name of Ieſus ſhulde euerie g knee bowe, *bothe* of things in heauen, and things in earth, and things vnder the earth,

11 *And that euerie tongue ſhulde confeſſe that Ieſus Chriſt *is* the Lord, vnto the glorie of God the Father.

12 Wherefore my beloued, as ye haue alwaiſe obeyed, not as in my preſence onely, but now muche more in mine abſence, *ſo* h make an end of your owne ſaluatiõ with i feare and trembling.

i Which may make you careful & diligent.

13 For it is God which worketh in you, bothe the wil and the dede, *euen of his* k good pleaſure.

k Which is his free grace.

14 Do all things without *murmuring and reaſonings,

15 That ye may be blameles, and pure, & the ſonnes of God without rebuke in the middes of a naughtie and croked nation, among whome ye ſhine as *lights in the worlde,

l As they which in the night ſet forthe a candle to giue light to others.

16 l Holding forthe the m worde of life, that I may reioyce in the day of Chriſt, that I haue not runne in vaine, nether haue laboured in vaine.

m The Goſpel.

17 Yea, and thogh I be n offered vp vpon the ſacrifice, and ſeruice o of your faith, I am glad, and reioyce with you all.

n The worde ſignifieth to power out as the drinke offring was powred on the ſacrifice.

18 For the ſame cauſe alſo be ye glad, and reioyce with me.

o To confirme you in your faith.

19 And I truſt in the Lord Ieſus, to ſend *Timotheus ſhortly vnto you, that I alſo may be of good comforte, when I knowe your ſtate. *Act.16,1.*

20 For I haue no man like minded, who wil faithfully care for your matters.

21 *For all p ſeke their owne, & not ỹ which is Ieſus Chriſts. *1.Cor.10,24.*

p They rather ſoght profite by their preaching then Gods glorie.

22 But ye knowe the proſe of him, that as a ſonne with ỹ father, he hathe ſerued with me in the Goſpel.

23 Him therefore I hope to ſend aſſone as I knowe how it wil go with me,

24 And truſt in the Lord, that I alſo my ſelf ſhal come ſhortly.

25 But I ſuppoſed it neceſſarie to ſend *my* brother Epaphroditus vnto you, my companion in labour, and fellowe ſouldier, euẽ your meſſenger, and he that miniſtred vnto me ſuche things as I wanted.

26 For he longed after all you, and was ful of heauines, becauſe ye had heard, that he had bene ſicke.

27 And no doute he was ſicke, verie nere vnto death: but God had mercie on him, & not on him onely, but on me alſo, leſt I ſhulde haue ſorowe vpon ſorowe.

28 I ſent him therefore the more diligẽtly, that when ye ſhulde ſe him againe, ye might reioyce, and I might be the leſſe ſorowful.

29 Receiue him therefore in the Lord with all gladnes, and make muche of ſuche:

q He calleth it here ỹ worke of Chriſt to viſit Chriſt who was bõde in the perſone of Paul, & was in nede of neceſſaries

30 Becauſe that for q the worke of Chriſt he r was nere vnto death, & regarded not his life, to fulfil that ſeruice which was lacking on your parte towarde me.

r He approueth them ỹ hazard their life to relieue the priſoners of Chriſt.

CHAP. III.

2 He warneth them to beware of falſe teachers. 3 Againſt whome he ſetteth Chriſt. 4 Likewiſe him ſelf. 9 And his doctrine. 12 And reproueth mans owne righteouſnes.

1 MOreouer, my brethren, reioyce in the Lord. It grieueth me not to write a the ſame things to you, and for you it is a ſure thing.

a Which ye haue often heard of me.

2 Beware of b dogges: beware of euil workers: beware of the c conciſion.

b Which barke againſt the true doctrine to fil their bellies.

c The falſe apoſtles gloried in their circũciſion, whereunto S Paul here alludeth, calling them conciſion, ỹ is cutting of and tearing aſundre of the Church.

3 For we are the circumciſion, which worſhip God in the ſpirit, & reioyce in Chriſt Ieſus, & haue no confidence d in the fleſh:

d In outward things. *1.Cor.11,22. Act.23,6.*

4 Thogh I might alſo haue confidence in the fleſh. If anie other man thinketh that he hathe whereof he might truſt in ỹ fleſh, muche more I:

5 Circumciſed the eight day, of the kinred of Iſrael, of the tribe of Beniamin, *an Ebrewe of ỹ Ebrewes, *by the* law a Phariſe.

Or, profeſſion.

6 Cõcerning zeale, I perſecuted ỹ Church: touching the righteouſnes which is in the Law, I was vnrebukeable.

7 But ỹ things that were vantage vnto me, the ſame I counted loſſe for Chriſts ſake.

8 Yea, doutles I thinke all things but loſſe for the

for the excellēt knowledge ſake of Chriſt Ieſus my Lord, for whome I haue coũted all things loſſe, and do iudge *them* to be dongue, that I might winne Chriſt,

9 And might be [e] founde in him, *that is*, not hauing mine owne righteouſnes, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Chriſt, *euen* ỹ righteouſnes which is of God through faith,

10 That I may knowe him, and the vertue of his reſurrection, and the fellowſhip of his afflictions, and be made conformable vnto his death,

11 If by anie meanes I might atteine vnto the [f] reſurrection of the dead:

12 [g] Not as thogh I had alreadie atteined *to it*, ether were alreadie perfect: but I folowe, if that I may comprehende *that* for whoſe ſake alſo I am [h] comprehended of Chriſt Ieſus.

13 Brethren, I counte not my ſelf, that I haue atteined *to it*, but one thing *I do*: I forget that which is behinde, and endeuoure my ſelf vnto that which is before,

14 And followe hard toward the [i] marke, for the priſe of the hie calling of God in Chriſt Ieſus.

15 Let vs therefore as manie as [k] be [l] perfect, be thus minded: and if ye be otherwiſe minded, God ſhal reueile euẽ the[m] ſame vnto you.

16 Neuertheles, *in that* whereunto we are come, let vs procede by one rule, * that we may minde one thing.

17 Brethren, be folowers of me, and loke on them, which walke ſo, as ye haue vs for an enſample.

18 *For manie walke, of whome I haue tolde you often, & now tell you weping, *that they are* the enemies of the [n] Croſſe of Chriſt,

19 Whoſe " end *is* damnacion, whoſe God *is their* belie, and *whoſe* [o] glorie *is* to their ſhame, which minde earthlie things.

20 But our [p] conuerſacion is in heauen, frõ whence alſo we loke for the *Sauiour, *euen* the Lord Ieſus Chriſt,

21 Who ſhal change our vile bodie, that it may be facioned like vnto his glorious bodie, according to the working, whereby he is able euen to ſubdue all things vnto him ſelf.

e As one grafted in him by faith.

f That is, to life euerlaſting.

g Or haue now taken ful poſſeſſion thereof, not that he douted to atteine vnto it, but becauſe he wolde declare the excellẽcie thereof.

h We can rũne no further thẽ God giueth vs ſtrength, and ſheweth vs ỹ way

i That is, to obtẽ the crowne of glorie in the heauens.

k Or, haue more profited thẽ others.

Rom.15,5.
1.cor 1,10.

l This perfection ſtandeth in forſaking ſinne, & to be renued through faith by him which is onely perfite.

Rom.16,17.

m That is, that this is ỹ true wiſdome, and ſtraight rule of liuing

n That is, of the Goſpel, ẅ is ỹ preaching of the croſſe.

Or, rewarde.
1.Cor.1,7.
tite 2,11

o The vaine glorie which thei ſeke after in this worlde, ſhal turne to their confuſiõ, and ſhame.

p In minde, & affection.

lowe, helpe thoſe *women*, which laboured with me in the Goſpel, with Clemente alſo, and with other my felowe laborers, whoſe names *are* in the * [a] boke of life.

Pſal.69,28.
luk.10,20.
reuel.3,5. & 10.8. & 21,27.
Mat.6,25.

4 Reioyce in the Lord alway, againe I ſay, reioyce.

5 Let your patient minde be knowen vnto all men. The Lord *is* [b] at hand.

6 * Be nothing careful, but in all things let your requeſtes be ſhewed vnto God in praier, and ſupplicacion with giuing of thankes.

7 And the peace of God which paſſeth all vnderſtanding, ſhal [c] preſerue your hearts and mindes in Chriſt Ieſus.

8 Furthermore, brethrẽ, whatſoeuer things are true, whatſoeuer things *are* honeſt, whatſoeuer things *are* iuſt, whatſoeuer things *are* pure, whatſoeuer things perteine to loue, whatſoeuer things *are* of good reporte, if there *be* anie vertue, or if there *be* anie praiſe, thinke on theſe things,

9 Which ye haue bothe learned and receiued, and heard, and ſene in me: thoſe thĩgs do, and the God of peace ſhalbe with you.

10 Now I reioyce alſo in the Lord greatly, that now at the laſt ye are [d] reuiued againe to care for me, wherein notwithſtãding ye were careful, but ye lacked opportunitie.

11 I ſpeake not becauſe of [e] want: for I haue learned in whatſoeuer ſtate I am, therewith to be content.

12 And I can be abaſed, and I can abunde: euerie where in all things I am inſtructed bothe to be ful, and to be hongrie, and to abunde, and to haue want.

13 I am able to *do* all things through the helpe of [f] Chriſt, which ſtrẽgtheneth me.

14 Notwithſtanding ye haue wel done, that ye did communicate to mine affliction.

15 And ye Philippians knowe alſo that in the [g] beginning of the Goſpel, when I departed from Macedonia, no Church communicated with me cõcerning the [h] matter of giuing and receiuing, but ye onely.

16 For euen *when I was* in Theſſalonica, ye ſent once, and afterwarde againe for my neceſsitie,

17 Not that I deſire a gift: but I deſire the frute which may further your reckening.

18 Now I haue receiued all, and haue plentie: I was euen filled, after that I had receiued of Epaphroditus that which *came* from you, an odour that ſmelleth ſwete, a ſacrifice acceptable and pleaſant to God.

19 And my God ſhal fulfil all your neceſsities through his riches with glorie in Ieſus Chriſt.

20 Vnto God euen our Father *be* praiſe for euermore, Amen.

21 Salute all the Saintes in Chriſt Ieſus. The brethren, which are ẅ me, grete you.

a This boke Ezekiel calleth the writing of the houſe of Iſrael, & ỹ ſecret of the Lord, Chap.13,9.

b To ſuccour you.

c From Satan, who ſeketh to take from vs this peace of conſcience.

d That is, beginne anew to helpe me.

e That I was not able to endure my pouertie.

f Not of his owne vertue or fre wil.

g When I firſt preached the Goſpel vnto you.

h He had giuẽ of his parte in communicatig ẅ them ſpirituall things, but he receiued no thing of them, ẅ ought at leaſt to haue relieued him in his neceſsitie.

Or, abunde towarde your counte.

CHAP. IIII.

1 He exhorteth them to be of honeſt conuerſacion, 15 And thanketh them, becauſe of the prouiſion that they made for him being in priſon, 21 And ſo concludeth with ſalutacions.

1 THerefore, my brethren, beloued and longed for, *my* ioy and my crowne, ſo continue in the Lord, ye beloued.

2 I pray Euodias, & beſeche Syntyche, that they be of one accorde in the Lord,

3 Yea, and I beſeche thee, faithful yokefe-

22 All the Saintes ſalute you, and moſte of all they which are of [i] Ceſars houſholde.

i Of ſuche as did belong to the Emperour Nero.

23 The grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt *be* with you all, Amen.

Written to the Philippians from Rome, & *ſent* by Epaphroditus.

THE EPISTLE OF
Paul to the Coloſsians.

THE ARGVMENT.

IN this Epiſtle S. Paul putteth difference betwene the liuelie, effectual and true Chriſt, and the fained, contrefait and imagined Chriſt, whome the falſe apoſtles taught. And firſt, he confirmeth the doctrine which Epaphras had preached, wiſhing them increaſe of faith, to eſteme the excellēcie of Gods benefite towarde them, teaching them alſo that ſaluacion, and whatſoeuer good thing can be deſired, ſtandeth onely in Chriſt, whome onely we embrace by the Goſpel. But foraſmuche as the falſe brethrē wolde haue mixed the Law with the Goſpel, he toucheth thoſe flatterers vehemently, and exhorteth the Coloſſians to ſtaye onely on Chriſt, without whome all things are but mere vanitie. And as for Circumciſion, abſtinence from meates, external holines, worſhiping of Angels as meanes whereby to come to Chriſt, he vtterly condemneth, ſhewing what was the office and nature of ceremonies, which by Chriſt are abrogate: ſo that now the exerciſes of the Chriſtians ſtande in mortificacion of the fleſh, newenes of life, with other like offices appertaining bothe generally & particularly to all the faithful.

CHAP. I.

3 He giueth thankes vnto God for their faith. 7 Confirmeth the doctrine of Epaphras. 9 Praieth for the increaſe of their faith. 13 He ſheweth vnto them the true Chriſt, and diſcouereth the contrefait Chriſt of the falſe apoſtles. 25 He approueth his autoritie & charge. 28 And of his faithful executing of the ſame.

1 PAul an Apoſtle of Ieſus Chriſt, by ỹ wil of God, & Timotheus *our* brother,

2 To thē, which are at [a] Coloſſe, Saītes & faithful brethren in Chriſt: Grace *be* with you, & peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

a Which was a citie of Phrygia.

3 We giue thankes to God euē the Father of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, alwaies praying for you:

4 Since we heard of your faith [b] in Chriſt Ieſus, and of *your* loue towarde all Saintes,

b For without Chriſt there is no faith to be ſaued by, but onely a vaine opinion.

5 For the hopes ſake, which is layd vp for you in heauen, whereof ye haue heard before by the worde of trueth, *which is* the Goſpel,

6 Which is come vnto you, euen as *it is* vnto all the worlde, and is fruteful, as *it is* alſo among you, from the day that ye heard and truely knewe the grace of God,

7 As ye alſo learned of Epaphras our deare felowe ſeruant, which is for you a faithful miniſter of Chriſt:

8 Who hathe alſo declared vnto vs your loue, *which ye haue* [c] by the Spirit.

c Which cometh of the holie Goſt.

9 For this cauſe we alſo, ſince the daye we heard *of it*, ceaſe not to pray for you, and to deſire that ye might be fulfilled with knowledge of [d] his wil, in all wiſdome, & ſpiritual vnderſtanding,

d That is, Gods.

10 * That ye might walke worthie of the Lord, and pleaſe *him* in all things, being *fruteful in all good workes, and increaſing in the knowledge of God,

Epheſ.4.1. Philip.1.27. 1.Theſ.2.12. 1.Cor.4.5.

11 Strengthened with all might through his glorious power, vnto all pacience, & long ſuffring with ioyfulnes,

12 Giuing thankes vnto the Father, which hathe made vs mete to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saintes in light,

Mat.3.17. & 17.5. 2.pet.1.17.

13 Who hathe deliuered vs from the power of darkenes, and hathe tranſlated vs into the kingdome * of his deare Sonne,

e For God is made viſible in the fleſh of Chriſt, & the diuinitie welleth in him corporally.

14 In whome we haue redemption through his blood, *that is*, the forgiuenes of ſinnes,

15 Who is the * [e] image of the inuiſible God, the [f] firſt borne of euerie creature.

2.Cor.4.4.

f Borne before anie thing was created.

16 * For by him were all things created, which are in heauen, and which are in earth, things viſible and inuiſible: whether *they be* Thrones, or Dominions, or Principalities, or Powers, all things were created by him and for him,

Iohn 1.3.

17 And he is before all things, and in him all things conſiſt.

18 And he is the head of the bodie of the Church: he is the beginning, * [g] & the firſt borne of the dead, that in all things he might haue the preeminence.

g He that roſe firſt againe frō the dead to take poſſeſsion of life euerlaſting: which riſing may be called a new birth

1.Cor.15.20. Reuel 1.5. Iob.1.14. chap 2.9.

19 * For it pleaſed *the Father*, that in him ſhulde all [h] fulnes dwell,

h That the Church, which is his bodie, might receiue of his abundāce.

20 And by him to reconcile [i] all things vnto him ſelf, and to ſet at peace through the blood of his croſſe bothe the things in

i That is, the whole Church

earth, and the things in heauen.

21 And you which were in times paſt ſtrangers and enemies, becauſe *your* mindes *were ſet* in euil workes, hathe he now alſo reconciled,

22 In the bodie of his fleſh through death, to make you* holie, and vnblameable and without faute in his ſight,

23 *If ye continue, grounded and ſtabliſhed in the faith, and be not moued away from the hope of the Goſpel, whereof ye haue heard, and which hathe bene preached to euerie creature which is vnder heauē whereof I Paul am a miniſter.

24 Now reioyce I in my ſuffrings for [k]you, and fulfil [l] the reſt of the afflictions of Chriſt in my fleſh, for his bodies ſake, which is the Church,

25 Whereof I am a miniſter, according to the diſpenſatiō of God, which is giuen me vnto youwarde, to fulfil the [m] worde of God,

26 *Which is* the myſterie hid ſince the worlde began, and from *all* ages, but now is made manifeſt to his [n] Saintes,

27 To whome God wolde make knowen what is the riches of this glorious myſterie among the Gentiles, which *riches* is Chriſt in you, *the hope of glorie,

28 Whome we preache, admoniſhing euerie man, and teaching euerie man in all wiſdome, that we may preſent euerie man perfect in Chriſt Ieſus:

29 Whereunto I alſo labour and ſtriue, according to his working which worketh in me mightely.

Luk.1,75. 2.cor.1,2. ephe.1,4. tit.2,11. Iob.15,6.

k Or your cōmoditie.

l As Chriſt hathe once ſuffered in him ſelf to redeme his Church, & to ſanctifie it: ſo doeth he daily ſuffer in his members, as partaker of their infirmities, & therefore a reuēger of their iniuries.

Rom.16,25. ephes 3,9. 2.tim.1,10. tit.1,2. 1.pet.1,20.

m Which is the promiſes of Chriſt, and of the calling of the Gentiles.

1.Tim.1,1.

n Whome he hathe elected and conſecrated to him by Chriſt.

CHAP. II.

1 Hauing proteſted his good wil towarde them, 4 He admoniſheth them not to turne backe frō Chriſt, 8 To the ſeruice of angels or anie other inuention, or els ceremonies of the Law, 17 Which haue finiſhed their office, and are ended in Chriſt.

o Or, pein and care.

FOr I wolde ye knewe what great* figh ting I haue for your ſakes, and for thē of Laodicea, and for as manie as haue not ſene my [a] perſone in the fleſh,

a Me preſent in bodie.

2 That their hearts might be comforted & they knit together in loue, and in all riches of the ful aſſurance of vnderſtāding, to knowe the myſterie of God euen the Father, and of Chriſt:

3 In whome are hid all the treaſures of wiſdome and knowledge.

4 And this I ſay, leſt anie mā ſhulde beguile you with entiſing wordes.

5 *For thogh I be abſent in the [b] fleſh, yet am I with you in the [c] ſpirit reioycing, and beholding your ordre, and your ſtedfaſt faith in Chriſt.

6 As ye haue therefore receiued Chriſt Ieſus the Lord, ſo walke in him,

7 Roted and buylt in him, and ſtabliſhed in the faith, as ye haue* bene taught, abūding therein with thankes giuing.

2.Cor.5,3. b In bodie. c In minde.

2.Cor.2,5.

8 Beware leſt there be anie man that ſpoile you through [d] philoſophie, and vaine deceit, through the traditions of men, according to the rudiments of the worlde, and not after Chriſt.

9 *For in him dwelleth all the fulnes of the [e] Godhead* bodely.

10 And ye are compleate in him, which is the head of all Principalitie and Power:

11 In whome alſo ye are circumciſed with *circumciſion made without hāds, by putting of ŷ ſinful bodie of the fleſh, through the circumciſion [f] of Chriſt,

12 In that ye are* buryed with him through baptiſme, in whome ye are alſo raiſed vp together through* the faith [g] of the operation of God which raiſed him from the dead.

13 *And ye which were dead in ſinnes, and in the vncircumciſiō of your fleſh, hathe he quickened together with him, forgiuīg* you all *your* treſpaces.

14 And putting out the* [h] hand writing of ordinances that was againſt vs, ẅ was contrarie to vs, he euen toke it out of the way, & faſtened it vpon the croſſe,

15 And hathe [i] ſpoiled the Principalities, and Powers, and hathe made a ſhewe of them openly, and hathe triumphed ouer them in the ſame *croſſe*.

16 Let no man therefore condemne you in meat and drinke, or in reſpect of an [k] holie day, or of the new moone, or of the Sabbath *dayes*,

17 Which are *but* a ſhaddowe of things to come: but the bodie is in Chriſt.

18 *Let no man [l] at his pleaſure* beare rule ouer you by humblenes of minde, & worſhiping of Angels, aduancing him ſelf in thoſe things which he neuer ſawe, raſhly puft vp with his fleſhlie minde,

19 And holdeth not the head, whereof all the bodie furniſhed and knit together by iointes and bandes, encreaſeth with the increaſing of God.

20 Wherefore if ye *be* dead with Chriſt from the ordinances of the worlde, why, as thogh ye liued in the worlde, are ye burdened with traditions?

21 *As*, Touche not, Taſte not, Handel not.

22 Which all [m] periſh with the vſing, *and are* after the commandements and doctrines of men.

23 Which things haue in deed a ſhewe of wiſdome, in [n] voluntarie religion and humblenes of minde, and in not ſparing the bodie: [o] nether haue they it in anie eſtimation to ſatiſfie the [o] fleſh.

d Teaching you vaine ſpeculations, as worſhiping of Angels, of blinde ceremonies and beggerlie traditions: for now they haue none vſe ſeing Chriſt is come.

Chap.1,19. iohn 1,14. Rom.2,19.

e In ſaying that the *Godhead* is really in Chriſt, he ſheweth that he is verie God: alſo ſaying, *in him*, he declareth two diſtincte natures, and by this worde *dwelleth* he proueth that it is there for euer.

f Or, eſſentially.

g Or, vs all our.

Rom.6,4. Ephe.1,19. Ephe.2,1. Ephe.2,13.

f Made by the Spirit of Chriſt.

g In beleuing that God by his power raiſed vp Chriſt, whereof we haue a ſure token in our baptiſme.

h Or, obligation.

i The ceremonies, and rites were as it were a publike profeſſion, and hand writing of the miſerable ſtate of man kinde: for circumciſion did declare our natural pollution: the purifyings, & waſhings ſignified the filth of ſinne: the ſacrifices teſtified that we were giltie of death, which were all taken away by Chriſts death. Mat.24,4.

i As Satan & his Angels frō whome he hathe taken all power.

k Or, diſtinction, as to make difference betwixt dayes.

l Or, defraude you of your prize.

l Meaning, that the hypocrites led them at their pleaſure into all ſuperſtitiō and error. m And apperteine nothing to the kingdome of God. n Suche as men haue choſen according to their owne fantaſie. o They pinche and defraude their bodie to ſhewe them ſelues greater hypocrites.

m Or, but they are of no value ſaue for the filling of the fleſh.

CHAP. III.

1 He sheweth where we shulde seke Christ. 5 He exhorteth to mortification, 10 To put of the olde man and to put on Christ. 12 To the which he addeth exhortations, bothe general and particular to charitie & humilitie.

a After that ye haue bene dead to beggerlie ceremonies

1 IF ye then be [a] risen with Christ, seke those things which are aboue, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

2 Set your affections on things which are aboue, *and* not on things, which [b] are on the earth.

b Which either serue but for a time, or els are inuented by men.

3 For ye are [c] dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

c With Christ.

4 When Christ which is our life, shal appeare, then shal ye also appeare with him in glorie.

Ephe.5,3.

5 *[d] Mortifie therefore your mẽbers which are on the earth, fornicatiõ, vnclennes, the inordinate affection, euil concupiscence, & couetousnes which is idolatrie.

d Extinguish all the stregth of the corrupt nature which resisteth against the Spirit, that ye may liue in the Spirit, and not in ỹ flesh.

6 For the which things sakes the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.

7 Wherein ye also walked once, when ye liued in them.

Rom.6,4. ephe.4,22. ebr.12,2. 1.pet.2,1. & 4,2.

8 *But now put ye away euẽ all these thĩgs, wrath, angre, maliciousnes, cursed speaking, filthie speaking, out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, seing that ye haue put of the olde man with his workes,

Gene.1,26. & 5,1. & 9,6

10 And haue put on the newe, which is renewed in knowledge * after the image of him that created him,

11 Where is nether Grecian nor Iewe, circumcision nor vncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bonde, fre: but Christ is all and in all things.

Ephe.6,11.

e He sheweth what frutes are in thẽ that are dead to ỹ worlde & are risen againe with Christ.

12 *Now therefore as the [e] elect of God holie & beloued, put on [*] tender mercie, kindnes, humblenes of minde, mekenes, long suffring:

Or, the bowels of mercies.

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiuing one another, if anie man haue a quarel to another: euen as Christ forgaue you, euen so do ye.

f Let it guide all your doĩgs

14 And aboue all these things *put on* loue, which is the bonde of perfectnes.

[*] Or, gracious, or thankeful.

15 And let the peace of God [f] rule in your hearts, to the which ye are called in one bodie, and be ye [*] amiable.

g The doctrine of the Gospel.

h Psalmes properly cõteine complainings to God, narrations, & expostulatiõs: hymnes, onely thãkes giuing: sõgs conteine praises, & thãkes giuing, but not so largely and amply, as hymnes do.

16 Let ỹ [g] worde of Christ dwell in you plẽteously in all wisdome, teaching & admonishing your owne selues, in [h] psalmes, and hymnes, and spiritual songs, singing with a * grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Ephe.4,29.

[*] Or, thankes giuing.

17 *And whatsoeuer ye shal do, in worde or dede, *do* all in the Name of the Lord Iesus, giuing thankes to God euen the Father by him.

1.Cor.10,31. Ephe.5,20. 1.Pet.3,1.

18 ¶*Wiues, submit your selues vnto your housbands, as it is comelie in the Lord.

19 *Housbands, loue your wiues, and be not bitter vnto them.

20 ¶*Children, obey your parentes in [i] all things: for that is wel pleasing vnto the Lord.

Ephe.6,1.

i Which art in the Lord.

21 Fathers, [k] prouoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

k By to muche rigour.

22 ¶*Seruants, be obedient vnto thẽ that are *your* masters according to the flesh in all things, not with eye seruice as men pleasers, but in singlenes of heart, fearing God.

Ephe.6,5. tit.2,9. 1 pet.2,18.

23 And whatsoeuer ye do, do it heartely, as to the Lord, and not vnto men,

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shal receiue the rewarde of the inheritance: for ye serue the Lord Christ.

l The cruel master.

25 But he [l] that doeth wrong, shal receiue for the wrong that he hathe done, & there is no * [m] respect of persones.

Deu.10,17. wis.6,8. eccle.35,26. rom.2,11. gal.2,6. eph.6,9

m Whether he be master or seruant.

CHAP. IIII.

2 He exhorteth them to be feruent in prayer. 5 To walke wisely towarde them that are not yet come to the true knowledge of Christ. He saluteth them, and wisheth them all prosperitie.

1 YE masters, do vnto your seruãts, that which is iuste, and equal, knowing that ye also haue a master in heauen.

2 *Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thankes giuing,

Luk.18,1. 1.thes 5,17. 2.phe.6,18. Ethes 3,1.

3 *Praying also for vs, that God may open vnto vs the [a] dore of vtterance, to speake the mysterie of Christ: wherefore I am also in bondes,

a That I may frely preache the Gospel.

Ephe.5,15.

4 That I may vtter it, as it becometh me to speake.

b To the commoditie of your neighbours.

c Bestowe the time wel, & the malice of men euerie where plucketh from you and causeth you to abuse it.

5 ¶*Walke [b] wisely towarde them that are without, and [c] redeme the time.

6 *Let* your speache *be* gracious alwais, and powdred with [d] salt, that ye may knowe how to answer euerie man.

d Perteining to edification, and mixt with no vanitie.

7 ¶ Tychicus *our* beloued brother, and faithful minister, and felowe seruant in the Lord, shal declare vnto you my whole state,

8 Whome I haue sent vnto you for the same purpose that he might knowe your state, and might comforte your hearts,

Phile 10.

9 *With Onesimus a faithful & a beloued brother, who is one of you. They shal shewe you of all things here.

10 Aristarchus my prison fellowe saluteth you, & Marcus, Barnabas sisters sonne (touching whome ye receiued cõmandements, If he come vnto you, receiue him)

11 And Iesus which is called Iustus, which are of the circumcision. These [e] onely are my [f] workefellowes vnto the kingdome of God, which haue bene vnto my cõsolatiõ.

e If they onely did helpe him to preache the Gospel at Rome, where was Peter? or those fiue & twentie yeres that thei faine he abode at Rome?

f In preachig the Gospel.

12 Epaphras the seruant of Christ, which is one of you, saluteth you, and alwais striueth for you in prayers, that ye may stande perfite, and ful in all the wil of God.

13 For I beare him recorde, that he hathe a great zeale for you, & for thẽ of Laodicea, and

and them of Hierapolis.

1 *Tim.4,11.* 14 *Luke the beloued physitiō greteth you, and Demas.

15 Salute the brethren which are of Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the Church which is in his house.

g Ether to Paul, or els w they wolde write as an answere to this epistle sēt so ỹ Colossiās

16 And when this epistle is red of you, cause that it be red in the Church of the Laodiceans also, and that ye likewise read the epistle g *written* from Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, Take hede to the ministerie, that thou hast receiued in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bādes. Grace *be* with you, Amen.

Written from Rome to the Colossians *and sent* by Tychicus, and Onesimus.

THE FIRST EPISTLE
of Paul to the Thessalonians.

THE ARGUMENT.

After that the Thessalonians had bene wel instructed in the faith, persecution, which perpetually followeth the preaching of the Gospel, arose, against the which although they did constantly stand, yet S. Paul (as moste careful for them) sent Timothie to strengthen them, who sone after admonishing him of their estate, gaue occasion to the Apostle to confirme them by diuers arguments to be cōstant in faith, & to suffer whatsoeuer God calleth them vnto for the testimonie of the Gospel, exhorting them to declare by their godlie liuing the puritie of their religion. And as the Church can neuer be so purged, that some cockle remaine not among the wheat, so there were among them wicked men, which by mouing vaine and curious questions to ouerthrowe their faith, taught falsely, as touching the point of the resurrection from the dead: whereof he briefly instructeth them what to thinke, earnestly forbidding them to seke curiously to knowe the times, willing them rather to watche lest the sudden comming of Christ come vpon them at vnwares: and so after certeine exhortations, and his commendations to the brethren, he endeth.

CHAP. I.

2 He thanketh God for them, that they are so stedfast in faith & good workes. 6 And receiue the Gospel with suche earnestnes. 7 That they are an example to all others.

1 PAul and Siluanus, and Timotheus, vnto the Church of the Thessaloniās, *which is* in a God the Father, and in the Lord Iesus Christ: Grace *be* with you, and peace from God our Father, & *from* the Lord Iesus Christ.

a For there is no Church ỹ is not ioyned together in God.

2 *We giue God thankes alwayes for you all, making *mētion of you in our prayers

2.Thess.1,3. *Philip.1,3.*

3 Without ceasing, remēbring your b effectual faith, & c diligent loue & the pacience of *your* hope in our Lord Iesus Christ in the sight of God euen our Father,

b Which declareth it selfe by moste liuelie frutes.

c Whereby you declared your selues more readie and painful to helpe the poore.

4 Knowing, beloued brethren, that ye are elect of God.

5 For our d Gospel was not vnto you in worde onely, but also in power, and in the holie Gost, & in muche assurāce, as ye knowe after what maner we were among you for your sakes.

d The effectual preaching of the Gospel is an euident token of our election.

6 And ye became followers of vs, and of the Lord, and receiued the worde in muche affliction, with e ioye of ỹ holie Gost,

e To beleue, & to be fully perswaded to haue the gifts of the holie Gost, and ioyfully to suffer for Christs sake, are moste certeine signes of our election.

7 So that ye were as f ensamples to all that beleue in Macedonia and Achaia.

f Or, patternes.

8 For from you sounded out the worde of the Lord, not in Macedonia & in Achaia onely: but your faith also which is towarde God, spred abroade in all quarters, that we nede not to speake any thing.

9 For g they them selues shewe of you what maner of entring in we had vnto you, and how ye turned to God from idoles, to serue the h liuing and true God,

g To wit, all ỹ faithful.

g For idoles are dead thigs and onely fained fantasies.

10 And to loke for his Sonne from heauen, whome he raised from the dead, *euen* Iesus which deliuereth vs from the i wrath to come.

h Which he shal execute vpon the wicked.

CHAP. II.

1 To the intent they shulde not faint vnder the crosse. 2 He cōmendeth his diligence in preaching. 13 And theirs in obeing. 18 He excuseth his absence, that he colde not come and open his heart to them.

1 FOr ye your selues knowe, brethren, that our entrance in vnto you was not in a vaine,

a Not in outwarde shewe and in pompe, but in trauel & in the feare of God. *Act.16,22.*

2 But euen after that we had suffred before, and were shamefully entreated at *Philippi (as ye knowe) we were bolde b in our God, to speake vnto you the Gospel of God with muche striuing.

b By his helpe and grace.

3 For our exhortatiō was not by deceit, nor by vnclennes, nor by guile.

4 But as we were alowed of God, that the

Goſpel ſhulde be committed *vnto vs*, ſo we
c Which declareth a naughtie conſcience. ſpeake, not as they that c pleaſe men, but God, which trieth our hearts.
5 Nether yet did we euer vſe flattering wordes, as ye know, nor colored couetouſnes, God *is* recorde.
6 Nether ſoght we praiſe of men, nether of you, nor of others,
d Or, *In auctoritie* 7 When we might haue bene d chargeable, as the Apoſtles of Chriſt: but we were gentle among you, euen as a d nource cheriſheth her children.
d He bubled himſelf to ſuppporte all thigs without all reſpecte of lucre: euen as ỹ tender mother which nourceth her children, and thinketh no office to vile for her childrēs ſake. *Act.20,34. 1.cor.4,14. 2.theſ.3,8.*
8 Thus being affectioned towarde you, our good wil was to haue dealt vnto you, not the Goſpel of God onely, but alſo our owne ſoules, becauſe ye were dere vnto vs.
9 For ye remember, brethren, *our labour & trauail: for we laboured day & night, becauſe we wolde not be chargeable vnto anie of you, & preached vnto you the Goſpel of God.
10 Ye *are* witneſſes, and God *alſo*, how holily, & iuſtly, & vnblameably we behaued our ſelues among e you that beleue.
e For it is not poſsible to auoide the reproches of ỹ wicked, which euer hate good doings. *Eph.4,1. philip.1,27. col.1,10.*
11 As ye knowe how that we exhorted you, and comforted, and beſoght euerie one of you (as a father his children)
12 That ye *wolde walke worthie of God, who hathe called you vnto his kingdome and glorie.
13 For this cauſe alſo thanke we God without ceaſing, that whē ye receiued of vs the worde of the preaching of God, ye receiued it not as the worde of men, but as it is in dede the worde of God, which alſo worketh in you that beleue.
14 For brethren, ye are become followers of the Churches of God, which in Iudea are in f Chriſt Ieſus, becauſe ye haue alſo ſuffred ỹ ſame things of your owne countrey men, euen as they *haue* of the Iewes,
f In his Name and vnder his protection.
15 Who bothe killed the Lord Ieſus and their owne Prophetes, & haue perſecuted vs, and God they pleaſe not, and are contrarie g to all men,
g And wolde hinder all mē from their ſaluation.
16 And forbid vs to preache vnto the Gentiles, that they might be ſaued, to h fulfil their ſinnes alwais: for the wrath *of God* is i come on them, to the vtmoſte.
h And heape vp the meaſure, Mat.13,32. *Rom.1,11.*
i He meaneth not this of all the Iewes in general: but of certeine of thē particularly ỹ ceaſed not after they had put Chriſt to death, to perſecute his worde, and his miniſters.
17 For aſmuche brethren, as we were kept from you for a ſeaſon, cōcerning ſight, but not in the heart, we *enforced the more to ſe your face with great deſire.
18 Therefore we wolde haue come vnto you (I Paul, at leaſt once or twiſe) but Satā hindered vs.
19 For what is our hope or ioye, or crowne of reioycīg? are not euē you it in ỹ preſence of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt at his cōmīg?
k Therefore I colde not forgetyou, except I wolde forget my ſelf.
20 Yes, ye are our glorie and ioye.

CHAP. III.

2 He ſheweth how greatly he was affectioned towarde them bothe in that he ſent Timotheus to them. 10 And alſo prayed for them.

1 WHerefore ſince we colde no longer forbeare, we thoght it good to remaine at Athens a alone,
a Rather ſekīg your commoditie, then mine owne in ſendīg of Timotheus to you. *Act.16,1.*
2 *And haue ſent Timotheus our brother & miniſter of God, and our labour felow in the Goſpel of Chriſt, to ſtabliſh you, and to comfort you touching your faith,
3 That no man ſhulde be moued with theſe afflictions. for ye your ſelues knowe, that we are appointed thereunto.
4 For verely when we were with you, we tolde you before that we ſhulde ſuffre tribulations, euen as it came to paſſe, and ye knowe it.
5 Euen for this cauſe, when b I colde no longer forbeare, I ſent *him* ỹ I might knowe of your faith, leſt the c tēpter had tempted you in any ſorte, and that our labour had bene in vaine.
b His great affection towarde the ſmale flocke.
c Meaning Satan.
6 But now lately when Timotheus came from you vnto vs, and broght vs good tidings of your faith & loue, and that ye haue good remēbrance of vs alwayes, deſiring to ſe vs, as we alſo *do* you,
7 Therefore, brethren, we had conſolation in you, in all our affliction and neceſsitie through your faith.
8 For now are we d aliue, if ye e ſtand faſt in the Lord.
d If ye remaine conſtant in faith and true doctrine, I ſhal thinke that all mine afflictiōs be ſo many pleaſures, and ſhal be reſtored from death to life. *Rom.1,10. & 15,23.*
e If you perſeuere in faith.
9 For what thākes can we recōpenſe to God againe for you for all the ioye wherewith we reioyce for your ſakes before our God,
10 Night and day *praying exceedingly ỹ we might ſe your face, & might faccōpliſh that which is lacking in your faith?
11 Now God him ſelf, euen our Father, and our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, guide our iorney vnto you,
f We muſt daily growe from faith to faith.
12 And the Lord increaſe you & make you abunde in loue one towarde another, and towarde all mē, euē as we *do* towarde you:
13 *To make your hearts ſtable and vnblameable in holines before God euen our Father, at the comming of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt with all his Saints. *Chap.5,23. 1.corin.1,8.*

CHAP. IIII.

1 He exhorteth them to holines, 6 Innocencie, 9 Loue, 11 Labour. 13 And moderation in lamenting for the dead, 17 Deſcribing the end of the reſurrection.

1 ANd furthermore we beſeche you, brethrē, & exhorte you in the Lord Ieſus that a ye increaſe more and more, as ye haue receiued of vs, how ye ought to walke, and to pleaſe God.
a And as it were, ouer come your ſelues.
2 For ye knowe what b commandements we gaue you by the Lord Ieſus.
b The greke worde ſignified ſuche commādements as one receiueth from ſome mā to giue them in his name to others. *Rom.12,2. ephe.5,17.*
3 *For this is the wil of God *euen* your ſanctification, c & that ye ſhulde abſteine frō fornication,
c That is, that you ſhulde dedicate your ſelues wholy vnto God.
4 That euerie one of you ſhulde know, how to poſſeſſe his d veſſel in holines & honour,
d That is, his bodie which is prophaned by ſuche filthines.

5 *And*

5 *And not in the lust of cõcupiscence, euen as the Gentiles which knowe not God:

1.Cor.6,8. 6 *That no man oppresse or defraude his brother in any matter: for ỹ Lord *is* a venger of all suche things, as we also haue tolde you before time and testified.

2.Cor.1,2. 7 *For God hathe not called vs vnto vnclennes, but vnto holines.

a By these precepts of godlie life it appeareth what were the commandemẽts which Paul gaue vnto them.
1.Cor.7,40.
Iohn 13,34. & 15,12.
1.Iohn 2,8. & 4,21.
2 Thess.3,7.

8 He therefore that despiseth [a] *these things*, despiseth not man, but God who hathe euen giuen* you his holie Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherlie loue, ye nede not ỹ I write vnto you: *for ye are taught of God to loue one another.

10 Yea, & that thing verely ye do vnto all ỹ brethren, which are throughout all Macedonia: but we beseche you, brethrẽ, that ye increase more and more,

f And not be idle.
g As strangers and infideles.
h But that ye may be able by your diligence to supplie your want and necessitie.

11 *And that ye studie to be quiet, and to medle with your owne busines, & to worke with your [f] owne hands, as we commanded you,

12 That ye may behaue your selues honestly towarde them that [g] are without, & that nothing be [h] lacking vnto you.

i He doeth not condemne all kinde of sorow, but that which proceedeth of infidelitie.
k Or, haue continued constãtly in the faith of Christ.
l By raising their bodies out of the grave
m Which is in the Name of the Lord, and as he shulde speake hĩ self.
1.Cor.15,23.
Mat.24,31.
2.cor.4,14.

13 ¶ I wolde not, brethren, haue you ignorãt concerning thẽ which are a slepe, that ye [i] sorowe not euẽ as other ẅ haue no hope.

14 For if we beleue that Iesus is dead, and is risen, euẽ so them which slepe in [k] Iesus, wil God [l] bring with him.

15 For this say we vnto you by the [m] worde of the Lord, *that we which liue, & are remaining in the cõming of the Lord, shal not preuent them which slepe.

16 For the Lord him self shal descẽd from heauẽ with a showte, & with the voyce of the Archãgel & *with the trũpet of God: and the dead in Christ shal rise first.

n Meaning thẽ which shal be founde a liue.
o In this suddẽ taking vp there shalbe a kinde of mutatiõ of the qualities of our bodies which shalbe as a kinde of death.

17 Then shal [n] we which liue and remaine, be* caught vp with them also in the cloudes, to mete the Lord in the ayer: & so shal we euer be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore, comfort your selues one another with these wordes.

CHAP. V.

He enformeth them of the day of iudgement & comming of the Lord, 6 Exhorting thẽ to watch, 12 And to regard suche as preache Gods worde among them.

a So muche ỹ more we ought to beware of all dreames & fantasies of mẽ which weanie them selues & others in searching out curiously the time that the Lord shal appeare, alledgig for them selues a vaine prophesie, and more falsely ascribed to Elias

1 BVt of the [a] times & seasons, brethren, ye haue no nede ỹ I write vnto you.

2 For ye your selues knowe perfitely, that the *day of the Lord shal come, euen as a thefe in the night.

3 For when they shal say, Peace, and safetie, then shal come vpon them sudden destruction, as the [b] trauail vpon a woman with childe, and they shal not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkenes, that that day shulde come on you, as *it were* a thefe.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the childrẽ of the day: we are not of the night nether of darkenes.

c Here slepe is taken for cõtempt of saluation, when men continewe in sinnes and will not awake to godlines.
d And not be ouercome with the cares of ỹ worlde.
e That is, lightned by ỹ Gospel.
Isa.59,17.
ephe.6,17.

6 Therefore let vs not [c] slepe as do other, but let vs [d] watch and be sober.

7 For they that slepe, slepe in the night, & they that be dronken, are dronken in the night.

8 But let vs which are of the [e] day, be sober, *putting on ỹ brest plate of faith & loue, & of the hope of saluation for an helmet.

f Here it is taken onely to dye, & is ment of the faithfull.
g As the flocke is bounde to loue y shepherde, so is it his duetie to teache thẽ and exhort them in true religion.
h Where this cause ceaseth, that they worke not: the honor also ceaseth, and they must be expelled as wolues out of the flocke.
Prou.17,13. & 20,22.
mat.5,39.
rom.12,17.
1.pet.3,9.

9 For God hathe not appointed vs vnto wrath, but to obteine saluatiõ by the meanes of our Lord Iesus Christ,

10 Which dyed for vs, that whether we wake or [f] slepe, we shulde liue together with him.

11 Wherefore exhorte one another, & edifie one another, euen as ye do.

12 Now we beseche you, brethren, that ye knowe them, which labour among you, & are ouer you in the Lord, and [g] admonish you,

13 That ye haue them in singular loue for [h] their workes sake. Be at peace amõg your selues.

14 We desire you, brethrẽ, admonish them that are vnrulie: comforte the feble minded: beare with the weake: be pacient towarde all men.

i Haue a quiet minde & conscience in Christ which shal make you reioice in the middes of sorrowes. Rom.5,3.2.cor.6,10.
Luk.18,1.
eccle.18,22.
colos.4,3.

15 *See that none recompense euil for euil vnto any man: but euer followe that which is good, bothe towarde your selues, and towarde all men.

16 [i] Reioyce euermore.

17 *Pray continually.

18 In all things giue thankes: for this *is* the wil of God in Christ Iesus towarde you.

k God that ha the giuen his Spirit to his elect, wil neuer suffer it to be quenched, but hathe reuealed by what meanes it may be maintened, ỹ is, by suche exhortations as these, & by cõtinual increase in godlines.
l The preachig of ỹ worde of God.
Chap.3,12.
1.cor.3,8.
1.Cor.3,8.

19 Quench not the [k] Spirit.

20 Despise not [l] prophecying.

21 Trye all things, *and* kepe that which is good.

22 Absteine from all appearance of euil.

23 Now the verie God* of peace sanctifie you throughout: and *I pray God* that your [m] whole spirit and soule and bodie, may be kept blameles vnto the comming of our Lord Iesus Christ.

m Then is a man fully sanctified & perfect, when his mind thinketh nothig, his soule, that is, his vnderstanding and wil, couet nothig: nether his bodie doeth execute any thing contrary to the wil of God.

24 *Faithful *is he* which calleth you, which wil also do it.

25 Brethren, pray for vs.

26 Grete all the brethrẽ with an holie kisse.

27 I charge you in ỹ Lord, that this epistle be red vnto all the brethren the Saintes.

28 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ *be* with you, Amen.

The first *epistle* vnto the Thessalonians written from Athens.

that 2000 yere before the Lawe, 2000 vnder the Lawe and 2000 after the Lawe the worlde shal endure. *Mat 24,44. 2 peter 3,10. mark 13,33 & 16,15. b That is, suddenly & vnlooked for.

THE SECONDE EPI-stle to the Theſſalonians.

THE ARGVMENT.

LEſt the Theſſalonians ſhulde thinke that Paul neglected them, becauſe he went to other places, rather then came to thē, he writeth vnto them and exhorteth thē to pacience and other frutes of faith, nether to be moued with that vaine opinion of ſuche as taught that the comming of Chriſt was at hand, foraſmuche as before that day there ſhulde be a falling away from true religion, euen by a great parte of the worlde, and that Antichriſt ſhulde reigne in the Temple of God: finally commending him ſelf to their prayers, & encouraging them to conſtancie, he willeth thē to correct ſuche ſharpely, as liue idelly of other mens labours, whome, if they do not obey his admonitions, he commandeth to excommunicate.

CHAP. I.

1 He thanketh God for their faith, loue and patience. 11 He praieth for the encreaſe of the ſame. 12 And ſheweth what frute ſhal come thereof.

1 PAul and Siluanus, and Timotheus vnto the Church of the Theſſalonians, *which is* in God our Father, and in the Lord Ieſus Chriſt:

2 Grace *be* with you, and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

1.Theſſ.1,2.

3 *We ought to thāke God alwayes for you, brethren, as it is mete, becauſe that your faith groweth excedingly, and the loue of euerie one of you towarde another abundeth,

4 So that we our ſelues reioyce of you in the Churches of God, becauſe of your [a] pacience and faith in all your perſecutions and tribulations that ye ſuffre,

5 *Which is a [b] token of the righteous iudgemēt of God, that ye may be counted worthie of the kingdome of God, for ỹ which ye alſo ſuffre.

6 For it is a righteous thing with God, to recompenſe tribulation to them that trouble you,

7 And to you which are troubled, reſt with vs *when the Lord Ieſus ſhal ſhewe him ſelf from heauen with his [c] mightie Angels,

8 In flaming fyre, rendring vengeance vnto them, that do not knowe God, & which obey not vnto the Goſpel of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt,

9 Which ſhalbe puniſhed with [d] euerlaſting perdition, from the preſence of the Lord, and from the glorie of his power,

10 When he ſhal come to be glorified in his Saintes, and to be made marueilous in all thē that beleue (becauſe our teſtimonie towarde you was beleued) in that day.

11 Wherefore, we alſo praye alwayes for you, that our God may make you worthie of *his* calling, and fulfil [e] all the good pleaſure of *his* goodnes, & the [f] worke of faith with power,

12 That ỹ Name of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt may be [g] glorified in you, & ye in him, according to the grace of our God, and of the Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

a Which procedeth of your faith as a moſte notable frute.

Iude 6.

b The faithful by their afflictions ſe, as in a cleare glaſſe ỹ end of Gods iuſt iudgemēt, when as they ſhal reigne w̄ Chriſt which haue ſuffered with him, and the wicked ſhal feele his extreme wrath and vengeance *1.Theſſ. 4,16.*

c By whome he declareth his might.

d As God is euerlaſting, ſo ſhal their puniſhment be euerlaſting: and as he is moſte mightie of power, ſo ſhal their puniſhment be moſte ſore.

e The fre beneuolence of Gods goodnes, comprehēdeth his purpoſe, his predeſtination and vocation: the worke of faith conteineth our iuſtification, to the which God addeth glorification: and all theſe he worketh of his mere grace through Chriſt.

f Faith is Gods wonderful worke in vs.

g As the head with the bodie.

CHAP. II.

1 He ſheweth them that the day of the Lord ſhal not come, til the departing from the faith come firſt, ỹ And the kingdome of Antichriſt. 15 And therefore he exhorteth them not to be deceiued, but to ſtand ſtedfaſt in the things that he hathe taught them.

1 NOw we beſeche you, brethren, by ỹ comming of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, and by our aſſembling vnto him,

2 That ye be not ſuddenly moued frō *your* minde, nor troubled nether by [a] ſpirit, nor by [b] worde, nor by letter, as *it were* from vs, as thogh the daye of Chriſt were at hand.

3 *Let no man deceiue you by any meanes: for *that day ſhal not come*, except there come a [c] departing firſt, and that that [d] man of ſinne be diſcloſed, *euen* ỹ ſonne of [e] perdition,

4 Which is an aduerſarie, and exalteth him ſelf againſt all that is called God, or that is worſhipped: ſo that he doeth ſit as God in the Temple of God, ſhewing him ſelf that he is God.

5 Remēber ye not, that whē I was yet with you, I tolde you theſe things?

6 And now ye knowe what [f] withholdeth, that he might be reueiled in his time.

7 For the myſterie of iniquitie doeth alreadie [g] worke: onely he which [h] now withholdeth,

a As falſe reuelation, or dreames.

b Which are ſpoken or written.

Ephe.5,6.

c A wonderful departing of the moſte parte from the faith.

d This wicked Antichriſt cōprehenderh the whole ſucceſſion of the perſecuters of the Church, & all that abominable kingdome of Satan, whereof ſome were beares, ſome lyons, others leopardes, as Daniel deſcribeth thē, and is called ỹ man of ſinne becauſe he ſetteth him ſelf vp againſt God.

e Who as he deſtroyeth others, ſo ſhal he be deſtroyed him ſelf.

f Becauſe the falſe apoſtles had perſuaded after a ſorte the Theſſalonians, that the day of the Lord was nere, and ſo the redemption of the Church, Paul teacheth them to loke for this horrible diſſipation before, and therefore rather to prepare them ſelues to patience, then to reſt and quietnes. for as yet there was a let, that is, that the Goſpel ſhulde be preached throughout all, Mat.24,14.

g To wit, priuely, and is therefore called a myſterie becauſe it is ſecret.

h Which ſhal ſtay for a time.

holdeth,

holdeth, *shal let* til he be taken out of the waye.

8 And then shal the wicked man be reueiled, * whome the Lord shal consume with the i Spirit of his mouth, and shal abolish with the brightnes of his comming,

9 *Euen him* whose k comming is by the working of Satan, with all power and signes, and lying wonders,

10 And in all deceiueablenes of vnrighteousnes, amõg thẽ that l perish, becausse thei receiued not the loue of the trueth, that they might be saued.

11 And therefore God shal send thẽ strong delusion, that they shulde beleue lyes,

12 That all they might be damned which beleued not the trueth, but had m pleasure in vnrighteousnes.

13 But we oght to giue thankes alwaye to God for you, brethren n beloued of the Lord, becausse that God hathe from o the begining chosen you to saluacio, through sanctificacion of the Spirit, and the faith of p trueth,

14 Whereunto he called you by q our Gospel, to obteine the glorie of our Lord Iesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and kepe the r instructions, which ye haue bene taught, ether s by worde, or by our Epistle.

16 Now the same Iesus Christ our Lord & our God euen the Father which hathe loued vs, and hathe giuen vs euerlasting cõsolacion and good hope through grace,

17 Comforte your hearts, and stablish you in euerie worde and good worke.

CHAP. III.

1 He desireth them to pray for him, that the Gospel may prosper, 6 And giueth them warning to reprouue the ydle, 16 And so wisheth them all wealth.

1 FVrthermore, brethren, * pray for vs, ỹ the worde of the Lord may haue free passage, and be glorified, euen as *it is* with you,

2 And that we may be deliuered from vnreasonable and euil men: for all men haue not a faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, which wil stablish you, and kepe you from b euil.

4 And we are persuaded of you through the Lord, that ye bothe do, and wil do the things which we c commande you.

5 And the Lord guide your hearts to the loue of God, & the weating for of Christ.

6 We commande you, brethren, in the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ, that ye withdrawe your selues frõ euerie brother that walketh inordinately, and not after the d instruction, which he receiued of vs.

7 For ye your selues knowe * how ye oght to folowe vs: * for we behaued not our selues inordinately among you,

8 Nether toke we bread of anie man for noght: but we wroght with labour & trauaile night & day, becausse we wolde not be chargeable to anie of you.

9 Not but that we had autoritie, * but that we might make our selues an ensample vnto you to folowe vs.

10 For euen when we were with you, this we warned you of, that if there were anie, which wolde not e worke, that he shulde not eat.

11 For we heard, that there are some which walke among you inordinately, and worke not at all, but are busie bodies.

12 Therefore them that are suche, we commande and exhorte by our Lord Iesus Christ, that they worke with quietnes, and eat their owne bread.

13 * And ye, brethren, be not wearie in wel doing.

14 If anie man obey not our sayings, note him by a lettre, * and haue no companie with him, that he maie be ashamed.

15 Yet count him not as an f enemie, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace giue you peace alwaies by all meanes. The Lord *be* with you all.

17 The saluracion of me Paul, with mine owne hand, which is the g token in euerie Epistle: so I write,

18 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ *be* with you all, Amen.

The seconde *Epistle* to the Thessalonians, written from Athens.

Isa.11.4
i That is, with his worde.
k Meaning the whole time ỹ he shal remaine.
l Satans power is limited that he cã not hurt the elect to their destruction
m Delited in false doctrine.
n The foũteine of our electiõ is the loue of God: the sanctificacion of ỹ Spirit, & beleuing the trueth are testimonies of the same election.
o Before the fundacion of the worlde
p And Gospel.
q By our preaching.
r That is, the doctrine, 1. Thes. 2, 2. chap. 3, 6.
s That is, by my preaching of the Gospel.
Ephes.6.18. Colos.4.3.
a Althogh thei boast them selues thereof.
b From the slaights of Satan.
c By ỹ worde of God.
d Which is, to trauail, if he wil eat, Chap. 2, 15. *1.Cor.4.12. 1.thes.4.11. Act.20.34. 1.cor.4.12. 1.thes.2.9.*
1.Cor.11.1.
e Then by the worde of God none oght to liue idelly, but ought to giue him self to some vocation, to get his liuig by, and to do good to others
Galat.6.9.
Mat.18.17. 1.cor.5.9.
f The end of excommunication is not to driue from the Church suche as haue fallen, but to winne them to the Church by amendement.
g Whether the I be mine Epistles or other mens.

THE FIRST EPIstle of Paul to Timotheus.

THE ARGVMENT.

IN writing this Epistle Paul semed not onely to haue respect to teache Timotheus, but chiefly to kepe other in awe, which wolde haue rebelled against him, becausse of his youth. And therfore he doth arme him against those ambitious questionistes, which vnder pretence of zeale to the

Law, diſquieted the godlie with fooliſh and vnprofitable queſtions, whereby they declared, that profeſſing the Law they knewe not what was the chefe end of the Law. And as for him ſelfe he ſo confeſſeth his vnworthines, that he ſheweth to what worthines the grace of God hathe preferred him: and therefore he willeth praiers to be made for all degrees and ſortes of men, becauſe that God by offring his Goſpel and Chriſt his Sonne to them all, is indifferent to euerie ſorte of men, as his Apoſtleſhip, which is peculiar to the Gentiles, witneſſeth. And foraſmuche as God hathe left miniſters as ordinarie meanes in his Church to bring men to ſaluacion, he deſcribeth what maner of men they ogh̄t to be, to whome the myſterie of the Sonne of God manifeſted in fleſh is committed to be preached. After this he ſheweth him what troubles the Church at all times ſhal ſuſteine, but ſpecially in the latter dayes, when as vnder pretence of religion men ſhal teache things contrarie to the worde of God. This done, he teacheth what widdowes ſhulde be receiued or refuſed to miniſter to the ſicke: alſo what Elders ogh̄t to be choſen into office, exhorting him nether to be haſtie in admitting, nor in iudging ante: alſo what is the duetie of ſeruants, the nature of falſe teachers, of vaine ſpeculacions, of couetouſnes, of riche men, and aboue all things he chargeth him to beware falſe doctrine.

Or, in aduance.

a So called becauſe he followed the ſimplicitie of ỹ Goſpel

b Becauſe theſe queſtionaries preferred their curious fables to all other knowledge, & beautified them w̄ the Law, as if thei had bene the verie Law of God, S. Paul ſheweth that ỹ end of Gods Law is loue, w̄ cānot be without a good cōſcience, nether a good conſcience without faith, nor faith without ỹ worde of God: ſo their doctrine w̄ is an occaſion of cōtentiō is worth nothing.

Coloſ.1.8.
Act.16.1.
Chap.4.7.
Tit.1.14.
Chap.6.4.
Rom.13.10.

Or, of the Law.

c Whoſe hearts Gods Spirit doeth dire& to do ỹ willingly w̄ the Law requireth: ſo ỹ their goodlie affection is to them as a Law without further cōſtraint.

Rom.7.12.

d Suche as onely delite in ſinning.

e Which ſteale away childrē, or ſeruants.

f He declareth eo Timothie the exceellent force of Gods Spirit in them whome he hathe choſen to beare his worde, although before they were Gods verie enemies, to encourage him in this battel that he ſhulde fight againſt all infideles & hypocrites.

Chap.6.12.

CHAP. I.

3 He exhorteth Timotheus to waite vpon his office namely to ſe that nothing be taught but Gods worde, &c. 5 Declaring that faith, with a good conſcience, charitie & edification are the end thereof, 20 And admoniſheth of Himeneus and Alexander.

PAul an Apoſtle of Ieſus Chriſt, by the "cōmandement of God our Sauiour, and of *our* Lord Ieſus Chriſt* our hope,

1 *Vnto Timotheus *my* a natural ſonne in the faith: Grace, mercie, & peace from God our Father, & *from* Chriſt Ieſus our Lord.

3 As I beſought thee to abide ſtil in Epheſus, when I departed into Macedonia, *ſo do*, that thou maieſt cōmande ſome, that thei teache none other doctrine,

4 Nether that they giue hede to * fables and genealogies, *which are* endles, which brede queſtiones rather then godlie edifying which is by faith.

5 For * the b end of the " commandement is loue out of a pure heart, and of a good conſcience, and of faith vnfained.

6 From the which things ſome haue erred, and haue turned vnto vaine iangling.

7 They wolde be doctours of the Law, and yet vnderſtand not what they ſpeake, nether whereof they affirme.

8 * And we knowe, that the Law is good, if a man vſe it lawfully,

9 Knowing this, that the Law is not giuen vnto a c righteous man, but vnto the lawles and diſobedient, to the vngodlie, and to d ſinners, to the vnholie, and to the prophane, to murtherers of fathers and mothers, to manſlayers,

10 To whoremōgers, to buggerers, to e mē ſtealers, to liers, to the periured, & if there be anie other thing, that is contrarie to wholſome doctrine,

11 *Which is* according to the glorious Goſpel of the * bleſſed God, which is cōmitted vnto me.

12 Therefore f I thanke him, which hathe made me ſtrong, *that is*, Chriſt Ieſus our Lord: for he counted me faithful, and put me in *his* ſeruice:

13 When before I was a blaſphemer, and a perſecuter, and an oppreſſer: but I was receiued to mercie: for I did it g ignorantly through vnbeliefe.

14 But the grace of our Lord was exceding abundant with h faith and loue, which is in Chriſt Ieſus.

15 This *is* a "true ſaying, and by all meanes worthie to be receiued, that * Chriſt Ieſus came into the worlde to ſaue ſinners, of whome I am chief.

16 Notwithſtanding, for this cauſe was I receiued to mercie, that Ieſus Chriſt ſhulde firſt ſhewe on me all lōg ſuffring vnto the enſample of them, which ſhal in time to come beleue in him vnto eternal life.

17 k Now vnto the King euerlaſting, immortal, inuiſible, vnto God onely wiſe, *be* honour *and* glorie for euer, and euer, Amen.

18 This commandement commit I vnto thee, ſonne Timotheus, according to the l prophecies, which went before vpō thee, that thou by them ſhuldeſt * fight a good fight,

19 Hauing m faith and a good conſcience, which ſome haue put away, and as concerning faith, haue made ſhipwracke.

20 Of whome is Himeneus, and Alexander, * whome I haue n deliuered vnto Satan, that thei might learne not to blaſpheme.

Or, ſtedfaſt & aſſured.

g Not knowig that I foght againſt God.

h Which chaſed away infidelitie.

i Which ouercame crueltie.

Mat.9.13.
mar.2.17.

k He braſteth forthe into theſe godlie affections, cōſidering Gods great mercie toward him.

Chap.6.12.

l It appeareth ỹ the voca iō of Timothie was approued by notable propheties, which then were reueiled in ỹ primatiue Church as Paul & Barnabas by the oracle were appointed to go to the Gētiles.

1.Cor.5.5.

m That is, ſoūde doctrine.

n Excommunicate, & caſt out of the Church.

CHAP. II.

1 He exhorteth to pray for all men. 4 Wherefore. 8 And how. 9 As touching the apparel and modeſtie of women.

1 I Exhorte therefore, that firſt of all ſupplications, praiers, interceſſions & giuing of thankes be made for a all men,

2 For b Kings, and for all that are in autoritie, that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable life, in all godlines and honeſtie.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the ſight of God our Sauiour,

4 * Who wil that c all men ſhalbe ſaued, & come

Chap. II.

a That is, of euerie degre, & of all ſortes of people.

b Although thei perſecute the Church of God, ſo it be of ignorance: els if thei do it maliciouſly, as Iulianus Apoſtata, they maye not be prayed for.

Galat.5.12.
1 thef.2.16.
2 tim.4.14.
1 iohn 5.16.

c As Iewe & Gentile, poore and riche.

1.Pet.3.9.

come vnto the knowledge of the trueth.
5 For there is one God, and one [d] Mediator betwene God & man, *which is* the [e] man Chriſt Ieſus,
6 Who gaue him ſelf a [f] raunſome for all [g] men, *to be* a [h] teſtimonie in due time,
7 * Whereunto I am ordeined a preacher & an Apoſtle (I ſpeake ỹ trueth in Chriſt, and lie not) *euen* a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and veritie.
8 I wil therefore that the men pray, euerie where lifting vp [i] pure hands without wrath, or douting.
9 *Likewiſe alſo the women, that they araye them ſelues in comelie apparel, with ſhamefaſtnes & modeſtie, not with [k] broyded heare, or gold, or pearles, or coſtlie apparel,
10 But (as becómeth women that profeſſe the feare of God) with good workes.
11 Let the woman learne in ſilence with all ſubiection.
12 I permit not a woman to [l] teache, nether to vſurpe autoritie ouer the man, but to be in ſilence.
13 For * Adam was firſt formed, then Eue.
14 *And Adam was [m] not deceiued, but the woman was deceiued, & was in the [n] tranſgreſsion.
15 Notwithſtanding, through bearing of children ſhe ſhalbe ſaued if [o] they continue in faith, and loue, and holines with modeſtie.

Who wil remcile of all tions, people and ſortes to one God.
e Who being God was made man.
f He ſheweth that there can be no Mediator, except he be alſo the redemer.
a. Tim 1, 11.
g Which ſhalde beleue.
h Which the Propheres teſtified, ỹ Chriſt ſhulde offre hi ſelf for the redemption of man at ỹ time that God had determined.
1. Pet. 3, 3.
i As teſtimonies of a pure heart & conſcience.
k The worde ſignifieth to plat, to criſpe, to broyde, to folde, to buſh, to curle, or to lay it curiouſly: whereby all pōpe and wantōnes is condemned which women vſe in trīming their heades.
Gen. 1, 27.
Gen. 5, 6.
l Read 1. cor. 14, 34.
m The woman was firſt deceiued, & ſo became the inſtrument of Satan to deceiue the man: and thogh therefore God punisheth them with ſubiection and paine in their trauel, yet if they be faithful and godlie in their vocation, they ſhal be ſaued.
n That is, giltie of the tranſgreſsion.
o Or, women.

7 He muſt alſo be wel reported of, euen of them which are [h] without, leſt he fall into [i] rebuke, and the ſnare of the deuil.
8 Likewiſe *muſt* deacōs *be* honeſt, not double tongued, not giuen vnto muche wine, nether to filthie lucre,
9 *[k] Hauing the myſterie of the faith in pure conſcience.
10 And let them firſt be proued: then let them miniſter, if they be founde blameles.
11 Likewiſe their [l] wiues *muſt be* honeſt, not euil ſpeakers, *but* ſober, *and* faithful in all things.
12 Let the deacons be the houſbands of one wife, and ſuche as can rule their children wel, and their owne houſholdes.
13 For they that haue miniſtred wel, get thē ſelues a [m] good degre, & great [n] libertie in the faith, which is in Chriſt Ieſus.
14 Theſe things write I vnto thee, truſting to come very ſhortely vnto thee.
15 But if I tary long, that thou maiſt yet knowe, how thou oghteſt to behaue thy ſelf in the houſe of God, which is the Church of the liuing God, the [o] piller & grounde of trueth.
16 And without controuerſie, great is the myſterie of godlines, *which is*, God is manifeſted in the fleſh, [p] iuſtified in the Spirit, [q] ſene of Angels, preached vnto the Gentiles, beleued on in the worlde, *and* receiued vp in [r] glorie.

h That is, no man may haue any thing iuſtely to lay to his charge.
i As being defamed, ſhulde become impudent, & do muche harme.
Chap. 5, 19.
k Hauing the true doctrine of the Goſpel, and the feare of God.
l Of the biſhopes and Deacons.
m The good reporte of all men.
n To ſerue God wt greater aſſurance, becauſe they haue alway a good conſcience.
o This is ſpoken in reſpect of men, for as muche as in this worlde ỹ trueth onely remaineth in ỹ Church, by reaſon of Gods worde: for otherwiſe Chriſt is the fundation, and the corner ſtone, which boſtheneareth, & maiſteineth his Church.
p Approued iuſte in that he was not onely a mā, but God
r To the right
alſo.
q So that the Angels marueiled at his excellencie.
hand of God the Father.

CHAP. III.

2 He declareth what is the office of miniſters. 11 And as touching their families. 15 The dignitie of the Church. 16 And the principal point of the heauenlie doctrine.

1 THis *is* a true ſaying, *If any mā [a] deſire the office of a [b] biſhoppe, he deſireth [c] a worthie worke.
2 A biſhop therefore muſt be vnreproueable, the houſband of [d] one wife, watching, ſober, modeſt, harberous, apt to teache,
3 Not giuen to wine, no ſtriker, not giuen to filthie lucre, but gentle, no fighter, not couetous,
4 One that can rule his owne houſe honeſtly, hauing children vnder obedience with all [e] honeſtie.
5 For if any can not rule his owne houſe, how ſhal he [f] care for the Church of God?
6 He may not be a yong [g] ſcholer, leſt he being puffed vp fall into the [h] condemnation of the deuil.

Tit. 2, 6.
a With a feruēt zeale to profite the Church of God, wherefoeuer he ſhal eall him.
b Whether he be Paſtor or Elder.
c Bothe for ỹ difficultie of ỹ charge and alſo the excellencie thereof, and the neceſſitie of the ſame. For in thoſe countreis at ỹ time ſome men had mo thē one, which was a ſigne of incontinencie.
d Or, reuerence.
e If it be requiſite that a man ſhulde take care in gouerning his owne houſe, how muche more are they bounde to be careful which ſhal gouerne the Church of God?
f In the doctrine of faith.
g Leſt being proude of his degree he be likewiſe condēmned as the deuil was for lifting vp him ſelf by pride.

CHAP. IIII.

2 He teacheth him what doctrine he ought to flee, 6. 8. 11. And what to followe, 15 And wherein he ought to exerciſe him ſelf continually.

1 NOw ỹ Spirit ſpeaketh euidētly, that in ỹ * latter times ſome ſhal departe from the faith, & ſhal giue hede vnto [a] ſpirits of errour, and doctrines of deuils,
2 Which ſpeake lyes through hypocriſie, and haue their [b] conſciences burned with an hote yron,
3 Forbidding to marie, *and commanding* to abſteine from meats which God hathe created to be receiued with giuing thankes of them which beleue and knowe the trueth.
4 For euerie creature of God *is* good, and nothing *ought* to be refuſed, if it be receiued with thankeſgiuing.
5 For it is [c] ſanctified by the worde of God, and prayer.
6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of theſe things, thou ſhalt be a good miniſter of Ieſus Chriſt, which haſt bene nouriſhed vp in the wordes of faith, and of good doctrine, which thou haſt continually followed.

2. Tim. 3, 1. 2. peter. 3, 3. iud. 18.
a Falſe teachers, which boaſt them ſelues that they haue the reuelation of the holie Goſt.
b Their dull conſciences firſt waxed harde, then after, canker and corruption bred therein, laſt of all it was burnt of with an hote yron, ſo that he meaneth ſuche as haue no cōſciēce, Eph. 4, 19.
c Vnto vs, ỹ receiue it, as at Gods hands.

Chap.1,4. & 6,20. 2.tim 2,16. & 23. tit.3,9.

7 *But caſt away prophane, and olde wiues fables, & exerciſe thy ſelf vnto godlines.
8 For [d] bodelie exerciſe profiteth litle: but [e] godlines is profitable vnto all things, [ẅ] hathe the promes of the life preſent, and of that that is to come.
9 This *is* a true ſaying, and by all meanes worthie to be receiued.
10 For therefore we labour & are rebuked, becauſe we truſt in the liuing God, which is the [f] Sauiour of all mē, ſpecially of thoſe that beleue.
11 Theſe things commande and teache.
12 Let no man deſpiſe thy youth, but be vnto thē that beleue, an enſample, in worde, in conuerſation, in loue, in [g] ſpirit, in faith, & in purenes.
13 Til I come, giue attendance to reading, to exhortation, & to doctrine.
14 Deſpiſe not the gift that is in thee which was giuen thee [h] by prophecie with the laying on of the hands of the companie of the [i] Elderſhip.
15 Theſe things exerciſe, *and* giue thy ſelf vnto them, that [*] it may be ſene how thou profiteſt among all men.
16 Take hede vnto thy ſelf, and vnto learning: continue therein: for in doing this thou [k] ſhalt bothe ſaue thy ſelf, and them that heare thee.

d Meaning to be giuē to ceremonies and to ſuche thigs as delite the fantaſie of mā.
e That is, he ẏ hathe faith and a good cōſcience, is promiſed to haue all things neceſſarie for this life, and to enioy life euerlaſting
f The goodnes of God declareth it ſelf towarde all mē, but chiefely towarde the faithful by preſeruing them: and here he meaneth not of life euerlaſting
g In godlie zeale or giftes of the Spirit.
h And reuelation of the holie Goſt.
i Vnder this name he conteineth ẏ whole miniſterie of the Church which was at Epheſus.
[*] Or, that all may ſe how thou profiteſt
k Thou ſhalt faithfully do thy duetie which is an aſſurance of thy ſaluation.

CHAP. V.

1 He teacheth him how he ſhal behaue him ſelf in rebuking all degrees. 3 An ordre concerning widowes. 17 The eſtabliſhing of miniſters. 23 The gouernāce of his bodie. 24 And the iudgement of ſinnes.

1 Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father, & the yonger men as brethren,
2 The elder women as mothers, the yonger as ſiſters, with all purenes.
3 [a] Honour widowes, which are widdowes in dede.
4 But if any widowe haue children or nephewes, let [b] thē learne firſt to ſhewe godlines towarde their owne houſe, and to recompēſe their kinred: for that is an honeſt thing and acceptable before God.
5 And ſhe ẏ is a widowe [c] in dede and left alone, truſteth in God, & continueth in ſupplications and prayers night and day.
6 But ſhe that liueth in pleaſure, is [d] dead, while ſhe liueth.
7 Theſe things therefore commande, that they may be blameles.
8 If there be any that prouideth not for his owne, & namely for them of his houſholde, he denieth the faith, and is worſe then an infidel.
9 Let not a widowe be taken into the nōber vnder three ſcore yere olde, that hathe bene the wife of [e] one houſband,

a Take care for them.
b Paul willeth that the widdowes put the Church to no charge which haue eyther children or kinſfolkes, that are able to relieue them, but that the children nouriſh their mother or kinſfolkes according as nature bindeth them.
c Which hathe no maner of worldelie meanes to helpe her ſelfe ẅ.
d Becauſe ſhe is vtterly vnprofitable.
e He meaneth ſuch widowes which being iuſtely diuorced from their firſt houſbands maried againe to the ſclander of the Church: for els he doeth not reproue the widowes that haue bene oftener maried thē once.

10 And wel reported of for good workes: if ſhe haue nouriſhed her childrē, if ſhe haue lodged the ſtrāgers, if ſhe haue waſhed the Saintes fete, if ſhe haue miniſtred vnto them which were in aduerſitie, if ſhe were cōtinually giuē vnto euerie good worke.
11 But refuſe the yonger widowes: for whē they haue begōne to waxe [f] wāton againſt Chriſt, they wil marie,
12 Hauing [g] damnation, becauſe they haue broken the [h] firſt faith.
13 And likewiſe alſo being ydle they learne to go about from houſe to houſe: yea, *they are* not onely ydle, but alſo prattelers and buſibodies, ſpeaking things which are not comelie.
14 I wil therefore that the yonger women marie, and beare children, & gouerne the houſe, *and* giue none occaſion to the aduerſarie to ſpeake euil.
15 For certeine are already turned backe after Satan.
16 If any faithful man, or faithful woman haue widowes, let them miniſter vnto them, and let not the Church be charged, that there may be ſufficient for them that are widowes in [i] dede.
17 ¶ The Elders that rule wel, are worthie of [*] double honour, ſpecially they which labour in the worde and doctrine.
18 For the Scripture ſaith, [*] Thou ſhalt not mouſel the mouth of the oxe that treadeth out the corne: and, [*] The labourer is worthie of his wages.
19 Againſt an Elder [k] receiue none accuſation, but vnder two or thre witneſſes.
20 Them that ſinne, [l] rebuke openly, that the reſt alſo may feare.
21 ¶ [*] I [m] charge *thee* before God and the Lord Ieſus Chriſt, and the elect Angels, that thou obſerue theſe things without [n] preferring one to another, & do nothing parcially.
22 Lay hands ſuddenly on no man, [m] nether be partaker of other mens ſinnes: kepe thy ſelf [n] pure.
23 Drinke no longer water, but vſe a litle wine for thy ſtomakes ſake, and thine often infirmities.
24 Some mens ſinnes are open [o] before hād, and go before vnto iudgement: but ſome mens [p] followe after.
25 Likewiſe alſo the good workes are manifeſt before hād, and they that are otherwiſe, can not be hid.

f Forgetting their vocatiō.
g Not onely haue ſclandred the Church in leauing their charge, but haue forſaken their religion, and therefore ſhalbe puniſhed with euerlaſting death.
h They haue not onely done diſhonor to Chriſt in leauing their vocatiō, but alſo haue broken their faith.
i Which are without all mans helpe & ſuccour.
Deut 15,18.
Deut.25,4. 1.cor.9,9. Mat.10,10. luk.10,7.
k Except that he ẅ doeth accuſe him, haue at leaſt two witneſſes ẅ promeſſe with the accuſer to proue that ẅ they laye to his charge.
Chap.6,13.
l Chiefly the miniſters & ſo all others.
[*] Or, proteſt
[*] Or, without haſtie iudgement.
m In admitting them without ſufficient trial
n Frō iuſte offence.
o As Simō the ſorcerer.
p Their ſinnes followe, which for a time haue deceiued ẏ godlie, & after are detected, as Saul, Iudas, & other hypocrites.

CHAP. VI.

1 The duetie of ſeruantes towarde their maſters. 3 Againſt ſuche as are not ſatiſfied with the wordes of God. 6 Of true godlines, and contentation of minde. 9 Againſt couetouſnes. 11 A charge giuen to Timothie.

1 Let as many [*] ſeruants as are vnder the yocke, counte their maſters worthie of all

Ephe.6,5. col.3,22. 1 pet.2,18.

all honour, that the Name of God, and *his* doctrine be not euil spoken of.

2 And thei which haue beleuing masters, let thē not despise them, because they are brethren, but rather do seruice, because they are faithful, and beloued, and partakers of the [a] benefite. These things teache and exhorte.

a That is, of ỹ grace of God, as their seruāts are, & hauing the same adoption.

3 If any man teache other wise, and consenteth not to the wholsome wordes of our Lord Iesus Christ, & to the doctrine, which is according to godlines,

4 He is pufte vp and knoweth nothing, but doteth about *questiōs and strife of wordes, whereof cometh enuie, strife, railings, euil surmisings,

Chap.1,4.

5 Vaine disputations of men of corrupt mindes, and destitute of the trueth, which thinke that gaine is godlines: from suche separate thy self.

b They ỹ measure religion by riches, are here taught, that onely religion is ỹ true riches. *Iob.1,21. prou.27,26. eccles 5,14.*

6 [b]But godlines is great gaine, if a man be content with that he hathe.

7 *For we broght nothing into ỹ worlde, & it is certeine, that we can carie nothīg out.

8 Therefore when we haue fode & raimēt, let vs therewith be content.

c That set their felicitie in riches.

9 For they that wil be [c] riche, fall into tētation and snares, and into many fooliſh & noysome lustes, which drowne men in perdition and destruction.

10 For the desire of money is the roote of all euil, which while some lusted after, thei erred from the faith, & [d] perced them selues through with many sorowes.

d For they are neuer quiet neither in soule nor bodie.

11 But thou, ô [e] man of God, flee these thīgs, and followe after righteousnes, godlines, faith, loue, pacience, & meeknes.

e Whome Gods Spirit doeth rule.

12 Fight the good fight of faith: laye holde of eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, & hast professed a good profesiō before many witnesses.

13 *I charge thee in the sight of God, who quickneth all things, & before Iesus Christ which vnder Pontius Pilate *witnessed a good confession, *Chap.5,21. Mat 27,11. iohn 18,37.*

14 That thou kepe *this* commandement without spot, and vnrebukeable, vntil the appearing of our Lord Iesus Christ,

15 Which in due time he shal shewe, that is *blessed and prince onely, [c] the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, *Chap.1,11. reuel.17,14. & 19,16.*

c By this migh tie power of God the faithful are admonished boldly to stande in their vocation although the worlde, Satan and hell rage against thē.

16 Who onely hathe immortalitie, & dwelleth in the light that none can atteine vnto, *whome neuer man sawe, nether can se, vnto whome *be* honour and power euerlasting, Amen. *iohn 1,18. 1.iohn 1,12. Mar.4,15.*

17 Charge thē that are riche [f] in this worlde, that they be not high minded, and that they *trust not in vncerteine riches, but in the liuing God, (which giueth vs abundantly all things to enioye) *luk.22,15.*

f In thīgs pertaining to this life.

18 That they do good, & be riche in good workes, & readie to distribute, and communicate, *Mat.6,20.*

19 *Laying vp in store for thē selues a good fundation against the time to come, that they may obteine eternal life. *luk.6,9.*

20 O Timotheus, kepe ỹ that which is committed vnto thee, and *auoide profane & vaine babblings, and [h] oppositions of science falsely so called,

g The gifts of God for the vtilitie of the Church. *Chap.1,4. & 4,7.*

21 Which while some professe, they haue erred concerning the faith. Grace *be* with thee, Amen.

h As when question engendreth question.

The first *epistle* to Timotheus written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest citie of Phrygia Pacaciana.

THE SECONDE EPISTLE of Paul to Timotheus.

THE ARGVMENT.

The Apostle being now ready to confirme that doctrine with his blood, which he had professed and taught, encourageth Timotheus (& in him all the faithful) in the faith of the Gospel, & in the cōstant & syncere confessiō of the same: willing him not to shrinke for feare of afflictiōs, but patiētly to attende the yssue, as do husbandmen, which at length receiue the frutes of their labours, & to cast of all feare & care, as souldiers do which seke onely to please their capteine: shewing him briefly the summe of the Gospel, which he preached, cōmanding him to preache the same to others, diligently taking hede of contentiōs, curious disputatiōs, & vaine questiōs, to the intent that his doctrine may all together be sincere. Cōsidering that the exāples of Hymeneus & Philetus, which subuerted the true doctrine of the resurrectiō, were so horrible: & yet to the intent that no māshulde be offended at their fall, being men of authoritie and in estimatiō, he sheweth that all that professe Christ, are not his, & that the Church is subiect to this calamitie: that the euil must dwell amōg the good til Gods trial come: yet he reserueth them whome he hathe elected, euen to the end. And that Timotheus shulde not be discouraged by the wicked, he declareth what abominable men, & dāgerous times shal followe, willing him to arme him self with the hope of the good yssue that God wil giue vnto his, and to exercise him self diligently in the Scriptures, bothe against the aduersaries, and for the vtilitie of the Church, desiring him to come to him for certeine necessarie affaires, and so with his and others saluations endeth.

CHAP. I.

6 Paul exhorteth Timotheus to stedfastnes and patience in persecution, and to continue in the doctrine, that he had taught him. 12 Whereof his bonds and afflictions were a gage. 16 A commendation of Onesiphorus.

1 PAul an Apostle of Iesus Christ, by the wil of God, [a] according to the promes of life, which is in CHRIST IESVS,
2 To Timotheus *my* beloued sonne: Grace, mercie, & peace from God the Father, & *from* Iesus Christ our Lord.
3 I thanke God, * whome I serue frō *mine* elders with pure conscience, that without ceasing I haue remembrāce of thee in my prayers night and day,
4 Desiring to se thee, mindful of thy teares, that I may be filled with ioye:
5 When I call to remembrance the vnfained faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and in thy mother Eunice, & am assured that *it dwelleth* in thee also.
6 Wherefore, I put thee in remembrance that thou [c] stirre vp the gifte of God which is in thee, by the putting on of [d] mine hands.
7 For God hathe not giuen to vs the Spirit of [e] feare, but of power, and of loue, and of a sounde minde.
8 Be not therefore ashamed of the testimonie of our Lord, nether of me his prisoner: but be partaker of the afflictiōs of the Gospel, according to the power of God,
9 Who hathe saued vs, & called vs with an *holie calling, not according to our* workes, but according to his owne purpose & grace, which was giuen to vs through Christ Iesus before the *worlde was,
10 But is now made manifest by the [f] appearing of our Sauiour Iesus Christ, who hathe abolished death, and hathe brought life and immortalitie vnto light through the Gospel.
11 *Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, & Apostle, & a teacher of the Gentiles.
12 For the which cause I also suffre these things, but I am not ashamed: for I knowe whome I haue beleued, & I am persuaded that he is able to kepe that which I haue [g] committed to him against that day.
13 Kepe the true paterne of the wholsome wordes, which ỹ hast heard of me in faith and loue which is in Christ Iesus.
14 That [h] worthie thing, which was committed to thee, kepe through the holie Goste, which dwelleth in vs.
15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia, be turned from me: of which sorte are Phygellus and Hermogenes.
16 The Lord giue mercie vnto the house of Onesiphorus: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chaine.
17 But when he was at Rome, he soght me out verie diligently, and founde *me*.
18 The Lord grant vnto him, that he may finde mercie with the Lord at that day, & in how manie things he hathe ministred vnto me at Ephesus, ỹ knowest verie wel.

a Being sent of God to preache that life which he had promised in Christ Iesus.

Act.22,3.
b Following ỹ steppes of mine ancestres, as Abraham, Isaac, Iacob, & others of whome I am come and of whome I receiued the true religion by succession.

c The gift of God is a certein liuelie flame kindeled in our hearts, ẅ Satan and the flesh labour to quenche, and therefore we must nourish it, and stirre it vp.
d With ỹ rest of the Elders of Ephesus, 1. Tim.4,14.
1.Cor.1,2.
ephe.1,3.
Tit.3,5.
e As though God wolde destroye vs.
Rom.16,25.
eph.3,9.
col.1,26.
tit.1,2.
1.pet.1,20.
1.Tim.2,7.
f He speaketh here of his first comming, which thoght semed poore & contemptible, yet was honorable and glorious: therefore our mindes oght to be lifted vp frō the consideration of worldlie things, to contemplate the maiestie thereof.
g Which is my self.
h The graces of ỹ holie Goste

CHAP. II.

2 He exhorteth him to be constant in trouble, to suffer manly, and to abyde faste in the wholsome doctrine of our Lord Iesus Christ. 11 Shewing him the fidelitie of Gods counsel touching the saluation of his. 19 And the marke thereof.

1 THou therefore, my sonne, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Iesus.
2 And what things thou hast heard of me, [a] by manie witnesses, the same deliuer to faithful men, which shalbe able to [a] teache other also.
3 Thou therefore suffer afflictiō as a good souldier of Iesus Christ.
4 No man that warreth, entangleth him self with [b] the affaires of *this* life, because he wolde please him that hathe chosen him to be a souldier.
5 And if anie mā also striue for a masterie, he is not crowned, except he striue as he ought to do.
6 The housband man [c] must labour before he receiue the frutes.
7 Consider what I say: and the Lord giue thee vnderstanding in all things.
8 Remember that Iesus Christ *made* of the sede of Dauid, was raised againe from the dead according to my Gospel.
9 Wherein I suffer trouble as an euil doer, euen vnto bondes: but the worde of God is not [d] bounde.
10 Therefore I suffer all things, for the * [e] elects sake, that they might also obteine the saluation which is in Christ Iesus, with eternal glorie.
11 It *is a* true saying, For if we be *dead with him, we also shal liue with him.
12 If we suffer, we shal also reigne with him: * if we denie him, he also wil denie vs.
13 If * we beleue not, *yet* abideth he faithful: he can not denie him self.
14 Of these things put them in remembrāce, and protest before the Lord, that they striue not about wordes, which is to no profit, *but* to the peruerting of the hearers.
15 Studie to shewe thy self approued vnto God, a workeman that nedeth not to be ashamed, [f] diuiding the worde of trueth aright.
16 *Stay prophane, and vaine bablings: for they shal encrease vnto more vngodlines.
17 And their worde shal fret as a canere: of which sorte is Hymeneus and Philetus,

[a] Or, in the presence of manie witnesses.
a So that the trueth of God may remaine perfite.
b As with his housholde, & other ordinarie affaires.
c So that the paine must go before the recompense.
d Notwithstāding mine imprisonment ỹ worde of God hathe it race, & increaseth. *2.Cor.1,4.* *col.1,24.*
Rom.6,5.
e To confirme their faith, more effemig the edification of ỹ Church thō him self. *Mat.10,33.* *mar.8,38.* *Rom.3,3.* & *9.6.*
f Giuing to euerie one his iuste portion. Wherein he alludeth to the Priests of the olde Law ẅ in their sacrifice gaue to God his parte, toke their owne parte and gaue to him ỹ brought ỹ sacrifice, his duetie. *1.Tim.4,7.* & *6,20.* *tit.3,9.*

18 Which

18 Which as concerning the trueth haue erred, ſaying that the reſurrection is paſt already, and do deſtroye the faith of certeine.

19 But the fundation of God remaineth ſure, and hathe this ſeale, g The Lord, knoweth who are his, and, Let euerie one that calleth on the Name of Chriſt, departe from iniquitie.

20 Notwithſtanding in a h great houſe are not onely veſſels of golde & of ſiluer, but alſo of wood and of earth, & ſome for honour, and ſome vnto diſhonour.

21 If anie man therefore purge him ſelf frō i theſe, he ſhalbe a veſſel vnto honour, ſanctified, and mete for the Lord, and prepared vnto euerie good worke.

22 Flee alſo from the luſtes of youth, and followe after righteouſnes, faith, loue, & peace, with them that k call on the Lord with pure heart.

23 *And put away fooliſh, and k vnlearned queſtions, knowing that they ingendre ſtrife.

24 But the ſeruant of the Lord muſt not ſtriue, but *muſt* be gentle towarde all men apt to teache, l ſuffring the euil men *patiently*,

25 Inſtructing them with mekenes that are contrarie m minded, *proouing* if God at anie time wil giue them repentance, that they may knowe the trueth,

26 And n that they may come to amendemēt out of the ſnare of the deuil, which are taken of him at his wil.

g He groundeth vpō Gods election and mans faith.
h Becauſe the wicked ſhulde not couer thē ſelues vnder ỹ name of the Church, heſhe weth by this ſimilitude, ỹ bothe good & bad may be therein
i That is, bothe ſeparate him ſelf from the wicked, & alſo purge his natural corruption by Gods Spirit.
2. Cor. 1, 2.
1. Tim. 1, 4. & 4, 7. Tit. 3, 9.
k Which do not edifie.
l Which faile of ignorance.
m He meaneth not this of Apoſtates or hereſtikes, whom he willeth to flee: but of thē onely which as yet are not come to the knowledge of the trueth, & fall through ignorance.
n Or, that being deliuered out of the ſnare of the deuil of whome they are taken, they may come to amendement & performe his wil.

CHAP. III.

1 He prophecieth of the perilous times. 2 Setteth out hypocrites in their colours. 12 Sheweth the ſtate of the Chriſtians. 14 And how to auoide dangers. 16 Alſo what profit cometh of the Scriptures.

1 THis knowe alſo, that in the *laſt dayes ſhal come perilous times.

2 For a men ſhalbe louers of their owne ſelues, couetous, boaſters, proude, curſed ſpeakers, diſobedient to parents, vnthankeful, vnholie,

3 Without natural affectiō, trucebreakers, falſe accuſers, intemperate, fierce, deſpicers of them which are good,

4 Traitours, headie, high minded, louers of pleaſures more then louers of God,

5 Hauing a ſhewe of godlines, but haue denied the power thereof: turne away therefore from ſuche.

6 For of this ſorte are they which b crepe into houſes, and lead captiue ſimple women laden with ſinnes, and led with diuers luſtes,

7 *Which women are* euer learning, and are neuer able to come to the knowledge of the trueth.

8 *And as Iannes and Iambres withſtode Moſes, ſo do theſe alſo reſiſte the trueth, men of c corrupte mindes, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they ſhal preuaile no lōger: for their madnes ſhalbe euident vnto all men, as theirs alſo was.

10 ¶ But thou haſt fully knowen my doctrine, maner of liuing, d purpoſe, faith, lōg ſuffering, loue, pacience,

11 Perſecutions, & afflictions which came vnto me at * Antiochia, at Iconium, and at Lyſtri, which perſecutions I ſuffered: but from them all the Lord deliuered me.

12 Yea, & all that wil liue godly in Chriſt Ieſus, ſhal ſuffer perſecution.

13 But the euil men and e deceiuers, ſhal waxe worſſe and worſſe, deceiuing, and being deceiued.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou haſt learned, and art perſuaded *thereof*, knowing of whome thou haſt learned *them*:

15 And ỹ thou haſt knowē the holie Scriptures of a childe, which are able to make thee wiſe vnto ſaluation through the faith which is in Chriſt Ieſus.

16 *For the whole Scripture *is* giuen by inſpiration of God, and *is* profitable to teache, to improue, to correct *and* to inſtructe in righteouſnes,

17 That the f man of God may be g abſolute, being made perfite vnto all good workes.

a Leaue none occaſion to preache and to profite.
b To falſe, & vnprofitable doctrine.
c So behaue thy ſelf in this office, that men may be able to charge thee with nothing, but rather approue thee in all things
*Or, diſſeluing.
d Read Phil. 2, 17.

c Which can iudge nothing aright.
d Not onely what I taught and did, but alſo what my minde & wil was.
Act. 13, 14.
e The worde ſignifieth thē, that by anie craftie packing or conueiance beguile mē w̄ falſe colors, flatteries & illuſions, & ſuche God ſetteth vp to exerciſe his by them: & here S. Paul admoniſheth vs of them.
2. Pet. 1, 20.
f Which is cōtent to be gouerned by Gods worde.
g The onelie Scripture ſufficeth to lead vs to perfection.

CHAP. IIII.

1 He exhorteth Timotheus to be feruent in the worde, and to ſuffer aduerſitie. 6 Maketh mention of his owne death. 9 And biddeth Timothie come vnto him.

1 I Charge *thee* therefore before God, & *before* the Lord Ieſus Chriſt, which ſhal iudge the quicke and dead at his appearing, and in his kingdome,

2 Preache the worde: be inſtant, a in ſeaſon and out of ſeaſon: improue, rebuke, exhorte with all long ſuffring and doctrine.

3 For the time wil come, when they wil not ſuffer wholſome doctrine: but hauing their eares itching, ſhal after their owne luſtes get them an heape of teachers,

4 And ſhal turne their eares frō the trueth, and ſhal be giuen vnto b fables.

5 But watch thou in all things: ſuffer aduerſitie: do the worke of an Euangeliſte: make c thy miniſterie fully knowen.

6 For I am now ready to be d offered, and the time of my "departing is at hand.

7 I haue foght a good fight, and haue finiſhed *my* courſe: I haue kept the faith.

8 *For* hence forthe is *laid* vp for me the crowne of righteouſnes, which the Lord the righteous iudge ſhal giue me at that day: and not to me onely, but vnto all thē alſo that loue his appearing.

9 Make ſpede to come vnto me atonce.

10 For Demas hath forſakē me, & hathe em-

braced this preſent worlde, and is departed vnto Theſſalonica. Creſcens *is gone* to Galacia, Titus vnto Dalmacia.

Coloſ.4,14. 11 *e Onely Luke is with me. Take Marke and bring him with thee: for he is profitable vnto me to miniſter.

12 And Tychicus haue I ſent to Epheſus.

13 The f cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comeſt, bring with thee, & the bokes, but ſpecially the parchements.

14 Alexander the copper ſmith hathe done me muche euil: the Lord s rewarde him according to his workes.

15 Of whome be thou ware alſo: for he withſtode our preaching ſore.

16 At my firſt anſwering h no man aſsiſted me, but all forſoke me: *I praye God*, that it may not be laid to their charge.

17 Notwithſtanding the Lord aſsiſted me, and ſtrengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully knowen, and that all the Gentiles ſhulde heare, and I was deliuered out of the mouth of the i lion.

18 And the Lord wil deliuer me from euerie k euil worke, and wil preſerue me vnto his heauēlie kingdome: to whome *be* praiſe for euer and euer, Amen.

19 Salute Priſca, and Aquila, and the * houſholde of Oneſiphorus.

20 Eraſtus abode at Corinthus: Trophimus I left at Miletum ſicke.

21 Make ſpede to come before winter. Eubulus greteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, & Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Ieſus Chriſt *be* with thy ſpirit. Grace *be* with you, Amen.

The ſeconde *Epiſtle* written from Rome vnto Timotheus the firſt biſhope elected, of the Church of Epheſus, when Paul was preſented the ſeconde time before the Emperour Nero.

e Hereby it is manifeſt that Peter as yet was not at Rome, and if euer he was there it is vncertaine.

f Some reade coffre: others, booke.

g For Paul ſawe in him manifeſt ſignes of reprobation.

h If S Peter had bene there he wolde not haue forſaken him.

i Out of the great dāger of Nero.

k That I commit nothing vnworthie mine office. *Chap.1,16.*

THE EPISTLE OF Paul to Titus.

THE ARGVMENT.

When Titus was left in Creta to finiſh that doctrine which Paul had there begonne, Satan ſtirred vp certeine which went about not onely to ouerthrowe the gouernemēt of the Church, but alſo to corrupt the doctrine: for ſome by ambition wolde haue thruſt in them ſelues to be paſtours: others, vnder pretext of Moſes Law broght in manie trifles. Againſt theſe two ſortes of men Paul armeth Titus: firſt teaching him what maner of miniſters he oght to chooſe, chiefly requiring that they be men of ſounde doctrine to the intent they might reſiſt the aduerſaries, and amongs other things he noteth the Iewes which put a certeine holines in meates & ſuche outwarde ceremonies, teaching them which are the true exerciſes of a Chriſtian life, & what things apperteine to euerie mans vocation. Againſt the which if anie man rebelle or els doeth not obey, he willeth him to be auoyded.

CHAP. I.

g He aduertiſeth Titus touching the gouernement of the Church. 7 The ordonance and office of miniſters. 12 The nature of the Cretians, and of them which ſowe abroade Iewiſh fables and inuentions of men.

1 PAul a" ſeruant of God, and an Apoſtle of IESVS CHRIST, according to the a faith of Gods elect & ẏ knowledge of the trueth, ẇis

2 according to godlines, Vnder the hope of eternal life, which God that can not lie, hathe b promiſed before the *worlde began:

3 But hathe made his worde manifeſt in due time through the preaching, which is *committed vnto me, according to the cōmandement of God our c Sauiour:

4 To Titus *my* natural d ſonne according to the commune faith, Grace, mercie *and* peace from God the Father, and *from* the Lord Ieſus Chriſt our Sauiour.

5 For this cauſe left I thee in Creta, that thou ſhuldeſt cōtinue to redreſſe ẏ things that remaine, and ſhuldeſt ordeine Elders in euerie citie, as I appointed thee,

6 *If anie e be vnreproueable, the houſbād of one wife, hauing faithful childrē, which are not ſclandered of riote, nether are diſobedient.

7 For a biſhop muſt be vnreproueable, as f Gods ſtewarde, not "frowarde, not angrie, not giuen to wine, no ſtriker, not giuen to filthie lucre,

8 But harberous, one that loueth "goodnes, wiſe, g righteous, h holie, temperate,

9 Holding faſt the faithful worde according to doctrine, that he alſo may be able to exhorte with wholſome doctrine, and improue them that ſay againſt it.

10 For

Act.7,ministers.

a That is, to preache the faith, to increaſe their knowledge, to teache them to liue godly ẏ at length they may obteine eternal life. *Rom.16,25. ephe.3,9. col.1,26. 2.tim.1,10. 2.pet.1,20. Gal.1,1.*

b Hathe willingly, and of his mere liberalitie promiſed without fore ſeing our faith or workes as a cauſe to moue him to this fre mercie. c Who he the giueth life, and preſerueth life.

d In reſpect of faith which was commune to thē bothe, ſo that hereby they are brethrē: but in reſpect of the miniſterie Paul begate him as his ſonne in faith. *1.Tim.1,2.*

e That is, without all infamie whereby his auctoritie might be diminiſhed.

f Who hathe the diſpenſation of his gifts. "*Or, ſtif willy.* "*Or, good men.*

g Towarde men.

h Towarde God.

10 For there are manie diſobedient & vaine talkers and deceiuers of mindes, chiefly they of the i Circumciſion,

i Which were not onely the Iewes, but alſo ỹ Hebionites, & Cherinthiãs heretikes, ẅ taught that ỹ Law muſt be ioyned with Chriſt.

11 Whoſe mouths muſt be ſtopped, which ſubuert whole houſes, teaching things, which thei ought not, for filthie lucres ſake.

12 One of them ſelues, *euen* one of their owne k prophetes ſaid, The Cretians *are* alwaies lyars, euil beaſtes, ſlowe belyes.

k He calleth Epimenides ỹ Philoſopher, or Poet, whoſe verſe he here reciteth, a Prophet, becauſe the Cretiãs ſo eſteemed him: & as Laertius writeth, thei ſacrificed vnto him as to a God, foraſmuche as he had a marueilous gift to vnderſtand things to come: ẅ thing Satan by the permiſsion of God hathe opened to the infideles from time to time, but it turneth to their greater condemnacion.

13 This witnes is true: wherefore rebuke thẽ ſharpely, that they maye be founde in the faith,

14 And not taking hede to * Iewiſh fables and commandements of men, that turne from the trueth.

15 Vnto the pure * *are* all things pure, but vnto them that are defiled, and vnbeleuing, *is* nothing pure, but euen their mindes and conſciences are defiled.

16 Thei profeſſe that they knowe God, but by l workes thei denie *him*, and are abominable and diſobedient, and vnto euerie good worke reprobate.

CHAP. II.

1 He commendeth vnto him the wholſome doctrine, and telleth him how he ſhal teache all degrees to behaue thẽ ſelues. 11 Through the benefite of the grace of Chriſt.

1 BVt ſpeake thou the things which become a wholſome doctrine,

a Wherewith our ſoules are fed & mainteined in helth.

2 That the Elder men be ſobre, honeſt, diſcrete, ſounde in the faith, in loue, & in pacience:

3 The Elder women likewiſe, that they be in ſuche behauiour as becometh holines, not falſe accuſers, not giuen to muche wine, *but* teachers of honeſt things,

4 That they may inſtruct the yong women to be ſobre minded, that they loue their houſbands, that they loue their children,

Epheſ.5,33.

5 *That thei be* diſcrete, chaſt, b kepig at home, good and * ſubiect vnto their houſbands, ỹ the worde of God be not euil ſpoken of.

b Not running to & fro without neceſſarie occaſions, ẅ is a ſigne of lightnes.

6 Exhorte yong men likewiſe, that thei be ſobre minded.

7 Aboue all things ſhewe thy ſelf an enſample of good workes with vncorrupt doctrine, with grauitie, integritie,

8 *And* with the wholſome worde, which can not be reproued, that he which withſtandeth, may be aſhamed, hauing nothig concerning you to ſpeake euil of.

Epheſ.6,5. coloſ.3,22. 1 pet.2,18.

9 *Let ſeruants be ſubiect to their maſters, and pleaſe *them* in all things, not anſwerig againe,

10 Nether pykers, but that they ſhewe all good faithfulnes, that thei may adorne the doctrine of God our Sauiour in all thigs.

1.Cor.5,2. coloſ.1,22.

11 * For the grace of God, that bringeth c ſaluacion vnto all men, hathe appeared,

c Of what condicion or ſtate ſoeuer thei be

12 And teacheth vs that we ſhulde denie vngodlines, and worldlie luſtes, & that we ſhulde liue ſobrely and righteouſly, and godly in this preſent worlde,

13 Loking for the bleſſed hope, and appearing of the glorie of the mightie God, and of our Sauiour Ieſus Chriſt,

14 Who gaue him ſelf for vs, that he might redeme vs from all iniquitie, and purge vs *to be* a d peculiar people vnto him ſelf, zealous of good workes.

d Moſte derre and precious.

15 Theſe things ſpeake, and exhorte, and rebuke with all e autoritie. Se that no man deſpice thee.

e As becometh the ambaſſadour of God.

CHAP. III.

1 Of obedience to ſuche as be in autoritie. 9 He warneth Titus to beware of fooliſh and vnprofitable queſtions, 12 Concluding with certeine priuate matters, 15 And ſalutacions.

Rom.13,1. 1.pet.2,13.

1 PVt them in remembrance that they * a be ſubiect to the Principalities & Powers, & that they be obedient, & readie to euerie good worke,

a Although ỹ rulers be infideles, yet we are bounde to obey them in ciuil polices, and where as thei cõmande vs nothing againſt ỹ worde of God *1.Cor.6,13.*

2 That they ſpeake euil of no mã, that thei be no fighters, *but* ſofte, ſhewing all mekenes vnto all men.

3 * b For we our ſelues alſo were in times paſt vnwiſe, diſobediẽt, deceiued, ſeruing the luſtes and diuers pleaſures, liuing in malicioufnes and enuie, hateful, & hating one another.

b For let vs conſider what we our ſelues were whẽ God ſhewed vs fauour.

4 But when the bountifulnes and loue of God our Sauiour towarde man appeared,

5 * Not c by the workes of righteouſnes, which we had done, but according to his mercie he ſaued vs, by the d waſhing of the new birth, and the renuing of the holie Goſt,

2.Tim.1,9.

c God doeth not iuſtifie vs for reſpect of anie thing, ẅ he ſeeth in vs, but doeth preuent vs with his grace and freely acceepteth vs.

d Baptiſme is a ſure ſigne of our regeneracion, which is wroght by the holie Goſt.

6 Which he ſhed on vs abũdantly, through Ieſus Chriſt our Sauiour,

7 That we, beig iuſtified by his grace, ſhulde be made heires according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This *is* a true ſaying, and theſe things I wil thou ſhuldeſt affirme, that they which haue beleued in God, might be careful to ſhewe forthe good workes. Theſe things *are* good and profitable vnto men.

e This commãdement is giuẽ to ỹ miniſter, & ſo particularly to all men to whome the ſworde is not cõmitted: but els the magiſtrate, whoſe chief office is to mainteine Gods glorie in his Church, ought to cut off all ſuche rotte and infectuous members from the bodie.

9 * But ſtay fooliſh queſtions, and genealogies, and contentions, and brawlings about the Law: for thei are vnprofitable & vaine.

1 Tim.1,4. & 4,7. 2.tim. 2,23.

10 e Reiect him that is an heretike, after once or twiſe admonicion,

11 Knowing that he that is ſuche, is f peruerted, and g ſinneth being damned of his owne ſelf.

f So that there is no hope of amendement.

12 When I ſhal ſend Artemas vnto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me vnto Nicopolis: for I haue determined there to winter.

g Willingly, & wittingly.

13 Bring Zenas h the expoũder of the Law, and Apollos on their iourney diligently, that they lacke nothing.

h It is probable, ỹ he was an interpreter of the Law of Moſes, as Apollos, &c.

14 And let ours alſo learne to ſhewe forthe

good workes for neceſſarie vſes that thei be not vnfruteful.

15 All that are with me, ſalute thee. Grete them that loue vs in the faith. Grace *be* with you all, Amen.

To Titus, elect the firſt biſhope of the Church of the Cretians, written from Nicopolis in Macedonia.

THE EPISTLE OF
Paul to Philemon.

THE ARGUMENT.

Albeit the excellencie of Pauls ſpirit wonderfully appeareth in other his Epiſtles, yet this Epiſtle is a great witnes, and a declaracion of the ſame. For farre paſſing the baſenes of his matter, he fleeth as it were vp to heauen, and ſpeaketh with a diuine grace and maieſtie. Oneſimus ſeruant to Philemon bothe robbed his maſter, and fled away, whome Paul hauing wonne to Chriſt, ſent againe to his maſter, earneſtly begging his pardone, with moſte waightie argumentes proouing the duetie of one Chriſtian to another, & ſo with ſalutacions endeth.

a He reioyceth to heare of the faith and loue of Philemō. b Whome he deſireth to forgiue his ſeruant Oneſimus, and louingly to receiue him againe.

1 PAul a priſoner of Ieſus Chriſt, and *our* brother Timotheus, vnto Philemon our dere friend, & fellow helper,

2 And to *our* dere *ſiſter* Apphia, and to Archippus our felowe ſouldier, & to the Church that is in thine houſe:

3 Grace *be* with you, and peace from God our Father, & *from* the Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

a.Theſ.1.2 2.theſ.1.3.

4 I *giue thankes to my God, making mencion alwaies of thee in my praiers,

5 (When I heare of thy loue & faith, which thou haſt towarde the Lord Ieſus, & towarde all Saintes)

a Thy benenolence towarde the Saintes, ẅ procedeth of a liuelie and effectual faith.

6 That the *a* felowſhip of thy faith may be made fruteful, and that whatſoeuer good thīg is in you *b* through Chriſt Ieſus, may be knowen.

b That experience may declare ẏ you are the mēbers of Ieſus Chriſt.

7 For we haue great ioye and conſolacion in thy loue, becauſe by thee, brother, the Saintes *c* hearts are comforted.

c Meaning their inwarde partes & affectiōs were through his charitie comforted.

8 Wherefore, thogh I be verie bolde in Chriſt to commande thee that which is conuenient,

9 *Yet* for loues ſake I rather beſeche thee, thogh I be as I am, euen Paul aged, and euen now a priſoner for Ieſus Chriſt.

Colo.4.9.

10 I beſeche thee for my ſonne *Oneſimus, whome I haue begotten in my bondes,

11 Which in time paſt was to thee vnprofitable, but now profitable bothe to thee and to me,

12 Whome I haue ſent againe: thou therefore receiue him, *ẏ* is mine owne bowels,

13 Whome I wolde haue reteined with me, that in thy ſtede he might haue miniſtred vnto me in the bondes of the Goſpel.

14 But without thy minde wolde I do nothing, that thy benefite ſhulde not be as it were of neceſſitie, but willingly.

15 It may be that he therefore *d* departed for a ceaſon, that thou ſhuldeſt receiue him for euer,

d He fled away from thee.

16 *e* Not now as a ſeruant, but aboue a ſeruant, *euen as* a brother beloued, ſpecially to me: how muche more then vnto thee, bothe in the fleſh, and in the Lord?

e For he is thy ſeruant by cōdicion, & alſo now ẏ Lords, ſo ẏ bothe for thine owne ſake and for the Lords ẏ ogheſt to loue him.

17 If therefore thou counte our things *f* commune, receiue him as my ſelf.

f That all thine is mine, & all mine is thine.

18 If he hathe hurt thee, or oweth thee ought, that put on mine accountes.

19 I Paul haue written *this* with mine owne hand: I wil recompenſe it, albeit I do not ſay to thee, that thou oweſt vnto me euen thine owne ſelf.

20 Yea, brother, let me obteine this pleaſure of thee in the Lord: cōforte my *g* bowels in the Lord.

g Grant me this benefite, ẅ ſhalbe moſte acceptable vnto me of all others.

21 Truſting in thine obedience, I wrote vnto thee, knowing that thou wilt do euen more then I ſay.

22 Moreouer alſo prepare me lodging: for I truſt through your praiers I ſhalbe giuen vnto you.

23 There ſalute thee Epaphras my fellowe priſoner *h* in Chriſt Ieſus,

h That is, for Chriſts cauſe.

24 Marcus, Ariſtarchus, Demas & Luke, my fellowe helpers.

25 The grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt *be* with your ſpirit, Amen.

Written from Rome to Philemon, *and ſent* by Oneſimus a ſeruant.

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THE EPISTLE TO the Ebrewes.

THE ARGUMENT.

For asmuche as diuers, bothe of the Greke writers and Latines witnesse, that the writer of this Epistle for iuste causes wolde not haue his name knowen, it were curiositie of our parte to labour muche therein. For seing the Spirit of God is the autor thereof, it diminisheth nothing the autoritie, although we knowe not with what penne he wrote it. Whether it were Paul (as it is not like) or Luke, or Barnabas, or Clement, or some other, his chief purpose is to persuade vnto the Ebrewes (whereby he principally meaneth them that abode at Ierusalem, and vnder them all the rest of the Iewes) that Christ Iesus was not onely the redemer, but also that at his comming all ceremonies must haue an end: forasmuche as his doctrine was the conclusion of all the prophecies, and therefore not onely Moses was inferior to him, but also the Angels: for they all were seruants, and he the Lord, but so Lord, that he hathe also taken our flesh, and is made our brother to assure vs of our saluation through himself: for he is that eternal Preist, whereof all the Leuitical Priests were but shadowes, and therefore at his comming they ought to cease, and all sacrifices for sinne to be abolished, as he proueth from the seuenth chap. verse 11. vnto the 12. chap. verse 18. Also he was that Prophet of whome all the Prophetes in time past witnessed, as is declared from the 12. chapter, verse 18. to the twentie and fiue verse of the same chapter: yea, and is the King to whome all things are subiect, as appeareth from that verse 25. to the beginning of the last chapter. Wherefore according to the examples of the olde fathers we must constantly beleue in him, that being sanctified by his iustice, taught by his wisdome, and gouerned by his power, we may stedfastly, and courageously perseuere euen to the end in hope of that ioye that is set before our eyes, occupying our selues in Christian exercises that we may bothe be thankeful to God, and dutiful to our neighbour.

CHAP. I.

1 He sheweth the excellencie of Christ. 4 Aboue the Angels, 7 And of their office.

1 AT sondrie times & in diuers maners [a] God spake in ỹ olde time to *our* fathers by the Prophetes:
2 In these [b] last dayes he hathe spoken vnto vs by his Sonne, whome he hathe made heir of all things, [c] by whome also he made the worldes,
3 *Who being the brightnes of the glorie, and the [d] ingraued forme of his persone, & bearing vp all things by his mightie worde, hathe by himself [e] purged our sinnes, and sitteth at the right hand of the maiestie in the highest places,
4 And is made so muche more excellent then the [f] Angels in as muche as he hathe obteined a more excellēt name then they.
5 For vnto which of the Angels said he at anie time, *Thou art my Sonne, [g] this day begate I thee? and againe, I *wil be his Father, and he shalbe my sonne?
6 And againe when he bringeth in *his* first begotten Sonne into the worlde, he saith, *And let all the Angels of God worship him.
7 And of the Angels he saith, *He maketh the [h] Spirits his messengers, and his ministers a flame of fyre.
8 But vnto the Sonne *he saith*, *O God, thy throne *is* for euer and euer: the [i] scepter of thy kingdome *is* a scepter of righteousnes.
9 Thou hast loued righteousnes and hated iniquitie. Wherefore God, *euen* thy God, hathe [k] anoynted thee with ỹ oyle of gladnes aboue thy fellowes.
10 And, *Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast established the earth, and the heauens are the workes of thine hands.
11 They shal perish, but thou doest remaine: and they all shal waxe olde as doeth a garment.
12 And as a vesture shalt thou folde them vp, and they shalbe changed: but thou art the same and thy yeres shal not faile.
13 Vnto which also of the Angels said he at anie time, *Sit at my right hand, til I make thine enemies thy fote stole?
14 Are they not all ministring spirits, sent forthe to minister, for their sakes which shalbe heires of saluation?

a God, who is euer constant, and merciful to his Church, declared his wil in time past, not all at once, or after one sorte, but from time to time, and in sondrie sortes: but now last of all he hathe fully declared all trueth to vs by his Sōne. *Wis.7,26. col.1,14.*
b So that now we may not credit anie new reuelatiōs after him. *Psal.2,7. chap.5,9. act.13,33. 2.Sam.7,14. 2.chro.22.10. Psal.97,8.*
c He entreateth here of Christ, bothe as touching his persone, which is verie God, & verie man, by whome all things are made, and also as touching his office, whereby he is King, Prophet & Priest.
d The liuelie image and paterne, so that he that seeth him, seeth the Father, Iohn 14,9: for els the persone of the Father is not sene, but apprehended by faith.
e So that our sinnes can be purged by none other meanes.
f Muche more then then all other things created.
g Because he was at the time appointed declared to the worlde.
h He compareth the angels to the windes, which are here beneth as Gods messengers. *Psal.104,4.*
i The administration of thy kingdome is iuste. *Psal.45,7.*
k This is met in that that ỹ worde is made flesh, and that the holie Goost was powred on him without measure, ỹ we may all receiue of him euerie one according to his measure. *Psal.102,26.*

CHAP. II.

1 He exhorteth vs to be obedient vnto the new Law which Christ hathe giuen vs, 9 And not to be offended at the infirmitie and lowe degree of Christ, 10 Because it was necessarie that for our sakes he shulde take suche an humble state vpon him, that he might be like vnto his brethren.

1 WHerefore we ought diligētly to giue hede to the things w we haue

heard, lest at anie [a] time we shulde let the slippe.

2 For if the [b] worde spoken by Angels was stedfaste, and euerie transgression, and disobedience receiued a iuste recompense of rewarde,

3 How shal we escape, if we neglect so [c] great saluation, which at the first began to be preached by the Lord, and *afterwarde* was confirmed vnto vs by [d] them that heard him,

4 *God bearing witnes thereto, bothe with signes and wonders, & with diuers miracles, and giftes of the holie Gost, according to his owne wil?

5 For he hathe not put in subiection vnto the Angels the [e] worlde to come, whereof we speake.

6 But * one in a certeine place witnessed, saying, [f] What is man, that thou shuldest be mindeful of him! or the sonne of man that thou woldest consider him!

7 Thou madest him a litle inferior to the Angels: thou crownedst him with [g] glorie and honour, and hast set him aboue the workes of thine hands.

8 *Thou hast put all things in subiection vnder his fete. And in that he hathe put all things in subiection vnder him, he left nothing that shulde not be subiect vnto him. [h] But we yet se not all things subdued vnto [i] him.

9 But we se Iesus [k] crowned with glorie & honour, which was made a litle inferior to the Angels, through the suffering of death, that by Gods grace he might taste death for all men.

10 For it became him, for whome *are* all things, and by whome *are* all things, seing that he broght manie children vnto glorie, that he shulde consecrate the [l] Prince of their saluation through [m] afflictions.

11 For he that sanctifieth, & they which are sanctified, are all [n] of one: wherefore he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 Saying, * I wil declare thy Name vnto my [o] brethrē: in the middes of the Church wil I sing praises to thee.

13 And againe, * I wil put my [p] trust in him. And againe, * [q] Beholde, here am I, and the children which God hathe giuen me.

14 Forasmuche then as the children were partakers of flesh and bloode, he also him self likewise toke parte with them, that he might destroye * through death, him that had the power of death, that is the deuil,

15 And that he might deliuer all thē, which for feare of [r] death were all their life time subiect to bondage.

16 For he in no sorte toke the [s] Angels, but he toke the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore [t] in all things it became him to be made like vnto his brethrē, that he might be merciful, and a faithful high Priest in things concerning God, that he might make reconciliation for the sinnes of the people.

18 For in that he [u] suffered, and was tempted, he is able to sucker them that are tempted.

CHAP. III.

1 He requireth them to be obedient vnto the worde of Christ. 5 Who is more worthie then Moses. 12 The punishement of suche as wil harden their hearts, and not beleue, that they might haue eternal rest.

1 THerefore, holie brethren, partakers of the heauenlie vocatiō, [a] consider the Apostle and high Priest of our [b] profession Christ Iesus:

2 Who was faithful to him that hathe appointed [c] him, euen as * Moses *was* in all his house.

3 For this man is counted worthie of more glorie then Moses, inasmuche as he which hathe buylded the house, [d] hathe more honour then the house.

4 For euerie house is buylded of some man, & he that hathe buylt all things, *is* [e] God.

5 Now Moses verely was faithful in all his house, as a seruant, for a witnes of ỹ things which shulde be spoken after.

6 But Christ *is* as the Sonne, ouer his owne house, whose [f] house we are, if we holde fast the confidence and the reioycing of the hope vnto the end.

7 Wherefore, as the holie Gost saith, * To day if ye shal heare his voyce,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the [g] prouocation, according to the day of the tentation in the wildernes,

9 Where your fathers tempted me, proued me, and sawe my workes fortie yeres long.

10 Wherefore I was grieued with that generation, and said, They erre euer in *their* heart, nether haue they knowen my wayes.

11 Therefore I sware in my wrath, [h] If thei shal enter into my [i] rest.

12 Take hede, brethren, lest at anie time there be in anie of you an euil heart, and vnfaithful, to departe away from the liuing God.

13 But exhorte one another daily, while it is called [k] To day, lest anie of you be hardened through the deceitfulnes of sinne.

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we kepe sure vnto the [l] end the "beginning, wherewith we are vpholden,

15 So long as it is said, "To day if ye heare his voyce, harde not your hearts, as in the prouocation.

16 For some when they heard, prouoked [m] him to angre: howbeit, not all that came out

a We must diligently kepe in memorie the doctrine, which we haue learned, lest like vessels ful of chappes we leake, and runne out on euerie parte.

b Which was the Law giuen to Moses by the hands of the Angels, Gal.3, 19. act. 7.53. *Mat.16,20.*

c As the Gospel is which onely offereth saluation.

d That is, the Apostles.

e Which Esai calleth the new heauens, and the newe earth, chap 65, 17. whereof Christ is the father, Isa 9,6. that is, the head of vs his members. *Psal 8,5.*

f He speaketh here chiefly of the faithful, which are made through Christ citizēs of ỹ worlde to come where they shal enioye ẅ their prince all these things ẅ now they haue onely but in parte. *Mat.28.18. 1.cor.15,27. phil.2,8.*

g In making him fellowe heire ẅ Christ

h To them ẅ obiect ỹ they se not these things accomplished in mā. the Apostle ānswereth that they are fulfilled in Christ our captaine who leadeth his to the same glorie ẅ him. *Psal.22,25.*

i To man, as he is of Christ.

k By his vertue which moste manifestly appeareth in the Church. *Psal.18,3. Isa.8,18. Hose.13,14. 1.cor.15,55.*

l Iesus Christ by hūbling hī self & taking vpon him the forme of a seruāt, ẅ was our flesh, & mortalitie, giueth vs assurāce of our saluation.

m Therefore we by afflictiōs are made like to the Sōne of God. n The head & the mēbers are of one nature: so Christ ẅ sanctifieth vs, & we ỹ are sanctified, are all one by the vnion of our flesh. o This proueth Christs humanitie. p Meaning, that Christ touching his humanitie put his trust in God. q Isai speaketh this of him self, & his disciples, but properly it is applied to Christ ỹ head of all ministres. r And Gods angre.

s Not the nature of Angels but of man.

t Not onely as touching nature, but also qualities, onely sinne except.

u Forasmuche as he is exercised in our miseries, we may be assured, that at all times in our tentations he wil sucker vs.

a Take hede to his wordes & receiue him.

b Of that doctrine ẅ we beleue, & ought to confesse.

c To be the ambassadour & high Priest. *Nomb.12,7.*

d Moses was but parte of ỹ house, ỹ is, of ỹ Church whereof ỹ pastours are the liuelie stones, but Christ buylded it, & layed the stones: therefore he deserueth more praise.

e That is Christ: for Christ is ỹ fundation, & head of his Church: he is our brother, & Lord: he is the Sonne of God, & verie God, working all things by his owne power.

f For in obeying the Sonne we are made the house of God. *Psal.95,8. chap.4,7.*

g As when ye prouoked Gods anger in Massa and Meriba, Exod.17,7.

h Meaning by this othe that they shulde not enter.

i As disobeīg God, they in olde time were debarred frō ỹ quietnes of the land of Chanaā: sothei ẅ do not obey Christ, shal not enter into the heauenlie rest.

k Which is all ỹ time wherein God doeth call vs: while he therefore speaketh, let vs heare.

l Which is by faith to embrace, and holde fast ỹ true doctrine of Iesus Christ.

"Or, fundatiō of our assurance.

m To wit, the Lord.

out of Egypt by Moſes.

17 But with whome was he diſpleaſed forty yeres? Was he not diſpleaſed with thē that ſinned, * whoſe "carkeiſes fell in the wildernes?

*Nom. 14,37.
"Or, bodies and members.

18 And to whome ſware he that they ſhulde not enter into his reſt, but vnto them, that obeyed not?

19 So we ſe that they colde not enter in becauſe of vnbeliefe.

CHAP. IIII.

2 The worde without faith is vnprofitable. 3 The Sabbath or reſt of the Chriſtians. 6 Puniſhement of vnbeleuers. 12 the nature of the worde of God.

1 LEt vs feare therefore, leſt at anie time by forſaking the promes of entring into his reſt anie of you ſhulde ſeme to be depriued.

a He compareth the preaching of the Goſpel, as it were, to wine, whereof if we wil taſte, that is, heare & vnderſtand with ẏ fite, we muſt tēper or mixe it with faith.

2 For vnto vs was the Goſpel preached as alſo vnto them: but the worde that they heard, profited not them, becauſe it was not [a] mixed with faith in thoſe that heard it.

*Pſal. 95, 11.

3 For we which haue beleued, do enter into reſt, as he ſaid *to the other*, * As I haue ſworne in my wrath, If [b] they ſhal enter into my reſt: although [c] the workes were finiſhed from the fundation of the worlde.

b Although ẏ God by his reſt, after the creation of his workes, ſignified the ſpirituall reſt of the faithful, yet he ſware to giue reſt in Chanaā which was but a figure of the heauenlie reſt, and dured but for a time.

4 For he ſpake in a certeine place of the ſeuenth day on this wiſe, * And God did reſt the ſeuenth day from all his workes.

*Gene. 2, 2. deu. 5, 14.

5 And in this place againe, If they ſhal enter into my reſt.

6 Seing therefore it remaineth that ſome muſt enter thereinto, and they to whome it was firſt preached, entred not therein for vnbeleſes ſake:

Chap. 3, 7.

c The perfection of Gods workes, and ſo his reſt, ſignifie our heauēlie reſt.

7 Againe he appointed [d] in Dauid a certeine day by To day, after ſo long a time, ſaying, as it is ſaid, * This day if ye heare his voyce, harden not your hearts.

d That is, in the pſalmes.

8 For [e] if Ieſus had giuen them reſt, then wolde he not after this day haue ſpoken of another.

e Meaning Ioſhua.

9 There remaineth therefore a reſt to the people of God.

10 For he that is entred into his reſt, [f] hathe alſo ceaſed from his owne workes, as God *did* from his.

f Hathe caſt of his appetites, mortified his fleſh, renoūced him ſelf, and followeth God.

11 Let vs ſtudie therefore to entre into that reſt, leſt anie man fall after the ſame enſample of diſobedience.

g For it mortally woūdeth the rebellious, and in ẏ elect it killeth the olde man that they ſhulde liue vnto God.

12 For the worde of God *is* liuelie, & mightie in operation, and ſharper then anie two edged ſworde, & [g] entreth through, euen vnto the diuiding a ſonder of the [h] ſoule & the [i] ſpirit, and of the ioynts, & the marie, and is a diſcerner of the thoghtes and the intentes of the heart.

h Where the affections are.

i Which conteineth wil & reaſon.

13 Nether is there anie creature, which is not manifeſt in his ſight: but all things *are* naked & [k] open vnto his eyes, "with whome we haue [l] to do.

k As that thig which is cleaf & ſunder euen through the middes of the backe, and ſo is made opē that it may be ſene throughout

"Or, *concerning whome we ſpeake.* l Therefore when we heare his worde, we muſt tremble, knowing thereby that God ſoundeth our hearts.

14 Seing thē that we haue a great hie Prieſt, which is entred into heauen, *euen* Ieſus the Sonne of God, let vs holde faſt our profeſsion.

15 For we haue not an hye Prieſt, which can not be touched with the feling of our infirmities, but was in all things tempted in like ſorte, *yet* without ſinne.

16 Let vs therefore go boldely vnto ẏ throne of grace, that we may receiue mercie, & finde grace to helpe in time of nede.

CHAP. V.

1 He compareth Ieſus Chriſt with the Leuitical Prieſts, ſhewing wherein they ether agre or diſſent. 11 Afterwarde he reproueth the negligence of the Iewes.

1 FOr euerie hie Prieſt is taken from among men, and is [a] ordeined for men, in things perteining to God, that he may offer bothe [b] giftes & [c] ſacrifices for ſinnes,

a He ſheweth ẏ man cā haue none acces to God without an hie Prieſt, becauſe that of him ſelf he is prophane & ſinful.

b Which were of things without lif.

c As of beaſts which are killed.

2 Which is able ſufficiently to haue cōpaſſion on them [d] that are ignorant, & that are out of the way, becauſe that he alſo is cōpaſſed with infirmitie,

d That is, of ſinners.

3 And for the ſames ſake he is bonde to offer for ſinnes, as wel for his owne parte, as for the peoples.

*1. Chro. 13, 10.

4 * And no man taketh this honour vnto him ſelf, but he that is called of God, as *was* Aaron.

5 So likewiſe Chriſt toke not to him ſelf this honour, to be made the hie Prieſt, but he that ſaid vnto him, * Thou art my Sonne, this day begate I thee, *gaue it him.*

*Pſal. 2, 7. chap. 1, 5.

6 As he alſo in another place ſpeaketh, * Thou art a Prieſt for euer after the [e] order of Melchi-ſedec.

*Pſal. 110, 4. chap. 7, 17.

e Who was bothe the Prieſt and King.

7 Which in the [f] dayes of his fleſh did offer vp prayers and ſupplications, with [g] ſtrong crying and teares vnto him, that was able to ſaue him from death, and was alſo heard [h] in that which he feared.

f Whē he liued in this worlde.

g He meaneth that moſt earneſt prayer ẏ Chriſt prayed in the garden where he ſwet droppes of blood.

h Being in perplexitie & fearing the horrors of death.

8 And thogh he were the Sonne, yet learned he obedience, by the things which he ſuffred.

9 And being conſecrate was made the autor of eternal ſaluation vnto all them that obey him:

10 And is called of God an hie Prieſt after the order of Melchi-ſedec.

11 [i] Of whome we haue many things to ſay, which are hard to be vttered, becauſe ye are dull of hearing.

i He digreſſeth til he come to the begīning of the 7. chap.

12 For when as cōcerning the time ye ought to be teachers, yet haue ye nede againe ẏ we teache you the firſt "principles of the worde of God: and are become ſuche as haue nede of [k] milke, and not of ſtrong meat.

"Or, *rudiments.*

k Read 1. Cor. 3, 2.

13 For euerie one that vſeth milke, is inexperte in the [l] worde of righteouſnes: for he is a babe.

14 But ſtrong meat belongeth to them that are of age, which through lōg cuſtome ha-

l That is, the Goſpel which is ẏ true knowledge that teacheth vs wherewe haue our iuſtice.

ue their wittes exerciſed, to diſcerne bothe good and euil.

CHAP. VI.

1 He procedeth in reproving them, and exhorteth them not to faint, 12 But to be ſtedfaſt & patient, 18 Foraſmuche as God is ſure in his promes.

1 THerefore, leauing the doctrine of the [a] beginning of Chriſt, let vs be led forward vnto perfection, not laying againe ẏ fundation [b] of repentance from dead workes, and of faith towarde God,

2 Of the doctrine of [c] baptiſmes, & laying on of hands, and of the reſurrection from the dead, and of eternal iudgement.

3 And this wil we do [d] if God permit.

4 *For it is impoſsible that they, which were once lightened, and haue taſted of the heauenlie gift, and were made partakers of the holie Goſt,

5 And haue taſted of the good worde of God, and of the powers of the worlde to come,

6 If they fall away, ſhulde be renued againe by repentance: ſeing they [e] crucifie againe to them ſelues the ſonne of God & make a mocke of him.

7 For the earth which drinketh in the raine that cometh ofte vpon it, and bringeth forthe herbes mete for them by whome it is dreſſed, receiueth bleſsing of God.

8 But that which beareth thornes & briars, *is* reproued, and is nere vnto curſing, whoſe end *is* to be burned.

9 But beloued, we haue perſuaded our ſelues better things of you, and ſuche as accompanie ſaluation, thogh we thus ſpeake.

10 For God *is* not vnrighteous, that he ſhulde forget your worke, and labour of loue, which ye ſhewed towarde his Name, in that ye haue miniſtred vnto the Saintes, & *yet* miniſter.

11 And we deſire that euerie one of you ſhewe the ſame diligence, to the [f] ful aſſurance of hope vnto the end,

12 That ye be not ſlothful, but followers of [g] them, which through faith and patience, inherite the promiſes.

13 For whē God made the promes to Abraham, becauſe he had no greater to ſweare by, he ſware by him ſelf,

14 Saying, *Surely I wil abundantly bleſſe thee and multiplie thee marueilouſly.

15 And ſo after that he had taryed paciently, he enioyed the promes.

16 For men verely ſweare by him that is greater *then them ſelues*, and an othe for confirmation is among them an end of all ſtrife.

17 So God willing more [h] abundantly to ſhewe vnto the heires of promes the ſtablenes of his counſel, bound him ſelf by an othe,

18 That by [i] two immutable things, wherein it is vnpoſsible that God ſhulde lye, we might haue ſtrong conſolation, which haue our refuge to holde faſt the hope that is ſet before vs,

19 Which we haue, as an ancre of the ſoule, bothe ſure and ſtedfaſt, & it [k] entreth into that which is within the [l] vaile,

20 Whether the forerunner is for vs entred in, *euen* Ieſus that is made an hie Prieſt for euer after the order of Melchi-ſedec.

CHAP. VII.

1 He compareth the Prieſthode of Chriſt vnto Melchi-ſedec. 11 Alſo Chriſts Prieſthode with the Leuites.

1 FOr this Melchi-ſedec *was* King of Salem, the Prieſt of the moſt hie God, who met Abraham, as he returned frō the ſlaughter of the Kings, and bleſſed him: *Gen.14.18.*

2 To whome alſo Abraham gaue the tithe of all things: who firſt is by interpretation King of righteouſnes: after that, *he is* alſo King of Salem, that is, King of peace,

3 Without [a] father, without mother, without kinred, and hathe nether beginning of *his* dayes, nether end of life: but is likened vnto the Sonne of God, and continueth a Prieſt for euer.

4 Now conſider how great this man *was*, vnto whome euen the [b] Patriarke Abrahā gaue the tithe of the ſpoiles.

5 For verely they which are the children of Leui, which receiue the office of the Prieſthode, haue a [c] commandement to take, according to the Law, tithes of the people (that is, of their brethren) thogh they [d] came out of the loynes of Abraham.

6 But he whoſe kinred is not counted amōg them, [e] receiued tithes of Abraham, and bleſſed him that had the promiſes.

7 And without all contradiction the leſſe is bleſſed of the greater.

8 And here mē that dye, receiue tithes: but there he *receiueth them*, of whome it is witneſſed, that he [f] liueth.

9 And to ſay as the thing is, Leui alſo which receiueth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loines of his father *Abraham*, when Melchi-ſedec met him.

11 If therefore perfection had bene by the Prieſthode of the Leuites (for vnder it the Law was eſtabliſhed to the people) what neded it furthermore, that another Prieſt ſhulde riſe after the order of Melchi-ſedec, & not to be called after the order of Aaron?

12 For if the Prieſthode be changed, then of neceſsitie muſt there be a change of the [g] Law.

13 For he of whome theſe things are ſpokē, perteineth vnto an other tribe, whereof no man ſerued at the aultar.

14 For it is euident, that our Lord ſprong out of Iuda, concerning the which tribe

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a That is, the firſt rudiments of our Chriſtian religion.

b He mencioneth fiue poīts of the catechiſme, ẅ was then in vſe: ẏ confeſsion of amēdement of life: the ſame of the faith: a brief explication of Baptiſme, and laying on of hands: ẏ article of the reſurrection, & the laſt iudgement. *Mat.12.45. 2.pet.2,20. chap.10,26.*

c Then the vſe of baptiſme was declared when on the ſolemne dayes appointed to baptize the Church came together.

d It is Gods ſingular gift to increaſe in knowledge, & to go forward in the vnderſtanding of Gods worde.

e They which are apoſtats, & ſinne againſt ẏ holy Goſt, hate Chriſt, crucifie & mocke him, but to their owne deſtruction, & therefore fall into deſperation, & cā not repēt.

f Whereby it may appeare, that you are fully perſuaded of life euerlaſting.

g As the holie fathers, Prophetes & martyrs, that were before vs.

Gen.22,3. & 17,4. & 22,16.

h Becauſe of mans wickednes, which wil not beleue God except he ſweare.

i Gods worde & othe, are two things in him vnchangeable.

k He returneth to the compariſon betwene Chriſts Prieſthode & the Leuitical which he had begon in the 5. chap.

l Which is heauen whether Chriſt is gone before to prepare vs place.

a So called, becauſe that Moſes maketh no mention of his parentsor kinſfolkes, but as he had bene ſuddenly ſent of God into ẏ worlde to be a figure of Chriſt & euerlaſting Prieſt, & ſhortely taken out of the world againe, ſo Chriſt as touching his humanitie had no father, and concerning his diuinitie, no mother *Nom.18,19. deu.18,1. ioſ.14,1.*

b That is, the chief of fathers.

c The Leuites had commandemēt to receiue that, which Abraham gaue frely to Melchi-ſedec.

d Was begotten of Abraham.

e The Leuites receiued tithes of their brethren, but Melchi-ſedec of Abraham, the patriarke: therefore his prieſthode is more excellēt then the Leuitical.

f Becauſe there is no mentiō of his death.

g The Lawe and ẏ Prieſthode are bothe of one condition: ſo that bothe Aarons & Moſes office perteine to Chriſt, which is Prieſt & Lawmaker.

be Moses spake nothing, touching the Priesthode.

15 And it is yet a more euident thing, because that after the similitude of Melchisedec, there is risen vp another Priest,

16 Which is not made *Priest* after the Law [h] of the carnal commandement, but after the power of the endles life.

17 For he testifieth *thus*, *Thou art a Priest for euer, after the order of Melchi-sedec.

18 For the commandement that went afore, is disanulled, because [i] of ỹ weakenes thereof, and vnprofitablenes.

19 For the Law made nothing perfite, but [g] the bringing in of a better hope *made perfite*, whereby we drawe nere vnto God.

20 And forasmuche as it is not without an othe (for these are made Priests without an othe:

21 But this, he *is made* with an othe by him that said vnto him, *The Lord hathe swor ne, & wil not repent, Thou art a Priest for euer, after the order of Melchi-sedec)

22 By so muche is Iesus made a suretie of a better "Testament.

23 And amõg thẽ many were made Priests, because they were not suffred to endure, by the reason of death.

24 But this man, because he endureth euer, hathe an [k] euerlasting Priesthode.

25 Wherefore, he is able also [l] perfitely to saue them that come vnto God by him, seing he euer liueth, to make intercession for them.

26 For suche an hie Priest it became vs to haue, *which is* holie, harmeles, vndefiled, separate from sinners, and made hier then the heauens:

27 Which neded not daily as those hie Priests to offer vp sacrifice, * firste for his owne sinnes, and then for the peoples: for that did he [m] once, when he offred vp him self.

28 For the Law maketh men hie Priests, which haue infirmitie: but ỹ worde of the othe that was [n] since the Law, *maketh* the Sonne, who is consecrated for euermore.

h Which stode in outwarde and corporal ceremonies.

Psal.110,4.

chap.5,6.

i For ỹ Lawe hathe no vertue nor profite til a man become to Christ.

g Or, it was an introduction of a better hope.

Psal.110,4.

k Therefore all others are blasphemous, ỹ ether make them selues his successors, or pretende any other sacrifice.

l The frute of his Priesthode is to saue & that fully and perfectly, not by supplying that ỹ wanteth, but by taking away the Lawe which is vnperfect by reason of our infirmities.

m And can not without blasphemie be said to be offered againe, or els by any creature: for none colde offre him, but him self.

Leu.16,3.

n Not that it was first made after the Lawe was giuen: but because the declaration of ỹ eternal othe was thẽ reuealed to the worldg.

CHAP. VIII.

6 He proueth the abolishing aswel of the Leuitical Priesthode, as of the olde Couenant by the spirtual & euerlasting Priesthode of Christ. 8 And by the new Couenant.

1 NOw of the things which we haue spoken, *this is* the summe, that we haue suche an hie Priest, ỹ sitteth at the right hand of the throne of the maiestie in heauens,

2 And *is* a minister of the [a] Sanctuarie, and of the true [b] Tabernacle which the Lord pight, and not [c] man.

3 For [d] euerie hie Priest is ordeined to offer bothe giftes and sacrifices: wherefore it was of necessitie, that this man shulde haue somewhat also to offer.

4 For he were not a Priest, if he were on the earth, seing there are Priests that according to the Law offer giftes,

5 Who serue vnto the paterne & shadowe of heauenlie things, as Moses was warned by God, when he was about to finish the Tabernacle. *See, said he, that thou make all things according to ỹ [e] paterne, shewed to thee in the mount.

6 But now *our hie Priest* hathe obteined a more excellent office, in asmuche as he is the Mediatour of a better "Testament, which is established vpõ better promises.

7 For if that first *Testament* had bene fautteles, no place shulde haue bene soght for the seconde.

8 For in rebuking them he saith, *Behold, the dayes wil [f] come, saith the Lord, when I shal make with the house of Israel, and with the house of Iuda a new Testamẽt:

9 Not like the Testamẽt that I made with their fathers, in the day that I toke them by the hãd, to leade them out of the land of Egypt: for they [h] continued not in my Testament, and I regarded thẽ not, saith the Lord.

10 For this is the Testamẽt that I wil make with ỹ house of Israel, After those dayes, saith the Lord, I wil put my lawes in their minde, and in their heart I wil write them, and I wil be their God, and they shalbe my people,

11 And they shal not [i] teache euerie man his neighbour & euerie man his brother, saying, Knowe ỹ Lord: for all shal knowe me, from the least of thẽ to the greatest of them.

12 For I wil be merciful to their vnrighteousnes, and I wil remember their sinnes and their iniquities no more.

13 In that he saith a newe *Testament*, he hathe abrogate the olde: now that [g] is disanulled & waxed olde, is readie to vanish away.

Exod 25, 40. act.7,44.

e Seing the offerings of the Leuites were but shadowes of heauenlie things, as appeareth by the oracle to Moses, it foloweth then ỹ Christs heauenlie Sanctuarie, his Tabernacle and office are farre more excellẽt.

Or, couenant.

Ier.31,31. rom.11,27. chap.10,16.

f That is, whẽ Christ shal remit our sinnes by the preaching of the Gospel.

g Signifying ỹ there shulde be no more diuision, but all shal be made one Church.

h Man by trãsgressing the bãdes of the Couenant, colde not enioye the cõmoditie thereof.

i Men shal not in the time of the Gospel be so ignorant as they were before, but shal knowe God muche more perfitely through Christ.

CHAP. IX.

1 How that the Ceremonies and sacrifices of the Lawe are abolished. 11 By the eternitie and perfection of Christs sacrifice.

1 THen the first "*Testament* had also "ordinances of religion, and a [a] worldlie Sanctuarie.

2 For the first * Tabernacle was made, wherein was the candlesticke, and the table, & the shewbread, which *Tabernacle* is called the Holie places.

3 And after the [b] seconde vaile *was* the Tabernacle, which is called the Holiest of all,

4 Which had the golden sensor, and the Arke of the Testament ouerlaide rounde about with gold, wherein the golden pot

Or, Tabernacle

Or, ceremonies.

a Not heauenlie and spirtual.

Exod.26,1. & 36,1.

b That is, on the inwarde side of the vaile which was hid from the people.

a That is, heauen.

b Which is ỹ bodie of Christ

c For els it shulde be corruptible.

d He proueth that Christs bodie is the true Tabernacle, and that he muste nedes be made man, to the intent that he might haue a thing tõ offre, which was his bodie.

which had manna, was, and *Aarons rodde that had budded, and the * tables of the Teſtament.

Num.17,10. 1.King.8,9. 2.chron.5,10.

5 *And ouer the Arke were the glorious Cherubims, ſhadowing the [f] mercie ſeat: of which things we wil not now ſpeake particularly.

Exod.25,22.

[f] Or, couer of the arke.

6 Now when theſe things were thus ordeined, the Prieſts went alwayes into the firſt Tabernacle, & accompliſhed the ſeruice.

7 But into the ſecond went the * hie Prieſt alone, once euerie yere, not without blood which he offered for him ſelf, and for the [g] ignorances of the people.

Exo.30,10. Ieui.16,2.

[g] Or, errors.

8 Whereby the holie Goſt this ſignified, that the [c] way into the Holieſt of all was, not yet opened, while as yet the firſt Tabernacle was ſtanding,

c For ſo long as ỹ hie Prieſt offered once a yere for his owne ſinnes & for ỹ peoples, and alſo while this earthlie tabernacle ſtode, the way to the heauēlie Tabernacle, which is made open by Chriſts blood, colde not be entred into.

9 Which was a figure for the time preſent, wherein were offred giftes and ſacrifices that colde not make [h] holie, concerning the cōſcience, [d] him that did the ſeruice,

[h] Or, perfect. d Nether yet him for whome they were offred.

10 Which onely ſtode in meats and drinkes, and diuers waſhings, and [e] carnal rites, vntil the time of [f] reformation.

e Which ceremonies although they were ordeined of God, yet conſidered in them ſelues, or els cōpared with Chriſt, are but carnal, groſſe, and earthlie & touche not the ſoule. *Leu.16,14. num 19.4. 2.Pet.1,19. 1.ioh 1,9. reuel.1,5.*

f Til the newe teſtament was appointed. *Luk.1,74.*

11 But Chriſt being come an hie Prieſt of good things to come, by a greater and a more perfite [g] Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this buylding,

g Which was his bodie and humane nature *Rom.5,6. 1.pet.3,18.*

12 Nether by the blood of goates and calues: but by his owne blood entred he in once vnto the [h] holie place, [i] and obteined eternal redemption *for vs*.

h Which is heauen. i For Chriſt was the ſacrifice, the Tabernacle and the Prieſt.

13 *For if the [k] blood of bulles & of goates & the aſhes of an heifer, ſprinkling thē that are vncleane, ſanctifieth as touching the purifying of the [l] fleſh,

Gal.3,15.

k The Leuitical Prieſt offered beaſts blood: but Chriſt the true and eternal Prieſt offered his owne blood, which was moſte holie and pure: the Leuitical Prieſt offred yerely, and therefore did onely repreſent the true holines: but Chriſt by one onely ſacrifice hathe made holie for euer all thē that beleue. l Outwardely in the ſight of man. m Which of thē ſelues procure death & are the frutes thereof. n Made betwene God and Chriſt, who by his death ſhulde make vs heires. o He proueth that Christ muſt dye, becauſe the couenant or teſtamēt is of none effect without the dearth of the teſtator. p Without the death of beaſtes that were ſacrificed w̄ ſignified, that Chriſt wolde pacifie his Fathers wrath with his blood.

14 How muche more ſhal ỹ *blood of Chriſt which through the eternal Spirit offred him ſelf without ſpot to God, purge your conſcience from [m] dead workes, to * ſerue the liuing God?

15 And for this cauſe is he the Mediatour of the new Teſtamēt, that through *death which was for the redēption of the tranſgreſsions *that were* in the [n] former Teſtament, they which were called, might receiue the promes of eternal enheritance.

16 For where a teſtament *is*, there muſt be the death of him that made the teſtamēt.

17 *For the [o] teſtament is confirmed when men are dead: for it is yet of no force as long as he that made it, is a liue.

18 Wherefore nether was the firſt ordeined without [p] blood.

19 For when Moſes had ſpoken euerie precept to the people, according to the Law, he toke the blood of calues and of goates, with water and purple wolle and hyſſope, and ſprinkled bothe the boke, and all the people,

20 *Saying, This is the blood of the Teſtament, which God hathe appointed vnto you.

Exo 24,8.

21 Moreouer, he ſprinkled likewiſe the Tabernacle with blood alſo, and all the miniſtring veſſels.

22 And almoſt all things are by the Law purged with blood, and without ſheading of blood is no remiſsion.

23 It was then neceſſarie, that the ſimilitudes of heauēlie things ſhulde be purified with ſuche things: but the heauenlie things thē ſelues *are purified* with better [q] ſacrifices then are theſe.

q Albeit there is but one ſacrifice, which is Chriſt him ſelfe once offered, yet becauſe this true & eternal ſacrifice is cōpared with all thoſe which were figuratiue, & is mooſt ſufficiēt then all they, therefore he calleth it in the plural nōber, ſacrifices.

24 For Chriſt is not entred into the holie places that are made with hands, which are [r] ſimilitudes of the true *Sanctuarie*: but *is entred* into very heauen, to appeare now in the ſight of God for vs,

[r] Or, patternes.

25 Not that he ſhulde offer him ſelf [s] often, as the hie Prieſt entred into the Holie place euerie yere with other blood,

r Therefore to make any other offrig or ſacrifice for ſinne after that Chriſts bodie was once offred, is blaſphemie.

26 (For then muſt he haue often ſuffred ſince the fundacion of the worlde) but now in the [t] end of the worlde hathe he appeared once to put away ſinne, by the ſacrifice of him ſelf.

s Which is the latter daies when Chriſt came. *Rom.5,8. 1.pet.3,18.*

27 And as it is appointed vnto men that they ſhal once dye, and after that *commeth* the iudgement,

t Of the elect.

28 So * Chriſt was once offred to take away the ſinnes of [u] many, and vnto them that loke for him, ſhal he appeare the ſeconde time [w] without ſinne vnto ſaluation.

u That is, without a ſacrifice for ſinne: or ſin abolished.

CHAP. X.

1 The olde lawe had no power to cleanſe awaye ſinne. 10 But Chriſt did it with offering of his bodie once for all. 22 An exhortation to receiue the goodnes of Gōd thankefully with patience and ſtedfaſt faith.

1 FOr the * Lawe hauing the [a] ſhadowe of good things to [b] come, and not the very [c] image of the things, can neuer with thoſe ſacrifices, which they offer yere by yere continually, [d] ſanctifie the commers thereunto.

Leu.16,14.

a Which was as it were the firſt draught and purtrait of the liuelie paterne to come.

b Which are eternal.

2 For wolde they not then haue ceaſed to haue bene offred, becauſe that the offerers once purged, ſhulde haue had no more cōſcience of ſinnes?

c Or, ſubſtance.

3 But in thoſe *ſacrifices* there *is* a remēbrance againe of ſinnes euerie yere.

d Or, make perfite

4 For it is vnpoſsible that the blood of bulles & goates ſhulde *take away ſinnes.

c When Chriſt was made mā. *Leuit.16,14. Pſal.40,7.*

5 Wherefore when he [e] commeth into the worlde, he ſaith, * Sacrifice & offring thou woldeſt not: but a [d] bodie haſt thou ordeined me.

d In the hebrewe it is, thou haſt perced mine eares throwe, that is, haſt made me prompt and ready to heare: and in ỹ greke, thou haſt made me a bodie, that is, to obey thee, which both tende to one purpoſe.

6 In burnt offrings, & ſinne offrings thou haſt had no pleaſure.

7 Then

7 Then I ſaid, Lo, I come (In ỹ beginning of the e boke it is written of me) that I ſhulde do thy wil, ô God.

e Or rolle and folding: for in olde time they vſed to folde bokes like rolles.

8 Aboue, when he ſaid, Sacrifice & offring, and burnt offrings, & ſinne offrings thou woldeſt not haue, nether hadſt pleaſure *therein* (which are offred by the Law)

9 Then ſaid he, Lo, I come to do thy wil, ô God, he taketh away f the firſt, that he may ſtabliſh the g ſeconde.

f That is, ſacrifices

g Which is, ỹ wil of God to ſtand content with Chriſts ſacrifice.

10 By the which wil we are ſanctified, *euen* by the offring of the bodie of Ieſus Chriſt once *made*.

11 And euerie Prieſt appeareth daiely miniſtring, and oft times offreth one maner of offring, which can neuer take awaye ſinnes:

12 But this man after he had offred one ſacrifice for ſinnes, * ſitteth for euer at the right hand of God,

Chap.1,13.

13 And from hence forthe tarieth, * til his enemies be made his foteſtole.

Pſal.110,1. 1.cor.15,25.

14 For with one offring hathe h he conſecrated for euer them that are ſanctified.

chap.1,13.

h That is, ſanctified to God and made perfect

15 For the holie Goſt alſo beareth vs recorde: for after that he had ſaid before,

16 * This *is* the Teſtament that I wil make vnto them after thoſe dayes, ſaith ỹ Lord, I wil put my Lawes in their heart, and in their mindes I wil write them.

Ieremi. 31,33. chap.8,8. rom.11,27.

17 And their ſinnes and iniquities wil I remember no more.

i Where there remaine no ſinnes to be forgiuen, there is no more ſacrifice: ſeing therefore that onely Chriſts death hathe walhed awaye all ſinnes, and doeth euer a freſh whē ſinners do repēt, there can be none other ſacrifice but ỹ, & it can be no more reiterat.

18 Now where i remiſsion of theſe things *is*, there *is* no more k offring for ſinne.

k For the offring of thankeſgiuing, ẇ is ỹ onelie ſacrifice now of ỹ Chriſtians, is not for ſinne: but a thankeſgiuing & an offring vp of our ſelues & ours for the ſame

19 Seing therefore, brethrēn, that by the blood of Ieſus we l may be bolde to enter into the Holie place

l We by Chriſt haue ỹ libertie ẇ the ancient fathers colde not haue by ỹ Law.

20 By the new and m liuing way, which he hathe prepared for vs, through the vaile, that is, his fleſh:

Chap.6,14.

m The blood of Chriſt is alwaies freſh & liuelie before the father to ſprinkle and quicken vs.

21 *And ſeing we haue* an high Prieſt, *which is* ouer the Houſe of God,

22 Let vs drawe nere with a true heart in aſſurāce of faith, n ſprinkeled in our hearts from an euil conſcience, & waſhed in our bodies with pure water.

n That is, hauing our hearts made pure.

23 Let vs kepe the profeſsion of our hope, without wauering (for *he is* faithful that promiſed)

24 And let vs conſider one another, to prouoke vnto loue, and to good workes,

25 Not forſaking the felowſhip that we haue among our ſelues, as the maner of ſome *is*: but let vs exhorte *one another*, & that ſo muche the more, becauſe ye ſe that the o day draweth nere.

o Of Chriſts ſeconde comming.

26 * For if we ſinne p willingly after that we haue receiued the knowledge of the trueth, there remaineth no more ſacrifice for ſinnes,

p That is forſake Ieſus Chriſt.as Iudas, Saul, Arrius, Iulian the apoſtat did.

27 But a feareful loking for of iudgement, & violēt fyre, which ſhal deuoure the aduerſaries.

28 He that deſpiſeth Moſes Law, dyeth without mercie * vnder two, or thre witneſſes.

Deu.19,17. mat.18,16. iohn 8,17. 2.cor.13,1.

29 Of how muche ſorer puniſhmēt ſuppoſe ye ſhal he be worthie, which treadeth vnder fote the Sonne of God, and counteth the blood of the Teſtament as an vnholie thing, wherewith he was ſanctified, and q doeth deſpite the Spirit of grace?

Deu.32,33. rom.12,19.

30 For we knowe him that hathe ſaid, * Vēgeance *belongeth* vnto me: I wil recompenſe, ſaith the Lord. And againe, The Lord ſhal r iudge his people.

q Whereby it is euident that the Apoſtle here onely meaneth of ỹ ſinne, ẇ is againſt the hōlie Goſt, as alſo Chap. 6,4.

r Defend the godlie and puniſh ỹ wicked.

31 It is a feareful thing to fall into ỹ hands of the liuing God.

32 Now call to remembrance the dayes that are paſſed, in the which, after ye had receiued light, ye endured a great fight in afflictions.

33 Partely while you were made a gazing ſtocke bothe by reproches and afflictions, and partely while ye became s companiōs of them which were t ſo toſſed to and fro.

s For ỹ which thing alſo S. Paul praiſeth the Philippiās and Theſſalonians.

t Or, of that ſtate

34 For bothe ye ſorowed with me for my bondes, and ſuffred with ioye the ſpoyling of your goods, knowīg in your ſelues how that ye haue in heauen a better, and an enduring ſubſtance.

35 Caſt not away therefore your confidence which hathe great recompenſe of rewarde.

36 For ye haue nede of pacience, that after ye haue done the wil of God, ye might receiue the promes.

37 * For yet a verie litle while, and he that ſhal come, wil come, and wil not tarie.

Habak.2,4. rom.1,17. gal.3,11.

38 Now the iuſt ſhal liue by faith: but if *anie* withdrawe him ſelf, my ſoule ſhal haue no pleaſure in him.

39 But we are not they which withdrawe our ſelues vnto perdition, but *follow* faith vnto the conſeruation of the ſoule.

CHAP. XI.

1 What faith is, and a cōmendacion of the ſame. 3 Without faith we can not pleaſe God. 16 The ſtedfaſt beleſe of the fathers in olde time.

1 NOw faith is the grounde of things, which are hoped for, & the euidence of things which are not ſene.

Geneſ 1,3. iohn 1,10.

2 For by it *our* elders were wel a reported of.

a Haue bene approued, and ſo obteined ſaluacion.

3 * Through faith we vnderſtand that the worlde was ordēined by ỹ worde of God, ſo that the things which we ſe, are not made of things, which b did appeare.

b For God made all things of nothing.

4 By faith Abel * offred vnto God a greater ſacrifice then Cain, c by * the which he obteined witnes that he was d righteous, God teſtifying of his gifts: by the which *faith* alſo he being dead, yet e ſpeaketh.

c Meaning, faith.

d Becauſe God receiued him to mercie, therefore he imputed hi righteous.

e That is, liueth.

Gen.4,4. Mat.23,35.

5 By faith was * f Enoch taken awaye, that he ſhulde not ſe death: nether was he fo-

f For Enoche & Elias taking vp was ſuche a thing, as is ſpoken of, 1 Cor. 15,51, & 1. theſ. 4,15

Gen.5,24. eccleſ. 44,15. & 49,16.

unde: for God had taken him away: for before he was taken away, he was reported of, that he had pleased God.

6 But without faith it is vnpossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God, must beleue that *God* is, and that he is g a rewarder of them that seke him.

Gen.6,13. ecclesi.44,15.

g First God must finde vs before we can seke him: then we must seke him with a pure heart in Christ, who is reuealed in his worde: & thereby we learne to beleue Gods fre mercie towardes vs in his Sonne, through whome we obteine the reward of his promes, & not of our deserts.

7 By faith * Noe being warned of God of the things which were as yet not sene, moued with reuerence, prepared the Arke to the sauing of his housholde, through the which *Arke* he condemned the worlde, & was made heire of the righteousnes, which is by faith.

Gen.12.4.

8 By faith * Abraham, when he was called, obeyed *God*, to go out into a place, which he shulde afterwarde receiue for inheritãce, and he went out, not knowing whether he went.

9 By faith he abode in the land of promes, as in a strange countrey, as one that dwelt in tentes with Isaac and Iacob heires with him of the same promes.

h For all thigs in the worlde are subiect to corruption.

10 For he loked for a citie hauing a h fundacion, whose buylder and maker is God.

Gen.17,19. & 21,2.

11 Through faith * Sarra also receiued strength to conceiue sede, and was deliuered of a childe when she was past age, because she iudged him faithful which had promised.

12 And therefore sprang there of one, euẽ of one which was i dead, *so manie* as * the starres of the skie in multitude, and as the sand of ỹ sea shore which is innumerable.

Eccles.44,22.

i Euẽ as dead.

k Which was the enioying of the land of Canaan.

13 All these dyed in faith, and k receiued not the promises, but sawe them l a farre of, and beleued *them*, and receiued *them* thankefully, and confessed that they were m strangers and pilgremes on the earth.

l With ỹ eyes of faith.

m And therefore put not their confidence in thigs of this worlde.

14 For they that say suche things, declare plainely that they seke a countrey.

n That is, of Mesopotamia.

15 And if they had bene mindeful of n that *countrey*, from whence they came out, they had leasure to haue returned.

16 But now they desire a better, that is an heauenlie: wherefore God is not ashamed of them to be called their God: for he hathe prepared for them a citie.

Gen.22,10. ecclesi.44,20. Gen 21,12. rom.9,7.

17 By faith * Abraham offred vp Isaac, when he o was tryed, & he that had receiued the promises, offred his onely begotte sonne.

o For it might seme to ỹ flesh ỹ the promes was contrarie to this cõmandemẽt, to sacrifice his sonne.

18 (To whome it was said, * In Isaac shal thy sede be called)

19 For he considered that God was able to raise *him* vp euen from the dead: from whẽce he receiued him also after a sorte.

Gen.27,28.

20 By faith * Isaac blessed Iacob and Esau, concerning things to come.

Gen 49,15.

21 By faith * Iacob when he was a dying, blessed bothe the sonnes of Ioseph, and * "leaning on the end of his staffe, worshiped *God*.

Gen.47,31. oOr, worshiped towarde the end of his staffe.

22 By faith * Ioseph when he dyed, made mention of the departing of ỹ childrẽ of Israel, & gaue cõmandemẽt of his bones.

Gen.50,24.

23 * By faith Moses when he was borne, was hid thre moneths of his parentes, because they sawe he was a proper childe, nether feared they the Kings * commandement.

Exod.2,2. act.7,21. Exod.1,16.

24 By faith * Moses when he was come to age, refused to be called the sonne of Pharaos daughter,

Exod.2,11.

25 And chose rather to suffer aduersitie with the people of God, then to enioy the p pleasures of sinnes for a season,

p The entisings of the worlde, ẅ drawe vs from God, and which we can not vse without prouoking of Gods angre.

26 Esteming the rebuke of Christ greater riches then the treasures of Egypt: for he had respect vnto the recompense of the rewarde.

27 By faith he forsoke Egypt, and feared not the fiercenes of the King: for he endured, as he that sawe him which is inuisible.

28 Through faith he ordeined the * Passeouer and the effusion of blood, lest he that destroyed the first borne, shulde touche them.

Exod.12,22.

29 By faith they * passed through the red sea as by drye land, which whẽ the Egyptiãs had assayed to do, they were drowned.

Exod.14,22.

30 By faith the * walles of Iericho fell downe after they were compassed about seuen dayes.

Iosh.6,20.

31 By faith the harlot * Rahab perished not with them which obeied not, whẽ * she had receiued the spies peaceably.

Iosh.6,23. Iosh.2,1.

32 And what shal I more say? for the time wolde be to short for me to tell of * Geaeon, of * Barac & of * Sampson, & of * Iephte, also of * Dauid, and Samuel, and of the Prophetes:

Iudg 6,11. Iudg.4,6. Iudg.13,24. Iudg.11,1. & 12,7. 1.Sam.1,20. & 13,14.

33 Which through faith subdued kingdomes, wroght righteousnes, obteined the q promises, stopped the mouthes of lyons,

q Or frute therof.

34 Quenched the violence of fyre, escaped the edge of the sworde, of weake were made strong, waxed valiant in battel, turned to flight the armies of the aliantes.

35 The r women receiued their dead raised to life: other also were racked, and wolde not be deliuered, that they might receiue a better resurrection.

r As Elias raised vp ỹ widdowe of Sarephtas sonne, and Eliseus the Sunamites sonne.

36 And others haue bene tryed by mockigs and scourgings, yea, moreouer by bondes and prisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were hewen a sunder, they were tempted, they were slayne with the sworde, they wandered vp and downe in shepes skinnes, and in goates skinnes, being destitute, afflicted, & tormented:

38 Whome the worlde was not worthie of: they wandred in wildernesses and mountaines, & dennes, & caues of the earth.

39 And these all through faith obteined good reporte, & receiued s not ỹ promes,

s Thei had not suche cleare light of Christ as we: for thei loked for that ẅ we haue: therefore it were shame for vs, if at least we haue not as great constancie as thei.

40 God

40 God prouiding a better thing for vs, that they [t] without vs shulde not be made perfite.

For we are all one bodie togethers.

CHAP. XII.

1 An exhortation to be patient and stedfast in trouble & aduersitie, upō hope of euerlasting reward. 25 A commendation of the new Testament aboue the olde.

1 WHerefore, *let vs also, seing that we are compassed with so great a "cloude of witnesses, cast away euerie thig that [a] presseth downe, and the sinne that "[l]angeth so fast on: let vs runne with pacience the race that is set before vs,

Rom.6.4. ephe.4.23. colloss.3.8. 1.pet.2.1.
"Or, multitude.
[a] As riches, cares and suche like, and so to become Christs disciples, by denying our selues, and takingour crosse to followe him.

2 [b] Loking vnto Iesus the autor and finisher of our faith, who for the ioye that was set before him, endured the crosse, and despised the shame, and is set at the right hand of the throne of God.

"Or, so rately cōpasseth vs about
[b] As being our marke.

3 Consider therefore him that endured suche speakig against of sinners, lest ye shulde be wearied and fainte in your mindes.

4 Ye haue not yet resisted vnto blood, striuing against [c] sinne.

[c] Which by reason of our concupiscence assaileth vs on all sides.

5 And ye haue forgotten the consolation, which speaketh vnto you as vnto childrē, *My sonne, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nether faint when thou art rebuked of him.

Prou.3.11. heue.3.17.

6 For whome the Lord loueth, he chasteneth: and he scourgeth euerie sonne that he receiueth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God offreth him self vnto you as vnto sonnes: for what sonne is it whome the father chasteneth not?

8 If therefore ye be without correction, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastardes, and not [d] sonnes.

[d] He concludeth that they which refuse the crosse, denie to be of ỹ nōber of Gods children, but are bastardes.

9 Moreouer we haue had the fathers of our [e] bodies which corrected vs, and we gaue them reuerence: shulde we not muche rather be in subiection vnto the Father of [f] spirits, that we might liue?

[e] Which haue naturally begotten vs.
[f] As he doeth creat our spirits without any worldelie meane, so he doeth instruct and maintein them by the wonderful vertue of his Spirit.

10 For they verely for a fewe dayes chastened vs after their owne pleasure: but he *chasteneth vs* for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holines.

11 Now no chastising for the present semeth to be ioyous, but grieuous: but afterwarde, it bringeth the quiet frute of righteousnes, vnto them which are thereby exercised.

12 Wherefore lift vp *your* hāds which hang downe, and *your* weake knees,

13 And make straight steppes vnto your fete, lest [g] that which *is* halting, be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed.

[g] Their halting partely declared their sloenes, & partely their inconstancie in doctrine: therefore they were in danger to be punished.

14 *Followe peace with all men, and holines, without the which no man shal se the Lord.

Rom.12.18.

15 Take hede, that no man fall away from the grace of God: let no [h] roote of bitternes spring vp and trouble *you*, lest thereby many be defiled.

[h] As heresies or apostasie.

16 Let there be no fornicator, or prophane persone as *Esau, which for a portion of meat solde his byrth right.

Gen.25.33.

17 *For ye knowe how that afterwarde also when he wolde haue inherited the blessing, he was reiected: for he founde no place to [i] repentance, thogh he soght *the blessing* with teares.

Gen.27.38.

[i] He was ful of despite and disdaine, but was not touched with true repentance to be displeased for his sinnes & so seke amendement.

18 For ye are not come vnto the *mounte that [k] might be touched, nor vnto burning fyre, nor to blackenes and darkenes, and tempest,

Exod.19.13. & 20.21
[k] Which might be touched and sene, for as muche as it was material, but God had cōmāded that none shulde touche it.

19 Nether vnto the sounde of a trumpet, and the voyce of wordes, which they that heard it, excused them selues, that the worde shulde not be spoken to them any more.

20 (For they were not able to abyde that *w* was commanded, *Yea, thogh a beast touche the mountaine, it shalbe stoned, or thrust thorowe with a darte:

Exod.19.13.

21 And so terrible was the sight which appeared, that Moses said, I feare & quake.)

22 But ye are come vnto the mounte [l] Sió, and to the citie of the liuing God, the [m] celestial Ierusalem, and to the companie of innumerable [n] Angels,

[l] Whence the worde of God must come.
[m] Which shal be extended through all the worlde.
[n] By the Gospel we are ioyned with the Angels and Patriarkes.

23 And to the cōgregacion of the first borne, which are writen in heauen, & to God the iudge of all, and to the spirits of iust and perfite men,

24 And to Iesus the Mediator of the newe Testament, & to the blood of sprinkeling that speaketh better things then that of *Abel.

Gen.4.10.

25 See that ye despise not him that speaketh: for if they escaped not which refused hī, that spake on [o] earth: muche more shal we *not escape*, if we turne away from him, that *speaketh* from heauen.

[o] Which spake but rudely in comparison of Christ, who preached not the Lawe but the Gospel.

26 Whose voyce then shouke the earth, and now hathe declared, saying, *Yet once more wil I shake, not the earth onely, but also heauen.

Hag.2.7.

27 And this *worde*, Yet once more, signifieth the remouing of those things, which are shaken, as of things which are made *with hands*, that the things which are not shaken, may remaine.

28 Wherefore seing we receiue a kingdome, which can not be shaken, let vs haue grace, whereby we may so serue God, that we may please him with reuerēce and feare.

29 For *euen our God *is a* [p] cōsuming fyre.

Deu.4.24.
[p] To destroy them that resist him.

CHAP. XIII.

1 He exhorteth vs vnto loue, 2 To hospitalitie. 3 To thinke upon suche as be in aduersitie. 4 To maintein wedlocke. 5 To auoide couetousnes. 7 To make muche of them that preache Gods worde. 9 To beware of strange learning. 13 To be content to suffre rebuke with Christ. 15 To be thankeful vnto God. 17 And obedient vnto our gouernours.

Rom.12,10. 1.pet.4,9. Gen.18,3. & 19,2.

1 LEt *brotherlie loue continue.
2 Be not forgetful to lodge ſtrãgers: for thereby ſome haue *receiued Angels into their houſes vnwares.
3 Remember them that are in bondes, as thogh ye were bonde with them: and them that are in affliction, as if ye were alſo *afflicted* in the bodie.
4 [a] Mariage *is* honorable amõg all, and the bed vndefiled: but whoremungers & adulterers God wil iudge.
5 Let your conuerſation be without couetouſnes, and be content with thoſe things that ye haue: for [b] he hathe ſaid, *I wil not faile thee, nether forſake thee:
6 So that we may boldely ſay, *The Lord *is* mine helper, nether wil I feare what mã can do vnto me.
7 Remember them which haue the ouerſight of you, which haue declared vnto you ỹ worde of God: whoſe faith followe, conſidering what hathe bene the end of their conuerſation.
8 Ieſus Chriſt [c] yeſter day, and to day, the ſame alſo *is* for euer.
9 Be not caryed about with diuers & ſtrange [d] doctrines: for it is a good thing that ỹ heart be ſtabliſhed with grace, & not with [e] meates, which haue not profited thẽ that haue bene occupied therein.
10 We haue an altar whereof they haue no autoritie to [f] eate which ſerue in the Tabernacle.
11 *For the bodies of thoſe beaſtes whoſe blood is broght into the Holie place by the hie Prieſt for ſinne, are [g] burnt without the campe.
12 Therefore euen Ieſus, that he might ſanctifie the people with his owne blood, ſuffred without the gate.
13 Let vs go forthe therefore out of the cãpe, bearing his reproche.
14 For here haue we no continuing citie: but we ſeke one to come.
15 Let vs therefore by him offer the ſacrifice of praiſe alwayes to God, that is, the *frute of the lippes, which confeſſe his Name. *Hoſ.14,3.*
16 [h] To do good, & to diſtribute forget not: for with ſuche ſacrifices God is pleaſed.
17 Obey them that haue the ouerſight of you, & ſubmit your ſelues: for they watch for your ſoules, as they that muſt giue accountes, that they may do it with ioye, and not with grief: for that is vnprofitable for you.
18 Pray for vs: for we are aſſured that we haue a good cõſcience in all things, deſiring to liue honeſtly.
19 And I deſire you ſomewhat the more earneſtly, that ye ſo do, that I may be reſtored to you more quickely.
20 The God of peace that broght againe from the dead our Lord Ieſus, the great [i] ſhepherde of ỹ ſhepe, through the blood of the euerlaſting Couenant,
21 Make you perfite in all good workes, to do his wil, working in you that which is pleaſant in his ſight through IESVS CHRIST, to whome *be* praiſe for euer & euer, Amen.
22 I beſeche you alſo, brethren, ſuffre the wordes of exhortation: for I haue writen vnto you in fewe wordes.
23 Knowe that *our* brother Timotheus is deliuered, with whome (if he come ſhortely) I wil ſe you.
24 Salute all them that haue the ouerſight of you, and all the Saintes. They of Italie ſalute you.
25 Grace *be* with you all, Amen.

Written to the Hebrewes from Italie, *and ſent* by Timotheus.

a As incontinencie is a diſeaſe commune to men of all ſortes and degrees, ſo mariage the remedie is offred by ỹ fre mercie of God to all maner of men without reſpect.
b The Lord. *Ioſh.1,9. Pſal.118,6.*
c He was, is, & ſhalbe the fundation of the Church for euer.
d Whatſoeuer doctrine is not according to the ſimple trueth of Gods worde, is ſtrange.
e By reprouig them which ſuperſticiouſly put difference betwixt meats he cõdemneth all the ſeruice which ſtode in ceremonies, cõparing it with the ſpiritual worſhiping, & regeneration. *Leui.6,36. & 16,27.*
f They that sticke to ỹ ceremonies of ỹ Law, can not eate, that is, cã not be partakers of our altar, which is thankeſgiuing and liberalitie, which two ſacrifices or offrings are now onely left to ỹ Chriſtiãs.
g So that the Prieſts had no piece thereof.
h Thankeſgiuing & doing good are our onelie ſacrifices which pleaſe God.
i Read Act.20, 28 and ioh.10, 11.

THE *GENERAL Epiſtle of Iames.

THE ARGVMENT.

IAmes the Apoſtle and ſonne of Alpheus wrote this Epiſtle to the Iewes which were conuerted to Chriſt, but diſperſed throughout diuers countreis, and therefore he exhorteth them to patience and prayer, to embrace the true worde of God, & not to be partial, nether to boaſt of an idle faith, but to declare a true faith by liuelie frutes, to auoide ambition, to bridel the tongue, to rule the affections, to be humble & loue their neighbours, to beware of ſwearing, to vtter their faultes when they haue offended, to praye one for another, and to bring him which is out of the way, to the knowledge of Chriſt.

* That is, writ to no one mã, citie or countrey, but to all the Iewes generally, being now diſperſed

CHAP. I.

2 He exhorteth to reioyce in trouble. 6 To be feruent in prayer with stedfast belief. 17 To loke for all good things from aboue. 21 To forsake all vice, and thankefully to receiue the worde of God. 22 Not onely hearing it, & speaking of it, but to do thereafter in dede. 27 What true religion is.

1 IAMES a seruant of God, & of the Lord IESVS CHRIST, to the twelue Tribes, which are scattred abroade, salutation.

2 My brethrē, counte it exceading ioye, whē ye fall into diuers "tentations,

"Or, afflictions.

3 *Knowing that the [a] trying of your faith bringeth forthe pacience.

Rom.5.3.

a Afflictions trye our faith & ingendre patience.

4 And let pacience haue *her* [b] perfite worke, that ye may be perfite and entier, lacking nothing.

b Our pacience oght to cōtinue to ỹ end til by working it hathe polished vs, & made vs perfect in Christ.

5 If any of you lacke [c] wisdome, let him aske of God, which giueth to all men liberally, and reprocheth no man, and it shalbe giuen him.

c To endure pacietly what soeuer God layeth vpon him.

6 *But let him aske in faith, and wauer not: for he that wauereth, is like a waue of the sea, tost of the winde, and caryed away.

Mat.7.7. mar.11,24. luk.11,9. iohn 14,13. & 16,23.

7 Nether let that man thinke that he shal receiue any thing of the Lord.

8 A [d] "wauering minded man *is* vnstable in all his wayes.

d Douting in doctrine, or of Gods wil.

"Or, double.

9 Let the brother of lowe degree reioyce in that he is [e] exalted:

e That he is called to the companie of Christ and his Angels.

10 Againe he that is riche, in that he is made [f] lowe: for as the flower of the grasse, shal he *vanish away.

Eccles.14,18. isa.40,6. 1 pet.1,24.

f Or contemptible to ỹ world.

11 For *as when* the sunne riseth with heat, then the grasse withereth, and his flower falleth away, & the beautie of the facion of it perisheth: euen so shal the riche man fade away in *all* his "wayes.

Iob 5,17.

"Or, in all his thoghts and dedes.

12 *Blessed *is* the man, that endureth tentation: for when he is tryed, he shal receiue the crowne of life, which the Lord hathe promised to them that loue him.

"Or, moued to euil.

13 Let no man say whē he is "[g] tēpted, I am tēpted of God: for God can not be tēpted with euil, nether tempteth he any man.

g He meaneth now of the inwarde tentations as of our disordered appetites, which cause vs to sinne.

14 But euerie man is tempted, when he is drawne away by his owne concupiscence, and is entised.

15 Then when lust hathe cōceiued, it bringeth forthe sinne, and sinne when it is finished, bringeth forthe death.

h Seing all good things come of God, we oght not to make him the autor of euil.

16 Erre not, my deare brethren.

17 Euerie good [h] giuing, and euerie perfite gift is from aboue, and cōmeth downe frō the Father of lights, with whome is no variablenes, [i] nether shadowing by turning.

i He alludeth vato the sunne which in his course and turning sometime is cleare and bright, sometime darke and cloudie: but Gods liberalitie is euer like it self, bright and continually shining.

18 Of his owne wil begate he vs with the worde of trueth, that we shulde be as the first frutes of his creatures.

19 Wherefore my deare brethren, *let euerie man be [k] swift to heare, slowe to speake, & [l] slowe to wrath.

Prou.17,27.

k That is, prompt to learne.

l For we can not heare God except we be peaceable, & modeste.

20 For the wrath of man doeth not accomplish the [m] righteousnes of God.

m But hindereth Gods worke in vs.

21 Wherefore lay aparte all filthines, & superfluitie of maliciousnes, & receiue with mekenes ỹ worde that is [n] graffed in you, which is able to saue your soules.

n By hearing ỹ worde preached.

22 *And be ye doers of the worde, and not hearers onely, deceiuing your owne selues.

Mat.7,21. rom.2,13.

23 For if anie heare the worde, & do it not, he is like vnto a man, that beholdeth his natural face in a [o] glasse.

o So Gods worde is a glasse wherein we must beholde our selues, & become like vnto him.

24 For when he hathe considered him self, he goeth his way, & forgetteth immediatly what maner of one he was.

25 But who so loketh in the perfit Law of libertie, and continueth *therein*, he not being a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the worke, shalbe blessed [p] in his dede.

p In so behauing him self.

26 If anie man among you semeth religious, and refraineth not his tongue, but deceiueth his owne heart, this mans religion *is* vaine.

27 Pure religion & vndefiled before God, euen the Father, is this, to visite the fatherles, and widdowes in their aduersitie, *and* to kepe him self vnspotted of the worlde.

CHAP. II.

1 He forbiddeth to haue anie respect of persones. 5 But to regarde the poore as wel as the riche. 8 To be louing and merciful. 14 And not to boast of faith where no dedes are. 17 For it is but a dead faith, where good workes followe not.

1 MY brethren, haue not the faith of our glorious Lord Iesus Christ [a] in "respect of persones.

a As esteming faith and religion by the outwarde appearance of men

"Or, acceptation

2 For if there come into your companie a man with a golde ring, and in goodlie apparel, and there come in also a poore man in vile raiment,

3 And ye haue a respect to him ỹ weareth the gaye clothing, and say vnto him, Sit thou here in a good place, & say vnto the poore, Stand thou there, or sit here vnder my foteston,

b That is, are ye not euil affectioned?

4 Are ye not partial in your selues, and are become iudges of euil [b] thoghts?

c Seing God esteemeth thē, we may not contemne thē.

5 Hearken my beloued brethren, hathe not [c] God chosen the poore of this worlde, *that they shulde be* riche in faith, and heires of the kingdome which he promised to them that loue him?

d The Name of God and Christ, wherof you make profession: & in that they dishonour God, it is not mete that you his children shulde honour thē.

6 But ye haue despised the poore. Do not the riche oppresse you by tyrannie, and do not they drawe you before the iudgement seates?

7 Do not they blaspheme the [d] worthie Name after which ye be named?

e Which is here taken prouerbially, for the high or brode way, wherein there is no turnings, and euerie mā as the riche.

8 But if ye fulfil the [e] royal Law according

can go it: so euerie man is our neighbour, as wel the poore

to the Scripture, *which ſaith*, * Thou ſhalt loue thy neighbour as thy ſelf, ye do wel.

9 *But if ye regarde the perſones, ye commit ſinne, and are rebuked of the Law, as tranſgreſſours.

10 For * whoſoeuer ſhal kepe the whole Law, *and* yet faileth in one *point*, he is giltie of all.

11 For he that ſaid, * Thou ſhalt not commit adulterie, ſaid alſo, Thou ſhalt not kill. Now thogh thou doeſt none adulterie, yet if thou killeſt, thou art a tranſgreſſor of the Law.

12 So ſpeake ye, and ſo do, as they that ſhalbe iudged by the Law of [f] libertie.

13 For there ſhalbe iudgement merciles to him that ſheweth no mercie, & mercie [g] reioyceth againſt iudgement.

14 What auaileth it, my brethren, thogh a man ſaith he hathe [h] faith, whē he hathe no workes? can the faith ſaue him?

15 For if a brother or a ſiſter be * naked and deſtitute of dailie fode,

16 And one of you ſay vnto them, Departe in peace: warme your ſelues, and fil your bellies, notwithſtanding ye giue them not thoſe things which are nedeful to the bodie, what helpeth it?

17 Euen ſo the faith, if it haue no workes, is dead in it ſelf.

18 But ſome man might ſay, Thou haſt [i] the faith, & I haue workes: ſhewe me thy faith out of thy "[k] workes, & I wil ſhewe thee my faith by my workes.

19 Thou beleueſt that there is one God: thou doeſt wel: the deuils alſo beleue it, & tremble.

20 But wilt thou vnderſtand, ô thou vaine man, that the faith *which is* without workes, is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father iuſtified through workes, when he offred Iſaac his ſonne vpon the Altar?

22 Seeſt thou not that ỹ faith [l] wroght with his workes? & through the workes was the faith made [m] perfite.

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which ſaith, * Abraham beleued God, and it was imputed vnto him for righteouſnes: & he was called the friend of God.

24 Ye ſe then how that of workes a man is [n] iuſtified, and not [o] of faith onely.

25 Likewiſe alſo was not * [p] Rahab the harlot iuſtified through workes, whē ſhe had receiued the meſſengers, and ſent thē out another waye?

26 For as the bodie without the ſpirit is dead, euen [q] ſo the faith without workes is dead.

Leu.19,18. mat.22,39. mar.12,31. rom.13,9. gal.5,14.

Leu.19,15. deuter.1,17. & 16,19.

Mat.5,19. Exod.20,14. deut.5,18.

f By the mercie of God ỹ deliuereth vs from the curſe of the Lawe.

g And feareth it not.

Luk.3,11. 1.ioh 3,17.

h S. Paul to ỹ Romains and Galatians diſputeth againſt thē, which attributed iuſtification to the workes: & here S. Iames reaſoneth againſt them ẅ vtterly condēne workes: therefore Paul ſheweth the cauſes of our iuſtificatiō, and Iames the effectes: there it is declared how we are iuſtified: here how we are knowen to be iuſtified: there workes are excluded as not the cauſe of our iuſtificatiō: here they are approued as effects proceding thereof: there they are denied to go before them that ſhalbe iuſtified: and here they are ſaid to followe them that are iuſtified.

i In thine owne opinion.

k Or, without workes.

Gen.15,6. rom.4,3. gal.3,6.

k Here deades are conſidered as ioyned with true faith.

Ioſh.2,1.

l So that faith was not ydle.

m The more his faith was declared by his obedience and good workes, the more was it knowen to men to be perfite, as the goodnes of a tre is knowen by her good frute, otherwiſe no man can haue perfectiō in this worlde: for euerie man muſt pray for remiſſion of his ſinnes, & increaſe of faith. n Is ſo knowen & declared to man. o Of that baren and dead faith whereof ye boaſt. p Meaning hereby all thē that were not Iewes and were receiued to grace. q Wherefore we are iuſtified onely by that liuelie faith, which doeth apprehende the mercie of God towarde vs in Ieſus Chriſt.

CHAP. III.

a He forbiddeth all ambition to ſeke honour aboue our brethren. 3 He deſcribeth the properties of the tongue, 15. 16 And what difference there is betwixt the wiſdome of God, and the wiſdome of the worlde.

1 MY brethren, be not [a] manie maſters, knowing that we ſhal receiue the greater condemnation.

2 For in manie things we" [b] ſinne all. * If anie man ſinne not in [c] wordē, he is a perfect man, and able to bridel all the bodie.

3 Beholde, we put bits into the horſes mouthes that they ſhulde obey vs, and we turne about all their bodie.

4 Beholde alſo the ſhippes, which thogh they be ſo great, and are driuen of fierce windes, yet are they turned about with a verie ſmale rudder, whether ſoeuer ỹ gouerner liſteth.

5 Euen ſo the tongue is a litle member, and boaſteth of great things: beholde, how great a thing a litle fyre kindleth.

6 And the tongue is fyre, *yea*, a [d] worlde of wickednes: ſo is the tongue ſet among our members, that it defileth the whole bodie, and [e] ſetteth on fyre the courſe of nature, and it is ſet on fyre of hel.

7 For the whole nature of beaſtes, and of birdes and of creping things, and things of the ſea is tamed and hathe bene tamed of the nature of man.

8 But the tongue can no man tame. *It is* an vnrulie euil, ful of deadelie poyſon.

9 Therewith bleſſe we God euen the Father, and therewith curſe we mē, which are made after the ſimilitude of God.

10 Out of one mouth proceadeth bleſsing and curſing: my brethrē, theſe things ought not ſo to be.

11 Doeth a foũtaine ſend forthe at one place ſwete *water* and bytter?

12 Can the figge tre, my brethren, bring forthe oliues, other a vine figges? ſo cā no fountaine make bothe ſalte water & ſwete.

13 Who is a wiſe man and endued with knowledge among you? let him ſhewe by good conuerſation his workes in mekenes of wiſdome.

14 But if ye haue bitter enuying and ſtrife in your hearts, reioyce not, nether be liers againſt the trueth.

15 This wiſdome deſcendeth not frō aboue, but *is* earthlie, ſenſual, and diueliſh.

16 For where enuying and ſtrife *is*, there *is* ſedition, and all maner of euil workes.

17 But the wiſdome that *is* from aboue, is firſt [f] pure, then peaceable, gentle, eaſie to be entreated, ful of mercie and good frutes without [g] iudging, and without hypocriſie.

18 And the [h] frute of righteouſnes is ſowen in peace, of them that make peace.

a Vſurpe not through ambition autoritie ouer your brethren. *Eccle.14,1. & 19,16. & 25,11.*

b Or ſtomble.

b He that wel conſidereth hī ſelf, ſhal not be rigorous towarde his brethren.

c He that is able to moderate his tōgue, hathe attained to an excellēt vertue.

c Or, matter.

d An heape & ful meaſure of all iniquitie.

e The intemperancie of ỹ tōgue is as a flame of helfyre.

f Without miſtion and diſſimulation.

g And examining things ẅ extreme rigour as hypocrites, who onely iuſtifie them ſelues, & condemne all others.

h So that their life is according to their profeſsion.

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CHAP. IIII.

1 Hauing ſhewed the cauſe of all wrong, and wickednes, and alſo of all graces and goodnes, 4 He exhorteth them to loue God, 7 And ſubmit them ſelues to him, 11 Not ſpeaking euil of their neighbours, 13 But patiently to depend on Gods prouidence.

1 FRom whence *are* warres and contentions among you? are they not hence, *euen* of your luſtes, that [a] fight in your members?

a For the Law of the mébers continually fighteth againſt the Law of the minde.

2 Ye luſte, and haue not: ye enuie, and haue indignation, and can not obteine: ye fight and warre, and get nothing, becauſe ye aſke not.

3 Ye aſke, and receiue not becauſe ye aſke a miſſe, that ye might conſume it on your luſtes.

b He calleth adulterers here after the maner of the Scriptures, thé which preferre the pleaſures of ỹ worlde to the loue of God. *Iohn 2,15.*

4 Ye adulterers and [b] adultereſſes, knowe ye not that the amitie of the worlde is the enimitie of God? * Whoſoeuer therefore wil be a friend of the worlde, maketh him ſelf the enemie of God.

c The imagination of mãs heart is wicked, Gene. 6,5, & 8,21. *Prou. 3,34. 1 Pet. 5,5. Epheſ. 4,27.*

5 Do ye thinke that the Scripture ſaith in vaine, The [c] ſpirit that dwelleth in vs, luſteth after enuie?

6 But *the Scripture* offereth more grace & therefore ſaith, * God reſiſteth the proude, and giueth grace to the humble.

7 * Submit your ſelues to God: reſiſt the deuil, and he wil flee from you.

8 Drawe nere to God, and he wil drawe nere to you. Cleanſe your hands, ye ſinners, & purge your hearts, ye wauering minded.

d The Greke worde ſignifieth that heauines, which is ioyned with a certeine ſhamfaſtnes, as appeareth in the countenance. *1. Pet. 5,6.*

9 Suffer afflictions, and [d] ſorowe ye, and wepe: let your laughter be turned into mourning, and *your* ioye into heauines.

10 * Caſt downe your ſelues before ỹ Lord, and he wil lift you vp.

11 Speake not euil one of another, brethren. He that ſpeaketh euil of his brother, or he that condemneth his brother, ſpeaketh euil of the Law, and [e] condemneth the Law: and if thou condemneſt the Law, thou art not an obſeruer of the Law, but a iudge.

e In vſurping the autoritie of iudging, ỹ is due to the Law. *Rom. 14,4.*

12 There is one [f] Law giuer, which is able to ſaue, & to deſtroye. * Who art thou that iudgeſt another man?

f He ſheweth that this ſeuere iudging of others is to depriue God of his autoritie.

13 Go to now ye that ſay, [g] To day or to morowe we wil go into ſuche a citie, and continue there a yere, and bye and ſel, and get gaine,

g We oght to ſubmit our ſelues to the prouidence of God.

14 (And yet ye can not tel what *ſhalbe* to morowe. For what is your life? It is euen a vapour that appeareth for a litle time, and afterwarde vaniſheth away)

Act. 19,21 1. cor. 4,19.

15 For that ye oght to ſay, * If the Lord wil, and, If we liue, we wil do this or that.

h He anſwereth to them, which ſaid they knewe what was good, but they wolde not do it.

16 But now ye reioyce in your boaſtigs: all ſuche reioycing is euil.

17 Therefore, [h] to him that knoweth how to do wel, and doeth it not, to him it is ſinne.

CHAP. V.

1 He threateneth the wicked riche men, 7 Exhorteth vn to pacience, 12 To beware of ſwearing. 16 One to knowledge his fautes to another. 20 And one to labour to bring another to the trueth.

1 GO to now, ye riche men: wepe, and [a] howle for your miſeries that ſhal come vpon you.

a He menaceth them with the vengeance of God, which ſhal not onely make them to wepe, but to howle and deſpaire.

2 Your riches are corrupt: & your garmẽts are motheaten.

3 Your golde and ſiluer is cankred, and the ruſt of them ſhalbe a [b] witnes againſt you, and ſhal eat your fleſh as *it were* fyre. * Ye haue heaped vp treaſure for ỹ [c] laſt dayes.

b And kindle the wrath of God againſt you. *Rom 2,5.*

c To ſuffice til the end of the worlde.

4 Beholde, the hyre of the laborers, which haue reaped your fields (which is of you kept backe by fraude) cryeth, and the cryes of thẽ which haue reaped, are entred into the eares of the Lord of hoſtes.

5 Ye haue liued in pleaſure on the earth, & in wantõnes. Ye haue nouriſhed your hearts, as in a day of [d] ſlaughter.

d Which were the dayes of the ſacrifices, or feaſts when they vſed to banket & fede more abundatly then other dayes.

6 Ye haue condemned *and* haue killed the iuſte, and he hathe not reſiſted you.

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, vnto the comming of the Lord. Beholde, the houſband man waiteth for the precious frute of the earth, and hathe long pacience for it, vntil he receiue the [e] former, and the latter raine.

e Which is when the corne is ſowen, & a litle before it is mowen.

8 Be ye alſo patient therefore & ſtedfaſte your hearts: for the comming of the Lord draweth nere.

f Be not greiued nor aſke vengeance.

9 [f] Grudge not one againſt another, brethrẽ, leſt ye be condemned: beholde, the iudge ſtandeth before the dore.

g That ỹ must be affirmed, affirme it ſimply and without othe: likewiſe that ỹ must be denied: by this he taketh not from the magiſtrate his autoritie who may require an othe for ỹ maintenance of iuſtice, iudgement, and trueth. *Mat. 5,34.*

10 Take, my brethren, the Prophetes for an enſample of ſuffering aduerſitie, and of long pacience, which haue ſpoken in the Name of the Lord.

11 Beholde, we count thẽ bleſſed which endure. Ye haue heard of the pacièce of Iob, and haue knowẽ what end the Lord *made*. For the Lord is verie pitiful & merciful.

*Or, hypocriſie.

12 But before all things, my brethren, * ſweare not, nether by heauen, nor by earth, nor by anie other othe: but let your [g] yea, be yea, and *your* naye, naye, leſt ye fall into "condemnation.

h The gift of healing was then in the Church.

13 [h] Is anie amõg you afflicted? Let him pray. Is anie merie? Let him ſing.

i Which in thoſe dayes was a ſigne of the gift of healing, but now the gift being taken away, ỹ ſigne is to no vſe.

14 Is anie ſicke amõg you? Let him call for the [i] Elders of the Church, and let them praye for him, and anoint him with * oyle in the [k] Name of the Lord. *Mat. 6,13.*

k In calling on the Name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith ſhal ſaue the ſicke, and the Lord ſhal raiſe him vp: and if he haue committed ſinne, it ſhalbe forgiuen him.

l Open that ỹ greueth you, ỹ a remedie may be founde: and this is cõmanded bothe for him ỹ cõplaineth, & for hi that heareth ỹ the one ſhulde ſhew his griefe to the other.

16 Acknowledge [l] your fautes one to another, & praye one for another, that ye may be healed: for the prayer of a righteous man auaileth muche, if it be feruent.

1 King.17.1. eccl48.3. luk.e4.25.

17 *Helias was a man subiect to like passiõs as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not raine, and it rained not on the earth for thre yeres and six moneths.

18 And he prayed againe, and the heauen gaue raine, and the earth broght forthe her frute.

19 Brethren, if anie of you hathe erred frõ the trueth, and some man hathe conuerted him,

20 Let him knowe that he which hathe conuerted the sinner from going astraye out of his way, shal saue a soule from death, and shal hide a multitude of sinnes.

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF PETER.

THE ARGUMENT.

HE exhorteth the faithful to denie them selues, and to contemne the worlde, that being deliuered from all carnal affections and impediments, they may more spedely atteine to the heauenlie kingdome of Christ, whereunto we are called by the grace of God reueiled to vs in his Sonne, and haue already receiued it by faith, possessed it by hope, and are therein confirmed by holines of life. And to the intent this faith shulde not faint, seing Christ contemned and reiected almost of the whole worlde, he declareth that this is nothing els but the accomplishing of the Scriptures which testifie that he shulde be the stombling stone to the reprobate and the sure fundation of saluation to the faithful: therefore he exhorteth them courageously to go forwarde, considering what they were, and to what dignitie God hathe called them. After, he entreateth particular points, teaching subiects how to obey their gouernours, and seruants their masters, and how maried folkes ought to behaue them selues. And because it is appointed for all that are godlie, to suffre persecutions, he sheweth them what good yssue their afflictions shal haue, and contrarie wise what punishment God reserueth for the wicked. Last of all he teacheth how the ministers ought to behaue them selues, forbidding them to vsurpe autoritie ouer the Church: also that yong men ought to be modest, and apt to learne, and so endeth with an exhortation.

CHAP. I.

2 He sheweth that through the abundant mercie of God we are elect and regenerate to a liuelie hope. 7 And how faith must be tried. 10 That the saluation in Christ is no newes, but a thing prophecied of olde. 13 He exhorteth them to a godlie conuersation, forasmuche as they are now borne a newe by the worde of God.

a Which were Iewes to whome he was appointed to be an Apostle.

1 PETER an Apostle of IESVS CHRIST, to a the strangers that dwell here and there throughout Pontus, Galacia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

b The free election of God is the efficient cause of our saluation, the material cause is Christs obedience, our effectual calling is the formal cause, and the final cause is our sanctification.

2 Elect according to the b foreknowledge of God the Father vnto sanctification of the spirit, "through c obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Iesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied vnto you.

*2.Cor.1.3. ephe.1.3.

3 *Blessed *be* God euen the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercie hathe begoten vs againe vnto a d liuelie hope by the resurrectiõ of Iesus Christ from the dead,

"Or, vnto obedience.

c To wit, of Christ.

d For it is but dead & vaine hope which is without Christ

4 To an inheritance immortal and vndefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserued in e heauen for you,

e Therefore they ogbt to loke for no earthlie kingdome of the Messias.

5 Which are kept by the power of God through faith vnto saluation, which is prepared to be shewed in the f last time:

f At the day of iudgement

6 Wherein ye reioyce, thogh now for a ceason (if nede g require) ye are in heauines, through manifolde tentations,

g And nede doeth so require, when it pleaseth God to lay his crosse vpõ his, for to drawe thẽ from earthlie things & make them partakers of his heauenlie graces.

7 That the trial of your faith, being muche more precious then golde that perisheth (thogh it be tryed with fyre) might be foũde vnto *your* praise, & honour and glorie at the h appearing of Iesus Christ:

h At his secõde comming.

8 Whome ye haue not sene, and yet loue *him*, in whome now, thogh ye se him not, yet do you beleue, and reioyce with ioye vnspeakeable and glorious,

9 Receiuing the "end of your faith, *euen* the saluation of your soules.

"Or, rewarde.

10 Of the which saluation the Prophetes haue inquired and searched, which prophecied of the grace that shulde come vnto you,

11 Searching when or what time the Spirit which testified before of Christ which was in them, shulde declare the suffrings *that shulde come* vnto Christ, and the glorie that shulde followe.

12 Vnto whome it was reueiled, that i not vnto them selues, but vnto vs they shulde minister the things which are now shewed vnto you by them which * haue preached vnto you the Gospel by the holie Goost sent downe from heauen, the which things the Angels desire to beholde.

i Their ministerie was more profitable to vs then to them: for we se the thing accomplished which they prophecied.

13 Wherefore

13 Wherefore, [k] girde vp the * loynes of your minde: be ſober, and truſt perfectly on the grace that is broght vnto you, by the [l] reuelacion of Ieſus Chriſt,

14 As obedient children, not facioning your ſelues vnto the former [m] luſtes of your ignorance:

15 But as he which hathe called you, is holie, ſo be ye holie in * all maner of conuerſacion,

16 Becauſe it is written, * Be ye holie, for I am holie.

17 And if ye call him Father, which without * reſpect of perſone iudgeth accordig to euerie mans [n] worke, paſſe the time of your dwelling here in feare,

18 Knowing that ye were not redemed with corruptible things, as ſiluer and golde, fro your vaine conuerſacion, receiued by the tradicions of the [o] fathers,

19 *But with the precious blood of Chriſt, as of a Lambe vndefiled, & without ſpot.

20 Which was *ordeined before the fundacion of the worlde, but was declared in the [p] laſt times for your ſakes,

21 Which by his meanes do beleue in God that raiſed him from the dead, and gaue him glorie, that your faith & hope might be in God.

22 Seing your ſoules are purified in obeing the trueth through the ſpirit, to *loue brotherly without faining, loue one another with a pure heart feruently,

23 Being borne a new, not of mortal ſede, but of [q] immortal, by the worde of God, who liueth and endureth for euer.

24 For all *fleſh *is* as graſſe, and all the glorie of man *is* as the flower of graſſe. The graſſe withereth, and the flower falleth away.

25 But the worde of the Lord endureth for euer: and this is the worde which is preached among you.

k Prepare your ſelues to the Lord.

l Vntil his ſeconde cõming.

m When you were in ignorãce and knewe not Chriſt.

n According to ỹ ſincerite of the heart.

o Read Ezek. 20,18.

p When Chriſt appeared vnto the worlde, & when ỹ Goſpel was preached.

q Therefore we muſt renoũce our former nature.

Luk.12,35. *Leui.11,44. & 19,2. & 20,7* *Deut.10,17.* *rom.2,11.* *galat.2,6.* *1.Cor.6,20.* *& 7,23.* *ebr. 9,14.* *1.ioh.1,* *7.* *reuel.1,6.* *Rom.16,25.* *epheſ.3,9.* *coloſ.1,26.* *2.tim.1,10.* *tit.1,2.* *Rom.12,10.* *epheſ.4,2.* *chap.2,17.* *Iſa.40,6.* *eccleſ.14,18.* *iam.1,10.*

CHAP. II.

1 He exhorteth them to laye a ſide all vice, 4 Shewing that Chriſt is the fundacion whereupon they buylde. 9 The excellent eſtate of the Chriſtians. 11 He praiſeth them to abſteine from fleſhlie luſtes. 13 To obey the rulers. 18 How ſeruants ſhulde behaue them ſelues toward their maſters. 20 He exhorteth to ſuffer after the enſample of Chriſt.

2 WHerefore, *laying aſide all maliciouſnes & all guile, & diſſimulacion, and enuie, and all euil ſpeaking,

2 As new borne babes deſire [a] the "ſyncere milke of the worde, that ye maye growe thereby,

3 If ſo be that ye haue taſted how bountiful the Lord *is*.

4 To whome ye come as vnto a liuing ſtone diſalowed of men, but choſen of God & precious.

5 And ye as liuelie ſtones, be made a ſpirituall houſe, and holie * Prieſthode to offer vp ſpirituall ſacrifices acceptable to God by Ieſus Chriſt.

6 Wherefore it is conteined in the Scripture, * Beholde, I put in [b] Sion a chief corner ſtone, elect and precious: and he that beleueth therein, ſhal not be aſhamed.

7 Vnto you therefore which beleue, it is precious: but vnto them which be diſobedient, the *ſtone which the [c] buylders diſalowed, the ſame is made the head of the corner,

8 And a * ſtone to ſtomble at, and a rocke of offence, euen *to them* which ſtomble at the worde being diſobedient, vnto the which thing they were euen ordeined.

9 But ye are a choſen generacion, ad royal * Prieſthode, an holie nacion, a "peculiar people, that ye ſhulde ſhew forthe the vertues of him *that* hathe called you out of darkenes into his marueilous light,

10 *Which in time paſt were not a people, yet *are* now the people of God: which in time paſt were not vnder mercie, but now haue obteined mercie.

11 Derely beloued, I beſeche you, as ſtrangers and pilgrems, *abſteine from fleſhlie luſtes, which fight againſt the ſoule,

12 *And haue your conuerſacion honeſt among the Gentiles, that they which ſpeake euil of you as of euil doers, maye by *your* * good workes which they ſhal ſe, glorifie God in the day of [e] the viſitacion.

13 * Submit your ſelues vnto all "maner ordinance of man for the Lords ſake, whether it be vnto the King, as vnto the ſuperiour,

14 Or vnto gouernours, as vnto them [f] ỹ are ſent of him, for the puniſhment of euil doers, and for the praiſe of them that do wel.

15 For ſo is the wil of God, that by wel doing ye may put to ſilence the ignorance of the fooliſh men,

16 As fre, and not as hauing the libertie for a cloke of maliciouſnes, but as the ſeruãts of God.

17 Honour all men: * loue [f] brotherlie fellowſhip: feare God: honour the King.

18 *Seruãts, be ſubiect to your maſters with all feare, not onely to the good and courteous, but alſo to the [g] frowarde.

19 *For this is thanke worthie, if a man for [h] conſcience towarde God endure grief ſuffering wrongfully.

20 For what praiſe is it, if when ye be buffeted for your fautes, ye take it paciently? but and if when ye do wel, ye ſuffer *wrong* and take it paciently, this is acceptable to God.

21 For hereunto ye are called: for Chriſt alſo ſuffred for vs, leauig vs an enſample

Rom.6,4. *epheſ.4,23.* *coloſ.3,8.* *ebr.12,2.* *Rom.13,1.* *Mat.5,16.* *1.Cor.7,18.* *Epheſ.6,5.* *coloſ.3,22.* *Chap.3,22.* *rom.12,10.* *Epheſ.5,5.* *coloſ.3,22.* *2.Cor.7,10.* *Galat.5,17.* *rom.13,14.* *Chap.3,16.* *reuel.1,6.* *Exod.19,6.* *reuel.5,10.* *Hoſea 2,23.* *rom.9,25.*

a In this their infancie and new cõming to Chriſt he willeth them to take hede leſt for ỹ pure milke, which is ỹ firſt beginings of learning the ſincere worde, they be not deceiued by the which chop and change it, and giue poyſon in ſtede thereof. "Or, the milke of vnderſtanding which is without deceit.

b Meaning, ỹ God hathe appointed Chriſt to be chief & head of his Church. *Pſal 118,22.* *mat 21,42.* *act.4,11.* *Iſa.8,14.* *rom.9,33.*

c The Prieſts, Doctors & Ancients of the people.

d That is partakers of Chriſtes Prieſthode & kingdome. "Or, gotten by purchaſe.

e Your good conuerſacion ſhulbe as a preparatiue againſt that day that God ſhal ſhew mercie vnto them and turne them. "Or, publike gouernours.

f With them ỹ acknowledge one ſelf Father in heauẽ.

g In all obedience this muſt be before our eyes, that we obey in the Lord: for if anie commande things againſt God, then let vs anſwer, It is better to obey God then mẽ.

h Knowing ỹ God laieth this charge vpon him.

that ye ſhulde folowe his ſteppes.

Iſa.53.9. 1.ioh.3.5. 22 *Who did no ſinne, nether was there guile founde in his mouth.

23 Who when he was reuiled, reuiled not againe: when he ſuffred, he threatened not, but committed it to him that iudgeth righteouſly.

Iſa.53.5. mat.8.17. 24 *Who his owne ſelf bare our ſinnes in his bodie on the tre, that we being deliuered from ſinne, ſhulde liue in righteouſnes: by whoſe ſtripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as ſhepe going aſtraye: but are now returned vnto the ſhepherd and biſhope of your ſoules.

CHAP. III.

1 How wiues ought to ordre them ſelues towarde their houſbands, 3 And in their apparel. 7 The duetie of men towarde their wiues. 8 He exhorteth all men to vnitie and loue. 14 And patiently to ſuffre trouble by the example and benefite of Chriſt.

Col.3.18. Epheſ.5.22. 1 LIkewiſe *let the wiues be ſubiect to their houſbands that euen thei which obey not the worde, may without the worde be wonne by the conuerſacion of the wiues,

2 While they beholde your pure conuerſacion, which is with feare.

1.Tim.2.9. 3 *Whoſe apparelling let it not be outwarde, as with broyded heere, and golde put about, or in putting on of apparel.

4 But let the hid man of the heart be vncorrupt, with a meke & quiet ſpirit, which is before God a thing muche ſet by.

5 For euen after this maner in time paſt did the holie women, which truſted in God, tier them ſelues, and were ſubiect to their houſbands.

6 As Sarra obeied Abraham, and *called him "Syr: whoſe daughters yeare, whiles ye do wel, not being [a] afraid of anie terrour.

7 *Likewiſe ye houſbands, dwel with the as men of [b] knowledge, [c] giuing honour vnto the woma, as vnto the weaker veſſel, euen as they which are [d] heires together of the grace of life, that your [e] prayers be not interrupted.

8 Finally, be ye all of one minde: one ſuffre with another: loue as brethren: *be* pitiful: *be* courteous,

Prou.17.11. & 20.22. mat.5.39. rom.12.17. 1.thef.5.15 Pſal.33.13. 9 *Not rendring euil for euil, nether rebuke for rebuke: but contrarie wiſe bleſſe, knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye ſhulde be [f] heires of bleſsing.

10 *For if anie man long after life, and to ſe good daies, let him refraine his tongue from euil, and his lippes that they ſpeake not guile.

11 *Let him eſchewe euil and do good: let him ſeke peace, and folow after it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* ouer the righteous, and his eares *are open* vnto their praiers: and the face of the Lord [g] *is* vpon them that do euil.

13 And who is it that wil harme you, if ye folowe that which is good?

Mat.5.10. 14 *Notwithſtanding bleſſed *are ye*, if ye ſuffre for righteouſnes ſake. Yea, [h] feare not their feare, nether be troubled.

15 *But [i] ſanctifie the Lord God in your hearts: and be readie alwaies to giue an anſwer to euerie man that aſketh you a reaſon of the hope that is in you,

Chap.2.12. 16 *And that with mekenes and reuerence, hauing a good conſcience, that when they ſpeake euil of you as of euil doers, thei may be aſhamed, which blame your good conuerſacion in Chriſt.

17 For *it is* better (if the wil of God be ſo) that ye ſuffer for wel doing, then for euil doing.

Rom.5.6. Ebr.9.15. 18 *For Chriſt alſo hathe once ſuffred for ſinnes, ỹ iuſt for the vniuſt, that he might bring vs to God, and was put to death cõcerning the fleſh, but was quickened in the [k] ſpirit.

19 By the which [l] he alſo went, & preached vnto the ſpirits that were in priſon.

20 Which were in time paſſed diſobediẽt, when once the long ſuffring of God abode in the daies of *Noe, while the arke was preparing, wherein fewe, that is, eight "ſoules were ſaued in the water.

21 To the which alſo the figure that now ſaueth vs, *euen* Baptiſme *agreeth* (not the putting awaye of the filth of the fleſh, but in "that a good conſcience maketh requeſt to God) by the reſurrection of Ieſus Chriſt,

Gen.6.14. mat.24.38. luk.17.26. Ebr.1.3. 22 Which is *at the right hand of God, gone into heauen, to whome the Angels, and Powers, and might are ſubiect.

CHAP. IIII.

1 He exhorteth men to ceaſe from ſinne, 2 To ſpende no more time in vice, 7 To be ſober and apt to praye, 8 To loue eche other, 12 To be pacient in trouble, 15 To beware that no man ſuffre as an euil doer, 16 But as a Chriſtian man, And ſo not to be aſhamed.

1 FOraſmuche then as Chriſt hathe ſuffred for vs in the fleſh, arme your ſelues likewiſe with the ſame [a] minde, *which is* that he which hathe ſuffred in the fleſh, hathe ceaſed from ſinne,

2 That he henceforwarde ſhulde liue (as muche time as remaineth in the "fleſh) not after the luſtes of men, but after the wil of God.

Epheſ.4.22. 3 *For it is ſufficient for vs that we haue ſpent the time paſt of the life, after the luſt of the Gentiles, walking in wantõnes, luſtes, dronkennes, in glottonie, drinkings and in abominable idolatries.

4 Wherein it ſemeth to them ſtrange ỹ ye runne not with thẽ vnto the ſame exceſſe of ryote: *therefore* ſpeake they euil *of you.*

5 Which ſhal giue accountes to him, that

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*Or, maſter.

a But willigly do your duetie: for your cõdicion is not ỹ worſe for your obedience.

b By nether keping them to ſtreite, nor in giuing them to much libertie.

c Taking care, and prouiding for her.

Gene.18.12. 1 Cor.7.1.

d Man ought to loue his wife, becauſe they lead their life together, alſo for ỹ ſhe is the weaker veſſel, but chiefly becauſe ỹ God hathe made them as it were felowe heires together of life euerlaſting.

e For they can not pray when they are at diſſention.

Iſa.1.16.

f God hathe made vs when we were his enemies, heires of his kingdome, & ſhal not we forgiue our brethren a ſmale faute?

g To take vengeãce on him.

h That is, whẽ thei thinke to make you afraid by their threatnings.

Iſa 8.13.

i Giue him praiſe & depẽde on him.

k By the power of God.

l Chriſt being from ỹ beginning head and gouernour of his Church, came in ỹ daies of Noe, not in bodie, w̃ then he had not, but in Spirit, and preached by ỹ mouth of Noe for the ſpace of 120 yeres to ỹ diſobedient, w̃ wolde not repẽt, & therefore are now in priſon reſerued to the laſt iudgement.

a Our ſacrifice ſtandeth in two points, in dying to ſinne, & liuing to God.

"Or, bodie

is ready to iudge quicke and dead.

6 For vnto this purpose was the Gospel preached also vnto the [b] dead, that they might be condemned, according to men, in the flesh, but might liue according to God in the spirit.

7 Now the end of all things is at hand. Be ye therefore sober, and watching in prayer.

8 But aboue all things haue feruent loue among you: *for [c] loue couereth the multitude of sinnes.

9 Be ye *herberous one to another, without grudging.

10 *Let euerie man as he hathe receiued the gifte, minister the same one to another, as good disposers of the manifolde grace of God.

11 If anie man speake, *let him talke* as ỹ wordes of God. If anie man minister, *let him do it* as of the abilitie which God ministreth, that God in all things may be glorified through Iesus Christ, to whome is praise and dominion for euer, and euer, Amen.

12 Dearly beloued, thinke it not strange cõcerning the fyrie trial, which is among you to proue you, as though some strange thing were come vnto you:

13 But reioyce, in asmuche as ye are partakers of Christs sufferings, that when his glorie shal appeare, ye may be glad and reioyce.

14 *If ye be railed vpon for the Name of Christ, blessed *are ye*: for the Spirit of glorie, and of God resteth vpon you: *which* on their [d] parte is euil spoken of: but on your parte is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murtherer, or *as* a thefe, or an euil doer, or as a busibodie in other mens matters.

16 But if *anie man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed: but let him glorifie God in this behalfe.

17 For the time *is come*, that [e] iudgement must beginne at *the house of God. If it first *begin* at vs, what shal the end be of thẽ which obey not the Gospel of God?

18 *And if the righteous scarsely be [e] saued, where shal the vngodlie and the sinner appeare?

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the wil of God, commit their soules *to him* in wel doing, as vnto a faithful Creator.

[b] Although the wicked thinke this Gospel newe, & vexe you that imbrace it: yet, hathe it bene preached to them of time past, which now are dead, to the intent ỹ they might haue bene condẽned, or dead to sinne in the flesh, & also might haue lined to God in the spirit, which two are the effect of the Gospel.

Prou.10,12.
Rom.12,13.
Ebr.13,2.
Rom.12,6.
Post.2,14.

[c] As hate moueth vs to reproche our brother when he offendeth vs: so loue hideth and pardoneth the faultes, which he committeth against vs, though they be neuer so manie.

Ma.5,10.

[d] That is, by the infideles.

[e] Or, punishemẽt.

Iere.25,29.
Luk.23,31.

Prou.2,31.

[e] As concerning this life where he is punished.

CHAP. V.

ỹ The dutie of Pastours is to fede the flocke of Christ. and what rewarde they shal haue if they be diligent. ỹ He exhorteth yong persones to submit them selues to the elders, ỹ To be sober, and to watche that they may resist the enemie.

1 THe [a] elders which are among you, I beseche which am also an elder, and a witnes of the suffrings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glorie that shalbe reueiled,

2 Fede the flocke of [f] God, which [g] dependeth vpon you, caring for it not by constraint, but willingly: not for filthie lucre, but of a readie minde:

3 Not as though ye were lords ouer *Gods* heritage, but that ye may be ensamples to the flocke.

4 And when the chief shepherd shal appeare, ye shal receiue an incorruptible crowne of glorie.

5 Likewise ye yonger, submit your selues vnto the elders, & submit your selues euerie mã, one to another: *decke your selues inwardely in lowlines of minde: for God *resisteth the proude and giueth grace to the humble.

6 Humble *your selues therefore vnder the mightie hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

7 Cast *all your care on him: for he careth for you.

8 Be sober and watch: for *your aduersarie the deuil as a roaring lyon walketh about, seking whome he may deuoure:

9 Whome resist stedfast in the faith, knowing [b] that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren which are in the worlde.

10 And the God of all grace, which hathe called vs vnto his eternal glorie by Christ Iesus, after ỹ ye haue suffred a litel, make you perfect, confirme, strengthen and stablish *you*.

11 To him *be* glorie and dominion for euer and euer. Amen.

12 By Siluanus a faithful brother vnto you, as I suppose, haue I writen briefly, exhorting and testifying how that this is the true grace of God, wherein ye stand.

13 *The Church* ỹ is at [c] Babylõ elected together with you, saluteth you, and Marcus my sonne.

14 Grete ye one another with the *kysse of loue. Peace *be* with you all which are in Christ Iesus. Amen.

[a] By elders he vnderstandeth all thẽ which preache, teache, or minister in the Church.

[f] Or, Christ.
[g] Or, which is commit vnto you or, asmuche as in you lyeth

Rom.12,19.
Iam.4,6.
Iam.4,10.
Psal.54,23.
Wisd.12,13.
Mat.6,25
luk.12,22.
Luk.22,31.

[b] Nothing commeth vnto vs, which we se not to appertaine to the rest of Christs members: and therefore we oght not to refuse that condition which is commune to all the Saintes.

[c] Which was a famous citie in Assyria where Peter then was the Apostle of the circumcision.

Rom.16,16.
1.cor.16,20.
2.cor.13,13.

THE SECONDE EPI

ſtle general of Peter.

THE ARGVMENT.

THe effect of the Apoſtle here is to exhorte thē which haue once profeſſed the true faith of Chriſt, to ſtande to the ſame euen to the laſt breath: alſo that God by his effectual grace towardes mē moueth them to holines of life, in puniſhing the hypocrites which abuſe his Name, & in increaſing his gifts in the godlie: wherefore by godlie life he being now almoſt at deaths dore, exhorteth thē to approue their vocation, not ſetting their affections on worldlie things (as he had oft writ vnto them) but liſting their eyes towarde heauen, as they be taught by the Goſpel, whereof he is a cleare witnes, chiefly in that he heard with his owne eares that Chriſt was proclaimed from heauen to be the Sonne of God, as likewiſe the Prophetes teſtified. And leſt they ſhulde promiſe to them ſelues quietnes by profeſſing the Goſpel, he warneth thē bothe of troubles which they ſhulde ſuſteine by the falſe teachers, and alſo by the mockers & contemners of religion, whoſe maners and trade he liuely ſetteth forthe as in a table: admoniſhing the faithful not onely to waite diligently for Chriſt, but alſo to beholde preſently the day of his comming, and to preſerue them ſelues vnſpotted againſt the ſame.

CHAP. I.

4 Foraſmucke as the power of God hathe giuen them all things perteining vnto life, he exhorteth them to flee the corruption of worldlie luſts. 10 To make their calling ſure with good workes, and frutes of faith. 14 He maketh mention of his owne death. 17 Declaring the Lord Ieſus to be the true Sonne of God, as he him ſelf had ſene vpon the mounte.

1 SIMON Peter a ſeruant and an Apoſtle of IESVS CHRIST, to you which haue obteined like precious faith with vs by the [a] righteouſnes of our God and Sauiour Ieſus Chriſt:

a In that he declared him ſelf iuſte and faithful in accompliſhing his promes by Chriſt.

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you, by the knowledge of God and of Ieſus our Lord,

3 According as his [b] godlie power hathe giuen vnto vs all things that *perteine* vnto [c] life and godlines, [d] through the knowledge of him that hathe called vs [*] vnto glorie and vertue.

b He ſpeaketh of Chriſt as he is God and Sauiour.
c That is, ſaluation.
d The ſumme of our ſaluatiō and religion is to be led by Chriſt to the Father, who calleth vs in the Sonne.
*Or, through his glorie.

4 Whereby moſte great, and precious promiſes are giuen vnto vs, that by them ye ſhulde be partakers of the [e] godlie nature, in that ye flee the corruption, which is in the worlde through luſt.

e We are made partakers of ỹ diuine nature, in ỹ we flee ỹ corruption of the worlde: or as Paul writeth, are dead to ſinne. & are not in the fleſh f Godlie maners.

5 Therefore giue euen all diligence thereunto: ioyne moreouer [f] vertue with your faith: and with vertue, knowledge:

6 And with knowledge, temperance: and with temperance, pacience: and with pacie̅ce, godlines:

7 And with godlines, brotherlie kindenes: and with brotherlie kindenes, loue.

8 For if theſe things be among you, and abunde, they wil make you that ye nether ſhalbe ydle, nor vnfruteful in ỹ knowledge of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt.

g The Greeke worde ſignifieth him, that naturally can not ſe, except he holdeth nere his eyes So Peter calleth ſuche as can not ſe heauēlie things which are farre of, purre blinde or ſandblide.

9 For he that hathe not theſe things, is blinde, & ſcan not ſe farre of, & hathe forgotte̅ that he was purged from his olde ſinnes.

10 Wherefore, brethren, giue rather diligē-ce to make your calling & election [h] ſure: for if ye do theſe things, ye ſhal neuer fall.

h Albeit it be ſure in it ſelf foraſmuche as God can not change: yet we muſt confirme it in our ſelues, by the frutes of the Spirit, knowing ỹ the purpoſe of God electeth, calleth, ſanctifieth, and iuſtifieth vs.
1 For God wil euer vpholde you.

11 For by this meanes an entring ſhalbe miniſtred vnto you abūdantly into the euerlaſting kingdome of our Lord & Sauiour Ieſus Chriſt.

12 Wherefore, I wil not be negligēt to put you alwais in remēbrance of theſe things, thogh that ye haue knowledge, and be ſtabliſhed in the preſent trueth.

13 For I thinke it mete as lōg as I am in this [k] tabernacle, to ſtirre you vp by puttīg you in remembrance.

k In this bodie, 2.Cor.5.1.

14 Seing I knowe that the time is at hand that I muſt lay downe this my tabernacle, euen as our Lord Ieſus Chriſt hathe [*] ſhewed me.

Ioh.21.19.

15 I wil endeuour therefore alwaiſe, that ye alſo may be able to haue remembrance of theſe things after my departing.

16 For we folowed not [*] deceiueable fables when we opened vnto you the power, and comming of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, but with our eyes we ſaw his maieſtie:

*1.Cor.1.17. & 2.1.
Or, ſophiſtical and craftie.

17 For he receiued of God the Father honour and glorie, when there came ſuche a voyce to him from the excellent glorie, [*] This is my beloued Sonne, in whome I am wel pleaſed.

Mat.17.5.

18 And this voyce we heard when it came from heauen, being with him in the [l] holie mounte.

l For by Chriſts preſēce it was for the time holie.

19 We haue alſo a moſte ſure [m] worde of the Propheres, to ỹ which ye do wel that ye take hede, as vnto a light that ſhineth in a darke place, vntil the [n] day dawne, and the [o] daye ſtarre ariſe in your hearts.

m That is, the doctrine of the Propheres.
n A perfiter knowledge then vnder the Law
2.Tim.3.16.

20 *So that ye firſt know this, that no prophecie in the Scripture is of [p] anie priuate [*] motion.

o Meaning, Chriſt the ſunne of iuſtice, by his Goſpel.
p Cometh not of men.
Or, interpretation.

21 For the Prophecie came not in olde time by the wil of man: but holie men of God ſpake

ſpake as they were moued by the holie Goſt.

CHAP. II.

He prophecieth of falſe teachers, and ſheweth their puniſhment.

Act.20,29. 1.tim.4,2. iud.11.

1 BVt* there were falſe prophetes alſo among the people, euē as there ſhalbe falſe teachers among you: which priuely ſhal bring in damnable hereſies, euen denying the Lord, that hathe boght them, & bring vpon them ſelues ſwift dānation.

Or, inſolent & wanton.

2 And manie ſhal followe their" damnable wayes, by whome the way of trueth ſhalbe euil ſpoken of,

a This is euidently ſene in the Pope & his Prieſts, w̄ by lies & flatteries ſel mens ſoules, ſo that it is certeine that he is not the ſucceſſour of Simon Peter, but of Simon Magus.

3 And through couetouſnes ſhal they with fained wordes make *marchandiſe of you, whoſe iudgement long agone is not farre of, and their damnation ſlepeth not.

Iob.4,18. iude 6.

4 For if God ſpared not the* Angels, that had ſinned, but caſte them downe into hell and deliuered them into chaines of darkenes, to be kept vnto damnation:

Gen.7,2.

5 Nether hathe ſpared the olde worlde, but ſaued *Noe the eight *perſone* a preacher of righteouſnes, and broght in the flood vpō the worlde of the vngodlie,

Gen.19,24.

6 And* turned the cities of Sodome and Gomorrhe into aſhes, condemned them and ouerthrewe them, and made them an enſample vnto them that after ſhulde liue vngodlie,

Gen.19,16.

7 *And deliuered iuſte Loth vexed with the vnclenlie conuerſation of the wicked,

8 (For he being righteous, and dwelling among them, in ſeing and hearing, vexed his righteous ſoule from day to day with their vnlawful dedes.)

9 The Lord knoweth to deliuer the godlie out of tentation, and to reſerue the vniuſt vnto the day of iudgement to be puniſhed:

10 And chiefely them that walke after the fleſh, in the luſt of vnclennes, and deſpiſe the gouernement, *which are* preſumpteous, and ſtand in their owne conceite, and feare not to ſpeake euil of thē that are in dignitie.

1.King.22,22 iob.1,12

b Albeit the Angels condemne the vices and iniquitie of wicked magiſtrates, yet they blame not the autoritie and power which is giuen them of God.

11 Where as the Angels which are greater bothe in power and might, *giue not brailing iudgement againſt them before the Lord.

c As beaſts without reaſon or wit followe whether nature leadeth them: ſo theſe wicked men deſtitute of the Spirit of God, onely ſeke to fulfil their ſenſualitie, and as they are veſſels made to deſtruc̄tiō, & appointed to this iudgement, ſo thei fall into the ſnares of Satan to their deſtruc̄tiō.

12 But theſe as c brute beaſts, led with ſenſualitie and made to be taken, and deſtroyed, ſpeake euil of thoſe things which they knowe not, and ſhal periſh through their owne corruption.

d For in your holie feaſts they ſit as mēbers of the Church where as in dede they be but ſpottes, & ſo deceiue you, read Iude 12.

13 And ſhal receiue the wages of vnrighteouſnes, as they which counte it pleaſure to liue deliciouſly for a ſeaſon. Spottes *they are* and blottes, d deliting them ſelues in their deceiuings, in feaſting with you,

14 Hauing eyes ful of adulterie, and that can not ceaſe to ſinne, beguiling vnſtable ſoules: they haue hearts exerciſed with couetouſnes, curſed children,

15 Which forſaking the right waye, haue gone aſtraye, following the way of* Balaam, *the ſonne* of Boſor, which loued the wages of vnrighteouſnes.

Nomb.22,23. iude 11.

16 But he was rebuked for his iniquitie: *for* the domme aſſe ſpeaking with mans voyce, forbade the fooliſhnes of the Prophet.

17 *Theſe are welles without water, *and* e cloudes caryed about with a tempeſt, to whome the blacke darkenes is reſerued for euer.

Iude 12.

e Thei haue ſome appearāce outwarde, but within they are drie and barren, or at moſte they cauſe but a tempeſt.

18 For in ſpeaking ſwelling wordes of vanitie, they beguile with wantōnes through the luſtes of the fleſh them that were cleane eſcaped from them which are wrapped in errour,

19 Promiſing vnto them libertie, and are them ſelues the* ſeruants of corruption: for of whome ſoeuer a man is ouercome, euen vnto the ſame is he in bondage.

Iohn 8,34. rom.6,20.

20 *For if they, after they haue eſcaped frō the filthines of the worlde, through the f knowledge of the Lord, & of the Sauiour Ieſus Chriſt, are yet tāgled againe therein, and ouercome, the latter end is worſe with them then the beginning.

Mat.12,45. ebr.6,4. & 10,26.

f Which commeth by hearing the Goſpel preached.

21 For it had bene better for them, not to haue knowen the way of righteouſnes, thē after they haue knowen it, to turne frō the holie "commandement giuen vnto them.

Or, doctrine.

22 But it is come vnto them, according to the true prouerbe, * The dogge is returned to his owne vomit: and, The ſowe that was waſhed, to the wallowing in the myer.

Prou.29,11

CHAP. III.

3 He ſheweth the impitie of them which mocke at Gods promiſes. 7 After what ſorte the end of the worlde ſhalbe. 8 That they prepare them ſelues thereunto. 16 Who they are which abuſe the writings of S. Paul, and the reſt of the Scriptures. 18 Concluding with eternal thankes to Chriſt Ieſus.

1 THis ſeconde Epiſtle I now write vnto you, beloued, wherewith a I ſtirre vp, and warne your pure mindes,

a For we fall quickely aſleepe and forget that which we are taught.

2 To call to remēbrance the wordes, which were tolde before of the holie Prophetes, and alſo the commandement of vs the Apoſtles of the Lord and Sauiour.

3 *This firſt vnderſtand, that there ſhal come in the laſt dayes, mockers, which wil walke after their luſtes,

1.Tim.4,1. 2.tim.3,1. iude 18.

4 And ſay, Where is the promes of his cōming? for ſince the fathers dyed, all things continue a like from the beginning of the creation.

b He meaneth thē which had once profeſſed Chriſtian religion, but became afterwarde contemners & mockers, as Epicurians & atheiſtes.

5 For this they b willingly knowe not, that the heauens were of olde, and the earth

that was of the water and by the water, by the worde of God.

c As touching ỹ beautie therof, & things which were therein, except them ẅ were in the arke.

6 Wherefore the c worlde that then was, perished, ouerflowed with the water.

7 But the heauens & earth, which are now, are kept by the same worde in store, and reserued vnto fyre against the day of iudgement, and of the destruction of vngodlie men.

8 Derely beloued, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord, * as a thousand yeres, & a thousand yere, as one day.

Psal. 90, 4.

9 The Lord is not slacke concerning *his* promes (as some men count slackenes) but is pacient towarde vs, and * d wolde haue no man to perish, but wolde all men to come to repentance.

Ezec. 33, 33. 1. tim 2, 4.

d He speaketh not here of the secret & eternal counsel of God, whereby he electeth whome it pleaseth him, but of the preaching of the Gospel whereby all are called and bidde to the banket. *Mat. 24, 44. 1. thes. 5, 2. reuel. 3, 3. & 16, 15.*

10 *But the day of the Lord wil come as a thief in the night, in the which the heauēs shal passe away with a noyce, and the elements shal melt with heate, and the earth with the workes, that are therein, shalbe burnt vp.

11 Seing therefore that all these things must be dissolued, what maner persones ought ye to be in holie conuersation and godlines,

12 Loking for, and hasting vnto the coming of the day of God, by the which the heauens being on fyre, shalbe dissolued, & the elements shal melt with heat?

13 But we loke for * new heauens, and a new earth, according to his promes, wherein dwelleth righteousnes.

Isa. 65, 17. & 66, 22. reuel. 21, 1.

14 Wherefore, beloued, seing that ye loke for suche things, be diligent that ye may be founde of him in e peace, without spotte and blameles.

e In quiet cōscience.

15 *And suppose that the long suffring of our Lord is saluation, euen as our beloued brother Paul according to the wisdome giuen vnto him wrote to f you,

Rom. 2, 4.

f Albeit his epistles were writ to peculiar Churches, yet they conteine * general doctrine apperteining to all men.

16 As one, that in all *his* Epistles speaketh of these things: amōg the which some things are g hard to be vnderstand, which they that are vnlearned and vnstable, peruert, as they *do* also other Scriptures vnto their owne destruction.

g As no man condemneth ỹ brightnes of the sunne because his eye is not able to susteine the clearnes therof: so the hardenes ẅ we can not some time compas or perfectly vnderstande in the Scriptures, ought not to take away from vs the vse of ỹ Scriptures.

17 Ye therefore beloued, seing ye knowe these things before, beware, lest ye be also plucked away with the errour of the wicked, and fall from your owne stedfastnes.

18 But growe in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ: to him *be* glorie bothe now and for euermore. Amen.

h Or, wraste.

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF IOHN.

THE ARGUMENT.

After that S. Iohn had sufficiently declared, how that our whole saluation doeth cōsiste onely in Christ, lest that any man shulde thereby take a boldenes to sinne, he sheweth that no man can beleue in Christ, onles he doeth endeuour him self to kepe his commandements, which thing being done, he exhorteth them to beware of false prophetes, whome he calleth Antichristes, and to trye the spirits. Laste of all he doeth earnestly exhorte them vnto brotherlie loue, and to beware of deceiuers.

John 8, 12.

f The frutes of our faith must declare whether we be ioyned in God or not: for God being ỹ verie puritie & light wil not haue felowship with them ẅ liueth in sinne and darkenes.

CHAP. I.

2 True witnes of the euerlasting worde of God. 7 The blood of Christ is the purgation of sinne. 10 No man is without sinne.

THat which was a from the beginning, which we haue b heard, which we haue sene with our eyes, which we haue loked vpon, and our hands haue hādled of ỹ Worde c of life,

a That is, Christ God eternal.
b That is, Christ being man.

c Which giueth life and had it in him self, Ioh 14.

2 (For the life appeared, and we haue sene it, and beare witnes, and shewe vnto you the eternal life, which was d with the Father, and appeared vnto vs)

d Before all beginning.

3 That, *I say*, which we haue sene & heard, declare we vnto you, that ye may also e haue felowship with vs, and that our felowship also may be with the Father and with his Sonne Iesus Christ.

e The effect of the Gospel is, ỹ we all being ioyned together in Christ by faith, shulde be the sonnes of God.

4 And these things write we vnto you, that your ioye may be ful.

5 This then is the message which we haue heard of him, and declare vnto you, that God * is f light, & in him is no darkenes.

1. pet. 1, 19. reu. 1, 6. 1. King. 8, 46. 2. chro. 6, 36. pro. 20, 9. eccle. 7, 20.

6 If we say ỹ we haue felowship with him, and walke in g darkenes, we lye, & do not truely.

g In an euil conscience, & without the feare of God.

7 But if we walke in the light as he is in the light, we haue felowship h one with another, and the * blood of Iesus Christ his Sonne clenseth vs from all sinne.

h That is, Christ with vs and we with our selues.

Ebr. 9, 14.

8 *If we say that we haue no sinne, we deceiue our selues, and trueth is not in vs.

9 If we i acknowledge our sinnes, he is faithful and iust, to forgiue vs our sinnes, & to clense vs from all vnrighteousnes.

i If we be not ashamed, earnestly & openly to acknowledge our selues before God to be sinners.

10 If

10 If we ſay we haue not ſinned, we make him a lier, and his "worde is not in vs.

*Or, doctrine.

CHAP. II.

a Chriſt is our Aduocate. 10 Of true loue, & how it is tried. 18 To beware of Antichriſt.

1 MY babes, theſe things write I vnto you, that ye ſinne not: and if any mā ſinne, we haue an [a] Aduocat with the Father, Ieſus Chriſt, the Iuſt.

a Chriſt is our onelie Aduocate and atonement: for the office of interceſſion and redemptiō are ioyned togethe.

2 And he is the reconciliation for our ſinnes: and not for ours onely, but alſo for *the ſinnes* of [b] the whole worlde.

b That is, of them which haue ēbraced the Goſpel by faith in all ages, degrees, & places: for there is no ſaluation without Chriſt

3 And hereby we are ſure that we [c] knowe him, if we kepe his commandements.

c That is, by faith and ſo obey him for knowledge cā not be without obedience.

4 He that ſaith, I knowe him, and kepeth not his commandements, is a lier, and the trueth is not in him.

5 But he that kepeth his worde, in him is [d] the loue of God perfite in dede: hereby we knowe that we are in him.

d Whereby he loueth God: ſo that to loue God is to obey his worde

6 He that ſaith he remaineth in him, ought euen ſo to walke, as he hathe walked.

7 Brethren, I write no newe "commandement vnto you: but an olde commandement, which ye haue had from the [e] beginning: the [f] olde commandement is the worde, which ye haue heard from the beginning.

*Or, doctrine.

e When the Lawe was giuen.

f Loue thy neighbour as thy ſelf, is the olde cōmandement taught in ỹ Law: but whē Chriſt ſaith, So loue one another as I haue loued you, he giueth a newe commandement onely as touching the forme, but not as touchīg the nature or ſubſtance of ỹ precept.

8 Againe, a newe commandement I write vnto you, that which is true in him, and alſo in you: for the darkenes is paſt, and the true light now ſhineth.

Chap.3.14.

9 He that ſaith that he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkenes vntil this time.

10 *He that loueth his brother, abideth in the light, and there is none occaſion of euil in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother, is in darkenes, and walketh in darkenes, & knoweth not whither he goeth, becauſe that darkenes hathe blinded his eyes.

g He nameth all the faithful, children, as he being their ſpiritual father, attributing to olde men knowledge of great things, to yong men ſtrength, to children obedience & reuerēce to their gouernours.

12 gLitle children, I write vnto you, becauſe your ſinnes are forgiuen you for [h] his Names ſake.

h For Chriſts ſake.

13 I write vnto you, fathers, becauſe ye haue knowen him that is frō the beginning. I write vnto you, yong men, becauſe ye haue ouercome the "wicked.

*Or, the deuil.

14 I write vnto you, babes, becauſe ye haue knowē the Father. I haue writē vnto you, fathers, becauſe ye haue knowen him, that is from the beginning. I haue writen vnto you, yong men, becauſe ye are ſtrong, and the worde of God abideth in you, and ye haue ouercome the "wicked.

"Or, the deuil.

15 Loue not the [i] worlde, nether the things that are in the worlde. If any mā loue the *worlde, ỹ loue of the Father is not in him.

i As it is aduerſarie to God.

Iam.4.4.

16 For all that is in the worlde (*as* the luſte of the [k] fleſh, the [l] luſte of the eyes, & the [m] pride of life) is not of ỹ Father, but is of the worlde.

k To liue in pleaſure.

l Wantonnes.

m Ambition & pride.

17 And the worlde paſſeth awaye, and the luſte thereof: but he that fulfilleth the wil of God, abideth euer.

18 Babes, it is the laſt time, and as ye haue heard that Antichriſt ſhal come, euē now are there many Antichriſts: whereby we knowe that it is the laſt time.

19 [n] They went out from vs, but they were not of vs: for if they had bene of vs, they wolde haue continued with vs. But *this cōmeth to paſſe*, that it might appeare, that they are not all of vs.

n Which ſeemed to haue bene of our nomber, becauſe for a time they occupied a place in ỹ Church

20 But ye haue an [o] ointement frō him, that is [p] Holie, & ye haue knowen all things.

o The grace of the holie Goſt

p Which is Chriſt.

21 I [q] haue not writen vnto you, becauſe ye knowe not ỹ trueth: but becauſe ye knowe it, and that no lye is of the trueth.

q In this Epiſtle which I now write vnto you.

22 Who is a lyer, but he that denyeth that Ieſus is [r] Chriſt? the ſame is the Antichriſt that denyeth the Father and the Sonne.

r He that taketh away or diminiſheth ether of the natures in Chriſt, or he that confoundeth or ſeparateth them, els he that putteth not difference betwene the perſone of the Sonne, & alſo he that beleueth not to haue remiſſion of ſinnes by his onely ſacrifice, denieth Chriſt to be ỹ true Meſſias.

23 Whoſoeuer denyeth the Sonne, the ſame [ſ] hathe not the Father‖.

ſ Then the infideles worſhip not the true God.

‖ *But he that cōfeſſeth the Sōne, hathe alſo the Father.*

24 Let therefore abide in you that ſame which ye haue heard from the beginning. If that which ye haue heard from the beginning, ſhal remaine in you, ye alſo ſhal continewe in the Sonne, & in the Father.

25 And this is ỹ promes that he hathe promiſed vs, *euen* eternal life.

26 Theſe things haue I writen vnto you, concerning them that deceiue you.

27 But the anointing which ye receiued of him, dwelleth in you: and ye nede not that any man teache you: but as the ſame [t] Anointing teacheth you of all things, & it is true, & is not lying, & as it taught you, ye ſhal abide "in him.

t Chriſt communicateth hi ſelf vnto you and teacheth you by the holie Goſt & his miniſters.

*Or, in Chriſt.

28 And now, [u] litle children, abide in him, that when he ſhal appeare, we may be bolde, and not be aſhamed before him at his comming.

u By this name he meaneth the whole Church of Chriſt in general.

29 If ye knowe that he is righteous, knowe ye that he which doeth righteouſly, is borne of him.

CHAP. III.

1 The ſingular loue of God towarde vs. 7 And how we againe ought to loue one another

1 BEholde, what loue the Father hathe ſhewed on vs, that we ſhulde be [a] called the ſonnes of God: for this cauſe the worlde knoweth you not, becauſe it knoweth not him.

a Being made the ſonnes of God in Chriſt, he ſheweth what qualities we muſt haue to be diſcerned from baſtardes.

2 Dearly beloued, now are we the ſonnes of God, but yet it doeth not appeare what we ſhalbe: and we knowe that when [b] he ſhal appeare, we ſhalbe [c] like him: for we ſhal ſe him as he is.

b That is, Chriſt

c As the members and head are which make one perfect bodie.

3 And euerie man that hathe this hope in him, purgeth him ſelf, euen as he is pure.

4 Whoſoeuer [d] cōmitteth ſinne, tranſgreſſeth alſo the Law: for ſinne is the trāſgreſſion of the Law.

d That is, in whome ſinne doeth reigne, ſo ỹ he ſeketh not to be ſanctified.

5 And ye knowe that he appeared that he

might *take away our sinnes, and in him is no sinne.

6 Whosoeuer abideth in him, sinneth not: whosoeuer sinneth, hathe not sene him, nether hathe knowen him.

7 Litle children, let no man deceiue you: he that doeth righteousnes, is righteous, as he is righteous.

8 He that *committeth sinne, is of the deuil: for the deuil sinneth from the [e]beginning: for this purpose appeared the Sonne of God, that he might lose the workes of the deuil.

9 Whosoeuer is borne of God, sinneth not: for his [f]sede remaineth in him, nether can he [g] sinne, because he is borne of God.

10 In this are the childrē of God knowen, and the children of the deuil: whosoeuer doeth not righteousnes, is not of God, nether he that [h] loueth not his brother.

11 For this is the message, that ye heard frō the beginning, that *we shulde loue one another,

12 Not as *Cain which was of the wicked, and slewe his brother: & wherefore slewe he him? because his owne workes were euil, and his brothers good.

13 Marueile not, my brethren, though ỹ worlde hate you.

14 We knowe that we are translated from death vnto life, because we [i] loue the brethren: *he that loueth not *his* brother, abideth in death.

15 Whosoeuer hateth his brother, is a manslayer: & ye knowe that no mānslayer hathe eternal life abiding in him.

16 *Hereby haue we perceiued loue, that he laid downe his life for vs: therefore we ought also to lay downe *our* liues for the brethren.

17 *And whosoeuer hathe this worldes good and seeth his brother haue nede, and shutteth vp his cōpassion from him, how dwelleth the loue of God in him?

18 My litle children, let vs not loue in worde, nether in tongue *onely*, but in [k] dede & in trueth.

19 For thereby we knowe that we are of the trueth & shal before him assure our hearts.

20 For if our [l] heart condemne vs, God is greater then our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloued, if our heart condemne vs not, then haue we boldenes towarde God.

22 *And whatsoeuer we aske, we receiue of him, because we kepe his cōmandements, and do those things which are pleasing in his sight.

23 *This is then his commandement, That we beleue in the Name of his Sonne Iesus Christ, and loue one another, as he gaue commandement.

24 *For he that kepeth his commādements, dwelleth in him, and he in him: & hereby we knowe that he abydeth in vs, *euen* by the Spirit which he hathe giuen vs.

Isa.55,9. 1.pet.2,22.

Iohn 8,44.

e As appeared by Adam.

f Which is the holie Goſt.

g He can not be vnder the power of sinne because the Spirit of God correcteth his euil and corrupt affections

h He descendeth from the first table of ỹ cōmandements to the seconde.

Iohn 13,34. & 15,12. Gen.4,8.

i This loue is the special frute of our faith and a certeine signe of our regeneration.

Chap.2,10. Leuit.19,17.

Iohn 15,13. ephe.5,2.

Luk.3,11.

k Which is not the cause, wherefore we are ỹ sonnes of God, but a moste certeine signe.

l If our conscience being giltie of any thing, be able to condemne vs, muche more ỹ iudgement of God which knoweth our hearts better thē we our selues, is able to condemne vs.

Iohn 15,7. & 16,23. mat.21,22. ebap.5,24. Iohn.6,29. & 17,3. Iohn 13,34. & 15,10.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Difference of spirits. 2 How the Spirit of God may be knowen from the spirit of errour. 7 Of the loue of God and of our neighbours.

1 DEerely beloued, beleue not euerie spirit, but trye the [a] spirits whether they are of God: for many false Prophetes are gone out into the worlde.

2 Hereby shal ye knowe the Spirit of God, Euerie spirit that confesseth that Iesus [b] Christ is come in the flesh, is of God.

3 And euerie spirit which confesseth not that Iesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God: but this is the *spirit* of Antichrist, of whome ye haue heard, how ỹ he shulde come & [c] now already he is in the worlde.

4 Litle children, ye are of God, and haue ouercome them: for greater is he that is in you, then [d] he that is in the worlde.

5 They are of the worlde, therefore speake they of the worlde, and the worlde heareth them.

6 We are of God, *he that knoweth God, [e] heareth vs: he that is not of God, heareth vs not. Hereby knowe we the Spirit of trueth, and the spirit of errour.

7 Beloued, let vs loue one another: for loue cometh of God, & euerie one that loueth, is borne of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loueth not, knoweth not God: for God is loue.

9 *In [f] this appeared ỹ loue of God towarde vs, because God sent his onely begottē Sonne into the worlde, that we might liue through him.

10 Herein is loue, not that we loued God, but that he loued vs, and sent his sonne *to be* a [g] reconciliation for our sinnes.

11 Beloued, if God so loued vs, we ought also to loue one another.

12 *No man hathe sene God at any time. If we loue one another, God dwelleth in vs, and his loue is perfite in vs.

13 Hereby knowe we, that we dwell in him, and he in vs: because he hathe giuen vs of his Spirit.

14 And we haue sene, and do testifie, that the Father sent the Sōne *to be* the Sauiour of the worlde.

15 Whosoeuer [h] confesseth that Iesus is the Sonne of God, in him dwelleth God, and he in God.

16 And we haue knowen, and beleued the loue that God hathe [i] in vs. God is loue, & he that dwelleth in loue, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is the loue perfite in vs, that we shulde haue boldenes in the day of iudgement: for as he is, euen so are we in this worlde.

a The which boast that they haue the Spirit to preache or prophecie.

b Who being very God came from his Father and toke vpon him our flesh. He ỹ confesseth or preacheth this truely, hathe the Spirit of God, els not.

c He began to buylde the mysterie of iniquitie.

d Satan the prince of the worlde.

Iohn 8,47.

e With pure affection & obedience.

Iohn 3,16.

f Trueth it is, ỹ God hathe declared his loue in many other things, but herein hathe passed all other.

g By his onelie death.

Iohn 1,18. 1 tim.6,16.

h So that his cōfession proceedeth of faith.

*Or, towarde vs.

i By inspiring it into vs.

k Suche as ſhulde trouble the conſcience.

18 There is no k feare in loue, but perfect loue caſteth out feare: for feare hathe paynfulnes: and he that feareth, is not perfect in loue.

19 We loue him, becauſe he loued vs firſt.

20 If anie man ſay, I loue God, and hate his brother, he is a lyer: for l how can he that loueth not his brother whome he hathe ſene, loue God whome he hathe not ſene?

l For god preſenteth him ſelf ſo vs in them, which beare his image.

21 * And this commandement haue we of him, that he which loueth God, ſhulde loue his brother alſo. *Iohn 13.34. & 15.12.*

CHAP. V.

1.10.13 Of the frutes of faith. 14.20 The office, autoritie, & diuinitie of Chriſt. 21 Againſt images.

1 WHoſoeuer beleueth that Ieſus is the Chriſt, is a borne of God, & euerie one that loueth him, which begate, loueth him alſo which is begotte of him.

a Is regenerat by the vertue of his Spirit.

2 In this we knowe that we loue the children of God, when we loue b God, & kepe his commandements.

b The loue of God muſt go before, or els we ca not loue aright. *Mat.22.39.*

3 For this is the loue of God that we kepe his commandements: and his * commandements are not c grieuous.

c They are eaſie to the ſonnes of God, which are led with his Spirit: for their delite therein. *1.Cor.13.17.*

4 For all that is borne of God, ouercometh the worlde: and this is the victorie that ouercometh the worlde, *euen* our faith.

5 * Who is it that ouercometh the worlde, but he which beleueth that Ieſus is the Sone of God?

6 This is that Ieſus Chriſt that came by d water e & blood, not by water onely, but by water and blood: and it is the f ſpirit, which beareth witnes: for the Spirit is g trueth.

d That is, regeneracion.
e The water & blood that came out of his ſide, declare that we haue our ſinnes waſhed by him, & he hathe made full ſatisfaction for the ſame.
f Our minde inſpired by the holie Goſt.
g Which teſtifieth to our hearts, that we be the children of God.

7 For there are thre, which beare recorde in heauen, the Father, the Worde, and the holie Goſt: and theſe thre are one.

8 And there are thre, which beare recorde in the earth, the ſpirit and the water and the blood: and theſe thre agre in one.

9 If we receiue the witnes of men, the witnes of God is greater: for this is the witnes of God, which he teſtified of his Sone.

10 * He that beleueth in the Sone of God, hathe the witnes ‖ in him ſelf: he that beleueth not God, hathe made him a lyer, becauſe he beleued not the recorde, which God witneſſed of his Sonne. *Iohn 3.33.* ‖ *of God.*

11 And this is the recorde, that God hathe giuen vnto vs eternal life, and this life is in his Sonne.

12 He that hathe the Sonne, hathe life: and he that hathe not the Sonne of God, hathe not life.

13 Theſe things haue I written vnto you, that beleue in the Name of the Sonne of God, that ye may knowe that ye haue eternal life, and that ye may beleue in the Name of the Sonne of God.

14 And this is the aſſurance, that we haue in him, * that if we aſke anie thing according to his wil, he heareth vs. *Mat.7.7. & 21.22.*

15 And if we knowe that he heareth vs, whatſoeuer we aſke, we knowe that we haue the peticions that we haue deſired of him.

16 If anie man ſe his brother ſinne a ſinne, that is not vnto death, let him aſke, and he ſhal giue him life for them that ſinne not h vnto death. * There is a ſinne i vnto death: I ſay not that thou ſhuldeſt praye for it. *chap.3.22.*

h Although euerie ſinne be to death, yet God through his mercie pardoneth his in his Sonne Chriſt. *Mat.12.31. mar.3.29. luk.12.10.*

i As theirs is whome God doeth ſo forſake that they fall into vtter diſpaire.

17 All vnrighteouſnes is ſinne, but there is a ſinne not vnto death.

18 We knowe that whoſoeuer is borne of God, k ſinneth not: but he that is begotten of God, l kepeth him ſelf, & the m wicked n toucheth him not.

k Giueth not him ſelf ſo ouer to ſinne, but he forgetteth God
l Taketh hede that he ſinne not.
m That is, Satan.
n With a mortal wounde.

19 We knowe that we are of God, and the whole worlde o lyeth in wickednes.

20 But we knowe that the Sonne of God is *come, & hathe giuē vs a minde to knowe him, which is true: and we are in him that is true, *that is*, in his Sonne Ieſus Chriſt: this ſame is verie p God, and eternal life. *Luk.24.45.*

o That is, all mē generally, as of them ſelues lye as it were buryed in euil.
p Chriſt verie God.

21 Babes, kepe your ſelues frō q idoles, Amē.

q Meaning frō euerie forme and facion of thing which is ſet vp for anie deuocion to worſhip God.

THE SECONDE
Epiſtle of Iohn.

He writeth vnto a certeine ladie, 4 Reioycing that her children walke in the trueth, 5 And exhorteth them vnto loue, 7 Warneth them to beware of ſuche deceiuers as deme that Ieſus Chriſt is come in the fleſh, 8 Praieth them to continue in the doctrine of Chriſt, 10 And to haue nothing to do with them that bring not the true doctrine of Chriſt Ieſus our Sauiour.

1 THe Elder to the "elect Ladie, and her children, whome I loue in a the trueth: and not I onely, but alſo all that haue knowen ſ trueth,

"Or, worthie & noble.

a According to godlines & not vaine worldlie affection.

2 For the trueths ſake which dwelleth in vs, and ſhalbe with vs for euer:

3 Grace be with you, mercie & peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Ieſus Chriſt the Sonne of the Father, with b trueth and loue.

b We can not receiue ſ grace of God, except we haue the true knowledge of him, of the which knowledge loue procedeth.

4 I reioyced greatly, that I founde of thy children walking c in trueth, as we haue receiued a commandement of the Father.

c According to Gods worde.

5 And now beſeche I thee, Ladie, (not as writing a new commandement vnto thee, but that ſame which we had from the beginning) that we * loue one another. *Iohn 15.12.*

6 And this is the loue, that we ſhulde walke after his "commandements. This commãdement is, that as ye haue heard from the beginning, ye ſhulde walke in it.

"Or, doctrine.

7 For manie deceiuers are entred into the worlde, which confeſſe not ỹ Ieſus Chriſt is come in the fleſh. He that is ſuche one, is a deceiuer and an Antichriſt.

8 Loke to your ſelues, that we [d]loſe not the things, which we haue done, but that we may receiue a full rewarde.

d By ſuffring our ſelues to be ſeduced.

9 Whoſoeuer [e] tranſgreſſeth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Chriſt, hathe not God. He that continueth in the doctrine of Chriſt, he hathe bothe the Father and the Sonne.

e He that paſſeth the limites of pure doctrine.

10 If there come anie vnto you, and bring not this doctrine, * receiue him not to houſe, nether bid him, [f] God ſpede.

Rom. 16, 17.

f Haue nothig to do w̃ him, nether ſhewe him ante ſigne of familiaritie or acquaintãce

11 For he that biddeth him, God ſpede, is partaker of his euil dedes. Although I had manie things to write vnto you, yet I wolde not *write* with paper and yncke: but I truſt to come vnto you, and ſpeake mouth to mouth, that our ioye may be ful.

12 The ſonnes of thine "elect ſiſter grete thee, Amen.

"Or, worthie.

THE THIRD EPIſtle of Iohn.

1 He is glad of Gaius that he walketh in the trueth. 8 Exhorteth them to be louing vnto the poore Chriſten in their perſecucion. 9 Sheweth the vnkinde dealing of Diotrephes. 12 And the good reporte of Demetrius.

1 THe Elder vnto the beloued Gaius, whome I loue in the trueth.

2 Beloued, I wiſh chiefly ỹ thou proſpereſt & faredſt wel, as thy ſoule proſpereth.

3 For I reioyced greatly when the brethren came, and teſtified of the trueth that is in thee, how thou walkeſt in the trueth.

4 I haue no greater ioye then this, *that i*, to heare that my ſonnes walke in [a] veritie.

a That is, in godlie conuerſacion, as they ẅ haue bothe the knowledge & feare of God.

5 Beloued, thou doeſt faithfully whatſoeuer thou doeſt to the brethren, & to [b] ſtrãgers,

6 Which bare witnes of thy loue before the Churches. Whome if thou bringeſt of their iourney as it [c] beſemeth according to God, thou ſhalt do wel,

b By keping hoſpitalitie.

c If ỹ furniſheſt thẽ with neceſſities towarde their iourney, knowing ỹ the Lord ſaith, He that receiueth you, receiueth me.

7 Becauſe that for his Names ſake thei wẽt forthe, and toke nothing of the Gentiles.

8 We therefore ought to receiue ſuche, that we might be helpers to the trueth.

9 I wrote vnto the Church: but Diotrephes which loueth to haue the preeminence among them, receiueth vs not.

10 Wherefore if I come, I wil declare his dedes which he doeth, prateling againſt vs with malicious wordes, and not therewith content, nether he him ſelf receiueth the brethren, but forbiddeth them ỹ wolde, and thruſteth them out of the Church.

11 Beloued, folowe not that which is euil, but that which is good: he that doeth wel, is of God: but he that doeth euil, hathe not "ſene God.

"Or, knowen.

12 Demetrius hathe good reporte of all men, and of the trueth it ſelf: yea, and we our ſelues beare recorde, and ye knowe that our recorde is true.

13 I haue manie things to write: but I wil not with yncke and pen write vnto thee.

14 For I truſt I ſhal ſhortly ſe thee, and we ſhal ſpeake mouth to mouth. Peace *be* with thee. The friends ſalute thee. Grete the friends by name.

THE GENERAL Epiſtle of Iude.

THE ARGVMENT.

Saint Iude admoniſheth all Churches generally to take hede of deceiuers which go about to drawe awaye the hearts of the ſimple people from the trueth of God, and willeth them to haue no ſocietie with ſuche, whome he ſetteth forthe in their liuelie colours, ſhewing by diuers exãples of the Scriptures what horrible vengeance is prepared for them: finally he comforteth the faithful and exhorteth them to perſeuere in the doctrine of the Apoſtles of Ieſus Chriſt.

Iude

1 IVde a seruant of IESVS CHRIST, and brother of Iames, to them which are called & sanctified a of God the Father, and b reserued to Iesus Christ:

a The faithful are sanctified of God the Father in the Sonne by the holie Goste

b That he shulde kepe you, Iohn 17,6.

2 Mercie vnto you, and peace and loue be multiplied.

3 Beloued, when I gaue all diligence to write vnto you of the cõmune saluation, it was nedeful for me to write vnto you to exhorte you, that ye shulde earnestly c cõtende for *the maintenance* of ỹ faith, which was d once giuen vnto the Saintes.

c Against the assaltes of Satan and heretikes

d That ye shulde kepe it for euer.

2. Pet. 2,1.

4 For there are certeine mẽ crept in which were before of olde e ordeined to this cõdemnation: vngodlie men *they are* which turne the grace of our God into wantonnes, and * denye God the onelie Lord, and our Lord Iesus Christ.

e He confirmeth their heart against the conteners of religiõ and Apostate, shewing that suche men trouble not ỹ Church at all aduentures, but are appointed thereunto by ỹ determinat counsel of God.

Nom. 14,37.

2. Pet. 2,4.

5 I wil therefore put you in remembrance, forasmuche as ye once knewe this, how that the Lord, after that he had deliuered the people out of Egypt, * destroyed them afterwarde which f beleued not.

f Their incredulitie was the fountaine of all their euil.

6 The * Angels also which kept not their first e estate, but left their owne habitation, he hathe reserued in euerlasting chaines vnder darkenes vnto ỹ iudgement of the great daye.

*Or, original.

Gen. 19,24.

7 As * Sodom and Gomorrhe, and the cities about thẽ, which in like maner as they did, cõmitted, and followed h straũge flesh, are set forthe for an ensample, and suffre the vengeance of eternal fyre.

g Then shalbe their extreme punishme

h Moste horrible pollutiõs.

8 Likewise notwithstanding these i dreamers also defile the flesh, and despise gouernement, and speake euil of them that are in autoritie.

i Which shewe thẽ selues dull and impudent.

9 Yet k Michael the Archangel, when he stroue against the deuil, and disputed about the bodie of Moses, durst not blame him with cursed speaking, but saith, l The Lord rebuke thee.

k It is moste like that this example was writ in some of those bokes of the Scripture which are now lost, Nõb. 21,14. Ios. 10,13. 2. chro 9,29.

l In Zacharie 3,2 Christ vnder the name of the Angel rebuked Satan as knowing ỹ he went about to hinder the Church: but here we are admonished not to seke to reuẽge [illegible] selues by euil speaking, but to referre the thing to God.

10 But these speake euil of those things, which they knowe not: and whatsoeuer things they knowe m naturally, as beastes, which are without reason, in those things they corrupt them selues.

m By [illegible] ternal iudgement.

11 Wo *be* vnto thẽ: for they haue followed the way * of Cain, and are cast away by the deceite * of Balaams wages, and perish in the n gainesaying * of Core.

Gen. 4,8.

Nom. 22,23.

Nom. 16,1.

2 pet. 2,16.

n For as Core, Dathan and Abirõ rose vp and spake against Moses, so do these against them ỹ are in autoritie

12 These are spottes o in your feasts of charitie when they feast with you, without p all feare, feding them selues: cloudes *they are* without water, caryed about of windes, corrupt trees & without frute, twise dead, & plucked vp by the rootes.

o These were general feastes which ỹ faithful kept, partly to protest their brotherlie loue, & partely to relieue the nedie, Tertull. in Apologet. chap. 39.

13 *They are* the raging waues of the sea, foming out their owne shame: *they are* wandring starres, to whome is reserued the blackenes of darkenes for euer.

Reuel. 1,7.

14 And Enoch also the seuẽth from Adam, prophecied of suche, saying, * q Beholde, the Lord cometh with thousands of his Saintes,

p Ether of God, or of his Church.

q This saying of Enoch might for the worthines therof haue bene as a cõmune saying among men of all times, or els haue bene written in some of those bookes which now remaine not: yet by the prouidẽce of God, so many are left as are able to instruct vs in the faith of Iesus Christ to saluation, Iohn 20,31.

15 To giue iudgement against all men, and to rebuke all ỹ vngodlie among thẽ of all their wicked dedes, which they haue vngodly cõmitted, & of all their cruel speakings, which wicked sinners haue spoken against him.

Psal. 16,10.

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their owne lustes ‖: * whose mouths speake proude things, hauing mens persones in admiration, because of a vantage.

‖ *Inungodlinesand iniquitie.*

17 But, ye beloued, remember the wordes which were spokẽ before of the Apostles of our Lord Iesus Christ,

1. Tim. 4,1.

2 tim. 1,1.

18 How that they tolde you that there shulde be mockers * in the last time, which shulde walke after their owne vngodlie lustes.

2. pet. 3,3.

19 These are makers of sectes, fleshlie, hauing r not the Spirit.

r Of regeneration.

20 But, ye beloued, edifie your selues in your most holie faith, praying in the holie Goste,

21 And kepe your selues in ỹ loue of God, loking for the mercie of our Lord Iesus Christ, vnto eternal life.

22 And haue compassion of some, f in putting difference:

f Some may be wõne with gẽtlenes, other by sharpenes.

23 And other saue with t feare, pulling thẽ out of the fyre, and hate euen the u garment spotted by the flesh.

t By sharpe reproues to drawe thẽ out of danger.

u He willeth not onely to cut of the euil but to take away all occasions which are as preparatiues, & accessories to the same.

24 Now vnto him that is able to kepe you, that ye fall not, and to present you fautles before the presence of his glorie with ioye,

25 *That is*, to God onely wise, our Sauiour, *be* glorie, and maiestie, and dominion, and power, bothe now and for euer, Amen.

THE REVELATION of Iohn the Diuine.

aOr, declared vn to Iohn.

THE ARGVMENT.

IT is manifeſt, that the holie Goſt wolde as it were gather into this moſte excellent booke a ſumme of thoſe prophecies, which were writen before, but ſhulde be fulfilled after the cõming of Chriſt, adding alſo ſuche things as ſhulde be expedient, aſwel to forewarne vs of the dangers to come, as to admoniſh vs to beware ſome, and encourage vs againſt others. Herein therefore is liuely ſet forthe the Diuinite of Chriſt, & the teſtimonies of our redẽption: what things the Spirit of God alloweth in the miniſters, and what things he reproueth: the prouidence of God for his elect, and of their glorie and conſolation in the day of vengeance: how that the hypocrites which ſting like ſcorpions the members of Chriſt, ſhalbe deſtroyed, but the Lambe Chriſt ſhal defende them, which beare witnes to the trueth, who in deſpite of the beaſt and Satan wil reigne euer all. The liuelie deſcription of Antichriſt is ſet forthe, whoſe time and power notwithſtanding is limited, and albeit that he is permitted to rage againſt the elect, yet his power ſtretcheth no farther then to the hurt of their bodies: and at length he ſhal be deſtroyed by the wrath of God, when as the elect ſhal giue praiſe to God for the victorie: neuertheles for a ceaſon God wil permit this Antichriſt, and ſtrompet vnder colour of faire ſpeache and pleaſant doctrine to deceiue the worlde: wherefore he ãduertiſeth the godlie (which are but a ſmale portion) to auoide this harlots flateries, and bragges, whoſe ruine without mercie they ſhal ſe, and with the heauenlie companies ſing continual praiſes: for the Lambe is maried: the worde of God hathe gotten the victorie: Satã that a long time was vntied, is now caſt with his miniſters into the pit of fyre to be tormented for euer, where as cõtrariwiſe the faithfil (which are the holie Cite of Ieruſalem, & wife of the Lambe) ſhal enioye perpetual glorie. Read diligently: iudge ſoberly, and call earneſtly to God for the true vnderſtanding hereof.

CHAP. I.

1 The cauſe of this reuelation. 3 Of them that read it. 4 Iohn writeth to the ſeuen Churches. 5 The maieſtie and office of the Sonne of God. 20 The viſion of the candleſtickes and ſtarres.

1 THE a reuelation of IESVS CHRIST, which b God gaue vnto him, to ſhewe vnto his ſeruants things which muſt ſhortely be c done: which he ſent, and ſhewed by his Angel vnto his ſeruant Iohn,

2 Who bare recorde of the worde of God, and of the teſtimonie of Ieſus Chriſt, and of all things that he ſawe.

3 Bleſſed *is he* that readeth, and they that heare the wordes of this d prophecie, and kepe thoſe things which are written therein: for the time is e at hand.

4 Iohn, to the f ſeuẽ Churches which are in Aſia, Grace *be* with you & peace frõ him Which * is, & Which was, & Which is to come, and from the g ſeuen Spirits which are before his Throne,

5 And from Ieſus Chriſt, which is a * faithful witnes, & * the firſt begotten of ẏ dead, and Prince of the Kings of the earth, vnto him that loued vs, & waſhed vs frõ our ſinnes in his * blood,

6 And made vs * Kings and Prieſtes vnto God euen his Father, to him *be* glorie, & dominion for euermore, Amen.

7 Beholde, he cometh with * cloudes, and euerie eye ſhal ſe him: *yea*, euen they which h pearced him through: and all kinreds of the earth ſhal waile "before him, Euen ſo, Amen.

8 I * am i α and ω, the beginning and the ending, ſaith the Lord, Which is, and Which was, and Which is to come, *euen* the Almightie.

9 I Iohn, euen your brother, & companion in tribulation, & in the kingdome and patience of Ieſus Chriſt, was in the yle called Patmos, for the "worde of God, and for the "witneſsing of Ieſus Chriſt.

10 And I was *rauiſhed* in ſpirit on k ẏ Lords day, and heard behinde me a great voyce, as it had bene of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am l α and ω, the firſt and the laſt: and that which thou ſeeſt, write in a boke, & ſend it vnto the m ſeuen Churches which are in Aſia, vnto Epheſus, and vnto Smyrna, & vnto Pergamus, & vnto Thyatira, and vnto Sardi, and vnto Philadelphia, and vnto Laodicea.

12 Then I turned backe to ſe the n voyce, that ſpake with me: & when I was turned, I ſawe o ſeuen golden candleſtickes,

13 And in the middes of the ſeuen candleſtickes, one like vnto the p Sonne of man, clothed with a garment q downe to the

Mat.24.30. iſa.3,14. iude 14.

Chap.21,6. & 22,13.

a Of things which were hid before.
b Chriſt receiued this reuelation out of his fathers boſome as his owne doctrine, but it was hid in reſpect of vs ſo that Chriſt as Lord and God reueiled it to Iohn his ſeruant by the miniſterie of his Angel, to the edification of his Church
c To the good & bad.
d Which expoundeth the olde prophetes, & ſheweth what ſhal come to paſſe in the newe teſtament.
Exo.3,14.
e And began euen then.
Pſal.89,38. 1.Cor.15,21. coloſ.1,18. Ebr.9,14. 1.pet.1,19. 1 ſohn.1,9. 1.Tet.2,5.
f Meaning the Church vniuerſal
g That is, from the holie Goſt: or theſe ſeuen Spirits were miniſters before God the Father & Chriſt, whome after he calleth the hornes and eyes of the Lambe, chap.5,6. In a like phraſes Paul taketh God, and Chriſt, and the Angels to witnes, 1. Tim.5,21.
Or, for him
i Alpha and Omega are the firſt and laſt letters of the a b c. of the Grekes.
k Which ſome call ſunday: S Paul the firſt day of the weke, 1 Cor.16,1. act. 20,7. and it was eſtabliſhed after that the Iewes Sabbath was aboliſhed.
l I am he before whome nothing was, yea, by whome whatſoeuer is made, was made, and he that ſhal remaine when all thinge ſhal periſh, euen I am the eternal God.
m Of ẏ which ſome were faithful: others deceyued: ſome were proude: others negligent: ſo that he ſheweth remedie for all
n That is, him whoſe voyce I heard.
o Meaning the Churches.
p Which was Chriſt the head of the Church.
q As the chief Prieſt.

feete,

f For in him was no concupiſcēce, which is ſignified by girding the loynes.
ſ To ſignifie his wiſdome, eternitie & diuinitie.
t To ſe the ſecrets of the heart.
*Or, Alcumine.
u His iudgements & wayes are moſte perfect.
x Bothe becauſe all nations praiſe hī, & alſo his worde is heard & preached through the worlde.
Dan.10,9.
Iſa.41,4.
& 44,6.
y Which are ȳ paſtors of the Churches.
z This ſworde ſignified his worde and the vertue therof, as is declared, Ebr. 4,12.
a To comfort me.
b Equal God with my Father, and eternal.
c That is, power ouer them.

feete, and girde about [r] the pappes with a golden girdle.
14 His head, and heeres *were* [ſ] white as white woll, & as ſnowe, and his eyes *were* as [t] a flame of fyre.
15 And his fete like vnto "fine [u] braſſe, burning as in a fornace: and his [x] voyce as the ſounde of many waters.
16 And he had in his right hand ſeuē [y] ſtarres: and out of his mouth went a [z] ſharpe two edged ſworde: & his face *ſhone* as the ſunne ſhineth in his ſtrength.
17 And when I ſawe him, I fell at his fete as * dead: then he laid his right [a] hand vpō me, ſaying vnto me, Feare not: I am the *[b] firſt and the laſt,
18 And am aliue, but I was dead: & behold, I am aliue for euermore, Amen: & I haue the [c] keyes of hel and of death.
19 Write the things which thou haſt ſene, and the things which are, and the things which ſhal come here [d] after.
20 The myſterie of the ſeuen ſtarres which thou ſaweſt [e] in my right hand, and the ſeuen golden cādleſtickes, *is this*, The ſeuen ſtarres are the [f] Angels of the ſeuen Churches: & the ſeuen cādleſtickes which thou ſaweſt, are the ſeuen Churches.

d Accordīg to his promes, Mat. 28,20 he wilbe with them to the end of the worlde
e Thy firſt loue, that thou hadeſt towarde God & thy neighbour at the firſt preaching of the Goſpel.
f The office of the Paſtor is compared to a candelſticke or lampe foraſmuche as he oght to ſhine before men.
g Theſe were heretikes which helde that wiues ſhulde be commune, & as ſome thinke were named of one called Nicolas, of whome is writ Act. 6,5 which was choſen among the Deacons.

d In the latter dayes. e In my protection. f That is, the miniſters, Mal. 2,3.

CHAP. II.

1 He exhorteth foure Churches. 5 To repentance. 10 To perſeuerance, pacience and amendement. 5.14.20. 23 Aſwel by threatenings. 7.10.17.26 As promiſes of rewarde.

a To the Paſtor or miniſter which are called by this Name, becauſe they are Gods meſſengers, & haue their office commune with Ieſus Chriſt who alſo is called an Angel.
b Read chap. 11,3.
c In his protection.
d Accordīg to his promes, Mat. 28,20 he wilbe with them to the end of the worlde
e Thy firſt loue, that thou hadeſt towarde God & thy neighbour at the firſt preaching of the Goſpel.
f The office of the Paſtor is compared to a candelſticke or lampe foraſmuche as he oght to ſhine before men.
g Theſe were heretikes which helde that wiues ſhulde be commune, & as ſome thinke were named of one called Nicolas, of whome is writ Act. 6,5 which was choſen among the Deacons.

1 VNto the [a] Angel of the Church of Epheſus write, Theſe things ſaith he that [b] holdeth the ſeuē ſtarres in his [c] right hand, and [d] walketh in the middes of the ſeuen golden candleſtickes.
2 I knowe thy workes, and thy labour, and thy pacience, and how thou canſt not forbeare them which are euil, and haſt examined them which ſay they are Apoſtles, and are not, and haſt founde them lyers.
3 And thou haſt ſuffred, and haſt pacience, and for my Names ſake haſt labored, and haſt not fainted.
4 Neuertheles, I haue *ſomewhat* againſt thee, becauſe thou haſt left thy firſt [e] loue.
5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the firſt workes: or els I wil come againſt thee ſhortly, and wil remoue thy [f] candleſticke out of his place, except thou amende.
6 But this thou haſt, that thou hateſt the workes of the [g] Nicolaitans, which I alſo hate.
7 Let him that hathe an eare, heare, what the Spirit ſaith vnto ȳ Churches, To him that ouercometh, wil I giue to eate of the tree of [h] life which is in the middes of the Paradiſe of God.
8 ¶ And vnto the [i] Angel of the Church of the Smyrniās write, Theſe things ſaith he that is firſt, and laſt, Which was dead and is [k] aliue.
9 I know thy workes and [l] tribulation, and pouertie (but thou art [m] riche) & *I knowe* the blaſphemie of them, which ſay they are Iewes and [n] are not, but *are* the Synagogue of Satan.
10 Feare none of thoſe things, which thou ſhalt ſuffer: beholde, it ſhal come to paſſe, that the [o] deuil ſhal caſt ſome of you into priſon, that ye may be [p] tryed, and ye ſhal haue tribulation [q] ten dayes: be thou faithful vnto the death, and I wil giue thee the crowne of life.
11 Let him that hathe an eare, heare what the Spirit ſaith to the Churches. He that ouercometh, ſhal not be hurt of the [r] ſecōde death.
12 And to the Angel of ȳ Church which is at Pergamus write, This ſaith he which ha the ſharpe [ſ] ſworde with two edges.
13 I knowe thy workes & where thou dwelleſt, *euen* where Satans [t] throne is, and thou kepeſt my Name, and haſt not denied my faith, [u] euen in thoſe dayes when Antipas my faithful martyr was ſlaine among you, where Satan dwelleth.
14 But I haue a fewe things againſt thee, becauſe thou haſt there them that mainteine the [x] doctrine of * Balaam, [w] taught Balac, to put a ſtumbling blocke before the children of Iſrael, that they ſhulde eat of things ſacrificed vnto idoles, and commit fornication.
15 Euen ſo haſt thou them, that mainteine the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.
16 Repent thy ſelf, or els I wil come vnto thee ſhortely, and wil fight againſt them with the ſworde of my mouth.
17 Let him that hathe an eare, heare what the ſpirit ſaith vnto ȳ Churches, To him that ouercometh, wil I giue to eat of the Manna that is [y] hid, and wil giue him a [z] white ſtone, and in the ſtone a [a] new name writen, which no man knoweth ſauing he that receiueth it.
18 ¶ And vnto ȳ Angel of ȳ Church which is at Thyatira write, Theſe things ſaith the Sonne of God, which hathe his eyes

h Meaning, ȳ life euerlaſting: thus by corporal benefites he raiſeth thē vp to conſider ſpiritual bleſſings.
i This is thought to be Policarpus who was minister of Smyrna 86 yeres, as he him ſelf confeſſed before Herodes when ashe was led to be burned for Chriſts cauſe.
k The eternal Diuinitie of Ieſus Chriſt is here moſt plainely declared with his manhode, & victorie ouer death to aſſure his ȳ they ſhal not be ouercome by death.
l This was the perſecution vnder the emperour Domitian.
m In ſpirituall treaſures.
n They are not Abrahames children according to ȳ faith.
o Here he nameth the autor of all our calamitie, incouraging vs manfully to fight againſt him, in promiſing vs the victorie. *Nom.24,14. & 25,1.*
p The end of affliction is ȳ we may be tried and not deſtroyed.
q Signifying manie times as Geneſ. 31,41. nomb. 14, 22, although there ſhalbe cōfort and releaſe.
r The firſt death is the natural death of ȳ bodie, the ſeconde is the eternal death: frō the which all are fre that believe in Ieſus Chriſt, Ioh. 5,24.
ſ The worde of God is the ſworde with two edges, Ebr. 4,12.
t All townes and countreies whence Gods worde, & good liuing is baniſhed, are the throne of Satan, and alſo thoſe places where the worde is not preached ſyncerly, nor maners right reformed.
u In the verie heat of perſecution and ſlaughter of the Martyrs they continued in the pure faith, and therefore are commended after a ſorte.
x All ſuche are like counſellours to Balaam, which for lucre perſuade to idolatrie, or whoredome.
y And not commune to all.
z Suche a ſtone was wont to be giuen to them that had gotten anie victorie or priſe, in ſigne of honour, and therefore it ſignifieth here a token of Gods fauour and grace: alſo it was a ſigne that one was cleared in iudgement.
a The newe name alſo ſignifieth renoome ad honour.

like vnto a flame of fyre, and his fete like *fine braſſe.

*Or, alcamine.

19 I knowe thy workes and thy loue, and [b]ſeruice, and faith, and thy pacience, and thy workes, & that *they are* mo at the laſt, then at the firſt.

b To helpe ỹ Saincts.

1. Kyng. 16, 31.

20 Notwithſtanding, I haue a fewe things againſt thee, that thou ſuffreſt the woman [c]Iezabel, which calleth her ſelf a Prophetesſe, to teache and to deceiue my ſeruãts to make them [d] commit fornication, & to eat meats ſacrificed vnto idoles.

c As that harlot Iezabel maiteined ſtrãge religion and exerciſed cruelte againſt the ſeruants of God, ſo are there amõg them that do ỹ like.

d They that conſent to idolatrie and falſe doctrine, commit ſpiritual whoredome, whereof foloweth corporal whoredome, Hoſ 4, 13.

21 And I gaue her ſpace to repent of her fornication, and ſhe repented not.

1. Sam 16, 7. pſal. 7, 10. iere 11, 20. & 17, 10.

22 Beholde, I wil caſt her into a bed, and them that commit fornication with her, into great affliction, except they repent them of their workes.

23 And I wil kill her [e] children with death: & all the Churches ſhal knowe that I am he which *ſearche the reines and hearts: and I wil giue vnto euerie one of you according vnto your workes.

e Them that followe her wayes.

24 And vnto you I ſay, the reſt of them of Thyatira, As many as haue not this learning, nether haue knowen the [f] depnes of Satan (as they ſpeake) I wil put vpon you none other burden.

f The falſe teachers termed their doctrine by this name, as though it cõteined the moſt depe knowledge of heauẽlie thigs, & was in deed drawen out of the depe dongeõ of hell: by ſuche termes now the Anabaptiſts, Liberines, Papiſts, Arriãs, &c vſe to beautifie their monſtruous errors and blaſphemies.

25 But that which ye haue all ready, holde faſt til I come.

*Pſal. 2, 9.

26 For he that ouercometh and kepeth my workes vnto the end, * to him wil I giue power ouer nations,

g The childrẽ of Iezabel.

27 And he ſhal rule them with a rodde of yron: & as the veſſels of a potter, ſhal thei be broken.

28 Euen as I receiued of my Father, ſo wil I giue him the morning ſtarre.

29 Let him that hathe an eare, heare what the Spirit ſaith to the Churches.

CHAP. III.

He exhorteth the Churches or miniſters to the true profeſſion of faith and to watching. 12 With promiſes to them that perſeuere.

AND write vnto the Angel of the Church [a] which is at Sardi, Theſe things ſaith he that hathe ỹ ſeuen Spirits of God, and the ſeuen ſtarres, I know thy workes: for thou haſt a name that thou [a] liueſt, but thou art dead.

a The miniſter liueth whẽ he bringeth forthe good frutes, els he is dead.

2 Be awake and ſtrẽgthen the things which remeine, that are readie to dye: for I haue not founde thy workes perfite before God.

3 Remember therefore, how thou haſt receiued and heard, and holde faſt, and repent. * If therefore thou wilt not watch, I wil come on thee as a theefe, and ỹ ſhalt not knowe what houre I wil come vpon thee.

Chap. 16, 15. 1. Theſſ. 5, 2. 2. pet. 3, 10.

4 *Notwithſtanding* thou haſt a fewe *names yet in Sardi, which haue not [b] defiled their garments: and they ſhal walke with me in white: for they are worthie.

*Or, perſons.

b Ether by conſenting to idolaters, or els polluting their conſcience with any euil.

5 He that ouercometh, ſhalbe clothed in white araye, & I wil not put out his name out of the * boke of life, but I wil confeſſe his name before my Father, & before his Angels.

Chap. 20, 12. & 21, 27. philip. 4, 4.

6 Let him that hathe an eare, heare, what ỹ Spirit ſaith vnto the Churches.

7 ¶ And write vnto the Angel of ỹ Church which is of Philadelphia, Theſe things ſaith he that is Holie and True, which hathe the * [c] keye of Dauid, which openeth and no man ſhutteth, and ſhutteth and no man openeth,

Iſa. 22, 22. iob. 12, 14.

c Which ſignifieth ỹ Chriſt hathe all the power ouer ỹ houſe of Dauid, which is ỹ Church, ſo ỹ he may ether receiue or put out whome he wil.

8 I knowe thy workes: beholde, I haue ſet before thee an open [d] dore, and no man cã ſhut it: for thou haſt a litel ſtrength and haſt kept my worde, and haſt not denied my Name.

d Which is to aduance the kingdome of God.

9 Beholde, I wil make them of the ſynagogue of Satan, which call them ſelues Iewes and are not, but do lye: beholde, *I ſay*, I wil make them, that they ſhal come and [e] worſhip before thy fete, and ſhal knowe that I haue loued thee.

e I wil cauſe thẽ in thy fight to bũble them ſelues, & to giue due honour to God, and to his Sonne Chriſt.

10 Becauſe thou haſt kept the worde of my pacience, therefore I wil deliuer thee frõ the houre of tentation, which wil come vpon all the worlde, to trye them that dwell vpon the earth.

11 Beholde, I come ſhortly: holde ỹ which thou haſt, that no man take thy [f] crowne.

f Let no man plucke them away ẅ thou haſt wonne to God: for they are thy crowne, as S Paul writeth, ſaying, Brethrẽ, ye are my ioye & my crowne Phil. 4, 1. 1. theſ. 2, 19

12 Him that ouercometh, wil I make a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he ſhal go no more out: and I wil write vpon him the Name of my God, & the name of the citie of my God, *which is* the new Ieruſalẽ, which cometh downe out of heauẽ frõ my God, & *I wil write vpon him* my new Name.

13 Let him that hathe an eare, heare what ỹ Spirit ſaith vnto the Churches.

14 And vnto the Angel of the Church of the Laodiceans write, Theſe things ſaith [g] Amen, the faithful and true witnes, the [h] beginning of the creatures of God.

g That is, Truth it ſelf.

h Of whome all creatures haue their beginning.

15 I knowe thy workes, that thou art nether colde not hote: I wolde thou wereſt colde or hote.

i Perſuading thy ſelf of that which thou haſt not.

16 Therefore, becauſe thou art luke warme, and nether colde nor hote, it wil come to paſſe, that I ſhal ſpewe thee out of my mouth.

k Thus the hypocrites boaſt of their owne power and do not vnderſtand their infirmities to ſeke to Chriſt for remedie.

17 For thou ſaiſt, I am [i] riche & increaſed with goods, & haue [k] nede of nothing, and knoweſt not how thou art wretched & miſerable, and poore, and blinde, and naked.

l Suffer ỹ eyes of thine vnderſtanding to be opened

Prou. 3, 11. Ebr 12, 5.

18 I coũſel thee to bie of me golde tryed by the fyre, that thou maieſt be made riche, & waire raimẽt, that thou maieſt be clothed and that thy filthie nakednes do not appeare: and l anoint thine eyes with eye ſalue, that thou maiſt ſe.

m Nothing more diſpleaſeth God then indifferẽcie, & coldenes in religiõ, & therefore he will ſpewe ſuche out as are not zealous and feruent.

19 As manie as I loue, I *rebuke and chaſtẽ: be [m] zealous therefore and amende.

20 Beholde,

20 Beholde, I ſtand at the dore, and knocke. If anie man heare my voyce & opē the dore, I wil come in vnto him, and wil ſuppe with him, and he with me.

21 To him that ouercometh, wil I grante to ſit with me in my [a]throne, euē as I ouercame, & ſit w̄ my Father in his throne.

22 Let him that hathe an eare, heare what the Spirit ſaith vnto the Churches.

a In my ſeate royal, and to be partaker of mine heauenlie ioyes.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The viſion of the maieſtie of God. 2 He ſeeth the throne, and one ſitting vpon it. 8 And 24. ſeates about it with 24 elders ſitting vpon them, and foure beaſtes praiſing God day and night.

1 AFter this I loked, and beholde, a [a] dore was open in heauen, and the firſt voyce which I heard, was as it were of a trūpet talking with me, ſaying, Come vp hither, and I wil ſhewe thee things which muſte be done hereafter.

2 And immediatly I was *rauiſhed* in the ſpirit, & beholde, a throne was ſet in heauen, and one ſate vpon the throne.

3 And [b] he that ſate, was to loke vpon, like vnto a iaſper ſtone, and a ſardine, & there *was* a raine bowe rounde about the throne in ſight like to an emeraude.

4 And rounde about the throne *were* foure and twentie ſeates, and vpon the ſeates I ſawe [c] foure and twentie Elders ſitting, clothed in white raimēt, and had on their heads crownes of golde.

5 And out of the throne [d] proceded [e] lightnings, and thundrings, and voyces, & there were ſeuen lampes of fyre, burning before the throne, which are the ſeuen ſpirits of God.

6 And before the throne there *was* a [f] ſea of glaſſe like vnto criſtal: and in the mīddes of the throne, & rounde about ỹ throne *were* foure [h] beaſtes full of eyes before and behinde.

7 And the firſt beaſt *was* like a lion, & the ſeconde beaſt like a calfe, and the thirde beaſt had a face as a man, and the fourthe beaſt *was* like a flying egle.

8 And the foure beaſts had eche one of thē ſix wings about him, and they were ful of eyes within, and they ceaſed not day nor night, ſaying, [i] * Holie, holie, holie Lord God, almightie, which Was, & Which is and Which is to come.

9 And when thoſe beaſts gaue glorie, and honour, and thankes to him that ſate on the throne, which liueth for euer and euer,

10 The foure and twentie elders fell downe before him that ſate on the throne, and worſhipped him, that liueth for euer more, [k] & caſt their crownes before the throne, ſaying,

11 Thou art * worthie, ô Lord, to receiue glorie and honour, & power: for thou haſt created all things, and for thy willes ſake they are, and haue bene created.

a Before that he make mencīō of ỹ great afflictions of the Church, he ſetteth forthe the maieſtie of God, by whoſe wil, wiſdome and prouidēce all thigs are created, & gouerned, to teache vs patience.

b He deſcribeth the Diuine and incomprehēſible vertue of God the father as chap. 5,6, and ỹ Sōne who is ioyned with him.

c By theſe are meant all the holie cōpanie of the heauēs.

d From the throne of the Father, & the Sonne proceedeth the holie Goſt, who hauing all but one throne, declare the vnitie of ỹ Godhead.

e The holie Goſt is as a lightening vnto vs that beleue, and as a feareful thunder to the diſobedient.

f The worlde is compared to a ſea becauſe of the changes and vnſtablenes. *Iſa.6,3.*

g It is as eleare as criſtal before ỹ eyes of God, becauſe there is nothing in it ſo little that is hid from him.

* Or, vnder the throne.

h They are called Cherubins, Eze.10,20

i We are hereby taught to giue glorie to God in all his workes.

k They wil chalēge no autoritie, honour nor power before God. *Chap.5,12.*

CHAP. V.

1 He ſeeth the Lambe opening the boke. 8. 14 And therefore the foure beaſts, the 24. elders, and the Angels praiſe the Lambe, & do him worſhip 9 For their redemption and other benefites.

1 AND I ſawe in the right hand of him that ſate vpon the throne, [a] a Boke written within, and on the backeſide, ſealed with [b] ſeuen ſeales.

2 And I ſawe a ſtrong Angel which preached with a lowde voyce, Who is worthie to open the boke, and to loſe the ſeales thereof?

3 And no man in heauē, nor in earth, nether vnder the earth, was able to open the Boke nether to loke thereon.

4 Then I wept muche, becauſe no mā was founde worthie to open, and to reade the Boke, nether to loke thereon.

5 And one of the elders ſaid vnto me, Wepe not: beholde, the * lion which is of the tribe of Iuda, the rote of Dauid, hathe obteined to open the Boke, and to loſe the ſeuē ſeales thereof.

6 Then I behelde, and lo, in the middes of the throne, and of the foure beaſts, & in the middes of the elders, ſtode [c] a Lambe as thogh he had bene killed, which had [d] ſeuē hornes, & [e] ſeuen eyes, which are the ſeuen ſpirits of God, ſent into all the worlde.

7 And he came, and toke the Boke out of the right hand of him that ſate vpon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the Boke, the foure beaſts and the foure and twentie elders [f] fell downe before the Lambe, hauing euerie one harpes and golden viales full of odours, w̄ are the [g] prayers of the Saīnes,

9 And they ſung a new ſong, ſaying, Thou art worthie to take the Boke, and to open the ſeales thereof, becauſe thou waſt killed, and haſt [h] redemed vs to God by thy blood out of euerie kinred, and tōgue, and people, and nation,

10 And haſt made vs vnto our God * Kīgs and Prieſts, and we ſhal [i] reigne on the earth.

11 Then I behelde, and I heard the voyce of manie Angels rounde about the throne and *about* the beaſts and the elders, & there *were* * thouſand thouſands,

12 Saying with a loude voyce, Worthie is the * Lāb that was killed to receiue power and riches, and wiſdome, and ſtrength, & honour, and glorie, and praiſe.

13 And all ỹ creatures which are in heauē, and on the earth, and vnder the earth, and in the ſea, & all that are in them, heard I, ſaying, Praiſe & honour, and glorie, and power *be* vnto him, that ſitteth vpon the throne, & vnto the Lambe for euermore.

a A ſimilitude taken of earthlie princes, w̄ iudge by bokes & writīgs: & here it doeth ſignifie all the counſels & iudgements of God w̄ are onelie knowē to Chriſt the Sōne of Dauid, verſ.5.

b That is, manie.

Gen. 49,9.

c This viſion confirmeth ỹ power of our Lord Ieſus, w̄ is the Lambe of God that taketh away the ſinne of the worlde.

d That is, manifolde power.

e Signifying ỹ fulnes of the Spirit, which Chriſt powreth vpon all.

f The Angels honour Chriſt: he is therefore God

g This declareth how the prayers of the faithful are agreable vnto God, read Act. 10,4. chap.8,3.

h Our Sauiour Ieſus hathe redemed his Church by his blood ſhedīg & gathered it of all nations. *1. Pet.2,8.*

i Not corporally.

Dan 7,10.

Chap.4,11.

14 And the foure beasts said, Amen, and the foure and twentie Elders fell downe, and worshipped him that liueth for euer more.

CHAP. VI.

The Lambe openeth the fixe seales, and manie things follow the opening thereof: so that this conteineth a generall prophecie to the end of the worlde

a The opening of the seale is the declaratiō of Gods wil, and the executing of his iudgements.

1 AFter, I beheld when ỹ Lambe had opened one a of the seales, & I heard one of the foure beasts say, as *it were* the b noyce of thunder, Come and se.

b Signifying, that there was marueilous things to come

2 Therefore I beheld, and lo, there *was* a c white horse, and he that d sate on him, had a bowe, and a crowne was giuen vnto him, and he went forthe cōquering that he might ouercome.

c The white horse signifieth innocencie, victorie, & felicitie which shulde come by the preaching of the Gospel.

3 And when he had opened the seconde seale, I heard the seconde beast say, Come and se.

d He that rideth on the white horse, is Christ.

4 And there went out another horse *that was* e red, & power was giuen to him that f sate thereon, to take peace from the earth and that they shulde kil one another, and there was giuen vnto him a great sworde.

e Signifying the cruel warres that ensued when the Gospel was refused.

5 And whē he had opened the thirde seale, I heard the thirde beast say, Come and se. Then I beheld, & lo, g a blacke horse, & he that sate on him, had balances in his hand.

f Who was Satan.

6 And I heard a voyce in the middes of the foure beasts say, A h measure of wheat for a i penie, and thre measures of barlie for a penie, and oyle, and wine hurt thou not.

g This signifieth an extreme famine, and want of all things.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seale, I heard the voyce of the fourth beast say, Come and se.

h The Greke worde signifieth that measure which was ordinarily giuen to seruants for their portion or stint of meate for one day.

8 And I loked, & beholde, a k pale horse, & his name that sate on him was Death, and "Hel followed after him, and power was giuen vnto them ouer the fourth parte of the earth, to kill with sworde, and with hō ger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

i Which amounted about foure peoce halfe penie.

9 And when he had opened the l fift seale, I sawe vnder the altar m the soules of them, that were killed for the worde of God, & for ỹ testimonie which they mainteined.

k Whereby is ment sickenes, plagues, pestilence, & death of mā & beast.

"Or, *the grane.*

l The continual persecution of the Church noted by the fift seale.

10 And they cryed with a lowde voyce, saying, How long, Lord, holie and true! doest not thou iudge & auenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

m The soules of the Saintes are vnder the altar, which is Christ, meanig that they are in his safe custodie in the heauens.

11 And long white robes were giuen vnto euerie one, and it was said vnto them, that they shulde rest for a litel ceason vntil their felowe seruants, and their brethren that shulde be killed euen as they were, were fulfilled.

n Which signifieth the chāge of the true doctrine, ẅ is the greatest cause of motions and troubles that come to the worlde.

12 And I behelde when he had opened the sixt seale, and lo, there was a great n earth quake, & the o sunne was as b lacke as p sackecloth of heere, and the q moone was like blood.

o That is, the brightnes of the Gospel.

p The traditions of men.

q The Church miserably defaced with idolatrie and afflicted by tyrants.

13 And the r starres of heauen fel vnto the earth, as a figge tre casteth her grene figges when it is shaken of a mightie winde.

r Doctours, preachers that departe from the truth.

14 And s heauen departed away, as a scrole when it is rolled, and euerie mountaine & yle were moued out of their places.

s The kingdome of God is hid, and withdrawen from men, & appeareth not.

15 And the Kings of the earth, & the great men, and the riche men, and the chief captaines, and the mightie men, and euerie bondman, and euerie fre man, hid them selues in dennes, and among the rockes of the mountaines,

t Realmes, kingdomes & persones, that did seme to be as stable in ỹ faith as mountaines.

Isa. 2, 19.
ose. 10, 8.
luk. 23, 30

16 And said to t the moūtaines and rockes, *u Fall on vs, and hide vs from the presence of him that sitteth on the throne, & frō the wrath of the Lambe.

u Suche men afterwarde, of what estate soeuer, they be, shalbe desperate, and not able to suffer the weight of Gods wrath, but shal cōtinually feare his iudgement.

17 For the great day of his wrath is come, and who can stand?

CHAP. VII.

4. 9 He seeth the seruants of God sealed in their forheades out of all nations and people. 15 Which though they suffer trouble, yet the Lāb fedeth them, leadeth them to the fountaines of liuing water. 17 And God shal wipe awaye all teares from their eyes.

1 ANd after that, I sawe foure Angels stād on ỹ foure corners of the earth, holding the foure a windes of the b earth, ỹ the windes shulde not blowe on the earth, nether on the c sea, nether on anie d tre.

a The spirit is compared to winde, and the doctrine also: and though there be one spirit and one doctrine, yet foure are here named in respect of the diuersitie of the foure quarters of the earth where ỹ Gospel is spred, and for the foure writers thereof, and ỹ preaches of ỹ same through ỹ wholeworlde.

2 And I saw another "Angel come vp from the East, which had the seale of the liuing God, and he cryed with a loude voyce to the foure Angels to whome power was giuen to hurt the earth, and the sea, saying, e Hurt ye not the earth, nether the sea, nether the trees, til we haue f sealed ỹ seruants of our God in their foreheades.

b Meaning, ỹ men of the earth.

c That is, the ylands.

"Or, *Christ.*

d Signifying all men in general, who can no more liue without this spiritual doctrine, then trees can blossome and beare, except the winde blowe vpon them.

e God preuenteth the dangers and euils, which otherwise wolde ouerwhelme the elect.

3 And I heard the nomber of them, which were sealed, and there *were* sealed g an hūdreth and foure and fortie thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

f Those that are sealed by the Spirit of God, and marked with the worde of God, so that they make open profession of the same, are exempted frō cuil.

4 Of the tribe of Iuda were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Ruben were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelue thousand.

5 Of the tribe of Aser, were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthali were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelue thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Simeō were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of h Leui were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelue thousand.

7 Of the tribe of i Ioseph were sealed twelue thousand. Of the tribe of Beniamin

g Though that this blindenes be brogbt into the worlde by the malice of Satan, yet the mercies of God reserue to him self an infinite nomber which shalbe saued bothe of the Iewes and Gentiles through Christ.

h He omitteth Dan, & putteth Leui in, whereby he meaneth the twelue tribes.

i That is, the tribe of Ephraim, which was Iosephs sonne.

were

were ſealed twelue thouſand.

9 After theſe thigs I behelde, & lo, a great multitude, which no mā colde nomber, of all nacions & kinreds, and people, & tongues, ſtode before the throne, and before the Lambe, clothed with long [k] white robes, and [l] palmes in their hands.

10 And they cryed with a loude voyce, ſaying, [m] Saluacion *cometh* of our God, that ſitteth vpon the throne, & of the Lambe.

11 And all the Angels ſtode rounde about the throne, and *about* the Elders, and the foure beaſtes, & they fell before the throne on their faces, and worſhiped God,

12 Saying, Amen. Praiſe and glorie, & wiſdome, and thankes, and honour, & power, and might, *be* vnto our God for euermore, Amen.

13 And one of the Elders ſpake, ſayīg vnto me, What are theſe ẅ are araied in long white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I ſaid vnto him, Lord, thou knoweſt. And he ſaid to me, Theſe are they, which came out of great tribulacion, and haue waſhed their long robes & haue made their long robes white in [n] the blood of the Lambe.

15 Therefore are they in the preſence of the throne [o] of God, and ſerue him day & [p] night in his Temple, and he that ſitteth on the throne, wil dwell among them.

16 * They ſhal [q] hunger no more, nether thirſt anie more, nether ſhal the ſunne [r] light on them, nether anie heate.

17 For the [ſ] Lambe, which is in the [t] middes of the throne, ſhal gouerne them, and ſhal leade them vnto [u] the liuelie fountaines of waters, and * God ſhal wipe away all teares from their eyes.

k In ſigne of puritie.
l In token of victorie & felicitie.
m All that are ſaued, attribute their ſaluacion vnto God onely & to his Chriſt & to no one other thing.
n There is no puritie nor clēnes, but by the blood of Chriſt onely, ẅ purgeth o ſinnes & ſo maketh vs white. *Iſa. 49, 10.*
o That is, of the maieſtie of God ſ Father, the Sonne, and ſ holie Goſt.
p Meaning continually: for els in heauē there is no night. *Iſa. 25, 8. chap. 21, 4.*
q For all infirmitie & miſerie ſhalbe then taken away.
r They ſhal haue no more grief and paine, but ſtil ioy & conſolacion.
ſ Ieſus Chriſt the mediator & redemer.
t Which as verie God.
u He ſhal giue them life and conſerue them in eternal felicitie.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The ſeuenth ſeale is opened: there is ſilence in heauen. 6 The foure Angels blowe their trumpettes, and great plagues followe vpon the earth.

1 AND when he had opened the [a] ſeuēth ſeal, there was [b] ſilence in heauen about halfe an houre.

2 And I ſawe the ſeuen Angels, which ſtode [c] before God, and to them were giuen ſeuen trumpettes.

3 Then another Angel came and ſtode before the altar hauing a golden cenſer, and muche odours was giuen vnto him, that he ſhulde offre with the prayers of all Saintes vpon the golden altar, which is before the throne.

4 And the ſmoke of the odours with the prayers of the Saintes, went vp before God, out of the Angels hand.

5 And the Angel toke the cenſer, and filled it with [d] fyre of the altar, and caſt it into the [e] earth, and [f] there were voyces, and thundrings, and lightenings, and earthquake.

6 Then the ſeuen Angels, which had the ſeuen trumpettes, prepared them ſelues to blowe the trumpettes.

7 So the firſt Angel [g] blewe the trumpet, and there was haile & fyre, mingled with blood, and they were caſt into the earth, and the third parte of [h] trees was burnt, & all grene [i] graſſe was burnt.

8 And the ſeconde Angel blewe the trumpet, and as it *were* a great [k] mountaine, burning with fyre, was caſt into the ſea, & the third parte of the ſea became blood.

9 And the third parte of the creatures, which were in the ſea, and had life, dyed, & ſ third parte of [l] ſhipes were deſtroied.

10 Then the third Angel blewe the trumpet, & there fell [m] a great ſtarre from heauen burning like a torche, and it fell into the third parte of the riuers, and into the fountaines of waters.

11 And the name of the ſtarre is called wormewood: therefore the third parte of the waters became wormewood, and manie men dyed of the [n] waters, becauſe thei were made bitter.

12 And the fourthe Angel blewe the trumpet, and the third parte of the [o] ſunne was ſmitten, & the third parte of the [p] moone, and the third parte of the [q] ſtarres, ſo that the third parte of them was [r] darkened: and the day *was ſmitten*, that the third parte of it colde not ſhine, and likewiſe the night.

13 And I behelde, & heard one Angel flying through the middes of heauē, ſaying with a lowde voyce, [ſ] Wo, wo, wo to the inhabitants of the earth, becauſe of the ſoundes to come of the trumpet of the thre Angels, which were yet to blowe the trūpettes.

a Vnder the firſt ſeale he touched in general the corruption of the doctrine: but vnder the ſeuenth he ſheweth the great danger thereof, & what troubles, ſectes & hereſies hathe bene & ſhalbe broght into ſ Church tharby.
b That the hearers might be more attentiue.
c He ſheweth the onelie remedie in our afflictions, to wit, to appeare before the face of God by the meanes of Ieſus Chriſt, who is the Angel, the ſacrifice, and the Prieſt, which preſenteth our prayers, which remaine yet in earth, before the altar and diuine maieſtie of God.
d He meaneth by fyre ſ zeale of God, wherby we are purged & made cleane, 6, 6.
e He powreth the graces of the holie Goſt into the hearts of ſ faithfull.
f When the graces are offered, marueilous rebellions ariſe againſt it, by reaſon of the wicked, which can neither abide to heare their ſinnes touched, nor the mercie offred.
g That is, publiſheth & claimeth warre againſt the Church, and troubles by falſe doctrine, ſo admoniſheth the godly to watche & prepare.
h That is, the moſte parte of men were ſeduced.
i Euen the verie elect were ſometyme tryed & proued.
k Diuers ſectes of hereticks were ſpred abroad in the worlde.
l Meaning the ſhipmaſters, ſo them that had anie gouernement.
m That is, ſome excellent miniſter of the Church, which ſhal corrupt the Scripture.
n Which here ſignifie falſe & corrupt doctrine.
o That is, of Chriſt who is the ſunne of iuſtice, meaning that men by boaſting of their workes and merites obſcure Chriſt and tread his death vnder fete.
p That is, of the Church.
q Of the miniſters and teachers, which nam not taught, as they ght to do.
r Theſe are plagues for the contempt of the Goſpel.
ſ Horrible threatnings againſt the infideles & rebellious perſones.

CHAP. IX.

1 The fift and ſixt Angel blowe their trumpettes: the ſtarre falleth from heauen. 3 The locuſtes come out of the ſmoke. 12 The firſt wo is paſte. 14 The foure Angels that were bounde, are loſed. 18 And the third parte of men is killed.

1 AND the fift Angel blewe the trūpet, & I ſawe [a] a ſtarre fall from heauen vnto the earth, and to him was giuen the [b] keye of the bottomles pit.

2 And he opened the bottomles pit, and there aroſe the ſmoke of the pit, as the [c] ſmoke of a great fornace, and the ſunne,

a That is, the Biſhopes and miniſters, ẅ forſake ſ worde of God, & ſo fall out of heauen, & become Angels of darkenes.
b This authoritie chiefly is committed to the Pope in ſigne whereof he beareth the keyes in his armes.
c Abundance of hereſies and errors, which couer with darkenes Chriſt and his Goſpel.

and the ayre were darkened by the ſmoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the ſmoke [d] Locuſtes vpon the earth, and vnto them was giuen [e] power, as the [f] ſcorpions of the earth haue power.

4 And it was commanded them, that they ſhulde not hurt the [g] graſſe of the earth, nether anie grene thing, nether anie tree: but onely thoſe [h] men which haue not the ſeale of God in their forheades.

5 And to them was commanded that they ſhulde not [i] kil them, but that they ſhulde be [k] vexed fiue moneths, and that their paine ſhulde be as the paine that cometh of a [l] ſcorpion, when he hathe ſtung a mã.

6 *Therefore in thoſe daies ſhal men [m] ſeke death, and ſhal not finde it, and ſhal deſire to dye, and death ſhal flee from them.

7 *And the forme of the locuſtes *was* like vnto [n] horſes prepared vnto battel, and on their heades *were* as it *were* [o] crownes, like vnto golde, and their faces [p] *were* like the faces of men.

8 And they had heere as the [q] heere of women, and their [r] teeth were as the teeth of lions.

9 And they had [s] habbergions, like to habbergions of yron: and the ſounde of their [t] wings *was* like the ſounde of charets when manie horſes runne vnto battel.

10 And they had tailes like vnto ſcorpions, and there were [u] ſtings in their tailes, & their power was to hurt mẽ fiue moneths.

11 And they haue a King ouer them, which is the [x] Angel of the bottomles pit, whoſe name in Hebrewe *is*, [y] Abaddon, and in Greke he is named Apollyon.

12 One wo is paſt, & beholde, yet two woes come after this.

13 ¶ Then the ſixt Angel blewe the trũpet, & I heard a [z] voyce from the foure hornes of the golden altar, which is before God,

14 Saying to the ſixt Angel, which had the trumpet, Loſe the foure [a] Angels, [ẅ] are bounde in the great riuer Euphrates.

15 And the foure Angels were loſed, which were prepared at an [b] houre, at a day, at a moneth, & at a yere, to ſlay the third parte of men.

16 And the nomber of horſemen of warre were twẽtie thouſand times ten thouſand: for I heard the nomber of them.

17 And thus I ſawe the horſes in a viſion, and them that ſate on them, hauing fyrie habbergiõs, & of Iacinth & of brimſtone, & the heads of the horſes were as [ẏ] heads of lyons: and out of their mouthes went forthe fyre and ſmoke and brimſtone.

18 Of theſe thre was the third parte of mẽ killed, *that is*, of the fyre and of the ſmoke, and of the brimſtone, which came out of their mouthes.

19 For their power is in their [c] mouthes, & in their tailes: for their tailes were like vn to ſerpents, and had heades, wherewith they hurte.

20 And the remnant of the men which were not killed by theſe plagues, [d] repented not of the workes of their hands that thei ſhulde not worſhip deuils, and * idoles of golde and of ſiluer, and of braſſe, and of ſtone, and of wood, which nether can ſe, nether heare nor go.

21 Alſo thei repented not of their murther, and of their ſorcerie, nether of their fornicacion, nor of their thefte.

CHAP. X.

1 The Angel hathe the boke open. 6 He ſweareth there ſhalbe no more time. 9 He giueth the boke vnto Iohn, which eateth it vp.

1 AND I ſawe another mightie [a] Angel come downe from heauen, clothed with a cloude, and the [b] raine bowe vpon his head, & his face was as the [c] ſunne, and his [d] feete as pillers of fyre.

2 And he had in his hand a litle [e] boke open, and he put his right fote vpon the ſea, and *his* left on the earth,

3 And cryed with a [f] lowde voyce, as when a lyon roareth: and when he had cryed, ſeuen [g] thondres vttered their voyces.

4 And when the ſeuen thonders had vttered their voyces, I was about to write: but I heard a voyce from heauen ſaying vnto me, * [h] Seale vp thoſe things which the ſeuen thondres haue ſpoken, & write thẽ not.

5 And the Angel which I ſawe ſtand vpon the ſea and vpon the earth, lift vp his hãd to heauen,

6 And ſware [i] by him that liuẽth for euermore, which created heauen, & the things that therein are, & the earth & the things that therein are, & the ſea & the things, [ẅ] therein are, that time ſhulde be no more.

7 But in the daies of the voyce of the ſeuẽth Angel, whẽ he ſhal beginne to blowe the trumpet, euen the [k] myſterie of God ſhalbe finiſhed, as he hathe declared to his ſeruants the Prophetes.

8 And

[d] Locuſtes are falſe teachers, heretikes, and worldlie ſutil Prelates, with Monkes, Freres, Cardinals, Patriarkes, Archebiſhops, Biſhops, Doctors, Baſchelers & maſters which forſake Chriſt to maintein falſe doctrine.

[e] Falſe and deceiuable doctrine, which is pleaſant to the fleſh.

[f] That is, ſecretly to perſecute and to ſting with their taile as ſcorpiõs doe ſuche is the facion of the hypocrites.

Iſa.2,19.
hoſe.10,8.
luk.23,30.
chap.6,16.
Wiſd.16,9.

[g] For the falſe prophetes cã not deſtroie the elect, but ſuche as are ordeined to perdicion.

[h] That is, the infideles whome Satan blindeth with the efficacie of error, 2. Theſ 2,11

[i] Thogh the elect be hurt, yet they can not periſh.

[k] The elect for a certeine ſpace and at times are in troubles: for the greſhoppers endure but frõ April to Septẽber, which is fiue moneths.

[l] For at the beginning ẏ ſting of their conſcience ſemeth as nothing, but except thei ſone ſeke remedie, they periſh.

[m] Suche is the terrour of the vnbeleuing cõſcience, which hath no aſſurãce of mercie, but feleth the iudgement of God againſt it, when men imbrace error and refuſe the true ſimplicitie of Gods worde.

[a] Which ſignifieth that the Popes clergie ſhalbe proude, ambicious, bolde, ſtoute, raſh, rebellious, ſtubbern, cruel, lecherous & autors of warre & deſtruction of the ſimple children of God. [o] They pretend a certeine title of honour, which in dede belõgeth nothing vnto thẽ, as the Prieſts by their crownes and ſtrange apparel declare. [p] That is, thei pretẽd great gentlenes & loue: thei are wiſe, politicke, ſubtil, eloquent & in worldlie craftines paſſe all in all their doings. [q] That is, effeminate, delicate, idle, trimming thẽ ſelues to pleaſe their harlots. [r] Signifying their oppreſsion of the poore & crueltie againſt Gods children. [ſ] Which ſignifie their hardenes of heart and obſtinacion in their errors, with their aſſurance vnder the protection of worldelie princes.

[t] For as thogh they had wings, ſo are they lifted vp aboue the cõmune ſorte of men & eſtemed moſte holie & do all things ẅ rage & fiercenes. [u] To infect & kil ẅ their venemous doctrine. [x] Which is Antichriſt the Pope, king of hypocrites & Satans ambaſſadour [y] That is, deſtroier: for Antichriſt the ſonne of perdicion deſtroieth mens ſoules ẅ falſe doctrine, & the whole worlde ẅ fyre & ſworde. [z] Which was the voyce of Chriſt ſitting at the right hand of the Father. [a] Meaning the enemies of the Eaſt countrey, which ſhulde afflict the Church of God, as did the Arabians, Saraſines, Turkes & Tartarians.

[b] This ſignifieth the great readines of the enemies.

[c] Which ſignifieth their falſe doctrine & hypocriſie.

[d] And therefore were iuſtely deſtroyed.

Pſal.115,4.
& 135,15.

[a] Which was Ieſus Chriſt ẏ came to cõfort his Church againſt ẏ furious aſſaltes of Satan and Antichriſt: ſo that in all their troubles, the faithful are ſure to finde conſolaciõ in him.

[b] Ieſus Chriſt begreth ẏ teſtimonie of Gods loue towardes vs.

[c] It ouercame all the darkenes of the Angel of the bottomles pit.

Dan.12,7.

[d] Straight, ſtrong & pure frõ all corruptions.

[e] Meaning the Goſpel of Chriſt, which Antichriſt can not hide, ſeing Chriſt bringeth it opẽ in his hãd.

[f] Which declareth that in deſpite of Antichriſt ẏ Goſpel ſhulde be preached through all the worlde: ſo that the enemies ſhalbe aſtonied.

[g] The whole graces of Gods Spirit bent them ſelues againſt Antichriſt.

[h] Belene that that is written: for there is no nede to write more for the vnderſtanding of Gods children.

[i] That is, by God with whome Chriſt by his diuinitie is equall.

[k] The faithful ſhal vnderſtand and ſe this myſterie of the laſt iudgement, the damnacion of Antichriſt and infideles, & alſo the glorie of the iuſt at the reſurrection.

l As S. Iohn vnderſtode all by reuelation, ſo is the ſame reueiled to ỹ true preachers to diſcouer the Pope, & Antichriſt.

8 And the voyce which I heard from heauen, ſpake vnto l me againe and ſaid, Go & take ỹ litle boke which is open in the hand of the m Angel, which ſtãdeth vpon the ſea & vpon the earth.

m Meaning, Chriſt.

9 So I wẽt vnto the Angel, & ſaid to him, Giue me the litle n boke. And he ſaid vnto me, * Take it, & o eat it vp, and it ſhal make thy bellie bitter, but it ſhalbe in thy mouth as ſwete as honie.

*Ezec.3.1.

n That is, the holie Scriptures: ẅ declareth ỹ the miniſter muſt receiue thẽ at ỹ hand of God before he can preache thẽ to others.

10 Then I toke the litle boke out of the Angels hand, and ate it vp, and it was in my mouth as p ſwete as honie: but when I had eaten it, my bellie was bitter.

o Which ſignifieth that the miniſters ought to receiue the worde into their hearts, & to haue graue, & depe iudgement, and diligently to ſtudie it, & with zeale to vtter it.

11 And he ſaid vnto me, Thou muſt prophecie q againe among the people and nations, and tongues, and to many Kings.

p Signifying ỹ albeit that the miniſter haue conſolation by the worde of God, yet ſhal he haue ſore, & grieuous enemies, which ſhalbe troubleſome vnto him.

q Not onely meaning in his life time, but that this boke after his death ſhulde be as a preaching vnto all nations.

CHAP. XI.

1 The tẽple is meaſured. 3 Two witneſſes raiſed vp by the Lord, are murthered by the beaſt. 11 But after receiued to glorie. 15 Chriſt is exalted. 16 And God praiſed by the 24. elders.

1 THen was giuen me a rede, like vnto a rodde, & the Angel ſtode by, ſaying, Riſe and a mete the tẽple of God, and the altar, and them that worſhip therein.

a Which declareth ỹ Chriſt Ieſus wil buyld his Church and not haue it deſtroyed: for he meaſureth out his ſpiritual Temple

2 But b the court which is without the temple caſt out, and mete it not: for it is giuen vnto the Gentiles, and the holie c citie ſhal they treade vnder fote d two & fortie moneths.

b The Iewiſh tẽple was deuided into thre parts: the bodie of the temple which is called the court, whereinto euerie mã entred: ỹ holie places where ỹ leuits were: & the holieſt of all, whereinto the high Prieſt once a yere entred: in reſpect therefore of theſe two later, the firſt is ſaid to be caſt out, becauſe as a thig prophane it is neglected whẽ the temple is meaſured, and yet the aduerſaries of Chriſt boaſt that they are in the Tẽple, and ỹ none are of the Tẽple, but they.

3 But I wil giue power vnto my e two witneſſes, & they ſhal prophecie a f thouſand, two hundreth, & threſcore dayes, clothed in g ſacke cloth.

c That is, the Church of God.

d Meaning, a certeine time: for God hathe limited the times of Antichriſts tyrãnie.

4 Theſe are two h oliue trees, & two cãdel ſtickes, ſtãding before ỹ God of ỹ i earth.

5 And if anie mã wil hurte them, fyre procedeth out of their mouthes, and deuoureth their enemies: for if anie man wolde hurt them, k thus muſte he be killed.

e By two witneſſes he meaneth all the preachers ỹ ſhulde buylde vp Gods Church, alluding to Zorubbabel and Iehoſhua which were chiefly appointed for this thing, and alſo to this ſaying, In the mouthe of two witneſſes ſtandeth euerie worde.

f Signifying a certeine time: for whẽ God giueth ſtrength to his miniſters, their perſecutions ſeme, but as it were for a day or two.

g In poore and ſimple apparel.

h Whereby are ſignified the excellẽt graces of them which beare witnes to the Goſpel.

i Who hathe dominion ouer the whole earth.

k By Gods worde whereby his miniſters diſcomfit the enemies.

6 Theſe haue power to ſhut l heauen, that it raine not in the dayes of their prophecying, & haue power ouer waters to turne them into m blood, and to ſmite the earth with all maner plagues, as oftẽ as thei wil.

l They denounce Gods iudgement againſt the wicked, that they can not enter into heauen.

7 And when they haue n finiſhed their teſtimonie, the n beaſt that cometh out of the bottomles pit, ſhal make warre againſt them, and ſhal o ouercome them, and kill them.

m Which is to declare & procure Gods vengeance

n That is, the Pope which hathe his power out of hel and cometh thence.

o He ſheweth how the Pope gaineth the victorie, not by Gods worde, but by cruel warre.

8 And their corpſes ſhal lie in the ſtretes of the great p citie, which ſpiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where our Lord alſo was crucified.

p Meaning the whole iuriſdiction of the Pope, which is cõpared to Sodom for their abominable ſinne, and to Egypt becauſe the true liberte to ſerue God is taken away from the faithful: and Chriſt was cõdemned by Pilate, who repreſented the Romaine power which ſhulde be enemie to the godlie.

9 And they of the people and kinreds, and tõgues, and Gentiles ſhal ſe their corpſes thre dayes and an halfe, and ſhal not ſuffer their carkeiſes to be put in graues.

10 And they that dwell vpon the earth, ſhal reioyce ouer them and be glad, and ſhal ſend giftes one to another: for theſe two Propheres q vexed them that dwelt on the earth.

q The infidels are tormented by hearing ỹ trueth preached.

11 But after thre dayes and an halfe, the ſpirit of life *comming* from God, ſhal enter into them, & they ſhal r ſtand vp vpon their fete: and great feare ſhal come vpon them which ſawe them.

r Which ſhalbe at the laſt reſurrection.

12 And they ſhal heare a great voyce from heauen, ſaying vnto them, f Come vp hither. And they ſhal aſcende vp to heauen in a cloude, and their enemies ſhal ſe them.

f For it ſemed that Antichriſt had chaſed them out of the earth.

13 And the ſame houre ſhal there be a great earthquake, and the tenth parte of the citie t ſhal fall, and in the earthquake ſhalbe ſlaine in nomber ſeuen thouſand: and the remnant ſhalbe afraid, u and giue glorie to the God of heauen.

t Of the power of Antichriſt.

u When they ſhal vnderſtãd by Gods worde the glorie of his, and the puniſhment of his enemies, their ſhal fall from the Pope, and glorifie God.

14 The ſeconde wo is paſt, & beholde the thirde wo wil come anone.

15 And the ſeuenth Angel blew the trumpet, and there were great voyces in heauẽ, ſaying, The x kingdomes of this worlde are our Lords, and his Chriſts, and he ſhal reigne for euermore.

x Albeit Satã by ỹ Pope, Turke and other inſtruments troubleth the worlde neuer ſo muche, yet Chriſt ſhal reigne.

16 Then the foure & twẽtie Elders, which ſate before God on their ſeates, fell vpon their faces, and worſhipped y God,

y Ieſus Chriſt.

17 Saying, z We giue thee thankes, Lord God almightie, Which art, and Which waſt, & Which art to come: for thou haſt receiued thy great might, and haſt obteined thy kingdome.

z This declareth the office of the godlie, which is to giue God thãkes for the deliuerance of his, and to praiſe his iuſtice for puniſhing of his enemies.

18 And the Gentiles were angrie, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they ſhulde be iudged, and that thou ſhuldeſt giue rewarde vnto thy ſeruants the Propheres, and to the Saintes, and to them that feare thy Name, to ſmale, and great, and ſhuldeſt deſtroye them, which deſtroye the earth.

19 Then the Temple of God was opened in heauen, and there was ſene in his Temple the Arke of his couenãt: and there were a lightnings, and voyces, and thõdrings, and earthquake, and muche haile.

a Which ſignifie the deſtruction of the enemies.

CHAP. XII.

1 There appeareth in heauen a woman clothed with the ſunne. 7 Michael fighteth with the dragon, which perſecuteth the woman. 11 The victorie is gotten to the comfort of the faithful.

12 AND there appeared a great wonder in heauen: A [a] woman clothed with the ſunne, & the [b] moone *was* vnder her fete, and vpon her head a [c] crowne of twelue ſtarres.

2 And ſhe was with childe and [d] cryed trauailing in birth, and was pained readie to be deliuered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heauen: for beholde, a great [e] red dragon hauing [f] ſeuen heades, and ten hornes, and ſeuen crownes vpon his heads:

4 And his taile drue the [g] third parte of the ſtarres of heauen, & caſt thē to the earth. And the dragon ſtode before the woman, which was readie to be deliuered, to deuoure her childe when ſhe had broght it forthe.

5 [h] So ſhe broght forthe a man childe, which ſhulde rule all nations with a [*] rod of yron: and her ſonne was taken vp vnto God and to this throne.

6 And the womā fled into [i] wildernes where ſhe hathe a place prepared of God, that they ſhulde fede her there a thouſand, two hundreth and threſcore dayes.

7 And there was a battel in heauen. [k] Michael & his Angels foght againſt the dragon, and the dragon foght & his Angels.

8 But they preuailed not, nether was their place founde anie more [l] in heauen.

9 And the great dragon, that olde ſerpent, called the deuil and Satan, was caſt out, which deceiueth all the worlde: he was *euē* caſt into the earth, & his Angels were caſt out with him.

10 Thē I heard a loude voyce, ſaying, Now is ſaluation in heauen, and ſtrength & the kingdome of our God, and the power of his Chriſt: for the accuſer of our brethren is caſt downe, which accuſed them before our God day and night.

11 But they ouercame him by the blood of the Lambe, and by the worde of their teſtimonie, and they [m] loued not their liues vn to the death.

12 Therefore reioyce, ye heauens, & ye that dwell in thē. Wo to the [n] inhabitāts of the earth, and of the ſea: for the deuil is come downe vnto you which hathe great wrath, knowing that he hathe but a ſhort time.

13 And when the dragon ſawe that he was [o] caſt vnto the earth, he perſecuted ẏ womā which had broght forthe the man *childe*.

14 But to the woman were giuen two winges of a great egle, ẏ ſhe might flie into the wildernes, into [p] her place, where ſhe is nouriſhed for a time, & times, and halfe a time, from the preſence of the ſerpent.

15 And ẏ [q] ſerpēt caſt out of his mouth water after ẏ woman like a flood, ẏ he might cauſe her to be caryed away of the flood.

16 But the earth holpe the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and ſwalowed vp the flood, which the dragō had caſt out of his mouth.

17 Then the dragon was wroth with the woman, and wēt and made warre with the [r] remnant of her ſede, which kepe the cōmandements of God, and haue the teſtimonie of Ieſus Chriſt.

18 And I ſtode on the ſea ſande.

CHAP. XIII.

1. 8 The beaſt deceiueth the reprobate, 2. 4. 12. And is confirmed by another beaſt. 17 The priuiledge of the beaſts marke.

13 AND I ſawe a [a] beaſt riſe out of the ſea, hauing [b] ſeuen heads, and [c] ten hornes, and vpon his hornes *were* ten crownes, and vpon his heads the name of blaſphemie.

2 And the beaſt which I ſawe, was like a [d] leopard, and his fete like a beares, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the [e] dragon gaue him his power and his throne, & great autoritie.

3 And I ſawe one of his [f] heads as it *were* wounded to death, but his [g] deadlie woūde was healed, and all the worlde wōdred *and* followed the beaſt.

4 And they worſhipped the dragon which gaue power vnto the beaſt, & they [h] worſhipped the beaſt, ſaying, Who is like vnto the beaſt? who is able to warre with him!

5 And there was giuen vnto him a mouth, that ſpake great things and blaſphemies, and power was giuen vnto him, to do [i] two and fortie moneths.

6 And he opened his mouth vnto blaſphemie againſt God, to blaſpheme his Name and his tabernacle, & thē ẏ dwel in heauē.

7 And it was giuē vnto him to make warre with the Saintes, and to [k] ouercome them, & power was giuen him ouer euerie [l] kinred and tongue, and nation.

8 Therefore all that dwell vpon the earth, ſhal worſhip him, whoſe [m] names are not [*] writen in the Boke of life of the Lambe, which was ſlaine [n] from the beginning of the worlde.

9 If anie man haue an eare, let him heare.

10 If anie lead into captiuitie, he ſhal go [o] into captiuitie: if anie kil with a ſworde, he muſt be killed by a ſworde: here is the pacience, & the faith of the Saintes.

11 And I behelde another beaſt comming vp out of the [p] earth, which had two [q] hor-

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g In this third viſion is declared how ẏ Church which is compaſſed about with Ieſus Chriſt the Sonne of righteouſnes, is perſecuted of Antichriſt.

b The Church treadeth vnder fote what ſoeuer is mutable, and incōſtant, with all corrupt affections and ſuche like

c Which ſignifie God and his worde.

d The Church euer with a moſte feruent deſire longed ẏ Chriſt ſhulde be borne, & that the faithful might be regenerate by his power. *Pſal. 2. 9.*

e The deuil, & all his power which burneth with furie and is red with ẏ blood of the faithful.

f For he is prince of this worlde & almoſte hathe ẏ vniuerſal gouernement.

g By his flatteries & promiſes he gaineth manie of ẏ excellēt miniſters & honorable perſones, and bringeth thēto deſtruction.

h Which is Ieſus Chriſt the firſt borne amōg manie brethrē, who was borne of ẏ virgin Marie as of a ſpecial mēber of ẏ Churche.

i The Church was remoued frō among the Iewes to the Gētiles, which were as a barē wildernes, and ſo it is perſecuted to & fro.

k Ieſus Chriſt and his members, as Apoſtles, Martyrs, and the reſt of the faithful.

l For the dragon was depriued of all his dignitie and had no more place in the Church.

m They put their liues in danger ſo oft as nede required.

n Meaning thē that are giuen to the worlde and fleſhlie luſtes.

o And was ouercome of Chriſt, then he fagh againſt his members

p Which the Lord had appointed for her.

q God giueth meanes to his Church to eſcape the furie of Satan making his creatures to ſerue to the ſupport thereof.

r Satā was not able to deſtroy the head nor the bodie, and therefore ſheweth his rage againſt the mēbers.

a Here is the deſcription of the Romaine empire which ſtandeth in crueltie and tyrannie.

b Meaning Rome, becauſe it was firſt gouerned by ſeuen Kings or Emperours after Nero, and alſo is compaſſed about wt ſeuen mountaines.

c Which ſignifie manie prouinces.

d By theſe beaſtes are ſignified the Macedoniās, Perſians & Chaldeans whome the Romaines ouercame.

e That is, the deuil.

f This maie be vnderſtand of Nero, who moued ẏ firſt perſecution againſt ẏ Churche, and after ſlewe him ſelf, ſo ẏ the familie of the Ceſars ended in him.

g For ẏ empire was eſtabliſhed againe by Veſpaſian.

h By receiuīg the ſtatutes, ordināces, decrees, ceremonies, & religion of ẏ Romaine empire.

i Antichriſts time & powr is limited.

k In their bodies, not in ſoule.

l He meaneth ẏ vniuerſal departing where of S. Paul ſpeaketh to the Theſſalonians.

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m Antichriſt hathe not power ouer ẏ elect. n As God ordeined frō before all begining, & all ẏ ſacrifices were as ſignes & ſacramēts of Chriſts death. o Thei which led ſoules captiues, go them ſelues into captiuitie. p As the kingdome of Chriſt is frō heauē, & bringeth men thither: ſo ẏ Popes kingdome is of ẏ earth & leadeth to perditiō, & is begōne, & eſtabliſhed by ambitiō, couetouſnes, beaſtelines, craft, treaſon & tyrānie. q Which ſignifie the prieſthode & the kingdome, and therefore he giueth in his armes two keis, and hathe two ſwordes caryed before him. So Boniface the eight which firſt ordeined the Iubile, ſhewed him ſelf one day in apparel as a Pope, & the next day in harnes as the Emperour, and the two hornes in the biſhops mitre are ſignes hereof.

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nes like the Lambe, but he r spake like the dragon.

12 And he did all that the first f beast colde do before him, & he caused the earth, and them which dwel therein, to worship the first c beast, whose deadlie wounde was healed.

13 And u he did great wonders, so that he made fyre to come downe from heauen on the earth, in the sight of men,

14 And deceiued thē that dwel on the earth by the signes, which were permitted to him to do in the x sight of the beast, sayīg to them that dwell on the earth, that they shulde make the y image of the beast, which had the wounde of a sworde, & did liue.

15 And it was permitted to him to giue a z spirit vnto the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast shulde a speake, and shulde cause that as manie as wolde not b worship the image of the beast, shulde be killed.

16 And he made all, bothe small and great, riche and poore, fre and bonde, to receiue a c marke in their right hand or in their forheads.

17 And d that no man might bye or sell, saue he that had the marke, or the name of the beast, or the nomber of his name.

18 Heare is wisdome. Let him that hathe wit, count the nomber of the beast: for it is the nomber e of a man, and his nomber is six hundreth, threscore and six.

and the Elders, and no e man colde learne that song, but the hundreth, fortie and foure thousand, which were boght from the earth.

4 These are they, which are not f defiled with womē: for they are virgins: these folowe the Lābe g whither soeuer he goeth: these are boght from men, being the h first frutes vnto God, and to the Lambe.

5 And in their mouths was founde no guile: for they are without i spot before the throne of God.

6 ¶ Then I sawe another k Angel flee in the middes of Heauen, hauing an euerlasting Gospel, to preache vnto them, that dwell on the earth, and to euerie nation, and kinred, and tongue, and people,

7 * Sayīg with a loude voyce, l Feare God, and giue glorie to him: for the houre of his iudgement is come: and worship him that made * heauen and earth, and the sea, and the fountaines of waters.

8 And there followed another Angel, saying, * It is fallen, it is fallen, m Babylon the great citie: for she made all nations to drinke of the wine of the n wrath of her fornication.

9 ¶ And the thirde Angel followed them, saying with a loude voyce, If any mā worship the beast and his image, and receiue *his* marke in his forhead, or on his hand,

10 The same shal drinke of the wine of the wrath of God, yea, of ȳ o pure wine, which is powred into the cuppe of his wrath, and he shalbe tormented in fyre and brimstone before the holie Angels, & before the Lambe.

11 And the smoke of their torment shal ascende euermore: & they shal haue no rest day nor night, which worshippe the beast and his image, and whosoeuer receiueth the print of his name.

12 Here is the pacience of p Saintes: here are they that kepe the commandements of God, and the faith of Iesus.

13 Thē I heard a voyce frō heauen, saying vnto me, Write, q Blessed *are* the dead, which hereafter dye " in the r Lord. Euē so saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labours, and their workes followe them.

14 ¶ And I loked, & beholde, a white s clou de, and vpon the cloude one sitting like vnto the Sōne of man, hauing on his head a golden crowne, and in his hand a sharpe sickle.

15 And another Angel came out of the Tēple, crying with a loude voyce to him

r He spake despelishdoctrine, accused Gods worde of imperfection, set vp mans traditions, and spake things contrarie to God and his worde.

f For the Pope in ambitiō, crueltie, idolatrie, & blasphemie did folow & imitate the anciēt Romaines.

t Broght thē to idolatrie & astonished thē with the name of that holie empire (as h termeth it)

u The man of synne accordīg to ȳ operation of Satā shalbe ẅ all power, signes & miracles of lies, 2. Thes. 2, 10.

x Before the whole empire ẅ represenceth the first beast, and is ȳ image thereof.

y For the first empire Romaine was as the paterne, & this secōde empire is but an image & shadowe thereof.

z For except ȳ Pope confirme the autoritie of the King of Romaines, he is not esteemed worthie to be made Emperour.

a The same things ẅ the Pope, or false prophetes instruct him in. b Receiue the ordinances & decrees of the seat of Rome, & to kisse ȳ vilens fote, if he were put thereunto. c Whereby he renoūceth Christ: for as faith, ȳ worde & the Sacramēts are ȳ Christiās markes: so this Antichrist wil accept none but suche as wil approue his doctrine: so ȳ it is not ynough to cōfesse Christ, & to believe ȳ Scriptures, but a man must subscribe to ȳ Popes doctrine: moreouer their chrismatories, graisings, vowes, othes & shauings are signes of his marke in so muche as no natiō was excepted ȳ had not manie of these marked beasts d He ȳ is not sealed ẅ Antichrists marke, can not be suffered to liue among men. e Suche as may be vnderstād by mans reason: for about 666 yeres after this reuelatiō ȳ Pope or Antichrist begā to be manifest in the worlde: for these characters χ ξ ς signifie 666: & this nōber is gathered of ȳ smale nōber, λ α τ ε ι ν ο ς. ẅ in the whole make 666 & signifieth Lateinus, or Latin, which noteth the Pope or Antichrist who vseth in all things ȳ Latin tōgue, & in respect thereof he contēneth ȳ Ebrewe & Greke wherein ȳ worde of God was first & best writē: & because Italie in olde time was called Latinum, the Italians are called Latini, so that hereby he noteth of what countrey chiefly he shulde come.

CHAP. XIIII.

1 The notable cōpanie of the Lābe. 6 One Angel announceth the Gospel. 8 Another the fall of Babylon. 9 And the thirde warneth to flee frō the beast. 13 Of their blessednes which dye in the Lord. 18 Of the Lords harueste.

a Iesus Christ ruleth in his Church to defend and comfort it, thogh the beast rage neuer so muche: and seing Christ is present euer with his Church, there can be no vicare: for where there is a vicare, there is no Church.

THen I loked, and lo, a a Lābe stode on mount Sion, and with him an b hundreth, fortie & foure thousand, hauing his Fathers c Name writen in their forheads.

2 And I heard a voyce from heauen, as the sounde of manie d waters, & as the sounde of a great thunder: & I heard the voyce of harpers harping with their harpes.

3 And they sung as it *were* a newe song before the throne, & before the foure beasts,

b Meaning a great and ample Church. c Which was the marke of their election, to wit, their faith d Signifying that the nomber of the Church shulde be great, and that they shulde speake boldly, and aloude, and so glorifie the Lord.

e None can praise God, but the elect whome he hathe boght.

f By whoredome: and vnder this vice he cōprehendeth all other: but this is chiefly mēt of idolatrie ẅ is the spiritual whoredome.

g For their whole delite is in ȳ Lābe Iesus and they loue none but him.

h Which declareth that the faithful ought to liue iustely and holely, that they may be ȳ first frutes & an excellent offring of the Lord.

i For asmuche as their sinnes are pardoned, & thei are cled ẅ the iustice of Christ.

Act. 14, 20.

k By this Angel are ment ȳ true ministers of Christ ẅ preache the Gospel faithfully.

Isa. 21, 9.

iere. 51, 8.

chap. 18, 8.

l The Gospel teacheth vs to feare God and honour him, ẅ is ȳ beginning of heauenlie wisdome.

m Signifying Rome, for asmuche as the vices which were in Babylon, are founde in Rome in greater abundance, as persecution of the Church of God, oppressiō & sclauerie ẅ destruction of the people of God, cōfusion, superstition, idolatrie, impietie, and as Babylon the first Monarchie was destroyed, so shal this wicked kingdome of Antichrist haue a miserable ruine, thogh it be great & semeth to extend throughout all Europa.

n By ȳ which fornicatiō God is prouoked to wrath: so that he suffreth many to walke in the way of the Romish doctrine to their destruction. o That is, of his terrible iudgement p The faithful are exhorted to pacience q For they are deliuered from the horrible troubles which are in the Church, and rest with God " *Or, for the Lordes cause.* r Which are ingraffed in Christ by faith, which rest and stay onely on him and reioyce to be with him: for immediatly after their death they are receiued into ioye. s Signifying that Christ shal come to iudgement in a cloude, euen as he was sene to go vp.

that ſate on the cloude, * t Thruſt in thy ſickle & reape: for the time is come to reape: for the harueſt of the earth is ripe.

16 And he that ſate on the cloude, u thruſt in his ſickle on the earth, & the earth was reaped.

17 Then another Angel came out of the temple, which is in heauen, hauing alſo a ſharpe ſickle.

18 And another Angel came out from the x altar, which had power ouer fyre, and cryed with a lowde crye to him that had the ſharpe ſickle, and ſaid, Thruſt in thy ſharpe ſickle, & gather the cluſters of the vineyarde of the earth: for her grapes are ripe.

19 And the Angel thruſt in his ſharpe ſickle on the earth, & cutte downe the vines of the vineyarde of the earth, and caſt them into the great wine preſſe of the wrath of God.

20 And the y wine preſſe was trodē without the citie, and blood came out of the wine preſſe, vnto the z horſe bridles by the ſpace of a thouſand and ſix hundreth furlongs.

Ioel 3,13. mat.13,39.

t The ouerthrowe of the people is compared to an harueſt, Iſa.19, 5: alſo to a vintage, Iſa. 6,3

u This is ſpoken familiarly for our capacitie, alluding vnto an houſband man who ſuffereth him ſelf to be aduertiſed by his ſeruants when his harueſt is ripe, and not that Chriſt hathe nede to be tolde when he ſhulde come to iudgement for the cōfort of his Church and deſtructiō of his enemies.

x This was Chriſt who is alſo the altar, the Prieſt and ſacrifice.

y That is, a certeine place appointed and not in the heauen.

z By this ſimilitude he declareth the horrible confuſion of the tyrāts and infideles, which delite in nothing but warres, ſlaughters, perſecutions and effuſion of blood.

CHAP. XV.

2 Seuen Angels haue the ſeuen laſt plagues. 3 The ſong of them that ouercome the beaſt. 7 The ſeuen viales ful of Gods wrath.

1 AND I ſawe another a ſigne in heauē great & marueilous, b ſeuen Angels hauing the ſeuen laſt plagues: for by them is fulfilled the wrath of God.

2 And I ſawe as *it were* a c glaſſie ſea, mingled with fyre, and them that had gotten victorie of the beaſt, and of his image, and of his marke, and of the nomber of his name, ſtand at the glaſſie ſea, hauing the harpes of God,

3 And they ſung the ſong of Moſes the * ſeruant of God, and the ſong of the Lambe, ſaying, Great & marueilous *are* thy workes, Lord God almightie: iuſte and true *are* thy * 'wayes, King of Saintes.

4 * Who ſhal not feare thee, ô Lord, and glorifie thy Name! for thou onely *art* holie, and all nations ſhal come & worſhippe before thee: for thy iudgements are made manifeſt.

5 And after that I loked, and beholde, the tēple of the tabernacle of teſtimonie was open in heauen.

6 And the ſeuen Angels came out of the temple, which had the ſeuen plagues, clothed in pure and d bright linnen, and hauing their e breaſtes girded with golden girdles.

a This is the fourth viſion which conteineth the doctrine of Gods iudgements for the deſtruction of the wicked and comfort of the godlie.

b Meaning an infinite nomber of Gods miniſters, which had infinite maners of ſortes and puniſhements.

Exod.15,1. Pſal.145,17. Iere.10,16.

c Signifying this brittel & inconſtāt world de mixt with fyre, that is, troubles and afflictions, but the Saintes of God ouercome them all, and ſing diuine ſongs vnto God by whoſe power they get the victorie.

' Or, aſtes and dedes.

d Which is to declare that Gods iudgements are cleare, iuſt and without ſpot. e As readie to execute the vengeance of God.

7 And one of the f foure beaſtes gaue vnto the ſeuen Angels ſeuen golden viales full of the wrath of God, which liueth for euermore.

8 And the Temple was ful of the ſmoke of the glorie of God and of his power, and no mā was able to g enter into the Tēple, til the ſeuen plagues of the ſeuen Angels were fulfilled.

f By the foure beaſts are mēt all the creatures of God ẏ willingly ſerue him for the puniſhment of the infideles.

g God giueth vs ful entrie into his Church by deſtroying his enemies: for the Saintes can not clearely knowe all Gods iudgements before the ful end of all things.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The Angels powre out their vials full of wrath. 6 And what plagues followe thereof. 15 Admonition to take hede and watch.

1 AND I heard a great voyce out of the Temple, ſaying to the ſeuē Angels, Go your wayes, and powre out the *ſeuen* viales of the wrath of God vpō the earth.

2 And the firſt went, and powred out his vial vpon the earth: and there fell a noyſome, and a grieuous a ſore vpon the men, which had the marke of the beaſt, & vpon them which worſhipped his image.

3 And the ſecōd Angel powred out his vial vpon the ſea, and it became as the b blood of c a dead man: and euerie liuing thing dyed in the ſea.

4 And the thirde Angel powred out his vial vpon the riuers & fountaines of waters, and they became d blood.

5 And I heard the Angel of the e waters ſay, Lord, thou arr iuſt, Which art, and Which waſt, and Holie, becauſe thou haſt iudged theſe things.

6 For they ſhed the blood of the Saintes, and Prophets, and therefore haſt thou giuen them blood to drinke: for they are worthie.

7 And I heard another out of the Sanctuarie ſay, Euē ſo, Lord God almightie, f true and righteous are thy iudgements.

8 And the fourth Angel powred out his vial on the ſunne, and it was giuen vnto him to torment men with g heat of fyre,

9 And men boyled in great heat, and h blaſphemed the Name of God, which hathe power ouer theſe plagues, and they repented not, to giue him glorie.

10 And the fift Angel powred out his vial vpon the throne of the i beaſt, & his kingdome waxed darke, & they k gnewe their tongues for ſorowe,

11 And blaſphemed the God of heauen for their paines, and for their ſores, & repented not of their workes.

12 And the ſixt Angel powred out his vial vpon the great riuer l Euphrates, and the water thereof dryed vp, that the way of

a This was like the ſixt plague of Egypt, which was ſores and boiles or pockes: and this reigneth cōmunly amōg Canons, monkes, friers, nonnes, Prieſts and ſuche filthie vermin which beare the marke of ẏ beaſt.

b This is like to the firſt plague of Egypt which ſignifieth all kindes of peſtilences and cōtagious diſeaſes.

c That is, corrupt & infected

d The firſt plague of Egypt was like vnto this.

e He bringeth forthe theſe two Angels: ẏ one which is gouernour of ẏ waters, and the other from vnder the altar, as witneſſes & commēders of Gods iuſt iudgements.

f For aſmuche as thou deſtroyeſt the rebelles, & preſerueſt thine.

g Signifying famine, drought and hote diſeaſes which procede thereof.

h The wicked were hardhearted & ſtubborn when God puniſhed them.

i This anſwereth to ẏ ninth plague of Egypt, which ſignifieth ẏ the Popes doctrine is an horrible plague of God, ẅ kepeth men ful in darke ignorance and errours. k They ſhal thewe their furie, rage & blaſphemie againſt God when the light of his Goſpel ſhal ſhine. l By Euphrates which was ẏ ſtrength of Babylon, is ment ẏ riches, ſtrength, pleaſures and commodities of Rome the ſecond Babylon, ẅ the faithful ẅ are the true Kings & Prieſts in Chriſt, haue taken away by diſcloſing their wicked diſceit.

the Kings of the East shulde be prepared.

13 And I sawe thre m vncleane spirits like frogges come out of the mouth of the dragon, & out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits n of deuils, working miracles, to go vnto the o Kings of the earth, and of the whole worlde, to gather them to the battel of that great day of God Almightie.

15 (*Beholde, I come as a thefe. Blessed *is* he that watcheth & kepeth his p garmets, lest he walke naked, and men se his filthines)

16 And they gathered them together into a place called in Hebrue q Arma-gedon.

17 ¶ And the seuenth Angel powred out his vial into the ayre: & there came a loude voyce out of the Temple of heauen from the throne, saying, r It is done.

18 And there were voyces, and thundrings, and lightnings, & there was a great earthquake, suche as was not since men were vpon the earth, euen so mightie an earthquake.

19 And the great s citie was diuided into thre partes, and the t cities of the nacions fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, * to giue vnto her the cup of the wine of the fiercenes of his wrath.

20 And euerie yle fled away, & the mountaines were not founde.

21 And there fell a great haile, like talents, out of heauen vpon the men, and men blaspheмed God, because of the plague of the haile: for the plague thereof was exceding great.

m That is, a strong nomber of this great deuil ỹ Popes ambassadours whichare euer crying and croking like frogs and come out of Antichrists mouth, because they shulde speake nothig but lies and vse all maner of craftie deceit to mainteine their riche Euphrates against the true Christians.

Chap.3.7. mat.24.44. luk.12.39.

n Albeit they call them selues spiritual and holie fathers.

o For in all Kings courtes ỹ Pope hathe had his ambassadours to hinder the kingdome of Christ.

p Of righteousnes and holines, wherewith we are cled through Iesus Christ.

Ier.25.15.

q As if he wolde say, The craftines of destruction whē as Kings and princes shal warre against God, but by ỹ craft of Satan are broght to that place where they shalbe destroyed.

r This is the last iudgemēt when Christ shal come to destroy ỹ wicked and deliuer his Church.

s Meaning the whole nomber of them that shal call them selues Christians, whereof some are so in dede, some are Papistes and vnder pretence of Christ serue Antichrist, and some are neuters which are nether on the one side nor of the other.

t Signifying, all strange religions, as of the Iewes, Turkes & others, which then shal fall with that great whore of Rome, & be tormented in eternal paines.

CHAP. XVII.

3 The description of the great whore. 8 Her sinnes and punishment. 14 The victorie of the Lambe.

1 THen there came a one of the seuē Angels, which had the seuen viales, and talked with me, saying vnto me, Come: I wil shewe thee the dānacion of the great b whore that sitteth vpon many c waters,

2 With whome haue committed fornication the Kings of the earth, and the inhabitans of the earth are drunken with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he caried me away into the wildernes in the Spirit, and I sawe a woman sit vpon a skarlat coloured d beast, full of names of e blaspheмie, which had seuen heads, & ten hornes.

4 And the f woman was araied in purple & skarlat, & guilded with golde, & precious stones, and pearles, and had a cup of golde in her hand, ful of g abominations, and filthines of her fornication.

5 And in her forhead *was* a name written, h A Mysterie, great Babylon, the mother of whoredomes, and abominations of the earth.

6 And I sawe the woman drunken with the blood of Saintes, & with the blood of the Martyrs of Iesus: & when I sawe her, I wōdred with great marueile.

7 Then the Angel said vnto me, Wherefore marueilest thou? I wil shewe thee the mysterie of the woman, and of the beast, that beareth her, which hathe seuen heads, and ten hornes.

8 The i beast that thou hast sene, was, and is not, and shal ascende out of the bottomles pit, and shal go into perdicion, and they that dwell on the earth, shal wondre (whose names are not writen in the Boke of life from the fundacion of the worlde) when they beholde the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 Here *is* the minde that hathe wisdome. The seuen heads are k seuen mountaines, whereon the woman sitteth: they are also l seuen Kings.

10 Fiue are fallen, and one is, and another is not yet come: and whē he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, is euen the m eight, and is one of the seuen, & shal go into destruction.

12 And the ten hornes which thou sawest, are tē Kings, which yet haue not receiued a kīgdome, but shal receiue power, as Kīgs at one houre with the beast.

13 n These haue one minde, and shal giue their power, and autoritie vnto the beast.

14 These shal fight with the Lambe, & the Lambe shal o ouercome them: * for he is Lord of Lords, & King of Kings: & they that are on his side, called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he said vnto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are people, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the p ten hornes which thou sawest vpon the beast, are they that shal hate the whore, and shal make her desolate and naked, & shal eat her flesh, & burne her with fyre.

17 For God hathe q put in their hearts to fulfil his wil, & to do with one consent for to giue their kingdome vnto the beast, vntil the wordes of God be fulfilled.

a Which was Christ Iesus who wil take vengeance on this Romish harlot.

b Antichrist is cōpared to an harlot because he seduceth ỹ worlde with vaine wordes, doctrines of lies, & ontwarde appearāce.

c Meaning, diuers natiōs & countreis.

d The beast signifieth ỹ ancient Rome: ỹ woman that sitteth thereon, the newe Rome which is the Papistrie, whose crueltie and blood sheding is declared by skarlat.

e Ful of idolatrie, superstition and contempt of the true God.

f This womā is the Antichrist, that is, the Pope with ỹ whole bodie of his filthie creatures, as it expounded, vers.18, whose beautie onely standeth in outwarde pompe & impudencie and craft like a strumpet.

g Of false doctrines & blasphemies.

h Which none can knowe to auoide but the elect.

i This is the Romaine empire which being fallen into decay, the whore of Rome vsurped autoritie, and proceded from the deuil and thether shal returne.

k Which are about Rome.

l For after ỹ ỹ empire was decayed in Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasia & Titus dyed in lesse then fourtene yeres and reigned as Kings: Domitia then reigned, and after him Cocceius Nerua which was the seuenth.

m He meaneth Traian the emperor who was a Spanyard & adopted by Nerua, but because he persecuted ỹ faithful, he goeth also to perditiō

n He signifieth the horrible persecutions which haue bee vnder the empire of Rome, and in all other realmes subiect to the same.

1.Tim.6.15. chap.19.16.

o And breake them to shyuers as a porters pot.

p Diuers natiōs as the Gothes, Vandales, Hūnes and other nations which were once subiect to Rome, shal rise against it & destroy it.

q That in stede of doing homage to Christ Iesus, they shulde be cast into a reprobate sense to serue Antichrist, & to dedicat them selues and theirs wholy vnto him.

18 And the womā which thou ſaweſt, is the great citie, which reigneth ouer ỹ Kings of the earth.

CHAP. XVIII.

3.9 The louers of the worlde are ſorie for the fall of the whore of Babylon. 4 An admonition to the people of God to flee out of her dominion. 20 But they that be of God, haue cauſe to reioyce for her deſtruction.

1 AND after theſe things, I ſawe *another* Angel come downe from heauen, hauing great power, ſo that the earth was lightened with his glorie.

2 And he cryed out mightely with a loude voyce, ſaying, * [a] It is fallen, it is fallen, Babylon ỹ great *citie*, & is become the habitation of [b] deuils, and the holde of all fowle ſpirits, and a cage of euerie vncleane and hateful byrde.

3 For [c] all nations haue drōken of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the Kings of the earth haue committed fornication with her, and the marchāts of the earth are waxed riche of the abundance of her pleaſures.

4 And I heard another voyce frō heauen ſay, [d] Go out of her, my people, that ye be not partetakers in her ſinnes, and that ye receiue not of her plagues.

5 For her ſinnes are [e] come vp vnto heauen, and God hathe remembred her iniquities.

6 [f] Rewarde her, euē as ſhe hathe rewarded you, and giue her double according to her workes: & in the cup that ſhe hathe filled to you, fil her the double.

7 In aſmuche as ſhe glorified her ſelf, and liued in pleaſure, ſo muche giue ye to her torment and ſorowe: for ſhe ſaith in her heart, * I ſit being [g] a quene, and am no [h] widowe, and ſhal ſe no mourning.

8 Therefore ſhal her plagues come at one day, death, and ſorowe, and famine, & ſhe ſhalbe burnt with fyre: for ſtrong is the Lord God which wil condemne her.

9 And the Kings of the earth ſhal bewaile her, & lament for her, which haue cōmitted fornication, & liued in pleaſure with her, when they ſhal ſe the ſmoke of her burning,

10 And ſhal ſtande a farre of for feare of her torment, ſaying, Alas, alas, the great citie Babylon, the mightie citie: for in one houre is thy iudgement come.

11 And the [i] marchāts of the earth ſhal wepe and waile ouer her: for no man byeth their ware any more.

12 The ware of golde and ſiluer, and of precious ſtone, and of pearles, and of fine linen, and of purple, and of ſilke, and of ſkarlet, & of all maner of Thyne [k] wood, and of all veſſels of yuorie, and of all veſſels of moſte precious wood, & of braſſe, and of yron, and of marble,

13 And of ſynamon, and odours, and ointments, and franckinſence, and wine, and oile, and fine floure, and wheat, & beaſtes, and ſhepe, and horſes, and [l] charets, & ſeruants, and [m] ſoules of men.

14 (And the [n] apples that thy ſoule luſted after, are departed from thee, & all things which were fat and excellent, are departed from thee, and thou ſhalt finde them no morē)

15 The marchants of theſe things which were waxed riche, ſhal ſtand a farre of frō her, for feare of her torment, weping and wailing,

16 And ſaying, Alas, alas, the great citie, that was clothed in fine linen and purple, and ſkarlet, and guilded with golde, and precious ſtone, and pearles.

17 For in one houre ſo great riches are come to deſolation. And euerie ſhippe maſter, and all the people that occupie ſhippes, and ſhipmen, and whoſoeuer trauail on the ſea, ſhal ſtand a farre of,

18 And crye, when they ſe the ſmoke of her burning, ſaying, What *citie was* like vnto this great citie?

19 And they ſhal caſt [o] duſt on their heads, and crye weping, and wailing, & ſay, Alas, alas, the great citie, wherein were made riche all that had ſhippes on the ſea by her [p] coſtlines: for in one houre ſhe is made deſolate.

20 O heauen, reioyce of her, and ye holie Apoſtles and Propheres: for God hathe [q] giuen your iudgement on her.

21 Then a mightie Angel toke vp a ſtone like a great milſtone, * & caſt it into the ſea, ſaying, With ſuche violēce ſhal the great citie Babylon be caſt, and ſhalbe [r] founde no more.

22 And the voyce of harpers, & muſicians, and of pipers, & trumpetters ſhalbe heard no more in thee, and no crafres man, of whatſoeuer crafte *he be*, ſhalbe founde any more in thee: and the ſounde of a milſtone ſhalbe heard no more in thee.

23 And the light of a candle ſhal ſhine no more in thee: and the voyce of the bridegrome and of the bride ſhalbe heard no more in thee: for thy [s] marchants were the great men of the earth: and with thine inchantements were deceiued all nations.

24 And in her was founde the blood of the Propheres, and of the Saintes, and of all that were ſlaine vpon the earth.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Praiſes are giuen vnto God for iudging the whore, & for auenging the blood of his ſeruants. 10 The Angel wil not be worſhipped. 17 The foules and birdes are called to the ſlaughter.

1 And

Iſa.21.9. ierem.51.8. chap.14.8.

a This deſcription of the ouerthrowe of ỹ great whore is like to that whereby the propheres vſe to declare the deſtruction of Babylon.

b He deſcribeth Rome to be ỹ ſincke of all abomination and deueliſhnes, and a kinde of hel.

c The greateſt parte of the worlde hathe bene abuſed & ſeduced by this ſpiritual whoredome.

d When God threateneth ỹ wicked, he euer cōforteth & counſeleth his what they oght to do, ỹ is, that they do not cōmunicat with ỹ ſinnes of the wicked.

Iſa.47.8.

e The greke worde is, that her ſinnes ſo followe one an other, and ſo riſe one after another, that they growe to ſuche an heape, ỹ at length they touche ỹ verie heauen.

f Bleſſed is he that cā repaye to the whore the like, as is writen pſal. 137.9.

g The glorious boaſting of the ſtrompet

h But ful of people & mightie.

i Bothe they that temporally haue had profite by the ſtrumpet, and alſo the ſpiritual marchāts ſhal for ſorow & wāt of their gaine crie out and deſpaire.

k Which is verie odoriferous and precious.

l Suche as the wantons vſe at Rome.

m This is the vileſt ware ỹ theſe marchāts ſel, and beſt cheape, which ſoules notwithſtanding ỹ Sonne of God redemed with his precious blood, 1. pet. 1.19.

n That is, the things which thou louedſt beſt.

o And ſo ſhewe ſignes of great ſorowe.

Or, noble eſtate.

p And hathe reuenged your cauſe in puniſhing her.

Ier.51.63.

q It ſhal not be like to other cities ỹ may be buylded againe, but it ſhalbe deſtroyed without mercie.

r The Romiſh prelates and marchants of ſoules are as Kings & princes: ſo that their couetouſnes and pride muſt be puniſhed: ſecondely their crafts & deceites: & and thirdly their crueltie.

1 AND after theſe thigs I heard a great voyce of a great multitude in heauen, ſaying, [a] Hallelu-iah, ſaluacion & glorie, and honour, and power *be* to the Lord our God.

a That is, praiſe ye God, becauſe ſ Antichriſt & all wickednes is take out of the worlde.

2 For [b] true & righteous *are* his iudgemẽts: for he hathe condemned the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornicacion, and hath auenged the blood of his ſeruants ſhed by her hand.

b So that all the Saintes are confirmed and ought nothing to doute of the ſaluacion of ſ faithful.

3 And againe they ſaid, Hallelu-iah: & her [c] ſmoke roſe vp for euermore.

c The wicked ſhalbe burned in continual fyre, ſ neuer ſhalbe extinguiſhed.

4 And the foure and twentie Elders, & the foure [d] beaſtes fell downe, and worſhiped God that ſate on the throne, ſaying, [e] Amen, Hallelu-iah.

d By the foure beaſts are mẽt all creatures.

e Signifying ſ his iudgemẽts are true & iuſt, and ſ we ought to praiſe him euermore for the deſtruction of the Pope.

5 Then a voyce came out of the throne, ſaying, Praiſe our God, all ye his ſeruants, and ye that feare him, bothe ſmale and great.

6 And I heard like a voyce of a great multitude, and as the voyce of manie waters, and as the voyce of ſtrong thondrings, ſaying, Hallelu-iah: for *our* Lord God almightie hathe reigned.

7 Let vs be glad and reioyce, and giue glorie to him: for the [f] mariage of the Lãbe is come, and his wife hathe made her ſelf readie.

f God made Chriſt ſ bridgrome of his Church at the beginning, and at the laſt day ſe ſhalbe fully accompliſhed when we ſhal be ioyned w̃ our head. *Mat.22.2. chap.14.13.*

8 And to her was grãted, that ſhe ſhulde be arayed with pure fyne linen and ſhining. for the fine linen is the righteouſnes of Saincts.

9 Then [g] he ſaid vnto me, Write, * Bleſſed *are* they which are [h] called vnto the Lambes ſupper. And he ſaid vnto me, Theſe wordes of God are true.

g That is, the Angel. *Chap.22.9.*

h Whome God of fre mercie calleth to be partakers of his heauenlie graces, & deliuereth from ſ filthie pollucions of Antichriſt.

10 And I fell before his feete, * to worſhip him: but he ſaid vnto me, Se thou do it not: I am thy fellowe ſeruant, and one of thy brethren, which haue the [i] teſtimonie of Ieſus. Worſhip God: for the [k] teſtimonie of Ieſus, is the ſpirit of prophecie.

i Who am charged to teſtifie of Ieſus, or w̃ am partaker of ſ ſame Goſpel & faith. *Iſa.63.3.*

k He ſheweth that none ought to be worſhiped but onely God, & that he is of their nõber whome God vſeth to reueile his ſecrets by to the Prophetes, ſ they may declare them to others, alſo that we muſt beleue no other ſpirit of prophecie, but that which doeth teſtifie of Ieſus, and lead vs to him.

11 And I ſawe heauen open, and beholde a white [l] horſe, and he that ſate vpon him, was called, [m] Faithful & true, & he [n] iudgeth and fighteth righteouſly.

l Whereby is ſignified that Ieſus Chriſt our Iudge ſhalbe victorious, and ſhal triumph ouer his enemies.

12 And his eyes *were* as a flame of fyre, & on his head *were* [o] manie crownes: and he had a name written, that no man [p] knewe but him ſelf.

m He meaneth Chriſt. n So that the wicked ſhal tremble before his face.

o To ſhewe that he was ruler of all the worlde. p That is, none can haue ſo ful reuelacion how Chriſt is verie God, eternal, infinite and almighrie, as he him ſelf.

13 And * he was clothed with a garment dipte in [q] blood, and his name is called, THE [r] WORDE OF GOD.

q Whereby is ſignified his victorie, and the deſtruction of his enemies. r Signifying that Ieſus Chriſt, which is the worde, is made fleſh, and is our Lord, our God and the Iudge of the quicke and dead.

14 And the [ſ] warriers which were in heauẽ, folowed him vpon white horſes, clothed with fine linen white and pure.

ſ This declareth that his Angels ſhal come with him to Iudge the worlde.

15 And out of his mouth went out a ſharpe [t] ſworde, that with it he ſhulde ſmite the heathen: for he [*] ſhal rule thẽ with a rodde of yron: for he it is that treadeth the wine preſſe of the fiercenes and wrath of almightie God.

t Which deuoureth the wicked into eternal fyre. *Pſal.2.9.*

16 And he hathe vpon his garment, and vpon his [u] thigh a name written, * THE KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

2.Tim.4.1. chap.17.14.

u Which declareth his humanitie, wherein he is Lord of all, and ſhal iudge ſ world.

17 And I ſawe an Angel ſtand in the [x] ſunne, who cryed with a lowde voyce, ſaying to all the foules that did flye by the middes of heauen, Come, and gather your ſelues together vnto the ſupper of the great God,

x This ſignifieth ſ the day of iudgemẽt ſhalbe cleare and euident, & that none ſhal be hid: for the trumpet ſhal blowe a lowd & all ſhal vnderſtand it.

18 That ye may eat the fleſh of Kings, & the fleſh of hie Captaines, and the fleſh of mightie men, and the fleſh of horſes, and of them that ſit on them, and the fleſh of all fre mẽ and bondemen, and of ſmale and great.

19 And I ſawe the beaſt, and the Kings of the earth, and their [y] warriers gathered together to make battel againſt him, that ſate on the horſe & againſt his ſouldiers.

y For the Pope & ſ world lie princes ſhal fight againſt Chriſt, euen vntil the laſt day.

20 But the beaſt was [z] taken, and with him that falſe prophete that wroght miracles before him, whereby he deceiued them that receiued the beaſtes marke, & them that worſhiped his image. Theſe bothe were aliue caſt into a lake of fyre, burning with brimſtone.

z The ouerthrowe of the beaſt and his w̃ ſhalbe chiefly accompliſhed at the ſeconde cõming of Chriſt.

21 And the remnant were ſlayne with the ſworde of him that ſitteth vpon the horſe, which cometh out of his mouth, and all the foules were filled full with their fleſh.

CHAP. XX.

2 Satan being bounde for a certeine time, 7 And after let loſe, vexeth the Church grieuouſly. 10. 14 And after the worlde is iudged, he and his are caſt into the lake of fyre.

1 AND I ſawe an [a] Angel come downe from heauen, hauing the [b] keye of the bottomles pit, and a great chaine in his hand.

a This Angel repreſenteth ſ ordre of ſ Apoſtles, whoſe vocacion & office was from heauẽ: or may ſignifie Chriſt, w̃ ſhulde treade downe the ſerpents head.

2 And he toke the dragon that olde ſerpẽt, which is the deuil and Satan, and he bounde him [c] a thouſand yeres,

b Hereby he meaneth the Goſpel whereby hel is ſhut vp to ſ faithful, & Satan is chained that he cã not hurte them, yea & ſ miniſters hereby open it to the infideles, but through their impietie and ſtubbernes.

3 And caſt him into the bottomles pit, and he ſhut him vp, and ſealed *the dore* vpon him, that he ſhulde deceiue the people no more, til ſ [d] thouſand yeres were fulfilled: for after that he muſt be loſed for a litle ſeaſon.

c That is, from Chriſts natiuitie vnto the time of Pope Syluester the ſeconde: ſo long the pure doctrine ſhulde after a ſorte remaine. d After this terme Satan had greater power then he had before.

4 And I ſawe [e] ſeates: and they ſate vpon

e The glorie and autoritie of them that ſuffer for Chriſts ſake.

them, and iudgemẽt was giuen vnto them, and *I ſawe* the ſoules of them, that were beheaded for the witnes of Ieſus, and for the worde of God, & which did not worſhip ỹ beaſt, nether his image, nether had taken his marke vpon their forheads, or on their hands: and they liued, & reigned with Chriſt a [f] thouſand yere.

f That is, whiles thei haue remained in this life.

5 But the reſt of the [g] dead men ſhal not liue againe, vntil the thouſand yeres be finiſhed: this is the [h] firſt reſurrection.

g He meaneth thẽ, which are ſpiritually dead: for in whome Satã liueth, he is dead to God.

6 Bleſſed and holie is he, that hathe parte in the firſt reſurrection: *for* on ſuche the [i] ſeconde death hathe no power: but they [k] ſhalbe the Prieſts of God and of Chriſt, & ſhal reigne with him a [l] thouſand yere.

h Which is to receiue Ieſus Chriſt in true faith, & to riſe from ſinne in newenes of life.

7 * And when the thouſand yeres are [m] expired, Satan ſhalbe loſed out of his priſon,

*Exek.39.2.

8 And ſhal go out to deceiue the people, which are in the foure quarters of the earth: *euen* [n] Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battel, whoſe nomber *is*, as the ſand of the ſea.

i The death of the ſoule, ẅ is eternal damnacion.

k Shalbe true partakers of Chriſt and of his dignitie.

l That is, for euer

9 And they went vp into the plaine of the earth, ẅ compaſſed the tents of the Saintes about, and the beloued citie: but fyre came downe from God out of heauen, & deuoured them.

m After that the chaine is broke and the true preaching of Gods worde is corrupte.

10 And the deuil that deceiued them, was caſt into a lake of fyre & brimſtone, where the beaſt and the falſe prophet ſhalbe tormented euen day and night for euermore.

n By them are ment diuers & ſtrãge enemies of the Church of God, as the Turke, the Sarazins and others, read Ezek: 38, 2, by whome the Church of God ſhulde be grieuouſly tormented.

11 And I ſawe a great white throne, and [o] one that ſate on it, from whoſe face fled away bothe the earth and heauen, & their place was no more founde.

Philip.4.4.
chap.3.5.
& 21,23.

o Which was Chriſt, prepared to iudgement ẅ glorie and maieſtie.

12 And I ſawe the dead, bothe great & ſmal ſtand before God: and the [p] bokes were opened, & * another boke was opened, which is *the boke* of life, and the dead were iudged of thoſe things, which were written in the bokes, according to their workes.

p Euerie mans conſcience is as a boke wherein his dedes are writen, ẅ ſhal appeare whẽ God openeth the boke.

13 And the ſea gaue vp her dead, which were in her, and [q] death and hell deliuered vp the dead, which were in them: & they were iudged euerie mã according to their workes.

q Vnderſtanding all kindes of death whereby men haue bene ſlayne.

14 And [r] death and hell were caſt into the lake of fyre: this is the ſeconde death.

r Hell & death ẅ are the laſt enemies, ſhalbe deſtroied.

15 And whoſoeuer was not founde written in the boke of life, was caſt into the lake of fyre.

CHAP. XXI.

3.24. The bleſſed eſtate of the godlie, 8.27 And the miſerable condition of the wicked. 11 The deſcription of the heauenlie Ieruſalem, and of the wife of the Lambe.

Iſa.65,17. & 66,21. 2.Pet 2,13.

1 AND I ſawe * a new heauen, & a new earth: [a] for * the firſt heauen, and the firſt earth were [b] paſſed away, & there was no more ſea.

a All thinges ſhalbe renued and reſtored into a moſte excellent and perfect eſtate, and therefore the day of the reſurrection is called, The day of reſtauracion of all thinges, Act 3,21.

b For all things ſhalbe purged from their corruption, and the faithful ſhal enter into heauen with their head Chriſt.

2 And I Iohn ſawe the [c] holie citie newe Ieruſalem come [d] downe from God out of heauen, prepared as a bride trimmed for her houſband.

c The holie companie of the elect.

d Meaning, that God by his diuine maieſtie wil glorifie renewe his, take them vp to him.

3 And I heard a great voyce out of heauen, ſaying, Beholde, the Tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he wil dwell with them: & they ſhalbe his people, and God him ſelf ſhalbe their God with them.

4 * And God ſhal wipe [e] away all teares frõ their eyes: & there ſhalbe no more death, nether ſorowe, nether crying, nether ſhal there be anie more paine: for ỹ firſt things are paſſed.

Iſa.25,8. chap.7.17.

e All occaſion of ſorowes ſhalbe taken away: ſo that they ſhal haue perpetual ioy.

5 And he that ſate vpon the throne, ſaid, * Beholde, I make all things newe: and he ſaid vnto me, Write: for theſe wordes are faithful and true.

Iſa.43.19. 2.cor.5,17.

6 And he ſaid vnto me, * It is done, I am [α] and [ω], the beginning and the end. I wil giue to him that is a thirſt, of the [f] well of the water of life frely.

Chap.1,8. & 22,13.

f I that am eternal life, wil giue vnto mine to drink of the liuelie waters of thi euerlaſtig life.

7 He that ouercometh, ſhal inherit all things, and I wil be his God, & he ſhalbe my ſonne.

8 But the [g] feareful and vnbeleuing, and the [h] abominable and murderers, & whoremongers, and ſorcerers, and idolaters, & all liars ſhal haue their parte in the lake, which burneth with fyre and brimſtone, which is the ſeconde death.

g Thei whiche feare man more then God.

h Thei which mocke & ieſt at religion.

9 And there came vnto me one of the ſeuen Angels, which had the ſeuen viales ful of the ſeuen laſt plagues, and talked with me, ſaying, Come: I wil ſhewe thee the [i] bride, the Lambes wife.

i Meaning the Church, which is maried to Chriſt by faith.

10 And he caryed me away in the ſpirit to a great & an hie mountaine, & he ſhewed me the great [k] citie, holie Ieruſalẽ, [l] deſcending out of heauen from God,

k By this deſcription is declared the incomprehenſible excellẽcie, ẅ the heauenlie companie do enioye.

l It is ſaid to come downe from heauen, becauſe all the benefites that the Church hathe, they acknowledge it to come of God through Chriſt.

11 Hauing the glorie of God: and her ſhining was like vnto a ſtone moſt precious, as a [m] Iaſper ſtone cleare as criſtal,

m Euer greene & florifhing.

12 And had a great [n] wall and hie, and had twelue [o] gates, and at the gates twelue Angels, and the names written, which are the twelue tribes of the children of Iſrael.

n Signifying ỹ ỹ faithful ſhal be ſurely kept in heauen.

13 On the Eaſt parte *there were* thre gates, *and* on the Northſide thre gates, on the Southſide thre gates, *and* on the Weſtſide thre gates.

o That is, place ynough to enter: for els we knowe there is but one way & one gate, euen Ieſus Chriſt.

14 And the wall of the citie had twelue fundacions, and in them the names of the Lambs twelue [p] Apoſtles.

p For the Apoſtles were meanes whereby Ieſus Chriſt the true fundacion was reueiled to the worlde.

15 And he that talked with me, had a golde rede to meaſure the citie withall, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the citie lay foure ſquare, and the length is as large as the bredth of it, and he meaſured the citie with the rede, twelue thouſand furlongs: and the length, and the bredth, and the height of it are equal.

17 And

17 And he meaſured the wall thereof, an hũdreth, fortie & foure cubites, by the meaſure of man, that is, of the Angel.
18 And the buylding of the wall of it was of Iaſper: and the citie was pure golde like vnto cleare glaſſe.
19 And the fundacions of the wall of the citie were garniſhed with all maner of precions ſtones: the firſt fundacion *was* Iaſper: the ſecõd of Saphire: the third of a Chalcedonie: the fourth of an Emeraude:
20 The fift of a Sardonyx: the ſixt of a Sardius: the ſeuenth of a Chryſolite: the eight of a Beryl: the ninth of a Topaze: ỹ tenth of a Chryſopraſus: the eleuẽth of a Iacinth: the twelueth an Amethiſt.
21 And the twelue gates *were* twelue pearles, and euerie gate *is* of one pearle, and the ſtrete of the citie *is* pure gold, as ſhining glaſſe.
22 And I ſawe no Temple therein: for the Lord God almightie and the q Lambe are the Temple of it.
23 *And the citie hathe no nede of the ſunne, nether of the moone to ſhine in it: for ỹ glorie of God did light it: & the Lambe is the light of it.
24 *And the people which are ſaued, ſhal walke in the light of it: and the r Kings of the earth ſhal bring their glorie and honour vnto it,
25 *And the gates of it ſhal not be ſhut by day: for there ſhalbe no night there.
26 And the glorie, and honour of the Gentiles ſhalbe broght vnto it.
27 And there ſhal entre into it none vncleane thing, nether whatſoeuer worker hath abomination or lies: but they which are writen in the Lambes * Boke of life.

q This declareth ỹ Chriſt is God inſeparable with his Father. *Iſa. 60, 19. Iſa. 60, 3.*
r Here we ſe as in infinit other places ỹ Kings & Princes (contrarie to that wicked opinion of ỹ Anabaptiſts) are partakers of the heauenlie glorie, if they rule in ỹ feare of the Lord. *Iſa. 60, 11. *Phil. 4, 4. chap. 3, 5. & 20, 12.*

CHAP. XXII.

1 The riuer of the water of life. 2 The frutefulnes & light of the citie of God. 6 The Lord giueth euer his ſeruants warning of things to come. 9 The Angel wil not be worſhipped. 18 To the worde of God may nothing be added nor diminiſhed therefrom.

AND he ſhewed me a pure a riuer of water of life, cleare as cryſtal, proceding out of the throne of God, and of the Lambe.
2 In the b middes of the ſtrete of it, and of ether ſide of the riuer, was the tre of life, which bare twelue maner of frutes, & gaue frute euerie c moneth: & the leaues of the tre *ſerued* to heale the d nations with.
3 And there ſhalbe no more curſſe, but the throne of God & of the Lambe ſhalbe in it, and his ſeruants ſhal ſerue him.
4 And they ſhal ſe his face, and his Name ſhalbe in their forheades.
5 *And there ſhalbe no e night there, and they nede no candle, nether light of ỹ ſunne: for the Lord God giueth them light, and they ſhal reigne for euermore.
6 And he ſaid vnto me, Theſe wordes are faithful and true: & the Lord God of the holie Prophetes ſent his Angel to ſhewe vnto his ſeruants the things which muſt ſhortely be fulfilled.
7 Beholde, I come ſhortely. Bleſſed *is* he ỹ kepeth the wordes of the prophecie of this boke.
8 And I am Iohn, which ſawe and heard theſe things: and when I had heard & ſeene, * I f fell downe to worſhip before the fete of the Angel, which ſhewed me theſe things.
9 But he ſaid vnto me, Se thou *do it* not: for I am thy felowe ſeruant, & of thy brethrẽ the Prophets, and of them which kepe the wordes of this boke: worſhip God.
10 And he ſaid vnto me, g Seale not ỹ wordes of the prophecie of this boke: for the time is at hand.
11 He that is vniuſt, let him be vniuſt ſtil: & he which is filthie, let him be filthie ſtil: and he ỹ is righteous, let him be righteous ſtil: & he ỹ is holie, let him be holie ſtil.
12 And beholde, I come ſhortly, & my rewarde is with me, *to giue euerie man according as his worke ſhalbe.
13 I am * α and ω, the beginning & the end, the firſt and the laſt.
14 Bleſſed *are* they, that do his commandements, that their right may be in the h tre of life, & may entre in through the gates into the citie.
15 For without *ſhalbe* dogges & enchãters, & whoremongers, & murtherers, & idolaters, & whoſoeuer loueth or maketh i lyes.
16 I Ieſus haue ſent mine Angel, to teſtifie vnto you theſe things in the Churches: I am the roote & the k generaciõ of Dauid, and the bright morning l ſtarre.
17 And the Spirit and the bride ſay, Come. And let him that heareth, ſay, m Come: & let him ỹ is a n thirſt, come: & * let whoſoeuer o wil, take of the water of life frely.
18 For I proteſt vnto euerie man that heareth the wordes of the prophecie of this boke, * if any man ſhal adde vnto theſe things, God ſhal adde vnto him the plagues, that are writen in this boke.
19 And if any man ſhal diminiſh of ỹ wordes of ỹ boke of this prophecie, God ſhal take away his parte out of the Boke of life, and out of the holie citie, and frõ thoſe things which are writen in this boke.
20 He which teſtifieth theſe things, ſaith, p Surely, I come quickely. Amen. Euen ſo q come, Lord Ieſus.
21 The grace of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt *be* with you all, Amen.

Chap. xxii.
a He alludeth to the viſible paradiſe to ſet forthe more ſenſibly the ſpiritual: and this agreeth w that which is writen, Ezek. 47, 1
b Meaning ỹ Chriſt who is the life of his Church, is commune to all his and not peculiar for any one ſorte of people.
c For there are all things pleaſant & ful of all contentation continually.
d Which ſome time were vnpure as Gẽtiles, but now are purged & made whole by Chriſt. *Iſa. 60, 18.*
e The light ſhal be vnchangeable and ſhine for euer.

f Now this is the ſeconde time that he ſuffered him ſelf to be caried away with the excellencie of ỹ perſone: w is to admoniſh vs of our infirmitie & readines to fall, except God ſtrengthe vs miraculouſly w his Spirit. *Chap. 19, 10.*
g This is not then as the other Prophecies which were commanded to be hyd til the time appointed, as in Daniel 12, 4, becauſe ỹ theſe things ſhulde be quickely accompliſhed, & did now begin.
h They ſhal liue eternally w ỹ Sõne of God.
i That maintaine falſe doctrine and delite therein.
k That is, a true and natural man and yet God equal w my Father. *Rom. 1, 6. Iſa. 41, 4. & 44, 6. chap. 1, 8. & 18, 6.*
l For Chriſt is the light ỹ giueth light to euerie one ỹ commeth into this worlde.
m Let them be afraid of Gods horrible iudgements, & aſſone as thei heare the Lambe call, let them come. *Iſa. 55, 1.*
n He that feleth him ſelf oppreſſed with afflictions, and deſireth the heauẽliegraces and comfort.
o That is, whẽ God begineth to reforme ỹ wil by his Spirit.
p Seing the Lord is at hãd, we ogbt to be conſtant and reioyce, but we muſt beware we eſteme not the length nor ſhortenes of ỹ Lords cõming by our owne imagination, 2. Pet. 3, 9.
q This declareth the earneſt deſire that the faithful haue to be deliuered out of theſe miſeries, and to be ioyned with their head Chriſt Ieſus.

A BRIEF TABLE OF THE IN

TERPRETATION OF THE PROPRE NAMES which are chiefly founde in the olde Teſtamẽt, wherein the firſt nomber ſignifieth the chapter: the ſeconde the verſe.

WHereas the wickednes of time, and the blindnes of the former age hathe bene ſuche that all things altogether haue bene abuſed and corrupted, ſo that the very right names of diuerſe of the holie men named in the Scriptures haue bene forgotten, and now ſeme ſtrange vnto vs, and the names of infants that ſhulde euer haue ſome godlie aduertiſments in them, and ſhulde be memorials and markes of the children of God receiued into his houſholde, hathe bene hereby alſo changed and made the ſignes and badges of idolatrie and heathenish impietie, we haue now ſet forthe this table of the names that be moſte vſed in the olde Teſtament with their interpretations, as the Ebrewe importeth, partly to call backe the godlie frõ that abuſe, when they ſhal know the true names of the godlie fathers, & what they ſignifie, that their children now named after them may haue teſtimonies by their very names, that they are within that faithful familie that in all their doings had euer God before their eyes, and that they are bounde by theſe their names to ſerue God from their infancie & haue occaſion to praiſe him for his workes wroght in them & their fathers: but chiefly to reſtore the names to their integritie, whereby many places of the Scriptures and ſecret myſteries of the holie Goſt ſhal better be vnderſtand. We haue medled rarely with the Greke names, becauſe their interpretation is vncerteine, & many of thẽ are corrupted from their original, as we may alſo ſe theſe Ebrewe names ſet in the margent of this table, which haue bene corrupted by the Grecians. Now for the other Ebrewe names that are not here interpretate, let not the diligent reader be careful: for he ſhal finde them in places moſte cõuenient amongs the annotations: at leaſt ſo many as may ſeme to make for any edification, and vnderſtanding of the Scriptures.

A

AArõn, or Aháron. a teacher Exod.4,14
Abdía. ¶Abdá, a ſeruãt. 1.King.chap.4. ver.6.
Abdeél, a ſeruant of God, Ierem.36,26.
Abdai. Abdí, my ſeruant. 1.Chron.6.7
Abdi and Audias. Abdiáh, a ſeruant of the Lord. 1. King. 18,3. & Obadiáh one of the twelue Prophetes.
Abdiél, the ſame. 1.Chron.5,15
Abdenago. Abéd-negó, ſeruant of ſhining. Dan.1,44.
Abél, mourning, the name of a citie, but Habél, the name of a man, doeth ſignifie vanitie. Gen.4,2
Abagatha. Abgathá, father of the wine preſſe.
Abiáh, the wil of the Lord. 2.Chro.29,1
Abiám, father of the ſea. 1.King.14,31
Abiſaph. Abiaſáph, a gatheting father. 1.Chro.6,33
Abiathár, father of the remnant, or excellent father. 1.King.22,21
Abidá, father of knowledge. Gen.25,4
Abidán, father of iudgement. Nomb.1,11
Abiél, my father *is* God. 1.King.9,1
Abiézer, the fathers helpe. Ioſ.17,2
Abigal. Abigáil, the fathers ioye. 1.King.25,3
Abiháil, the father of ſtrength. Nom.3,35
Abiu. Abihú, he is a father. Exod.6,23
Abiud. Abihúd, the father of praiſe. 1.Chro.8,3
Abilene, Lamentable. Luk.3,1
Abimáel, a father from God. Gen.10,25
Abimélech, the Kings father, or a father of counſel, or the chief King. Gen.20,2
Abinadab. Abinadád, a father of a vowe, or of a free minde, or prince. 1.King.16,8
Abinoam. Abinoám, father of beautie. Iud.4,6
Abirom. Abirám, an high father. 1.King.16,34
Abiſhág, the fathers ignorance. 1.King.1,3
Abiſhai, the fathers rewarde. 1.King.26,6
Abſhalon. Abiſhalóm, the father of peace, or the peace of the father. 1.King.15,2
Abiſue. Abiſhúa, the father of ſaluation. 1.Chro.6.4
Abiſhúr, the father of a ſong, or of a wall, or of righteouſnes. 1,Chro.2,29
Abitál, the father of the dew. 2.King.3,4
Abitub. Abitób, the father of goodnes. 1.Chro.8,11
Abnér, the fathers candel. 1.Sam.14,49
Abrám, an high father. Gen.11,31
Abrahám, a father of a great multitude, as ỹ name was changed. Gen.17,5
Abſhalóm, a father of peace, or the fathers peace, or rewarde. 2.Sam.3,3 Abeſalom. Abeſſalom.
¶Achan, troubling. Ioſhu.7,1. who is called Achár. 1.Chron.2,7
¶Adadézer, read Adarézer, beautiful helpe.
Adaiáh, the witnes of the Lord. 1.Chro.6,41 Adaias.
Adaliáh, pouertie. Eſter.9,8
Adam, man, earthlie, read Gen.2,15
Adiél, the witnes of God. 1.Chro.4,36
Adoniáh, the Lord is the ruler. 2.Sam.3,4 Adonias.
Adonibézek, the Lords thunder. Iud.1,5
Adonikám, the Lord is riſen. Neh.2,13
Adoniram, the high Lord. 1.King.4,6
Adonizédek, the Lords iuſtice. Ioſ.10,1
¶Agabús, a greſhopper. Act.11,28
Agár, a ſtranger. Gen.16,1
¶Aház, taking, or poſſeſsing. 2.King.16,1

Ahaſuéros,a prince or head.Dan.9,1
Ahbā,a brother of vnderſtāding.1.Chr.2,29
Ahiiáh,brother of the Lord.1.Chro.2,26
Ahimáaz,brother of councel.1.Sam.14,49
Ahimán,brother of ỹ right hand.Nom.13,23
Ahimélech,a Kings brother.1.Sam.21,1
Ahimóth,a brother of death.1.Chro.6,25
Ahinóam,the brothers beautie.1.Sam.14,49
Ahiór,the brothers light.Iud.5,5
Ahiláb,an heartie brother.Iud.1,31
Ahráh,a ſweete ſauoring medow.1.Chro.8,1
Ahikám, a brother ariſing, or aduenging. 2. King.22,12
Ahiézer,the brothers helpe.Nomb.1,12
Aholáh,a manſion or dwelling in her ſelf.
Aholibáh,my manſion in her.Ezek.23,4
Ahud,praiſing or confeſsing.Iud.3,15
¶Alián,high.1.Chro.1,40
¶Amálek,a licking people.Gen.36,21
Amariáh,the Lord ſaid, or the Lābe of the Lord.Zephan.1,1
Amaſá,ſparing the people.2.Sam.17,25
Amaſhái,the gift of the people.1.Chro.6,24
Amaſhſi,ỹ treading of the people. Neh.11,12
Amaſiáh,ỹ burden of the Lord.2.Chro.17,15
Amithí,true or fearing.2.King.14,25
Ammiél,a people of God,or God with me. 1.Chron.3,5
Ammiſhádai, the people of the Almightie. Nomb.1,12
Ammon,a people.Gen.19,38
Amon,faithful.2.King.21,18
Amos,a burden,one of the twelue Prophets.
Amoz,ſtrong,the father of Iſhai.Iſa.1,1
Amzí,ſtrong.1.Chron.6,46
¶Anáh,afflictīg,anſwerīg,or ſingīg.Ge.36,2 & Hanna,gratious or merciful.1.Sam.1,2
Ananiáh,the cloude of the Lord.Act.5,1
Andréas,manlie.Mat.4,18
Anúb,a grape.1.Chron.4,8
Antipas,for all,or againſt all.Reuela.2,13
¶Apadno,ỹ wrath of his iudgemēt.Da.11,46
Apolló,a deſtroyer.18,24.ỹ name alſo of an idole.
Apphía,brīgīg forthe,or encreaſing.Phile.2
¶Arám,hight or their curſe.Gen.10,23
Arbel,Bel or God hathe aduēged.Hoſ.10,15
Archeláus,a prince of the people.Mat.2,22
Arelí,the altar of God.Gen.46,16
Arétas,verteous.2.Macc.5
Arpahſhāſte,feruent to ſpoile.Ezra 7,21
¶Aſā,a phyſicion.1.King.15,8
Aſaél,God hathe wroght.2.Sam.2,18
Aſáph,gathering.1.Chron.6,39
Aſharélah,the bleſſednes of God.1.Chr.25,2
Aſhbél,an olde fyre.46,21
Aſhér,bleſſednes.Gen.30,13
Aſhiél,the worke of God.1.Chro.4,35
Aſhúr,bleſſed or trauailing.Gen.10,22
Aſmodeus,a deſtroyer.Tob 3,8
Aſtyages,gouernour of the citie.Dan.13,64
¶Ataráh,a crowne.1.Chron.2,26.
Athaiáh,the time of the Lord.Nehe.11,4
Athaliáh,time for the Lord.2.King.8,26
¶Aza,ſtrength.Eſra 2,47
Azaniáh,hearkening the Lord.Neh.10,9
Azaréel,the helpe of God.1.Chro.12,6
Azariáh,helpe of the Lord.4.King.14,21
Azarikám,helpe riſing vp.Neh.11,14
Azmáueth ſtrength of death.2.Sam.23,30
Azubáh,forſaken.1.King.22,43
Azúr,holpen or helper.Ierem.28,1

B

BAal,Bealim,lord,lords: the name of the idole of ỹ Sydoniās, or a general name to all idoles,becauſe they were as ỹ lords and owners of all that worſhiped them.
Baaliada,a maſter of knowledge.1. Chr.14.7
Báal-meón, the Lord or maſter of the manſion or the houſe, as alſo Báalzibúl, ſignifieth the ſame. Luk.11,15
Báal-zebúb,the maſter of flies.
Baanáh,in affliction.2.Sam.4,2
Babél,confuſion.Gen.10,10.& 11,9
Bacchides,one that holdeth of Bacchus,or a dronkard.1.Macc.7,8.
Bacchenor & bacenor the ſame. 2.Mac.12,35
Badaiáh,the Lord alone.Ezr.10,31
Baladán,ancient in iudgement.2.King.20,12
Baldád,olde loue or without loue.Iob 8,1
Barachél,bleſsing God.Iob 32,2
Barachiáh,bleſsing the Lord.Zech.1,1
Bar-ionáh,ſonne of a doue.Mat.16,17
Barnabas,the ſonne of conſolation. Act.4,36
Barabbas,ſonne of confuſion.Mat.27,16
Barúch,bleſſed.Ier.32,10
Bathſéba, the ſeuenth daughter, or the daughter of an othe.1.Sam.11,3
Bathſhúa the daughter of ſaluatiō.1.Chr.3,5
¶Belſhatſár,without treaſure,or ſearcher of treaſure.Dan.5,1
Benaiáh,the Lords buylding.1.Chro.4,36
Beniamín,ſonne of ỹ right hād who was firſt called Benoni the ſonne of ſorow. Ge.35,18
Beraiáh,the Lords creature.1.Chro.8,20
Berák,lightening.Iud.4,6
Béred,hail.1.Chron.7,21
Bethiáh,the Lords daughter.1.Chr.4,18
Bezaleél,in the ſhadow of God.Exod 31,2
¶Bileám, the ancient of ỹ people.Nom.22,5
Bilháh,olde,or fading.Gen.29,29
¶Boas,in powre,or ſtrength.Ruth 2,1

C

CAiaphas,a ſearcher.Mat.26,57
Calcól,nouriſhing.1.King.4,31
Caléb,as a heart,Nomb.13,6
Canáan,a merchant.Gen.9,18.
Carmí,my vine. Gen.46,9
Caſeluhím,aspardoned.Gen.10,14.
¶Cephás,a ſtone.Ioh.1.42
Cephiráh, a lioneſſe.Ezr.2,28
¶Cherúb,as a childe.Ezr.2,57
Chileáb,the reſtraint of the father.2.Sam.3,3
Chilion perfite,or all like a doue. Ruth 1,2
¶Ciſlón,hope,or confidens.Nomb.34,21
¶Clemens,meke.Philip.4,3

Cleopatra,

Cleopatra, ỹ glorie of ỹ coũtrie. 1. Mac. 10, 57
¶ Col-hózeth, ſeing all. Neh. 3, 15
Coneniáh, ỹ ſtabilitie of ỹ Lord. 2. Chr. 31. 13
Coſbi, a liar. Nomb. 25, 18
¶ Cuſán, Cuſí, blacke or an Ethiopiã. 2. Sa. 18

D

Dilaias Delaias
DAlaiáh, ỹ poore of the Lord. 1. Chro. 3, 24
Daliláh, a bucket or cõſumer. Iud. 16, 4
Damaris, a litle wyfe. Act. 17, 34
Dan, a iudgement. Gen. 14, 15
Daniél, iudgement of God. Dan. 1, 6
Dathán, ſtatute or law. Nomb. 16, 1
Dauíd, beloued. 1. Sam. 17, 12
¶ Deboráh, a worde or a bee. Gen. 35, 8
Delphón, a droping downe. Eſt. 9, 7
Demas, fauoring the people. Col. 4, 14
Demophón, ſlaying the people. 2. Mac. 12, 2
Duel Deu-el, knowe God. Nomb. 1. 14
Debelaim ¶ Diblám, a cluſter of figges. Hoſ. 1, 2
Didymus, a twinne. Iohn 11, 16
Dina Dináh, iudgement, Gen. 30, 21
Diotrephés, nouriſhed of Iupiter
Diſhon Diſhán, a threſhing. Gen. 36, 21
¶ Dodanáh, loue. 2. Chro. 20, 37
Rodanim Dodanim, beloued. Gen. 10, 4
Doég, careful. 1. Sam. 21, 7
Dorcas, a do. Act. 9, 39
Dordá, generation of knowledge. 3. Kin. 4, 31
Doſitheus, giuen to God. 2. Mac. 19

E

EBer, paſsing or paſſage. Gen. 10, 25
¶ Edén, pleaſure. 2. King. 19, 12
Euer, a flocke. 1. Chron. 23, 23
Edóm, reddie or earthie. Gen. 25, 30
¶ Elchánan, the mercie of God. 2. Sam. 23, 24
Eldaáh, the knowledge of God. Gen. 25, 4
Eldád, the loue of God. Nomb. 11, 26
Elead Eleadáh, witnes of God. 1. Chr. 7, 21
Eleaſáh, the worke of God. 1. Chro. 2, 39
Eleazarus Eliazar Eli Elias Eleazár, the helpe of God. Exod. 6, 22.
Eliáb, my God the father. Nomb. 26, 8
Eliáh, God the lord. 1. Chron. 8, 26
Eliakím, God ariſeth. Iſa. 22, 20
Eliám, the people of God. 2. Sam. 23, 34
Eliaſáph, the Lord encreaſeth. Nomb. 1, 14
Eliaſhíb, the Lord returneth. 1. Chr. 3, 24
Eliathas Eliathá, thou art my God. 1. Chr. 25, 4
Eliehoenái, to the Lord mine eyes. 1. Chr. 26, 3
Elidád, the beloued of God. Nomb. 34, 21
Elihú, he is my God. 1. Chro. 12, 10
Elimelech Elimélech, my God the King, or the counſel of God. Ruth 1, 2
Elionái Elioenái, to him mine eyes. 1. Chro. 3, 23
Eliphál, a miracle of God. 1. Chr. 11, 36
Elipelet Elithua Eliſeus Eliſeus Eliſſa Eliphálet, the God of deliuerãce. 2. Sam. 5, 16
Eliſhá, my God ſaueth. 1. King. 19, 16
Eliſháh, the lambe of God. Gen. 10, 4
Eliſhaphát, my God iudgeth. 2. Chr. 23, 1
Eliſabeth Eliſhéba, the othe of God, or the fulnes of God. Exod. 6, 23
Elizúr, the ſtrength of God. Nomb. 1, 5
Elkanáh, the zeale of God. Exod. 6, 24
Elmodéd, God meaſureth. Gen. 10, 24
Elnathán, Gods gifte. Ierem. 26, 22
Elphaal, Gods worke. 2. Chro. 8, 11
Eluzái, God my ſtrength. 1. Chr. 12, 5
Elymás, a corrupter, or ſorcerer. Act. 13, 8
¶ Enós, man or miſerable. Gen. 4, 27
¶ Epaphroditus, pleaſant. Philip. 2, 25
Epenetus, laudable. Rom. 16, 5
Epháh, wearie. Gen. 25, 4
Epher, duſt. Gen. 25, 4 Gephar
Ephráim, fruteful, or encreaſing. Gen. 41, 52 Ephron
¶ Eraſtus, amiable. Act. 19, 22
¶ Eſau, working. Geneſ. 25, 25
Eſhcól, a cluſter. Gen. 14, 14
Eſhék, violence. 1. Chron. 8, 38
Eſtér, hidde. Eſt. 2, 7
¶ Ethán, ſtrength. 1. Kings 4, 31
¶ Eubulus, wiſe or of good coũſel. 2. Tim. 4, 21 Esther heſter
Eupolemus, a good warriour. 1. Macc. 8, 27
Eutychus, fortunate. Act. 20, 9
¶ Ezbón, haſting to vnderſtand. 1. Chro. 7, 7 Aſbon
Ezekiél, ſtrength of the Lord. Ezek. 1, 3
Ezeliáh, nere the Lord. 2. Chro 34, 7
Ezer, an helpe. 1. Chro. 4, 4 Ezaliah
Ezrá, an helper. Ezr. 1, 7
Ezriél, the helpe of God. Ier. 36, 26
Ezrikám, an helpe ariſing. 1. Chro. 3, 23

G

GAál, an abomination. Iud. 9, 35
Gabriél, a man of God, or the ſtrength of God, the name of an Angel. Dan. 8, 16
Gad, a band, or garriſon. Gen. 30, 11
Galál, a rolle. 1. Chron. 9, 15
Gamaliél, Gods rewarde. Act. 5, 34
Gamariá, a conſuming of ỹ Lord. Ier. 29, 3. Gamariela
Gazabár, a treaſurer. Ezr. 1, 8
¶ Gedaliáh, the greatnes of the Lord. Ier. 38, 1 Godoliah
Gedeon, a breaker or deſtroyer. Iud. 6, 13
Gehazí, vallie of viſion. 2. King 4, 12 Giezi
Gerá, a pilgrime, or ſtranger. Gen. 46, 21
¶ Gináth, a garden. 1. King. 16, 21
¶ Gog, a roofe of an houſe. Ezek. 38, 2
Goliáth, a captiuitie. 1. King. 7, 4
Gomer, a conſumer. Gen. 10, 2
Gorgias, terrible. 1. Macc. 3, 38

H

HAbakúk, a wraſteler. Hab. 1, 1 Abakuk
Habazaniáh, the hiding of the Lords ſhilde.
Habiáh, the hiding of the Lord. Nehem. 7, 63
Hacaliáh, waiting of ỹ Lord. 2. Nehem. 10, 1 Achaliah
Hadád, ioye. Gen. 25, 15. 1. Chr. 1, 30 Hecheliah Hadar
Hagáb, a graſhopper. Nehem. 2, 46
Haggiáh, the Lords feaſt. 1. Chro. 6, 19 Hagaba
Há, Hamathí, indignation, or heat. Ge. 10, 17 Aggia Amatha
Hamdán, heat of iudgement. Gen. 36, 26 Abatha
Hamúl, merciful. Gen. 46, 12
Hanaméel, the mercie of God. Ier. 32, 7 Anameel
Hananéel, the grace of God. Neh. 3, 1 Hamel
Hanáni, gratious or merciful. 1. King. 16, 7
Hananiáh, grace of the Lord. Iere. 37, 12 Ananias
Harím, dedicate to God. 1. Chro. 24, 8
Haſadiáh, the mercie of the Lord. 1. Chr. 3, 20 Aſadiah
Hattíl, an howling for ſinne. Ezr. 2, 57
Hauáh, liuing, or giuing life. Geneſ. 3, 20 Eua

Azael — Hazaél, ſeing God. 1. King. 19,17
Azea — Hazaráh, ſeing the Lord. Neh. 11,5
Ebor — ¶Heber, a companion. Gen. 46,17
Helchi Hanoch Enoch — Helkiáh, the portion of the Lord. 2. Kin. 18,18
Henóch, taught or dedicate. Gen. 5,18
Hépher, a digger or deluer. 1. Chr 4,6
Haphſiba. Epſiba. — Hephzi-báh, my delite in her. 2. King. 2,1
Heth, feare or breaking. Gen. 23,3
Ezron — Hezrí, or Hezro, Hezron, Aſari, Eſrí
¶Hiél, the Lord liueth. 1. King. 16,34
Huram Ezechias — Hirám, the hight of life. 2. Sam. 5,11
Obab — Hizkiiáh, ſtrength of the Lord. 2. King. 18
¶Hobab, beloued. Numb. 10,29
Hori, a prince. Geneſ. 36,22
Hoſhaiáh, ſaluation of the Lord. Iere. 42,1
Hoſhea, ſaluation. Hoſ. 1,1
Hoſa, truſting. 1. Chron. 26,10
Hothám, a ſeale or ſignet. 1. Chron. 7,32
Huziel — Hoziél, ſeing God. 1. Chron. 23,9
¶Hul, ſorow or infirmitie. Geneſ. 10,23
Hur, libertie or prince. 1. Chron. 4,1
Ouſa — Huſháh, haſting. 1. Chron. 4,4

I

Iakob — IAakób, a ſupplanter. Geneſ. 25,26
Ioakan — Iaakán, deſtroying. 1. Chron. 5,13
Iaſiel — Iaaſiél, the worke of God. 1. Chron. 11,47
Iaazaniah, the heatkening of the Lord. 2. Kings 25,23
Iobel — Iabál, bringing or budding. Gen. 4,20
Iabeſh, drought. 2. Kings 15,10
Iabez, ſorowe. 1. Chron. 4,9
Iabin, vnderſtanding. Ioſh. 11,1
Iachin, ſtabilitie. Geneſ. 46,10
Adaiáh — Iadiáh, knowing the Lord. Nehem. 2,36
Iahel — Iaél, a do or aſcending. Iud. 4,16
Ialeleel — Iahalleél, praiſing God. 1. Chr. 4,16
Aſiel — Iahaziél, God haſteth. Gen. 46,24
Achoch, Iahiel — Iahaziel, ſeing God. Ezr. 8,5
Iacirus — Iahehel, hope in God or beginning in God. Geneſ. 46,14
Iair, lightened. Deut. 3,14
Iakim, ſtabliſhing. 1. Chron. 8,19
Iambres Iamráh — Iambrí, rebellious. 1. Macc. 9,37
Iamín, right hand. Gen. 46,10
Iemuel — Iamuél, God is his day. Geneſ. 46,10
Ianoháh, reſting. Ioſ. 16,6
Ianúm, ſleping. Ioſ. 15,53
Iápheth, perſuading or enticing. Gen. 5,32
Iaphia — Iaphía, lightning. 2. Sam. 5,16
Iarephél, helth of God. Ioſ. 18,27
Iaríb, fighting or aduenging. Gen. 46,10
Iaſhén, ancient. 2. Sam. 23,32
Iaſar — Iaſhér, righteous. Ioſ. 21,39
Iaſub. — Iaſhúb, a returning. 1. Chron. 7,1
Iathaniel — Iathniél, a gifte of God. 1. Chron. 26,2
Iether — Iattír, a remnant or excellent. Ioſh. 15, 48.
Iethraí — Ithri, Ithro, Ithron the ſame.
Ionia — Iauán, making ſad. Gen. 10,1
Iaziél, the ſtrength of God. 1. Chron. 15,18
Iazíz, brightnes. 1. Chro. 27,31
¶Ibhác, choſen. 2. Kings 5,15
¶Ichabód, where is glorie? 1. Sam. 4,21
Iadda. — ¶Iddo, his confeſsion. 1. Chron. 27,21
¶Iechoniáh, ſtabilitie of the Lord. 1. Chr. 3,16 — Chonias
Iedaiáh, the hand of the Lord or confeſsing the Lord. 1. Chron. 4,37 — Ieddia
Iedidáh, beloued. 2. Sam. 12,1 — Ieddida
Iediel, knowledge of God. 1. Chron. 7,6
Ieduthun, confeſsing. 1. Chro. 9,16
Iehiáh, the Lord liueth. 1. Chro. 5,13
Iehiél, God liueth. 1. Chr. 26,21.
Iehoadán, the Lords pleaſure. 2. King. 14,2 — Ioadan
Iehoahás, the poſſeſsiō of the Lord. 2. Kings 23,34 — Ioahas
Iehoáſh, the fyre of the Lord. 2. Kings 11,21 — Ioas
Iehohanán, grace or mercie of the Lord. 2. Chro. 26,3 — Ionā, Iohānes
Iehoiada, the knowledge of ỹ Lord. 2. King. 11,15
Iehoiakím, the riſing or aduenging of the Lord. 2. Kings 23,34 — Ioacim
Iehoſhaphát, the Lord is ỹ iudge. 1. Chr. 3,10 — Ioſaphat
Iehoſhúa, the Lords ſaluation. Zach. 3,1
Iehozadák, the iuſtice of ỹ Lord. 1. Chr. 6,14 — Ioſedec
Iehudáth, confeſsion or praiſe. Gen. 29,35 — Iuda
Iekannáh, the Lord ſhal ariſe, eſtabliſh, or aduenge. 1. Chr. 2,41 — Iaccana
Iekodeám, the burnīg of the people. Ioſ. 15,56
Iephlét, deliuered. 1. Chron. 7,32.
Iephunnéh, beholding. Numb. 13,7
Ierahmeél, the mercie of God. Ier. 36,36
Iéred, ruling. Gen. 5,15 — Iared
Ieriél, the feare of God. 1. Chro. 7,2 — Ieruel
Ierimóth, fearing death. 1. Chr. 7,7
Ieroboám, encreaſing the people. 2. Kin. 14,23
Ierohám, high. 1. Chro 6,27 — Ithoram Ioram
Ierubbaál, let baal aduenge. Iud. 6,32 — Ierobaal
Ieſhaiáh, ſaluation of the Lord. Iſa. 1,1. — Eſaiah, Iſaiah
Ieſhúa, a ſauiour. Mat. 1,16 — Ieſus
¶Igál, redemed. 2. Chr. 3,22
Igdaliáh, the greatnes of the Lord. Ier. 35,4
¶Ioáb, willing or voluntarie. 1. Chro. 2,16
Iob, ſorowful or hated. Iob 1,1 — Iobab
Iobamáh, ỹ buylding of the Lord. 1. Chr. 9,8
Iochébed, glorious. Exod. 6,20 — Iochabed
Ioél, willing or beginning. Ioel 1,1
Iokſhán, an offence. Gen. 25,2 — Iecſan
Iokt án, a litle one. Gen. 10,25 — Iectan
Ionáh, a doue. 2. Kings 14,25
Ionadáb, voluntarie or willing. 2. King. 13,5 — Ichonadab
Ionathán, the gifte of the Lord. Iud. 18,30 — Ichonathas
Ioſeph, encreaſing. Gen. 30,24
Ioſhabéth, the fulnes of the Lord. 2. Chr. 22,11 — Ioſhabeas
Ioſhiáh, the fyre of the Lord. 2. King. 22,3
Iothám, perfite. 2. Kings 15,23
Iozabád, endwed. 1. Chro. 12,20
¶Iphdiáh, the redemption of the Lord. 1. Chro. 8,25.
Iphtáh, opening. Iud. 11,1
¶Irá, a watchman. 1. Chro. 11,28 — Iras
Irád, a wilde aſſe. Gen. 4,18
Iriáh, the feare of the Lord. Ier. 37,12
Irmeiáh, exalting the Lord. 1. Chro. 5,24 — Ieremias
¶Iſhacar, a wages. Gen. 30,18
Iſhái, a gifte or oblation. Rut 4,17 — Ieſſai
Iſhbóſheth, a man of ſhame. 2. Sam. 2,12

Iſhcariót,

Iſcariot. Iſhcariót, an hyreling, or man of death. Mat.10,1
Iſhmaél, God hath heard. Gen.16,11.
Iſhtób, good man. 2.Sam.10,8
Iſraél, a prince of God, or preuailing with God. Gen.35,10
¶Ichamár, wo to the change. Exod.6,23
Itti, Ital Ethai Ittái, ſtrong. 2.Sam.23,29
Ittiél, God with me. Nehem.11,6
¶Iubal, bringing, or fading. Gen.4,21
Iehucal Iuchal, mightie. Ierem.38,1
¶Izebel, wo to the houſe. 1.King.16,31
Iſaak Izhak, laughter. Gen.17,19
Izrahiáh, the Lord ariſeth, or the clearenes of the Lord. 1.Chro.7,3
Izreél, the ſeed of God. Ioſh.15,56

K

Chaath Kaháth, a congregacion. Gen.46,11
Choath Kainán, a biar, or owner. Gen.5,9
Káin, a poſſeſsion. Gen.4,1
Chemuel Kamuél, God is riſen. Gen.22,21
Karéah, balde. 2.King.25,
¶Kedár, blackenes. Gen.25,13
Kédem, Eaſt. Ierem.49,26
Kéren-happúch, the horne of beautie.
Caſaiah Kallaiáh, the voyce of the Lord. Nehem. 12,19
¶Kíſh, harde, or ſore. 1.Sam.9,1
Colia ¶Kolaiáh, the voyce of the Lord. Nehem. 11,2
Kórah, balde. Gen.36,5
Koré, crying. 1.Chro.9,19
¶Kuſhaiá, hardenes. 1.Chro.15,17

L

Leedan Laadáh, to gather, or teſtifie. 1.Chro.4,21
Laadán, for pleaſure. 1.Chro.7,26
Laban, white. Gen.24,29
Laél, to God, or to the mightie. Nomb.3,24
Laad Láhad, to praiſe. 1.Chro.4,2
Lemuél Lamuél, with whome is God? Prou.31,1
Lahabim Lehabím, enflamed. Gen.10,13
Lamech Lémech, poore, or ſmitten. Gen.4,18
Lappidóth lightenings. Iudg.4,4
Letuſhim, hammer men. Gen.25,3
Leuí, ioyned, or coupled. Gen.29,34
Leáh, painful, or wearied. Gen.29,16
¶Lobín, whitenes. Exod.6,17
Loran Lot wrapped, or ioyned. Gen.11,27
Ludim ¶Lud, a natiuitie, or generacion. Gen.10,22
¶Lyſias, diſſoluing. 1.Mac.3,32
Lyſimachus, diſſoluing battel. 2.Mac.4,29

M

Maachah Maachathí, broken. 2.King.25,23
Mahazióth, ſeing a ſigne. 1.Chro.25,4
Manſeiáh, the protectiō of the Lord. Ierem. 32,12
Maalá Mahlá, weakenes, or a dance. Nomb.26,33
Maaſei Maaſai, my worke. 1.Chro.9,12
Maaſias Maaſeiáh, the worke of the Lord. 1. Chro. 15,18
Maaſaies Maaziáh, the ſtrength of the Lord. 1.Chro. 24,18
Makáz, finiſhing, or watching. 1.King.4,9
Macbanái, my poore ſonne. 1.Chro.12,13 Machab
Machí, poore, or a ſmiter. Nomb.13,16
Machír, ſelling, or knowing. Gen.50,23
Madái, a meaſure, or iudging. Gen.10,2
Madán, ſtrife. Gen.25,2 Midián
Magdalena, magnified, or exalted. Mat.27, 56
Magdiél, preaching God. Gen.36,43
Magóg, couering, or melting. Gen.10,2
Mahaláh, infirmitie, or ſickenes. 2.Chro.11, 18 Mahalon
Maharái, haſting. 2.Chro.11,30
Mahath, wiping away, or fearing. 1.Chro.6, 35
Malachí, my meſſenger. Malach.1,1 Malachias
Mahaleél, praiſing God. Gen.5,12 Malaleél
Mamzér, a baſtard. Deut.23,2
Manahém, a comforter. 2.King.15,14
Manoách, reſt. Iudg.13,2. Manoe
Maón, a dwelling place. Ioſh.15,55 Maonathi
Mordechái, bitter, contricion. Eſter 2,5
Marthá, bitter, or prouoking. Luk.10,38
Mattán, a gift. 2.Chro.23,17 Mattanah
Mattaní, Mattaniáh, Matthaniáh, Matthatáh his gift. Ezr.10,33 Manthanai Mattathias
Mattithía, a gift of the Lord. 1.Chro.9,31 Mathias
Malchiél, God is my King. Gen.46,17 Melchiel
Malchiáh, the Lord my King. Ierem.21,1 Melchiah
Malchi-zédek, King of righteouſnes. Gen. 14,18 Melchizedec
Malchiſhúa, my King the ſauiour. 1.Sam. 14,49
¶Mehetabél, how good is God! Gen.36,39
Mehumán, troubled. Eſter.1,10 Aman
Mehuiaél, teaching God. Gen.4,18
Methuſhaél, aſking death. Gen.4,18
Methuſhélah, ſpoyling his death. Gen.5,21
Melatiáh, deliuerance of the Lord. Nehem. 3,7 Melcias
Menelaus, ſtrength of the people. 2.Mac. 4,23.
Menaſheh, forgetting. Gen.41,51 Manaſſe
Meraióth, bitternes. 1.Chro.9,11 Merari
Méred, rebellious. 1.Chro.4,17
Meſhá, ſaluacion. 1.Chro.2,42 Mouſa
Meſhelemiáh, the peace of ỹ Lord. 1.Chro. 26,1.
Meſhullám, peaceable. 2.King.22,3
Mephiboſheth, ſhame of mouth. 2.Sam.4,4
Méſhech prolonging. Gen.10,2
Milcháh, a woman of counſel. Gen.11,29 Melcha
Milchóm, their King, or counſeller, the idole of the Ammonites. 2.King.23,13
Mizzáh, a dropping, or conſuming. Gen.36, 13
Micháh, poore, or ſmitten, or who is here? 2.Chro.34,20 Micha Micheas
Michaiáh, who is like the Lord? 2.King.22,12 Michaias
Michael, who is like God? 1.Chro.7,3
Michal, who is perfect? 1.Sam.14,49
Miſhael, who demandeth? Exod.6,22

Maria Miriám, exalted, or teaching. Exod. 6,20
Mithredath, diſſoluing the Law. Ezr. 1,8
¶Moáb, of the father. Gen. 19,36
Moſhéh, drawne vp. Exod. 10,2
Mozá, founde, or vnleauened. 1. Chro. 2,46
¶Muſach, anointing. 2. King. 16,18
Muſhí, departing. Exod. 6,19

N

NAamáh, beautiful. Gen. 4,22
Neeman Naamán, faire, or beautiful. Gen. 46,21
Naaráh, a maide, or watching. Ioſh. 16,7
Naariáh, a childe of the Lord. 1. Chro. 3,22
Nebó Nabóth Nabaióth, buddes, or prophecies. Gen. 25,13
Nabál, a foole. 1. Sam. 25,3
Nadáb, a prince, or liberal. Exod. 6,23
Naggái, clearenes, Luk. 3,25
Nahaliél, the inheritance of God. Nomb. 21,19
Nahamani Nahám, Nahúm, a comforter, or repentãt. 1. Chro. 4,19.
Nahás, a ſerpent. 1. Chro. 4,12
Nahór, hoarſe, or angrie. Gen. 11,22
Naióth, beautie, or a dwelling place. 1. Sam. 19,18
Naphtalí, wraſtling, or compariſon. Geneſ. 30,8
Nathan, giuen. 2. Sam. 5,14
Nabuchodonoſor ¶Nebuchad-nezzár, which is written for ỹ moſte parte in Ieremie, and ſome times in Ezekiel, Nebuchadrezzar, ſignifieth the mourning of the generacion.
Nepheg, weake. 2. Sam. 5,15
Nephtúim, an opening. Gen. 10,13
Ner, a light. 1. Sam. 14,51
Nethaneél the gift of God. 1. Chro. 35,9
Nethaniáh, a gift of the Lord. 2. Sam. 25.23
Nemrod ¶Nimrod, rebellious. Gen. 10,8
¶Noadiáh, the witneſsing, or teſtificacion of the Lord. Ezr. 8,33
Noáh reſt. Gen. 5,29
Nogah, brightnes. 1. Chro. 14,16
¶Nun, ſonne, or poſteritie. Nomb. 13,9

O

Obdiah Abdias OBadiáh, ſeruant of the Lord. 1. Chro. 3,21
Obed, a ſeruant. Iudg. 9,26
Obed-edóm, the ſeruant of Edóm, or a ſeruant Edomite. 2. King. 6,10
Obíl, borne, or broght. 1. Chro. 27,30
¶Omár, ſpeaking, or exalting. Gen. 36,11
Omán ¶Onám, ſorow, ſtrength. Gen. 36,23
Aunan. Onán, ſorow, or iniquitie. Gen. 38,4
¶Ophél, a towre, or darkenes. 2. Chro. 27,3
Ophráh Ophír, aſhes. Gen. 10,29
¶Ornán, reioycing. 1. Chro. 21,18
Orpáh, a necke. Ruth. 1,4
Orthoſias, rectified. 1. Macc. 15,37
¶Othní, my time. 1. Chro. 26,7
Otholiáh, time to the Lord. 1. Chro. 8,26
Othoniél, the time of God. Ioſh. 15,17
Oziáh ¶Ozaziáh, ỹ ſtrength of the Lord. 1. Chro. 15,21
Ozziél, the helpe of God. 1. Chro. 27,19

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A PERFITE SVPPVTATION OF THE YERES AND TIMES FROM ADAM VNTO Chriſt, proued by the Scriptures, after the collection of diuers autors.

The ſumme of the yeres of the firſt age

FRom Adam vnto Noes flood are yeres 1656.
For when Adam was a 130 yere olde, he begate Seth.
Seth being 105 yeres,begate Enos.
Enos being 90 yeres,begate Cainan.
Cainan being 70 yeres, begate Mahalaleel.
Mahalaleel being 65 yeres, begate Iared.
Iared at the age of a 162 yeres,begate Enoch.
Enoch being 65 yeres, begate Mathuſelah.
Mathuſelah at the age of 187 yeres, begate Lamech.
Lamech beĩg 182 yeres,begate Noe.
Noe at the comming of the flood was 600 yeres olde,as appeareth in the ſeuenth of Geneſis.

The whole ſumme of the yeres are 1656.

FRom the ſaid flood of Noe vnto Adraham departing from Chalde were 363 yeres, and ten dayes.
For the ſaid flood continued one whole yere and ten dayes.
Sem(which was Noes ſonne) begate Arphaxat two yeres after that.
Arphaxat begate Salah whẽ he was 35 yeres olde.
Salah being 30 yeres olde, begate Heber.
Heber at his age of 34 begate Phalech.
Phalech beĩg 30 yeres,begate Regu.
Regu being 32 yeres,begate Saruch.
Saruch being 30 yeres, begate Nahor.
Nahor beĩg 29 yeres,begate Thare.
Thare being 70 yeres, begare Abraham.
And Abrahã departed from Chalde when he was 70 yeres olde.

Theſe ſaid yeres accounted are 363 yeres,& ten dayes.

FRom Abrahams departing frõ Vr in Chalde vnto the departing of the children of Iſrael frõ Egypt are 430 yeres, gathered as followeth.
Abrahã was in Charran fiue yeres, and departed in the 75 yere.
He begate Iſaac when he was 100 yeres olde,and in the 25 yere of his departing.
Iſaac begate Iakob when he was 60 yeres olde.
Iakob went into Egypt with all his familie,whẽ he was 130 yere olde.
Iſrael was in Egypt 220 yeres,which remaine from that time.
Then rebate 80 yeres from this: for ſo olde was Moſes when he cõduĉted the Iſraelites from Egypt.
So the reſte of the yeres, that is to ſay 130,are deuided betwixt Amram and Chath.
Then Chath begate Amram at his age of 67 yeres.
Amram being 65 yeres,begate Moſes, who in the 80 yere of his age departed with the Iſraelites from Egypt.

So this ſupputation is the 430 yeres mencioned in the 12.of Exod. & the 3. to the Galatians.

FRom the going of the Iſraelites from Egypt vnto the firſt buylding of the Temple are 480 yeres,after this ſupputation and accounte.
Moſes remained in ỹ deſert or wil-

dernes 40 yeres.
Ioſue & Othoniel ruled 40 yeres.
Aioth 70 yeres.
Debora 40 yeres.
Gedeon 40 yeres.
Abimelech 3 yeres.
Thela 23 yeres.
Iair 22 yeres.
Then were they without a captaine vnto the 18 yere of Iepthe.
Iepthe 6 yeres.
Abiſſam 7 yeres.
Elom 10 yeres.
Abacon 8 yeres.
Sampſon 20 yeres.
Heli Iudge and Prieſt 44 yeres.
Samuel & Saul reigned 40 yeres.
Dauid was King 40 yeres.
Salomon in the 4 yere of his reigne began the buylding of the Tẽple.

Theſe are the 480 yeres mencioned in the firſt of the Kings, & the 6 chap.

FRom the firſt buylding of the Temple vnto the captiuitie of Babylon are 419 yeres & an halfe.
Salomon reigned yet 36 yeres.
Roboam 17 yeres.
Abia 3 yeres.
Aſa 41 yeres.
Ioſaphat 25 yeres.
Ioram 8 yeres.
Ochaſias one yere.
Athalia the Quene 7 yeres.
Ioas 40 yeres.
Amaſias 29 yeres.
Ozias 52 yeres.
Ioathan 16 yeres.
Achas 16 yeres.
Ezechias 29 yeres.
Manaſſes 55 yeres.
Amon 2 yeres.
Ioſias 31 yeres.
Ioachas 3 moneths.
Eliacim 11 yeres.
Ioachim, Iechonias 3 moneths.
And here beginneth the captiuitie of Babylon.

The ſumme of theſe yeres are 419 yeres.

IEruſalem was reedified & buylded againe after the captiuitie of Babylon 143 yeres.
The captiuitie continued 70 yeres.
The children of Iſrael were deliuered and reſtored to their fredome in the firſt yere of Cyrus.
The Temple was begonne to be buylded in the 2 yere of the ſaid Cyrus, & finiſhed in the 46 yere, which was the 6 yere of Darius.
After that Darius had reigned 20 yere, Nehemias was reſtored to libertie, and went to buylde the citie, which was finiſhed in the 32 yere of the ſaid Darius.
All the yeres from the buylding of the Temple againe are 26 yeres.

The whole ſumme of yeres amount to 143 yeres.

FRom the reedifying of the citie vnto the cõming of Chriſt, are 483 yeres, after this ſupputatiõ or nombring.
It is mencioned in the 9 of Daniel that Ieruſalem ſhulde be buylt vp againe, and that from that time vnto the comming of Chriſt are 67 weekes, & euerie weeke is reckoned for ſeuen yeres. So 67 weekes amount to 483 yeres. For from the 32 yere of Darius vnto the 42 yere of Auguſtus, in the which yere our Sauiour Chriſt was borne, are iuſt and complet ſo many yeres, whereupon we recken, that from Adam vnto Chriſt are 3974 yeres, ſix moneths and ten dayes, and from the byrth of Chriſt vnto this preſent yere, is 1560.
Then the whole ſumme and nomber of yeres from the beginning of the worlde vnto this preſent yere of our Lord God 1560 are iuſt 5534, 6 moneths, and the ſaid odde ten dayes.

The End.

IOSHVA CHAP. 1. VERS. 8.

Let not this boke of the Law departe out of thy mouth, but meditate therein daye and night, that thou mayeſt obſerue and do according to all that is written therein: ſo ſhalt thou make thy way proſperous, and then ſhalt thou haue good ſucceſſe.

The order of the yere from Pauls conuerſion ſhewing the time of his peregrination, & of his Epiſtles writen to the Churches.

The yeres of ỹ natiuitie of Ieſus Chriſt	The yeres of the cõuerſion of S.Paul.		The yeres of Tyberius ỹ Emperour.
35	1	Paul a perſecuter, Act.7,8,9. was cõuerted as he went towarde Damaſcus, Act.9.	20
36	2	From Damaſcus he went into Arabia to preache the Goſpel: after he returned	21
37	3	to Damaſcus where they wolde haue taken him, but he eſcaped by the meanes of the faithful, which did let him downe in a baſket through the walles. Act 9 Gal.1.	22
38	4	From thence he came to Ieruſalem to ſe Peter. Gal.1. Act.9.2.Cor.12.	23
39	5	The Iewes wolde haue put him to death, but he was led to Ceſarea, and from	of Caligula 2
40	6	thence ſent into Syria and to Tarſus of Cilicia. Act.9. Gal.1.	
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42	8	After he was broght to Antiochia by Barnabas, where the diſciples were firſt	4
43	9	named Chriſtians.	
44	10	The famine was prophecied by Agabus vnder C.Ceſar. Act.11.	of Claudius 2
45	11	S.Iames was ſlaine by Herode. Act.12.	
46	12	Paul the gouernour of Cyprus was conuerted by S.Paul. Act.13.	3
47	13	Paul preached the Goſpel in Antiochia of Piſidia, which is a parte of Galatia.	4
		Act.14	5
48	14	Thence he went to Iconium where he remained for a time. Act.13,14.	6
49	15	He healed a lame man at Lyſtri, and there was ſtoned. Act.14	7
50	16	When he had appointed the Elders in the Church, he viſited all Piſidia and	8
51	17	Pamphilia, and returned to Antiochia.	9
52	18	At this time was the Coũcil of the Apoſtles holden at Ieruſalem where ſaint	10
53	19	Paul appeared, and he returned to Antiochia, whether Peter alſo came, and	11
		Paul reſiſted him openly, Act.15. Galat.2.	
54	20	Paul went into Syria and Cilicia with Siluanus to confirme the Churches, &	12
		afterwarde to Derbe and Lyſtri, where he taketh Timotheus vnto him: thẽce	
		he goeth to Macedonia, and teacheth in a citie called Philippi. Act.15,16.	
55	21	Paul preacheth at Athenes. Act.17. & frõ thence writeth to the Theſſalonians.	13
56	22	He remaineth at Corinthus 18.moneths, Act.18. and from thence writeth to the	14
		Romaines.	
57	23	He returneth to Epheſus, & from thence to Ceſarea: afterwarde to Ieruſalem,	of Nero
58	24	and ſo to Antiochia: afterwarde he viſiteth the Churches of Galacia and	2
		Phrygia. Act.18.	
59	25	He commeth to Epheſus, where he preacheth two yeres, & there leaueth Ti-	3
		motheus. Act.19.1.Tim.1.	
60	26	He writeth from Epheſus the firſt to the Corinthians. 1.Corinth.16.	4
61	27	After the tumult that was in Epheſus, he came to Troas, & from thence to Ma	5
		cedonia, and being at Philippi he wrote the ſeconde to the Corinthians by	
		Titus and Luke. 2.Cor.2.& 13. Act.20.	
62	28	Thence he came into Achaia & to Corinthus as he had promiſed. 1.Cor.16.&	6
		2.Cor.12. and becauſe certeine laid waite for him, he returned by Macedonia	
		vnto Troas towarde Ariſtarchus and Timotheus, which were gone before	
		him. Act.20.	
63	29	From Troas he came to Aſſos, to Mitylene called Leſbos, vnto Samos, & from	7
64	30	thence to Miletum, where he toke leaue of the Epheſians. Act.20. Thence he	8
		came to Rodes, to Patara, to Tyrus, to Ptolemais, to Ceſarea, & laſt of all to	
		Ieruſalem, where he was taken. Act.21 & 22.	
65	31	When he was priſoner, he was led to Ceſarea before the gouernour Felix. Act.	9
		23. where he remained two yeres. Act.24.	
66	32	Afterwarde he was ſent priſoner to Rome. Act 27.	10
67	33	And being in priſon there, he wrote to the Galatians, to the Epheſians, and to	11
		the Philippians.	
68	34	Alſo to the Coloſsians, and to Philemon.	12
69	35	The ſeconde to Timotheus.	13
70	36	Finally he was beheaded at the commandement of Nero.	14