**CHAPTER** **49**

*The praise of Josias, of Jeremias, Ezechiel, and the twelve prophets. Also of Zorobabel, Jesus the son of Josedech, Nehemias, Enoch, Joseph, Seth, Sem, and Adam.*

**1** The memory of Josias is like the composition of a sweet smell made by the art of a perfumer:

**2** His remembrance shall be sweet as honey in every mouth, and as music at a banquet of wine.

**3** He was directed by God unto the repentance of the nation, and he took away the abominations of wickedness.

**4** And he directed his heart towards the Lord, and in the days of sinners he strengthened godliness.

**5** Except David, and Ezechias and Josias, all committed sin.

**6** For the kings of Juda forsook the law of the most High, and despised the fear of God.

**7** So they gave their kingdom to others, and their glory to a strange nation,

**8** They burnt the chosen city of holiness, and made the streets thereof desolate according to the prediction of Jeremias.

**9** For they treated him evil, who was consecrated a prophet from his mother’s womb, to overthrow, and pluck up, and destroy, and to build again, and renew.

**10** It was Ezechiel that saw the glorious vision, which was shewn him upon the chariot of cherubims.

**11** For he made mention of the enemies under the figure of rain, and of doing good to them that shewed right ways.

**12** And may the bones of the twelve prophets spring up out of their place: for they strengthened Jacob, and redeemed themselves by strong faith.

**13** How shall we magnify Zorobabel? for he was as a signet on the right hand;

**14** In like manner Jesus the son of Josedec who in their days built the house, and set up a holy temple to the Lord, prepared for everlasting glory.

**15** And let Nehemias be a long time remembered, who raised up for us our walls that were cast down, and set up the gates and the bars, who rebuilt our houses.

**16** No man was born upon earth like Henoch: for he also was taken up from the earth.

**17** Nor as Joseph, who was a man born prince of his brethren, the support of his family, the ruler of his brethren, the stay of the people:

**18** And his bones were visited, and after death they prophesied.

**19** Seth and Sem obtained glory among men: and above every soul Adam in the beginning,