The Booke of Exodys, in Hebrew veelle semoth

THE ARGVMENT OF THE BOOKE OF EXODVS.

Moyfes having profecuted in Genefis, the facred hifto-Gen. 50. rie of the Church, vnto Iofephs death, containing the fpace of 2310. yeares, continueth the fame in Exodus,

The continuation of this booke with Genefis.

VVhere he first briefly recounfor 145. yeares more. Exod. 1.teth, how a fmal number of Ifraelites, especially after the death of Iofeph, being much increased, a) a new King (rifen in the meane time, who knew not Iofeph) together with other Ægyptians, enuying their better partes, both of bodie and minde, and more fortunate progres in wealth; fearing also lest they stil multiplying, either by their owne forces, or iovning with other foreners, might fpoile Ægypt, and returne into Chanaan; and hating their Religion, because they acknowledged, one onlie, eternal, omnipotent God, denying and detefting the new imaginarie goddes of the Ægyptians, refolued and publickly decreed, by oppression to hinder their increasing, & to keepe them in bondage and feruitude. But God almightie, who had chosen them for his peculiar people, did not only fo conferue and multiplie them, that of feuentie

Their perfecution.

Their greater multiplicatiõ.

- Exod. 2. perfons, which came into Ægypt, in the space of two
- Num. 1. hundred and fifteene yeres, there were fix hundred thoufand men, able to beare armes, befides wemen, children, and old men, which by eftimation might be three millions in al, but amongft other most ftrange and miraculous
- Exod. 2. workes, efpecially deliuered one Hebrew infant from
 - 3. drowning. Whom afterwards he made the Guide,
 - 5. and fupreme Gouernour of the fame people; by him
 - 7. admonifhed the King to cease perfecuting, and divers waies plagued him & his people for their obdurat and

The perfecutor admonifhed, and punished.

^a The increase of the Israelites was enuyed, feared, and their religion hated.

Gods people mightely deliuered.

Miraculoufly fuftained in the defert.

Inftructed with Lawes, Moral, Ceremonial, and Iudicial. obstinate crueltie. In fine called away, and mightily deliuered his owne people, drowned that king and al his armie, in the red fea, the Ifraelites wonderfully passing through, as in a drie chanel, the waters standing on both fides, like two walles. In the defert, fed them miraculoufly with Manna, and gaue them al necessaries, defending them also from enimies. Then God. hauing thus felected and feuered his people from al other nations, gaue them a written law, as wel of Moral, as Ceremonial and Iudicial preceptes, with the maner of making the Tabernacle, erecting Altares, confecrating Priefts, with the inftitution of daylie Sacrifice, and of al veftures, vefelles, & other holie things belonging to the feruice of God. So this booke may be divided into three partes. First is declared the Israelites seruile affliction in Ægypt, with their deliuerie from thence: in the fiftene first chapters. Then how they were maintained in the defert, and prepared to receive a law: in the foure next chapters. In the other 21. chapters, the lavy is prescribed, instructing them hove to live towards God, and al men.

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Chapter 1

The fmal number of Ifraelites much increasing in Ægypt, 6. especially after the death of Ioseph and his brethren, 8. a new king, that knew not Ioseph in vaine striueth to hinder their multiplication, 11. by imposing workes vpon them, 15. and by commanding to kil, 22. and to drowne al the male-children of them. God in the meane time rewardeth the midwiues, that fearing him, killed not the children.

The first part of this booke. Of the Ifraelites feruile affliction in Ægypt, and their deliuerie from thence. hefe be the names of the children of Ifrael, that entred into Ægypt with Iacob: they did enter in euerie one with their houses, ² Ruben, Simeon, Leui, Iudas, ³ Iffachar, Zabulon, and Beniamin, ⁴ Dan, and Neptali, Gad, and Afer. ⁵ Therfore al the foules that came out of Iacobs thigh, were feuentie: and

Iofeph was in Ægypt. ⁶ Who being dead, and al his brethren, and al that generation, 7 the children of Ifrael increased, and as it were springing vp did multiplie: and growing ftrong exceedingly, filled the land. 8 In the meane time there arose a new king ouer Ægypt, that knew not Iofeph: ⁹ and he faid to his people: Behold a) the people of the children of Ifrael is much, and ftronger then we. ¹⁰ Come, let vs wifely oppreffe the fame, left perhaps it multiplie: and if there fhal be anie warre against vs, it is even with our enemies, and we being ouerthrowne, they depart out of the land. 11 Therfore b)he fet ouer them maifters of the workes, to afflict them with burdens: and they built vnto Pharao cities of tabernacles, Phithom, and Ramesses. 12 And the more they did oppresse them, so much the more they multiplied, and increased: 13 and the Ægyptians hated the children of Ifrael, and deriding afflicted them: 14 and they brought their life into bitternes with the hard workes of clay, and bricke, and with al feruice, wherewith they were preffed in the workes of the earth. ¹⁵ And the King of Ægypt faid to the midwiues of the Hebrewes: of whom one was called Sephora, the other Phua, ¹⁶ commanding them: ^{c)}When you fhal be midwives to the Hebrew wemen, and the time of deliverie is come: if it be a manchild, kil it: if a woman, referue her. 17 But the midwiues feared God, and did not according to the commandement of the king of Ægypt, but preferued the menchildren. 18 To whom being called vnto him, the king faid: What is this that you ment to do, that you would faue the men-children? 19 Who answered: The Hebrew wemen are not as the Ægyptian wemen: for they have the knowledge to play the midwife them felues, and before we come to them, they are deliuered. ²⁰ God therfore did wel to the midwiues:

^a Enuie, vaine feare, (v.~10.) & hatred of true religiõ (v.~13.) are the causes why Infidels perfecute the faithful.

^b The first perfecution was in temporal losses and bodilie paines, by pressing them with workes.

^c The fecond was fecrete murther.

and the people encreafed, and became ftrong exceedingly. ²¹ And because the midwiues feared God, he built them houses. ²² Pharao therfore commanded al his people, faying: Whatsoeuer shall be borne of the male fex, ^{a)}cast it into the riuer: whatsoeuer of the female, referue it.

Annotations

God muft be feared before Princes commanding contrarie things.

Princes muft be obeyed in lawful things.

Al lies are finnes and vnlawful.

Venial finnes.

Feare of God meritorious.

Temporal rewardes promifed in the old Teftamet, eternal in the new. 17 But the midvviues feared God.) In commendation of the midwiues not obeying the kings commandment, Moyfes oppofeth the feare of God, to the feare of Princes; fhewing therby that when their commandments are contrarie, the fubiects muft feare God, and not do that the Princes commandeth. So did our Sauiour himfelf teach, and that for feare of damnation, faying: Feare him vvho hath povver to cast into hel. And so his Apostles indued with the Holie Ghost, practifed, answering in this case, that they must heare God rather then men. Againe, God must be obeyed rather then men. Alwayes vnderstood, when they are contrarie. For otherwise both S. Peter and S. Paul teach vs, that Princes, yea Infidels, of whom they especially speake, must be obeyed.

19 Hebrevv vvemen are not.) Herein the midwiues finned. For it is neuer lawful to lye. Becaufe the lavv of God is truth, wherby S. Augustin proueth (li. cont. mend. c. 10.) that whatsoeuer varieth from truth is vnlawful. VVhen therfore (faith he) examples of lying are proposed to vs out of holie Scripture, either they are not lies, but are thought to be, whiles they are not vnderstood, or if they be lies, they are not to be imitated, because they are vnlawful. S. Gregorie teacheth the same (li. 18. Moral. c. 26.) Quia prosecto ab equitate discrepat, quisquid a veritate discordat. Because affuredly vvhatsoeuer disagreeth from veritie, disserted from equitie. Yet these fathers hold such an officious lye, as this was, to be a lesse sinne, and more easily pardoned, and purged by good workes folowing.

21 Because the midvviues feared God.) Feare of God as it is properly taken in holie Scripture, is that holie feare, by which the children of God refraine from finne, and that with temporal danger, left they should offend the diuine Maiestie. So these midwiues endangering their owne liues, by not fulfilling Pharaos commandment, had the true feare of God, and for the same were rewarded, as is most probable, eternally: though mention be here made only of temporal reward, after the maner of the old Testament. VVhere such promises were made to Abraham, and

Luc. 12. Act. 4.

& 5.

1. Pet. 2. Ro. 13.

Pfal. 118. v. 142.

Mat. 10.

^a The third was open murther.

other most godlie Patriarches, for an affay only and taist of euerlasting life, which is more expresly promised in the Gospel of Christ, as S. Hierom teacheth, *Epist. ad Dardanum*.

Chapter 2

A child of the Hebrewes, and Tribe of Leui, being exposed to the water, 5. is taken from thence by Pharaos daughter, 8. who committeth him to be nursed, vnwitting to his owne mother, adopteth him and calleth him Moyses. 11. He afterwardes visiting his brethren, killeth an Ægyptian; 15. flieth into Madian; 21. marrieth a wife, and hath two sonnes.

a kind of glevv, fo called.

fter thefe thinges there came forth a man of the house of Leui: and he tooke a wife of his owne ftocke. ² Who conceaued, and bare a fonne: and feing him a goodlie one, hid him three monethes. ³ And •when now fhe could not conceale him, fhe tooke a basket made of bulrushes, and dawbed it with bitume and pitch: and put with in it the litle infant, and laid him in a fedgie place by the rivers brinke, 4 his fifter ftanding a farre of, and confidering the euent of the thing. ⁵ And behold the daughter of Pharao came downe to be washed in the riuer: and her maides walked by the rivers brinke. Who when she faw the basket in the fedges, she fent one of her handmaides: and when it was brought 6 opening it, and feeing within it an infant crying, having pitty on it, faid: This is one of the infantes of the Hebrewes. ⁷ To whom the childes fifter faid: Wilt thou that I goe, & cal to thee an Hebrew woman, that may nurfe the litle infant? 8 She answered: Goe. The maid went and called her mother. ⁹ To whom Pharaos daughter fpeaking: Take, quoth fhe, this child, and nurfe him for me: I wil geue thee thy hyre. The woman tooke, and nurfed the child: and when he was growen, deliuered him to Pharaos daughter. ¹⁰ Whom fhe adopted

into the place of a fonne, and called him a) Moyfes, faying: Because from the water I did take him. 11 In those dayes after that Moyfes was growen, he went forth to his brethren: and he faw their affliction, and a man that was an Ægyptian ftriking one of the Hebrewes his brethren. ¹² And when he had looked about hither & thither, and faw no man prefent, he ftroke the Ægyptian, and hid him in the fand. 13 And going forth an other day, he faw two Hebrewes brawling: and he faid to him that did the wrong: Why ftrikeft thou thy neighbour? 14 Who answered: b) Who hath appointed thee prince & iudge ouer vs? Wilt thou kil me, as yefterday thou dideft the Ægyptian? Moyfes c)feared, and faid: How is this thing come abroad? ¹⁵ And Pharao heard of this talke, and fought to kil Moyfes: who fleeing from his fight, abode in the Land of Madian, and fate befide a wel. ¹⁶ And the prieft of Madian had feuen daughters, which were come to draw water: and when the troughes were filled, they defired to water their fathers flockes. ¹⁷ The fhepeheardes came vpon them, and droue them away: and Moyfes arofe, and defending the maides, watered their fheepe. 18 Who being returned to Raguel their father, he faid to them: Why are you come fooner then you were wont? 19 They answered: A certain man an Ægyptian deliuered vs from the hand of the shepheardes: moreouer also he drew water with vs, and gaue the sheepe to drinke. 20 But he faid: Where is he? Why haue you let the man goe? cal him that he may eate bread. 21 Therfore Moyfes fware that he would dwel with him. And he tooke Sephora his daughter to wife: 22 who bare him a fonne, whom he called Gerfam, faying: I have bene a ftranger in a forren countrey. And she bare him an other, whom he called Eliezer, faying: for the God of

^a Mos, in the Ægyptian tongue fignifieth vvater, and Ifes, faued. Iofeph. li. 2. Antiq. & Clemens. Alexan. li. 1. Stromat.

b The guiltie perfõ reiected Moyfes for lack of knowe authoritie, but God confirmed his comiffion. Act. 7. So the Iewes reiected Chrift, Iudge of the world.

^c He feared to tempt God by ftaying, but not the fiercenes of the king. Heb. 11.

my father my helper hath deliuered me out of the hand of Pharao. ²³ But after much time the king of Ægypt died: and the children of Ifrael groning, cried out because of the workes: and ^{a)}their crie ascended vnto God from the workes. ²⁴ And he heard their groning, & remembred the couenant which he made with Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob. ²⁵ And our Lord looked vpon the children of Ifrael and knew them.

Annotations

3 VVhen she could not conceal him.) Thefe godlie and prudent parents, confidering that when the Ægyptians fhould perceiue fuch an infant to be borne, and not drowned according to the Kings Edict, they would deftroy both the child, and whole familie: to auoid the greater danger, chofe the leffe. To bring him to the water fide, not omitting their owne induftrie, as wel by clofing him in a basket, that would draw no water, as by fetting his fifter to watch what became of him: that if better fucceffe happened not the firft day, the mother might at euening geue him fuck, and minifter other neceffaries; and fo expect an other day, or manie dayes Gods prouidence, til his diuine pleafure fhould more appeare.

Moyfes parets did prudently expose him to some danger, to auoide greater.

li. 2. Antiq.

Iofephus writeth that Amran Moyfes father, being folicitous, when his wife was great, how to faue the infant, if it were a man child, God reueled to him, that fhe had conceiued a fonne, who fhould not only be faued from Pharaos furie, but also be the deliuerer of the whole Hebrew nation from thraldome, and feruitude of the Ægyptians. VVherupon they affuredly trusted that God would protect and prosper him, yet so, if they did their owne endeuour, which S. Augustin teacheth to be alwayes necessarie.

Reuelations and Gods determinations do not exclude but include mans endeuour.

li. 16. c. 19. de ciuit.

Act. 7.

12 He ftroke the Ægyptian.) Moyfes not of carnal loue towards his brethren, nor of private paffion, but by divine infpiration killed the Ægyptian, as S. Augustin proveth (li. qq. in Exod. q. 2.) by the testimonie of S. Steuen saying: Moyfes thought his brethren had vnderstood, that God by his hand, vvould save them. VVherby appeareth that Moyfes himselfe knew it was Gods pleasure, he should kil that Ægyptian invading an Hebrew. Yet others may not imitate such particular examples. Catech. Rom. p. 3. c. 6. q. 5.

Though Moyfes iuftly killed the Ægyptian, yet others may not imitate his example.

^a Oppression of innocents crieth to heaven for revenge.

Chapter 3

God appeareth to Moyfes in a bush burning but not confuming, 7. defigneth him the Gouernour of the children of Ifrael, 10. with commission to tel them, that they shal be deliuered from Ægypt: 21. and shal spoile the Ægyptians.

nd Moyfes fed the fheepe of Iethro his father in law the prieft of Madian: and hauing driuen the flock to the inner partes of the defert, he came to the mountaine of God, Horeb. ² And ³our Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the middes of a bush: and he saw that the bush was on fire, and was not burnt. ³ Moyfes therfore faid: I wil goe, and fee this great vision, why the bush is not burnt. ⁴ And our Lord feeing that he went forward to fee, he called him out of the middes of the bufh, and faid: Moyfes, Movfes. Who answered: Here I am. ⁵ But he faid: Approch not hither, a)loofe of thy floe from thy feet: for the place, wherin thou ftandeft, is b)holie ground. 6 And he faid: I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Ifaac, and the God of Iacob. Moyfes hid his face: for he durft not looke againft God. 7 To whom our Lord faid: I have fene the affliction of my people in Ægypt, and I have heard their crye because of their rigour that ouerfee the workes: 8 and knowing their forow, I am defcended to deliuer them out of the handes of the Ægyptians, and to bring them out of that land into a land good, and large, into a land that floweth with milke and honie, to the places of the Chananeite, and Hetheite, and Amorrheite, and Pherezeite, and Heueite, and Iebufeite. ⁹ Therfore the crye of the children of Ifrael is come vnto me: and I have fene their affliction, wherwith they are oppressed by the Ægyptians. ¹⁰ But come,

^a See what maner of reuerence and deuotion is prefcribed, to goe bare foote to holie places.

b Of holie places, and of chriftian deuotion in going to them, S. Hierom writeth largely. *Epift.* 17. 18. ℰ 27.

and I wil fend thee to Pharao, that thou mayeft bring forth my people, the children of Ifrael out of Ægypt. 11 And Moyfes faid to God: Who am I that I fhal goe to Pharao, and bring forth the children of Ifrael out of Ægypt? 12 Who faid to him: I wil be with thee: and this thou fhalt have for a figne, that I have fent thee: When thou fhalt have brought my people out of Ægypt, thou shalt facrifice to God vpon this mountaine. ¹³ Moyfes faid to God: Loe I shal goe to the children of Ifrael, and fay to them: The God of your fathers hath fent me to you. If they fhal fay to me: What is his name? What shal I fay to them? ¹⁴ God faid to Moyfes: ⁴I AM WHICH AM. He faid: Thus shalt thou fay to the children of Ifrael: HE WHICH IS, hath fent me to you. ¹⁵ And God faid againe to Moyfes: Thefe thinges shalt thou fay to the children of Ifrael: The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Ifaac, and the God of Iacob hath fent me to you: a)this is my name for euer, and this is my memorial into generation and to generation. ¹⁶ Goe, and geather together the ancients of Ifrael, and thou fhalt fay to them: The Lord God of your fathers hath appeared to me, the God of Abraham, the God of Ifaac, and the God of Iacob, faying: Vifiting I have vifited you: and I have fene al thinges that have chanced to you in Ægypt: 17 and I have faid the word to bring you forth out of the affliction of Ægypt, into the land of the Chananeite, and Hetheite, and Amorrheite, and Pherezeite, and Heueite, and Iebufeite, to a Land that floweth with milke & honie. 18 And they fhal heare thy voice: and thou fhalt enter in, thou and the ancientes of Ifrael to the king of Ægypt, and thou fhalt fay to him: The Lord God of the Hebrewes hath called vs: We wil goe three dayes iourney into the wildernes, to facrifice vnto the Lord our God.

¹⁹ But I know that the king of Ægypt wil not difmiffe you to goe but by mightie hand. ²⁰ For I wil ftretch forth my hand, and wil ftrike Ægypt in al my marueils, which I

^a This is the most proper name, but the most common is God, derived in manie languages of Good. Mat. 19. v. 17.

wil doe in the middes of them: after thefe he wil difmiffe you. ²¹ And I wil geue grace to this people, in the fight of the Ægyptians: and when you fhal goe forth, you fhal not depart emptie: ²² but ech woman fhal aske of her neighbour and of her that is in house with her, veffels of filuer and of gold, and rayment: and you fhal lay it vpon your fonnes and daughters, and ^{a)}fhal spoyle Ægypt.

Annotations

Al apparitions to the Patriarches and Prophetes
were made by Angels, though fometimes
attributed to God.

Proued by holie Scriptures and Fathers.

2 Our Lord appeared.) S. Steuen reciting this vision faieth, an Angel appeared to Moyfes: and fo it is in the Hebrew text, in the Chaldee Paraphrafis, and in the Septuagint Interpreters. Neither is the latin Edition (reading Lord) contrarie to the other which reade Angel, no more then one place of holie Scripture, is contrarie to an other in the fame language, but very confonant in fenfe, fometimes attributing the fame apparitions and other workes to God, as the author and principal Agent, and fometimes to Angels, the next and immediate minifters of God. For fo not only S. Steuen in the place alleaged, but also S. Paul faith plainly (Gal. 3.) that the Lavy vvas delivered by Angels. And in his Epiftle to the Hebrewes, proueth the excellencie of Christs Law aboue the old law, by the difference of the perfons, by whom both were geuen: affirming that the former vvas fpoken by Angels, the other declared by our Lord Iefus Chrift. VVherof S. Cyril of Alexandria difcourfeth largely (li. 8. c. 2. Thefau.) flewing that in deede Angels deliuered the law, yet not by their owne authoritie, but as feruants and legates of God. And before him S. Dionyfe of Ariopagite (li. cæleft. Hierar. c. 4.) taught the very fame, the lavy (fayeth he) as holie vyrittes teftifie, vyas geuen to vs by Angels: yea al apparitions, made to the ancient fathers before the law, and after it, were made by Angels. A litle after objecting to himfelfe, that divine Scriptures also testifie, that the law was geuen and granted to Moyfes by God, to teach vs that in deede it hath the forme of facred and diuine law, answereth, eam Angelorum ad nos opera perueniffe, that it came to vs (from God) by the meanes of Angels. In like maner S. Iuftinus Martyr (in explic. qq. neceft. q. 142.) faieth, al those Angels, which have appeared in Gods place, or have fpoken with men, have also benne called by the name of God, as he that fpoke with Iob, and with Moyfes. S. Augustin after a large discourse of this matter, in his

Heb. 2.

Exod. 19. 20.

Act. 7.

^a Al that anie man poffeffeth in this world, is but lent by God. And therfore he iuftly taketh away, and lendeth to others; difpofing of al as pleafeth him.

fecond, third, and fourth bookes de Trinitate, hath these wordes: (li. 4. c. vlti.) If it be demanded of me, how either the voices, or sensible formes, and shewes were made before the incarnation of the vvord of God, which presigured the same, I answer that God wrought them by Angels, which also I suppose I haue sufficiently shewed by testimonies of holie Scriptures. Likewise S. Gregorie (Prefat. in Iob. c. 2.) saith plainly, that an Angel appeared to Moyses in the firie bush, yet is called God, because he was the legate of God, and therfore spoke, as if God himselfe had spoke in diuine Person, explicating the same by two examples, Dauid saied: My people attend my lavv, yet neither the people, nor law was Dauids, but Gods. And the reader dayly amiddes the people proclameth: I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and

Examples.

Pfal. 77. faied: My people attend my lavv, yet neither the people, nor law was Dauids, but Gods. And the reader dayly amiddes the people proclameth: I am the God of Abraham, the God of Ifaac, and the God of Iacob. Neither doth he truly fay, that he is God, nor by that he fayeth, doth he goe from the rule of truth. He alfo confirmeth the fame doctrin, li. 28. Moral. ca. 5. And further teacheth that Angels protect men, and prouinces, and execute Gods wil in this inferior world. And fo do the other Doctors of the Church. S. Gregorie Nazianzen, orat. ad 150. Epifc. & orat. 2. de Theologia. in fine vtriufque S. Bafil, li. 3. cont. Ennom. Alexan. in fine S. Athanafius, fer. 4. cont Arian, longius a princ. & Epift. de fenten. Dominij Alexan. in fine. S. Ambrofe, fer. 1. in Pfal. 118. S. Chryfoft. ho. 6. and S. Hierom, li. 3. comment.

God executeth his wil by Angels.

14 I am vvhich am.) Al other things, befides God, once were not; and being limited in nature, neither could perfift vnles God conferued them; manie things also haue loft, or shal lose their proper effence and being, and whiles he remaine haue continual alterations. Onlie God eternally is without beginning, ending, limitation, dependence, or mutation, confisting only of himselfe, and al other things are of him. Therfore this name, QVI EST, HE WHICH IS, is most proper to God, not determining anie maner, but indeterminatly fignifying al maners of being, for so it importes the very infinite immensitie of Gods substance. S. Damascen. li. 1. c. 12. Orthodoxæ fidei. S. Tho. p. 1. q. 13. a. 11.

The most proper name of God is, HE WHICH IS.

Chapter 4

in Mat. 18.

Moyfes receiuing power to vvorke miracles in confirmation of his mifsion, 14. and his brother Aaron being defigned to afsift him, 20. goeth vvith vvife and children towards Ægypt, 25. is in danger to be flaine for not fooner circumcifing his fonne. 27. Aaron meeteth him, 29. fo they goe together, and declare to the people, that God wil deliuer them.

oyfes answering faid: They wil not beleue me, nor heare my voice, but they wil fay: Our Lord hath not appeared to thee. ² Therfore he fayd to him: What is that thou holdeft in thy hand? He answered: A rodde. ³ And our Lord fayd: Caft it vpon the ground. He did caft it, and it was turned into a ferpent, fo that Moyfes fled. 4 And our Lord favd: Stretch thy hand, and catch the tayle therof. He ftretched it forth, & tooke hold of it, and it was turned into a rodde. ⁵ That they may beleue, quoth he, that the Lord God of their fathers hath appeared to thee, the God of Abraham, the God of Ifaac, & the God of Iacob. 6 And our Lord fayd agayne: Put thy hand into thy bosome. Which when he had put into his bosome, he brought it forth ful of leprofie like fnow. ⁷ Draw backe, quoth he, thy hand into thy bosome. He drew it backe, and brought it forth agayne, & it was like the other flesh. 8 If they wil not believe thee, quoth he, nor heare the word of the former figne, they wil beleue the word of the figne following. 9 And if fo be they wil beleue neither of these two signes, nor heare thy voice: take water of the riuer, & powre it out vpon the drie land, and whatfoeuer thou draweft of the riuer, fhal be turned into bloud. ¹⁰ Moyfes fayd: I befeech thee, Lord, I am not eloquent from yesterday and the day before: and fince thou haft fpoken to thy feruant, I have more impediment & flownes of tongue. 11 Our Lord fayd to him: Who made the mouth of man? or who framed the dumme and deafe, the feeing and the blinde? did not I? 12 Goe on therfore, and I wil be in thy mouth: & wil teach thee what thou fhalt fpeake. 13 But he fayd: I befech thee, Lord, fend whom thou wilt fend. ¹⁴ Our Lord being angrie at Moyfes, fayd: Aaron thy brother the Leuite, I know that he is eloquet: behold he cometh forth to meete thee, & feeing thee shal be glad at the hart. ¹⁵ Speake to him, and put my wordes in his mouth: & I wil be in thy mouth, and in his mouth, and wil flew you what yee muft doe. ¹⁶ He fhal fpeake in thy fteed to the people, and shal be thy mouth: but thou shalt be

to him in those thinges that perteine to God. ^{17 a)}This rodde alfo take in thy hand, wherwith thou shalt doe the fignes. 18 Moyfes went his way, & returned to Iethro his father in law, and fayd to him: I wil goe and returne to my brethren into Ægypt, that I may fee if they be yet aliue. To whom Iethro fayd: Goe in peace. 19 Therfore our Lord fayd to Moyfes in Madian: Goe, and returne into Ægypt: for they are all dead that fought thy life. 20 Moyfes therfore tooke his wife, & his children, and fet them upon an affe: and returned into Ægypt, carving the rodde of God in his hand. 21 And our Lord faid to him returning into Ægypt: See that thou doe all the wonders, which I have put in thy hand, before Pharao: b)I wil indurate his hart, and he wil not difmiffe the people. 22 And thou shalt fay to him: This fayeth the Lord: My first begotten sonne is Ifrael. ²³ I fayd to thee: difmisse my fonne that he may ferue me, & thou fouldest not difmiffe him: behold I wil kil thy first-begotten-sonne. ²⁴ And when he was in his iourney, in the Inne, our Lord mette him, and would have killed him. ²⁵ Sephora by & by tooke a very sharp ftone, and circumcifed the prepuce of her fonne, & c)touched his feete, and fayd: A blouddie fpoufe thou art to me. ²⁶ And he let him goe after fhe had faid, A blouddie fpouse thou art to me, becaufe of the circumcifion. ²⁷ And our Lord faid to Aaron: Goe to Moyfes into the defert. Who went forth to mete him vnto the Mountaine of God, and kiffed him. ²⁸ And Moyfes told Aaron al the wordes of our Lord, by which he had fent him, & the fignes that he had commanded. ²⁹ And they came together, and gathered together al the ancientes of the children of Ifrael. 30 And Aaron spake al the wordes which our Lord had faid to Moyfes: and he

^a God defigned a rodde for an inftrument to work miracles.

b See the Annotations cha. 7. v. 3.

^c Sephora caft the prepuce at Moyfes feete and faid: I had loft thee my fpoufe except I had redeemed thee with the bloud of my child. And the Angel let Moyfes goe. S. Aug. q. 11. in Exod. iuxta 70.

wrought the fignes before the people, ³¹ and ^{a)}the people beleued. And they heard that our Lord had vifited the children of Ifrael, and that he had looked vpon their affliction: & they adored proftrate.

Annotations

Miracles neceffarie and fufficient to proue extraordinary vocation of new preachers.

1 They viil not believe me.) Moves wifely confidering that the children of Ifrael, much leffe Pharao, would hardly beleue his bare word, affirming that he was fent to them by God, propofed this difficultie before he tooke the Embacie vpon him. For without good proofe both the Ifraelites, and Ægyptians might have rejected him, as feming to come of his owne private fpirite, being no ordinarie fuperior, neither of the whole people, not of his owne tribe, nor first of his familie; for Aaron was his elder brother. Therfore God gaue him powre of working miracles, to proue his extraordinarie miffion true and lawful. VVhich fufficed to make euen Pharao him felfe to know, that he was fent from God almightie, though it mollified not his ftubborne hart, to obey Gods commandement: and it fully fatisfied the children of Ifrael touching al things which he denounced, beleuing him that God mercifully looked vpon their affliction & would deliuer them. VVherupon they adored proftrate as the last wordes of this chapter testifie. VVhere we fee both the necessitie, and fufficiencie of miracles to proue the extraordinarie vocation of fuch as preach otherwife then was taught before. For this caufe our Sauiour himfelfe confirming his doctrin by miracles, faied to the Iewes: If you vvil not beleue me, beleue my vvorkes. Againe he faid of them: If I had not done among them vvorkes that no other man hath done, they should not have finne. And coformably fending his Apostles to preach the Gofpel, gaue them powre to worke miracles in his name. So did S. Peter and S. Iohn heale the lame. Act. 3. And S. Paul auouched miracles for the fignes of his Apostleship. 2. Cor. 12.

Ioan. 10. Ioan. 15.

Mat. 9. Mat. 16.

Chapter 5

Moyfes and Aaron require of Pharao in the behalfe of God, to let his people the Hebrewes goe and facrifice in the defert. VVhich he contemning, 5. oppresseth them more, denying them stravy, and yet exacting the accustomed number of brickes. 20. The people oppressed impute

^a Miracles a motiue to true beleefe.

their miferie to Moyfes and Aaron. 22. But Moyfes prayeth to God for them.

fter thefe things Moyfes and Aaron went in, and faid to Pharao: This faith the Lord God of Ifrael: difmiffe my people that they may facrifice to me in the defert. ² But he answered: Who is the Lord, that I fhould heare his voice, and difmiffe Ifrael? I know not the Lord, and Ifrael I wil not difmiffe. ³ And they faid: The God of the Hebrewes hath called vs, to goe three daies iourney into the wilderneffe, and to facrifice to the Lord our God: left perhappes there chance to vs peftilence or fword. 4 The king of Ægypt faid to them: Why do you Moyfes and Aaron folicite the people from their workes? Goe you to your burdens. ⁵ And Pharao faid: The people of the land is much: you fee that the multitude is fecretly increased: a)how much more if you geue them reft from their workes? 6 Therfore he commanded in that day the ouerfeers of the workes and the exactores of the people, faying: ⁷ You fhal no more geue ftraw to the people for to make brickes, as before: but let them felues goe and geather ftraw. 8 And the taske of brickes, which they did before, you fhal put vpon them, neither fhal you diminish any thing: for they are idle, and therfore they crie, faying: Let vs goe, and facrifice to our God. ⁹ Let them be oppreffed with workes, and let them accomplish them: that they hearken not to lying wordes. ¹⁰ Therfore the ouerfeers of the workes and the exactors going forth faid vnto the people: Thus faith Pharao: I allow you no ftraw: 11 goe, and geather if you can find any where: neither shal anie thing of your worke be diminished. 12 And the people was differed through all the Land of Ægypt to geather ftraw. 13 And the ouerfeers of the workes were inftant, faying: Finish your worke euerie day, as before you were wont to doe when ftraw was geuen vnto you. 14 And

^a VVordlie men thinke Gods people encrease most by rest, but in dede they multiplie more, when they are oppressed. S. Cyprian. de exhort. Mart. c. 10.

the ouerfeers of the workes of the children of Ifrael were fourged of Pharaos exactors, faying: Why do you not make vp the taske of brickes as before, neither vefterday, not to day? ¹⁵ And the ouerfeers of the children of Ifrael came, and cried out to Pharao, faying: Why dealeft thou fo againft thy feruantes? 16 Straw is not geuen vs, and brickes are commanded vs in like forte: behold we thy feruantes are beaten with whippes, and thy people is vniuftly dealt withal. 17 Who faid: You are idle, and therfore you fay: Let vs goe and facrifice to our Lord. 18 Goe therfore and worke: ftraw fhal not be geuen you, and you fhal geue vp the accuftomed number of brickes. 19 And the ouerfeers of the children of Ifrael faw them felues in a hard cafe, because it was faid vnto them: There fhal not a whitte be diminished of the brickes for euerie day. ²⁰ And they mette Moyfes and Aaron, who ftood ouer against them, coming forth from Pharao: 21 and they faid to them: Our Lord fee and judge, because a)you have made our favour to stinke before Pharao and his feruantes, and you have geuen him a fword, for to kil vs. ²² And Moyfes returned to our Lord, and faid: Lord b) why haft thou afflicted this people? wherfore haft thou fent me? ²³ For fince the time that I entered in to Pharao to fpeake in thy name, he hath afflicted thy people: and thou haft not delivered them.

ANNOTATIONS

Chapter 6

God reueling himselfe more to Moyses then he had done to former Patriarches, 6. commandeth him to tel the

^a The craftie diuel knowĩg that weake men afflicted are eafely moued to murmur, fturred this people againft their owne leaders. S. Greg. li. 29. c. 14. Moral.

^b Gods prouidece fuffereth his children, to be most afflicted, when relife is nere at hand. *Theod. q. 13. in Exod.*

children of Ifrael, that he feeing their miferies, wil deliuer them from Ægypt, and geue them possession of Chanaan. 14. The genealogies of Ruben, Simeon, and especially of Leui are recited, 26. to shew the origin of Moyses and Aaron.

nd our Lord faid to Moyfes: Now thou shalt fee what thinges I wil doe to Pharao: for by a mightie hand shal he difmiffe them, and in a ftrong hand shal he caft them out of his land. ² And our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: I am the Lord ³ that appeared to Abraham, to Ifaac and to Iacob, as God almightie: and •my name a)Addonal I did not flow them. ⁴ And I made a couenant with them, to geue them the Land of Chanaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were ftrangers. ⁵ And I have heard the groning of the children of Ifrael, wherwith the Ægyptians have oppreffed them: and I have remembred my couenant. ⁶ Therfore fay to the children of Ifrael: I the Lord who wil bring you forth out of the worke-prifon of the Ægyptians, & wil deliuer you from feruitude: and redeme you in a high arme, and great judgements. 7 And I wil take you to me for my people, and I wil be your God: and you shal know that I am the Lord your God, that brought you forth out of the worke-prison of the Ægyptians: 8 and brought you into the land, ouer which I lifted vp my hand to geue it to Abraham, Ifaac, and Iacob: and I wil geue it you to poffeffe, I the Lord. ⁹ Moyfes then told al to the children of Ifrael: who did not hearken vnto him, for anguish of fpirit, and most painful worke. ¹⁰ And our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: 11 Goe in, and fpeake to Pharao the king of Ægypt, that he difmiffe the children of Ifrael out of his land. ¹² And Moyfes answered before our Lord: Behold the children of Ifrael heare me not: and how wil Pharao heare, especially wheras I am of vncircumcifed lippes?

^a Adonai is not the name here vttered to Moyfes but is redde in place of the vnknowen name.

¹³ And our Lord fpake to Moyfes and Aaron, and he gaue them commandement vnto the children of Ifrael, & vnto Pharao the king of Ægypt, that they should bring forth the children of Ifrael out of the land of Ægypt. 14 Thefe are the Princes of their houses by their families. The fonnes of Ruben the first begotten of Israel: Henoch and Phallu, Hefron and Charmi. 15 Thefe are the kinreds of Ruben. The fonnes of Simeon: Iamuel and Iamin, and Ahod, and Iachin, and Soar, and Saul the fonnes of the Chananiteffe, thefe are the progenies of Simeon. 16 And thefe are the names of the fonnes of Leui by their kinreds: Gerfon and Caath and Merari. And a) the yeares of the life of Leui were an hundred thirtie feuen. ¹⁷ The fonnes of Gerfon: Lobni and Semi, by their kinreds. ¹⁸ The fonnes of Caath: Amran, and Ifaar, and Hebron and Oziel. The yeares also of Caaths life, were and hundred thirtie three. ¹⁹ The fonnes of Merari: Moholi and Mufi. Thefe be the kinreds of Leui by their families. 20 And Amran tooke to wife Iocabed b)his aunt by the fathers fide: who bare him Aaron and Moyfes. And the yeares of Amrans life were an hundred thirtie feuen. 21 The fonnes also of Isaar: Coree, and Nepheg, and Zechri. ²² The fonnes also of Oziel: Mizael, and Elizaphan, and Sethi. ²³ And Aaron tooke to wife Elizabeth the daughter of Aminadab, fifter of Nahafon, who bare him Nadab, and Abiu, and Eleazar, and Ithamar. ²⁴ The fonnes also of Core: Afer, and Eleana, & Abifaph. Thefe be the kinreds of the Corites. ²⁵ But Eleazar the fonne of Aaron tooke a wife of the daughters of Phutiel: who bare him Phinees. c)These are the heads of the Leuitical families by their kinreds. ²⁶ This is Aaron and Moyfes, whom our Lord commanded that they fhould bring forth the children of Ifrael out of the land of Ægypt

patruelem pro patrua, quæ Latine non dicitur.

^a The yeares of Iofeph dying first of Iacobs sonnes *Gen. 50.* and of Leui liuing longest, and none of the rest, are not without mystery, recorded in holie Scriptures. *Chronol. Hebr.*

^b See Num. 26. v. 59.

^c It perteined not to Moyfes prefent purpofe, to profecute the genealogies of Iacobs other fonnes, being come to the origin of the Prieftlie tribe in Leui the third fone. S. Aug. q. 15. in Exod.

by their troupes. ²⁷ Thefe are they that fpake to Pharao the king of Ægypt, that they might bring forth the children of Ifrael out of Ægypt: this is Moyfes, and Aaron, ²⁸ in the day when our Lord fpake to Moyfes in the land of Ægypt. ²⁹ And our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: I the Lord: fpeake to Pharao the king of Ægypt, al thinges which I fpeake to thee. ³⁰ And Moyfes faid before our Lord: Loe I am of vncircumcifed lippes, how wil Pharao heare me?

Annotations

3 My name Adonai.) Here and in manie other places of holie Scripture in the Hebrew text, is that name of God of foure letters, which the Iewes fay is ineffable. Yet fure it is, that Moyfes heard it pronounced, and afterwards writte it as he did the reft in Hebrew letters (which are al confonants) without vowels. But the Rabbins that long after put points or vowels to all other words, put none to this. For all then redde Adonai in place thereof. And fo the Latin, and al vulgar Catholique versions, keepe the same word vntranflated. The Septuagint in Greke tranflate $K\Upsilon PIO\Sigma$, which in Latin is Dominus, in English Lord. So also al ancient Fathers, and (which is most of al) our Saujour, and his Apostles, alleaging fentences of the old Testament, where this name is contained, still expresse it by wordes that fignifie Lord. Only certain late writers haue framed a new word, by putting the points of Adonai, to the proper letters of this vnknowen name, which are Iod, He, Vau, He, and fo found it Iehouah: which was fcarce heard of before an hundred yeares. As Bifhop Genebrard, Cardinal Bellarmin, and F. Pererius proue, for that neither ancient Fathers, writing whole Treatifes de Diuinis nominibus, nor the elder Rabbins, nor later most learned Hebricians, as Rabbi Movses, Aben Ezram, Lira, Paulus Burgenfis and many others, neuer mention Iehouah amongft the Names or titles of God.

In place of the name of God counted ineffable, is commonly redde Adonai.

Mat. 4. v. 7. 10. Rom. 15. v. 11.

S. Dionyfc. S. Hierom. Theodoret.

Damafcen.

Iehouah is not the right name of God.

Chapter 7

Moyfes being conftituted as God of Pharao, and Aaron as the prophet of Moyfes, they declare Gods commandment to Pharao; 10. turne the rodde into a ferpent; 17. & the water into bloud, which is the first plague. 22. The magicians doe the like by inchantments, and Pharaos hart is indurate.

nd our Lord faid to Moyfes: Behold I haue appointed thee • the God of Pharao: and Aaron thy brother fhal be a)thy prophet. 2 Thou fhalt fpeake to him al thinges that I command thee: and he shal speake to Pharao, that he dismisse the children of Ifrael out of his land. ³ But ⁴I wil indurate his hart, and wil multiplie my fignes and wonders in the Land of Ægypt, 4 and he wil not hear you: and I wil put in my hand vpon Ægypt, and wil bring forth my armie and people the children of Ifrael out of the Land of Ægypt, by very great iudgements. ⁵ And the Ægyptians fhal know that I am the Lord, which have ftretched forth my hand vpon Ægypt, and haue brought forth the children of Ifrael out of the middes of them. ⁶ Therfore Moyfes and Aaron did as our Lord had commanded: fo did they. ⁷ And Moyfes was eightie yeares old, and Aaron eightie three, when they fpake to Pharao. 8 And our Lord faid to Moyfes and Aaron: 9 When Pharao fhal fay vnto you, Shew fignes: thou fhalt fay to Aaron: Take thy rodde, and caft it before Pharao, and it shal be turned into a ferpent. ¹⁰ Therfore Moyfes and Aaron going in vnto Pharao, did as our Lord had commanded. And Aaron tooke the rodde before Pharao and his feruantes, the which was turned into a ferpent. 11 And Pharao called b) the wife men and the enchanters: and • they also by Ægyptian enchantments and certaine fecrecies did in like maner. 12 And euery one did caft forth their roddes, the which were turned into dragons: but Aarons rodde deuoured their roddes. ¹³ And Pharaos hart was indurate, and he heard them not, as our Lord had commanded. ¹⁴ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Pharaoes hart is aggrauated, he wil not difmiffe the people. ¹⁵ Goe to him in the morning, behold he wil goe forth to the waters: and thou fhalt ftand to meete him vpon the banke of the riuer: and the rodde that was turned into a dragon, thou fhalt take in thy hand. ¹⁶ And thou fhalt fay to

^a Aaron alfo was the prophet of God, but fubordinate vnder Moyfes, and ouer Pharao. S. Aug. q. 17. in Exod.

^b Iannes and Mambres 2. Tim. 3. known by tradition.

him: The Lord God of the Hebrewes fent me to thee, faying: Difmiffe my people to facrifice vnto me in the defert: and vntil this prefent a)thou wouldest not heare. ¹⁷ This therfore faith our Lord: In this thou fhalt know that I am the Lord: behold I wil ftrike with the rodde, that is in my hand, the water of the riuer, and it fhal be turned into bloud. 18 The fifthes also, that are in the riuer, fhal dve, and the waters fhal putrifie, and the Ægyptians shal be afflicted drinking the water of the riuer. ¹⁹ Our Lord also faid to Moyses: Say vnto Aaron, Take thy rodde, and ftretch forth thy hand vpon the waters of Ægypt, and vpon their floudes, and rivers and pooles, and all the lakes of waters, that they may be turned into bloud: and be there bloud in al the Land of Ægypt, as wel in the veffels of wood as of ftone. 20 And Moyfes and Aaron did as our Lord had commanded: and lifting vp the rodde he ftroke the water of the riuer before Pharao and his feruantes: which was turned into bloud. 21 And the fifthes, that were in the riuer, died: and the river putrified, and the Ægyptians could not drincke the water of the riuer, and there was bloud in the whole Land of Ægypt. ²² And the enchaunters of the Ægyptians with their enchantments did in like maner: and Pharaoes hart was indurate, neither did he heare them, as our Lord had commaunded. ²³ And he turned away him felfe, and went into his house, neither did he yet set his hart to it this time also. ²⁴ And al the Ægyptians digged round about the riuer for water to drinke: for they could not drinke of the water of the riuer. ²⁵ And feuen dayes were fully ended, after that our Lord ftroke the riuer.

The first plague in water, in which the Ægyptiãs drowned the Hebrewes infants. The odor et.q. 19. in exod. the like Ap. 16. Because the wicked fpil the bloud of Gods Saintes, he wil geue them bloud to drinke.

Annotations

1 The God of Pharao.) The name of God, which effentially is proper only to the three Diuine Perfons of the B. Trinitie,

The name of God attributed to men.

^a Induration of hart (faith S. Bernard) is neither cut with remorfe, nor foftened with pittie, nor moued with prayers, nor yeldeth to threates: yea is more hardned by punifhments. *li. 1. de confid. ad Eugen.*

Iudges called goddes.

Moyfes the God of Pharao.

Priefts called goddes.

Other titles of God geuen to men.

Moyfes a Holie Prophete, Prieft, and Prince.

> Protestants hold God to be the cause that men do sinne, yet not the cause of sinne.

> > Zuinglius doctrine.

and incommunicable to anie creature (Sap. 14.) is neuertheles by fimilitude attributed in holie Scripture to other perfons. (Exod. 12. v. 8.) Iudges, or princes, are called goddes, for the eminent authoritie and powre which they have from God. Moyfes was conftituted the Iudge and God of Pharao, not only to punish him, for his obstinacie, and finally to compel him to dismisse the Ifraelites out of Ægypt, but also to terrifie him so in the meane time, that he being otherwife a mightie King, and extremly and often afflicted by Moyfes, yet durft neuer lay violent handes vpon him, left himfelfe, and all his nation flould prefently have bene deftroyed. As S. Hilarie (lib. 7. de Trinitate.) & S. Gregorie (ho. 8. in Ezech.) note vpon this place. Likewife Priefts are called goddes (Exod. 22. v. 28.) for their facred function, pertaining to Religion and Seruice of God. Prophetes also are called Videntes, Seers (1. Reg. 9.) because by participation of divine knowledge, they fee fometimes the fecretes of other mens hartes, things fupernatural, and future contingent, though properly and naturally onlie God almightie is Scrutator cordis, the fearcher of the hart, and knoweth al things. (Sap. 1.) Againe S. Peter faieth (2. Epift. c. 1.) that iuft men are made partakers of divine nature. VVhich is rather more then to participate in name. Al which titles rightly perteined to Moyfes, being in life Holie, in knowledge a Prophete, in function a Prieft, and in powre a Prince. In the fame fenfe of participation, Saintes are called our Mediators, Aduocates, Redemers, Deliuerers, and the like.

3 I vvil indurate.) According to our purpose mentioned in the Annotations upon the 9. chap. to the Romanes, we shall here recite the fumme of S. Augustins doctrine (Ser. 88. de tempore) touching the hard question: How God did indurate Pharaoes hart. And withal we fhal briefly explicate, according to the doctrine of the fame, & other most learned Fathers of the Church, the true fenfe of this and like places, by which Zuinglius, Caluin, Beza, and other Sectaries, would proue that God not only permitteth, but alfo commandeth, inclineth, inforceth, and compelleth men to do that which is finne: yea that God is the author, internal mouer, & inforcer, that man transgreffeth; though they denie that God finneth, or is caufe of the malice of finne. For exaple, Zuinglius (Ser. de providentia Dei, ca. 5.) faieth: Numen ipfum auctor eft eius, quod nobis eft iniuftitia, illi veri nullatenus eft. The diuine povvre itselfe is author of that thing, which to vs is iniustice, but to him in no vvife is. And a litle after, Cum igitur Angelum transgressorem facit, & hominem, ipfe tamen transgressor non constitut. VVhen therfore God maketh Angel, and man transgressor, yet himself is not made a transgressor. Cha. 6. Vnum igitur atque idem facimus, puta adulterum aut homicidium, quantum Dei eft auctoris, motoris, impulforis, opus eft, crimen non eft: quantum hominis eft, crimen ac fcelus eft. Therfore the felfsame act, as adulterie or manflaughter, as it is of God the author, mouer, inforcer, is a Pfal. 98. v. 6.

worke, is not a crime: but as it is of man, is a crime, & a wicked Caluin (li. 8. Inftit. c. 17. para. 11.) affirmeth that the diuel, & the whole band of the wicked can not conceiue, nor endeuoure, nor doe anie mischief, nisi quantum Deus Permiserit, imo nisi quantum ille mandarit. but fo farre as God permitteth (which al Catholiques firmly beleue) nay but fo far as he comandeth: which al Catholiques abhorre and detest. Likewise (li. 2. c. 4. para. 4.) alleaging Gods wordes, faying he had aggrauated, and hardned Pharaoes hart, affirmeth, that which God did more, befides not mollifying his hart, was, quod obftinatione pectus eius obfirmandum Satanæ mandauit, that he committed his hart to Satan to be obdurated vvith obstinacie: making God the author, and Satan only the minister of hardning Pharaos hart. Beza following this race (in Refpon. ad Caftallionem, Aphorifmo 22.) faieth, God fo vvorketh by euil inftruments, that he doth not only fuffer them to worke, nor only moderateth the euent, fed etiam vt excitet, impellat, moueat, regat, atque adeo (quod omniù eft maximum) etiam creet, vt per illa agat quod conftituit: but also sturreth them vp, driueth them forward, moueth them, ruleth them, and (which is most of al) even createth them, that by them he may vvorke that which he appointed. Al vyhich (faith he) God doth rightly, and vvithout anie iniuftice. So in dede these men say, when they are preffed with the blafphemous abfurditie, that they make God author and caufe of finne, which necessfarily and euidently followeth of their doctrin. For by the very light of nature, it is clere, that the commander or inforcer is author of that euil which an other doth, by his comandement or inforcement, and by all aw of nature and nations, divine and humane, is condemned as culpable and guiltie of the fault, which the other comitteth: but these ministers fay (in the places aboue cited) God comandeth, inforceth, and vvorketh al that a finner doth. Ergo, God by this doctrin muft be author, culpable, and guiltie of finne. VVhich is fo blafphemous, and horrible to Chriftian eares, that they dare not fay it in expresse termes.

Seing then God is faid to have indurated Pharaoes hart, and al confesse that induration of hart is a most greuous sinne, the controughties: VVhether God commanded, inforced, and wrought the induration in Pharaoes hart, or only permitted it? or what els God did to Pharao, wherby his hart was indurate; and finally by whom it was properly indurate, by God, or by Pharao him felfe? Al which S. Augustin explicateth, laying first this ground (which euerie one is faithfully and firmly to beleue) that God neuer forfaketh any man, before he be first forfaken by the same man: yea God also long expecteth, that a finner which much and often offendeth, conuert and liue. But when the finner abideth long in his wickednes, of the multitude of finnes rifeth desperation,

Caluins doctrine.

Bezas doctrin.

By their doctrin it necessarily followeth, that God fhould be author of finne.

The ftate of the controuerfie.

S. Augustins doctrin. fer. 88. de temp.God forfaketh not, til he be forfaken.

Ezech. 33.

of desperation is ingendred obduration. For vihen the impious Pro. 18.

God by not punifhing permitted Pharao to indurate him felf. And that for his former finnes.

In abfence of grace finne obdurateth.

Gods grace in the obstinate, like the heate of the funne in cold water.

As a father for not punifhing is faied to fpoile, fo God to indurate.

Al the wicked may iuftly be damned: but fome are iuftified and faued.

is come to the depth of finnes, he contemneth. Obduration therfore cometh not of Gods powre compelling, but is ingendred by Gods remifnes, or indulgence, and fo not divine powre, but divine patience did harden Pharaoes hart. How often foeuer therfore our Lord faieth: I vvil indurate the hart of Pharao, he would nothing els to be vnderftood, but I wil fufpend my plagues and punifhments, wherby I wil permit him through mine indulgence to be obdurate against me. Perhaps some wil aske, why did God by fparing him, let him be indurate? why did God take from him his wholfome punishment? I answer fecurely: this was done, because Pharao, for the huge heape of his finnes, deferued not as a child, to be corrected vnto amendment, but as an enemie was fuffered to be indurate. For of them, whom Gods mercie fuffereth not to be indurate, it is written: God fcourgeth euerie child vyhom he receiveth. And in an other place: VVhom I love I correct and chaftife. Againe: VVhom God loueth he chaftifeth. Let no man therfore with Paganes and Manichees prefume to reprehend or blame Gods iuftice, but certainly beleue, that not Gods violence made Pharao indurate, but his owne wickednes, and his vntamed pride against Gods precepts. Againe, what els is it to fay, I vvil indurate his hart, but when my grace is abfent from him, his owner wickednes wil obdurate him?

To know this by examples: water is congeled with vehement cold, but the heate of the funne coming vpon it, is refolued, and the funne departing, it freezeth againe. In like maner by the lafines of finners, charitie waxeth cold, & they are hardned as yfe: but when the heate of Gods mercie commeth vpon them, they are againe foftned. So Pharao without pittie or compaffion afflicting the Hebrewes, became as hard as yfe, but Gods hand touching him with afflictions, he made humble fupplication, that Moyfes and Aaron would pray to God for him, promifing what they demanded: againe, when the plagues were remoued, he was more indurate against God and his people, then before. VVherby we fee, Gods gentlenes, indulgence, and fparing of Pharao, not his rigour, nor his wil or fet purpofe, but his permiffion, and Pharaoes owne wilful malice hardned his hart, and brought him to obftinate contempt of Gods comandments. And therfore God did only indurate him, in that comon phrase of speaking, as a father, or a maifter having brought vp his child or feruant delicatly, and not fufficiently punished his frequent faultes, wherby he becometh worfe and worfe, desperate and obdurate, at last the father or maifter faieth: I have made thee thus bad as thou art. I by fparing thee and fuffering thee to have thine owne pleafure, have nourished thy peruersnes, and carelesnes: yet he faieth not this, as though by his wil and intention, but by his goodnes and gentlenes the man became fo wicked. It may here be demanded againe: why did not our Lord fo mercifully punish Pharao, as wholy to reclame him, for it femeth that had benne greatest mercie? and

Heb. 12.

Apoc. 3.

Prou. 8.

iquitie, which deferue to be indurate: againe why this finner is reclaimed, and not an other of the fame il deferts, is to be referred to Gods infcrutable judgements, which are often fecrete, neuer vniuft. Let it therfore fuffice pioufly and humbly to beleue, that God is faithful and vvithout anie iniquitie, Deut. 32. as Moyfes teftifieth: iust and right: and as the royal Prophet also professeth, Thou Pfal. 5. art not a God that vvilt iniquitie, and as the Apoftle teacheth, Rom. 9.there is no iniquitie vvith God. By al which and fome more to the fame effect (which we omit) S. Augustin conclude againe, that properly Pharao hardened his owne hart, God only by beftowing benefites vpon him, which he abufed, and not plaguing him fo much, as he deferued, but letting him liue, and reigne, and perfecute the Church for the time, vntil he and al his armie were in the middes of the fea. VVhither (as the fame lerned father noteth fer. 89.) their owne desperate boldnes drew them, vaine furie through their owne madnes proughing them to goe fo farre,

God dealeth fo with fome, why doth he not with al, that al might be faued? First it is most justly and rightly ascribed to their in-

> God neuer willeth but only fuffereth fine.

Pharao abufing Gods benefites hardned his owne hart. And wilfully perifhed.

Other places of S. Augustin.

Other like expositions the same lerned father hath in other places. As, q. 18. fuper Exodum, he teacheth that Pharao being already so wicked through his owne fault, other things were done to him and his people, which partly were to the correction of others, and might have bene to his, but he abusing al, became worse & worse, by Gods suffering and dispensation, not only for his inst, but evidently inst punishment. Li. 5. cont. Iulian c. 3. touching the ground of tentation he alleageth the Apostle saying: Everie one is tempted of his owne concupiscence, abstracted and allured: but touching one kind of Gods punishing some, that are overwhelmed in obstinate sinnes, he alleageth the saying of an other Apostle,

where God not working, but only ceafing to contine his miracle, the waters returning to their owne nature, and meeting together

inuolued and drowned them al.

Gods iuftice made euident when finnes are more notorious.

God hath deliuered them into passions of ignomie; and into a reprobate fense, to do al those things that are not convenient, for God deliuereth them (faith he) conveniently: that the same same made both punishments of sinnes past, and are deserts of punishments to come. Yet he maketh not the willes euil, but vieth the euil as he wil, who can not wil anie thing vniustly. Againe, q. 24. It appeareth (saieth he) that the causes of induration of Pharaoes hart, were not only for that his Inchanters did like things (to those which Moyses and Aaron did) but the very patience of God, by which he spared him. Gods patience according to mens hartes is profitable to some to repentance, to some vnprofitable to resist God, & persist in euil: yet not of it selfe vnprofitable, but through the euil hart.

Gods patience of it felf profitable, by euil harts made vnprofitable.

Not doing called fometimes doing the contrarie.

Briefly, q. 36. I have hardned Pharaoes hart, that is, I have bene patient over him and his fervants. Epift. 105. God doth not indurate by imperting malice, but by not imperting mercie (or

Iaco. 1.

Rom. 5.

Freewil the caufe of diuers endes in Pharao and Nabucodonofor. him, whom he wil not mollifie. So, to make him blinde whom he wil not illuminate. So also to repel him, whom he wil not cal. And c. 6. What is that to fay: I vvil indurate his hart, but I wil not mollifie it? cap. 14. It ought to have availed Pharao to faluation, that Gods patience deferring his iust and deferued punishment, multiplied vpon him frequent stripes of miracles, or miraculous punishmēts. Cap. 15. Did not Nabucodonofor repent being punished after innumerable impieties, and recovered the kingdome which he had lost? But Pharao by punishment became more obdurate, and perished. Both were men, both Kings, both perfecutors of Gods people, both gently admonished by punishments. VVhat then made their endes divers, but that the one feeling Gods hand mourned in remembrance of his owne iniquitie, the other by his freewil fought against Gods most merciful veritie?

grace). Li. de Prædeft. & Grat. c. 4. God is fayed to indurate

Miraculorum verbera crebra denfabat.

Other ancient Doctors teach the fame.
Origen.

Neither is this the doctrin of S. Augustin alone, but of other Doctors also. Origen (li. 3. Periarch. c. de Libert. arbitrij.) faieth: the Scripture sheweth manifestly, that Pharao was indurate by his owne wil. For so God saied to him: Thou vvouldest not: If thou vvilt not dismisse lirael.

Exo. 4. 8.

S. Bafil.

Chryfoftom.

Damafcen.

Hierom.

Theodoret.

S. Bafil (Orat. guod Deus non fit auctor malorum) faieth, God beginning with leffe fcourges, proceeded with greater and greater to plague Pharao, but did not mollifie him being obftinate, neither yet did punish him with death, vntil he drowned himselfe, when he prefumed through pride, to paffe the fame way, by which the iuft went, fuppofing the redde fea would be paffable to him, as it was to the people of God. S. Chryfoftom (ho. 67. in Ioan.) God is faied in holie Scripture to have indurate fome, and delivered fome into reprobate fense, not for that these things are done by God (coming in dede of mans owne proper malice) but because God iuftly leaving men, thefe things happen to them. And (in cap. 1. Rom.) He delivered (into reprobate fense) is nothing els, but he S. Damascen (li. 4. ca. 20. de fide orthodoxa) It is permitted. the maner of holie Scripture to cal the permiffion of God his act. As, He hath geuen them the fpirite of compunction; eyes, that they may not fee: and eares that they may not heare, and the like; al which are to be vnderftood not as proceding of Gods action, but as of Gods permiffion, to wit, for mans free power of working. S. Hierom (Epift. 150. refp. ad q. 10.) Not Gods patience is to be accufed, but their hardnes who abuse Gods goodnes to their owne perdition. Theodoret (q. 17. in Exod.) It is to be noted, that if Pharao had bene euil by nature, he had neuer changed his minde. And (after divers mutations recited, how fometimes he would difmiffe Ifrael, other times he would not) all these (faieth he) Moyfes recorded to teach vs, that neither Pharao was of peruerfe nature, neither did our Lord God make his mind hard and rebellious. For he that now inclineth to this part, now to that, plainly fleweth freewil of the mind.

Ifa. 6. Rom. 11. v. 8. S. Gregorie (li. 11. ca. 8. Moral.) God is faied to indurate by his S. Ifidorus (li. 2. ca. 19. de fummo bono.) Sinne forfaken of God, goeth into an other worfe finne.

Finally conference of holie Scriptures, as in other hard places, fo in this, geueth light for better vnderstanding therof. For divers

places do not only flow that in all these resistances, mutations of

mind, and obstinacie of hart, Pharao was neuer depriued of freewil,

as the Doctors before cited do note, but also expressly attribute the act of induration to himfelf. Cha. 8. v. 15. Pharao feeing that reft vvas geuen he hardned his ovvne hart. v. 32. Where the latin readeth in the paffiue voice, ingrauatum eft cor Pharaonis, Pharaos hart vvas hardned, which is more obfcure, the Hebrew

iuftice, when he doth not mollifie a reprobate hart. And (li. 31. c. 11.) Our Lord is faied to have indurated Pharaoes hart, not that he brought the hardnes itselfe, but for that his defertes fo requiring, he did not mollifie it, with fenfibilitie of feare infufed is permitted for punishment of finne, when a finner, for his defert Gregorie the great.

Ifidorus.

The act of induration attributed to Pharao himfelf in diuers places.

How it is faid, God caft Pharao

into the fea, when

himfelfe ranne in

Not God but man the cause of fine:

proued by other

wilfully?

fcriptures.

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Ser. 89.

faieth actively, & the protestantes fo translate, Pharao hardned his hart this time also. Likewise cha. 9. v. 7. the Hebrew saieth,

Pharaoes hart hardned it felfe. Also v. 35. He hardned his ovvne hart, he and his feruants. Cha. 13. v. 15. VVhen Pharao had indurated himfelfe. And 1. Reg. 6. v. 6. VVhy do you harden your hartes, as Ægypt and Pharao hardned their hart? Al which are reconciled with the other textes, that fay God indurated Pharaoes hart, vnderstanding that phrase in like sense to this. (cha. 15. v. 4.) God hath caft Pharao his chariotes, and his armie into the

fea. VVhere God only permitted, and in no way forced Pharao and his armie, to follow the Hebrewes betwen the walles of water. As before is here noted out of S. Bafil, and S. Augustin, and the text it felfe maketh it euident. Againe manie other places confirme, that not God, but the finners owne wilfulnes, is the proper caufe of his finne. Iob. 24. v. 23. God hath geuen him place for

penance, and he abufeth it vnto pride. Eccle. 8. v. 11. Becaufe fentence is not quickly pronounced against the euil, the children of men comit euils without al feare. Ofee. 13. v. 9. Perdition is thine, O Ifrael, only in me thy helpe. Rom. 2. v. 4. The benignitie of God bringeth thee to penance: but according to thy hardnes,

and impenitent hart, thou heapeft to thy felfe wrath. Ephef. 4. v. 19. Gentiles have geven vp themselves to impudicitie (or vvantonnes.) And manie like places flow, that God is not the mouer, author, nor forcer of anie thing, as it is finne: but man himfelfe is the author by wilfully confenting to tentations of the diuel, the

flesh, and the world, and by abusing Gods benefites, and resisting his grace.

Mar. 16. v. 20. Heb. 2. v. 4.

11 They also.) True miracles, being about the course of al created nature, can not be wrought but by the powre of God; who is truth it felfe, and can not geue testimonie to vntruth, and therfore they certainly proue that to be true, for which they are

True miracles do certainly proue the truth.

Some ftrange things done by fleight, by deceipt of fenses, & by course of nature, especially by diuels.

Manie things aboue the diuels natural powre.

The diuels powre is much reftrained.

False prophets euer faile, when they pretend by miracles to proue their doctrine.

Simon Magus confounded.

Cyrola an Arian Bifhop detected.

Caluins attempt mifproued and he defamed.

Other ftrange things done by enchanters, false prophetes, and diuels, are not in deede true miracles, but either fleights, by quicknes and nimblenes of hand, called legier-demain, conueing one thing away and bringing an other; or false presentations deceiuing the fenfes, and imaginations of men, by making things feme to be that they are not; or els are wrought by applying natural causes known to some, especially to diuels; who also by their natural force can do great thinges, when God permitteth them. And fo by enchantments and certaine fecrecies, these forcerers either conueyed away the roddes, and water, and brought dragons, and bloud, in their place, & more frogges, from other places; or els by the diuels vfing natural agents turned roddes into ferpentes, water into bloud, & other matter into frogges: al which might be done naturally in longer time, & by the diuel in fhort time. But manie thinges are wholy about the diuels powre: as to deftroy the world, to change the general order therof: to create of nothing: to raife the dead to life: to geue fight to the borne blind: & the like, which are only in Gods powre. In things also diuels naturally can do, they are much reftrayned by Gods goodnes, left they fhould deceiue, or hurt mankind at their pleafure. So these Enchanters fayled in the fourth attempt, not able to make more fciniphes, nor anie more fuch prodigies: and were only permitted to produce fuch ferpents, as were deuoured by Aarons ferpent: and to change water into bloud: and to increase the number of frogges, for the greater plague, and no profite of the Ægyptians. Neither could they remoue anie plague. Nay themselues were so plagued with boyles, that for paine, or for fhame, they could not ftand before Movfes.

It is further to be observed, that when foeuer anie have attempted to worke miracles to proue falfe doctrin, they have failed, and by Gods prouidence bene confounded. As when Baals falfe prophetes, crying to their false goddes from morning til noone, could not bring fire for their facrifice: and yet the diuel brought fire to burne lobs fhepe and feruants: God permitting the one, and not the other. God also for a time suffered Simon Magus to make flow of miracles, and at laft (as Egefippus li. 3. de excid. Hierofol. c. 2. and manie others teftifie) to flie in to the ayer, as though he would have afcended into heaven, but S. Peter praying to God, the magician, notwithftanding his wings wherwith he prefumed to flie, fel downe and broke his legges, that he could not goe. To omitte manie examples, Gregorius Turonenfis li. 2. hift. Franc. c. 3. witneffeth, that one Cyrola an Arian Patriarch, pretending to obtain of God fight to a man, that feaned him felfe blind, the man was prefently blind in deede, and exclaming cryed: Take here thy money which thou gaueft me, to deceive the world, reftore me my fight, which I had euen now, and by thy perfwafion, and for this money, I feared to want. It happened worfe to one Bruley a poore man in Geneua, whom Caluin with wordes and

S. Aug. li. 18. c. 18. ciuit.

3. Reg. 19.

Iob. 1.

money perfwaded to feane him felfe dead, and fo pretending to raife him to life, the man was found dead in dede, and not he but his wife (hauing confented to the deuife) lamented in earneft, enueihing againft that falfe Apoftle, calling him a fecrete thefe, and a wicked murderer, that had killed her hufband. So writeth M. Ierom Bolfeck in vita Caluini. And befides the womans vnexpected outcrie, and affeueration, that her hufband was not dead before, but that, through Caluins perfwafions, and promifes to releue them with almes, they fo feaned, al Geneua did knowe, that Caluin endeuoured to raife the man, and could not. Thefe and manie others haue attempted and could do nothing, but againft them felues.

Al the danger is when in dede wonders are done that may feme

to be miracles. Against such therfore Gods prouidence more particularly affifteth his feruantes divers wayes. First he warneth al to ftand fast when such tentations happen. Deut. 13. If there rise among you a prophet, or one that faieth, he hath fene a dreame, and fortelleth a figne, and a wonder, and it cometh to paffe which he fpake, and he fay to thee: Let vs goe & folow ftrange goddes, whom thou knowest not, and let vs ferue them, thou shalt not heare the wordes of that prophet, or dreamer. In like maner our Sauiour foretelleth that false christes, & false-prophetes, shal by great fignes & wonders feduce many, warneth al faving: haue fortold you. If therfore they fhal fay vnto you: He is in the defert, goe not out. Behold in the closets, beleue it not. Secondly God fuffered not the Enchanters of Ægypt, nor Simon Magus long: and for the elect, the dayes of Antichrifts dangerous perfecution fhal be fhortned. Thirdly holy Scripture fo describeth Antichrist, and his actes, as when he cometh he may be fooner knowne. Our Saujour faieth: The Iewes wil receive him. S. Paul calleth him the man of finne, importing one fingular man, and the fame replete with al wickednes, extolled aboue al that is called God, or is vvorshipped. Neither worshipping true God, nor other false God aboue him felfe. He fhal be deadly wonded and cured. Not only he fhal flow ftrange wonders, but also one of his prophetes shal bring fire from the firmament, & his image fhal fpeake. Fourthly as our Lord gaue powre and authoritie to his great Prophet Moyfes, against the Ægyptian Enchanters, in the end of the law of nature, before the written law: and to his first chief vicar S. Peter, in the beginning of the law of grace, to control & confound Simon Magus: fo he wil fend his two referued great Prophetes Enoch and Elias nere the end of the world, to refift Antichrift, and to teach, teftifie, and confirme with their bloud the doctrin of Chrift. For they fhal be flaine, and rife againe after three dayes, and afcend

into heauen. Then Antichrift holding him felfe most fecure, shall

fudainly be deftroyed. 2. Thef. 2.

Gods prouidence in most danger.

- 1. His fpecial warning not to credit preachers of a new Religion, though they pretend to be prophetes, or to worke wonders.
- 2. Most dangerous feducers reigne but fhort time.
- 3. Notes to know Antichrift.

4. Againft moft dangerous affaltes God fendeth moft forcible refiftace.

See the annotations for c. 5. v. 24.

Apoc. 11.

Mat. 24.

Ioan. 5.

2. Thef. 2.

Apoc. 13.

Apoc. 20.

Chapter 8

The fecond plague is of frogges. 7. The enchanters make the like. 8. Pharao promifeth to let the Ifraelites goe and facrifce, fo the frogges be taken away. 13. Which being donne he breaketh promife. 16. The third plague is of fciniphes, 18. which the enchanters can not make. 21. The fourth is of flies. 29. Pharao againe promifeth to difmifse the people of God, but doth it not.

ur Lord alfo faid to Moyfes: Goe in to Pharao, and thou shalt fay vnto him: This faith the Lord: Difmiffe my people, for to facrifice vnto ² But ^{a)}if thou wilt not difmiffe them, behold I wil ftrike al thy coaftes with frogges. ³ And the riuer shal bubble with frogges: which shal come vp, and enter into thy house, and thy bed chamber, and vpon thy bedde, and into the houses of thy feruantes, and vnto thy people, and into thy ouens, and into the remaines of thy meates: 4 and vnto thee, & to thy people, and to all thy feruantes shall the frogges enter. ⁵ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Say vnto Aaron: Stretch forth thy hand vpon the floudes, and vpon the rivers and the pooles, and bring forth frogges vpon the Land of Ægypt. ⁶ And Aaron ftretched forth his hand vpon the waters of Ægypt, and the frogges came vp, and couered the Land of Ægypt. ⁷ And the enchanters also by their enchantments did in like maner, and they brought forth frogges vpon the Land of Ægypt. 8 And Pharao called Moyfes & Aaron, and faid to them: b)Pray ye to the Lord to take away the frogges from me & from my people: and I wil difmiffe the people to facrifice vnto the Lord. ⁹ And Moyfes faid to Pharao: Appoint me when I shal pray for thee, and for thy feruantes, and for thy

The 2. plague. Multitude of frogges.

^a If Pharao had not freewil threatning of punifhmet were vniuft. Origen. li. 3. Periar. c. de lib. arbrit. He that can not do otherwise doth not finne, as both lerned and vnlerned cofesse. S. Aug. de vera Relig. c. 14.

^b The Enchäters could bring more frogges, but not take these away.

people, that the frogges may be driven away from thee and from thy house, and from thy servantes, and from thy people: and may remaine only in the riuer. ¹⁰ Who answered: To morow. But he faid: According to thy word wil I doe: that thou maift know that there is not the like to the Lord our God. 11 And the frogges shal depart from thee, and from thy house, and from thy feruantes, and from thy people: and fhal remaine only in the riuer. ¹² And Moyfes and Aaron went forth from Pharao: and Moyfes cried to our Lord for the promife, concerning the frogges, which he had agreed to Pharao. ¹³ And our Lord did according to the word of Movfes: and the frogges dyed out of the houses, and out of the villages, and out of the fieldes: 14 and they gathered them together into huge heapes, and the earth did rotte. ¹⁵ And Pharao feing that reft was geuen ^{a)}he hardned his owne hart; and heard them not, as our Lord had commanded. ¹⁶ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Speake to Aaron: Stretch forth thy rodde, and ftrike the duft of the earth: and be there Sciniphes in the whole Land of Ægypt. ¹⁷ And they did fo. And Aaron ftretched forth his hand, holding the rodde: and he ftroke the duft of the earth, and there were made fciniphes on men and on beaftes: all the duft of the earth was turned into fciniphes through the whole Land of Ægypt. 18 And the enchaunters with their enchauntmentes practifed in like maner, to bring forth fciniphes, and b)they could not: and there were fciniphes as wel on men as on beaftes. ¹⁹ And the enchaunters faid to Pharao: c)This is the finger of God. And Pharaoes hart was indurate, and he heard them not as our Lord had commanded. ²⁰ Our Lord also faid to Moyses: Arise early, and stand before Pharao: for he wil goe forth to the waters: and thou

The 3. plague. Sciniphes, fmale flying beaftes, efpecially molefting mens eyes. Philo. l. 1. de vita Moyfi.

^a Pharaos induration afcribed to himfelf.

b The diuels powre limited by God. Iob. 1. 2.

^c The enchanters conuinced in their vnderftanding, confeffed the powre of God, but not changed in affection, perfifted in malice againft the truth.

The 4. plague. Abundance of al fortes of flies. fhalt fay to him: This faith our Lord: Difmiffe my people to facrifice vnto me. 21 And if thou wilt not difmiffe them, behold I wil fend in vpon thee, and vpon thy feruantes, and vpon thy people, and vpon thy houses al kind of flies: and the houses of Ægypt shal be filled with flies of divers kindes, and the whole land wherein they fhal be. 22 And I wil make the Land of Geffen merueilous in that day, wherin my people is, fo that flies fhal not be there: and thou fhalt know that I am the Lord in the middes of the earth. ²³ And I wil put a diuifion betwene my people & thy people: to morow fhal this figne be. ²⁴ And our Lord did fo. And there came a very greuious flie into the houses of Pharao and of his feruantes, and into all the Land of Ægypt: and the Land was corrupted by fuch kind of flies. ²⁵ And Pharao called Moyfes and Aaron, and faid to them: Goe and facrifice to your God in this land. ²⁶ And Moyfes faid: It can not fo be done: for if we fhal offer the abominations of the Ægyptians to the Lord our God: and a) we kil those thinges which the Ægyptians doe worshippe before them: they wil beate vs downe with ftones. ²⁷ We wil goe forth three dayes iourney into the wildernes: and we wil facrifice vnto the Lord our God, as he hath commanded vs. ²⁸ And Pharao faid: I wil difmiffe you to facrifice to the Lord your God in the defert: but goe noe farder: pray for me. ²⁹ And Moyfes faid: Being gone forth from thee, I wil pray to our Lord: and the flie shal depart from Pharao, and from his feruantes, and from his people to morow: but deceive no more fo, that thou wilt not difmiffe the people to facrifice vnto our Lord. ³⁰ And Moyfes being gone forth from Pharao, prayed our Lord. 31 Who did according to his word: and he tooke away the flies from Pharao, and from his feruants, and from his people: there was left not fo much as one. ³² And Pharaoes hart b) was hardned, fo that neither this time would be difmiffe the people.

^a Ægyptians worfhipping beafts thought it intolerable abomination to kil, or eate, or burne them in facrifice. Gen. 43. v. 32. 46. v. 34.

b In the Hebrew: Pharao hardned his ovvne hart, also this time.

Annotations

Chapter 9

The fifth plague is peftilence among the Ægyptians cattle. 8. The fixt boyles in men and beaftes. 18. The feuenth, haile. 27. Pharao confessing God to be iust, and him selfe and his people impious, promiseth againe to dismisse the people, 34. but faileth to do it.

nd our Lord faid to Moyfes: Goe in to Pharao, and fpeake to him: This faith our Lord, the God of the Hebrewes: difmiffe my people to facrifice vnto me. ² And if thou refuse, and holdest them: ³ behold my hand shal be voon thy fieldes: and voon thy horfes, and affes, and camels, and oxen, and sheepe, a verie fore peftilence. ⁴ And our Lord wil make a merueile between the pofferfions of Ifrael & the pofferfions of the Ægyptians, that nothing at all perish of those thinges that pertaine to the children of Ifrael. ⁵ And our Lord hath appointed a time, faying: To morow wil our Lord doe this thing in the land. ⁶ Our Lord therfore did this thing the next day: and a) all the beaftes of the Ægyptians dved, but of the beaftes of the children of Ifrael nothing at al perished. ⁷ And Pharao fent to fee: neither was there any thing dead of that which Ifrael poffeffed. And Pharaoes hart b) was hardned, and he did not difmiffe the people. 8 And our Lord faid to Movfes, & Aaron: Take your handes ful of ashes out of the chimney, and let Moyfes fprinkle it into the ayre before Pharao. 9 And be there duft vpon al the Land of Ægypt: for there shal be in men, & beaftes boyles, and fwelling bladders in the whole land of Ægypt. ¹⁰ And they tooke ashes out of the chimney, and ftoode before Pharao, and Moyfes fprinkled it into the ayre: and there were made boyles of

The 5. plague. Peftilence amongft cattel.

The 6. plague. Boyles in men and beaftes.

^a Not all the beaftes died, for fome died in the 7. & 10. plagues but all that died pertained to the Ægyptians.

^b In Hebr. Vaijchbad leb Parhaoh. Pharaoes hart hardned it felfe.

the enchanters ftand before Moyfes for boyles that were vpon them, and in al the Land of Ægypt. 12 And our Lord did indurate Pharaoes hart, & he heard them not, as our Lord fpake to Moyfes. 13 And our Lord faid to Moyfes: In the morning arife, and ftand before Pharao, & thou shalt fay to him: This faith the Lord, the God of the Hebrewes: Difmiffe my people to facrifice vnto me. ¹⁴ Because this time I wil fend al my plagues vpon thy hart, and vpon thy feruantes, and vpon thy people: that thou mayeft know there is not the like to me in al the earth. ¹⁵ For now ftretching forth my hand I wil ftrike thee, and thy people with peftilence, and thou shalt perish from the earth. ¹⁶ And therfore ^{b)}haue I fet thee, that in thee I may shew my might, and my name may be told in al the earth. 17 Doeft thou yet hold backe my people: and wilt thou not difmiffe them? 18 Behold I wil raine to morow this very houre haile exceeding much: fuch as was not in Ægypt from the day that it was founded, vntil this prefent time. 19 Send therfore now prefently, and gather together thy cattle, and al thinges that thou haft in the field: for men & beaftes, and all thinges that fhal be found abroad, and not gathered together out of the fieldes, and the haile fal vpon them, fhal die. ²⁰ He that feared the word of our Lord of Pharaoes feruantes, made his feruantes to flie, and his beaftes into houses: 21 but he that neglected the word of our Lord, let alone his feruantes, and his beaftes in the fieldes. 22 And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Stretch forth thy hand towards heaven, that there may be haile in the whole Land of Ægypt vpon men, and vpon beaftes, & vpon euerie herbe of the field in the Land of Ægypt. ²³ And Moyfes ftretched forth his rodde toward heauen,

fwelling bladders in men and beaftes. 11 a) Neither could

Rom. 9.

The 7. plague. Terrible haile, thunders and lightnings.

<sup>a Poore Enchanters, that could neither escape, nor cure this plague.
b In Hebrew I have made thee stand, in the 70 and chalde paraphrasis I have kept thee alive. In the Latin I have put or set thee, that in thee, through thyn owne malice indurate, I may make knowen my powre to makind. S. Aug. de Prædest. et Grat. c. 6.</sup>

and our Lord gaue thunders, and haile and running lightenings on the land: and our Lord rained haile vpon the Land of Ægypt. ²⁴ And the haile and fire mixt together did driue: and it was of fo great bignes, as neuer before appeared in the whole Land of Ægypt fince that nation was made. ²⁵ And the haile fmote in al the Land of Ægypt al thinges that were in the fieldes, from man euen vnto beaft: and euerie herbe of the field did the haile ftrike, and euerie tree of the countrie it did breake. ²⁶ Only in the Land of Geffen, where the children of Ifrael were, the haile fel not. 27 And Pharao fent, and called Moyfes and Aaron, faying to them: I have finned now alfo, the Lord is iuft: I and my people, impious. ²⁸ Pray ye the Lord that the thunders may ceafe, and the haile: that I may difmiff you, and ye tarie not here any longer. ²⁹ Moyfes faid: When I fhal be gone forth out of the citie, I wil ftretch forth my handes to our Lord, and the thunders fhal ceafe, and the haile fhal not be: that thou maift know that the earth is our Lords: 30 but I know that neither thou, nor thy feruantes do yet feare the Lord God. 31 The flaxe therfore, and the barley were hurt, because the barley came vp grene, and the flaxe now was boulled: 32 but the wheate, and other winter corne were not hurt, because they were lateward. ³³ And Moyfes going forth from Pharao out of the citie, ftretched forth his handes to our Lord: and the thunders & haile ceafed, neither did there droppe raine any more vpon the earth. ³⁴ And Pharao feing that the raine, and the haile and thunders were ceased, he increased his finne: 35 a) and his hart was aggrauated, and the hart of his feruantes, and indurate exceedingly: neither did he difmiffe the children of Ifrael, as our Lord had commanded by the hand of Moyfes.

Annotations

^a In Hebrew, Vaiach bedlibbe hu vahabadaf. And he hardned his ovvne hart, he and his feruants.

Chapter 10

The eight plague, of locustes. 21. The ninth darknes. Pharao yeldeth that al men and children should goe to the defert, but not the cattle. 28. At last commandeth Moyfes to come no more in his fight, which Moyfes foretelleth shal fo be.

fignes in him, ² and thou maift tel in the eares of thy fonne, and of thy nephewes, how often I haue broken the Ægyptians, & wrought my fignes in them: and you may

nd our Lord faid to Moyfes: Goe in to Pharao: for a)I haue indurate his hart, and the hart of his feruantes: that I may worke thefe my

know that I am the Lord. 3 Moyfes therfore and Aaron went in to Pharao, and faid to him: Thus faith the Lord the God of the Hebrewes: Til when wilt thou not be fubiect to me? difmiffe my people, to facrifice vnto me. ⁴ But if thou refift, and wilt not difmiffe them: behold I wil bring in to morow the locust into thy coastes: 5 which The 8. plague. Inmay couer the face of the earth, that nothing therof aplitle flying beaftes peare, but that which the haile hath left may be eaten: with long hinfor it fhal gnawe al trees that fpring in the fieldes. ⁶ And der legges that they fhal fil thy houses, and the houses of thy servantes, deftroy graine, and of all the Ægyptians: fuch a number as thy fathers graffe & fruict. Plinius. li. 11. haue not feene, nor grand-fathers, fince they arose vpon c. 29. S. Greq. the earth, vntil this prefent day. And he turned him li. 31. c. 20. Moral. felfe away, and went forth from Pharao. 7 And Pharaoes feruantes faid to him: How long fhal we endure this fcandal? Difmiffe the men, to facrifice to the Lord their God. Doeft thou not fee that Ægypt is vndone? 8 And they called back Moyfes, and Aaron vnto Pharao: who faid to them: Goe, facrifice to the Lord your God: who

numerable locuftes,

are they that shal goe? ⁹ Moyfes faid: With our young and old we wil goe, with our fonnes and daughters, with our sheepe and heardes: for it is the fomemnitie of the

By Gods patience ouer Pharao & his feruants, in not deftroying them, their wicked mind became more obstinate. S. Aug. q. 30. & 36. in Exod.

Lord our God. ¹⁰ And Pharao answered: So be the Lord with you, as I shal difmiffe you, and your litle ones: who doubteth but that a)you intend very wickedly? 11 It shal not fo be: but goe ye men only, and facrifice to the Lord: for this your felues also defired. And immediatly they were caft out from Pharaoes fight. 12 And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Strech forth thy hand vpon the Land of Ægypt vnto the locust, that it come vpon it, and deuoure euerie herbe that remained after the haile. ¹³ And Moyfes ftretched forth his rodde vpon the Land of Ægypt: and our Lord brought in a burning wind al that day, & night: and when it was morning, the burning winde raifed the locuftes: 14 which came vp ouer the whole Land of Ægypt: and fate in all the coaftes of the Ægyptians innumerable, the like as had not bene before that time, nor shal be afterward. ¹⁵ And they couered the whole face of the earth, wafting al thinges. Therfore the graffe of the earth was deuoured, and what fruites foeuer on the trees, which the haile had left: there was also nothing at al left that was greene in the trees, and in the herbes of the earth, in al Ægypt. ¹⁶ For the which caufe Pharao in haft called Moyfes and Aaron, and faid to them: I have finned againft the Lord your God, and against you. 17 But now forgeue me my finne this time alfo, and pray to the Lord your God, that he take away from me this death. 18 And Moyfes going forth from Pharaoes fight, prayed to our Lord: 19 who made a very vehement wind to blow from the west, and taking the locustes it threw them into the Red sea: there remained not fo much as one in al the coaftes of Ægypt. 20 And our Lord did indurate Pharaoes hart, neither did he difmiffe the children of Ifrael. ²¹ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Stretch forth thy hand toward heauen: and be there darkenesse vpon the Land of Ægypt so thicke, that it be palpable. 22 And Moyfes ftretched forth his hand toward heauen: and there was made horrible darkeneffe in the whole Land of Ægypt three dayes. ²³ No man

The 9. plague. Horrible darknes three dayes together.

^a Becaufe Gods feruants may not temporize in religion, politiques vniuftly charge them to haue bad intentions.

faw his brother, nor moued himfelfe out of the place where he was: but wherefoeuer the children of Ifrael dwelt, there was light. 24 And Pharao called Moyfes and Aaron, and faid to them: Goe facrifice to the Lord: let your fheepe only, and heardes remaine, let your litle ones goe with you. ²⁵ Moyfes faid: Hoftes also & holocauftes thou shalt geue to vs, which we may offer to the Lord our God. ²⁶ Al the flockes fhal goe with vs: there fhal a)not a hoofe remaine of them: the which are necessarie vnto the feruice of the Lord our God: especially wheras we know not what must be offered, til we come to the very place. ²⁷ And our Lord did indurate Pharaoes hart, and he would not difmiffe them. 28 And Pharao faid to Moyfes: Gette thee from me, and beware thou fee not my face any more: in what day foeuer thou fhalt come in my fight, thou fhalt dye. 29 Moyfes answered: So fhal it be as thou haft fpoken, I wil not fee thy face any more.

Annotations

Chapter 11

God biddeth Moyfes cause the people of Israel to borow filuer and gold vessels of the Ægyptians. 4. Fortelleth one other plague, the death of the first-borne, 9. and that Pharao wil still be obdurate.

nd our Lord faid to Moyfes: Yet with one plague more wil I touch Pharao & Ægypt, and after this he fhal difmiffe you, and compel you to goe forth. ² Thou shalt fay therfore to al the people that euerie man aske of his frend, & euery woman of her neighbour veffels of filuer, & of gold. ³ And the Lord wil geue grace to his people in the fight of the Ægyptians. And Moyfes was a very great man in the Land of Ægypt, in the fight of Pharaoes feruantes, &

^a Gods people muft be refolute in Religion.

of al the people. ⁴ And he faid: This faith our Lord: At midnight I wil enter into Ægypt: 5 and euerie firstbegotten in the Land of the Ægyptians shal dye, from the first-begotten of Pharao who fitteth in his throne, euen to the first-begotten of the handmaid that is at the mil, & al the first-begotten of beastes. ⁶ And there shal be a great crie in the whole Land of Ægypt, fuch as neither hath bene before, nor fhal be afterward. ⁷ But with al the children of Ifrael there shal not a dogge mutter, from man euen to beaft: that you may know with how great a miracle our Lord doth divide the Ægyptians & Ifrael. 8 And all these thy servantes shall come downe to me, and shal adore me, faying: Goe forth thou, & al the people that is vnder thee: after this we shal goe forth. ⁹ And he departed from Pharao exceeding angrie. And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Pharao wil not heare you that manie fignes may be done in the Land of Ægypt. ¹⁰ And Moyfes and Aaron did al the wonders that are written, before Pharao. And our Lord a)hardned Pharaoes hart. neither did he difmiffe the children of Ifrael out of his Land.

The 10. plague. Death of the firstborne in men & beastes of the Ægyptians.

Annotations

Chapter 12

The maner of preparing, and eating the Paſchal lambe, fprinckling the dore-poſtes with bloud theroſ: 15. eating no leuened bread ſeuen dayes together. 29. The first borne of men and beaſtes among the Ægyptians are ſlaine. 35. The Iſraelites goe away ſpoyling Ægypt. 43. Incircumciſed men may not eate the Phaſe.



nd our Lord faid to Moyfes, and Aaron in the Land of Ægypt: ² This moneth, shal be to you the beginning of moneths: it shal be

^a As before. c. 7. v. 3. c. 9. v. 16. c. 10. v. 1.

the first in the monethes of the yeare. ³ Speake yee to the whole affemblie of the children of Ifrael, & fay to them: The tenth day of this moneth let euerie man take a lambe by their families and houses. 4 But if the number be leffe then may fuffice to eate the lambe, he shal take vnto him his neighbour that ioyneth to his house, according to the number of soules which may suffice to the eating of the lambe. ⁵ And it shal be a lambe without fpotte, a male, of a year old: according also to which rite you shal take a)a kidde. 6 And you shal kepe him vntil the fourtenth day of this moneth: and the whole multitude of the children of Ifrael shal b)facrifice him at euen. ⁷ And they shal take of the bloud therof, and put vpon both the postes, and on the vpper dorepostes of the houses, wherin they shal eate him. 8 And they shal eate the flesh that night rofted at the fire, and vnleauened bread with wilde lettice. ⁹ You shal not eate therof any thing raw, nor boyled in water, but only rofted at the fire: the head with the feete and entralles therof you shal deuoure. ¹⁰ Neither shal there remaine any thing of him vntil morning. If there be any thing left, you shal burne it with fire. 11 And thus you shal eate him: you shal gird your reynes, and you shal haue shoes on your feete, holding ftaues in your handes, and you shal eate fpeedely: for it is the c)Phase (that is the Paffage) of the Lord. 12 And I wil paffe through the Land of Ægypt that night, and wil ftrike euery first begotten in the Land of Ægypt from man euen vnto beaft: and d)in al the goddes of Ægypt I wil doe iudgements, I the Lord. ¹³ And the bloud shal be vnto you for a figne in the houses where you shal be: and I shal see the bloud, and shal paffe ouer you: neither shal there be among you a

^a Such as had not meanes to take a lambe, tooke a kidde vfing the fame Rites.

^b Shachatu, immolabunt, shal offer or facrifice: not only kil, as protestants translate.

^c Paffage in killing the first-borne of Ægypt, and not of Ifrael. S. Hiero. in Mat. 26.

d The idols of Ægypt were ouerthrowne, as Dagon was in Azotum.

 Reg. 5. S. Hierom. Epift. ad Fabiol. exiradit. Hebr.

deftroying plague when I shal ftrike the Land of Ægypt. ¹⁴ And you shal have this day for a moniment: and you shal celebrate it folemne to the Lord in your generations with an euerlafting observation. ¹⁵ Seuen dayes shal you eate azimes: in the first day there shal be noe leauen in your houses: whosever shal eate leaven, that soule shal perish out of Ifrael, from the first day vntil the seuenth day. ¹⁶ The first day shal be holie and solemne, and the feuenth day with the like feftiuitie shal be venerable: no worke shal you doe in them, except those thinges, that pertaine to eating. 17 And you fhal observe the azymes: for in the felfe fame day I wil bring forth your armie out of the Land of Ægypt, and you fhal keepe this day vnto your generations with a perpetual rite. ¹⁸ The first moneth, the fourtenth day of the moneth at euen you shal eate a) azymes vntil the one and twentith day of the fame moneth at euen. ¹⁹ Seuen dayes there fhal not be found leauened in your houses: he that shal eate leauened, his foule fhal perifh out of the affemblie of Ifrael, as wel of ftrangers as of them that are borne in the land. 20 Nothing leauened fhal you eate: in al your habitations you shal eate azymes. ²¹ And Moyfes called al the Ancients of the children of Ifrael, and faid to them: Goe take a lambe by your families, and facrifice the Phase. 22 And b)dippe a bunche of hyffope in the bloud that is at the doore, and fprinkle the vppertransome of the doore therwith, and both the doore cheekes: let none of you goe out of the doore of his house til morning. 23 For our Lord wil paffe ftriking the Ægyptians: and when he shal fee the bloud on the vpperfil, and on both the poftes, he wil paffe ouer the doore of the house, and not suffer the ftriker to enter your houses and to hurt. ²⁴ Keepe this thing as a law to thee and thy children for euer. ²⁵ And when you are entred into the Land, which our

^a Chrift observing this precept, had no leuened bread at his laft fupper: and so instituted the Eucharist in vnleuened.

b Sprinckling of bloud with hyffop here & Leuit. 14. Num. 19. prefcribed fignifieth mãs deliuerie by Chrifts bloud working in Baptifme and other Sacraments. Heb. 9.

Lord wil geue you as he hath promifed, you shal obserue thefe ceremonies. ²⁶ And when your children fhal fay to you: What is this religion? 27 you fhal fay to them: It is the victime of our Lords paffage, when he paffed ouer the houses of the children of Ifrael in Ægypt striking the Ægyptians, and deliuering our houses. And the people bowing them felues adored. 28 And the children of Ifrael going forth did as our Lord had commanded Moyfes and Aaron. ²⁹ And it came to paffe at midnight, our Lord ftroke a)euerie first-begotten in the Land of Ægypt, from the first-begotten of Pharao, who sate in his throne, vnto the first-begotten of the captiue woman that was in the prison, and euerie first-begotten of beastes. ³⁰ And Pharao arofe in the night, and all his feruantes, and all Ægypt: and there arose a great crie in Ægypt: for neither was there a house wherin there lay not a dead one. ³¹ And Pharao calling Moyfes and Aaron, in the night, faid: Arife and goe forth from my people, you and the children of Ifrael: goe, facrifice to the Lord as you fay. 32 Your sheepe and heardes take you as you demanded, and departing bleffe me. ³³ And the Ægyptians vrged the people to goe forth out of the land quickly, faying: We fhal al die. ³⁴ The people therfore tooke dough before it was leauened: and tying it in their clokes, put it vpon their fhoulders. ³⁵ And the children of Ifrael did as Moyfes had commanded: and they asked of the Ægyptians veffels of filter and gold, and very much rayment. ³⁶ And our Lord gaue grace to the people before the Ægyptians that they did lend them: and b)they fpoyled the Ægyptians. ³⁷ And the children of Ifrael fette forward from Rameffe into Socoth, almost fix hundred thousand of foote men, beside litle ones. 38 But also the common people of al fortes innumerable went vp with them, sheepe and heardes and beaftes of diverfe kindes exceding manie. ³⁹ And they baked the meale, which a litle before they had taken out of Ægypt tempered:

^b Lawful fpoile by the warrant of God, Lord of al.

^a Punishment conforme to their finne, for perfecuting Gods first begotten fonne Israel. Exod. 4. v. 22. Theodor. q. 22. in Exod.

and made hearth cakes vnleauened: for it could not be leauened the Ægyptians vrging them to depart, & not fuffering them to make any tarriance: neither did they thinke vpon preparing any meate. 40 And the dwelling of the children of Ifrael that they abode a) in Ægypt, was foure hundred thirty yeares. 41 The which being expired, the fame day at the armie of our Lord went forth out of the Land of Ægypt. 42 This is the observable night of our Lord, when he brought them forth out of the Land of Ægypt: this night all the children of Ifrael must observe in their generations. 43 And our Lord faid to Moyfes and Aaron: This is the religion of the Phafe: No aliene shal eate of it. 44 And euerie bought feruant shal be circumcifed, and fo shal eate. 45 The ftranger and the hireling shal not eate therof. 46 In one house shal it be eaten, neither shal you carrie forth of the flesh therof out of the house, neither shal you breake a bone therof. 47 Al the affemblie of the children of Ifrael shal make it. 48 And if any of the foliourners be willing to dwel among you, and make the Phase of the Lord, first all the male that he hath shal be circumcifed, and then shal he celebrate it according to the rite: & he shal be as he that is borne in the land: but if there be any man vncircumcifed, he shal not eate therof. 49 Al one law shal be to him that is borne in the land and to the profelyte that foiourneth with you. 50 And al the children of Ifrael did as our Lord had commanded Moyfes and Aaron. 51 And the fame day our Lord brought forth the children of If rael out of the Land of Ægypt by their troupes.

^a From the promife made to Abraham (Gen. 12. v. 7.) and his firft going into Ægypt (v. 10.) to this time were 430. yeares, Gal. 3. of which they were in great perfecution aboue 80. yeares, before that in feruitude about 60. more, before that also they were ftrangers partly in Ægypt, partly in Chanaan the rest of the time. See Gen. 15. v. 13.

The 70. read in Ægypt and in Chanaan, for explication, as S. Augustin noteth. *li.* 16. c. 10. ciuit.

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Chrifts action fheweth that the Paſchal lambe was a figure of the Eucharift.

> Some things in the Paschal lambe prefigured Christ both on the Crosse and at his last supper.

Some more exprefly fignified his Paffion.

Others immediatly the Eucharift.

3 The tenth day.) Our Sauiour Chrift inftituting the Sacrament of the Eucharift, after the celebration of the Pafchal lambe, whiles they were at fupper, the night before his death, therby fufficiently declared, that this old Pafch was a figure, not only of his Paffion and Sacrifice on the Croffe, but also of that he then did fo folemnly with his Apoftles; whom also in that action he made Priefts, commanding them, and their fucceffors, to do the fame in commemoration of him, til the end of the world. Other circumftances likewife, and conference of the one with the other make it more clere, that as in fome respectes it more resembled Chrifts Paffion, and Sacrifice on the Croffe, fo in others it more expreffed the Eucharift, and myftical commemoration of his death, though also in manie it prefigured Christ in both places. For example, The preparing of the lambe the tenth day fignified our Saujours coming into Hierufalem, the fame tenth day of the first moone, now reprefented in the Church on Palmefunday. Also the choife qualities of the lambe, vvithout fpotte, a male, of the first yeare, foreshewed in general the puritie, fortitude, meeknes, and al perfection of the true Lambe of God, that taketh avvay the finnes of the vvorlde. More particularly the killing and bereuing the Pafchal Lambe of natural life, the fprinkling of his bloud on the dore-postes, the rofting at the fire, and not breaking anie bone therof, most specially expressed Christs death on the Crosse. But the fourtenth day, & the evening agree only with the Eucharift, inftituted the night before our Lords Paffion, which he fuffered the fiftenth (being the ful moone) and at midday, as ancient S. Dionyfe of Ariopagite (in two Epiftles, to Policarpus, and to Appolophanes) teftifieth, admiring the miracle of the funnes Eclipfe, that hapned the fame time. Neither did the eating of the Lambe directly prefigurate the oblation on the Croffe, for Chrift was not crucified to be eaten but the Sacrament in formes of bread and vvine was expresly figured by eating the lambe with vnleauened bread, and drinking the cuppe therto adioyned. (Luc. 22. v. 17.) In like forte the Lambe immolated in commemoration of the deliuerie of Ifrael from death, and from feruitude, when the first-borne of Ægypt were flaine, most aptly prefigured the Eucharist, which is a perpetual commemoration of mans redemption, and deliuerie from eternal death, and from bondage of the diuel and finne, by Chriftes death on the Croffe, which death in dede was the very redemption and deliuerie of mankind, and not a commemoration therof. Finally the immolating of the Lambe viithin the house with precife commandment to carie nothing therof forth, perteined particularly to the Eucharift, which our Lord celebrated vvithin the house, wherby S. Cyprian (lib. de vnit. Eccles.) proueth, that the B. Sacrament must not be given to anie out of the Catholique Church, though Chrifts Paffion be extended to all the world, as

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wel to bring fuch as are without, into the Church, as to faue those that are already entred in. In this forte the most ancient and best expositors of holie Scripture, explicate this special figure of the Paschal Lambe. As we shall here produce some witnesses in confirmation of this truth.

Ancient writers expound this figure of the Eucharift.

Luc. 22.

Tertulian lib. 4. contra Marcionem, expounding our Sauiours wordes: VVith defire I have defired to eate this Pafch vvith you before I fuffer faieth, Chrift coueted not veruecinam Iudæorum, the mutton of the Iewes, but professing that with defire he defired to eate the Pafch, as his owne (for it was vnmete that God fhould couete anie thing not his owne) the bread which he tooke, and gaue to his disciples, he made his owne bodie, faying: This is my bodie, that is, a figure of my bodie. Figura autem non fuiffet, nifi veritatis effet corpus. But it had not bene a figure (faith he) vnles it vvere a bodie of veritie, or a verie bodie, to wit, not phantaftical as the heretike Marcion imagined; because the figures in the old Testament were not figures, except a true bodie answered vnto them. So the Sacramentaries fense, that Tertullian should cal the Eucharift a figure, is quite againft his meaning, and maketh him conclude nothing against Marcion; wheras his whole drift is, by the figures of the old Testament to proue, that in the Eucharist is the true & real bodie of Chrift, and that confequently Chrift hath a true and real bodie. Origen (in 26. Mat.) teacheth that in the great parlar (where Chrift did eate the Pafchal Lambe) he alfo made his new Pafch. S. Cyprian (de Cæna Dom.) faieth: In the fupper of facramenTertullian proueth, by this figure fulfilled in the Eu-

fulfilled in the Eucharift, that Chrift hath a true and not a phantaftical bodie.

Hiere. 12. v. 19.

tal banquets, old and new Inftitutions met together. The lambe being confumed, which old tradition proposed, the Master setteth inconfumptible meate to his disciples. S. Gregorie Nazianzen (Orat. 2. de Pafcha.) faieth, God commanded the Pafchal Lambe fhould be eaten in the euening, because Chrift in the euening gaue the Sacrament of his owne bodie to his disciples. S. Hierom (in 26. Mat.) After that the figurative Pafch was complete, and Chrift had eaten the flesh of the lambe with his Apostles, he taketh bread, vi vvhich confirmeth the hart of man, and paffeth ouer to the true Sacrament of Pafch. Likewife S. Chrifoftom (Ho. de prodit. Iudæ) faieth, In the fame table both the Pasches, of the figure, and of the veritie were celebrated. S. Ambrofe (in Lucae. 1.) exprefly applieth this figurative lambe to the Eucharift, as it is celebrated in the Church, by him felfe and other Priefts, faying: VVhen we facrifice, Chrift is prefent, Chrift is facrificed: for Chrift our Pasch is immolated. The like affirmeth S. Augustin (li. 2. cont. lit. Petal. c. 27.) It is an other Pafch that the Iewes celebrated of a fhepe, an other which we receive in the bodie and bloud of our Lord. S. Leo (fer. 7. de Paff.) To the end fhadowes might geue place to the bodie, and figures might ceafe in prefence of

The fame Sacrifice offered by Priefts.

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the veritie, the old observation is taken away by the new Sacrament, hofte passeth into hofte, bloud excludeth bloud, and when the legal festiuitie is changed, it is fulfilled.

S. Gregories moralization of this figure, applied to the B. Sacrament.

S. Gregorie (ho. 22. in Euang.) proueth by these wordes, You shal not eate therof anie thing ravy, that belides the letter there is a fpiritual fenfe. Behold, (faieth he) the verie wordes of the hiftorie driue vs from the hiftorical vnderstanding. For did the If raelitical people in Ægypt vse to eate a lambe raw, that the law fhould nede to fay: you shal not eate it ravv? And fo in that homilie this great Doctor explicate how we ought to celebrate, and receive the Sacrament of the Eucharift, by the figure of this Pafchal lambe. This bloud (faieth he) is fprinkled on both poftes, when the Sacrament of his Paffion is received viith mouth, to redemption, and mediated with intentiue mind to imitation, and in the transfome over the dore, when pure intention directeth the exterior act, also when we carie the Croffe of his passion in our forhead. The flesh of the lambe is eaten at night, because we now receiue our Lords bodie in the Sacrament, when yet we fee not ech others confciences; rofted at the fire, when we in our beliefe good vvorkes of feruent charitie; with vnleauened bread, and vvith lettice, that is, in finceritie, vvithout corruption of vaineglorie, and with bitter penance for finnes; not ravy, nor fodde in vyater, to wit, neither efteeming Chrift a mere man, nor confidering of him, with humane vvifdome or private spirite of heretikes, called ftollen vvater. (Prou. 9.) To devoure the head vvith the feete and entrails, is by faith to belieue the Diuinitie of Chrift, and to imitate by loue the fteppes of his humanitie, and greedely to learne al Christian mysteries. Nothing is left til morning, when we endeuoure in this life before the refurrection to know euerie point of Christian doctrin, so farre as to vs perteineth. But if anie thing be left, it must be burned in the fire, because those hard and hiegheft mysteries, which we can not vnderstand, we must remitte to the Holie Ghoft, left anie proudly prefume either to contemne, or to proclaime that he vnderstandeth not. He further defcribeth also what maner of persons are to eate this new Pasch. Their loines muft be gyrded, that is, al carnal pleafures tamed. They must have shoes on their feete, by the good examples of former Sainctes dead before, must ftrengthen their steppes, to flie from vice, and follow vertue: holding ftaues in their handes, to rule & ftay themselues and others from fliding, by the staffe of authoritie. They must eate the Pasch speedely, that is without delay or procraftination muft learne the mysteries of mans redemption, and heauenlie life, and fo performe Gods wil and precepts, in this life vith fpeede. To this effect S. Gregorie discourseth at large in the moral fense, which we have abridged, and otherwise (though holie Scripture be ful herof) feldome touch.

VVhat perfons are to receive the B. Sacrament.

Returning therfore to our particular purpose, in all these testimonies we specially vrge, that the paschal lambe was a figure, not

only of Chrifts Paffion, but also of the Eucharist. VVhereupon, befides the often expresse mention of our B. Sauiours bodie and bloud in the fame, which Protestants would wrest (as they do also the fame terms in holie Scripture) to figurative fense, it necessarily followeth, that there be farre more excellent contents in the Sacrament of the Eucharift, then natural bread and wine. For S. Paul teacheth (Collofs. 2.) that as the bodie excelleth the shadovy, fo the veritie, or thing figured excelleth the figure. VVheras the fubstance of bread and wine doth not excel, much leffe so farre excel the Pafchal Lambe, as by S. Pauls doctrine is required. Againe feing the Pafchal lambe was a Sacrifice, as appeareth in this Chap. v. 6. & 27. also Num. 9. v. 7. & 13. and Mar. 14. v. 12. and as it was immolated was a figure of the Eucharift, as before appeareth by conference of the one with the other, in respect of the time, place, maner of offering, and eating it, and by testimonie of the Doctors aboue cited, it followeth also that the Holie Eucharift is a Sacrifice farre excelling the figure.

The thing figured farre excelleth the figure.

The Eucharift is also a Sacrifice.

Chapter 13

God commandeth to remember their deliuerie from Ægypt, by the folemnitie of Paſch, 2. and by confecrating to him the first-borne. 17. And so leadeth them through the deſert towards the red fea (Moyſes taking with him Ioſephs bones) by a piller of fire in the night, and a cloud in the day.

nd our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faing: ² Sanctifie vnto me euerie firft borne that openeth the matrice in the children of Ifrael, as wel of men as of beaftes: for they are al mine. ³ And Moyfes faid to the people: Remember this day in the which you went forth out of Ægypt, and out of the houfe of feruitude, becaufe with a ftrong hand hath our Lord brought you forth out of this place: that you eate not leauened bread. ⁴ This day you goe forth in the moneth of new corne. ⁵ And when our Lord fhal haue brought thee into the Land of Chananeite and Hetheite and Amorrheite and Heueite and Iebufeite, which he fware to thy

fathers that he would geue thee, a land that a)floweth with milke and honie, thou fhalt celebrate this maner of facred rites in this moneth. ⁶ Seuen daies fhalt thou eate azimes: and in the feuenth day shal be the folemnitie of our Lord. ⁷ Azimes shal you eate feuen dayes: there shal not be feene anie leauened thing with thee, nor in al thy coaftes. 8 And thou fhalt tel thy fonne in that day, faving: This is that which our Lord did to me when I came forth out of Ægypt. 9 And it shal be as a figne in thy hand, and as a moniment before thine eyes: and that the law of our Lord be always in the mouth, for in a ftrong hand our Lord hath brought thee out of Ægypt. ¹⁰ Thou fhalt keepe this observation at the fette time from dayes to dayes. 11 And when our Lord fhal have brought thee into the Land of the Chananeite, as he fware to thee and thy fathers, and fhal geue it thee: 12 thou fhalt feparate al that openeth the matrice vnto our Lord, and al that is brought forth in thy cattel: whatfoeuer thou fhalt have of male fexe thou fhalt confecrate to our Lord. 13 The first borne of an affe thou shal change for a sheepe: and if thou doe not redeeme it, thou shalt kil it. And euerie first borne of men among thy children, thou shalt redeeme with a price. ¹⁴ And when thy fonne shal aske thee to morow, faying: What is this? thou shalt answere him: With a strong hand did our Lord bring vs forth out of the land of Ægypt, out of the house of feruitude. ¹⁵ For ^{b)}when Pharaoes hart was indurate, and would not difmiffe vs., our Lord flew euerie first-borne in the Land of Ægypt, from the first-borne of man to the first-borne of beastes: therfore I facrifice to our Lord al that openeth the matrice of the male fexe, and all the first-borne of my sonnes I doe redeme. 16 It shal be therfore as a figne in thy hand, and as a thing hanged before thine eyes, for a remembrance: because our Lord by a ftrong hand hath brought vs forth out of Ægypt. 17 Therfore when Pharao had fent

^a The old Teftament propofed comonly temporal rewardes. S. Hierom. Ep. ad Dardanum.

^b In the Hebrew, vvhen Pharao had indurated him felfe.

forth the people, our Lord ledde them not by the way of the Philifthijns countrie which is neere: thinking a)left perhappes it would repent them, if they should fee warres arife againft them, and would return into Ægypt. 18 But he ledde them about by the way of the defert, which is befides the Red fea: and the children of Ifrael went vp out of the Land of Ægypt armed. ¹⁹ Moyfes alfo b)tooke Iofephes bones with him: because he had adiured the children of Ifrael, faying: God shal vifite you, carrie out my bones from hence with you. 20 And marching from Socoth they camped in Etham in the vtmoft coaftes of the wilderneffe. 21 And our Lord went before them to show the way by day in a piller of a cloude, and by night in a piller of fire: that he might be the guide of their iourney both times. ²² There neuer failed the piller of the cloude by day, nor the piller of fire by night, before the people.

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Chapter 14

Pharao perfecuting the children of Ifrael with a great armie, 10. they murmur againft Moyfes, 13. but are encoureged by him, and paffe through the red fea drie foote. 23. Pharao and his hofte wilfully following are drowned.

nd our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: ² Speake to the children of Ifrael: Let them returne and campe ouer againft Phihahiroth which is betwene Magdal and the fea againft Beelfephon: in the fight therof you fhal campe vpon the fea. ³ And Pharao wil fay concerning the children of Ifrael: They

 $^{^{\}rm a}$ Gods preuention to a uoid tentations fleweth freewil in man.

b By this appeareth how much Moyfes eftemed Iofephs charge concerning translation of his bones. Also S. Paul commendeth it. *Heb. 11*.

are ftraitened in the land, the defert hath shute them in. ⁴ And I wil indurate his hart, ^{a)}and he wil purfew you: and I wil be glorified in Pharao, and in al his armie: and the Ægyptians shal know that I am the Lord. And they did fo. 5 And it was told the king of Ægyptians that the people was fled: and the hart of Pharao and of his feruantes was changed toward the people, and they faid: What meant we to doe, that we difmiffed Ifrael from feruing vs? ⁶ Therfore he made readie his chariotte, and tooke al his people with him. ⁷ And he tooke fix hundred chosen chariottes, and al the chariottes that were in Ægypt: and captaines of the whole armie. 8 And our Lord hardned Pharaoes hart the king of Ægypt, and he purfewed the children of Ifrael: but they went forth in a mightie hand. 9 And when the Ægyptians purfewed their fteppes going before, they found them encamped at the fea fide: al Pharaoes horfe and chariottes, and the whole armie were in Phihahiroth againft Beelfephon. ¹⁰ And when Pharao approched, the children of Ifrael lifting vp their eies, faw the Ægyptians behind them: and they feared exceedingly, and cried to our Lord, 11 and faid to Moyfes: Perhappes there were no graues in Ægypt, therfore thou haft taken vs thence to die in the wildernes: why wouldeft thou die this, in bringing vs out of Ægypt? 12 Is not this the word that we fpake to thee in Ægypt, faying: Depart from vs, that we may ferue the Ægyptians? for it was much better to ferue them, then to die in the wildernes. ¹³ And Moyfes faied to the people: Feare not: ftand, and fee the great wonders of our Lord that he wil doe this day: for the Ægyptians, whom now you fee, you shal no more fee for euer. 14 Our Lord wil fight for you, and you fhal hold your peace. 15 And our Lord faid to Moyfes: b) Why crieft thou to me? fpeake

^a Although the Hebrew Greke and Latin haue, *And he*, yet Proteftants corruptly thruft in the text, *that he shal*, to make it found to their fenfe, that God did not only permit, but worke Pharaoes induration.

^b A forowful hart, lamentably mourning for the people is called crying to God. S. Hierom. in Gal. 4.

1. Reg. 6.

to the children of Ifrael that the goe forward. ¹⁶ But thou lift vp thy rodde, and ftretch forth thy hand vpon the fea, & divide it: that the children of Ifrael may goe in the middes of the fea by drie ground. 17 And I wil indurate the hart of the Ægyptians to purfew you: and I wil be glorified in Pharao, and in al his hofte, and in his chariottes and in his horfemen. 18 And the Ægyptians fhal know that I am the Lord when I fhal be glorified in Pharao, and in his chariottes & in his horfemen. 19 And a) the Angel of God, that went before the campe of Ifrael, remouing him felfe, went behind them: and together with him the piller of the cloude, leaving the foreward, 20 ftrode behind, betwen the Ægyptians campe and the campe of Ifrael: and it was a darke cloud, and lightening the night, fo that they could not come to ech other the whole night time. ²¹ And when Moyfes had ftretched forth his hand vpon the fea, our Lord tooke it away, a vehement and burning winde blowing al the night, and turned it into drie ground: and the water was diuided. 22 And the children of Ifrael went through the middes of the drie fea: for the water was as it were a wal on their right hand & their left. 23 And the Ægyptians purfewing went in after them, and al Pharaoes horfes, his chariottes and horsemen through the middes of the sea. 24 And now the morning watch was come, and behold our Lord looking vpon the Ægyptians campe through the piller of fire & the cloude, flew their armie: 25 and ouerthrew the wheeles of the chariottes, and they were borne into the depth. The Ægyptians therfore faid: Let vs flee from Ifrael: for the Lord fighteth for them against vs. ²⁶ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Stretch forth thy hand vpon the fea, that the waters may return to the Ægyptians vpon their chariottes and horfemen. ²⁷ And when Movfes had ftretched forth his hand againft the fea, it returned in the first breake of day to the former place: and the Ægyptians fleeing away, the waters came vpon them, and our Lord enwrapt them in the middes of the waues. ²⁸ And the waters returned, and ouerwhelmed

^a Protection of Angels.

the chariottes and the horfemen of al Pharaoes armie, who folowing were entred into the fea, a) neither did there fo much as one of them remaine. ²⁹ But the children of Ifrael marched through the middes of the drie fea, & the waters were vnto them as in ftede of a wal on the right hand and on the left: ³⁰ and our Lord deliuered Ifrael in that day out of the hand of the Ægyptians. ³¹ And they faw the Ægyptians dead vpon the fea fhore, and the mightie hand that our Lord had exercifed againft them: and the people feared our Lord, & they beleued our Lord, ^{b)}& Moyfes his feruant.

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Chapter 15

Moyfes with the people fing a Canticle of thanks-geuing, for their deliuerie. 22. The people being three daies in the defert without water, then finding that is bitter, do murmure. 25. It is made fwete. 27. Coming to Elim they finde twelue fountaines, and feuentie palmetrees.

hen c)fang Moyfes and the children of Ifrael this fong to our Lord, and faid:

Let vs fing to our Lord: for he is glourioufly magnified, the horfe and the rider he hath throwen into the fea.

² My ftrength, and my praife is our Lord, and he is made vnto me a faluation: this is my God, and I wil glorifie him: the God of my father, and I wil exalt him.

³ Our Lord is a man of warre, omnipotent is his name.

^a So in Baptisme al sinnes are destroyed. S. Cyp. Ep. 76. in fine. S. Aug. Tract. 12. & 13. in Ioan.

b The fame credite is geuen to God fpeaking by Moyfes, as if he had fpoken immediatly by himfelf. S. Hiero. in Epift. as Philem.

^c The first of al Canticles, facred or prophane. Origen. ho. 6. in Exod.

- ⁴ Pharaoes chariottes and his armie ^{a)}he hath caft into the fea: his chofen princes are drowned in the red fea.
- ⁵ The depthes haue ouerwhelmed them, they are fonke into the botome like a ftone.
- ⁶ Thy right hand ô Lord is magnified in ftrength: thy right hand, ô Lord, hath ftriken the enimie.
- ⁷ And in the multitude of thy glorie thou haft put downe thy aduerfaries: thou haft fent thy wrath, which hath deuoured them like ftuble.
- ⁸ And in the fpirite of thy furie were the waters gathered together: the flowing water ftoode, the depthes were gathered together in the middes of the fea.
- ⁹ The enimie faid: I wil purfew and ouertake, I wil diuide the fpoiles, my foule fhal haue his fil: I wil draw forth my fword, my hand fhal kil them.
- ¹⁰ The fpirite blewe and the fea ouerwhelmed them: they fanke as lead in the vehement waters.
- ¹¹ Who is like to thee, among the ftrong ô Lord? who is like to thee, magnifical in fanctitie, terrible and laudable, doing meruailes?
- $^{\rm 12}$ Thou didft ftretch forth thy hand, and the earth deuoured them.
- ¹³ Thou haft in thy mercie bene a guide to the people which thou haft redemed: and in thy ftrength thou haft caried them vnto thy holie habitation.
- ¹⁴ Nations rofe vp, and were angrie: forowes poffeffed the inhabiters of Philifthijm.
- ¹⁵ Then were the princes of Edom trubled, trembling ceazed on the fturdie of Moab: al the inhabiters of Chanaan were ftarke.
- ¹⁶ Let feare and dread fal vpon them, in the greatnes of thy arme: let them become vnmoueable as a ftone, vntil thy people ô Lord fhal paffe, vntil thy people fhal paffe, this which thou haft poffeffed.

^a God only fuffered them to goe into the fea. For they went of their owne accord fuppoling they might followe where the Ifraelites went before. S. Aug. fer. 89. de temp.

¹⁷ Thou fhalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountaine of thy inheritance, in thy most firme habitation, which thou hast wrought ô Lord: thy fanctuarie Lord, which thy handes have confirmed.

¹⁸ Our Lord fhal reigne for euer and euermore.

¹⁹ For Pharao on horfebake entred in with his chariottes and horfemen into the fea: and our Lord brought backe vpon them the waters of the fea: but the children of Ifrael walked on drie ground in the middes therof.

²⁰ Marie therfore the propheteffe, Aarons fifter, tooke ^{a)}a tymbrel in her hand: and al the wemen went forth after her with tymbrels and daunces, ²¹ to whom fhe beganne the fong, faying: Let vs fing to our Lord, for he is glorioufly magnified, the horfe and his rider he hath caft into the fea.

22 And Moyfes removed Ifrael from b)the red fea, and they went forth into the defert Sur: and they walked three dayes through the wilderneffe, and found not water. ²³ And they came into Mara, neither could they drinke the waters of Mara, because they were bitter: wherupon he gaue a name also agreable to the place, calling it Mara, that is, bitterneffe. 24 And the people murmured against Moyses, faying: What shal we drinke? 25 But he cried to our Lord. Who did fhew him c)a peece of woode: which when he had caft into the waters, they were turned into fweteneffe. There he appointed him precepts, and iudgements, and there he proued him, ²⁶ faying: If thou wilt heare the voice of the Lord thy God, and doe that is right before him, and obey his commandementes, and keepe al his preceptes, none of the maladies, that I layd vpon Ægypt, wil I bring vpon thee: for I am the Lord God thy curer. ²⁷ And the children of Ifrael came into Elim, where there were twelue

^a Mufical inftrumets vfed before the law of Moyfes in the feruice of God.

^b Thefe things chanced to them in figure. 1. Cor. 10.

^c The wholfome wood of the Croffe made the bitter fea of gentiles, fwete. *Theodoret. q. 26. in Exod.*

fountaines of water, & feuentie palme trees: and they camped by fide the waters.

Annotations

Exodvs

THE CONTINUANCE OF THE CHURCH AND RELIGION IN THE THIRD AGE, from Abrahams going forth of Chaldea, to the parting of Ifrael out of Ægypt. The space of 430. yeares.

One and the fame Church and Religion begunne in the first age of the world, and continued in the second, became more and more conspicuous in the third. For in this age not only the same principal and particular pointes of faith, were believed and professed, but also the number of professors encreased and partly by separation of place and abode, and specially by diversitie of maners, outward rites, and conversation were more distinct from insidels then before: as vve shal now shew by the facred historie of that time. VVhich beginneth with Abrahams going forth of his countrey of Chaldea, about 2024, yeares from the beginning of the vvorld, in the 75, yeare of his age.

The fame Church & Religion in this age as in the former.

From which time forward God often appeared to him, and after him to Ifaac and Iacob, in the title of EL SADDAI, that is, God Almightie: Creator of al things, Lord, God, most high, Possessor of heaven and earth. (Gen. 14.) To Moyses more familiarly (Exod. 3.) in his most proper name, HE WHICH IS. In the name of foure letters, which the Iewes count inestable. And in divers other names, al shewing One, Eternal, Omnipotent, infinite Maiestie, of whom al other things depend, and have their being, himselfe independent of any other thing.

Beleefe in one God.

This one diuine nature, and indiuifible fubftance is (aboue al reach of reafon) three in Perfons: reprefented to Abraham (Gen. 18.) by three Angels, in forme of men, vvhom, by fpecial inftinct of God, he adored as one: and first spake vnto them as to one: Lord if I haue found grace in thy fight, goe not past thy seruant; and by and by as to manie: VVash yee your feete. In like maner Moyses sometimes speaketh plurally as of manie, There appeared to him three men, they saied: VVhere is Sara? sometimes singularly; He said: I wil come. So Lot (Gen. 19.) spake to two Angels representing the

Three diuine Perfons.

Sonne of God, and the Holie Ghoft, one God with the Father, first as to manie, I besech you my Lordes, turne into the house of your feruant; after as to one: I besech thee my Lord, because thy feruant hath found grace before thee. VVho likewife answered as one only: I have heard thy prayer. Againe Moyfes sheweth diffinction of Perfons in God, faying (v. 24.) Our Lord rained from our Lord. Iob also (who lived in this age) and his frendes professed and served the same one God, auouching him to be the onlie God and Lord, that geueth and taketh away. (Chap. 1. 2.) He the maker and peculiar Keeper of men. He that taketh away finne, and iniquitie. (c. 7.) He that doth great things, incomprehensible, and meruelous, wherof there is not number. (c. 9.) And that with terms appropriated to the three diuine Perfons. (c. 26.) In his ftrength fodainly the feas are gathered togeather, and with his wifedom he ftroke the proud man. His Spirite hath adorned the heavens. The fame Mysterie of pluralitie of Persons in one God is more clere by the Hebrevy text Chap. 30. v. 11. and 35. v. 10. where the fame actions are ascribed to God, as to one, and as to manie.

Strength (or power) the Father, vvildome the Sonne, Spirite the Holie Ghoft.

Chrift promifed to Abraham.

But most euident are the promises, figures, and prophecies of Chrift our Redemer. For besides present abundance of riches, promife of great progenie, and that the fame should posseffe the fruitful Land of Chanaan (three special blessings of the old Testament) God promifed Abraham a farre greater thing (Gen. 12.) that in his feede AL NATIONS AND KINDREDS OF THE EARTH SHOVLD BE BLESSED. In confirmation whereof, God also changed his name Abram (high or noble father) into Abraham (Father of manie nations.) (Gen. 17.) And fo he was natural father of four great Kingdomes, Ifmaelites, Madianites, Idumeans, and Ifraelites: but fpiritual father of manie more, to wit, of all that believe in Chrift, Iewes and Gentiles, from that time to the worlds end. The fame promifes of possessing Chanaan and of Christ vvere renevved and confirmed to Ifaac. (Gen. 26.) In like forte to Iacob. (28.) For they pertained not to Ifmael, nor to the other fonnes of Abraham, nor to

To Ifaac.

And to Iacob.

Rom. 9.

Efau. Moreouer Chrift, our Redemer and deliuerer from finne, and captiuitie of the diuel, was prefigured by Abraham, at laft deliuering those from captiuitie, who otherwise endeuoring to shake of the yoke of Cordorlahomor, fel further into subjection and bondage. (Gen. 14.)

Alfo Melchifedech, King and Prieft, of vnknowen generation, extraordinarie vocation, without predecefsor, or fuccefsor, prefigured Chrift King and Prieft for euer, who not by fuccefsors, but by Priefts his vicars, perpetually exercifeth al Prieftly functions. Likewife Ifaac borne aboue the common courfe of nature (Gen. 21.) fingularly beloued of his father, carying wood on his back for the facrificing of himfelfe. (22.) Iacob flying his brother Efau (27.) hardly treated by Laban, (31.) yet alwayes inuincible againft his aduerfaries. (32.) Iofeph hated of his brethren, fold and deliuered to Gentiles, (37.) by them also perfecuted, (39.) but afterwardes aduanced, and called the Sauiour of the world. (41.)

Iuft Iob vehemently afflicted; Moyfes hidden for a while, then exposed to danger, and thence deliuered: afterwards manifesting him selfe to his brethren, by them rejected, bewrayed, and flying from Pharao, (Exo. 2.) returning againe (Exod. 3. 4. &c.) and at laft delivering the Ifraelites from bondage of Ægypt. (Exo. 14.) And manie other things, as the ramme facrificed in place of Ifaac (Gen. 22.) the ladder of Iacob (Gen. 28.) Iofephs fcepter (47.) Aarons rodde (Exo. 7.) Pafchal lambe (12.) prefigured Chrift, borne of a Virgin; the onlie Sonne of God; fometimes hidden, other times converfant with men, hated, perfecuted, fold, betraied; vvho caried his ovvne croffe, was facrificed, vanguished al his enimies, aduanced, and acknowledged the true Sauiour of the world, Redemer and deliuerer of mankind, from feruitude, flauerie, thraldome, and bondage of finne, death, and the diuel. Againe Abraham prophecied that of his feede Chrift our Sauiour should be borne, when he faied to his feruant (Gen. 24.) Put thy hand vnder my thigh, that I may adjure thee by our Lord God of heaven & earth, that is, by Chrift, who should come of his loynes, as S. Hierom (Tradit, Heb. in Gen.

Chrift prefigured by Abraham.

By Melchifedech.

By Ifaac.

Iacob.

Iofeph.

Iob. Moyfes.

And manie other things.

Prophecie of Chrift.

et explic. Pfal. 44.) S. Ambrofe (li. 1. c. 9. de Abraham) and S. Auguftin (q. 62. in Gen. et li. 16. c. 33. ciuit.) expound it. More euidently Iacob (Gen. 49.) The scepter shal not be taken away from IV-DAS, and a duke of his thigh, til he do come that is to be sent, and the same shal be the expectation of the Gentiles. Iob as planely: I know that my redemer liueth. Moyfes foreknowing that Chrift the true Redemer, and chiefe Lawgiuer should be fent, praied God to haften his mission, faying: I befech thee Lord, fend whom thou wilt fend. (Exod. 4.)

Iob. 19.

Sacrifice.
Altares.

Churches, dedicated.

Vowes.

Priefthood.

Priuilege of Priefts.

VVhere is no facrifice no Prieft is required.

External Sacrifice was frequent and folemne, as the foueraigne homage to God. And manie Altares erected by Abraham for that purpose. (Gen. 12. 13. 15. 22.) Vnbloudie, in bread and wine by Melchifedech (Gen. 14.) other liquide facrifices (Gen. 35. v. 14.) offered by Iacob, with dedication of the place called Bethel: the house of God: which he also before hand promifed by vow. (Gen. 28.) Divers other Sacrifices offered by Ifaac, and Iacob. (Gen. 26. 31. 33. 36.) By Iob and his frends (Iob. 1. & 42.) by Moyfes, Aaron, and other ancients of Ifrael. (Exod. 12.) confequently shew Priefthood, whose proper office is to offer Sacrifice, though amongst al the aboue named, onlie Melchifedech was called a Prieft. And among the gentiles we finde that Putiphar (Gen. 41.) and Iethro (Ex. 3.) whose daughters Iofeph and Moyfes maried, were called *Priefts*, or as the word *Cohenim* doth alfo fignifie, Princes, for they were great and eminent men in their countries. At leaft those that by special privilege were exempted from felling their landes to Pharao, and had notwithftanding prouifion of mantenance in time of dearth (Gen. 47.) were properly called Priefts, for fuch function as they had in feruing their idols. where vvas true and right Sacrifice, there vvere also right Priefts, and vyhere Idolatrical facrifice there were like Priefts, and vyhere no external facrifice at al (as amongft Proteftants) there are no Priefts, but minifters only.

In this age also (long before Moyses) the Sacrament of Circumcifion vvas given to Abraham, for diffinction of Gods felected and peculiar people, and for remedy of original finne, in the male fexe of Abrahams feede, and others of his communitie. In the other fexe, and other generation, former remedies of facrifice, or other profession of faith were available. For other finnes, not only internal repentance was necessarie, which vvas euer principally required (& therfore Iofeph dealt fo feuerly with his brethren, til they had hartie forow and contrition for their finnes) but also certain external purifications, as vvashing and changing garments, vvere ordained. (Gen. 35.) Mariage though not then a Sacrament, yet was religiously regarded, with special care of faith and religion in the choife of perfons, (Gen. 24. 27. v. 46. c. 28. v. 1.) and of certaine degrees of confanguinitie and affinitie. Adulterie was punishable by death (Gen. 38.) and in no wife counted lawful, no not among the heathen. (Gen. 12. 20. 24. 26. 29. 34. 39.) Pluralitie of vivues in fome perfons and cafes, lawful in the lavy of nature (Gen. 16. 25. 29.) as also afterwards in the lavy of Moyfes, not in the law of grace,

Gen. 44.

nor euer pluralitie of husbands. Spiritual blefsing, a preeminence of greater perfons, fo Melchifedech bleffed Abraham. (Gen. 14.) Ifaac blefsed Iacob (c. 27.) and Iacob his fonnes (c. 49.) and the fonnes of Iofeph, with imposition of handes, and framing the forme of a croffe. (48.) Other Ceremonies of oyle and wine, (Gen. 28. 35.) fprinkling the bloud of the Pafchal lambe, eating the lambe ftanding with their loynes gyrded, fhooes on their feete, ftaues in their handes, and with fpeede. (Exo. 12.) Mufical inftruments

Christes Baptisme prefigured by Circumcision, (Gen. Baptisme prefor Christians are circucifed (faith S. Paul) in the Circumcifion of Chrift, buried with him in Baptisme. Also by the cloude vyhich ftoode between the Ægyptians and Ifraelites, lightning the night on the one fide (tovvards Gods people) dark on the other (toyvards their enemies) and by the redde fea, which faued the children of Ifrael,

in Diuine feruice. (Exod. 15.)

Circumcifion.

Penance.

Mariage.

Degrees of cõfanguinitie.

Pluralitie of wiues lawful fometimes, neuer of hufbands. Bleffings.

Signe of the Croffe. Ceremonies.

Mufical inftruments.

figured.

The B. Sacrament.

and drovvned the Ægyptians. (Exo. 14.) Al were baptifed in the cloude, and in the fea. So the bread and vvine offered by Melchifedech, the Paſchal lambe, and vnleauened bread prefigured the B. Sacrament, and Sacrifice of Chrifts bodie and bloud, in formes of bread and wine. Iacob alfo prophecied of this most excellent Mysterie. (Gen. 49.) He shal wash his stole in wine, and his cloke in the bloud of the grape. In like forte Melchifedechs Priesthood was a plaine figure of Christs Priesthood, who first by himself confectated and offered his ovvne bodie and bloud, and stil doth the same by his Priests handes of the new Testament.

1. Cor. 10.

Priefthood of the new Testament.

Traditions.

Tythes.

Forme of iuftice.

Precepts.

Raifing feede to the brother.

Abstinence.

Freewil.

Diuers other Rites were knovven and observed by Tradition. So Abraham paied Tythes to his spiritual Superior, (Gen. 14.) taught his children and familie to keepe the way of our Lord, and doe iudgement and iustice. (Gen. 18. v. 19.) Isaac and Iacob kept and taught the Ordinances, Precepts and Ceremonies of their ancesters, vvithout Lavves or precepts vvritten. (Gen. 26.) Iudas commanded his second sonne to take the widov of his brother deceased without children. (Gen. 38.) The children of Israel abstained from eating the sinevy of the thigh, in remembrance that the sinew of Iacobs thigh was shrunke. (Gen. 32.)

Freewil in men proued, by that Iofephs brethren in felling him thought euil, not moued nor inclined therto by God, who had no part in their euil thought, but turned it to good, (Gen. 50.) by Gods threatning Pharao (Exo. 8.) If thou wilt not diffife Ifrael. VVhich were vniust if Pharao could not doe otherwise. Likewise by that Pharao often changed his mind, fometimes promifing to difmiffe the Hebrewes, and againe refufing to doe it, which sheweth (faieth Theodoret) freewil of the mind: and by Gods preuention of tentation, leading the Ifraelites not the neerest way, but by the defert, lest perhaps it would repent them; and they would return into Ægypt. (Exod. 13.) Mans confert therfore is free notwithftanding Gods wil, direction, and commaundement. And fo his industry is required in his dailie affaires, and then to relie on Gods prouidence, otherwife only to expect Gods

Mans industry necessarie.

wil, operation, or protection, man himfelf endeuoring nothing is to tempt God. Therfore Abraham (Gen. 12.) Ifaac (c. 26.) Iacob (ca. 32.) and the parents of Moyfes (Exo. 2.) being in feare and diffresse vsed all prudence to auoid imminent dangers, albeit they had special reuelations of safetie and happie successe. Neither doth God euer tempt anie man to sinne, but proueth his feruants and maketh them knowen to the world for example of others, and their owne merit. Gen. 22. Iob. 1. 2. &c.

God tempteth not to euil.

Onlie faith doth not iuftifie, nor workes without faith, but both together do iuftifie, and are meritorious: fo Abraham beleued God because he is omnipotent and truth it selfe, and it was reputed to him vnto iustice, (Gen. 15.) but this faith was not sole, for it had hope, loue, obedience, and other vertues adioyned, and so his beleuing was an act of iustice. In like maner Abraham was iustified by workes, offering Isaac his sonne vpon the Altar (Gen. 22.) but this worke presupposed faith

Faith and good workes together iuftifie, and are meritorious, but neither of them alone.

Heb. 11. Heb. 13. the Altar, (Gen. 22.) but this worke prefupposed faith, that God is able to raife even from the dead. by workes faith is confumate. By hospitalitie Abraham and Lot vnawares received Angels to harbour. (Gen. 18. 19.) Abraham was perfect according to perfection of this life, (Gen. 17.) most highly commended for foure more notorious actes proceding of two special vertues, faith and obedience. The first was his prompt obedience, in leaving his countrie and kindred, going he knew not whither, nor how farre, fimply and cherfully expecting Gods further direction, when to goe, and where to abide. (Gen. 12.) The fecond was his excellent faith prefently believing Gods promife (which by al humane reason femed vnpossible) that he should have innumerable progenie. (Gen. 15.) The third was, that he did not only most fincerly and religiously ferue God, but also taught his posteritie to to do, as God himself testifieth of him, faying: I know that he wil command his children, and his house after him, that they kepe the way of the Lord, and do iudgement and iuftice. (Gen. 18.) The fourth was that most heroical act of obedience, admirable to all ages, being readie to kil. and facrifice his owne most dearly beloued sonne Isaac.

Perfection in this life. Foure principal merites of Abraham.

- 1. Prompt obedience.
- 2. Faith without ftaggering.
- 3. Propagation of faith and religion.
- 4. Perfect obedience.

Other iuft men.

He fpake truth in myftical fenfe.

Iofeph.

Iacob.

Movfes.

Election is of Gods mercie.

Predeftination excludeth not ordinary meanes.

For which God fware by himfelf, that he would manie waies bleffe him, because (faieth God) thou hast obeyed my voice. (Gen. 22.) He prayed for Sodom, and had preuailed, if tenne iuft perfons had benne found in that citie. (Gen. 18.) And Lot was deliuered from thence for Abrahams fake. (Gen. 19.) Ifaac was alfo of most fincere mind, deuout to God, exercised himself in meditation or mental prayer, (Gen. 24.) obtained by prayer his defire of ifsue. (Gen. 25.) Likewife Iacob is described in the holie text a plaine (or fincere and innocent) man, (Gen. 25. v. 27.) patient and conftant in tribulations. (Gen. 29. 31. 32. 33.) He lawfully purchafed Efaus confent of the firstbirthright. (Gen. 25. He neither lied, nor otherwife finned, when v. 31.) he answered his father that he was Esau his first begotten fonne (Gen. 27.) but fpake truth in mystical sense, agreable to Gods wil and ordinance, who fo transposed Ifaacs blefsing from Efau to Iacob. VVhich Ifaac at length vnderstanding, conformed him felf therto, and confirmed the fame (v. 33. & ch. 28.) giving Efau fuch contentment as he could of temporal blefsings. In Infeph is renowmed for al vertues, euen from his youth to his death. (Gen. 37. 39. 50.) Iob was fimple and right, fearing God and departing from euil, a just and innocent man, both before and in his tribulations, not finning with his lippes: neither spake he anie folish thing against God (ch. 1.) yea more afflicted retained innocencie (ch. 2.) and finally God received his prayer for others, and reftored al his lofses duble. (ch. 42.) Moyfes a most special selected Prophet, the meekest man on the earth, of fingular zeale feuerly punished finne, but withal most charitably prayed God to forgive the people and conferue his Church.

God of his mere mercie electeth al those, whom he wil iuftifie and faue, offering al fufficient grace, iuftly leaueth fome obstinate finners in state of damnation. (Gen. 25. Exo. 7.) His predeftination, foreknowledge and promife, do not exclude but include the meanes, wherby his wil is done in the iuft. (Gen. 25. 37. 45. 50.) Neither is Gods reprobation the caufe of anie mans Nu. 12.

Exo. 32.

damnation, but mans owne finne the proper caufe, both of reprobation & damnation. For example, Pharao & his people enuving, vainly fearing and for their religion hating, and perfecuting the children of Ifrael, by oppressing them with vnfupportable laboures, by commanding fecretly to kil their infants, and that not fucceding, by a new decree to drowne them (Exo. 1.) were mercifully after long conniuence, admonished by Gods legates in his name quietly to permit his people to ferue him; but they wilfully contemned this gentle admonition, Pharao proudly and infolently answering: Who is the Lord, that I fhould heare his voice, and difmiffe Ifrael? I know not the Lord, and Ifrael I wil not difmiffe. (Exo. 5.) So they hardned their owne hartes, and more greuoufly afflicted the faithful. God permitting the wicked to liue, and prosper for a time in this world, not punishing them fo much as they deferued, nor mollifying their hartes, nor illuminating their vnderstanding vnto effectual conversion, but in the permitting them to perfift in obstinacie. (Ex. 7. 8. 9. 10. &c.)

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Adoration of creatures.

Swearing by creatures.

Ominous fpeach.
Dreames.
Images.

Reliques.

Deuotion to holie places.

Figure of Chrifts croffe.

S. Aug. li. 16. c. 36. ciuit.

48.) Patriarches names also inuocated. v. 16.) Ifaac was blefsed & profpered for Abrahams fake, becaufe Abraham obeyed Gods voice, kept his precepts & comandements, observed his ceremonies & his lawes. (Gen. 26.) Infephs rodde adored by Iacob. (Gen. 47.) Moyfes commanded to put of his shoots, because the place was holie. (Exod. 3.) Swearing by creatures lawful, and fome times more convenient, then immediatly by God him felfe. (Gen. 42.) Likewife Ominous fpeach. (Gen. 24.) and Dreames (Gen. 37. 40. 41.) are fometimes lawfully observed, and are from God. Idols alwaies vnlawful, but not al Images. (Gen. 31. Reliques to be reuently vfed, as Iofephs bodie 35.) conferued in a coffin in Ægypt, (Gen. vlt.) translated by Moyfes (Exo. 13.) and fo brought into Chanaan, and layed with other Patriarches in Sichem. Going bare foote to holie places an act of religious reuerence, and deuotion. (Ex. 3.) The figne of the crosse vsed by Iacob, (Gen. 48.) a figure of Chrifts croffe. The wood caft

Protection of Angels & inuocation is proued. (Gen.

Iofue 24.

and holie Scriptures.

by Moyfes into the bitter water, and making it fweete (Exo. 15.) an other figure therof.

Funeral obsequies were observed by Abraham for

Funeral offices.

his wife Sara (Gen. 23.) with mourning and weeping for her, according to the qualitie of fo holie a person, who it is like needed not other fatisfactorie workes as Saul and Ionathas, and others flaine in battel, for whom Dauid and his court did not only mourne and weepe, but also fafted til euen. He also bought a field with a duble caue, where he buried her, dedicating it for this peculiar vfe, and both himfelf, and Ifaac, Iacob, Rebecca, and Lia were there buried. (Gen. 49. v. 31.) In Infeph with all his brethren mourned for their father Iacob, first fourtie dayes in Ægypt, then carving him into Chanaan, celebrated the exequies other feuen dayes. (Gen. 50.) His particular digging of his owne graue (v. 5.) and both his and Iofephs fpecial charge to be buried amongft their ancesters, and the translation of all the twelue sonnes of Iacob, into Sichem, confirme the defire of burial in one place rather then in an other, to be agreable to nature,

2. Req. 1.

cated for burial.

Place dedi-

Mourning 40. dayes.

Exequies of feuen dayes.

Special place of burial rightely defired.

Act. 7. v. 16.

No foule before Chrift entred into heauen. Diuers places in hel. Touching the foules departed, euen the moft perfect, went into the lower partes, generally called Hel. But fome were in reft, others in paines, according to their defertes, none in heauen before Chrift. As S. Hierom (comment in Ofee. 13. et Eccles. 3.) proueth by Iacobs vvordes (Gen. 37.) I wil defcend vnto my fonne into hel; by Iobs lamentation (Ch. 7. et 17.) that al (good and bad) were retained in hel, faying: If I fhal expect, hel is my house, and in darknes I have made my bed. VVhich place or receptacle of such Saintes, as Iacob and Iob, vvas doubtles farre distant from hel of the damned, for betven Lazarus in Abrahams bosome and the glutton in torments, is a great chaos (or large space) and yet the highest of these places is called hel.

Luc. 16.

Refurrection.

In refpect of Refurrection, the fame Iacob called his life in this vvorld a pilgrimage (Gen. 47.) and Iob, (ch. 7.) a warfare vpon earth: professing expressly (ch. 19.) In the last day I shal rife out of the earth. And I shal be compassed againe with my skinne, and in my sless I Mat. 22.

2. Pet. 2.
Ep. Iud.

fhal fee God. Our B. Sauiour also proueth the Refurrection, because the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob (Exo. 3.) is God of them, not as they are dead, but as they are liuing, and to return again to life in bodie and soule together. Of general Iudgement Iob saieth (ch. 31.) What shal I doe when God shal rife to iudge? and when he shal aske, what shal I answere him? And Eliu (ch. 34.) saieth: The omnipotent wil render a man his worke, and according to the waies of euerie one, he wil recompence them. Sodom and Gomorra (Gen. 19.) were example (saith S. Peter and S. Iude) of eternal punishment in hel sire.

General Iudgement.

Of eternal life Iacob professed his hope (Gen. 49.) faying: I wil expect thy saluation ô Lord. And Moyses (as S. Paul testifieth) denied him selfe to be the sonne of Pharaoes daughter, esteming the reproch of Christ greater riches, then the treasure of the Ægyptians. For he looked vnto the reward. Thus much touching particular pointes of Religion. It resteth to see the visible knowen members of the Church, with the heades and gouernors therof, succeding without interruption in the same age, notwithstanding some brake and departed from them, and other innumerable sectes of Insidels stil multiplied in the world.

To beginne therfore with Abraham, before the

former age was ended, (at which time he was 75. yeares

old) holie Scriptures ftil fpeake of him, as alwaies vndefiled, and a true feruant of God, though his father *Thare* and his brother *Nachor* fometimes *ferued ftrange goddes*, (*Iofue. 24.*) but were reclamed, and the whole familie,

(as S. Augustin proueth, lib. 16. c. 13. de ciuit) was

perfected by the Chaldees. VVherupon Thare leaving

Eternal punishment of the wicked: and ioy of the bleffed.

Continuance of the Church notwithftanding breaches from it.

Abraham neuer contaminate in Religion.

There and Nachor reduced from idolatrie.

Chaldea brought Abraham, Lot, and Sarai, fo farre as Haran in Mefopotamia (Gen. 11.) whither also Nachor repaired afterwards, and there made his habitation, as appeareth. (Gen. 24.) But Abraham vvas sooner, and more specially perfecuted in Chaldea, as Iosephus testifieth (li. 1. Antiq.) for his clere and publique profession of one God, Creator of al things, and that by his only

Abraham publikly profeffed his faith.

Heb. 11.

Sem. Sale. Heber.

Melchifedech.

Manie profesfors of true Religion.

Breaches from the Church.

Moabites and Ammonites.

Nachors progenie.

goodnes, and not by mens ovvne povver, happines is attained. Further Suidas (vocab. Abraham) vvriteth, that at the age of 14. years, he admonished his father, not for lucre fake, to feduce men by vvorshipping images of falfe goddes, auouching that there is no other, but the celeftical God, maker of the whole world. In vvhich fincere profession hove he alveaies perseuered is often testified, and needles here to be repeted. Also Sem. Sale, and Heber his proper ancesters (the ninth, feuenth, and fixth in right line before him) were al holie men, and liued al Abrahams time, much of Ifaacs, and part of Iacobs dayes. Likevvife Melchifedech King and Prieft (a diffinct person, of an other lineage, as vve suppose, from Sem) lived in the beginning of this age. Al which being renowmed men had great troupes, or rather countries, which with them ferued the only true God. VVherof we haue example, in that Abraham (being but a ftranger in Chanaan) vpon a fuddaine exploite, (Gen. 14.) made readie of the feruants borne in his house, three hundreth and eighteene wel appointed, men of armes, al of the fame religion; for shortly after they were al circumcifed (Gen. 17.) yet was king Melchifedech of more power and authority then he. And the other here mentioned, except his elder brother Nachor, and his nephevy Lot, vvere his ovvne direct progenitors, and by liklihood more potent. Again from Abraham the fuccession held on right to Aaron and Moyfes, and the vyhole people of Ifrael, vihich vith them paffed out of Ægypt through the redde fea.

But in the meane time, diuers also of Abrahams kindred and seede, brake of from this communitie: and fel to idolatrie. For albeit Lot, his brothers sonne perseuered in the true service of God, yet Lots sonnes, Moab and Ammon, at least the Moabites and Ammonites, two nations that came of them (Gen. 19.) were insidels and idolaters. Likewise though Nachor, and Bathuel (Nachors sonne) continued henceforth in true saith and religion, yet Laban (the same Bathuels sonne) had salse goddes, vyhich Rachel tooke away. (Gen. 31.) But true

religion being not wholly extinguished in these families, both Ifaacs wife Rebecca, and Iacobs wiues Lia and Rachel; with their handmaides Bala and Zelpha, either beleued rightly, or were more eafily brought to true beleefe, and feruice of God. Ifmael Abrahams first

Ifmaelites.

2. Paral. 12. 16. & 28.

Gal. 4.

fonne was in his youth euil disposed (Gen. 21.) and for endeuoring to corrupt Ifaac (vvhich S. Paul calleth perfecution) was together with his mother Agar, caft out of Abrahams house, yet prospered in the defert; had twelve formes dukes, formetimes vifited his father, and together with Ifaac buried him. (Gen. 25.) at the age of 137, yeares died and was put to his people, that is to others like himfelf good or euil. Abraham also separated his other sonnes begotten of Cetura (v. 6.) from Ifaac, to whom only and not to any other, the promifed land of Chanaan, and other more fpecial blefsings pertained. Of these last some the people of Madianites, who kept fome refemblance with the people of God in religion, and therin prefigured heretikes, that defcend from Catholique race, but falling to fchifme & herefie, doe not participate eternal enheritance, with the fpiritual children of God as S. Augustin teacheth. (q. 70. in Gen.) In like forte of the two fonnes of Ifaac, onlie Iacob had the fpiritual bleffing, and enheritance therto belonging. (Gen. 27.)

Madianites.

Idumeans. Heb. 12.

Efau though prophane in maners felling his birthright (Gen. 25. v. 32.) which was a fpiritual iurifdiction wherin he was a figure of the reprobate, yet it femeth he kept the true faith. (Gen. 35. v. vlt.) But whether he did or no, fure it is, Iob, (who is probably thought to be of his race) (Gen. 36.) was a most holie man and a rare example of vertue. But the posterities of them both, and al the progenies of Ifmael, and of Abrahams other fonnes by Cetura, fooner of later fel to infidelitie and idolatrie. In other nations of the world, ftil new goddes and goddes were multiplied vpon euerie occasion, as S. Augustin (li. 18. de ciuit.) recounteth diuers. Al which notwithftanding, the true Church and citie of God continued most visible and notorious, vea with meruelous increase, especially after they were more

Idolatrie ftil increafing yet the Church continued, yea alfo increafed.

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hated and afflicted in Ægypt. (Exo. 1.) VVhither they were brought by the ftrange and fpecial prouidence of God, more ftrangely preferued, and most miraculously deliuered from thence.

The Church of Chrift in the new Teftamet alwayes vifible and great.

The fame Scriptures for flew Chrift and his Church.

Multitude of progenie promifed to

Abraham per-

taineth to the

Church of Chrift.

Much more the Church of Chrift (wherof this was a shadow, and figure) hath benne and shal be euer most visible, from the first foundation thereof to the worlds end. For befides the promifes and predictions in the new Testament, al the Scriptures also of the old, which fortel Chrift, do with for shew his Church. Totum quod annunciatur de Christo (faieth S. Augustin de vnitate Ecclef. c. 2. caput & corpus eft. Al that is fpoken of Chrift is (of) the head and the bodie; The head is the onlie begotten Iefus Chrift, the Sonne of the liuing God: he the Saujour of the bodie. His bodie the Church. Againe (c. 4.) Totus Christus caput & corpus eft. VVhole Chrift is the head and the bodie. The head, the onlie begotten Sonne of God, and the bodie his Church: the bridegrome and the bride, two in one Yea for no other cause (faieth he *li*. ech. rud. c. 3.) were all those things written, before the coming of our Lord, which we read in holie Scriptures, but that his coming might be commended, and the future Church prefigured, that is, the people of God through out al nations, which is his bodie. The fame doth S. Paul teach vs, not only faying (Gal. 3.) The law was our pedagogue (or conductor) to Chrift, but alfo (1. Cor. 12.) that as the (natural) bodie is one and hath manie members, and all the members of the bodie, wheras they be manie, yet are one bodie; fo also Chrift. And (Coloff. 1.) that Christs bodie is the Church. As therfore the great blefsing of redemption and faluation was promifed in Chrift (Gen. 12. &c.) fo it was with a expressed, that a nations, and kindreds of the earth should be partakers therof, yea fo innumerable as the dust of the earth, the starres of heaven, and sandes of the fea. VVhich S. Paule faieth (Rom. 9.) is not ment of Abrahams natural children, but of the children of promife, fuch as the Romane Christians, and others,

Gen. 13. 15. 17. & 22. Ievves and Gentiles. So S. Iohn favv in a vifion as a cer-Apoc. 7. taine number of twelve thousand figned of everie tribe of Ifrael, but after these a great multitude which no man could number of al nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues.

To fav therfore, as fome old and nevy heretikes doe,

that the Church of Chrift fome times confifteth of fevy, or, inuifible perfons, vvere to fay God kept not promife vvith Abraham (Gen. 17.) and to make the bodie and thing figured, more obfcure then the shadovy and figure; feeing in the whole time of the Lavy of nature, that is in thefe three first ages of the vvorld, the Church being but a figure of that vyhich is novy, yet vyas alvvayes vifible and notorious, as hath benne declared. And that vvith perpetual fuccession of supreme heades, rulers and gouerners. As is before noted in the first age from Adam to Noe: in the fecond from Noe to Abraham: fo in this third, by the right line of Abraham, Ifaac, Iacob, Leui, Caath, and Amran, to Aaron and Moyfes, (Exo. 6.) the Holie Ghoft not there reciting more genealogies being come to the origin of the Prieftlie Tribe, that is to these tyvo vyhom his diuine goodnes felected and ordained. as vvel to fpeake to Pharao in behalf of the children of If rael, and to bring them out of the Land of Ægypt, as aftervoards by one of them to give his people a vyritten Lavy, and in the other a perpetual prouifion of fpiritual For in Aaron the elder brother God eftabpaftors. lished an ordinarie fuccession of Priesthood, from that time to Chrift, vihich before pertained to the firstborne in euerie familie: adiovning the reft of Leuites tribe to assift them, in administration of facred things. Moyfes the younger brother vvas extraordinarily called (which God therfore shewed and confirmed by special miracles) not onlie to Priefthood, but also to be as the God of Pharao, Superior of Aaron, chiefe mediator betwen God and his people, as wel in deliuering them from the feruitude of Ægypt, and in receiuing the Law, and deliuering it to them, as in all other fupreme gouernment fpiritual and temporal during his life.

Very abfurde to fay, the Church of Chrift was at anie time obfcure.

Succeffion of fpiritual gouerners during the law of nature.

Priefthood of Moyfes law eftablished in Aarons feede.

Moyfes chiefe in fpiritual and temporal gouernment.

Ex. 28. Nu. 3.

Chapter 16

The beginning of the fourth age. The people murmuring for meate, and that they had left the flesh pottes of Ægypt, 4. God geueth them quailes, and Manna. 16. VVherof they are commanded to gather for euerie day, 22. but the fixt day duble for the Sabbaoth, 32. and to kepe a measure of it in the tabernacle for a memorie.

The fecond parte of this booke. How the Ifraelites were fuftained in the defert, & prepared to receive the Law.

nd they fette forward from Elim, and al the multitude of the children of Ifrael came into the defert Sin, which is between Elim & Sinay: the fiftenth day of the fecond moneth, after they came forth out of the Land of Ægypt. ² And al the affemblie of the children of Ifrael murmured against Moyfes and Aaron in the wilderneffe. ³ And the children of Ifrael faid to them: Would to God we had died by the hand of our Lord in the Land of Ægypt, when we fate ouer the flesh pottes, and ded eate bread our fill: why haue you brought vs into this defert, that you might kil al the multitude with famine? ⁴ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Behold I wil raine you bread from heauen: let the people goe forth, and gather that fufficeth for euerie day: a)that I may proue them whether they wil walke in my law, or no. ⁵ But the fixt day let them prouide for to bring in: and let it be duble to that they were wont to gather euerie daie. ⁶ And Moyfes and Aaron faid to al the children of Ifrael: At euen you fhal know that our Lord hath brought you forth out of the land of Ægypt: 7 and in the morning you fhal fee the glorie of our Lord: for he hath heard your murmuring against our Lord: but as for vs, what are we, that you mutter againft vs? 8 And Moyfes faid: At euen our Lord wil geue you flesh to eate, and in the morning bread your fill: for he hath heard your murmuringes, which

^a God leaft it in their wil to be content with ynough, or to couete more, yet fuffered them not to haue more, when it came to measuring. v. 18. & 2. Cor. 8.

you have murmured against him, for what are we? neither is your murmuring againft vs. but againft our Lord. ⁹ Moyfes also faid to Aaron: Say to the whole affemblie of the children of Ifrael: Approch you before our Lord: for he hath heard your murmuring. 10 And when Aaron fpake to all the affemblie of the children of Ifrael, they looked toward the wilderneffe: and behold the glorie of our Lord appeared in a cloud. 11 And our Lord spake to Moyfes, faying: 12 I have heard the murmuringes of the children of Ifrael, fay to them: At euen you shal eate flesh, and in the morning you shal have your fil of bread: and you fhal know that I am the Lord your God. 13 Therfore it came to paffe at euen, and a) the quaile rofe, and couered the campe: in the morning also a dew lay round about the campe. 14 And when it had couered the face of the earth, it appeared in the wilderneffe fmal, and as it were beaten with a peftil like vnto the hoare froft on the ground. 15 Which when the children of Ifrael had feene, they faid one to an other: Man-hu! which fignifieth: What is this! for they knew not what it was. To whom Moyfes faid: This is the bread, which our Lord hath geuen you to eate. ¹⁶ This is the word, that our Lord hath commanded: Let euerie one gather of it fo much as fufficeth to eate: a gomor euerie man, according to the number of your foules that dwel in a tent fo shal you take vp. 17 And the children of Ifrael did fo: and they gathered, one more, an other leffe. ¹⁸ And they measured by the measure of a gomor: neither he that gathered more, had aboue: nor he that prouided leffe, found vnder: but euerie one gathered, according to that which they were able to eate. 19 And Moyfes faid to them: Let no man leave therof til the morning. 20 Who heard him not, but certaine of them left vntil the morning, and it beganne to be ful of wormes, and it putrified. And Movfes was angrie against them. 21 And euerie one of them gathered in the morning, fo much as might fuffice to eate: and after the funne waxed hotte, it melted. 22 But in

^a These birdes by Gods prouidence came from other places to the children of Ifrael. Nu. 11. v. 31.

the fixt day they gathered duble portions, that is, two gomors euerie man: and all the princes of the multitude a)came, and told Moyfes. 23 Who faid to them: This is it which our Lord hath fpoken: The Sabbathes reft is fanctified vnto our Lord to morow. Whatfoeuer is to be wrought, doe it: and the meates that are to be made readie, make them readie: and whatfoeuer shal remaine, lav it vp vntil the morning. ²⁴ And they did fo as Moyfes had commanded, and it putrified not, neither was there worme found in it. ²⁵ And Moyfes faid: Eate it to day, because it is the Sabbath of our Lord: to day it shal not be found in the field. ²⁶ Gather it fix dayes: but in the feuenth day is the Sabbath of our Lord, therfore it shal not be found. ²⁷ And the feuenth day came: and fome of the people going forth to gather, found not. 28 And our Lord faid to Moyfes: How long wil you not keepe my commandementes, and my law? ²⁹ See that our Lord hath geuen you a Sabbath, and for this caufe on the fixt day he geueth you duble portions: let each man tarie with himfelfe, and let none goe forth out of his place the feuenth day. ³⁰ And the house of Israel called the name therof Manna: which was as it were coriander feede white, and the taift therof like to flowre with honie. 31 And Moyfes fayd: This is the word, which our Lord hath commanded: b)Fil a gomor of it, and let it be kept vnto the generations to come hereafter: that they may know the bread, wherwith I fed you in the wildernes, when you were brought forth out of the Land of Ægypt. 32 And Moyfes favd to Aaron: Take c)one veffel, and put Manna into it, fo much as a gomor can hold: and lay it vp before our Lord to keepe vnto your generations: 33 as our Lord commanded Moyfes. And Aaron put it in the tabernacle to be referred. ³⁴ And the children of

^a By their woundering at the duble quatitie, it appears the they intended not to gather fo much.

^b By anticipation Moyfes writeth here the commãdment geuen when the Tabernacle and Arck were finished. *Exo. vlt*.

^c This Relique was put in a golden veffel *Heb. 9.* though it was infinitly inferior to Chrifts flefh *Io. 6.* yea inferior to the flefh of anie glorified Sainct.

Ifrael did eate Manna fourtie yeares, til they came into the habitable land: with this meate were they fed, vntil they touched the borders of the land of Chanaan. ³⁵ And a gomor is the tenth part of an ephi.

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15 Manhu! vvhat is this!) VVhen the people of Ifrael in the defert had fpent their prouision of meate brought from Ægypt, and according to Gods promife had received ftore of quailes; going forth in the morning they fawe a ftrange thing lye vpon the ground like to hoare frost, wherat merueling they faid one to an other: VVhat is this! in their language Manhu! VVherupon faith Theodoret (q. 30. in Exod.) their demand vvas turned into the name, and it vvas called Manna. VVhich as the fame and other ancient Doctors gather by the holie Scriptures, was a wonderful and miraculous meate, and withal a figure of a more excellent thing, long after promifed, and geuen by our B. Sauiour, in the holie Sacrament of the Eucharift. As witneffe S. Gregorie Nyffen (Enar. vitæ Moyfi, circa medium) S. Ambrofe (li. de ijs qui Myft. initiant S. Cyril Alexandrinus, S. Chryfoftom, S. Augustin, The ophilact and others, vpon the fixt of S. Iohn. VV here also the text of our Sauiours long discourse with the Capharnaites, floweth euidently that he promifed to geue a farre better meate then Manna, to those that believed in him. I am faieth our Lord, the bread of life, vyhich descended from heauen; your fathers did eate Manna in the defert, and died. The bread vyhich I vyil geue is my flesh, for the life of the voorld. My flesh is meate in deede, and my bloud is drinck in deede &c. S. Paul likewife teacheth (1. Cor. 10.) that this Manna, and the vvater iffuing out of the rocke, were figures of the fame B. Sacrament, as is noted in those

Here only we commend to the Chriftian readers reměbrance that the thing figured, doth euer excede the figure (according to S. Pauls doctrin, Collof. 2.) wifhing him therfore to confider, that in Manna were at leaft twelue clere miracles. Firft, it was made by Angels, wherof it is called, the bread of Angels. Secondly, it was not produced from the earth, nor water, as ordinarie meates are, but came from the ayre. Thirdly, how faft or flowly foeuer anie man did gather it, in the end ech one had the fame meafure ful, called a gomor, and no more nor leffe. Fourthly, the fixth day (which was next before the Sabbath) that which they gathered, was found to be duble portions to other dayes, that is, two gomors for euerie one. Fiftly, there fel none at al on the Sabbath day. Sixtly, if in the reft of the weke anie part was left al night, it putrified, and was corrupt in the morning, but the night

Manna fo called of Man-hu.

It was a figure of the Eucharift.

Twelue miracles in

Pfal. 77. v. 25. Roffin. li. 1. c. 12. cont. Oecolamp. D. Hefk. li. 3. c. 12. parlam.

li. 3. c. 37.

Ho. 45.

Tract. 26.

Ioan. 6. v. 25.

41. 49. 51. 55.

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- 7. before the Sabbath day, it remained found and good. Seuently, notwithftanding diuerfitie of ftomakes, in fo great a multitude, the fame measure was fufficient and no more, to euerie one young and
- 8. old, and of middle age. Eightly the heate of the funne melted and confumed that which remained in the field, though otherwife it indured heate of the fire, feething in water, grinding in milles,
- 9. and beating in morters. Ninthly, it tafted to euerie one, what
- 10. they defired. Tenthly, it feemed neuertheleffe to the euil minded,
- 11. loathfome and light meate, but pleafant to the good. Eleuently, part of it was kept in the Arke by Gods commandment, and was
- not corrupted in manie hundreth yeares. Twelftly, this ftrange and extraordinarie prouifion, continued fourtie yeares, that is, til the children of Ifrael came to the promifed land and then ceafed. You fee then fo miraculous a figure farre excelled Zuinglius, or Caluins communion bread, which containeth no miracle at al, only fignifying Chrifts bodie. But, as our Sauiours owne wordes importe, and ancient fathers teach vs, by Manna was prefigured Chrifts verie bodie and bloud, with his foule and Diuinitie vnder

Al the faid miracles are more eminent in the B. Sacrament.

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the forme of bread.

forefaid, or rather much more eminent miracles. For (first) it was confectated by the maruelous power of Christs word, and euer fince the same is done, by the like power communicated to Priests,

For this indeede infinitly excelleth Manna, containing all the

- 2. (2) in his Church militant, (3) one and the verie fame, and not
- 3. manie, in innumerable places, and in euerie leffe or greater forme, yea in the leaft particle of the accidents that may be, Chrift is
- 4. whole and entire. (4) It geueth abundance of grace in this life, fignified by the day before the Sabbath, for the glorie of the next
- 5. life in eternal reft, (5) where is no more vfe of Sacraments, but eu-
- 6. erlafting fruition of glorie. (6) VVhofoeuer therfore would make temporal commoditie of this heauenlie foode, as it were referuing Manna for other dayes of the weke, it perifheth to him, and turneth to his ignominie, but being referued in the faithful foule, for the life to come, which is the true Sabbath, it remaineth an
- 7. heauenlie treafure. (7) And fo it auaileth to euerie one, as their foule, which is the fpiritual ftomake of fupernatural meate, is leffe
- s. or more difposed. (8) Though heate of persecution, and other aduers power take away this Sacrament and Sacrifice, abrode in the field of this world, yet no power extinguisheth it within the Church, where it is in due maner prepared and ministred to
- 9. the children of God, (9) where it yeldeth al comfort, ftrength
- 10. and contentment to good fpiritual defires, (10) but to the incredulous Capharnaites femeth vnpoffible, and to carnal conceipts
- 11. loathfome. (11) Being worthely received into our mortal bodies, our arke or temporal tabernacle, it remains in incorruptible effect, wherby the bodie shal be raifed again from death, and to-
- 12. gether with the foule be eternally glorified. (12) In the meane time of this pilgrimage of mankind, it is our way-faring special

prouifion, dailie and fuperfubftantial bread, til we fhal poffeffe the promifed land, the kingdome of heauen in eternal bliffe.

Chapter 17

The people murmuring againe in Raphidim for want of drinck, our Lord giveth them water out of a rock. 8. Amalech fighteth vvith them. And Moyfes lifting vp his hand in prayer, Ifrael ouercometh, otherwife Amalech prevaileth.

herfore all the multitude of the children of Ifrael fetting forward from the defert Sin, by their manfions, according to the word of our Lord, camped in Raphidim, where there was no water for the people to drinke. ² Who chiding againft Moyfes, faid: Geue vs water, that we may drinke. To whom Moyfes answered: Why chide you against me? Wherfore doe you tempt our Lord? ³ The people therfore was thirftie there for lacke of water, and murmured against Moyfes, faying: Why didft thou make vs goe forth out of Ægypt, to kil vs., and our children, and our beaftes with thirft. ⁴ And Moyfes cried to our Lord, faying: What fhal I doe to this people? Yet a litle while, and they wil ftone me. ⁵ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Goe before the people, and take with thee of the ancients of Ifrael: and the rodde wherwith thou didft ftrike the riuer, take in thy hand, and goe. ⁶ Behold I wil ftand there before thee, vpon the rocke Horeb: and thou fhalt ftrike the rocke, and water fhal goe out therof, that the people may drinke. Moyfes did fo before the ancientes of Ifrael: ⁷ and he called the name of that place, Temptation, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and for that they tempted our Lord, faying: Is the Lord amongft vs or not? 8 And Amalec came, and fought against Ifrael in Raphidim. 9 And Moyfes fayd to Iofue: Choofe out men: and goe forth and fight againft Amalec: to morow I wil ftand in the toppe of the hil, having the rodde of God in my hand. ¹⁰ Iofue did as Moyfes had fpoken, and

he fought against Amalec: but Moyses and Aaron and Hur went vp vpon the toppe of the hil. 11 And when Moyfes lifted vp his hands, Ifrael ouercame: but a) if he did lette them downe a little, Amalec ouercame. ¹² And the handes of Moyfes were heavie: therfore they tooke a ftone, and putte vnder him, wherupon he fate: and Aaron and Hur ftaied vp his handes on both fides. And it came to paffe that his handes were not wearie vntil funne fette. 13 And Iofue put Amalec to flight, & his people by the edge of the fword. ¹⁴ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Write this for a monument in a booke, & deliuer it to the eares of Iofue: for I wil deftroy the memorie of Amalec from vnder heauen. ¹⁵ And Moyfes builded an Altar: and called the name therof, Our Lord my exaltation, faying: 16 Because the hand of our Lords throne, and the warre of our Lord fhal be againft Amalec, from generation vnto generation.

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Chapter 18

Iethro Moyfes father in law bringeth to him his wife and childrens. 8. And hearing the great workes of God, 12. offereth Sacrifice: 13. and wifely aduifed Moyfes to appoint fubordinate officers to judge less causes, referuing the greater to him selfe.



nd when Iethro the ^{b)}prieft of Madian, the allied of Moyfes, had heard al the thinges,

^a If this ceremonie of holding vp his handes was of fuch importance in the law of nature, why do Heretikes deride the fame, and the like in the Catholique Church? VVheras also our Sauiour lifting vp his hands bleffed his disciples. Luc. 24. S. Damascen also teacheth (li. 4. c. 12. Ortho.) that this extension of his handes prefigured the Croffe of Christ. And now it represented the same.

^b Cohen in Hebrew fignifieth *Prince* or *Prieft*, which offices in the law of nature were often ioyned in one perfon.

that God had done to Moyfes, and to Ifrael his people, and that our Lord had brought forth Ifrael out of Ægypt: ² he tooke Sephora the wife of Moyfes whom he had fent backe: ³ and her two fonnes, of which one was called Gerfam, his father faying: I have bene a ftranger in a forren countrie. ⁴ And the other Eliezer: for the God of my father, quoth he, is my helper, and hath deliuered me from Pharaoes fword. ⁵ Iethro therfore the allied of Moyfes came and his fonnes, and his wife to Moyfes into the defert, where he was camped befide the mountayne of God. 6 And he fent word to Moyfes, faying: I lethro thy allied come to thee, and thy wife, and thy two children with her. ⁷ Who going forth to mete his allied, adored, and kiffed him: and they faluted one an other with wordes of peace. And when he was entred into the tent, 8 Moyfes told his allied al thinges that our Lord had done to Pharao, and the Ægyptians for Ifrael: and the whole trauaile which had chanced to them in the iourney, and that our Lord had deliuered them. ⁹ And Iethro reiovced for all the good thinges, that our Lord had done to Ifrael, because he had delivered them out of the handes of the Ægyptians, 10 and he faid: Bleffed is the Lord, that hath delivered you out of the hand of the Ægyptians, and out of the hand of Pharao, that hath deliuered his people out of the hand of Ægypt. 11 Now doe I know, that the Lord is great aboue al goddes: for because they dealt proudely against them. 12 Iethro therfore the allied of Moyfes offered holocauftes and hoftes to God: and Aaron and all the ancientes of Ifrael came, to eate bread with him before God. ¹³ And the next day Moyfes fate to judge the people, who ftoode by Moyfes from morning vntil night. ¹⁴ Which thing when his allied had feene, to witte, al thinges that he did in the people, he faid: What is this that thou doeft in the people? Why fitteft thou alone, and al the people attendeth from morning vntil night? 15 To whom Moyfes answered: The people cometh to me seeking the sentence of God. ¹⁶ And when anie controuerfie chanceth among them, they come vnto me to judge betwene them, and to flow the preceptes of God, and his lawes. ¹⁷ But he faid:

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Thou doeft not wel: 18 thou art tyred with foolifh labour, both thou, and this people that is with thee, the busines is aboue thy ftrength, thou alone canft not fufteyne it. ¹⁹ But ^{a)}heare my wordes and counfeils, and God fhal be with thee. Be thou to the people in those thinges that pertaine to God, to report their wordes vnto him: 20 and to flow to the people the ceremonies and rite of worfhipping, and the way wherin they ought to walke, and the worke that they ought to doe. 21 And prouide out of al the people men that are wife, and doe feare God, in whom there is truth, and that doe hate auarice, and appointe of them tribunes, and centurions, and quinquagenarians, and deanes, 22 which may judge the people at al tymes: and what great matter foeuer shall fal out, let them referre it to thee and let them judge the leffe matters only: and fo it may be lighter for thee, the burden being imparted vnto others. 23 If thou doest this, thou fhalt fulfil the commandment of God, and fhalt be able to beare his preceptes: and all this people fhal returne to their places with peace. ²⁴ Which thinges when Moyfes heard b)he did al thinges that he had fuggefted vnto him. ²⁵ And choofing fubftantial men out of al Ifrael, he appointed them princes of the people, tribunes, and centurions, and quinquagenarians, and deanes. ²⁶ Who iudged the people at al time: and whatfoeuer was of greater difficultie they referred to him, themselues iudging the eafier cases only. ²⁷ And he dismissed his allied: who returning went into his countrie.

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^a Manifold wifdome, wherof Daniel prophecieth (c. 12. v. 4.) in Chriftian gentils, was here prefigured in Iethro a gentil.

b To whom Moyfes willingly yelded. Origen in hunc locum. Morally Superiors are admonifhed by Moyfes example to lerne of anie man, that which is good. S. Chryfoftom ho. de ferendis reprehenfionibus.

Chapter 19

Nere to mount Sinai, with commemoration of their deliuerie from Ægypt, the people are commanded to be fanctified: 16. and fo our Lord coming in thunders and lightnings fpeaketh with Moyfes.

n the third moneth of the departure of Ifrael out of the Land of Ægypt, 4this day they came into a)the wilderneffe of Sinai. ² For departing out of Raphidim, and coming to the defert of Sinai, they camped in the fame place, and there Ifrael pitched their tentes ouer against the mountaine. ³ And Moyses went vp to God: and our Lord called him from the mountaine, and faid: b)This fhalt thou fay to the house of Iacob, and fhalt tel the children of Ifrael: 4 Your felues haue fene what I have done to the Ægyptians, how I have carried you vpon the winges of eagles, and haue taken you vnto me. ⁵ If therfore you wil heare my voice, and keepe my couenant, you fhal be c)my peculiar of al peoples: for all the earth is myne. ⁶ And you fhal be vnto me a prieftlie kingdome, and a holie nation: these are the wordes that thou fhalt fpeake to the children of Ifrael. ⁷ Moyfes came: and calling together the nations of the people, he declared all the wordes which our Lord had commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together: d)Al thinges that our Lord hath fpoken, we wil doe. And when Moyfes had reported the peoples wordes to our Lord, 9 our Lord faid to him: Now prefently wil I come

^a To this place (which was their 12. manfion) they came the 47. day after they parted from Ægypt. And the third day folowig which was the 50, the law was geuen in mount Sinay. S. Hierom. Epift. 1. ad Fabiolam.

b God would have their free confent, els it were not a perfect couenant. Theodoret q. 35. in Exod.

^c In this couenant God promifeth particular loue; Prieftly function, wherby they might better ferue him; and effectual grace and fanctitie.

^d The people promife loyaltie to God, and to keepe his commandements.

to thee in the darkeneffe of a cloude, that the people may heare me fpeaking to thee, and may beleue thee for euer. Moyfes therfore a)told the peoples wordes to our Lord. ¹⁰ Who faid to him: Goe to the people, and fanctifie them to day, and to morow, and let them wash their garmentes. 11 And let them be readie against the third day: for in the third day the Lord wil defcend in the fight of al the people vpon the mount Sinai. 12 And thou fhalt appoynt certaine limites to the people in circuite, and fhalt fay to them: Beware ye afcend not into the mount, and that you touch not the endes therof: euerie one that toucheth the mount, dying shal dye. 13 Handes shal not touch him, but he shal be ftoned to death, or shal be shot through with arrowes: whether it be beaft, or man, it shal not liue. When the trumpet shal beginne to found, then let them afcend into the mount. ¹⁴ And Moyfes came downe from the mount to the people, and fanctified them. And when they had washed their garments, ¹⁵ he faid to them: Be readie against the third day, and come not neere your wives. ¹⁶ And now the third day was come, and the morning appeared: and behold thunders beganne to be heard, and lightenings to flash, and a verie thicke cloude to couer the mount, and the noyfe of the trumpet founded exceedingly: and the people, that was in the campe, feared. 17 And when Moyfes had brought them forth to mete with God from the place of the campe, they stoode at the botome of the mount. 18 And al the mount Sinai fmoked: for because our Lord was descended upon it in fyre, and the fmoke arofe from it as out of a fornace: and al the mount was terrible. 19 And the found of the trumpet grew lowder by litle and litle, and was drawen out a length: Moyfes fpake, and God answered him. ²⁰ And our Lord descended vpon the mount Sinai in the very toppe of the mount, and he called Moyfes into the toppe therof. Whither when he was afcended, ²¹ he faid vnto him: Goe downe, and charge the people: left perhaps

^a So Angels & Saincts offer our prayers & other good workes to God, though he know al things before hand.

they wil paffe their limittes to fee the Lord, and a very great multitude of them perish. 22 The prieftes also that come to the Lord, let them be fanctified, left he ftrike them. ²³ And Moyfes faid to our Lord: The common people can not afcend into the mount Sinai: for thou didft charge, and command, faying: Put limittes about the mount, and fanctifie it. ²⁴ To whom our Lord faid: Goe, gette thee downe and thou shalt come vp. & Aaron with thee: but a) the priefts and the people let them not paffe the limittes, nor afcend to the Lord, left perhappes he kil them. ²⁵ And Moyfes went downe to the people, and told them al.

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1 This day.) The first day of the third moneth the children of Ifrael came into the defert of Sinai. So counting 16. dayes remaining of the first moneth when they parted from Ægypt, al the fecond moneth of 30. dayes, this first day of the third moneth, and three dayes more, in which they were fanctified by washing and other ceremonies (v. 10.) the Law was geuen the fifteth day, in figure of the Law of Chrift, promulgated on whitfunday, the fifteth day after our Redemption. VVherby we fee meruelous correspondence of divine Mysteries, in the old and new Testament. S. Augustin Epist. 119. c. 16.

Agreement of old and new mysteries.

Chapter 20

Moyfes receive that the Decologue or tenne commandments of God, for all the people, 23. with repetition that they shal not make false goddes, nor make Altares but of earth, or vnhewed ftone, and without fteppes.

The third part of this booke: containing Diuine Lawes: Moral, Ceremonial, and Iudicial.



nd our Lord f
pake al the
fe wordes: $^2\,\mathrm{I}$ am the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the Land of Ægypt, out of the house of feruitude. ³ Thou shalt not haue Itrange goddes before

^a The people and al inferior clergie alfo, are to kepe their limites and to lerne Gods wil of their fuperiors.

me. 4 Thou shalt not make to thee ⁴a a)grauen thing, nor any fimilitude that is in heauen aboue, & that is in the earth beneth, neither of those thinges that are in the waters vnder the earth. ⁵ Thou shalt not adore them, nor ferue them: I am the Lord thy God mightie, ielous, b) vifiting the iniquitie of the fathers vpon the children, vpon the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: 6 and doing mercie vpon thousandes to them that loue me, and keepe my preceptes. 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine, for the Lord wil not hold him innocent that shal take the name of the Lord his God vainly. 8 Remember that thou fanctifie the fabbath day. 9 Six dayes shalt thou worke, and fhalt doe al thy workes. ¹⁰ But on the feuenth day is the fabbath of the Lord thy God: thou shalt doe no worke in it, thou, and thy fonne, and thy daughter, thy man feruant, and thy woman feruant, thy beaft, and the ftranger that is with in thy gates. 11 For fix dayes the Lord made heaven and earth, and the fea, and al thinges that are in them, and refted in the feuenth day, therfore the Lord bleffed the fabbath day, and fanctified it. 12 Honour thy father and thy mother, that thou mayft be longliued upon the earth, which the Lord thy God wil geue thee. 13 Thou shalt not murder. 14 Thou shalt not committe aduoutrie. 15 Thou shalt not fteale. 16 Thou shalt not fpeake against thy neighbour false testimonie. ¹⁷ Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house: neither shalt thou defire his wife, nor feruant, nor handmaide, nor oxe, nor affe, nor any thing that is his. 18 And all the people faw the voices and the flames, and the found of the trumpet, and the mount fmoking: and being frighted and ftroken with feare they ftoode a farre of, ¹⁹ faying to Moyfes: Speake thou to vs, and we wil heare: let not our Lord fpeake to vs. left perhappes we die. ²⁰ And

a In Hebrew Pefel, in Greke ειδωλον, in Latin fculptile, in English a grauen thing.

b This commination and promife annexed to the first commandment perteyneth to euerie one of the nine following. Catech. Ro. p. 3. q. 9.

Moyfes faid to the people: Feare not: for God came to proue you, and that his terrour might be in you, and you should not finne. 21 And the people ftiide a farre of. But Moyfes went vnto the darke cloud wherin God was. ²² Our Lord faid moreouer to Moyfes: This fhalt thou fay to the children of Ifrael: You have feene that from heauen I haue fpoken to you. ²³ You fhal not make goddes of filuer, nor goddes of gold fhal you make to you. ²⁴ An Altar ^{a)}of earth you fhal make to me, and you fhal offer vpon it your holocaftes and pacifiques, your fheepe and oxen in euerie place where the memorie of my name fhal be: I wil come to thee, and wil bleffe thee. ²⁵ And if thou make an Altar of ftone vnto me, thou fhalt not build it of hewed ftones: for if thou lift vp thy knife ouer it, it shal be polluted. ²⁶ Thou shalt not goe vp by griefes vnto myne Altar, left thy turpitude be difcouered.

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3 Strange goddes.) Protestants pretend here to proue, that al Catholiques are Idolaters, for honoring Sainctes, and their Reliques and Images. And they have fo defamed Catholique Religion in this behalfe, that the vulgar forte of deceived people, otherwife knowing Catholiques to be ordinarily of moderate conversation in life, of iuft dealing towards their neighboures, addicted to prayer, fafting, almes, and manie good workes, more wanting among them felues: yet fuppofing them, notwithftanding these laudable qualities, to be Idolaters, are therby auerted from Catholique Religion. And furely it were a just cause, if it were true. As well therfore to purge our felues of fo haynous an imputed crime, as to remove this dangerous block of erronious conceipt, we fhal here note fome of the Protestants egregious lies, against the whole Church militant, and blasphemous reproches against the glorious Sainctes: then briefly declare the true and fincere doctrine, and practife of the Catholike Church in this point. Luther in his poftil vpon the Gofpel of our Lordes Incarnation, fayth: Papifta Virginem Mariam Deum conftituunt: Omnipontentiam ei in cælo, & in terra tribuunt. The Papifts (faith he) make the Virgin Marie God: they attribute to her omnipotencie in heauen and in earth.

Protestants charge al Catholiques to be Idolaters.

They abuse their followers.

They belie the Church militant.

^a This and other ceremonial precepts are determinate lawes, for observing the comandments of the first table pertaining to God.

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Blafpheme the triumphant.

Al modeft me wil condemne these blasphemies. Catholique doctrine and practise conuince their lies.

The true Catholique doctrin.

Honour due to excellencie.

Three kindes of excellencie.

Therfore three kindes of honour.

In Papiftrie al expected more fauour and grace from her, then from Chrift himfelf. His fcholar Melancton (in locis communib.) poftilling the first Precept, faith: Papistes inuocate Sainctes, and worship Images in heathnish maner. Caluin (li. de necess. refor. Eccles.) faith: those of the Emperours religion (meaning al Catholiques) fo divide Gods offices among Sainctes, that they ioyne them to the Soueraigne God, as collegues; in which multitude God lieth hidden. Againft the most glorious virgin mother the fame Luther (fer. de natali virg. Mar.) feared not to fay, that he eftemed no more of the prayer of S. Marie, then of anie one of the people. And his reason is worse then his wicked affertion, for that, faith he, al that beleue in Chrift are as iuft, and as holie as the virgin Marie, or anie other Sainct how great foeuer. The Magdeburgian Centuriators (li. 1. Cent. 1.) affirme that the virgin Marie finned greuoufly, yea compare her imagined faultes with the finne of Eue in paradife. (li. 2.) They charge S. Peter and S. Paul (also after their conversions) with divers great crimes. Caluin (li. 3. Inft. c. 2. parag. 31.) condemneth Sara and Rebecca of great finnes, (c. 4.) reprehendeth Iudas Machabeus for fuperfitious, and prepofterous zeale, in caufing Sacrifice to be offered for the dead. In his commentarie (in 32. Exod.) he accufeth most holie and meke Moyses of arrogancie and pride. And (li. 3. Inftit. c. 20. pa. 27.) he fcuruely fcoffeth at al Sainctes in general, faying: If they heare mortal mens prayers, they must have eares fo long, as from heaven to earth. And calleth them not only homines mortuos, dead men, (which S. Hierom reproued in Vigilantius) but alfo vmbras, laruas, colluuiem: shadovves, night goblins, ftincking filth yet more, (li. de vera refor. Ecclef. rat.) he calleth them Monftra, carnifices, beftias, monfters, hangmen, beaftes. and like blafphemies modeft men can not but abhore and deteft.

Their lies also are conuinced by S. Hierom, handling this matter of purpose against *Vigilantius*, by S. Augustin touching it by occasion (*li. 20. c. 21.*) against Faustus the Manachey, Thomas VValdensis (*to. 3. tit. 13. de Sacramentalibus*) against Wiclis, by al Catechismes and Christian Instructions, teaching nothing like, but quite contrarie to these mens reportes. In summe they al teach, that Sainctes are to be honored with religious honour, which is greater then ciuil, but infinitly inferiour to diuine, as the excellencie of God surmounteth al excellencie created.

For better declaration wherof, it is to be confidered, that feing by the law of God and nature, honour is due to excellencie, there muft be fo manie diffinct kindes of honour, as there be general kindes of excellencie, which are three. The first of God, infinite, and incomparably aboue al: the second is supernatural but created, as of grace and glorie: the third is humane or natural, confisting in natural giftes, or worldlie powre and dignitie, al three as diffinct as God, heauen, and earth. To these three general kindes of excellencie perteine therfore other three as diffinct kindes of honour;

to wit, Diuine due to God only, called by vie and appropriation of a greeke word Latria: the fecond Dulia, belonging to Sainctes, and other holie things, elevated by God aboue the courfe of nature, in divers degrees, but within the ranck of creatures: the third is ciuil honour, due to humane and worldlie excellencie, according to divers ftates and qualities of men. The first of these which is diuine, may in no cafe be geuen to anie creature, how excellent foeuer. The third which is ciuil, as both Catholiques and Protestants hold for certaine, is not competent nor agreable to Sainctes, but to mortal worldlie men in respect of temporal excellencie. Al the controuerfie therfore is about the fecond. VVhich Caluin (li. 1. Inftit. c. 11. & 12.) and all protestant writers denie & reject, and fo would have no honour at all generate to Sainctes. Objecting as old heretikes did, that Catholiques do al the fame external actes, as ftanding bare head, bowing, kneeling, praying, and the like to Sainctes, as to God himfelf. VVe answer, that the diffinction of honour confifted not always in the external action, but in the intention of the mind. For when we do fuch external actes of honour to God, we intend therby to honour the Creator and Lord of al, and fo it is divine honour, but doing the fame external actes to a Saint, we conceive of him, as a glorious feruant of God, and fo we honour him as a fanctified and glorified creature, Gods fubiect and feruant. VVithout this diversitie of intentions in your mind, you can not flew difference, between the honour you do to God, and that you do to the King, by bowing, kneeling, and the like. For it is the fame external action: yet no Chriftian doubteth but he honoreth God with divine honour, & the King with civil. Againe we answer, that we do not all the external actions of honour to Sainctes, which we doe to God. For Sacrifice is donne only to God, and to no Sainct; and because Altares perteine

Both which answers S. Augustin gaue long fince, to Faustus the Manachie, arguing that Catholiques by doing the fame external actes, worshipped Martyrs with divine honour, and so turned them into Idols, as that heretike inferred. VVherupon S. Augustin declareth, that Chriftian people celebrate together the memories of Martyrs with Religious folemnitie, to ftyr vp imitation, to be partakers of their merites, and to be holpen by their prayers. Yet fo that we erect not Altares (because they are for Sacrifice) to anie Martyr, though in memorie of Martyrs, but to God of Martyrs. For who euer ftanding at the Altar, in places of Sainctes bodies, faide: VVe offer to thee Peter, or Paul, or Cyprian, but that which is offered, is offered to God, who crowned the Martyrs, at their memories, whom he crowned, that by commonition of the very places, greater affection may arife, to inkindle charitie, both towards them, whom we may imitate, and towards him, by whofe helpe we may. VVe honour Martyrs with that worship of loue and

to Sacrifice, they are erected to God only, though oftentimes in

Protestants denie anie honour to be due to Saincts.

Their objection.

First answer.

Example of this necessary diffinction.

Second answer.

S. Augustin declareth this doctrin: and geueth both the former answers.
Three causes of celebrating Saincts memories.

li. 20. c. 21.

memorie of Saincts.

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Latria is honour proper to God.

Sacrifice only to God.

Protestants confesse that the ancient Fathers honored Saincts, and their Reliques.

How faucie are heretikes to fcoffe at fo renowmed a Doctor! focietie, wherwith holie men are worshipped in this life. VVhose hart we perceiue is prepared to like fufferance for the Euangelical veritie: but Martyrs more deuoutly, by how much more fecurly, after al vncertainties are ouercome, and with how much more confident praife, we preach them now victours in a more happie life, then others yet fighting in this. But with that worshippe, which in greke is called Latria, a feruice properly due to God, which in Latin can not be expressed by one word, we neither worship, nor teach to be worshipped but one God. And for fo much as offering of Sacrifice perteineth to this worshippe (wherof they are called Idolaters, that offer facrifice to anie Idols) we by no meanes offer anie fuch thing, nor teach to be offered, either to anie Martyr, or bleffed foule, or holie Angel. Thus farre S. Augustin. The fame teacheth Theodoret. (li. 8. ad Græcos) Our Lord hath deprived falfe goddes of the honour, they had in Temples, and in place of them caufed his Martyrs to be honoured: yet not in the fame maner, for we neither bring hoftes, nor libaments to Martyrs, but honour them, as holie men, and most deare freinds of God. It would be to long to cite manie ancient Fathers, teftifying and teaching that Saincts are to be honored.

More compendiously we wil take our adversaries confession, the Magdeburgian Centuriators. VVho (Pref. Cent. 6.) holding that the Church was only pure from idolatrie the first hundred yeares of Chrift, and that it begane to faile in the fecond and third age, more in the fourth and fifth, and was vtterly perished in the fixth, impute the cause of her ruine, that the very chiefe men taught and practiced the honour of Saincts. First of al (fay they) these horrible and pernicious darknes, as certaine black cloudes couering the whole firmament, rofe vp in the verie affemblie of teachers. For that partly the very Doctors of the Church, partly other fuperficious men, augmented ceremonies and humane worshippes in the Temples. For facred houses began to be built in al places, with great cofte, altogether in heathnish maner: not principally to the end, Gods word might there be taught, but that fome honour might be exhibited to the Reliques of Saincts, and that foolifh people might there worship dead men. how pleafantly eloquent is that Gregorie, called the great, how feruent, when, as from his three footed ftoole, he preached the maner of confecrating these houses? And a litle after, by this occasion dead creatures, and bloudles half wormeaten bones began to be honored, inuocated, and worshipped with divine honour. Al which The Doctors of the Church not only wincked at, but also fet forward. Thus the reader feeth, notwithstanding their lies, fcoffes, and blasphemies, Protestants do confesse, that the Church and her chiefe pillers, ftraight after the first hundred yeares of Chrift, fiue hundred next following, honored Saincts and their Reliques. Neither wante there authentical examples of holie Scriptures, wherby the fame is proued. As Gen. 32. 48. Exod. 3. 32.

Num. 22. Iofue 5. 3. Reg. 18. 4. Reg. 2. Pfalm. 98. and els vvhere.

4 A grauen thing.) Here the fame falfifiers of Chriftian doctrin, do not only peruert the fenfe of holie Scripture, wreftling that against Images, which is spoken against Idols, but also shamfully corrupt the text, by translating grauen image, neither following the Hebrew, Greke, nor Latin. For the Hebrew word, pefel, is the verie fame that fculptile in Latin, that is a grauen or carued thing. The Greke hath είδωλον, an idol. So al Protestants English Bibles are false.

Protestants haue corrupted the text in al their English Bibles.

God commanded to make Images.

Chrift, and Saincts are honored in their Images.

The first table containeth three precepts, the fecond feuen.

The first can not wel be diuided.

The ninth and tenth are as diffinct, as the fixth and feuenth.

In the meane time til they correct their bookes, they may pleafe to remember, that God fhortly after this (Exod. 25.) commanded to make Images of Angels, to wit Cherubins. Likewife a brafen ferpent. (Num. 21.) Also oxen and Lions (3. Reg. 6. & 7.) Neither are Puritanes fo precife, but that they engraue, carue, print, paint, caft, fow, embrother, and otherwife make, and kepe Images, portractes, and pictures of men, and other things. As for worshipping of facred Images the second concel of Nice (Act. 4.) The concel of Trent (feff. 25.) S. Gregorie the great (li. 7. ep. 5. & 53.) S. Damascen in divers whole bookes, and manie others, and al Catholique Catechifmes and Christian Instructions teach. that the honour is not done to the Image for it felf, but at the prefence of the Image, to Chrift, or Sainct, whofe Image it is. An other controuerfie Caluin here maketh, that from these wordes, Thou shalt not make, beginneth the fecond precept, fo counting four precepts in the first table, and fix in the second. But being no matter of faith, how they are divided, fo al the wordes, and the number of tenne commandements be acknowledged (for holie Scripture calleth them tenne, Exo. 34. v. 28. Deut. 4. v. 13. & 10. v. 4.) we will not contend: but only as more reasonable we follow the common maner of dividing the first table into three precepts, directing vs to God, the fecond into feuen, belonging to our neighbour, approued for the better by S. Augustin (q. 71. in Exodum) and generally received of al Catholiques; grounded vpon this reason, among others, because to make or have a picture, or fimilitude of anie creature, to the end to adore it as God, were in dede to have a ftrange God, which is forbid in the first wordes. And fo all that followeth to the comination and promife, forbiddeth false goddes, and appeareth to be but one precept in substance. But the defire and internal confent to adultrie, and to theift, differ altogether as much, as the external actes of the fame finnes; and therfore feing adultrie and theift are forbidden to be comitted, by two diffinct precepts, the prohibition of the internal defire, with mental confent to the fame, doth also require two precepts.

Chapter 21

Iudicial precepts concerning bondmen and bondvemen. 12. Manflaughter and ftriking: killing and curfing of parents. 23. The lavv of like paine for a hurt, 28. of an oxe ftriking vvith his horne.

hefe are the a)iudgements which thou shalt propose to them. ² If thou by an Hebrew feruant, fix yeares shal he ferue thee: in the feuenth he shal goe out free gratis. 3 With what rayment he entred in, with the like let him go out: if having a wife, his wife also shal goe out with him. 4 But if his lord geue him a wife, and she beare fonnes & daughters: the woman and her children shal be her lordes: but himfelfe shal goe out with his rayment. 5 And if the feruant fay: I loue my lord and wife & children, I wil not goe out free: 6 his lord shal prefent him to b)the goddes, and he shal be fette to the dore and the poftes, and he shal bore his eare through with an awle: and he shal be his bondman for euer. 7 If any man fel his daughter to be a feruant, she shal not goe out, as bondwemen are wont to goe out. 8 If she millike the eyes of her maifter to whom she was deliuered, he shal difmiffe her: but he shal not have authoritie to fel her vnto a ftrange people, if he despife her. ⁹ But if he despouse her to his sonne, he shal doe to her after the maner of daughters. ¹⁰ And if he take an other wife for him, he shal prouide her a mariage, and rayment, and the price of her chaftitie he shal not denie. ¹¹ If he doe not thefe three thinges, she shal goe out gratis without monie. 12 He that ftriketh a man wilfully to kil him, dying let him die. ¹³ But he that did not lye in waite for him, but God deliuered him into his handes: I wil appoint thee a place whereunto he ought to flee. 14 If a man of fette purpose kil his neighbour, and by lying in waite for him: thou shalt plucke

Paying nothing.

a Iudicial lawes do inftruct in particular, how to kepe the commandments of the fecond table, pertaining to our neighboures.

^b The Iudges authorized by God.

him out from mine Altare, that he may die. ¹⁵ He that ftriketh his father or mother, dying let him die. ¹⁶ He that shal fteale a man, and fel him, being conuicted of the trefpaffe, dying let him die. ¹⁷ He that curfeth his father, or mother, dying let him die. 18 If men fal at wordes, and the one ftrike his neighbour with a ftone or with his fift, and he die not, but lye in his bedde: 19 if he rife, and walke abrode vpon his ftafe, he that did ftrike shal be quitte, yet fo that he make reftitution for his worke, and for his expenses upon the phisicians. ²⁰ He that ftriketh his man or mayde feruant with a rodde, and they die in his handes, he shal be guiltie of the crime. 21 But if the partie remayne aliue a day or two, he shal not be fubiect to punishment, because it is his money. ²² If certaine fal at wordes, and one ftrike a woman with child, and she in deede aborte, but her felfe liue: he shal be fubiect to fo much damage as the womans hufband shal require, and as arbiters shal award. ²³ But if her death doe enfue thereupon, he shal render life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foote for foote, ²⁵ adultion for adultion, wound for wound, ftripe for ftripe. ²⁶ If any man ftrike the eye of his manferuant or maidferuant, and leave them but one eye, he shal make them free for the eye which he put out. 27 Alfo if he ftrike out a tooth of his manferuant or maydferuant he shal in like maner make them free. 28 If an oxe with his horne ftrike a man or woman, and they die, he shal be ftoned: and his flesh shal not be eaten, the owner also of the oxe shal be quitte. 29 But if the oxe were wont to ftrike from yesterday and the day before, and they warned his maifter, neither did he shutte him vp, and he kil a man or a woman: both the oxe shal be ftoned, and they shal put to death his owner also. ³⁰ And if they fette a price vpon him, he shal geue for his life whatfoeuer he is asked. 31 Alfo if with his horne he ftrike a fonne, or a daughter, he shal be fubiect to the like fentence. 32 If he inuade a bondman or bondwoman, he shal geue thirtie ficles of filuer to their maifter, but the oxe shal be ftoned. 33 If a man open a cefterne, and digge one, and doe not couer it, an oxe or an affe fal into

it, ³⁴ the owner of the cefterne shal pay the price of the beaftes: and that which died, shal be his owne. ³⁵ If one mans oxe gore an other mans oxe, and he die: they shal fel the oxe that liueth, and shal diuide the price, and the carcaffe of that which died they shal parte betwen them. ³⁶ But if he knew that his oxe was wont to ftrike from yefterday and the day before, and his maifter did not keepe him in: he shal render oxe for oxe, and shal take the carcaffe whole.

Annotations

Chapter 22

The punishment of theift, 5. and other trefpasses, 7. if a thing committed to custodie or lent doth perish, 16. of deflovvring a virgin, 18. of inchanting, bestialitie, and idolatrie, 21. of hurting strangers, vvidovves, and orphanes. 25. The lavv of lending vvithout vsurie, 26. of taking pleadge, 28. of reuerence to superiors, and of paying tithes.

f any man fteale an oxe or a fheepe, and kil or fel it: he fhal reftore a) fiue oxen for one oxe, and foure sheepe for one fheepe. ² If the theefe be found breaking vp the house or vndermining it, and taking a wound die: the ftriker shal not be guiltie of bloud. ³ But if he doe this when the funne is rifen, he hath comitted manslaughter, and himself shal die. If he haue not wherwith to make restitution for the thest, himselfe shal be fold. ⁴ If that which he stole, be found with him, aliue, either oxe, or asse, or sheepe: he shal restore duble.

^a VVhere great faults are comitted, punishment is inflicted according to the enormitie of the finne, about the proportion of the iniurie. *Theodoret. q. 50. in Exod. Deut. 25.* Myftically, He that taketh from the Church a daylie laborer in Gods field, finneth more greuously and deferueth more punishment, then he that taketh a private man of Christs flock. *Rabanus*.

⁵ If anie man hurt a field or a vineyard, and let goe his beaft to feede vpon that which is other mens: the beft of whatfoeuer he hath in his owne field, or in his vineyard, he shal reftore according to the efficient of the damage. 6 If fire breaking forth light vpon the thornes, and catch ftackes of corne, or corne ftanding in the fieldes, he shal render the damage that kindled the fire. 7 If a man committe money, or veffel vnto his frend to keepe, and they be ftolen away from him, that receaued them: if the theefe be found, he shal reftore duble: 8 if the theefe be not knowen, the maifter of the house shal be brought to a) the goddes, and shal fweare that he did not extend his hand vpon his neighbours good, 9 to doe any fraud, as wel in oxe as in affe, and sheepe and rayment, and whatfoeuer may bring damage: the caufe of both parties shal come to the goddes: and if they geue iudgement, he shal reftore duble to his neighbour. 10 If a man committe affe, oxe, sheepe, or any beaft, to his neighbours cuftodie, and it die, or be hurt, or be taken of enemies, and no man faw: 11 there shal be an oath between them, that he did not put forth his hand to his neighbours good: and the owner shal admitte the oath, and he shal not be compelled to make reftitution. ¹² But if it were taken away by ftelth, he shal reftore the damage to the owner. ¹³ If it were eaten of a beaft, let him bring vnto him that which was flaine, and he shal not make reftitution. ¹⁴ He that asketh of his neighbour to borow any of these thinges, and it be hurt or dead the owner not being prefent, he shal be compelled to make reftitution. ¹⁵ But if the owner be prefent, he shal not make reftitution, especially if it were hired and came for the hire of the fame. ¹⁶ If a man feduce a virgin being not yet despoused, and lie with her: he shal endowe her, and have her to wife. ¹⁷ If the virgins father wil not geue her, he shal geue money according to the maner of the dowrie, which virgins are wont to receaue. ¹⁸ Inchanters thou fhalt not fuffer to liue. 19 He that lieth with a brute

^a Iudges called goddes for their eminent authoritie. Exo. 7. v. 1.

beaft, dying let him die. ²⁰ He that facrificeth to goddes, fhal be put to death, but to the Lord only. 21 Thou shalt not moleft a ftranger, nor afflict him: a) for your felues also were ftrangers in the Land of Ægypt. ²² A widow and an orphane you shal not hurt. 23 If you hurt them, they wil crie out to me, and I wil heare their crie: ²⁴ and my furie fhal take indignation, and I wil ftrike you with the fword, and your wives shal be widowes. and your children orphanes. ²⁵ If thou lend money to my people being poore, that dwelleth with thee, thou shalt not vrge them as an exactour, nor oppreffe them with vfuries. ²⁶ If thou take of thy neighbour a garment in pledge, thou shalt geue it him againe before funne fette. 27 for that fame is the onlie thing, wherwith he is couered, the clothing of his bodie, neither hath he other to fleepe in: if he b)crie to me, I wil heare him, because I am merciful. ²⁸ Thou shalt not detract from c) the goddes, and the prince of thy people thou shalt not curfe. ²⁹ Thy tithes and thy first fruites thou shalt not flacke to pay, the firstborne of thy sonnes thou shalt geue me. ³⁰ Of thy oxen also & sheepe thou shalt doe in like maner: feuen dayes let it be with the damme, the eight day thou shalt render it to me. ³¹ Holie men you shal be to me: the flesh that beaftes have tafted of before, you shal not eate, but shal caft it to the dogges.

Annotations

Chapter 23

Lawes are appointed to Iudges, (the enemies oxe, or afse to be faued) 8. namely not to take bribes. 10. The feu-

^a The law of nature requireth to do to others as we would they fhould do to vs. For which caufe (befides others) God fuffered his people to be ftrangers in Ægypt, to moue them to compaffion towards others in like cafe. *Rabanus*.

^b Oppression of the poore crieth to God for reuenge.

^c Priefts called goddes for their facred function. See the commentary on Chap. 7. v. 1.

enth yeare, and day al must rest. 14. Three principal feastes must be solemnized euerie yeare. 20. Conduction and protection of an Angel is promised. 24. The people is agane commanded to destroy Idols. 29. VVhy their enemies shal be destroyed by litle and litle.

hou shalt not admitte a lying voice: neither shalt thou ioyne thy hand to fay false testimonie for a wicked person. ² Thou shalt not folow the multitude to doe euil: neither shalt thou in iudgement, agree to the fentence of the most part, to ftray from the truth. ³ The ^{a)}poore man also thou shalt not pitie in iudgement. 4 If thou meete thy enemies oxe, or affe going aftray, bring it backe to him. ⁵ If thou fee the affe of him that hateth thee lye vnderneth his burden, thou fhalt not paffe by, but shalt lift him vp with the fame. ⁶ Thou shalt not decline the poore mans iudgement. ⁷ A lye thou shalt avoide. The innocent and iuft person thou shal not put to death: because I abhorre the impious man. 8 Neither fhalt thou take bribes, which doe blind also the wife, and peruert the wordes of the iuft. ⁹ The ftranger thou fhalt not moleft, for you know the hartes of ftrangers: because your felues also were ftrangers in the Land of Ægypt. ¹⁰ Six yeares thou shalt fow thy ground, and fhalt gather the corne therof. 11 But the feuenth years thou shalt let it alone, and make it to reft, that the poore of thy people may eate, and whatfoeuer shal be leift, let the beates of the field eate it: fo fhalt thou doe in thy vineyard and thy oliuete. ¹² Six dayes thou shalt worke: the feuenth day thou shalt cease, that thy oxe may rest and thine asse: and the sonne of thy handmaide may be refreshed, and the ftranger. ¹³ Kepe al thinges that I have faid to you. And by the name of foren goddes you shal not fweare, neither shal it be heard out of your mouth. 14 Three times euerie yeare you shall celebrate feaftes to me. ¹⁵ Thou shalt

Three principal feaftes befides the Sabbath, & fome others.

^a Al vertues being fouded in iuftice, cease to be true vertues, when iuftice is not first observed. S. Hierom in Pfal. 32. et Prou. 31.

keepe a)the folemnitie of Azymes. Seuen dayes shalt thou eate azymes, as I commanded thee, in the time of the moneth of new corne, when thou didft come forth out of Ægypt: thou fhalt not appeare in my fight emptie. ¹⁶ And the folemnitie of the harueft ^{b)}of the first fruites of thy worke, whatfoeuer thou didft fow in the field. The folemnitie also in the end of the yeare, c) when thou haft gathered al thy corne out of the field. ¹⁷ Thrife a yeare shal al thy male fexe appeare before the Lord thy God. ¹⁸ Thou shalt not facrifice the bloud of my victime vpon leuen, neither shal the fatte of my folemnitie remaine vntil the morning. 19 The first fruites of the corne of thy ground thou shalt carrie into the house of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not boyle a kidde in the milke of his damme. 20 Behold I wil fend myne Angel, which shal goe before thee, and keepe thee in thy iourney, and bring thee into the place that I have prepared. 21 Obferue him, and heare his voice, neither doe thou thinke him one to be contemned: for he wil not forgeue when thou haft finned, and my name is in him. 22 But if thou wilt heare his voice, and doe al that I fpeake, I wil be enemie to thyne enemies, & wil afflict them that afflict thee. ²³ And myne Angel fhal goe before thee, and fhal bring thee in vnto the Amorrheite, and Hetheite, and Pherezeite, and Chananeite, and Heueite, and Iebuzeite, whom I wil deftroy. 24 Thou fhalt not adore their goddes, nor ferue them. Thou shalt not doe their workes, but shalt deftroy them, and breake their ftatues. 25 And you shal ferue the Lord your God, that I may bleffe your bread & waters, and may take away infirmitie from the middes of thee. ²⁶ There shal not be a fruitleffe nor barren bodie in thy land: I wil fil the number of thy dayes. 27 I wil fend my terrour to runne before thee, and wil kil al people, to whom thou shalt

^a Pafch in memorie of their deliuerie from Ægypt.

b Pentecoft, when they received the Law.

^c Tabernacles in memorie of Gods protection fourtie yeares in the defert.

enter: and wil turne the backes of al thyne enemies before thee: 28 fending forth hornets before, that shal chafe away the Heueite, and Chananeite, and Hetheite, before thou enter. ²⁹ I wil not caft them out from thy face in one yeare: left the land be brought into a wilderneffe, and beaftes encrease against thee. ³⁰ By litle and litle I wil expel them from thy fight, til thou be increased, and doft poffeffe the Land. 31 And I wil fette thy boundes from the Redde fea vnto the fea of the Paleftines, and from the defert vnto the river: I wil deliver the inhabitantes of the Land in your handes, and wil caft them out from your fight. ³² Thou shalt ^{a)}not enter league with them, nor with their goddes. 33 Let them not dwel in thy land, left perhapes they make thee to finne against me, if thou ferue their goddes: which vindoubtedly wil be a fcandal to thee.

Annotations

Chapter 24

Moyfes with others are commanded to afcend, he to the Lord, the reft a farre of. 4. They offer Sacrifice. 8. Moyfes fprinckleth the bloud of the Testament vpon the people. 15. Then ascending to the mountaine, God couereth it with a firie cloude.

o Moyfes alfo he faid: Goe vp to the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab and Abiu, and feuentie Ancientes of Ifrael, and you shal adore a farre of. ² And Moyfes onlie shal afcend to the Lord, and they shal not approach: neither shal the people afcend with him. ³ Moyfes therfore came and told the people al the wordes of our Lord, and the iudgementes: and al the people answered with one voice: Al the wordes of our Lord, which he hath spoken we wil doe. ⁴ And Moyfes

^a Peace with infidels forbidden to Gods people.

wrote al the wordes of our Lord: and rifing in the morning he a)builded an Altar at the foote of the mount, & twelue titles according the twelue tribes of Ifrael. ⁵ And he fent young men of the children of Ifrael, and they offered holocauftes, and facrificed pacifique victimes to our Lord, calues. 6 Moyfes therfore tooke the halfe part of the bloud, and put it into bowles: and the refidue he powred vpon the Altar. ⁷ And taking the volume of the couenant, he reade the people hearing it: Who faid: Al thinges that our Lord hath fpoken, we wil doe, and we wil be obedient. 8 And he tooke the bloud, and b) fprinkled it vpon the people, and faid: This is the bloud of the Couenant which our Lord hath made with you vpon al these wordes. ⁹ And there went vp Moyses and Aaron, Nadab and Abiu, and feuentie of the ancientes of Ifrael: 10 and they faw the God of Ifrael: and vnder his feete as it were a worke of fapphirftone, and as the heaven, when it is clere. 11 Neither did he fet his hand vpon those of the children of Ifrael, that retired farre of, and they faw God, and did eate, and drinke. ¹² And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Come vp to me into the mount, and be there: and I wil geue thee tables of ftone, and the law, and the commandementes which I haue written: that thou maift teach them. ¹³ Moyfes rofe vp, and his minister Iosue: and Moyses ascending into the mount of God, ¹⁴ faid to the Ancientes: Expect here til we returne to you, you haue Aaron and Hur with you: If anie question shal rife, you shal referre it to them. ¹⁵ And when Moyfes was afcended, a cloud couered the mount, ¹⁶ and the glorie of our Lord dwelt vpon Sinai, couering it with a cloud fix dayes, and the feuenth day he called him out of the middes of the darkeneffe. 17 And the forme of the glorie of our Lord, was

a As when Moyfes had brought the Ifraelites from bondage, and received the law for them he built an Altar for Sacrifice: fo Chrift having redemed vs, and geue vs a Law, for application of the fruict therof Altares are erected, & Sacrifice offered.

b This was donne corporally to the Iewes.
In Christians Christs bloud applied by Sacrifice and Sacraments fanctifieth their foules. *Heb. 9*.

as it were fire burning vpon the toppe of the mount, in the fight of the children of Ifrael. ¹⁸ And Moyfes entring into the middes of the cloude, afcended into the mount: and he was there fourtie dayes, and fourtie nightes.

Annotations

Mat. 26.

8 This is the bloud of the couenant.) Our Sauiour in the inftitution of the Eucharift, by vfing the fame wordes, applying them to him felfe, *This is my bloud of the nevv Testament*, fignifieth that he fulfilled this figure at his last supper. VVhich proueth both a Sacrifice of bloud then offered by him, as this bloud of the old Testament was already shed, when Moyses pronounced those wordes; and the real presence of Christs bloud. For els, if it were but wine, it were not better in substance then the figure, which was real bloud. Ifychius. li. 1. c. 4. in Leuit.

A figure of Chrifts bloud in the B. Sacrament.

Chapter 25

Oblations of first fruictes, and freegistes for making the Tabernacle, and things perteyning therto. 10. The Arck. 17. The Propitiatorie, and Cherubims. 23. A table, and theron the Loaues of proposition. 31. A candlestick, 37. and seuen lampes, with snuffers of gold.

nd our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: ² Speake to the children of Ifrael, that they take first fruites for me of euerie man that offereth of his owne accord, you shal take them. ³ And these are the thinges which you must take: ^{a)}Gold, and filuer, and braffe, ⁴ hyacinth and purple, and scarlet twise died, and filke, and the haire of goates, ⁵ and rammes skinnes died redde, and ianthin skinnes, and the wood setim: ⁶ oyle to make lightes: spices for oyntement, and for incense of good fauour: ⁷ Onyx stones, and pretious stones to

As the Ifraelites were prompt to offer these external things in the old law, so Christians must offer the like for Gods service: but specially al fortes of vertues, Faith, hope, charitie, penance, deuotion, prayer, almes, fasting, &c.

adorne the ephod, and rationale. 8 And they shal make me a fanctuarie, and I wil dwel in the middes of them: ⁹ according to al the fimilitude of the tabernacle which I wil flow thee, & of all the veffel to the feruice therof: & thus you fhal make it: 10 frame an arke of the wood fetim, the length wherof fhal haue two cubites & an halfe: the bredth, a cubite and an halfe: the height, likewife a cubite and an halfe. 11 And thou shalt plate it with most pure gold within and without: and ouer it thou shalt make a golden crowne round about: 12 and foure golden ringes, which thou shalt put at the foure corners of the arke: let two ringes be on the one fide, and two on the other. 13 Thou shalt make barres also of the wood fetim, and shalt couer them with gold. ¹⁴ And thou shalt put them in through the ringes that are in the fides of the arke, that it may be caried on them: 15 the which shal be alwayes in the ringes, neither shal they at anie time be drawen out of them. ¹⁶ And thou shalt put in the arke the teftification which I wil geue thee. 17 Thou shalt make a Propitiatorie of most pure gold: the length therof shal hold two cubites and an halfe, and the bredth a cubite & an halfe. 18 Two a) Cherubims also thou shalt make of beaten gold, on both fides of the oracle. 19 Let one Cherub be on the one fide, and the other on the other. ²⁰ Let them couer both fides of the Propitiatorie foreading their winges, and couering the oracle, and let them looke one towards the other, their faces turned vnto the Propitiatorie wherwith the arke is to be couered, 21 wherin thou shalt put the teftimony that I wil geue thee. ²² Thence wil I command, and wil fpeake to thee ouer the propitiatorie & from the middes of the two Cherubims which shal be vpon the arke of testimonie, al thinges which I wil command the children of Ifrael by thee. ²³ Thou shalt make a table also of the wood fetim, having two cubites in length, and in bredth a cubite, and in height a cubite and an halfe. 24 And thou shalt plate it with most pure gold:

^a If Images were vnlawful God would not have commanded to make Cherubims. $c\tilde{o}$. Nic. 2.

& thou shalt make to it a golden ledge round about, 25 and to the ledge it felf a crowne enterpolished, four fingers high: and vpon the fame, an other golden crowne. ²⁶ Thou fhalt prepare also four golden ringes, and shalt put them in the foure corners of the fame table at euerie foote. 27 Vnder the crowne shal the golden ringes be, that the barres may be put through them, and the table may be carried. ²⁸ The barres also them felues thou shalt make of the wood fetim, and shalt compaffe them with gold to beare vp the table. ²⁹ Thou shalt prepare also fawcers, and phials, cenfers, and goblettes, wherein the libamentes are to be offered, of most pure gold. ³⁰ And thou shalt fette vpon the table a) loaues of proposition in my fight alwaies. ³¹ Thou shalt make also a candlesticke beaten of most pure gold, the shaft therof, and branches, cuppes, and boules, and lilies proceeding from the fame. ³² Six branches shal goe forth of the fides, three out of one fide, and three out of the other. 33 Three cuppes as it were in the maner of a nutte on euerie branch, and a boule withal, and a lilie: and three cuppes likewife of the fashion of a nutte in an other branch, and a boule withal, and a lilie. This shal be the worke of the fix branches. that are to be drawen forth from the shaft: 34 and in the candlefticke it felfe shal be foure cuppes in maner of a nutte, and at euerie one boules and lilies. ³⁵ Boules vnder two branches in three places, which together make fix comming forth out of one shaft. ³⁶ Both the boules therfore and the branches shal be out of it, al the whole beaten of most pure gold. 37 Thou shalt make also feuen lampes, and shalt fette them vpon the candlefticke, for to geue light ouer againft. 38 The fnuffers also and where the fnuffinges shal be put out, let them be made of most pure gold. ³⁹ The whole weight of the candlefticke with

^a For the perpetual vfe, and fanctitie of these loaues, which none might eate but such as were pure (1. Reg. 21.) they presigured the holie Eucharist. S. Hier. in Tit. 1. S. Damascen. de ortho. li. 4. c. 14. S. Cyril cathec. 4.

And confequently Chrift is really prefent in the B. Sacrament. For if there were bread in fubftance, it fhould not excel the figure; which is required in eierie thing prefigured. *Colloff. 2.*

al the furniture therof shal haue a talent of most pure gold. ⁴⁰ Looke, and make it according to the paterne, that was shewed thee in the mount.

Annotations

Chapter 26

The forme of the Tabernacle, with the appertinances, and of vvhat matter, number, and qualities al things shal be.

nd the tabernacle thou shalt make thus: Tenne curtines shalt thou make of twifted filke, and hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, varied with imbrodered worke. ² The length of one curtine shal have twentie eight cubites: the bredth, shal be of four cubites. Al the curtines shal be of one measure. ³ Fiue curtines shal be ^{a)}ioyned one to an other, and the other five shall hang together with the connexion. ⁴ Loupes of hyacinth thou shalt make in the fides and toppes of the curtines, that they may be compled one to an other. ⁵ Fiftie loupes shal euerie curtine haue on both fides, fo fet on, that one loupe may be against another loupe, and one may be fitted to the other. 6 Thou shalt make also fiftie circles of gold wherwith the veiles of the curtines are to be ioyned, that it may be made one tabernacle. 7 Thou shalt make also eleuen curtines of haire, to couer the toppe of the tabernacle. 8 The length of one haire curtine shal have thirtie cubites: and the bredth, foure: the measure of all the curtines shall be equal. ⁹ Of the which, five thou shalt iowne apart, and the fix thou shalt couple one to an other, fo that the fixt curtine in the front of the roofe thou shalt duble. 10 Thou shalt make also fiftie loupes in the edge of one curtine, that

^a Chrifts members by their vnion & communitie affift ech other, and adorne his tabernacle, the Church.

it may be iovned with the other: and fiftie loupes in the edge of the other curtine, that it may be coupled with his felow. 11 Thou shalt make also fiftie buckles of braffe, wherwith the loups may be ioyned, that of al there may be made one courring. 12 And that which shal remaine in the curtines, that are prepared for the roofe, to witte, one curtine that is ouerplus, with the halfe therof thou fhalt couer the backefide of the tabernacle. 13 And there fhal hang downe a cubite on the one fide, and an other on the other fide, which is the ouerplus in the length of the curtines, fenfing both fides of the tabernacle. ¹⁴ Thou shalt make also an other couer to the roofe of rammes skinnes died redde: and ouer that againe an other couer of ianthine skinnes. ¹⁵ Thou shalt make also the bordes of the tabernacle standing vpright of the wood fetim, 16 of the which let euerie one haue ten cubites in length, and in bredth one and an halfe a peece. 17 In the fides of the borde, shal be made two morteles, wherby one borde may be igyned to an other borde: and after this maner shal all the bordes be prepared. 18 Of the which twentie shal be in the fouth fide that tendeth Southward. 19 For the which thou shalt caft fourtie feete of filuer, that there may two feete be put vnder euerie borde at the two corners. ²⁰ In the fecond fide also of the tabernacle that looketh to the North, there shal be twentie bordes, 21 hauing fourtie feete of filuer, two feete shal be put vnder euerie borde. 22 But on the west quarter of the tabernacle thou shalt make fix bordes, ²³ and againe other two which fhal be erected in the corners at the backe of the tabernacle. ²⁴ And they fhal be igyned together from beneth vnto the toppe, and one ioynture shal hold them al. The like ioynture shal be kept for the two bordes also that are to be put in the corners. ²⁵ And they shal be in al eight bordes, their filuer feete fixtene, two feete accounted for euerie borde. ²⁶ Thou shalt make also five barres of the wood fetim, to hold together the bordes on the one fide of the tabernacle, ²⁷ and fiue others on the other fide, and as manie at the weft fide: 28 which shal be put along by the middes of the bordes from one end to the other. ²⁹ The

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bordes also them selues thou shalt plate with gold, and shalt caft ringes of gold to be fette vpon them, through which the barres may hold together the bordeworke: the which thou fhalt couer with plates of gold. ³⁰ And thou fhalt erect the tabernacle according to the paterne that was flewed thee in the Mount. ³¹ Thou flalt make also a veile of hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, and twifted filke, wrought with imbrodered worke and goodlie varietie: 32 which thou fhalt hang before foure pillers of the wood fetim, the which themselves also shall be plated with gold, and fhal have four heades of gold, but feete of filuer. ³³ And the veile shal be hanged on with ringes, within the which thou fhalt put the arke of testimonie, with the which also the Sanctuarie, and the fanctuaries of the Sanctuarie, shal be divided. 34 Thou shalt fet also the Propitiatorie vpon the arke of testimonie in the a)Sancta fanctorum: 35 and the table without the veile: and ouer against the table the candlesticke in the fouth fide of the tabernacle: for the table shal ftand in the north fide. ³⁶ Thou shalt make also a hanging in the entring of the tabernacle of hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, and twifted filke, with imbrodered worke. ³⁷ And fiue pillers of the wood fetim thou shalt plate with gold, before the which the hanging shal be drawen: whose heades shal be of gold, and feete of braffe.

ANNOTATIONS

Chapter 27

An Altar must be made viith things belonging therto. 9. Also the court of the tabernacle viith hangings and pillers. 20. And provision of oyle for lampes.

^a The chieffest part of the Tabernacle, called Sancta fanctorum: Holie of holies.

hou shalt make also an Altar of the wood fetim, which shal have five cubites in length, and as manie in bredth, that is, four fguare, and three cubites in height. ² And there shal be at the foure corners hornes of the fame: and thou shalt couer it with braffe. ³ And thou shalt make for the vies therof pannes for to take the ashes, and tongues and fleshhookes, and fire pannes: all the veffel thou shalt make of braffe. 4 And a grate in maner of a nette of braffe: at the foure corners wherof shal be foure ringes of braffe, ⁵ which thou shalt put vnder the hearth of the Altar: and the grate shal be vnto the middes of the Altar. ⁶ Thou shalt make also two barres for the Altar of the wood fetim, which thou shalt couer with plates of braffe: ⁷ and thou shalt drawe them through ringes, and they shal be on both fides of the Altar to carrie it. 8 Not maffie, but emptie and hollow in the infide fhalt thou make it, as it was flewed thee in the Mount. ⁹ Thou fhalt make also the court of the tabernacle, in the fouth part wherof against the fourth there shal be hanginges of twifted filke: one fide shal hold in length an hundred cubites. ¹⁰ And twentie pillers with as manie feete of braffe, which shal have heades with their engrauinges of filuer. 11 In like maner also on the north fide there shal be in length hanginges of an hundred cubites, twentie pillers, and feete of braffe as manie, and their heades with their engrauinges of filuer. 12 But in the bredth of the court, that looketh to the west, there shal be hanginges of fiftie cubites, and ten pillers, and as manie feete. 13 In that bredth also of the court, which looketh to the eaft, there shal be fiftie cubites. 14 In the which there shal be deputed to one fide hanginges of fiftene cubites, and three pillers, and as manie feete. ¹⁵ And in the other fide there shal be hanginges conteying fiftene cubites, three pillers, and as manie feete. ¹⁶ And in the entring of the court there shal be made an hanging of twentie cubites of hyacinth and purple, and fearlet twife died, and twifted filke, with embrodered worke: it shal have foure pillers, with as manie feete. 17 Al the pillers of the court round about shal be garnished with plates of filuer, filuer heades, and feete of braffe. ¹⁸ In length the court shal occupie an hundred cubites, in bredth fiftie, the height shal be of fiue cubites: and it shal be made of twifted filke, and shal haue feete of braffe. ¹⁹ Al the veffel of the tabernacle for al vfes and ceremonies, the pinnes as wel of it as of the court, thou shalt make of braffe. ²⁰ Command the children of Ifrael that they bring thee oyle of the oliuetrees the pureft, and beaten with a peftil: that a lampe may burne ^{a)}alwayes ²¹ in the tabernacle of the teftimonie, without the veile that is drawen before the teftimonie. And Aaron and his fonnes shal place it, that it may geue light before the Lord vntil the morning. ²² It shal be a perpetual observance through out their fuccessions before the children of Ifrael.

Annotations

Chapter 28

God commandeth Moyfes to make divers fortes of veftures for Aaron and his fonnes, prefcribing the matter, maner, and ornaments therof.

ake vnto thee also Aaron thy brother with his sonnes, from among the children of Israel, b)that they may doe the function of priesthoode vnto me: Aaron, Nadab, and Abiu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. And thou shalt make an holie vesture to Aaron thy brother for glorie and bewtie. And thou shalt speake to all the wife of hart, whom I have replenished with the spirit of wisdome, that they make Aarons vestures, wherin he being sanctified may minister to me. And

^a God would not have darknes in his tabernacle by day nor night, fignifying that his people ought alwayes to fhine in good workes. S. Beda. li. 3. c. 2. de tabernac.

^b Vocation necessarie to spiritual function. Heb. 5.

a) thefe shal be the veftments that they shal make: Rationale and an Ephod, a tunike and a ftraite linnen garment, a mitre and a girdle. They shal make the holie veftments for thy brother Aaron and his fonnes, that they may doe the function of priefthood vnto me. ⁵ And they shal take gold, and hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, and filke. ⁶ And they shal make the Ephod of gold and hyacinth and purple, and fearlet twife died. and twifted filke, embrodered with divers colours. 7 It shal have two edges in the toppe on both fides, that they may be closed together. 8 The verie workemanship also and all the varietie of the worke shall be of gold and hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, and twifted filke. 9 And thou shalt take two Onyx ftones, and shalt graue in them the names of the children of Ifrael: 10 fix names in one ftone, and the other fix in the other, according to the order of their nativitie. 11 After the worke of a grauer and the grauing of a lapidarie, thou shalt graue them with the names of the children of Ifrael, fette in gold and compaffed about: 12 and thou shalt put them in both fides of the Ephod, a memorial for the children of Ifrael. And Aaron shal beare their names before the Lord vpon both shoulders, for a remembrance. 13 Thou shalt make also hookes of gold, ¹⁴ and two litle cheynes of most pure gold linked one to an other, which thou shalt put into the hookes. 15 The Rationale of judgement also thou shalt make with embrodered worke of divers colours, according to the workmanship of the Ephod of gold, hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, and twifted filke. ¹⁶ It shal be foure fguare and duble: it shal have the measure of a palme afwel in length as in bredth. ¹⁷ And thou shalt fet in it four rewes of ftones: In the first rew shal be the ftone fardius, and topazius, and the emeraud: 18 in the

^a Thefe veftments fignifie that Bifhopes and Priefts muft haue fpecial vertues, difcretion, puritie of life, fincere intention, contemplation of God, fupportation of the peoples infirmitie, folicitude of their good, examplar life, found doctrin, and band of vnion. S. Hiero. ad Fabiol. de veftitu Sacerdotum. to. 3.

fecond the carbuncle, the fapphire, and the iafper: 19 in the third a ligurius, an achates, an amethyft: 20 in the fourth a chryfolith, an onyx, and beryllus. They shal be fet in gold by their rewes. ²¹ And they shal haue the names of the children of Ifrael: with twelue names shal they be grauen, euerie ftone with the names of euerie one according to the twelue tribes. ²² Thou shalt make in the Rationale chevnes linked one to an other of the pureft gold: 23 and two ringes of gold, which thou shalt put in both the toppes of the Rationale: 24 and the golden cheynes thou shalt ioyne to the ringes, that are in the edges therof: 25 and the endes of the chevnes them felues thou shalt couple with two hookes on both fides of the Ephod, which is toward the Rationale. ²⁶ Thou shalt make also two ringes of gold which thou shalt put in the toppes of the Rationale, in the brimmes, that are ouer against the Ephod, & looke toward the backe partes therof. ²⁷ Moreouer also other two ringes of gold, which are to be fet on both fides of the Ephod beneth, that looketh toward the nether ioyning, that the Rationale may be fitted with the Ephod, ²⁸ and may be faftened by the ringes therof vnto the ringes of the Ephod with a lace of hyacinth, that the ioyning artificially wrought may continew, and the Rationale and Ephod may not be feparated one from the other. ²⁹ And Aaron shal beare the names of the children of Ifrael in the Rationale of iudgement vpon his breft, when he shal enter into the Sanctuarie, a memorial before the Lord for euer. ³⁰ And thou shalt put in the Rationale of judgement a)Doctrine, and Veritie, which shal be on Aarons breft, when he shal goe in before the Lord: and he shal beare the judgement of the children of Ifrael on his breft, in the fight of the Lord alwayes. 31 And thou shalt make the tunike of the Ephod al of hyacinth, 32 in the middes wherof aboue shal be a hole for the head, and a bordeer round about it wouen, as is wont to be made in the vtmoft partes of garments, that it may not eafily be broken.

^a Knowledge of the caufe, and fincere proceding therin, are the two keyes of right iudgement.

33 And beneth at the feete of the fame tunike, round about, thou shalt make as it were pomegranates, of hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, litle belles interposed betwen, 34 fo that there be a bel of gold and a pomegranate: and againe an other bel of gold and a pomegranate. ³⁵ And Aaron shal be vefted with it in the office of his ministerie, that the found may be heard, when he goeth in and cometh out of the Sanctuarie, in the fight of the Lord, and that he die not. ³⁶ Thou fhalt make also a plate of the purest gold: wherin thou shalt graue after the worke of a grauer, Holie to the Lord. ³⁷ And thou fhalt tie it with a lace of hyacinth, and it fhal be vpon the mitre, 38 hanging ouer the forehead of the high Prieft. And Aaron shall carie the iniquities of those thinges, which the children of Ifrael haue offered and fanctified, in all their giftes and donaries. And the plate shal be alwayes in his forehead, that the Lord may be well pleafed with them. ³⁹ And thou shalt gird the tunike with filke, and thou fhalt make a filken mitre, and a bawdrike of embrodered worke. 40 Moreouer for the fonnes of Aaron thou shalt prepare linnen tunikes, and bawdrikes and mitres for glorie and bewtie: 41 And with al thefe thinges thou shalt veft Aaron thy brother, and his fonnes with him. And thou shalt confecrate the handes of them al, and shalt fanctifie them, that they may doe the function of priefthood vnto me. 42 Thou shalt make also linnen breches, to couer the flesh of their turpitude from the reynes vnto the thighes: 43 and Aaron and his fonnes flal vie them when they shal enter into the tabernacle of testimonie, or when they approch to the Altar to minister in the Sanctuarie, lest guiltie of iniquitie they die. It shal be a law for euer to Aaron, and to his feede after him.

Annotations

Chapter 29

The maner of confecrating Aaron and other Priefts: vvith burnt offerings, 26. and pacifiques, wherof Aaron and his fonnes shal participate. 38. The inftitution of the daylie Sacrifice of tvvo lambes, one in the morning, the other at euen.

ut this also shalt thou doe, a)that they may be confecrated to me in priefthood. Take a calfe from the heard, and two rammes without fpotte, ² and vnleuened bread, and a cake without leuen, tempered with oile, wafers also vnleauened anounted with oile: of wheaten flowre thou shalt make al. ³ And being put in a basket thou shalt offer them: and the calfe and the two rammes. ⁴ And thou shalt bring Aaron and his fonnes to the doore of the tabernacle of testimonie. And b) when thou hast washed the father with his fonnes in water, 5 thou shalt veft Aaron with his veftments, that is, with the linnen garment and the tunicke, and the Ephod and the Rationale, which thou shalt gird with the baudrike. ⁶ And thou shalt put the mitre vpon his head, and the holie plate vpon the mitre, ⁷ and thou shalt powre the oile of vnction vpon his head: and by this rite shal he be confecrated. 8 His fonnes also thou shalt bring, and shalt inuest them with the linnen tunickes, and gird them with a bawdrike, 9 to witte, Aaron and his children, and thou shalt put mitres vpon them: and they shal be prieftes to me by a perpetual religion. After that thou shalt have confecrated their handes, 10 thou shalt prefent also the calfe before the tabernacle of testimonie. And Aaron and his sonnes fhal lay their handes upon his head, 11 and thou shalt kil him in the fight of the Lord, befide the doore of the tabernacle of testimonie. 12 And that which thou takest of the bloud of the calfe, thou shalt put vpon the hornes of the Altar with thy finger, and the rest of the bloud thou shalt powre at the botome therof. 13 Thou shalt take also the whole fatte that couereth the entralles,

 $^{^{\}rm a}$ Special preparation before Bifhops and Priefts be confecrated.

b The first preparation in the partie to be confecrated is cleanling from finne: then to be adorned with the vertues aboue mentioned. Exod. 18. v. 4.

and the caule of the liuer, and the two kidneys, and the fatte that is vpon them, and shalt offer a burnt facrifice vpon the Altar: 14 but the flesh of the calfe and the hide and the dung, thou shalt burne abrode without the campe, because it is for finne. 15 Thou shalt take also one ramme, vpon the head wherof Aaron & his fonnes shal lay their handes. ¹⁶ Which when thou haft killed, thou shalt take of the bloud therof, and powre round about the Altar. 17 And the ramme it felfe thou shalt cut into peeces, and his entralles and feete being washed, thou shalt put vpon the flesh cut in peeces, and vpon his head. ¹⁸ And thou shalt offer the whole ramme for a burnt facrifice vpon the Altar: it is an oblation to the Lord, a most sweete fauoure of the victime of the Lord. 19 Thou shalt take also the other ramme, vpon whofe head Aaron and his fonnes shal lay their handes. ²⁰ Which when thou haft immolated, thou shalt take of his bloud, and put vpon the tippe of the right eare of Aaron and of his fonnes, and vpon the thumbes and great toes of their right hand and foote, and thou shalt powre the bloud vpon the Altar round about. 21 And when thou haft taken of the bloud that is vpon the Altar, and of the oile of vnction, thou shalt fprinkle Aaron and his vefture, his fonnes & their veftmentes. And after they and their veftmentes are confecrated, ²² thou shalt take the fatte of the ramme, and the tayle & the talow, that couereth the lunges, and the caule of the liver, and the two kidneies, and the fatte, that is vpon them, and the right shoulder, because it is the ramme of confecration: 23 and a peece of one loafe, a cake tempered with oile, a wafer out of the basket of azymes, which is fette in the fight of the Lord: 24 and thou shalt put al vpon the handes of Aaron and of his fonnes, and shalt fanctifie them elevation before the Lord. ²⁵ And thou shalt take al from their handes: and shalt burne them vpon the Altar for an holocaufte, a most sweete fauour in the fight of the Lord, because it is his oblation. ²⁶ Thou shalt take also the breft of the ramme, wherwith Aaron was confecrated, and elevating it thou shalt fanctifie it before the Lord, and it shal fal to thy part. ²⁷ And thou

shalt fanctifie both the confecrated breft, and the shoulder that thou didft feparate of the ramme, 28 wherwith Aaron was confecrated and his fonnes, and they shal fal to Aarons part and his fonnes by a perpetual right from the children of Ifrael: because they are the primitiues and beginninges of their pacifique victimes which they offer to the Lord. ²⁹ And the holie vefture, which Aaron shal vfe, his fonnes shal have after him, that they may be anoynted, and their handes confecrated in it. ³⁰ He of his fonnes that shal be appointed high prieft in his fteede, & that shal enter into the tabernacle of testimonie to minister in the Sanctuarie, shal weare it seuen dayes. 31 And thou shalt take the ramme of the confectation, and shalt boyle the flesh therof in a holie place; ³² which Aaron shal eate and his fonnes. The loaues also, that are in the basket, they shal eate in the entrie of the tabernacle of testimonie, ³³ that it may be a placable facrifice, and the handes of the offerers may be fanctified. A ftranger shal not eate of them, because they are holie. 34 And if there remaine of the confecrated flesh, or of the bread til the morning, thou shalt burne the remaynes with fire: they shal not be eaten, because they are fanctified. ³⁵ Al, that I have commanded thee, thou shalt doe voon Aaron and his fonnes. Seuen dayes shalt thou confecrate their handes: ³⁶ and thou shalt offer a calfe for finne euerie day for expiation. And thou shalt cleanfe the Altar when thou haft offered the hofte of expiation, and shalt anount it vnto fanctification. ³⁷ Seuen dayes shalt thou expiate the Altar & fanctifie it, and it shal be most Holie. Euerie one, that shal touch it, shal be fanctified.

³⁸ This is it which thou fhalt doe vpon the Altar: Two lambes of a yeare old ^a)euerie day continually, ³⁹ one lambe in the morning, & an other at euen, ⁴⁰ the tenth

a Diuers things were offered at diuers times, and al fignified Chrifts Sacrifice in his Church. S. Aug. li. 1. c. 18. cont. aduerf. leg. & prophet. yet none daylie but a lambe: more particularly fignifying the daylie offering of the lambe of God and perpetual effect therof. Origen. in Ioan. 1.

part of flowre tempered with oile beaten, which fhal have in measure the fourth part of an hin, and wine for libation of the fame measure to one lambe. 41 And the other lambe thou fhalt offer at euen, according to the rite of the morning oblation, and according to that which we haue faid, for a fauour of fweetneffe: 42 it is a facrifice to the Lord, by perpetual oblation vnto your generations, at the doore of the tabernacle of testimonie before the Lord, where I wil appoint to fpeake vnto thee. 43 And there wil I command the children of Ifrael, and the Altar shal be fanctified in my glorie. 44 I wil fanctifie also the tabernacle of testimonie with the Altar, and Aaron with his fonnes, to doe the function of priefthood vnto me. ⁴⁵ And I wil dwel in the middes of the children of Ifrael, and wil be their God, 46 and they shal know that I am the Lord their God, that have brought them out of the Land of Ægypt, that I might abide among them, I the Lord their God.

Annotations

Chapter 30

How, and of what matter, the Altar of incense shal be made: 12. VVhat money shal be gathered for the vse of the Tabernacle. 18. A brasen lauer is also to be made, 25. and holie oile of vnction.

hou shalt make also an Altar to burne incense, of the wood setim, ² hauing a cubite of length, and an other of bredth, that is, soure square, and two cubites in height. The hornes shal procede out of the same. ³ And thou shalt plate it with the purest gold, as well the grate therof, as the walles round about, and the hornes. And thou shalt make to it a crowne of gold round about, ⁴ and two golden ringes vnder the crowne on either side, that the barres may be put into them, and the Altar may be caried. ⁵ The barres also them selves thou shalt make of the wood setim, and

shalt plate them with gold. ⁶ And thou shalt fet the Altar against the veile, that hangeth before the arke of testimonie before the propitiatorie wherwith the testimonie is couered, where I wil fpeake to thee. ⁷ And Aaron fhal burne incense vpon it, swetely fragrant, in the morning. When he fhal dreffe the lampes, he fhal burne it: 8 and when he fhal place them at euen, he fhal burne incenfe euerlafting before the Lord through your generations. ⁹ You shal not offer vpon it incense of an other composition, nor oblation, and victime, neitheir fhal you offer libamentes. 10 And Aaron shal pray vpon the hornes therof once a yeare, with the bloud of that which was offered for finne, and shal pacifie vpon it in your generations. It shal be most Holie to the Lord. 11 And our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: 12 When thou shalt take the fumme of the children of Ifrael according to their number, euerie one of them shal giue a price for their foules to the Lord, and there shal be no fcourge among them, when they shal be reckened. ¹³ And this shal euerie one giue that paffeth to the naming, a)halfe a ficle according to the measure of the temple. A ficle hath twentee b)oboles. The halfe part of a ficle shall be offered to the Lord. ¹⁴ He that is accounted in the number, for twentie years and vpward, shal give price. ¹⁵ The rich man shal not adde to halfe a ficle, and the poore man fhal diminish nothing. ¹⁶ And the money being received, which was contributed of the children of Ifrael, thou shalt deliuer vnto the vses of the tabernacle of testimonie, that it may be a monument of them before the Lord, and he may be propitious to their foules. 17 And our Lord spake to Moyses, faying: 18 Thou shalt make also a lauer with his foote of braffe, to wash in: and thou shalt fet it betwen the tabernacle of the testimonie and the Altar. And water being put into it, ¹⁹ Aaron and his fonnes fhal wash therin their handes and feete,

^a That is, 7. d. ob. English. For a ficle of the Sanctuarie is about 15. d.

^b Obolos, 3. farthings.

²⁰ when they are going into the tabernacle of testimonie, and when they are to come vnto the Altar, to offer on it incense to the Lord, 21 left perhappes they die. It shal be an euerlafting law to him, and to his feede by fucceffions. ²² And our Lord spake to Moyses, ²³ saying: Take fpices, of principal and chosen myrrh fiue hundred ficles, and of cinnamon halfe fo much, that is, two hundred fiftie ficles, of calamus in like maner two hundred fiftie, ²⁴ and of cafia fiue hundred ficles after the weight of the Sanctuarie, of oile of oliues the measure hin: 25 and thou shalt make the holie oile of vnction, an ointment compounded by the art of an vnguentarie, ²⁶ and therof thou shalt anount the tabernacle of testimonie, and the arke of the testament, ²⁷ and the table with the vessel therof, the candlefticke, and the furniture therof, the Altars of incense, 28 and of holocauste, and al the furniture that perteyneth to the feruice of them. ²⁹ And thou shalt fanctifie al, and they shal be most Holie: he that shal touch them, shal be fanctified. ³⁰ Thou shalt anount Aaron and his fonnes, and shalt fanctifie them, that they may doe the function of priefthood vnto me. 31 To the children of Ifrael also thou shalt fay: This oile of vnction shal be holie vnto me through your generations. 32 The flesh of man shal not be anounted therwith, and you shal make none after the composition of it, because it is fanctified, and shal be holie vnto you. 33 What man foeuer shal compound fuch, and shal give therof to a ftranger, shal be abandoned out of his people. 34 And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Take vnto thee fpices, ftactee, and onycha, galbanum of fwete fauour, and the cleareft frankincenfe, al shal be of equal weight: 35 and thou shalt make incense compounded by the worke of an viguentarie, exactly tempered, and pure, and most worthie of fanctification. ³⁶ And when thou haft beaten al into verie fmal pouder, thou shalt fet of it before the tabernacle of testimonie, in the place where I wil appeare to thee. Most Holie shal the incense be vnto you. ³⁷ Such confection you shal not make vnto your owne vfes, because it is holie to the Lord. 38 What man soeuer

shal make the like, to enjoy the fmel therof, shal perish out of his people.

Annotations

Chapter 31

Befeleel and Ooliab are deputed by our Lord to make the Tabernacle, and the things belonging therto. 12. The observation of the fabbath day is againe commanded. 18. And our Lord delivereth to Moyfes two tables vyritten with the finger of God.

nd our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: ² Behold, I have called by name Befeleel the fonne of Vri the fonne of Hur of the tribe of Iuda, ³ and I have replenished him with the fpirit of God, with wifdome, & vnderftanding, and knowledge in al worke, 4 to deuife whatfoeuer may be artificially made of gold, and filuer, and braffe, 5 of marble, and precious ftones, and diuerfitie of wood. ⁶ And I have geven him for his felow Ooliab the fonne of Achifamech of the tribe of Dan. And in the hart of euerie skilful man haue I put wifdome: that they may make all things which I have commanded thee, 7 the tabernacle of couenant, and the arke of testimonie, and the propitiatorie, that is ouer it, and all the veffel of the tabernacle, 8 and the table and the veffel therof, the candlefticke most pure with the veffel therof, and the Altares of incenfe, ⁹ and of holocaufte, and al their veffel, the lauer with his foote, 10 the holie veftments in the ministerie for Aaron the prieft, and for his fonnes, that they may execute their office, about the facred things: 11 the oile of vnction, and the incenfe of fpices in the Sanctuarie, al thinges which I have commanded thee, shal they make. 12 And our Lord spake to Moyses, faying: 13 Speake to the children of Ifrael, and thou shalt fay to them: See that you keepe my fabbath: because it is a figne betwen me and

you in your generations: that you may know that I am the Lord, which fanctifie you. ¹⁴ Keepe you my fabbath: for it is holie vnto you: he that shal pollute it, dying shal die: he that shal doe worke in it, his foule shal perish out of the middes of his people. ¹⁵ Six dayes shal you doe worke: in the feuenth day is the fabbath, the holie reft to the Lord. Euerie one that shal doe any worke in this day, shal die. ¹⁶ Let the children of Ifrael keepe the Sabbath, and celebrate it in their generations. It is an euerlafting couenant ¹⁷ betwen me and the children of Ifrael, and a figne perpetual: for in fix dayes the Lord made heauen and earth, and in the feuenth he ceafed from worke. ¹⁸ And our Lord, when he had ended fuch fpeaches in mount Sinai, gaue vnto Moyfes two ftone tables of teftimonie, written ^{a)}with the finger of God.

Annotations

Chapter 32

The people (Aaron confenting) make & adore the image of a calfe. 7. VVhich God reueiling to Moyfes, 11. he praieth our Lord, for Abraham, Ifaac, and Iacobs fake to fpare the people, and performe his promife. 14. VVherwith God is pacified. 15. Yet Moyfes coming from the Mount, and feeing the calfe, and idolatrie, throweth downe the tables and breaketh them, 20. deftroyeth the idol, 21. blameth Aaron, 27. caufeth manie Idolaters to be flaine, 31. and againe prayeth for the people.



nd the people feeing that Moyfes made tariance ere he came downe from the mount, being affembled againft Aaron, they fayd:

 $^{^{\}rm a}$ Not by Moyfes, but by an Angel, at Gods appointment. Gal. 3. v. 19.

Arife, make vs a)goddes, that may goe before vs: for what hath chanced to this Moyfes the man that brought vs out of the Land of Ægypt, we know not. ² And Aaron fayd to them: Take the golden earlettes from the eares of your wives, and fonnes and daughters, & bring them to me. ³ And the people did that he had comanded, bringing the earlettes to Aaron. 4 Which when he had received, he formed them by founders worke, and made of them a molten calfe. And they fayd: Thefe are thy goddes Ifrael, that have brought thee out of the land of of Ægypt. 5 Which when Aaron had fenne, he builded an altar before it, and by a cryers voice proclaimed faying: To morow is the folemnitie of the Lord. ⁶ And ryfing in the morning, they offered holocauftes, and pacifique hoftes, and the people fate downe to eate, and to drinke, and they rofe vp b)to play. 7 And our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: Goe, get thee downe: thy people, which thou haft brought out of the Land of Ægypt, hath finned. 8 They have quickly revolted from the way, that thou didft flow them: and they have made to them felues a molten calfe, and have adored, and immolating hoftes vnto c)it, haue fayd: Thefe are thy goddes Ifrael, that have brought thee out of the Land of Ægypt. 9 And againe our Lord faid to Moyfes: I fee that this people is ftiffenecked: 10 d)fuffer me, that my furie may be angrie against them, and that I may deftroy them, and I wil make thee into a great nation. 11 But Moyfes befought the Lord his God, faying: Why Lord, is thy furie angrie against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth of the Land of Ægypt, in great power, and in a ftrong hand? 12 Let not the Ægyptians fay I befeech thee: He hath craftely brought them forth, that he might kil them in

^a Aaron knew what goddes they ment, to wit, fuch as they had fenne worfhipped in Ægypt, and therfore he made them a molten calfe. v. 4.

b Exceffe in play called foolifh mirth, is the daughter of gluttonie, and mother of Idolatrie. S. Greg. li. 31. c. 31. Moral.

^c To the molten calfe, which they had made.

^d God faying, Suffer me, fignifieth that he could be hindered. S. Hierom. in Ione. 1.

the mountaynes, and deftroy them from the earth: let thyne anger cease, and be pacified upon the wickednes of thy people. 13 Remember Abraham, Ifaac, and Ifrael a) thy feruantes, to whom thou fwareft by thine owne felf, faying: I wil multiplie your feed as the ftarres of heauen: and this whole land, wherof I have fpoken, I wil give to your feed, and you fhal poffeffe it alwayes. 14 And our Lord was pacified from doing the euil which he had fpoken againft his people. ¹⁵ And Moyfes returned from the mount, carving the two tables of testimonie in his hand, written on both fides, 16 and made by the worke of God: the writing also of God was grauen in the tables. 17 And Iofue hearing the tumult of the people crying out, faid to Moyfes: The noyfe of battaile is heard in the campe. 18 Who answered: It is not the crie of men encouraging of fight, nor the floute of men compelling to flee: but I doe heare the voice of fingers. 19 And when he approched to the campe, he faw the calfe, and the daunces: and being b)very wrath, he threw the tables out of his hand, and brake them at the foote of the mount. 20 And catching the calfe which they had made, he burnt it, and bette it into powder, which he ftrawed into water, and gaue therof drinke to the children of Ifrael. 21 And he faid to Aaron: What hath this people done to thee, that thou fhouldest bring vpon them an heinous finne? 22 To whom he answered: Let not my lord be offended: for thou knoweft this people, that it is prone to euil: 23 they faid to me: Make vs goddes, that may goe before vs: for vnto this fame Moyfes, that brought vs forth out of the Land of Ægypt, we know not what is chanced. 24 To whom I faid: Which of you hath gold? They tooke, and brought to me: and I caft it into the fire, and c)this calfe came forth. 25 Moyfes therfore

^a Not only Gods promife, but also his feruants merites are here proposed for procuring mercie to the people. See the Annotation.

b Moyfes the meekeft man on earth (Nu. 12.) in Gods caufe was most zelous against finne. S. Aug. q. 144. in Exod.

^c Aaron confessed the fault briefly, not intending a friuolous excuse: for he could not thinke, but Moyses knew the truth. S. Aug. q. 145. in Exod.

feeing the people that they were naked (for Aaron had fpoiled them for the ignominie of filth, and had fet them naked among their enemies) ²⁶ and ftanding in the gate of the campe, he faid: If any man be our Lords, let him ioyne to me. And there gathered vnto him al the fonnes of Leui: 27 to whom he faid: This faith the Lord God of Ifrael: Put euerie man his fword vpon his thigh: goe, & returne from gate to gate through the middes of the campe, and euerie man kil his brother, and frend, and neighbour. ²⁸ And ^{a)}the fonnes of Leui did according to the faying of Moyfes, and there were flaine in that day about three thousand men. ²⁹ And Moyses faid: You haue confecrated your handes this day to our Lord, euerie man in his fonne & in his brother, that bleffing may be given to you. 30 And when the next day was come, Moyfes fpake to the people: You have finned a verie great finne: I wil goe vp to our Lord, if by anie meanes I may be able to intreate him for your finful fact. ³¹ And returning to our Lord, he faid: I befeech thee: this people hath finned a heinous finne, and they have made to them felues goddes of gold: either forgive them this trefpaffe, 32 or if thou doe not, b)ftrike me out of the booke that thou haft written. 33 To whom our Lord answered: He that hath finned to me, him wil I ftrike out of my booke: 34 but goe thou, and leade this people whither I have told thee: myne Angel fhal goe before thee. And I in the day of reuenge wil vifite this finne also of theirs. 35 Our Lord therfore smote the people for the fault concerning the calfe, which Aaron had made.

^a Their zeale vfed with authoritie and order here rewarded: which otherwife wanting, when Simeon and Leui flew the Sichemites, was blamed by Iacob. *Gen. 34.* & 49.

b Moyfes not content with his owne faluation, would rather periff with the people, then they fhould all be deftroised: and therfore at his inftance God pardoned them. S. Hiero. Ep. 12. ad Gaud. & in Ione. 1. S. Aug. q. 147. in Exod.

Annotations

S. Aug. li. 18. c. 5. ciuit. 4 A molten calfe.) No other reason can be imagined, why the people falling to Idolatrie, required the image of a calfe, rather then of anie other thing, but for that they thought the blacke calfe with white spottes, called Apu, or Serapis, whom they sawe the Ægyptians estemed most of al their goddes, to be the chiefe, or onlie God. And therfore to this famous Idol, they ascribed the benefite of their deliuerie from bondage, saying: These are thy goddes, o Israel, that have brought thee out of the Land of Ægypt.

This people thought the calfe to be the true God.

li. 1. c. 11. para. 9. Inftit. So they ment not to worfhip our Lord, the true God, in that image, as Caluin would haue it, but the very calfe whose image it was, for adoring immediatly the calues image, and immolating hostes to it, (v. 8.) they protested that to be their God, which the image represented. This appeareth also, Deut. 32. v. 18. God that begat thee thou hast forsaken: and hast forgotten our Lord thy creatour. And Pfal. 105. v. 21. They forgot God, vvhich saued them.

They adored that which the image reprefented.

In hunc locum.

11 Moyfes befought.) Albeit Moyfes with moft humble fubmiffion prayed for the people, which God fo accepted, that he was therby pacified, (v. 14.) yet Caluin here condemneth him of arrogancie, and pride, as though he imperioufly prefcribed law to God, fpoyling him of his iuftice. Much otherwife S. Hierom (Epift. 12. ad Gaudent.) commending his feruent charitie, doubteth not to fay, Dei potentiam ferui preces impediebant. The feruantes prayers hindered Gods povver, becaufe God himfelf faying: fuffer me, that my furie may be angrie againft them, and that I may deftroy them: fhewed his diuine prouidence to be fuch, as he might be ftaied, from doing that vyhich he threatned.

Caluin chargeth Moyfes with arrogancie.

Moyfes charitie concurred with Gods prouidence.

13 Remember Abraham.) It much trubled Caluin, that for obtaining pardon for the people, the Patriarches are mentioned, for whofe fake and merites, mercie, and protection was promifed by God, (Gen. 18. 22. 26.) prophecied by Iacob, (Gen. 48.) performed here, and in manie other places. And it is a vaine euafion to fay: God fhewed his mercie for his promife only; for he promifed the fame for their merites; as appeareth in the places alleaged. Though al merites procede from Gods grace, first geuen without merites. 1. Cor. 4. v. 7. S. Aug. de grat. & lib. arb. c. 6.

God fleweth mercie for the merites of his feruants.

S. Aug. q. 149. in Exod. S. Chryf. ho. 42. in Gen. Theod. q. 67. in Exo.

Grace goeth before merites.

Chapter 33

Gods wrath being mitigated by Moyfes, the people mourne for their finne. 7. Moyfes pitcheth the tabernacle vvithout the campe, and therin converfeth familiarly vvith God, 18. defiring to fee his glorie.

nd our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: Goe, get thee vp from this place, thou and thy people which thou haft brought out of the Land of Ægypt, into the land wherof I fware to Abraham, Ifaac, and Iacob, faying: To thy feede I wil giue it: ² and I wil fend an Angel thy precurfor, that I may caft out the Chananeite, and Amorrheite, and Hetheite, and Pherezeite, and Heueite, and Iebufeite, ³ and thou maieft enter into the land that floweth with milke and honey: for a)I wil not goe vp with thee, because thou art a ftiffenecked people: left perhappes I deftroie thee in the way. ⁴ And the people hearing this verie il faying, mourned: and no man put on his ornamentes after the cuftome. ⁵ And our Lord fayd to Moyfes: Speake to the children of Ifrael: Thou art a ftiffenecked people, once I fhal goe vp in the middes of thee, and fhal deftroy thee. Now prefently lay away thy ornamentes, that I may know what to doe vnto thee. 6 Therfore the children of Ifrael layd away their ornamentes from mount Horeb.

⁷ Moyfes also taking the tabernacle, pitched it without the campe a farre of, and called the name thereof, The Tabernacle of couenant. And all the people, that had anie question, went forth to the Tabernacle of couenant, without the campe. 8 And when Moyfes went forth to the tabernacle, al the people rofe vp, and euerie one ftoode in the dore of his pauilion, and they beheld the backe of Moyfes, til he entred into the tabernacle. 9 And when he was entred into the Tabernacle of couenant, the piller of the cloude came downe, and ftoode at the doore, and he fpake with Moyfes, ¹⁰ al they beholding that the piller of the cloud ftoode at the doore of the Tabernacle. And they ftoode, and adored at the doores of their tabernacles. 11 And our Lord spake vnto Moyses face to face, as a man is wont to fpeake to his frend. And when he returned into the campe, his minister Iosue the sone

^a God would not in this paffage worke fuch miracles, as he did, bringing them forth of Ægypt. So it is a comination because they were stubborne and stiffe necked.

of Nun, a yong man, departed not from the Tabernacle. 12 And Moyfes faid to our Lord: Thou commandeft me to leade forth this people: and doeft not flow me whom thou wilt fend with me, especially wheras thou haft faid: I know thee by name, and thou haft found grace in my fight. 13 If therfore I have found grace in thy fight, shew me thy face, that I may know thee, and may find grace before thine eyes, looke vpon thy people this nation. ¹⁴ And our Lord faid: My face fhal goe before thee, and I wil give thee reft. ¹⁵ And Moyfes fayd: If thy felfe doeft not goe before, bring vs not out of this place. ¹⁶ For whereby shal we be able to know I and thy people, that we have found grace in thy fight, vnles thou walke with vs. that we may be glorified of al peoples, that dwel vpon the earth? 17 And our Lord faid to Moyfes: This word also, which thou hast spoken, wil I doe: for thou haft found grace before me, and thy felfe I haue knowen by name. 18 Who faid: Shew me thy glorie. ¹⁹ He answered: I wil shew thee ^{a)}al good, and b)wil cal in the name of the Lord before thee: and I wil haue mercie on whom I wil, and I wil be merciful to whom it shal pleafe me. ²⁰ And againe he fayd: Thou canst not see my face: c) for man shal not see me, and liue. 21 And againe: Behold, quoth he, there is a place with me, and thou shalt ftand vpon the rocke. ²² And when my glorie shal paffe, I wil fette thee in a hole of the rocke, and protect thee with my right hand, vntil I paffe: 23 and I wil take away my hand, and thou shalt fee d)my backe-partes: but my face thou canft not fee.

10111. 3.

Annotations

^a The vifion of God in glorie, is *al good*.

b God by his grace maketh his feruants to cal vpon his name. S. Aug. q. 154. in Exod.

^c None in this life can fee God as Saincts do in glorie. 1. Ioan. 3.

<sup>d Moyfes faw more glorious workes & effectes of God, then other Prophets, yet not his fubftance and diuine nature. Theodoret.
q. 68. in Exod. S. Hier. de verb. Ifa. vidi. Dom. S. Chryfoft. ho. 4. de in copit. Dei natura.</sup>

Chapter 34

Moyfes goeth againe into Mount Sinai, vvith new tables, praying for the people, 10. to whom God promifeth to giue poffession of the Land. 12. Prohibiteth al association vvith the Gentiles, for feare of Idolatrie, 18. geneth precepts concerning the first borne, the Sabbath, and other feastes. 28. After fourtie dayes fast, Moyfes returneth to the people with the commandements, and his face appearing horned, he couereth it, whensoeuer he speaketh to the people.

nd after this he faid: a)Cut thee two tables of ftone like vnto the former, and I wil write vpon them the wordes, which the tables had, which thou haft broken. ² Be readie in the morning, that thou maieft forwith go vp into the mount Sinai, and thou fhalt ftand with me vpon the toppe of the mount. ³ Let no man go vp with thee, neither let anie man be fene throughout the whole mount: the oxen also and the sheepe let them not feede ouer against. ⁴ He cut out therfore two tables of stone, such as had bene before: and rifing very early he went vp into mount Sinai, as our Lord had commanded him, carying with him the tables. ⁵ And when our Lord was descended in a cloude, Moyses stoode with him, calling vpon the name of our Lord. ⁶ Who passing before his, he faid:

Dominatour Lord God, merciful and clement, patient and of much compassion, and true, ⁷ which keepest mercie vnto thousandes: which takest away iniquitie, and wicked factes, and finnes, and no man of him selfe is innocent before thee. Which doest render the iniquitie of the fathers to the children, and to the nephewes vnto the third and sourth generation. ⁸ And Moyses making hast, bowed flatte vnto the earth, and adoring ⁹ he said: If I

Chief ruler.

^a The first tables being broken, yet others are made: so though the first grace geuen in Baptisme be lost, yet there remaineth penance, as the second table of fastie after shipwrake. S. Hiero. Epis. ad Demedriad.

haue found grace in thy fight o Lord, I befeech thee that thou wilt goe with vs (for it is a ftiffe necked people) and take away our iniquities and finnes, and poffeffe vs. ¹⁰ Our Lord answered: ^{a)}I wil make a couenant in the fight of al, I wil do fignes that were neuer fene vpon the earth, nor in anie nations: that this people may fee, in the middes of whom thou art, the terrible worke of the Lord which I wil doe. 11 Observe al thinges which this day I command thee: I my felf wil caft out before thy face the Amorrheite, and Chananeite, and Hetheite, the Pherezeite alfo, and Heueite, and Iebufeite. 12 Beware thou neuer iovne amitie with the inhabitants of that land, which may be thy ruine: 13 but deftroy their altars, breake their ftatues, and cut downe their groues: ¹⁴ adore not a ftrange God. The Lord his name is Ieloufe, God is an emulatour. ¹⁵ Enter no traffick with the men of those regions: left, when they have fornicated with their goddes, and have adored their idols, fome man cal thee to eate of the thinges immmolated. ¹⁶ Neither fhalt thou take a wife for thy fonnes of their daughters: left after them felues have fornicated, they make thy fonnes also to fornicate with their goddes. 17 Molten goddes thou shalt not make to thee. ¹⁸ Thou fhalt keepe the folemnitie of the azymes. Seuen dayes fhalt thou eate azymes, as I have commanded thee, in the time of the moneth of new corne: for in the moneth of fpring time thou didft goe out of Ægypt. ¹⁹ Al of the male kind, that openeth the matrice, shal be mine. Of all beaftes as well oxen as of fheepe, it fhal be mine. 20 The firstborne of an affe thou fhalt redeeme with a sheepe: but if thou wilt not give a price for it, it fhal be flaine. The firstborne of thy sonnes thou shalt redeeme: neither shalt thou appeare emptie in my fight. ²¹ Six dayes fhalt thou worke, the feuenth day thou fhalt ceafe to eate, and reape. ²² The folemnitie of weekes thou shalt make to thee, in the first fruites of corne of thy wheate haruest, and the solemnitie, when the time of the year returneth that all thinges are laid

^a Notwithftanding his former commination *chap. 33.* v. 3. God here promifeth new benefites.

vp. ²³ Three tymes of the yeare al thy male shal appeare in the fight of the omnipotent Lord God of Ifrael. ²⁴ For when I fhal haue taken away the nations from thy face, and shal have dilated thy borders, no man shal lie in wayte against thy land, when thou doest goe vp, and appeare in the fight of the Lord thy God thrife in a yeare. ²⁵ Thou shalt not immolate the bloud of my hofte vpon leauen: neither shall there remaine in the morning of the victime of the folemnitie of the Phase. ²⁶ The first of the fruites of thy ground thou shalt offer in the house of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not boile a kidde in the milke of his damme. ²⁷ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Write thee thefe wordes, in which I have made a covenant both with thee and with Ifrael. ²⁸ Therfore he was there with our Lord fourtie dayes and fourtie nightes: he did not eate bread, and he dronke no water, and a)he wrote in the tables the wordes of the couenant, b)tenne. 29 And when Moyfes came downe from the mount Sinai, he held the two tables of testimonie, and he knew not that his face was c)horned by the conversation of the talke of our Lord. ³⁰ And Aaron and the children of Ifrael feing the face of Moyfes horned, they were afraid to come neere. ³¹ And being called of him, they returned as wel Aaron as the princes of the fynagogue. And after that he fpake to them, ³² al the children of Ifrael also came to him: whom he commanded al thinges that he had heard of our Lord in mount Sinai. ³³ And hauing ended his talke, he put d)a veile vpon his face. 34 Which going in to our Lord, and fpeaking with him, he toke away vntil he

<sup>a God by an Angel not Moyfes. fupra v. 1. & Deut. 10. v. 2. & 4.
b Howfoeuer the commandments are divided in both tables, here it is certaine, that there be no more nor fewer then tenne in al.</sup>

^c So his face appeared to the beholders, by reafon of the gliftering beames of his countenance flining glorioufly, after his conuerfation with God fourtie dayes: which fignifieth that *much more that which abideth* (in al eternitie) *is in glorie. 2. Cor. 3.*

d The fame veile (faieth S. Paul) remaneth vpon the hart of the Iewes, that they can not fee Chrift, til by his fpecial grace they fhal be illuminated: 2. Cor. 3. The like is vpon Heretikes that can not fee the Church. S. Aug. in Pfal. 30. con. 2.

went forth, and then he fpake to the children of Ifrael al thinges that had bene commanded him. ³⁵ Who fay that the face of Moyfes coming forth was horned, but he couered his face againe, if at anie time he fpake to them.

Annotations

Chapter 35

The precept of the Sabbath is yet renewed. 4. First fruites, and other giftes are required, and duly offered, for the making of the tabernacle and other thinges therto belonging, which are here recited. 30. Befeleel and Ooliab are appointed workmen for this purpose.

herfore a)al the multitude of the children of If rael being gathered together, he faid to them: Thefe are the thinges which our Lord hath commanded to be done. ² Six dayes you fhal do worke: the feuenth day shal be holie vnto you, the fabbath, and reft of our Lord: he that shal do anie worke in it, shal be flaine. ³ You shal not kindle fire in al your habitations on the fabbath day. 4 And Moyfes faid to al the affemblie of the children of Ifrael: This is the word that our Lord hath commanded, faying: 5 Separate with you first fruites to the Lord. Let euerie one that is willing, and hath a readie hart, offer them to the Lord: gold and filuer, and braffe, 6 hyacinth and purple, and fcarlet twife died, and filke, the haire of goates, ⁷ and rammes skinnes died redde, and ianthin skinnes, the wood fetim, ⁸ and oile to maintaine lightes, and to make ointment, and most fweete incense, 9 Onys stones, and pretious

After the fall of the people to Idolatrie, their punishment, and repentace, their reconciliation to God and new tables of the commandments made and written, Moyfes repeteth the former precept, of keping the Sabbath, and prouideth al neceffaries to the making of the Tabernacle, wherto the Princes and people most promptly and liberally contribute. S. Aug. q. 172. in Exo.

ftones, for the adorning of the Ephod and the Rationale. 10 Whofoeuer of you is wife, let him come, and make that which our Lord hath commanded: 11 to wit, the Tabernacle, and the roofe therof, and the couer, the ringes, and the bordeworke with the barres, the pinnes and the feete: 12 the Arke and the ftaues, the propitiatorie, and the veile, that is drawen before it: 13 the Table with the barres and the veffel, and the loaues of proposition: 14 the Candlefticke to beare vp the lightes, the veffel thereof and the lampes, and the oile to the nourifhing of fires: 15 the Altar of incenfe, and the barres, and the oile of vnction and the incenfe of fpices: the Hanging at the doore of the tabernacle: 16 the Altar of holocaufte, and his grate of braffe, with the barres and veffel therof: the Lauer and his feete: 17 the Curtines of the court with the pillers and the feete, the hanging in the doores of the entrie, 18 the pinnes of the tabernacle and of the court with their litle cordes: 19 the Veftimentes, that are to be vfed in the ministerie of the fanctuarie, the vesture of Aaron the high Prieft, and of his fonnes, to do the function of Priefthood vnto me. ²⁰ And al the multitude of the children of Ifrael going forth from the fight of Moyfes, ²¹ offered first fruites to our Lord with a most prompt and devoute minde, to make the worke of the tabernacle of the testimonie. Whatsoeuer was necessarie to the feruice therof and to the holie veftiments, 22 both men and wemen did giue, tablettes and earlettes, ringes and bracelettes: euerie veffel of gold was feparated for the donaries of our Lord. 23 If anie man had hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died redde, and ianthin skinnes, ²⁴ metal of filuer and braffe, they offered to our Lord, and the wood fetim for divers vses. ²⁵ But the skilful wemen also gaue such thinges as they had sponne, hyacinth, purple, and fcarlet, and filke, ²⁶ and goates haire, geuing al of their owne accord. 27 But the princes offered onyx ftones, and pretious ftones, for the Ephod and the Rationale, ²⁸ and fpices and oile to maintaine the lightes, and for the preparing of ointment, and to make the incenfe of most sweete fauour. 29 Al men and wemen with deuoute mind offered donaries, that the workes might be

made which our Lord had commanded by the hand of Moyfes. Al the children of Ifrael did dedicate voluntarie thinges to our Lord.

³⁰ And Moyfes faid to the children of Ifrael: Behold, our Lord hath ^{a)}called by name Befeleel the fonne of Vri the fonne of Hur of the tribe of Iuda. ³¹ And hath filled him with the fpirit of God, with, wifdome and intelligence, and fcience and al learning ³² to deuife and to make worke in gold and filuer, and braffe, ³³ and in grauing ftones, and in carpenters worke. Whatfoeuer can be deuifed artificially, ³⁴ he hath giuen in his hart: Ooliab alfo the fonne of Achifamech of the tribe of Dan: ³⁵ both hath he inftructed with wifedome, to make the workes of a carpenter, a tapefter, an embroderer of hyacinth and purple, and fcarlet twife died, and filke, and to weaue al thinges, and to inuent al new things.

Annotations

Chapter 36

More being geuen then was needeful, 6. Moyfes made to be proclamed that no more should be offered. 8. So the curtines, 13. ringes, 18. buckles, 19. the couer, 20. barres, 35. a veile, 36. pillers, and a hanging are made readie.

efeleel therfore, and Ooliab, and euerie wife man, to whom our Lord gaue wifedome and vnderftanding, to know how to worke artificially, made the thinges that are necessarily for the vses of the Sanctuarie, and which our Lord did command. And when Moyses had called them, and euerie cunning man, to whom our Lord had geuen wisedome, and such

^a As matter alone is not fufficient for a building without artificers, to whom God geueth fpecial skil: fo for expounding holie Scripture God geueth particular knowledge to Paftors and Doctors, to the confummation of Sainctes, to the vvorke of the ministerie, to the edifying of the bodie of Chrift. (the Church.) Ephef. 4.

as of their owne accord had offered them felues to the making of the worke, 3 he deliuered al the donaries of the children of Ifrael vnto them. Who being earnest about the worke, the people daily in the morning did offer their vowes. 4 Whereupon a) the artificers being conftrained to come, ⁵ faid to Moyfes: The people offereth more then is necessarie. 6 Moyses therefore commanded proclamation to be made by the criers voice: Let neither man nor woman offer anie more in the worke of the Sanctuarie. And fo they ceafed from offering giftes, ⁷ because the thinges that were offered did fuffice and were ouer much. 8 And all the wife harted men, to accomplish the worke of the tabernacle, made ten curtines of twifted filke, and hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, with varied worke, and the art of embrodering: ⁹ of which one had in length twentie eight cubites, and in bredth foure: there was one measure of all the curtines. ¹⁰ And he iovned fiue curtines, one to an other, and the other five he coupled to themselues one with an other. ¹¹ He made also loupes of hyacinth in the edge of one curtine on either fide, and in the edge of the other curtine in like maner, 12 that the loupes might meete one against an other, and might be ioyned eech with other. ¹³ Whereupon also he did cast fiftie ringes of gold, that might catch the loupes of the curtines, and might be made one tabernacle. ¹⁴ He made also eleuen curtines of goates haire to couer the roofe of the tabernacle: ¹⁵ one curtine in length had thirtie cubites, & in bredth foure cubites: al the curtines were of one measure: 16 of which five he ioyned apart, & the other fix apart. ¹⁷ And he made fiftie loupes in the edge of one curtine, and fiftie in the edge of an other curtine, that they might be iovned one to an other. ¹⁸ And fiftie buckles of braffe wherwith the roofe might be knitte together, that of all the curtines there might be made one couering. ¹⁹ He made also a couer for the tabernacle of rammes skinnes died redde: & an other couer ouer that

^a As the people abounded in deuotion, fo the workmen of modeftie and religion would have no more then necessarie. S. Augustin q. 171. in Exod.

of ianthin skinnes. ²⁰ He made also the bordes of the tabernacle of the wood fetim ftanding. 21 The length of one borde was ten cubites: and the bredth contained one cubite and an halfe. ²² There were two mortefes throughout euerie borde, that one might be iovned to the other. So made he in al the bordes of the tabernacle. ²³ Of the which twentie were at the fouth fide against the South, ²⁴ with fourtie feete of filuer. Two feete were put vnder one borde on either fide of the corners, where the morteles of the fides end in the corners. 25 At that fide alfo of the tabernacle, that looked toward the North, he made twentie bordes, ²⁶ with fourty feete of filuer, two feete for euery borde. 27 But againft the west, to witte, at that fide of the tabernacle, which looketh to the fea, he made fix bordes, 28 and two other at ech corner of the tabernacle behind: ²⁹ which were also ioyned from beneth vnto the toppe, & they grew together into one connexion. So he made on either fide at the corners ³⁰ that there were in al eight bordes, and had fixteene feete of filuer, to witte, two feete vnder euerie borde. ³¹ He made also barres of the wood fetim, fiue to hold together the bordes of one fide of the tabernacle, 32 and fiue other to ioyne together the bordes of the other fide: and befides thefe, five other barres at the west fide of the tabernacle against the sea. ³³ He made also an other barre, that might come by the middes of the bordes from corner vnto corner. 34 And the bordeworke it felfe he plated with gold. And their ringes he made of gold, through which the barres might be drawen: the which also themselues he coursed with plates of gold. ³⁵ He made also a veile of hiacinth, and purple, scarlette, and twifted filke, with embrodered worke, varied and diftinguifhed: ³⁶ and foure pillers of the wood fetim, which with their heades he plated with gold, cafting their feete of filuer. ³⁷ He made also a hanging in the entrie of the tabernacle of hyacinth, purple, fcarlet, and twifted filke, with the worke of an embroderer: 38 and fiue pillers with their heades, which he couered with gold, and their feete he did caft of braffe.

Annotations

Chapter 37

Befeleel maketh the Arke, 6. the Propitiatorie, with Cherubimes, 10. the Table, vvith vefsel belonging therto, 17. the Candlefticke vvith bowles and branches, 23. feuen lampes with fnuffers, 25. the Altar of incenfe, 29. and compoundeth the incenfe.

nd Befeleel made also the arke of the wood fetim, hauing two cubites and an halfe in length, and a cubite and an halfe in bredth, the height also was of one cubite and an halfe: and he plated it with the pureft gold within and without. ² And he made to it a crowne of gold round about, ³ cafting four ringes of gold at the four corners thereof: two ringes in the one fide, and two in the other. ⁴ Barres also he made of the wood setim, which he plated with gold, 5 and which he put into the ringes, that were at the fides of the arke to carie it. ⁶ He made also the Propitiatorie, that is, the Oracle, of the pureft gold, two cubites and an halfe in length, and a cubite and an halfe in bredth. ⁷ Two Cherubins also of beaten gold, which he fette on either fide of the Propitiatorie: 8 One Cherub in the toppe of one fide, and the other Cherub in the toppe of the other fide: two Cherubins in each toppe of the Propitiatorie, ⁹ fpreading their winges, and a)couering the Propitiatorie, and looking one toward the other and toward it. ¹⁰ He made also the table of the wood fetim in length two cubites, and in bredth one cubite, which had in height a cubite & an halfe. 11 And he did compaffe it with the fineft gold, and he made to it a golden ledge round about, 12 and to the ledge it felfe a golden crowne enterpolished of foure fingers, and

^a The Cherubins couering al vpon and within the arke fignific (faith S. Gregorie Nyffen) that the Scriptures haue a hiegher fenfe then the literal. de vita Moyfeos poft medium.

vpon the fame an other golden crowne. ¹³ And he caft four ringes of gold, which he put in the four corners at euerie foote of the table 14 against the crowne: and he put the barres into them, that the table might be caried. 15 The barres also them selues he made of the wood fetim, and compaffed them with gold. ¹⁶ And the veffel for the divers vies of the table, fawcers, phiales, and goblettes, and cenfars, of pure gold, wherein the libamentes are to be offered. 17 He made also the candlefticke beaten of the fineft gold. From the shaft wherof the branches, cuppes, and boules and lilies did proceede: ¹⁸ fix on both fides, three branches on one fide, and three on the other: 19 three cuppes in maner of a nutte on euerie branch, and boules with and lilies: and three cuppes of the fashion of a nutte in an other branch, and boules with and lilies. The worke of the fix branches, that proceded from the fhaft of the candlefticke, equal. ²⁰ And in the shaft it felfe were foure cuppes after the maner of a nutte, and boules with at euerie one and lilies: 21 and boules vnder two branches in three places, which together make fix branches proceding from one fhaft. 22 Both the boules therfore, & the branches were out of it, al beaten of the pureft gold. ²³ He made also the feuen lampes with their fnuffers, and the veffel, where the fnuffings fhould be put out, of most pure gold. ²⁴ The candlefticke withal the veffel therof did weigh a talent of gold. ²⁵ He made also the altar of incense of the wood fetim, having a cubite euerie way foure fquare, and in height two: from the corners wherof the hornes did procede. ²⁶ And he plated it with the pureft gold, with the grate and the walles and the hornes. ²⁷ And he made to it a crowne of gold round about, and two golden ringes vnder the crowne at either fide, that the barres may be put into them, and the altar may be caried. 28 And the barres them felues he made also of the wood fetim, and couered them with plates of gold. ²⁹ He compounded also oile for the ointment of fanctification, and incense of the pureft fpices with the worke of a pigmentarie.

Annotations

Chapter 38

The fame Befeleel maketh the Altar of Holocaufte, 8. the brafen lauer, 9. the court with pillers and hanginges. 21. The giftes that were offered are recited.

e made also the Altar of Holocauste of the wood fetim, fiue cubites foure fquare, and three in height: ² the hornes wherof did procede from the corners, and he couered it with plates of braffe. ³ And for the vses therof he prepared of braffe diuers veffels, cauldrons, tonges, flesh-hookes, pothookes, & firepannes. 4 And the grate therof in maner of nette he made of braffe, and vnder it in the middes of the altar an hearth, ⁵ cafting foure ringes at as manie toppes of the nette, to put in barres to carie it: 6 the which themselues also he made of the wood setim, and couered them with plates of braffe: ⁷ and he drew them through the ringes, that ftoode out in the fides of the altar. And the altar it felfe was not maffie, but holow of bordes, and within emptie. 8 He made also the lauer of braffe, with the foote therof, of wemens glaffes, a) that watched in the doore of the tabernacle. 9 He made also the court, in the fouth fide wherof were hanginges of twifted filke, of an hundred cubites, 10 twentie pillers of braffe with their feete, the heades of the pillers, & the whole grauing of the worke, of filuer. 11 In like maner at the north fide the hanginges, pillers, and feete and the heades of the pillers were of the fame measure, and worke and metal. 12 But on that fide that looketh to the West, there were hanginges of fiftie cubites, ten brafen pillers with their feete, and the heades of the pillers, and all the grauing of the worke, of filuer. ¹³ Moreouer against the East he

^a These wemen watched there for deuotion, and it semeth the same custome continued til Christs time. For Anna the widow observed this state of life. Luc. 1.

prepared hanginges of fiftie cubites: 14 of the which, one fide conteyned fiftene cubites of three pillers, with their feete: 15 and on the other fide (because between both he made the entrie of the tabernacle) there were hanginges equally of fiftene cubites, and three pillers, and feete as manie. ¹⁶ Al the hanginges of the court were wouen of twifted filke. 17 The feete of the pillers were of braffe, and their heades with all their grauinges of filter: but the pillers also of the court them selues he plated with filuer. ¹⁸ And in the entrie therof he made with embrodered worke a hanging of hyacinth, purple, fcarlet, and twifted filke, that had twentie cubites in length, but the height was fiue cubites according to the measure, which all the hanginges of the court had. ¹⁹ And the pillers in the entrie were foure with feete of braffe, and their heades and grauinges of filuer. ²⁰ The pinnes also of the tabernacle and of the court round about he made of braffe. ²¹ Thefe are the inftrumentes of the

tabernacle of testimonie, which were numbered according to the precept of Moyfes, in the ceremonies of the Leuites by the hand of Ithamar the fonne of Aaron the prieft: 22 which Befeleel the fonne of Vri, the fonne of Hur, of the tribe of Iuda had accomplished, as our Lord commanded by Moyfes, ²³ hauing ioyned to him felfe for his compagnion Ooliab the fonne of Achifamech of the tribe of Dan: who was himfelf also an egregious artificer in wood, and a tapifter and embroderer of hyacinth, purple, fcarlet, and filke. 24 Al the gold that was fpent in the worke of the Sanctuarie, and that was offered in donaries, was nine and twentie talentes, and feuen hundred thirtie ficles according to the measure of the Sanctuarie. ²⁵ And it was offered of them that paffed to the number, from twentie years and vpward, of fix hundred three thousand, and five hundred fiftie, able men to beare armes. ²⁶ There were moreouer an hundred talentes of filuer, wherof were caft the feete of the Sanctuarie, and of the entrie where the veile hangeth. ²⁷ An hundred feete were made of an hundred talentes, one talent being accoûted for euerie foote. 28 And of the thousand seuen hundred, and seuentie siue he made the

heades of the pillers, which them felues he also plated with filuer. ²⁹ Of braffe also there were offered feuentie two thousand talentes, and foure hundred ficles besides, ³⁰ of the which were cast the feete in the entrie of the tabernacle of testimonie, and the altar of braffe with the grate therof, and al the vessel, that pertayne to the vie therof, ³¹ and the feete of the court as wel in the circuite as in the entrie therof, and the pinnes of the tabernacle and of the court, round about.

Annotations

Chapter 39

Al the ornamentes of Aaron and his fonnes are made, 31. and the whole vvorke of the Tabernacle is perfited.

oreouer of hyacinth and purple, fcarlet and filke he made the veftures, that Aaron should weare when he miniftred in the holie places, as our Lord commanded Moyfes. ² He made therfore an Ephod of gold, hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, and twifted filke, ³ with embrodered worke, and he did cut thinne plates of gold, and drew them fmal into threedes, that they might be twifted with the woufe of the former colours, 4 and two edges coupled one to the other in the toppe on either fide, 5 and a bawdrike of the fame colours, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ⁶ He prepared also two Onyx stones, fast sette and closed in gold, and grauen by the art of a lapidarie, with the names of the children of Ifrael: 7 and he fet them in the fides of the Ephod for a moniment of the children of Ifrael, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. 8 He made alfo a Rationale with embrodered worke according to the worke of the Ephod, of gold, hyacinth, purple, and fcarlet twife died, and twifted filke: 9 foure fguare, duble, of the measure of a palme. 10 And he set four rewes of precious fromes. In the first rewe was fardius, topazius,

an emeraud. ¹¹ In the fecond, a carbuncle, a faphire, and a iafper. ¹² In the third, a ligurius, an achates, and an amethift. ¹³ In the fourth a chryfolith, an onyx, and beryllus, compaffed and enclosed in gold by their rewes. ¹⁴ And the twelue ftones them felues, were grauen with the names of the twelve tribes of Ifrael, euerie one with his feueral name. ¹⁵ They made also in the rationale litle chevnes linked one to an other of the pureft gold. ¹⁶ and two hookes, and as manie ringes of gold. Moreouer the ringes they fet on either fide of the Rationale, 17 on the which the two golden cheynes should hang, which they put into the hookes, that ftoode out in the corners of the Ephod. 18 Thefe both before and behind did fo agree with them felues, that the Ephod and the Rationale might be knit one to the other, ¹⁹ tyed to the bawdrike and with ringes ftrongly coupled, which a lace of hyacinth ioyned, left they should flagge loofely, and be moved one from the other, as our Lord commanded Moyfes. ²⁰ They made also the tunike of the Ephod al of hyacinth, 21 and a hole for the head in the vpper part against the middes, and the border of the hole round about wouen: ²² and beneth at the feete pomegranates of hyacinth, purple, fcarlet, and twifted filke: 23 and litle belles of the pureft gold, which they did put betwen the pomegranates in the vtmost part of the tunike round about: 24 to witte, a bel of gold, and a pomegranate, wherwith the high prieft went adorned, when he executed his ministerie, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ²⁵ They made also filken tunikes with wouen worke for Aaron and his fonnes: ²⁶ and mitres with their litle crownes of filke: 27 linnen breeches also, of fine line: ²⁸ and a girdle of twifted filke, hyacinth, purple, & fcarlet twife died, with the art of embrodering, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ²⁹ They made also the plate of a)facred veneration of most pure gold, and they wrote

^a Alexander the great feeing Iaddus the hiegh Prieft, bearing this venerable plate on his forehead, with great reuerence went vnto him, and adored the name of God written in the plate. *Iofephus. li. 11. c. 8. Antiq.*

in it with the worke of a lapidarie: The Holie of our Lord: 30 and they tyed it to the mitre with a lace of hyacinth, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. 31 Therfore all the worke of the tabernacle & of the roofe of testimonie was perfited: and the children of Ifrael did al thinges which our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ³² And they offered the tabernacle and the roofe and the whole furniture, ringes, bordes, barres, pillers and their feete, 33 the couer of rammes skinnes died redde, and the other couer of ianthin skinnes, 34 the veile, the arke, the barres, the propitiatorie, 35 the table with the veffel therof and the loaues of proposition: ³⁶ the candlesticke, the lampes, and the furniture of them with the oyle: 37 the altar of gold, and the ointment, and the incense of spices: 38 and the hanging in the entrie of the tabernacle: 39 the altar of braffe, the grate, the barres, and all the veffel therof: the lauer with the foote therof: the hanginges of the court, and the pillers with their feete: 40 the hanging in the entrie of the court, and the litle cordes, and the pinnes therof. Nothing wanted of the veffel, that was commanded to be made for the ministerie of the tabernacle, and for the roofe of couenant. 41 The veftimentes alfo, which the prieftes vfe in the Sanctuarie, to witte, Aaron and his fonnes, 42 the children of Ifrael offered, as our Lord had commanded. 43 Which thinges after that Moyfes faw al finished, he blessed them.

Annotations

Chapter 40

According to Gods commandment Moyfes erecteth the Tabernacle, vvith al thinges appertayning, the first day of the second yeare after their deliuerie from Ægypt. 32. God replenisheth the same vvith his Maiestie, a cloude remayning ouer it by day, and a piller of sire by night, but vvhen they shal march, the same passeth before them.

nd our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: ² The a) first moneth, the first day of the moneth, thou fhalt erect the tabernacle of the teftimonie, ³ and fhalt put in it the arke, and fhalt let downe before it the veile: 4 and bringing in the table, thou fhalt fet vpon it the thinges that are commanded after the rite. The candlefticke fhal ftand with the lampes therof, 5 and the altar of gold whereon the incense is burned, before the arke of testimonie. Thou shalt put the hanging in the entrie of the tabernacle, ⁶ and before it the altar of holocaufte: 7 the lauer betwen the altar and the tabernacle, which thou fhalt fil with water. 8 And thou fhalt compaffe about the court with hanginges, and the entrie therof. ⁹ And taking the oile of vnction thou shalt anounte the tabernacle with the veffel therof, that they may be fanctified: 10 the altar of holocaufte and al the veffel therof: 11 the lauer with the foote therof; al fhalt thou confecrate with the oile of vnction, that they may be b)most Holie. 12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his fonnes to the doore of the tabernacle of testimonie, and hauing washed them with water, 13 thou shalt reueft them with the facred veftimentes, that they may minister to me, and the vnction of them may prosper to an euerlafting priefthood. ¹⁴ And Moyfes did al thinges which our Lord had commanded. ¹⁵ Therfore the first moneth of the fecond yeare, the first day of the moneth, the tabernacle was placed. ¹⁶ And Moyfes erected it, and put the bordes and feete and barres, and reared the pillers, 17 and fpred the roofe ouer the tabernacle, putting ouer it a couer, as our Lord had commanded. 18 He put also the testimonie in c) the arke, thrusting barres vnderneth, and the oracle aboue. 19 And when he

^a The Tabernacle, prepared in the firft yeare and erected the firft day of the fecond yeare, fignifieth the Church of Chrift prepared in the old Teftament, & eftablished, exalted, and confirmed in the new.

b More holie then anie this without the Sanctuarie, but the Sancta Sanctorum it felfe was then most holie of al places in this world.

c A gomor of Manna was now put in the arke mentioned before. chap. 16.

had brought the arke into the tabernacle, he drew before it the veile to fulfil the commandement of our Lord. ²⁰ He fette the table also in the tabernacle of testimonie at the north fide without the veile, ²¹ ordering the bread of proposition before it, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ²² He fette the candlefticke also in the tabernacle of testimonie ouer against the table on the fouth fide, ²³ placing the lampes in order, according to the precept of our Lord. 24 He fet also the altar of gold vnder the roofe of testimonie against the veile, ²⁵ and burned vpon it the incenfe of fpices, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ²⁶ He put also the hanging in the entrie of the tabernacle of testimonie, ²⁷ and the altar of holocaufte in the entrie of the testimonie, offering on it the holocaufte, and the facrifices, as our Lord had commanded. 28 The lauer also he set between the tabernacle of testimonie and the altar, filling it with water. ²⁹ And Moyfes and Aaron, and his fonnes washed their handes and feete, ³⁰ when they entred the roofe of couenant, and went to the altar, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ³¹ He erected also the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, drawing the hanging in the entrie therof. After al thinges were perfited, 32 the cloude couered the tabernacle of testimonie, and the glorie of our Lord filled it. ³³ a) Neither could Moyfes enter the roofe of couenant, the cloude couering al thinges, and the maieftie of our Lord shining, because the cloude had couered at thinges. 34 If at anie time the cloud did leave the tabernacle, the children of Ifrael went forward by their troupes: 35 If it hong ouer, they remained in the fame place. ³⁶ For the cloude of our Lord honge ouer the tabernacle by day, and a fire by night, in the fight of all the children of Ifrael throughout al their manfions.

^a VVithout al doubt (faith *S. Auguftin. q. 173. in Exod.)* Moyfes prefigured other perfons when he entred into the cloud on mount Sinai, and others now when he could not enter into the tabernacle replenished with the glorie of God. In Sinai he fignified those that penetrate the profound mysteries of Christ, here the Iewes who vnderstad not the same.

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