

## A P O C R Y P H A.

## THE ARGUMENT.

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## I. Esdras.

## CHAP. I.

<sup>1</sup> Iosias appointeth Priestes, and kepeth the Pascheouer. <sup>7</sup> Offering for the Priests and the people. <sup>11</sup> The order of the Leuites. <sup>23</sup> The vpright life of Iosias. <sup>25</sup> His death and the occasion thereof, and the lamentation for him. <sup>34</sup> Ioachaz appointed King. <sup>35</sup> The destruction of Ierusalem.

<sup>2</sup> King 23, 24  
<sup>3</sup> chro. 35, 1.



- And Iosias kept the Pascheouer to his Lord in Ierusalem, and offred the Pascheouer, in the fourteenth day of the first moneth,
- <sup>2</sup> And appointed <sup>5</sup> Priests in order according to their dailie courses, being clothed with long garments in the Temple of the Lord.
- <sup>3</sup> And he spake to the Leuites the holy ministers of Israel, that they shulde sanctifie them selues to the Lord, to set the holy Arke of the Lord in the House, which Salomon the sonne of King Dauid had buylt,
- <sup>4</sup> And said, Ye shal no more beare the Arke vpon your sholders: now therefore serue the Lord your God, and take the charge of his people of Israel, and prepare according to your families and tribes,
- <sup>5</sup> After the writing of Dauid King of Israel, and according to the maiestie of Salomon his sonne, and stand in the Temple (according to the ordre of the dignitie of your fathers the Leuites) which were appointed before your brethren the children of Israel.
- <sup>6</sup> Offer in ordre the Pascheouer, and make readie the sacrifices for your brethren, and kepe the Pascheouer after the Lords commandement giuen to Moyses.
- <sup>7</sup> And Iosias gaue to the people that was present, thirtie thousand lambs and kiddes with thre thousand calues.
- <sup>8</sup> These were giuen of the Kings posses-

sions according to the promes, to the people, and to the Priests, and to the Leuites. Then gaue Helkias and Zacharias and Syelus the gouernours of the Temple, to the Priests for the Pascheouer two thousand shepe, and thre hundred calues.

<sup>10</sup> Or, Chiel.

- <sup>9</sup> Furthermore, Iechonias, and Samaias, and Nathanael his brother, and Sabias, and Chielus, and Ioram captaines gaue to the Leuites for the Pascheouer fife thousand shepe and seuen hundred calues.

<sup>10</sup> Or, Hefabias.  
<sup>11</sup> Or, Ichiel.  
<sup>12</sup> Or, Choram.

- <sup>10</sup> And when these things were done, the Priests and the Leuites stode in ordre, hauing vbleauened bread according to <sup>5</sup> tribes,

- <sup>11</sup> And after the ordre of the dignitie of their fathers, before the people to offre to the Lord, as it is written in the booke of Moyses: and thus they did in the morning.

- <sup>12</sup> And they roasted the Pascheouer with fyre as <sup>1</sup> appertained, & they sod their offerings with perfumes in caldrons and pottes,

<sup>12</sup> Exod. 12, 8.

- <sup>13</sup> And set it before all them that were of the people, and afterward they prepared for them selues, and for the Priests their brethren the sonnes of Aaron.

- <sup>14</sup> For the Priests offred the fatte vnto the euening, and the Leuites did make ready for them selues, and for the Priests their brethren the sonnes of Aaron.

- <sup>15</sup> And the holy singers, the sonnes of Asaph, were in their orders, accordig to the appointed ordinances of Dauid, to wit, Asaph, and Azarias, and Eddimus, which was of the Kings appointment.

<sup>15</sup> Or, Eddimus.

- <sup>16</sup> And the porters were at euerie gate, so that it was not lawfull, y<sup>e</sup> anie shulde passe his ordinarie watche: for their brethren the Leuites made readie for them.

- <sup>17</sup> And in that day those things which appertained to the sacrifice of the Lord, were accomplished, that they might offre the

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18 And offre sacrifices vpon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandement of King Iosias.

19 So the children of Israel, which were present at that time, kept the Passouer and the feast of vnleauened bread seuen daies.

20 And there was not suche a Passouer kept in Israel since the time of Samuel the Prophet.

21 And all the Kings of Israel did not offre suche a Passouer, as did Iosias, and the Priestes, and the Leuites, and the Iewes, and all Israel, which were founde to remaine in Ierusalem.

22 In the eighteenth yere of the reigne of Iosias was this Passouer kept.

23 The workes of Iosias were vpright before his Lord with a heart ful of godlines.

24 And concerning ſ things which came to passe in his time, they are written before,<sup>10</sup> wit, of those that sinned & did wickedly against the Lord aboue euerie nacion and kingdome, and grieved him with<sup>9</sup> sensible things, so that the wordes of the Lord stode vp against Israel.

<sup>10</sup>Or, by worshipping sensible creatures.

2.Chro.35,20.

25 ¶ Now after all these actes of Iosias it came to passe that when Pharao King of Egypt came to moue warre at Carchamis vpon Euphrates, Iosias went out against him.

26 But ſ King of Egypt sent to him, saying, What haue I to do with thee, o King of Iudea?

27 I am not sent of the Lord God against thee: but my warre is vpon Euphrates, and now the Lord is with me, and the Lord hasteneth me forward: departe from me, and be not against the Lord.

28 But Iosias wolde not turne backe his chariot fro him, but prepared him self to fight with him, not regarding the wordes of Ieremias the Prophet by the mouth of the Lord.

29 But he set him self in battel aray against him in the field of Megeddo, & the princes came downe to King Iosias.

30 And the King said to his seruants, Conuaye me out of the battel, for I am very weake. And by and by his seruants broght him out of the battel.

31 So he gat vp on his seconde chariot, and being come againe to Ierusalem he changed his life, and was buried in his fathers graue.

32 And in all Iudea was Iosias bewailed, yea, Ieremias the Prophet did lament for Iosias, and the gouernours and their wiues did lament him vnto this day: & this was ordeined in all the kinred of Israel to be done continually.

33 But these things are written in the boke

of the stories of the Kings of Iudea, and euerie one of the actes ſ Iosias did, & his glorie, and his knowledge in the lawe of the Lord, and the things which he did before, and the things now reuerſed are registred in the boke of the Kings of Israel and Iudea.

34 Then they of the nacion toke<sup>\*</sup> Ioathaz<sup>2.King.23,31</sup> the sonne of Iosias, and made him King in steade of his father Iosias, when he was thre and twentie yere olde.<sup>2.Chro.36,1.</sup>

35 And he reigned in Iudea and in Ierusalem thre moneths: for the King of Egypt deposed him from reigning in Ierusalem.

36 He taxed also the people of an hundredth talents of siluer, & one talent of gold.

37 And the King of Egypt made Ioacim his brother King of Iudea & Ierusalem.

38 And he bounde Ioachaz and his gouernours: but when he had taken Zarates his brother, he led him away into Egypt.

39 Twentie and fise yere olde was Ioacim, when he reigned in Iudea and Ierusalem, and he did euil in the sight of the Lord.

40 Wherefore against him came vp Nabuchodonosor King of Babylon, who whē he had boude him with a chaine of brasse, led him away into Babylon.

41 Then Nabuchodonosor toke of the holie vessels of the Lord, & caryed the away, and set them in his temple at Babylon.

42 But all his actes, and his prophanation, and his reproche are written in the Chronicles of the Kings.

43 And Ioacim his sonne reigned for him: and when he was made King, he was eigh- tene yere olde.

44 And he reigned thre moneths and ten dayes in Ierusalem, and he did euil in the sight of the Lord.

45 ¶ So a yere after Nabuchodonosor sent and broght him to Babylon with the holy vessels of the Lord.

46 And he made Sedecias King of Iudea and Ierusalem when he was one and twen- tie yere olde, & he reigned eleuen yeres.

47 And he did euil in ſ sight of the Lord, nether did he feare the wordes spoken<sup>\*</sup> by Ieremias the Prophet from the mouth of the Lord.<sup>1er.38,22</sup>

48 For after that he was sworne to King Nabuchodonosor, he forswore him self by the Name of the Lord and fel away, and hardened his necke and his heart, and transgressed the Lawes of the Lord God of Israel.

49 Also the gouerners of the people, and the Priestes comitted many things against the lawes and passed all the pollutions of all nations, and polluted the Temple of the Lord, which was sanctified in Ierusa- lēm.

50 Neuertheles the God of their Fathers sent

sent his messenger to call them backe, because he spared them and his owne Tabernacle.

51 But thei derided his messengers, and in the day, that the Lord spake vnto them, thei mocked his Prophetes,

52 So that he, being moued to angre against his people for their great wickednes, commanded the Kings of the Chaldeas to invade them.

53 These killed their yong men with the sworde roud about their holie Temple, nether did they spare yong man, nor maiden, nether olde man, nor childe among them.

54 But he deliuered the all into their hâds, and all the holy vessels of the Lord, bothe great & smale with the vessels of the Arke of God: and they toke, & caryed away the Kings treasures into Babylon.

55 And thei set fyre in the House of y Lord and brake downe the walles of Ierusalem and burnt their towres with fyre.

56 They consumed also all the precious things thereof, & broght them to nought, and those that were left by the sword, he caryed away into Babylon.

57 And they were seruants to him, & to his children til the Persians reigned, to fulfil the worde of the Lord by the mouth of

Jerem. 25. 11.  
& 29. 10.

\* I remias,

58 And that the lād might enioye her Sabbath all the time, that it was desolate, til seuentie yeres were accomplished.

CHAP. II.

1 Cyrus gaue leave to the Iewes to returne. 10 He sent the holy vessels. 13 The names of them that returned. 16 Their aduersaries did let their buylding, and the Kings letters for the same.

2. Chro. 36. 22  
Ezra. 1. 1.

IN the first yere of the reigne of Cyrus King of the Persians, to fulfil the worde of the Lord by the mouth of Ieremias,

2 The Lord raised vp the spirit of Cyrus King of the Persians, and he made proclamation through out all his kingdome, euen by expresse lettres,

3 Saying, Thus saith Cyrus King of the Persians, The Lord of Israel, euen the moste high Lord, hath made me King ouer the whole worlde,

4 And he hath commanded me to buylde him an House in Ierusalem, which is in Iudea.

5 If there be anie therefore of you of his people, let the Lord, euē his Lord be with him, & let him go vp to Ierusalem, which is in Iudea & buylde the House of y Lord of Israel: he is the Lord which dwelleth in Ierusalem.

6 All they then that dwell in the places rounde about, those, I say, that are in his place, let them helpe him with golde and siluer,

7 With giftes, with horses and cattel, and other things, which shalbe broght, according to the vowes into the Temple of the Lord, which is in Ierusalem.

8 ¶ Then arose the chief of the families of Iudea, and of the tribe of Benjamin, and the Priests & Leuites, & all whose minde the Lord had moued to go vp, and buylde an House to the Lord in Ierusalem.

9 And those that were about them, helped them in all things with siluer and golde, horses, and cattel, and with diuers vowes of many whose mindes were stirred vp.

10 Also King Cyrus broght out the holy vessels of the Lord, which Nabuchodonosor had caryed out of Ierusalem, and had consecrated them in the Temple of his idoles.

11 Now when Cyrus King of the Persians had broght them out, he deliuered the to Mithridates his treasurer,

12 By whome they were giuen to Abassar <sup>Or, Shaphan-  
zar, or Sandabaf-  
sar.</sup> the gouernour of Iudea.

13 Whereof this was the number: a thousand golden cuppes, and a thousand siluer cuppes, basens of siluer for the sacrifices, nine and twentie viales, of golde thirtie, and of siluer two thousand, foure hundred and ten, and a thousand other vessels.

14 So all the vessels of golde and siluer, which thei caried away, were five thousand, foure hundred, thre score and nine.

15 They were broght by Sanabassar with them of the captiuitie of Babylon to Ierusalem.

16 ¶ But in the time of Artaxerxes King <sup>Ezra. 4. 6.  
Or, Bischlamus.  
Or, Shimshi.</sup> of the Persians Belemus, & Mithridates, and Tabellius, and Rathumus, and Beelthumus, & Semellius the secretarie, & others which were ioyned to these, dwelling in Samaria and in other places, wrote vnto him this epistle here following against the, that dwelt in Iudea & Ierusalem, TO

THE KING ARTAXERXES OVR LORD,

17 Thy seruants, Rathumus the writer of things that come to passe, and Semellius the secretarie, and the rest of their counsell, & the iudges which are in Coelosyria and Phenice.

18 Be it now therefore knowne to our lord the King, that the Iewes which came vp from you, are come to vs into Ierusalem, that rebellious and wicked citie, & buylde the marked places, and make vp the walles thereof, and laye the fundacions of the Temple.

19 Therefore if this citie be buylt, and the walles be finished, they wil not onely not indure to paye tribute, but wil also resist Kings.

20 And because the things, pertaining to the Temple, go forward, we thought it not

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mete to passe ouer suche a thing,  
 21 But to declare it to our lord the King, that if it be thy pleasure, it may be fought out in the booke of thy fathers,  
 22 And thou shalt finde in the Chronicles the writings concerning these things, and shalt knowe that this citie did alwaies rebel, & did trouble bothe Kings and cities,  
 23 And that the Iewes are rebellious, raising alwaies warres therein: for the which cause also this citie was made desolate.  
 24 Now therefore, o lord the King, we declare it, that if this citie be buylt and the walles thereof repaired, you shal haue no more passage into Coelosyria, nor Phenice.  
 25 ¶ Then the King wrote againe to Rathumus, that wrote the things that came to passe, and to Beelterthus, and to Samellius the secretarie, and to the rest of those that were ioyned with them, and to the dwellers of Samaria, Syria and Phenice, these things that followe.  
 26 I haue red the epistle, which ye sent to me: therefore I commanded, that it shulde be fought out, and it was founde, that this citie hathe alwaies practised against Kings,  
 27 And that the men thereof were giuen to rebellion and warres, and how that mightie Kings and fierce haue reigned in Ierusalem, which toke tribute of Coelosyria and Phenice.  
 28 Now therefore I haue commanded to forbid these men to buylde vp the citie, and that it be taken hede that no more be done,  
 29 And that those wicked things, w<sup>ch</sup> shulde molest the King, go not forwarde.  
 30 Then when Rathumus, & Semellius the secretarie and the rest, which were ioyned with them, had red the things, which King Artaxerxes had writen, they moued their tents with speede to Ierusalem with horses and men in aray,  
 31 And began to let them which buylt, so that the buylding of the Temple in Ierusalem ceased vnto the seconde yere of the reigne of Darius King of the Persians.

## CHAP. III.

*The feast of Darius. 16 The thre wise sentences.*

1 **N**OW when Darius reigned, he made a great feast to all his subiects & to all those of his owne house, and to all the princes of Media and Persia,  
 2 And to all the gouernours & captaines, and lieutenants that were with him, from India vnto Ethiopia of an hundred and seuen and twentie prouinces.  
 3 And when they had eaten and drunke, & were satisfied, they departed, and King Darius went into his chamber, and slept, til he wakened againe.

4 ¶ In the meane time thre yong men of the garde, keepers of the Kings bodie, said one to another.  
 5 Let euerie one of vs speake a sentence, & he that shal ouercome, and whose sentence shal appeare wiser then the others, Darius the King shal giue him great gifts, and great things in token of victorie,  
 6 As to weare purple & to drinke in golde, and to slepe in golde, and a chariot with bridles of golde, an head tyre of fine line, and a chaine about his necke.  
 7 And he shal sit next to Darius for his wisdome, and shalbe called Darius counfin.  
 8 Then euerie man wrote his sentence and sealed it, and put it vnder the pillowe of King Darius,  
 9 And said, when the King rose, thei wolde giue him the writing, and whose sentence the King and the thre princes of Persia shulde iudge to be wisest, to him shulde the victorie be giuen, as it was appointed.  
 10 One wrote, The wine is strongest.  
 11 The other wrote, The King is strongest.  
 12 The other wrote, women are strongest, but trueth ouercometh all things.  
 13 ¶ And when the King rose, they toke the writings and gaue them to him, and he red them,  
 14 And sent and called all the noble men of Persia and of Media, and the gouernours & the captaines, and lieutenants, and the consuls,  
 15 And sate him downe in the counsel, and the writing was red before them.  
 16 Then he said, Call the yong men, that they may declare their owne sentences. So they called them, and they came in.  
 17 Then he said vnto them, Declare vnto vs the writings. So the first began, which had spoken of the strength of wine,  
 18 And said on this maner, O ye men, how strong is wine! it deceiueth all men that drinke it.  
 19 It maketh the minde of the King and of the fatherles bothe one, of the bonde man and of the fre man, of the poore man and of the riche man.

20 It turneth also euerie thought into ioye and gladnes, so that one remembreth no maner of sorrow, nor det.

21 It maketh euerie heart riche, so that one remembreth nether King nor gouernour, & causeth to speake all things by talents.

22 When men haue drunke, they haue no minde to loue ether friends or brethren, and a litle after they drawe out swordes.

23 But when they are from the wine, they do not remember what they haue done.

24 O ye men, is not wine strongest, which compelleth

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pellet to do suche things ! & he helde his peace when he had thus spoken.

CHAP. IIII.

*Of the strength of a King. 13 Of the strength of women.*

*24 Of the strength of trueth, which sentence is approued.*

*47 And his petition granted.*

- 1 **T**Hen the seconde which had spoké of the strength of the King, began to say,
- 2 O ye men, are not men strongest, which beare rule by land and by sea, and ouer all things which are in them!
- 3 But the King is yet greater: for he ruleth all things, & is lord of them, so that they do all things which he commadeth them.
- 4 If he bid the make warre one against another, they do it: if he send them out against the enemies, they go and breake downe mountaines and walles and towres.
- 5 They kil & are killed, & do not passe the comandement of the King: if they ouercome, they bring all to the King, atwei the spoyles as all other things;
- 6 And those also which go not to warre & battel, but til the earth: for when they haue sowne it againe, thei reape it, & bring it to the King, and copell one another to paye tribute to the King.
- 7 Yet he is but one man: if he bid, Kil, they kil: if he sai, Spare, they spare.
- 8 If he bid, Smite, they smite: if he bid the, Make desolate, they make desolate: if he bid, Buylde, they buylde.
- 9 If he bid, Cut of, they cut of: if he bid, Plante, they plante.
- 10 So all his people & all his armies obey one mā: in the meane while he sitteth downe, he eateth, and drinketh and slepeth.
- 11 For these kepe him rounde about: nether can any one go & do his owne busines, nether are they disobedient vnto him.
- 12 O ye men, how shulde not the King be strongest, seing he is thus obeied! So he helde his tongue.
- 13 ¶ Then the thirde which had spoken of women & of the trueth (this was Zorobabel) began to speake,
- 14 O ye men, nether the mightie King, nor many men nor wine is strongest: who then ruleth them or hathe dominion ouer the! are they not women!
- 15 Women haue borne the King & all the people which beare rule by sea & by land.
- 16 Euen of them were they borne, and they nourished them, which planted the vines, of which the wine is made.
- 17 They also make mens garments & make men honorable, nether can men be without women.
- 18 And if thei haue gathered together gold & siluer, or any goodlie thing, do they not loue a faire and beautiful woman!
- 19 Do they not leaue all those things & giue the selues wholly vnto her, & gape, and

- gaze vpon her, & all men desire her more then gold, or siluer, or any precious thing!
- 20 A man leaueth his owne father which ha the nourished him, & his owne countrei, and is ioyned with his wife.
- 21 And for y woman he ieopardeth his life, and nether remembreth father nor mother nor countrey.
- 22 Therefore by this ye may knowe that y women beare rule ouer you: do ye not labour and trauail, and giue and bring all to the women?
- 23 Yea, a man taketh his sworde and goeth forth to kil & to steale, and to faile vpon the sea, and vpon riuers,
- 24 And he seeth a lion & goeth in darkenes, & when he hathe stollen, rauished & spoiled, he bringeth it to his loue.
- 25 Wherefore a man loueth his owne wife more then father or mother.
- 26 Yea, many haue runne mad for women, and haue bene seruants for them.
- 27 Many also haue perished & haue erred and sinned for women.
- 28 Now therefore do you not beleue me: is not the King great in his power? do not all regions feare to touche him?
- 29 Yet I sawe him & Apame, the Kings concubine, the daughter of the famous Barmecus, sitting on the right hand of the King.
- 30 And she toke the crowne of the Kings head, & put it vpon her owne, and stroke the King with her left hand.
- 31 Yet in the meane season the King gaped and gazed on her: & if she laughed at him, he laughed: & if she were angrie with him, he did flatter her that he might be reconciled with her.
- 32 How then, o ye men, are not women more strong, seing they do thus?
- 33 ¶ Then the King and the princes looked one vpon another, and he began to speake of the trueth.
- 34 O ye men, are not women stronger? great is the earth, & the heauen is hie, and the sonne is swift in his course: for he turneth rounde about heauē in one day, & runneth againe into his owne place.
- 35 Is not he great that maketh these things? therefore the trueth is greater and stronger then all.
- 36 All the earth calleth for trueth, and the heauen blesseth it: and all things are shaken and tremble, nether is there any vniust thing with it.
- 37 The wine is wicked, the King is wicked, women are wicked, & all the children of men are wicked, and all their wicked workes are suche, and there is no trueth in the, and they perish in their iniquitie.
- 38 But trueth doeth abide, and is strong for euer, and liueth and reigneth for euer and euer.

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39 With her there is no receiuing of persons nor differēce: but she doeth ſ things which are iuſte, & abſteineth from vniuſt & wicked things, and all men fauour her workes.

40 Nether is there any vniuſt thing in her iudgement, and ſhe is the ſtrength and the kingdome and the power, and maiēſtie of all ages. Bleſſed be the God of trueth.

41 So he ceaſed to ſpeake, and then all the people cryed & ſaid then, Trueth is great and ſtrongest.

42 Thé the King ſaid vnto him, Aſke what thou wilt beſides ſ which is appointed, & we wil giue it thee, becauſe thou art founde the wiſeſt, and thou ſhalt haue libertie to ſit by me, and ſhalt be called my couſin.

43 ¶ Then he ſaid to the King, Remembre the vowe that thou haſt vowed to buylde Ieruſalem, in the day that thou tokeſt the kingdome,

44 And to ſend againe all the veſſels ſ were taken out of Ieruſalem, which Cyrus ſet a parte when he made a vowe to cut of Babylon, & vowed to ſend them thither.

45 Thou alſo haſt vowed to buylde the Tēple, which the Idumeans burnt whē Iudea was deſtroied by the Chaldeans.

46 And now, ō Lord the King, this is that which I deſire & require of thee, & this is the magnificence, which I require of thee: I require therefore that thou woldeſt accompliſh the vowe which thou haſt vowed with thine owne mouth to do to the King of heauen.

47 Then King Darius riſing vp, kiſſed him, & wrote him letters to all the ſtewards and lieutenants, and captaines, and gouernours, that thei ſhulde bring on ſ waye beſide him, & all that were with him, which went vp to buylde Ieruſalem.

48 And he wrote letters to all the lieutenāts in Coeſofyria and Phenice, & to thé that were in Libanus, that they ſhulde bring cedre wood from Libanus to Ieruſalem, and buylde the citie wih him.

49 And he wrote for all ſ Iewes, which wēt vp out of his kingdome vnto Iudea, cōcerning their libertie, that no price, nor lieutenant, nor gouernour, nor ſteward ſhulde enter into their dores,

50 And that all the region which they kept, ſhulde paye no tribute, and that the Idumeans ſhulde let go the villages of the Iewes which they helde,

51 And that euerie yere there ſhulde be giuen for the buylding of the Temple twentie talents vntil it were buylt,

52 And to mainteine ſ burnt offerings vpon the altar euerie day (as they had a commandement to offer ſeuenteene) other ten talents euerie yere.

53 And that all they which went from Babylon to buylde ſ citie, ſhulde haue libertie,

aſwel they as their poſteritie, and all the Priēſts that went away.

54 He wrote alſo touching the charges and the Priēſts garment, wherein they ſhulde miniſter.

55 And he wrote that they ſhulde giue the Leuites their charges vntil the Houſe were finiſhed, and Ieruſalem buylt.

56 Alſo he wrote that they ſhulde giue penſions & wages to them that kept the citie.

57 And he ſent away all the veſſels which Cyrus had ſet aparte out of Babylon, and whatſoeuer Cyrus had commanded to do, he alſo commanded to do it, and to ſend to Ieruſalem.

58 And when the yong man was gone forth, he liſt vp his face to heauen towardes Ieruſalem, and gaue thanks to the King of heauen,

59 Saying, Of thee is the victorie, & of thee is wiſdome, & of thee is glorie, and I am thy ſeruant.

60 Bleſſed be thou which haſt giuē me wiſdome: for vnto thee I acknowledge it, ō Lord of our fathers.

61 ¶ So he toke ſ letters & went out & came to Babylon & telled all his brethren.

62 And thei bleſſed ſ God of their fathers, becauſe he had giuē thé fredome & libertie

63 To go vp & to buylde Ieruſalem, & the Temple, where his Name is renoumed, & they reioyed with instruments of muſicke and ioye, ſeuē daies.

## CHAP. V.

1 The number of them that returne from the captiuitie.

42 Their voves & ſacrifices. 54 The Tēple is begonne to be buylt. 66 Their enemies wolde craſtely ioyne with them.

1 A fter theſe things, the chief of the houſes of their fathers were choſen after their tribes, & their wiues, and their ſonnes, & their daughters, & their ſeruanttes, & their maidens, and their cattel.

2 And Darius ſent with thé a thouſand horſemen, til they were reſtored to Ieruſalem in ſafetie, & with muſical instruments, with tabrets and flutes.

3 And all their brethren plaied: thus he cauſed them to go vp together with them.

4 ¶ And theſe are ſ names of the men that went vp after their families, by their tribes, and after the order of their dignitie.

5 The Priēſts. The ſonnes of Phinees, the ſonne of Aarō, Ieſus ſonne of Iofedec, ſonne of Saraias, & Ioacim the ſonne of Zorobabel, the ſonne of Salathiel of the houſe of Dauid, of the kinred of Phares, of the tribe of Iuda.

6 ¶ Who ſpake wiſe wordes to Darius the King of the Perſians in the ſecōde yere of his reigne, in the moneth Niſan, which is the fiſt moneth.

7 ¶ And theſe are thei of Iudea, which came out of ſ captiuitie, where thei dwelt, whom

me Nabuchodonosor King of Babylon had caryed away into Babylon,

8 And returned vnto Ierusalem and to the rest of Iudea, euerie one into his owne citie: which came with Zorobabel, & Iesus, Nehemias, Zacharias, Recfaia, Eneuius, Mardocheus, Beelfarus, Aspharafus, Reclius, Roimus & Baana their guides.

9 The nōber of them of the nacion & their gouernours: ſonnes of Phares two thousand an hūdreth ſeuētie & two, the ſonnes of Saphat foure hundredth, ſeuētie & two.

10 The ſonnes of Ares ſeuē hundredth, ſiftie and ſix.

11 The ſonnes of Phzath Moab, two thousand, eight hundredth and twelue.

12 The ſonnes of Elam, a thousand, two hundredth, ſiftie & foure: the ſonnes of Zachui nine hundredth fortie & ſiue: the ſonnes of Corbe ſeuē hundredth & ſiue: the ſonnes of Bani ſix hundredth, fortie and eight.

13 The ſonnes of Bibe ſix hundredth, twentie and thre: the ſonnes of Sadas thre thousand, two hundredth, twentie and two.

14 The ſonnes of Adonikan, ſix hundredth, ſixtie & ſeuē: the ſonnes of Bagoi, two thousand, ſixtie & ſix: ſonnes of Adinu, foure hundredth, ſiftie and foure.

15 The ſonnes of Aterifias, ninetie & two: the ſonnes of Ceilan & Azotus, ſixtie & ſeuē: the ſonnes of Azucan foure hundredth, thirtie and two.

16 The ſonnes of Ananias, an hundredth & one: the ſonnes of Arom, and the ſonnes of Baſſa, thre hundredth, twentie and thre: the ſonnes of Aſiphurith, an hundredth, & two.

17 The ſonnes of Meterus, thre thousand & ſiue: the ſonnes of Bethlomon, an hundredth, twentie and thre.

18 They of Netophas, ſiftie & ſiue: they of Anaboth, an hundredth, ſiftie & eight: they of Bethſamos, fortie and two.

19 They of Cariathiarus, twentie & ſiue: thei of Caphiras & Beroth, ſeuē hundredth, fortie & thre: they of Piras, ſeuē hundredth,

20 They of Chadias and Ammidioi, ſiue hundredth, twentie & two: they of Cirama & Gabdes, ſix hundredth, twentie and one.

21 They of Macalon, an hundredth twentie and two: they of Betolius, ſiftie & two: the ſonnes of Nephis, an hundredth, ſiftie & ſix.

22 The ſonnes of Calamolalus & Orius ſeuē hundredth, twentie and ſiue: the ſonnes of Ierechus, thre hundredth, fortie & ſiue.

23 The ſonnes of Annaas, thre thousand, thre hundredth and thirtie.

24 The Priests, the ſonnes of Ieddu, ſonne of Ieſus, which are counted among the ſonnes of Sanafib, nine hundredth, ſeuētie and two: the ſonnes of Meruth, a thousand ſiftie and two.

25 The ſonnes of Phaffaron, a thousand, fortie and ſeuē: the ſonnes of Carme, a thou-

ſand and ſeuētene.

26 ¶ The Leuites. The ſonnes of Ieſſue, Cadmiel, Bannu and Suu, ſeuētie and foure.

27 ¶ The ſonnes which were holie ſingers. The ſonnes of Aſaph, an hundredth, fortie and eight.

28 ¶ The porters. The ſonnes of Salum, the ſonnes of Iatal, the ſonnes of Tolman, the ſonnes of Dacobi, the ſonnes of Teta, the ſonnes of Sami: all were an hundredth, thirtie and nine.

29 The miniſters of the Temple. The ſonnes of Eſau, the ſonnes of Alipha, the ſonnes of Tabaoth, the ſonnes of Ceras, the ſonnes of Sud, the ſonnes of Phaleu, ſonnes of Labana, the ſonnes of Agraba,

30 The ſonnes of Acrua, ſonnes of Outa, the ſonnes of Cetab, the ſonnes of Agaba, ſonnes of Sabai, the ſonnes of Anin, the ſonnes of Cathua, the ſonnes of Geddur.

31 The ſonnes of Airus, the ſonnes of Daiſan, the ſonnes of Noeba, the ſonnes of Chaſeba, the ſonnes of Gazeru, the ſonnes of Azias, the ſonnes of Phinees, the ſonnes of Aſira, the ſonnes of Baſthai, the ſonnes of Aſana, ſonnes of Meani, the ſonnes of Naphiſi, the ſonnes of Acub, the ſonnes of Acipha, the ſonnes of Aſur, the ſonnes of Pharacim, the ſonnes of Baſaloth.

32 The ſonnes of Meeda, ſonnes of Coutha, the ſonnes of Coſrea, the ſonnes of Charcus, the ſonnes of Aſerar, the ſonnes of Thomoi, the ſonnes of Naſith, the ſonnes of Atipha.

33 The ſonnes of the ſeruants of Salomon. The ſonnes of Aſaphion, the ſonnes of Pharira, the ſonnes of Ieeli, the ſonnes of Lozon, the ſonnes of Iſdael, the ſonnes of Sapheth.

34 The ſonnes of Agia, ſonnes of Phachthreth, the ſonnes of Sabie, the ſonnes of Sarothie, the ſonnes of Maſias, the ſonnes of Gar, the ſonnes of Addus, the ſonnes of Subas, the ſonnes of Apherra, the ſonnes of Barodis, the ſonnes of Sabat, the ſonnes of Allom.

35 All the miniſters of the Temple, and the ſonnes of the ſeruants of Salomon were thre hundredth, ſeuētie and two.

36 Theſe came vp from Thermeleth and Thelerſas: Caraathalat and Aalar leading them.

37 Nether colde they ſhewe their families nor their ſlocke how they were of Iſrael, the ſonnes of Ladan the ſonne of Ban, the ſonnes of Necodan, ſix hundredth ſiftie and two.

38 And of the Priests thoſe which exerciſed the office of Priests, & were not ſoude, ſonnes of Obdia, the ſonnes of Accos, the ſonnes of Addus, which had taken for wife Augia, one of the daughters of Berzelaius.

# I. Esdras.

- 39 And was called after his name, and when the description of the kinred of these men had bene sought in the registre, and colde not be founde, they were set a parte from the office of Priests.
- 39, Nehemias & Athabias.* 40 For "Nehemias and Athabias said to the that they shulde not be partakers of the holie things, til there arose an hie Priest clothed with doctrine and trueth.
- 40, fortie and two thousand, three hundred & sixty.* 41 So all they of Israel from them of twelue yere olde and litle children, were "fortie thousand besides men seruants and women seruants, two thousand, three hundred and sixtie.
- 42 Their seruants and handmaides were. seuen thousand, three hundred, fortie and seuen: the singing men and women, two hundred, fortie and fise.
- 43 Camelles, foure hundred, thirtie and fise: and horses, seuen hundred, thirtie and six: mules, two hundred, fortie and fise: "beastes that bare y yocke, fise thousand, fise hundred, twentie and fise.
- 43, asses.* 44 And there were of the gouernours after their families, which when they were come to the Temple in Ierusalem, vowed to buyld the House in his owne place according to their power,
- 44, of gold twelue thousand pounde, & of siluer fise, &c.* 45 And to giue to the treasure of the workes, "a thousand pound in golde, and fise thousand pound in siluer, and an hundred priestlie garments.
- 45, quarters.* 46 And the Priests and the Leuites and the people dwelt in Ierusalem and in the countrei, & the holie singers & the porters and all Israel in their "villages.
- Ex 7. 3, 1.* 47 ¶ But\* when the seuenth moneth was nere, and when the children of Israel were euerie one at home, they were all gathered together with one accorde into the open place of the first gate, which is towards the East.
- 48 Then Iesus the sonne of Iosedec and his brethren the Priests with Zorobabel the sonne of Salathiel & his brethre, rising vp, made ready y altar of the God of Israel,
- 49 To offre burnt offrings vpon it according as it is written in the booke of Moyse the man of God.
- 50 Whither also there were gathered against them of all nacions of the land: but they dressed the altar in his owne place, although all the nacions of the land were their enemies and vexed them, and they offred sacrifices according to the season, and burnt offrings to the Lord, morning & euening.
- Leui. 23, 34.* 51 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is ordeined in the Law, & offred sacrifices euerie day, as was requisite,
- 52 And afterwarde, the continual oblations and offrings of the Sabbaths & of the new months & of all holy feasts.
- Ex 24. 3, 8.* 53 ¶ And all thei which had made any vowe to God, began to offre sacrifice vnto God in the first day of y seueth moneth, although the Temple of God was not yet buylt.
- 54 They gaue also money to the masons & to the workemen, and meat and drinke with gladnes,
- 55 And charrets to the Sidonians and to those of Tyrus to bring cedar wood out of Libanus, which shulde be brought by flots to the hauen of Ioppe according to the commandement giuen vnto them by Cyrus King of Persia.
- 56 And in the second yere and second moneth came into the Temple of God in Ierusalem, Zorobabel the sonne of Salathiel, and Iesus the sonne of Iosedec, and their brethre, and the Priests & Leuites, and all they that came out of captiuitie into Ierusalem,
- Eccles. 4, 12.* 57 And \*laid the fundacion of the House of God in the first day of the second moneth of the second yere after their returne into Iudea and Ierusalem.
- 58 And they appointed y Leuites frō twētie yere olde ouer the workes of the Lord, and Iesus & his sonne, & his brethre, & his brother Cadmiel, & the sonnes of Madiabon with the sonnes of Ioda, the sonne of He-liadun, with their sonnes, & brethren, *euē* all the Leuites with one accorde did followe after the worke, calling vpo the workes in the House of God: thus the workemen buylt the Temple of the Lord.
- 59 And the Priests stode clothed with their long garments with musical instruments & trumpets, and the Leuites the sonnes of Asaph with cymbales,
- 60 Singing & blessing y Lord, according to the ordinance of Dauid King of Israel.
- 61 And they sung with loud voice songs to the praise of the Lord, because his mercie and glorie is for euer in all Israel.
- 62 Then all the people blew trumpets, and cryed with loud voice, praising y Lord for the raising vp of the House of the Lord.
- 63 Also some of the Priests & Leuites, and chief men, *to wit,* the Ancients, which had sene the former House,
- 64 Came to se the buyldig of this with weeping and great crying, & manie with trumpets and ioye cryed with loude voice,
- 65 So that the people colde not heare the trumpets, because of the weping of the people: yet there was a great multitude that blew trumpets so that thei were heard far of.
- 66 ¶ Wherefore when the enemies of the tribes of Iuda & Benjamin heard it, they came to know what noise of trumpets it was,
- 67 And they knewe that they of the captiuitie buylt the Temple to the Lord God of Israel.
- 68 Wherefore they coming to Zorobabel, & Iesus, and the chief of the families, said
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vnto them. Let vs buyld also with you.

*67, Alcaz. 67, 67, Alchaden.*

69 For we obey your Lord, as you do, and sacrifice vnto him since the dayes of Abasareth King of the Assyrians, which broght vs hether.

70 Then Zorobabel, and Iesus, & the chief of the families of Israel said to them, It doeth not apperteine to vs, and to you to buyld an House to the Lord our God.

*Exra. 4. 4.*

71 For we alone wil buyld it to the Lord God of Israel, as it becometh vs, & as Cyrus the King of the Persians bad vs.

72 Howbeit the people of the land made them sluggish that were in Iudea, and letted them to buyld the worke, and by their ambushments and seditions & conspiracies hindred the finishing of the buyldig,

73 All the time of King Cyrus life: so that they were let from the buylding two yere, vntil the reigne of Darius.

CHAP. VI.

*1 Of Aggeus and Zacharias. 2 The buylding of the Temple. 3 Sisinnus wolde let them. 7 His epistle to Darius. 23 The Kings answer to the contrarye.*

*Exra. 5. 1. Neh. 1.*

1 **B**Vt\* in the second yere of the reigne of Darius, Aggeus & Zacharias the sonne of Addo y<sup>e</sup> Prophetes prophecied to the Iewes, euen vnto them that were in Iudea and Ierusalem, in the Name of the Lord God of Israel, which they called vpon.

*\*Gre. vpt them.*

2 Then Zorobabel sonne of Salathiel, and Iesus the sonne of Iosedec stode vp, and began to buyld the House of the Lord, w<sup>h</sup> is in Ierusalem, the Prophetes of the Lord being with them, & helping them.

3 ¶ In that time Sisinnus the gouernour of Syria, and Phenice, and Sathrabouzanes with his companions came vnto them,

4 And said vnto them, By whose commandement buyld you this House & this buylding, and enterprife all these other things? and who are the buylders that enterprife suche things?

5 But the Ancients of the Iewes had grace of the Lord after that he had visited the captiuitie,

6 That they were not letted to buyld, vntil it was signified vnto Darius of these matters, and an answer was receiued.

7 ¶ The copie of the epittle, which he did write and send to Darius, s i s i n n u s gouernour of Syria and of Phenice, and Sathrabouzanes, and their companiōs, presidents in Syria and Phenice, salute King Darius.

8 It may please the King our master plainly to vnderstand, that when we came to the countrey of Iudea, and entred into the citie of Ierusalem, we found in the citie of Ierusalem the Ancients of the Iewes that were of the captiuitie,

9 Buylding an House to the Lord, great & newe, of hewen stones, and of great price, and the timber all ready laid vpon the walles.

10 And these workes are done with great spede, yea, and the worke hathe good successe in their hands, so that it wil be finished with all glorie & diligence.

11 Then we asked their Ancients, saying, By whose commandement buyld you this House & lay y<sup>e</sup> fundacion of these workes?

12 We asked them these things to the intēt to notifie them to thee, and to write to thee the men that gouerned it: therefore we demāded the names of the gouernours in writing.

13 But they answered, saying, We are the seruants of the Lord, which hathe created the heauen and the earth.

14 And\* this House was buylt vp manie yeres ago by a King of Israel great & strōg, and was finished.

15 But when our fathers, prouoking God to wrath, sinned against the Lord of Israel, which is in heauē, \* he deliuered them into the hands of Nabuchodonosor King of Babylon of the Chaldeans,

16 Who brake downe the House & burnt it, & caryed the people captiue to Babylon.

17 But in the first yere of the reigne of Cyrus ouer the countrey of Babylon, King Cyrus wrote that this House shulde be buylt vp.

18 And y<sup>e</sup> holic vessels of golde & of siluer, which Nabuchodonosor had caryed out of the House at Ierusalem, & had dedicated them in his owne Temple, Cyrus the King toke out of the Tēple at Babylon, & they werē giuen to Zorobabel, and to Sa-  
*\*er, Shafbaz.*

19 And a cōmandement was giue vnto him, y<sup>e</sup> he shulde cary away those vessels, & put thē in y<sup>e</sup> Tēple at Ierusalē, & that this Tēple of y<sup>e</sup> Lord shulde be buylt in this place.

20 Thē the same Sanabassar, being come hether, layed the fundacions of the House of the Lord at Ierusalem, and since that time til now, it is in buylding, & is not finished.

21 Now therefore if it please the King, let it be sought vp in the Kings libraries concerning Cyrus.

22 And if it be found that the buylding of y<sup>e</sup> House of the Lord at Ierusalem hathe be-  
ge done by the cōsent of King Cyrus, & if it seme good to the lord our King, let him make vs answer cōcerning these things.

23 Then King Darius commanded to sear-  
che in the Kings libraries, that were in Babylon, and there was founde in Ecbatane, which is a towre in the region of Media, a place where suche things were layed vp for memorie.

# I. Esdras.

- 24 In the first yere of the reigne of Cyrus, King Cyrus commadmed the House of the Lord at Ierusalem to be buylded, where thei did sacrifice with the continual fyre.
- 25 Of the w<sup>th</sup> the height *shulde be* of thre-score cubites, the breadth of thre-score cubites with thre rowes of hewen stones, & one rowe of newe wood of that countrey, and that the costs shulde be payed out of the house of King Cyrus.
- 26 And that the holie vessels of the House of the Lord, aswel those of golde as of siluer, which Nabuchodonosor had caryed out of the house in Ierusalem, and broght into Babylon, shulde be restored to the House, which is in Ierusalem, & set in the place where they were afore.
- 27 Also he commanded that Sisinnes, gouernour of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabouzan, and their companions, and those which were constitute captaines in Syria and Phenice, shulde take hede to refraine from that place, and to suffer Zorobabel the seruant of the Lord, and gouernour of Iudea, and the Elders of the Iewes to buyld that House of the Lord in that place.
- 28 And I also haue commanded to buyld it cleane vp againe, and that they be diligent to helpe them of the captiuitie of the Iewes, til the House of the Lord be finished,
- 29 And that some parte of the tribute of Coelosyria and Phenice shulde be diligently giuen to these men for sacrifice vn to the Lord, and to Zorobabel the gouernour, for bulles, rams and lambes:
- 30 Also corne, & salte, and wine, and oile continually cuerie yere without faile, as the Priests, which are in Ierusalem shal testifie to be spent euerie day,
- 31 That offerings may be made to the high God for the King, and his children, & that they may pray for their liues.
- 32 Furthermore he commanded that whosoer shulde transgresse anie thing afore spoken or written, or derogate anie thing thereof, that a tre shulde be taken out of his possession, and he be hanged thereon, and that his goods shulde be the Kings.
- 33 And therefore let the Lord whose Name is there called vpon, destroye euerie King and nation, which stretcheth out his had to hinder or do euil to that House of the Lord which is in Ierusalem.
- 34 \*I Darius the King haue ordeined that it shulde be diligently executed according to these things.
- 1 Then Sisinnes the gouernour of Coelosyria and Phenice, and Sathrabouzan, & their companiōs, obeying King Darius commandements,
- 2 Assisted diligently the holie workes, working with the Ancients and gouernours of the Sanctuarie.
- 3 And the holie workes prospered by Aggeus and Zacharias the Prophetes which prophecied.
- 4 So they finished all things by the commandement of the Lord God of Israel, and with the consent of Cyrus and Darius, and Artaxerxes Kings of the Persians.
- 5 Thus the holie House was finished in the thre and twentieth day of the moneth Adar in the sixt yere of Darius King of the Persians.
- 6 ¶ And the childre of Israel, and y<sup>e</sup> Priests and the Leuites, and the rest, which were of the captiuitie, & had anie charge, did according to the things *writen* in the boke of Moses.
- 7 And they offred for the dedication of the Temple of the Lord, an hundreth bulles, two hundreth rams, foure hundreth lambes,
- 8 And twelue goates for the sinne of all Israel, according to the number of the chief of the tribes of Israel.
- 9 And the Priests, and the Leuites stode according to their kinreds clothed with long robes in the workes of the Lord God of Israel, according to the boke of Moses, and also the porters in euerie gate.
- 10 And the children of Israel offred the Passeouer together with them of the captiuitie, in the fourtēth day of the first moneth, after that the Priests and Leuites were sanctified.
- 11 But all the children of the captiuitie were not sanctified together, but all the Leuites were sanctified together.
- 12 And they offred the Passeouer, for all the children of the captiuitie, and for their brethren the Priests, and for them selues.
- 13 Then all the children of Israel which were of the captiuitie did eat, *euē* all they that had separated them selues from the abominations of the people of the land, and fought the Lord.
- 14 And they kept the feast of vnleautned bread seuen dayes, reioycing before the Lord,
- 15 Because he had turned the counsel of the King of the Assyrians towards them to strengthen their hands in the workes of the Lord God of Israel.

## CHAP. VIII.

- 1 Esdras cometh from Babylon to Ierusalem. 10 The copie of the commission giuen by Artaxerxes. 29 Esdras giueth thanks to the Lord. 32 The number of the heads of the people that came with him. 76 His prayer and confession.
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## CHAP. VII.

- 1 Sisinnes and his companions follow the Kings commandement and helpe the Iewes to buyld the Temple. 5 The time that it was buyld. 10 They kepe the Passeouer.

Esdras. 4. 12.

<sup>ver, Arxarxes.</sup> 1 And after these things when Artaxerxes King of the Persians reigned, Esdras the sonne of " Saraïas, the sonne of Ezerias, the sonne of Helcias, the sonne of Salum,

<sup>ver, Arxarxes.</sup> 2 The sonne of Sadoc, the sonne of Achitob, the sonne of Amarias, the sonne of " Ezias, the sonne of " Memeroth, the sonne of " Zariaas, the sonne of " Sauias, the sonne of Boccas, the sonne of Abisum, the sonne of Phinees, the sonne of Eleazar, the sonne of Aaron was the hie Priest.

3 This Esdras went out of Babylon, & was a scribe wel taught in the Law of Moyfes, giuen by the Lord God of Israel.

4 Also the King gaue him great honour, & he founde grace in his sight in all his requestes.

5 With him also there departed some of the children of Israel, and of the Priests and Leuites, and of the holy fingers, and of the porters, and of the ministers of the Temple vnto Ierusalem,

6 In the seueñth yere of the reigne of Artaxerxes, & in the fift moneth: this was the seueñth yere of the King (for thei went out of Babilō in the first day of the first moneth,

7 And came to Ierusalem according as the Lord gaue them speed in their iourney)

8 For Esdras had gotten great knowledge, so that he wolde let nothing passe that was in the Law of the Lord, and in the cōmandements, and he taught all Israel all the ordinances and iudgements.

9 So the commission written by King Artaxerxes was giuen Esdras the Priest and reader of the Law of the Lord: the copie therof followeth.

10 King Artaxerxes to Esdras the Priest, & reader of the Law of the Lord, Salutacio.

11 Forasmuche as I consider things with pitie, I haue commanded that they that wil and desire of the nation of the Iewes, and of the Priests and Leuites, which are in our kingdome, shulde go with thee vnto Israel.

12 Therefore as many as be willing, let them departe together, as it hath sēmed good to me and my seuen friends the counsellors,

13 That they may visite the things that are in Iudea and Ierusalem diligently, as it is contained in the Law of the Lord,

14 And cary the gifts to the Lord of Israel in Ierusalem, which I and my friends haue vowed: also all the golde and siluer, which shal be founde in the countrey of Babylon appertaining to the Lord in Ierusalem,

15 With that which is giuen of the people to the Temple of the Lord their God, that it might be brought to Ierusalem, as wel siluer as golde, for bulles, and rams, &

lambes, and things thereunto pertaineing, 16 That they may offer sacrifices to the Lord vpon the altar of the Lord their God, which is in Ierusalem.

17 And whatsoeuer thou and thy brethren wil do with the golde or siluer, accomplish it according to the wil of thy God.

18 And the holy vessels of the Lord, which are giuen thee for the vse of the Temple of thy God, which is in Ierusalem, thou shalt set before thy God in Ierusalem.

19 And what other things soeuer thou shalt remember for the vse of the Temple of thy God, thou shalt giue it out of thy Kings treasure.

20 And I also King Artaxerxes haue commanded the treasurers of Syria and Phenice, that whatsoeuer Esdras, the Priest & reader of the Law of the hiest God, shal send for, they shulde giue it him with all speede, euen to the some of an hundreth talents of siluer,

21 And likewise vnto an hundreth cores of corne, and an hundreth pieces of wine and other things in abundance.

22 Let all things be done to the hiest God according to the Law of God with diligence, that wrath come not vpon the kingdome of the King and of his sonnes.

23 Also to you it is commanded, that of none of thy Priests or Leuites, or holy fingers, or porters or ministers of the Temple, or of the workemen of this Temple, no tribute nor taxe be taken, nor that any haue power to taxe them in any thing.

24 Thou also, Esdras, according to the wisdom of God, ordeine iudges and gouernours, that they may iudge in all Syria & Phenice all those which are wel instructed in the Law of thy God, and teachethose, which are not instructed.

25 And let all those which shal transgresse the Law of God & the King, be diligently punished, ether with death, or other punishment, ether with penaltie of money, or banishment.

26 ¶ The Esdras the scribe said, Blessed be the onelie Lord God of my fathers, which hath put this in the heart of the King to glorifie his House which is in Ierusalem,

27 And hath honoured me before thy King, and the counsellors, and all his friends and gouernours.

28 ¶ Therefore I was encouraged by the helpe of the Lord my God, and gathered men of Israel to go vp with me. <sup>esr. 8.13.</sup>

29 These are the guides after their families and order of dignities, which came vp with me out of Babylon in the reigne of Artaxerxes the King.

30 Of the sonnes of Phinees, Gersom, of the sonnes of Ithamar, Gamael, of the sonnes of Dauid " Lettus.

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- 31 Of ʒ sonnes of Sechenias, of the sonnes of Phares, Zacharias, and with him were counted an hundreth and fiftie men.
- 32 Of the sonnes of " Salomó, Abeliacnias the sonne of Zacharias, and with him two hundreth men.
- 33 Of the sonnes of Zathoe, Sechenias the sonne of "Iezolus, & with him thre hūdreth men: of the sonnes of Adin, "Obeth sonne of Ionathas, and with him two hundreth and fiftie men.
- 34 Of the sonnes of Elam " Iefias, sonne of Gotholias, and with him seuentie men.
- 35 Of the sonnes of Saphatias, Zarias sonne of " Machael, and with him seuentie men.
- 36 Of the sonnes of Ioab " Badias sonne of Iezelus, and with him two hundreth and twelue men.
- 37 Of the sonnes of " Banid, Assalimoth sonne of Iosaphias, and with him an hundreth and thre score men.
- 38 Of the sonnes of Babi, Zacharias sonne of Bebai, and w him twentie & eight mē.
- 39 Of the sonnes of " Astath, Iohannes sonne of Acatan, & with him an hundreth & tē.
- 40 Of the sonnes of Adonicam the last: & these are the names of them, Eliphalat, " Ieouel and " Maias, and with them seuentie men: of the sonnes of " Bagouthi sonne of Ifcacourus, & with him seuentie men.
- 41 ¶ And I gathered them together to the flood called " Theras, & pitched our tents there thre daies, and nombred them.
- 42 But when I had founde there none of the Priests nor Leuites,
- 43 I sent to Eleazar, and beholde, there came " Maasman, and Alnathan, & Samaian, and " Ioribon, & Nathan, Ennatan, Zacharian, & Mosollamon the chief, & best learned.
- 44 And I bad them to go to Daddeus the captaine, which was in the place of the treasurie,
- 45 With charge to bidde Daddeus and his brethren, & the treasurers that were there, to send to vs them, which shulde offer sacrifice in the House of our Lord.
- 46 And they brought vnto vs by the mightie hand of our Lord learned men of the sonnes of Moli, the sonne of Leui, the sonne of Israel, to wit, " Cisebebran & his sonnes, and his brethren being eightene.
- 47 And Asebia, and " Annon, & Ofaian his brethrē of the sonnes of " Cananeus with their sonnes, twentie persones.
- 48 And of the ministers of the Temple, w David gaue, & those which were rulers ouer the worke of the Leuites, to wit, ministers of the Temple, two hundreth & twētic, of whome all the names were registred.
- 49 ¶ And " there I proclaimed a fast for the yong men before the Lord to aske of him a good iourney bothe for vs, and for them that were with vs, for our children, & for our cattel.
- 50 For I was ashamed to aske the King foemen, or horsemen, or conduict for sauēgarde against our enemies,
- 51 Because we had said to the King, that the power of our Lord shulde be with thē that fought him to direct them in all thigs.
- 52 Wherefore we praied our Lord againe, according to these things, whome we founde fauorable.
- 53 Then I chose from among the chief of ʒ tribes & of the Priests, twelue men, to wit, " Esebrias and Assanias, and with them ten of their brethren.
- 54 And I weighed them the siluer and the golde, & the holy vessels of the House of our Lord, which the King and his counsellors, & his princes, & all Israel had giue.
- 55 And I weighed thē, six hundreth & fiftie talents of siluer, & siluer vessels of an hundreth talēts, & an hūdreth talēts of golde,
- 56 And twentie golden basens, & twelue vessels of brasse, of fine brasse shining like golde.
- 57 And I said to them, You are also holy to the Lord, and the vessels are holy, and the golde, and the siluer is a vowe to the Lord of our fathers.
- 58 Watch and kepe them, til that you giue thē to the heads of the families of the Priests, and Leuites, and captaines of the families of Israel in Ierusalem in the chambers of the House of our God.
- 59 So the Priests & Leuites toke the siluer and the golde, & the vessels, & caryed thē to Ierusalem to the Temple of the Lord.
- 60 And we departed frō the flood Thera, in the twelue day of the first moneth, & came to Ierusalem, according to ʒ mightie power of our Lord with vs: and the Lord deliuered vs from the beginning of our iourney from all enemies. So we came to Ierusalem.
- 61 And thre daies being past there, in the fourth day the siluer that was weighed, & the golde was deliuered in the House of our Lord to " Marmoth the Priest the sonne of Iouri,
- 62 And with him to Eleazar ʒ sonne of Phinees: & there were with them, Iosabad the sonne of Iesus, & " Moeth sonne of Sabbanus, Leuites: all was deliuered them by number and weight.
- 63 And all the weight of them was written that same houre.
- 64 Afterwards those that were come out of the captiuitie, offered sacrifices to the Lord God of Israel, enen twelue bulles for all Israel, rams foure score and sixtē,
- 65 Lābs thre score & twelue, twelue goates for saluacion, all in sacrifice to the Lord.
- 66 And they presented the commandemēts of the King to the Kings stewards, & to ʒ gouernours

40r, Pharah, Moah, Elienai.

40r, Iezel.  
40r, Obeth.

40r, Iefias.

40r, Michael.  
40r, Obadias, sonne of Iezel.

40r, Banid & Iosaphias.

40r, Astath & Iohannes sonne of Acatan.

40r, Ieuel.  
40r, Semaias.  
40r, Bagot, Fili, sonne of Iphacur.

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40r, Maasman, Alnathan.  
40r, Iorib, Ennathan, Zacharian, Mosollamon.

40r, Sevedia.

40r, Anon, Iosaphias.  
40r, Cananian.

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40r, Sevedia.

40r, Marmoth the sonne of Iouri of Ier.

40r, Moeth, sonne of Sabbanus.

gouernours of Coelosyria & Phenice who honored the people, and the Temple of God.

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67 ¶ When these things were done, the gouernours came to me, saying, The people of Israel, the princes and the Priests, & the Leuites haue not separated from them the strange people of the land,

68 Nor the pollutions of the Gentiles, to wit, of the Cananites, and Cherites, and Pherefites, and Iebusites, and Moabites, and Egyptians, and Idumeans.

69 For they haue dwelt with their daughters, bothe they and their sunnes, and the holie fede is mixed with the strange people of the lād, & the gouernours & rulers haue bene partakers of this wickednes frō the beginning of the thing.

70 And asson as I had heard these things, I rent my clothes, and the holie garment, & I pulled the heere of mine head, and of my bearde, and fate me downe sorowful, and verie sad.

71 The also all they that were moued with the worde of the Lord God of Israel, came to me whiles I wepte for the iniquitie, but I fate verie sad til the euening sacrifice.

72 Then I rose from the fast with my clothes torne, and the holie garment, and bowed my knees and stretched forth the mine hands to the Lord,

Esdras. 9. 6.

73 And said, O Lord, I am ashamed, & confounded before thy face.

74 For our sinnes are increased aboute our heades, & our ignorances are lifted vp to heauen.

75 Yea, euen from the time of our fathers we are in great sinne vnto this day.

76 For our sinnes therefore, and our fathers we with our brethren, with our Kings and Priests haue bene giuen vp to the Kings of the earth, to the sworde and to captiuitie, and for a pray with all shame vnto this day.

77 And now how great hathe thy mercie bene, O Lord, that there shulde be left vs a roote, and name in the place of thine holines!

78 And that thou shuldest reueale to vs a light in the House of the Lord our God, and giue vs meat in the time of our seruitude!

79 For when we were in bondage, we were not left of our God, but he gaue vs fauour before the Kings of the Persians, that thei shulde giue vs meat,

80 And that they shulde honour the Temple of our Lord, and raise vp Sion that is desolate, and giue vs assurance in Iudea & Ierusalem.

81 And now, O Lord, what shal we say, hauing these things? for we haue transgressed thy commandements, which thou hast

giuen by the hands of thy seruants the Prophetes, saying,

82 \* Because the land, which ye go to inherit, is a land polluted by the pollutions of the strangers of the land, which haue filled it with their filthines, *Deut. 7. 1.*

83 Therefore now ye shal not ioine their daughters with your sonnes, nether giue your daughters to their sonnes,

84 Nether shal you desire to haue peace with them for euer, that ye may be made strong, and eat the good things of the lād, and leaue it for an inheritance to your children for euer.

85 Therefore all that is come to passe, was done for our wicked workes, and for our great sinnes: yet, Lord, thou hast forborne our sinnes,

86 And hast giuen vs suche a roote: but we againe haue turned backe to trasgresse thy Law, & to mixe vs with the vnclennes of the people of the land.

87 Mightst thou not be angrie with vs to destroye vs, so that thou shuldest nether leaue vs roote nor fede nor name?

88 But, O Lord of Israel, thou art true: for there is a roote left, euen vnto this day.

89 Beholde, we are now before thee with our iniquities, nether can we indure before thee for these things.

90 ¶ And \* as Esdras prayed and confessed and wept, and laye vpon the grounde before the Temple, a verie great multitude was gathered vnto him out of Ierusalem of men and women, and yong children: for there was great lamentation among the multitude. *Esdras. 10. 1.*

91 Then Iechonias y sonne of Ieel of the sones of Israel, crying out said, O Esdras, we haue sinned against the Lord God: we haue taken in marriage strange women of the nations of the land. *Onrick*

92 And now all Israel is douteful: therefore let vs make an othe concerning this to the Lord to put away all our wiues, which are strangers, with their children.

93 If it seme good to thee, and to all them that obey the Law of the Lord, rise vp and put it in execution.

94 For to thee doth it apperteine, & we are with thee to make thee strong.

95 Then Esdras arose, & made all the chief of the families of the Priests and Leuites of all Israel to sweare, that they wolde do thus: and they sware.

CHAP. IX.

7 After Esdras had red the law for the strange wiues, *10* Thei promise to put them away.

1 Then \* Esdras rose from the court of the Temple, & went to the chamber of Ioannan the sonne of Eliasib, *Esdras. 10. 2.*

2 And being lodged there, he did eat no

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bread nor dranke water, but mourned for the great iniquities of the multitude.

3 And there was a proclamation in all Iudea and Ierusalem to all them, that were of the captiuitie, that they shulde be gathered to Ierusalem,

4 And that all they which shulde not mete there within two or thre dayes, according to the ordinace of the Elders, which bare rule, shulde haue their cattel confiscated to the Temple, and he cast out from among them of the captiuitie.

5 Then all they which were of the tribe of Iuda and Beniamin, came together within thre dayes into Ierusalem: this was the ninth moneth and twentieth day of the moneth.

6 And all the multitude sate in the broad place of the Temple shaking, because of the extreme winter.

7 Then Esdras arose and said to them, Ye haue sinned: for ye haue married strange wiues, so that ye haue augmented the sinnes of Israel.

8 Now therefore confesse and glorifie the Lord God of our fathers,

9 And do his wil, and separate your selues from the people of the land, and from the strange wiues.

10 Then all the multitude cryed out and said with a loude voyce, We wil do so as thou hast said.

11 But because the multitude is great, and the time is winter, so that we can not stand without, and the worke is not of one day nor of two, seeing that manie of vs haue sinned in this matter,

12 Let the chief men of the multitude and all they which haue strange wiues of our families, stanie:

13 And let the Priests and iudges come out of all places at the day appointed, til they haue appeased the wrath of y Lord against vs for this matter.

14 Then Ionathas Afaels sonne, and Ezecias sonne of Thecan were appointed concerning these things, and Mosollam and Sabateus did helpe them.

15 And they which were of the captiuitie, did after all these things.

16 Esdras the Priest also chose him certeine men, chief of their families, all by name: & thei sate together in the first day of the tenth moneth to examine this matter.

17 And they made an end of the things pertaining to them that had married strange wiues in the first day of y first moneth.

18 And there were founde of the Priests, which had married strange wiues,

19 Of the sonnes of Iesus, the sonne of Iosedec, & of his brethren "Mathelas, & Eleazar, and Ioribus, and Ionadan.

20 Who also gaue their hands to cast out

their wiues, and offered a ram for their reconciliation in their purgation.

21 And of the sonnes of Emmer "Ananias, and Zabdeus, and Canes, and Sameius, and Hiereel, and Azarias.

22 And of the sonnes of "Phaifu, Ellionas, Massias, Esmaelus, and Nathanael, and "Ocidelus, and Talfas.

23 And of the Leuites "Torabadus, and Semis, and Colius, who was called "Calitas, and Patheus, and Ooudas, and Ionas.

24 Of the holie singers, "Eliazurus, Bacchurus.

25 Of the porters, "Sallumus, & Tolbanes.

26 Of them of Israel, of the sonnes of Phorus, "Hiernas, and Eddias, & Melchias, & Maelus, & Eleazar, & Agibias, & "Banaias.

27 Of the sonnes of "Ela, Matthanas, Zacharias, and "Hierielas, and "Hieremoth, and Acdias.

28 And of the sonnes of "Zamoth, Eliadas, Elifimus, Orthonias, Larimoth, and "Sabatus, and Sardeus.

29 Of the sonnes of "Bebai, Ioannes, and Ananias, and "Iosabad, and Ematheas.

30 Of the sonnes of "Mani, Olamus, Mamuchus, Iedaia, Isabus, Isael, and Ieremoth.

31 And of the sonnes of "Addi, Naathus, Moofias, Laccunus, and Naidus, and Matthanas, and "Seschel, and Balnuus, and Manasseas.

32 And of the sonnes of Annas, Elionas, & Afcas, and Melchias, and Sabbeus, and Simon a Chosamite.

33 And of the sonnes of "Afor, Altaneus, & "Matthias, and Bannaias, Eliphalar, & Manasse, and Semei.

34 And of the sonnes of "Maani, Ieremias, Momdis, Omairus, Inel, Mamai, and Paclias, and Amos, Carabafion and Euafibus, and Mamnimatanaius, Elifafis, Vamus, Eliali, Samis, Selemias, Nathenias, & of the sonnes of Ozoras, Sefis, Efril, Azailus, Samatas, Sambis, Iosiphus.

35 And of the sonnes of Ethna, Mazitias, Zabadias, Ethes, Inel, Banaias.

36 All these maryed strange wiues, and put them away with their children.

37 And the Priests & the Leuites dwelt in Ierusalem, & in the countrey, the first day of the seventh moneth, and the childre of Israel in their owne houses.

38 ¶ Then all the multitude assembled together with one consent into the broad place before the gate of the Temple toward the East,

39 And spake to Esdras the Priest, and reader, that he shulde bring the Law of Moyses, which had bene giue by the Lord God of Israel.

40 Then broght Esdras the chief Priest the Law to all the multitude, bothe man and woman,

*or, Anani, & Zabab.*

*or, Phasfur, Elionai Massias, Iesmael.*

*or, Ocidel, and Alest.*

*or, Iosabad, Semel.*

*or, Galias, Patheas, Iobadar.*

*or, Eliaf, and Bacur.*

*or, Sallum.*

*or, Remus.*

*or, Banaia.*

*or, Elam.*

*or, Iehiel.*

*or, Ieremuth, & Helas.*

*or, Zachane, Eliadar, Elif.*

*or, Sabad, and Sardai.*

*or, Bebe.*

*or, Iosabad, and Emah.*

*or, Eani, Olam, Maluch, Iedaia, Iesab.*

*or, Addin, Naathus, Laccus, Bannaias.*

*or, Seschel, Balnu, Manasse.*

*or, Masan.*

*or, Mathias, Matathias.*

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woman, and to all the Priests, that they might heare the Law the first day of the seuenth moneth.

41 And he red in the first broad place of the gate of the Temple, from morning to midday, before the men and the women, and all the multitude hearkened to y<sup>e</sup> Law.

42 So Esdras the Priest and reader of the Law, stode vpo a pulpet of wood that was prepared.

<sup>or, Mattheias.</sup> 43 And there stode by him "Matgathias, Sāmus, Ananias, Azarias, Ourias, Ezeccias, Balasamus at his right hand,

<sup>or, Pedaias.</sup> 44 And at his left hand " Phaldaius, and Sail, Melchias, Aothasaphus, Nabarias.

45 Then Esdras toke y<sup>e</sup> boke of the Law before the multitude (for he sate honorably before them all)

46 And they all stode vpright when he expounded the Law, and Esdras blessed the Lord the moste hie God, the moste mightie God of hostes.

47 And the whole multitude cryed, Amen.

<sup>or, Rami.</sup> 48 Then Iesus and "Anus, and Sarabias, and Adimus, & Iacobus, Sibaraias, Autanias, Maianias and Calitas, Azarias, & Ioazab-

dus, and Ananias, & Biatas the Leuites lift vp their hands, and fell downe on the grounde, and worshiped the Lord,

49 And taught the Law of the Lord, and stode also earnestly vpon the reading.

50 Then said Achtharates to Esdras the <sup>or, Nchemias.</sup> chief Priest and reader, & to the Leuites, that taught the multitude in all things, This day is holie vnto the Lord, and all haue wept in hearing of the Law.

51 Go therefore and eat the fat meates, & drinke the swete drinks, and send presents to them that haue not.

52 For this day is holie to the Lord, and be not sorie: for the Lord God wil glorifie you.

53 So the Leuites commanded all these things to the people, saying, This day is holie to the Lord: be not sad.

54 Then they departed all to eat, and drinke, and to reioyce, and to giue presents to the that had not, and to make good chere.

55 For they were yet filled with the wordes wherewith they were instructed, whe they were assembled together.

## II. Esdras.

### CHAP. I.

<sup>9</sup> The people is reprobud for their unfaithfulness.  
<sup>30</sup> God wil haue another people, if these wil not be reformed.

<sup>Esra. 7. 1.</sup>



He second boke of the Prophet \* Esdras, the sonne of Siraia, y<sup>e</sup> sonne of Azarias, the sonne of Helcias, the sonne of Sadanias, the sonne of Sadoc, the sonne of Achitob,

2 The sonne of Achias, y<sup>e</sup> sonne of Phinees, the sonne of Heli, the sonne of Amerias, the sonne of Asie, the sonne of Marimoth, the sonne of Arua, the sonne of Ozias, the sonne of Borith, the sonne of Abisei, the sonne of Phinees, the sonne of Eleazar,

3 The sonne of Aaron (of the tribe of Leui) which *Esdras* was prisoner in the lād of Medes, in the reigne of Artaxerxes King of Persia.

<sup>Isa. 58. 1.</sup>

4 \* And the worde of the Lord came vnto me, saying,

5 Go, and shewe my people their sinnes, & their children their wickednes, which they haue comitted against me, that they may tel their childrens children.

6 For the sinnes of their fathers are increased in them, because they haue forgotten me, and haue offred vnto strange gods.

7 Haue not I broght them out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage? but they haue prouoked me vnto wrath, and

despised my counsels.

8 Pull thou of then the heere of thine head, and cast all euil vpon them: for they haue not bene obedient vnto my Law, but they are a rebellious people.

9 How long shal I forbear the, vnto whom I haue done somuche good?

10 \*Many Kings haue I destroied for their sakes: Pharao with his seruants and all his armie haue I smitten downe. <sup>Exod. 14. 28.</sup>

11 All the nacions haue I destroied before them: \* I haue destroied the East, the people of the two countreis Tyrus and Sidō, and haue slaine all their enemies. <sup>Nomb. 21. 24. 10th. 8. 12.</sup>

12 Speake thou therefore vnto the, saying, Thus saith the Lord,

13 \*I haue led you thorow the Sea, and haue giuen you a sure way, since the beginning: \*I gaue you Moyses for a guide, and Aaron for a Priest. <sup>Exod. 14. 29. 1st. 11. Exod. 3. 10. 4. 14.</sup>

14 \*I gaue you light in a pillar of fyre, and great wonders haue I done amōg you: yet haue ye forgotten me, saith the Lord. <sup>Exod. 13. 21.</sup>

15 Thus saith y<sup>e</sup> Almighty Lord, The quailles \*were a tokē vnto you: I gaue you tentes for sauegarde, wherein ye murmured: <sup>Exod. 16. 13. 1st. 10. 4. 40.</sup>

16 And ye triumphed not in my Name for the destruction of your enemies, but ye yet murmur still.

17 Where are the benefites, that I haue done for you? when ye were hungrie in the wilderness, \*did ye not crye vnto me? <sup>Nomb. 14. 9.</sup>

18 Saying, Why hast thou broght vs into Ecce.iii.