

THE ARGUMENT.

CHAP. I.

2. Chro. 36, 2.
2. 27. 2. 1. iere.

23, 12 & 29, 10
a After that
he and Darius
had wonne Ba-
bylon.

b' Who prom-
ised the de-
liverance after
that seuentie
yeres were
past, Ier. 25. 11,
That is, moued
him, and gaue
him heart.

d For he was
chief Monar-
che, and had
manie nations
vnder his do-
minion, which
this heathen
King cōfesseth
to haue recei-
ued of the li-
ving God.

e If any
through pover-
ty were not
able to retur-
ne, the Kings
comissioⁿ was
that he shoulde
be furnished wth
necessaries.

Which they
them selves
shulde send
toward the re-
paration of y^e
Temple.

g. The Babylonians & Chaldeans gaue them these presents: thus rather then the children of God shoulde want for their necessities, he wolde stirre vp the heart of the very inferiours to helpe them.

2. Kin. 25, 13, 7
2. chro. 16, 7.

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Thus saith Cyrus King of Persia, The Lord God of heauen hath giuen me all the kingdomes of the earth, and he hath commanded me to buyld him an house in Ierusalem, which is in Indah.

Who is he among you of all his people with whome his God is: let him go vp to Ierusalém which is in Iudah, and buyld the house of the Lord God of Israel: he is the God which is in Ierusalém.

And euerie one that remaineth in anie place (where he sojourneth) let the men of his place relieue him with siluer & with golde, and with substance, & with cattel, and with a willing offering, for the house of God that is in Ierusalem.

Then the chief fathers of Iudáh & Beniamín, & the Priests & Levites rose vp, with all the whose spirit God had raised to go vp, to buyld the house of the Lord which is in Ierusalém.

And all they that were about the, streng-
thened their hands with vessels of silver,
with golde, with substance & with cattel,
& with precious things, besides all that was
willingly offered.

Also the King Cyrus brought forth the vessels of the house of the Lord,* which Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of Jerusalem, & had put them in y^e house of his god.

8 Euen the did Cyrus King of Persia bring
forthe by the hād of Mithredāth the trea-
surer, and counted the vnto ^b Sheshbazzār
the prince of Iudāh.

9 And this is the number of them, thirtie
basins of golde, a thousand basins of siluer,
nine and twentie kniues,

10 Thirtie Bowles of golde, & of siluer
bowles of the secōd sorte, foure hundreth
and ten, & of other vessels, a thousand.

11 All the vessels of golde & siluer were. five thousand & foure hundreth. Sheshbazzar brought vp all ^k with the of the captiuitie that came vp fro Babel to Ierusalem.

C H A P. II.

The number of them that returned from the captivity.

These also are the sonnes of the province, that went vp out of $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ captiuitie (whome Nebuchadnezzar King of Babel had caried away vnto Babel) & returned to Ierusalem, & to Iudah, euerie one vnto his citie.

2: Which came with^b Zerubbabél, *to wit*, Ie-
shúa, Nehemiáh, Seraiáh, Reelaiáh, c Mor-
decái, Bilshán, Mispár, Biguái, Rehúm,
Baanáh. The number of the men^d of the
people of Israel was,

3. The sonnes of Parósh, two thousand, an
hundredeth, seuentie and two:

4. The sonnes of Shephatiáh, thre-hundreth
seuentie and two:

5. The sonnes of Aráh, seven hundredeth, and
seuentie and five:

6. The sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons of Ieshua & Ioab, two thousand, eight hundred and twelve:

7- The sonnes of Elám, a thousand, two hū-
dreth, and foure and fiftie:

8. The sonnes of Zattu, nine hundreth, and
five and fourtie:

9 The sonnes of Zaccár, seven hundreth,
and threscore:

10. The sonnes of Bani, six hundreth, and
two and fourtie.

h So the Chaf
deas called Ze
rubbabél, who
was the chief
governour, so
that y^e preemi
nence stil re
mained in the
house of Da
uid
i. Which ser
ued to kill the
beastes that
were offred in
sacrifice.
k With y^e Jew
es kept capti
ues in Baby
lon.

Nehe. 7. 6.
3. esdr. 5. 7.
a Meaning In-
dea, & was
a prouince, &
s, a countrey
which was. in
subjection.

b Zerubbabé
was chief cap-
taine, Ielhua
the hie Priet,
& Nehemiâh
a man of great
autoritie went
not now but
came after,
40 yeres.
This was not
that Merde-
tai was H-
aters kinsman.
The Meaning
of the commune
people.
Or, of the daye
of death.

11 The sonnes of Bebai, six hundredth, and thre and twenty:

12 The sonnes of Azgad a thousand, two hundredth, and two and twentie:

13 The sonnes of Adonikam, six hundredth, thre score and six:

14 The sonnes of Biguai, two thousand, & six and fiftie:

15 The sonnes of Adin, foure hundredth & foure and fiftie:

^e Which were of the posterie of Hezekiah. 16 The sonnes of Atér of Hizkiah, ninetie and eight:

17 The sonnes of Bezai, thre hundredth, & thre and twentie:

18 The sonnes of Iorah, an hundredth, and twelue:

19 The sonnes of Hasum, two hundredth and thre and twentie:

20 The sonnes of Gibbar, niaetie and fiae:

^f That is, inkabirans: for so this word (Soma) signifieth, wher it is ioynd with the names of places. 21 The sonnes of Beth-lehem, an hundredth and thre and twenty:

22 The men of Netophah, six & fiftie:

23 The men of Anothoth, an hundredth & eight & twentie:

24 The sonnes of Azmaueh, two & fourtie:

25 The sonnes of Kiriath arim, of Chephirah, & Beeroth, seuen hundredth & thre and fourtie:

26 The sonnes of Haramah and Gaba, six hundredth, and one and twentie:

27 The men of Michmas, an hundredth, and two and twentie:

28 The sonnes of Beth-el & Ai, two hundredth, and thre and twentie:

29 The sonnes of Neboth, two and fiftie:

30 The sonnes of Magbish, an hundredth and six and fiftie:

31 The sonnes of the other Elam, a thousand, and two hundredth, & foure & fiftie:

32 The sonnes of Harim, thre hundredth & twentie:

33 The sonnes of Lod-hadid, & Ono, seuen hundredth, and fiae and twentie:

34 The sonnes of Iericho, thre hundredth and fiae and fourtie:

35 The sonnes of Senah, thre thousand, six hundredth and thirtie.

^g Before he had the declared the two tribes of Iudah and Benjamin, & now cometh to the tribe of Leui & beginneth at the Priests. 36 The Priests: of the sonnes of Iedaiah of the house of Ieshua, nine hundredth seuentie and thre:

37 The sonnes of Immer, a thousand and two and fiftie:

38 The sonnes of Pashur, a thousand, two hundredth and seuen and fourtie:

39 The sonnes of Harim, a thousand and seuentene.

^h The Leuites. 40 The Leuites: the sonnes of Ieshua, & Kadmiel of the sonnes of Hodaiyah, seuentie and foure.

ⁱ The Singers. 41 The singers: the sonnes of Asaph, an hundredth and eight and twentie.

^j The Porters. 42 The sonnes of the porters: the sonnes of Shallum, the sonnes of Atér, the sonnes

of Talmón, the sonnes of Akkub, & sonnes of Haritá, the sonnes of Shobai: all were an hundredth and nine ad thirtie.

43 The Nethinims: the sonnes of Zihai, & sonnes of Hasupha, & sonnes of Tabbaoth,

44 The sonnes of Kerós, & sonnes of Siaha, the sonnes of Padon,

45 The sonnes of Lebanah, the sonnes of Hagabah, the sonnes of Akkub,

46 The sonnes of Hagab, the sonnes of Shalai, the sonnes of Hanan,

47 The sonnes of Giddel, the sonnes of Gahar, the sonnes of Reaiah,

48 The sonnes of Rezin, the sonnes of Nekodá, the sonnes of Gazzam,

49 The sonnes of Vzza, the sonnes of Paseah, the sonnes of Besai,

50 The sonnes of Asnah, the sonnes of Meshum, the sonnes of Nephusim,

51 The sonnes of Bakkub, the sonnes of Hakupá, the sonnes of Harhur,

52 The sonnes of Bazluth, the sonnes of Mehidá, the sonnes of Harsha,

53 The sonnes of Barcos, the sonnes of Sisara, the sonnes of Thamah,

54 The sonnes of Neziyah, the sonnes of Hatiphá,

55 The sonnes of Salomons seruants: the sonnes of Sotai, the sonnes of Sophereth, the sonnes of Perudá,

56 The sonnes of Iaalah, the sonnes of Darkon, the sonnes of Giddel,

57 The sonnes of Shephatiah, the sonnes of Hattil, the sonnes of Pochereh Hazzebaím, the sonnes of Ami.

58 All the Nethinims, and the sonnes of Salomons seruants were thre hundredth ninetie and two.

59 And these went vp from Telmelah, & from Telharsha, Cherub, Addan, & Immer, but they colde not discern their fathers house and their sede, whether they were of Israel.

60 The sonnes of Delaiyah, the sonnes of Tobiah, the sonnes of Nekodá, six hundredth and two and fiftie.

61 And of the sonnes of Priests, & sonnes of Habaiyah, the sonnes of Coz, the sonnes of Barzillai: which toke of the daughters of Barzillai the Giliadite to wife, and was called after their name.

62 These sought their writing of the genealogies, but they were not found: therefore were they put from the Priesthode.

63 And Tirshatha said vnto them, that thei shulde not eat of the moste holy thig, til there rose vp a Priest with Vrim & Thummim.

64 The whole Congregation together was two and fourtie thousand, thre hundredth and thre score,

65 Beside their seruants and their maidens: of whome were seuen thousand,

^b So called because thei were giuento the Temple, to cut wood & beare water for the use of the sacrifices, & came of the Gibeonites & were appointed to this use by Ioshua, Iosh. 9.25.

ⁱ Which came of them that Salomon had appointed for the worke of the Temple.

^k Of him is made mencio 2 Sam. 17.27. & 19.37: & because the Priests office was had in contemp, thei wolde haue changed their estate by their name, & so by Gods iust iudgement lost both the estimation of the worlde & the dignitie of their office.

^l This is a Chalde name & signifieth he hath the autoritie ouer others. ^m Read Exo. 28.30.

The peoples zeale.

Ezra.

The buylding hindered.

three hundredth and seven and thirtie : and among them were two hundredth singing men and singing women.

66 Their horses were seven hundredth, & six and thirtie: their mules, two hundredth and five and fourtie:

67 Their camels foure hundredth and five & thirtie: their asses, six thousand, seven hundredth and twentie.

68 And certaine of the chief fathers, when they came to the house of the Lord, which was in Ierusalem, they offered willingly for the house of God, to set it vp vpon his fundacion.

69 They gaue after their habilitie vnto y treasure of the worke, euen one and threescore thousand a drammes of golde, and five thousand pieces of siluer and an hundredth Priests garments.

70 So the Priests & the Leuites, and a certaine of the people, and the singers, & the porters, and the Nethinims dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

CHAP. III.

1 They buyld the altar of God 6 They offer to the Lord.

7 They prepare for the Temple, 11 And sing vnto the Lord.

1 And when the seven moneth was come, and the children of Israel were in their cities, the people assembled them selues as one man vnto Ierusalem.

2 Then stode vp Ieshua the sonne of Iozadák, and his brethren the Priests, and Zerubbabél the sonne of Shealtiel, and his brethren, & buylded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offrings thereon, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God,

3 And they set the altar vpon his bases (for feare was among them, because of the people of those countreies) therefore they offered burnt offrings theron vnto the Lord, euen burnt offrings in the morning and at euen.

4 They kept also the feast of the Tabernacles, as it is written, and the burnt offering daily, by number according to the custome day by day,

5 And afterward the continual burnt offering, both in the new moneths and in all the feast dayes that were consecrate vnto the Lord, and in all the oblations willingly offered vnto the Lord.

6 From the first day of the seven moneth began they to offer burnt offrings vnto the Lord: but the fundacion of the Temple of the Lord was not laied.

7 They gaue money also vnto the masons, and to the workemen, and meat and drinke, and oyle vnto them of Zidon and of Tyrus, to bring the cedre wood from Lebanon to the sea vnto Iaphó, according to the graunt that they had of Cyrus King of Persia.

8 And in the seconde yere of their coming vnto the house of God in Ierusalem in the second moneth began Zerubbabél the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshua the sonne of Iozadák, and the remnant of their brethren the Priests and the Leuites, & all they that were come out of the captiuitie vnto Ierusalem, and appointed the Leuites from twenty yere olde & aboue, to set forward the worke of the house of the Lord.

9 And Ieshua stode with his sonnes, and his brethren, Kadmiél with his sonnes, & the sonnes of Iudáh together to set forward the workemen in the house of God, and the sonnes of Henadák with their sonnes, and their brethren the Leuites.

10 And when the buylders laied the fundacion of the Temple of the Lord, they appointed the Priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Leuites the sonnes of Asaph with cymbales, to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of Dauid King of Israel.

11 Thus they sang when they gaue praise, and when they gaue thanks vnto the Lord, For he is good, for his mercie endureth for euer toward Israel. And all y people shouted with a great shoute, whé they praised the Lord, because the fundacion of the house of the Lord was layed.

12 Many also of the Priests and the Leuites and the chief of the fathers, ancient men, which had sene the first house, (when the fundacion of this house was layed before their eyes) wept with a loude voyce: and many shouted a loude for ioye,

13 So that the people coulde not discerne the sounde of the shoute for ioye, from the noyce of the weping of the people: for the people shouted with a loude crye, and the noyce was heard farre of.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The buylding of the Temple is hindred & how, 11 Letters to Artaxerxes, and the answer.

1 But the aduersaries of Iudáh and Benjamin heard, that the children of the captiuitie buylded the Temple vnto the Lord God of Israel.

2 And they came to Zerubbabél, & to y chief fathers, and said vnto them, We wil buyld with you: for we seke the Lord your God as ye do: & we haue sacrificed vnto him since the time of Esar Haddón King of Asshur which brought vs vp hither.

3 Then Zerubbabél, and Ieshua, and the rest of the chief fathers of Israel, said vnto them, It is not for you, but for vs to buyld the house vnto our God: for we our selues together wil buyld it vnto the Lord God of Israel, as King Cyrus the King of Persia hath commanded vs.

e Which moneth coteined parte of April and parte of May, for in the meane season they had provided for things necessarie for the worke.

f They gaue them exhortations & encouraged euery man forward in the worke.

g Because thel sawe that it was nothing so glorious as that Temple, which Salomon had buyld, notwithstanding Aggeus comforteth them & prophesieth that it shalbe more beaurifull then the first: meaning the spiritual Temple, & are the members of Christs bodie.

a Meaning, the inhabitants of Samaria, whome y King of Assyria had placed in the Reade of y ten tribes. 2. King. 17:24. & 19:37. These professed God, but worshiped idoles also, and therefore were the greatest enemies to the true seruants of God. b For they perceived what their pretence was, to wit, to erect idolatrie in Reade of true religion.

n Which mouit to of our moncy 24826. li. 13. ihil. 4. d. c. Iteming the french crowne at 6. ihil. 4. d. for the dramme is y eight parte of an ounce, & the ounce the eight part of a marke. o Which are called mine, & containe a piece two markes so 5000 mines make 50000. frankes, which mouit to of our many 69666. li. 13. ihil. 4. d. so that y whole some was 9449. li. 26. ihil. 8. d.

3. Esdr. s. 47. a Called Iudá, & b answered to part of September & parte of October.

b. Meaning, nephewes: for he was the sonne of pedaiáh. read 1. Chro. 3:19.

c. In the place where Salomon had placed it.

2. Esdr. 3:16.

d. That is, after the feast of Tabernacles.

20. 1. 1. 1.

"Ebr made their hands weak."

c They bribed the gouerners vnder the King, to hinder their worke. thus they that halce, can not abide. y God shulde be puly ferued. d He was also called Artaxerxes, which is a Persian name. some thinke it was Cam bises Cyrus soune, or Darius, as verſ 5. e Called Artaxerxes, ſignifieth in y Persia to gouern, an excellent warrior. f Or, counſellour.

f These were certeyne people, which the Affyrians placed in Samaria in stead of the ten tribes. g Some thinke it was Sannherib, but rather Salmanaſar. h To wit. Ephraim, & Benjamin in respect of Babel y they dwelt beyonde it. i Which were a certeyne people y enuyed the Iewes.

k Meaning, the gifts that are woules to be giuen to Kings whē they passe by any countrey. "Ebr. In the chalde, we haue euen the sale of the palace."

4 Wherefore the people of y land^d discouraged the people of Iudáh, and troubled them in buylding,
5 And they^e hyred counſelers against the, to hinder their deuice, all the daies of Cyrus King of Persia, euē vntil the reigne of Darius King of Persia.
6 And in the reigne of^f Achaſueróſh (in the beginning of his reigne) wrote thei an accusation against the inhabitants of Iudáh and Ieruſalém.
7 And in the dayes of^g Artahſhaſhte, Mithredáth, Tabéel, & the rest of their companions wrote when it was peace vnto Artahſhaſhte King of Persia, & the writing of the letter was the Aramites writing, & the thing declared was in the language of the Aramites.
8 Rehúm the^h chancelour, and Shimſhái the scribe wrote a lettre against Ieruſalém to Artahſhaſhte y King, in this forte.
9 Then wrote Rehúm the chancelour, and Shimſhái the scribe, & their companionsⁱ Dinaíe, and Apharſathcaíe, Tarpelaíe, Apharſaíe, Archeuaíe, Bablaíe, Shulthancaíe, Dehaúe, Elmaíe,
10 And the rest of the people whome the great & noble^j Afinaſpár broght ouer, & set in the cities of Samaria, and other that are beyonde the^k Riuer and^l Cheéneth.
11 ¶ This is the copie of the letter that they sent vnto King Artahſhaſhte, **THE** **SER** **V** **A** **N** **T** **S** the men beyonde the Riuer and Cheéneth, *ſilite thee.*
12 Be it known vnto the King that the Iewes, which came vp from thee to vs, are come vnto Ieruſalém (a citie rebellious & wicked) & buylde, & laye the fundacions of the walles, and haue ioyned the fundacions.
13 Be it known now vnto the King, that if this citie be buylt, & the fundaciōs of the walles layed, thei wil not giue tolle, tribute, nor^m custome: so shalt thou hinder the Kings tribute.
14 Now therefore becauseⁿ we haue bene broght vp in the Kings palace, it was not mete for vs to se the Kings dishonour: for this cause haue we sent and certified the King,
15 That one may searche in the boke of the Chronicles of thy fathers, and thou shalt finde in the boke of the Chronicles, and perceiue that this citie is rebellious and noysome vnto Kings and prouinces, and that thei haue moued sedicion of olde time, for the which cause this citie was destroyed.
16 We certifie the King therefore, that if this citie be buylded, and the fundacion of the walles layed, by this meanes the portion beyonde the Riuer shal not be thine.
17 ¶ The King sent an answer vnto Rehúm

the chancelour, and Shimſhái the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwelt in Samaria, and vnto the other beyonde the Riuer,^o Shelám &^p Cheéth.
18 ¶ The letter which ye sent vnto vs, hathe bene openly red before me,
19 And I haue commanded and they haue searched, and founde, that this citie of olde time hathe made insurrection against Kings, and hathe rebelled, and rebellion hathe bene committed therein.
20 There haue bene mightie Kings also ouer Ieruſalém, which haue ruled ouer all beyonde the Riuer, and tolle, tribute, and custome was giuen vnto them.
21 Make ye now a decree, that those men may cease, and that the citie be not buylt, til I haue giuen another commandement.
22 Take hede now that ye faile not to do this: why shulde damage growe to hurt the King?
23 When the copie of King Artahſhaſhtes lettre was red before Rehúm & Shimſhái the scribe, & their companions, they went vp in all the haste to Ieruſalém vnto the Iewes, and caused them to cease by force and power.
24 Then^q ceased the worke of the house of God, which was in Ieruſalém, and did stay vnto the secōde yere of Darius King of Persia.

CHAP. V.

1 Haggái & Zecharíah do prophesie. 3 The worke of the Temple goeth forward contrary to the minde of Tatnái. 6 His lettres to Darius.

1 **T**HÉ^r Haggái a Prophet & Zecharíah the sonne of Iddó a Prophet prophesied vnto the Iewes that were in Iudáh, & Ieruſalém, in the Name of the God of Israél, *euē* vnto them.
2 Then Zerubbabél the sonne of Shealtiel, & Ieshúa the sonne of Iožadák arose, and began to buylde the house of God at Ieruſalém, and with them were the Prophetes of God, which^s helped them.
3 ¶ At the same time came to them Tatnái, which was captaine beyonde the Riuer, & Shether-boznái and their companions, & said thus vnto them, Who hathe giuen you commandemēt to buylde this house, and to lay the fundacions of these walles?
4 ¶ Then said we vnto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that buylde this buylding?
5 But the^t eye of their God was vpon the Elders of the Iewes, that they colde not cause them to cease, til the matter came to Darius: and then they answered by letters thereunto.
6 The copie of the lettre, that Tatnái captaine beyond the Riuer, and Shether-boznái and his companions Apharſechaíe, (which were beyonde the Riuer) sent vnto King Darius.

l Some read for Shelám, ſalutacion or greting. m Called also Cheéneth, as verſ. 11.

n Not all together for the Prophetes exhorted the to continue, but they vied lesse diligence because of the troubles.

o Or, Haggene. Hag. 1. 1. 3. eſdr 6. 16.

a Which incouraged the to go forward & accused the that they were more careful to buyld their owne houses, then zealous to buyld the Temple of God. b That is, the enemies asked this, as ver. 10.

c His fauour & the spirit of strength.

Gg. i.

7 They sent a lettre vnto him, wherein it was writen thus, VNTO DARIUS the King, all peace.

Or, marble.

8 Be it known vnto the King, that we wet into the prouince of Iudea, to the house of the great God, which is buylded with great stones, and beames are layed in the walles, and this worke is wrought spedely, and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then asked we those Elders, and said vnto them thus, Who hath giuen you commandement to buyld this house, and to laye the fundacion of these walles?

10 We asked their names also, & we might certifie thee, & that we might write the names of the men that were their rulers.

d To wit, Salomon.

1. King 6. 2.

2. Chron. 3. 2.

3. King. 7. 1.

10. 2. 8.

11 But thei answered vs thus, & said, We are the seruants of the God of heauen & earth, & buyld the house that was buylt of olde & many yeres ago, which a great King of Israel buylded, & founded it.

12 But after that our fathers had prouoked the God of heauen vnto wrath, he gaue them ouer into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar King of Babél the Caldean, and he destroyed this house, and caryed the people away captiue vnto Babél.

e Read Chap. 3. 1.

13 But in the first yere of Cyrus King of Babél, King Cyrus made a decree to buyld this house of God.

f Read Chap. 3. 8.

14 And the vessels of golde & siluer of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar toke out of the Têple, that was in Ierusalem, and broght them into the Temple of Babél, those did Cyrus the King take out of the Têple of Babél, & they gaue them vnto one Sheshbazzar by his name, whome he had made captaine.

15 And he said vnto him, Take these vessels and go thy way, & put them in the Temple that is in Ierusalem, and let the house of God be buylt in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar and layed the fundacion of the house of God, which is in Ierusalem, and since that time euen vntil now, hath it bene in buylding, yet is it not finished.

g Meaning, in the librarie, or places where laye the registery, or recordes of times.

17 Now therefore if it please the King, let there be searche made in the house of the Kings treasures, which is there in Babél, whether a decree hath bene made by King Cyrus, to buyld this house of God in Ierusalem, and let the King send his minde concerning this.

CHAP. VI.

At the commandement of Darius King of Persia, after the Temple was buylded and dedicate, the children of Israel kepe the feast of unleauened bread.

h Ezr. 6. 22. hbr. house of bakers. a Wherein were the actes of the Kings of Medes and Persians.

1 Then King Darius gaue commandement, and they made searche in the librarie of the treasures, which were there layed vp in Babél.

2 And there was founde in a coffre (in the

palace that was in the prouince of the Medes) a volume, & therein was it thus writen, as a memorial,

3 IN THE FIRST yere of King Cyrus, King Cyrus made a decree for the house of God in Ierusalem, Let the house be buylt, *euén* the place where they offered sacrifices, & let the walles thereof be ioyned together: let the height thereof be thre score cubites, & the breadth thereof thre score cubites,

4 Thre orders of great stones, and one order of tymbre, and let the expences be giuen of the Kings house.

Or, reuer, or counter. Or, marble.

5 And also let them render the vessels of the house of God (of golde & siluer, which Nebuchadnezzar toke out of the Têple, which was in Ierusalem, and broght vnto Babél) and let him go vnto the Temple that is in Ierusalem to his place and put them in the house of God.

b Meaning, Zerubbabel, to whom he giueth charge.

6 Therefore Tatnai captaine beyonde the Riuer, and Shethar Boznai, (& their companions Apharscacai, which are beyonde the Riuer) be ye farre from thence.

c Medle not with them, neither hinder them.

7 Suffre ye the worke of this house of God, that the captaine of the Iewes & the Elders of the Iewes may buyld this house of God in his place.

8 For I haue giuen a commandement what ye shal do to the Elders of these Iewes for the buylding of this house of God, that of the reuenues of the King, which is of the tribute beyonde the Riuer, there be incessantly expences giuen vnto these men that they cease not.

d For lacke of monney.

9 And that which thei shal haue nede of, let it be giuen vnto them day by day, whether it be yong bullockes, or rams, or lambs for the burnt offerings of the God of heauen, wheat, salt, wine, & oyle, according to the appointemēt of the Priests that are in Ierusalem, that there be no faute,

10 That they may haue to offer swete odours vnto the God of heauen, and pray for the Kings life, and for his sonnes.

11 And I haue made a decree, the whosocuer shal alter this sentence, the wood shal be pulled downe from his house, and shal be set vp, & he shal be hanged thereon, & his house shal be made a dung hil for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his Name to dwel there, destroye all Kings and people that put to their hand to alter, and to destroye this house of God, which is in Ierusalem. I Darius haue made a decree, let it be done with speede.

e Who hath appointed that place to haue his name called vpon there.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai the captaine beyonde the Riuer, & Shethar Boznai and their companions, according to that which Darius had sent, so thei did spedely.

h Ezr. 7. 1.

14 So the Elders of the Iewes buylded, and they prospered by the prophesying of Haggai

f Whome God
sired vp to a-
lure them that
he wolde giue
their worke
good successe.

f Haggái the Prophet, and Zechariáh the sonne of Iddó, and they buylded and finished it, by the appointmet of the God of Israël, and by the commandement of Cyrus and Darius, & Artahsháshte King of Persia.

g This is the
twelth mo-
neth, and con-
taineth parte
of Februarie
and parte of
Marche.
h And the two
and fortieth
after their first
seigne.

15 And this house was finished the third day of the moneth 8 Adar, which was the sixt yere of y^e reigne of King Darius.

16 ¶ And the children of Israël, the Priests, & the Leuites, and the residue of the children of the captiuitie kept the dedication of this house of God with ioye,

17 And offered at the dedicació of this house of God an hundreth bullockes, two hundreth rams, foure hundreth lambes & twelue goates, for the sinne of all Israël, according to the number of the tribes of Israël.

18 And they set the Priests in their ordre, and the Leuites in their courses ouer the seruice of God in Ierusalém, as it is written in the * booke of Mosés.

Nomb. 3. 6.
C. 4. p.

19 And the children of the captiuitie kept the Passouer on the fourtente day of the first moneth.

20 (For the Priests & the Leuites were purified all together) & they killed the Passouer for all the children of the captiuitie, & for their brethren the Priests, & for them selues.

§ Which were
of the heathen
and forsake
their idolatrie
to worship the
true God.
k Meaning,
Darius who
was King of y^e
Medes, Persians
and Assyrians.
l Ezr. 10. streng-
then their
hands.

21 So the children of Israël which were come againe out of captiuitie, and all suche as had separated them selues vnto them, from the filthines of the heathen of the lād, to seke y^e Lord God of Israël, did eat, and they kept the feast of vnleauened bread seuen dayes with ioye: for the Lord had made them glad, and turned the heart of the King of * Affhúr vnto them, to encourage them in the worke of the house of God, *euen* the God of Israël.

CHAP. VII.

1 By the commādemēt of the King, Ezrá and his companions come to Ierusalém. 27 He giueth thanks to God.

NOW after these things, in the reigne of a Artahsháshte King of Persia, was Ezrá the sonne of Seraiáh, the sonne of Azariáh, the sonne of Hilkiáh,

2 The sonne of Shallúm, the sonne of Zádók, the sonne of Abitúb,

3 The sonne of Amariáh, the sonne of Azariáh, the sonne of Meraióth,

4 The sonne of Zeraíah, the sonne of Vzáí, the sonne of Bukkí,

5 The sonne of Abishúa, the sonne of Phinechás, the sonne of Eleazár, the sonne of Aarón, the chief Priest.

6 This Ezrá came vp from Babel, and was a scribe prompt in the Law of Mosés, which the Lord God of Israël had giuen, and the King gaue him all his request according to the hand of the Lord his

God which was vpon him.

7 And there went vp certaine of the children of Israël, and of the Priests, and the Leuites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims vnto Ierusalém, in the seuent yere of King Artahsháshte.

8 And he came to Ierusalém in the dth fift moneth, which was in the seuent yere of the King.

d That containeth
part of Iulie and parte
of August.
e Of King
Darius.

9 For vpon the first day of the first moneth began he to go vp from Babel, and on the first day of the fift moneth came he to Ierusalém, according to the good hand of his God that was vpon him.

10 For Ezrá had prepared his heart to seke the Law of the Lord, and to do it, & to teache the precepts & iudgements in Israël.

11 ¶ And this is the copie of the letter that King Artahsháshte gaue vnto Ezrá the Priest & scribe, *euen* a writer of the wordes of the cōmandemens of the Lord, and of his statutes ouer Israël.

12 ARTAHSHASHTE King of Kings to Ezrá y^e Priest & persite scribe of the Law of the God of heauen, and to f Cheéneth.

§ Some take
this for the name
of apoclie,
some for time
or continuance
meaning y^e
the King wil-
led him long
life.

13 I haue giuen cōmandement, that euerie one, that is willing in my kingdome of the people of Israël, and of the Priests, and Leuites 8 to go to Ierusalém with thee, shal go:

14 Therefore art thou sent of the King and his seuen counsellers, to h enquire in Iudáh and Ierusalém, according to the Law of thy God, which is in i thine hand,

§ Which re-
mained as yet
in Babylon, &
had not return-
ed with Ze-
rubbabél.

15 And to carie the siluer and the golde, w^{ch} the King and his couंसellers willingly offer vnto the God of Israël (whose habitacion is in Ierusalém)

h To examine
who liued ac-
cording to the
Law.
i Wherof
thou art can-
part.

16 And all the siluer and golde that thou canst finde in all the prouince of Babel, with the fre offering of the people, and that which the Priests offre willingly to y^e house of their God which is in Ierusalém,

17 That thou maiest bye speedely with this siluer, bullockes, rams, lambes, with their meat offerings and their drinke offerings: & thou shalt offer the vpon the altar of the house of your God, which is in Ierusalém.

18 And whatsoever it pleaseth thee & thy brethrē to do with the rest of the siluer, and golde, do ye it according to the wil of your k God.

k As y^e know
but may serue
to Gods glo-
rie.

19 And the vessels that are giuen thee for the seruice of the house of thy God, those deliuer thou before God in Ierusalém.

20 And the residue that shal be nedeful for the house of thy God, which shal be mete for thee to bestowe, thou shalt bestowe it out of the Kings treasure house,

21 And I King Artahsháshte haue giuen cōmandement to all the treasurers which are beyonde l the Riuer, that whatsoever Ezrá the Priest & scribe

l Which was
the Riuer Eu-
phrates, and
they were be-
yonde it in re-
spect of Baby-
lon.

The Kings commiffion. Ezrá. A faft proclaimed.

of the Law of ^y God of heauē ſhal require of you, that it be done incontinently,
²¹ Vnto an hundredth talents of ſiluer, vnto an hundredth ^m meafures of wheat, and vnto an hundredth baths of wine, and vnto an hundredth ^m baths of oyle, and falt without writing.

^m *Ezr. Cerim.*

^m Read 1. King 7, 26, and 2. Chro. 2, 10.

ⁿ This declarereth that the feare of Gods iudgements cauſed him to vie this liberalitie, and not the loue that he bare to Gods glorie or affection to his people.

^o He gaue Ezrá ſul authoritie to reſtore all things according to the worde of God, and to puniſh the that reſiſted and wolde not obeye.

^p Thus Ezrá gaue God thanks for that he gaue him ſo good ſucceſſe in his affaires by reaſon of the King.

²² Whatſoeuer is by the commandement of the God of heauen, let it be done ſpedely for the houſe of the God of heauen: for why ſhulde he be wrath ^a againſt the realme of the King, and his children?

²⁴ And we certifie you, that vpon anie of ^y Priests, Leuites, ſingers, porters, Nethinims, or miniſters in this houſe of God, there ſhal no gouernour lay vpon them tolle, tribute nor cuſtome.

²⁵ And thou Ezrá (after the wiſdome of thy God, ^y is in thine hand) ^o ſet iudges & arbiters, which may iudge all ^y people that is beyond the Riuer, *euen* all that knowe the Law of thy God, & teache *ye* them that knowe it not.

²⁶ And whoſoeuer wil not do the Law of thy God, and the Kings law, let him haue iudgement without delay, whether it be vnto death, or to baniſhment, or to conſiſcation of goods, or to imprifonement.

²⁷ *Blessed be* the Lord God of our fathers, which ſo hathe put in the Kings heart, to beautifie the houſe of the Lord that is in Ieruſalem,

²⁸ And hathe enclined mercie towarde me, before the King and his counſelers, and before all the Kings mightie princes: and I was comforted by the hand of the Lord my God *which was* vpon me, and I gathered the chief of Iſraél to go vp with me.

CHAP. VIII.

¹ *The number of them that returned to Ieruſalem with Ezrá. 21 He cauſeth the to faſt. 24 He admoniſheth the Priests of their dutie. 31 What they did when they came to Ieruſalem.*

³ *Eſdr. 8, 31.*

^Theſe ^a are now the chief fathers of the, and the genealogie of them that came vp with me from Babel, in the reigne of King ^a Artahſaſhte.

^a Read Chap. 7, 1.

² Of the ſonnes of Phinehás, Gerſhóm: of the ſonnes of Íſthamar, Daniél: of the ſonnes of Dauid, Hattúſh:

³ Of the ſonnes of Shechaniáh, of the ſonnes of Pharóſh, Zechariáh, and with him the counte of the males, an hundredth and fiftie.

^o *Or, captiue of 4 Moab.*

⁴ Of the ſonnes of ^a Pahath Moáb, Elihoenái, the ſonne of Zerahiáh, and with him two hundredth males.

⁵ Of the ſonnes of Shechaniáh, the ſonne of Iahaziél, and with him three hundredth males.

⁶ And of the ſonnes of Adin, Ebed the ſonne of Ionathán, and with him fiftie males.

⁷ And of the ſonnes of Elám, Ieſhaiáh the

ſonne of Athaliáh, and with him ſeuentie males.

⁸ And of the ſonnes of Shephatiáh, Zebadiáh the ſonne of Michaél, and with him foureſcore males.

⁹ Of the ſonnes of Ioáb, Obadiáh the ſonne of Iehiél, and with him two hundredth and eightene males.

¹⁰ And of the ſonnes of Shelomíth the ſonne of Ioſiphiáh, and with him an hundredth and three ſcore males.

¹¹ And of the ſonnes of Bebái, Zechariáh, the ſonne of Bebái, & with him eight and twentie males.

¹² And of the ſonnes of Azgád, Iohanán the ſonne of Hakkarán, and with him an hundredth and ten males.

¹³ And of the ſonnes of Adonikám, *that were* the ^b laſt, whoſe names are theſe: Eliphélet, Iehiél and Shemaiáh, and with the three ſcore males.

^b That came to go with Ezrá.

¹⁴ And of the ſonnes of Biguái, Vthái, and Zabbúd, and with them ſeuentie males.

¹⁵ And I gathered them to the ^c Riuer that goeth toward Ahauá, and there abode we three dayes: then I vewed the people, and the Priests, and founde there none of the ſonnes of Leui.

^c To the place of Euphrates, where Ahauá the riuer cutreth into it.

¹⁶ Therefore ſent I to Eliézer, to Ariél, to Shemeiáh, & to Elnathán, & to Iaríb, and to Elnathán, and to Nathán, and to Zechariáh, and to Meſhullám the chief, and to Ioaríb and to Elnathán, men of vnderſtanding,

¹⁷ And I gaue them commandement, to Iddó the ^d chiefſt at the place of Caſphiáh, and I ^e tolde them the wordes that they ſhulde ſpeake to Iddó, and to his brethren the Nethinims at the place of Caſphiáh, that they ſhulde cauſe the miniſters of the houſe of our God to come vnto vs.

^d He was the chiefſt that taught there ^e Law of God vnto the Leuites.

¹⁸ So by the good hand of our God *which was* vpon vs, they brought vs a man of vnderſtanding of the ſonnes of Mahalí the ſonne of Leui, the ſonne of Iſraél, and Sheſbiáh with his ſonnes and his brethren, *euen* eightene.

^e *Ezr. put words in their mouth.*

¹⁹ Alſo Haſhabiáh, and with him Ieſhaiáh of the ſonnes of Merarí, with his brethren, and their ſonnes twentie.

^e Read Chap. 2, 42. ^f He ſheweth that the end of faſting is to humble the body to the ſpirit, which muſt proceede of the heart lyuely touched, or els it is but hypocriſie.

²⁰ And of the ^c Nethinims, whome Dauid had ſet, and the princes for the ſeruite of the Leuites, two hundredth and twentie of the Nethinims, which all were named by name.

²¹ And there at the Riuer, by Ahauá, I proclaimed a faſt, that we might humble ^f our ſelues before our God, and ſeke of him a right waye for vs, and for our children, & for all our ſubſtance.

^g He thought it better to commit him ſelfe to the protection of God, then by ſeeking theſe ordinarie meanes, to giue an occaſion to others to thinke that he did doubt of Gods power.

²² For I was ^g aſhamed to require of the King an armie and horſemen, to helpe vs againſt the enemy in the way, becauſe we had

had spoken to the King, saying, The hand of our God is vpon all them that seke him, in goodnes, but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted, and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of vs.

24 Then I separated twelue of the chief of the Priests, Sherebiáh, and Hashabiáh, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed the siluer & the golde, & the vessels, *even* the offering of the house of our God, which the King and his counsellors, and his princes, and all Israël that were present had offered.

26 And I weighed vnto their hand six hundredth and fifty talents of siluer, and in siluer vessel, an hundredth talents, and in golde, an hundredth talents:

27 And twentie basins of golde, of a thousand drammes, and two vessels of shining brasse very good, and precious as golde.

28 ¶ And I said vnto the, Ye are consecrate vnto the Lord, and the vessels are consecrate, and the golde and the siluer are freely offered vnto the Lord God of your fathers.

29 Wacheye, & kepe them vntil ye weigh them before the chief Priests and the Leuites, and the chief fathers of Israël in Ierusalém in the chambers of the house of the Lord.

30 So the Priests and the Leuites receiued the weight of the siluer and of the golde, and of the vessels to bring them to Ierusalém, vnto the house of our God.

31 ¶ Then we departed from the Riuer of Ahauá on the twelfth day of the first month, to go vnto Ierusalém, and the hand of our God was vpon vs, and deliuered vs from the hand of the enemy, and of such as layed waite by the way.

32 And we came to Ierusalém, and abode there three dayes.

33 And on the fourte day was the siluer weighed, and the golde and the vessel in the house of our God by the hand of Meremóth the sonne of Vriáh the Priest, and with him was Eleazár the sonne of Phinehás, and with them was Iozabád the sonne of Ieshúa, and Noadiáh the sonne of Binnúi the Leuites,

34 By number and by weight of euerie one, and all the weight was written at the same time.

35 Also the childre of the captiuitie, which were come out of captiuitie, offered burnt offrings vnto the God of Israël, twelue bullocks for all Israël, ninetie and six rams, seuentie and seuen lambes, and twelue he goates for sinne: all was a burnt offering of the Lord.

36 And they deliuered the Kings commif-

sion vnto the Kings officers, & to the captaines beyonde the Riuer: and they promoted the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.

1 Ezrá complaineth on the people that had turned them selues from God, and married with the Gentiles. 5 He praieth vnto God.

WHEN as these things were done, y rulers came to me, saying, The people of Israël, and the Priests and the Leuites are not separated from the people of the lands (as touching their abominations) to wit, of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Iebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For they haue taken their daughters to them selues, and to their sonnes, and they haue mixed the holy sede with the people of the lands, and the hád of the princes & rulers hath bene chief in this trespassse.

3 But when I heard this saying, I rent my clothes and my garment, and pluckt of the heere of mine head, and of my beard, & fate downe astonished.

4 And there assembled vnto me all that feared the wordes of the God of Israël, because of the transgression of them of the captiuitie. And I fate downe astonished vntil the euening sacrifice.

5 And at the euenig sacrifice I arose vp from mine heuines, & when I had rent my clothes and my garment, I fel vpon my knees, and spred out mine hands vnto the Lord my God,

6 And said, O my God, I am cōfounded & ashamed, to lift vp mine eyes vnto thee my God: for our iniquities are increased ouer our head, & our trespassse is growen vp vnto the heauen.

7 From the dayes of our fathers haue we bene in a great trespassse vnto this day, & for our iniquities haue we, our Kings, and our Priests bene deliuered into the hand of y Kings of the lands, vnto the sworde, into captiuitie, into a spoyle, and into cōfusion of face, as appeareth this day.

8 And now for a litle space grace hath bene shewed from the Lord our God, in causing a remnant to escape, & in giuing vs a nayle in his holy place, that our God may light our eyes, & giue vs a litle reuiuing in our scrutide.

9 For though we were Idemen, yet our God hath not forsaken vs in our bondage, but hath enclined mercie vnto vs in the sight of the Kings of Persia, to giue vs life, and to erect the house of our God, and to redresse the desolate places thereof, and to giue vs a wall in Iudáh and in Ierusalém.

10 And now, our God, what shal we say after this for we haue forsaken thy commandments.

a From the time they came home vnder Zerubbabél vntil y commig of Ezrá, they had degenerated contrary to the Lawe of God, and married where it was not lawfull, Deu. 7.3.

b That is, the gouerners are the chief beginners hereof.

c As one donating whether God wold: continue his benefices toward vs or els destroy this which he had begone. Exod. 39.39. numb. 28.3.

d That is, we are drowned in sinne. e They so exceeded that they can not growe greater.

f In giuing vs a resting place, it is a similitude take of the that remaine still in a place, which since nailes to hang things vpon, Isa. 22.23.

h Read i. Kin. 9.14.

i Read Chap. 2.2.

k This declared that their journey was full of danger, and yet God deliuered the according to their prayer.

l This was a token of a good conscience & of his integrity, that he wolde haue witness of his fidelitie.

Ezras prayer.

Ezrá.

Strange mariage.

Exod. 23, 22.
Deut. 7, 23.

11 Which thou hast commanded by thy seruants the Prophetes, saying, * The lād whereunto ye go to possesse it, is an vn-cleane land, because of the filthines of the people of the lands, which by their abominaciōs, and by their vncleannes haue filled it from corner to corner.

Deut. 23, 5.

12 Now therefore shal ye not giue your daughters vnto their sonnes, nether shal ye take their daughters vnto your sonnes, nor seke their* peace nor wealth for euer, that ye may be strōg and eat the goodaies of the land, and leaue it for an inheritance to your sonnes for euer.

g Haue not utterly cast vs downe and destroyed vs for our finnes, Deu. 28, 25.

13 And after all that is come vpon vs for our euil dedes, and for our great trespasses (seing that thou our God hast staied vs from being benethe s for our iniquities, & hast giuen vs suche deliuerance)

h He sheweth that God is iust in punishing his people, & yet merciful in reseruing a residue to whom he sheweth fauours.

14 Shulde we returne to breake thy cōmandements, and ioyne in affinitie with the people of such abominaciōs: woldest not thou be angrie toward vs til thou haddest consumed vs, so that there shulde be no remnant nor anie eskaping?

15 O Lord God of Israël, thou art iuste, for we haue bene ^h referred to escape, as appeareth this day: beholde, we are before thee in our trespasse: therefore we cannot stand before thee because of it.

CHAP. X.

^r The people repents and turns, and put away their strange wiues.

3 Esdr. 8, 22. a He confessed his finnes and the finnes of the people.

1 W^hiles* Ezrá prayed thus, & confessed him selfe weping, and falling downe before y^e house of God, there assembled vnto him of Israël a very great Congregation of men and women & children: for the people wept with a great lamentacion.

b Meaning, that God wolde receiue the so merite.

2 Then Shechaniáh the sonne of Iehiel one of the sonnes of Elám, answered, and said to Ezrá, We haue trespassed against our God, and haue taken strange wiues of the people of the land, yet now there is ^b hope in Israël concerning this.

c Which are strangers and married contrary to the law of God.

3 Now therefore let vs make a couenant with our God, to put away ^c all the wiues (and suche as are borne of them) according to the counsell of the Lord, and of those that feare the commandements of our God, and let it be done according to the Law.

d Because God hath given thee autoritie, & learning to persuade y^e people herein and to cōmande them.

4 Arise: for the matter ^d belongeth vnto thee: we also wil be with thee: be of comforte and do it.

3 Esdr. 9, 2.

5 Then arose Ezrá, and caused the chief Priests, the Leuites, & all Israël, to sweare that they wolde do according to this worde. So they sware.

6 * And Ezrá rose vp from before the house of God, and went into the chambre of Io-

hanán the sonne of Bliashib: he went euen thither, but he did eat nether bread, nor dronke water: for he mourned, because of the trásgression of the of the captiuitie.

^e Ezr. sonnes of the captiuitie.

7 And they caused a proclamacion to go throughout Iudáh and Ierusalém, vnto "all them of the captiuitie, that they shulde assemble them selues vnto Ierusalém.

^f Or, cōdemned.

8 And whosoeuer wolde not come within thre dayes according to the counsell of the princes and Elders, all his substance shulde be forsaie, & he shulde be separate from the Congregation of them of the captiuitie.

9 ¶ Then all the men of Iudáh & Beniamín assembled them selues vnto Ierusalém within thre dayes, which was the twētieth day of the ^e ninte moneth, and all the people sate in the strete of the house of God, trembling for this matter, and for the ^f raine.

^e Which continued part of November & part of Decem ber.

10 And Ezrá the Priest stode vp, and said vnto them, Ye haue transgressed, and haue taken strange wiues, to ^g increase the trespasse of Israël.

^f For the season was giuen to raine, & so y^e wether was more sharpe & colde, and also their conscience troubled them.

11 Now therefore ^h giue praise vnto the Lord God of your fathers, and do his wil and separe your selues from the people of the land, & from the strange wiues.

^g Ye haue layed one sinne vpon another. ^h Read. Iosha. 7, 19.

12 And all the Congregation answered, & said with a loude voyce, So wil we do according to thy wordes vnto vs.

13 But the people are many, and it is a raynie wether, and we are not able to stand without, neither is it the worke of one day or two: for we are many that haue offended in this thing.

14 Let our rulers stand therefore ⁱ before all the Congregation, and let all them which haue taken strange wiues in our cities, come at the time appointed, and with them the Elders of euerie citie and the iudges thereof, til the furce wrath of our God for this matter turne away from vs.

ⁱ Let them be appointed to examine this matter.

15 Then were appointed Ionathán the sonne of Asah-él, and Iahaziáh the sonne of Tikuáh ouer this matter, and Meshullám and Shabbethái the Leuites helped them.

16 And thei of the captiuitie did so and ^k departed, when Ezrá the Priest, & the mé that were chief fathers to the familie of their fathers by name, and sate downe in the first daye of the tenth moneth to examine the matter.

^k Thei went to the chief ci ties to sit on this matter: & was thre moneths in finishing.

17 And vntil the first day of y^e first moneth they were finishing the busines with all the men that had taken strange wiues,

18 And of the sonnes of the Priests there were men founde, that had taken strange wiues, to wit, of the sonnes of Ieshúa, the sonne of Iozadák, & of his brethren, Maaseiáh, A Eliézer, and Tarib and Gedaliáh.

^l As is taken that thei wolde kepe promes & do so.

19 And thei gaue ^l their háds, that thei wolde

- de put away their wiues, and they that had trespassed, *gave* a rāme for their trespassse.
- 20 And of the sonnes of Immér, Honaní, and Zebadiáh.
- 21 And of the sonnes of Harím, Maaseiáh, and Eliáh, and Shemaiáh, and Iehiél, and Vzziáh.
- 22 And of the sonnes of Pashúr, Elioenái, Maaseiáh, Ishmaél, Nethaneél, Iozabád, and Elafáh.
- 23 And of the Leuites, Iozabád and Shimei & Kelaiáh, (which is Kelitáh) Pethahiah, Iudáh and Eliézer.
- 24 And of the singers, Eliahiúb. And of the porters, Shallúm, and Telém, and Vrí.
- 25 And of ^m Israél: of the sonnes of Parósh, Ramiáh, and Ieshiáh, and Malchiáh, and Miámin, and Eleazár, and Malchiiah, and Benaiah.
- 26 And of the sonnes of Elám, Mattaniáh, Zechariáh, and Iehiél, and Abdí, and Ieremóth, and Eliáh.
- 27 And of the sonnes of Zattú, Elioenái, Eliahiúb, Mattaniáh, and Ierimóth, & Zabád, and Azizá.
- 28 And of the sonnes of Bebái, Ichohanán, Hananiáh, Zabbái, Athliái.
- 29 And of the sonnes of Baní, Meshullám, Mallúch, and Adaiáh, Iashiúb, and Sheál, Ieramóth.
- 30 And of the sonnes of ⁿ Paháth Moáb, Adná, & Chelál, Benaiah, Maaseiáh, Mattaniáh, Bezaleél, & Binnúi, and Manasséh.
- 31 And of the sonnes of Harím, Eliézer, Ishiáh, Malchiáh, Shemaiáh, Shimeón, Beniamín, Mallúch, Shamariáh.
- 32 Of the sonnes of Hashúm, Mattenái, Mattattáh, Zabád, Eliphélet, Ieremái, Manasséh, Shimei.
- 34 Of the sonnes of Baní, Maadáí, Amráam, and Vél,
- 35 Banaiah, Bediáh, Chellúh,
- 36 Vaniáh, Meremóth, Eliahiúb,
- 37 Mattaniáh, Mattenái, and Iaaú,
- 38 And Banni & Bennúi, Shimei,
- 39 And Shelemiáh, & Nathán, & Adaiáh,
- 40 Machnadebái, Shafháí, Sharái,
- 41 Azareél, and Shelemiáh, Shemariáh,
- 42 Shallúm, Amariáh, Ioséph.
- 43 Of the sonnes of Nebó, Ieiel, Mattithiáh, Zabád, Zebiná, Iadaú, & Ioél, Benaiah.
- 44 All these had taken strange wiues: and among the were womē that had ⁿ childre.

^m Meaning, of ^y comūne people: for before he spake of the Priests & Leuites.

ⁿ Which also were made illegitimate because the marriage was unlawful.

NEHEMIAH.

THE ARGUMENT.

God doeth in all ages and at all times set vp worthy persones for the commoditie and profite of his Church, as now within the compasse of seuentie yeres he raised vp diuers excellent men for the preseruacion of his people, after their returne from Babylon, as Zerubbabél, Ezra, and Nehemiáh. Whereof the first was their captaine to bring them home, and provided that the Temple was buylde: the seconde reformed their maners and planted religion: & the thrid buylde vp the walles, deliuered the people from oppresion, and provided that the Law of God was put in execution among them. He was a godlie man and in great autoritie with the King, so that the King fauoured him greatly, and gaue him moste ample letters for the accomplishment of all things which he colde desire. This boke is also called of the latins the seconde of Ezra, because he was the writer thereof.

CHAP. I.

- 1 Nehemiáh bewaileth the calamitie of Ierusalem. 5 He confesseth the finnes of the people, & prayeth God for them



He wordes of Nehemiáh the sonne of Hachaliáh, in the moneth ^a Chisleu, in the twentieth yere, as I was in the palace of Shushán,

- 2 Came Hanáni, one of my ^b brethren, he & the men of Iudáh, and I asked them concerning the Iewes that were deliuered, which were of the residue of ^y captiuitie, and concerning Ierusalem.
- 3 And they said vnto me, The residue that are left of the captiuitie there in the ^c pro-

uincc, are in great affliction and in reproche, and the wall of Ierusalem is broken downe, & the gates thereof are burnt with fyre.

- 4 And when I heard these wordes, I sate downe and wept, and mourned certeine dayes, and I fasted and prayed before the God of heauen,

- 5 And said, *O Lord God of heauen, the great and terrible God, that kepeth covenant and mercie for them that loue him, and obserue his commandements, Dan. 9.4.
- 6 I pray thee, let thine eares be attent, and thine eyes open, to heare the prayer of thy seruant, which I pray before thee daily, day & night for the children of Israél thy seruants, & confesse the finnes of the children of Israél, which we haue sinned

Gg. iiii.

^a Which conceineth part of Nouember & part of Decēber, and was their ^{niach} moneth.

^b A Iewe as I was.

^c Meaning, in Iudca.