

THE ARGUMENT OF DEVTERONOMIE.

- S. Aug. q. 49. in Deuteron.* Deuteronomi, in English *The fecond law*, so called not that there be two lawes of Moyfes, but becaufe the fame which was firft geuen in Mount Sinai, fiftie dayes after the children of Ifrael parted from Ægypt, is here repeted, in the eleuenth moneth of the fourtith yeare of their abode in the defert. In which repetition albeit Moyfes explicateth the fame law, adding alfo diuers things not expreffed before: yet it is but an Abridgement conceiued and vttered in fewer wordes. VVhereupon S. Bede (*in et princ. Deutero.* *princ. Leuit.*) compareth this booke with the foure precedent, as one made of them al. For wheras *the former foure prefigured the foure Gospels, this fignified the whole Gofpel*, contained in al foure. Likewise S. Hierom calleth it *A prefiguration of the Euangelical law: fo iterating former things, that al become new of old.* (*Epift ad Manf. vlt. Paulim. ca. 7. & de Mans. 42.*) But touching the literal fenfe, Moyfes here comprifeth foure general things: vnto which after his death the fifth is added; and fo the whole containeth fiue partes. Firft, he briefly reciteth Gods fpecial benefites beftowed on this people, and their ingratitude, incredulitie, murmurings, and punishments. In the three firft chapters. Secondly he repeteth and explicateth Gods precepts, moral, ceremonial, and iudicial, with the functions and offices of Priefts, and Leuites. From the 4. chap. to the 27. Thirdly he denounceth Gods promifes of manie bleffings, and thretes of punishments, for keeping or breaking his commandments. From the 27. chap. to 31. Fourthly he exhorteth them to ferue and loue God, but withal fortelleth, that they wil often fal to great finnes, and for the fame fhall be punished, and at laft forfaking Chrift, fhall be forfaken: yet finally bleffeth their tribes, in figure of the Gentiles, that fhall be called in their place. Chap. 31. 32. and 33. Fiftly, in the laft chapter, Iofue writeth the death, burial, and fingular commendation of Moyfes.
- This booke is a repetition, explication, and fuplement of the Law.
- It prefigured the Gofpel.
- Conteineth fiue partes.