

Chapter 2

VWith commemoration of Gods continual protection of the Ifraelites, they are forbid to fight againft the Idumeans, 9. the Moabites, or Ammonites. 24. But againft Schon King of Hefebon they should fight, kil him and al his, and poffefse his land.

And departing thence we came into the wilderneffe, that leadeth to the Redde fea, as our Lord had faid to me: and we compaffed the mountaine Seir a long time. ² And our Lord faid to me: ³ It is fufficient for you to haue compaffed this mountaine: goe toward the North. ⁴ And command thou the people, faying: You fhall paffe by the borders of your brethren the children of Efau, which dwel in Seir, and they wil be affraid of you. ⁵ Looke diligently therefore that you fturre not againft them. For I wil not geue you of their land fo much as the fteppe of one foote can treade, becaufe I haue geuen the mountaine Seir to be the poffeffion of Efau. ⁶ Meates you fhall bie of them with money, and fhall eate: bought water fhall you draw, and drinke. ⁷ The Lord thy God hath bleffed thee in euerie worke of thy handes: he knoweth thy iourney, how thou haft paffed this great wilderneffe, for fourtie yeares the Lord thy God dwelling with thee, & thou haft wanted nothing. ⁸ And when we had paffed by our brethren the children of Efau, that dwelt in Seir, by the champion way from Elath & from Afiongaber, we came to the way, that leadeth into the defert of Moab. ⁹ And our Lord faid to me: Fight not againft the Moabites, neither make bat-tel againft them: for I wil not geue thee any of their land, becaufe I haue geuen Ar to the children of Lot in poffeffion. ¹⁰ Emim firft were the inhabitors therof, a great people, and valiant, and fo tall that ^athey were thought, ¹¹ as it were gianes, of the Enacims ftocke, & were like the children of the Enacims. Moreouer the

^a Thefe were men of very great ftature, but not equal to the gianes before the floud.

Moabites call them Emim. ¹² But in Seir before dwelt the Horrites: who being expelled and destroyed, the children of Esau did inhabit it, as Israel did in the land of his possession, which our Lord gave him. ¹³ Rysing vp therefore to passe the Torrent Zared, we came to it. ¹⁴ And the time, that we walked from Cadesbarne vnto the passage of the torrent Zared, was thirtie and eight yeares: vntill all the generation of the men that were warriors was consumed out of the campe, as our Lord had sworn: ¹⁵ whose hand was against them, that they should perish from among the campe. ¹⁶ And after all the warriors were dead, ¹⁷ our Lord spake to me, saying: ¹⁸ Thou shalt passe this day the borders of Moab, the citie named Ar: ¹⁹ and approaching vnto the frontiers of the children of Ammon, beware thou fight not against them, neither once moue to battell: for I wil not geue thee of the land of the children of Ammon, because I haue geuen it to the children of Lot in possession. ²⁰ It was reputed the land of gigantes: and gigantes in old time dwelt in it, whom the Ammonites call Zomzommim, ²¹ a great and huge people, and of long stature, as the Enacims whom our Lord destroyed before their face: and he made them to dwell in their steede, ²² as he had done to the children of Esau, that dwelt in Seir, destroying the Horrites, and deliuering their land to them, which they possessed vntill this present. ²³ The Heueites also, that dwelt in Haferim as farre as Gaza, the Capadocians expelled: who issuing out of Capadocia, destroyed them, and dwelt in their steede. ²⁴ Arise ye, and passe the torrent Arnon: behold I haue deliuered in thy hand Sehon king of Hesebon the Amorrite, and beginne to possess his land, and ^amake warre against him. ²⁵ This day wil I beginne to send thy terror and feare vpon the peoples, that dwell vnder the whole heauen: that hearing thy name they may quake, and tremble after the manner of women in trauel, and be pinched with sorrow. ²⁶ I sent therefore messengers from

^a By this we are instructed to fight against infidels, but not without special cause against christians, signified by the childre of Lot and Esau.

the wildernes of Cademoth to Sehon the king of Hefebon with peacable wordes, faying: ²⁷ We wil paffe through thy land, we wil goe the common high way: we wil not decline neither to the right hand, nor to the left. ²⁸ Sel vs meates for money, that we may eate: Geue vs water for money, and fo we wil drinke. Onlie this that thou wilt graunt vs paffage, ²⁹ as ^{a)}the children of Efau haue done, that dwel in Seir, and the Moabites, that abide in Ar: vntil we come to Iordan, and paffe to the Land, which the Lord our God wil geue vs. ³⁰ And Sehon the king of Hefebon would not geue vs paffage: becaufe the Lord thy God had ^{b)}indurated his fpirit, and hardened his hart, that he might be deliuered into thy handes, as now thou feeft. ³¹ And our Lord faid to me: Behold I haue begunne to deliuer Sehon vnto thee, and his land, beginne to poffeffe it. ³² And Sehon came forth to meete vs with al his people to battel in Iafa. ³³ And the Lord our God deliuered him to vs: and we fmote him with his finnes and al his people. ³⁴ And al his cities we tooke at that time, killing the inhabitors therof, men and wemen and litle ones. We left nothing among them. ³⁵ Except the cattel, which came to their portion that tooke prayes: and the fpoyles of the cities, which we tooke ³⁶ from Aroer, which is fituated vpon the banke of the torrent Arnon, a towne that is fituated in a valley, as farre as Galaad. There was not a village or citie, that escaped our handes: the Lord our God deliuered al vnto vs. ³⁷ Except the land of the children of Ammon, to the which we approached not: and al that adioyne to the torrent Ieboc, and the cities on the mountaine, and al the places from which the Lord our God prohibited vs.

^a The Idumeans once denied them paffage *Num. 20. v. 20.* but afterward granted therto.

^b God permitted him for his finnes, to indurate him felfe. See *Exod. 7. v. 3.*