

Chapter 7

No league nor felowship to be had with the Gentiles: 5. but their altares, groues, and al their idoles to be deftroyed. 17. God promifeth victories to his people, willing them to truft in him, and ferue him.

Vhen the Lord thy God shal haue brought thee into the land, which thou doest enter in to poffesse, and shal haue deftroyed manie Nations before thee, the Hetheite, and the Gergezeite, and the Amorrheite, and the Chananeite, and the Pherezeite, and the Heueite, and the Iebufeite, feuen nations of much greater number then thou art, and ftronger then thou: ² and the Lord thy God shal haue deliuered them to thee, thou fhalt ftrike them vnto vtter deftruction. Thou shalt not make league with them, nor pitie them, ³ nor make mariages with them. Thy daughter thou fhalt not geue to his fonne, nor take his daughter for thy fonne: ⁴ for he wil feduce thy fonne, that he folow not me, and that he rather ferue ftrange goddes, and the furie of our Lord wil be wrath, and shal quickly deftroy thee. ⁵ But thefe thinges rather you shal doe to them: Ouerthrow their altares, and breake their ftaues, and cutte downe their groues, and burne their fculp-tiles. ⁶ Because thou art a holie people to the Lord thy God. The Lord thy God hath chofen thee, to be his peculiar people of al peoples, that are vpon the earth. ⁷ Not because you paffed al nations in number, is our Lord ioyned vnto you, and hath chofen you, wheras you are fewer then al peoples: ⁸ but because our Lord hath loued you, and hath kept the oath, which he fwere to your fathers: and hath brought you forth in a ftrong hand, and redemed you from the houfe of feruitude, out of the hand of Pharao the king of Ægypt. ⁹ And thou shalt know that the Lord thy God, he is a ftrong and faithful God, keeping his couenant and mercie to them that loue him, and to them that keepe his preceptes, vnto a thoufand generations: ¹⁰ and rendring forthwith to them that hate him, fo that he deftroyeth them, and

differeth no longer, ^{a)}immediatly rendering to them that they deferue. ¹¹ Keepe therfore the preceptes and ceremonies and iudgementes, which I command thee this day to doe them. ¹² ^{b)}If after thou haft heard theſe iudgementes, thou keepe and doe them, the Lord alſo thy God wil keepe the couenant vnto thee, and the mercie which he ſware to thy fathers: ¹³ and he wil loue and multiplie thee, and wil bleſſe the fruite of thy wombe, and the fruite of thy land, thy corne, and vintage, oile, and heardes, the flockes of thy ſheepe vpon the Land, for the which he ſware to thy fathers that he would geue it thee. ¹⁴ Bleſſed ſhalt thou be among al peoples. There ſhal be none barren with thee of neither ſexe, as wel in men as in thy flockes. ¹⁵ Our Lord wil take away from thee al diſeaſe: and the ſore infirmities of Ægypt, which thou knoweſt, he wil not bring vpon thee, but vpon al thyne enemies. ¹⁶ Thou ſhalt deuoure al the peoples, which the Lord thy God wil geue thee. Thyne eye ſhal not ſpare them, neither ſhalt thou ſerue their goddes, leſt they be the ruine of thee. ¹⁷ If thou ſay in thy hart: Theſe nations are moe then I, how ſhal I be able to deſtroy them? ¹⁸ Feare not, but remember what the Lord thy God did to Pharao and to al the Ægyptians, ¹⁹ the exceding great plagues, which thyne eies ſaw, and the ſignes and wonders, and the ſtrong hand, and the ſtretched out arme, that the Lord thy God might bring thee forth: ſo wil he doe to al peoples, whom thou feareſt. ²⁰ Moreouer hornettes alſo wil the Lord thy God ſend vpon them, vntil he deſtroy and confume al that eſcaped thee, and can hide them ſelues. ²¹ Thou ſhalt not feare them, becauſe the Lord thy God is in the middes of thee, a mightie God and terrible: ²² he wil confume theſe nations in thy fight by litle and litle and by partes. Thou mayeſt not deſtroy them al together: leſt perhappes the beaſtes of the earth multiplie againſt thee. ²³ And the Lord thy God wil geue

^a Not withſtanding this commination, God oftentimes differeth puniſhment, expecting the finners repentance.

^b Gods promiſes cōditional, if his people ſerue him.

them in thy fight: and wil kil them vntil they be vtterly deftroyed. ²⁴ And he wil deliuer their kinges into thy handes, and thou shalt deftroy their names vnder heauen: no man shal be able to refift thee, vntil thou deftroy them. ²⁵ Their fculptiles thou shalt burne with fyre: thou shalt not couet the filuer and gold, wherof they were made, neither shalt thou take to thee any thing therof, left thou offend, becaufe it is the abomination of the Lord thy God. ²⁶ Neither shalt thou bring in ought of the Idol into thy houle, left thou become anathema, as alfo that is. As filthines thou shalt deteft it, and as vncleannes and filth thou shalt account it abominable, becaufe it is anathema.