

Chapter 7

No league nor felowship to be had with the Gentiles: 5. but their altares, groues, and al their idoles to be defstroyed. 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 defstroyed 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 shalt ftrike them vnto vtter deftruction. Thou shalt not make league with them, nor pitie them, ³ nor make mariages with them. Thy daughter thou shalt 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 defstroy thee. ⁵ But thefe thinges rather you shal doe to them:ouerthrow their altares, and breake their ftatues, and cutte downe their groues, and burne their fculptiles. 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 fwore 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, keping his couenant and mercie to them that loue him, and to them that keepe his preceptes, vnto a thousand generations: ¹⁰ and rendring forthwith to them

that hate him, so that he destroyeth them, and differeth no longer, ^{a)}immediatly rendering to them that they deserue. ¹¹ Keepe therefore the preceptes and ceremonies and iudgementes, which I command thee this day to doe them. ¹² ^{b)}If after thou hast 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 bleffe 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 Bleffed shalt thou be among al peoples. There shall 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 fore 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. Thyn eye shall 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 shall 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 exceeding great plagues, which thyne eyes 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 consume 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 consume these nations in thy fight by litle and litle and by partes. Thou mayest not destroy them al together: lest perchappes the beasts of the earth multiplie against thee. ²³ And the

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

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

Lord thy God wil geue 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, because it is the abomination of the Lord thy God. ²⁶ Neither shalt thou bring in ought of the Idol into thy house, left thou become anathema, as alfo that is. As filthines thou shalt deteft it, and as vncleannes and filth thou shalt account it abominable, because it is anathema.