

Chapter 9

Left they should impute the victories (which they shall haue) to them felues, 6. they are put in mind of their often prouoking Gods wrath, 12. by idolatrie, 22. by murmuring, by concupifcence, by contempt, and other finnes, 25. for which they should haue bene deftroyed, but God fpared them for his promife made to Abraham Ifaac and Iacob.

Heare Ifrael: Thou shalt goe ouer Iordan this day; to poffeffe verie greate nations and ftronger then thy felfe, huge cities, and walled ^{a)}euen vnto heauen, ² a great people and tal, the fonnes of the Enacims, whom thou haft feene, and heard, againft whom no man is able to refift. ³ Thou shalt know therefore this day that the Lord thy God him felfe wil paffe ouer before thee, a deuouring and confuming fyre, who fhall deftroy and abolifh and bring them to nothing before thy face quickly, as he hath fpoken to thee. ⁴ Say not in thy hart, when the Lord thy God fhall haue deftroyed them in thy fight: For my iuftice hath our Lord brought me in to poffeffe this land, wheras thefe nations were deftroyed for their impieties. ⁵ For not becaufe of thy iuftices, and equitie of thy hart doeft thou enter in to poffeffe their landes: but becaufe they haue done impioufly, at thy entring in they are deftroyed: and that our Lord might accomplifh his word, which by oath he promifed to thy fathers Abraham, Ifaac, and Iacob. ⁶ Know therefore that not for thy iuftices hath the Lord thy God geuen thee this excellent land in poffeffion, wheras thou art a verie ftiffe necked people. ⁷ Remember, and forget not how thou didft prouoke the Lord thy God to wrath in the wilderneffe. From the fame day, that thou cameft out of Ægypt vnto this place, thou haft alwayes contended againft our Lord. ⁸ For in Horeb

^a Holie Scripture vfeth the figure *Hyperbola*, folowing the vulgar maner of fpeakig as wel to helpe the vnderftanding, as to moue affectiö in great and extraordinarie things.

also thou didst prouoke him, and being wrath he would haue destroyed thee, ⁹ when I went vp into the mounte, to receiue the tables of ftone, of the couenant which our Lord made with you: and I continewd in the mounte fourtie daies and nightes, not eating bread, nor drinking water. ¹⁰ And our Lord gaue me two tables of ftone written with the finger of God, and conteyning al the wordes that he spake to you in the mounte from the middes of the fyre, when the affemblye of the people was gathered. ¹¹ And when fourtie dayes were passed, and as manie nightes, our Lord gaue me the two tables of ftone, the tables of couenant, ¹² and he said to me: Arise, and goe downe from hence quickly: for thy people, which thou didst bring out of Ægypt, haue quickly forsaken the way, that thou hast shewed them, and haue made them ^aa molten idol. ¹³ And againe our Lord said to me: I see that this people is stiffe necked: ¹⁴ suffer me that I may destroy them, and abolish their name from vnder heauen, and may set thee ouer a Nation, that is greater and stronger then this. ¹⁵ And when I came downe from the burning mounte, and held the two tables of couenant with both handes, ¹⁶ and saw that you had finned to the Lord your God, and had made you a molten calfe, and had quickly forsaken his way, which he had shewed you: ¹⁷ I cast the tables out of my handes, and brake them in your fight. ¹⁸ And I fell downe before our Lord as before, fourtie dayes and nightes not eating bread, nor drinking water, for al your finnes, which you committed against our Lord, and prouoked him to wrath: ¹⁹ for I feared his indignation and anger, wherwith being moued agaynst you, he would haue destroyed you. And our Lord heard me this time also. ²⁰ Against Aaron also being exceeding angrie, he would haue destroyed him, and for him, in like maner did I pray. ²¹ And your sinne that you had committed, that is, the calfe, I tooke, and burnt it with fyre, and breaking it into peeces, and bringing it wholly into dust, I threw it into the torrent, that descendeth from the mount. ²² In the burning also and in the tentation,

^a The similitude of a calfe and called it their god. *Exod. 32.*

and in the Sepulchres of concupifcence you prouoked our Lord: ²³ and when he fent you from Cadebarne, fay- ing: Goe vp, and poffeffe the Land, that I haue geuen you, and you contemned the commandement of your Lord God, and did not beleue him, neither would you heare his voice: ²⁴ but were alwaies rebellious from the day that I beganne to know you. ²⁵ And I lay before our Lord fourtie dayes and nightes, in the which I humbly befought him, that he would not deftroy you as he had threatened: ²⁶ and praying I faid: Lord God, deftroy not thy people, and thyne inheritance, which thou haft redemed in thy greatnes, whom thou didft bring out of Ægypt in a ftrong hand. ²⁷ Remember thy feruantes Abraham, Ifaac, and Iacob: regard not the ftubbournes of this people, and his impeitie and finne: ²⁸ left per- happes the inhabitantes of the land, out of which thou haft brought vs, fay: The Lord could not bring them in vnto the Land, that he promifed them, and he hated them: therefore did he bring them forth, that he might kil them in the wildernes. ²⁹ Which are thy people and thyne inheritance, whom thou didft bring forth in thy great ftrength, and in thy ftretched out arme.