

## Chapter 23

*Eunuches, bastardes, Moabites, & Ammonites may not enter into the Church. 7. Idumeans, and Ægyptians may be admitted. 9. Obseruation of spirital and corporal cleannes. 15. Other preceptes concerning fugitiues, 17. fornication, 19. vfurie, 21. vowes, 24. and eating other mens grapes or corne.*

**A**n <sup>a)</sup>eunuch that hath his ftones broken, or cutte of, & his yeard cutte away, shal not enter into the church of our Lord. <sup>2</sup> Mamzer, that is to fay, one borne of a common woman, shal not enter into the church of our Lord, vntil the tenth generation. <sup>3</sup> The <sup>b)</sup>Ammonite, and the Moabite yea after the tenth generation shal not enter into the church of our Lord, for euer: <sup>4</sup> because they would not meete you with bread and water in the way, when you came out of Ægypt: and because they hyred againft thee Balaam, the fonne of Beor of Mefopotamia in Syria, to curfe thee: <sup>5</sup> and our Lord thy God would not heare Balaam, and he turned his curfing into thy bleffing, for that he loued thee. <sup>6</sup> Thou shalt not make peace with them, neither doe thou seeke their good al the daies of thy life for euer. <sup>7</sup> Thou shalt not abhorre the Idumeite, because he is thy brother: nor the Ægyptian, because thou waft a ftranger in his land. <sup>8</sup> They that are borne of them, in the third generation shal enter into the church of our Lord. <sup>9</sup> When thou goeft forth againft thyne enemies to battel, thou shalt keepe thy felf from al euil thing. <sup>10</sup> If there be among you a man, that is polluted in a dreame by night, he shal goe forth without the campe,

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<sup>a</sup> Such as are barrē in good workes can not enter into Gods houfe. *Theod. q. 25. in Deut.*

<sup>b</sup> These natiōs not able to hurt the children of Ifrael, neither by denying ordinarie curtefies, nor by force, nor by hyring Balaā to curfe them, yet inuegling them with carnal finnes, signified obftinate peruerfe finners, that neuer amending can neuer be rightly receiued into the Church of God.

<sup>11</sup> and shal not returne, before he be washed with water at euen: and after funne fette he shal returne into the campe. <sup>12</sup> Thou shalt haue a place without the campe, whither thou mayest goe to the neecessities of nature, <sup>13</sup> caryng on thy girdle a piked instrument, & when thou fitteft downe, thou shalt digge round about, and with the earth that is digged vp shal couer <sup>14</sup> that which thou art eafed of (for our Lord thy God walketh in the middes of thy campe, to deliuer thee, and to geue thyne enemies vnto thee) and let thy campe be holie, and let no filthines appeare therein, lest he forsake thee. <sup>15</sup> Thou shalt not deliuer the feruant to his Maister, that is fled to thee. <sup>16</sup> He shal dwel with thee in the place, that shal please him, and in one of thy cities shal he rest: vexe him not. <sup>17</sup> There shal be no whoore of the daughters of Ifrael, nor whooremonger of the fonnes of Ifrael. <sup>18</sup> Thou shalt not offer the hire of a ftrompet, nor the price of a dogge, in the house of our Lord thy God, whatfoeuer it be that thou haft vowed: because both is abomination before our Lord thy God. <sup>19</sup> Thou shalt not lend to thy brother money to vfurie, nor coine, nor any other thing: <sup>20</sup> but <sup>a</sup>)to the ftranger. And to thy brother thou shalt lend, that which he needeth without vfurie: that our Lord thy God may bleffe thee in al thy worke in the Land, which thou shalt enter to possesse. <sup>21</sup> When thou haft vowed a vow to our Lord thy God, thou shalt not flacke to pay it: because our Lord thy God wil require it and if thou delay, it shal be reputed to thee for finne. <sup>22</sup> <sup>b</sup>)If thou wilt not promife, thou shalt be without finne. <sup>23</sup> But that which is once gone out of thy lippes, thou shalt obserue, and shalt doe as thou haft promised to our Lord thy God, and haft fpoken with thy proper wil and thyne owne mouth. <sup>24</sup> Entring into thy neighbours vineyarde, eate grapes as much as shal please thee: but

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<sup>a</sup> Onlie lawful enemies are here called ftrangers: where therefore is iust caufe of warre, there only it is lawful to exercife vfurie. *S. Amb. li. de Tobia. c. 15.*

<sup>b</sup> Vowes binde where otherwise was no obligation.

carrie none out with thee. <sup>25</sup> If thou enter into thy frein-  
des corne, thou shalt breake the eares, and rubbe them  
in thy hand: but with a fickle thou shalt not reape.