

Chapter 27

Gods commandmentes muft be written in plaftred ftones. An Altar erected, and Sacrifices offered. 12. Obferuers of the commandments muft be blefled, and tranfgreffors curfed. 14. With the forme of curfing idolaters, and diuers other enormous finners.

And Moyfes and the ancientes of Ifrael commanded the people, faying: Keepe euerie commandment that I command you this day. ² And when you are paffed ouer Iordan into the Land, which our Lord thy God wil geue thee, thou fhalt erect great ftones, and fhalt polifh them with plafter, ³ that thou mayeft write on them al the wordes of this law, when thou haft paffed ouer Iordan: that thou mayeft enter into the Land, which our Lord thy God wil geue thee, a land flowing with milke and honie, as he fware to thy fathers. ⁴ When therefore you are paffed Iordan, erect the ftones which I command you this day in mount Hebal, and thou fhalt polifh them with plafter: ⁵ and thou fhalt build there an altar to our Lord thy God of ftones, which yron hath not touched, ⁶ and of ftones not fashioned nor polished: and thou fhalt put vpon it holocaustes to our Lord thy God, ⁷ and fhalt immolate pacifique hoftes, and eate there, and feafte there before our Lord thy God. ⁸ And thou fhalt write vpon the ftones al the wordes of this law plainely and cleerly. ⁹ And Moyfes and the prieftes of the Leuitical ftocke faid to al Ifrael: Attend, and heare Ifrael: This day thou art made the people of our Lord thy God: ¹⁰ thou fhalt heare his voice, and doe the commandementes and iuftices, which I command thee. ¹¹ And Moyfes commanded the people in that day, faying: ¹² ^{a)} Thefe fhall ftand to bleffe the people, vpon mount Garizim, when you are paffed Iordan: Simeon, ^{b)} Leui, Iudas, Iffachar, Iofeph, and Benjamin. ¹³ And ouer againft them thefe fhall ftand to curfe on

The third part.
Gods promifes
& threatens,
for keeping or
breaking his
commandments.

^a The ancientes of euerie tribe.

^b The Leuites proper office was to bleffe.

mount Hebal. Ruben, Gad, and Afer, and Zabulon, Dan and Nephthah. ¹⁴ And the ^{a)}Leuites shal pronounce, and fay to al the men of Ifrael with a high voice: ¹⁵ Curfed be the man that maketh a grauen and molten thing, the abomination of our Lord, the worke of the handes of artificers, and shal put it ^{b)}in secrete: and al the people shal anfwer, and fay: Amen. ¹⁶ Curfed be he that honoureth not his father and mother: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ¹⁷ Curfed be he that remoueth his neighbours boundes: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ¹⁸ Curfed be he that maketh the blinde to goe amiffe in his iourney: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ¹⁹ Curfed be he that peruerteth the iudgement of the stranger, of the pupil and the widow: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ²⁰ Curfed be he that fleepeth with his fathers wife, and reuealeth the couer of his bedde: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ²¹ Curfed be he that lyeth with any beaft: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ²² Curfed be he that fleepeth with his fifter, the daughter of his father, or of his mother: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ²³ Curfed be he that fleepeth with his mother in law: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ²⁴ Curfed be he that secretely ftriketh his neighbour: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ²⁵ Curfed be he that taketh giftes, to kil the foule of innocent bloud: and al the people shal fay: Amen. ²⁶ Curfed be he that obydeth not in the wordes of this law, and fulfilleth them not in worke: and al the people shal fay: Amen.

^a But by occasion of finne their office was also to pronounce curfes.

^b Though the finnes were secrete, yet the offenders were curfed: publique finnes were also publikely punished.