

Chapter 29

A couenant and oath is made betwen God and his people (with commemoration of fundrie benefites by them receiued) that keping his law they shal be more bleffed: and breaking the fame shal fufteine the threatned punishmentes.

These are the wordes of the couenant which our Lord commanded Moyfes to make with the children of Ifrael in the Land of Moab: befide that couenant which he made with them in Horeb. ² And Moyfes called al Ifrael, and faid to them: You faw al thinges, that our Lord did before you in the Land of Ægypt to Pharao, and to al his feruantes, and to his whole land, ³ the great tentations, which thine eies haue feene, thofe mightie fignes, and wonders, ⁴ and our Lord ^a)hath not geuen you a hart to vnderftand, and eies to fee, and eares that can heare, vnto this present day. ⁵ He hath brought you fourtie yeares by the defert: your garmentes are not worne out, neither are the shoes of your feete confumed with age. ⁶ Breade you haue not eaten, wine and ficer you haue not drunke: that you might know that I am the Lord your God. ⁷ And you came to this place: and there came forth Sehon the King of Hefebon, and Og the King of Bafan, meeting vs to fight. And we ftroke them, ⁸ and tooke their land, and deliuered it in poffeffion to Ruben and Gad, and the half tribe of Manaffes. ⁹ Keepe therfore the wordes of this couenant, and fulfil them: that you may vnderftand al thinges that you doe. ¹⁰ You ftand this day al before our Lord your God, your princes, and tribes, and ancientes, and doctors, al the people of Ifrael, ¹¹ your children and your wiues, and the ftrangers that abide with thee in the campe, befides the cutters of wood, and them, that carie water: ¹² that thou mayeft paffe in the couenant of our

^a For finnes pafte God letteth fome runne into reprobate fenfe, permitting them to their owne freewil, who being voide of grace wilfully obdurate them felues. *Theod. q. 37. in Deut.*

Lord thy God, and in the oath which in this day our Lord thy God maketh with thee: ¹³ that he may rayfe thee vp a people to him felfe, and he be thy God as he hath fpoken to thee, and as he fwere to thy fathers, Abraham, Ifaac, and Iacob. ¹⁴ Neither with you onlie doe I make this couenant, and confirme thefe oathes, ¹⁵ but with al that be prefent and abfent. ¹⁶ For you know how we dwelt in the Land of Ægypt, and how we haue paffed through the middes of nations, which paffing through ¹⁷ you haue feene their abominations and filth, that is to fay, their Idols, wood and fstone, filuer and gold, which they worffhipped. ¹⁸ Left perhaps there be among you man or woman, familie or tribe, whofe hart is turned away this day from our Lord God, to goe and ferue the goddes of thofe Nations: and there be among you ^aa roote bringing forth gal and bitternes. ¹⁹ And when he fhall heare the wordes of this oath, he bleffe him felfe in his hart, faying: I fhall haue place, and walke in the prauitie of my hart: and the ^bdrunken take to her the thirtie, ²⁰ and our Lord forgeue him not: but then his furie moft fpecially fume, and his zeale againft that man, and al the curfes fitte vpon him, that be written in this volume: and our Lord abolifh his name vnder heauen, ²¹ and confume him vnto perdition out of al the tribes of Ifrael, according to the curfes, that are conteyned in the Booke of this law and couenant. ²² And the generation folowing fhall fay, and the children that fhall be borne from thence forth, and the ftrangers, that fhall come from a farre, feeing the plagues of that Land, and the infirmities, wherwith our Lord hath afflicted it, ²³ burning it with brimftone, and heate of the falt, fo that it can no more be fowen, nor any grene thing fpring therof, after the example of the fubuerfion of fodom and Gomorrh, Adama, and Seboim, which our Lord fubuerted in his wrath and furie. ²⁴ And al the Nations fhall fay: Why hath the Lord done thus to this Land? what is this exceding wrath of his furie? ²⁵ And they fhall anfwer:

^a A mind fecretly infected with idolatrie.

^b The appetite drunken with pleafures thirtteth ftill more.

Because they forfooke the couenant of the Lord, which he made with their fathers, when he brought them out of the Land of Ægypt: ²⁶ and they haue ferued ftrange goddes, and adored them, whom they knew not, and to whom they had not beene defigned: ²⁷ therefore the furie of the Lord was wrath againft this Land, to bring vpon it al the curfes, that are written in this volume: ²⁸ and he hath caft them out of their land, in wrath and furie, and in verie great indignation, and hath throwen them into a ftrange land, as this day it is proued. ²⁹ Things hidden, ^a)to our Lord God: which are manifet, to vs and to our children for euer, that we may doe al the wordes of this Law.

^a Secrete things are knowne to God, manifet thīges to men. *Theod. q. 38. in Deut.*