

Chapter 10

The eight plague, of locuftes. 21. The ninth darknes. Pharao yeldeth that al men and children should goe to the defert, but not the cattle. 28. At laft commandeth Moyfes to come no more in his fight, which Moyfes foretelleth shal fo be.

And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Goe in to Pharao: for ^aI haue indurate his hart, and the hart of his feruantes: that I may worke thefe my fignes in him, ² and thou maift tel in the eares of thy fonne, and of thy nephewes, how often I haue broken the Ægyptians, & wrought my fignes in them: and you may know that I am the Lord. ³ Moyfes therfore and Aaron went in to Pharao, and faid to him: Thus faith the Lord the God of the Hebrewes: Til when wilt thou not be fubiect to me? difmiffe my people, to facrifice vnto me. ⁴ But if thou refift, and wilt not difmiffe them: behold I wil bring in to morow the locuft into thy coaftes: ⁵ which may couer the face of the earth, that nothing therof appeare, but that which the haile hath left may be eaten: for it fhall gnawe al trees that fpring in the fieldes. ⁶ And they fhall fill thy houfes, and the houfes of thy feruantes, and of al the Ægyptians: fuch a number as thy fathers haue not feene, nor grand-fathers, fince they arofe vpon the earth, vntil this prefent day. And he turned him felfe away, and went forth from Pharao. ⁷ And Pharaoes feruantes faid to him: How long fhall we endure this fcandal? Difmiffe the men, to facrifice to the Lord their God. Doeft thou not fee that Ægypt is vndone? ⁸ And they called back Moyfes, and Aaron vnto Pharao: who faid to them: Goe, facrifice to the Lord your God: who are they that fhall goe? ⁹ Moyfes faid: With our young and old we wil goe, with our fonnes and daughters, with our sheepe and heardes: for it is the fomemnitie of the

The 8. plague. Innumerable locuftes, litle flying beaftes with long hinder legges that deftroy graine, graffe & fruit. *Plinius. li. 11. c. 29. S. Greg. li. 31. c. 20. Moral.*

^a By Gods patience ouer Pharao & his feruants, in not deftroying them, their wicked mind became more obftinate. *S. Aug. q. 30. & 36. in Exod.*

Lord our God. ¹⁰ And Pharao answered: So be the Lord with you, as I shal difmiffe you, and your litle ones: who doubteth but that ^ayou intend very wickedly? ¹¹ It shal not fo be: but goe ye men only, and sacrifice to the Lord: for this your felues also desired. And immediatly they were cast out from Pharaoes fight. ¹² And our Lord said to Moyfes: Stretch forth thy hand vpon the Land of Ægypt vnto the locust, that it come vpon it, and deuoure euerie herbe that remained after the haile. ¹³ And Moyfes stretched forth his rodde vpon the Land of Ægypt: and our Lord brought in a burning wind al that day, & night: and when it was morning, the burning winde raifed the locustes: ¹⁴ which came vp ouer the whole Land of Ægypt: and fate in al the coastes of the Ægyptians innumerable, the like as had not bene before that time, nor shal be afterward. ¹⁵ And they couered the whole face of the earth, wafting al thinges. Therefore the graffe of the earth was deuoured, and what fruites foeuer on the trees, which the haile had left: there was also nothing at al left that was greene in the trees, and in the herbes of the earth, in al Ægypt. ¹⁶ For the which cause Pharao in haft called Moyfes and Aaron, and said to them: I haue finned againft the Lord your God, and againft you. ¹⁷ But now forgeue me my finne this time also, and pray to the Lord your God, that he take away from me this death. ¹⁸ And Moyfes going forth from Pharaoes fight, prayed to our Lord: ¹⁹ who made a very vehement wind to blow from the west, and taking the locustes it threw them into the Red sea: there remained not so much as one in al the coastes of Ægypt. ²⁰ And our Lord did indurate Pharaoes hart, neither did he difmiffe the children of Ifrael. ²¹ And our Lord said to Moyfes: Stretch forth thy hand toward heauen: and be there darkeneffe vpon the Land of Ægypt so thicke, that it be palpable. ²² And Moyfes stretched forth his hand toward heauen: and there was made horrible darkeneffe in the whole Land of Ægypt three dayes. ²³ No man

The 9. plague.
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nes three dayes
together.

^a Because Gods seruants may not temporize in religion, politiques vniustly charge them to haue bad intentions.

faw his brother, nor moued himfelfe out of the place where he was: but wherefoeuer the children of Ifrael dwelt, there was light. ²⁴ And Pharao called Moyfes and Aaron, and faid to them: Goe facrifice to the Lord: let your fheepe only, and heardeſ remaine, let your litle ones goe with you. ²⁵ Moyfes faid: Hoſtes alfo & holocauſtes thou ſhalt geue to vs, which we may offer to the Lord our God. ²⁶ Al the flockes ſhal goe with vs: there ſhal ^a)not a hoofe remaine of them: the which are neceſſarie vnto the ſeruice of the Lord our God: eſpecially wheras we know not what muſt be offered, til we come to the very place. ²⁷ And our Lord did indurate Pharaos hart, and he would not difmiſſe them. ²⁸ And Pharao faid to Moyſes: Gette thee from me, and beware thou fee not my face any more: in what day foeuer thou ſhalt come in my fight, thou ſhalt dye. ²⁹ Moyſes answered: So ſhal it be as thou haſt ſpoken, I wil not fee thy face any more.

^a Gods people muſt be reſolute in Religion.