

Chapter 5

The kinges of Chanaan are fore frighted with the newes of Ifraels pafsage ouer Iordan. 2. Circumcifion is againe commanded, and obferued, which had bene ommitted in the defert fourtie yeares. 10. They make their Pafch. 12. Manna ceafeth. 13. And an Angel appeareth to Iofue.

Therfore after that al the kinges of the Ammorrhaites, which dwelt beyond Iordan at the weft fide, and al the kinges of Chanaan, which poffeffed the places nigh to the great fea, had heard that our Lord had dried the ftreames of Iordan before the children of Ifrael, til they paffed ouer, their hart failed, and there remained no fpirit in them, fearing the entring of the children of Ifrael. ² At that time our Lord faid ^a)to Iofue: Make thee kniues of ftone, and circumcife ^b)the fecond time the children of Ifrael. ³ He did that which our Lord had commanded, and he circumcified the children of Ifrael in the hil of the prepuces. ⁴ And this is the caufe of the fecond circumcifion: Al the people, that came out of Ægypt of the malekinde, al the fighting men, died in the defert by the long circuits of the way, ⁵ who were al circumcified. But the people that was borne in the defert, ⁶ during the fourtie yeares of the iourney in the wide wildernes was incircumcified: til they were confumed that had not heard the voice of our Lord, and to whom he had fworne before, that he would not shew them a land flowing with milke and honie. ⁷ The children of thefe fucceded in the place of the fathers, and were circumcified of Iofue: for they were in the prepuce euen as they were borne, neither had any circumcified them in the way. ⁸ And after that they were al circumcified, they abode in the fame place of the campe, vntil they were whole. ⁹ And our Lord faid to Iofue: This day haue

^a See *Annotations c. 3. v. 8.*

^b Circūcifion had bene omitted fourtie yeares, whiles they were in the deferte, alwayes vncertaine when to march, & fo it is now commanded the fecond time.

I taken away the reproch of Ægypt from you. And the name of that place was called Galgal, vntil this present day. ¹⁰ And the children of Ifrael abode in Galgal, & they made the Phafe, the fourteenth day of the moneth at euen in the champion of Iericho: ¹¹ and they did eate of the corne of the Land the next day, azyne loaues and *Frumentis.* polēt of the fame yeare. ¹² And Manna failed after they did eate of the corne of the Land, neither did the children of Ifrael vse that meate any more, but they did eate of the corne of the present Land of Chanaan. ¹³ And when Iofue was in the field of the citie of Iericho, he lifted vp his eies, and faw a man fstanding againft him, holding a drawen fword, and he went to him, and faid: Art thou ours, or our aduerfaries? ¹⁴ Who answered: No: but I am a ^aprince of the hoft of our Lord, and now I come. ¹⁵ Iofue fel flatte on the ground. And [♠]adoring he faid: What fpeaketh my Lord to his feruant? ¹⁶ [♠]Loofe, fayth he, thy fhoe from thy feete: for the place wherein thou doft fstand, is holie. And Iofue did as it was commanded him.

ANNOTATIONS

See Annot.
Exo. 20. ¹⁵ Adoring.) Iofue knowing that the perfon which appeared, was an Angel and not God, nor a man, neither adored him with godlie honour, for that had bene idolatrie, nor with ciuil, for that pertaineth to worldlie and temporal excellencie, and is not competent to facred thinges, efpecially to immortal and glorious fpirites; and therefore the honour he did to this Angel, was religious honour infinitely inferior to diuine, and yet much greater then ciuil.

Religious honour
due to Angels.

¹⁶ Loofe thy shoe.) The Angel did not only accept of the honour donne vnto him, but alfo required more, fhewing that the verie place was holie for his prefence, being otherwife the common field of Iericho.

Holie places.

^a Not God, but of Gods hofte.