

Chapter 14

Caleb of the tribe of Iuda (feing fome knew their lottes already, and that the whole land was now to be diuided) 6. demandeth, according to Gods promife made by Moyfes (for his true and good report of the fame land, when he with others viewed it) that Hebron be geuen him, and his feede to inherite, 13. which Iofue confirmeth vnto him.

This is it, which the children of Ifrael poffeffed in the Land of Chanaan, which Eleazar the prieft, and Iofue the fonne of Nun, & the princes of the families by the tribes of Ifrael geue to them: ² diuiding al thinges by lotte, as our Lord had commanded in the hand of Moyfes, to the nine tribes, and the half tribe. ³ For to two tribes and a half, Moyfes had geuen poffeffion beyond Iordan: befides the Leuites, which receiued no land among their brethren: ⁴ but ^a)into their place fucceded the children of Iofeph diuided into two tribes, of Manaffes and Ephraim: neither did the Leuites receiue other portion in the Land, but cities to inhabite, and their fuburbes to feede their beaftes and cattel. ⁵ As our Lord had commanded Moyfes, fo did the children of Ifrael, and they diuided the Land. ⁶ Therefore the children of Iuda came to Iofue in Galgal, and Caleb the fonne of Iephone the Cenezeite fpake to him: Thou knoweft what our Lord fpake to Moyfes the man of God concerning me & thee in Cadesbarne. ⁷ Fourtie yeares old was I when Moyfes the feruant of our Lord fent me from Cadesbarne, to view the Land, and I reported to him that which to me femed true. ⁸ But my brethren, that had gone vp with me, difcouraged the hart of the people: and I neuertheles folowed our Lord my God. ⁹ And Moyfes fware in that day, fay- ing: The Land, which thy foote hath troden, fhall be

^a The Leuites hauing their portions in other maner, yet there were twelue tribes to receiue portiōs by reafon that Iacob adopted Iofeph two fonnes. *Gen. 48.*

thy poffeffion, and thy childrens for euer, becaufe thou haft folowed our Lord my God. ¹⁰ Our Lord therefore hath granted me life, as he promifed vntil this present day. It is ^a)fourtie and five yeares, fince our Lord fpake this worde to Moyfes, when Ifrael walked through the wildernes: this day am I eightie and five yeares old ¹¹ fo luftie, as I was at that time when I was fent to view: the ftrength of that time contineweth in me vntil this day, as wel to fight as to goe. ¹² Geue me therefore this mountaine, which our Lord promifed, thy felfe alfo hearing it, wherein are the Enacims, and great cities and fenced: ^b)if perhaps our Lord be with me, and I fhall be able to deftroy them, as he promifed me. ¹³ And Iofue bleffed him, and deliuered to him Hebron in poffeffion. ¹⁴ And from thence forth ^c)Hebron belonged to Caleb the fonne of Iephone the Cenezeite, vntil this present day: becaufe he folowed our Lord the God of Ifrael. ¹⁵ The name of Hebron before was called Cariath Arbe: Adam the greateft among the Enacims was layd there: and ^d)the Land ceafed from battels.

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- ^a After the viewing of the land *Num. 13.* the Ifraelites remained in the defert 38. yeares: fo they were nere feuen yeares in warres.
- ^b Gods promife is euer fure on his part, but becaufe it is conditional, if we ferue him fincerly, our wil being free, he faith: *if perhaps our Lord be vvith me.*
- ^c Onlie the countrie of Hebron was geuen to Caleb, for the citie it felf and fuburbes belonged to the Prieftes. *chap. 21. v. 11.*
- ^d See before *chap. 11. v. 23.*