

Chapter 2

An Angel reciting manie benefites of God towards Ifrael, and their ingratitude, 4. they weepe for their faultes. 10. After the death of Iofue and other ancientes of his time, the people often fal, and repenting are deliuered from afflictions, 19. but ftill fal againe worfe and worfe.

And the ^{a)}Angel of our Lord went vp from Galgal to the place of weepers, and faid: I brought you out of Ægypt, and haue brought you into the Land, for the which I fwere to your fathers: and I promised that I would not make fruftrate my couenant with you for euer: ² onlie fo that you should not make a league with the inhabitantes of this Land, but should ouerthrow their altares: and you would not heare my voice: why haue you done this? ³ For the which caufe I would not deftroy them from before your face: that you may haue enemies, and their goddes may be a ruine vnto you. ⁴ And when the Angel of our Lord fpake thefe wordes to al the children of Ifrael: they lifted vp their voice, and wept. ⁵ And the name of that place was called, the place of weepers, or of teares: and ^{b)}there they imolated hoftes to our Lord. ⁶ Iofue therfore difmiffed the people, and the children of Ifrael went euerie one into his poffeffion, to obtayne it: ⁷ and they ferued our Lord al his daies, and the daies of the ancientes, of them that liued a long time after him, and knew al the workes of our Lord, which he had done with Ifrael. ⁸ And Iofue the fonne of Nun, the feruant of our Lord, died, being a hundred and ten yeares old, ⁹ and they buried him in the borders of his poffeffion in Thamnathfare in the

^a An Angel taking the forme of a man as before to Iofue, (*ch. 5.*) fo now appearing to the people, fpake to them in the name of God, whose meffenger he was.

^b By fpécial difpenfation facrifice was fometimes lawfully offered in other places though the Tabernacle (and afterward the Temple) was the onlie place commanded. *Deut. 12. Iofue. 22. S. Aug. q. 36. in Iudic.*

mount of Ephraim, on the North side of mount Gaas. ¹⁰ And al that generation was gathered to their fathers: and there rose others, that knew not our Lord, and the workes which he had done with Ifrael. ¹¹ And the children of Ifrael did euil in the sight of our Lord, and serued Baalim. ¹² And they left our Lord the God of their fathers, that had brought them out of the Land of Ægypt: and folowed ftrange goddes, and the goddes of the peoples, that dwelt round about them, and adored them: and they prouoked our Lord to anger, ¹³ leauing him, and seruing Baal and Aftaroth. ¹⁴ And our Lord being wrath againft Ifrael, deliuered them into the handes of ranfackers: who tooke them and fold them to the enemies, that dwelt round about: neither could they refift their aduerfaries: ¹⁵ but whither foeuer they had meant to goe, the hand of our Lord was vpon them, as he fpake, and fware to them: and they were vehemently afflicted. ¹⁶ And our Lord ^a)rayfed vp Iudges, that should deliuer them from the handes of the wafters: but neither would they heare them, ¹⁷ fornicating with ftrange goddes, and adoring them. They did quickly forfake the way, in the which their fathers had gone: and hearing the commandementes of our Lord, they did al thinges contrarie. ¹⁸ And when our Lord rayfed vp Iudges, in their daies he was moued with mercie, and heard the gronings of the afflicted, and deliuered them from the flaughter of the wafters. ¹⁹ But after the Iudge was dead, they returned, and did much worfe things then their fathers had done, folowing ftrange goddes seruing them, and adoring them. They left not their inuentions, and the verie hard way, by which they were accuftomed to walke. ²⁰ And the furie of our Lord was angrie againft Ifrael, & faid: Because this nation hath made my couenãt frustrate, which I had made with their fathers, & hath cõtemned my voice: ²¹ I alfo wil not deftroy the nations which Iofue did let alone, and died: ²² that in them I may trie Ifrael, whether they wil keepe the way of the Lord, and walke in it, as their

^a Thefe Iudges were extraordinarily raifed vp to deliuer the people repenting, when they were fallen into afflictions for their finnes.

fathers kept it, or no. ²³ Our Lord therefore left al these nations, and would not quickly ouerthrow them, neither deliuered them into the handes of Iofue.