

## THE ARGUMENT OF LEVITICVS.

*Exod. vlt.* VVhen the Tabernacle was erected, nere to *Mount Sinai*, the *firft day of the fecond yeare*, after the children of Iſrael parted from *Ægypt*, and was ſo *replenifhed* with Gods *Maieſtie*, that none, no *not Moyſes* himſelf *could enter in*, our Lord ſpeaking from thence, called Moyſes, and declared to him the offices of the Leuites; whom only, and no others, he deputed for the adminiftration, and charge of ſacred things: wherof this booke (wherin they are written) is called Leuiticus. *In which* faith S. Hierom, *al and euerie Sacrifice, yea almoſt euerie ſil- lable, and Aarons veſtments, and the whole Leuical or- der breath forth heauenlie ſacraments*, or myſteries.

*Epift. ad Paulinum.*

*Leuit. 1.*

For firſt God here preſcribeth what ſacrifices he wil haue, in what manner, and to what purpoſes. Then what partes and qualities he requireth in Prieſts; how they ſhal be veſted and conſecrated, feuerly puniſhing ſome that tranſgreſſed: with commandment neither to offer in ſacrifice, nor to eate things reputed vnclane, and the maner of purifying ſuch things, and perſons, as by diuers occaſions were polluted: Interpoſing alſo ſome moral, and iudicial precepts; appointeth certaine ſolemne feaſtes, times of reſt, and Iubilie yeare. Finally promiſeth rewardes, and threatneth puniſhments to thoſe that kepe or breake his commandments: with particular admonition touching vowes and tithes. So this booke may be diuided into five ſpecial partes. The firſt, of diuers fortes of Sacrifices: in the ſeuen firſt chapters. The ſecond, of conſecrating Prieſts, and their veſtments, with puniſhment for offering ſtrange fire, in the three next chapters. The third, of diſtinction betweene cleane and vnclane, with the maner of purifying certaine legal vnclanes, and other precepts moral and iudicial, from the 11. chap. to the 23. The fourth, of feaſts, times of reſt, and Iubilie with priuiledges, rewardes, and puniſhments, from the 23. chap. to the 27. The fifth, of vowes, and tithes, in the laſt chapter.

So ſoone as the Tabernacle was erected God declared the offices of the Leuites, written in this booke: wherof it is called Leuiticus.

The contents of this booke.

Diuided into five parts.