

THE ARGUMENT OF LEVITICVS.

Exod. vlt. VVhen the Tabernacle was erected, nere to *Mount Sinai*, the *first day of the fecond yeare*, after the children of Iſrael parted from *Ægypt*, and was ſo *replenifhed* with Gods *Maieftie*, 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 fil- 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 ſortes of *Sacrifices*: in the ſeuē 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 between 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 feaſtes, 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.