

Chapter 26

VWith new prohibition of Idolatrie, and commandment to kepe the Sabbath. 3. Rewardes are promifed to al that obferue Gods precepts. 14. And manie miferable punishments are threatned to al tranfgrefsors.

I the Lord your God: you ſhal not make to your felues an idol and ^a)thing grauen, neither ſhal you erect titles, nor fet a notorious ſtone in your land, for to adore it, for I am the Lord your God. ² Keepe my fabbathes, and dread my Sanctuarie. I the Lord. ³ If you walke in my preceptes, and keepe my commandementes, and doe them, I wil geue you raine in their ſeaſons, ⁴ and the earth ſhal bring forth her ſpring, and the trees ſhal be replenifhed with fruites. ⁵ The threshing of your harueſt ſhal reach vnto vintage, and the vintage ſhal reach vnto fowing time: and you ſhal eate your bread to your fil, and without feare ſhal you dwel in your land. ⁶ I wil geue peace in your coaſtes: you ſhal fleepe, and there ſhal be none to make you afraid. I wil take away euil beaſtes: and the ſword ſhal not paſſe through your quarters. ⁷ You ſhal purſue your enemies, and they ſhal fal before you. ⁸ Fiue of yours ſhal purſue an hundred ſtrangers, and an hundred of you tenne thouſand: your enemies ſhal fal by the ſeord in your fight. ⁹ I wil reſpect you, and make you encreaſe: you ſhal be multiplied, and I wil eſtabliſh my couenant with you. ¹⁰ You ſhal eate of the eldeſt of the old ſtore, and new coming vpon it you ſhal caſt forth the old. ¹¹ I wil fette my tabernacle in the middes of you, and my ſoule ſhal not caſt you of. ¹² I wil walke among you, and wil be your God, and you ſhal be my people. ¹³ I the Lord your God:

^a Heretikes holding their corrupt courſe, wil nedes haue an image of Chriſt, or Sainct, to be the grauen thing, which is forbidden in holie Scriptures: & therfore falſly tranſlate, *Pefel* a *grauen image* where in dede it ſignifieth an image, picture or purtrature of an idol, that is, a *grauen idol*. So here as in other places, it is forbid to make an idol, or fimilitude of anie idol.

that haue brought you out of the Land of the Egyptians, that you should not ferue them, and that haue broken the chaines of your neckes, that you might goe vpright. ¹⁴ But if you wil not heare me, nor doe al my commandements, ¹⁵ if you dispise my lawes, and contemne my iudgements that you do not those thinges which are appointed by me, and bring my couenant to nothing worth: ¹⁶ I also wil do these thinges to you: I shal quickly visite you with pouertie, and burning heat, which shal waite your eies, and confume your liues. You shal fowe your feede in vaine, which shal be deuoured of the enemies. ¹⁷ I wil fette my face against you, and you shal fall downe before your enemies, and shal be made subiect to them that hate you. You shal flee, when no man pursueth you. ¹⁸ But if you wil not obey me so neither, I wil increase your chastisements feuen fold for your finnes, ¹⁹ and wil breake the pride of your stubburnesse. And I wil make to you the heauen, from aboue as iron, and the earth as braffe. ²⁰ Your labour shal be spent in vaine, the earth shal not bring forth her spring, nor the trees yeld their fruites. ²¹ If you walke contrarie to me, and wil not heare me, I wil increase your plagues vntil feuen fold for your finnes: ²² and I wil send in vpon you the beastes of the field, which may confume you, and your cattaille, and may bring al thinges to a final number, and that your waies may be made desert. ²³ And if you wil neither so receiue discipline, but walke rather contrarie to me: ²⁴ I also wil goe opposite against you, and wil strike you feuen times for your finnes. ²⁵ And I wil bring in vpon you the sword a reuenger of my couenant. And when you shal flee into the cities, I wil send the pestilence in the midst of you, and you shal be deliuered in the handes of the enemies, ²⁶ after I shal haue broken the staffe of your bread: so that tenne women shal bake your breades in one oven, and shal render them by weight: and you shal eate, and shal not be filled. ²⁷ But if you wil neither by these meanes heare me, but walke against me: ²⁸ I also wil goe against you in contrarie furie, and wil chastice you with feuen plagues for your finnes,

²⁹ fo that you shal ^aeate the flesh of your fonnes and of
 your daughters. ³⁰ I wil deftroy your excelfes, and breake
 your idols. You shal fal among the ruines of your idols
 and my foule shal abhorre you, ³¹ in fo much that I wil
 bring your cities into a wilderneffe, and I wil make your
 Sanctuaries desert, neither wil I receiue any more the
 moft fweete odour. ³² And I wil diftroy your land, and
 your enemies shal be aptonied vpon it, when they shal
 be inhabitants therof. ³³ And you I wil difperfe into the
 Gentiles, and wil draw out the fword after you, and your
 land shal be desert, and your cities deftroied. ³⁴ Then
 shal the land take pleafure in her fabbathes al the daies
 of her defolation: when you shal be ³⁵ in the enemies
 land, she shal fabbatize, and reft in the fabbathes of her
 defolation, becaufe fhe did not reft in your fabbathes
 when you dwelt in it. ³⁶ And they that shal remaine
 of you, I wil put feare in their hartes in the countries
 of their enemies, the found of a flying leafe shal terrifie
 them, and they shal flie it as it were a fword: they shal
 fal, when no man purfueth, ³⁷ and they shal euerie one
 fal vpon their brethren, as flying from warres, none of
 you shal be fo hardie as to refift your enemies. ³⁸ You
 shal perish among the Gentiles, and the enemies land
 shal confume you. ³⁹ And if of them alfo fome remaine,
 they shal pine away in their iniquities, in the land of
 their enemies, and for the finnes of their fathers, and
 their owne they shal be afflicted: ⁴⁰ vntil they confeffe
 their owne and their auncestours iniquities, wherby they
 haue preuaricated againft me, and walked contrarie vnto
 me. ⁴¹ I alfo therefore wil walke againft them, and bring
 them into their enemies land, vntil their vncircumcised
 mind be ashamed: then shal they pray for their impi-
 eties. ⁴² And I wil remember my couenant, that I made

^a This extreme famine fel vpon fome of them in Samaria, *4. Reg. 6.*
 vpon others in Hierufalem, *4. Reg. 25.* moft fpecially whē they
 were befieged by Titus. *Iofephus li. 7. c. 6. de bella Iudaico.*

with ^{a)}Iacob, and Ifaac, and Abraham. Of the land also I will be mindful: ⁴³ which when it shall be left of them, shall take pleasure in her sabbathes, being desolate for them. But they shall pray for their fannies, for that they rejected my judgments, and despised my laws. ⁴⁴ Howbeit even when they were in the land of their enemies, ^{b)}I did not cast them off altogether, neither did I so despise them, that they should be consumed, and I should make my covenant with them frustrate. For I am the Lord their God, ⁴⁵ and I will remember mine old covenant, when I brought them out of the Land of Ægypt, in the sight of the Gentiles, for to be their God. I the Lord. These are the judgments, and precepts, and laws, which our Lord gave between him self and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moyses.

^a Iacob is first here named, because he had no other children but this people, for Ifaac was also father of the Idumeans, and Abrahā moreover of the Imaelites and Madianites, and because the great promises made to Abraham and Ifaac pertained only to the Israelites. *Theodoret. q. 36. in Levit.*

^b The church never wholly decayeth.