

Chapter 26

VWith new prohibition of Idolatrie, and commandment to kepe the Sabbath. 3. Rewardes are promised to al that obserue Gods precepts. 14. And manie miserable punishments are threatned to al transgressors.

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 ftone 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 feasons, ⁴ and the earth shal bring forth her fpring, and the trees fhall be replenished with fruites. ⁵ The threshing of your harueft 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 coaftes: you shal fleepe, and there shal be none to make you afraid. I wil take away euil beaftes: and the fword shal not paffe through your quarters. ⁷ You shal purfue your enemies, and they shal fal before you. ⁸ Fiue of yours shal purfue an hundred ftangers, and an hundred of you tenne thoufand: your enemies shal fal by the feord in your fight. ⁹ I wil respect you, and make you encrease: you shal be multiplied, and I wil eftablish my couenant with you. ¹⁰ You shal eate of the eldest of the old ftore, and new coming vpon it you shal caft forth the old. ¹¹ I wil fette my tabernacle in the middes of you, and my foule shal not caft 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: that haue

^a Heretikes holding their corrupt courfe, wil nedes haue an image of Chrif, or Sainct, to be the grauen thing, which is forbidden in holie Scriptures: & therefore fallfly tranflate, *Pefel* a *grauen image* where in dede it fignieth 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.

brought you out of the Land of the Ægyptians, 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 difpife my lawes, and contemne my iudgementes that you do not thofe thinges which are appointed by me, and bring my couenant to nothing worth: ¹⁶ I alfo wil do thefe thinges to you: I shal quickly vifite you with pouertie, and burning heat, which shal waift your eies, and confume your liues. You shal fowe your feede in vaine, which fhall be deuoured of the enemies. ¹⁷ I wil fette my face againft you, and you shal fal downe before your enemies, and shal be made fubiect to them that hate you. You shal flee, when no man purfueth you. ¹⁸ But if you wil not obey me fo neither, I wil increafe your chaftifementes feuen fould for your finnes, ¹⁹ and wil breake the pride of your ftubburneffe. And I wil make to you the heauen, from aboue as iron, and the earth as braffe. ²⁰ Your labour fhall be fpēt in vaine, the earth fhall not bring forth her fpring, nor the trees yeld their fruites. ²¹ If you walke contrarie to me, and wil not heare me, I wil increafe your plagues vntil feuen fould for your finnes: ²² and I wil fend in vpon you the beaftes of the field, which may confume you, and your cattaile, and may bring al thinges to a final number, and that your waies may be made defert. ²³ And if you wil neither fo receiue difcipline, but walke rather contrarie to me: ²⁴ I alfo wil goe oppofite againft you, and wil ftrike you feuen times for your finnes. ²⁵ And I wil bring in vpon you the fword a reuenger of my couenant. And when you fhall flee into the cities, I wil fend the peftilence in the middeft of you, and you shal be deliuered in the handes of the enemies, ²⁶ after I shal haue broken the ftaffe of your bread: fo that tenne wemen shal bake your breades in one ouen, and fhall render them by weight: and you shal eate, and shal not be filled. ²⁷ But if you wil neither by thefe meanes heare me, but walke againft me: ²⁸ I alfo wil goe againft you in contrarie furie, and wil chaftice you with feuen plagues for your finnes, ²⁹ fo

that you shal ^{a)}eate the flesh of your fonnes and of your daughters. ³⁰ I wil deftroy your excelfes, and breake your idols. You fhall fal among the ruines of your idols and my foule fhall abhorre you, ³¹ in fo much that I wil bring your cities into a wilderneffe, and I wil make your Sanctuaries defert, neither wil I receiue any more the moft fweete odour. ³² And I wil diftroy your land, and your enemies fhall be aftonied vpon it, when they fhall be inhabitants therof. ³³ And you I wil difperfe into the Gentiles, and wil draw out the fword after you, and your land fhall be defert, and your cities deftroied. ³⁴ Then fhall the land take pleafure in her fabbathes al the daies of her defolation: when you fhall be ³⁵ in the enemies land, she fhall 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 fhall remaine of you, I wil put feare in their hartes in the countries of their enemies, the found of a flying leafe fhall terrifie them, and they fhall flie it as it were a fword: they fhall fal, when no man purfueth, ³⁷ and they fhall euerie one fal vpon their brethren, as flying from warres, none of you fhall be fo hardie as to refift your enemies. ³⁸ You fhall perish among the Gentiles, and the enemies land fhall confume you. ³⁹ And if of them alfo fome remaine, they fhall pine away in their iniquities, in the land of their enemies, and for the finnes of their fathers, and their owne they fhall 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 afhamed: then fhall they pray for their impieties. ⁴² And I wil remember my couenant, that I made with

^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.*

a)Jacob, 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 sins, 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 himself and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

^a Jacob is first here named, because he had no other children but this people, for Isaac was also father of the Idumeans, and Abraham moreover of the Ishmaelites and Midianites, and because the great promises made to Abraham and Isaac pertained only to the Israelites.
Theodoret. q. 36. in Levit.

^b The church never wholly decayeth.