

Chapter 8

Seuen lampes are fo placed on the golden candlestucke, that they may shine towardes the breades of propofition. 5. The ordination of the Leuites. 24. And at what age they shal ferue in the tabernacle.

And our Lord spake to Moyfes, faying: ² Speake to Aaron, and thou shalt say to him: When thou shalt place the feuen lampes, let the candlesticke be sette vp in the fourth part ouer against the north, toward the table of the breades of propofition, ouer against that part toward which the candlesticke looketh, shal they shine. ³ And Aaron did so, and he put the lampes vpon the candlesticke, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ⁴ This was the making of the candlesticke, of beaten gold, as wel the middle shaft, as al thinges that arose out of both sides of the branches: according to the example which our Lord shewed to Moyfes, so wrought he the candlesticke. ⁵ And our Lord spake to Moyfes faying: ⁶ Take the Leuites out of the middes of the children of Ifrael, and thou shalt purifie them, ⁷ according to this rite: Let them be sprinkled with ^athe water of lustration, & haue al the haire of their flesh. And when they haue washed their garments, and are cleafed, ⁸ they shal take an oxe out of the herdes, and his libament flowre tempered with oyle: and an other oxe out of the heard thou shalt take for sinne: ⁹ and thou shalt bring the Leuites before the tabernacle of couenant, calling together al the multitude of the children of Ifrael. ¹⁰ And when the Leuites are before the Lord, the children of Ifrael shal put their handes vpon them, ¹¹ and Aaron shal offer the Leuites, a gift in the sight of the Lord from the children of Ifrael, that they may ferue in his minifterie. ¹² The Leuites also shal put their handes vpon the heades of the oxen, of the which thou shalt make one for sinne, and the other for

^a This water was mixed with ashes of a redde cow sacrificed without the campe. *chap. 19.*

holocauste of the Lord, to pray for them. ¹³ And thou shalt sette the Leuites in the fight of Aaron and of his sonnes, and being offered shalt consecrate them to the Lord, ¹⁴ and shalt separate them from the middes of the children of Israel, to be mine. ¹⁵ And afterward they shall enter into the tabernacle of couenant, to serue me. And thou shalt so purifie and consecrate them for an oblation of the Lord: because they were geuen me for a gift of the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For the first borne that open euery matrice in Israel, I haue taken them. ¹⁷ For mine are al the first borne of the children of Israel, as wel of men as of beastes. From the day that I smote euery first borne in the Land of Ægypt, haue I sanctified them to me: ¹⁸ and I haue taken the Leuites for al the first borne of the children of Israel: ¹⁹ and haue deliuered them for a gift to Aaron and his sonnes out of the middes of the people, to serue me for Israel in the tabernacle of couenant, and to pray for them that there be no plague among the people, if they should presume to approach vnto my Sanctuarie. ²⁰ And Moyse and Aaron and al the multitude of the children of Israel did concerning the Leuites the thinges that our Lord had commanded Moyse: ²¹ and they were purified, and washed their garmentes. And Aaron ^aeleuated them in the fight of our Lord, and prayed for them, ²² that being purified they might enter to their offices into the tabernacle of couenant before Aaron & his sonnes. Euen as our Lord had commanded Moyse touching the Leuites, so was it done. ²³ And our Lord spake to Moyse, saying: ²⁴ This is the law of the Leuites: From twentie five yeares and vpward, they shall enter in to minister in the tabernacle of couenant. ²⁵ And when they shall haue accomplished the fiftith yeare of their age, they shall cease to serue: ²⁶ and shall be the ministers of their brethren in the tabernacle of couenant, to keepe the thinges that are commended to them, but not to do the verie workes. Thus shalt thou dispose to the Leuites in their custodies.

^a Aaron hauing receiued the Leuites, presented them to God, and so addicted them to their designed offices.