

## Chapter 14

*The mutinous murmuring people being vnplacable, 11. God expoſtulateth their ingratitude, threatneth to deſtroy them. 13. Yet Moyſes paciſieth his wrath, 22. but ſo that al which were numbered coming from Ægypt, except Caleb and Iofue, ſhal die in the wildernes, 31. and their children ſhal poſſeſſe the promiſed land. 40. Then fighting contrarie to Moyſes admonition are beaten, and manie flaine by their enimies.*

**T**herfore al the multitude crying out wept that night, <sup>2</sup> and al the children of Iſrael murmured againſt Moyſes and Aaron, ſaying: <sup>3</sup> Would God we had died in Ægypt: and <sup>a</sup>)in this vaſte wilderneſſe would God we might die, and that our Lord would not bring vs into this Land, left we ſal by the ſword, and our wiues and children be ledde captiue. Is it not better to returne into Ægypt? <sup>4</sup> And one ſaid to an other: <sup>b</sup>)Let vs appoint a captaine, and let vs returne into Ægypt. <sup>5</sup> Which Moyſes and Aaron hearing fel flatte vpon the ground before al the multitude of the children of Iſrael. <sup>6</sup> But Iofue the ſonne of Nun, and Caleb the ſonne of Iephone, who them ſelues alſo had viewed the land, rent their garmentes, <sup>7</sup> and ſpake to al the multitude of the children of Iſrael: The Land, which we haue circuted, is very good. <sup>8</sup> If our Lord be propitious, he ſhal bring vs into it, and deliuer vs a ground flowing with milke and honie. <sup>9</sup> Be not rebellious againſt our Lord: neither feare ye the people of this land, for euen as bread ſo we may deuoure them. Al aide is gone from them: our Lord is with vs, feare ye not. <sup>10</sup> And when al the multitude cried, and would haue ſtoned them, the glorie of our Lord appeared ouer the rooſe of couenant in

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<sup>a</sup> Theſe murmurers had their wiſh, to their owne puniſhmēt. *chap. 14. v. 29. 26. v. 64.*

<sup>b</sup> It is ſo abſolutly neceſſarie in euerie communitie to haue one Superior of al, that verie mutiners themſelues do euer chooſe ſuch a one, & cal him, the *Electo*.

the fight of al the children of Ifrael. <sup>11</sup> And our Lord faid to Moyfes: How long wil this people detract me? How long wil they not beleue me in al the fignes, that I haue done before them? <sup>12</sup> I wil ftrike them therefore with peftilence, and wil confume them: but thee I wil make prince ouer a great nation, and a ftronger then this is. <sup>13</sup> And Moyfes faid to our Lord: That the Ægyptians, from the middes of whom thou haft brought forth this people, <sup>14</sup> and the inhabitantes of this Land, which haue heard that thou Lord art among this people, and art fene face to face, and thy cloude protecteth them, and in a piller of a cloude thou goeft before them by day, and in a piller of fire by night, <sup>15</sup> may heare that thou haft killed fo great a multitude as it were one man, and may fay: <sup>16</sup> He could not bring in the people into the Land, for which he had fworne: therefore did he kil them in the wilderneffe. <sup>17</sup> Let therefore the ftrength of our Lord be magnified as thou haft fworne, faying: <sup>18</sup> The Lord is patient and ful of mercie, taking away iniquitie and wicked deedes, & leauing no man innocent, which vifiteft the finnes of the fathers vpon the children vnto the third and fourth generation. <sup>19</sup> Forgeue, I befech thee, the finne of this thy people, according to the greatnes of thy mercie, as thou haft bene propitious to them fince their going out of Ægypt vnto this place. <sup>20</sup> And our Lord faid: I haue forgeuen it according to thy word. <sup>21</sup> Liue I: and the whole earth fhall be replenished with the glorie of the Lord. <sup>22</sup> <sup>a)</sup> But yet al the men that haue fene my maieftie, and the fignes that I haue done in Ægypt, and in the wilderneffe, and haue tempted me now ten times, neither haue obeied my voice, <sup>23</sup> they fhall not fee the Land for the which I fwore to their fathers, neither fhall any of them that hath detracted me, behold it. <sup>24</sup> My feruant Caleb, who <sup>b)</sup> being ful of an other fpirit hath folowed me, wil I bring in vnto this

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<sup>a</sup> After the finne is forgeuen, yet punifhment remaineth to be inflicted.

<sup>b</sup> Although grace be firft geuē without defert: yet good workes done by grace do merite reward. *S. Aug. de Grat. & lib. arb. c. 6.*

Land which he hath circuted: and his feede shal poffeffe it. <sup>25</sup> Because the Amalecite and the Cananeite dwel in the valleis. To morrow remoue the campe, and returne into the wilderneffe by the way of the Redde fea. <sup>26</sup> And our Lord fpake to Moyfes and Aaron, faying: <sup>27</sup> How long doth this vngratious multitude murmur againft me? I haue heard the complaintes of the children of Ifrael. <sup>28</sup> Say therefore to them: Liue I, fayeth our Lord: According as you haue fpoken I hearing it, fo wil I do to you. <sup>29</sup> In this wilderneffe shal your carcasses lie. Al you that are numbered from twentie yeares & vpward, and haue murmured againft me, <sup>30</sup> you shal not enter into the Land, ouer the which I haue lifted my hand to make you inhabite it, except Caleb the fonne of Iephone, and Iofue the fonne of Nun. <sup>31</sup> But your litle ones, of whom you faid, that they should be a pray to the enemies, wil I bring in: that they may see the Land, that hath mifliked you. <sup>32</sup> Your carcasses shal lie in the wilderneffe. <sup>33</sup> Your children shal wander in the defert fourtie yeares, and <sup>a</sup>shal beare your fornication, vntil the carcasses of their fathers be confumed in the defert, <sup>34</sup> according to the number of the fourtie daies, wherin you viewed the Land: a yeare shal be reputed for a day. And fourtie yeares you shal receiue your iniquities, and shal know my reuenge: <sup>35</sup> for as I haue fpoken, fo wil I doe to al this wicked multitude, that hath rifen together againft me: in this wilderneffe shal it faile, and die. <sup>36</sup> Therefore al the men, whom Moyfes had sent to view the Land, and which returning had made al the multitude to murmur againft him, detracting from the Land that it was naught, <sup>37</sup> died and were ftroken in the fight of our Lord. <sup>38</sup> But Iofue the fonne of Nun, and Caleb the fonne of Iephone liued of al them, that had gone to view the Land. <sup>39</sup> And Moyfes fpake al thefe wordes to al the children of Ifrael, and the people mourned exceedingly. <sup>40</sup> And behold very early in the morning rifing they went vp to the toppe of the mountaine, and faid:

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<sup>a</sup> Temporal punifhment laid vpon the children for their fathers finnes, is for their owne fpiritual good. *S. Aug. Epift. 75. ad Auitum.*

We are readie to goe vp to the place, wherof our Lord hath spoken: for we haue finned. <sup>41</sup> To whom Moyfes said: Why tranfgresse you the word of our Lord, which shal not fuceede prosperoufly with you? <sup>42</sup> Goe not vp, for our Lord is not with you: lest you fall before your enemies. <sup>43</sup> The Amelecite and the Chananeite are before you, by whose sword you shall fall, for that you would not consent to our Lord, neither will our Lord be with you. <sup>44</sup> But they being blinded went vp to the toppe of the mountaine. But the arke of the testament of our Lord & Moyfes departed not from the campe. <sup>45</sup> And the Amalecite came downe and the Cananeite, that dwelt in the mountaine: and striking and hewing them, pursued them as farre as Horma.