

## Chapter 18

*The charge and burden of Priestes within the tabernacle, and of Leuites about the fame. 8. Firft fruites, and oblations are due to the Priestes; 21. the tithes to the Leuites; 26. who of the fame pay tithes to the Priestes.*

**A**nd our Lord said to Aaron: Thou, and thy sonnes, and the house of thy father with thee shall beare the iniquitie of the Sanctuarie: both thou & thy sonnes together shall beare the finnes of your priesthood. <sup>2</sup> But thy brethren also of the tribe of Leui, and the scepter of thy father take with thee, and let them be readie at hand, and minister to thee: but thou and thy sonnes shall minister in the tabernacle of testimony. <sup>3</sup> And the Leuites shall watch vpon thy preceptes, and vpon all the workes of the tabernacle: so not withstanding, that they approach not to the vessels of the Sanctuarie and to the altar, lest both they die, and you perish withal. <sup>4</sup> But let them be with thee, and watch in the custodies of the tabernacle, and in all the ceremonies thereof. A stranger shall not ioyne with you. <sup>5</sup> Watch in the custodie of the Sanctuarie, and in the ministerie of the altar: lest indignation rise vpon the children of Israel. <sup>6</sup> I haue geuen you your brethren the Leuites out of the middes of the children of Israel, and haue deliuered them a gifte to the Lord, to serue in the ministeries of his tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> And thou and thy sonnes looke to your priesthood: and all things that pertaine to the seruice of the altar, and that are within the veile, shall be executed by the priestes. If any stranger approach, <sup>a</sup>he shall be flaine. <sup>8</sup> And our Lord spake to Aaron: Behold I haue geuen thee the custodie of my first fruites. All things that are sanctified of the children of Israel, haue I deliuered to thee and to thy sonnes for the priestlie office, as euerlasting ordinances. <sup>9</sup> These things therefore shalt thou take of those, that are sanctified, and are offered to

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<sup>a</sup> Oza was flaine for touching the arck. 2. Reg. 6.

the Lord. Al oblation, and sacrifice, and whatsoever is rendered to me for sinne and offence, & becometh Holy of holies, shall be thine, and thy sonnes. <sup>10</sup> In the Sanctuarie shalt thou eat it: males onlie shall eat thereof, because it is to thee a consecrated thing. <sup>11</sup> But the first fruites, which the children of Israel shall vow and offer, I haue geuen thee, and thy sonnes, and thy daughters for a perpetual right: he that is cleane in thy house, shall eat them. <sup>12</sup> Al the best of oyle, and wine, and corne, whatsoever first fruites they offer to the Lord, I haue geuen them to thee. <sup>13</sup> Of fruites al the first, that the ground bringeth forth, and are brought to the Lord, shall turne to thy uses: he that is cleane in thy house, shall eat them. <sup>14</sup> Euerie thing that the children of Israel render by vow, shall be thine. <sup>15</sup> Whatsoever first breaketh forth from the matrice of al flesh, which they offer to the Lord, whether it be of men, or of beasts, shall be thy right: yet so, that for the first borne of man thou take a price, and euerie beast that is vncleane thou cause to be redeemed, <sup>16</sup> whose redemption shall be after one moneth, for five sicles of siluer, by the weight of the Sanctuarie. A sicle hath twentie oboles. <sup>17</sup> But the first borne of beefe and sheepe and goate thou shalt not cause to be redeemed, because they are sanctified to the Lord. Onlie the blood of them thou shalt powre vpon the altar, and the fatte thou shalt burne for a most sweete odour to the Lord. <sup>18</sup> But the flesh shall turne to thy use, as the consecrated breast, and the right shoulder, shall be thine. <sup>19</sup> Al the first fruites of the Sanctuarie which the children of Israel offer to the Lord, haue I geuen thee and thy sonnes, and daughters for a perpetual right. <sup>a</sup>) A covenant of salt is it for euer before the Lord, to thee and to thy sonnes. <sup>20</sup> And our Lord said to Aaron: In their land you shall possess nothing, neither shall you haue a portion among them: I am thy portion and inheritance in the middes of the children of Israel. <sup>21</sup> And to the sonnes of Leui I haue geuen al the tithes

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<sup>a</sup> This covenant of first fruites and other rights geuen to the Priests shall be perpetual, as salt is in euerie sacrifice. *Leuit. 2.*

of Ifrael in poffeffion for the minifterie wherwith they ferue me in the tabernacle of couenant: <sup>22</sup> that the children of Ifrael approach not any more to the tabernacle, nor committe <sup>a</sup>)deadlie finne, <sup>23</sup> onlie the fonnes of Leui feruing me in the tabernacle, and bearing the finnes of the people. It shal be an euerlafting ordinance in your generations. No other thing shal they poffeffe, <sup>24</sup> being content with the oblation of tithes, which I haue feparated for their vfes and neceffaries. <sup>25</sup> And our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: <sup>26</sup> Command the Leuites, and denounce vnto them: When you fhall receiue of the children of Ifrael the tithes, which I haue geuen you, offer firft fruites of them to the Lord, that is to fay, the tenth part of the tenth: <sup>27</sup> that it may be reputed to you for an oblation of firft fruites, as wel of the barne floores as of the preffes, <sup>28</sup> and of al thinges wherof you receiue tithes, the firft fruites offer to the Lord, and geue them to Aaron the priest. <sup>29</sup> Al thinges that you fhall offer of the tithes, and fhall feparate for the giftes of the Lord, they shal be of the beft and chofen thinges. <sup>30</sup> And thou fhalt fay to them: If you offer al the goodlie and the better thinges of the tithes, it fhall be reputed to you as if you had geuen firft fruites of the barne floore and the preffe: <sup>31</sup> and you shal eate them in al your places, as wel you as your families: becaufe it is the reward for the minifterie, wherwith you ferue in the tabernacle of teftimonie. <sup>32</sup> And you shal not finne in this point, referuing the principal and fatte thinges to your felues left you pollute the oblations of the children of Ifrael, and die.

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<sup>a</sup> Punifhable with death.