

Chapter 21

Ifraelites at the first encounter with the Chananeites hauing the worfe, after their vow kil the King of Arad, and defstroy his cities. 4. The people againe murmuring are ftricken with firie ferpents, 7. but confefing their fault, Moyfes by Gods commandment fetteth vp a brafen ferpent for a remedie. 10. They march through diuers places: 17. and fing a Canticle at a wel which God gaue them. 21. They kil Sebon King of the Amorreites, and conquer his land. 33. Likwife Og King of Bafan.

Vhich when the Chananeite king of Arad, who dwelt toward the fouth, had heard, to wit, that Ifrael was come by the way of the fpies, he fought againft them, and being victour, he tooke the pray of them. ² But, Ifrael binding himself, by vow to our Lord, faid: If thou wilt deliuer this people into my hand, I wil defstroy their cities. ³ And our Lord heard the prayers of Ifrael, and deliuered the Chananeite, whom they flew ouerthrowing their cities: and they called the name of that place Horma, that is to fay, Anathema. ⁴ And they marched alfo from the mountaine Hor, by the way that leadeth to the Redde fea, that they might compaffe the land of Edom. And the people began to be wearie of the iourney and labour: ⁵ and fpeaking againft God and Moyfes, they faid: Why didft thou bring vs out of Ægypt, to die in the wilderneffe? There wanteth bread, waters there are none: our foule now lotheth at this moft light meate. ⁶ Wherfore our Lord fent vpon the people firie ferpentes, at whose plagues and the deathes of verie manie, ⁷ they came to Moyfes, and faid: We haue finned, becaufe we haue fpoken againft our Lord and thee: Pray that he take from vs the ferpentes. And Moyfes prayed for the people, ⁸ and our Lord fpake to him: ^a) Make a brafen ferpent, and fette it for a figne: he that being ftriken looketh on it, fhall liue.

^a God forbidding images of idols, yet commandeth to make an image for a good purpofe.

⁹ Moyfes therefore made ^{a)}A BRASEN SERPENT, and fet it for a figne: whom when they that were ftriken, looked on, they were healed. ¹⁰ And the children of Ifrael marching camped in Oboth. ¹¹ Whence departing they pitched their tentes in Ieabarim, in the wilderneffe, that looketh toward Moab againft the eaft part. ¹² And remouing from thence, they came to the Torrent Zared. ¹³ Which they forfaking camped againft Arnon, which is in the defert, & ftandeth out in the borders of the Amorrheite. For Arnon is the border of Moab, diuiding the Moabites & the Amorrheites. ¹⁴ Wherof it is faid in the booke of the warres of our Lord: ^{b)}As he did in the Redde fea, fo wil he doe in the ftreames of Arnon. ¹⁵ The rockes of the torrentes were bowed, that they might reft in Ar, and lie in the borders of the Moabites. ¹⁶ From that place appeared the wel, wherof our Lord fpake to Moyfes: Gather the people together, and I wil geue them water. ¹⁷ Then Ifrael fang this verfe: Arife the wel. The fang therto: ¹⁸ The wel, which the princes digged, and the captaines of the multitude prepared in the lawgeuer, and in their ftaues. And they marched from the wilderneffe to Mathana. ¹⁹ From Mathana vnto Nahaliel: from Nahaliel vnto Bamoth. ²⁰ From Bamoth is a valley in the countrie of Moab, in the toppe of Phafga, which looketh toward the defert. ²¹ And Ifrael fent meffengers to Sehon King of the Amorrheites, faying: ²² I befech thee that I may haue licence to paffe through thy land: we wil not goe afide into the fieldes and the vineyardes, we wil not drinke waters of the welles, we wil goe the kinges high way, til we be pafte thy borders. ²³ Who would not grant that Ifrael fhould paffe by his borders: but rather gathering an armie, went forth to meete them in the defert, and came vnto Iafa, and fought againft them. ²⁴ Of whom he was ftrooken in the edge of the fword, and his land

^a Chrift expoundeth this erecting of the brafen ferpent, of him felf to be crucified. *Ioan. 3.*

^b As the Ægyptians were drowned in the fea; fo the Amorrheites were oppreffed by the rockes falling vpon them, & the waters caried their carcafes into the valley of Moab.

was possessed from Arnon vnto Ieboc, and to the children of Ammon: for the borders of the Ammonites were kept with a strong garrison. ²⁵ Ifrael therefore tooke al his cities, and dwelt in the cities of the Amorrhite, to wit, in Hefebon, and the villages therof. ²⁶ The citie Hefebon was Sehon the king of the Amorrhite, who fought against the king of Moab: and tooke al the land, that had bene of his dominion, as farre as Arnon. ²⁷ Therefore it is said in the prouerbe: Come into Hefebon, let the citie of Sehon be built and erected: ²⁸ A fire went forth from Hefebon, a flame from the towne of Sehon, and deuoured Ar of the Moabites, and the inhabitantes of the high places of Arnon. ²⁹ Wo to thee Moab, thou art vndone people of Chamos. He hath geuen his sonnes into flight, and his daughters into captiuitie to Sehon the King of the Amorrhites. ³⁰ Their yoke is perished from Hefebon vnto Dibon, they came wearie into Nophe, and vnto Medaba. ³¹ Ifrael therefore dwelt in the Land of the Amorrhite. ³² And Moyfes sent some to take a view of Iazer: Whose villages they tooke, and possessed the inhabitantes. ³³ And they turned them felues, and went vp by the way of Bafan, and Og the King of Bafan came against them with al his people, to fight in Edrai. ³⁴ And our Lord said to Moyfes: Feare him not, for into thy hand I haue deliuered him, and al his people, and land: and thou shalt doe to him as thou didst to Sehon the King of the Amorrhites, the inhabiter of Hefebon. ³⁵ They therefore smote him also with his sonnes, and al his people vnto vtter destruction, and they possessed his land.