

Chapter 27

Salphaads daughters succede to their fathers inheritance. 8. And the law is established that for lack of sonnes daughters shal inherite, and for lack also of daughters the next of kinne. 12. God commandeth Moyfes to ascend into Mount Abarim, and thence view the promised Land, but fortelleth him that he shal die, and not goe into it. 15. He then prayeth God to provide an other to lead the people, 18. and Iofue is designed in presence of Eleazar and the people.

And there came the daughters of Salphaad, the sonne of Hopher, the sonne of Galaad, the sonne of Machir, the sonne of Manasses, who was the sonne of Ioseph: whose names are, Malaa, and Noa, and Hegla, and Melcha, and Therfa. ² And they stood before Moyfes and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the people at the doore of the tabernacle of covenant, and said: ³ Our father died in the desert, neither was he in the sedition, that was raised against our Lord vnder Core, but he died in ^ahis owne sinne: he had no men children. Why is his name taken away out of his familie, because he hath not a sonne? Geue vs possession among the kinne of our father. ⁴ And Moyfes referred their cause to the iudgement of our Lord. ⁵ Who said to him: ⁶ The daughters of Salphaad require a iust thing: geue them possession among their fathers kinne, and let them succede him in the inheritance. ⁷ And to the children of Israel thou shalt speake these things: ⁸ When a man dieth without a sonne, his inheritance shall passe to his daughter. ⁹ If he haue no daughter, he shall haue his brethren his successours. ¹⁰ And if he haue no brethren neither, you shall geue the inheritance to his fathers brethren. ¹¹ But if he haue no such vncles by the father neither, the inheritance shall be geuen to them that are the next of kinne: and this shall be to the

^a For the general murmuring, wherof all the people were guiltie. *cha. 14. v. 29.*

children of Ifrael a holie ordinance by a perpetual law, as the Lord hath commanded Moyfes. ¹² Our Lord also faid to Moyfes: Goe vp into this mountaine Abarim, and view from thence the Land which I wil geue to the children of Ifrael: ¹³ and when thou fhalt haue feene it, thou also fhalt goe to thy people, as thy brother Aaron is gone: ¹⁴ becaufe you did offend me in the defert Sin in the contradiction of the multitude, neither would you fanctifie me before them vpon the waters. Thefe are the waters of contradiction in Cades of the defert Sin. ¹⁵ To whom Moyfes answered: ¹⁶ Our Lord the God of the fpirites of al flesh prouide a man, that may be ouer this multitude: ¹⁷ and may goe out and enter in before them, and bring them out, or bring them in: left the people of our Lord be as fheepe without a ^a)paftor. ¹⁸ And our Lord faid to him: Take Iofue the fonne of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and put thy hand vpon him. ¹⁹ Who fhall ftand before Eleazar the priefte and al the multitude: ²⁰ and thou fhalt geue him preceptes in the fight of al, and part of thy glorie, that al the fynagogue of the children of Ifrael may heare him. ²¹ For him, if anie thing be to be done, Eleazar the priefte fhall confult the Lord. At his word fhall he goe out and fhall goe in, and al the children of Ifrael with him, and the reft of the multitude. ²² Moyfes did as our Lord had commanded. And when he had taken Iofue, he fette him before Eleazar the priefte, and al the affembly of the people. ²³ And imponing his handes on his head, he repeted al thinges that our Lord had commanded.

^a Temporal Princes are alfo paftors, or fhepheards of the people: but this made not Iofue fupreme in fpiritual caufes. For it is clere in the next lines that he had but *part of Moyfes his glorie*, or office: and that was to be temporal prince, Eleazar being chief in caufes fpiritual, *before vvhom and the multitude* he was ordained Duke, but *Eleazar confulted God for him, and directed* his principal actions, called here *his going out, and going in*.