

Chapter 31

The Madianites are flaine in battle, for that they had drawen the people of Ifrael to finne. 11. The praye is brought to Moyfes, 14. vvho being angrie that the wemen (which were the occafion of finne) are faued al- iue, commandeth to kil al the male children, and al the wemen fauing only virgins. 19. The fouldiars are puri- fied, as alfo the praye, 26. and then diuided among the victours, and other people, taking out portions for the Leuites. 48. The princes of the hofte geue free offerings to our Lord.

And our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: ² Reuenge firft the children of Ifrael on the Madianites, and fo thou fhalt be gathered to thy people. ³ And Moyfes forthwith faid: Arme of you men to fight, which may take the reuenge of our Lord on the Madianites. ⁴ Let a thoufand men of euerie tribe be chofen of Ifrael to be fent to the warre. ⁵ And they gaue a thoufand of euerie tribe, that is to fay, twelue thoufand wel appointed to fight: ⁶ whom Moyfes fent with Phinees the fonne of Eleazar the priefte, and the holie veffel, and the trumpettes to found he deliuered to him. ⁷ And when they had fought againft the Madianites and had ouer- come, al the men they flew, ⁸ and their kinges Eui, and Recem, and Sur, and Hur, and Rebe, fue princes of the Nation: ^aBalaam alfo the fonne of Beor they killed with the fword. ⁹ And they tooke their wiues, and litle ones, and al their goodes: whatfoeuer they had bene able to make, they fpoiled: ¹⁰ as wel cities as townes and caftels the fire did confume. ¹¹ And they tooke the praye, and al thinges that they had taken as wel of men as of beaftes, ¹² and they brought them to Moyfes, and Eleazar the priefte, and to al the multitude of the children of Ifrael, but the reft of the implementes they caried to the campe in the champion countries of Moab, befide Iordan againft

^a VVith whō he finned, with them he was alfo iuftly punished.

Iericho. ¹³ And Moyfes and Eleazar the prieft went forth, and al the princes of the fynagogue to meete them without the campe. ¹⁴ And Moyfes being angrie with the princes of the hofte, the tribunes, and the centurions that were come from the battle, ¹⁵ faid: Why haue you referued the wemen? ¹⁶ Are not thefe they, that deceiued the children of Ifrael at the fuggeftion of Balaam, and made you preuaricate againft our Lord vpon ^a)the finne of Phogor, whereupon alfo the people was ftroken? ¹⁷ Therefore kil al whatfoeuer is of the male fexe, among ^b)the litle ones alfo: and the wemen, that haue knowen men in carnal copulation, flea ye: ¹⁸ but the gyrles and al the wemen that are virgins referue to you: ¹⁹ and tarry without the campe feuen dayes. He that hath killed a man, or touched him that is killed, fhall be expiated the third day and the feuenth. ²⁰ And of al the praye, whether it be garment, or veffel, or fome thing prepared for implementes, of goates skinnes, and haire, and wood fhall be expiated. ²¹ Eleazar alfo the prieft fpake to the hofte, that had fought, in this maner: This is the precept of the law, which our Lord hath commanded Moyfes: ²² Gold, and filuer, and braffe, and yron, and leade, and tinne, ²³ and al that may paffe through the fyre, fhall be purged by fyre, but whatfoeuer can not abide the fire, fhall be fanctified with the water of expiation: ²⁴ and you fhall wash your garmentes the feuenth day, and being purified, afterward you fhall enter into the campe. ²⁵ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: ²⁶ Take the fumme of thofe thinges, that were taken from man vnto beaft, thou and Eleazar the prieft and the princes of the multitude: ²⁷ and thou fhalt diuide the praye equally betwene them, that fought & went forth to the warre, and betwene the

^a Thefe wemen bringing images of Beelphogor, caufed the Ifraelites to offer facrifice to him, before they fhould committe fornication with them.

^b In more deteftation of the parents finne, God cōmanded to kil thefe children & fo they were preuented, from committing the like crimes. But ordinarily, wemen & children ought not to be flaine after the victorie. *Deut. 20. v. 14.*

rest of the multitude: ²⁸ and thou shalt separate a portion to the Lord from them, that fought and were in the battle, one foule of five hundred as wel of mankind as of oxen and asses and sheepe, ²⁹ and thou shalt geue it to Eleazar the priest, because they are the first fruites of the Lord. ³⁰ Out of the halfe part also of the children of Israel thou shalt take the fiftith head of mankind, and of oxen, and asses, and sheepe, and of al beastes, and thou shalt geue them to the Leuites, that watch in the custodies of the tabernacle of the Lord. ³¹ And Moyse and Eleazar did, as our Lord had commanded. ³² And the praye which the hoste had taken, was of sheepe six hundred feuentie five thousand, ³³ of oxen feuentie two thousand, ³⁴ of asses sixtie one thousand. ³⁵ The foules of the folkes of the female sexe, that had not knowne men, thirtie two thousand. ³⁶ And the halfe part was geuen to them, that had bene in the battle, of sheepe three hundred thirtie feuen thousand five hundred: ³⁷ of the which for the portion of our Lord were reckened sheepe six hundred feuentie five. ³⁸ And of the thirtie six thousand oxen, oxen feuentie and two: ³⁹ of the thirtie six thousand oxen, oxen feuentie and two: ⁴⁰ of the thirtie thousand five hundred asses, asses sixtie one: ⁴¹ of the foules of mankind sixtene thousand, there fel to the portion of our Lord thirtie two foules. ⁴² And Moyse deliuered the number of the first fruites of our Lord to Eleazar the priest, as it had bene commanded him, ⁴³ of the halfe part of the children of Israel, which he had separated to them, that had bene in the battle. ⁴⁴ But of the halfe part that had chanced to the rest of the multitude, that is to say, of the three hundred thirtie feuen thousand four hundred sheepe, ⁴⁵ and of the thirtie six thousand oxen, ⁴⁶ and of the thirtie thousand five hundred asses, ⁴⁷ and of the sixtene thousand of mankind, ⁴⁸ Moyse tooke the fiftith head, and gaue it to the Leuites, that watched in the tabernacle of our Lord, as our Lord had commanded. ⁴⁹ And when the princes of the hoste were come to Moyse, and the tribunes, and centurions, they said: ⁵⁰ We thy seruantes haue reckened the number of the warryers, which we had vnder our hand: and not so

much as one verily was lacking. ⁵¹ For this caufe we offer in the donaries of our Lord euerie one that which we could finde in the praye of gold, garters, and tablettes, ringes and braceletes, and cheynes, that thou maieft pray to our Lord for vs. ⁵² And Moyfes and Eleazar the priefte receiued al the gold in diuerfe formes, ⁵³ in weight fixtene thoufand feuen hundred fiftie ficles of the tribunes and of the centurions. ⁵⁴ For that which euerie one had fpoiled in the praye, was his owne. ⁵⁵ And that which was receiued they brought into the tabernacle of teftimonie, for a monument of the children of Ifrael before our Lord.