

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 peo- ple. 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 prieft, and the holie veffel, and the trumpettes to found he deliuered to him. ⁷ And when they had fought againft the Madian- ites and had ouercome, al the men they flew, ⁸ and their kinges Eui, and Recem, and Sur, and Hur, and Rebe, fue princes of the Nation: ^a)Balaam 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 prieft, 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

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

Moab, beside Iordan againſt Iericho. ¹³ And Moyſes and Eleazar the prieſt went forth, and al the princes of the ſynagogue to meete them without the campe. ¹⁴ And Moyſes being angrie with the princes of the hoſte, the tribunes, and the centurions that were come from the battle, ¹⁵ ſaid: Why haue you referued the wemen? ¹⁶ Are not theſe they, that deceiued the children of Iſrael at the ſuggeſtion of Balaam, and made you preuaricate againſt our Lord vpon ^a)the finne of Phogor, whereupon alſo the people was ſtroken? ¹⁷ Therfore kil al whatſoeuer is of the male ſexe, among ^b)the litle ones alſo: 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 ſeuē dayes. He that hath killed a man, or touched him that is killed, ſhal be expiated the third day and the ſeuēth. ²⁰ And of al the praye, whether it be garment, or veſſel, or ſome thing prepared for implementes, of goates ſkinnes, and haire, and wood ſhal be expiated. ²¹ Eleazar alſo the prieſt ſpake to the hoſte, that had fought, in this maner: This is the precept of the law, which our Lord hath commanded Moyſes: ²² Gold, and ſiluer, and braſſe, and yron, and leade, and tinne, ²³ and al that may paſſe through the fyre, ſhal be purged by fyre, but whatſoeuer can not abide the fire, ſhal be ſanctified with the water of expiation: ²⁴ and you ſhal waſh your garmentes the ſeuēth day, and being purified, afterward you ſhal enter into the campe. ²⁵ And our Lord ſaid to Moyſes: ²⁶ Take the ſumme of thoſe thinges, that were taken from man vnto beaſt, thou and Eleazar the prieſt and the princes of the multitude: ²⁷ and thou ſhalt diuide the praye equally betwene them, that fought & went forth to the warre, and between the reſt of the

^a Theſe wemen bringing images of Beelpogor, cauſed the Iſraelites to offer ſacrifice to him, before they ſhould committe fornication with them.

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

multitude: ²⁸ and thou shalt separte a portion to the Lord from them, that fought and were in the battle, one foule of fife hundred as wel of mankind as of oxen and affes and sheepe, ²⁹ and thou shalt geue it to Eleazar the priest, becaufe they are the first fruites of the Lord. ³⁰ Out of the halfe part also of the children of Ifrael thou shalt take the fiftith head of mankind, and of oxen, and affes, and sheepe, and of al beaftes, and thou shalt geue them to the Leuites, that watch in the custodies of the tabernacle of the Lord. ³¹ And Moyfes and Eleazar did, as our Lord had commanded. ³² And the praye which the hofte had taken, was of sheepe fix hundred feuentie fife thoufand, ³³ of oxen feuentie two thoufand, ³⁴ of affes fixtie one thoufand. ³⁵ The foules of the folkes of the female fexe, that had not knowne men, thirtie two thoufand. ³⁶ And the halfe part was geuen to them, that had bene in the battle, of sheepe three hundred thirtie feuen thoufand fife hundred: ³⁷ of the which for the portion of our Lord were reckened sheepe fix hundred feuentie fife. ³⁸ And of the thirtie fix thoufand oxen, oxen feuentie and two: ³⁹ of the thirtie fix thoufand oxen, oxen feuentie and two: ⁴⁰ of the thirtie thoufand fife hundred affes, affes fixtie one: ⁴¹ of the foules of mankind fixtene thoufand, there fel to the portion of our Lord thirtie two foules. ⁴² And Moyfes 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 Ifrael, which he had separted 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 thoufand four hundred sheepe, ⁴⁵ and of the thirtie fix thoufand oxen, ⁴⁶ and of the thirtie thoufand fife hundred affes, ⁴⁷ and of the fixtene thoufand of mankind, ⁴⁸ Moyfes 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 hofte were come to Moyfes, 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 priest 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.