

Chapter 32

The children of Ruben and Gad, demanding to haue inheritance on that fide Iordan, where they yet are, 7. Moyfes iuftly rebuketh them; 16. yet vpon condition that they wil march firft ouer Iordan, and remaine the firft in battle, til the land be fubdued to the children of Ifrael, 28. he granteth to them, and the halfe tribe of Manafses, that which they request.

And the children of Ruben and Gad had much cattel, and they had in beaftes an infinite fubftance. And when they had feene Iazer and Galaad fitte countries for to feede cattel, ² they came to Moyfes and Eleazar the prieft, and the princes of the multitude, and faid: ³ Ataroth, and Dibon, and Iazer, and Nemra, Hefebon, and Eleale, and Sabam, and Nebo, and Beon, ⁴ the land, which our Lord fmote in the fight of the children of Ifrael, is of a verie plentiful foile for the feeding of beaftes: and we thy feruantes haue very much cattel: ⁵ and we pray thee if we haue found grace before thee, that thou geue vs thy feruantes the fame in poffeffion, and ^amake vs not paffe ouer Iordan. ⁶ To whom Moyfes answered: Why shal your brethren goe to fight, and wil you fitte here? ⁷ Why fubuert you the mindes of the children of Ifrael, that they may not be bold to paffe into the place, which our Lord wil geue them? ⁸ Did not your fathers fo, when I fent from Cadesbarne to view the Land? ⁹ And when they were come as farre as the Valley of clufter, hauing viewed al the countrie, they fubuerted the hart of the children of Ifrael, that they should not enter the coaftes, which our Lord gaue them. ¹⁰ Who being wrath fware, faying: ¹¹ If thefe men, that came vp out of Ægypt, from twentie yeares and vppward, shal fee the land, which vnder othe I promifed to Abraham, Ifaac, and Iacob: and they

^a A right figure of thofe that would poffeffe heauen without labour or danger. *But none shal be crowvned vnles he ftriue lawfully. 2. Tim. 2.*

would not follow me, ¹² except Caleb the sonne of Iephone the Cenezeite, and Iosue the sonne of Nun: these haue fulfilled my wil. ¹³ And our Lord being wrath agaynst Israell, led him about through the desert fourtie yeares, vntill the whole generation was consumed, that had done euill in his fight. ¹⁴ And behold, quoth he, you are risen vp in steed of your fathers, the offspring and disciples of fynful men, to augment the furie of our Lord agaynst Israell. ¹⁵ But if you wil not follow him, he wil leaue the people in the wildernesse, and you shal be the cause of the death of al. ¹⁶ But they coming nere, said: We wil make shepcottes, and stalles for our cattel, for our litle ones also fenced cities: ¹⁷ and we our selues armed and girded wil march on to battle before the children of Israell, vntill we bring them in vnto their places. Our litle ones and whatsoeuer we can haue, shal be in walled cities, because of the lying of wayte of the inhabitantes. ¹⁸ We wil not returne into our houses, vntill the children of Israell possesse their inheritance: ¹⁹ neither wil we seeke any thing beyond Iordan, because already we haue our possession on the east side therof. ²⁰ To whom Moyse said: If you doe that you promise, march on well appointed before our Lord to fight: ²¹ and let euery man of warre passe ouer Iordan, vntill our Lord subuert his enemies, ²² and al the Land be subdued to him: then shal you be blamelesse before our Lord and before Israell, and you shal obteyne the countries that you would in the fight of our Lord. ²³ But if you doe not, that which you say, no man can doubt but you sinne agaynst God: and know ye that you sinne shal apprehend you. ²⁴ Build therefore cities for your litle ones, and shepecotes and stalles for your sheepe and cattel: and accomplish that which you haue promised. ²⁵ And the children of Gad and Ruben said to Moyse: We are thy seruantes, we wil do that which our lord commandeth. ²⁶ We wil leaue our litle ones, and our wiues, and sheepe, and cattel in the cities of Galaad: ²⁷ and we thy seruantes al well appointed wil march on to the warre, as thou my lord speakest. ²⁸ Moyse therefore commanded Eleazar the priest, and Iosue the sonne of Nun, and the princes of the

families by the tribes of Ifrael, and he said to them: ²⁹ If the children of Gad, and the children of Ruben passe with you ouer Iordan al armed to the warre before our Lord, and the Land be subdued to you: geue them Galaad in possession. ³⁰ But if they wil not passe armed with you into the Land of Chanaan, let them take places to dwel in among you. ³¹ And the children of Gad, and the children of Ruben answered: As our lord hath spoken to his seruantes, so wil we doe: ³² our selues armed wil march before our Lord into the Land of Chanaan, and we confesse that we haue already receiued our possession beyond Iordan. ³³ Moyfes therefore gaue to the children of Gad and Ruben, and to the halfe tribe of Manasses the sonne of Ioseph, the kingdome of Sehon king of the Amorrhite, and the kingdome of Og king of Bafan, and their land and the cities therof round about. ³⁴ Therefore the sonnes of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, ³⁵ and Etroth, and Sophan, and Iazar, and Iegbaa, ³⁶ and Bethnemra, and Betharan, cities fenced, and sheepecotes for their sheepe. ³⁷ But the children of Ruben builded Hefebon, and Eleale, and Cariathaim, ³⁸ and Nabo, and Baalmeon changing their names, Sabama also: geuing names to the cities, which they had built. ³⁹ Moreouer the children of Machir, the sonne of Manasses went into Galaad, and waisted it killing the Amorrhite the inhabites therof. ⁴⁰ Moyfes therefore gaue the land of Galaad to Machir the sonne of Manasses, who dwelt in it. ⁴¹ And Iair the sonne of Manasses went, and tooke the villages therof, which he called Hauoth Iair, that is to say, the Villages of Iair. ⁴² Nobe also went and tooke Canath with the villages therof: and he called it by his owne name Nobe.