

Chapter 1

*Cyrus king of Persia moued by diuine inspiration, re-leafeth Gods people from captiuitie, with licenſe to re-
turne and build the Temple in Ieruſalem: 7. reſtoring
the holie veſſel, which Nabuchodonofor had taken from
thence.*

The firſt part.
The returne of
Gods people
from Babylon.

*Iſaiæ 44. 45.
Ierem. 25.- 29.*

In the firſt yeare of Cyrus king of the Perſians, that the word of our Lord by the mouth of Ieremie might be accompliſhd, our Lord rayfed vp the ſpirit of Cyrus king of Perſians: and he made proclamation in al his kingdom, yea by wryting, ſaying: ² Thus ſayth Cyrus king of the Perſians: Al the kingdomes of the earth hath the Lord the God of heauen geuen me, & he hath commanded me that I ſhould build him a houſe in Ieruſalem, which is in Iewrie. ³ Who is there among you of al his people? His God be with him. Let him goe vp into Ieruſalem, which is in Iewrie, and build the houſe of the Lord the God of Iſrael, he is the God that is in Ieruſalem. ⁴ And let al the reſt in al places wherſoeuer they dwel, let euery man of his place helpe him, with filuer and gold, and ſubſtance, and cattel, beſides that which they offer voluntarily to the temple of God, which is in Ieruſalem. ⁵ And there roſe vp the princes of the fathers of Iuda and Benjamin, & the Prieſtes, and Leuites, and euerie one, whoſe ſpirit God rayfed vp, to goe vp to build the temple of our Lord, which was in Ieruſalem. ⁶ And al that were round about, ^a)did helpe their handes in veſſels of filuer, and of gold, in ſubſtance, and beaſtes, in furniture, beſides thoſe thinges which they had offered voluntarily. ⁷ King Cyrus alſo brought forth the veſſels of the temple of our Lord, which Nabuchodonofor had taken of Ieruſalem, and had put them in the temple of his god. ⁸ But Cyrus the king of Perſians brought them forth by the hand of Mithridates the ſonne of Gazabar, & numbred them to Saffabafar the prince of Iuda. ⁹ And

^a Liberally gaue ſuch thinges into their handes.

this is the number of them; Phials of gold thirtie, phials of filuer a thoufand, kniues twentie nine, goblettes of gold thirtie, ¹⁰ goblettes of filuer of the fecond order, foure hundred tenne: other veffels a thoufand. ¹¹ Al the veffels of gold and filuer, fue thoufand foure hundred: Saffabafar tooke al with them, that went vp from the tranfmigration of Babylon into Ierufalem.