

Chapter 1

Cyrus king of Persia moued by diuine inspiration, releaseth Gods people from captiuitie, with license to returne and build the Temple in Ierusalem: 7. restoring the holie vessell, which Nabuchodonosor had taken from thence.

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

*Isaie 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 accomplished, 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 Ifrael, he is the God that is in Ierusalem. ⁴ And let al the rest in al places wherfoeuer 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, ^adid 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 Nabuchodonosor 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, fiue thoufand foure hundred: Saffabafar tooke al with them, that went vp from the tranfmigration of Babylon into Ierufalem.