

Chapter 8

Eldras reciteth thofe that came with him from Babylon, 21. the faft which he appointed, 33. and how they brought the holie veffel into the Temple.

Thefe therfore are the princes of the families, and the genealogie of them, that came vp with me in the reigne of Artaxerxes the king ^{a)}out of Babylon. ² Of the children of Phinees, Gerfom. Of the children of Ithamar, Daniel. Of the children of Daudid, Hattus. ³ Of the children of Sechenias, the children of Pharos, Zacharias: and with him were numbered an hundred fiftie men. ⁴ Of the children of Phahath Moab, Eleoenai the fonne of Zareha, and with him two hundred men. ⁵ Of the children of Sechenias, the fonne of Ezechiel, and with him three hundred men. ⁶ Of the children of Adan, Abed the fonne of Ionathan, and with him fiftie men. ⁷ Of the children of Alam, Ifaias the fonne of Athalia, and with him feuentie men. ⁸ Of the children of Saphatia, Zebedia the fonne of Michael, and with him eightie men. ⁹ Of the children of Ioab, Obedia the fonne of Iahiel, and with him two hundred and eightene men. ¹⁰ Of the children of Selomith, the fonne of Iofphia, and with him an hundred fixtie men. ¹¹ Of the children of Bebai, Zacharias the fonne of Bebai, and with him twentie eight men. ¹² Of the children of Azgad, Ioanan the fonne of Eccetan, and with him an hundred and ten men. ¹³ Of the children of Adonicam, which were the laft: and thefe are theyr names: Elipheleth, and Iehiel, and Samaias, and with them fixtie men. ¹⁴ Of the children of Begui, Vthai and Zachur, and with them feuentie men. ¹⁵ And I gathered them to the riuer, which runneth downe to Ahaua, and we taried there three daies: and I fought among the people and among the Prieftes for the children of Leui, and found none there.

^a This great number which by Eldras perfwafion came from Babylon, fignified the great fruct of foules conuerted from finne by the exhortation of holie preachers. *S. Beda li. 2. in Efdras c. 10.*

¹⁶ Therefore I fent Eliezer, and Ariel, and Semeias, and Elnathan, and Iarib, and other Elnathan, and Nathan, and Zacharias, and Mofollam princes: and Ioiarib, and Elnathan wife men. ¹⁷ And I fent them to Eddo, which is chiefe in the place of Chafphia, and I did put in theyr mouth the wordes that they fhould fpeake to Eddo, and his brethren the Nathineites in the place of Chafphia, that they fhould bring vs minifters of the houle of our God. ¹⁸ And they brought vs by the good hand of our God vpon vs a moft learned man of the children of Mocholi the fonne of Leui the fonne of Ifrael, and Sarabias and his fonnes, and his brethren eightene, ¹⁹ and Hafabias, and with him Ifaias of the children of Merari, and his brethren, and his fonnes twentie. ²⁰ And al the Nathineites, which Daud gaue, and the princes for the minifteries of the Leuites, Nathineites two hundred twentie: al thefe were called by theyr names. ²¹ And I proclaymed there ^aa faft befide the Riuer of Ahaua, that we might be afflicted before the Lord our God, and might defire of him a right way for vs and our children, and al our fubftance. ²² For I was afhamed to afke the king ayde and horfemen, that might defend vs from the enemie in the way: becaufe we had layd to the king: The hand of our God is vpon al them, that feeke him in goodneffe: and his empire and ftrengh, and furie vpon al them that forfake him. ²³ And we fafted, and befought our God hereby: and it fel out prosperoufely vnto vs. ²⁴ And I feparated twelue of the chief Prieftes, Sarabias, and Hafabias, and with them ten of theyr brethren. ²⁵ And I weyed vnto them the filuer and gold, and the confecrated veffels of the houle of our God, which the king had offered and his counfellers, and his princes, and al Ifrael of them, that were found: ²⁶ and I weyed in theyr handes of filuer fix hundred fiftie talentes, and veffels of filuer an hundred, of

^a It fufficeth not to part from Babylon (that is, from finne) but we muft alfo doe workes of fatisfaction, and therfore Efdras here proclamed an extraordinarie faft to thofe that were come from captiuitie.

gold an hundred talentes: ²⁷ and cuppes of gold twentie, which had a thoufand folides, and two veffels of the beft fhyning braffe, fayre, as gold. ²⁸ And I fayd to them: You are the holie of our Lord, and the veffels are holie, and the filuer and gold, that is voluntarily offered to our Lord the God of our fathers. ²⁹ Watch & keepe it, vntil you deliuer it by weight before the princes of the Prieftes, and of the Leuites, and the princes of the families of Ifrael in Ierufalem, into the treafure of the houle of our Lord. ³⁰ And the Prieftes and the Leuites receiued the weight of the filuer and gold, and of the veffels, to carie it to Ierufalem into the houle of our God. ³¹ We therefore did fette forward from the riuer of Ahaua the twelfth day of the firft moneth to goe on to Ierufalem: and the hand of our God was vpon vs, and deliuered vs from the hand of the enemie, and the lyer in wayte by the way. ³² And we came to Ierufalem, and we taried there three dayes. ³³ And in the fourth day the filuer was weyed, and the gold, and the veffels in the houle of our God by the hand of Meremoth the fonne of Vrias the Prieft, and with him Eleazar the fonne of Phinees, and with them Iozabed the fonne of Iofue, and Noadaia the fonne of Bemai Leuites, ³⁴ according to the number and weight of al: and al the weight was defcribed at that tyme. ³⁵ Yea and the children of the tranfmigration that were come from the captiuitie, offered holocaufte to the God of Ifrael, calues twelue for al the people of Ifrael, rammes nyntie fix, lambes feuentie feuen, buckegoates for finne twelue: al for holocauft to our Lord. ³⁶ And they gaue the kings edictes to the princes, that were ouerfeers for the king, and the dukes beyond the Riuer, and they aduanced the people and the houle of God.