

Chapter 27

Dauid for more securitie goeth againe to Achis king of Geth, 5. obtaineth of him the citie of Siceleg, (6. by which meanes it becometh fubiect to the kinges of Iuda) 8. and maketh prayes vpon the enemies of King Achis.

And Dauid fayd in his hart: at length I shal fal one day into the handes of Saul: is it not better that I flee, and be faued in the Land of the Philiftians, that Saul may despaire, and ceafe to seeke me in al the coastes of Ifrael? I wil flee therefore his handes. ² And Dauid arofe, and went himfelfe, and the fix hundred men with him, to Achis the fonne of Maoch, the King of Geth. ³ And Dauid dwelt with Achis in Geth, he and his men; euerie man & his houfe, and his two wiues, Achinoam the Iezrahelite, and Abigail the wife of Nabal of Carmel. ⁴ And it was told Saul that Dauid was fled into Geth, and he added no more to seeke him. ⁵ And Dauid fayd to Achis: If I haue grace in thy fight, let there a place be geuen me in one of thy cities of this countrie, that I may dwel there: for why abideth thy feruant in the citie of the king with thee? ⁶ Achis therefore gaue him in that day Siceleg; for which caufe Siceleg became the kinges of Iuda vntil this day. ⁷ And the number of the daies, that Dauid dwelt in the country of the Philiftians, was foure monethes. ⁸ And Dauid went vp, and his men, and draue prayes out of ^aGeffuri, and Gerzi, and from the Amalecites: for thefe villages were inhabited in the land in old time, as men goe to Sur, as farre as the Land of Ægypt. ⁹ And Dauid ftroke al the land, neither left he anie man or woman: and taking the fheepe & oxen, and affes, & camels, and garments, he returned & came to Achis. ¹⁰ And Achis fayd to him: Whom haft thou fet vpon to day? Dauid answered: Againft the fouth of Iuda,

^a These countries were neither fubiect to the Philiftijms nor to the Ifraelites, and were alfo of thofe nations whom God had cōmanded to deftroy, dwelling within the land of Chanaan. *Deut. 25.*

and againft the fouth of Ieremiel, and againft the fouth of Ceni. ¹¹ Daud gaue life neither to man nor woman, neither brought them into Geth, faying: Left perhaps they fpeake againft vs. Thefe thinges did Daud, and this was decreed of him al the daies that he dwelt in the countrie of the Philiftians. ¹² Achis therefore did credite Daud, faying: Manie euils hath he wrought againft his people Ifrael: Therefore he fhall be my feruant for euer.