

## THE ARGVMENT OF PARALIPOMENON.

*Paralipomenon*, that is, *A supplement of thinges ommit-  
ted*, called by the Hebrewes *Dibre haiamim*, *The wordes  
of the dayes*, or *Chronicle*, is an Abridgement briefly  
shewing, besides diuers other genealogies, from the be-  
ginning of the world, the faith and religion both of the  
progenitors, and ofspring of the Patriarch Iacob, whose  
progenie God chose and made his peculiar people; and  
in that nation more particularly recounting the Actes  
of king Dauid, and other kinges of his line, til they  
were led captiue into Babylon. *A booke of such and  
fo great importance* (sayeth S. Hierom.) *as whofoeuer  
without it arrogateth the knowledge of Scriptures, may  
mocke himfelfe.* The author is vncertaine, but probably  
it seemeth to be gathered by *Efdras*, out of other bookes  
and traditions, for the perfecting of the old Testament:  
and is vndoubtedly canonical Scripture. In Hebrew it  
is al one booke, but being large, is with the Greekes and  
Latines parted into two. And the first booke may be  
diuided into three principal partes. The first nine chap-  
ters conteyne diuers genealogies; first by the only right  
line from Adam to Noe, then by diuers lines of Noes  
progenie, but most specially of Iacobs twelue sonnes. In  
the tenth chapter the reiection, and death of king Saul is  
repeted. The other ninetene chapters are al of Dauid; to  
wit, of his election to be king, and inunction, his vertues,  
his faultes also, and his special actes, concerning Gods  
seruice, gouernment of the people; and prouision made  
for building Gods Temple.

The signifi-  
cation of the  
name; and the  
contents of this  
booke.

Diuided into  
two bookes.

The first booke  
into three  
partes.