

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 chofe and made his peculiar people; and
in that nation more particularly recounting the Actes
of king Daud, and other kinges of his line, til they
were led captiue into Babylon. *A booke of such and
fo great importance* (fayeth S. Hierom.) *as whofoeuer
without it arrogateth the knowledge of Scriptures, may
mocke himfelfe.* The author is vncertaine, but probably
it semeth to be gathered by *Efdras*, out of other bookes
and traditions, for the perfecting of the old Teftament:
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 firft booke may be
diuided into three principal partes. The firft nine chap-
ters conteyne diuers genealogies; firft by the only right
line from Adam to Noe, then by diuers lines of Noes
progenie, but moft fpecially of Iacobs twelue fonnes. In
the tenth chapter the reiection, and death of king Saul is
repeted. The other ninetene chapters are al of Daud; to
wit, of his election to be king, and inunction, his vertues,
his faultes alfo, and his fpecial actes, concerning Gods
feruice, gouernment of the people; and prouifion made
for building Gods Temple.

*Epift. ad
Paulin.*

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

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