

Chapter 12

VWho folowed Dauid when he fled from Saul. 23. And who came into Hebron to make him king.

Thefe alfo came to Dauid into Siceleg, when as yet he fled from Saul the fonne of Cis, the which were moft valiant and excellent warriors, ² drawing the bowe, and hurling with both handes ftones in flinges, and fhooting arrowes directly: of the brethren of Saul of Beniamin. ³ The prince Ahiezer, and Ioas the fonnes of Sammaa a Gabaathite, and Iaziel, and Phallet the fonnes of Azmoth, and Beracha, and Iehu an Anothothite. ⁴ Samaias alfo a Gabaonite the moft valiant amongft the thirtie and aboue the thirtie. Ieremias, and Iehezziel, and Iohanan, and Iezabad a Gaderothite. ⁵ And Eluzai, and Ierimuth, and Baalia, and Samaria, and Saphatia an Haruphite. ⁶ Elcana, and Iefia, and Azareel, and Ioezer, & Iefbaam of Carehim: ⁷ Ioela alfo, and Zabadia the fonnes of Ieroham of Gedor. ⁸ Yea and of Gaddi alfo there fled to Dauid, when he lay hid in the defert moft valiant men, and the beft warriors, holding fheild and fpeare: their faces as the faces of a lion, and fwift as the roebuckles on the mountaynes: ⁹ Ezer the prince, Obdias the fecond, Eliab the third, ¹⁰ Mafmana the fourth, Ieremias the fifth, ¹¹ Ethi the fixth, Eliel the feuenth, ¹² Iohanan the eight, Elzebad the ninth, ¹³ Ierenias the tenth, Machbani the eleuenth. ¹⁴ Thefe of the children of Gad were the princes of his armie: the meaneft was captayne ouer an hundred fouldiars, and the greateft, ouer a thoufand. ¹⁵ Thefe are they which paffed Iordan the firft moneth, when it vfed to flow ouer his bankes: and they chafed away al that dwelt in the valleis toward the eaft quarter and the weft. ¹⁶ And there came alfo of Beniamin, and of Iuda to the hold, wherin Dauid abode. ¹⁷ And Dauid went out to mete them, and fayd: If you be come peacably to me for to helpe me, my hart be ioyned to you, but if you lye in wayte againft me for my aduerfaries, whereas I haue no iniquitie in my handes, the God of our fathers fee,

and iudge. ¹⁸ But the spirit came on Amasai the prince among thirtie, and he sayd: We are thine ô Daid, and with thee ô sonne of Ifai: peace, peace be to thee, & peace to thy helpers. For thy God helpeth thee. Daid therefore receiued them, and appoynted them princes of the band. ¹⁹ Moreouer of Manaffes there fled to Daid, when he came with the Philisthijms agaynft Saul, to fight and he fought not with them: becaufe the princes of the Philisthimes taking counfel fent him backe, saying: with the peril of our head wil he returne to his lord Saul. ²⁰ Therefore when he returned into Siceleg, there fled to him of Manaffes, Ednas, and Iozabab, and Iedihel, and Michael, and Ednas, & Iozabad, and Eliu, and Salathi, the princes of a thoufand in Manaffes. ²¹ These did ayde Daid agaynft the rousers: for they were al most valiant men, and were made commanders in the armie. ²² Yea and there came euerie day to Daid to helpe him, til it became a great number, as it were ^athe armie of God. ²³ This also is the number of the commanders of the armie, which came to Daid, when he was in Hebron, to transferre the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of our Lord. ²⁴ The children of Iuda bearing shield and speare, fix thousand eight hundred wel appoynted to battel. ²⁵ Of the children of Simeon valiant men to fight, feuen thousand one hundred. ²⁶ Of the children of Leui, foure thousand fix hundred. ²⁷ Ioiada also prince of the stocke of Aaron, and with him three thousand feuen hundred. ²⁸ Sadoc also a young man of goodlie towardenes, and the houle of his father, princes twentie two. ²⁹ And of the children of Benjamin the brethren of Saul, three thousand: for a great part of them as yet folowed the houle of Saul. ³⁰ Moreouer of the children of Ephraim twentie thousand eight hundred, valiant of strength, men renowned in their kinredes. ³¹ And of the halfe tribe of Manaffes, eightene thousand, euerie one by their names, came to

^a An armie of manie good men, wel difpofed in order and concord, is called *the armie of God*, like the great number of Angels, which to vs are *innumerable*. *Iob. 25.*

make Dauid king. ³² Alfo of the children of Iffachar men of vnderftanding, that knewe al times to command what Ifrael fhould doe, princes two hundred: and al the reft of the tribe did folow their counfel. ³³ Moreouer of Zabulon fuch as went forth to battel, & ftood in aray wel appoynted with armour of warre, there came fiftie thoufand to ayde, not in a duble hart. ³⁴ And of Nephthali, commanders a thoufand: and with them furnifhed with fhield and fpeare, feuen and thirtie thoufand. ³⁵ Of Dan alfo prepared to battel, twentie eight thoufand fix hundred. ³⁶ And of Afer going forth to fight, and prouoking in battel, fourtie thoufand. ³⁷ And beyond Iordan of the children of Ruben, and of Gad, and the halfe part of the tribe of Manaffes furnifhed with armour of warre an hundred twentie thoufand. ³⁸ Al thefe men of warre wel appoynted to fight, with perfect hart came into Hebron, to make Dauid King ouer al Ifrael: yea and al the reft of Ifrael, were of one hart, that Dauid fhould be made king. ³⁹ And they were there with Dauid three daies eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them. ⁴⁰ Yea and they that were neere them as farre as Iffachar, & Zabulon, and Nephthali, brought loaues on Affes, and on camels, and on mules, and vpon oxen, to eate: meale, figges, reyfens, wine, oile, beeues, mutttons, in al abundance, for there was ioy in Ifrael.