

Chapter 13

The Arke is brought from Abinadabs houfe, 8. Daud and others dancing before it. 9. Oza for touching it is ftrooken dead. 13. VVherupon Daud fearing to bring it to Ierufalem, it remayneth three monethes in the houfe of Obededom.

And Daud tooke counfel with the tribunes, and centurions, and al the commanders, ² and he fayd to al the affemblic of Ifrael: If it pleafe you: and if the word which I fpeake procede from our Lord God, let vs fend to the reft of our brethren into al the countries of Ifrael, & to the Prieftes, and Leuites, that dwel in the fuburbes of the cities, that they may be gathered together vnto vs, ³ and we may bring agayne vnto vs the Arke of our God: for we fought it not in the daies of Saul. ⁴ And the whole multitude answered that it fhould be foe done: for the word had pleafed al the people. ⁵ Daud therfore affembled al Ifrael from Sihor of Ægypt, til thou enter into Emath, to bring the Arke of God from Caria Thiarim. ⁶ And Daud went vp, and euerie man of Ifrael to the hil of Caria Thiarim which is in Iuda, to fetch thence the Arke of our Lord God fitting vpon the Cherubim, where his name is inuocated. ⁷ And they layd the Arke of God vpon a new wayne, out of the houfe of Abinadab. And Oza and his brother did driue the wayne. ⁸ Moreouer Daud, and al Ifrael playd before our Lord with al their might in fongues, and on harpes, and pfalteries, and timbrels, and cymbals, and trumpettes. ⁹ And when they were come to the Floore of Chidon, Oza ftretched forth his hand, to hold vp the Arke: for the oxe being wantone had made it leane a litle a fide. ¹⁰ Our Lord therefore was angrie agaynft Oza, and ftroke him, for that he had touched the Arke: and he died there before our Lord. ¹¹ And Daud was ftrooken fad, becaufe our Lord had diuided Oza: and he called that place, the Diuifion of Oza vntil this prefent day. ¹² And he feared God at that time, faying: How may I bring in the Arke of God vnto me? ¹³ And for this caufe

he brought it not vnto himfelfe, that is, into the citie of Dauid, but turned it away into the houle of ^a)Obededom the ^b)Getheite. ¹⁴ Therefore the Arke of God remayned in the houle of Obededom three monethes: & our Lord bleffed his houle, and al thinges that he had.

^a Obededom was a Leuite, (*c. 15. v. 18.*) and therefore more mete to kepe the arke.

^b Called a Getheite becaufe he had dwelt in the towne of Geth.