

Chapter 22

VVorkemen and al neccessaries being prepared, 6. Dauid commandeth Salomon to build the Temple, for so God hath appoynted. 13. Exhorteth him to ferue God, 17. and other principal men to afsift him.

And Dauid sayd: This is the house of God, and this is an altar for holocauste to Ifrael. ² And he commanded that the profelytes of the land of Ifrael should be gathered together, and he appoynted of them mafons to hewe ftones and polifh them, that the house of God might be built. ³ Dauid prepared also verie much yron for the nayles of the gates, and for the ioyninges and ioynctures: and of braffe an innumerable weight. ⁴ The cedar trees also could not be eftemed, which the Sidonians, and Tyrians brought downe to Dauid. ⁵ And Dauid sayd: Salomon my sonne is yet a litle child and delicate, and the house which I would haue to be builded to our Lord, must be such as may be renowned in al countries: I therefore wil prepare him neccessaries. And for this cause before his death he prepared al the expenfes. ⁶ And he called Salomon his sonne: and commanded him that he should build a house to our Lord the God of Ifrael. ⁷ And Dauid sayd to Salomon: My sonne, it was my wil to haue built a house to the name of our Lord my God. ⁸ But the word of our Lord was made to me, saying: Thou hast fhed much bloud, and fought verie manie battels, thou canst not build a house to my name, so much bloud being fhed before me: ⁹ the sonne, which shal be borne to thee, shal be a most quiet man: for I wil make him rest from al his enemies round about: and for this cause, he shal be called ^aPeaceable: and I wil geue peace and quietnesse in Ifrael al his dayes. ¹⁰ He shal build a house to my name, & he shal be to me for a sonne, and I wil be to

^a Salomon signifieth Peaceable, and therin, as in manie other thinges, prefigured Christ who amongst other names is called, *Prince of peace. Ifai. 9.*

him for a father: and I wil establiſh the throne of his kingdom ouer Iſrael for euer. ¹¹ Now therefore my ſonne, Our Lord be with thee, and doe thou proſper, and build the houſe to our Lord thy God, as he hath ſpoken of thee. ¹² Our Lord alſo giue thee wiſdome and vnderſtanding, that thou mayſt be able to rule Iſrael, and to kepe the law of our Lord thy God. ¹³ For then thou ſhalt be able to proſper, if thou ſhalt kepe the commandementes, and iudgementes, which our Lord commanded Moyſes to teach Iſrael: take courage and play the man, feare not, neither be difmayde. ¹⁴ Behold I in my pouertie haue prepared the charges of the houſe of our Lord, of gold an hundred thouſand talentes, and of ſiluer a thouſand thouſand talentes: but of braſſe, and of yron there is noe weight, for the number is ſurpaſſed with the greatneſſe: timber and ſtones I haue prepared to al the charges. ¹⁵ Thou haſt alſo verie manie artificers, hewers of ſtones, and maſons, & carpenters, and of al occupations moſt ſkilful to make worke, ¹⁶ in gold and ſiluer and braſſe and yron, wherof there is no number. Ryſe therefore and do it, and our Lord wil be with thee. ¹⁷ Dauid alſo commanded al the princes of Iſrael, that they ſhould help Salomon his ſonne. ¹⁸ You ſee, quoth he, that our Lord your God is with you, and hath geuen you reſt round about, and hath deliuered al your enemies into your handes, and the land is ſubdewed before our Lord, and before his people. ¹⁹ Geue therefore your hart and your ſoules, to ſeeke our Lord your God: and ariſe, and build a ſanctuarie to our Lord God, that the Arke of the couenant of our Lord, and the veſſels conſecrated to our Lord, may be brought into the houſe, which is built to the name of our Lord.