Chapter 22

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

nd Dauid fayd: This is the houfe of God, and this is an altar for holocaufte to Ifrael. ² And he commanded that the profelytes of 2. Reg. 7. 3. Reg. 5. the land of Ifrael flould be gathered together, and he appoynted of them mafons to hewe ftones and polifh them, that the houfe of God might be built. ³ Dauid prepared alfo verie much vron for the navles of the gates. and for the ioyninges and ioynctures: and of braffe an innumerable weight. ⁴ The cedar trees alfo could not be eftemed, which the Sidonians, and Tyrians brought downe to Dauid. ⁵ And Dauid fayd: Salomon my fonne is vet a litle child and delicate, and the houfe which I would have to be builded to our Lord, muft be fuch as may be renowned in al countries: I therfore wil prepare him neceffaries. And for this caufe before his death he prepared al the expenses. ⁶ And he called Salomon his fonne: and commanded him that he fhould build a houfe to our Lord the God of Ifrael. ⁷ And Dauid fayd to Salomon: My fonne, it was my wil to have built a houfe to the name of our Lord my God. ⁸ But the word of our Lord was made to me, faying: Thou haft fhed much bloud, and fought verie manie battels, thou canft not build a houfe to my name, fo much bloud being fhed before me: ⁹ the fonne, which fhal be borne to thee, fhal be a most quiet man: for I will make him rest from al his enemies round about: and for this caufe, he fhal be called a)Peaceable: and I wil geue peace and quietneffe in Ifrael al his dayes. ¹⁰ He fhal build a houfe to my name, & he fhal be to me for a fonne, and I wil be to

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

him for a father: and I wil eftablish the throne of his kingdom ouer Ifrael for euer. ¹¹ Now therfore my fonne, Our Lord be with thee, and doe thou profper, and build the houfe to our Lord thy God, as he hath fpoken of thee. ¹² Our Lord alfo giue thee wifdome and vnderftanding, that thou mayft be able to rule Ifrael, and to kepe the law of our Lord thy God. ¹³ For then thou fhalt be able to profper, if thou fhalt keeps the commandementes, and iudgementes, which our Lord commanded Moyfes to teach Ifrael: take courage and play the man, feare not, neither be difmayde. ¹⁴ Behold I in my pouertie haue prepared the charges of the houfe of our Lord, of gold an hundred thousand talentes, and of filuer a thousand thousand talentes: but of braffe, and of yron there is noe weight, for the number is furpaffed with the greatneffe: timber and ftones I have prepared to al the charges. ¹⁵ Thou haft alfo verie manie artificers, hewers of ftones, and mafons, & carpenters, and of al occupations moft skilful to make worke, ¹⁶ in gold and filuer and braffe and yron, wherof there is no number. Ryfe therfore and do it, and our Lord wil be with thee. ¹⁷ Dauid alfo commanded al the princes of Ifrael, that they fhould help Salomon his fonne. ¹⁸ You fee, quoth he, that our Lord your God is with you, and hath geuen you reft round about, and hath deliuered al your enemies into your handes, and the land is fubdewed before our Lord, and before his people. ¹⁹ Geue therfore your hart and your foules, to feeke our Lord your God: and arife, and build a fanctuarie to our Lord God, that the Arke of the couenant of our Lord, and the veffels confecrated to our Lord, may be brought into the houfe, which is built to the name of our Lord.