

Chapter 28

Agayne king Dauid calling al his ftates together, with commemoration of Gods fingular fauour in electing him, and Salomon, 8. exhorteth them al, and namely his sonne to ferue God fincerly: 10. and to build the temple, describing in what forme to make it.

3. Reg. 1.

Dauid therefore called together al the princes of Ifrael, the dukes of the tribes, and the heades of the compaynies, which miniftred to the king: the tribunes alfo and the centurions, and them that were chiefe ouer the fubftance and poffeffions of the king, and his fonnes with the eunuches, and the mightie, and al the moft valiant in the hoft of Ierufalem. ² And when the king had rifen vp, and ftoode, he fayd: Heare me my brethren, and my people: I meant to haue built a houfe, wherein the Arke of our Lord might reft, and the foote ftoole of the feete of our God: and to build it I prepared al thinges. ³ But God fayd to me:

2. Reg. 7.

Thou fhalt not build a houfe to my name: becaufe thou art a man of warre, and haft fhed bloud. ⁴ Howbeit our Lord the God of Ifrael chofe me of al the houfe of my father, to be king ouer Ifrael for euer: for ^aof Iuda, he chofe princes: moreouer of the houfe of Iuda, my fathers houfe: and of the fonnes of my father, it pleased him to choofe me king ouer al Ifrael. ⁵ Yea and of my fonnes (for our Lord hath geuen me manie fonnes) he hath chofen Salomon my fonne, to fitte in the throne of the kingdome of our Lord ouer Ifrael, ⁶ and he fayd to me: Salomon thy fonne fhall build my houfe, and my courtes: for him haue I chofen to me for a fonne, and I wil be to him for a father. ⁷ And I wil confirme his kingdome for euer, if he fhall perfeuere to doe my preceptes,

^a So Iacob prophecied, that the royal fcepter fhould come to the tribe of Iuda, and therein remaine til Chrif. *Gen. 49.*

and my iudgementes, as ^{a)}at this day. ⁸ Now then before al the affemblie of Ifrael in the hearing of our God, keepe ye, & fearch al the commandmentes of our Lord God: that you may poffeffe the good land, and may leaue it to your children after you for euer. ⁹ And thou Salomon my fonne, know the God of thy father, and ferue him with a perfect hart, and a voluntarie minde: for our Lord feareth al hartes, and vnderftandeth al cogitations of mindes. If thou feeke him, thou fhalt finde: but if thou forfake him he wil reiect thee for euer. ¹⁰ Now therefore becaufe our Lord hath chofen thee to build the houfe of the Sanctuarie, take courage, and perfitte it. ¹¹ And Dauid gaue to Salomon his fonne a defcription of the porch, and of the temple, and of the cellars, and of the vpper loft, and of the chambers in the inner roomes, and of the houfe of the propitiation, ¹² moreouer alfo of al the courtes, which he had thought vpon, and of the chambers round about, for the treafures of the houfe of our Lord, and for the treafures of the holie thinges, ¹³ and of the diuifions of the Prieftes and the Leuites, for al the workes of the houfe of our Lord, and for al the veffels of the minifterie of the temple of our Lord. ¹⁴ Gold in weight for euerie vffel of the minifterie. A weight of filuer alfo according to the diuerfitie of the veffels and workes. ¹⁵ And for golden candletickes alfo, and their lampes, gold according to the meafure of euerie candleticke, and of the lampes. In like maner alfo for the filuer candletickes, and for their lampes, according to the diuerfitie of the meafure, he deliuered a weight of filuer. ¹⁶ He gaue alfo gold for tables of propofition, according to the diuerfitie of the tables: in like maner alfo filuer for other filuer tables. ¹⁷ For flefh hookes alfo, and phials, and cenfars of moft pure gold, and for little

^a It is here eident, that Salomon was fome time the true feruant and childe of God, keeping his preceptes and as certaine, that he fel into great finnes, and loft Gods grace, and finally it is doubtful in what ftate he died, *3. Reg. 11.* wherby is conuincd their vaine phancie that thinck, he who is once the child of God can neuer fal, nor become a wicked man.

lions of gold, according to the qualitie of the meafure he diftributed a weight, for lyon and lyon. In like maner alfo for lyons of filuer he feperated a diuerfe weight of filuer. ¹⁸ And for the Altar whereupon incenfe is burnt, he gaue moft pure gold: that of it might be made a fimilitude of the chariote of the Cherubs fpredding their winges, and couering the Arke of the couenant of our Lord. ¹⁹ Al thinges, quoth he, came writen with the hand of our Lord vnto me: that I might vnderftand al the workes of the paterne. ²⁰ Dauid alfo fayd to Salomon his fonne: Deale manfully, and take courage, and doe it: feare not, and be not difmayed: for our Lord my God wil be with thee, and wil not leaue thee, nor forfake thee, til thou perfite al the worke of the minifterie of the houfe of our Lord. ²¹ Behold the diuifions of the Prieftes and the Leuites, for euerie minifterie of the houfe of our Lord, affift thee, and are readie, and as wel the princes know, as the people, to doe al thy preceptes.