

Chapter 29

King Dauid once more by word, and example of his owne bountifulnes, inuiteth others to afsift in building the temple, 6. wherto the princes and people contribute much. 10. So after praifes, 18. prayeres, 21. and facrifices offered to God, 22. Salomon is annoited king. 26. And king Dauid dieth bleffedly, hauing reigned fourtie yeares.

And Dauid the king fpake to al the affemblic: Salomon my fonne alone hath God chofen, as yet a child and a litle tender one: for the worke is great, neither is the habitation prepared for man, but for God. ² And I with al my abilitie haue prepared the expenfes of the houfe of my God. Gold for veffels of gold, and filuer for them of filuer, braffe for them of braffe, yron for them of yron, wood for them of wood: and onyx ftone, and as it were ftibians, & of diuerfe colours, and euerie precious ftone, and marble of Paros moft abundantly: ³ and aboute thefe thinges, which I haue offered into the houfe of my God, I geue ^a)of myne owne peculiar goods, gold and filuer vnto the temple of my God, befide thofe thinges, which I haue prepared for the holie houfe. ⁴ Three thoufand talentes of gold of the gold of Ophir: and feuen thoufand talentes of moft approued filuer, to guilte the walles of the temple. ⁵ And, wherefoeuer there needeth gold, of gold: and wherfoeuer there needeth filuer, of filuer: let the workes be made by the handes of the artificers: and if any man offer voluntarily, let him fil his hand to day, and offer what he wil to our Lord. ⁶ The princes therfore of the families promifed, and the nobles of the tribes of Ifrael, the tribunes alfo and the centurions, and the princes of the kinges poffeffions. ⁷ And they gaue vnto the workes of the houfe of our Lord, of gold, fife

a kind of fine
white ftone.

^a That which he had already vowed and prepared he counted not his owne, and now geueth more to the building and furnifhing of the Temple.

thoufand talentes, and of braffe eightene thoufand talentes: of yron alfo an hundred thoufand talentes. ⁸ And with whomfoeuer were found ftones, they gaue them into the treafures of the houfe of our Lord, by the hand of Iahiel the Gerfonite. ⁹ And the people reioyfed, when they promifed vowes of their owne accord: becaufe they did offer them to our Lord with al their hart: yea and Daud the king reioyfed with great ioy. ¹⁰ And he bleffed our Lord before al the multitude, and he fayd: Bleffed art thou ô Lord the God of Ifrael our father from eternitie vnto eternitie. ¹¹ Thine ô Lord is the magnificence, and might, and glorie, and victorie: & to thee is the prayfe: for al thinges that be in heauen, and in the earth, are thine: thine ô Lord, is the kingdom, and thou art ouer al princes. ¹² Thine are riches and thine is glorie: thou haft dominion ouer al, in thy hand is power & might: in thy hand greateneffe, and the empire of al thinges. ¹³ Now therefore our God we confeffe to thee, and we prayfe thy glorious name. ¹⁴ Who am I, and what is my people, that we can promife thee al thefe thinges? al are thine: and thinges that we receiued of thy hand, we haue geuen thee. ¹⁵ For we are pilgrimes before thee, and ftrangers, ^a)as al our fathers. Our daies are as a fhadow vpon the earth, and there is noe abyding. ¹⁶ Lord our God, al this plentie, which we haue prepared that a houfe might be built to thy holie name, is of thy hand, and al thinges are thine. ¹⁷ I know my God that thou proueft the hartes, and loueft fimplicite, wherfore I alfo in the fimplicite of my hart, gladly haue offered al thefe thinges: and thy people, which is here found, I haue fene with great ioy offer thee donaries. ¹⁸ Lord God of Abraham, and Ifaac, and Ifrael our fathers, keepe for euer this wil of their hart, and let this mind remayne alwaies to the honour of thee. ¹⁹ To Salomon alfo my fonne geue a perfect hart, that he keepe thy commandementes, thy teftimonies, and thy ceremonies, and doe

^a As Abraham Ifaac Iacob and others were ftrâgers in refpect of Chanaan: fo both they and alfo Daud Salomon and al men in this world are pilgrimes in refpect of heauen. *Heb. 13.*

al thinges: and build the houfe, the expenfes whereof I haue prepared. ²⁰ And Daudid commanded the whole affemblic: Bleffe ye our Lord God. And al the affemblic bleffed our Lord the God of their fathers: and they ^abowed themfelues, and adored God, and then the king. ²¹ And they immolated victime to our Lord: and they offered holocaustes the day folowing, oxen a thoufand, rammes a thoufand, lambes a thoufand with their libamentes, & with al rite moft abundantly for al Ifrael. ²² And they did eate, and drinke before our Lord in that day with great ioy. And they anoynted the fecond time Salomon the fonne of Daudid. And they anoynted him to our Lord for the prince, and Sadoc for the high prieft. ²³ And Salomon fate vpon the throne of our Lord as king for Daudid his father, and he pleaſed al: & al Ifrael obeyed him. ²⁴ Yea and al the princes, and men of might, and al the fonnes of king Daudid gaue their hand, and were fubieft to Salomon the king. ²⁵ Our Lord therefore magnified Salomon ouer al Ifrael: and gaue him the glorie of a kingdom, fuch as no king of Ifrael had before him. ²⁶ Daudid therefore the fonne of Ifai reigned ouer al Ifrael. ²⁷ And the daies, that he reigned ouer Ifrael, were fourtie yeares: in Hebron he reigned feuen yeares, and in Ierufalem three and thirtie yeares. ²⁸ And he died in a good age, ful of daies, and riches, and glorie. And Salomon his fonne reigned for him. ²⁹ But the actes of king Daudid the firft and the laft are writen in the Booke of Samuel the Seer, & in the Booke of ^bNathan the prophete, & in the Volume of Gad the Seer: ³⁰ and of al his kingdom, and ftrengh, and of the times, that paſſed vnder him, either in Ifrael, or in al the kingdomes of the earth.

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^a Albeit they did the fame exterior act of honour to God and the king: yet in their mind & intention they gaue diuine honour to God, and ciuil to the king. See *Exod. 20*.

^b Either Nathan and Gad writ the later part of the firft booke, and the fecond booke of kinges, or els their bookes are not now extant.