

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 annointed 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, fue thoufand talentes, and of braffe eightene thoufand talentes: of

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.

yron also an hundred thousand talents. ⁸ And with whomsoever were found treasures, they gave them into the treasures of the house of our Lord, by the hand of Iahiel the Gerfonite. ⁹ And the people rejoiced, when they promised vows of their own accord: because they did offer them to our Lord with all their heart: yea and David the king rejoiced with great joy. ¹⁰ And he blessed our Lord before all the multitude, and he said: Blessed art thou O Lord the God of Israel our father from eternity unto eternity. ¹¹ Thine O Lord is the magnificence, and might, and glory, and victory: & to thee is the prayer: for all things that be in heaven, and in the earth, are thine: thine O Lord, is the kingdom, and thou art over all princes. ¹² Thine are riches and thine is glory: thou hast dominion over all, in thy hand is power & might: in thy hand greatness, and the empire of all things. ¹³ Now therefore our God we confess to thee, and we pray thy glorious name. ¹⁴ Who am I, and what is my people, that we can promise thee all these things? all are thine: and things that we received of thy hand, we have given thee. ¹⁵ For we are pilgrims before thee, and strangers, ^aas all our fathers. Our days are as a shadow upon the earth, and there is no abiding. ¹⁶ Lord our God, all this plenty, which we have prepared that a house might be built to thy holy name, is of thy hand, and all things are thine. ¹⁷ I know my God that thou provest the hartes, and lovest simplicity, wherefore I also in the simplicity of my heart, gladly have offered all these things: and thy people, which is here found, I have given with great joy offer thee donations. ¹⁸ Lord God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Israel our fathers, keep for ever this will of their heart, and let this mind remaine always to the honour of thee. ¹⁹ To Salomon also my sonne give a perfect heart, that he keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy ceremonies, and do all things: and build the house, the expenses whereof I have prepared. ²⁰ And

^a As Abraham Isaac Jacob and others were strangers in respect of Chanaan: so both they and also David Salomon and all men in this world are pilgrims in respect of heaven. *Heb. 13.*

Dauid commanded the whole affemblic: Bleffe ye our Lord God. And al the affemblic bleffed our Lord the God of their fathers: and they ^a)bowed themfelues, and adored God, and then the king. ²¹ And they immolated victime to our Lord: and they offered holocauftes 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.

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v. 34. And they anoynted the fecond time Salomon the fonne of Dauid. 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 Dauid 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 Dauid gaue their hand, and were ſubiect to Salomon the king. ²⁵ Our Lord therefore magnified Salomon ouer al Ifrael: and gaue him the glorie of a kingdom, ſuch as no king of Ifrael had before him. ²⁶ Dauid 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 Dauid the firſt and the laſt are writen in the Booke of Samuel the Seer, & in the Booke of ^b)Nathan the prophete, & in the Volume of Gad the Seer: ³⁰ and of al his kingdom, and ftrength, and of the times, that paſſed vnder him, either in Ifrael, or in al the kingdomes of the earth.

^a Albeit they did the ſame 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 firſt booke, and the fecond booke of kinges, or els their bookes are not now extant.