Chapter 29

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

And Dauid the king ſpake to al the aſſemblie: Salomon my ſonne alone hath God choſen, 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 expenſes of the houſe of my God. Gold for veſſels of gold, and ſiluer for them of ſiluer, braſſe for them of braſſe, yron for them of yron, wood for them of wood: and onyx ſtones, and as it were ſtibians, & of diuerſe colours, and euerie precious ſtone, and marble of Paros moſt abundantly: 3 and aboue theſe thinges, which I haue offered into the houſe of my God, I geue [a]of myne owne peculiar goods, gold and ſiluer vnto the temple of my God, beſide thoſe thinges, which I haue prepared for the holie houſe. 4 Three thouſand talentes of gold of the gold of Ophir: and ſeuen thouſand talentes of moſt approued ſiluer, to guilte the walles of the temple. 5 And, whereſoeuer there needeth gold, of gold: and wherſoeuer there needeth ſiluer, of ſiluer: 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 promiſed, and the nobles of the tribes of Iſrael, the tribunes alſo and the centurions, and the princes of the kinges poſſeſſions. 7 And they gaue vnto the workes of the houſe of our Lord, of gold, fiue

a kind of fine white ſtone.

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

thouſand talentes, and of braſſe eightene thouſand talentes: of yron alſo an hundred thouſand talentes. 8 And with whomſoeuer were found ſtones, they gaue them into the treaſures of the houſe of our Lord, by the hand of Iahiel the Gerſonite. 9 And the people reioyſed, when they promiſed vowes of their owne accord: becauſe they did offer them to our Lord with al their hart: yea and Dauid the king reioyſed with great ioy. 10 And he bleſſed our Lord before al the multitude, and he ſayd: Bleſſed art thou ô Lord the God of Iſrael our father from eternitie vnto eternitie. 11 Thine ô Lord is the magnificence, and might, and glorie, and victorie: & to thee is the prayſe: 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 haſt dominion ouer al, in thy hand is power & might: in thy hand greateneſſe, and the empire of al thinges. 13 Now therfore our God we confeſſe to thee, and we prayſe thy glorious name. 14 Who am I, and what is my people, that we can promiſe thee al theſe thinges? al are thine: and thinges that we receiued of thy hand, we haue geuen thee. 15 For we are pilgrimes before thee, and ſtrangers, [a]as al our fathers. Our daies are as a ſhadow vpon the earth, and there is noe abyding. 16 Lord our God, al this plentie, which we haue prepared that a houſe might be built to thy holie name, is of thy hand, and al thinges are thine. 17 I know my God that thou proueſt the hartes, and loueſt ſimplicitie, wherfore I alſo in the ſimplicitie of my hart, gladly haue offered al theſe thinges: and thy people, which is here found, I haue ſene with great ioy offer thee donaries. 18 Lord God of Abraham, and Iſaac, and Iſrael our fathers, keepe for euer this wil of their hart, and let this mind remayne alwaies to the honour of thee. 19 To Salomon alſo my ſonne geue a perfect hart, that he keepe thy commandementes, thy teſtimonies, and thy ceremonies, and doe

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[a] As Abraham Iſaac Iacob and others were ſtrãgers in reſpect of Chanaan: ſo both they and alſo Dauid Salomon and al men in this world are pilgrimes in reſpect of heauen. *Heb. 13.*

al thinges: and build the houſe, the expenſes whereof
I haue prepared. 20 And Dauid commanded the whole
aſſemblie: Bleſſe ye our Lord God. And al the aſſem-
blie bleſſed our Lord the God of their fathers: and they
a)bowed themſelues, and adored God, and then the king.
21 And they immolated victime to our Lord: and they
offered holocauſtes the day folowing, oxen a thouſand,
rammes a thouſand, lambes a thouſand with their liba-
mentes, & with al rite moſt abundantly for al Iſrael.
22 And they did eate, and drinke before our Lord in that
3. Reg. 1. v. 34. day with great ioy. And they anoynted the ſecond
time Salomon the ſonne of Dauid. And they anoynted
him to our Lord for the prince, and Sadoc for the high
prieſt. 23 And Salomon ſate vpon the throne of our Lord
as king for Dauid his father, and he pleaſed al: & al
Iſrael obeyed him. 24 Yea and al the princes, and men of
might, and al the ſonnes of king Dauid gaue their hand,
and were ſubiect to Salomon the king. 25 Our Lord ther-
fore magnified Salomon ouer al Iſrael: and gaue him the
glorie of a kingdom, ſuch as no king of Iſrael had before
him. 26 Dauid therfore the ſonne of Iſai reigned ouer al
Iſrael. 27 And the daies, that he reigned ouer Iſrael, were
fourtie yeares: in Hebron he reigned ſeuen yeares, and
in Ieruſalem three and thirtie yeares. 28 And he died in
a good age, ful of daies, and riches, and glorie. And
Salomon his ſonne 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 ſtrength, and of the times, that paſſed
vnder him, either in Iſrael, or in al the kingdomes of the
earth.

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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 ſecond booke of kinges, or els their bookes are not now extant.