

Psalme 104

The Iſraelites are exhorted to ſing praifes to God, 5. for his meruelous benefites towards Abraham, Iſaac, and Iacob. 11. Whoſe particular familie, being then ſmal, went from Chanaan into Ægypt (17. Whither Iofeph by Gods prouidence was caried before) there increafed in number, was perfecuted, 26. deliuered by Moyſes and Aaron, working manie great miracles, 36. protected, and fedde in the defert, 44. and finally poſſeſſed Chanaan.

Gods ſpecial benefites towards the Iewes.
The 4. key.

a)

Alleluia.

Confeſſe ye to our Lord, and inuocate his name:
^{b)} ſhew forth his workes among the Gentiles.
² Chaunt to him, and ſing to him: tel ye al his meruelous workes.

For an expoſition of this Pſalme read the places quoted in the inner margen.

³ Prayfe ye him in his holie name: let the hart of them reioice that ſeeke our Lord.

⁴ Seeke ye our Lord, and be confirmed: ſeeke ^{c)}his face alwayes.

⁵ Remember ye his meruelous workes, which he hath done: his wonders, and the iudgments of his mouth.

⁶ The feede of Abraham, his ſeruantes: the children of Iacob his elect.

^a Alleluia ſignifieth more then *Laudate Dominum*, Praiſe ye our Lord. For by theſe two hebrew wordes, *Alleluia*, the Prophet inuiteth al men to praife God, with gladnes, and iubilation, with hart, voice, and geſture, with inſtruments, and howſoeuer we are able. And therfore S. Ierom, S. Auguſtin, and al Catholique writers kepe the ſame worde, and tranſlate it not, neither in the titles of Pſalmes, nor ordinarily in anie place of holie Scripture. This is the firſt Pſalme thus titled, and is the ſame Pſalme in ſenſe, and in good part of the wordes, which the royal Prophet made, and cauſed to be ſongue, when he brought the Arke of God from the houſe of Obededom into his owne houſe. *1. Par. 16. v. 8.*

^b How much more grateful is it now to God, that we celebrate the greater myſteries of the new Teſtament.

^c His preſent helpe.

- Gen. 12. v. 7.* 7 He is the Lord our God: in ^a)al the earth are his iudgementes.
- Gen. 17. v. 4.* 8 He hath bene mindeful for euer of his testament; of the word, which he commanded ^b)vnto a thousand generations.
- Gen. 26. v. 3.* 9 Which he difpofed to Abraham: and of his oath to Ifaac.
- Gen. 28. v. 13.* 10 And he appointed it to Iacob for a precept: and to Ifrael for an eternal testament.
- Gen. 46. v. 26. 27.* 11 Saying: To thee wil I geue the land of Chanaan, the corde of your inheritance.
- 12 When they were ^c)of fmal number, very few and feiourners therof:
- 13 And they paffed from nation into nation, & from kingdom to an other people.
- 14 He leift not a man to hurt them: and he rebuked kings for their fake.
- 15 Touch not my annointed, and toward my prophetes be not malignant.
- Gen. 41. v. 54.* 16 And ^d)he called a famine vpon the land: and he deftroyed al the ftrength of bread.
- Gen. 37. v. 28.* 17 He fent a man before them: Iofeph was fold to be a feruant.
- 18 They humbled his feete in fetters, yron paffed through his foule, ¹⁹ vntil his word came.
- Gen. 39. & feq.* The word of our Lord inflamed him: ²⁰ the king fent, and loofed him; the prince of the people, and releafed him.
- 21 He appointed him lord of his houfe: and prince of al his poffeffion.
- 22 That he might infttruct his princes as himfelfe: and might teach his ancientes wifedom.
- Gen. 46.* 23 And Ifrael entered into Ægypt, and Iacob was a feiourner in the land ^e)of Cham.

^a Not only in Ifrael, but in al the world.

^b For euer, to the end of the world.

^c But 70. perfons.

^d By his prouidence fuffered.

^e Ægypt poffeffed by Mefraim Chams fecond fonne. *Gen. 10. v. 13.*

Exo. 1. v. 7. 24 And he increafed his people exceedingly: and
ftrengthened them ouer their enemies.

25 He ^a)turned their hart, that they hated his peo-
ple: and to worke guile toward his feruantes.

Exo. 3. 4. 26 He fent Moyfes his feruant: Aaron, ^b)him felfe
7. 8. 9. 10. 11. whom he chofe.

27 He did put in them the wordes of his fignes, and
of his wonders in the Land of Cham.

28 He fent ^c)darkenes, and obfcured: and did ^d)not
exafperate his wordes.

29 He turned their ^e)waters into bloud: and killed
their fishes.

30 Their land brought forth ^f)frogges in ^g)the inner
chambers of their kinges.

31 He fayd, and ^h)the ⁱ)cænomyia came: and the
^j)cinifes in al their coaftes.

32 He made theyr raynes ^k)haile: fire burning in

^a May it be vnderftood, or beleued (faith S. Auguftin) that God
turneth the hart of man to committe finnes? Or is it no finne,
or is it a fmal finne, to hate the people of God? Or to worke
guile towards his feruants? VVho wil fay this? VVhat then, is
God author of thefe fo greuous finnes, who is not to be fupposed
the author of a moft fmal finne? This lerned Father therefore
anfwereth, that God peruerted not a right hart, but turned that
was of it felfe peruerfe, to the hatred of his people, where he might
vfe that euil wil, not by making them euil, but by beftowing vpon
his owne people good things, which the euil might eafily enuie.
VVhich hatred of theirs how God vfed both to the exercife of his
people (which is profitable to vs) & to the glorie of his owne name,
the things that folow do teach vs, which are here remembred to
his praife.

^b In whom God eftablifhed the Priefthood of Moyfes law.

^c The ninth plague of the Ægyptians.

^d God willingly, not as one loath or vnwilling, performed al that he
threatned.

^e The firft plague.

^f The fecond plague.

^g Dauid knew this by reuelation, or by tradition for it is not in
Exodus.

^h The fourth plague.

ⁱ A fvvarme of flies.

^j The third plague.

^k The feuenth plague.

their land.

33 And he ftroke their vines, and their figtrees: and he deftroied the wood of their coaftes.

34 He faid, & ^a)the locuft came, and the ^b)bruchus wherof there was no number.

35 And it did eate al the graffe in their land: and it did eate al the fruicte of their land.

36 And he ftroke euerie ^c)firft begotten in their land: the firft fruictes of al their labour.

Exod. 12. v. 35. 37 And he brought them forth with gold and filuer, and there was not in their tribes a feeble perfon.

38 Ægypt was glad at their departure: becaufe the feare of them lay vpon them.

Exod. 13. v. 21. 39 He fpred a cloude for their protection, and fire to shine vnto them by night.

Exod. 16. v. 13. 40 They made petition, and the quaile came: and he filled them with the bread of heauen.

Exod. 17. v. 6. 41 He diuided the rocke, and waters flowed: riuers ranne in the drie ground.

Gen. 12. 42 Becaufe he was mindful of his holie word, which he had vttered to Abraham his feruant.

43 And he brought forth his people in exultation, and his elect in ioy.

Iofue. 6. & feq. 44 And he gaue them the countries of the Nations: and they poffeffed the labours of peoples:

45 That they might keepe his iuftifications, and feeke after his lawe.

^a The eight plague.

^b A worme that fpoyleth corne, graffe, and fruit.

^c The tenth plague. The fifth & fixt of peftilence and boyles are omitted.