

THE ARGVMENT OF THE BOOKE OF RVTH.

Amongst other things that happened to the people of Israel, in the time of the Iudges, this historie of Ruth, to witt, her coming from Moab, her conuerfion to true Religion, godlie conuerfation, and mariage with Booz of the tribe of Iuda, is recorded, as a more principal matter. For that not onlie king Daud, but confequently alfo our SAVIOVR, the Redemer of mankind defcended from her. VVherby was forefigned, that as faluation thus proceeded from the Gentiles together with the Iewes: fo the Gentiles are made partakers of the fame grace. More clerly prophecied, as S. Hierom noteth, by Ifai (*cap. 16.*) faying: *Send forth ô Lord the lambe, the Ruler of the earth, from the Rocke of the defert to the mount of the daughter of Sion.* That is, from Ruth the gentile to Hierufalem, or rather to the Church. This mariage of Ruth came to paffe about the time of Abefan Iudge. The booke was written, as is moft probable, by Samuel: and is diuided into foure chapters; whose contentes folow in their places.

Iudic. 12.

The hiftorie of Ruth is regeftred in holie Scripture, for the genealogie of Daud, and epecially of our Sauour Chrift.