

Chapter 4

Chiefe men of Salomons kingdom are recited by their names, and offices. 22. Likewife the prouifion of victuals for his houfe, 26. the number of his horfes. 29. His wifedom excelleth al others. 32. He writte manie parabes and verfes, and lernedly difcourfed of al thinges.

And king Salomon was reigning ouer al Ifrael: ² and thefe were the princes which he had: Azarias the fonne of Sadoc the priefte: ³ Elihoreph, and Ahia the fonnes of Sifa Scribes: Iofaphat the fonne of Ahilud, regifter: ⁴ Banaias the fonne of Ioiada, ouer the armie: and Sadoc, and Abiathar prieftes. ⁵ Azarias the fonne of Nathan, ouer them that affited the king: Zabud the fonne of Nathan priefte the kinges frend: ⁶ and Ahizar gouernour of the houfe: and Adoniram the fonne of Abda ouer the tributes. ⁷ And Salomon had twelue gouernours ouer al Ifrael, which ferued out victuals for the king and for his houfe: for euerie one miniftred neceffaries, eche man his moneth in the yeare. ⁸ And thefe are their names: Benhur in mount Ephraim. ⁹ Bendecar, in Macces, and in Salebim, and in Bethfames, and in Elon, and in Bethhanan. ¹⁰ Benhefed in Aruboth: his was Socho, and al the land Epher. ¹¹ Benabinadab, whofe was al Nepha Dor, had Tapheth the daughter of Salomon to wife. ¹² Bana the fonne of Ahilud gouerned Thanach and Mageddo, and al Bethfan, which is befide Sarthana vnder Iezrahel, from Bethfan vnto Abelmehula ouer againft Iecmaan. ¹³ Bengaber in Ramoth galaad: had Auothiair the fonne of Manaffes in Galaad, he was chiefe in al the countrie of Argob, which is in Bafan, three fcore cities great and walled, which had brafen lockes. ¹⁴ Ahinadab the fonne of Addo was chiefe in Manaim. ¹⁵ Achimaas in Nephthali: yea he alfo had Bafemath the daughter of Salomon in mariage. ¹⁶ Baana the fonne of Hufi, in Afer, and in Baloth. ¹⁷ Iofaphat the fonne of Pharue, in Ifacar. ¹⁸ Semei the fonne of Ela, in Benjamin. ¹⁹ Gaber the fonne of Vri, in the land

of Galaad in the land of Sehon the king of the Amorrhite, & of Og the king of Bafan, ouer al thinges that were in that land. ²⁰ Iuda and Ifrael innumerable, as the fand of the fea in multitude: eating, and drinking, and reioyng. ²¹ And Salomon was in his dominion, hauing al the kingdomes with him from the riuer of the land of the Philifhijms vnto the border of Ægypt: of them that offered him presents, and ferued him al the dayes of his life. ²² And the prouifion of Salomon was euerie day thirtie meafures of floure, & three fcore meafures of meale, ²³ tenne fat oxen and twentie pafure fed, & a hundred rammes, befide the venifon of hartes, roes, and buftles, & fatted foule. ²⁴ For his poffeffed al the countrie, which was beyond the riuer, from Thapfa vnto Goza, and al the kinges of thofe countries: and he had peace on euerie fide round about. ²⁵ And Iuda and Ifrael dwelt without anie feare, euerie one vnder his vine, and vnder his figtree, from Dan vnto Berfabe al the dayes of Salomon. ²⁶ And Salomon had fourtie thoufand ftalles of chariot-horfes, and twelue thoufand for the fadle. ²⁷ And the forefaide gouernours of the king fed them: yea and the neceffaries of king Salomons table they gaue forth with great care in their time. ²⁸ Barley alfo and ftrow for the horfes, and beaftes, they brought to the place, where the king was, according as it was appointed them. ²⁹ God alfo gaue wifdom to Salomon and prudence exceding much, and latitude of hart as the fand that is in the fea fhore. ³⁰ And the wifdom of Salomon paffed the wifdom of al them in the eaft, and of the Ægyptians, ³¹ and he was wifer then al men: wifer then Ethan the Ezralite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Dorda the fonnes of Mahol and he was renowned in al nations round about. ³² Salomon alfo fpake ^athree thoufand parables: and his fongues were a thoufand & fiue. ³³ And he difputed of trees from the ceder, that is in Libanus, vnto the hyffop which cometh out of the wal: and he difcourfed of beaftes, and foules, and creeping wormes, and fifhes. ³⁴ And there came from al people to

^a Thefe bookes are not extant.

heare the wifdom of Salomon, and from al the kinges of
the earth, which heard his wifdom.