

Chapter 9

Our Lord appearing againe to Salomon, 4. admonisheth him and his people to keepe the precepts, 6. threatening punishment if they do not. 10. The king of Tyre receiueth tvventie cities of Salomon, but liketh them not. 14. Salomon buildeth more cities and tovvnes. 20. Maketh diuers nations tributarie. 24. The Quene repayreth to her houle. 25. The king offereth victimes thrife euerie yeare, 26. and fetcheth gold from Ophir.

And it came to paffe when Salomon had perfected the building of the houle, of our Lord, & the kinges houle, and al that he wifhed and would haue done, ² our Lord appeared to him the fecond time, as he had appeared to him in Gabaon. ³ And our Lord faid to him: I haue heard thy prayer & thy petition, which thou haft prayed before me: I haue fanctified this houle, which thou haft built, that I might put my name there for euer, and myne eies and my hart shal be there alwaies. ⁴ Thou alfo if thou wilt walke before me, as thy father walked, ^ain fimplicite of hart, and in equitie: and wilt doe al thinges, which I haue commanded thee, and wilt keepe my ordinances and my iudgements, ⁵ I wil fette the throne of thy kingdom ouer Ifrael for euer, as I haue fpoken to Dauid thy father, faying: There fhall not be taken away a man of thy ftocke from the throne of Ifrael. ⁶ But if by reuolting you and your children fhall turne away, not folowing me, nor keeping my commandementes, and my ceremonies, which I haue propofed to you, but fhall goe and worshippe ftrange goddes, and adore them: ⁷ I wil take away Ifrael from the face of the land, which I haue geuen them, and the temple which I haue fanctified to my name, I wil caft away from my fight, and Ifrael fhall be for a prouerbe, and for a fable to

^a External worfhip is not acceptable to God, except it procede from internal finceritie and deuotion. VVherfore S. Auguftin fayth: *God is worfhipped in faith, hope, and charitie. Enchirid. c. 3.*

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al peoples. ⁸ And this houfe ſhal be for an example: eu-
erie one that ſhal paffe by it, ſhal wonder, and hiffe, and
fay: Why hath the Lord done thus to this land, and to
this houfe? ⁹ And they ſhal anfwere: Becauſe they haue
forfaken the Lord their God, which brought their fathers
out of the Land of Ægypt, and haue folowed ftrange
goddess, & adored them, and worſhipped them: therefore
hath the Lord brought vpon them al this euil. ¹⁰ And
twentie yeares being complete, after that Salomon had
built the two houſes, that is, the houſe of our Lord,
and the houſe of the king, ¹¹ (Hiram the king of Tyre
miniftring to Salomon ceder trees & firre trees, and gold
according to al that he had neede) then Salomon ^agaue
to Hiram twentie townes in the Land of Galilee. ¹² And
Hiram went from Tyre, to ſee the townes which Salomon
had geuen him, and they pleaſed him not, ¹³ and he
ſayd: Are theſe the cities, which thou haſt geuen me,
brother? And he called them the land Chabul, vntil
this day. ¹⁴ Hiram alſo ſent to king Salomon an hun-
dred and twentie talentes of gold. ¹⁵ This is the ſumme
of the expences, which king Salomon offered to build
the houſe of our Lord, and his owne houſe, and Mello,
and the wal of Ierufalem, and Hefer, and Mageddo, and
Gazer. ¹⁶ Pharao the king of Ægypt came vp and tooke
Gazer, and burnt it with fire: and the Chananite, that
dwelt in the citie, he flewe, and gaue it for a dowrie to
his daughter the wife of Salomon. ¹⁷ Salomon therefore
built Gazer, and Bethhoron the lower, ¹⁸ and Baalath,
and Palmira in the Land of the wildernes. ¹⁹ And al the
villages, that perteyned to him, and were without wal,
he fenced, and the cities of the chariotes, and the cities
of the horſemen, and whatſoeuer pleaſed him to build in
Ierufalem, and in Libanus, and in al the land of his do-
minion. ²⁰ Al the people, that was remayning of the Am-
orrhaites, and Hethaites, and Pherezeites, and Heueites,
and Iebuſeites, that are not of the children of Ifrael:

^a Salomon did not ſell theſe cities, for he could not alienate them,
but let the king of Tyre haue the uſe and reuenues in payment
for timber, & for the gold which he ſent.

²¹ their children, that were remayning in the land, to witte, those whom the children of Ifrael could not abolish: Salomon made tributaries, vntil this day. ²² But of the children of Ifrael Salomon appoynted not any man to ferue, but they were men of warre, and his feruantes, and princes, and captaynes, and ouerfeers of the chariotes and horfes. ²³ And there were princes ouer al the workes of Salomon, made ouerfeers, fiue hundred fiftie, which had the people fubiect, and commanded ouer their appoynted workes. ²⁴ And the daughter of Pharao went vp out of the cite of Daud into her houle, which Salomon had built her: then did he build Mello. ²⁵ Salomon also offered three tymes euerie yeare holocaustes, and pacifique victimes vpon the altar, which he had built to our Lord, and he burnt incense before our Lord: and the temple was perfected. ²⁶ King Salomon also made ^a)a name in Afiongaber, which is befide Ailath in the flore of the Readfea in the Land of Idumea. ²⁷ And Hiram sent in that nauie his men, that were mariners & skilful of the fea, with the feruantes of Salomon. ²⁸ Who when they were come into Ophir, the gold taken thence of foure hundred and twentie talentes, they brought to king Salomon.

^a A monument.