

Chapter 13

Tobias the father prayfeth God, exhorting al Ifrael to do the fame, 11. prophecieth the reftauration and better ftate of Ierufalem.

The third part.
Old Tobias
prayfeth God,
prophecieth
better ftate of
Gods people.

And Tobias the elder opening his mouth, bleffed our Lord, and fayd: Thou art great Lord for euer, and thy kingdom world without end: ² because thou fcourgeft, and faueft: leadeft downe to hel, and bringeft backe agayne: and there is none that may efcape thy hand. ³ Cōfesse to our Lord ye children of Ifrael, and in the fight of the Gentiles prayfe him: ⁴ because he hath therfore difperfed you among the gentiles, which know not him, that you may declare his maruelous workes, and ^a)make them know, that there is no other God omnipotent befides him. ⁵ He hath chaftifed vs for our iniquities: and he wil faue vs for his mercie. ⁶ Behold therfore what he hath done with vs, and with feare and trembling confesse ye to him: and extol the king of the worldes in your workes. ⁷ And I ^b)in the land of my captiuitie wil confesse to him: because he hath fhewed his maieftie toward a finful nation. ⁸ Conuert therfore ye finners, & do iuftice before God, beleuing that he wil doe his mercie with you. ⁹ And I, and my foule wil reioyce in him. ¹⁰ Bleffe ye our Lord al his elect, celebrate daies of gladnes, and confesse to him. ¹¹ Ierufalem the citie of God, our Lord hath chaftifed thee in the workes of thy handes. ¹² Confesse to our Lord in thy good thinges, and bleffe the God of the worldes, that he may ^c)reedefie his tabernacle in thee, and may cal backe al the captiues to thee, & thou mayft reioyce for euer and euer. ¹³ Thou shalt shine with a glorious light: and al the coaftes of the earth shal adore

^a Temporal affliction for the fpiritual good of others.

^b His bodie being in captiuitie, yet his fpirit was free to praife and thank God. *S. Cypr. li. de mortalitate*

^c He prophecieth the reedifying of the temple, and citie of Ierufalem.

thee. ¹⁴ Nations from far shal come to thee: and bringing giftes, they shal adore our Lord in thee, and shal esteeme thy land for sanctification. ¹⁵ For they shal inuocate the great name in thee. ¹⁶ Cursed shal they be that shal contemne thee: and damned shal they be that shal blaspheme thee: and blessed shal they be that shal build thee. ¹⁷ And thou shalt reioyce in thy children, because they shal al be blessed, & shal be gathered together to our Lord. ¹⁸ Blessed are al that loue thee, and that reioyce vpon thy peace. ¹⁹ My foule, bleffe thou our Lord, because he hath deliuered Ierusalem his citie ^{a)}from al her tribulations, the Lord our God. ²⁰ Blessed shal I be if there shal remayne of my feede, to see the glorie of Ierusalem. ²¹ The gates of Ierusalem shal be built of Saphire and the Emerauld: and al the compasse of the walles therof of pretious stone. ²² With white and cleane stone shal al the ftreates therof be paved: and in the ftreates therof ^{b)}*Alleluia* shal be song. ²³ Blessed be our Lord, which hath exalted it, and his kingdom be for euer and euer ouer it. Amen.

^a Onlie celestial Ierusalem shal be free from al tribulations.

^b No Christian is ignorant (sayth S. Augustin *Epist.* 86.) that *Alleluia* is a voice of praise. In English it is *Praise ye the Lord with ioy*.