

Chapter 21

Famine opprefsing Ifrael three yeares, for the finne of Saul agaynft the Gabaonites, 6. feuen of Sauls race (7. Miphibofeth faued) are crucified. 12. Their bones with Sauls and Ionathas are buried in the Land of Benjamin. 15. Dauid hath foure great battels and victories againft the Philiftians.

And there came a famine in the daies of Dauid three yeares continually: and Dauid confulted the oracle of our Lord. And our Lord fayd: For Saul, and his bloody houle, becaufe he flewe the Gabaonites. ² The king therfore calling the Gabaonites, fayd to them. (Moreouer the Gabaonites were not of the children of Ifrael, but the reliques of the Amorrhaites: *Iofue. 9.* For the children of Ifrael had fworne to them, and Saul would ftrike them of zeale, as it were for the children of Ifrael and Iuda.) ³ Dauid therfore fayd to the Gabaonites: What shal I do for you? And what shal be the expiation for you, that you may bleffe the inheritance of our Lord? ⁴ And the Gabaonites fayd to him: We haue no queftion vpon filuer and gold, but agaynft Saul, and agaynft his houle: neither wil we that a man be flayne of Ifrael. To whom the king fayd: What wil you then that I do for you? ⁵ Who fayd to the king: The man, that hath wafted vs and oppreffed vs vniuftly, we muft fo deftroy, that there be not fo much as one leift of his ftocke in al the coaftes of Ifrael. ⁶ Let there be geuen vs feuen men of his children, that we may crucifie them to our Lord in Gabaa of Saul, once the chofen of our Lord. And the king fayd: I wil geue them. ⁷ And the king fpared Miphibofeth the fonne of Ionathas the fonne of Saul, for the oth of our Lord, that had beene between Dauid, and between Ionathas the fonne of Saul. ⁸ The king therfore tooke the two fonnes of Refpha the daughter of Aia, whom fhe bare to Saul, Armoni, and Miphibofeth: and the fiue fonnes of Michol the daughter of Saul, which fhe bare to Hadriel the fonne of Berzellai, that was of Molathi, ⁹ and gaue them into the handes of the Gabaonites: who crucified them on a hil before our

Lord: and theſe feuen dyed together in the firſt dayes of harueſt, when the reaping of barley began. ¹⁰ And Reſpha the daughter of Aia taking a heare cloth, ſpred it vnder her vpon the rocke from the beginning of harueſt, til water dropped vpon them from heauen: and ſhe ſuffered not the birdes to teare them by day, nor the beaſtes by night. ¹¹ And the thinges were told Daudid, which Reſpha had done, the daughter of Aia, the concubine of Saul. ¹² And Daudid went, and tooke the bones of Saul, and the bones of Ionathas his ſonne from the men of Iabes Galaad, who had ſtolen them out of the ſtreate of Bethſan, in the which the Philiftijms hanged them when they had killed Saul in Gelboe. ¹³ And he caried thence the bones of Saul, and the bones of Ionathas his ſonne: and gathering the bones of them, that were crucified, ¹⁴ they buried them with the bones of Saul, and the bones of Ionathas his ſonne in the Land of Benjamin, in the ſide, in the ſepulchre of Cis his father: and they did al thinges that the king had commanded, and God was made propitious agayne to the land after theſe thinges. ¹⁵ And there was a battel made agayne of the Philiftianes againſt Iſrael, and Daudid went downe, and his ſeruantes with him, and fought agaynſt the Philiftijms. And Daudid faynting, ¹⁶ Iefbibenob, which was of the kinred of Arapha, the yron of whoſe ſpeare weyed three hundred ounces, and he was girded with a new ſword, affayed to ſtrike Daudid. ¹⁷ And Abifai the ſonne of Saruia reſkewed him, and ſtriking the Philiftian killed him. Then ſware Daudids men, ſaying: Thou ſhalt no more goe forth with vs into battel, left thou put out the lampe of Iſrael. ¹⁸ There was alſo a ſecond battel in Gob againſt the Philiftians: then ſtroke Sobochai of Huſathi, Saph of the ſtocke of Arapha of the kinred of the gyantes. ¹⁹ There was alſo a third battel in Gob agaynſt the Philiftians, in the which Adeodatus the ſonne of the Foreſt a broderer the Bethlehemite ſtroke Goliath the Getheite, the ſhaft of whoſe ſpeare was as it were a weauers beame. ²⁰ The fourth battel was in Geth: in the which was a tal man, that had fix fingers and fix toes on eche hand and foote, that is fowre and twentie,

and he was of the race of Arapha. ²¹ And he blasphemed Israel: and Jonathan the sonne of Samaa the brother of Dauid stroke him. ²² These foure were borne of Arapha in Geth, and they fel by the hand of Dauid, and of his seruantes.