

## Chapter 1

*Salomon established in the throne, offereth a thousand hostes of sacrifice, 7. asking wisdom, 12. it is given him; with riches, and temporal glorie, which he asked not. 14. He prouideth manie chariottes and horsemen.*

The first part.  
Salomons reigne  
in the whole  
kingdome.

1. Paral. 13.

**S**alomon therefore the sonne of Dauid was strengthened in his kingdom, and our Lord was with him, and magnified him on high. <sup>2</sup> And Salomon commanded al Israell, the tribunes, and the centurions, and the dukes, and iudges of al Israell, and the princes of the families: <sup>3</sup> and he went with al the multitude into the Exceles of Gabaon, where was the tabernacle of the couenant of our Lord, which Moyfes the seruant of God made, in the wilderneffe. <sup>4</sup> For Dauid had brought the Arke of God from Cariathiarim into the place, which he had prepared for it, and where he had pitcht a tabernacle for it, that is, in Ierusalem. <sup>5</sup> The altar also of braffe, which Befeel the sonne of Uri the sonne of Hur had made was there before the tabernacle of our Lord: which also Salomon fought, and al the affembly. <sup>6</sup> And Salomon went vp to the altar of braffe, before the tabernacle of the couenant of our Lord, and offered on it a thousand hostes. <sup>7</sup> And behold in that verie night God appeared to him, saying: Aske what thou wilt that I may geue it thee. <sup>8</sup> And Salomon sayd to God: Thou haft done great mercie with my father Dauid: and haft made me king for him. <sup>9</sup> Now therefore Lord God be thy word fulfilled, which thou haft promised to Dauid my father: for thou haft made me king ouer thy people great in number, which is so innumerable as the dust of the earth. <sup>10</sup> Geue me wisdom and intelligence, that I may come in & goe out before thy people: for who can worthely iudge this thy people, which is so great? <sup>11</sup> And God sayd to Salomon: Because this rather hath pleased thy hart, and thou haft not asked riches, and substance, and glorie, nor their liues that hate thee, no nor manie dayes of life: but haft desired wisdom and knowledge, that thou mayst be able to iudge my people, ouer which

I haue made thee king. <sup>12</sup> Wifdom and knowledge are geuen thee: and riches, and fubftance and glorie I wil geue thee, foe that none among the kinges neither before thee, nor after thee fhall be like thee. <sup>13</sup> Salomon therefore came from the Excelfe of Gabaon into Ierufalem before the tabernacle of couenant, & reigned ouer Ifrael. <sup>14</sup> And he gathered to him chariotes and horfemen, and there amounted to him a thoufand foure hundred chariotes, and twelue thoufand horfemen: and he caufed them to be in the cities of the chariotes, and with the king in Ierufalem. <sup>15</sup> And the king gaue filuer and gold in Ierufalem <sup>a</sup>)as ftones, & cedar trees as lycomores, which grow in the champayne in great multitude. <sup>16</sup> And there were horfes brought him from Ægypt, and from Coa by the kinges merchantes, which went, and brought by a price, <sup>17</sup> a chariote of foure horfes for fix hundred peces of filuer, and an horfe for an hundred fiftie: in like maner of al the kingdomes of Hetheites, and of the kinges of Syria market was made.

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<sup>a</sup> It is the maner of holie fcripture to exprefse thinges exceeding vulgar capacitie by the figure *Hyperbole*.