

## Chapter 1

*Salomon established in the throne, offereth a thousand  
hordes of sacrifice, 7. asking wisdom, 12. it is given him;  
with riches, and temporal glorie, which he asked not.  
14. He provideth many 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 all Israel, the tribunes, and the centurions, and the dukes, and iudges of all Israel, and the princes of the families: <sup>3</sup> and he went with all the multitude into the Exchequer of Gabaon, where was the tabernacle of the covenant of our Lord, which Moyses the servant of God made, in the wilderness. <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 pitched a tabernacle for it, that is, in Ierusalem. <sup>5</sup> The altar also of brass, which Beseleel the sonne of Uri the sonne of Hur had made was there before the tabernacle of our Lord: which also Salomon fought, and all the assembly. <sup>6</sup> And Salomon went up to the altar of brass, before the tabernacle of the covenant of our Lord, and offered on it a thousand hordes. <sup>7</sup> And behold in that very night God appeared to him, saying: Aske what thou wilt that I may give it thee. <sup>8</sup> And Salomon said to God: Thou hast done great mercie with my father Dauid: and hast made me king for him. <sup>9</sup> Now therefore Lord God be thy word fulfilled, which thou hast promised to Dauid my father: for thou hast made me king over thy people great in number, which is so innumerable as the dust of the earth. <sup>10</sup> Give me wisdom and intelligence, that I may come in & goe out before thy people: for who can worthily iudge this thy people, which is so great? <sup>11</sup> And God said to Salomon: Because this rather hath pleased thy heart, and thou hast not asked riches, and substance, and glorie, nor their lives that hate thee, no nor many dayes of life: but hast desired wisdom and knowledge, that thou mayst be able to iudge my people, over 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 fycomores, 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*.