

Chapter 7

Fire from heauen deuoureth the holocaustes, and glorie replenisheth the Temple. 5. More sacrifices are offered, 8. and the Temple is dedicated, with feuen daies solemnitie, the eight day collection is made. 12. God signifieth that he hath heard Salomons prayer, 17. conditionally (as it was made) if they ferue him, 19. otherwise he wil punish them.

And when Salomon had finished to poure out his prayers, fyre descended from heauen, and deuoured the holocaustes and victimes: and the maiestie of our Lord filled the houle. ² Neither could the Priestes enter into the Temple of our Lord, because the maiestie of our Lord had filled the temple of our Lord. ³ Yea and al the children of Ifrael sawe the fyre descending, and the glorie of our Lord vpon the houle: and falling flat on the earth vpon the pauement paved with ftone, they adored, and prayfed our Lord: Because he is good, because his mercie is for euer. ⁴ And the king and al the people immolated victimes before our Lord. ⁵ King Salomon therfore killed hoftes, of oxen twentie two thoufand, of rammes an hundred twentie thoufand: and the king and al the people dedicated the houle of God. ⁶ And the Priestes stood in their offices: and the Leuites with the instrumentes of the songes of our Lord, which Daud the king made to prayse our Lord: Because his mercie is for euer, singing ^a)the hymnes of Daud by their handes: moreouer the Priestes sounded with trumpettes before them, and al Ifrael stood. ⁷ Salomon also sanctified the middes of the court before the temple of our Lord: for he had offered there the holocaustes,

^a As the Temple was the special place of prayer, chosen by God: v. 12. so special Hymnes Psalms and other set formes of blessing are more grateful to God, and more effectual to his seruantes.

and the fatte of the pacifiques: becaufe the brafen altar, which he had made, could not fufteyne the holocaustes and the facrifices and the fatte. ⁸ Salomon therefore made a folemnitie at that time feuen daies, and al Ifrael with him, an affemblye verie great, from the entrance of Emath to the Torrent of Ægypt. ⁹ And he made in the eight day an affemblye, becaufe he had dedicated the altar feuen daies, and had celebrated the folemnitie feuen daies. ¹⁰ Therefore in the three and twentieth day of the feuenth moneth, he difmiffed the people to their tabernacles, reioyning and being glad for the good, that our Lord had done to Daud, and Salomon, and Ifrael his people. ¹¹ And Salomon accomplished the houfe of our Lord, and the houfe of the king, and al that he had difpofed in his hart to do, in the houfe of our Lord, and in his owne houfe, and he prospered. ¹² And our Lord appeared to him by night, and fayd: I haue heard thy prayer, and haue chofen this place to me for a houfe of facrifice. ¹³ If I fhall shut heauen, and rayne fall not, and shall bid and command the locuft to deuoure the land, and fhall fend peftilence into my people: ¹⁴ and my people being conuerted, vpon whom my name is inuocated, fhall befech me, and feeke out my face, and shall doe penance from their moft wicked waies: I alfo wil heare from heauen, and wil be propitious to their finnes, and wil faue their land. ¹⁵ Mine eyes alfo shall be opened, and mine eares erected to his prayer, that shall pray in this place. ¹⁶ For I haue chofen, and haue fanctified this place, that my name may be there for euer, and mine eyes and my hart may remaine there al daies. ¹⁷ Thou alfo if thou walke before me, as Daud thy father walked, and shalt doe according to al thinges, which I haue commanded thee, and shalt keepe my iuftices and iudgements: ¹⁸ I wil rayfe vp the throne of thy kingdom, as I promiffed to Daud thy father, faying: There shall not be taken away of thy ftocke a man, that shall be prince in Ifrael. ¹⁹ But if you shall be turned away, and shall forfake my iuftices, and my preceptes, which I haue propofed to you, and going shall ferue ftrange goddes, and adore them, ²⁰ I wil plucke you out of my land,

which I haue geuen you: and this houfe, which I haue fanctified to my name, I wil caft away from my face, and wil deliuer it for a parable, and an exemple to al peoples. ²¹ And this houfe shal be for a prouerbe to al paffengers, and they shal fay being aftonyshed: Why hath the Lord done fo to this land, and to this houfe? ²² And they shal anfwer: Befcaufe they forfooke the Lord the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the Land of Ægypt, and tooke hold of ftrange goddes, and adored them, and worshipped them: therefore are al thefe euils come vpon them.