

Chapter 35

Iofias celebrateth a moft Solemne Pafch. 20. Is flaine by the king of Ægypt, al Iuda lamenting him, 25. moft fpecially Ieremias.

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And Iofias made in Ierufalem ^aa Phafe to our Lord, which was immolated the fourteenth day of the firft moneth. ² And he appoynted the Prieftes in their offices, and exhorted them that they would minifter in the houfe of our Lord. ³ To the Leuites alfo, at whofe inftruction al Ifrael was fanctified to our Lord, he fpake: Put the Arke in the Sanctuarie of the temple, which Salomon built the fonne of Dauid the king of Ifrael, for you fhall carie it no more: but now minifter to our Lord your God, and to his people Ifrael. ⁴ And prepare your felues by your houfes, and kinredes in the diuifions of euerie one, as Dauid the king of Ifrael commanded, and Salomon his fonne described. ⁵ And minifter ye in the Sanctuarie by families and Leuitical companies, ⁶ and being fanctified immolate the Phafe, prepare alfo your brethren, that they may doe according to the wordes, which our Lord fpake in the hand of Moyfes. ⁷ Moreouer Iofias gaue to al the people, that was found there in the folemnitie of the Phafe, lambes and kiddes of the flockes, and of the reft of the cattel thirtie thoufand, of oxen alfo three thoufand, al thefe thinges of the kinges fubftance. ⁸ His dukes alfo voluntarily offered that which they vowed, as wel to the people, as to the Prieftes and the Leuites. Moreouer Helcias, and Zacharias, and Iahiel princes of the houfe of our Lord, gaue to the Prieftes to make the Phafe cattel one with an other two thoufand fix hundred, and oxen three hundred. ⁹ And Chonenias, and Semeias, alfo Nathanael, his brethren, moreouer Hafabias, and Iehiel, and Iozabad princes of the Leuites, gaue to the reft of the

^a This Phafe, or Pafch, made by Iofias is famous, partly for that this feaft had bene omitted fome yeares, but fpecially for the great and extraordinarie folemnitie made at this time.

Leuites to celebrate the Phafe five thousand sheepe, and oxen five hundred. ¹⁰ And the minifterie was prepared, and the Prieftes ftood in their office: the Leuites alfo in companies, according to the kinges commandement. ¹¹ And the Phafe was immolated: and Prieftes fprinkled the blood with their hand, and the Leuites drew of the skinnes of the holocauftes: ¹² and they feperated them to geue them by the houfes and families of euerie one, and to be offered to our Lord, as it is written in the Booke of Moyfes, of oxen alfo they did in like maner. ¹³ And they rofted the Phafe vpon fyre, according to that which is written in the law: but the pacifique hoftes they boyled in caudrons, and kettles, and pottes, and in haft they diftributed it to al the people. ¹⁴ And for themfelues, and for the Prieftes they prepared afterward: for in oblation of holocauftes and of fatte the Prieftes were occupied vntil night: wherfore the Leuites prepared for themfelues, and for the Prieftes the children of Aaron laft. ¹⁵ Moreouer the finging men the children of Afaph ftood in their order, according to the precept of Daud, and Afaph, and Heman, and Idithun the prophetes of the king: and the porters watched at euerie gate, fo that they departed not a moment from the minifterie: for the which caufe alfo their brethren the Leuites prepared meates for them. ¹⁶ Therefore al the feruice of our Lord was ritely accomplifhed that day, fo that they made the Phafe, and offered holocauftes vpon the altar of our Lord, according to the precept of king Iofias. ¹⁷ And the children of Ifrael that were found there, made the Phafe at that time, and the folemnie of Azymes feuen daies. ¹⁸ There was not a Phafe like to this in Ifrael, from the daies of Samuel the prophete: neither did anie of al the kinges of Ifrael make a Phafe as Iofias, to the Prieftes, and the Leuites, and to al Iuda, and Ifrael that was found, and to the inhabitantes of Ierufalem. ¹⁹ In the eighteenth yeare of the kingdom of Iofias was this Phafe celebrated. ²⁰ After that Iofias had repayred the temple, came vp Nechao the king of Ægypt to fight in Charcamis befide Euphrates: and Iofias went forth to meete him. ²¹ But he fending meffengers vnto

him, sayd: What haue I to doe with thee king of Iuda? I come not agaynft thee this day, but I fight agaynft an other houle, to the which God hath commanded me to goe in haft: leaue to doe agaynft God, who is with me, left he kil thee. ²² ^{a)}Iofias would not returne, but prepared battel agaynft him, neither did he agree to the wordes of Nechao from the mouth of God, but went forward to fight in the field of Mageddo. ²³ And there being wounded of the Archers, he sayd to his feruantes: Carie me out of the battel, becaufe I am fore wounded. ²⁴ Who remoued him from one chariote into an other chariote, that folowed him after the maner of kinges, and they caried him away into Ierufalem, & he died, and was buried in the monument of his fathers, and al Iuda and Ierufalem ^{b)}mourned for him. ²⁵ Ieremie moft of al: whose lamentations al the finging men and finging wemen repeate vntil this prefent day vpon Iofias, and it is growen as it were a law in Ifrael. Behold it is sayd to be written in the lamentations. ²⁶ But the reft of the wordes of Iofias & of his mercies: which are commanded by the law of our Lord: ²⁷ his workes alfo the firft and the laft, are written in the Booke of the kinges of Iuda and Ifrael.

^a Iofias thought that the king of Ægypt intended to inuade his kingdome. And it was Gods wil he fhould be flaine, and not fee the euiles that fhould happen to the people.

^b Solemne exequies with lamentations and mufike.