

Chapter 13

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in diftribution of the treafure are amended, 10. and due Correction of
portions geuen to the Leuites. 15. Breakers of the Sab- faultes.
bath are corrected, 23. and thofe which married wemen
of ftrange nations.

Deut. 23. **A**nd in that day there was read in the volume of Moyfes the people hearing it: and there was found written in it, that the Ammonites and the Moabites fhould not enter into the Church of God for euer: ² for that they mette not the children of Ifrael with bread and water: and they hyred againft them Balaam, to curfe them: and our God turned the curfing into bleffing. ³ And it came to paffe, when they had heard the law, they feperated euerie ftranger from Ifrael. ⁴ And ouer this thing was Eliafib the Prieft, who had bene made ouerfeer in the treafurie of the houfe of our God, and neere akinne to ^aTobias. ⁵ He therefore made to himfelfe a great treafurie, and they were there before him laying vp giftes, and frankincenfe, and veffeles, and the tythe of corne, of wine, and of oyle, the portions of the Leuites, and of the finging men, and of the porters, and the firft fruites of the Prieftes. ⁶ But in al thefe things I was not in Ierufalem, becaufe in the two and thirteth yeare of Artaxerxes the king of Babylon I came to the king, and in the end of certaine dayes I defired the king. ⁷ And I came to Ierufalem, to make him a treafure in the entrances of the houfe of God. ⁸ And it femed to me exceding euil. And I threw forth the veffels of the houfe of Tobias out of the treafurie:

^a This Tobias was an Ammonite & a perfecuter *c. 14.* to whom Eliafib being akinne (by reafon of vnlawful mariages) ioyned felowfhip with him for wicked lucre which therefore Nehemias corrected, prefiguring therein our Sauours zeale, who threw byers and fellers out of the temple. *Mat. 21.* And thefe perfecuters prefigured heretikes in their wordes and actes, as venerable Beda expoundeth. *li. 3. in Efd. c. 19.*

⁹ and I commanded and they clenfed the treafurie: and I brought thither againe the veffels of the houfe of God, the facrifice, and the frankincenfe. ¹⁰ And I knew that the portion of the Leuites had not bene geuen: and that euerie man was fled into his countrie of the Leuites, and the finging men, and of them that miniftred: ¹¹ and I pleaded the matter againft the magiftrates, and faid: Why haue we forfaken the houfe of God? And I affembled them, and I made them to ftand in their ftandings. ¹² And al Iuda caried the tythe of the corne, wine, and oyle into the ftore houfes. ¹³ And we appoynted ouer the ftorehoufes Selemias Prieft, and Sadoc fcribe, and Phadaia of the Leuites, and next to them, Hanan the fonne of Zachur, the fonne of Mathania: becaufe they were approued faithful, and to them were committed the portions of the bretheren. ¹⁴ Remember me my God for this thing, and wipe not out my mercies, which I haue done in the houfe of my God, and in his ceremonies. ¹⁵ In thofe daies I faw them in Iuda treading the preffes on the Sabbath, carying heapes, and loding vpon affes wine, and grapes, and figges, and al maner of burthen, and bringing it into Ierufalem on the Sabbath day. And I charged them, that they fhould fel on a day that it was lawful to fel in. ¹⁶ And the Tyrians dwelt in it, bringing fifhes, and al thinges to fel: and they fold on the Sabbathes to the children of Iuda in Ierufalem. ¹⁷ And I rebuked the Princes of Iuda, and faid to them: What is this euil thing, that you doe, and prophane the day of the Sabbath? ¹⁸ Why did not our fathers thefe thinges, and our God brought vpon vs al this euil, and vpon this citie? And you adde wrath vpon Ifrael in violating the Sabbath. ¹⁹ And it came to paffe, when the gates of Ierufalem had refted on the Sabbath day, I fpake: and they fhut the gates, and I commanded them that they fhould not open them til after the Sabbath: and of my feruantes I appoynted ouer the gates, that none fhould bring in burdens in the Sabbath day. ²⁰ And the merchantes, and they that fold al merchandife, taried without Ierufalem once and againe. ²¹ And I charged them, and I faid to them: Why tarie you ouer againft

the wal? if you doe fo the fecond time, I wil lay my hand vpon you. Therefore from that time they came not on the Sabbath. ²² I fpake alfo to the Leuites that they fhould be cleanfed, and fhould come to keepe the gates, and to fanctifie the day of the Sabbath: therefore for this alfo remember me my God, & fpare me according to the multitude of thy mercies. ²³ But in thofe daies alfo I faw the Iewes marrying wiues wemen of Azotus, and of Ammon, and of Moab. ²⁴ And their children fpake, the halfe part the Azotian tongue, and they could not fpeake the Iewes language, and they fpake according to the language of the people and people. ²⁵ And I rebuked them, and curfed them. And I beate of them fome men, and shaued them bald, and adiured them by God, that they should not geue their daughters to their fonnes, nor take their daughters for their fonnes, & for themfelues, faying: ²⁶ Did not Salomon the king of Ifrael finne in this kind of thing? and furely in manie nations, there was not a king like to him, & he was beloued of his God, and God fette him king ouer al Ifrael: him therefore alfo foren wemen brought to finne. ²⁷ And fhall we alfo being difobedient perfons doe al this great euil, to tranfgrefse againft our God, and to marie foren wemen? ²⁸ And Sanaballat the Horonite was fonne in law to one of the fonnes of Ioiada, the fonne of Eliafib the high Prieft, whom I draue from me. ²⁹ Remember ô Lord my God againft them, that pollute the Priefthood, and the right of Prieftes and Leuites. ³⁰ Therefore I feparated from them al ftrangers, and I appoynted the courfes of the Prieftes and Leuites, euerie man in his minifterie: ³¹ and in the oblation of woode at times appoynted, and in the firft fruites: ^a)Remember me my God vnto good. Amen.

THE THIRD, AND FOVRTH BOOKES OF ESDRAS,
WITH THE PRAYER OF MANASSES, folow after the MACH-
ABEES.

^a A iuft man that hath merited by good workes may pray with great confidence for reward.