

k Whē he wil sommon all y heathen, and fend them to destroy thee I that is, reioiced & trū pned m the Edomites shalbe vterly destroyed, & yet in despite of all y enemies I wil reuerue my Church & restore it n God attributeth this power to consume his enemies to his Church which power is only is proper to hē self, as Lia 10, 17 den 4, 24 chr 12, 29

the remnant thereof in the daie of affliction.

15 For the daie^k of the Lord is nere, vpon all the heathen: as thou hast donè, it shal be done to thee: thy rewarde shal retuine vpon thine head.

16 For as ye haue^l drunke vpon mine holy Mountaine, so shal all the heathen drinke continually: yea, thei shal drinke and swallowe vp, and thei shal be^m as thogh thei had not bene.

17 But vpon mount Ziōn shal be deliuerāce, and it shalbe holy, & the house of Iakób shal possesse their possessions,

18 And the house of Iakób shalbeⁿ a fyre, and the house of Ioséph a flame, and the house of Esāu as stubble, & thei shal kindle

in them and deuoute them: and there shal be no remnant of the house of Esāu: for the Lord hath spoken it.

19 And thei shal possesse the South side of the^o mount of Esāu: and the plaine of the Philistims, and thei shal possesse the fieldes of Ephāim, & the fields of Samaria, and Benjamin shal haue Gileād.

20 And the captiuitie of this hoste of the children of Iliacēl, which were among the^p Canaanites, shal possesse vnto Zarephāth, and the captiuitie of Ierusalēm, which is in Sepharād, shal possesse the cities of the South.

21 And thei that shal saue, shal come vp to Mount Ziōn to iudge the mount of Esāu, and the kingdome shalbe the Lords.

o He describeth how the Church shalbe enlarged & haue great possessions, but this chiefly is accomplished vnder Christ when as the faithful are made heires and Lords of all things by him which is their head. p By the Canaanites the Iewes meane the Dutche men, and by Zarephāth, France, and by Sepharād, Spaine q Meaning y God will raise vp in his Church such as shal rule & gouerne for y defence of y same, and destruction of his enemies vnder Meſſiā, v home the Prophet calleth here the Lord & head of this kingdome.

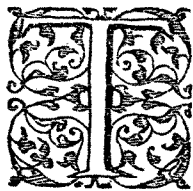
I O N A H.

T H E A R G U M E N T.

WHen Ionáh had long prophesied in Israël and had little profited, God gaue him expresse charge to go, and denounce his iudgements against Ninuech the chief citie of the Assyrians, because he had appointed, that thei which were of the heathen, shoulde conuert by the mightie power of his words, and that within thre daies preaching, that Israël might se how horribly thei had provoked Gods wrath, which for the space of so many yeres, had not conuerted to the Lord for so many Prophetes and so diligent preaching. He prophesied vnder Ionáh, and Ieroboām, as 2 King. 14, 25.

C H A P. I.

3 Ionáh fled when he was sent to preache. 4 A tempest ariseth, and he is cast into the sea for his disobedience.



He worde of the Lord came^a also vnto Ionáh the sonne of Amittái, saying,

Arise, and go to^b Ninuech, that^c great citie, and crye against it: for thei wickednes is come vp before me.

3. But Ionáh rose vp to^d flee into Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went downe to^e Iaphó: & he founde a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went downe into it, that he might go with them vnto Tarshish, from the^f presence of the Lord.

4 But the Lord sent out a great winde into the sea, and there was a mightie tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afiaied, and cryed euerie man vnto his god, and cast the wares that were in the ship, into the sea to lighten it of them: but Ionáh was gone downe into the sides of the ship, and he

laie downe, and was fast a slepe.

6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said vnto him, What meanest thou, ó sleeper! Arise, call vpon thy^h God, if so be y^h God wil thinke vpon vs, that we perish not.

7 And thei said euerie one to his felowe, Come, and let vs castⁱ lottes, that we maie knowe, for whose cause this euil is vpon vs. So thei cast lottes, & the lot fell vpon Ionáh.

8 Then said thei vnto him, Tel vs for whose cause this euil is vpon vs: what is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? which is thy countrei? and of what people art thou?

9 And he answered them, I am an Ebrew, & I feare the Lord God of heauen, which hath made the sea, and the drye land.

10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said vnto him, Why hast thou done this? (for the men knewe, that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had tolde them)

11 Then said thei vnto him, What shal we do vnto thee, that the sea maie be calme vnto vs? (for the sea wrought and was troublous)

12 And he said vnto them, Take me, and cast me into the sea: so shal the sea be calme vnto you: for I knowe, that for my sake this great tempest is vpon you.

13 Neuertheles, the men rowed to bring it to the land, but thei coulde not: for the sea wrought, and was troublous against them.

a After that he had preached along time in Israël: and so Ezekiel, after that for a time he had prophesied in Iuda, he had visions in Babylon, Ezek 11 b For being y great obstination of y Israelites, he sent his Prophet to the Gentiles y they might penitance or at least make the inexcusable: for Ninuech was the chief citie of the Assyrians c For as authors write, it continued in circuit about eight & fortie mile & had a thousand and fyue hundred rowers, and at this time there were an hundred & twentie thousand childre therein, Chap 4, 11. d Whereby he declared his weakens, that wolde not promptly follow the Lords calling, but gaue place to his owne reason, which persuaded him that he shoulde nothing at all profite there, seeing he had done so much good among his owne people, Chap 4, 2 e Which was the haue, and port to take shipping thither, called also Ioppe. f From that vocation whereunto God had called him, and wherein he wolde haue assisted him g As one y wolde haue cast of this care, and solicitude by seeking rest and quietnes

h As they had called on their idoles, which declared that idolaters haue no stay nor certainte, but in their troubles seke, thei can not tel to whome i Which declared that y matter was in great extremite, and doute, which thing was Gods motion in them for the trial of the cause: and this may not be done but in matters of great importance

14 Wherefore thei cryed vnto the Lord, & said, *k* We beseeche thee, O Lord, we beseeche thee, let vs not perish for this mans life, and laie not vpon vs innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done, as it pleased thee.

15 So thei toke vp Jonah, and cast him into the sea, & the sea ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men ^l feared the Lord exceedingly, & offered a sacrifice vnto ^h Lord, and made vowes.

17 Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swalowe vp Jonah: and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three daies, and three nights.

k This declareth that the very wicked in their necessities flee vnto God for succour, and also that they are touched with a certain feare to shew mans blood, where as they knowe no manifest signe of wickednes.

l They were touched with a certaine repentance of their life past, and began to worship the true God, by whome they sawe them selues so wonderfully deliuered: but this was done for feare and not of a pure heart and affection, nether according to Gods worde *m* Thus the Lord wolde chastise his Prophet with a most terrible spectacle of death, & hereby also confirmed him of his fauour and support in this his charge which was intoned him.

CHAP. I I.

Jonah is in the fish belly. 3 His prayer. 18 He is deliuered.

1 Then Jonah praied vnto the Lord *a* out of the fishes belly,

2 And said, I cryed in mine affliction vnto the Lord, & he hearde me: out of the belly ^b of hel cryed I, and thou heardst my voice.

3 For thou haddest cast me into ^c bottome in the middes of the sea, and the floods compassed me about: all thy surges, and all thy waues passed ouer me.

4 Then I said, I am ^d cast awaie out of thy sight: yet wil I looke againe towarde thine holy Temple.

5 The waters compassed me about vnto the soule: the depth closed me rounde about, & the wedes were wrapt about mine head.

6 I went downe to the bottome of the mountaines: the earth with her barres was about me for euer, yet hast thou brought vp my ^e life from the pit, O Lord my God.

7 When my soule fainted within me, I remembered the Lord: and my praier came vnto thee, into thine holy Temple.

8 Thei that waite vpon lying ^f vanities, forsake their owne mercie.

9 But I wil sacrifice vnto thee with the voice of thanksgiving, and wil paie that that I haue vowed: saluacion is of ^g Lord.

10 And the Lord spake vnto the fish, and it cast out Jonah vpon the drye land.

a Being now swallowed vp of death, and seeing no remedy to escape, his faith braut out vnto the Lord knowing ^h our of the very hel he was able to deliuer him

b For he was now in the fishes belly as in a graue or place of darkenes

c This declared what his prayer was, & how he laboured betwene hope and despayre, confiding the neglect of his vocation & Gods iudgements for the same: but yet in the end faith gate the victorie

d Thou hast deliuered me from the belly of the fish & all these dangers, as it were raising me from death to life

e They that depend vpon any thing saue on God alone

f They refuse their owne felicitie & that goodnes which they shal receiue of God.

CHAP. I I I.

Jonah is sent againe to Nineuēh. 3 The repentance of the King of Nineuēh.

1 And the worde of the Lord came vnto ^a Jonah the seconde time, saying,

2 Arise, go vnto Nineuēh that great citie, and preache vnto it the preaching, which I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineuēh ^b before shewed so great infirmite.

a This is a great declaration of Gods mercie ^c he receiveth him againe & sendeth hi forth as his Prophet which had

ording to the worde of the Lord: now Nineuēh was a ^b great and excellent citie of thre daies iourney.

4 And Jonah began to entre into the citie ^a daies ^c iourney, and he cryed, and said, Yet fortie daies, & Nineuēh shalbe ouerthrowen.

5 So the people of Nineuēh ^d beleued God and proclaimed a fast, & put on sackcloth from the greatest of them euē to the least of them.

6 For worde came vnto the King of Nineuēh, and he rose from his throne, and he laied his robe from him, and couered him with sackcloth, and sate in ashes.

7 And he proclaimed and said through Nineuēh, (by the counsell of the King and his nobles) saying, Let nether man, nor beast, bullocke nor shepe tast any thing, nether fede nor drinke water.

8 But let man and beast put on sackcloth, and ^e crie mightely vnto God: yea, let euerie man turne from his euil waie, and from the wickednes that is in their hands.

9 Who can tel if God wil turne, and repent and turne awaie from his fierce wrath, ^f y we perish not?

10 And God sawe their ^g workes that they turned from their euil wayes: & ^h God repented of the euil that he had said that he wolde do vnto them, and he did it not.

frutes of their repentance, which did procede of faith which God had planted by the ministerie of his Prophet. ⁱ Read Lxviii 2, 3.

CHAP. I I I I.

The great goodnes of God toward his creatures.

1 Therefore it displeaseth ^a Jonah exceedingly, and he was angrie.

2 And he praied vnto the Lord, and said, I praie thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my countrey? therefore I praied it to flee vnto ^b Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slowe to angrie and of great kindenes, and repentest thee of the euil.

3 Therefore now O Lord, take, I beseeche thee, my life ^c from me: for it is better for me to dye than to liue.

4 The Lord said the Lord, Dost thou wel to be ^d angrie?

5 So Jonah went out of the citie and sate on the East side of the citie, and there made him a boothe, and sate vnder it in the shadowe ^e til he might see what shulde be done in the citie.

6 And the Lord God prepared a ^f gourde, & made it to come vp ouer Jonah, that it might be a shadowe ouer his head and deliuer him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourde.

7 But God prepared a worme when the morning rose the next daie, and it smote

^f Which was a further meane to comert him from the heat of the sunne, as he remained in his boothe.

^b Read Chap. 2, 1

^c He went forward one case in the citie, & preached, & so he continued all ^h citie was conuerred

^d For he declared that he was a Prophet sent to them from God to denounce his iudgements against them.

^e Not that ^g dumme beasts had sinned or colde repent, but ^h by their example man might be astonished, considering ⁱ for his sinne ^j angrie of God hangd ouer all creatures.

^f He willed, that the men shulde earnestly call vnto God for mercie

^g For partly by the threatening of ^h Prophet, & partly by the motion of his owne conscience & ⁱ doubted whether God wolde shewe them mercie ^j at 15, the

^a Because hereby he shulde be taken as a false prophet, & so the Name of God, which he preached, shulde be blasphemed.

^b Read Chap. 2, 3

^c Thus he praied of grief fearing lest Gods Name by this forgiveness might be blasphemed as though he sent his Prophetes forthe to denounce his iudgements in vaine

^d Wilt thou be iudge when I do things for my glorie, and when I do not?

^e For he doubted as yet whether God wolde shewe the mercie or not: and therefore after fourtie dayes he departed out of the citie, looking what yfue God wolde send

the gourde, that it withered.

8 And when the sunne did arise, God prepared also a feruent East winde: and the sunne bet vpon the head of Ionah, that he fainted, and wished in his heart to dye, and said, It is better for me to dye, then to liue.

9 And God said vnto Ionah, Doeft thou wel to be angrie for the gourde? And he said, I do wel to be angry vnto thy death.

10 Then said the Lord, Thou hast had pittie on the gourde for the which thou hast not laboured, nether madeft it growe, which came vp in a night, and perished in a night,

11 And shulde not I spare Nineueh that great citie, wherein are six score thousand persones, that can not discerne betwene their right hand, & their left had, and also muche cattel?

h Thus God mercifully reproueth him, which wolde putte him self & this gourde, and yet wolde restraine God to shewe his compassion to so manie thousand people
i Meaning, they were children, & infants.

g This declareth the great inconueniences wherinto Gods seruants do fall when they giue place to their owne affection, & do not in all things willingly submit the selues to God

MICAH.

THE ARGUMENT.

Micah the Prophet of the tribe of Iudah serued in the worke of the Lord, concerning Iudah and Israel, at the least thirtie yeres at what time I saiah prophesied. He declareth the destruction, first of the one kingdome, and then of the other, because of their manifolde wickednes, but chiefly for their idolatry. And to this end he noteth the wickednes of the people, the crueltie of the princes and gouernours, and the permission of the false prophetes, and the deliuing in them. Then he setteth forth the coming of Christ, his kingdome, & the seruicie thereof. This Prophet was not that Micah which resisted Ahab, & all his false prophetes, as 1. King. 22, 8, but another of the same name.

CHAP. I.

1 The destruction of Iudah & Israel because of their idolatry.

THe worde of the Lord, that came vnto Micah the Morashite in the dayes of Iotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah Kings of Iudah, which he sawe concerning Samaria and Ierusalem.

2 Heare, all ye people: hearken thou, o earth, and all that therein is, and let the Lord God be witnes against you, euen the Lord from his holie Temple.

3 For beholde, the Lord cometh out of his place, and wil come downe, & tread vpon the hie places of the earth.

4 And the moutaines shal melt vnder him (so shal the valles cleaue) as waxe before the fyre, & as the waters that are powred downeward.

5 For the wickednes of Iacob is all this, & for the sinnes of the house of Israel: what is the wickednes of Iacob? Is not Samaria? & which are the hie places of Iudah? Is not Ierusalem?

6 Therefore I wil make Samaria as an heape of the field, & for the planting of a vineyard, and I wil cause the stones thereof to tumble downe into the valley, & I wil discouer the fundacions thereof.

7 And all the grauen images thereof shalbe broken, and all the gifts thereof shalbe burnt with the fyre, and all the idoles thereof wil I destroye: for she gathered it of the hyre of an harlot, and they shal returne

ne to the wages of an harlot.

8 Therefore I wil moune & houle: I wil go without clothes, and naked: I wil make lamentacion like the dragons, & mourning as the ostriches.

9 For her plagues are grievous: for it is come into Iudah: the enemy is come vnto the gate of my people, vnto Ierusalem.

10 Declare ye it not at Gath, nether wepe ye: for the house of Aphrah roule thy self in the dust.

11 Thou that dwellest at Shaphir, go together naked with shame: she that dwelleth at Zaanan, shal not come forthe in mourning of Beth-ebel: the enemy shal receiue of you for his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waited for good, but euil came from the Lord vnto the gate of Ierusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, binde the charret to the beastes of price: she is the beginning of the sinne to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were founde in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou giue presents to Morsheth of Gath: the houses of Achzib shalbe as a lie to the Kings of Israel.

15 Yet wil I bring an heire vnto thee, o inhabitant of Mareshah, he shal come vnto Adullam, the glorie of Israel.

16 Make thee balde: and shauce thee for thy delicate children: enlarge thy baldenes as the egle, for they are gone into captiuitie from thee.

17 Thou first receiuedst idolatrye of Ieroboam, & so didest infect Ierusalem. Thou shalt bribe Philistims thy neighbours, but they shal deceiue thee, as wel as they of Ierusalem. He prophesieth against his owne citie, & because it signified an heritage, he saith God wolde send an heire to possesse it. For so they thought them selues for the strength of their citie.

g The gaine they came by their idoles, shalbe consumed as a thig of noight: for as they wages or riches of harlottes are wickedly gotten, so are they vilely and speedily spent.

h Lest the Philistims our enemies reioyce at our destruction

i Which was a citie nere to Ierusalem, Iosh. 18, 23, & signifieth dust: therefore he willett them to mourne, & roule the selues in dust, for their iustie citie

k These were citie wherby the enemy shal passe as he came to Iudah. He shal not departe before he hath couercome you, and so you shal pay for his taryng

m For Rabshakch had shut vp Ierusalem, & they could not send to succour them. To see away for Sancherib had siege first to this citie, & remained therein whene Sinit his captaines, & armye against Ierusalem

CHAP. II.

1 Threatnings against the wanton & dementie people. 2 They wolde teache the Prophetes to preache.

Zzz. iiii.

a Some in Marshah a citie of Iudah

b Because of the malice, & obstinacie of the people whome he had so oft exhorted to repentance, he somoneth the to Gods iudgements taking all creatures, & God him self to witnes, that the preaching of his Propheces, & they naue abused, shal be reuenged
c Meaning hereby that God wil come to iudgement against the cities & holdes of Samaria, & shulde haue bene an exaple to all Israel of true religio & iustice, was puddle, and stewes of all idolatrye, and corruption, & boasted them selues of their father Iacob.
e That is, the idolatrye and infection
f Which they gathered by euil practises, & thought that their idoles had enriched them therewith for their seruice vnto them.