

The booke of Josua

whom the hebrues call Jehosua.

The fyrst Chapter.

The Lorde commaunded Josua to invade the lande of promise, and commaunded him continually to tread: Deuteronomie.



After the death of Moses the seruaunt of the Lord, it happened also that the Lord spake vnto Josua the sonne of Nun, Moses minister, sayig: moles my seruaunt is dead. Now therefore vp

go ouer Jordan & all this people, vnto the lade of which I geue vnto the children of Israel. * All the places of the soles of youre fete shall treade vpon haue I geue you as I sayde vnto Moses fro the wil dernes & this Libanon vnto the greate ryuer Euphrates: all the lande of the Hethites, cū vnto the great see towarde the going downe of the sonne, shall be youre coaste. There shall not a man be able to wythstande the all the dayes of thy lyfe. * For as I was with Moses so will I be with the: and will not

forse the, nor forsake the. * Be strong therefore and holde: for vnto this people shalt thou depde the lande which I swaie vnto the fathers to geue them. Dnely be thou strong and as holde as thou cast, that thou mayest obserue & do according to all the lawe, whych

Moses my seruaunt commaunded the. * Courne the from nether to the right hand, nor to the left: that thou mayest do wysely in all thou takest in hande: * let not the booke of this lawe departe out of thy mouth: But

reorde therein daye and night the thou mayest obserue, & do accordyng to all that is wrytten therein. For then shalt thou make thy waye prosperous, & then thou shalt do wysely. Haue not I commaunded, the that thou shuldest be stronge & hardye & not feare nether be saynt harted: For I the Lorde thy God am with the, whether soeuer thou goest.

Then Josua commaunded the officers of the people, sayig: Goo thorow the mydder of the hooste, & commaunde the people, sayig: prepare you vitayles: for after the dayes ye shall passe ouer this Jordan, to goo in &

entoepe the lande, which the Lorde your God geueth you, to possesse it.

And vnto the Rubenites, Gadites, & halfe the trybe of Manasses spake Josua sayig: * Remember the worde, which Moses the seruaunt of the Lorde commaunded you, sayig: the Lorde your God hath geuen you rest, & hath geuen you this lade. Youre wyues, youre chyldren, and youre catell shall remaine in the lade which Moses gaue you in this sayde Jordan: But ye shall go before youre brethren armyd, all the men of warre, and helpe them vntill the Lorde haue geue youre brethren rest, as he hath geue you, and vntill they also haue obtayned the lande, which the Lorde your God geueth them. And then shall ye retourne vnto the lande of youre possession & enioye it, whych lade Moses the Lordes seruaunt gaue you on this syde Jordan towarde the sonne settinge.

And they answered Josua sayig: * All that thou hast commaunded vs, we will do, and whether soeuer thou sendest vs, we will go according as we obeyed Moses in all thynges, so will we obey the: onely the Lorde thy God be wyth the as he was wth Moses. And whosoever he be that doth dysobey thy mouth and will not herken vnto thy wordes in all that thou commaundest him, let him dye: Onely be stronge and of good courage.

The ii. Chapter.

Josua sendeth spies to Jericho, which were vnto of Rahab.

And Josua the sonne of Nun sent out of Settim two men to spy secretly sayig: go and vewe the lande and also Jericho. And they went, and came into a harlotes house, named Rahab, & lodged there. And it was tolde the kynge of Jericho & sayde: Beholde, there came men in hyther to nyght, of the children of Israel, to spy out the countrey.

And the kynge of Jericho sent vnto Rahab sayig: byyng forth the men that are come to the, & which are entred into thyne house: for they be come to seache out all the lande.

And the woman take the two men and hid them. And sayde thus: in dede there came me men vnto me, but I will not wher they were. And aboute the tyme of the shutting of the gate when it was darcke, the men went out, whether the men went I wot not: folowe ye after them quyklye, for ye shall ouer take them. But she brought them vnto the rooffe of the house, & hid them wyth the stalckes of flaxe, which she had lpyng abroad vpon the rooffe. And the men of the cpye pursued after them, the waye to Jordan, euen vnto the trybe, and as sone as they whych pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.