

THE FIRST BOKE OF the Kings.

THE ARGUMENT.

Because the children of God shulde loke for no continual rest and quietnes in this worlde, the holy Ghost setteth before our eyes in this boke the varietie and change of things, which came to the people of Israel from the death of Dauid, Salomón and the rest of the Kings, vnto the death of Aháb, declaring how that flourishing kingdomes, except they be preserved by Gods protection, (who then fauoreth them when his worde is truly set forth, vertue esteemed, vice punished and concorde mainteined) fall to decay and come to naught: as appeareth by the diuiding of the kingdome vnder Robohám, and Ierobohám, which before were but all one people, and now by the iuste punishment of God were made two, whereof Iudáh and Beniamín came to Robohám: and this was called the kingdome of Iudáh, and the other ten tribes helde with Ierobohám, and this was called the kingdome of Israel. The King of Iudáh had his throne in Ierusalém, and the King of Israel in Samaria, after it was buyte by Amri Ahabs father. And because our Sauour Christ according to the flesh shulde come of the stocke of Dauid, the genealogie of the Kings of Iudáh is here described, from Salomón to Ioram the sonne of Iosaphát, who reigned ouer Iudáh in Ierusalém, as Aháb did ouer Israel in Samaria.

CHAP. I.

3 Abishág kept Dauid in his extreme age. 5 Adonijáh vsurpeth the kingdome. 30 Salomón is anointed King. 50 Adonijáh fleeth to the altar.

1 **N**ow when King Dauid was ^a olde, and striken in yeres, they couered him wth clothes, but no ^b heate came vnto him.

2 Wherefore his seruánts said vnto him, Let there be sought for my lord the King a yong virgin, and let her stand before the King, and cherish him: & let her lye in thy bosome, that my lord the King may get heate.

3 So they sought for a faire yong maid throughout all the coastes of Israel, and founde one Abishág ^c a Shunammite, and brought her to the King.

4 And the maid was exceeding faire, & cherished the King, and ministred to him, but the King knewe her not.

5 ¶ Then Adonijáh the sonne of Haggith exalted him selfe, saying, I wil be King. And he gate him charets and horsemen, & ^d fifty men to runne before him.

6 And his father wolde not displease him frō his^e childehode, to say, Why hast thou done so? And he was a very goodly má, & his mother bare him next after Absalóm.

7 And he toke counsell of Ioáb the sonne of Zeruiáh, and of Abiathár the Priest: &

they ^e helped forward Adonijáh.

8 But Zadók the Priest, and Benaiáh the sonne of Iehozadá, and Nathán the Prophet, & Shimei, & Rei, & y^e men of might w^{ch} were with Dauid, were not wth Adonijáh.

9 Then Adonijáh sacrificed shepe & oxen, and fat cattel by the stone of Zohéleth, which is by ^f En-rogél, and called all his brethren the Kings sonnes, & all the men of Iudáh the Kings seruants,

10 But Nathán the Prophet, & Benaiáh, and the ^g mighty men, and Salomón his brother he called not.

11 Wherefore Nathán spake vnto Bath-sheba the mother of Salomón, saying, Hast thou not heard, that Adonijáh the sonne ^h of Haggith doeth reigne, and Dauid our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, & I wil now giue thee counsell, how to saue thine owne ⁱ life, and the life of thy sonne Salomón.

13 Go, and get thee in vnto King Dauid, & say vnto him, didest not thou, my lord, o King, sweare vnto thine hádmaid, sayig, Assuredly Salomón thy sonne shal reigne after me, and he shal sit vpon my throne? why is then Adonijáh King?

14 Beholde, while y^e yet talkest there with the King, I also wil come in after thee, & ^k confirme thy wordes.

15 ¶ So Bath-sheba went in vnto the King into y^e cháber, & the King was very olde, and Abishág the Shunammite ministred vnto the King.

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^e They take his part & followed him.

^f Or, the fountain.

^g As the Cherethites & Pelethites.

^h 2 Sam. 3.4.

ⁱ For Adonijáh wil destroy thee and thy sonne, if he reigne.

^k By declaring suche things, as may further the same.

^a He was about 70 yere olde, 2 Sam. 5.4
^b For his natural heate was worne away with trauels.

^c Or, serue him.

^d Which entie was in the tribe of Issachár.

^e Read, 2 Sam. 15.6.

^f Etc. dates.

^g Etc. his wordes were with Ioab.

Adoniahs treason.

I. Kings.

Salomón King.

16 And Bath-sheba bowed and made obeisance vnto the King. And the King said, What is thy matter?

17 And she answered hi, My lord, thou swarest by the Lord thy God vnto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Salomón thy sonne shall reigne after me, and he shall sit vpon my throne.

18 And beholde, now is Adoniah King, & now, my lord, O King, thou knowest it not.

19 And he hath offered many oxen, and fat cattel, and shepe, and hath called all the sonnnes of the King, & Abiathar the Priest, & Ioab the captaine of the hoste: but Salomón thy seruant hath he not bidden.

20 And thou, my lord, O King, knowest that the eyes of all Israel are on thee, that thou shouldest tel them, who shoulde sit on the throne of my lord the King after him.

21 For els where my lord the King shall slepe with his fathers, I and my sonne Salomón shall be reputed vile.

22 And lo, while she yet talked with the King, Nathán also the Prophet came in.

23 And they tolde the King, saying, Beholde, Nathán the Prophet. And when he was come in to the King, he made obeisance before the King vpon his face to the ground.

24 And Nathán said, My lord, O King, hast thou said, Adoniah shall reigne after me, and he shall sit vpon my throne?

25 For he is gone downe this day, & hath slain many oxen, and fat cattel and shepe, and hath called all the Kings sonnnes, & the captaines of the hoste, & Abiathar the Priest and beholde, they eat & drinke before him, and say, God saue King Adoniah.

26 But me thy seruant, and Zadók the Priest and Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá, and thy seruant Salomón hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the King, & thou hast not shewed it vnto thy seruant, who shoulde sit on the throne of my lord the King after him?

28 ¶ Then King Dauid answered, & said, Call me Bath sheba. And she came into the Kings presence, and stood before the King.

29 And the King sware, saying, As the Lord lueth, who hath redeemed my soule out of all aduersitie,

30 That as I have sworn vnto thee by the Lord God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Salomón thy sonne shall reigne after me, and he shall sit vpon my throne in my place, so wil I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath sheba bowed her face to the earth, & did reuerence vnto the King, & said, God saue my lord King Dauid for euer.

32 ¶ And King Dauid said, Call me Zadók the Priest, and Nathán the Prophet, and Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá. And they came before the King.

33 Then the King said vnto them, Take with you the seruants of your lord, and cause Salomón my sonne to ride vpon mine owne mule, & cary him downe to Gihón.

34 And let Zadók the Priest and Nathán the Prophet anoint him there King ouer Israel, and blowe ye the trumpet, and say, God saue King Salomón.

35 Then come vp after him, that he may come and sit vpon my throne: and he shall be King in my steade: for I haue appointed him to be prince ouer Israel and ouer Iudah.

36 Then Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá answered the King, & said, So be it, O the Lord God of my lord the King ratifie it.

37 As the Lord hath bene with my lord the King, so be he with Salomón, & exalt his throne about the throne of my lord King Dauid.

38 So Zadók the Priest, and Nathán the Prophet, and Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá, and the Cherethites & the Pelethites went downe, and caused Salomón to ride vpon King Dauids mule, and broght him to Gihón.

39 And Zadók the Priest took an herne of poynt out of the Tabernacle, and anointed Salomón anointed him with the trumpet, and all the people said, God saue King Salomón.

40 And all the people came vp after him, and the people piped with pipes & reioyced with great ioye, so that the earth rang with the sounde of them.

41 ¶ And Adoniah and all the guests that were with him, heard it: (and they had made an end of eating) and when Ioab heard the sounde of the trumpet, he said, What meaneth this noise & uprore in the citie?

42 And as he yet spake, beholde, Ionathán the sonne of Abiathar the Priest came: & Adoniah said, Come in: for thou art a worthy man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Ionathán answered, and said to Adoniah, Verely our lord King Dauid hath made Salomón King.

44 And the King hath sent with him Zadók the Priest, and Nathán the Prophet, and Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they haue caused him to ride vpon the Kings mule.

45 And Zadók the Priest, and Nathán the Prophet haue anointed him King in Gihón: and they are gone vp fro thence with ioye, and the citie is moued: thus is the noise

1 The King being wone w. th. age, could not attend to the affairs of the reigne, & also Adoniah had many flatterers which kept it from the King.

2 And so put to death as wicked transgressors

3 Acknowledging him to be the true & worthy King appointed of God as the figure of his Christ.

4 Ebr. let the King Adoniah be

5 Meaning, y he ought in such affaires ent. rprise nothing except he had consulted with the Lord.

6 Moved by the spirit of God so to do, because he foresawe that Salomón shoulde be the figure of Christ.

o Meaning, the Kings seruants & such as were of his garde.

7 Ebr. smādā.

8 Ebr. šay ša.

9 Wherewith they accustomed to anoint the Priests & the holy instruments, Exod. 30. 25.

10 Ebr. šay ša.

11 Ebr. a man of power
12 He praised Ionathán thus king to haue heard comfortable news, but God wrought things contrary to his expectation, and so did beat downe his pride.

noife that ye haue heard.

46 And Salomón alfo fitreth on the throne of the kingdome.

r To salute him & pray & praife God for him

47 And moreover the Kings feruants came to bleffe our lord King Dauid, faying, God make the name of Salomón more famous then thy name, & exalt his throne about thy throne: therefore the King worfhiped vpon the bed.

f He gaue God thikes for the good fuccesse

48 And thus faid the King alfo, Blessed be the Lord God of Ifraél, who hath made one to fit on my throne this day, euen in my fight.

49 Then all the gesses that were with Adoniiiáh, were afiaied, and rofe vp, & went euery man his waye.

z Which Dauid his father had buyt in fhoure of A-tannáh.

50 ¶ And Adoniiiáh fearing the prefence of Salomón, arofe and went, and toke holde on the hornes of the altar.

51 And one tolde Salomón, faying, Beholde, Adoniiiáh doeth feare King Salomón: for lo, he hath caught holde on the hornes of y altar, faying, Let King Salomón fwere vnto me this day, that he wil not flaye his feruant with the fworde.

52 The Salomón faid, If he wil shewe him felfe a worthy man, there fhall not an heere of him fall to the earth, but if wickednes be found in him, he fhall dye.

53 The King Salomón fent, & thei broght him from the altar, and he came and did obeifance vnto King Salomón. And Salomón faid vnto him, Go to thine houfe.

CHAP. II.

1 Dauid exhorteth Salomón, and giueth charge as concerning Ioáb, Barzillai, and Shimei 10 The death of Dauid. 17 Adoniah asketh Abihag to wife 22 He is flayne. 31 Zadok was placed in Abiathars roume.

1 Then the daies of Dauid drewe nere that he fhulde dye, and he charged Salomón his fonne, faying,

a I am ready to dye, as all men muft.

b He fheweth how hard a thing it is to gouerne, and that none can do it well, except he obey God

Deut. 29.9. iob 1.7. vnde wifely

I go the waie of all the earth: be ftrong therefore, and shewe thy felfe a man,

c And without hypocrite

z Sam. 7.12.

¶ Ely a mee had not be cut off the from of the thron

z Sam. 1.27.

z Sam. 20.16.

d He fhed his blood in time of peace, as if there had bene warre.

3 And take hede to y charge of the Lord thy God, to walke in his waies, & kepe his ftatutes, & his cōmandements, & his iudgeméts, & his teftimonies, as it is written in the Lawe of Moſes, that thou maieft

4 prosper in all that thou doeft, and in euery thing whereunto thou tui:neft thee,

4 That the Lord may confirme his worde which he fpake vnto me, faying, If thy fonnes take hede to their way, that thei walke before me in truet h, with all their hearts, and with all their foules, thou fhalt not (faid he) want one of thy pofteritie vpon the throne of Ifraél.

5 Thou knoweft alfo what Ioáb the fonne of Zeruiáh did to me, and what he did to the two captaines of the hoftes of Ifraél, vnto Abnér the fonne of Ner, and vnto Amafá the fonne of Iethér: whome he flewe; and shed blood of battel in peace,

and e put the blood of warre vpon his girdle that was about his loynes, & in his fhooes that were on his fetce.

e He put the bloody fworde into his fhooes.

6 Do therefore according to thy wifdome, and let thou not his hoare head go downe to the graue in peace.

7 But shewe kindenes vnto the fonnes of Barzillái the Gileadite, and let them be among them that eat at thy table: for fo thei came to me when I fled from Abſalóm thy brother.

z Sam. 19.31. f That is, they deli mercifully with me

8 ¶ And beholde, with thee Shimei the fonne of Gerá, the fonne of Iemimí, of Bahuiim, which curfed me with an horrible curfe in y day when I went to Mahanáim: but he came downe to meete me at Iorden, and I fwere to him by the Lord, faying, I wil not flaye thee with the fworde.

z Sam. 16.5.

z Sam. 19.23.

9 But thou fhalt not count him innocent: for thou art a wife man, and knoweft what thou oghteft to do vnto him: therefore y fhalt caufe his hoare head to go downe to the graue with blood.

g Let him be punished with death

¶ Añ 2.39. c

z Sam. 5.4.

10 So Dauid flipt with his fathers, & was buried in the cite of Dauid.

11 And the daies which Dauid reigned vpon Ifraél, were fourtie yeeres: feuen yeeres reigned he in Hebrón, and thirty & thre yeeres reigned he in Ierufalém.

z Sam. 5.4.

12 ¶ The fate Salomón vpō the throne of Dauid his father, and his kingdome was ftablished mightely.

z Chr. 29.23

13 And Adoniiiáh the fonne of Haggith came to Bath-fheba the mother of Salomón: and ſhe faid, Commett thou peaceably? And he faid, Yea.

b For ſhe feared, left he woude worke reafon againft the King.

14 He faid moreover, I haue a fute vnto thee. And ſhe faid, Say on.

15 Then he faid, Thou knoweft that the kingdome was mine, and that all Ifraél fet their faces on me, that I fhulde reigne: howbeit the kingdome is turned away, & is my brothers: for it came to him by the Lord.

i In ſigne of their fauour & conſent

16 Now therefore I afke thee one request, reſuſe me not. And ſhe faid vnto him, Say on.

¶ Ely, I will not my face to thee as thou wilt

17 And he faid, Speake, I pray thee, vnto Salomón the King, (for he wil not fay the naye) that he giue me Abihág the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-fheba faid, Wel, I wil ſpake for thee vnto the King.

19 ¶ Bath-fheba therefore went vnto King Salomón, to ſpake vnto him for Adoniiiáh: and the King rofe to meete her, and bowed him ſelfe vnto her, & fate downe on his throne: and he caufed a feat to be fet for the Kings mother, and ſhe fate at his right hand.

k In token of reuerence, and that others by his example might haue her in greater honour.

20 Then ſhe faid, I deſire a ſmale request of thee, ſay me not naye. Then the King faid vnto her, Aſke on, my mother: for I

Adonijah slayne.

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Shimei slayne.

Meaning, that if he should have granted Abishag, & was so deere to his father, he would afterwards have aspired to the kingdom.

2 Sam. 7. 26.

101. fr. 778 him

101. sufficient. "Eti a man of death
m When he fled before Absalom, 2 Sam. 15. 24.

1 Sam. 3. 31.

n He took Adonijahs part who he would have usurped the kingdom, Chap. 17.

o. Thinking to be saved by holines of the place.

p For it was lawful to take 5 wilful murderers from the altar, Exod. 21. 14.

r. Sam. 3. 27. 2 Sam. 20. 10.

will not say thee naye.
21 She said the, Let Abishag the Shunamite be giue to Adonijah thy brother to wife.
22 But King Salomon answered and said vnto his mother, And why dost thou aske Abishag the Shunamite for Adonijah aske for him the 1 kingdom also: for he is mine elder brother, & hathe for him bothe Abiathar the Priest, and Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah.
23 The King Salomon swaie by the Lord, saying, God do so to me and more also, if Adonijah hathe not spoken this worde against his owne life.
24 Now therefore as the Lord liueth, who hathe established me, and set me on the throne of Dauid my father, who also hathe made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall surely dye this day.
25 And King Salomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the sonne of Ichoiada, and he smote him that he dyed.
26 ¶ Then the King said vnto Abiathar the Priest, Go to Anathoth vnto thine owne fields: for thou art worthy of death: but I wil not this day kil thee, because thou barest the Ark of the Lord God before Dauid my father, & because thou hast suffered in all, when in my father hathe bene afflicted.
27 So Salomon cast out Abiathar from being Priest vnto the Lord, that he might fulfil the wordes of the Lord, which he spake against the house of Eli in Shiloh.
28 ¶ Then tidings came to Ioab: (for Ioab had turned after Adonijah, but he turned not after Absalom) and Ioab fled vnto the Tabernacle of the Lord, & caught holde on the hornes of the altar.
29 And it was tolde King Salomon, that Ioab was fled vnto the Tabernacle of the Lord, & beholde, he is by the altar. The Salomon sent Benaiah the sonne of Ichoiada, saying, Go, fall vpon him.
30 And Benaiah came to the Tabernacle of the Lord, & said vnto him, Thus saith the King, Come out. And he said, Naye, but I wil dye here. Then Benaiah broght the King worde againe, saying, Thus said Ioab, and thus he answered me.
31 And the King said vnto him, Do as he hathe said, and smite him, & buye him, & thou maiest take away the blood, which Ioab shed causeles, from me and from the house of my father.
32 And the Lord shall bring his blood vpon his owne head: for he smote two more righteous & better then he, & slewe them with the sworde, and my father Dauid knewe not: is wit, * Abnei the sonne of Ner, captaine of the hoste of Israel, and * Amasai the sonne of Ietair captaine of the hoste of Iudah.

33 Their blood shall therefore returne vpon the head of Ioab, and on the head of his soue for euer: but vpon Dauid, and vpon his seide, and vpon his house, and vpon his throne shall there be peace for euer from the Lord.
34 So Benaiah the sonne of Ichoiada went vp, and smote him, and slewe him, and he was buried in his owne house in the wilderness.
35 And the King put Benaiah the sonne of Ichoiada in his roume ouer the hoste: & the King set Zadok the Priest in the roume of Abiathar.
36 ¶ Afterwarde the King sent, and called Shimei, and said vnto him, Buyde thee an house in Ierusalem, and dwell there, & departe not thence anie whether.
37 For that day that thou goest out, & passest ouer the riuer of Kidron, knowe assuredly, that thou shalt dye the death: thy blood shall be vpon thine owne head.
38 And Shimei said vnto the King, The thing is good: as my lord the King hathe said, so wil thy seruant do. So Shimei dwelt in Ierusalem many dayes.
39 And after thre yeres two of the seruants of Shimei fled away vnto Achish sonne of Maachah King of Gath: & they tolde Shimei, saying, Beholde, thy seruants be in Gath.
40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his asse, and went to Gath to Achish, to seke his seruants: and Shimei went, and broght his seruants from Gath.
41 And it was tolde Salomon, that Shimei had gone from Ierusalem to Gath, & was come againe.
42 And the King sent and called Shimei, & said vnto him, Did I not make thee to sweare by the Lord, & protested vnto thee, saying, That day that thou goest out, and walkest anie whether, knowe assuredly thou shalt dye the death? And thou saidest vnto me, The thing is good, that I haue heard.
43 Why then hast thou not kept the othe of the Lord, & the commandement wherewith I charged thee?
44 The King said also to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickednes wherunto thine heart is priuie, that thou didest to Dauid my father: the Lord therefore shall bring thy wickednes vpon thine owne head.
45 And let King Salomon be blessed, and the throne of Dauid established before the Lord for euer.
46 So the King commanded Benaiah the sonne of Ichoiada: who went out & smote him that he dyed. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Salomon.
1. Because aid his enemies were detroued

q Ioab shall be iustly punished for the blood that he hath cruolly shed.

r And for toke the office of Priest from the house of Eli, & restored it to the house of Phineas.

s Thus God appointeth the waies & meanes to bring his iuste iudgements vpon the wicked.

t His contentious minde moued him rather to venture his life then to lose his worldly profit, which he had by his seruants.

u For though he would denie, yet thine owne conscience would accuse thee, for reuiling & doing wrong to my father, 2 Sam. 16. 5.

CHAP. III.

1 Salomon taketh Pharaohs daughter to wife. 5 The Lord appeareth to him, & giveth him wisdom. 17 The pleading of the two harlots, and Salomons sentence therein.

2. Chron. 1. 11.

a Which was Beth-lehem.

b Where altars were appointed before the Temple was buylt to offer vnto the Lord.

c For his father had commaunded him to obey the Lord & walke in his wayes, Chap. 24. d For there was a Tabernacle, was, 1 Chron. 23.

e Or, as he walked.

f Thou hast performed thy promises.

g That is, to heare my selfe in executing this charge of ruling.

2. Chron. 1. 10. Or, obedient.

h Which are 10 name in number.

i That is, that thine enemies shal dye.

Matt. 6. 33. wisd. 7. 11.

1 Salomon the made affinitie with Pharaoh King of Egypt, and toke Pharaohs daughter, and brought her into the citie of Daud, vntil he had made an end of buylding his owne house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall of Ierusalem round about.

2 Onely the people sacrificed in the hie places, because there was no house buylt vnto the Name of the Lord, vntil those dayes.

3 And Salomon loued the Lord, walking in the ordinaces of Daud his father: onely he sacrificed and offered incense in the hie places.

4 And the King wet to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the chief hie place: a thousand burnt offrings did Salomon offer vpon that altar.

5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Salomon in a dreame by night, and God said, Aske what I shal giue thee.

6 And Salomon said, Thou hast shewed vnto thy seruant Daud my father great mercy, when he walked before thee in trueth, & in righteousness, and in vprightnes of heart with thee: & thou hast kept for him this great mercy, and hast giuen him a sonne, to sit on his throne, as appeareth this day.

7 And now, O Lord, my God, thou hast made thy seruant King in stead of Daud my father: and I am but a yong childe, and knowe not how to go out and in.

8 And thy seruant is in the middes of thy people, which thou hast chosen, euen a great people which cannot be tolde nor nombred for multitude.

9 Giue therefore vnto thy seruant an vnderstanding heart, to iudge thy people, that I may discern betwene good & bad: for who is able to iudge this thy mighty people?

10 And this pleased the Lord wel, that Salomon had desired this thing.

11 And God said vnto him, Because thou hast askea this thing, & hast not asked for thy selfe long life, nether hast asked riches for thy selfe, nor hast asked thy life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thy selfe vnderstanding to heare iudgement,

12 Beholde, I haue done according to thy wordes: lo, I haue giuen thee a wise and vnderstanding heart, so that there hath bene none like thee before thee, nether after thee shal arise the like vnto thee.

13 And I haue also giuen thee that, which thou hast not asked, bothe riches and ho-

nour, so that among the Kings there shal be none like vnto thee all thy dayes.

14 And if thou wilt walke in my wayes, to kepe mine ordinances and my commandments, as thy father Daud did walke, I wil prolong thy dayes.

15 And when Salomon awoke, beholde, it was a dreame, and he came to Ierusalem, and stode before the Arke of the covenant of the Lord, and offered burnt offrings and made peace offrings, and made a feast to all his seruants.

16 Then came two harlottes vnto the King, and stode before him.

17 And the one woman said, Oh my lord, I & this woman dwel in one house, & I was deliuered of a childe with her in my house.

18 And the third day after that I was deliuered, this woman was deliuered also: and we were in the house together: no stranger was with vs in the house, saue we twaine.

19 And this womans sonne dyed in the night: for she ouerlay him.

20 And she rose at midnight, and toke my sonne from my sise, while thine hadmaid slept, & layed him in her bosome, & layed her dead sonne in my bosome.

21 And when I rose in the morning to giue my sonne sucke, beholde, he was dead: and when I had wel considered him in the morning, beholde, it was not my sonne, whom I had borne.

22 Then the other woman said, Nay, but my sonne liueth, and thy sonne is dead: againe she said, No, but thy sonne is dead, & mine aliue: thus they spake before the King.

23 The said the King, She sayth, this that liueth is my sonne, & the dead is thy sonne: and the other sayth, Naye, but the dead is thy sonne, and the liuing is my sonne.

24 Then the King said, Bring me a sworde: & they brought out a sworde before the King.

25 And the King said, Deuide ye the liuing childe in twaine, and giue the one halfe to the one, and the other halfe to the other.

26 Then spake the woman, whose the liuing childe was, vnto the King, for her compassion was kindled toward her sonne, & she said, Oh my lord, giue her the liuing childe, and slay him not: but the other said, Let it be nether mine nor thine, but deuide it.

27 Then the King answered, & said, Giue her the liuing childe, and slay him not: this is his mother.

28 And all Israel heard the iudgement, which the King had iudged, and they feared the King: for they sawe that the wisdom of God was in him to do iustice.

CHAP. IIIII.

1 The princes and rulers vnder Salomon. 22 The puruoyance for his vntailes. 26 The number of his horses. 32 His booke and writings.

Or, he be bene.

He knewe that God had appeared vnto him in a dreame.

Or, vnto the.

By this example it appeareth that God kept promise with Salomon in granting him wisdom.

She stole the quicke childe away, because she might both auoid the shame and punishment.

In Except God giue iudgement vnto Salomon, the impudencie of the responce that ouerthrowe the innocens.

Her motherly affection heerein appeareth that she had rather endure the rigor of the law, when she seeth the child, than to be falsely accused.

Salomons princes.

I. Kings.

Salomons prouision.

1 **A**nd King Salomón was King ouer all Israël.

2 And these were ^a his princes, ^b Azariáh the sonne of Zadók the Priest, Elihóreph and Ahiáh the sonnes of Shishá scribes, Iehoshaphát the sonne of Ahilúd, the recorder,

3 And Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá was ouer the hoste, and Sadók and ^c Abiathár Priests,

4 And Azariáh the sonne of Nathán was ouer the officers, and Zabúd the sonne of Nathán Priest was the Kings friend,

5 And Ahiishár was ouer the housholde: & ^d Adoniráam the sonne of Abdá was ouer the tribute.

6 ¶ And Salomón had twelue officers ouer all Israël, which prouided vitales for the King and his housholde: eche man had a moneth in the yere to prouide vitales.

7 And these are their names: the sonne of Hur in mount Epháim:

8 The sonne of Dekár in Makáz, and in Shaalbim and Beth-shémesh, and ^e Elón and Beth-hanán:

9 The sonne of Héfed in Arubóth, to whome pertained Sochóh, & all the land of Hépher:

10 The sonne of Abinadáb in all the regiõ of Dor, which had Tapháth the daughter of Salomón to wife.

11 Baaná the sonne of Ahilúd in Taanách, and Megiddó, & in all Beth-sheán, which is by Zartánah beneth Izreél, from Beth-sheán to Abel-meholáh, euen til beyonde ouer against Iokmeám:

12 The sonne of Géber in Ramóth Gileád, & his were the townes of ^f Iair, the sonne of Manasséh, which are in Gileád, and vnder him was the regiõ of Argób which is in Bashán: threescore great cities with walles and barres of braisse.

13 ¶ Alinadáb the sonne of Iddó had to Mahanáim:

14 Ahimáz in Naphtalí, and he toke Basmáth the daughter of Salomón to wife:

15 Baaná the sonne of Hushái in Asher and in Alóth:

16 Iehoshaphát the sonne of Parúah in ^g Issachár.

17 Shimeí the sonne of Eláh in Beniamín:

18 Gréber the sonne of Vri in the countrei of Gileád, the land of Sihón King of the Amorites, and of Og King of Bashán, and was officer alone in the land.

19 Iudáh and Israël were manie, as the sand of the sea in number, ^h eating, drinking, and making meary.

20 ¶ And Salomón reigned ouer all kingdomes, from the ⁱ Riuer vnto the land of the Philistims, and vnto the border of Egypt, and they brought presentes, and serued Salomón all the dayes of his life.

^a That is, his chief officers.

^b He was the sonne of Achiméas and Zadocs nephew.

^c Noe Abiathár, whome Salomón had put from his office, Chap. 2. 27, but such is of that name.

^d Chap. 1. 4.

^e 10. 21. in Beth-sheán.

^f Which townes bare Iairs name, because he toke them of the Canaanites, Nomb. 32. 42.

^g Salomón observed not the diuision that Ioshás made, but deuided it as might best serue for his purpose.

^h They liued in all peace & securitie Eccles. 47. 15.

ⁱ Which is Euphrates.

21 And Salomons vitales for one day were thirtie measures of fine floure, and threescore measures of meale:

22 Ten fat oxen, and twentie oxen of the pastures, and an hundred shepe, beside hartes, and buckes, and bugles, and fat foule.

23 For he ruled in all the region on the other side of the Riuer, from Tipháh euen vnto ^k Azzáh, ouer all the Kings on the other side the Riuer: & he had peace roudé about him on euerie side.

24 And Iudáh and Israël dwelt without feare, euerie man vnder his vine, and vnder his fig tree, from ^l Dan, euen to Beer-sheba, all the dayes of Salomón.

25 ¶ And Salomón had ^m fortie thousand italles of horses for his charrets, and twelue thousand horsemen.

26 And these officers prouided vitale for King Salomón, and for all that came to King Salomons table, euerie man his moneth, and they suffred to lacke nothing.

27 Barly also and strawe for the horses and mules broght they vnto the place where the officers were, euerie man according to his charge.

28 ¶ And God gaue Salomón wisdome and vnderstanding exceding muche, and a ⁿ large heart, euen as the sand that is on the sea shore.

29 And Salomons wisdome excelled the wisdome of all the children of the ^o East and all the wisdome of Egypt.

30 For he was wiser then anie man yee, ther were Echán the Ezrahite, then Hieman, then Chalóí, then Darúá the sonnes of Mahól: and he was famous throughout all nations roudé about.

31 And Salomón spake thre thousand ^p proverbes: and his songs were a thousand and siue.

32 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tre that is in Lebanón, euen vnto the ^q byslope that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beastes, and of foules, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

33 And there came of all people to heare the wisdome of Salomón, frõ all Kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdome.

C H A P. V.

Hiram sendeth to Salomón, and Salomón to him, purposing to buylde the house of God. He prepareth stuffe for the buylding. The number of the workemā.

1 **A**nd Hiram King of Tyrus sent his seruants vnto Salomón, (for he had heard, that they had anoynted him King in the roume of his father) because Hiram had euer loued Dauid.

2 ¶ Also Salomón sent to Hiram, saying, Thou knowest that Dauid my father colde not buylde an house vnto the Name of the Lord his God, for the warres

¹² 2lv. Corin.

¹³ 10r. Ouz. d

¹⁴ For they were all triba caries vnto him

¹⁵ 1 Through out all Israël.

¹⁶ 2 Chron. 9. 25.

¹⁷ Eccles. 47. 26.

¹⁸ k Meaning, great vnderstanding and able to comprehend all things

¹⁹ 1. 10. 21. the philo. 20. 26. & astron. 20. 26. were iudged moste wise.

²⁰ m Which for the most parte are thought to haue perished in the captiuitie of Babylón

²¹ n From the heet to the lowest.

²² 10r. 20r.

²³ 2. Chron. 20. 2.

which were about him on euerie side, vntil the Lord had put them vnder the soles of his feete.

4 But now the Lord my God hath giuen me a rest on euerie side, so that there is neither aduersarie, nor euil to resiste.

5 And beholde, I purpose to buylde an house vnto the Name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spake vnto Daud my father, saying, Thy sonne, whome I wil set vpon thy throne for thee, he shal buylde an house vnto my Name.

6 Now therefore comande, that they hewe me cedar trees out of Lebanón, and my seruants shalbe with thy seruants, and vnto thee wil I giue the hire for thy seruants, according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there are none among vs, that can hewe timbre like vnto the Sidonians.

7 And when Hirám heard the wordes of Salomón, he reioyced greatly, and said, Blessed be the Lord this day, which hath giuen vnto Daud a wise sonne ouer this mightie people.

8 And Hirám sent to Salomón, saying, I haue considered the things, for the which thou sentest vnto me, and wil accomplish all thy desire, concerning the cedar trees and firre trees.

9 My seruants shal bring them downe from Lebanón to the sea: and I wil conuie the by sea in: afts vnto the place that thou shalt shewe me, and wil cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receyue them: now thou shalt do me a pleasure to minister foode for my familie.

10 So Hirám gaue Salomón cedar trees & firre trees, euen his ful desire.

11 And Salomón gaue Hirám twetic thousand measures of wheat for foode to his housholde, and twetic measures of beaten oyle. Thus muche gaue Salomón to Hirám yere by yere.

12 And the Lord gaue Salomón wisdom as he promised him. And there was peace betwene Hirám and Salomón, and they two made a couenant.

13 And King Salomón raised a summe out of all Israél, and the summe was thirty thousand men:

14 Whome he sent to Lebanón, ten thousand a moneth by course: they were a moneth in Lebanón, & two moneths at home. And Adoniram was ouer the summe.

15 And Salomón had seuentie thousand that bare burdens, & fourescore thousand masons in the mountaine,

16 Besides the princes, whome Salomón

appointed ouer the worke, euen thre thousand and thre hundred: which ruled the people that wrought in the worke.

17 And the King commanded them, & they broght great stones and costly stones to make the fundacion of the house, euen hewed stones.

18 And Salomons workemen, & the workemen of Hirám, and the masons hewed & prepared timbre and stones for the buyl- ding of the house.

CHAP. V I.

1 The buylding of the Temple and the forme thereof. 2 The promises of the Lord to Salomón.

1 And in the foure hundred and foure score yere (after the children of Israél were come out of the land of Egypt) and in the fourth yere of the reigne of Salomón ouer Israél, in the moneth Zif, (which is the seconde moneth) he buylt the house of the Lord.

2 And the house which King Salomón buylt for the Lord, was thre score cubites long, & twente broade, and thurty cubites hie.

3 And the porche before the Temple of the house was twentic cubites long according to the breadth of the house, and ten cubites broade before the house.

4 And in the house he made windowes, broade without, and narowe within.

5 And by the wall of the house he made galleries rounde about, euen by the walles of the house rounde about the Temple and the oracle, and made chambres rounde about.

6 The nethermost gallerie was fiue cubites broade, and the middlemost six cubites broade, & the thirde seue cubites broade: for he made restes: rounde about without the house, that the beames shulde not be fastened in the walles of the house.

7 And whē the house was buylt, it was buylt of stone perfite, before it was broght, so that there was nether hammer, nor axe, nor any toole of yron heard in the house, while it was in buylding.

8 The dore of the middle chambre was in the right side of the house, & men went vp with winding steires into the middlemost, and out of the middlemost into the third.

9 So he buylt the house and finished it, & cieled the house being vawted with cie- ling of cedar trees.

10 And he buylt the galleries vpon all the wall of the house of fiue cubites heighe, & they were ioyned to the house with beames of cedar.

11 And the word: of the Lord came to Salomón, saying,

10r, his currier
a He declar- ed that he was bounde to set forthe Gods glorie, forasmuche as the Lord had sent him rest and peace.
2 Sam. 7. 13.
1 Chron. 22. 10.

b This was his equite, for he wolde not receiue a benefite without some recompence.

c In Hirám is prefigure of vocacion of Gualter, who shulde helpe to buylde the spiri- tual temple.

10r, 1111.

d While my seruants are occupied about thy buldins

10r, 1111.

10r, 1111.

Chap. 3. 22.

e As touching the furniture of wood, and vitallis

Chap. 4. 6.

10r, messers of the worke,

f The Ebrewe worde is, Gihlim, which some say, were excellent masons

2 Chron. 3. 1.

a Which moneth cometh part of April depart of May. b wherby is meant the temple & the oracle

c Or the court where the people prayed, & was before the place where the altar of burnt offerings stood.

d Or open

10r, 1111.

d Whēce God spake betwene Cherubims, called also the moste holy place

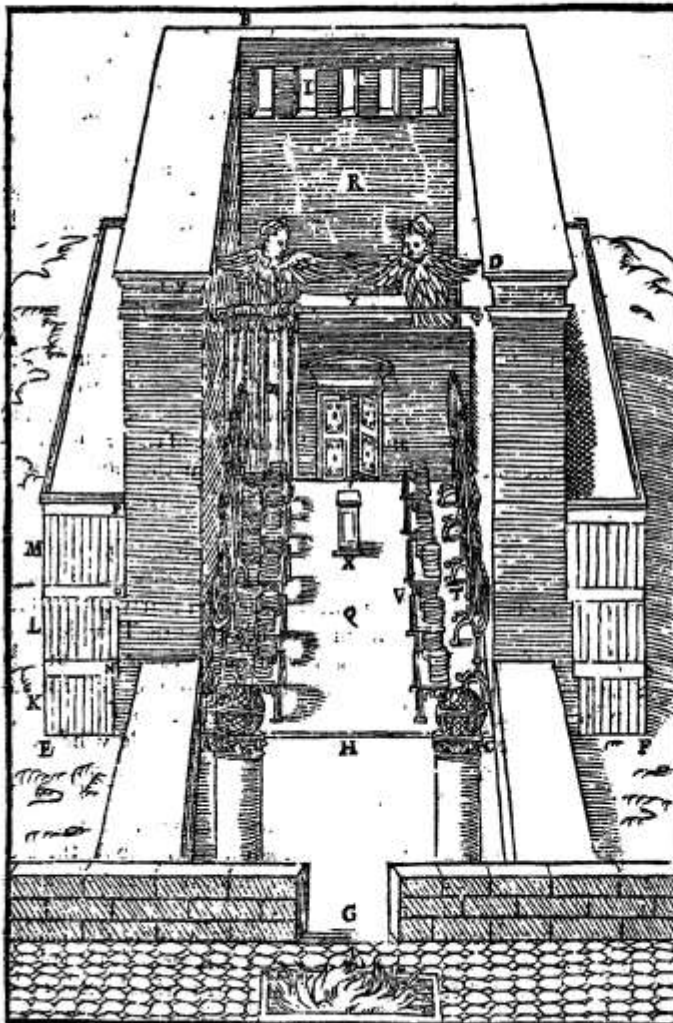
e Which were certeine - Ro- mes coming out of the wall, as flayes for the beames to rest vpon.

10r, 1111.

f In Exodus it is called the Tabernacle: the temple is there called the sanctuary, and the oracle the moste holy place.

I. Kings.

THE TEMPLE UNCOVERED.



The cause why we uncover-
red and set open the Tem-
ple, without setting forth a
the wall that is before
it, is, that the order of
those things that are
within, might be seen
more lively.

A B The length of the
Temple of thirtie cubites

A C The breadth of twen-
tie cubites within, and
we measuring the thick-
ness of the walls, that
also was the length of
the porch without the Temple.

C D The height of thirtie
cubites

E F The chambers of the
Priests, which compassed
about the Temple on three
sides, South, West and
North, and were of three
heights.

G H The breadth of the
porch, ten cubites.

I The Windows of the
Temple

K The first chamber was
five cubites broad

L The seconde six

M The third seven

N O P The rests or stayes
of the walls, which bare
up the postes that did se-
parate chamber from
chamber.

Q The holy place

R The holiest of all, where
the Arke of the couen-
nant was Y

S The gate to enter in-
to the moste holy place

T The sixe Candelsticks
on euerie side of the Tem-
ple

V The ten tables on bo-
the sides for the shewe
bread.

X The incense altar

2 Sam. 7, 13.

E According
as he promi-
sed vnto Mo-
ses, Exo 25, 22.

B Meaning vnto
the roofe,
which was al-
so covered.

12 Concerning this house which thou buy-
dest, if thou wilt walke in mine ordināces,
and execute my iudgements, and kepe all
my commandements, to walke in them,
then wil I performe vnto thee my prome-
se; which I promised to Dauid thy fa-
ther.

13 And I wil dwell among the children of
Israël, and wil not forsake my people Is-
raël.

14 So Salomon buylt the house and fini-
shed it.

15 And buylt the walles of the house with-
in, with bordes of cedre tre from the pa-
uement of the house vnto the walles of
the cieling, and within he covered them
with wood and couered the floore of the
house with planks of firre.

16 And he buylt twentie cubites in the si-
des of the house with bordes of cedre, fro
the floore to the walles, and he prepared a
place within it for the oracle, the moste
holy place.

17 But the house, that is, the temple before
it was fourtie cubites long.

18 And the cedre of the house within was
kerued with knoppes, and grauen with
flowres: all was cedre, so that no stone was
sene.

19 Also he prepared the place of the ora-
cle in the middes of the house within, to
set the Arke of the couenant of the Lord
there.

20 And the place of the oracle within was
twentie cubites long, and twentie cubites
broad; and twentie cubites hee, and he
couered it with pure golde, and couered the
altar with cedre.

21 So Salomon couered the house within
with pure golde: and he shut the place of
the oracle with chaines of golde, and cou-
ered it with golde.

22 And he ouerslaid the house with golde,
vntil all the house was made perfite. also
he couered the whole altar, that was before
the oracle, with golde.

i For when he
spoke of the
house in 5
verse, he meant
both the ora-
cle & the tem-
ple.
Or, wilde eu-
erence.

k That it, in
the inward
place of the
house.

l As he shew
through that
the gold be-
fore.

m Meaning the
altar of incen-
se, Exod 30, 21

THE TEMPLE COVERED.



This figure representeth the great court separated into three partes, whose separation was made of three orders of herve stone & one of cedre bordes In the first court towards the West was the Temple A. Theseconde court B was for the Priests, called the inner court In this flode the altar of burnt offering D which was twēte cubites long and of muche broad, & ten of length 2 Chr 4.1. There was also ten caldrins five on the one side, and five on the other E and on the South side flode the Sea. F 2 Chro. 4. 2. C the court of the people, which 2 Chro 4. 9 is called the great porche, and All 3. 11 the porche of Salomon. This court w^{as} in the newe Tellamūt taken for the Temple. Matt 21. 23. all. 3. 2 In this court Christ preached, & chased thence thē that bought and sold. G. A scaffold of brasse, whereon Salomon prayed that the people might see him, & she better understand him: it was five cubites long, five cubites broad, & thre of height. 2. Chro 6. 13. H the gate in the East side, called the gate of Sur or Seir 2 Km 11. 6 and the

gate of the foundation 2 Chro 23. 5 It is also called beautiful All 3. 2 because the Prince entred chely thereat into the court, and not the people, Ez ek. 44. 3 for the people entred in by the South gate and North gate.

101. plus ter.

- 23 And within the oracle he made two Cherubims of oliue tre, ten cubites hie.
- 24 The wing also of the one Cherub was five cubites, & the wing of the other Cherub was five cubites: from the vttermoſt parte of one of his wings vnto the vttermoſt parte of the other of his wings, were ten cubites.
- 25 Also the other Cherub was of ten cubites: bothe y Cherubims were of one measure and one fyse.
- 26 For the height of the one Cherub was ten cubites, and so was the other Cherub.
- 27 And he put the Cherubims within the inner house, and the Cherubims stretched out their wings, so that the wing of y one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other Cherub touched the other wall: and their other wings touched one another in the middes of the house.
- 28 And he ouerlaid the Cherubims with

Exod. 25. 20. m. For the other y Moses made of beate gold, were take away with the other seruals by their enemies, whom God permitted to ouercome the for their great sinnes.

- golde.
- 29 And he carued all the walles of y house round about with grauen figures of Cherubims and of palme trees, and grauen flowres within and without.
- 30 And the floore of the house he couered with golde within and without.
- 31 An in the entring of the oracle he made two dores of oliue tre: and the vpper poste & side postes were five square.
- 32 The two dores also were of oliue tre, & he graued them with grauing of Cherubims and palme trees, and grauen flowres, and couered thē with golde, & laied a thin golde vpon the Cherubims and vpon the palme trees.
- 33 And so made he for the dore of the Temple postes of oliue tre four square.
- 34 But the two dores were of fure tre, the two sides of the one dore were rounde, & the two sides of y other dore were round.

n So that the faction of the couered worke might shew appear.

101. plus ter.

I. Kings.

35 And he graued Cherubims, and palme trees and carued flowres and covered the carued worke with golde, finely wrought. finished the house with all the furniture thereof, and in euerie point: so was he seue yere in buylding it.

CHAP. VII.

a Where the Priests were, & was thus called in respect of the great court & is called Ad 3, 17 & porche of Salomon, where 5 people vied to pray p Which consisteth part of October and parte of Nouember.

36 ¶ And he buylt the court within with thre rowes of hewed stone, and one rowe of beames of cedar.

The buylding of the houses of Salomon. 15 The excellent workmanship of Hiram in the pieces which he made for the Temple.

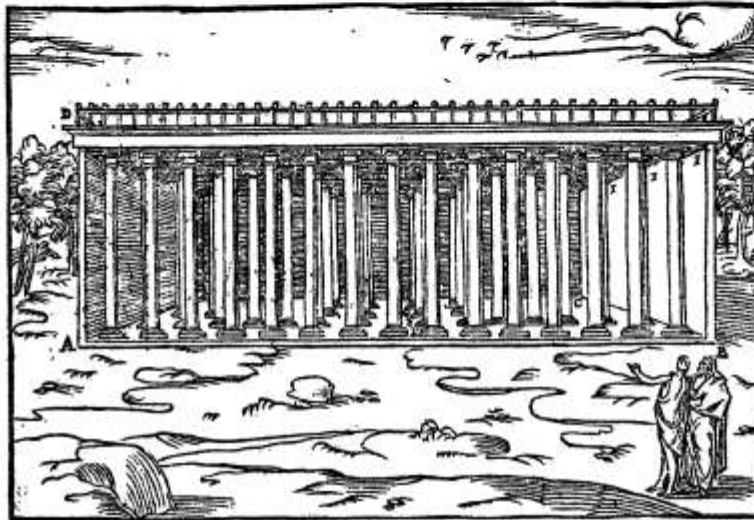
37 In the fourth yere was the fundacion of the house of the Lord laid in the moneth of Zif.

But Salomon was buylding his owne house* thirtene yeres, and finished all his house.

38 And in the eleuenth yere in the moneth of Bul, (which is the eight moneth) he

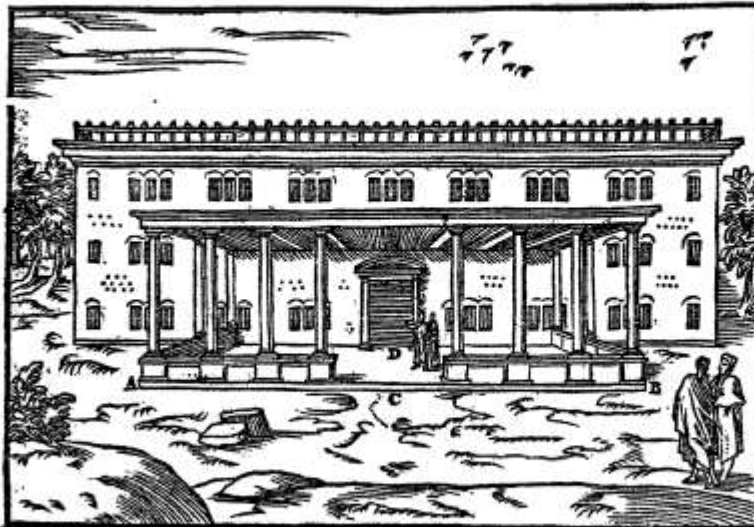
Chap 9, 10. & After he had buylt the Temple.

THE FIRST FIGURE OF THE KINGS HOWSE IN THE WOOD OF LEBANON.



This figure is made without wall or porche, that the ordre of the pillers within might be seene. A. B. The length of an hundred cubites. B. C. The breadth of fifty. A. D. The height of thirtie. E. F. G. H. The foure rowes of pillers. I. The postes which stayed on the pillers.

THE SECONDE FIGURE OF THE SAME HOWSE.



This seconde figure sheweth the maner of the house without, and the porche thereof, which was fifty cubites long. A. B. and thirtie broad. C. D.

THE FORME OF THE PILLER.

b For 5 beames of the place and great abundance of cedre trees y went to the buyling thereof, it was compared to mount Lebanon in Syria: this houfe he vsed as a fower for pleasure & recreation

a There were as many, & like proportion on the one fide as on y other, & at eury end euen there is a boue another.

d Before the pillars of the houfe.

e For his houfe, which was at Ierusalem.

Chap. 3. 1.

Or, grecium.

f Which were refts & staves for the beames to lie vpon.

Or, fcaur.

g Fro the fundacio vward

h As the Lords houfe was buylt, fo was vifually the Great court of Salomons houfe was vncouered.

Or, Etr.

i Thus when God will haue his glorie ke forth, he raiſeth vp men & giueth them excellent gifts for the accompliſhment of y same, Exod 34.3

Or, the fremde.

Or, gannett.

2 He buylt also an houfe ^b called the forest of Lebanon, an hundred cubites long, and fiftie cubites broad, and thirtie cubites hie, vpon four rows of cedre pillars, and cedre beames were laied vpon the pillars.

3 And it was couered about with cedre vpon the beames, that lay on the fourtie & fiue pillars, fiftene in a rowe.

4 And the windowes were in three rowes, & windowe was ^c againſt windowe in three ranks.

5 And all the dores, and the fide postes w^t the windowes were four square, & windowe was ouer againſt windowe in three ranks.

6 And he made a porche of pillars fiftie cubites long, and thirtie cubites broad, and the porche was before ^d them, euen before them were thirtie pillars.

7 ¶ Then he made a porche ^e for the throne, where he iudged, euen a porche of iudgement, & it was cyled with cedre from pauement to pauement.

8 And in his houfe, where he dwelt, was an other hall more inwarde then the porche w^h was of the same worke. Also Salom^on made an houfe for Pharaohs daughter (* whome he had taken to wife) like vnto this porche.

9 All these were ^f of costely stones, hewed by measure, and sawed with sawes within and without, from the fundacion vnto ^g the stones of an ^h hand breadth, & on the outside to the great court.

10 And the fundacio was of costely stones, & great stones, euen of stones of ten cubites, and stones of eight cubites.

11 ¶ About also were costely stones, squared by rule, and boardes of cedre.

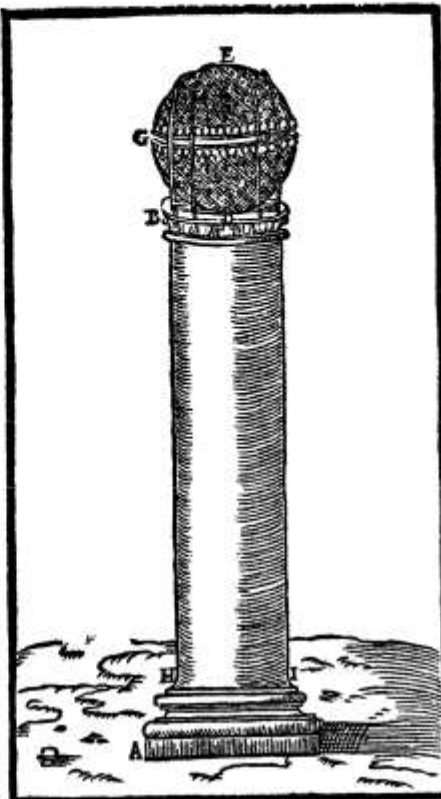
12 ¶ And the great court round about was with three rowes of hewed stones, and a rowe of cedre beames: ^b so was it to the inner court of the house of the Lord, & to the porche of the house.

13 ¶ Then King Salom^on sent, and fet one Hiram out of ⁱ Tyrus.

14 He was a widows sonne of the tribe of Naphtali, his father being a ma of Tyrus, and wrought in brasse: ^j he was full of wisdom, and vnderstanding, & knowledge to worke all maner of worke in brasse: who came to King Salom^on, and wrought all his worke.

15 ¶ For he cast two pillars of brasse: the height of a pillar was eightene cubites, & a threde of twelue cubites did compass ^k ether of the pillars.

16 And he made two ^l chapters of molten brasse to set on the toppes of the pillars: the height of one of the chapters was fiue cubites, and the height of the other chapter was fiue cubites.



A B The height of a pillar eighteen cubites: the compass of a pillar was twelue cubites

D E The height of the chapter or rounde balle vpon the pillar of fiue cubites height.

G I y middes were two rowes of pomegranates: y rest is the networke & flower d. lices of roses.

17 He made grates like networke, & ^m with the worke like chaires for the chapters that were on the toppe of the pillars, euen seuen for the one chapter, & seuen for the other chapter.

18 So he made the pillars and two rowes of pomegranates rounde about in the one gate to cover the chapters that were vpon the toppe. And thus did he for the other chapter.

19 And the chapters that were on ⁿ the toppe of the pillars were after ^k lilye worke in the porche, four cubites.

20 And the chapters vpon the two pillars had also about, ^o ouer against the bellie ^l within ^o networke pomegranates: for two hundred pomegranates were in the two ranks about vpon ^o ether of the chapters.

21 And he set vp the pillars in the ^p porche of ^q the Temple. And when he had set vp the right pillar, he called the name thereof ^m Iachin: and when he had set vp the left pillar, he called the name thereof ⁿ Bôaz.

22 And vpon the top of the pillars was worke of lilies: so was the workmanship of the pillars finished.

23 ¶ And he made a molten ^r sea ten cubites wide from brim to brim, round in compass, and fiue cubites hie, and a line of thirtie cubites did compass it about.

k As was seen commonly wrought in costely porches.

l Or, vnto about the middes.

o Or, by quare.

Or, the seide

i Which was in the inner court betwene the Temple & the oracle

m That is, he wil Babilon, to w^t his parts towards that houfe

n That is, in strength meaning, y power thereof shall continue.

o So called for the hugenes of the vessel.

I.Kings.

THE SEA OR GREAT CALDRON.



A B Ten cubites for one side to the other
C D The height of five cubites
E The two rows, which compassed the vessel about, and were garnished with bulles heads, wherein were pipes to annoyde the water.

- 24 And vnder the brim of it were knoppes like wilde cucumers compassing it rounde about, ten in one cubite, compassing the sea^a rounde about: and the two rowes of knoppes were cast, when it was molten.
- 25 It stode on twelue bulles, thre looking towarde the North, and thre towarde the West, and thre towarde the South, & thre towarde the East: and the sea stode aboue vpon them, & all their hinder partes were inward.
- 26 It was an hand breadth thicke, and the brim thereof was like the worke of the brim of a cup with flowres of lilies: it contained two thousand^b Baths.
- 27 And he made ten bases of brasse, one base was foure cubites long, and foure cubites broad, and thre cubites hie.
- 28 And the worke of the bases was on this maner, They had borders, and the borders were betwene the ledges:
- 29 And on the borders that were betwene the ledges, were lyons, bulles and Cherubims: and vpon the ledges there was a base aboue: and beneth the lyons, and bulles were addicions made of thinne worke.
- 30 And euery base had foure brasen wheles, and plates of brasse: and the foure corners had vnder setters: vnder the caldron were vnder setters molten at the side of euery addicion.
- 31 And the mouth of it was within the chapter and aboue to measure by the cubite: for the mouth thereof was rounde made like a base, & it was a cubite & halfe a cubite: & also vpon the mouth thereof were grauen workes, whose borders were foure square, & not rounde.
- 32 And vnder the borders were foure wheles, and the axeltrees of the wheles ioyned to the base: and the height of a whele was a cubite and halfe a cubite.
- 33 And the facion of the wheles was like the facion of a chafet whele, their axeltrees, and their naues and their felloes, & their spokes were all molten.
- 34 And foure vnder setters were vpon the foure corners of one base: & the vnder setters thereof were of the base it selfe.
- 35 And in the toppe of the base was a rounde^c compasse of halfe a cubite hie rounde about: and vpon the toppe of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.
- 36 And vpon the tables of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof he digraue Cherubims, lyons and palmetrees, on the side of euery one, and addicions rounde about:
- 37 Thus made he the ten bases, they had all one casting, one measure, and one lyfe.
- 38 And he made ten caldrons of brasse, f To kepe waters for y use of the sacrifices.
one caldron contained fourtie Baths: and euery caldron was foure cubites, one caldron was vpon one base throughout the ten bases.
- 39 And he set the bases, five on the right side of the house, & five on the left side of the house. And he set the sea on the right side of the house Eastward towarde the South.
- 40 ¶ And

^a *Clas 4.3.*

^b *Or, a fane.*

^c Bath and Ephraim seeme to be bothe one measure. B-tek 45.11 eue-ry Bath con- taind about ten pottels.

^d *Or, Builders.*

^e The mouth of the great base or frame curued into y chapter, or pillar y base vp y caldron.

^f Which was called the pillar, chapter, or faine base, wherein the caldron stode.

^g To kepe waters for y use of the sacrifices.

^h To wit, of y Temple or Sac- tuarie

- 40 ¶ And Hiram made caldrons, and besoms and basens, & Hiram finished all the worke that he made to King Salomon for the house of the Lord:
- 41 To wit, two pillers and two bowles of the chapters that were on the toppe of the two pillers, and two grates to couer the two bowles of the chapters which were vpon the toppe of the pillers,
- 42 And foure hundredth pomegranates for the two grates, euē two rowes of pomegranates for euerie grate to couer the two bowles of the chapters, that were vpon the pillers.
- 43 And the ten basens, & ten caldrons vpon the basens,

THE FORME OF THE CALDRONS.



- A B C The base whereupon stood the caldrons which were three cubites long.
- C B Foure cubites broad,
- B E Three cubites high
- F The imboisement and figures of lions, bulles, Cherubims.
- G The border of workmanship folding to and fro.
- H The foure wheles, which had a cubite and an halfe of height
- I The foure staves or vpholds, which were vpon the base whereupon the caldron stood
- K The rounde bottom of a cubite and halfe long, which did vpholde the caldron in the middes.
- L The caldron

- 44 And the sea, & twelue bulles vnder that sea,
- 45 And pottes, and besoms and basens: & all these vessels, which Hiram made to King Salomon for the house of the Lord, were of shining brasie.
- 46 In the plaine of Iordan did King cast the in' clay betwene Succoth & Zarthian.
- 47 And Salomon left to weigh all the vessels because of the exceeding abundance, neither colde the weight of the brasie be counted.
- 48 So Salomon made all the vessels that pertained vnto the house of the Lord, the golden altar, and the golden table, whereon the shewbread was,
- 49 And the candlestickes, siue at the right side, and siue at the left, before the oracle of pure golde, and the flowres, and the lappes, and the snuffers of golde,
- 50 And the bowles, and the hookes, and the basens, & the spoones, & the ashpannes of pure golde, and the hinges of golde for the dores of the house within, and for the dores of the house, to wit, of the Temple.
- 51 So was finished all the worke that King Salomon made for the house of the Lord, and Salomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated: silver, and the golde and the vessels, and layed them among the treasures of the house of the Lord.

¶ By this name also Hiram the King of Tyrus was called.

¶ Or, sicke cart.

z This was done according to the forme of the Lord prescribed vnto Moses in Exodus.

y Some take this for some instrument of warlike

2 Chron. 2. 14.

CHAP. VIII.

4 The Arke is borne into the Temple, 15 A cloud filleth the Temple. 25 The King blisseth the people.

- 1 ¶ Then King Salomon assembled the Elders of Israel, euē all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the childre of Israel vnto him in Ierusalem, for to bring vp the Arke of the couenant of the Lord from the citie of Dauid, which is Zion.
- 2 And all the me of Israel assembled vnto King Salomon at the feast in the moneth of Ethanim, which is the seueñ moneth.
- 3 And all the Elders of Israel came & the Priests toke the Arke.
- 4 They bare the Arke of the Lord, and they bare the Tabernacle of the Congregation, & all the holy vessels that were in the Tabernacle: those did the Priests & Leuites bring vp.
- 5 And King Salomon and all the Congregation of Israel, that were assembled vnto him, were with him before the Arke, offering shepe & beeues, which colde not be tolde, nor nombred for multitude.
- 6 So the Priests brought the Arke of the couenant of the Lord vnto his place, into the oracle of the house, into the moste holy place, euē vnder the wings of Cherubims.
- 7 For the Cherubims stretched out their wings ouer the place of the Arke, and the Cherubims couered the Arke, & the barres thereof aboue.

2 Chron. 2. 2.

¶ Elie Salomon.

a For Dauid brought it into Beth-el & placed it in the Tabernacle which he had made for it, 2 Sam. 6. 17

b Concerning part of September and part of October, in the which moeth they held three solemn feasts, Num. 29. 1

c That is, the Kohathites, Num. 4. 3

Salomons blessing.

I. Kings.

Salomons prayer.

d They drewe 8 the only out so farre as they might be fene: for they might not put them altogether out, Exo 25, 15.

e For it is like that the enemies, when they had the Arke in their hands, toke away the rod of Aaron and the pot with Man

Exod. 40, 34.

2. Chron 6, 1.

f He spake according to the tenor of Gods promise, which was conditionally, & they shulde serue him aright.

2. Sam. 7, 12.

22. confirmed.

g The two tables wherein the articles of the couenant were written 2. Chron. 6, 13.

2. Mac. 1, 2.

h Vnsaynedly and without all hypocritic.

And they d drew out the barres, that the ends of the barres might appeare out of the Sanctuarie before the oracle, but they were not fene without: and there they are vnto this day.

9 Nothing was in the Arke e saue the two tables of stone which Mofes had put there at Horéb, where the Lord made a couenāt with the children of Israël, whē he broght them out of the land of Egypt.

10 And when the Priests were come out of the Sanctuarie, the * cloude filled the house of the Lord,

11 So that the Priests colde not stand to minister, because of the cloude: for the glorie of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.

12 Then spake Salomōn, The Lord * said, that he wolde dwell in the darcke cloude.

13 I haue buylt thee an house to dwell in, an habitation for thee to abide in for euer.

14 ¶ And the King turned his face, & blessed all the Congregation of Israël: for all the Congregation of Israël stode there.

15 And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israël, who spake with his mouth vnto Dauid my father, and hath with his hād fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since the day that I broght my people Israël out of Egypt, I chose no cite of all y tribes of Israël, to buylde an house that my Name might be there: but I haue chosen * Dauid to be ouer my people Israël.

17 And it was in the heart of Dauid my father to buylde an house to the Name of the Lord God of Israël.

18 And the Lord said vnto Dauid my father, Where as it was in thine heart to buylde an house vnto my Name, thou didest wel, that thou wast so minded:

19 Neuertheles thou shalt not buylde the house, but thy sonne, that shal come out of thy loynes, he shal buylde the house vnto my Name.

20 And the Lord hath made good his worde that he spake: and I am risen vp in the roume of Dauid my father, and sit on y throne of Israël, as the Lord promised, and haue buylt the house for the Name of the Lord God of Israël.

21 And I haue prepared therein a place for the Arke, wherein is the s couenant of the Lord which he made with our fathers, whē he broght thē out of y lād of Egypt.

22 ¶ Then Salomōn stode before * the altar of the Lord in the sight of all the Congregation of Israël, and stretched out his hands toward heauen,

23 And said, * O Lord God of Israël, there is no god like thee in heauen aboue, or in the earth beneth, thou that kepest couenāt & mercy with thy seruants that walke before thee with h all their heart,

24 Thou that hast kept with thy seruant Dauid my father, that thou hast promised him: for thou spakest with thy mouth & hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as appeareth this day.

25 Therefore now, Lord God of Israël, kepe with thy seruāt Dauid my father that thou hast promised him, saying, * Thou shalt not want a man in my sight to sit vpon y throne of Israël: so that thy children take hede to their way, that they walke before me, as thou hast walked in my sight.

26 And now, o God of Israel, I pray thee, let thy worde be verified, which thou spakest vnto thy seruant Dauid my father.

27 ¶ Is it true in dede that God wil dwell on the earth? beholde, the heauens, & the heauens of heauens are not able to containe thee: how muche more vnable is this house that I haue buylt?

28 But haue thou respect vnto the prayer of thy seruant, and to his supplicacion, o Lord, my God, to heare the crye & prayer which thy seruant prayeth before thee this day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house, night and day, euen toward the place whereof thou hast said, * My Name shal be there: that thou mayest hearken vnto the prayer which thy seruāt prayeth in this place.

30 Heare thou therefore the supplicacion of thy seruant, and of thy people Israël, which pray in this place, and heare thou in the place of thine habitation, euen in heauen, and when thou hearest, haue mercy.

31 ¶ When a man shal trespasse against his neighbour, and he lay vpon him an othe to cause him to sweare, and the sweare shal come before thine altar in this house,

32 Then heare thou in heauen, and do & iudge thy seruants, that thou cōdemne the wicked to bring his way vpon his head, & iustifie the righteous, to giue him according to his righteousness.

33 ¶ When thy people Israël shalbe ouerthowen before the enemic, because they haue sinned against thee, and turne againe to thee, and m confesse thy Name, and pray and make supplicacion vnto thee in this house,

34 Then heare thou in heauen, and be merciful vnto the sinne of thy people Israël, and bring thē againe vnto the land, which thou gauest vnto their fathers.

35 ¶ When heauē shalbe * shut vp, & there shalbe no raine because they haue sinned against thee, and shal pray in this place, and confesse thy Name, and turne from their sinne, when thou doest afflict them,

36 Then heare thou in heauen, & pardone the sinne of thy seruants and of thy people Israël (when thou hast taught them the good

Chap. 2, 27.

i He is ranshed with the admiration of Gods mercies, who being incomprehensible and Lord ouer all, wil become familiar with men.

Deut. 12, 11.

Or, from

k To wit the iudge, or neighbour

l That is, make it known.

m Acknowledge thy iust judgement, & praise thee.

n So that there be a drought to destroy the frutes of the land.

good way wherein they may walke) and
giue raine vpon the land that thou hast
giuen to thy people to inherit.

37 ¶ When there shalbe famine in the lād,
when there shalbe pestilence, when there
shalbe blasting mildewe, giefhopper or
caterpillar, when their enemye shal be-
siege them in the cities of their land, or
ane plague or anie sickenes,

¶ For the lād
of their gates.

38 Then what prayers, and supplicacion fo-
cuer shalbe made of anie man or of all thy
people Israël, when euerie one shal knowe
the plague in his owne heart, & stretch
forthe his hands in this house,

¶ For suche
are most meete
to receiue
Gods mercies

39 Heare thou then in heauen, in thy dwell-
ing place, and be merciful, and do, and
giue euerie mā according to all his wayes,
as thou knowest his heart (for thou onely
knowest the hearts of all the children of
men)

40 That they may feare thee as lōg as they
liue in the land, which thou gauest vnto
our fathers.

¶ He meaneth
suche as shal-
de be turned
frō their ido-
latrie to serue
the true God

41 Moreouer as touching the stranger
that is not of thy people Israël, who shal
come out of a farre countrei for thy Na-
mes sake,

42 (Whē they shal heare of thy great Na-
me, and of thy mighty hand, and of thy
stretched out arme) and shal come & pray
in this house,

43 Heare thou in heauen thy dwelling pla-
ce, and do according to all that the stran-
ger calleth for vnto thee: that all the peo-
ple of the earth may knowe thy Name, &
feare thee, as do thy people Israël: and
that they may knowe, that thy Name is
called vpon in this house which I haue
buyt.

¶ That this is
the true reli-
gion wher-
with I wile
be worshipped.

44 ¶ When thy people shal go out to bat-
tel against their enemye by the way that
thou shalt send them, and shal pray vnto
the Lord towards the way of thy citie which
thou hast chosē, & towards the house that
I haue buyt for thy Name,

Dan. 6. 11.

45 Heare thou then in heauen their prayer
and their supplicacion, and iudge their
cause.

16r. matthee
thee 12. 10.

46 If they sinne against thee (* for there is
no man that sinneth not) & thou be angry
with them, & deliuer them vnto the ene-
mies, so that they carie them away pri-
soners vnto the land of the enemies, ether
faire or nere,

2. Chro 6. 36.
ecclef 7. 21.
1. sob. 1. 7.

47 Yet if they turne againe vnto their
heart in the land (to the which they be car-
ryed away captiues) and returne and pray
vnto thee in the land of them that car-
ryed them away captiues, saying, We
haue sinned, we haue transgressed, and do-
ne wickedly,

16r. if they re-
pent

48 If they turne againe vnto thee with all

¶ Though the
Temple was the
chief place of
prayer, yet he
excludeth not
them, that be-
ing far with
successe call
vpon him in
other places.

their heart, and with all their soule in the
land of their enemies, which led the away
captiues, and pray vnto thee towards the
way of their land, which thou gauest vnto
their fathers, & towards thy citie which thou
hast chosē, and the house, which I haue
buyt for thy Name,

¶ As Dauid
did. Dan 6. 10.

49 Then heare thou their prayer and their
supplicacion in beaue thy dwelling place,
and iudge their cause,

¶ Or, saige thou
vnto.

50 And be merciful vnto thy people that
haue sinned against thee, & vnto all their
iniquities (wherein they haue transgressed
against thee) and cause that they, which led
them away captiues, may haue pitie and
compassion on them:

¶ He vnder-
stande by suche
God of ene-
mies woulde
make friends
vnto them
did conuert
vnto him.

51 For they be thy people, and thine inheri-
tance, which thou broghest out of Egypt
from the middes of the yron furnace.

52 Let thine eyes be open vnto the prayer
of thy seruant, and vnto the praier of thy
people Israël, to hearken vnto them, in all
that they call for vnto thee.

53 For thou didest separate them to thee
from among all people of the earth for
an inheritance, as thou saidest by the hand
of Moses thy seruant, whē thou broghest
our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.

Exod. 19. 4.

54 And when Salomōn had made an end
of praying all this prayer and supplica-
cion vnto the Lord, he arose from before
the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his
knees, and stretching of his hands to hea-
uen,

¶ Salomōn is
a figure of
Christ, who is
usually the
Mediator be-
twene God and
his Church.

55 And stode and blessed all the Con-
gregation of Israël with a loude voice,
saying,

56 Blessed be the Lord that hath giuen
rest vnto his people Israël, according to
all that he promised: there hath not failed
one worde of all his good promes which
he promised by the hand of Moses his ser-
uant.

57 The Lord our God be with vs, as he was
with our fathers, that he forsake vs not,
nether leaue vs,

58 That he may bowe our hearts vnto hi,
that we may walke in all his wayes, & kepe
his commandements, and his statutes, and
his lawes, which he commanded our fa-
thers.

¶ He conclu-
deeth that man
of him selfe
is enemye vnto
God, and
all obedience
to his lawe
proceedeth of
his mere mee-
tie

59 And these my wordes, which I haue praied
before the Lord, be nere vnto the Lord our
God day and night, that he defende the
cause of his seruant, and the cause of his
people Israël, alway as the matter requi-
reth,

¶ Eke the thing
of a day in the
day.

60 That all the people of the earth may
knowe, that the Lord is God, & none o-
ther.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfitt with
the Lord our God to walke in his statutes,

Gods promifes &

I. Kings.

Threatnings.

& to kepe his commandemets, as this day.

6 The King & all Iſraél with him offered ſacrifice before the Lord.

63 *And Salomón offered a ſacrifice of peace offerings which he offered vnto the Lord, to wit, two & twentie thouſand beeves, and an hundred & twentie thouſand ſhepe: ſo the King and all the children of Iſraél dedicated the houſe of the Lord.

64 The ſame day did the King halowe the middle of the courſe, that was before the houſe of the Lord: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, becauſe the braſen altar that was before the Lord, was to little to receiue the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And Salomón made at that time a feaſt and all Iſraél with him, a very great Congregation, euen from the entering in of Hamath vnto the riuer of Egypt, before the Lord our God, ſeuē dayes and ſeuē dayes, euen ſourteē dayes.

66 And the eighth day he ſent the people away: and they thanked the King and went vnto their tentes ioyous and with glad heart, becauſe of all the goodnes that the Lord had done for Dauid his ſeruant, and for Iſraél his people.

CHAP. IX.

The Lord appeareth the ſecond time to Salomón. Salomón graeth cities to Hiram. The Canaanites becom tributarie. He ſendeth forth a nauſe for golde.

1 When Salomón had finiſhed the buylding of the houſe of the Lord, and the Kings palace, and all that Salomón deſired and minded to do,

2 Then the Lord appeared vnto Salomón the ſecond time, as he appeared vnto him at Gibeon.

3 And the Lord ſaid vnto him, I haue heard thy prayer and thy ſupplicacion, that thou haſt made before me: I haue halowed this houſe (which thou haſt buylt) to my Name there for euer, and mine eyes, and mine heart ſhal be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walke before me (as Dauid thy father walked in purenes of heart, & in righteouſnes) to do according to all that I haue commāded thee, and kepe my ſtatutes, and my iudgements,

5 Then wil I ſtabliſh the throne of thy kingdome vpon Iſraél for euer, as I promiſed to Dauid thy father, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not want a man vpon the throne of Iſraél.

6 But if ye and your children turne away from me, and wil not kepe my commandemets, and my ſtatutes, (which I haue ſet before you) but go and ſerue other gods,

and worſhip them,

7 Then wil I cut of Iſraél from the land, which I haue giuen them, and the houſe which I haue halowed ſo: my Name, wil I caſt out of my ſight, and Iſraél ſhal be a prouerbe, and a comūne talke among all people.

8 Euen this hie houſe ſhal be ſcuerie one that paſſeth by it, ſhal be aſtoniſhed, and ſhal hiſſe, and they ſhal ſay, Why hath the Lord done thus vnto this land and to this houſe?

9 And they ſhal answer, Becauſe they forſoke the Lord their God, which brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and haue taken holde vpon other gods, and haue worſhiped them, and ſerued them, therefore hath the Lord brought vpon them all this euil.

10 And at the end of twentie yeres, when Salomón had buylded the two houſes, the houſe of the Lord, and the Kings palace,

11 (For the which Hiram the King of Tyruſ had brought to Salomón timber of cedre, and firre trees, and golde, and what ſoeuer he deſired) then King Salomón gaue to Hiram twētie cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyruſ to ſe the cities which Salomón had giuen him, and they pleaſed him not.

13 Therefore he ſaid, What cities are theſe which thou haſt giuen me; my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul vnto this day.

14 And Hiram had ſent the King ſix ſcore talents of golde.

15 And this is the cauſe of tribute why King Salomón raiſed tribute, to buyld the houſe of the Lord, & his owne houſe, and Milló, and the wall of Ieruſalem, & Hazor, and Megiddó, and Gézer.

16 Pharaoh King of Egypt had come vp, and taken Gézer, and burnt it with fire, & ſlewe the Canaanites, that dwelt in the citie, and gaue it for a preſent vnto his daughter Salomons wiſe.

17 (Therefore Salomón buylt Gézer and Beth-horon the nether,

18 And Baſath and Tamor in the wildernes of the land,

19 And all the cities of ſtore, that Salomón had, euen cities for charrets, and cities for horſemen, and all that Salomón deſired & wolde buyld in Ieruſalem, and in Lebanon and in all the land of his dominion.)

20 All the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hiuites, & Iebuſites, which were not of the childre of Iſraél:

21 To wit, their children that were left after them

1st 7.14

The world ſhal make of you a ſcolding ſtocke for the vile conſumpt and abuſing of Gods moſt liberal benedictions

Deut 29.24 1st 22.1

2 Chron. 2.2

1st 20.20

1st Gal. 6

1st 2.17, 18, 19

For his tribute toward the buylding The comon talent was about threſcore poſide weight.

Milló was a towne houſe or place of aſſembly which was open house.

Cities for his muſtrood of warre.

These were as bondmen & payed, what was required, ether labour or money.

Before the oracle, where the Ark was

2 Chron. 7.7

That is, ſouthern to South: meang all the countrey. A ſeuē dayes for the dedication, and ſeuē for the feaſt

1st 1st 11.1

2 Chron. 7.11

Chap. 3.5

Chap. 3.29 deut. 12.11

If thou walke in my feare, & withdrawe thy ſelfe from the commūne manner of men which follow after ſenſualities.

2 Sam 7.12 2 Chron. 22.10

God declarerth that diſobedience againſt him is the cauſe of his diſpleaſure, & ſo of all miſeries.

them in the land, whome the children of Israél were not able to destroye, those did Salomón make tributaries vnto this day.

Leui. 25. 39.

22 But of the children of Israél did Salomón make no bondmen: but they were men of warre and his seruants, and his princes, and his captaines, and rulers of his charrets and his horsemen.

The ouerfers of Salomons workes were diuided into 3 partes. the first consisted 1100 y^e of condé 300 and y^e 3, 250, which were Israélites: so here are contained the two last parts, which make 500.

23 These were the princes of the officers, that were ouer Salomons worke: euen¹ hūndreth and fiftie, and they ruled y^e people that wrought in the worke.

24 ¶ And Pharaohs daughter came vp frō the citie of Dauid vnto the house which Salomón had buyt for her: the did he buylde Milló.

25 And thrise a yere did Salomón offer burnt offrings and peace offrings vpon the altar which he buyt vnto the Lord: & he burnt incense vpon the altar, that was before the Lord, when he had finished the house.

26 ¶ Also King Salomón made a nauie of shippes in Ezcon-géber, which is beside Elóth, and the brincke of the red Sea, in the land of Edóm.

27 And Hiram sent with the nauie his seruants, y^e were mariners, & had knowledge of the sea, with the seruants of Salomón.

In 1^o Chro. 18. 16. is made mention of thirtie 200, & seems to haue bene employed for their charges

28 And they came to Ophír and fet from thence⁴ foure hundreth and twenty taléts of golde, & brought it to King Salomón.

CHAP. X.

The quene of Sabá cometh to heare the wisdom of Salomon 18 His royal throne 23 His power and magnificence

1 Chro. 9. 1. Mat 12. 42. Luk 12. 31. Josephus saith that she was quene of Emuopt, and y^e Sheba was the name of y^e great citie of Mecron, which is an y^e land of Nilus.

1 And the quene of Shebá hearing the fame of Salomón (concerning the Name of the Lord) came to proue him with hard questions,

2 And she came to I rusalém with a very great traine, & camels that bare swete odors, and golde exceeding muche, & precious stones: and she came to Salomón, and communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Salomón declared vnto her all her questions: nothing was hid frō the King, which he expounded not vnto her.

4 Then the quene of Shebá sawe all Salomons wisdom, and the house that he had buyt.

6 That is, the whole order, and trade of his house

5 And the⁶ meat of his table, and the sitting of his seruants, and the ordre of his ministers, & their apparel, & his drinking vessels, and his burnt offrings, that he offered in the house of the Lord, and⁷ she was greatly astonied.

7 Her there was no more spirit in her

6 And she said vnto the King, It was a true worde that I heard, in mine owne land of

thy sayings; and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit I beleued not this reporte, til I came, and had sene it with mine eyes: but lo, the one halfe was not tolde me: for thou hast more wisdom and prosperitie, the I haue heard by reporte.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy seruants, which stand euer before thee, and heare thy^c wisdom.

9 Blessed be the Lord thy God, which bestowed thee, to set thee on the throne of Israél, because the Lord loued Israél for euer and made thee King, to do^e equitie and righteousnes.

*c But muche more happye are they, & heare the wisdom of God reueiled in his worde
d It is a chief signe of Gods fauour, when godlie & wise rulers sit in y^e throne of iustice
e This is the cause, why Kings are appointed.*

10 And she gaue the King six score talents of golde, and of swete odors exceeding muche, and precious stones. There came no more suche abúdance of swete odors, as the quene of Shebá gaue to King Salomón.

1. Chro. 9. 10

11 The nauie also of Hiram (that caried golde from Ophír) brought likewise great plenty of⁸ Almuggim trees from Ophír and precious stones.

12 And the King made of the Almuggim trees pillers for the house of the Lord, & for the Kings palace, and made harpes & psalteries for singers. There came no more suche Almuggim trees, nor were anie more sene vnto this day.

13 And King Salomón gaue vnto the quene of Shebá, whatsoeuer she wolde aske, besides that, which Salomón gaue her⁹ of his kinglie liberalitie: so she returned & went to her owne countrey, both she, and her seruants.

9 Eir ly shehád of the King.

14 ¶ Also the weight of golde, that came to Salomón in one yere, was six hundreth tare score and six¹⁰ talents of golde,

Exod 25. 39.

15 Besides that behed of marchant men and of the marchandises of them that solde spices, and of all the Kings of Arabia, & of the princes of the¹ country.

f To wit, of Arabia, which for the great abundance of all things was called, happy.

16 And King Salomón made two hundreth targats of beaten golde, six hundreth shekels of golde went to a targat:

17 And thre hundreth shields of beaten golde, thre pounce of golde went to one shield: and the King put them in y^e house of the wood of Lebanón.

Chap. 7. 2.

18 ¶ Then the King made a great throne of yuerie, and couered it with the best golde.

19 And the throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behinde, & there were 8 staves on ether side on the place of the throne, and two lions standing by the staves.

g As the charrebones, or plax to leape upon.

20 And there stode twelue lions on the six steps on ether side: there was not the like made in any kingdome.

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21 And all King Salomons drinking vessels were of golde, and all the vessels of the house of the wood of Lebanón were of pure golde. none were of siluer: for it was nothing esteemed in the daies of Salomón.

22 For the King had on the sea the nauie of Tharshish with the nauie of Hiram: once in thre yere came y^e nauie of^h Tharshish, & broght golde and siluer, yuerie, & apes and peacokes.

^h By Tharshish is meant Cilicia, w^{ch} was abundant in varietie of precious things.

23 So King Salomón exceded all y^e Kings of the earth bothe in riches and in wisdom.

24 And all the worlde fought to se Salomón, to heare his wisdom, which God had put in his heart,

25 And thei broght euery man his present, vessels of siluer, and vessels of golde, and raiment, and armour, and swete odors, horses and mules, from yere to yere.

26 Then Salomón gathered together^a charrets and horsemen: and he had a thousand and foure hundreth charrets, and twelue thousand horsemen, whome he placed in the charet, cities, and with the King at Ierusalém.

27 And the King^b gaue siluer in Ierusalém as stones, and gaue cedres as the wilde fig-trees that growe abundantly in the plaine.

28 Also Salomón had horses broght out of Egypt, and fine linen: the Kings merchants receiued the linen for a price.

29 There came vp and went out of Egypt^c

some charet, worthe six hundreth shekels of siluer: that is, one horse, an hundreth and fiftie. and thus they broght horses to all the Kings of the Hittites and to the Kings of Asiam by their^d meanes.

^d Eie. h. adde.

CHAP. XI.

1 Salomón hadde a thousand wiues and concubines, which brong him to idolatrie. 2 His God raiseth vp aduersaries against him. 3 He dyeth.

1 **B**Vt King Salomón loued^a many^a out-blandish women: bothe the daughter of Pharaóh, & the women of Moáb, Amón, Edóm, Zidón and Heth,

^a Deu. 17. 17. eccles. 47. 2. a Which were idolaters.

2 Of the nations, whereof the Lord had said vnto the children of I Israél, ^bGo not ye in to them, nor let thē come in to you: for surely they wil turne your hearts after their gods. to them, I say, did Salomón ioyne in loue.

^b Exod. 34. 16.

3 And he had seuen hundreth wiues, that were^c princesses and thre hundreth^b concubines, and his wiues turned away his heart.

^c Or, queens
^b To whom appertained no dowry

4 For when Salomón was olde, his wiues turned his heart after other gods, so y^e his heart was not^c perfitt with the Lord his God, as was the heart of Dauid his father.

^c He ferred not God with a pure heart. Iudg. 2. 12.

5 For Salomón followed^d Ashtaróth the god of y^e Zidonians, &^d Milcom the abominacion of the Ammonites.

^d Who was al so called Moloch ver. 7. read 2. King. 23. 10.

6 So Salomón wrought wickednes in the sight of the Lord, but continued not to follow the Lord, as did Dauid his father.

7 Then did Salomón buylde an hie place for

e Thus the Scripture termeth whatfoever man doeth reuerence and ferue as God

for Chemósh the abominaciõ of Moab, in the mountaine that is ouer against Ierufalem, and vnto Mólech the abominacion of the children of Ammón.

8 And so did he for all his outiãdish wiues, which burnt incense and offred vnto their gods.

9 Therefore the Lord was angry with Salomón, because he had turned his heart from the Lord God of Israél, which had appeared vnto him twise,

Chap 3, 5. & 9. 2. Chap. 6, 12.

10 And had giuen him a charge concerning this thing, that he shulde not followe other gods: but he kept not that, which the Lord had commanded him.

11 Wherefore the Lord said vnto Salomón, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my couenant, and my statutes (which I commanded thee) I wil surely rent the kingdome frõ thee, and wil giue it to thy seruant.

f That thou hast forsaken me & worshipped idoles.

Chap 12, 15.

12 Notwithstanding in thy daies I wil not do it, because of Dauid thy father, but I wil rent it out of the hand of thy sonne:

13 Howbeit I wil not rent all thy kingdome, but wil giue one tribe to thy sonne, because of Dauid my seruant, and because of Ierufalem, which I haue chosen.

g Because the tribes of Iudáh & Benjamin haue their possessions made, they are here taken as one tribe

h Of the King of Edoms Brooke

2 Sam 1, 14.

14 ¶ Then the Lord stirred vp an aduersarie vnto Salomón, euen Hadád the Edomite, of the Kings^h seede, which was in Edóm.

15 ¶ For when Dauid was in Edóm, & Ioáb the captaine of the hoste had smitten all the males in Edóm, and was gone vp to bury the slayne,

i Of the Edomites

16 (For six moneths did Ioáb remaine there, and all Israél, till he had destroyed all the males in Edóm)

17 Then this Hadád fled and certeine other Edomites of his fathers seruants with him, to go into Egypt, Hadád being yet a litle childe.

k Thus God reuered this idolater to be a scourge to punish his peoples finnes.

18 And they arose out of Midián, & came to Parán, and toke men with them out of Parán, and came to Egypt vnto Pharaóh King of Egypt, which gaue him an house, and appointed him vttailes, and gaue him land.

l God brought him to honour that his power might be more able to compass his enterprises against Salomóns hono.

19 So Hadád founde great fauour in the sight of Pharaóh, & he gaue him to wife the sister of his owne wife, euen the sister of Tahpenés the queene.

20 And the sister of Tahpenés bare him Genubáth his sonne, whome Tahpenés wayned in Pharaóhs house: & Genubáth was in Pharaóhs house among the sonnes of Pharaóh.

21 And when Hadád heard in Egypt, that Dauid slept with his fathers, & that Ioáb the captaine of the hoste was dead, Hadád said to Pharaóh, Let me departe, that I may go to mine owne countrey.

22 But Pharaóh said vnto him, What hast thou lacked with me, that thou woldest thus go to thine owne countrey? And he answered, Noching, but in any wise let me go.

23 ¶ And God stirred him vp another aduersarie, Rezón the sonne of Eliadá, which fled from his lord Hadadézer King of Zobáh.

2 Sam 1, 5.

m Whẽ Dauid had discomfited Hadadézer & his armie.

24 And he gathered men vnto him, & had bene captaine ouer the companie, when Dauid slewe them. And they went to Damascus, and dwelt there, and they made him King in Damascus.

n To wit, the mē, whome he had gathered vnto him

25 Therefore was he an aduersarie to Israél all the daies of Salomón: besides the euil that Hadád did, he also abhorred Israél, and reigned ouer Asiám.

26 ¶ And Ieroboám sonne of Nebát an Ephraimite of Zeréda Salomons seruant (whose mother was called Zeruáh a widowe) lift vp his hand against the King.

2 Chron. 12, 6.

27 And this was the cause that he lift vp his hand against the King, when Salomón buylt Milló, he repared the broken places of the citie of Dauid his father.

28 And this man Ieroboám was a man of strength and courage, and Salomón king that the yong mā was mete for the worke, he made him ouersee of all the labour of the house of Ioséph.

o He was an officer of Salomons worke for the tribe of Ephraim and in Ierúsh

29 And at that time, when Ieroboám went out of Ierufalem, the Prophet Ahijáh the Shilonite founde him in the way, hauing a newe garment on him, and they two were alone in the field.

30 Then Ahijáh caught the newe garment that was on him, and rent it in twelue peeces,

p By these visible signes y Prophets

31 And said to Ieroboám, Take vnto thee ten peeces: for thus sayth the Lord God of Israél, Beholde, I wil rét the kingdome out of the hands of Salomón, & wil giue ten tribes to thee.

q By these visible signes y Prophets would more depely purre their message into their hearts, to whome they were sent

32 But he shal haue one tribe for my seruãt Dauids sake, and for Ierufalem the citie, which I haue chosen out of all the tribes of Israél,

33 Because they haue forsaken me, and haue worshipped Ashtaroth the god of the Zidonians, & Chemósh the god of the Moabites, and Milcóm the god of the Ammonites, & haue not walked in my wayes (to do right in mine eyes, and my statutes, & my lawes) as did Dauid his father.

r Or, as he saith, thou shalt purre me

34 But I wil not take the whole kingdome out of his hád: for I wil make him prince all his life long for Dauid my seruants sake, whome I haue chosen, & who kept my commandments and my statutes.

35 ¶ But I wil take the kingdome out of his sonnes hand, and wil giue it vnto thee; euen the ten tribes.

Chap. 12, 20.

36 And vnto his sonne wil I giue one tribe, that Dauid my seruant maye haue a slight alwaie before me in Ierusalém the citie, which I haue chofen me, to put my Name there.

37 And I wil take thee, & thou shalt reigne," euen as thine heart desiaeth, & shalt be King ouer Israél.

38 And if thou hearké vnto all that I commande thee, and wilt walke in my waies, and do right in my sight, to kepe my statutes and my commandements, as Dauid my seruant did, then wil I be with thee, & buylde thee a sure house, as I buylt vnto Dauid, and wil giue Israél vnto thee.

39 And I wil for this afflikt the seede of Dauid, but not for euer.

40 ¶ Salomón foght therefore to kil Ieroboám, and Ieroboám arose, and fled into Egypt vnto Shishák King of Egypt, and was in Egypt vntil the death of Salomón.

41 And the rest of the wordes of Salomón, & all that he did, and his wisdom, are thei not written in the booke of the actes of Salomón?

42 The time that Salomón reigned in Ierusalém ouer all Israél, was fourtie yere.

43 And Salomón slept with his fathers and was buried in the citie of Dauid his father: and Rehoboám his sonne reigned in his steade.

CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboám succedeth Salomón. 2 He refuseth the counsil of the Anciens. 3 Ieroboám reigneth ouer Israél. 21 God commandeth Rehoboám not to fight. 22 Ieroboám maketh golden calves.

1 And Rehoboám went to Shechém: for all Israél were come to Shechém, to make him King.

2 And when Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát heard of it (who was yet in Egypt) whether Ieroboám had fled from King Salomón, and dwelt in Egypt,

3 Then thei sent and called him: and Ieroboám and all the Congregation of Israél came, and spake vnto Rehoboám, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grieuous: now therefore make thou the grieuous seruitude of thy father, and his fore yoke which he put vpon vs, & lighter, & we wil serue thee.

5 And he said vnto them, Departe yet for thre dayes, then come againe to me. And the people departed.

6 And King Rehoboám take counsil with the olde men that had stande before Salomón his father, while he yet liued, and said, What counsil giue ye, that I may make an answer to this people?

7 And thei spake vnto him, saying, If thou

be a seruant vnto this people this day, and serue them, and answer them, and speake kinde wordes to them, thei wil be thy seruants for euer.

8 But he forsoke the counsil that the olde men had giuen him, and asked counsil of the yong men, that had bene broght vp with him, and waited on him.

9 And he said vnto them, What counsil giue ye, that we may answer this people, which haue spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke, which thy father did put vpon vs, lighter?

10 Then the yong men that were broght vp with him, spake vnto him, sayig, Thus shalt thou say vnto this people, that haue spoken vnto thee, and said, Thy father hathe made our yoke heauie, but make thou it lighter vnto vs: eue thus shalt thou say vnto the, My least parte shall be bigger then my fathers loynes.

11 Now where as my father did burde you with a grieuous yoke, I wil yet make your yoke heauer: my father hathe chastised you with rods, but I wil correct you with scourges.

12 ¶ Then Ieroboám and all the people came to Rehoboám the thurd day, as the King had appointed, sayig, Come to me againe the thurd day.

13 And the King answered the people sharply, and left the olde mens counsil that thei gaue him,

14 And spake to them after the counsil of the yong men, saying, My father made your yoke grieuous, and I wil make your yoke more grieuous: my father hathe chastised you with rods, but I wil correct you with scourges.

15 And the King hearkened not vnto the people: for it was the ordinance of the Lord, that he might performe his saying, which the Lord had spoken by Ahiaíah the Shilonite vnto Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát.

16 So when all Israél sawe that the King regarded them not, the people answered the King thus, saying, What porció haue we in Dauid? we haue none inheritance in the sonne of Íshái. To your tents, O Israél: now se to thine owne house, Dauid. So Israél departed vnto their tents.

17 Howbeit ouer the children of Israél, which dwelt in the citie of Iudáh, did Rehoboám reigne stil.

18 ¶ Now the King Rehoboám sent Adoram the receiuer of the tribute, and all Israél stoned him to death: then King Rehoboám made spede to get him vp to his chaer, to flee to Ierusalém.

19 And Israél rebelled against the house of Dauid vnto this day.

20 ¶ And when all Israél had heard that Ieroboám

b This shewed him that there was no way to winne the peoples hearts, but to graunte the their inuention.

c There is no thing harder for them, that are in autoritie, the to bredd their affection, and followe good counsil.

d I am muche more able to kepe you in subiection the my father was

e The people declare their obedience in this, that they wolde attempt nothing before the King had giuen the in this occasion

f Though their cause were good, yet it is more hard for the people to bredd their affection, as these vile wordes declare

g Or, the first was the cause. Chap. 11, 11.

¶ He haue respect vnto the Meisiah, & shoulde be the bright starre, & shoulde shine through all the worlde.

¶ For this ides sake that Salomón hathe committed

¶ Which booke, as is thought, was lost in their captiuitie.

¶ 2 Chron. 10, 2.

¶ Chap. 11, 40. Or, returned from Egypt

¶ Chap. 4, 7.

¶ Oppresse vs not w so great changes, which we are not able to susteine.

¶ Or, had leue of his ancient confellers.

¶ His strength, and him selfe.

¶ By the iudgement of God for Salomons sinnes.

roboám

roboám was come againe, they sent and called him vnto the assemblie, and made him King ouer all Israël: none followed the house of Dauid, but the tribe of Iudáh * onely.

he went vp to the altar, to burne incense.

CHAP. XIII.

Ieroboám is reprehended of the Prophet. 4 His hand dryeth vp 15 The Prophet is seduced, 24 And is killed of a lyon. 33 The obstinacie of Ieroboám.

Chap 11, 23.

^h For as yet he perceived not that the Lord had so appointed it.

21 And whē Rehoboám was come to Ierusalém, he ^h gathered all the house of Iudáh with the tribe of Benjamin an hundredth and four score thousand of chosen men (which were good warriors) to fight against the house of Israël & to bring the kingdome againe to Rehoboám the sonne of Salomón.

2 And beholde, there came ^a a man of God out of Iudáh (by the commandement of the Lord) vnto ^b Beth-él, and Ieroboám stode by the altar to offer incense.

^a That is, a Prophet.
^b Not that it was called so in Benjamin, but another of that name.

2 Chron 11, 2.

¹ That is, the Prophet.

22 * But the worde of God came vnto Shemaiah the ¹ man of God, saying,

3 And he cryed against the altar by the commandement of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus sayth ¹ the Lord, Beholde, a childe shal be boine vnto the house of Dauid, * Iosiah by name, and vpon thee shal he sacrifice the Priestes of the hie places that burne incense vpon thee, and they shal burne mens bones vpon thee.

2 King 23, 17

^k Who of his iust iudgement wil punishe ¹ trespasser, and of his mercie spare the innocēt people.

23 Speake vnto Rehoboám the sonne of Salomón King of Iudáh, and vnto all the house of Iudáh and Benjamin, and the remnant of the people, saying,

4 And he gaue a signe ¹ y same time, saying, This is the ^c signe, that the Lord hathe spoken, Beholde, the altar shal rent, and the ashes that are vpon it, shal fall out.

^c By this signe ye shal knowe that ¹ the Lord hathe sent me.
¹ Or, he proued it.

24 Thus sayth the ^k Lord, Ye shal not go vp, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israël: retuine euerie man to his house: for this thing is done by me. They obeyed therefore the worde of the Lord and returned, and departed, according to the worde of the Lord.

5 And whē the King had heard the saying of the man of God; which he had cryed against ¹ the altar in Beth-él, Ieroboám stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, ² Lay holde on him: but his hand which he put forthe against him, dried vp, & he coulde not pull it in againe to him.

^d The wicked rage against ¹ the Prophetes of God, whē they declare them Gods iudgements.

25 ¶ Then Ieroboám buylt Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein, & wēt from thence, and buylt Penuél.

6 The altar also cleaue afundre, & the ashes fel out from the altar, according to the signe, which the man of God had giuen by the ¹ commandement of the Lord.

¹ Eze, xxxviii.

^l He feared lest his people shoulde haue by this miracles bene enticed to rebulle against him

26 And Ieroboám thought in his heart, Now shal the kingdome retuine to the house of Dauid.
27 If this people go vp and do sacrifice in the house of the Lord ¹ at Ierusalém, the shal the heart of this people turne againe vnto their lord, ² *euens* to Rehoboám King of Iudáh: so shal they kil me and go againe to Rehoboám King of Iudáh.

7 Then the King answered, and said vnto the man of God, ³ E beseeche thee, pray vnto the Lord thy God, and make intercession for me, that mine hand may be restored vnto me. And the man of God besought the Lord, and the Kings hand was restored, and became as it was afore.

^e Though the wicked humble the selves for a time, whē they see Gods iudgements, yet after they retuine to their olde malice & declare that they are but vile hypocrites.
¹ Or, for submission

^m So craftie are the carnal persuasions of princes, when they wil make a religion to serue to their appetite.

28 Whereupon the King toke counsell, and made two calves of golde, and said vnto them, ⁴ It is to muche for you to go vp to Ierusalém: beholde, ⁵ *o* Israël, thy gods, which brought thee vp out of the land of Egypt.

8 The King said vnto the mā of God, Come home with me, that thou maist dine, and I wil giue thee a rewarde.

29 And he set the one in Beth-él, and the other set he in Dan.

9 But the man of God said vnto the King, If thou woldest giue me halfe thine house, I wolde not go in with thee, neither wolde I eat bread nor drinke water in this place.

ⁿ That is, a temple, where altars were buylt for idolatrye

^o Because he wolde the more binde the peoples deuotion to his idolatrye, he made a newe holy day, besides those that the Lord had appointed: in ¹ lawe.

30 And this thing turned to sinne: for the people wēt (because of ¹ y one) euē to Dan.

10 For so⁶ was it charged me by the worde of the Lord, saying, ⁷ Eat no bread nor drinke water, nor turne againe by the same way that thou camest.

⁶ Or, he charged me to wit, an Angel.
⁷ Seeing he had the expresse worde of God, he ought not to haue declined there from, neither for the persuasion of man nor Angel.

31 Also he made an ⁸ house of hie places, and made Priestes of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sonnes of Leui.
32 And Ieroboám made a feast the ⁹ fiftēth day of the eight moneth, lyke vnto ¹ y feast that is in Iudáh, and offred on the altar. So did he in Beth-él and offred vnto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-él the Priestes of the hie places, which he had made.

11 So he went another way & returned not by the way that he came to Beth-él.

33 And he offred vpon the altar, which he had made in Beth-él, the fiftēth day of the eight moneth (*euens* in the moneth which he had forged of his owne heart) & made a solēne feast vnto the childrē of Israël: &

12 ¶ And an olde Prophet dwelt in Beth-él & his sonnes came, & tolde him all ¹ y workes, ² y the mā of God had done that day in Beth-él, & the wordes which he had spokē vnto the King, tolde they their father.

13 And their father said vnto them, What way went he and his sonnes? shewed him what way the man of God went, which came from Iudáh.

The Prophets disobedience. I. Kings. Ieroboams wilfulness.

23 And he said vnto his sonnes, Saddle me the asse. Who saddled him the asse, and he rode therēon,

24 And went after the man of God, and founde him sitting vnder an oke: and he said vnto him, Art thou the man of God that camest frō Iudáh? And he said, "Yea.

Elr. I am

g This he did of a simple mode, thinking he has duetie to declare friendship to a Prophet.

25 Then he said vnto him, & Come home with me, and eat bread.

26 But he answered, I may not returne with thee, nor go in with thee, nether wil I eat bread nor drinke water with thee in this place.

27 For it was charged me by the worde of the Lord, saying, Thou shalt eat no bread, nor drinke water there, nor turne againe to go by the way that thou wentest.

h His fauor is here double: first in y^e he suffere not the Prophete to obey Gods expresse comandement: and next, that he fauorith to haue a recollacion to the contrary

28 And he said vnto him, I am a Prophet also as thou art, and an Angel spake vnto me by the worde of the Lord, saying, Bring him againe with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drinke water: but he lied vnto him.

29 So he went againe with him, and did eat bread in his house, and dranke water.

30 And as they sate at the table, the worde of the Lord came vnto the Prophet, that broght him againe.

i God wolde reprove his folly by him, who was the occasion to bring him into error.

31 And he cryed vnto the man of God that came frō Iudáh, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Because thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the Lord, and hast not kept the comandement which the Lord thy God commanded thee,

32 But camest backe againe, and hast eaten bread & drinke water in the place (whereof he did say vnto thee, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drinke any water) thy carkeis shal not come vnto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

33 ¶ And when he had eaten bread and drōke, he saddled him the asse, to wit, to the Prophet whome he had broght againe.

k By this careful exāple, God seereth forbe, how dangerous a thing it is for men to behaue them selues coldely, or deceitfully in their charge wherinto God hath called them.

34 And when he was gone, a lyon met him by the way, and slewe him, and his bodie was cast in the way, and the asse stode therēby: the lyon stode by the corps also.

35 And beholde, men that passed by, sawe the carkeis cast in the way, and the lyon standing by the corps: and they came and tolde it in the towne where the olde Prophet dwelt.

36 And when the Prophet, that broght him backe againe from the way, heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who hath bene disobedient vnto the comandement of the Lord: therefore the Lord hath deliuered him vnto the lyon, which hath rent him and slaine him, according to the worde of the Lord, which he spake vnto him.

37 ¶ And he spake to his sonnes, saying,

Saddle me the asse. And they saddled him.

28 And he went and founde his body cast in the way, and the asse and the lyon stode by the corps: and the lyon had not eaten the body, nor torne the asse.

l To declare that this was onely the iudgement of God: for if the lyon had done it for hūgre, he wolde also haue deuoured the body.

29 And y^e Prophet toke vp the body of the man of God, and layed it vpon the asse, and broght it againe, and the olde Prophet came to the citie, to lament and bury him.

m Which he had prepared for him selfe.

30 And he layed his body in his owne graue, & they lamented ouer him, saying, Alas, my brother.

31 And when he had buried him, he spake to his sonnes, saying, When I am dead, bury ye me also in the sepulchre, wherein the man of God is buried: laye my bones beside his bones.

32 For that thing which he cryed by the worde of the Lord against the altar that is in Beth él, and against all the houses of the hie places, which are in the cities of Samaria, shal surely come to passe.

n So the wicked profit not by Gods threatenings, but go backwarde & become worse and worse, 2. Tim 3. 11. "Be si his hard.

33 Howbeit after this, Ieroboam conuerted not from his wicked way, but turned againe, and made of the lowest of the people Priests of the hie places. Who wolde, might consecrate him selfe, and be of the Priests of the hie places.

34 And this thing turned to sinne vnto the house of Ieroboam, euen to roote it out, and destroy it from the face of the earth.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Ieroboam sendeth his wife disguised to Ahiah the Prophet, who declareth vnto him the destruction of his house. 23 Iudáh is punished by Salsák.

1 AT that time Ahiah the sonne of Ieroboam fel sicke.

2 And Ieroboam said vnto his wife, Vp, I pray thee, & disguise thy selfe, that they knowe not that thou art the wife of Ieroboam, and go to Shiloh: for there is Ahiah the Prophet, which tolde me that I shulde be King ouer this people,

a His owne conscience bare him witness, y^e the Prophet of God wolde not iustifie his afflictions which was a wicked man

3 And take with thee ten loaves and craknels, and a bottel of hony, and go to him: he shal tel thee what shal become of the yong man.

b Chap. 11. 31. "He is thoue" b According to the custome whē they wēt to the conseil of Prophetes, 1. Sam. 9. 7.

4 And Ieroboams wife did so, and arose, & went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahiah: but Ahiah colde not se, for his sight was decayed for his age.

"Ebr. eyes stode.

5 The Lord said vnto Ahiah, Beholde, the wife of Ieroboam cometh to aske a thing of thee for her sonne, for he is sicke: thus and thus shalt thou say vnto her: for when she cometh in, she shal seine her selfe to be another.

c Then the wife of Ieroboam d For God oft times discloseth vnto his craft and subtiltie of wicked.

6 Therefore when Ahiah heard the sound of her fete as she came in at the doore, he said, Come in, thou wife of Ieroboam: why feinst y^e thus thy selfe to be another? I am sent to thee with heany tidings.

7 Go, tel Ieroboám, Thus saith the Lord God of Israél, Forasmuche as I haue exalted thee from among the people, and haue made thee prince ouer my people Israél,

e Which wast but a seruant.

8 And haue rent the kingdome away from the house of Dauid, and haue giue it thee, and thou hast not bene as my seruant Dauid, which kept my commandements, and followed me with all his heart, and did onely that which was right in mines eyes,

9 But hast done euil about all that were before thee (for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to prouoke me, and hast cast me behinde thy backe)

f To wit two calu't.

10 Therefore beholde, I wil bring euil vpon the house of Ieroboám, and wil cut of fro Ieroboám him that is pisseth against the wall, aswel him that is shut vp, as him that is left in Israél, & wil swepe away the remnant of the house of Ieroboám, as a man sweepeth away doung, til it be all gone.

Chap. 21. 21. & 2. King.

g Every male euen to the dogs, 1 Sam 15. 22. h Aswel him that is in the strong holow, as him that is abroad

11 The dogs shal eat him of Ieroboams stocke that dyeth in the citie, and the foules of the aire shal eat him that dyeth in the field: for the Lord hathe said it.

i They shal lacke the honour of buryal in token of Gods malediction.

12 Vp therefore & get thee to thine house: for whé thy feete entre into the citie, the childe shal dye.

13 And all Israél shal mourne for him, and bury him: for he onely of Ieroboám shal come to the graue, because in him there is founde some goodnes toward y Lord God of Israél in the house of Ieroboám.

k In the middes of wicked God hath some, on whom he doeth bestowe his mercies

14 Moreouer, the Lord shal stir him vp a King ouer Israél, which shal destroy the house of Ieroboám in that day: what yea, euen now.

l The Lord wil beguine to destroy it out of hand.

15 For the Lord shal smite Israél, as when a rede is shaken in the water, and he shal wede Israél out of this good land, which he gaue to their fathers, and shal scatre them beyonde the Riuer, because they haue made them groues, prouoking the Lord to angr.

m Meaning, Sephrates.

16 And he shal giue Israél vp, because of the finnes of Ieroboám, who did sinne, and made Israél to sinne.

n The people shal not be excused, when they do euil at y commandemēt as their gouernours.

17 ¶ And Ieroboams wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah, and when she came to the threshold of the house, the yōg man dyed,

18 And they buried him, and all Israél lamented him, according to the worde of the Lord, which he spake by the hand of his seruant Abiiám the Prophet.

19 And the rest of Ieroboams actes, how he warred, & how he reigned, beholde, they are written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israél.

20 And the dayes which Ieroboám reigned,

were two and twentie yere: and he slept with his fathers, & Nadáb his sonne reigned in his steade.

o The Lord smote him & he dyed. 2 Chron. 11. 20.

21 ¶ Also Rehoboám the sonne of Salomón reigned in Iudáh. Rehoboám was one and fourtie yere olde, when he begā to reigne, and reigned seuentene yere in Ierusalém the citie, which the Lord did chuse out of all the tribes of Israél, to put his Name there: and his mothers name was Naamáh an Ammonite.

p And dyed before Ieroboám about 4. yeres.

22 And Iudáh wrought wickednes in the sight of the Lord: & they prouoked him more w their finnes, which they had committed, then all that which their fathers had done.

q Or, before all that their fathers had done by their finnes.

23 For they also made them hie places, and images, and groues on euery hie hil, and vnder euerie grene tre.

24 There were also Sodomites in y land: they did according to all the abominacions of the nations, which the Lord had cast out before the children of Israél.

r Where idolatrye reigned, all horrible vices are committed, till at length Gods iust iudgement destroy them vicerly.

25 ¶ And in the fift yere of King Rehoboám, Shishák King of Egypt came vp against Ierusalém,

26 And toke the treasures of the house of y Lord, & the treasures of the Kings house, and toke away all: also he carried away all the shields of golde which Salomón had made.

Chap. 20. 16.

27 And King Rehoboám made for them brazen shields, and committed them vnto the hands of the chief of the garde, which waited at the dore of the Kings house.

28 And when the King went into the house of the Lord, the garde bare them, and broght them againe into the garde chamber.

29 And the rest of y actes of Rehoboám, & all that he did, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

s Which bookes were called the bookes of Shimonáh and Iddo the Prophetes. 2 Chron 32. 27. f That is, all y dayes of Rehoboams life.

30 And there was warre betwene Rehoboám and Ieroboám continually.

31 And Rehoboám slept with his fathers, & was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid: his mothers name was Naamáh an Ammonite. And Abiiám his sonne reigned in his steade.

t Whose idolatrye Rehoboám her sonne followed

CHAP. XV.

Abiiám reigneth ouer Iudáh. 9 Asá succedeth in his roume 10 The battel betwene Asá and Baasá 24 Ierobaphis succedeth Asá 25 Nadáb succedeth Ieroboám 26 Baasá killeth Nadáb.

2 And in the eightene yere of King Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát, reigned Abiiám ouer Iudáh.

2. Chron. 17. 22.

3 Thre yere reigned he in Ierusalém, and his mothers name was Maacháh y daughter of Abisshalóm.

u Some thinke that this was Abisshalóm Salomons sonne.

4 And he walked in all the finnes of his fathers.

cher, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfitt with the Lord his God as the heart of Dauid his father.

b Meaning, & sonne to reigne ouer Iudáh.

4 But for Dauids sake did y^e Lord his God giue him a ^b light in Ierusalém, and set vp his sonne after him, and established Ierusalém,

a Sam 11, 4 & 12, 9.

5 Because Dauid did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and turned from nothing that he commanded him, all the dayes of his life, * saue onely in the matter of Vriáh the Hittite.

6 And there was warre betwene Rehoboám and Ieroboám as long as he liued.

a Chro. 13, 1.

7 The rest also of the actes of Abiám, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh: there was also warre betwene Abiám, and Ieroboám.

8 And Abiám slept with his fathers, & they buried him in the cite of Dauid: & Afá his sonne reigned in his steade.

a Chro. 14, 1.

9 ¶ And in the twentie yere of Ieroboám King of Isráel reigned Afá ouer Iudáh.

e That is, his grand mother, as Dauid is oftentimes called father of the, whose grand father he was.

10 He reigned in Ierusalém one & fourtie yere, and his mothers name was Maacháh, the daughter of Abiñalóm.

11 And Afá did right in y^e eyes of the Lord, as did Dauid his father.

12 And he toke away the Sodomites out of the land, and put away all the idoles that his fathers had made.

d Neither knewed not authorize ought to be regarded, when they blaspheme God & become idolaters, but must be punished.

13 And he ^d put downe Maacháh his mother also from her estate, because she had made an idole in a groue: & Afá destroyed her idoles, & burnt the by the broke Kidión.

14 But they put not downe the hie places. Neuertheles Afas heart was ^e vp right with the Lord all his dayes.

f For in that that he suffered them to worship God in other places, then he had appointed, it came of ignorance and not of malice.

15 Also he broght in the holy vessels of his father, & the things that he had dedicate vnto the house of the Lord, siluer, & golde, and vessels.

16 ¶ And there was warre betwene Afá and Baafhá King of Isráel all their dayes.

g Of the same purpose that Ieroboám did because the people shalde not go vp to Ierusalém lest they shalde followe Afá.

17 Then Baafhá King of Isráel went vp against Iudáh, and buylt ^f Ramáh, so that he wolde let none go out or in to Afá King of Iudáh.

a Chro 16, 2.

b Or Syria.

18 Then Afá toke all the siluer & the gold y^e was left in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the Kings house, and deliuered them into the hands of his seruants, and King Afá sent them to * Ben-hadád the sonne of Tábrión, the sonne of Hczión King of ^b Arám that dwelt at Damafcus, saying,

19 There is a couenant betwene me and thee, and betwene my father and thy father: beholdé, I haue sent vnto thee a present of siluer, and golde: come, breake thy couenant with Baafhá King of Isráel, that he may ^c depaite from me.

g And vnto me no longer.

20 So Ben-hadád hearkened vnto King Afá, and sent the captaines of the hostes, which he had against the cities of Isráel, and smote Lión, and Dan, and Abébethmaacháh, and all Cinneróth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And when Baafhá heard thereof, he left buylding of Ramáh, and dwelt in Tirzáh.

22 Then King Afá assembled all Iudáh, ^h none excepted. & they toke the stones of Ramáh, & the timber thereof, wherewith Baafhá had buylt, & King Afá buylt with them Géba of Beniamín and Mizpáh.

h made a proclamation that they were not to be taken away.

23 And the rest of all the actes of Afá, and all his might and all that he did, and the cities which he buylt, are they not writé in the boke of the Chronicles of y^e Kings of Iudáh: but in his olde age he was diseased in his ⁱ feete.

i He had the gouer & puchas that rather in phisicians the in the Lord. Chro 16, 11. His great grā de father.

24 And Afá slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the cite of Dauid his father. And Iehofhaphát his sonne reigned in his steade.

25 And Nadáb the sonne of Ieroboám began to reigne ouer Isráel the secóde yere of Afá King of Iudáh, and reigned ouer Isráel two yere.

26 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, walking in the way of his father, & in his sinne wherewith he made Isráel to sinne.

27 And Baafhá the sonne of Abiáh of the house of Ifflachár conspired against him, & Baafhá slewe him at Gibbethón, which belonged to the Philistims: for Nadab & all Isráel laid siege to Gibbethón.

28 Euen in the third yere of Afá King of Iudáh did Baafhá slay him, and reigned in his steade.

29 And when he was King, he ^k smote all the house of Ieroboám, he left non aliue to Ieroboám, vntil he had destroyed him, according to the ^l worde of y^e Lord which he spake by his seruant Ahuáh the Shilonite,

k So God stirred vp one tyrant to punish the wickednes of another Chap 14, 10.

30 Because of y^e sinnes of Ieroboám which he committed, and wherewith he made Isráel to sinne, by his ^m prouocation, wherewith he prouoked the Lord God of Isráel.

l By causing y^e people to commit idolatry with his calnes, & so prouoking God to anger.

31 And the residue of the actes of Nadáb and all that he did, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Isráel:

32 And there was warre betwene Afá & Baafhá King of Isráel, all their dayes.

33 In the third yere of Afá King of Iudáh, began Baafhá the sonne of Abiáh to reigne ouer all Isráel in ⁿ Tirzáh, and reigned foure and twentie yeres.

m Which was y^e place where the Kings of Isráel remained.

34 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, walking in the way of Ieroboám, & in his sinne, wherewith he made Isráel to sinne.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Of Baashá, 6 Eláh, 9 Zimrí, 10 Omrí. 31 Acháb ma-
ruth 12. 24. 34 Jerichó is buylt againe.

1 Then the worde of the Lord came to Iehú the sonne of Hanáni againt Baashá, saying,
2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, & made thee captaine ouer my people Israël, and thou hast walked in the way of Ieroboám, and hast made my people Israël to sinne, to prouoke me with their finnes,

3 Thus spake Iehú to Baashá in the Name of the Lord

3 Beholde, I wil take away the posteritie of Baashá, and the posterie of his house, and wil make^b thine house like the^c house of Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát.

b Meaning, the house of Baashá
Chap. 11. 29
Chap 14. 11.

4 He that dyeth of Baashas stocke in the cite, him shal the dogs eat: and that man of him which dyeth in the fields, shal the foules of the ayre eat.

Or, valizurr
2 Chro 16, 1.

5 And the rest of the actes of Baashá and what he did, and his^d power, are they not written in the boke of the^e Chronicles of the Kings of Israël

6 So Baashá slept with his fathers, & was buried in Tírzáh, & Eláh his sonne reigned in his steade.

c That is, the Prophet did his message

7 And also by the hand of Iehú the sonne of Hanáni the Prophet came the worde of the Lord to Baashá, & to his house, that he shulde be like the house of Ieroboám, euen for all the wickednes that he did in the sight of the Lord, in prouoking him with the worke of his hands, and because he killed^d him.

d Meaning, Na 22 Jeroboám's foules

8 ¶ In the six and twentie yere of Asá Kíg of Iudáh began Eláh the sonne of Baashá to reigne ouer Israël in Tírzáh, & reigned two yere.

9 And his seruant Zimrí, captaine of halfe his chatets conspired againt him, as he was in Tírzáh drinking, til he was drunken in the house of^e Arzá stuarde of his house in Tírzáh.

e The Chaldee text hath thus, Drunken til he was drunken in the temple of Arzá's ydole by his house in Tírzáh.

10 And Zimrí came & smote him & killed him in the seuen and twenty yere of Asá King of Iudáh, & reigned in his steade.

11 ¶ And when he was King, and sat on his throne, he slewe all^f his house of Baashá, not leauing thereof one to pisse againt a wall, nether of his kinsfolkes nor of his friends.

12 So did Zimrí destroy all the house of Baashá, according to the worde of^g the Lord which he spake againt Baashá by the hád of Iehú the^f Prophet,

f Bothe Hanáni his father and he were Prophetes

13 For all the finnes of Baashá, and finnes of Eláh his sonne, which they sinned and made Israël to sinne, and prouoked the Lord God of Israël with their vanities.

14 And the rest of the actes of Eláh, and all that he did, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of

Israél

15 ¶ In the seuen and twentie yere of Asá King of Iudáh did Zimrí reigne seuen dayes in Tírzáh, and the people was then in the hostes besieging Gibbethón, which belonged to the Philistims.

g Which siege had continued from the time of Nadáb Ieroboám's sonne.

16 And the people of the hoste heard say, Zimrí hath conspired, & hath also slaine the Kíg. Wherefore all Israël made Omrí the captaine of the hoste King ouer Israël that same day, euen in the hoste.

17 Then Omrí went vp from Gibbethón, and all Israël with him, and they besieged^h Tírzáh.

h Where Zimrí kept his selfe in holde.

18 And whé Zimrí sawe, that the cite was taken, he went into the palace of the Kings house, andⁱ burnt him selfe and the Kings house with fire, & so dyed,

i He burnt the Kings house vp to him.

19 For his finnes which he sinned, in doing that which is euil in the sight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Ieroboám, and in his finnes which he did, causing Israël to sinne.

20 And the rest of the actes of Zimrí, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israël

21 The were^j y people of Israël deuided into two partes: forⁱ halfe y people followed Tibní the sonne of Gináth to make him King, & the other halfe followed Omrí.

j That is, the people which were not at y siege of Gibbethón for there they had chosen Omrí.

22 But the people that followed Omrí, preuailed againt the people that followed Tibní the sonne of Gináth: so Tibní dyed, and Omrí reigned.

23 In the one and thirtie yere of Asá King of Iudáh began Omrí to reigne ouer Israël, & reigned twelue yere. Six yere reigned he in Tírzáh.

24 And he bought the moutaine^k Samaria of one Shémer for two talents of siluer, and buylt in the mountaine, and called the name of the cite, which he buylt, after the name of Shémer, lord of the mountaine Samaria.

k Or, Siemerón

25 But Omrí did euil in the eyes of the Lord, and did^l worse then all that were before him.

l For such is the nature of idolatry, y the superstitio thereof such dilyly increaseth, & the elder it is, the more abominable it is before God and his Church.

26 For he walked in all the way of Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát, and in his finnes wherewith he made Israël to sinne in prouoking the Lord God of Israël with their vanities.

27 And the rest of the actes of Omrí, that he did, and his strength that he shewed, are they not witen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israël

28 And Omrí slept with his fathers, & was buried in^m Samaria: and Aháb his sonne reigned in his steade.

m He was the first King that was buried in Samaria, after singe the Kings house was burnt in Tírzáh.

29 Now Aháb the sonne of Omrí began to reigne ouer Israël, in the eight and thirtie yere of Asá King of Iudáh:

and Aháb y sonne of Omrí reigned ouer Israël in Samaria two and twentie yere.

30 And Aháb the sonne of Omrí did worfe in the fight of the Lord then all that were before him.

31 For was it a light thing for him to walke in the finnes of Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát, except he toke Iezebél also the daughter of Eth-báal King of the Zidonians to m wife, and went and ferued Baal, and worshiped him?

m By whose means he fel to all wicked, & brange idolatrye, & cruel persecution.

32 Also he reared vp an altar to Báal in the house of Báal, which he had buylt in Samaria.

33 And Aháb made a groue, and Aháb proceeded, and did prouoke the Lord God of Israël more then all the Kings of Israël that were before him.

n Read Ioshs. 6.26.

34 In his dayes did Hiél the Bethelite buylde n Ierichó: he laied the fundació thereof in Abirám his eldest sonne, and set vp the gates thereof in his yongest sonne Segúb, according to y worde of the Lord which he spake n by Ioshúa the sonne of Nun.

n Elr by the hnd of I. Ioshs.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Eliáh forewarneth of the famine to come. 4 He is fed of rauens y he is sent to Zarephath, where he restoreth his biffesse sonne to life

2 And Eliáh the Tiffbite one of the inhabitants of Gileád said vnto Aháb, *As the Lord God of Israël liueth, before whome I n stād, there shalbe nether dewe nor rayne these yeres, but b accordig to my worde.

Eccles 48. 2. Iam 3. 16. n That is, whome I ferue b But as I shal declare it by Gods reuelation.

3 ¶ And the worde of the Lord came vnto him, saying,

3: Go hence, and turne thee Eastwarde, and hide thy selfe in the riuier Cherith, that is ouer against Iordén,

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4 And thou shalt drinke of the riuier: and I haue commanded the c rauens to feede thee there.

c To strengthen his faith against persecution, God promisseth to fede him miraculously.

5 So he went and did according vnto the worde of the Lord: for he went, and remained by the riuier Cherith that is ouer against Iordén.

6 And the rauens broght him bread & flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening, and he dranke of the riuier.

7 And after a while, the riuier dried vp, because there fel no rayne vpon the earth.

d As the troubles of the Saints of God are many, so his mercie is ever at hand to deliuer thē. Luk 4. 21. e All this was to strengthen the faith of Eliáh to the intent that he shulde loke vpon nothing worldly, but only trust on Gods prouidence.

8 ¶ And the 4 worde of the Lord came vnto him, saying,

9 *Vp, and get thee to Zarephath, which is in Zidón, and remaine there: beholde, I haue commanded a widowe there to susteine thee.

10 So he arose, and went to Zarephath: and when he came to the gate of the citie, beholde, the widowe was there e gathering stickes: & he called her, & said, Bring me, I pray thee, a litle water in a vessel, that

I may drinke.

11 And as she was going to fet it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liueth, I haue not a cake, but euen an handful of meale in a barel, and a litle oyle in a cruse: and beholde, I am gathering n a fewe stickes for to go in, and dresse it for me & my sonne, that we may eat it, and f dye.

n Elr ver. f For there is no hope of a ny more subsistence.

13 And Eliáh said vnto her, Feare not, come, do as thou hast said, but make me thereof a litle cake first of all, and bring it vnto me, and afterwarde make for thee, and thy sonne.

14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israël, 2 The meale in y barel shal not be waited, nether shal the oyle in the cruse be diminished, vnto the time that the Lord send raine vpon the earth.

g God receiuech no thanks for the vse of his, but he promisseth a masse ample recompense for the same h That is, til he had rainede foodie on the earth.

15 So she went, and did as Eliáh said, and she did eat: so did he and her house b for a certeine time.

16 The barel of the meale wasted not, nor the oyle was spent out of the cruse, according to the worde of the Lord, which he spake by the hand of Eliáh.

17 ¶ And after these things, the sonne of the wife of the house fel sicke, and his sickness was so fore, that there was no breath left in him.

i Or, that he dyed i God wolde trye whether she had learned by his merciful prouidence to make him her onely Raye and comferte.

18 And she said vnto Eliáh, What haue I to do with thee, o thou man of God? art thou come vnto me to call my sinne to remembrance, and to slaye my sonne?

19 And he said vnto her, Giue me thy sonne. and he toke him out of her bosome, & caried him vp into a chamber, where he abode, and laied him vpon his owne bed.

20 Thē he called vnto the Lord, & said, O Lord my God, hast thou b punished also this widowe, with whome I sojourne, by killing her sonne?

k He was assaide, lest Gods Name shuld haue bene blasphemed and his misters contemned, except he shulde haue continued his mercie, as he had begonne thē, specially while he there remained.

21 And he stretched him selfe vpon the childe thre times, and called vnto y Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this childe soule come into him againe.

22 Thē the Lord heard the voyce of Eliáh, and the soule of the childe came into him againe, and he reuiued.

23 And Eliáh toke the childe, and broght him downe out of the chamber into the house, and deliuered him vnto his mother, and Eliáh said, Beholde, thy sonne liueth.

24 And the woman said vnto Eliáh, Now I knowe that thou art a man of God, and that the worde of the Lord in thy mouth is true.

l So hard a thing it is to deuid on God, except we be confirmed by miracles.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Eliáh is sent to Achis: 12 Obadiáh hideth vn hundred

Prophetes 40 Eliiáh killeth all Baals prophetes 41 He obtaineth raine.

- 1 **A**fter many daies, the worde of the Lord came to Eliiáh, in the ^a third yere, saying, Go, shewe thy selfe vnto Aháb, and I wil send raine vpon the earth.
- 2 And Eliiáh went to shewe him selfe vnto Aháb, and *there was a great famine in Samaria.*
- 3 And Aháb called Obadiáh the gouernour of his house: (and Obadiáh ^b feared God greatly)
- 4 For when Iezébel destroyed the Prophetes of the Lord, Obadiáh toke an húdreth Prophetes, & hid them, by fiftie in a caue, and he fed them with bread and water.
- 5 And Aháb said vnto Obadiáh, Go into the land, vnto all the fountaines of water, and vnto all the riuers, if so be that we may finde grasse to saue the horses & the mules aliue, lest we deprue *the land* of the beastes.
- 6 And so thei deuided the land betwene them to walke through it. Aháb went one way by him selfe, and Obadiáh went another way by him selfe.
- 7 ¶ And as Obadiáh was in the way, beholde, Eliiáh ^c met him: & he knewe him, and sel on his face, and said, Art not thou my lord Eliiáh?
- 8 And he answered him, Yea, go tel thy lord, Beholde, Eliiáh *is here.*
- 9 And he said, What haue I sinned, that thou woldest deliue: thy seruant into the hand of Aháb, to slaye me?
- 10 As the Lord thy God liueth, there is no nació or kigdome, whether my lord hath nor snt to seke thee: and when thei said, He is not here, he toke an othe of y kingdom and nació, if thei had not founde thee.
- 11 And now thou saist, Go, tel thy lord, Beholde, Eliiáh *is here.*
- 12 And when I am gone fró thee, the Spirit of the Lord shal cary thee into some place that I do not knowe: so when I come and tel Aháb, if he can not finde thee, then wil he kil me: but I thy seruant ^d feare the Lord from my youth.
- 13 Was it not tolde my lord, what I did when Iezébel slewe the Prophetes of the Lord, how I hidde an hundreth men of the Lords Prophetes by fiftie in a caue, & fed them with bread and water?
- 14 And now thou saiest, Go, tel thy lord, Beholde, Eliiáh *is here*, that he may slaye me.
- 15 And Eliiáh said, As the Lord of hostes liueth, before whome I stand, I wil surely shewe ^e my selfe vnto him this day.
- 16 ¶ So Obadiáh went to mete Aháb, and tolde him: and Aháb wét to mete Eliiáh.
- 17 And when Aháb sawe Eliiáh, Aháb said

- vnto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israél?
- 18 And he answered, I haue not troubled Israél, but ^f thou, and thy fathers house, in that ye haue forsaken the cōmandements of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim.
- 19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israél vnto mount Carmél, and the prophetes of Báal foure húdreth & fiftie, & the prophetes of the groues foure hundreth, which eat at Iezebels table.
- 20 ¶ So Aháb sent vnto all the children of Israél, & gathered the prophetes together vnto mount Carmél.
- 21 And Eliiáh came vnto all the people, & said, How long ^g halt ye betwene two opinions? If the Lord be God, followe him. but if Báal be he, then go after him. And the people answered him not a worde.
- 22 Then said Eliiáh vnto y people, I onely remaine a Prophet of the Lord: but Baals prophetes are foure hundreth & fiftie.
- 23 Let them therefore giue vs two bullockes, and let them chuse the one, and cut him in pieces, and laye him on the wood, but put no fyre vnder, and I wil prepare the other bullocke, and laye him on the wood, and wil put no fyre vnder.
- 24 Then call ye on the name of your god, and I wil call on the Name of the Lord: and the God that answereth ^h by fyre, let him be God. And all the people answered, and said, It is wel spoken.
- 25 And Eliiáh said vnto the prophetes of Báal, Chuse you a bullocke, and prepare him fitt, (for ye are many) & call on the name of your gods, but put no fyre vnder.
- 26 So thei toke the one bullocke, y was giuen them, & thei prepared it, & called on y name of Báal, from morning to noone, saying, O Báal, heare vs: but there was no voyce, nor anie to answer: and thei ⁱ leapt vpon the altar that was made.
- 27 And at noone Eliiáh mocked them, and said, Crye loud: for he is a ^k god: ether he talketh or pursueth *his enemies*, or is in his journey, or it may be that he slepeth, and must be ^l awaked.
- 28 And they cryed loude, and cut them selues as their maner was, with kniues and lancets, til the blood gushed out vpon them.
- 29 And when mydday was passed, and thei had prophecied vntil the offering of the evening sacrifice, there was nether voyce, nor one to answer, nor anie that regarded.
- 30 And Eliiáh said vnto all the people, Come to me. And all y people came to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken downe.
- 31 And Eliiáh toke twelue stones, accordig to the number of the tribes of the sonnes:

^a After that he departed from the riuer Cherith.

^b God had begun to worke his feare in his heart, but had not yet brought him to that knowledge, & is also requit of the godly: is, to professe his Name openly

^c God puttech oft times the wicked for y godly sake, & causeth Eliáh to mete with Obadiáh, that the benefite might be knowne to be granted for Gods children sake.

^d I am none of the wicked persecuters, y thou shouldest procure vnto me suche displeasure, but I seare God and sauer his children.

^e By my presence I wil declare y thou hast sinned: he hath sinned.

^f The true ministers of God ought not onely not to suffer y truth to be vnjustly considered, but to reprove boldly y wicked & liars without respect of persons.

^g Be constant in religion, & make it not as a thing indifferent wheth ye followe God or Báal, or whether ye seare God wholly or in parte

^h By sending downe fire fró heauē to burne y sacrifice.

ⁱ As men ransomed w some strange spirit.

^k You esteeme him as a god.

^l He mocketh their beastly madnes, which thinke that by any sacrifice or lute y dead & vile idoles can helpe their worshippers in their necessities.

Baals prophetes slayne.

I. Kings.

Elias fed.

Gen 32, 28. 1. King. 17, 24.

of Iakob; (vnto whome the worde of the Lord came, saying, * Iſraél ſhal be thy name)

32 And with the ſtones he buyk an altar in the Name of the Lord : & he made a ditche rounde about the altar, as great as wolde contene two measures of ſede.

Mr. 221. which ſome thinke conuinc about the power of a ſeald gone a piece.

33 And he put the wood in order, & hewed the bullocke, in pieces, and layed him on the wood,

34 And ſaid, Fil foure barrels with water, & powre it on the burnt offering and on the wood. Againe he ſaid, Do ſo againe. And thei did ſo the ſeconde time. And he ſaid, Do it the third time. And thei did it the third time.

35 And the water ran rounde about the altar : & he filled the ditche w water alſo.

m Hereby he declared the excellent power of God, who contrary to nature colde waite & fyre burne euen in the water, to the intent thei ſhulde haue none occaſion to doubt, that he is onely God.

36 And when they ſhulde offer the evening ſacrifice, Eliiah the Prophet came, & ſaid, Lord God of Abraham, Iſhak and of Iſrael, let it be known this day, that thou art the God of Iſrael, and that I am thy ſeruant, and that I haue done all theſe things at thy commandement.

37 Heare me, O Lord, heare me, and let this people knowe that thou art the Lord God, and that thou haſt turned their heart againe at the laſt.

n Though God ſuffer his to runne in blindness & error for a time, yet at the length he calleth the ſoule to him by ſome notorious ſigne & worke.

38 Then the fyre of the Lord fel, and conſumed the burnt offering, and the wood, & the ſtones, and the duſt, and licked vp the water that was in the ditche.

39 And when all the people ſawe it, thei fel on their faces, and ſaid, The Lord is God, the Lord is God.

o He commanded them that as they were truly perſwaded to confeſſe the onely God: ſo thei wolde ſerue him w all their power & deſtroye the idolaters his enemies.

40 And Eliiah ſaid vnto them, Take the prophetes of Baal, let not a man of them eſcape. And they toke them, and Eliiah brought them to the brooke Kiſhon, & ſlewe them there.

41 ¶ And Eliiah ſaid vnto Ahab, Get thee vp, eat and drinke, for there is a ſounde of muche raine.

42 So Ahab went vp to eat and to drinke, and Eliiah went vp to the top of Carmel: and he crouched vnto the earth, and put his face betwene his knees,

43 And ſaid to his ſeruant, Go vp now and loke towarde the way of the Sea. And he went vp, and loke d, and ſaid, There is nothing. Againe he ſaid, Go againe ſeuē times.

p As Gods Spirit moued him to pray, ſo was he ſtrengthened by the ſame, that he did not faint, but continued ſtil til he had obtayned.

44 And at the ſeuēth time he ſaid, Beholde, there ariſeth a litle cloude out of the ſea like a mans hand. Then he ſaid, Vp, and ſay vnto Ahab, Make readie thy charet, and get thee downe, that the raine ſtay thee not.

q here and there.

45 And in the meane while the heauen was blacke with cloudes & winde, & there was a great raine. Then Ahab went vp & came to Izreel.

46 And the had of the Lord was on Eliiah, and he garded vp his loynes, and ran before Ahab til he came to Izreel.

q He was ſo ſtrengthened w Gods Spirit, that he ran faſter then the charet was able to runne.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Eliiah ſeing from Izreel, is nourished by the Angel of God: 15 He is commanded to annoy Iſazabél, Iſah, and Eliſhâ.

1 NOW Ahab tolde Iezebel all that Eliiah had done, & how he had ſlayne all the prophetes with the ſworde.

a To wit, of Baal.

2 Then Iezebel ſent a meſſenger vnto Eliiah, ſaying, The gods do ſo to me and more alſo, if I make not thy life like one of their liues by to morowe this time.

b Though the wicked rage againſt Gods children, yet he holdeth them backe ſo they can not execute their mallice. Mr. wherby he made led him.

3 ¶ When he ſawe that, he aroſe, and went for his life, & came to Beer ſheba, which is in Iudah, and left his ſeruant there.

4 But he went a daies iourney into the wilderness, and came and ſate downe vnder a iumper tre, & deſired that he might dye, and ſaid, It is now ynough: O Lord, take my ſoule, for I am no better, then my fathers.

c So hard a thing it is to bridle our impaciencie in affliction that ſaints coulde not overcome the ſame.

5 And as he laie and ſlept vnder the iumper tre, beholde now, an Angel touched him, and ſaid vnto him, Vp, & eat.

6 And when he loke d about, beholde, there was a cake bakn on the coles, and a pot of water at his head: ſo he did eat and drinke, and returned and ſlept.

7 And the Angel of the Lord came againe the ſeconde time, and touched him, and ſaid, Vp, & eat: for thou haſt a great iourney.

d He declareth ſo except God had nourished him miraculouſly, it had not bene poſſible for him to haue gone this iourney.

8 ¶ Then he aroſe, and did eat and drinke, and walked in the ſtrength of that meat fourtie daies & fourtie nights, vnto Horſeb the mount of God.

9 And there he entred into a caue, & lodged there: and beholde, the Lord ſpake to him, and ſaid vnto him, What doeſt thou here, Eliiah?

10 And he answered, I haue bene very ielous for the Lord God of hoſtes: for the children of Iſrael haue forſaken thy covenant, broken downe thine altars, and ſlayne thy Prophetes with the ſworde, & I onely am left, and thei ſeke my life to take it away.

e He complaineth, that the more zealous he beſtowed him ſelf to mainteine Gods glorie, the more cruelly was he perſecuted. Rom. 11, 2.

11 And he ſaid, Come out, and ſtand vpon the mount before the Lord. And beholde, the Lord went by, and a mightie ſtrong winde rent the mountaines, and brake the rockes before the Lord: but the Lord was not in the winde: and after the winde came an earthquake: but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

f For the nature of man is not able to come nere vnto God, if he ſhulde appeare i his ſtrength & ſui maieſtie, & therefore of his mercie he ſubmitteth him ſelfe to our capacitie.

12 And after the earthquake came fyre: but the Lord was not in the fyre: & after the fyre came a ſtil and ſoft voyce.

13 And whē Eliiah heard it, he covered his face with his mantle, & went out, & ſtoode in the entring in of the caue: & beholde, there

there

there came a voyce vnto him, and said, What doest thou here, Eliiáh

14 And he answered, I haue bene very ielous for y Lord God of hostes, & because the children of Israél haue forsakē thy couenant, cast downe thine altars and flaine thy Prophetes with the sworde, & I onely am left, and they seke my life to take it away.

15 And the Lord said vnto him, Go, returne by the wildeynes vnto Damascus, and when thou comest there, anoynt Hazaél King ouer Arám.

16 And Iehú the sonne of Nimshí shalt thou anoint King ouer Israél: & Elshá the sonne of Shaphat of Abiméholáh shalt thou anoynt to be Prophet in thy ioume.

17 And him that escapeth frō the sworde of Hazaél, shal Iehú slaye: and him that escapeth from the sworde of Iehú, shal Elshá slay.

18 Yet wil I leaue seue thousand in Israél, *men* all the knees that haue not bowed vnto Báal, and euerie mouthe that hath not kissed him.

19 ¶ So he departed thence, and founde Elihá y sonne of Shaphat who was plowing with twelue yoke of oxen before him, and was with the twelft: & Eliáh went towards him, and cast his mantel vpon him.

20 And he left the oxen, & ran after Eliáh, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kille my father and my mother, and then I wil followe thee. Who answered him, Go, returne: for what haue I done to thee?

21 And when he wēt backe againe frō him, he toke a couple of oxen, and slawe them, and sod their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gaue vnto the people, & they did eat: then he arose and went after Eliáh, and ministred vnto him.

CHAP. XX.

Samaria is besieged. 13 The Lord promiseth the victorie to Aháb by a Prophet. 31 The King of Israél made peace with Ben-hadád, and is reprinted therefore by the Prophet.

1 **T**HEN BÉ-hadád the King of Arám assembled all his armie, and two and thirtie Kings with him, with horses, & charets, and went vp, and besieged Samaria, and fought against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Aháb King of Israél, into the citie, 3 And said vnto him, Thus sayeth Ben-hadád, Thy siluer and thy golde his mine: also thy women, and thy faire children are mine.

4 And the King of Israél answered, and said, My lord King, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I haue.

5 And when the messengers came againe, they said, Thus comandeth Ben-hadád, & saith, When I shal send vnto thee, and

comande, thou shalt deliuer me thy siluer & thy golde, & thy women, & thy childrē, 6 Or els I wil send my seruants vnto thee by to morow this time: and they shal searche thine house, and the houses of thy seruants: and what soeuer is pleasant in thine eyes, they shal take it in their hands, and bring it away.

7 Then the King of Israél sent for all the Elders of the land, and said, Take hede, I pray you, and se how he seeketh mischief: for he sent vnto me for my wiues, and for my children, and for my siluer, and for my golde, and I denyed him not.

8 And all the Elders, & all the people said to him, Hearke not vnto him, nor cōsēt.

9 Wherefore he said vnto the messengers of Ben-hadád, Tel my lord the King, All that thou desirest send for to thy seruant at the first time, that I wil do, but thus thig I may not do. And the messengers departed, and broght him an answer.

10 And Ben-hadád sent vnto him, & said, The gods do so to me & more also, if the dust of Samaria be ynough to all y people y followe me, for euerie mā an hadful

11 And the King of Israél answered, and said, Tel him, Let not him that girdeth his harness, boast hi selfe, as he y putteth it of.

12 And when he heard y tidings, as he was with the Kings drinking in the pavilions, he said vnto his seruants, Bring forthe your engines, and ther set them against the citie.

13 ¶ And beholde, there came a Prophet vnto Aháb King of Israél, saying, Thus saith y Lord, Hast thou sine all this great multitude? beholde, I wil deliuer it into thine hand this day, that y marest knowe, & that I am the Lord.

14 And Aháb said, By whome? And he said, Thus saith the Lord, By the seruants of the princes of the prouinces. He said againe, Who shal ordre the batel? And he answered, Thou.

15 ¶ Then he nombred the seruants of the princes of the prouinces, and they were two hundred, two and thirtie: & after thē he nombred the whole people of all the children of Israél, *men* seuen thousande.

16 And they wēt out at noone: but Ben-hadád did drinke til he was dronken in the tents, *bothe* he & the Kings: for two & thirtie Kings helped him.

17 So the seruants of the princes of the prouinces went out first: & Ben-hadád sent out, and they shewed him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alieue: or whether they be come out to fight, take them yet alieue.

19 So they came out of the citie, *to wit*, the seruants of the princes of the prouinces, and the hoste whā h followed them.

g We ought not to depend on the multitude in maineing Gods glorie, but because our dutie so requireth, we ought to do it.

40, Syria.

2. King 9. 2. acle's 48. 8.

Rom. 11. 4.

h He declarerth that wicked dissenters are not his.

i Though this natural affection is not to be cotemned, yet it ought not to moue vs whē God calleth vs to serue him. k He wolde not stay till wood was brought, so great was his desire to followe his vocacion.

40, Syria.

a That is, generours, and rulers of prouinces. 40, Samaria.

b I am comē to obey and pay tribute.

e He wolde not accept his answer, except he did out of hand deliuer whatsoever he shoulde aske: for he sought an occasion, how to make warre against him.

f They thought their duties rather to venter their liues, then to grant to that thing which was not lawful, onely to iustifie the lust of a tyrā.

g Muche lesse shal there be founde anse pray, that is worthe anie thing, when they shalbe so mane f. Do not before the victorie be gotten. Or, For your siluer to red.

g Before God went about w signs and miracles to oul Aháb frō his impiete, and now againe w wonderful vi-bories.

h That is, g mentrined in the seruice of princes.

^{188r mar.} 20 And they slewe euerie one his¹¹ enemy: and the¹² Aramites fled, and Israel pursued them: but Ben-hadad the King of Aram escaped on an horse with his¹³ horsemen.

^{189r, Syria.} 21 And the King of Israel went out, and smote the horses and charets, and with a great slaughter slewe he the Aramites.

^{190r} 22 (For there had come a Prophet to the King of Israel, & had said vnto him, Go, be of good courage, and consider, and take hede what thou doest: for when the yere is gone about, the King of Aram wil come vp against thee.)

^{191r} 23 ¶ The seruants of the King of Aram said vnto him, Their¹⁴ gods are gods of the mountaines, and therefore they ouer-came vs: but let vs fight against them in the plaine, and douteles we shal ouer-come them.

^{192r} 24 And this do, Take the Kings away, eue-rie one out of his place, and place captai-nes for them.

^{193r} 25 And number thy selfe an armie, like the armie that thou hast lost, with suche hor-ses, and suche charets, and we wil fight a-against them in the plaine, and douteles we shal ouercome the: and he hearkened vnto their voyce, and did so.

^{194r} 26 And after the yere was gone about, Ben-hadad nombred the Aramites, and went vp to Aphék to fight against Israel.

^{195r} 27 And the children of Israel were nombred, and were all¹⁵ assembled and went against them, and the children of Israel pitched before them, like two litle flockes of kiddes: but the Aramites filled the cou-ntrey.

^{196r} 28 And there came a man of God, and spake vnto the King of Israel, saying, Thus sayth the Lord, Because the Aramites haue said, The Lord is the God of the mountaines, and not God of the valleis, therefore wil I deliuer all this great mul-titude into thine hand, and ye shal knowe that¹⁶ I am the Lord.

^{197r} 29 And they pitched one ouer against the other seuen dayes, & in the seuēth day the battel was ioyned: and the children of Is-rael slewe of the Aramites an hundred thousand footemen in one day.

^{198r} 30 But the rest fled to Aphék into the citie: and there fel a wall vpon seuen & twentie thousand men that were left: and Ben ha-dad fled into the citie, and came into¹⁷ a secret chamber.

^{199r} 31 ¶ And his seruantes said vnto him, Be-holde now, we haue heard say that the Kings of the house of Israel are merciful Kings: we pray thee, let vs put sackcloth about our¹⁸ loynes, and ropes about our heades, and go out to the King of Is-rael: it may be that he wil saue thy life.

^{200r} 32 The they girded sackcloth about their

loynes, and put ropes about their heades, and came to the King of Israel, and said, Thy seruant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me liue: and he said, Is he yet aliuē? he is my brother.

^{201r} 33 Now the men toke diligent hede, if they colde catche¹⁹ any thing of him, and made halte, & said, Thy brother²⁰ Ben-hadad. And he said, Go, bring him. So Bē hadad came out vnto him, and he caused him to come vp vnto the charet.

^{202r} 34 And Ben-hadad said vnto him, The ci-ties, which my father toke frō thy father, I wil restore, and thou shalt make stretes for thee in²¹ Damascus, as my father did in Samaria. ¶ Then said Ahab, I wil let thee go with this couenant. So he made a coue-nant with him, and let him go.

^{203r} 35 ¶ Then a certeine man of the²² children of the Prophetes said vnto his neighbour by the cōmandemēt of the Lord, ¶ Smit me, I pray thee. But the man refused to smite him.

^{204r} 36 Then said he vnto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voyce of the Lord, beholde, as sone as thou art departed from me, a lyon shal²³ slay thee. So when he was departed from him, a lyon found him and slewe him.

^{205r} 37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, and in smiting wounded him.

^{206r} 38 So the Prophet departed, and waited for the King by the way, and disguised him selfe with ashes vpon his face.

^{207r} 39 And when the King came by, he cryed vnto the King, and said, Thy seruant went into the middes of the battel: and beholde, there went away a man, whome another man broght vnto me, & said, Kepe this man: if he be lost, and want, thy life shal go for his, or els thou shalt paye a ta-lent of siluer.

^{208r} 40 And as thy seruant had here and there to do, he was gone: and the King of Is-rael said vnto him, So shal thy iudgment be: thou hast giuen sentence.

^{209r} 41 And he hasted, and toke the ashes away from his face: & the King of Israel knew him that he was of the Prophetes:

^{210r} 42 And he said vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, ¶ Because thou hast let go out of thine hands a man whome I appointed to dye, thy life shal go for his life, and thy people for his people.

^{211r} 43 And the King of Israel went to his hou-se heauy and in displeasure, and came to²⁴ Samaria.

CHAP. XVI.

^{212r} 1 Iezabel commandeth to kil Naboth for the Vineyard, that he refused to sel to Ahab, 19 Eliiah reproveth Ahab, and he repenteth.

After

¹ With them were appointed for the preferenciō of his persone.

² That wicked blasphemme God in their surie, whome notwithstandinge suffreth not punished.

³ All they were in battel of the former yere, viz. 25.

⁴ Who am of like power in the valley, as I am on the hills, and can aswel destroy a multitude as fewe as with mane.

⁵ Ebr from chamber to chamber.

⁶ In signe of submission, and that we haue deferred death, if he wil punish vs w rigor.

⁷ Or, and caught it of him.

⁸ He is aliuē.

⁹ Thou shalt appoint in my chief citie what thou wilt, and I will obey thee.

¹⁰ Of the disciples.

¹¹ By this external signe he wolde more liuely touche Kings heart.

¹² Because thou hast transgressed the commandement of the Lord.

¹³ By this parable he maketh Ahab cōdemne him selfe, who made a couenant with Gods enemy, and let him escape, whome God had appointed to be slaine.

¹⁴ Chap. 22:28.

¹⁵ Or, Sumeria.

**Or, as the el-1 mt.*

After these things Nabóth the Izreelite had a vineyarde in Izreél, hard by the palace of Aháb King of Samaria.

1 And Aháb spake vnto Nabóth, saying, 2 Giue me thy vineyarde, that I may make me a garden of herbes thereof, because it is nere by mine house: and I wil giue thee for it a better vineyarde then it is: or if it please thee, I wil giue thee the worthe of it in money.

a Though Ahabs tyrannie be condemned by the holy Spirit, yet he was not so rigorous that he wolde take from another man his right without full recompence

And Nabóth said to Aháb, The Lord kepe me from giuing the inheritãce of my fathers vnto thee.

4 Then Aháb came into his house heauy & in displeasure, because of the worde which Nabóth the Izreelite had spoké vnto him. for he had said, I wil not giue thee the inheritance of my fathers, and he lay vpon his bed and turned his face and wolde eat no bread.

b Thus y wicked consider not what is iust & lawfull, but fret inwardly, when they can not haue their inordinate appetites satisfied.

5 Then Iezébel his wife came to him and said vnto him, Why is thy spirit so sad? thou eatst no bread?

6 And he said vnto her, Because I spake vnto Nabóth the Izreelite, and said vnto him, Giue me thy vineyarde for money, or if it please thee, I wil giue thee another vineyarde for it: but he answered, I wil not giue thee my vineyarde.

c As though the said, Thou knowest not what it is to reigne. Commaunde, and inereit noc

7 Then Iezébel his wife said vnto him, Docst thou now gouerne the kingdome of Izreél? vp, eat bread, and be of good chere, I wil giue thee the vineyarde of Nabóth the Izreelite.

8 ¶ So she wrote letters in Ahabs name, & sealed them with his seale, and sent the letters vnto the Elders, and to the nobles that were in his citie dwelling w Nabóth.

d For thē they vied to acquire of mens tantes: for none could takē vnto they that were notorious sinners

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaime a fast, and set Nabóth among the chief of the people,

10 And set two wicked men before him, and let the wimes against him, saying, Thou didest blaspheme God and the King: the cary him out, and stone him that he may dye.

e Thus the worldlings contrary to Gods commaunde, who wil let not to consort to the shedding of innocent blood, obey rather y wicked commaundes of princes then the iust Lawes of God

11 And the men of his citie, euen the Elders and gouernours, which dwelt in his citie, did as Iezébel had sent vnto them: as it was writé in the letters, which she had sent vnto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Nabóth among the chief of the people,

13 And there came two wicked men, & sate before him: and the wicked men witnessed against Nabóth in the presence of the people, saying, Nabóth did blaspheme God and the King. Thē they caryed him away out of the citie, and stoned him with stones, that he dyed.

14 Then they sent to Iezébel, saying, Nabóth is stoned and is dead.

15 ¶ And when Iezébel heard that Nabóth

was stoned and was dead, Iezébel said to Aháb, Vp, & take possession of the vineyarde of Nabóth the Izreelite, which he refused to giue thee for money: for Nabóth is not aliue, but is dead.

f This example of monstres crucies the holy God leaueh to vs to the intent y we shulde abhorre all tyrannie, and specially in them, whome nature & kinde shulde moue to be pitiful and inclined to mercie.

16 And when Aháb heard that Nabóth was dead, he rose to go downe to the vineyarde of Nabóth the Izreelite, to take possession of it.

17 ¶ And the worde of the Lord came vnto Eliiáh the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go downe to mete Aháb King of Izreél, which is in Samaria. lo, he is in the vineyarde of Nabóth, whether he is gone downe to take possession of it.

19 Therefore shalt thou say vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou killed, and also gotten possession? And thou shalt speake vnto him, saying, Thus sayth the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Nabóth, shal dogs licke euē thy blood also.

g Docst thou thinke to haue anye aduantage by murdering of an innocent?

h This was fulfilled in Ioram his sonne, 2. Kin. 9, 21

20 And Aháb said to Eliiáh, Hast thou founde me, o mine enemye? And he answered, I haue founde thee: for thou hast solde thy selfe to worke wickednes in the sight of the Lord.

21 ¶ Beholde, I wil bring euil vpon thee, & wil take away thy posteritie, and wil cut of from Aháb him that pisseth against y wall, aswel him that is shut vp, as him that is left in Izreél,

Chap. 14, 20. 2 King. 9, 21. Sam. 25, 22. Chap. 14, 20.

22 And I wil make thine house like y house of Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát, & like the house of Baashá the sonne of Ahiiáh, for the prouocation wherewith thou hast prouoked, and made Izreél to sinne.

Chap. 17, 29. Chap. 16, 2.

23 And also of Iezébel spake the Lord, saying, The dogs shal eat Iezébel, by the wall of Izreél.

2. Kin. 9, 33. 10. 11, 35, 37. 10. 11, 35, 37.

24 The dogs shal eat him of Ahabs stocke, that dyeth in the citie: and him that dyeth in the fields, shal the foules of the ayre eat.

25 But there was none like Aháb, who did sell him selfe, to worke wickednes in the sight of the Lord: whome Iezébel his wife prouoked.

i By the wicked counsel of his wife, he became a vile idolater and cruel murderer, as one that gaue him selfe wholly to ferocitate.

26 For he did exceedig abominably in following idoles, accordig to all that the Amorites did, whome the Lord cast out before the child: en of Izreél.

27 Now when Aháb heard those wordes, he rent his clothes, and put sackecloth vpon him: and fasted, and lay in sackecloth and went softly.

2. Ebr. he fast. k Intoken of mourning or, as some read, bare footed.

28 And the worde of the Lord came to Eliiáh the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Aháb is humbled before me? because he submitteth him selfe before me, I wil not bring that euil in his dayes, but in his sonnes dayes wil I bring euil vpon his house.

l Meaning, in Iorams time, 2. Kin. 9, 26.

CHAP. XXII.

2 Iehoshaphat & Abib fight against the King of Syria. 11 Michaiiah sheweth the King what shalbe the successe of their enterprife. 24 Zedkiah the false prophet smiteth him. 34 Abib is slaine. 40 Ahaz: a his sonne succeedeth. 41 The roigne of Iehoshaphat, 51 and Ioram his sonne.

2. Chron. 18. 2. A Ben-hadad the King of Syria and Ahib made a peace, which moued three yeres

To se and visit him
e The Kings of Syria kept Ramoth before this league was made by Ben-hadad: therefore he sought not him selfe boode thereby to restore it
d I am ready to ioyne & go with thee. and all more is. at thy commandment.
e He feared y he wold not go to the warre, except God approued it. yet when Michaiiah couised the contrary, he wold not obey
f Meaning, the false prophetes, which were flatterers, & serued for liars, whome Iacob had assembled and kept aby, the death of those whome Iias slew.
g Iehoshaphat did not acknowledge y false Prophetes to be Gods: ministers, but did contemne them
h Whereby we se that the wicked ca not abide to heare the truth, but hate the Prophetes of God
i Moleth the i Read Genes. 32. 6.
k In their kinglie apparel.

1 The true Prophetes of God were accustomed, to vse signes for the confirmation of their doctrine. Ias. 20. 2. iere 7. 2. Wherco the false Prophetes did imitate them, thinking thereby to make the word of God more commendable.

1 And they continued a thre yere without warre betwene Aram and Israél.
2 And in the third yere did Iehoshaphat the King of Iudáh come downe to the King of Israél.
3 (Then the King of Israél said vnto his seruants, Knowe ye not that Ramoth Gilead was ours: and we staye, and take it not out of the hand of the King of Aram?)
4 And he said vnto Iehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battel against Ramoth Gilead? And Iehoshaphat said vnto the King of Israél, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and mine horses as thine horses.
5 Then Iehoshaphat said vnto the King of Israél, Aske counsell, & pray thee, of the Lord to day.
6 Then the King of Israél gathered the Prophetes vpon a foure hundred men, and said vnto them, Shal I go against Ramoth Gilead to battel, or shal I let it alone? And they said, Go vnto the Lord shal deliuer it into the hands of the King.
7 And Iehoshaphat said, Is there here neuer a Prophet of the Lord more, that we might inquire of him?
8 And the King of Israél said vnto Iehoshaphat, There is yet one man (Michaiiah the sonne of Imláh) by whome we may aske counsell of the Lord, but I hate him: for he doeth not prophetic good vnto me, but euil. And Iehoshaphat said, Let not the King say so.
9 Then the King of Israél called an Eunuche, & said, Call quickeley Michaiiah the sonne of Imláh.
10 And the King of Israél & Iehoshaphat the King of Iudáh sate ether of them on his throne in their apparel in their voyde place at the entring in of the gate of Samaria, and all the Prophetes propheticied before them.
11 And Zedkiah the sonne of Chenaanáh made him hornes of yron, & said, Thus sayth the Lord, With these shalt thou push the Aramites, vntil thou hast consumed them.
12 And all the Prophetes propheticied so, saying, Go vp to Ramoth Gilead, & prosper: for the Lord shal deliuer it into the Kings hand.
13 And the messenger that was gone to call Michaiiah spake vnto him, saying, Beholde now, the wordes of the Prophetes

declare good vnto the King with one accorde: let thy worde therefore, I pray thee, be like the worde of one of them, & speake thou good.
14 And Michaiiah said, As the Lord liueth, whatsoeuer the Lord sayth vnto me, that wil I speake.
15 So he came to the King, and the King said vnto him, Michaiiah, shal we go against Ramoth Gilead to battel, or shal we leaue of? And he answered him, Go vp, & prosper: and the Lord shal deliuer it into the hand of the King.
16 And the King said vnto him, How oft shal I charge thee, that thou tel me nothig but that which is true in the Name of y Lord.
17 Then he said, I sawe all Israél scattered vpon the mountaines, as sheepe that had no shepherd. And the Lord said, These haue no master, let every man returne vnto his house in peace.
18 (And the King of Israél said vnto Iehoshaphat, Did I not tel thee, that he wolde propheticie no good vnto me, but euil?)
19 Againe he said, Heare thou therefore y worde of the Lord. I sawe the Lord sit on his throne, & all the hoste of heauen stode about him on his right hand and on his left hand.
20 And the Lord said, Who shal entise Aháb that he may go and fall at Ramoth Gilead? And one said on this maner, and another said on that maner.
21 Then there came forth a spirit, & y stode before the Lord, and said, I wil entise him. And the Lord said vnto him, Where with?
22 And he said, I wil go out, and be a false spirit in the mouthe of all his prophetes. Thē he said, Thou shalt entise him, & shalt also preuaile: go forth, and do so.
23 Now therefore beholde, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouthe of all these thy prophetes, and the Lord hath appointed euil against thee.
24 Then Zedkiah y sonne of Chenaanáh came nere & smote Michaiiah on y cheke, and said, When went the Spirit of the Lord from me, to speake vnto thee?
25 And Michaiiah said, Beholde, y shalt se in that day, when thou shalt go from chambers to chambers to hide thee.
26 And the King of Israél said, Take Michaiiah, & cary hi vnto Amón y gouernour of scitie, and vnto Ioash the Kings sonne,
27 And say, thus sayth the King, Put this man in the prison house, & fede him with bread of affliction, & with water of affliction, vntil he returne in peace.
28 And Michaiiah said, If y returne in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken all ye people.
29 So the King of Israél & Iehoshaphat the King

2. Chron. 18. 2. This is the commune argument of y wicked, who thinke that none shulde speake against them, if the greater parte approue it, be they neuer so vngodly.

n He speaketh this in derision, because y King attributed so much to the false prophetes, meaning y by experience he shulde trye that they were but flatterers.

o It is better then returne home, thē to be punished and feared, because they take warre in hand without Gods counsell & approbation.

p Meaning, his Angels.

q. y. preuaile & deceiue.

r Here we se y though y deuil be euer ready to bring vs to destruction, yet he hath no further power then God giueth him.
s I wil cause all his prophetes to tel lias.

2. Chron. 18. 29. (Thus y wicked wold se me that none were in y fauour of God, but they, and y God hath giuen his graces to none so muche as to the. Let him be poyced away & hunger & be fed w a small portion of bread & water. u That when ye shal see the things conu to passe, ye may giue God the glorie & knowe that I am his true Prophete.

King of Iudáh wēt vp to Ramóth Gilead.

30 And the King of Israél said to Iehoshaphát, I wil change mine apparel, and wil entre into the battel, but put thou on thine apparel. And the King of Israél changed him selfe, and went into the battel.

31 And the King of Arám commanded his two & thirtie captaines ouer his charrets, saying, Fight nether with smal, nor great, saue onely against the King of Israél.

32 And when the captaines of the charets sawe Iehoshaphát, they said, Surely it is y King of Israél, & they turned to fight against him: and Iehoshaphát cryed.

2 That is, to y Lord for helpe.

33 And when the captaines of the charets sawe that he was not the King of Israél, they turned backe from him.

Or, to be significatly & ignorantly. Or, to be aware the brigandier.

34 Then a certeine man drue a bowe mightely and smote the King of Israél betwene the ioyntes of his brigádine. Wherefore he said vnto his charet man, Turne thine hád & cary me out of the hoste: for I am hurt.

Or, f. c. e.

35 And the battel encreased that day, and the King stode stil in his charet against the Aramites, and dyed at euen: and the blood ran out of the woúde into the middes of the charet.

7 To wit, Ahab King of Israél.

36 And there went a proclamatiō through out y hoste about the going downe of the sunne, saying, Euery man to his citie, and euery man to his owne countrei.

2 Of the Israélites.

37 So the King dyed, and was broght to Samaria, & they buryed y King in Samaria.

38 And one washed the charet in the poole of Samaria & the doggs licked vp his blood (& they washed his armour) accordig vnto the worde of the Lord w he spake.

Or, the horses washed it. Chap. 21, 29.

39 Concerning the rest of the actes of Aháb & all that he did, & y yuorie house, which he buylt, & all the cities that he buylt, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israél?

40 So Aháb slept with his fathers, & Ahaziah his sonne reigned in his steade.

2. Chron. 20, 31.

41 ¶ And Iehoshaphát the sonne of Asá began to reigne vpon Iudáh in the fourth yere of Aháb King of Israél.

42 Iehoshaphát was siue and thirtie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and reigned siue and twentie yere in Ierusalém. And his mothers name was Azubáh the daughter of Shilhí.

43 And he walked in all the wayes of Asá his father, and declined not therefrom, but did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord. Neuertheles the hie places were not taken away: for the people offered stil and burnt incense in the hie places.

a Meaning, if he was led by an error, thinking that they might stil sacrifice to the Lord in those places, as well as ther did before the Temple was buylt.

44 And Iehoshaphát made peace with the King of Israél.

45 Concerning the rest of the actes of Iehoshaphát, and his worthie dedes that he did, and his battels which he foght, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudáh?

46 And the Sodomites, which remained in the dayes of his father Asá, he put cleane out of the land.

47 There was then no King in Edóm: the deputie was King.

b In the time of this King Ioumca was subiect to Iudáh & was gouerned, by whom the of Iudáh appointed.

48 Iehoshaphát made shippes of Tharsish to saile to Ophír for golde, but they wēt not, for the shippes were broken at Ezión Gáber.

c By Tharsish the Scripture meaneth Cilicia & all y Sea called Medice rancum.

49 Then said Ahaziah the sonne of Aháb vnto Iehoshaphát, Let my seruants go with thy seruants in y shippes. But Iehoshaphát wolde not.

d Iosephus writeth that Ophír is in India, where the Egyptians & Arabians trafike for golde.

50 And Iehoshaphát did slepe with his fathers, & was buryed with his fathers in the citie of David his father and Iehoram his sonne reigned in his steade.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the sonne of Aháb began to reigne ouer Israél in Samaria, the seuententh yere of Iehoshaphát King of Iudáh, & reigned two yeres ouer Israél.

52 But he did euil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, & in the way of his mother, and in the way of Ieroboám the sonne of Nebát, which made Israél to sinne.

53 For he serued Báal and worshipped him, & prouoked the Lord God of Israél vnto wrath, accordig vnto all that his father had done.

Or, in all posterites as his father did.